

# CHANGE DETECTION AND EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION IN REMOTE SENSING IMAGES

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**Abstract:** Change Detection is a very vital task carried out on this planet and has been colossally performed and also researched in these recent decades. It has always been applied in infrastructure and surface monitoring technique, disaster management, these in urban dynamics and other fields as well. Current methods always have a very simple mechanism where it has always been dependent for encoding bi-temporal independent images and objects thus obtaining and performing on their representation vectors, but it ignores the vitality of trifling-layer information which contains high-resolution and fine-grained functions and features which has often led to miss the small targets. In this paper our idea is to propose a system which is based on densely connected Siamese network useful for change detection techniques. Our method soothes the loss of localization information and data which is done by introducing the new module named attention mechanism which has been applied at the back of information transmission module in order to give that sort of attention weight and there required accuracy to each temporal image feature and the classified extraction which eventually enhance the information that is changed for the image or object we want to predict the change for and improves final change prediction. The idea revolves around the fact that both quantitative and visual analyses of the experimental results show that our method improves highly on many evaluation criteria and the proposed method also has competitiveness and higher predictive ability among other change detection methods.

**Key Word:** Deep Neural Network, Remote Sensing, Attention Mechanism, Urban dynamics, Satellite Imagery, loss of localization Change Detection.

## I. Introduction

Change detection being a vital concept of image processing field, has a very lengthy history as far as research and its rise with the evolution of computer vision is concerned. Change detection can be stated as the process of accurately analyzing, extracting and determining changes on surface from a particular place happening in daily life over a period of time and in varying periods. The main objective and vision of the change prediction system is to firstly give a good-matched binary label to each pixel in an image that is based on a pair of co-registered object pictures which is taken for given area at different times for the same specified location. A positively assigned label will show that the area which corresponds to the pixel has shown some changes in it. These changes can be referred to urban expansion, population density, agricultural activities, land and vegetation alteration, disaster management and many more. Change detection is an important technology for mapping some important activities like urban utilization, land utility, agricultural activities, video monitoring, and some types of image based analysis. In short terms, change detection methods can be specifically categorized into three ways:

1) Pixel level: This has been the most basic unit where it has been intensively used for object analysis and Change prediction technology, and also it prominently and predominantly analyses the exact position where the change actually takes place and detects it accordingly. But the disadvantage of this type is that the efficiency obtained here is low, another reason is also the spatial and other characteristics which accounts to accurate detection are not considered, and also the anti-interference quality being poor (natural things are included like sun illumination angle as well as the surface humidity).

2) Feature level: The data features & information is extracted from the original image that includes edge, shape, contour and texture which is done predominantly by a certain algorithm which ever fits the best, and then the analytical extraction and change detection for those extracted information are carried out extensively with the help of algorithm. This method operating on features has maximum operational efficiency than the pixel level-based method, and the feature attributes can also be judged with higher precision, strength and accuracy, thus owing to all these advantages it reduces the interference of any such external sources on the acquired outcomes to a certain extent. However, on the one hand, there are also some loopholes which can be found out in this technique which sums up with some data that is lost in this process of feature extraction carried out with this technique, so it is difficult and troublesome at times to provide subtle and precise information. Moreover, it also heavily relies on the outcome of feature extraction too, but the process carried out with features itself is complex one.

3) Object-based level: These techniques are an integral and vital part and highly employed in the sphere of image analysis based on objects. The concept of images with objects, their feature extraction has always been supported by it and therefore the change definition administered for change detection by the model, can be defined OBCD as “the process of identifying differences”. Using object-based image analysis, we have found significant differences in geographic items at different times.” OBCD has become extremely important and even popular and useful due to its increasing merits over approaches based on pixels which really boost this method. Because it's the aptitude to supply more positive outcomes within the extracted features with high distinctiveness of the model which will better put light on the changed maps and parts. It perfectly covers certain particular objects that include roads, buildings, open vegetation, open fields and other entities), and thus predicts change supported training and development of image and image recognition approach. During this paper, we are going to present a unique specification which works to combine CNN a best suited algorithm within the field of image classification with bidirectional long STM network (BiLSTM) along with the addition of the accuracy improving modules. We additionally introduced the mechanism based on attention into the change prediction task so as to enhance the detection performance and also reduce the training and execution time for the primary time.

