



# Validation of Coastal Wind and Wave Fields by High Resolution Satellite Data

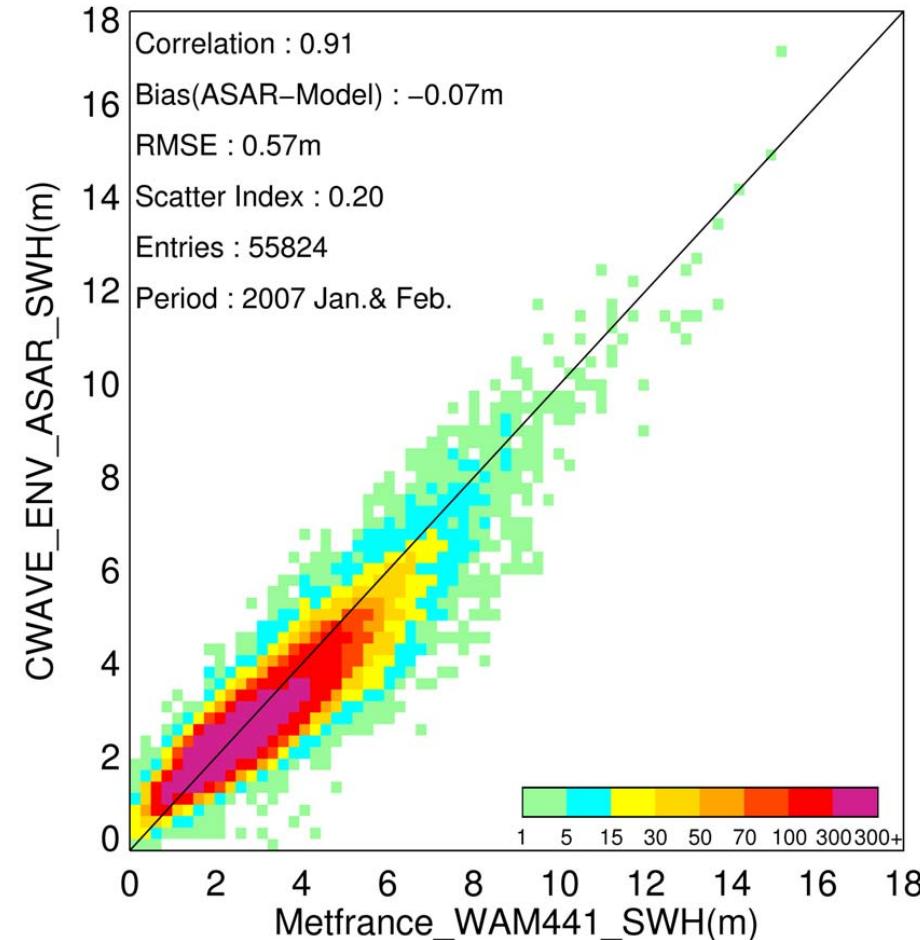
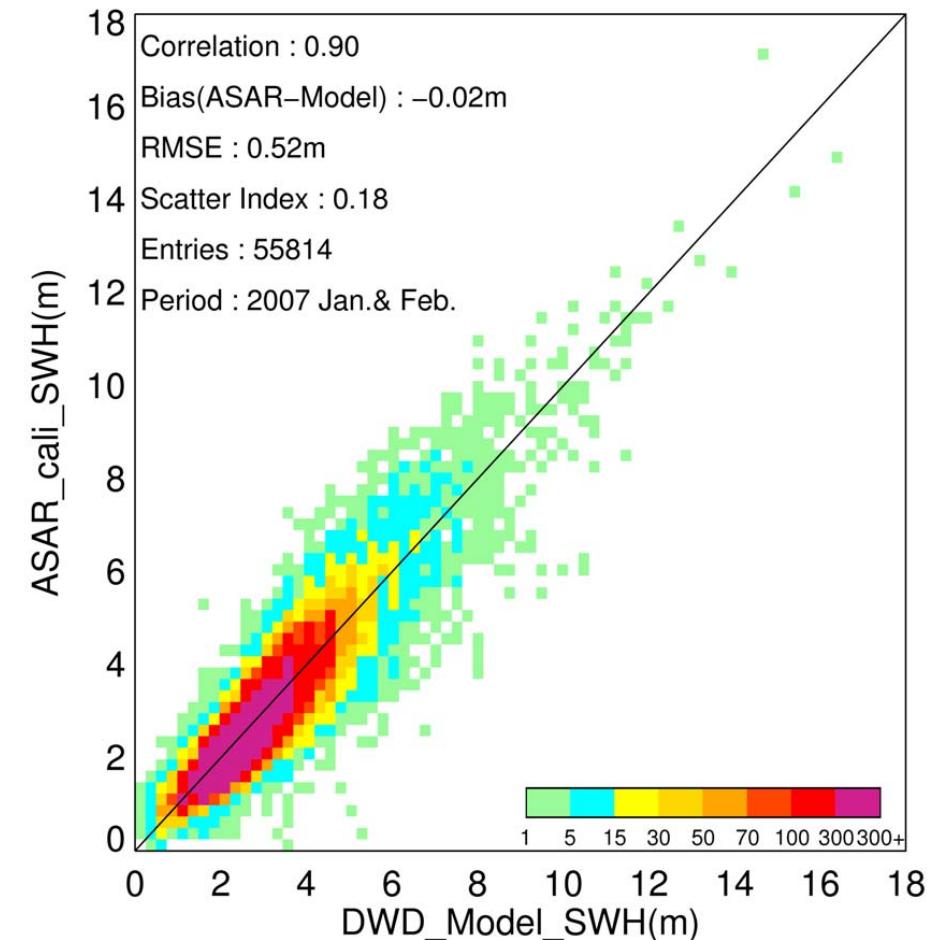
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# SWH by CWAVE from Global ENVISAT ASAR Data

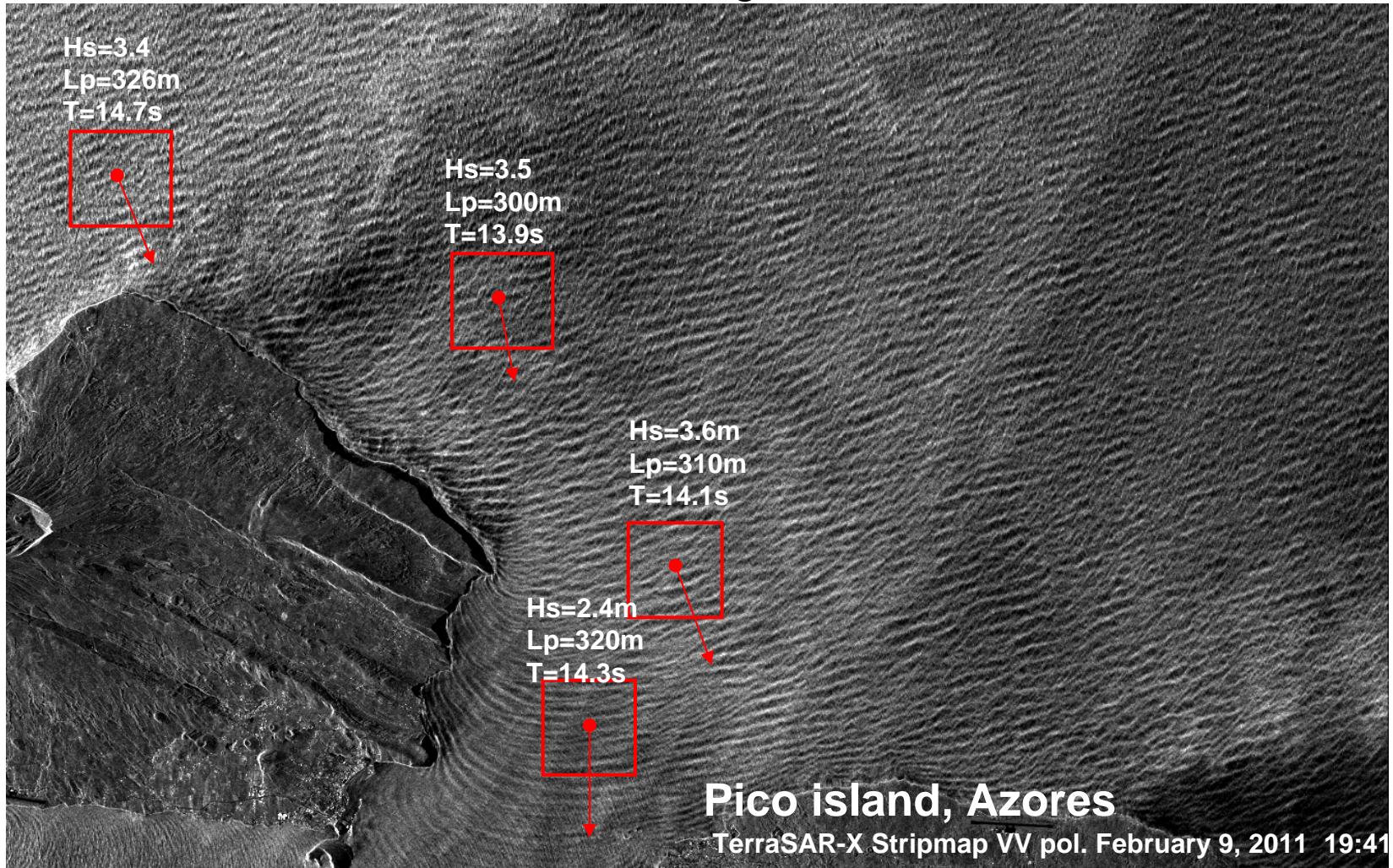


# Spatial variability of sea state (~300m) by TerraSAR-X images



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## XWAVE algorithm



# Horizon mask Neustrelitz for TerraSAR-X and ENVISAT

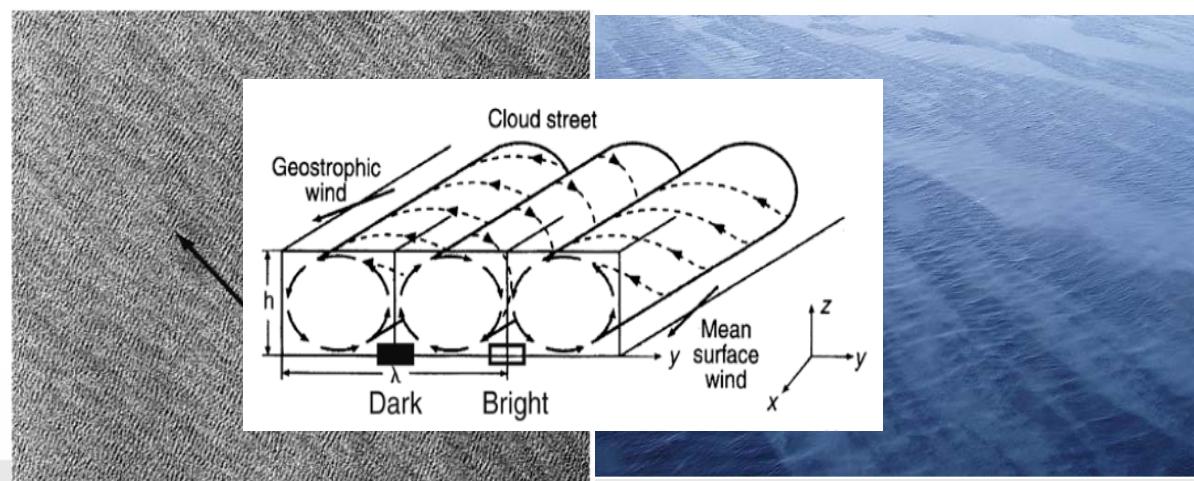
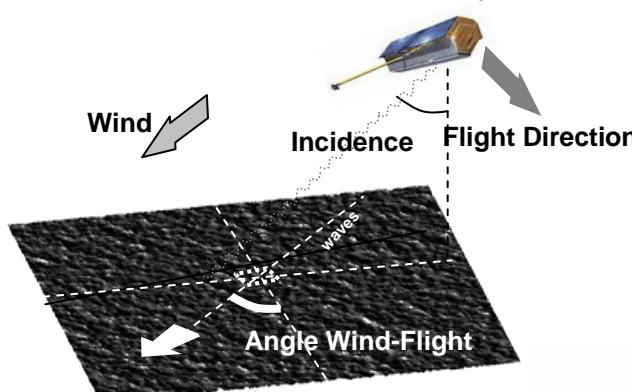
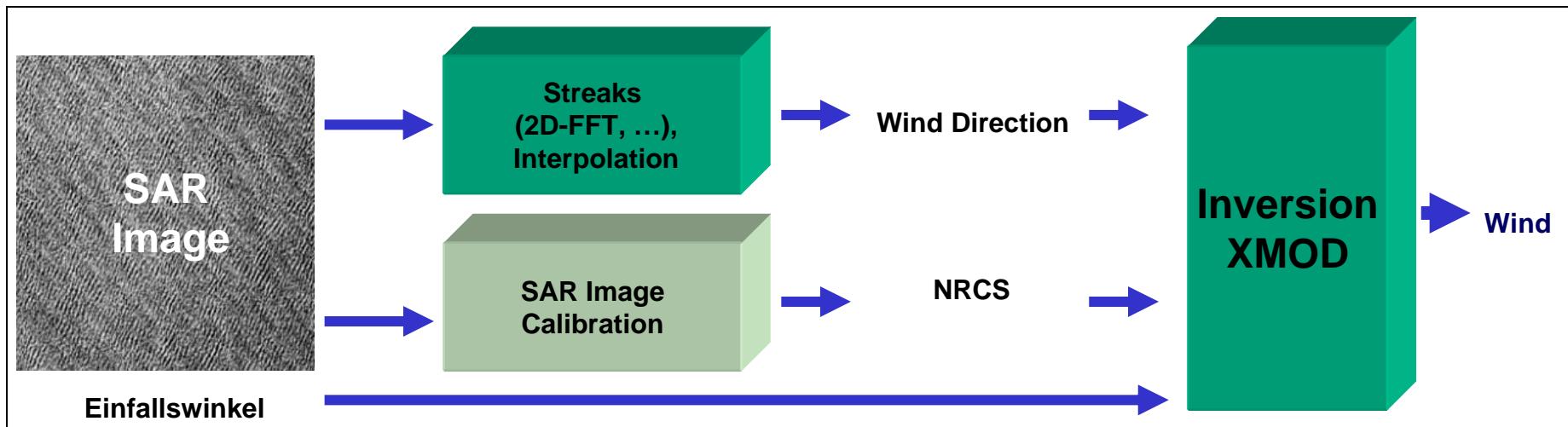


