



# 2022 DRAGON 5 SYMPOSIUM

## MID-TERM RESULTS REPORTING

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RESCCOME: REMOTE SENSING OF CHANGING  
MARINE COASTAL ENVIRONMENTS



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**PROJECT TITLE: ReSCCoME**



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## □ ReSCCoME: Remote Sensing of Changing Coastal Marine Environments

### □ Objectives:

- **Exploitation of Copernicus Sentinels, ESA, ESA TPM and Chinese EO data**  
better understanding of the ways, in which coastal ecosystems are exposed to, and react on, various anthropogenic impacts
- **Scientific exchange**  
bi- or multi-lateral research or educational activities, joint Sino-European research packages
- **Publication of co-authored results**  
joint publications at the Midterm and Final Dragon 5 Symposia, and in leading peer-reviewed scientific journals
- **Training to young European and Chinese scientists**  
webinars, excursions, educational courses, and summer schools





		<b>UHH</b>	<b>Hamburg University , Hamburg, Germany</b>
		<b>DTU</b>	<b>Technical University of Denmark, Roskilde, Denmark</b>
		<b>UiT</b>	<b>The Arctic University of Norway, Tromsø, Norway</b>
		<b>UoB</b>	<b>University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania</b>
		<b>UoA</b>	<b>University of the Aegean, Mytilene, Greece</b>
		<b>AIR</b>	<b>Aerospace Information Research Institute, Beijing, China</b>
		<b>HTOU</b>	<b>Hainan Tropical Ocean University, Sanya, China</b>
		<b>TJU</b>	<b>Tianjin University, Tianjin, China</b>
		<b>OUC</b>	<b>Ocean University of China, Qingdao, China</b>
		<b>NSOAS</b>	<b>National Satellite Ocean Application Service, Beijing, China</b>





Teamleader	
Teamplayer	
involved	

## Contribution of the Partners

Research Packages	European partners					Chinese partners				
	UHH	UoA	UoB	UiT	DTU	AIRCA S	OUC	NSOAS	HNTOU	TJU
<b>1: Intertidal regions</b>										
<b>2: Offshore wind farms</b>										
<b>3: Offshore oil pollution</b>										
<b>4: Coastal pollution</b>										
<b>5: Coastline changes</b>										
<b>Cross Cutting Themes</b>										
Synergism of remote sensing data										
Processing of Big Data										
Coastal stress factors										
Education of Young Scientists										
Dissemination and outreach										





## EO data access since July 2020

Copernicus Sentinels, ESA data	No. Scenes	ESA Third Party Missions	No. Scenes	Chinese EO data	No. Scenes
1. Sentinel-1 A/B	3000 IW SLC/GRD + 1500 Stripmap SLC, GRD	5. RADARSAT-1/2	10 R1 Fine +5 R2 Fine Dual Pol	1. GF-1	400 PMS + 400 WFV Camera
2. Sentinel-2 A/B	3000 MSI 1b + 1000 MSI 2a +1000MSI 1c	6. COSMO-SkyMed	100 SAR	2. GF-6	400 WFV Multispectral
3. Sentinel-3 A/B	500 OLCI + 500 SLTSR	7. TerraSAR-X	100 Stripmap/ ScanSAR/ Wide ScanSAR	3. CBERS-4	400 MUXCAM + 400 IRS
4. ENVISAT / ERS	200 ASAR, 2000 SAR	8. ALos-1/2	200 PALSAR 1/2 L1	4. Jilin-1	300 HiRes Optical Imager

**Full archive of wind maps from DTU:**

<https://science.globalwindatlas.info/>  
(select 'Offshore wind fields in near-real-time')







## Measurements and Requirements

- **Intertidal Flats:** surface roughness, sediments, moisture, habitats
- **Offshore Wind Farms:** atmospheric and oceanic parameters
- **Offshore Oil Pollution:** surface films, environmental conditions
- **Coastal Pollution:** plastic debris, waves & currents, bathymetry
- **Coastline Changes:** waterlines, water level, bathymetry







**UHH student excursions  
on the German North Sea  
coast**



**AIRCAS staff sails  
on the South  
China Sea**





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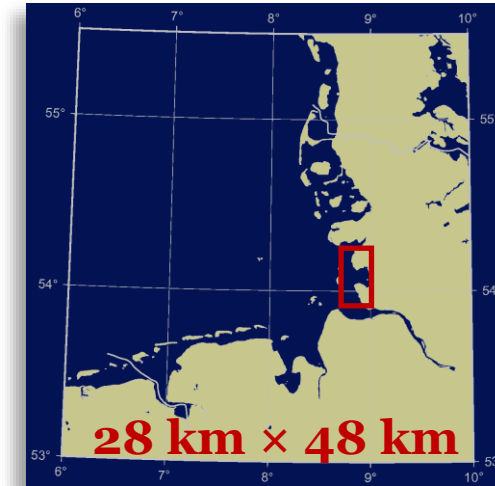






## □ Intertidal Flats: **Topography**

- Mainland as bright areas
- Exposed flats in different shades of grey
- Open water in dark grey and black



**Classification**  
dry fallen vs. submerged



**Topography map**

**Sentinel-1B (VV)**  
*16 Nov 2021, 1716 UTC*

[Peters 2022]

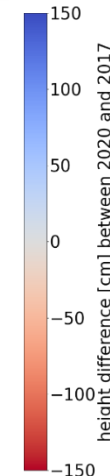
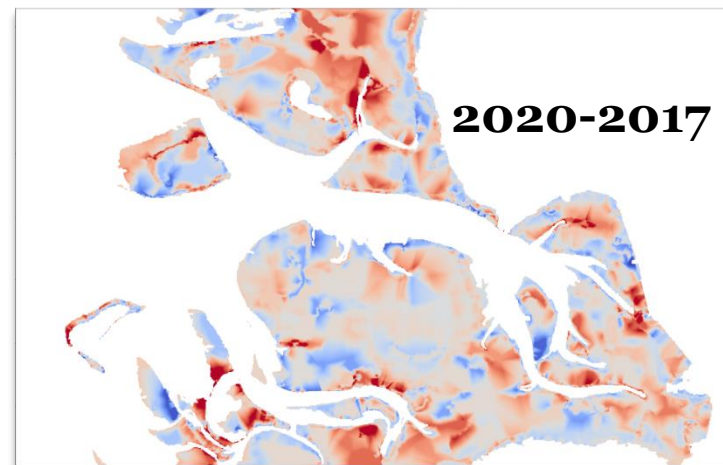
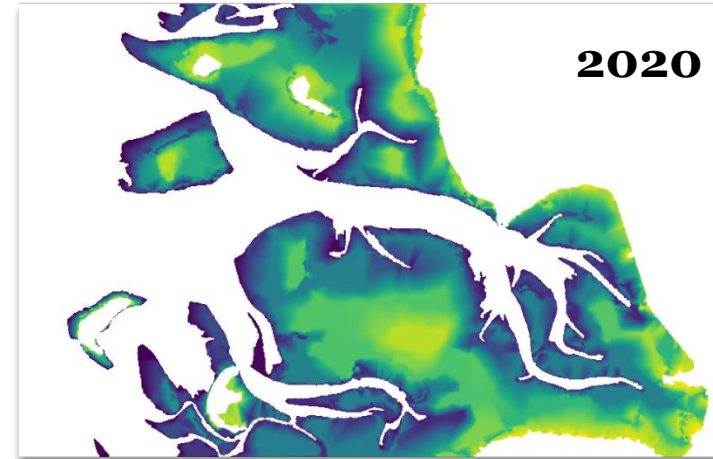
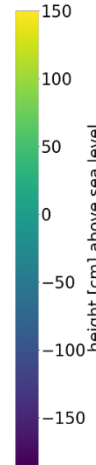
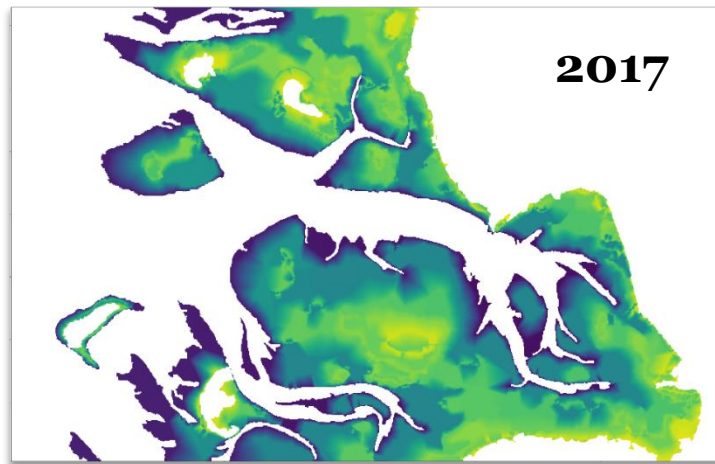






