







CFOSAT Wave Spectrum Observations Compared with Numerical Results and Chinese Gaofen-3 SAR

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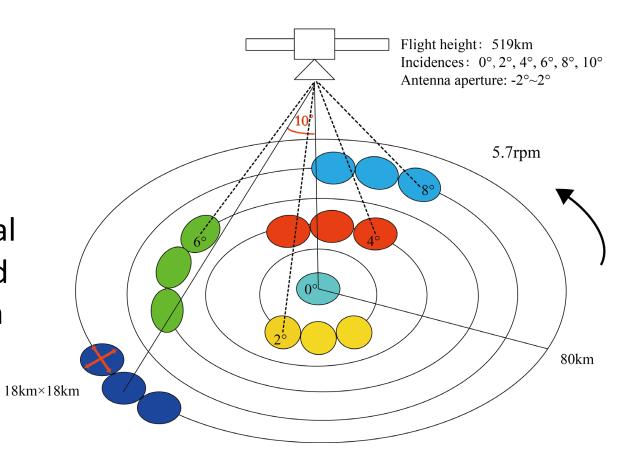
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CFOSAT SWIM

 SWIM works at incidence angles from 0° to 10° in a counterclockwise direction.

• The CFOSAT footprint has a spatial coverage of 18×18 km. It should be noted that the wave spectrum is only provided at incidence angles of 6° , 8° , and 10° .

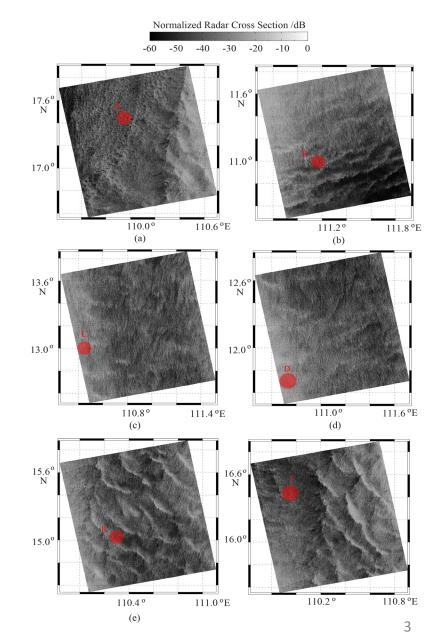




Chinese GF-3 satellite

• GF-3 SAR has 12 imaging modes, e.g., Spotlight (SL), fine strip (FS), quad-polarization strip (QPS), and wave mode (WAV).

 On 5 December 2019, The footprints of CFOSAT passed the 6 GF-3 SAR images acquired in FS mode imaged at 10:48–10:53 UTC

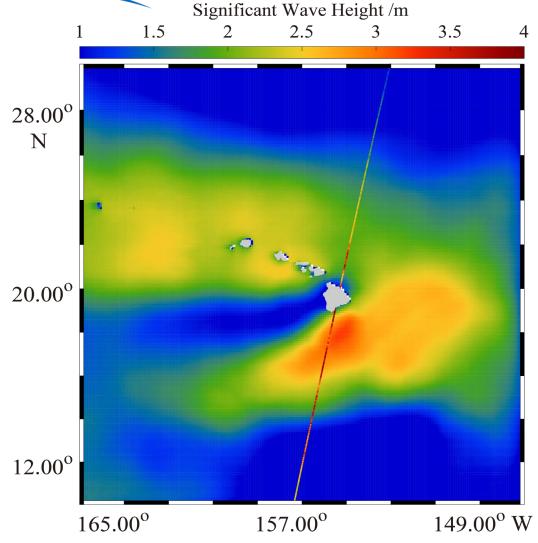




SWAN numerical wave model (version 4.12)

- Forcing winds

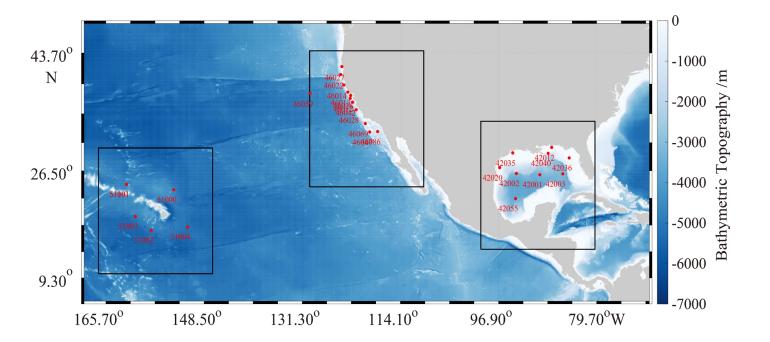
 0.25° grid
 intervals of 6 h per day
- Simulation regions
 longitude 165° W to 79° W
 latitude 9° N to 44° N





