

# Analyzing and combining directional wave spectra retrieved from in-situ and remote sensors.

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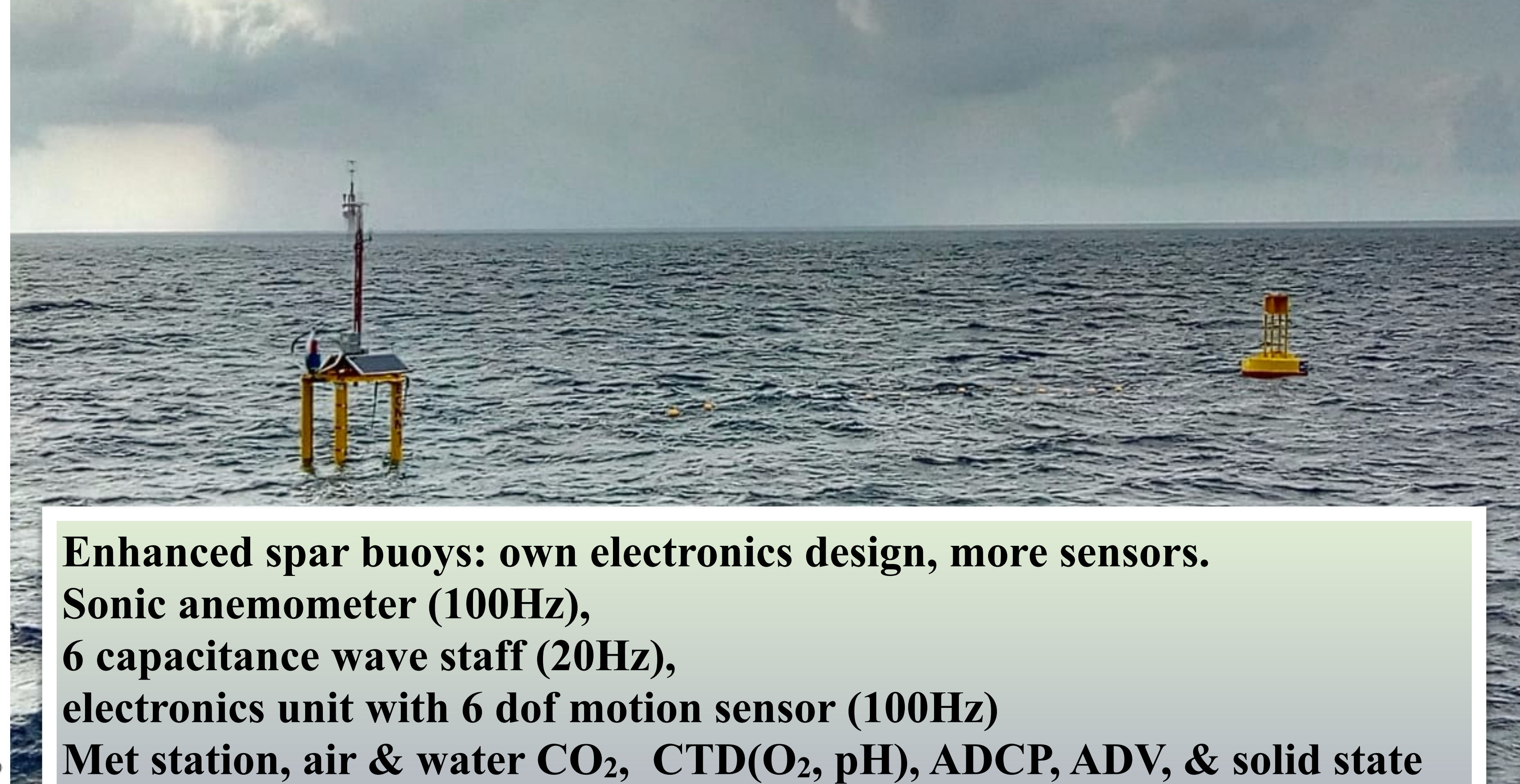
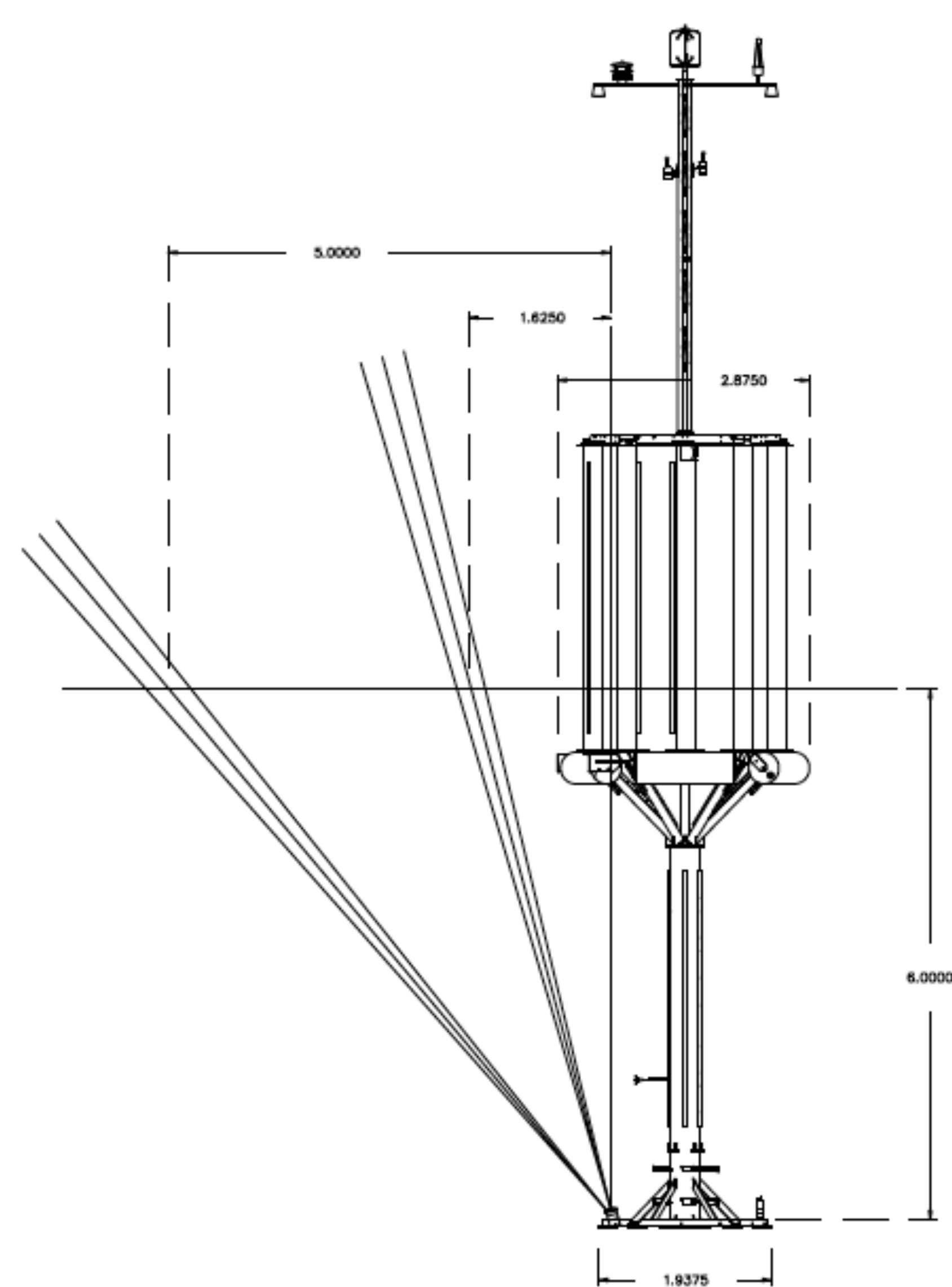
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**Enhanced spar buoys: own electronics design, more sensors.  
Sonic anemometer (100Hz),  
6 capacitance wave staff (20Hz),  
electronics unit with 6 dof motion sensor (100Hz)  
Met station, air & water CO<sub>2</sub>, CTD(O<sub>2</sub>, pH), ADCP, ADV, & solid state  
drives, rechargeable batteries, wind generator and solar panels  
[LiCor CO<sub>2</sub> sensor, 2 video cameras: still under plan].  
Simultaneous measurements are really needed.**