**Near Real Time Services** for TS-X in < 20 min in European MarSur Projects  
MARISS with EMSA, JRC, ESA, several European satellite providers

# Wind Field: XMOD Algorithm

*Geophysical Model Function GMF (Wind → Roughness of Sea Surface)*

Connection between Radar NRCS, Wind Speed, Wind Direction and Incidence Angle





## ➤ Development of the X-band GMF for sea surface wind field retrieval

### XMOD1, linear inversion

$$\sigma_0(U_{10}, \theta, \varphi) = x_0 + x_1 U_{10} + x_2 \sin(\theta) + x_3 \cos(2\varphi) + x_4 U_{10} \cos(2\varphi)$$

### XMOD2, non-linear inversion, comparable to CMOD GMF

$$\sigma_0(U_{10}, \theta, \varphi) = \sum_{n=0}^2 (A_n(U_{10}, \theta, \varphi) \cos\{n\varphi\})$$

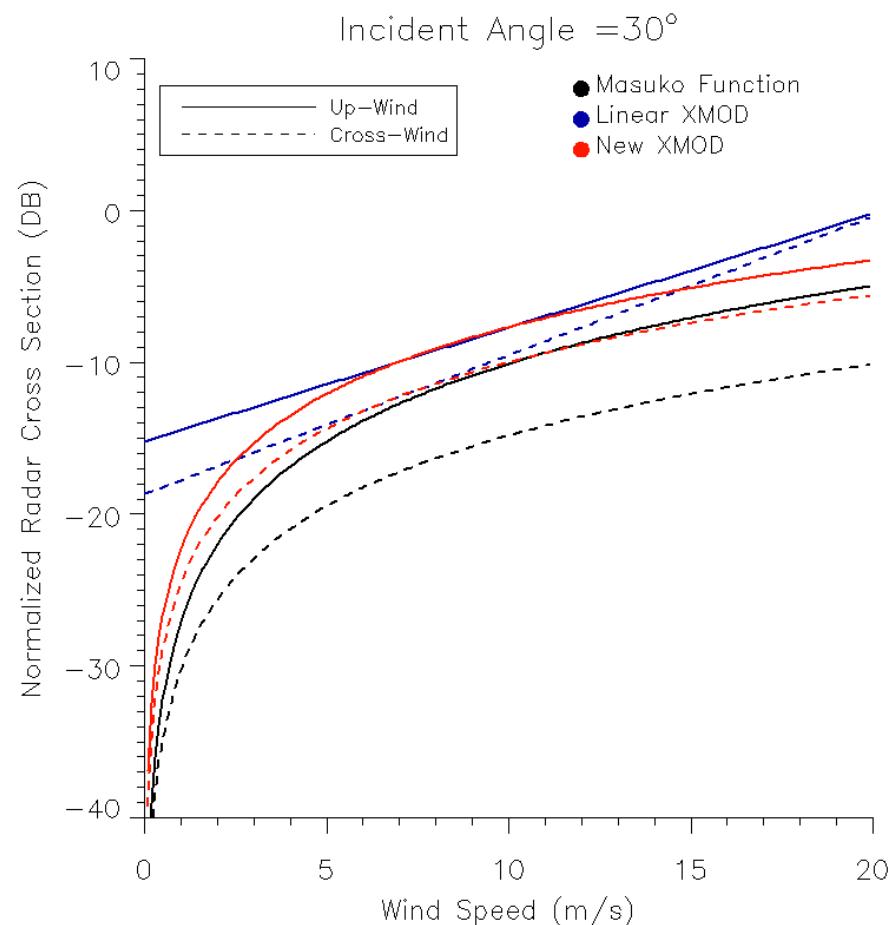
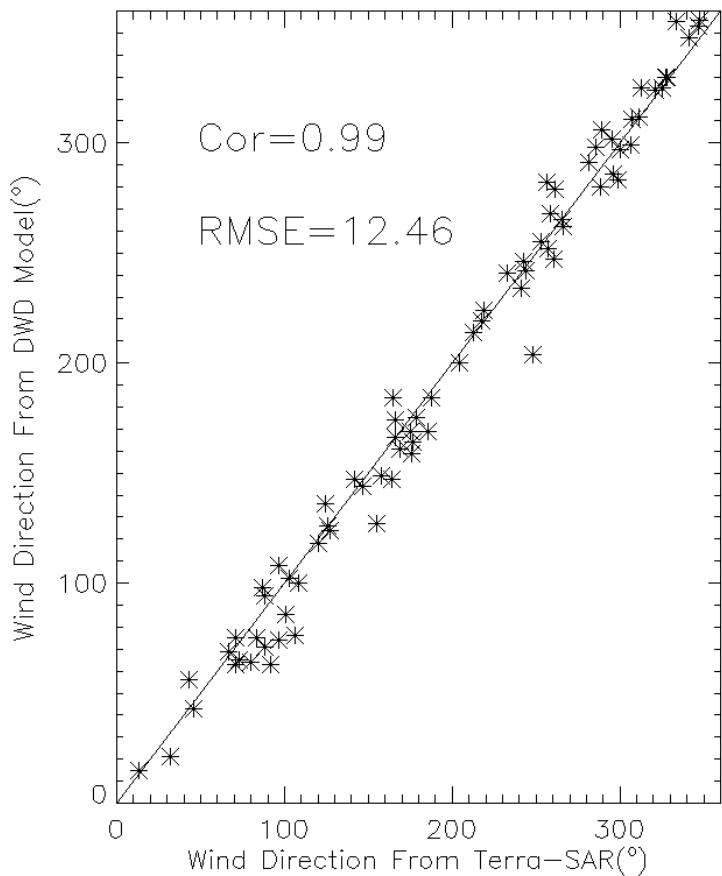
$U_{10}$  — wind speed;

$\theta$  — incidence angle;

$\varphi$  — angle between wind direction and SAR look direction

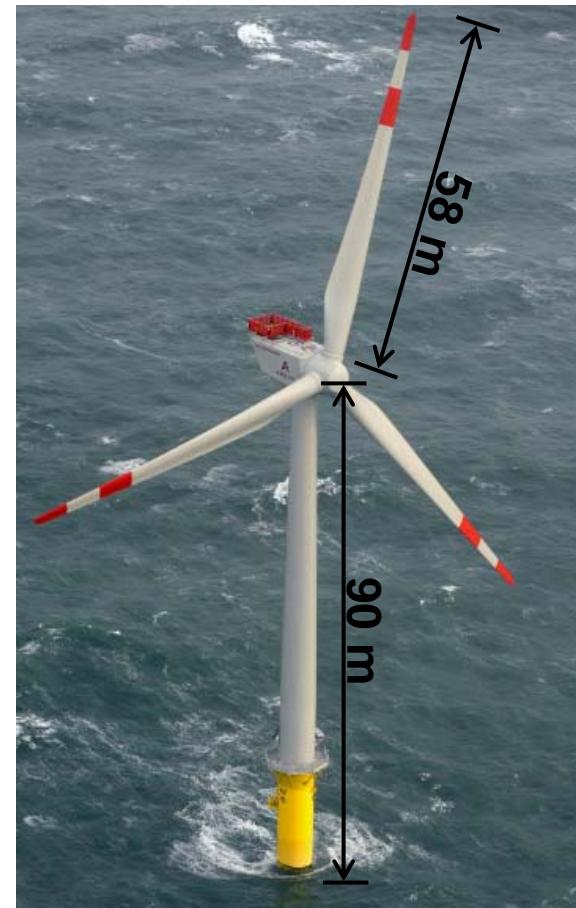
XMOD1, Y. Ren et al, IJRS, tuning dataset from X-SAR (shuttle mission)  
XMOD2, X. Li et al, Spie 2011 (tuning on TS-X data)

# Comparison of Wind Speed Algorithms



# Case study over Alpha Ventus

Alpha Ventus is the first offshore wind farm of Germany, located at the North Sea



5MW Wind turbine



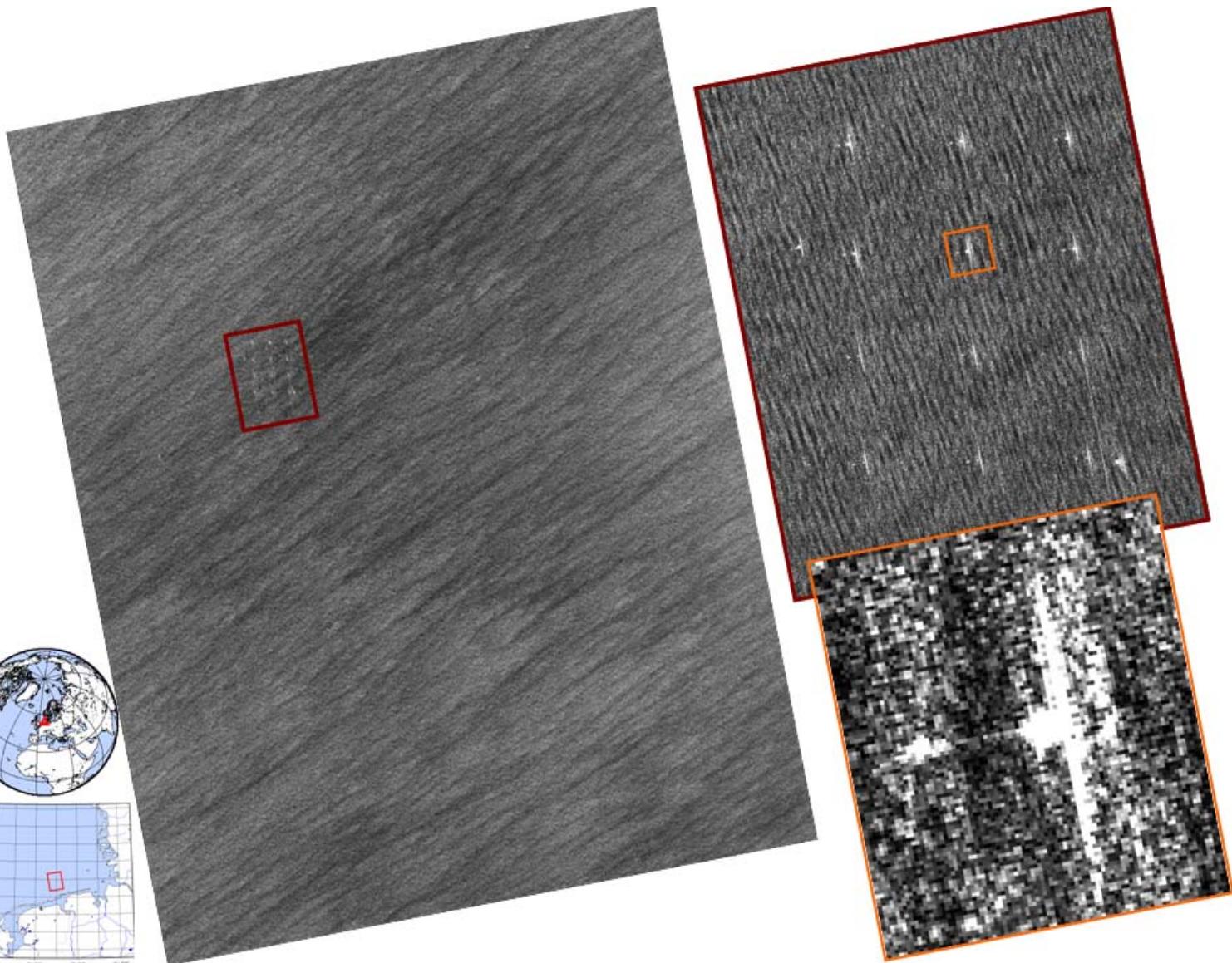
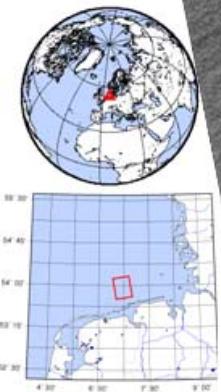
## Case study over Alpha Ventus, Wind Farm North Sea

