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Recent dramatic advances in developing fully polarimetric space SAR sensors: Why must reduced Compact SAR concepts not be accepted for satellite sensor implementation, and where do we go from here?

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OUTLINE

1. Recent most pertinent POLinSAR Workshops

- 1. POLinSAR 2003 January 14 16: No space-borne SAR, participants: 80 <u>http://earth.esa.int/workshops/polinsar2003</u>
- 2. POLinSAR 2005 January 17 21: No space-borne SAR, participants: 120 <u>http://earth.esa.int/workshops/polinsar2005</u>
- 3. POLinSAR 2007 January 22 26 : ALOS-PALSAR, participants: 160+ <u>http://earth.esa.int/workshops/polinsar2007</u>
- 4. POLinSAR 2009 January 26 30: 3 space-borne SAR, participants: 180+ http://earth.esa.int/workshops/polinsar2009

2. Advent of 3 Fully Polarimetric Space-borne SAR Sensors

- ALOS-PALSAR L-Band: January 2006
- RADARSAT-2 C-Band: December 2007
- TerraSAR-X X-Band: June 2007

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SUMMARY of POLinSAR 2009

POLinSAR 2009: 3 Fully Polarimetric Sensors, ~ 180+ participants <u>http://earth.esa.int/workshops/polinsar2009</u>

- Summary: further advancement of POLinSAR with all 3 sensors
 - New Findings: POLinSAR old & young expert community is growing

- What was accomplished: Excellent presentations especially by junior experts & advances made on several basic and applied POLinSAR R&D projects

- What is still required: More test-site multi-sensor data acquisitions





Table 1. Comparison of High-Level Parameters					
Parameter	PALSAR	TerraSAR-X			
Orbit: LEO, circular	Sun-synchronous	Sun-synchronous	Sun-synchronous		
Repeat Period (days)	46	24	11		
Equatorial Crossing time (hrs)	22:30 (ascending)	18:00 (ascending)	18.00 (ascending)		
Inclination (degrees)	98.16	98.6	97.44		
Equatorial Altitude (km)	692	798	515		
Wavelength (Band)	23 cm (<i>L</i>)	5.6 cm (<i>C</i>)	3 cm (X)		
Fully polarimetric mode	Yes	Yes	Yes		



ALOS / PALSAR Japanese Space Agency (JAXA) L-Band (quad), 2006



RadarSAT-II Canadian Space Agency (CSA) C-Band (quad), 2007



TerraSAR-X German Aerospace Center (DLR) / Astirum X-Band (quad), 2007



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> ALOS is one of the largest Earth observing satellites ever developed, at 3850 kg. It is in a near-exact 45day repeat sun-synchronous orbit, 690 km altitude above the equator. The active phased array SAR antenna is obliquely Earth-facing, aligned with the spacecraft velocity vector. The solar array is arranged at right angles to the orbit plane, consistent with the near-mid-day orbit phasing. The X-band down-link must be shared with optical instruments, which constrains SAR operation times.

Table 1. Selected PALSAR Mode Parameters					
Mode (selected)	Resolution (m)	Swath (km)	Looks	Polarization	
Standard, stripmap	20 x 10	70	2	HH or VV	
Fine	10	70	1	HH or VV	
ScanSAR (5-beam)	~ 100	350	8	HH or VV	
Dual polarization	(as above)	(as above)	(as above)	(HH, HV), (VV, VH)	
Quad-pol	30 x 10	30	2	Full polarization	





Ascending

2006/8/17

2006/10/2



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Pd, Pv, Ps Niigata University Pauli-basis HH-VV, 2HV, HH+VV **HV-basis**

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Ps

Pv

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Pd, Pv, Ps

Pauli-basis



HH-VV, 2HV, HH+VV



HV-basis

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Four-component decomposition

New rotated decomposition

Scattering power decomposition by rotation of coherency matrix for Niigata City area in Niigata Prefecture of Japan University of Illinois at Chicago Communications, Sensing & Navigation Lab