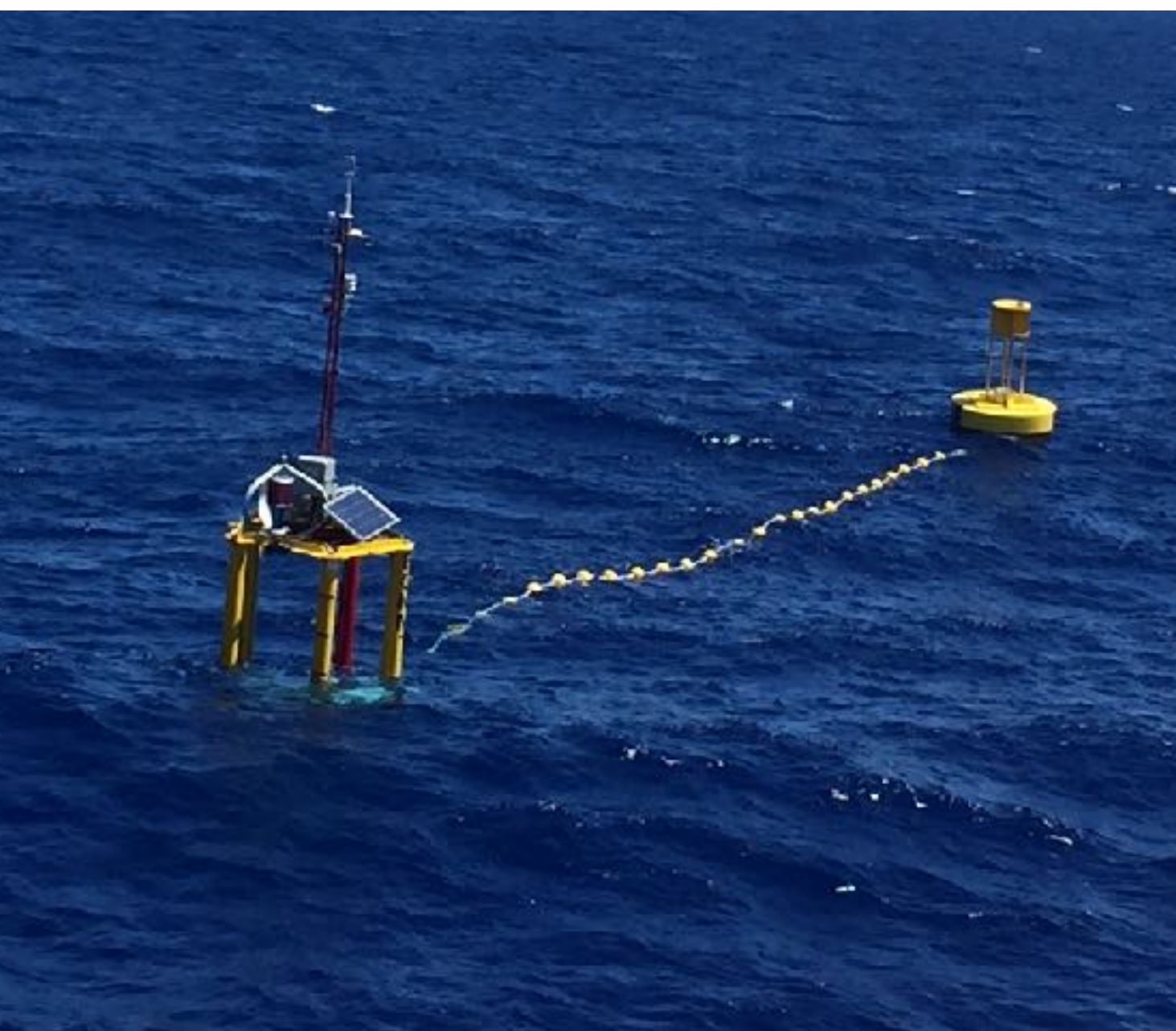
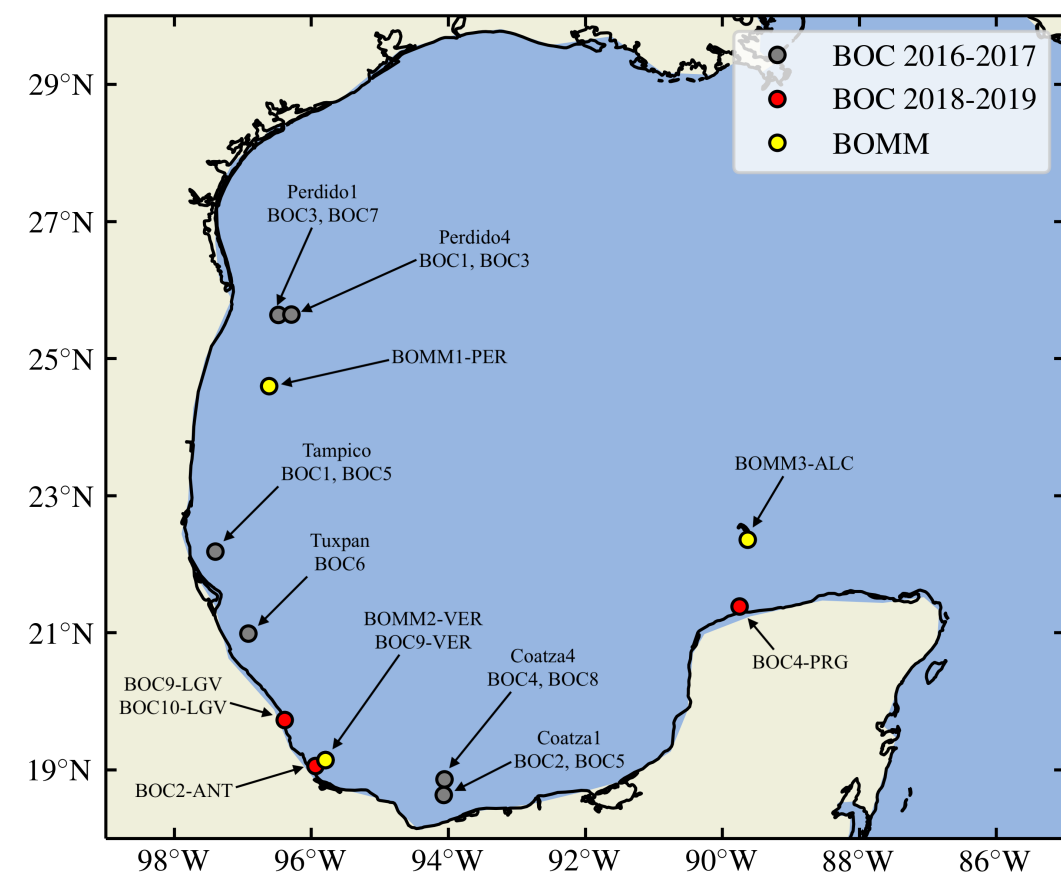
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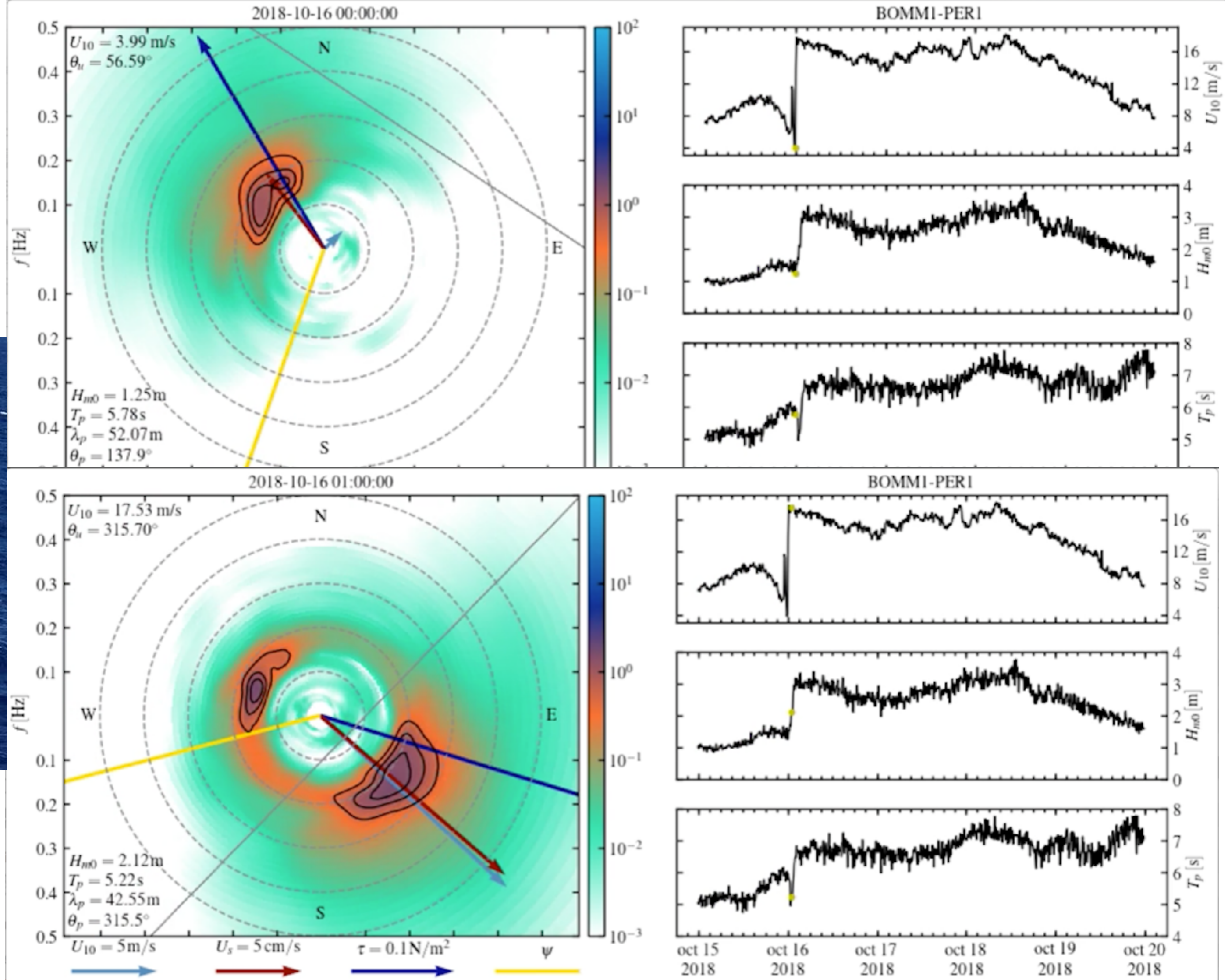
