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Nomenclature

List of Greek and Roman Symbols

λ	Wavelength
E	Energy
f	Frequency
GHz	Gigahertz (Unit of frequency)
c	Speed of light
$\hbar$	Reduced Planck's constant
μ	Micro
m	Meter
μm	Micrometer
mm	Millimeter
W	Watt
kg	Kilogram
K	Kelevin

T	Temperature
$^{\circ}C$	Degree celcius
σ	Stefan-boltzmann constant
λ_{max}	Wavelength of maximum spectral radiant exitance
$E_i(\lambda)$	Incident energy
$E_r(\lambda)$	Reflected energy
$E_t(\lambda)$	Transmitted energy
$E_a(\lambda)$	Absorbed energy
ρ_λ	Reflectance
α_λ	Absorptance
τ_λ	Transmittance
Δx	Horizontal spacing
Δz	Height spacing
$p(z)$	Probability density function
$z_i(x_i)$	Height profile at x_i values
$\rho(\zeta)$	Correlation function
$\hat{k}$	Wave vector direction
$\Delta\phi$	Phase difference
θ	Zenith angle

ϕ	Azimuth angle
η, ζ	Vegetation density
w	Scattering albedo
τ	Vegetation optical depth
σ_{pq}	Bistatic scattering coefficient at ‘pq’ polarization
$\hat{h}$	Horizontal polarization unit vectors
$\hat{v}$	Vertical polarization unit vectors
θ_i	Zenith incidence angle
ϕ_i	Azimuth incidence angle
θ_r	Reflected receiving angle
θ_s	Scattered receiving angle
ϕ_r	Reflected azimuth angle
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P_p^i	p-Polarized power of incidence plane wave
P_q^s	q-Polarized power of spherically scattered wave
G_t/G_r	Gain of the transmitting/receiving horn antenna
G_{t0}/G_{r0}	Maximum gain of the transmitting/receiving antenna
L	Largest lateral dimension of the horn antenna
ρ_0	Reflectivity

Γ_{pq}, R_{pq}	Fresnels reflection coefficient
$P_q^s(std)$	Reflected power from a perfectly flat aluminum sheet
ϕ_{el}	Elevation beam-width of the horn antenna
ϕ_{az}	Azimuth beam-width of the horn antenna
R_i	Transmitter horn antenna range in specular direction
R_s	Receiver horn antenna range in specular direction
k_e	Extinction coefficients
k_a	Absorption coefficients
k_s	Scattering coefficients
I^i, I^-	Downwelling Intensity
I^r, I^+	Upwelling Intensity
h	Surface roughness parameter
γ^2	Two-way wave attenuation in the vegetative medium
R_c	Radius of curvature
f	Fields in the Kirchhoffs approximation
I	Ensemble average of scattered intensity
ε_m	Soil dielectric constant
$\varepsilon_m^{'}, \varepsilon'$	Real part of the soil dielctric constant
$\varepsilon_m^{''}, \varepsilon''$	Imaginary part of the soil dielctric constant

α	Shape factor
β	Texture factor
ρ_b	Bulk density
ρ_s	Particle density
ε_s	Solid soil matter dielctric constant
ε_{fw}	Free water dielctric constant
%	Percentage
x_i	Input features or training datasets
y_i	Observables
ξ_i, ξ_i^*	Slack variables
$\varepsilon, C, d, \gamma$	Hyper and kernel parameter of support vector regression algorithm

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List of Abbreviations

NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
SAR	Synthetic-Aperture Radars
AVIRIS	Airborne Visible/Infrared Imaging Spectrometer
HySIS	Hyperspectral Imaging Satellite
SLAR	Side-Looking Airborne Radar
ISAR	Inverse Synthetic-Aperture Radar
InSAR/IFSAR	Interferometric SAR
SRTM	Shuttle Radar Topography Mission
NSCAT	NASA Scatterometer
ASCAT	Advanced Scatterometer
SMAP	Soil Moisture Active Passive
SLR	Side-Looking Radar
SLAR	Side-Looking Airborne Radar
ESA	European Space Agency
GNSS-R	Global Navigation Satellite System- Reflectometry
IEM	Integral Equation Model
I2EM	Improved IEM
EMSL	Experimental Microwave Signature Laboratory

SPM	Small Perturbation Model
PO	Physical Optics
GO	Geometrical Optics
BRDF	Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Function
MISR	Multi-angle Imaging SpectroRadiometer
MODIS	Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer
PAD	Polarization Analogue and Digital
LAI	Leaf Area Index
PWC/VWC	Plant/Vegetation Water Content
FBm	Fresh Biomass
d or PH	Plant Height
N	Number of samples
m_v	Volumetric soil moisture
M	Amount of radiation emitted by object per surface area of black body in a unit time
A	Weins constant
RMS	Root Mean Square
s	RMS height
l	Surface correlation length

m	RMS slope
RTM	Radiative Transfer Model/Method
MRTM	Modified Radiative Transfer Model/Method
RTE	Radiative Transfer Equation
CCRS	Canada Centre for Remote Sensing
ComRAD	Combined RADar/RADiometer
UF-LARS	University of Florida L band Automated Radar System
UF-LMR	University of Florida L band Microwave Radiomete
BRCS	Bistatic Radar Cross-Cection
FSA	Forward Scattering Alignment
BSA	Back Scatter Alignment
RFOV	Radar Field Of View
UAVs	Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
GPS	Global Positioning System
DEM	Digital Elevation Model
VPF	Vegetation Phase Function
VOD	Vegetation Optical Depth
DAS	Days After Sowing
HG	Henyey-Greenstein

RMSE	Root Mean Square Error
R	Correlation coefficient
R^2	Squared Correlation coefficient
HH	Horizontal transmit - Horizontal receive
VV	Vertical transmit - Vertical receive
HV	Horizontal transmit - Vertical receive
VH	Vertical transmit - Horizontal receive
BiSCAT	Bistatic Scatterometer
$W_{Fresh\ veg}$	Weight of the fresh vegetation biomass
$W_{dry\ veg}$	Weight of the dry vegetation biomass
KA	Kirchhoff Approximation
DBA	Distorted Born Approximation
MIMICS	Michigan microwave Canopy Scattering
TOV	Tor Vergata
Bi-spec	Bistatic Specular
SVR	Support Vector Regression
CRMSE	Centered RMSE
SD	Standard Deviation

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