## **II. Related Work**

Lots of change detection techniques all together with different approaches and requirements have been developed for remote sensing applications. The recent development has shown the evolution of two specific methods being carried out: one is change detection based on pixels and the other is based on objects which have been discussed earlier. The PBCD category which has been a primary technology utilized in the sector that is constituted of a direct, also comprising transform-related and based, classification related and comparison of images based on learning which is cordially done at the classification based on pixels. The Object based category where the objects are taken into consideration that directly contains, extracted and composite change detection along with classification at the article level for extraction of features thus doing the change detection results better. Change vector analysis has been developed for prediction of changes in many bands of images became very much famous. Its popularity was an outcome of its quality to calculate by subtraction of pixel vectors of its varied time dates. Previous researches and studies have stated that techniques including image differencing and post-classification comparison are the old processes used for predicting change. In these years, techniques like spectral mixture analysis, ANN and addition of GIS and also to some extent remote sensing data have become very vital processes for change detection apps. In general, various algorithms are studied to find the best suited change detection outcomes for a particular application. Methods like image differencing, vegetation index differencing, image regression and rationing, change vector analysis and background subtraction are some of the algebra methods helpful in change detection. The common factor in these algorithms is selecting particular thresholds to search and find out the changed areas. Excluding CVA, all these methods are lucid, and easy to work upon and interpret. The image differencing approach has a conceptual extension called as Change Vector Analysis. It predicts all those changes that are greater than the identified thresholds and also give us the precise change outcomes. Some predominant approaches based on the recent studies like KT, PCA, Chi-square transformations and Gram-Schmidt are very much useful in minimizing data redundancy between bands and also to put data in derived components. But they cannot give us that desired change matrices and also need selection of thresholds in order to guess the changed maps. One more demerit that can be taken out of it is its difficulty in guessing and labeling the change data on the classified images. When it comes to change detection, the recent developments have been seen in the classification algorithm which gives higher accuracies. There are many such techniques and these include post-classification comparison being much vital one and also EM change. Techniques like hybrid change detection, unsupervised change detection and artificial neural network focus on the quality and quantity of training the given data in order to give us good quality results. The merit of these techniques is the quality of providing change metrics

information and thus minimizing external effect from outer environmental differences and changes between the images taken temporally in the model

**Table no .1** Literature Survey for various change detection techniques

Sr No	Author	Technique	Topic	Characteristics
1	Karthik Amin & Shivakumar B	Image Differencing	Image differencing used for Change detection: A study over areas surrounding Kumta, India	Subtract the first data image from the second one
2	Luigi.T.Luppi no & Filippo.M.Bianchi	Image Regression	Remote sensing image regression for heterogeneous change detection	Relationship pixel values subtract the regressed image
3	Sartajvir Singh & Rajneesh Talwar	Change Vector Analysis	A Review over different change vector analysis algorithms-based change detection methods	It gives two outputs that are of spectral change vector and total change magnitude per pixel
4	Alina Miron & Atta Badii	Background Subtraction	Change detection based on graph cuts	Background image is subtracted from the base image (original image) to produce new image as an outcome
5	Ekaterina Kalinicheva & Dino Lenco	Unsupervised Change Detection	Unsupervised Change Detection Analysis in Imagery Time Series Using Deep Learning combined With Graph-Based Approaches	Selection of spectrally similar group of pixels and cluster data
6	Ekaterina Kalinicheva & Dino Lenco	Gram-Schmidt (GS)	Automatic change detection in multi-temporal X- and P-band SAR images using Gram-Schmidt process	Spectral vectors which are taken directly from bi-temporal images are orthogonalized by GS method
7	Hakan Alphan & M. Ali Derse	Vegetation index differencing	Change detection in Southern Turkey using normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI)	Vegetation index is produced followed by subtraction of the second-date vegetation index which is subtracted from the first-date vegetation index
8	X.Liu & R.G. Lathrop Jr	Artificial neural networks	Urban change detection based on an artificial neural network	The spectral data of the period of change is the input that is used to train the neural network
9	Dengsheng Lu, Mateus Batistela & Emilio Moran	Spectral mixture model	Multi-temporal Spectral Mixture Analysis for Amazonian Land-Cover Change Detection	Use spectral mixture analysis to derive fraction images.
10	Emilio Moran, Paul Mausel, Dengsheng Lu & Eduardo S. Brondizio	Biophysical parameter method	An automatic approach for change detection and land updates based on integrated NDVI timing	Integration of field measurements is done in order to develop a biophysical parameter estimation model

### III. Methodology

Convolutional Neural Network (ConvNet/CNN) can be stated as a deep learning algorithm which takes an input image, as sign vitality to various aspects or we can say parameters in the image and be able to differentiate one from the other which makes it very much useful in change detection. A CNN model we used has hidden layers which are vital to extract information from an image. The four vital layers in CNN are: 1] Convolution layer. 2] ReLU layer. 3] Pooling layer. 4] Fully connected layer.

#### PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

Below diagram elaborately explains the whole network framework. As shown in Fig. 1, the architecture of the method is comprised of four parts right from bottom to top, which includes convolution module followed by information transmission module carrying out information extraction, the newly added attention module and at the end is the output module. The convolution module is a CNN and RNN based module included in our system which has been configured in order to carry out features extraction on bi-temporal basis on those blocks of input images with the help of two convolutional neural networks that are independent and are best suited in the field of image classification and temporal analysis. Along with the convolution module, the very important information transmission module that is useful for feature extraction takes help of the feature maps that are obtained and extracted by the convolution module as an input which in turn helps to perform the transmission and interaction of those features and their functionality of the images which are bi-temporal in nature

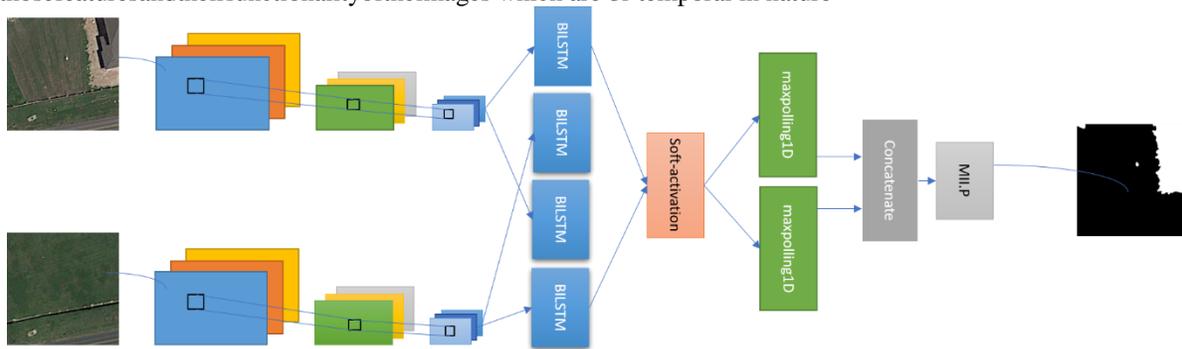


Fig.1 The Overall Framework of Proposed Model

#### NOVELTY OF OUR WORK

The third and the newly added module in our system which is an attention module that give us the specific weight which we call as attention weight to the state that is hidden of each and every branch image feature of our model. Thus, has helped us achieve higher accuracy as compared to the existing system. The attention module has not only precisely predicted the change but has also helped in reducing the computational time. The output module is a comprised and constituted of layers that are full connected and widely used in models covering classification problems. We can also deploy a specific part of the changed and unchanged parts in the form of training set and other one as test set which has helped us to generate change detection images with the utility of deep neural network and thus we can evaluate them for further prediction. Even though different modules have made the network, it can be trained, checked and validated end-to-end with the help of back-propagation algorithm. We found that the manual extraction of image features is very much time consuming and tedious job to do which is also quite troublesome at times, and the image features which are then extracted are relatively too simple, the spectral spatial features are thus extracted directly with the powerful feature extraction ability of CNN that is used for image classification. We deployed BiLSTM in order to capture the feature dependencies bidirectional in nature. We also have to take the feature representations into accountability. Therefore, the additional information transfer module is proposed, added and integrated for this purpose throughout the network framework in our model.

In recent years, the integration of deep learning and visual attention mechanism has mostly been focused on the use of mask in order to form attention mechanism. The principle of attention mask is to identify the key features in the image data by another layer of weight, and through learning and training, the deep neural network can learn the areas and locations that need attention in every new picture. The attention module and its output shape have always been two-dimensional, while the input shapes of the fully connected layer always been one-dimensional.

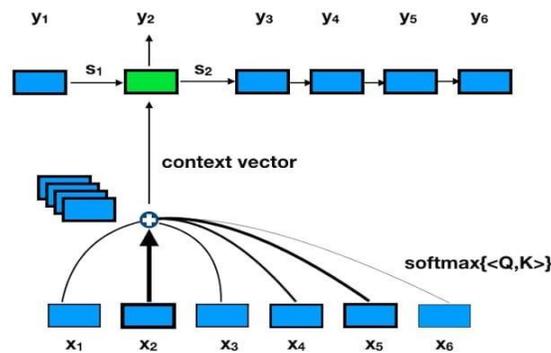


Fig.2 The Internal Structure of Attention Model

#### IV. Experimental Results

The proposed system and model was experimented by us, also evaluated and thus tested with the help of the real images. For generating datasets we used remote sensing images that were season-varying obtained from official sites. We got such various pairs of images having suitable resolution of 3000x2000 pixels for creation of manual ground truth and also got image pairs which were also varying along with small changes and their resolutions were taken as 1700x1200 pixels for addition of the additional images that was done manually. Images obtained spatial resolutions varying from 3-100 cm/px. Objects with different sizes were taken into account as a result of this. It also led to take different objects varying also from season changes of natural objects. Datasets was thus finally generated with the help of cropping of 256x256 fragments which were randomly rotated where that location had at least a part of the main entity, image or object on it. Therefore, there was a huge difference in the object center coordinates and distance between object centers was 32 pixels which were fixed. At the end, 9000 image sets were constituted in datasets that had an image size of 256x256 pixels: we worked upon 10000 training sets and precisely on 6000 validation and testing sets. We found the accuracy to be 99% and F1 score came out to be 96% which was higher than the existing models used for the change detection techniques.