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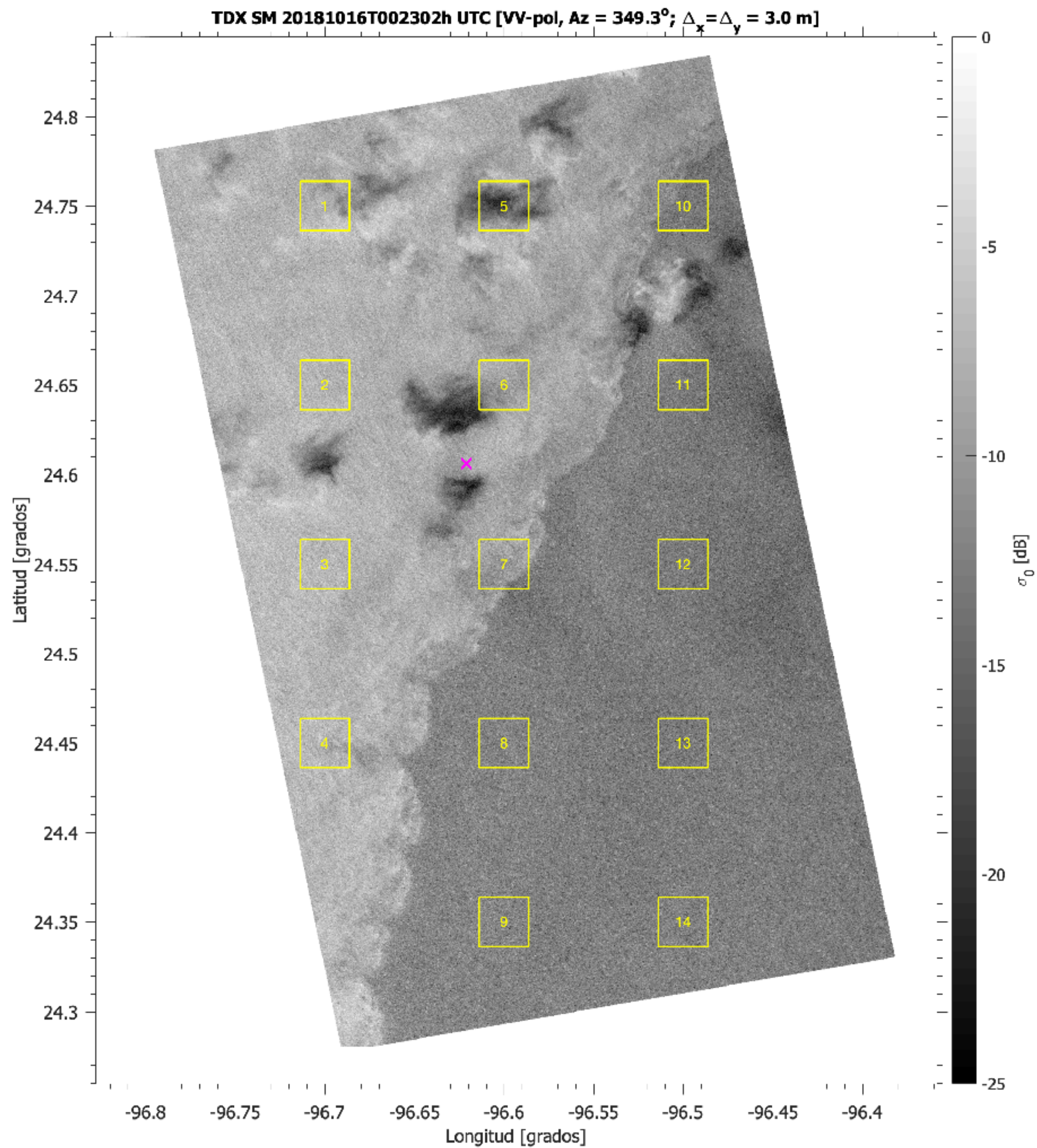
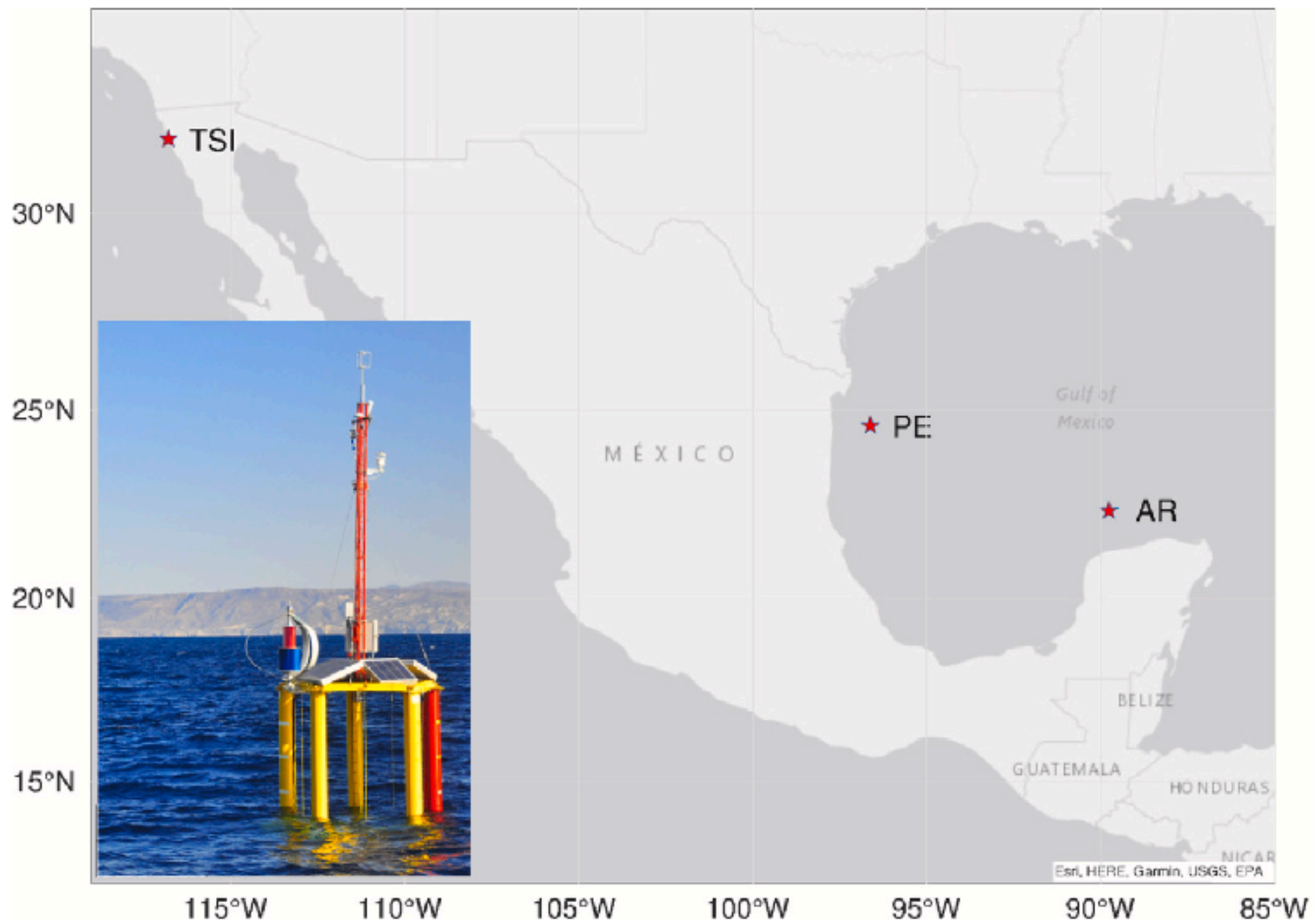