TS-X Stripmap  
Aug.7, 2011  
at 17:18 UTC

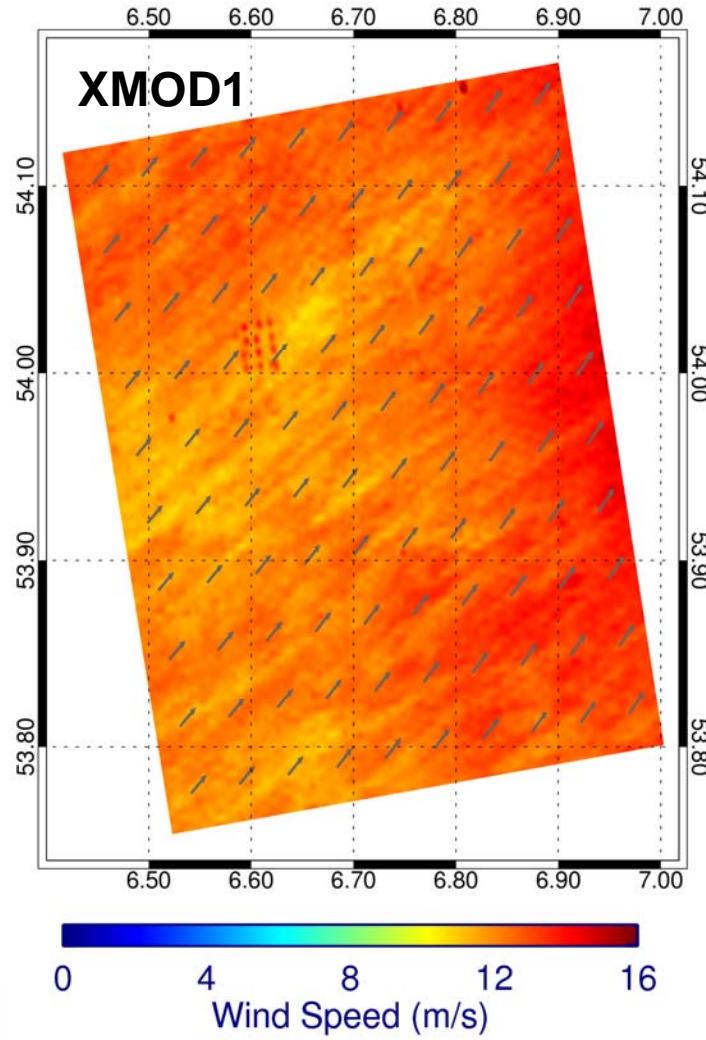
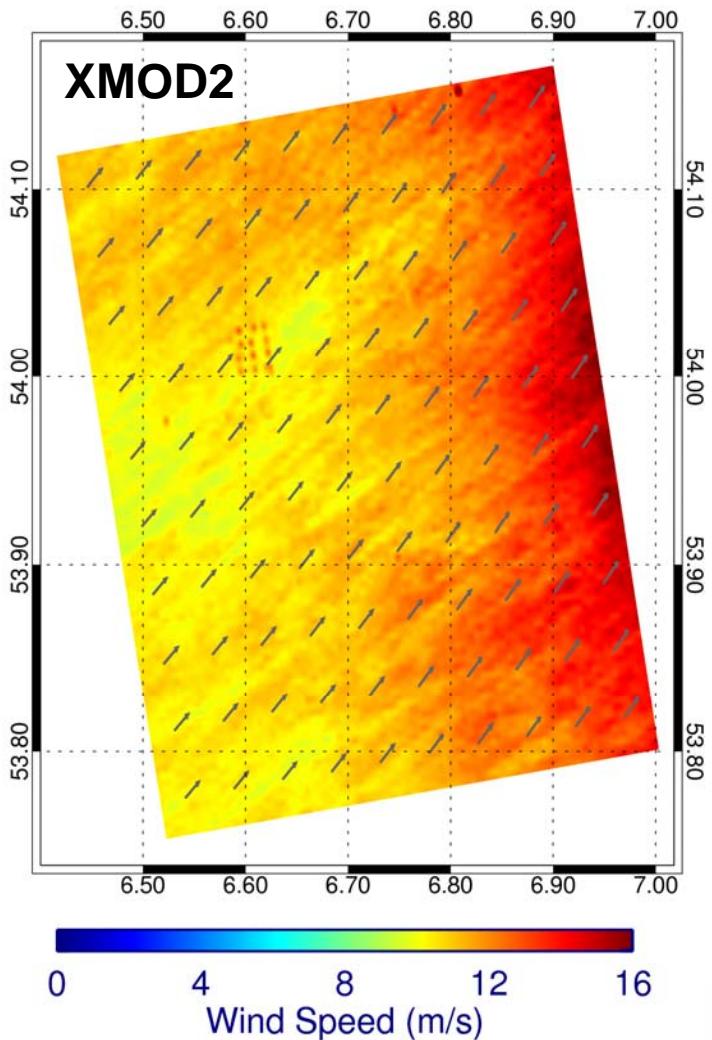
VV polarization,  
spatial res. 3 m



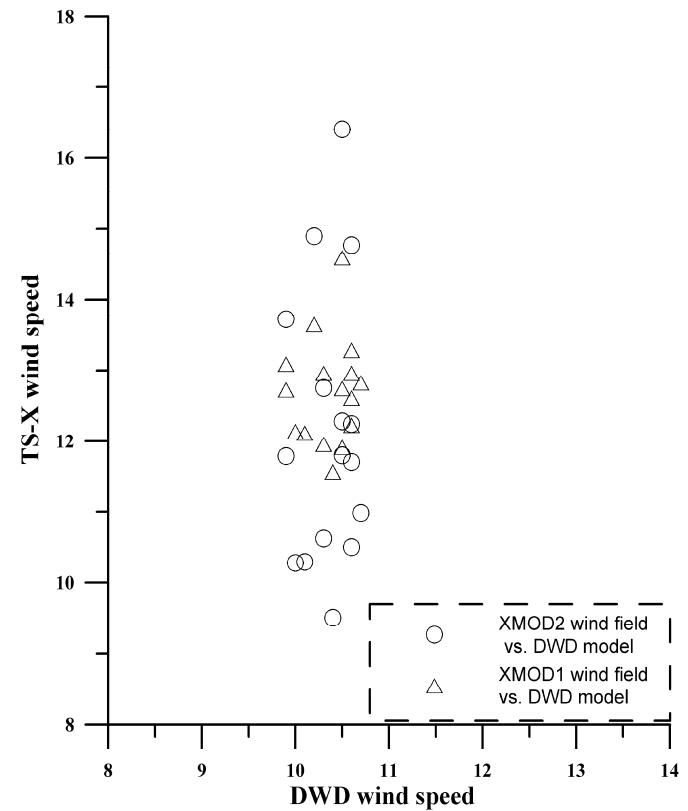
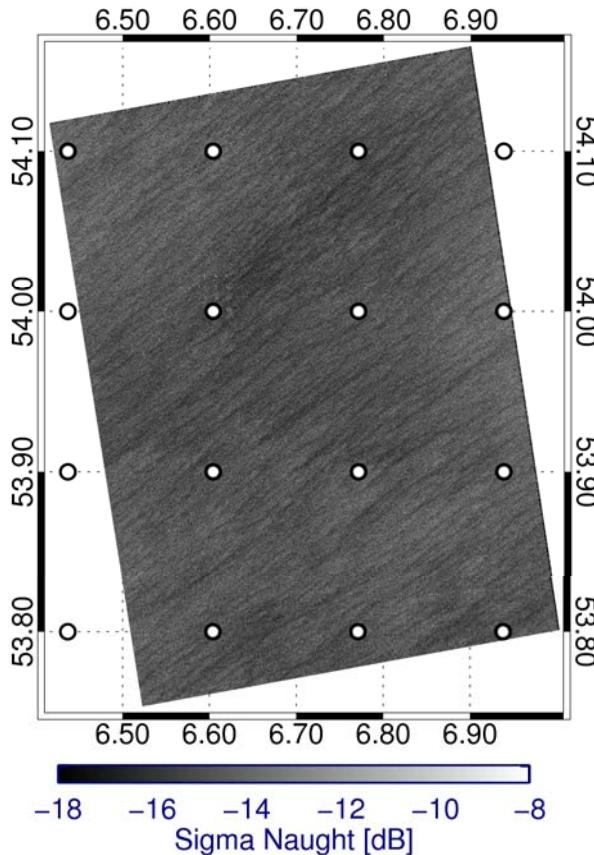
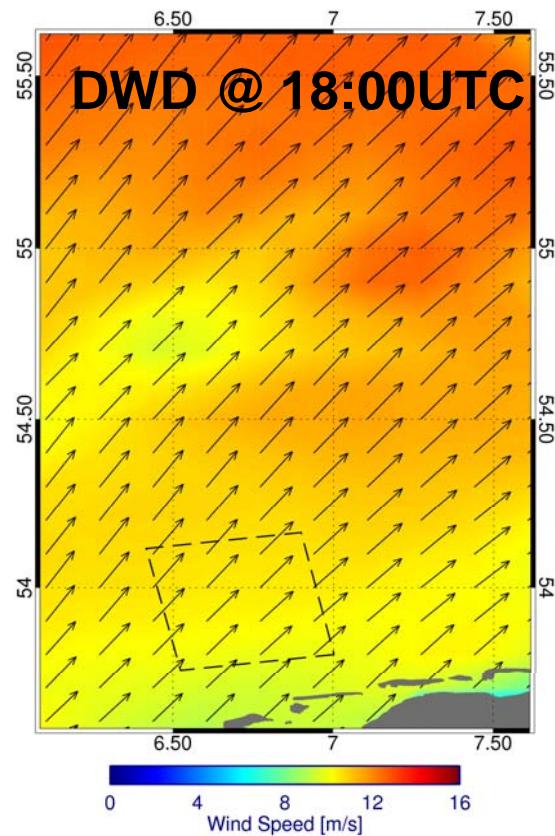
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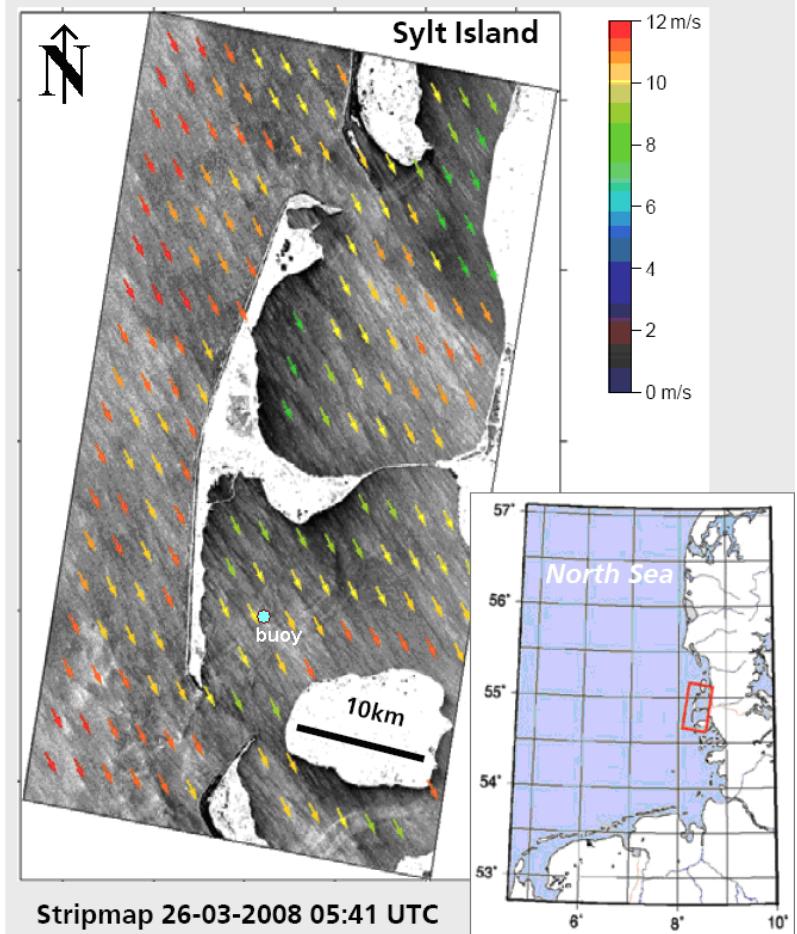
# Sea surface wind field derived from the TS-X data over Alpha Ventus



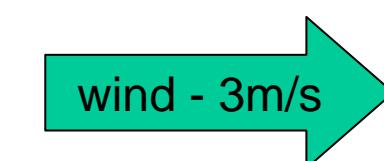
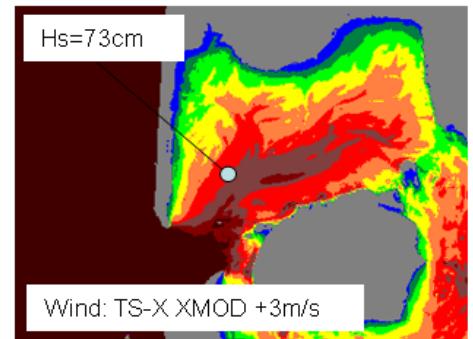
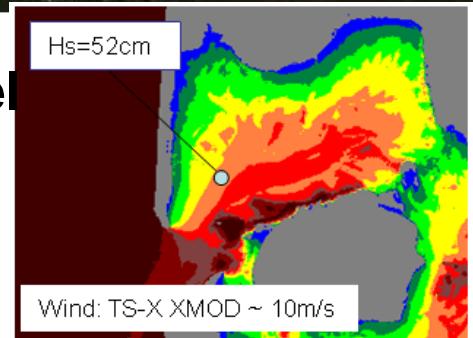
# Comparison of TS-X wind measurements to DWD (global) model



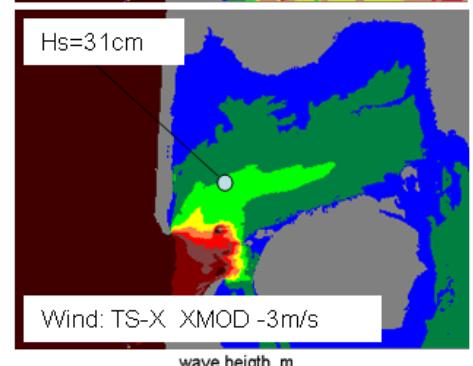
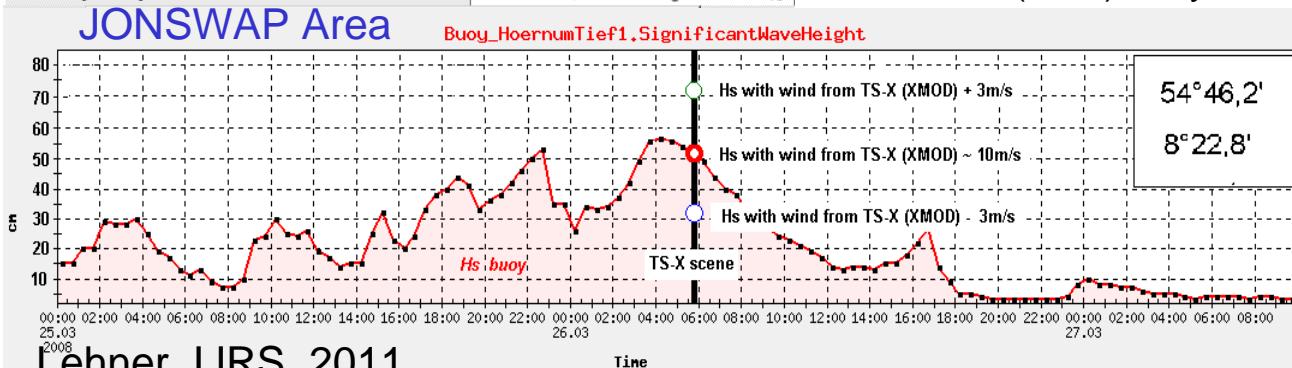
Higher variability in TS-X data