## □ Intertidal Flats: **Topography**

### DEMs of Intertidal Flats on the German Coast



- **Accretion**
- **Erosion**

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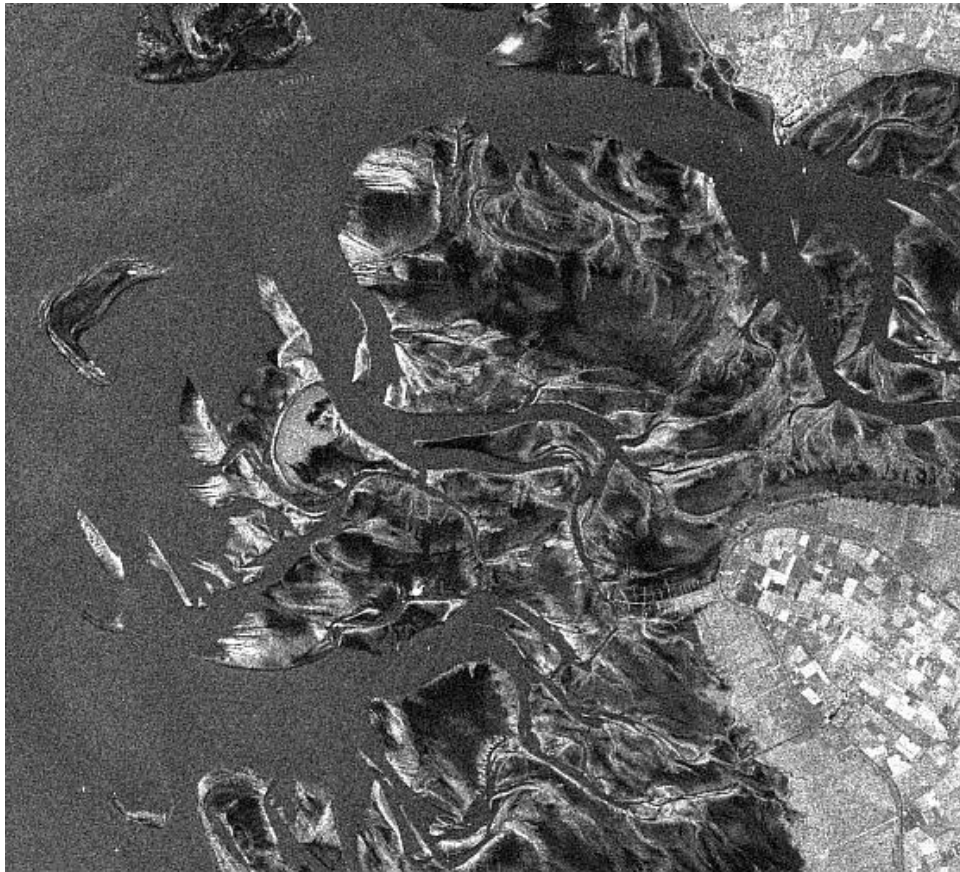






## □ Intertidal Flats: **Classification**

Synergistic Analyses: SAR vs Optical



**Sentinel-1A** 10 Nov 2019, 1708 UTC



**Sentinel-2B** 14 Feb 2019, 1031 UTC



[Peters 2022]



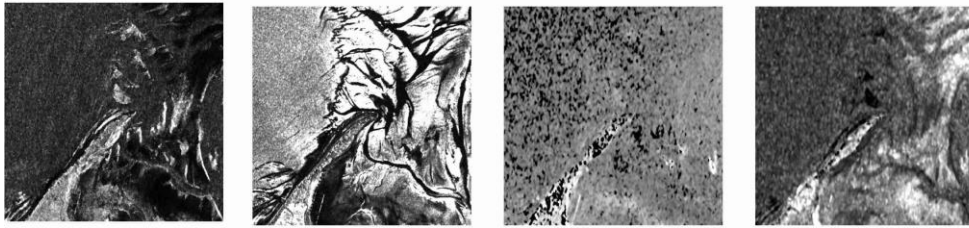




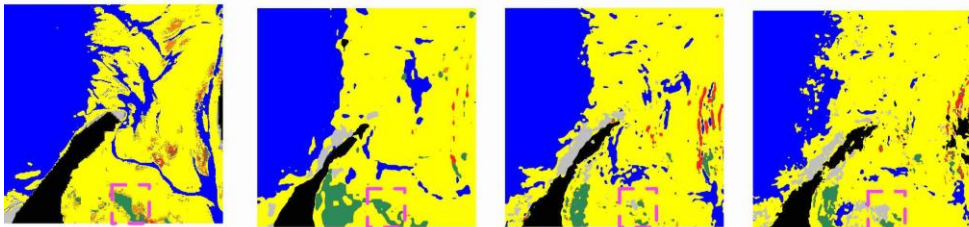
## Intertidal Flats: Classification

### Classification Based on Deep Learning Using SAR and Optical Data

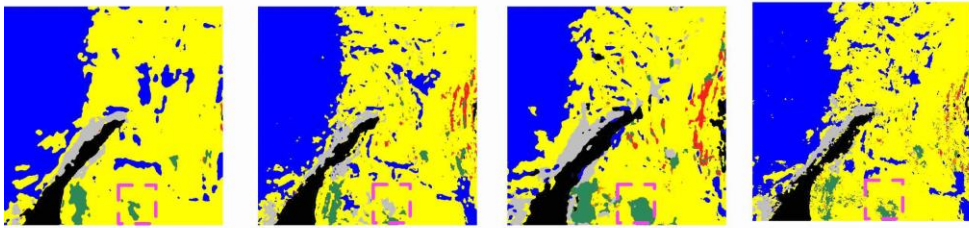
Land
  Seagrass
  Bivalves
  Beach
  Water
  Sediments
  Thin Coverage



SAR Images (RS2 VV Channel)    SAR Images (ALOS2 VV Channel)    SAR Images (RS2\_FD\_dbl\_r)    SAR Images (RS2\_CP\_Alpha)

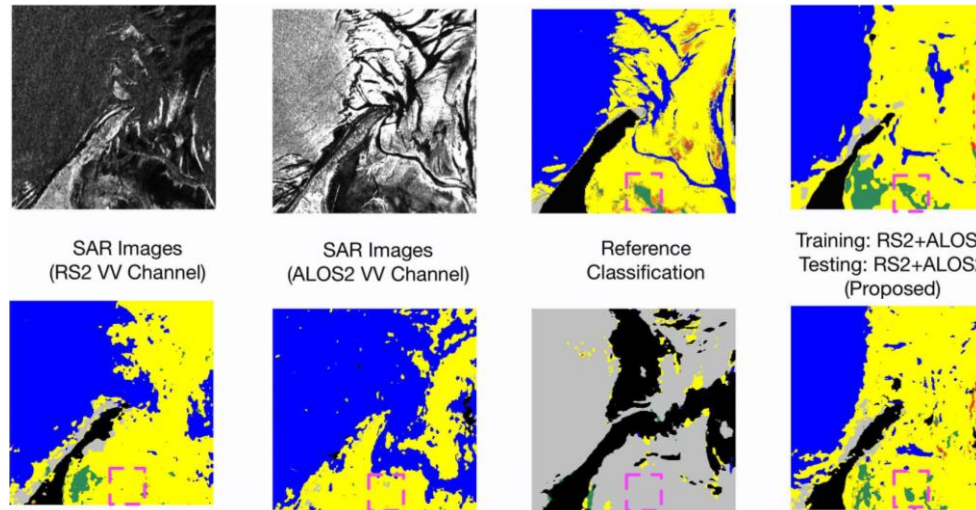
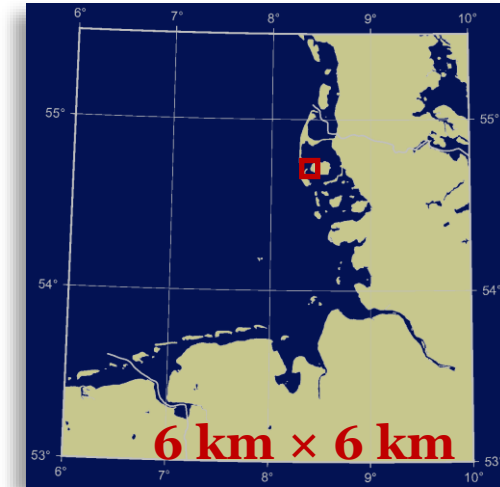


Reference Classification    CPI (Proposed)    I    FD



CP    FDI    FDCP    FDCPI

**Radarsat-2**    *24 Dec 2015, 0543 UTC*  
**ALOS-2**    *29 Feb 2016, 2257 UTC*  
**Reference:**  
**Landsat-8, SPOT-4, © Brockmann Consult**



Training: RS2 Testing: RS2    Training: ALOS2 Testing: RS2    Training: RS2 Testing: ALOS2    Training: ALOS2 Testing: ALOS2

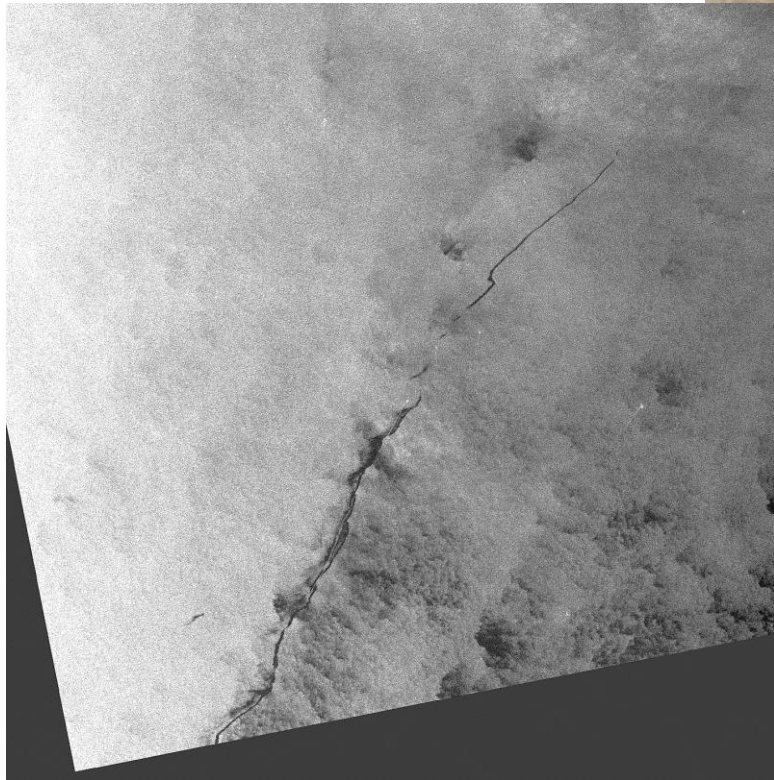
[Zhang 2022]