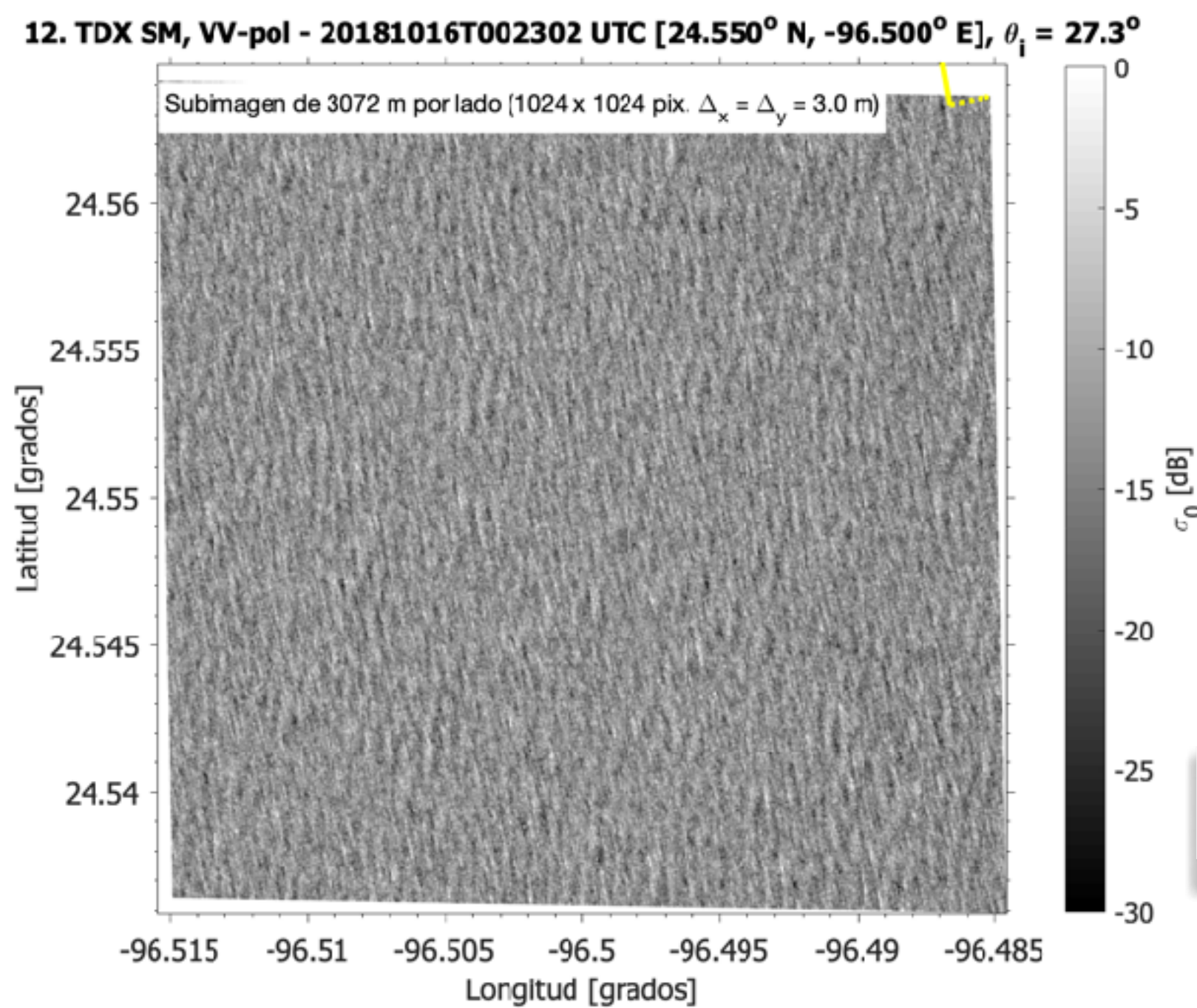
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Non stationary analysis of the directional  
properties of propagating waves. JPO.