## Wind Input K-Model

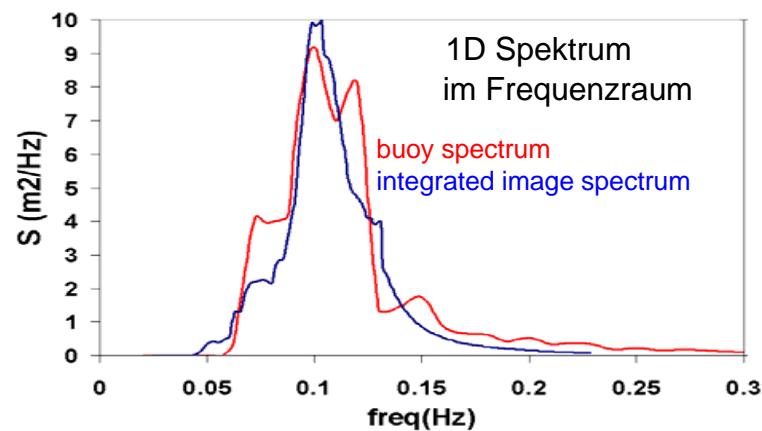
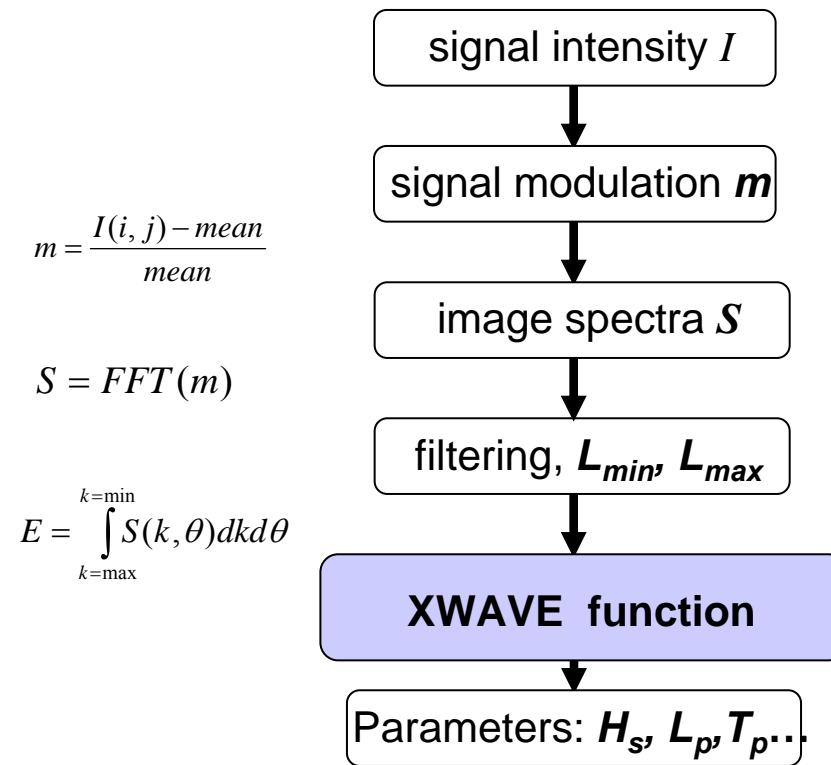
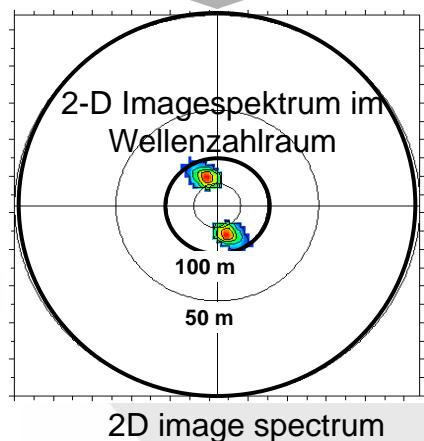
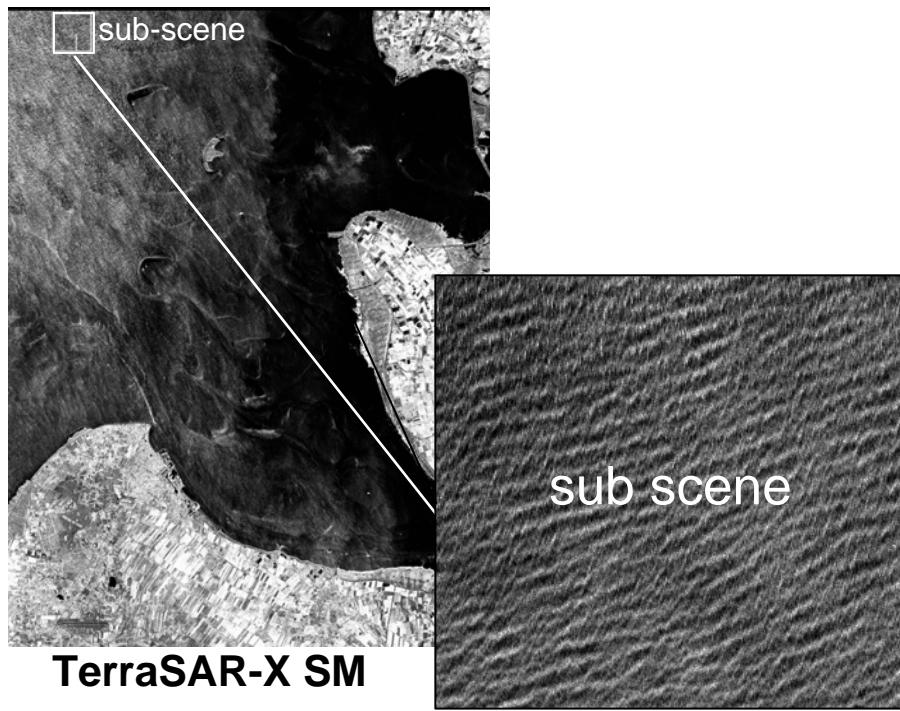


GKSS (HZG) buoy



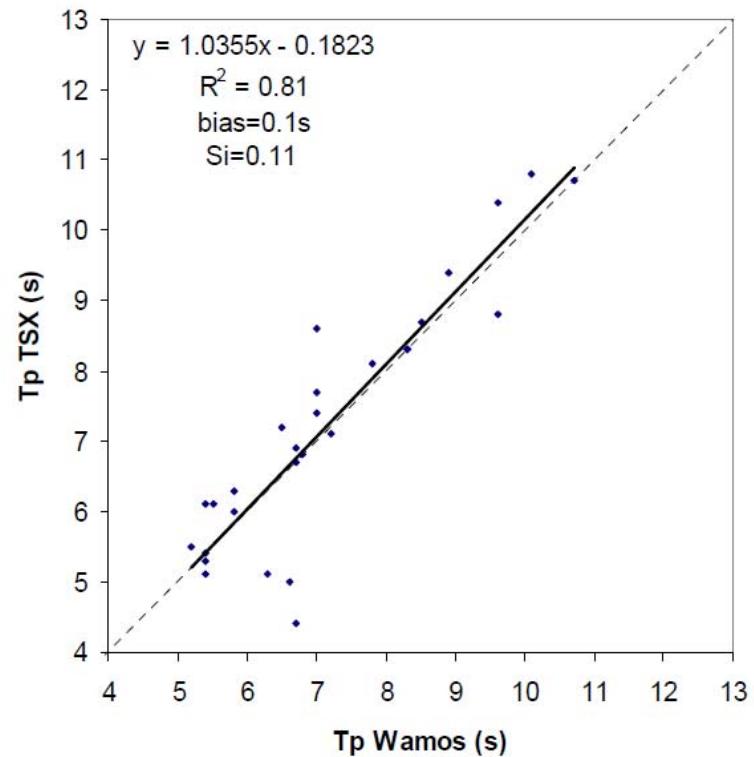
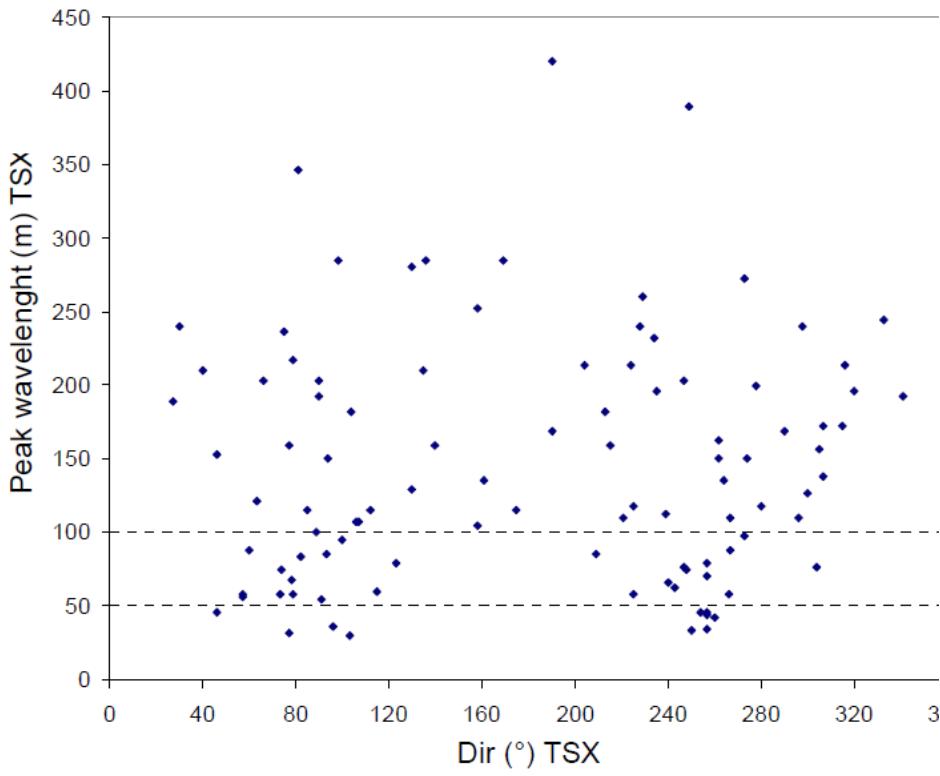
Hs modelled by K-model  
buoy measurement

# XWAVE: Sea State Parameters from TerraSAR-X Images





# Statistics Wave Length XWAVE Empirical Algorithm



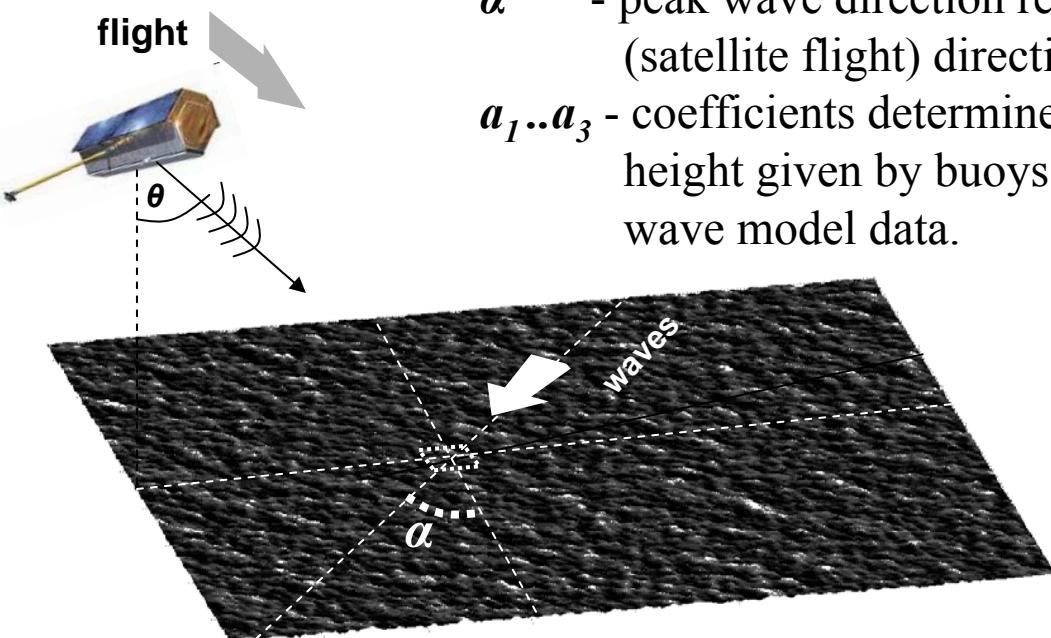
Collecting data set over NOAA buoys,  
Image data have to be ordered for acquisition about 2 days in advance