ALOS-PALSAR In Orbit Demonstration Study

Exploration / Validation of the INDREX-II Campaign

Classification of Land Cover Types using PALSAR WB & Dual Pol





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The RADARSAT-2 satellite bus is based on the PRIMA architecture developed by Alenia Spazio of Italy. The bus features a primary rectangular structure with the bodymounted SAR antenna on the Earth-facing panel, and two solar panel arrays mounted on single-degree-offreedom axels. The antenna and solar arrays are parallel to each other, a consequence of the dawn-dusk sunsynchronous orbit. The X-Band down link presents no interference hazard with the C-band SAR. Dawn-dusk operations permit a relatively large 28-minute data acquisition time per orbit.

Table 1. Selected RADARSAT-2 Modes						
Mode	Resolution (m)	Swath (km)	Looks	Polarization		
Standard, stripmap	25	100	4	HH or VV		
Fine	8	50	8	HH or VV		
ScanSAR Wide	100	500	8	HH or VV		
Dual polarization	(as above)	(as above)	(as above)	(HH, HV), (VV, VH)		
Quad-pol (standard)	25 x 8	25	4	Full polarization		
Quad-pol (fine)	8	25	1	Full polarization		



RADARSAT-2

Orbit Parameters



RADARSAT-2 Imaging Modes

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Space-borne RADARSAT2 PolSAR Sensors San Francisco Bay – July 2008



Space-borne RADARSAT-2 PolSAR Sensors Flevoland – July 2008

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The TerraSAR-X satellite bus claims heritage from the successful Champ and Grace Missions. The spacecraft bus features a primary structure with a hexagonal cross section. The active phased array SAR antenna is attached on the Earth-facing panel in the figure. The solar array is body-mounted, a satisfactory scheme for the sun-synchronous orbit plan. The X-Band down link antenna is mounted on a 3.3 m long deployable boom in order to prevent interference with the X-Band SAR instrument. This concept enables simultaneous data acquisition and data down link.

Table 1. Selected Mode Parameters						
Mode (selected)	Resolution (m)	Swath (km)	Looks	Polarization		
Standard, stripmap	3	30	1	HH or VV		
High-resolution Spotlight	1	10	1	HH or VV		
ScanSAR	16	100	1	HH or VV		
Quad-pol (experimental)	3	15	1	Full polarization		





- For <u>transmit</u> the full antenna is used
- For <u>receive</u> the antenna is ,electrically' divided into two sections in azimuth direction → two independent receive channels are available

New Experimental Modes

• Along-Track Interferometry (ATI)

(Moving Target Indication, Widespread Traffic Control, Ocean Current Measurement)

Quad polarization

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(Sea/Ice, Snow Cover, Urban Environment)

Quadpol switching scheme





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Polarimetric Analysis (dual pol HHVV) @ X-



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Polarimetric Analysis (dual pol HHVV)



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Polarimetric Analysis (dual pol HHVV vs quad pol)



Clouds over Melaka Strait TerraSAT-X X-Band

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AES1 AeroSensing (D) GulfStream Commander X-Band (HH), P-Band (Quad)



ESAR DLR (D) DO 228 P, L, S-Band (Quad) C, X-Band (Sngl)



AIRSAR NASA / JPL (USA) DC8 P, L, C-Band (Quad)



EMISAR DCRS (DK) G3 Aircraft L, C-Band (Quad)



DOSAR EADS / Dornier GmbH (D) DO 228 (1989), C160 (1998), G222 (2000) S, C, X-Band (Quad), Ka-Band (VV)



RENE UVSQ / CETP (F) Écureuil AS350 S, X-Band (Quad)



MEMPHIS / AER II-PAMIR FGAN (D) Transal C160 Ka, W-Band (Quad) / X-Band (Quad)



STORM UVSQ / CETP (F) Merlin IV C-Band (Quad)



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PISAR NASDA / CRL (J) GulfStream L, X-Band (Quad)



RAMSES ONERA (F) Transal C160 P, L, S, C, X, Ku, Ka, W-Band (Quad)



SAR580 CCRS (CA) Convair CV-580 C, X-Band (Quad)

+ CASSAR (China), MIT/Lincoln Lab (USA), P3-SAR (NADC / ERIM -USA), Military Systems ...



