

Extraction of Wind and Wave Field from SAR data

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Motivation

Derive integrated Wave Parameters (e.g. SWH, mean period) from satellite SAR data by an empirical algorithm without using a first guess: CWAVE (= make the SAR to measure like an altimeter on a parallel track)

Thus develop global data set of SWH and mean period for assimilation into models and global statistics (altimeter and SAR, available since 1991)

Derive 2D Spectrum from SAR using model first guess

Observation of coastal wave variations using high resolution TerraSAR data

Validation of TSX image spectra to measurements of marine radar and model data



Motivation example:

Sea State Measurements in Storms

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SAR vs. Radar Altimeter cross over measurements On DWD model

DWD model is not assimilated With RA information.





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Methodology

Derive sets of parameters from SAR images (e.g. mean intensity, spectral parameters)

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use SAR parameters in an empirical algorithm tuned by sea state parameters from
ECMWF model : CWAVE (named analog to CMOD for wind speed)

Cross validate SAR, altimeter and buoy sea state measurements with models

Derive 2D Spectrum from SAR using model first guess – use cross spectrum and inversion algorithm

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Empirical Algorithm ---CWAVE

developed for ERS/SAR and ENVISAT/ASAR wave mode data





Conclusions (1)

The empirical algorithm CWAVE_ENV yields ocean wave measurements with ASAR wave mode d without first guess information. Accuracy of retrieved SWH using CWAVE_ENV algorithm has the quality of the RA measurements and is near to in situ buoy measurements.

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	vs. Buoy			vs. ECMWF model				vs. DWD model			vs. Radar Altimeter					
Statistical Para.	Cor.	Bias	RMSE	SI	Cor.	Bias	RMSE	SI	Cor.	Bias	RMSE	SI	Cor.	Bias	RMSE	SI
SWH	0.90	0.06	0.70	24%	0.93	-0.02	0.43	16%	0.90	-0.05	0.51	18%	0.93	-0.11	0.51	13%

The empirical algorithm CWAVE_ENV also can yield accurate mean wave period measurements.

	vs. ECMWF model					
Statistical Para.	Cor.	Bias	RMSE	SI		
T _{m02}	0.87	-0.05 s	0.60 s	0.08		
T _{m-10}	0.85	-0.06 s	0.74 s	0.08		

Using the algorithm CWAVE_ENV, ASAR WM data can be used for global wave statistical analys

the sampling issue needs to be considered.

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Validation and intercomparison of CWAVE_ENV

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vs. ECMWF_WAM - reanalyzed, DWD_WAM -- forecast

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temporal resolution : ECMWF model : 6 hours ; DWD model : 3 hours

> spatial resolution: ECMWF model: 0.5 degree ; DWD model : 0.75

degree



Crossover with altimeters



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SAR and Altimeter Hs on DWD Model

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Significant Wave Height of CWAVE and Altimeter on 2007011112



CWAVE and RA-2

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Significant Wave Height of PARSA and Altimeter on 2007011112



Significant Wave Height of ASAR WVW Level2 and Altimeter on 2007011112



WVW and RA-2

Storm on 2007 Jan. 11 UTC 12:00 at NA

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Global Significant Wave Height from PARSA (first guess

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STATISTICS

ENTRIES	115618
MEAN WAM	2.6298
MEAN PARSA	2.6394
BIAS (PARSA - WAM)	0.0096
STANDARD DEVIATION	0.2694
SCATTER INDEX	0.1024
CORRELATION	0.9792
SYMMETRIC SLOPE	1.0098
REGR. COEFFICIENT	1.0137
REGR. CONSTANT	-0.0266

Figure 1. Comparison between ASAR-PARSA and ECMWF WAM Significant Wave Heights (Global)

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ENVISAT ASAR Level2 Product (WVW)

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ASAR + RA altimeter – double tracks for strom investigation

SWH of DWD Model (background) CWAVE(Squares) ALT (Circles) on 2007021000



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Storm on 2007 Feb. 10 at NA

Squares : ASAR Diamonds: RA-2



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Comparison of TSX image spectra to measurements of marine radar --WaMoS Sites: Ekofisk, Fino1, Helgoland, Azore

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Seastate Observations using TerraSAR-X

TSX images Scan SAR, stripmap, spotlight Terceira



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Observation of coastal wave variations using TSX data on the Portuguese island Azores.

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FerraSAR-X Spotlight data acquired on Mar.26th, 2008 at 19:32 UTC with ascending orbit with HH polarization, azimuth resolution: 2.8m, range resolution: 3.5m





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Ocean Wave Field







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Algorithm development for deriving SWH from TSX data

Linear relation between SWH and TSX image energy, assuming!

$$SWH \propto F(E_{SAR_image_spectra}, \alpha)$$

 $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ is peak wave direction relative to azimuth (satellite flight) direction

$$Hs = a * 4\sqrt{E(1.0 + \cos(\alpha))} + b$$

Coefficients are determined by linear fitting with hindcast DWD model results



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Summary Coastal Measurements

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- A preliminary result of the XWAVE algorithm shows good agreement with the numerical wave model from DWD, marine radar WAMOS, as well as the shipborne altimeter.
- Further validation and comparison to buoy measurements is being done (we acquired lots of images over buoys)
- TerraSAR X data can be used as a tool to observe wave reflection, wave refraction.
- •Global statistics are not possible

•TerraSAR X data can be used for the observation of individual wave behaviour