# XWAVE Algorithm: estimation of Significant wave height from TS-X data

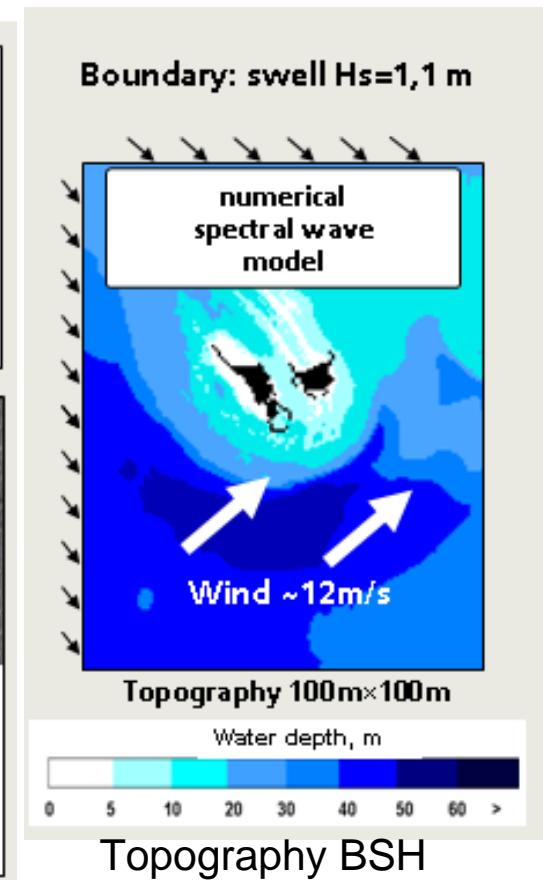
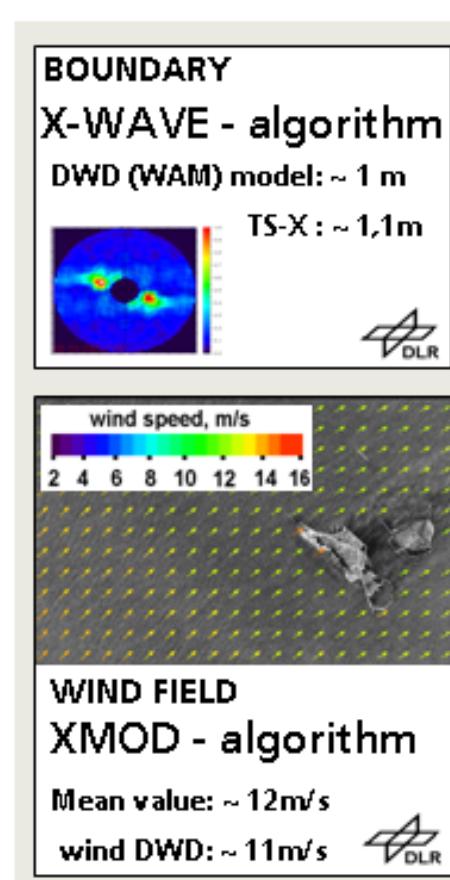
based on analysis of image spectra and uses fitted parameters

$$Hs = a_1 \cdot 4 \sqrt{E \sin \theta (1.0 + a_2 \cos(\alpha))} + a_3$$

- $E$  - total energy calculated from the image spectrum  
in domain  $\lambda_{min}$  and  $\lambda_{max}$ .
- $\theta$  - the incidence angle
- $\alpha$  - peak wave direction relative to azimuth  
(satellite flight) direction
- $a_1..a_3$  - coefficients determined by TS-X, TD-X data fitting with wave  
height given by buoys and DWD (German weather center)  
wave model data.



# Modelling of Sea State over Helgoland with K Model and boundary conditions from TS-X

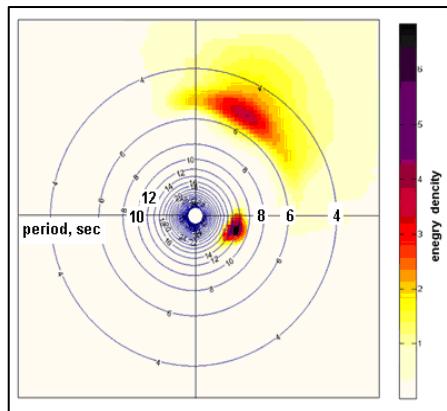


North Sea, Helgoland

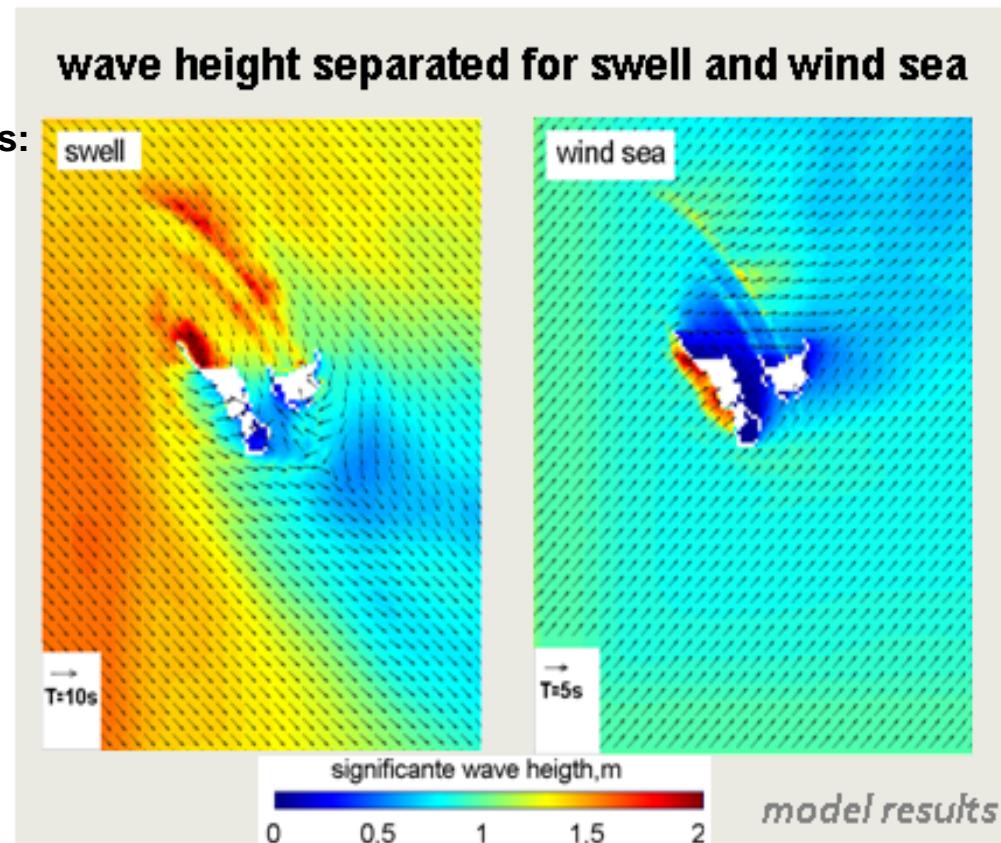
Lehner et al. IJRS, 2011

# SWH from K-Model with boundary conditions from TS-X

- The wind field: XMOD
- boundary spectra include two parts:
  - swell (obtained using XWAVE)
  - wind sea (JONSWAP spectra)



Boundary spectra from TSX  
XWIND , XWAVE



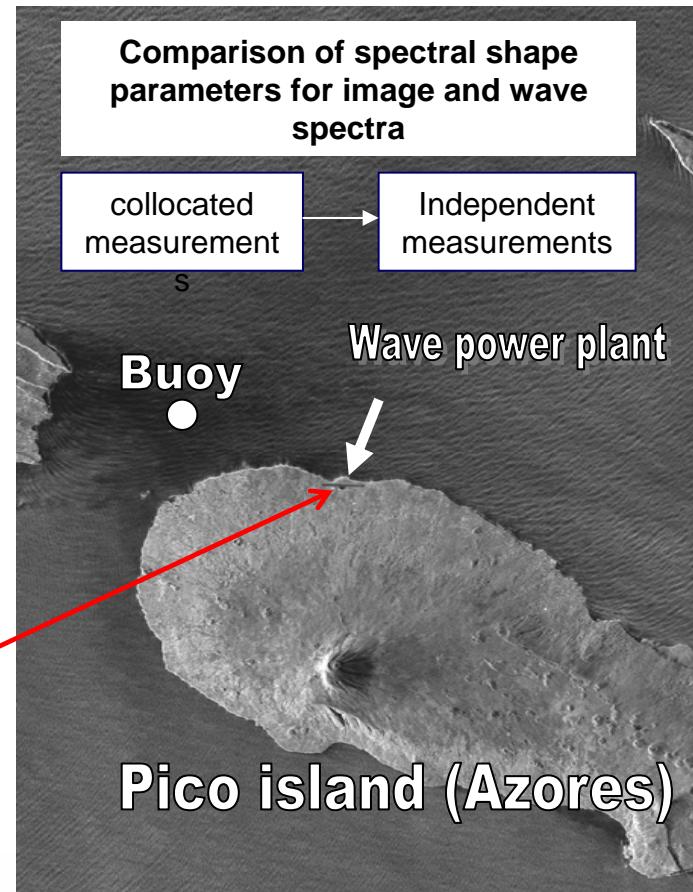
# Application: Sea-State spatial Variability and Wind Field estimation using TerraSAR-X Synthetic Aperture Radar Data



- Spatial variability is observed by TS-X imagery
- Wind field estimated



sea state at wave power plant differs from the one at the buoy location



# Example: Pico island, Sea State near Pico Wave Farm

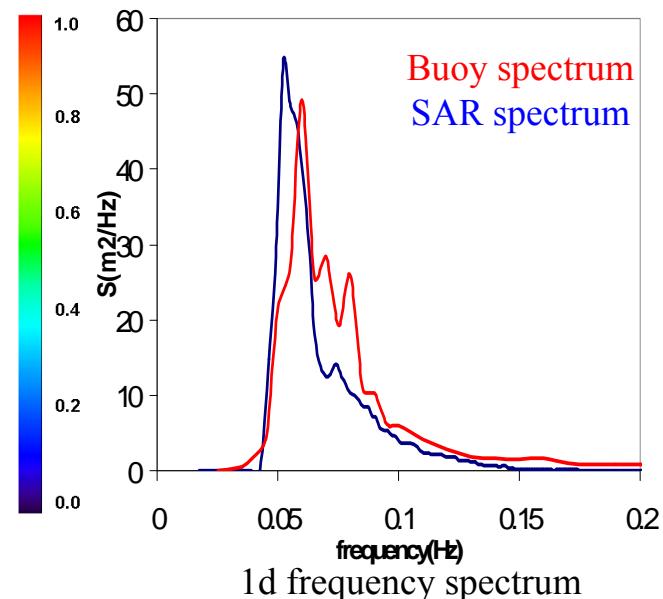
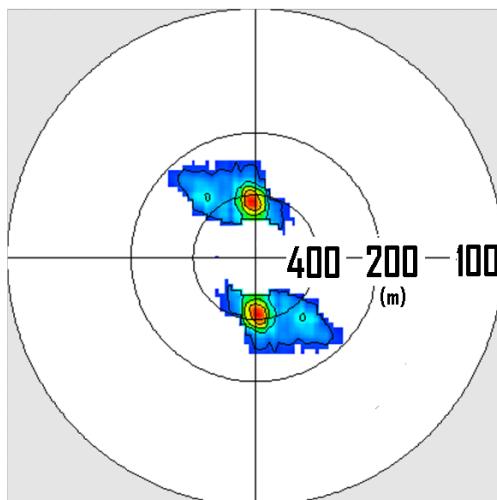


SM, VV polarization,  
February 14, 2011

M.Bruck et al, EWTEC, 2011



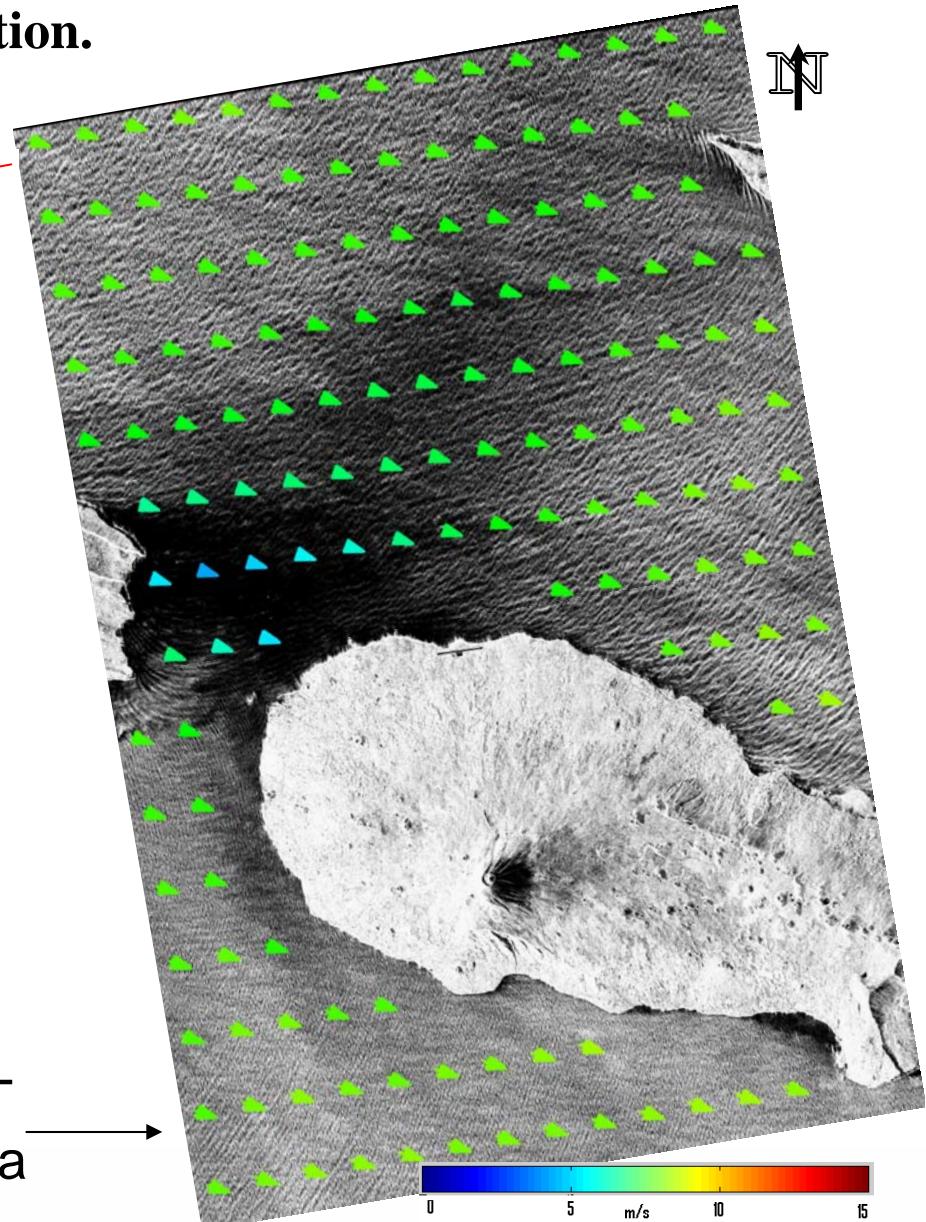
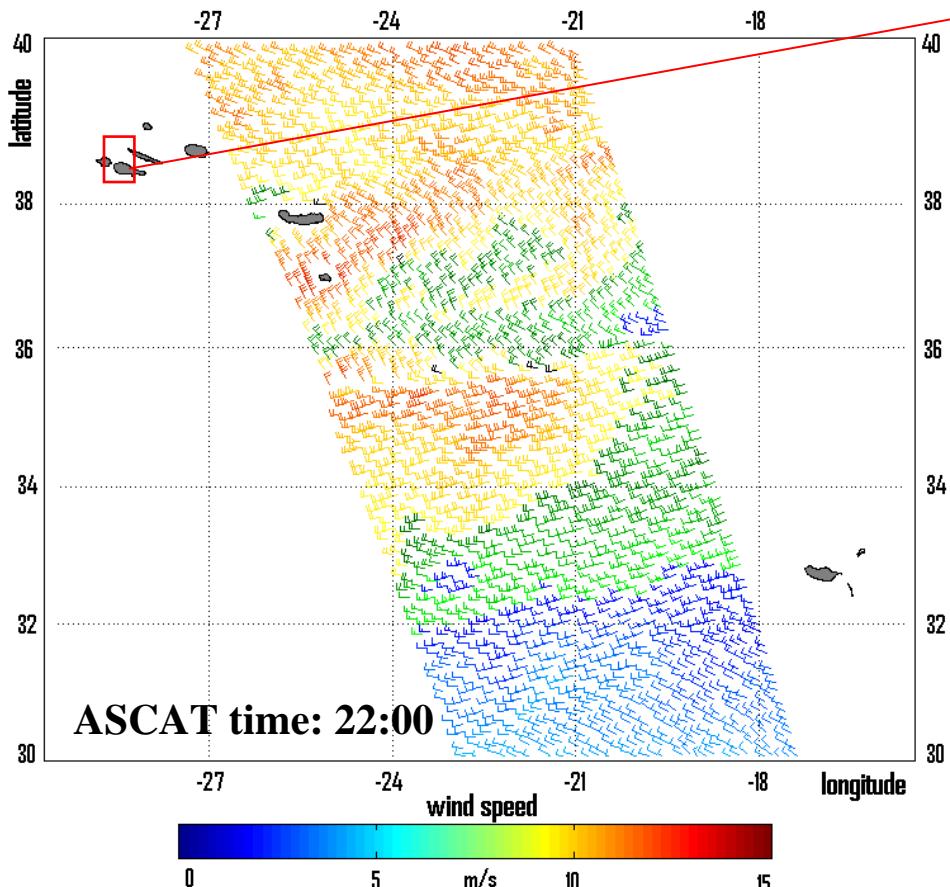
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2011-02-14	$H_s$ (m)	$T_p$ (s)	$T_{02}$ (s)	$T_{-10}$ (s)	$\theta_m$ (°)
Buoy 19:30	4.7	16.7	11.6	14.2	347
TS-X 19:41	4.3	18.1	11.8	14.6	351