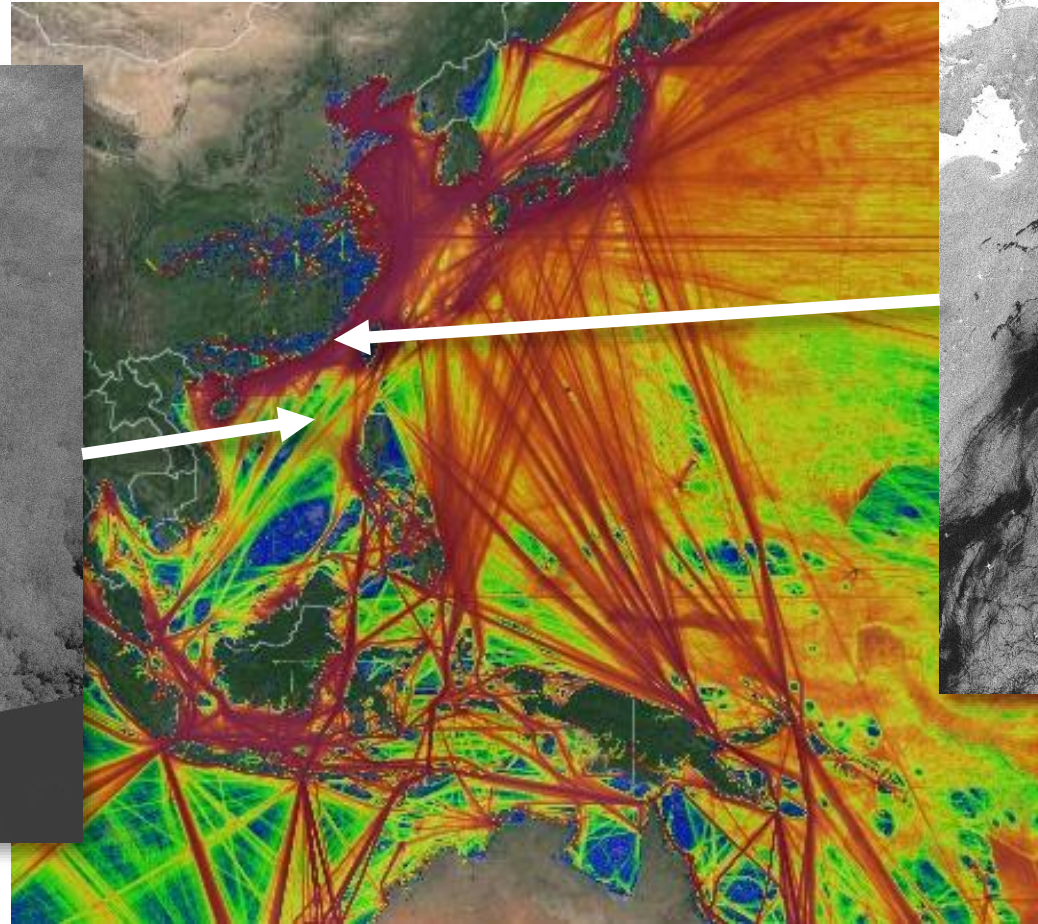




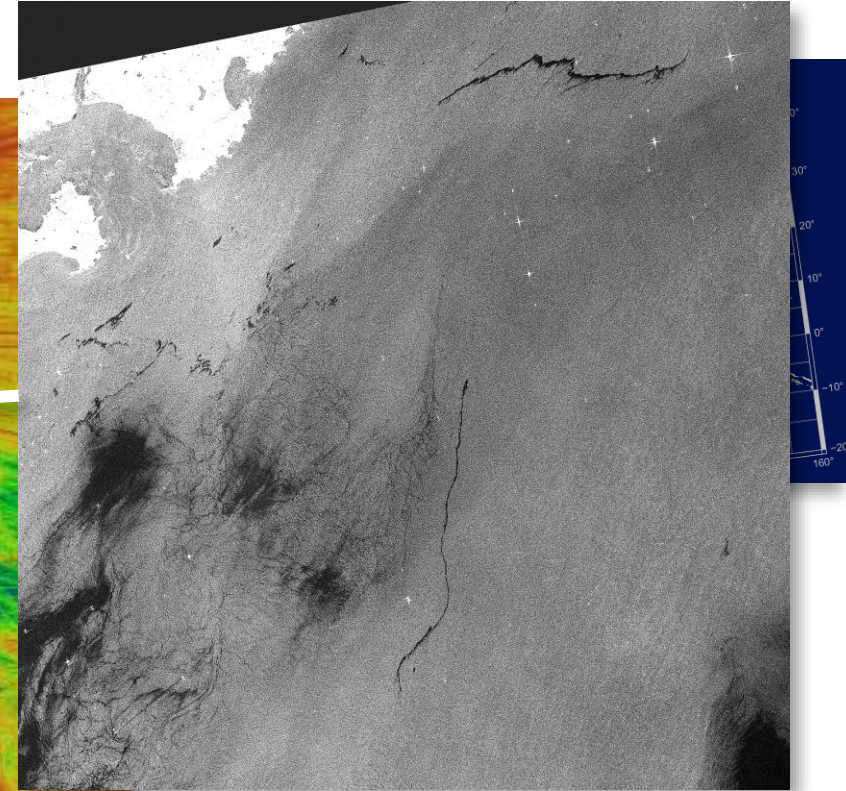
## Offshore Oil Pollution: Statistics



**Sentinel-1A**  
**114 km × 114 km**  
*15 Sep 16, 1016 UTC*



**Ship Traffic in East Asia**



**Sentinel-1A**  
**115 km × 113 km**  
*30 Jun 16, 1008 UTC*

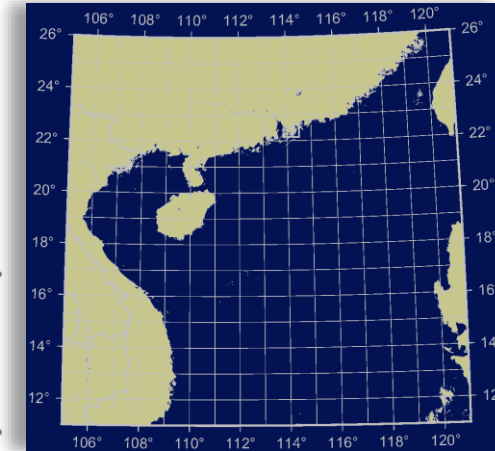
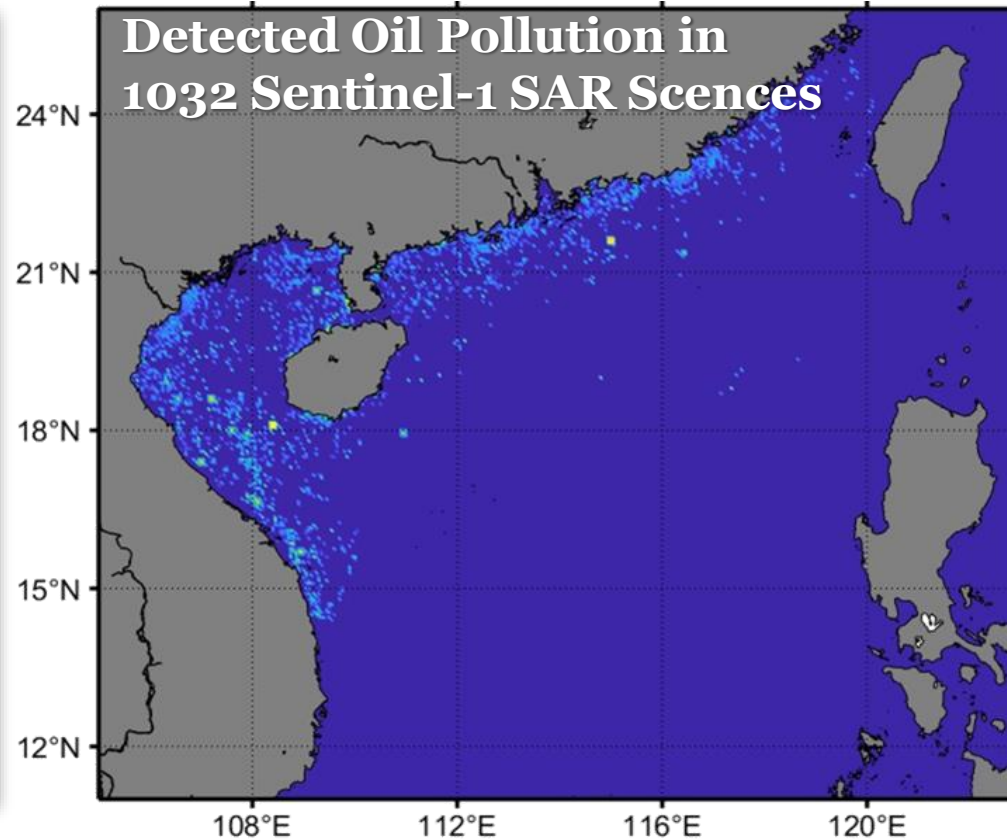
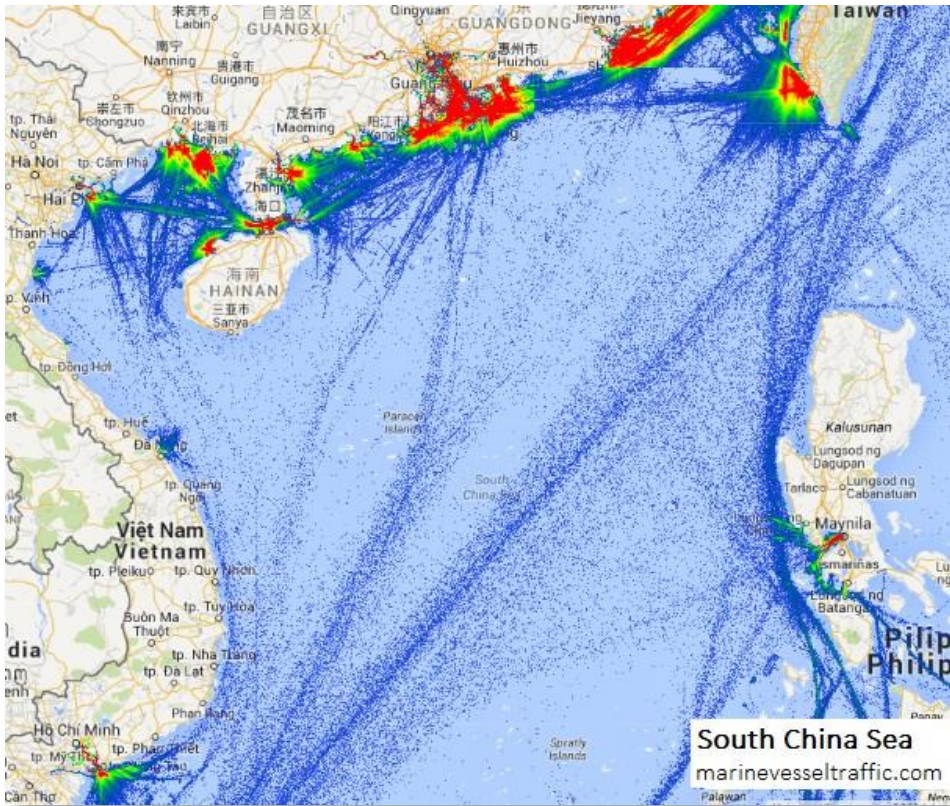