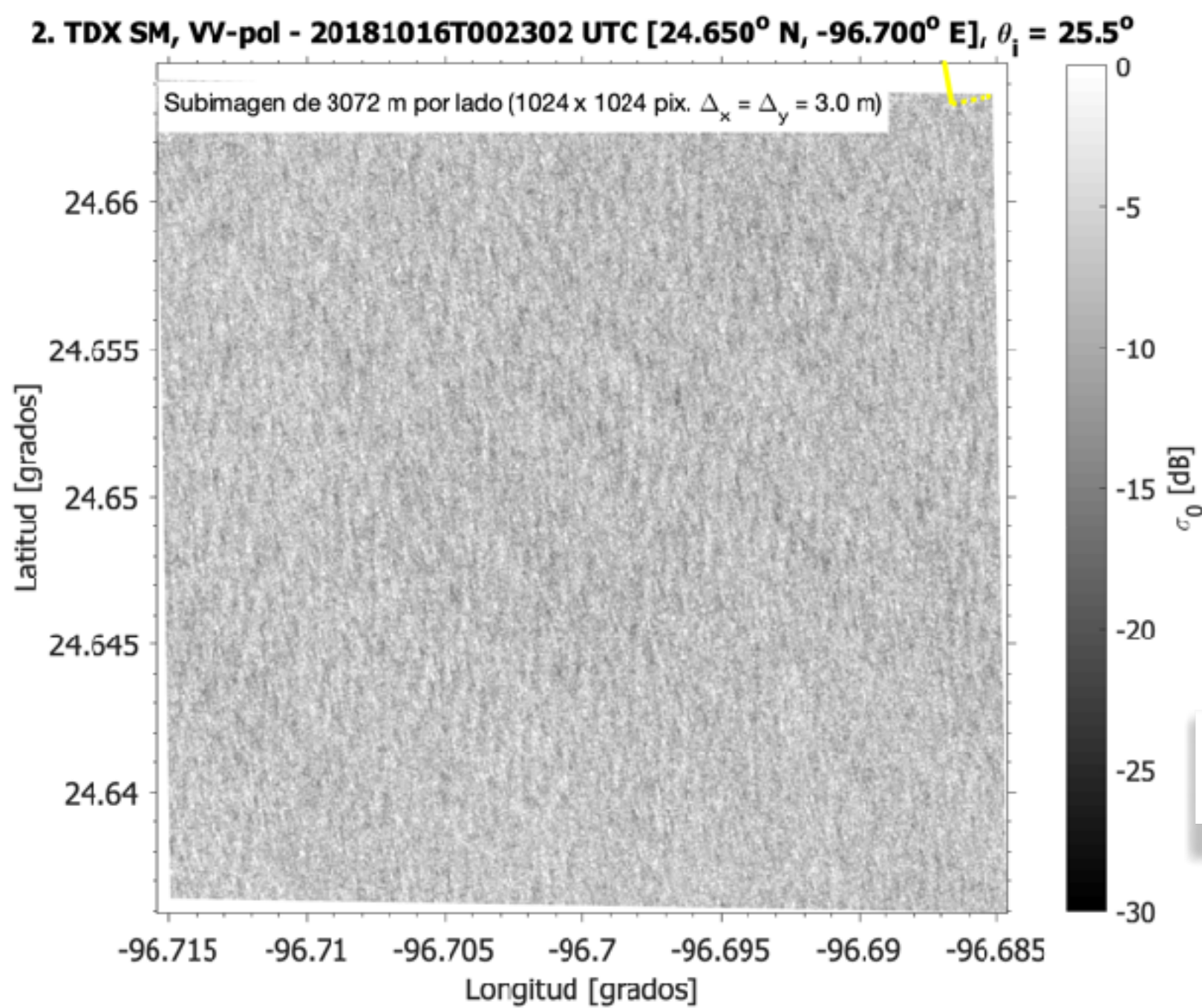




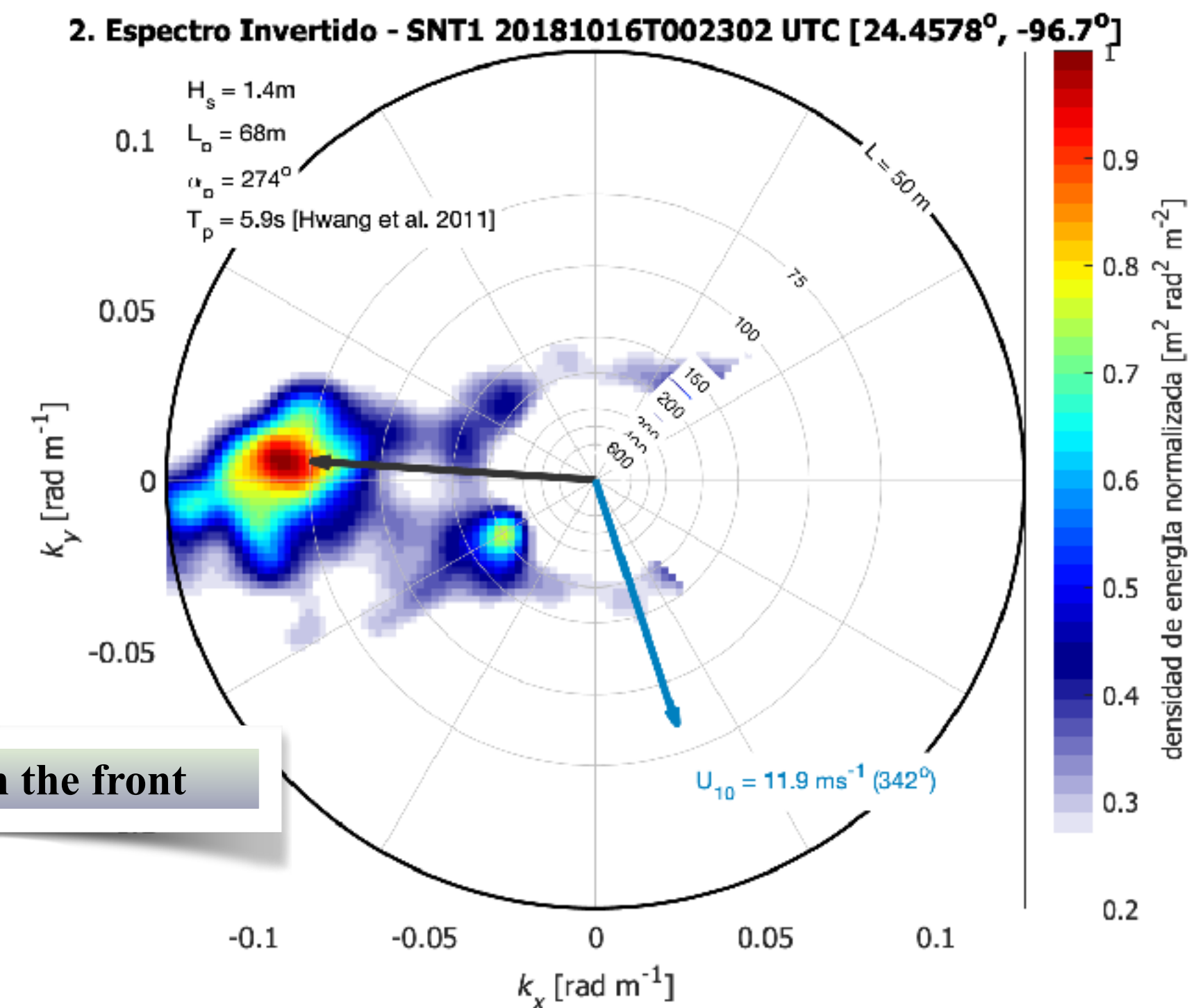
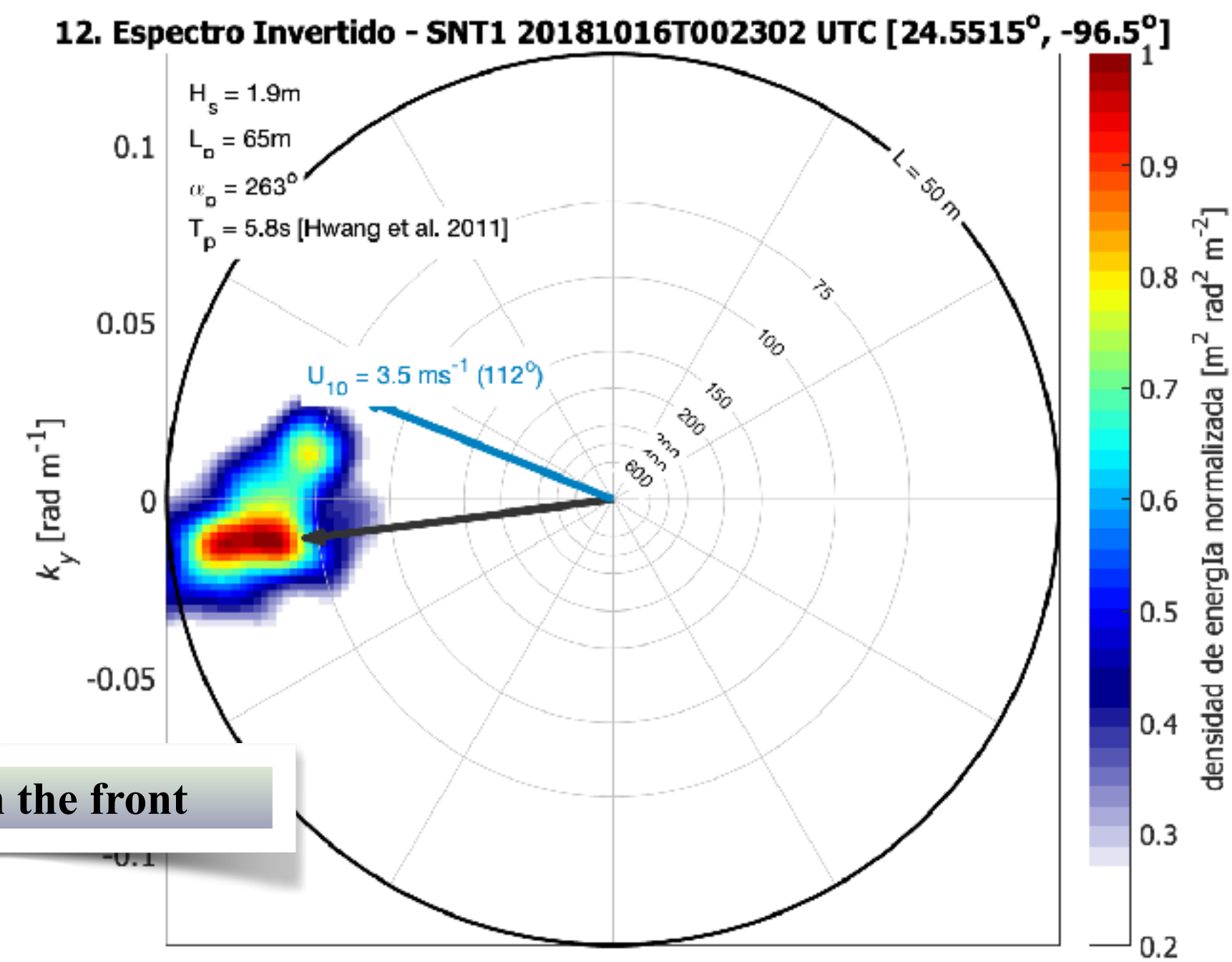