# Pico island: TD-X Stripmap VV polarization.

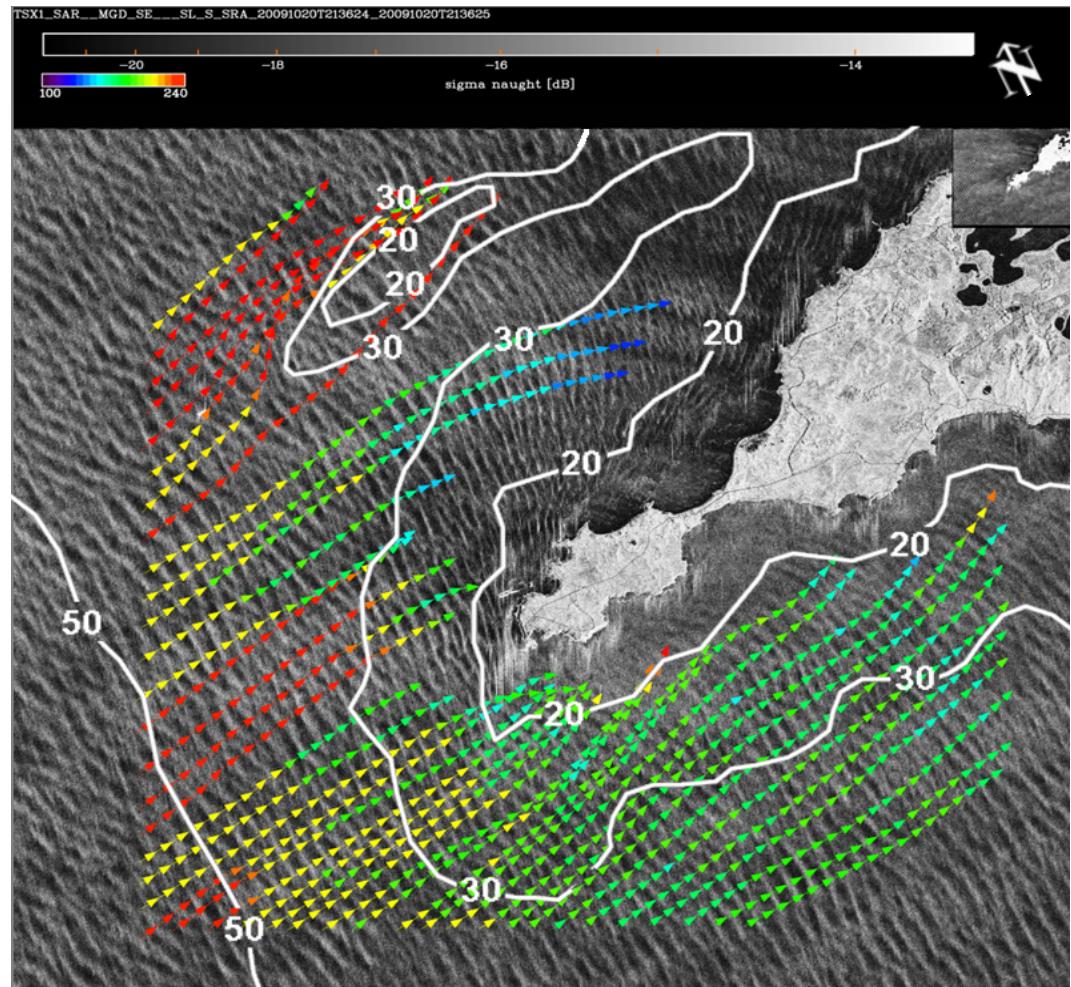
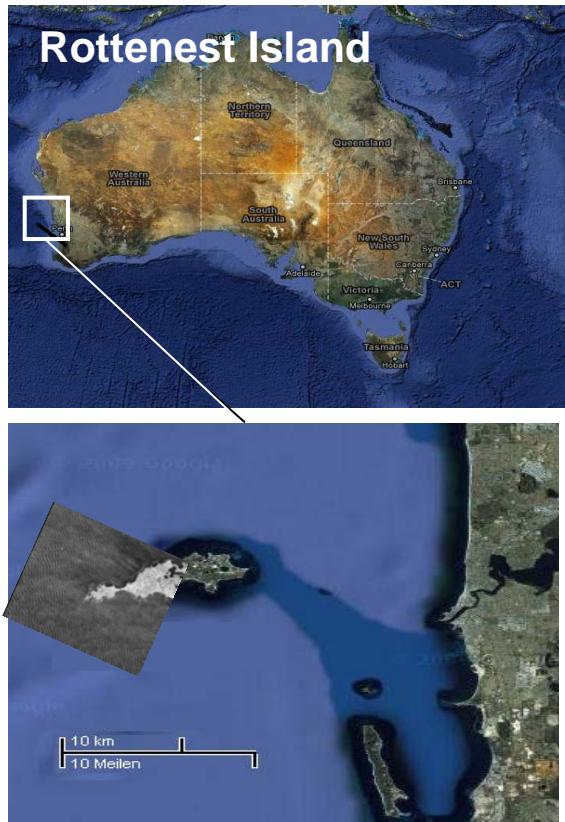
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Wind vectors derived by the ASCAT  
Wind speed derived from TS-X data

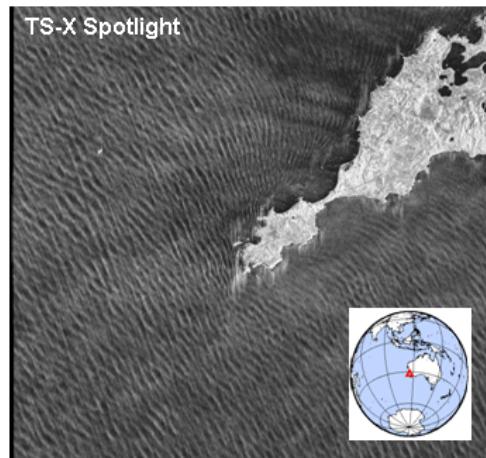
# Determination of Underwater Bathymetry

using Dispersion Relation



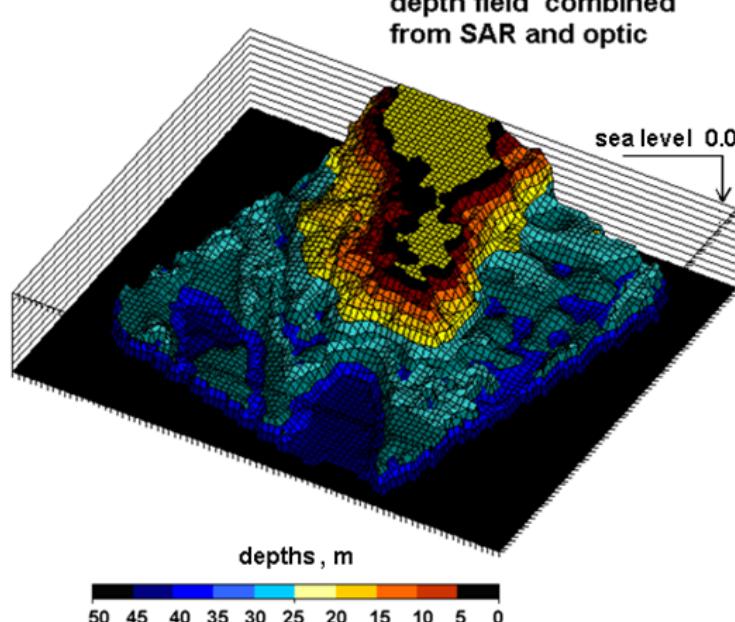
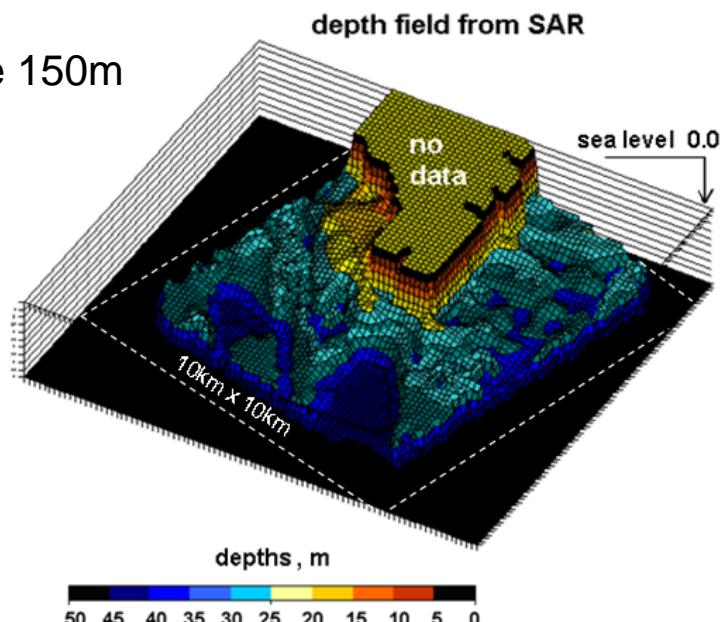
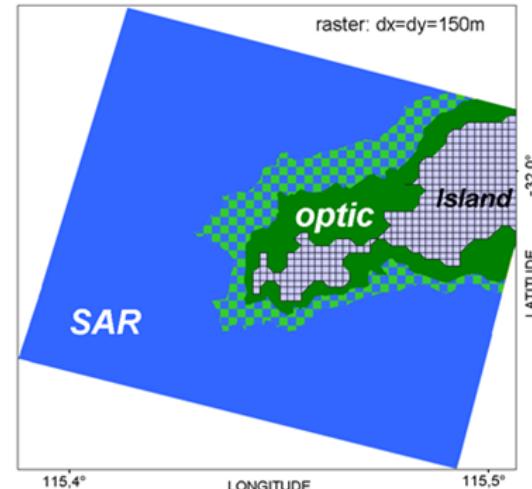
A. Pleskachevsky et al., Ocean Dynamics

# Underwater topography from TerraSAR SAR and Optical



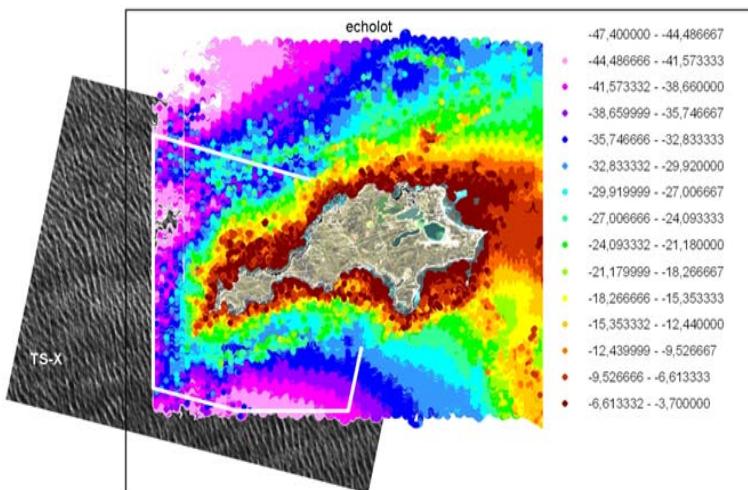
Optical and SAR data:  
fusion and synergy  
*areas*