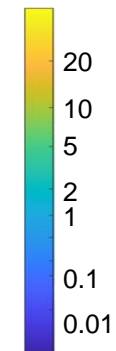


## Offshore Oil Pollution: Statistics

### South China Sea: Oil Pollution Detected on SAR Imagery



Mean Polluted Area [km<sup>2</sup>]  
per 0.5° × 0.5°



[credits: D.M. King]

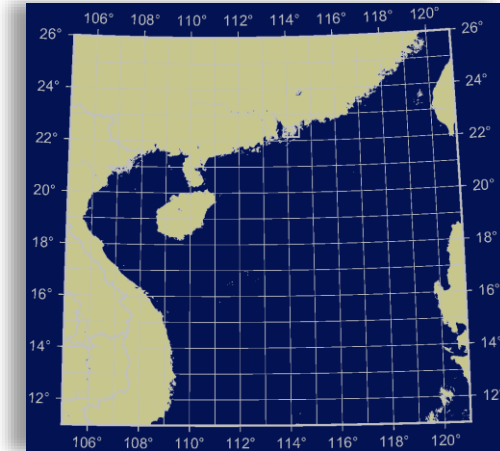
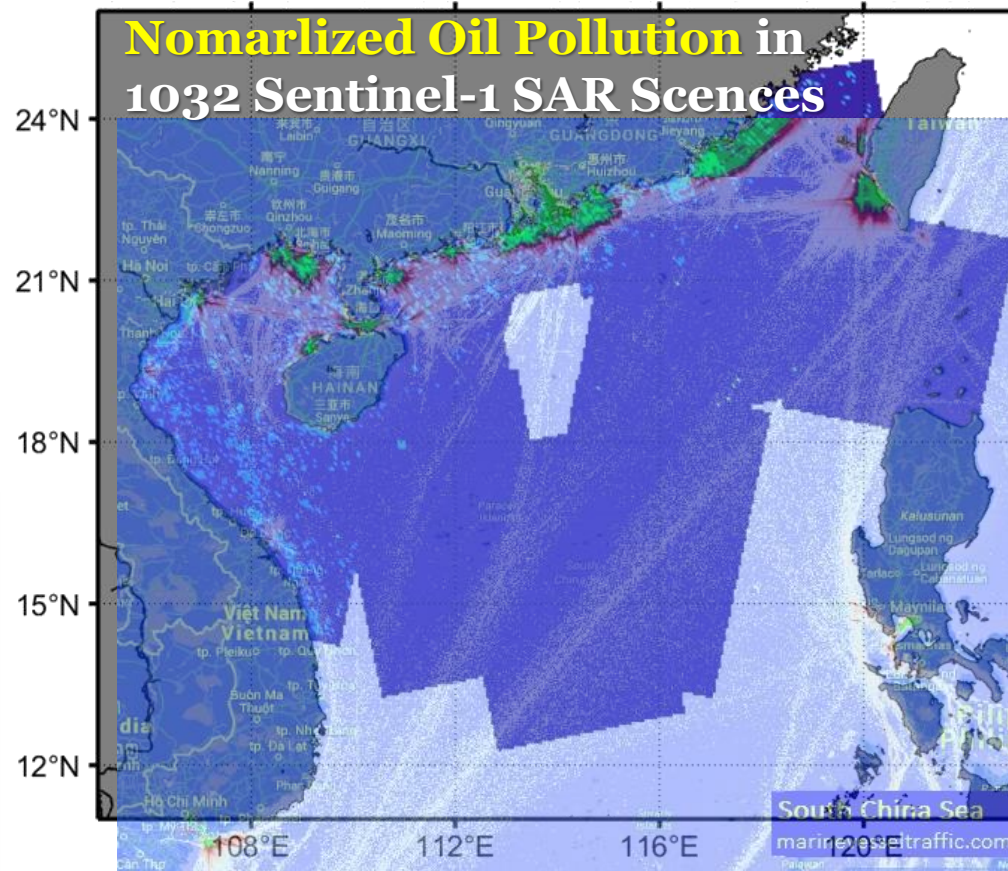
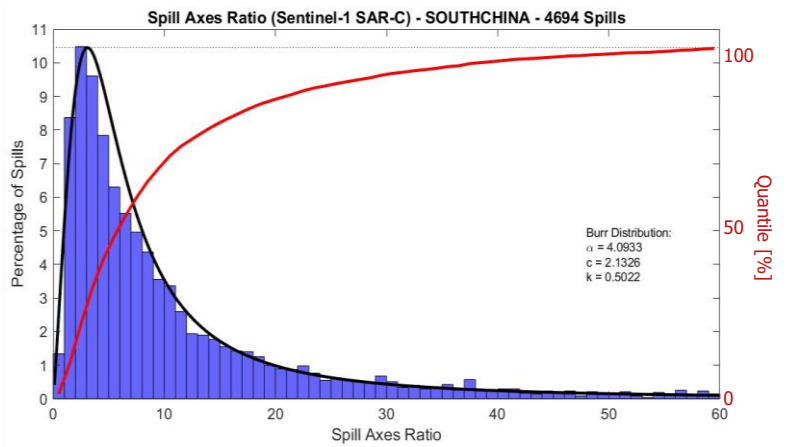
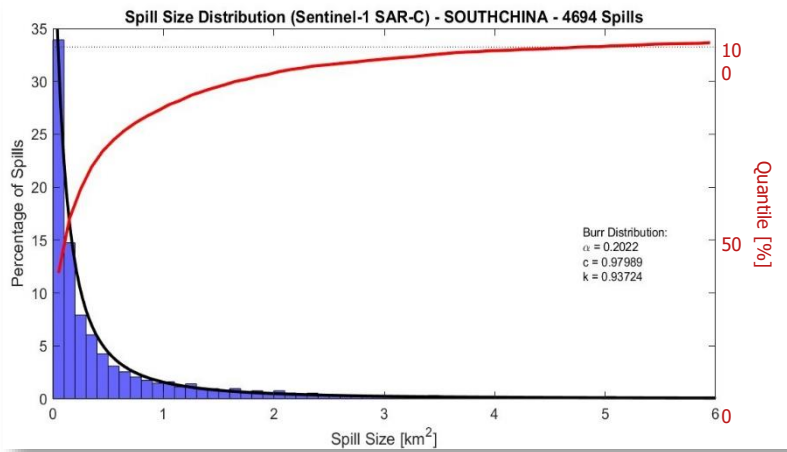




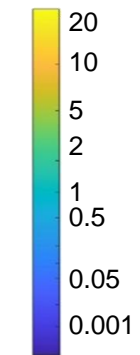


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### South China Sea: Oil Pollution Detected on SAR Imagery