Eastward from the front



Westward from the front



Preliminary version of wave spectrum (Lai, D. Y. and D. P. Delisi, 2010).

Investing further efforts to estimate the wave spectrum from the inversion of the image spectrum.

**\*\*Developing new code to be useful under various image modes and microwave frequencies.**

Adopting method proposed by Vachon et al. (1994) y Krogstad et al. (1994).

Dealing with SAR images limitations.

SAR image degraded quality associated to the reflectors motion induced by wave orbital velocities.

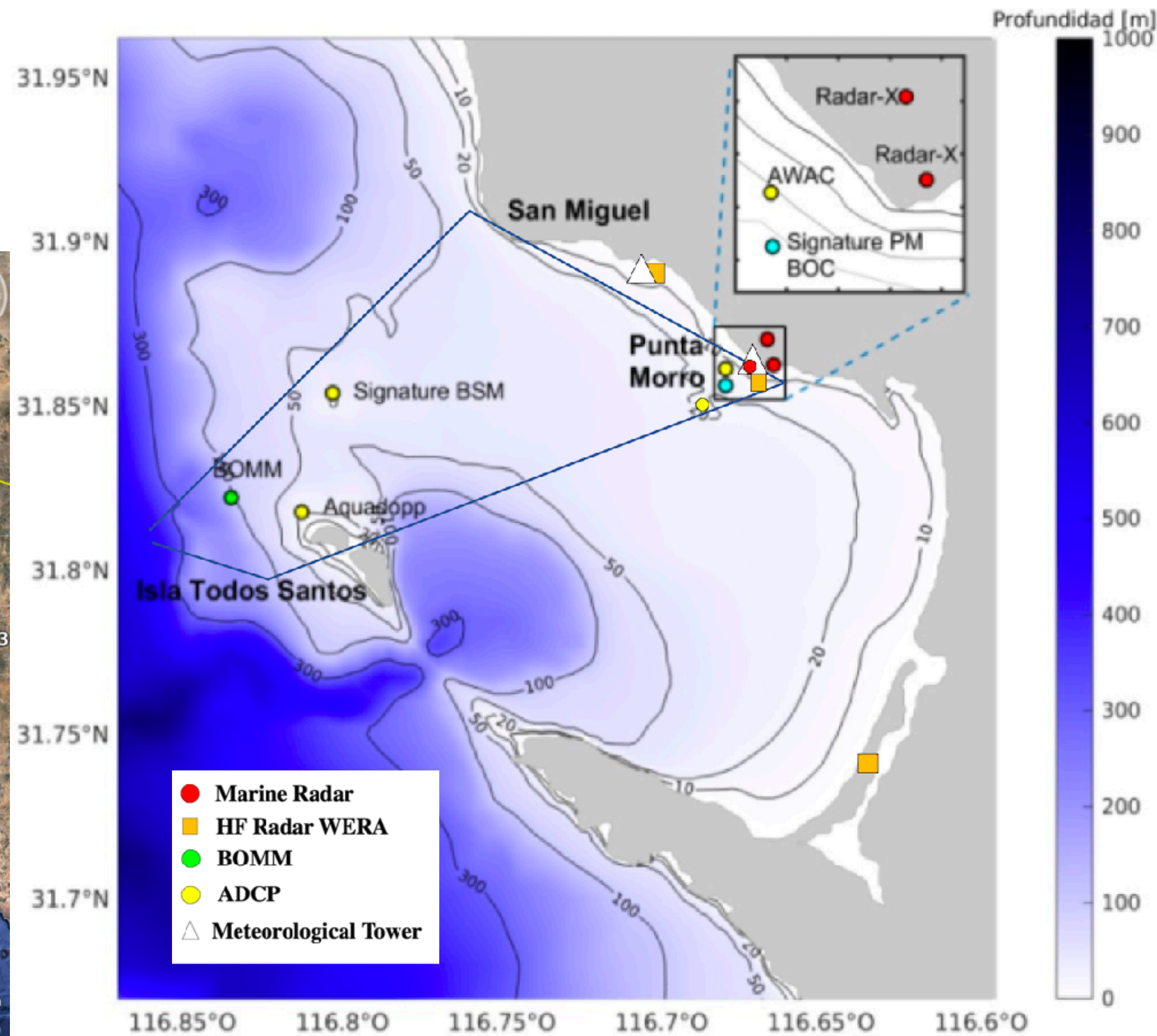
Azimuthal cut-off in image spectrum.