E-SAR and F-SAR



• The E-SAR and F-SAR are operated onboard DLR's DO228-212 D-CFFU by the Microwaves and Radar Institute in cooperation with DLR's Flight Facilities based in Oberpfaffenhofen

The F-SAR is currently in development and is planned to fully replace the E-SAR until middle of 2011

New features:

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- significantly enhanced resolution and image quality
- simultaneous data recording in up to four frequency bands
- modular design for easy reconfiguration
- single-pass polarimetric interferometry in X- and S-band
- fully polarimetric capability in all frequencies

E-SAR technical characteristics

	X			С	L	Ρ
RF [GHz]	9.6	5.3	1.3	0.35		
BW [MHz]	50	-100 (select	able)		
PRF [kHz]		up t	02			
Rg res. [m]	1.5	1.5	2.0	3.0		
Az res. [m]	0.2	0.3	0.4	1.5		
Pol/InSAR	-/+	-/-	+/o	+/o		
Rg cov [km]		3-	5			
Sampling	6-8 I	Bit cor	mplex;	100M	lHz;	
	max number of samples 4 K per range line: 1 recording channel.					K per nnel.

F-SAR technical characteristics

[Χ			С	S	
		L	Ρ			
RF [GHz]	9.6	5.3	3.2	1.3	0.35	
BW [MHz]	800	400	300	150	100	
PRF [kHz]		ι	ip to 1	2		
Rg res. [m]	0.3	0.6	0.75	1.5	2.25	
Az res. [m]	0.2	0.3	0.35	0.4	1.5	
Pol/InSAR	+/+	+/o	+/+	+/o	+/o	
Rg cov [km]	12.5 (at max.bandwith)					
Sampling	8 Bit real; 1000MHz;					
	max number of samples 64 K per					
	range line; 4 recording channels.					




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Random-Volume-over-Ground Model Inversion Results



ESAR / Test Site: Kuettighoffen, Switzerland



SAR Image L-band

Corn Height Map



DLR-HR's new SAR sensor



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F-SAR X-Band Quad-Pol











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UAVSAR Overview

- UAVSAR developed under NASA ESTO funding beginning in 2004.
- UAVSAR is an L-band fully polarimetric SAR employing an electronically scanned antenna that has been designed to support a wide range of science investigations.
 - Science investigations supported by UAVSAR include solid earth, cryospheric studies, vegetation mapping and land use classification, archeological research, soil moisture mapping, geology and cold land processes.
 - To support science applications requiring repeat pass observations such as solid earth and vegetation applications the UAVSAR design incorporates:
 - A precision autopilot developed by NASA Dryden that allows the platform to fly repeat trajectories that are mostly within a 5 m tube.
 - Compensates for attitude angle changes during and between repeat tracks by electronically pointing the antenna based on attitude angle changes measured by the INU.
- UAVSAR is testing new experimental modes, e.g. the multi-squint mode whereby data is collected simultaneously at multiple squint angles to enable vector deformation measurements with a single repeat pass.



Initial Flight Testing of UAVSAR



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San Andreas Fault Repeat-Pass Baseline 80 km Datatakes on February 12 and 20 of 2008.









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San Andreas Fault Imagery



The same trees in Google Earth image can be seen in UAVSAR L-band image



The different colors in the UAVSAR image generally correspond to different vegetation characteristics on the surface. LI Compensation for & projection to LI surface topography not applied.