Number of Spills per  $0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$



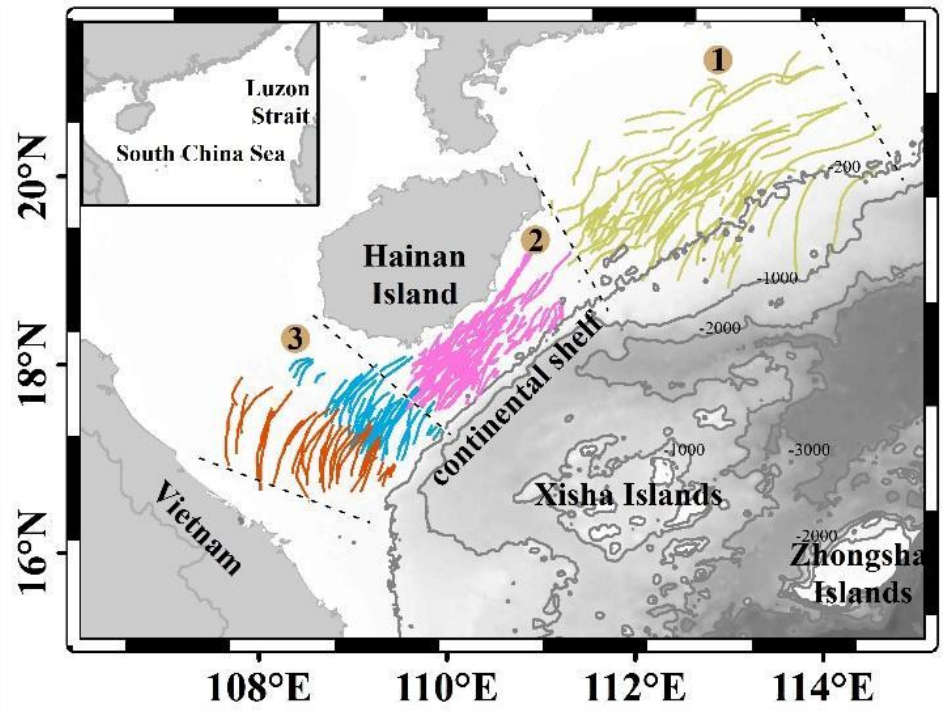
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## □ Nonlinear Internal Waves (NLIWs): Generation



NLIWs (colored curves) observed by ENVISAT/ASAR and ALOS/PALSAR between 2003 and 2011

### Three researches around Hainan Island:

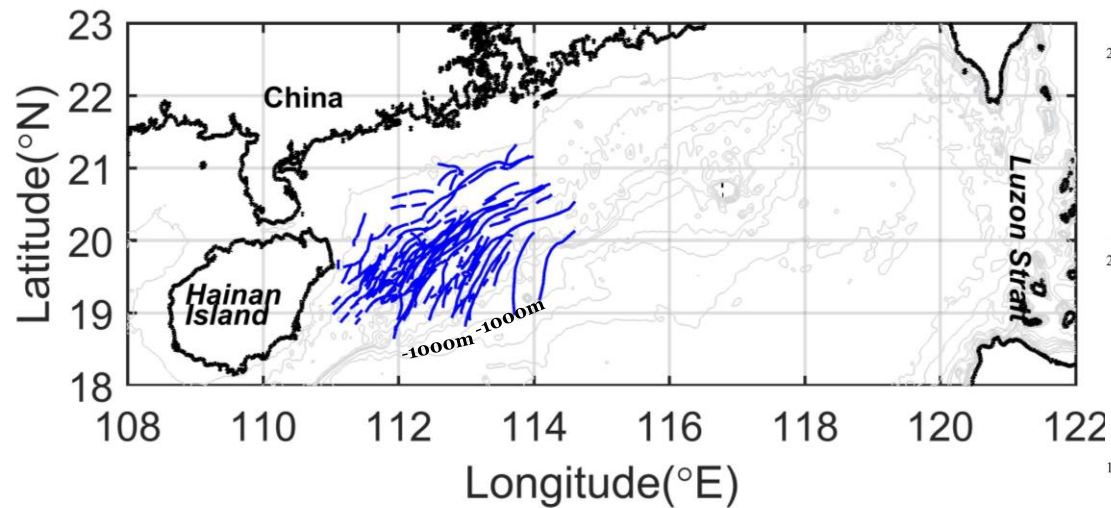
- Generation of NLIWs northeast of Hainan Island
- Generation of NLIWs southeast of Hainan Island
- Generation of NLIWs south of Hainan Island



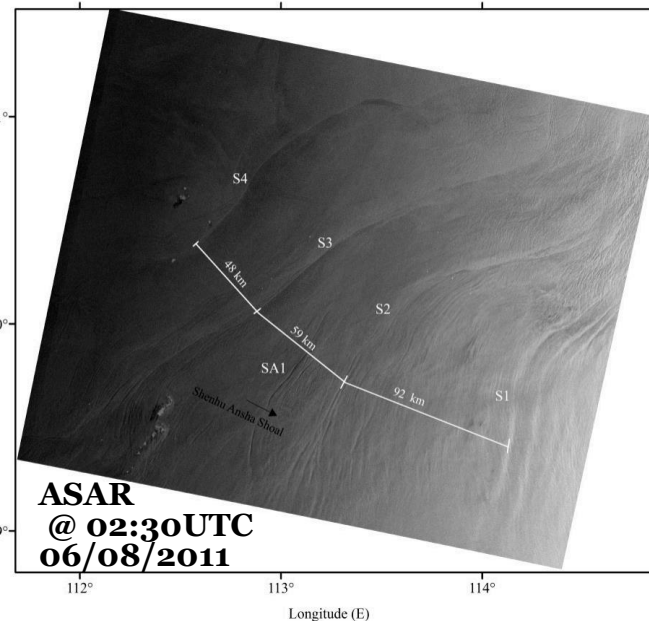


## □ Generation of NLIWs **Northeast** of Hainan Island

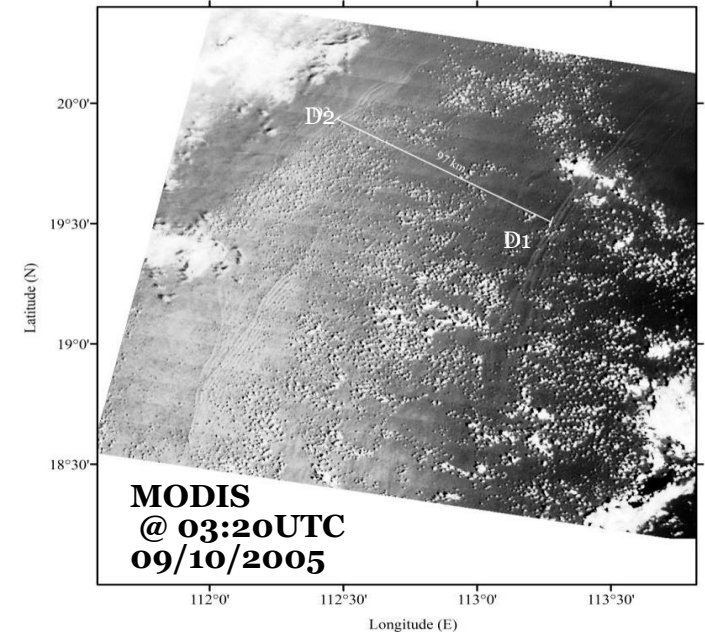
Two types of NLIWs: Type-SP and Type-DP



NLIWs (blue curves) observed by ENVISAT/ASAR in 2005, 2011, and 2012 (interval of a semidiurnal tidal period)



Type-SP NLIWs



Type-DP NLIWs

(interval of a diurnal tidal period)

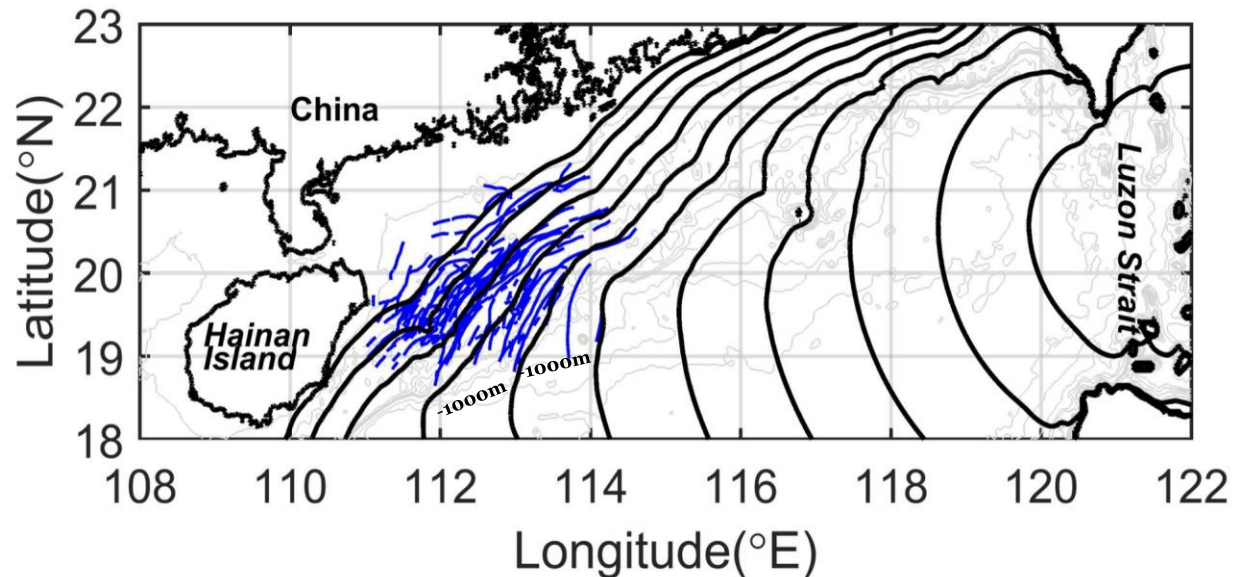
[Liang et al. 2022]







## □ Generation of NLIWs **Northeast** of Hainan Island



**simulated wavefronts from Luzon to Hainan**

- blue curves: SAR-observed NLIWs
- black curves: simulated NLIWs in each 12h

- wavefronts appear on continental slope
- simulated wavefronts by solving Eikonal equation agree well with observed wavefronts