**\*\*Comparisons with wave spectrum from BOMM1.**



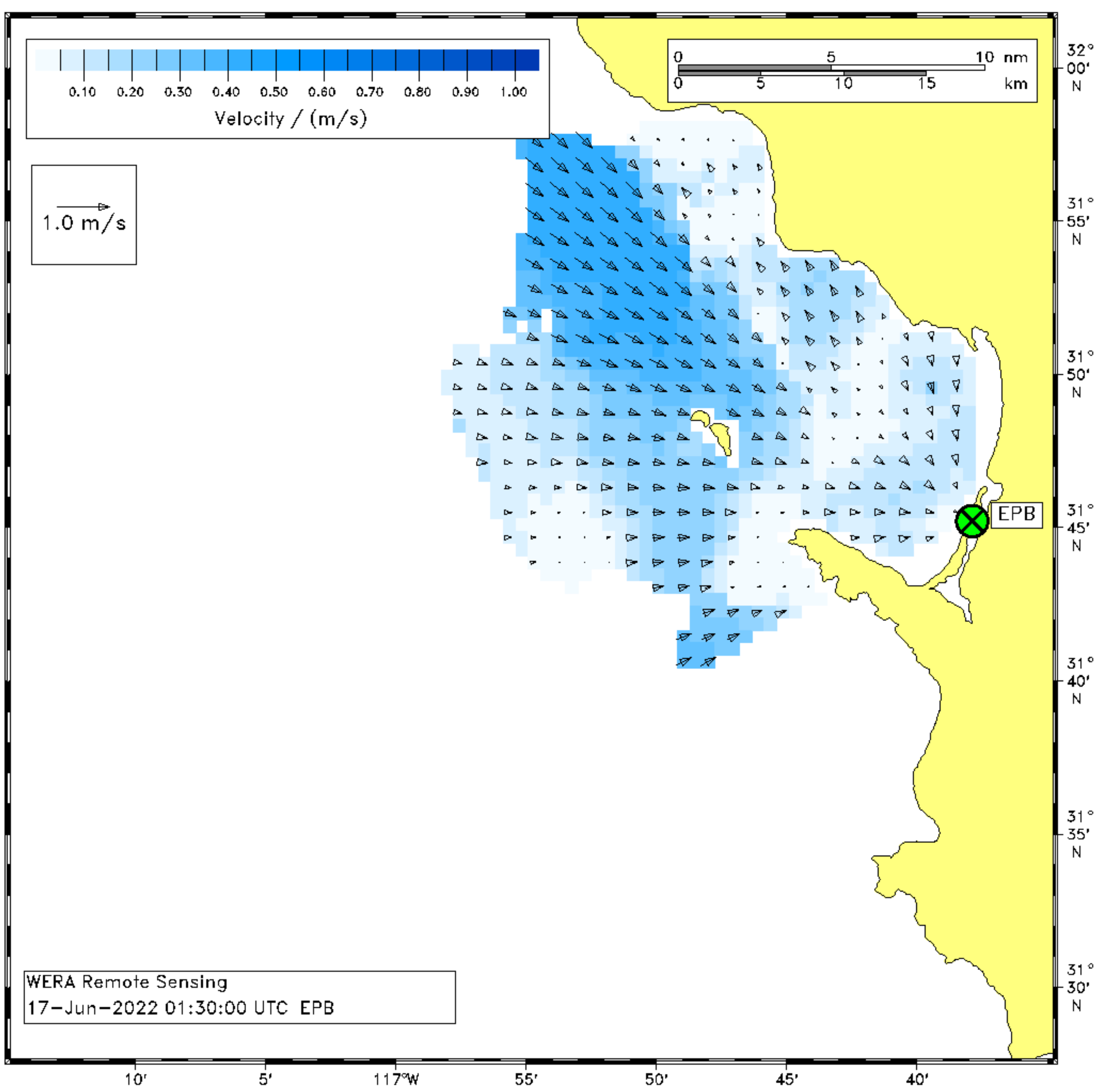
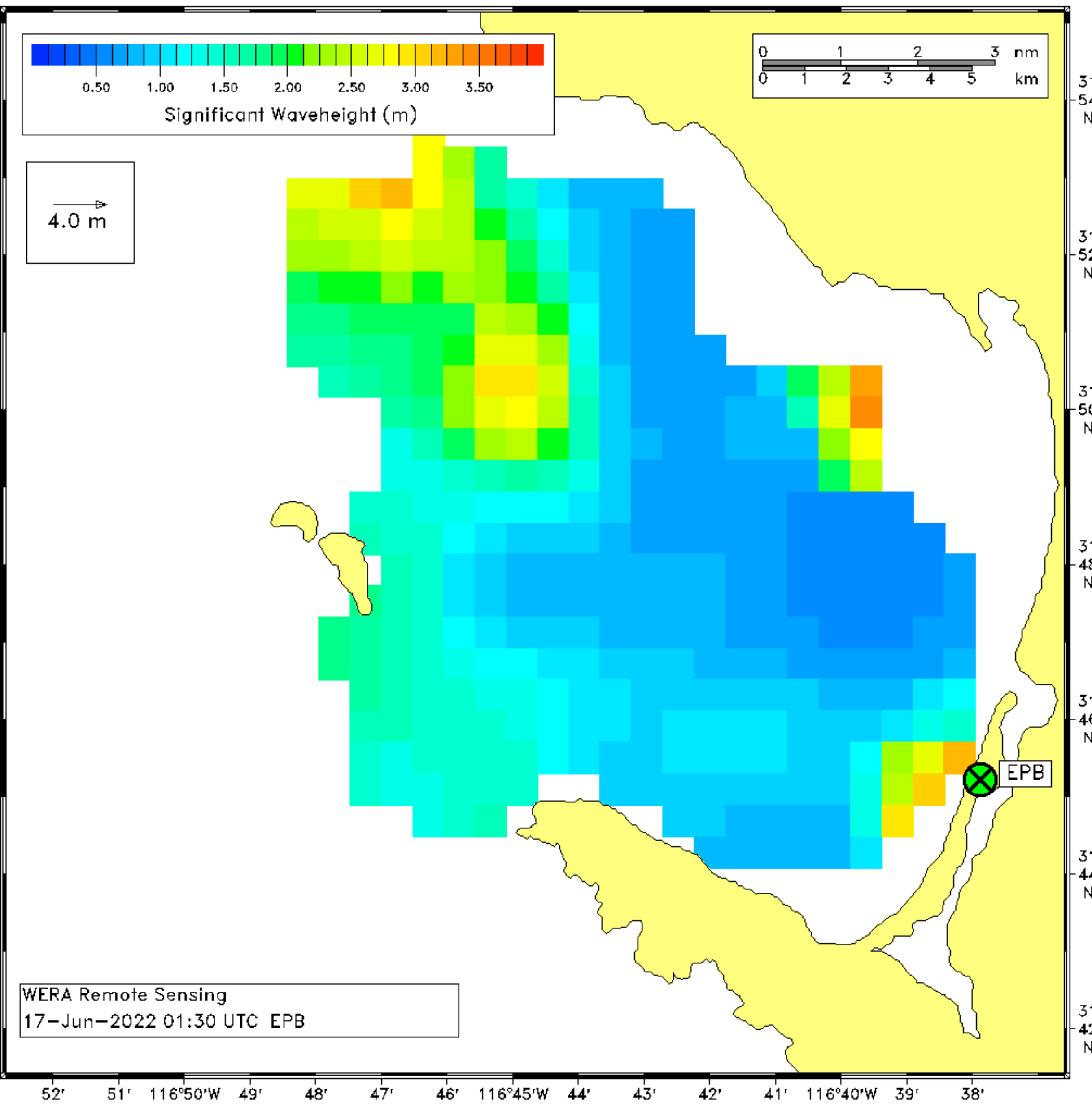
# Natural Laboratory BTS

Direct Measurements (in-situ) and  
with Remote Sensors: Radar  
(Coastal and Satellite-borne).