1 km LHH=red LHV=green LVV=blue



Data collected Feb 12, 2008

2x6 looks (3m resolution)

5. Outlook & Future Needs

- New Sensors, space-borne: TandemSAR-X, TandemSAR-L (Destiny), ...
- -New Sensors, air-borne: F-SAR (P, L, S, C, X, K, V, W), ...
- New Sensors, ultrahigh air-borne: JPL-UAV (Global Hawks),
- Algorithm Developments: Fully Polarimetric RP-POLinSAR assessment
- Applications: Focused increase providing clear-cut successes

6. POLinSAR 2011 Single & Tandem Spaceborne POL-SAR Sensors, Increase number of Text books & Training Workshops



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Global Monitoring of Bio-, Geo-, Cryo- and Hydrosphere processes with hith temporal and spatial resolution. (Prof. A. Moreira – POLINSAR09)

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TerraSAR – X (1 & 2) (2010) Pol – InSAR Sensors TanDEM-X







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Upcoming High-altitude PolSAR Sensors

UAVSAR JPL Gulf-Stream III L (Quad - Pol)

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(HH-VV, HV, HH+VV)

UAVSAR Port To Global Hawk

- Measuring millimeter-scale surface deformation at both high temporal and spatial resolution (20 minutes to years at resolutions down to 10 m)
- Full polarimetric imagery enables reflectivity analysis of surface properties supporting
 - Soil moisture and sea surface salinity measurement
 - Biomass measurement and land surface classification
 - Archeological studies
- Global Hawk application with two UAVSAR pods would enable high precision topographic map generation and single pass fully polarimetric interferometry for vegetation structure measurements
- Global Hawk endurance of nearly a day would enable long loiter time over dynamic targets such as volcanoes and earthquake prone regions for pre-event signature studies or post-event scientific and hazard management activities
- Global Hawk range on the order of 8500 nm could enable data collection of distant areas of interest (e.g. Greenland, Aleutians) without complicated campaign deployments
- Global Hawk would be an ideal platform to performing mapping and regional science using the UAVSAR



NASA-JPL UAVSAR on Global Hawk





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7. Recent Textbooks on Radar Polarimetry & Polarimetric Interferometry

Mott, Boerner, Yamaguchi, Souyris, Jin, Jin-Xu, Pottier-Lee, Cloude, Jian Yang,Cumming-Wong

Addendum: Boerner, Literature Assessment

Recent Books on Polarimetric Radar & SAR, Polarimetric Interferometry

Harold MOTT, Remote Sensing with Polarimetric Radar, Wiley-IEEE Press, 1st ed., January 2007, pp309, ISBN: 978-0470074763 {also see previous books by late Harold Mott, 1986 & 1992}

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Yamaguchi, Yoshio, *Radar Polarimetry from Basics to Applications: Radar Remote Sensing using Polarimetric Information (in Japanese)*, IEICE Press, Dec. 2007, (soft cover), ISBN: 978-4-88552-227-7, http://www.ieicepress.com/

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Cumming, I. G. and F. W. Wong, "*Digital Processing of Synthetic Aperture Radar Data*". Artech House, 653-pages, January 2005. (Published in Chinese, October 2007).

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recent availability of data from a new generation of space and airborne systems, and the authors take full advantage of this data to offer a synthetic geometrical approach to the description of the SAR technique, one that addresses physicists, radar specialists, as well as experts in image processing.

The book begins with a "theoretical emergency kit" that provides the foundation necessary to understand the math and science behind the SAR technology. It then provides a comprehensive description of the technique itself, stressing the geometrical approach to radar processing, followed by a description of how these principles are applied by considering SAR design from a radiometric perspective. The authors then turn their attention to radar interferometry, explaining the practical aspects behind obtaining interferometric products from radar data, in the context of resolving ambiguity interpretation, the availability of space-borne systems, radar-data archives and software-processing resources. The book closes with a detailed description of radar polarimetry.

Richly illustrated with a careful mathematical development of the basic scientific concepts, the book is intended for both academic use (by professors and students), as well as by professionals working in industry or government laboratories.

DIDIER MASSONNET of the CNES is an IEEE fellow and an AGU member; he's the author of several patents, notably the interferometric cartwheel.

JEAN-CLAUDE SOUVRIS is head of the altimetry and radar department at the CNES. He is an IEEE member, and Associate Editor for Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters.



2008, 290 pages, Hardcover, EPFL Press ISBN 2-940222-15-5 (CRC Press ISBN 978-0-8493-8239-4) CRC Press Taylor & Francts Group

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The development of POLSARPRO Software is a direct result of recommendations made during the POLinSAR Workshops held at ESA-ESRIN in January 2003.