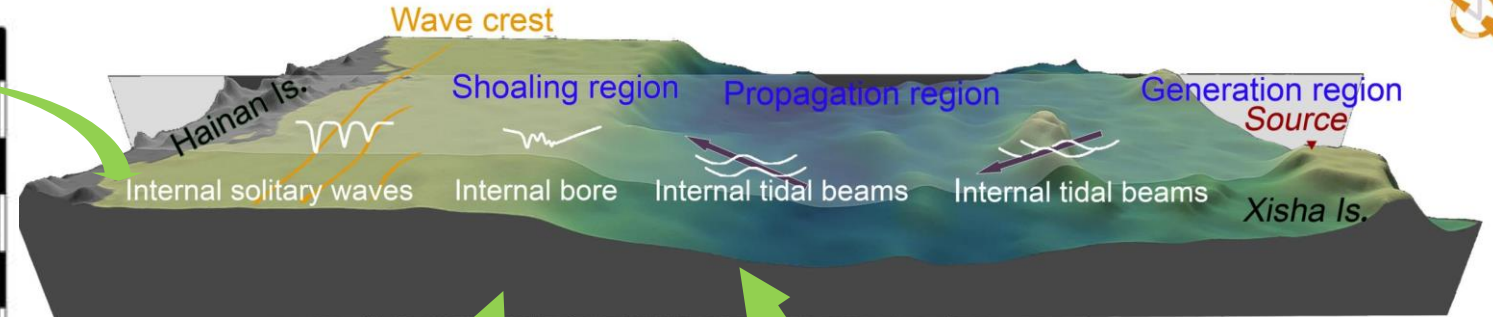
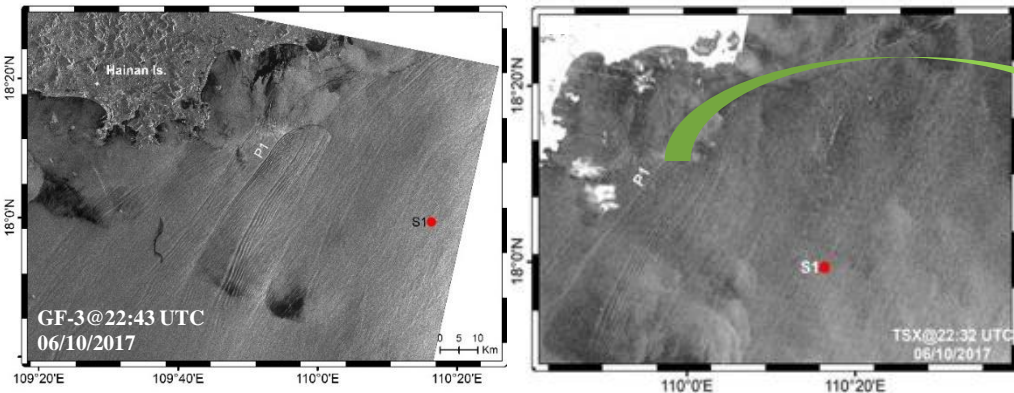


**Source sites: Luzon strait**



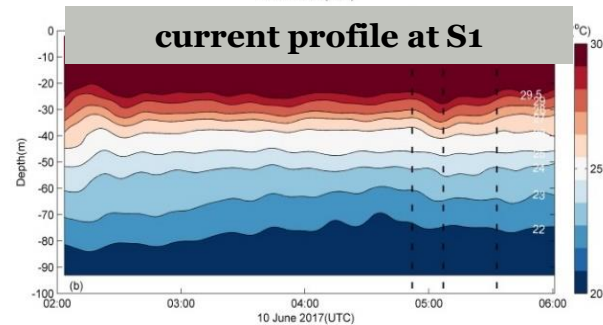
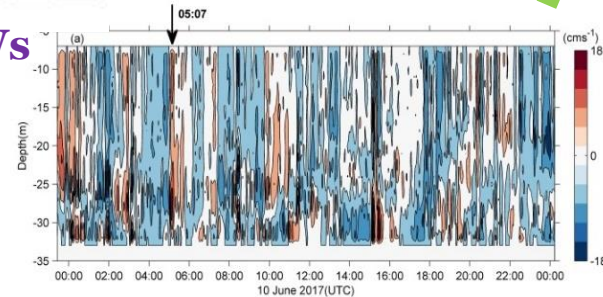


## Generation of NLIWs Southeast of Hainan Island



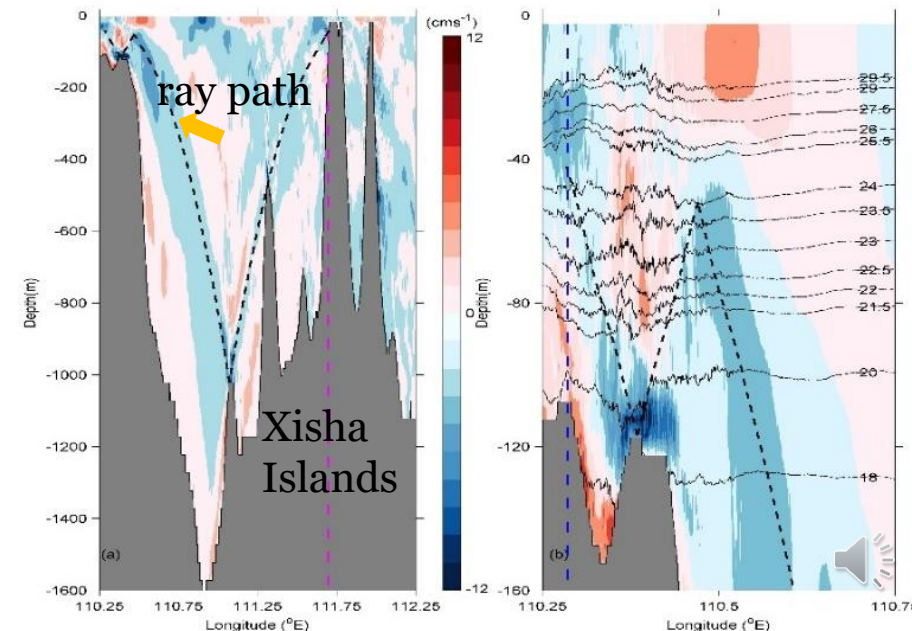
GF-3 and TS-X SAR observation: NLIWs

**In situ measurement:**  
A preceding undular bore at S1 station



temperature profile near S1

**Numerical simulation:** Beam reflects from Xisha to shelf

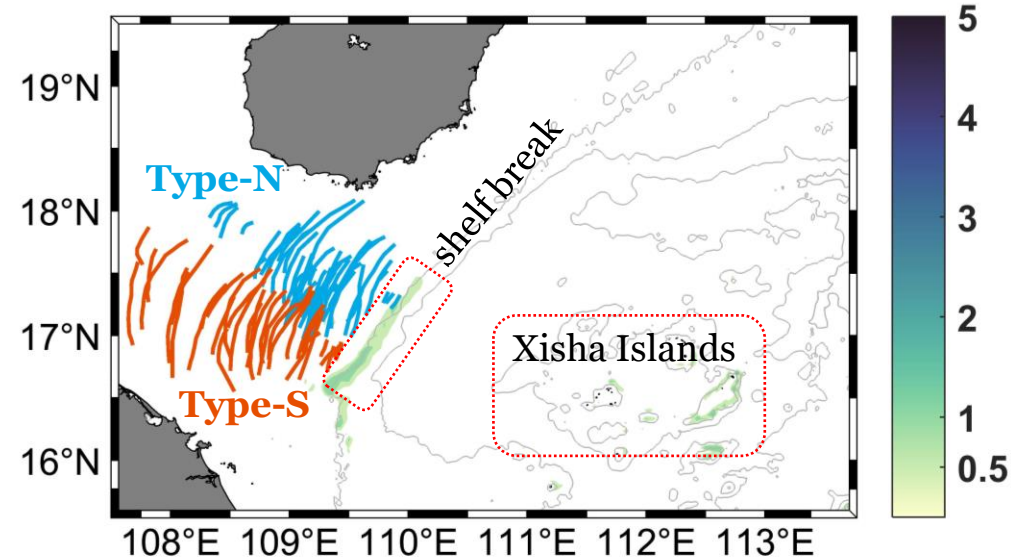




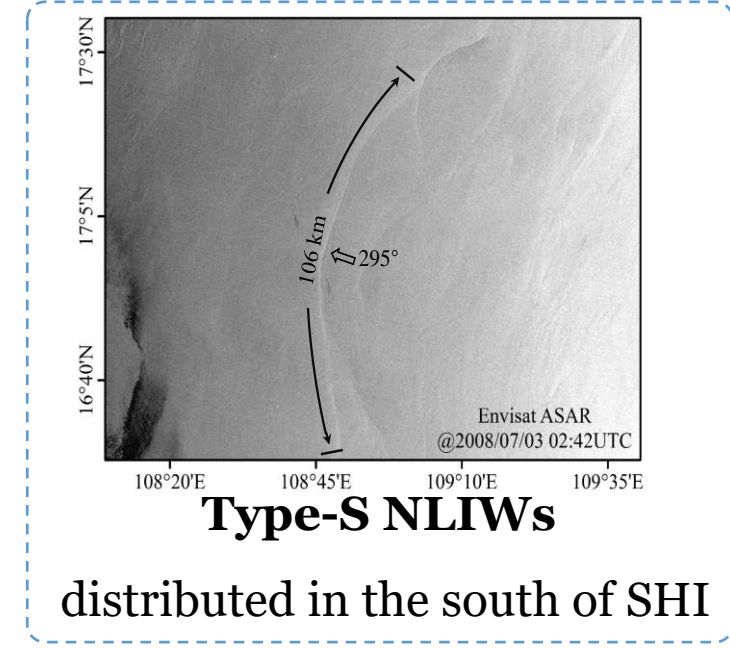
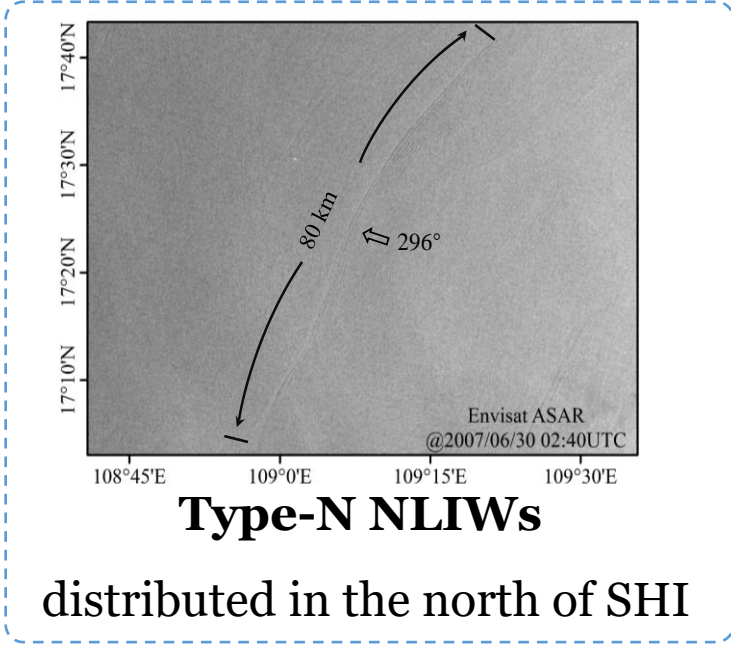