NDBC buoys

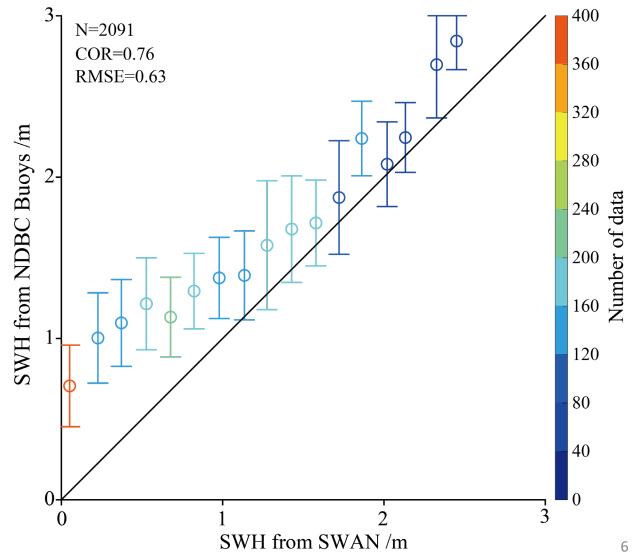
 Locations of the National Data Buoy Center (NDBC) buoys selected for validating the simulations





NDBC buoys

 Simulated SWHs from the SWAN model versus the colocated measurements from NDBC buoys for a 0.2 bin of SWH.





SAR PFSM algorithm

- SAR intensity spectrum is decomposed into:

 a nonlinearly-mapped portion
 a linear portion .
- The separation wave number

$$k_{S} = \left(\frac{2.87gV^{2}}{R^{2}U_{10}^{4}cos^{2}\varphi(sin^{2}\varphi sin^{2}\theta + cos^{2}\varphi)}\right)^{0.33}$$

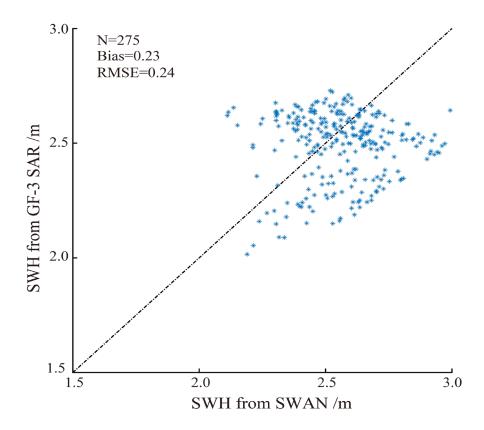
• the SWH Hs is calculated from an inverted one-dimensional wave spectrum Sk at wave number *k*:

$$H_{S} = 4 \times \sqrt{\int S_{k} dk}$$



Comparison of GF-3 SAR-derived waves with SWAN-simulated results

- Using the PFSM algorithm to derive SWHs
- >200 match-ups with the SWAN-simulated results
- a 0.24-m RMSE for the SWH with a 0.23-m bias

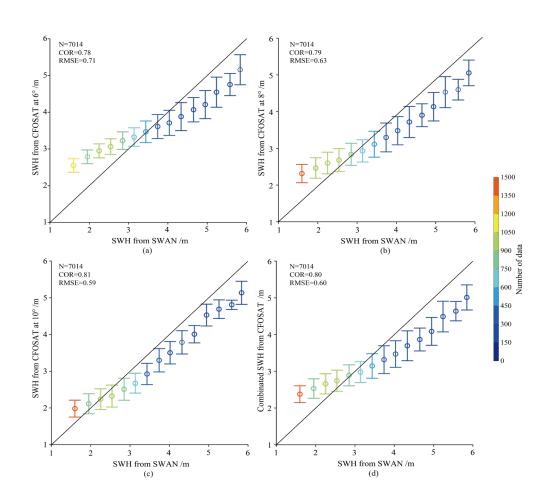




Comparison of CFOSAT waves with SWAN-simulated results

- SWIM waves at incidence angles of 6° , 8° , 10° , and the average of the 3 incidence .
- comparison was processed at a 0.2-m bin
- incidence angle of 10° performed well, exceeded the results at other incidence