- depths from optical data
- optical & SAR: synergy
- depths from SAR

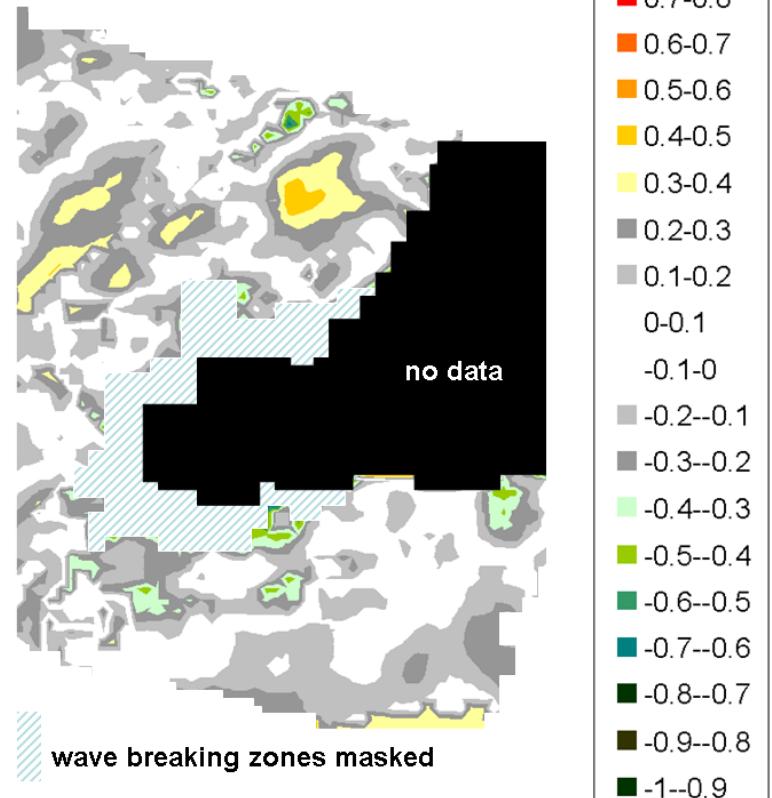


# Determination of Underwater Bathymetry

## Validation



$$\text{relative deviation} = \frac{D_{\text{MESS}} - D_{\text{TSX}}}{D_{\text{MESS}}}$$



A.Plekachevky et al  
Oceandynamics, 2011

# Summary

Obtained information on the highly variable wind field and sea state in coastal areas using high resolution TerraSAR data

Use information from refraction to obtain underwater bathymetry

## Methods

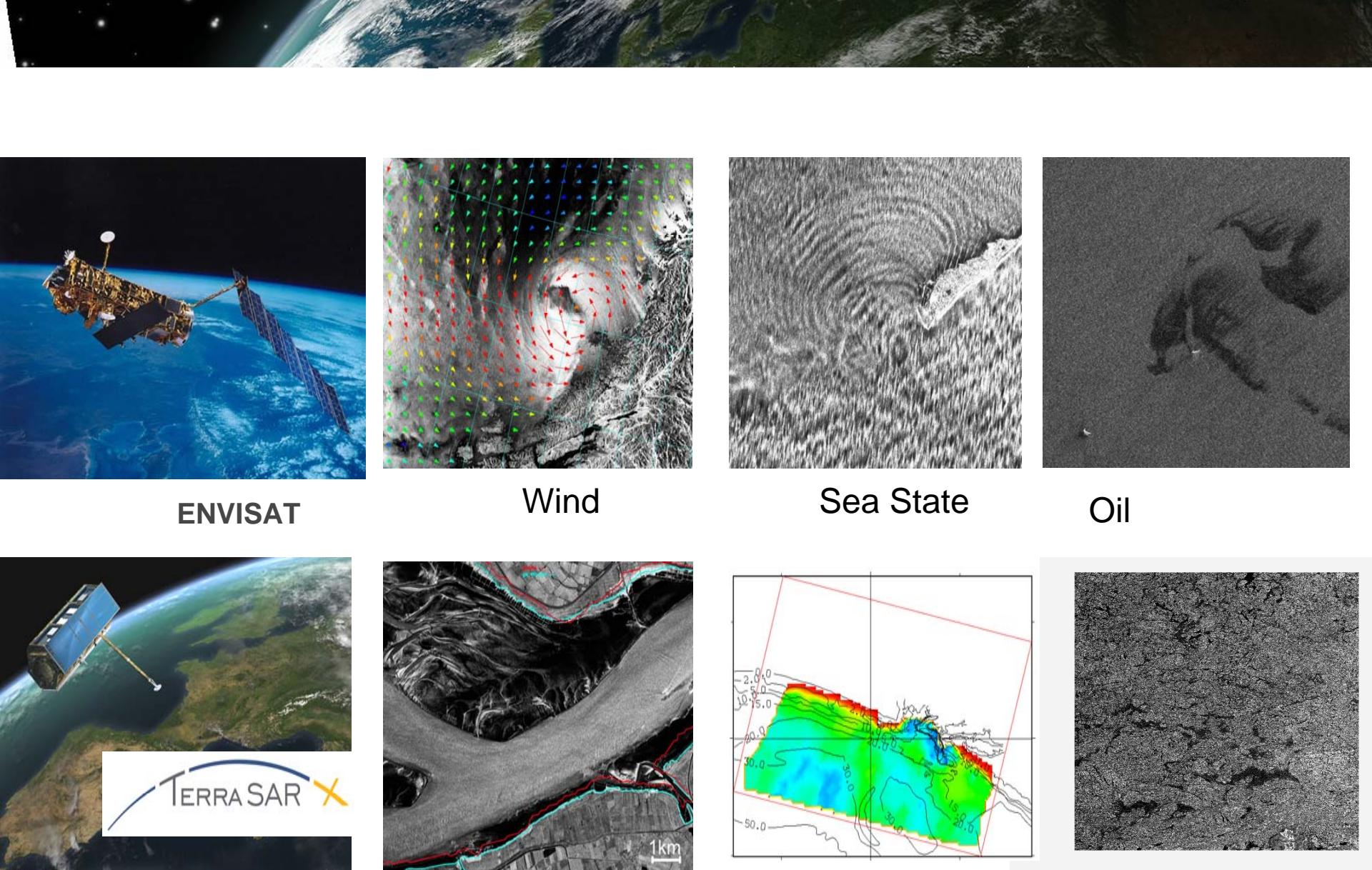
- Estimation by XMOD and XWAVE algorithm
- Comparison/Validation of wind field sea state parameters derived from TS-X SAR data with *in-situ* buoy measurements.
- Characterization of sea state using integrated sea state and spectral shape parameters

## Goal

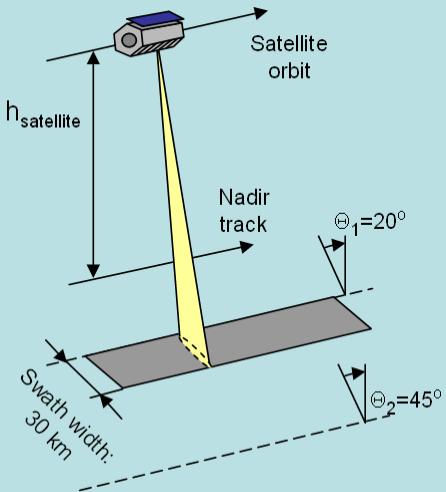
Real Time Satellite Services for North Sea, Baltic Sea, Mediterranean in cooperation with DWD



Thank you for your attention !



# TerraSAR-X Nominal Imaging Modes

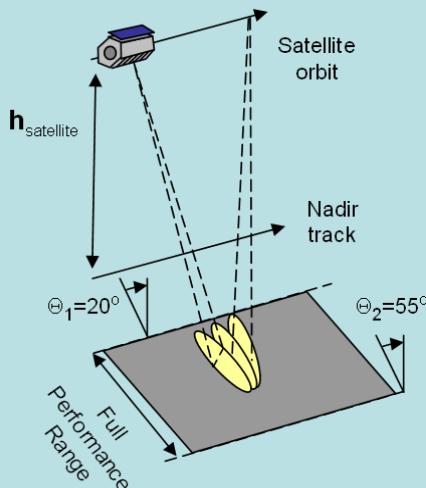


## StripMap Mode

**Resolution:** 3 m ´ 3 m

**Scene Size:** 30 km ´ 50 km  
[Range ´ Azimuth]

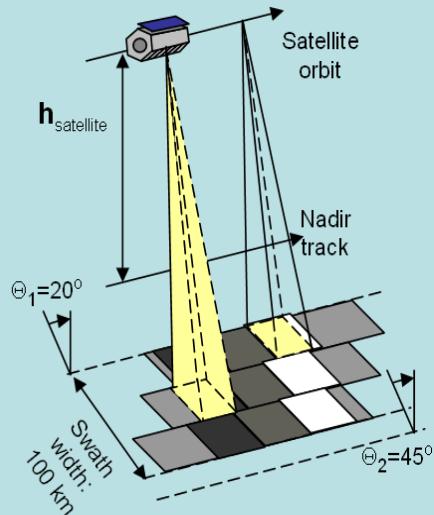
Coastal NRT < 20 min



## SpotLight Mode

**Resolution:** 1 m ´ 1,5... 3,5 m

**Scene Size:** 10 km ´ 5...10 km  
[Range ´ Azimuth]  
Harbour, breakwaters, platforms

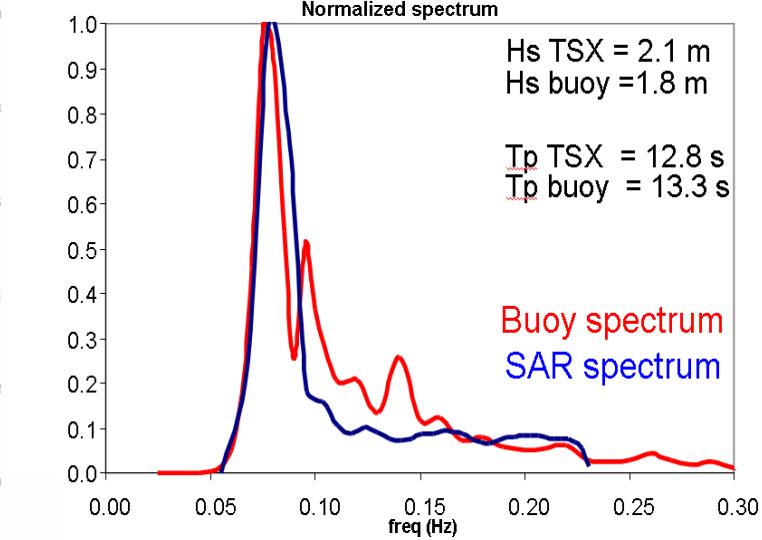
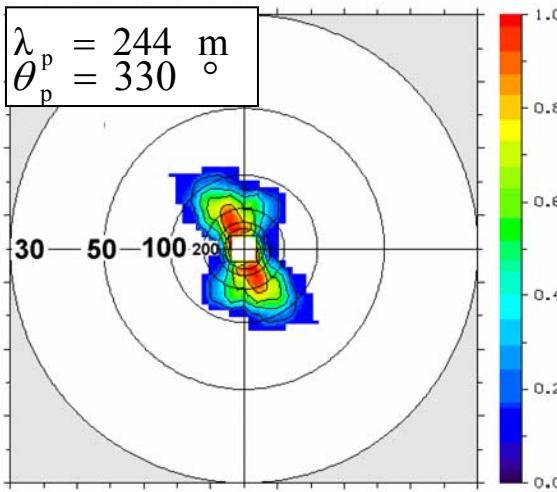
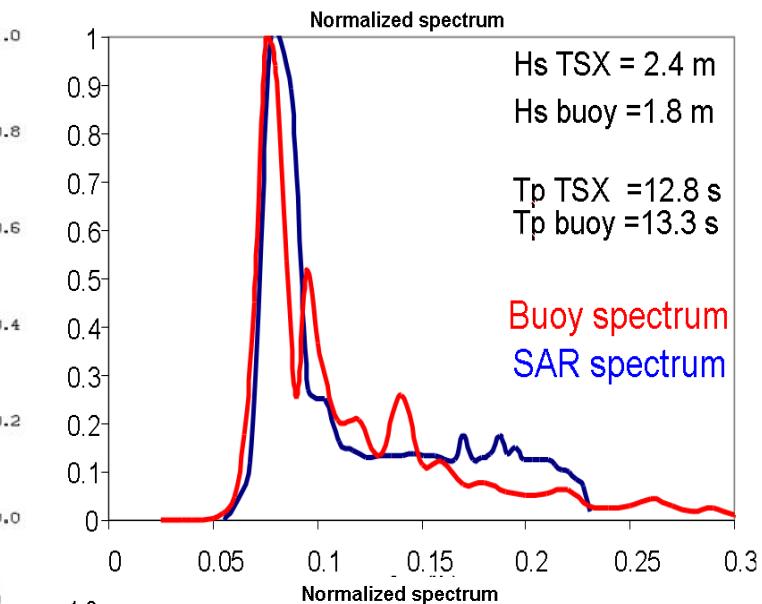
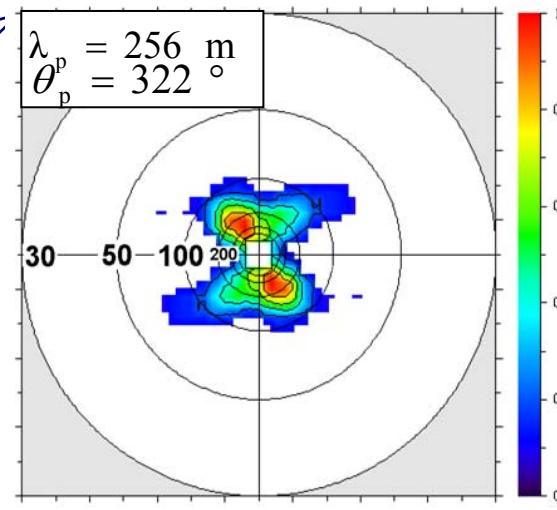
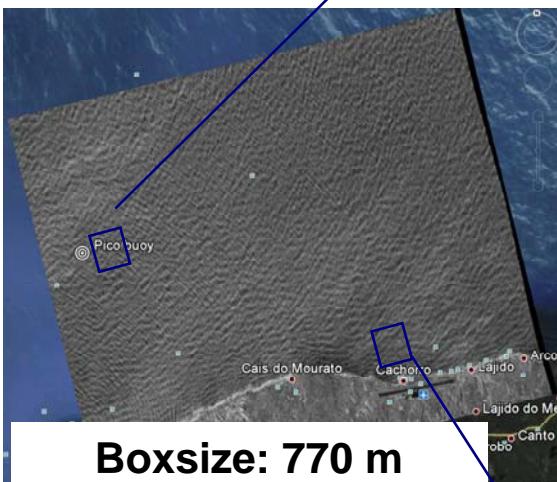