## □ Generation of NLIWs **south** of Hainan Island

- Two types of NLIWs: Type-SP and Type-DP
- Possible sources of two types of NLIWs: Xisha Islands or local shelf break



**internal tide generating force**



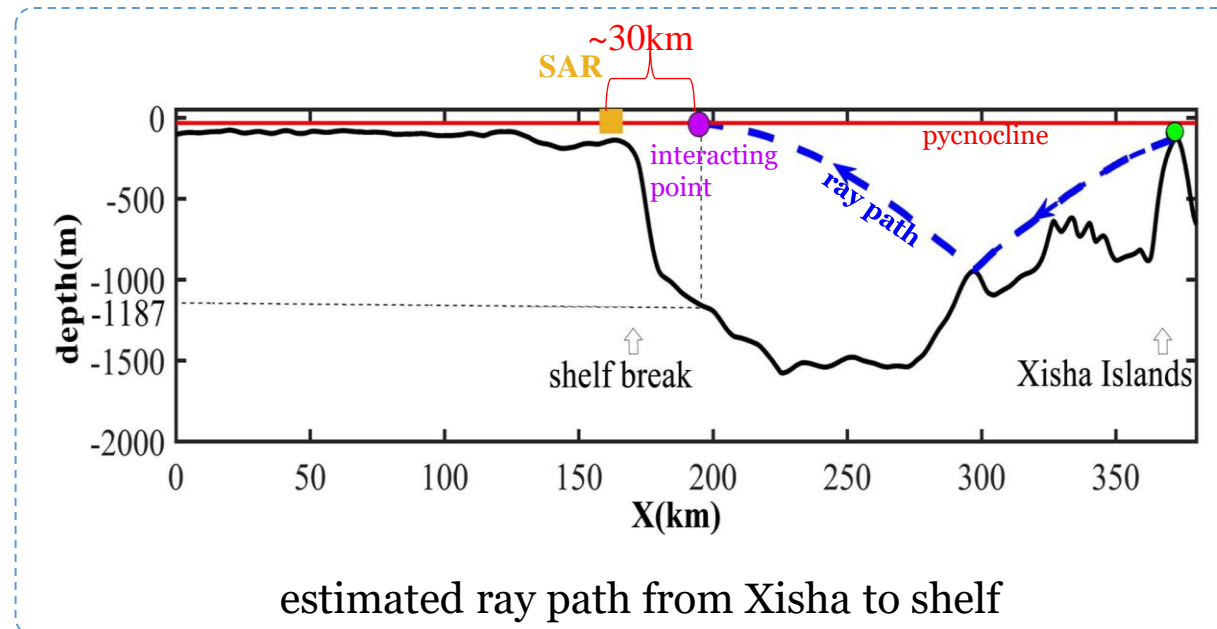


## □ Generation of NLIWs **South** of Hainan Island: **Type-N NLIWs**

### ➤ Source site: Xisha Island

Type-N NLIWs	spring tidal period	neap tidal period
SAR-observed occurrence frequency	33.33%	62.09%

### ➤ Evolution: internal tidal beam to NLIWs



Xisha generates internal tide in form of tidal beams

interfacial wave can be generated after beam impinging on pycnocline

interfacial wave disintegrates into NLIWs







## □ Generation of NLIWs **South** of Hainan Island: **Type-S NLIWs**

SAR-observed wave occurrence frequency during local spring/neap tidal period:

Type-S NLIWs	spring tidal period	neap tidal period
occurrence frequency	52.63%	41.87%

Type-N:  
neap >> spring

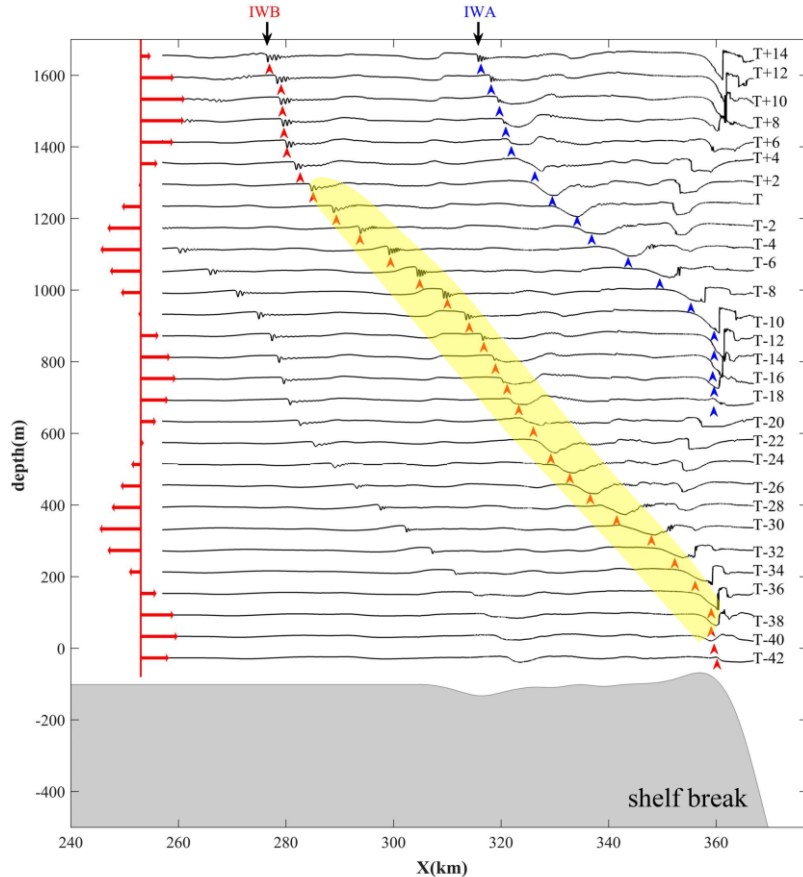


- Both Xisha and shelf break are sources for Type-S NLIWs
- Compared to Type-N NLIWs, local shelf break is more important for generating Type-S NLIWs

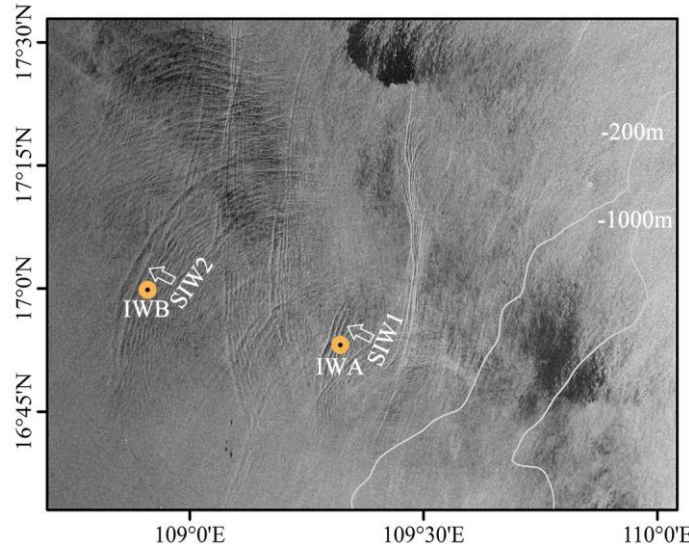




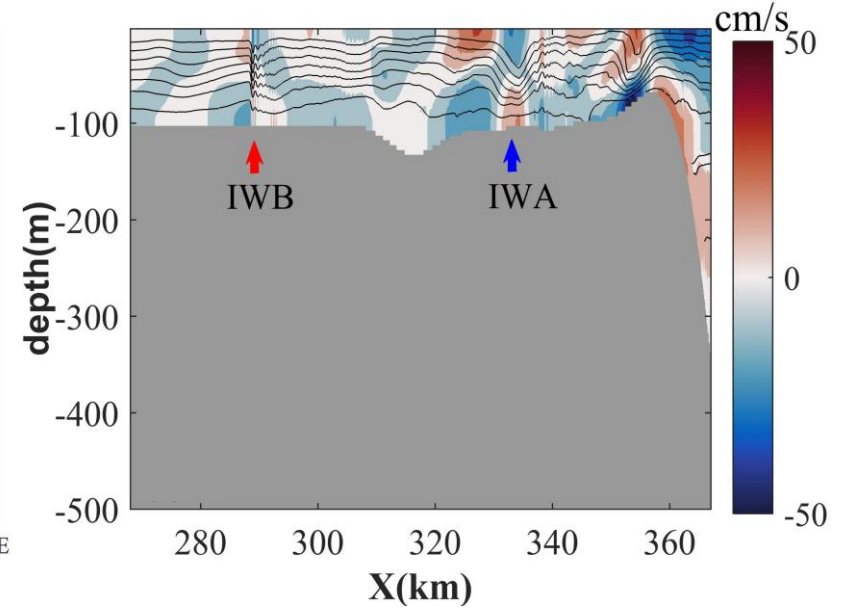
## □ Generation of NLIWs South of Hainan Island: Type-S NLIWs



simulated isotherms from T-42h to T+14h by using 2D MITgcm



ENVISAT ASAR image @02:41 UTC on 23/08/2011 (T)



simulated baroclinic velocity field overlain with isotherms at time T

- shelf break can trigger NLIWs by internal tide evolution mechanism
- locations of simulated waves are close to SAR-observed NLIWs