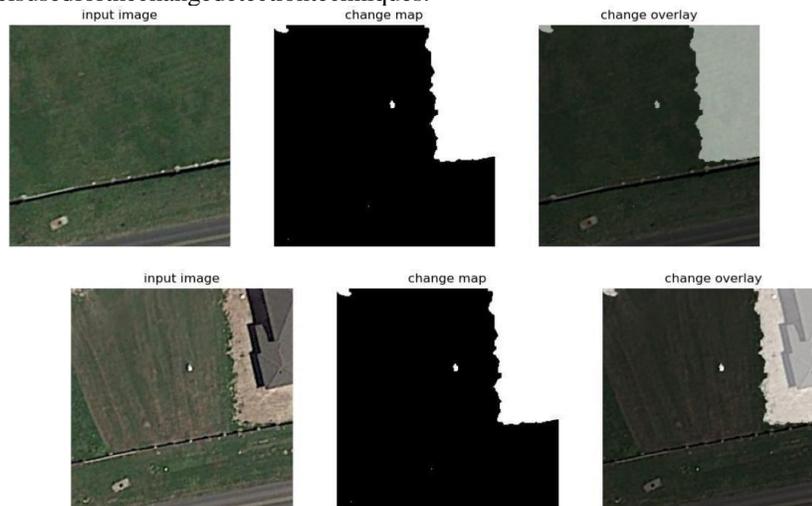


Fig. 3 Output images of Change Detection along with change overlays

#### IV. Discussion

Change detection in land covers plays a very vital and gigantic role in the study of overall outcomes that have been taking place worldwide and causing a very huge impact on the biodiversity of the world. Change in the land and the alterations done by living beings and changes occurring constantly have predominantly resulted in cutting of trees, land degradation, soil erosion, increasing pollution, global warming and also rapid growth in natural disasters like earthquakes, etc. The natural alterations too have contributed to the purpose for the same. These rapid

environmental problems are always coined to land cover changes and its alterations happening around. Thus, whatever data that is available on Land use or we can say Land Cover changes can give us critical input which is functional to decision-making of environmental stability and thus we can predict the future accordingly. The population growth in the area and increasing socio-economic necessities of man preceded by the increasing demands creates such stress on land use/land cover which is creating havoc. There are several methods developed in literature surveys done in the past years like using postclassification comparison, change vector analysis, using ANN, image differentiation being one, then image regression, using image ratio, manual on-screen digitization of change principal components analysis too, image differencing and lastly multi date image classification. The purpose of the study is to look for land cover changes using the combination of RNN & CNN which is found to be more effective and will prove to be vital for change detection with the addition of new attention mechanism module in the model.

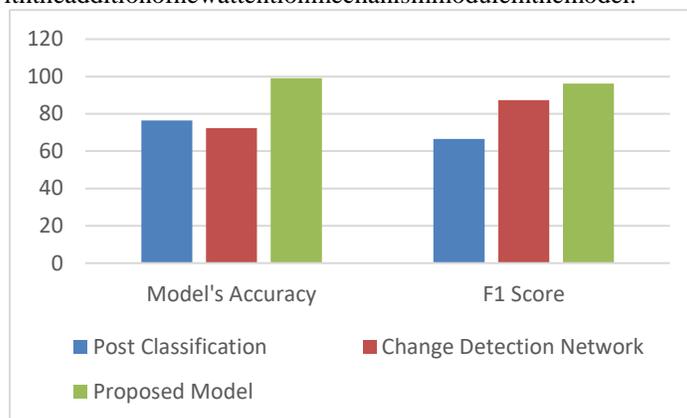


Fig.4 Model Accuracy & F1 Scores comparison

## V. Conclusion

Here, we have proposed a neural network architecture that puts light on attention mechanism as well as information transmission module, the later one being vital to extract spatial temporal features which are joint spectral in nature from bi-temporal spectral images, that also utilizes the rich feature information. Also, for further capitalizing and improving the information of image change, we added mechanism of attention to our model and then trained our model for the outcome. All these changes have made it a best suited approach for multi-temporal data analysis for remote sensing and the best suited approach for change detection. The results from experiments show that the method we proposed can also give a tough battle to the state-of-the-art approaches then predict the changes in the geographical area precisely and even performs better if the dataset is strained effectively with large number of images.

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