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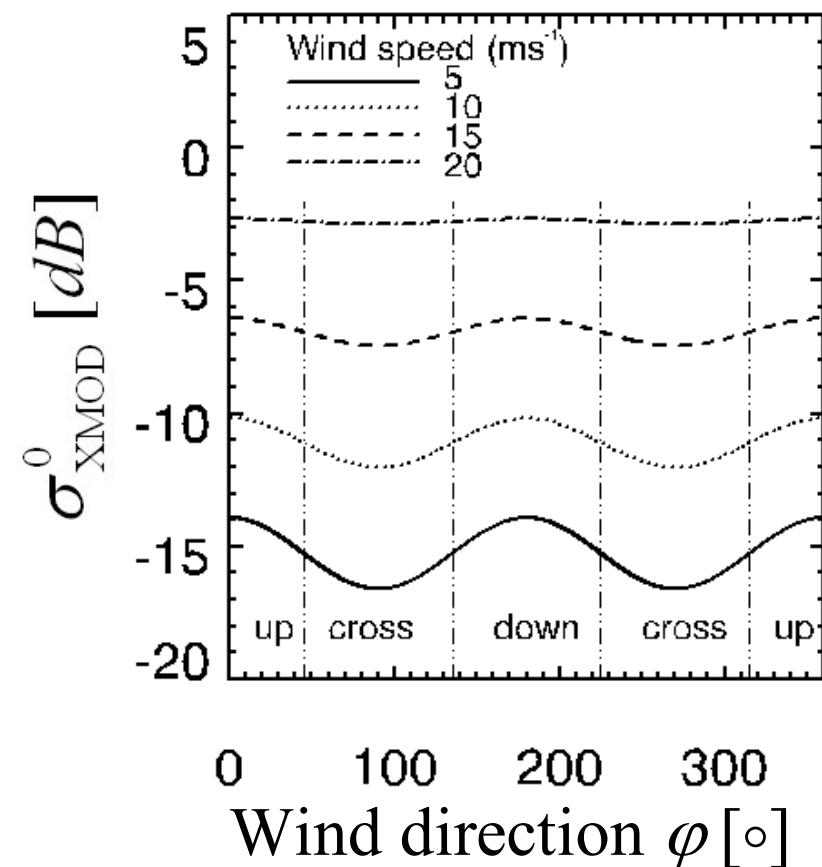
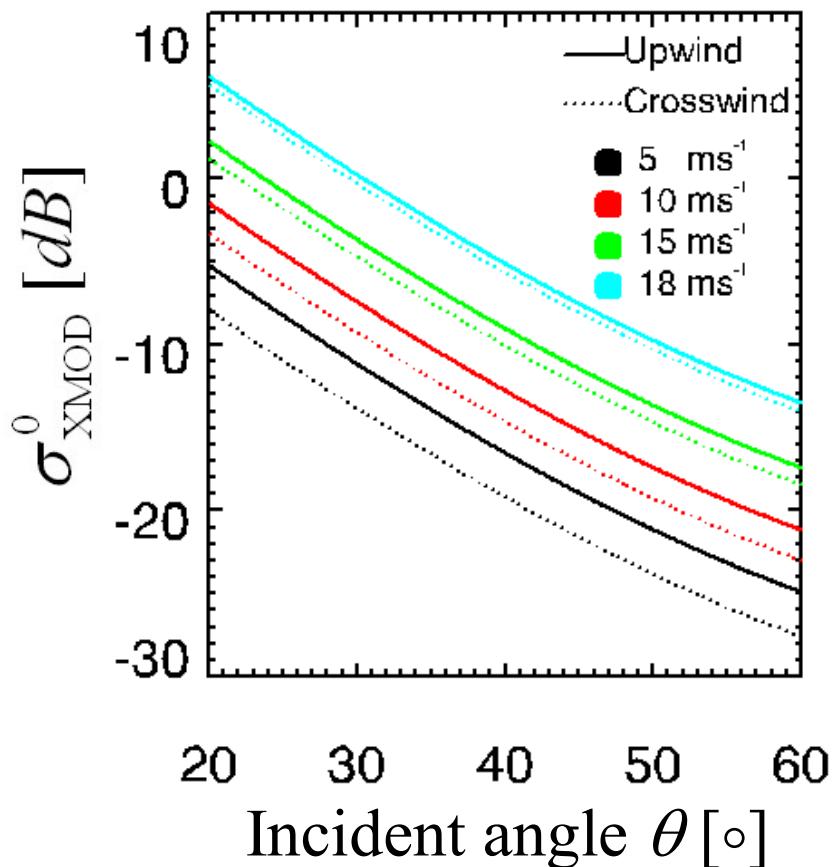
**Resolution:** 16 m ´ 16 m

**Scene Size:** 100 km ´ 150 km  
[Range ´ Azimuth]  
Ships , sea ice

# Pico island: Spotlight VV polarization, 27 March 2010 19:41



# Wind Field Algorithm XMOD 1.0



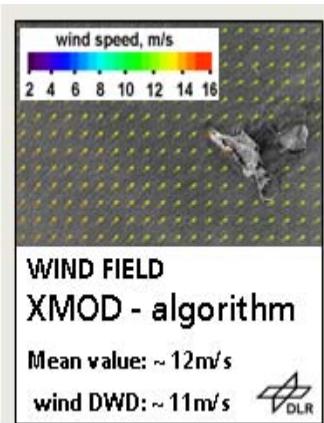
NRCS by XMOD dependent on  
Incidence angle and wind direction (at angle of 35° ).

# Implementierung aus SAR abgeleiteter Parameter in numerische Seegangsmodelle

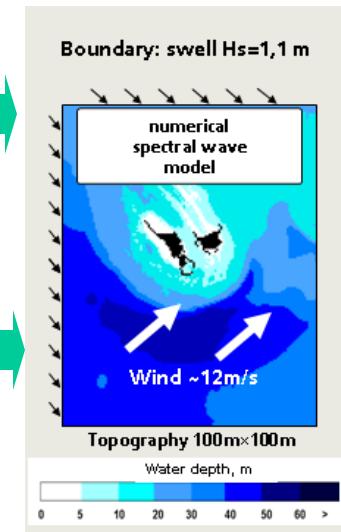
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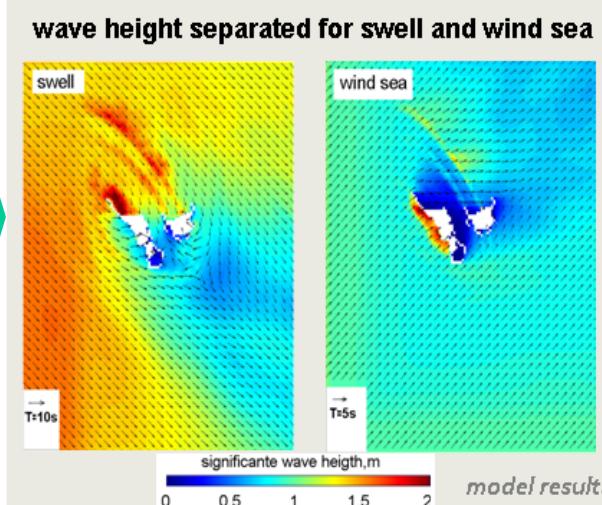
Wind und Randwerte



Topographie und Seegangsmodell

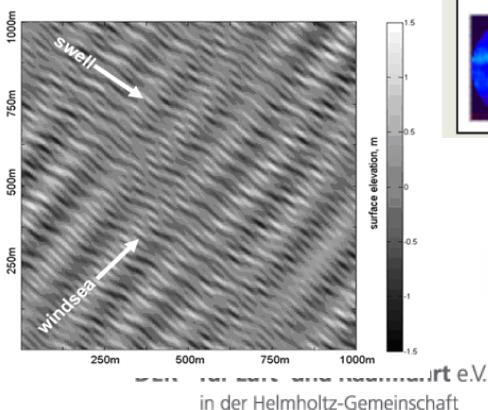


Seegangsmodell Ergebnisse

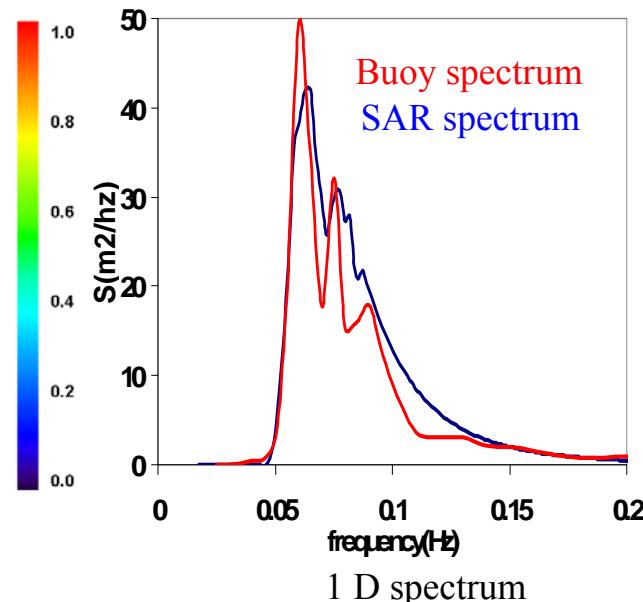
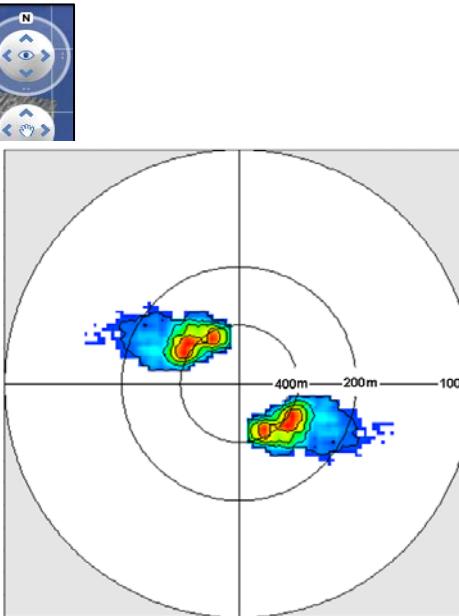
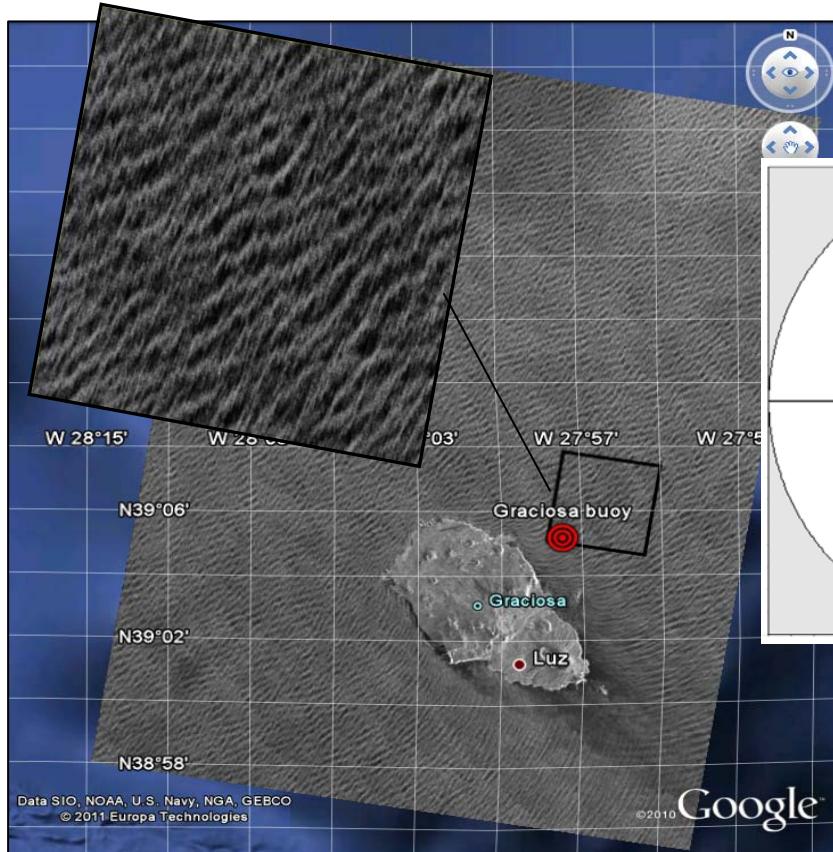


Randspektrum aus zwei Teilen:  
- Dünung (XWAVE)  
- Windsee (JONSWAP)

**Windfeld:** XMOD Algorithmus  
**Seegang:** XWAVE Algorithmus



# Graciosa island: Stripmap VV polarization February 13, 2011



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Buoy 8:39	4.8	15.4	9.7	12.9	341
TSX 7:55	5.2	15.4	7.4	13.5	310