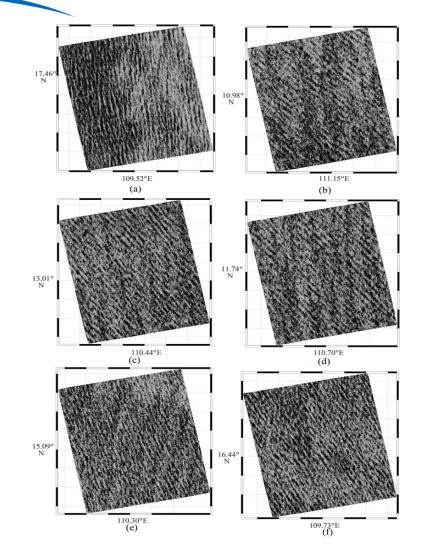
NOTE: SWIM product version 4.3.2





Sub-scenes extracted from the GF-3 SAR images

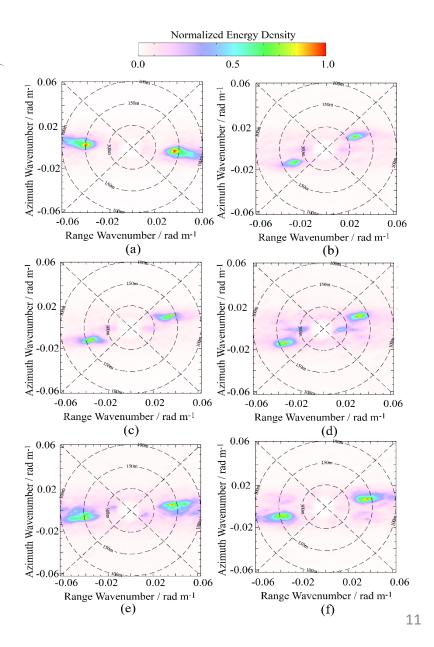
- Sub-scenes corresponding to different areas extracted from the images acquired at different times on 5 December 2019
- 1024×1024 pixel box, in which wave streaks were apparently observed





Two-dimensional SAR spectra of the extracted sub-scenes

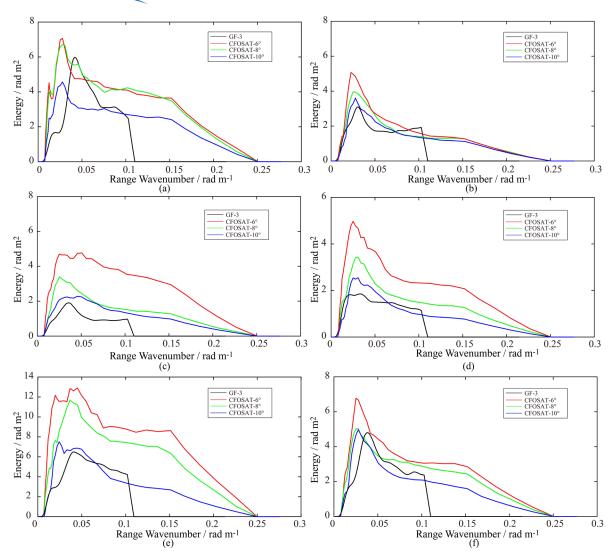
 Symmetric structures of the SAR spectra are well illustrated due to the good quality of the sub-scenes





One-dimensional CFOSAT-spectrum and the GF-3 SAR spectrum

- GF-3 SAR spectra were most consistent with the CFOSAT-spectra at incidence 10°
- Short waves with wave numbers > 0.1 rad/m were undetectable in the SAR spectra
- CFOSAT spectra, however, were up to 0.25 rad/m wave number.





• CFOSAT SWIM wave data are a valuable source, especially for global wave analysis and small-scale air-sea interactions.

 More data are expected to be used to study the accuracy of CFOSAT-measured waves, especially its performance at various incidence angles.



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