2003



New version 4.0 released in occasion of POLinSAR 2009



This book combines, for the first time, the topics of radar polarimetry and interferometry. This combination was first developed in 1997 and has since become a major topic in radar sciences and their applications, in particular to space sciences. In its simplest form it concerns the study of interferograms formed by combining waves with different polarisations and their exploitation to infer important physical properties of the planetary surface being investigated.

The book is written in three main sections. The first four chapters provide detailed coverage of all major topics of polarimetry, including its basis in electromagnetic scattering theory, decomposition theorems and a detailed analysis of the entropy/alpha approach. The next chapter offers a brief introduction to radar interferometry, before developing in three chapters the important new topic of polarimetric interferometry. In this way the book provides a complete treatment of the subject, suitable for those working in interferometry who wish to know about polarimetry, or vice versa, as well as those new to the topic who are looking for a one-stop comprehensive treatment of the subject. The emphasis throughout is on the application of these techniques to remote sensing and the book concludes with a set of practical examples to illustrate the theoretical ideas.

S.R. Cloude is Director of AEL Consultants, Cupar, UK.

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Cover image: Estimated tree heights for a forest test area (Traunstein, Bavaria) generated from the airborne imaging radar system E-SAR, operated by the Cormon aerospace centre, DUR. The tree heights were generated using techniques of polari-metric SAR interforometry or POLINSAR as described in this book. The data is imported and displayed in Google Earth as a 3-D representation, allowing integration of the tree height product with other land use features (image courtesy of DLR).

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- Developed to be accessible to a wide range of users from novices to experts in the field of POLSAR and POL-InSAR
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- Open Source Software Development

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2009 Conferences Pertinent to Radar and SAR Remote Sensing

ICONIC 2009, Taipei, Taiwan, 2009 June 24 – 26

{Int'l. Conference on Electromagnetic Near-Field Characterization and Imaging, Oriental Institute of Technology, Taipei} <u>http://www.oit.edu.tw/iconic2009/</u>

IGARSS 2009, Capetown, South Africa, 2009 July 13 – 17

{Int'l. Symposium on Geosciences & Remote Sensing} http://www.igarss09.org/

ISAP 2009, Bangkok, Thailand, 2009 October 20 – 23

{IEICE, Int'l. Symposium on Antennas & Propagation} http://isap09.org/

APSAR 2009, Xian, PRC China, 2009 October 26 – 28

{CIE, Asia-Pacific Conference on Synthetic Aperture – 2nd symposium in China} <u>http://www.isap2009.org</u>

AEMC 2009 & CODEC 2009, Kolkata, India, 2009 December 14 - 16

{Applied Electromagnetics Conference, and Int'l. Conference on Computers for Communications: both with Institute of Radio Physics and Electronics, University of Calcutta, 92, A. P. C. Road, Kolkata - 700009, India} <u>http://www.irpel.org./codec-09</u>

ICMARS 2009, Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India, 2009 December 19 - 21

{International Conference on Microwaves, Antennas & Remote Sensing, International Centre for Radio Science(ICRS), "OM-NIWAS" A-23, Shastri Nagar Jodhpur - 342003, Rajasthan, In} <u>http://www.radioscience.org</u>

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"Natural hazards are inevitable! Natural disasters are not & how can we reduce aftereffects?"

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•	Deep earth sounding	ULF - LF
•	Ground penetrating radar	LF - VHF
•	Mineral resource exploration	HF - UHF
•	Biomass and vegetative cover estimation	HF – EHF (P/L/C-Band)
•	Man made surface structure monitoring	HF – EHF (C/X/K-Band)
•	Atmospheric passive remote sensing	cm – sub-mm

 We need to put our act together as the global remote sensing community and request from ITU/WMO the protection of the "fundamental natural resource: the e-m spectrum", and for providing the spectral bands for us to fulfill our professional duties as

"The Remote Sensing Pathologists and Radiologists of Earth and Planetary Covers"



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