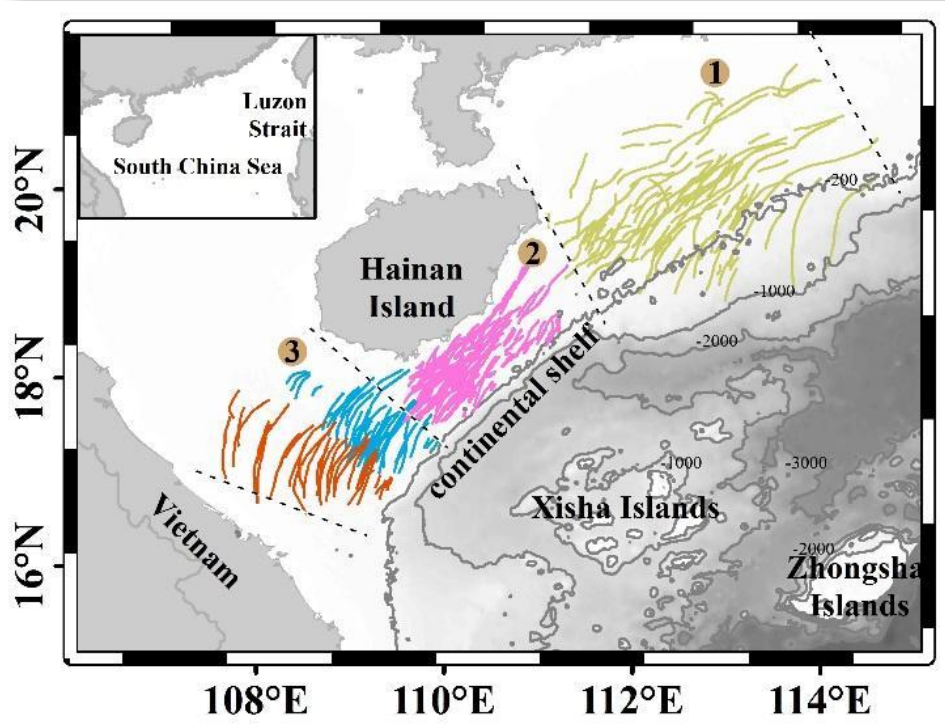






## □ Nonlinear Internal Waves: Generation

### Summary



- ✓ NLIWs northeast of Hainan Island (**region 1**) source from **Luzon Strait**.
- ✓ NLIWs southeast of Hainan Island (**region 2**) arise from **Xisha Islands**.
- ✓ Type-N NLIWs in the northern shelf south of Hainan Island (**region 3**) originate from **Xisha Islands**, whereas Type-S NLIWs in the southern shelf originate from both Xisha Islands and shelf break, and the **shelf break** has a larger contribution.





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□ ReSCCoME is organised in **4 Phases**, each lasting 1 year.

✓ **Phase 1:**

Data gathering and pre-processing;  
 Assessment of existing algorithms;  
 Development of architectures;  
 Designing and Planning of in-situ campaigns.

✓ **Phase 2:**

Adaptation of algorithms to special needs;  
 Development of automated data analysis algorithms based on Deep Learning;  
 Feasibility studies;  
 First in-situ campaigns;  
 First Summer School for Young ReSCCoME Scientists.

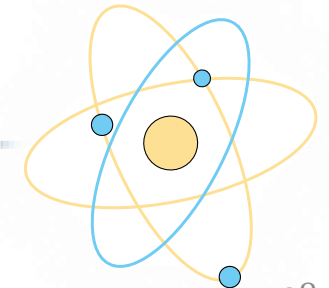
**Planning**

• **Phase 3:**

Design of scalable architectures for large-scale data analyses;  
 Second in-situ campaigns.

• **Phase 4:**

Application of the newly developed data processing schemes to assess long-term effects;  
 Second Summer School for Young ReSCCoME Scientists;  
 Dissemination of results

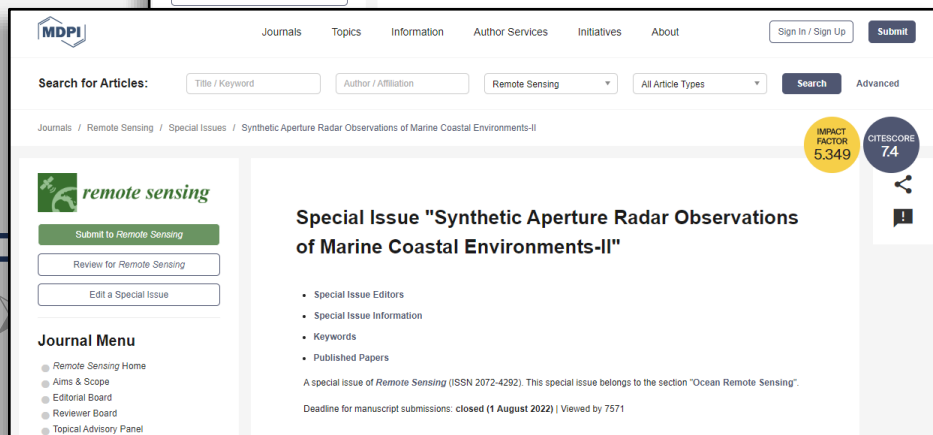
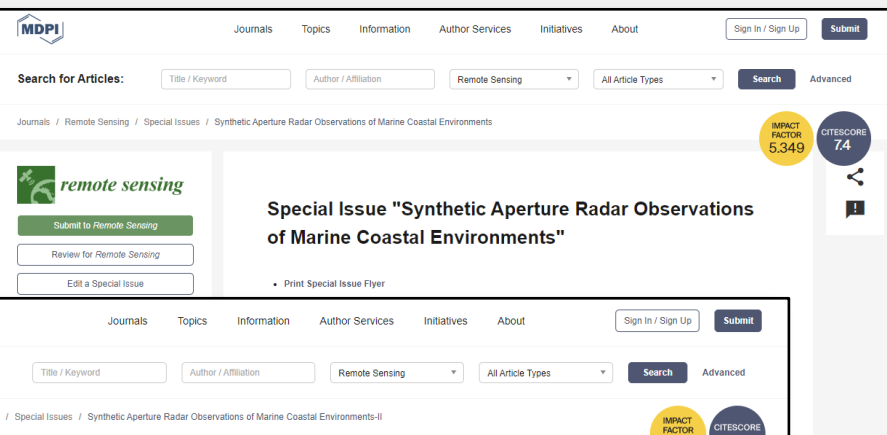




## Research Package 1: Intertidal Flats

- classification maps
- indicators for morphodynamic changes
- updated processing scheme for multimodal EO data

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## Research Package 3: Offshore Oil Pollution

- novel fusion methods and tools for multi-sensor RS data
- precise characterization of oil pollution in regions of poor training datasets
- accurate and scalable methods to assess long-term effects of oil pollution



## Research Package 4: Coastal Pollution

- examination of the visibility of plastic debris on EO data
- inter-comparison of data from spaceborne EO and UAV

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detection of submerged geomorphological features and their dynamics

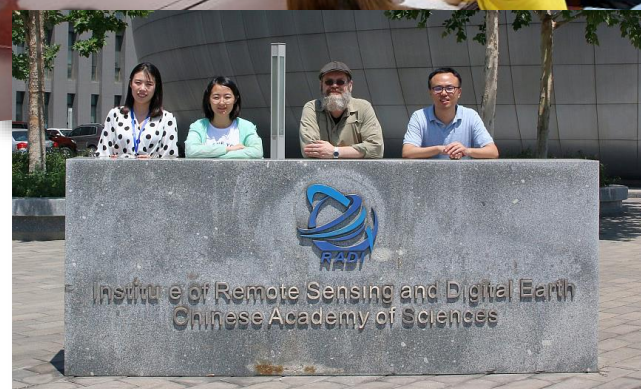






## □ Level & Training of Young Scientists:

- help young professionals in building up their network of peers and new skills that could be used in academic, research, and industrial contexts
- help the young professionals in acquiring problem-solving, decision-making, and critical judgement skills
- benefit from the multicultural and multidisciplinary environment to understand how to deal with multiple points of view on problems and decisions to be taken





## Young scientists contributions in Dragon 5

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Poster title</b>
<b>European Young Scientists</b>	Abdalmenem Owda	DTU	Wind Speed Gradient and Wind Wakes Mapped Using SAR for a Study Area in South-east China
	Simon Schäfers	UHH	Using SAR Data for the Detection of Waterlines With an Image-to Image Network
<b>Chinese Young Scientists</b>	Yujia Qiu	AIR	Retrieval of Sea Ice Drift in the Arctic Based on Sequential Sentinel-1 SAR Data







**That's all.**

**Thanks for your attention!**

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