Ocean wave spectra in tropical cyclones with the Earth Explorer 10 candidate Harmony

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Harmony observation concept: Stereo phase

- \rightarrow 3D surface deformation (dInSAR).
- \rightarrow Ocean surface motion (Doppler).
- \rightarrow Surface winds (scatterometry).
- → Improved surface wave spectra (NRCS modulation).
- \rightarrow Sea surface temperature (TIR).
- → Cloud-top motion and height (TIR time-lapse/parallax).



Harmony observation concept: XTI phase

- \rightarrow 3D surface deformation.
- \rightarrow Surface elevation time-series:
 - Glaciers
 - Permafrost
 - Icebergs
 - Volcanoes
- \rightarrow Ocean topography.





Mission Timeline



Ice Volume change		Ice Volume change
Glacier dynamics		Glacier dynamics
	3-D Ice surface motion	
	Air-sea interactions	
Exp. Ocean topography	Atmosphere-ocean-extemes (Tropical Cyclones	, Polar lows, etc) Exp. Ocean topography
	Upper ocean dynamics	
	Tectonic Strain	
Vol. change (volcanoes)		Vol. change (volcanoes)
Iceberg volume	Sea-ice instantaneous motion/deform	ation Iceberg motion

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Monostatic 'equivalent'



Three lines-of-sight

Harmony: high-resolution three lines-of-sight Doppler and backscatter.

SAR distortions

- \rightarrow RAR modulation:
 - \rightarrow Surface tilt.
 - \rightarrow Hydrodynamics.
 - \rightarrow Range bunching.

- \rightarrow SAR distortion:
 - \rightarrow Velocity bunching.
 - \rightarrow Azimuthal cut-off.



Gunson and Lehner, 2001





Tropical cyclone wave modeling



- \rightarrow Kudryavtsev et al. (2021a/b).
- \rightarrow Numerically grow wave trains in a wind field.
- \rightarrow 'Wave spectra' estimated in the red box.



Tropical cyclone waves

 \rightarrow Inflow angle: 20 deg

 \rightarrow Inflow angle: 5 deg



Significant wave height [m]

Wave spectra contain information about the wind field.





SAR observations





TC Jose, courtesy of Huimin Li and Alexis Mouche

RAR wave spectra



SAR wave spectra



SAR spectral coverage





Summary

- \rightarrow Harmony's multi-target mission:
 - \rightarrow Ocean and air-sea interactions (currents, waves, wind, clouds).
 - \rightarrow Cryosphere (sea ice, land ice, icebergs).
 - \rightarrow Solid Earth (strain, volcanoes).
- \rightarrow Tropical cyclones:
 - \rightarrow Harmony has three lines-of-sight:
 - \rightarrow High-resolution Doppler.
 - \rightarrow High-resolution backscatter.
 - \rightarrow Harmony's SAR spectra:
 - \rightarrow Improved spectral coverage.
 - \rightarrow Improved contraints on wave spectra.