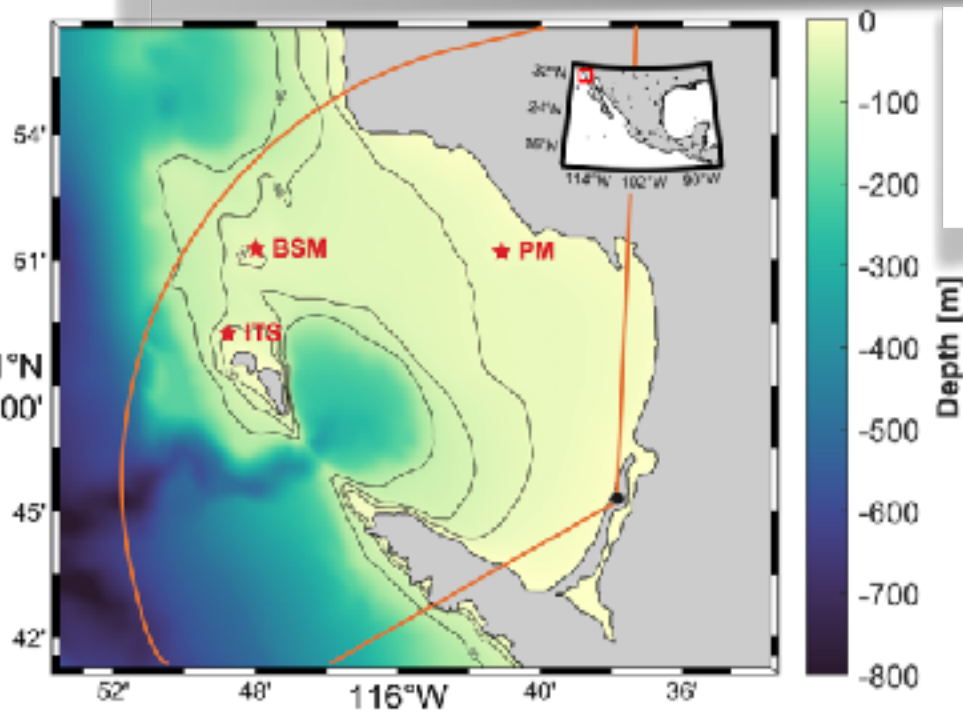


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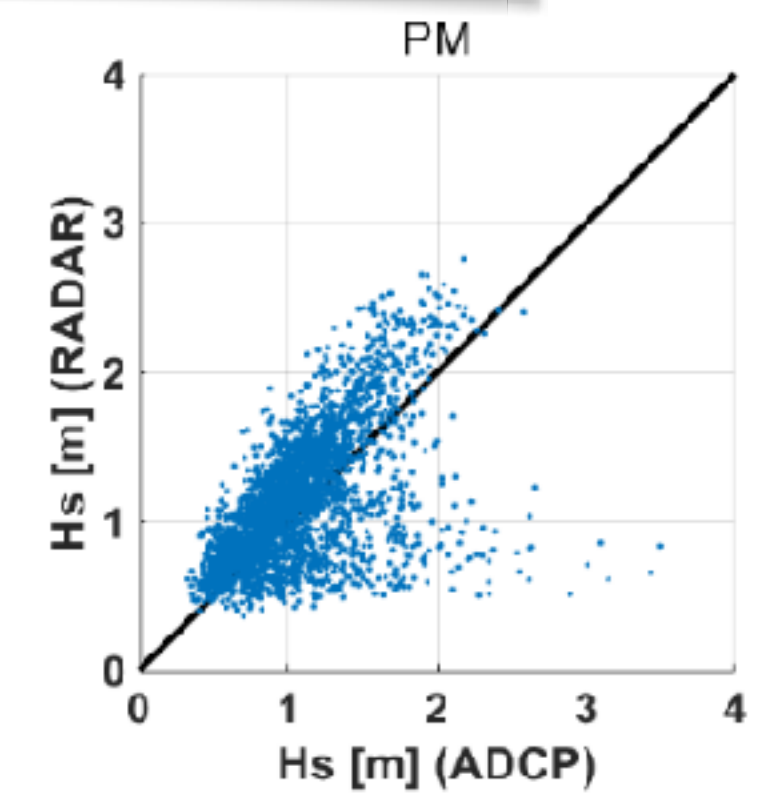
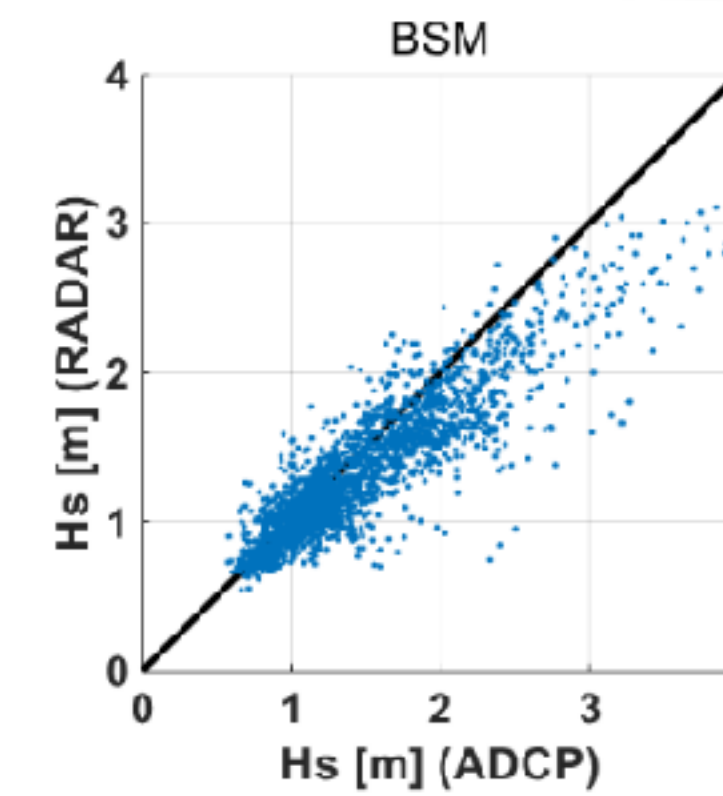
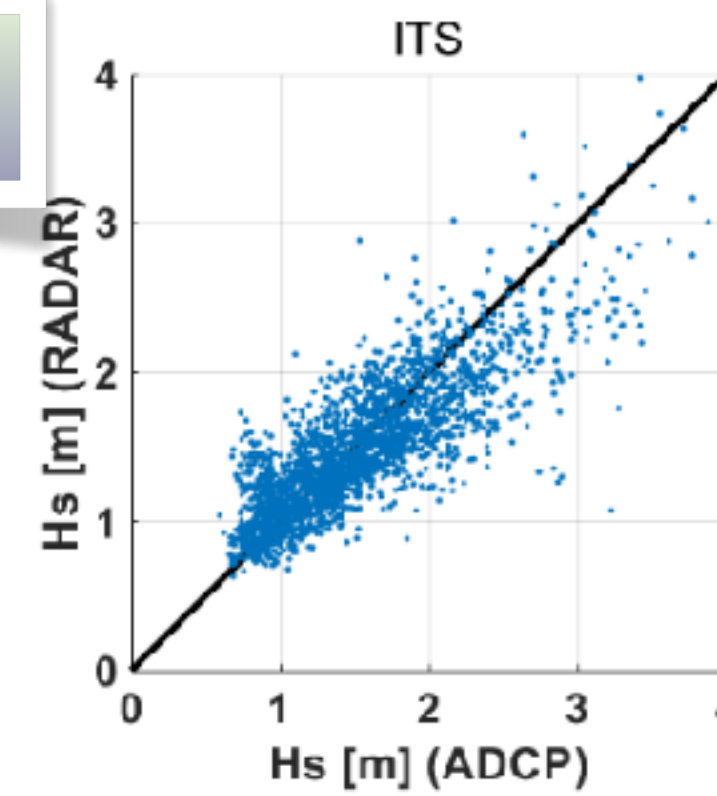




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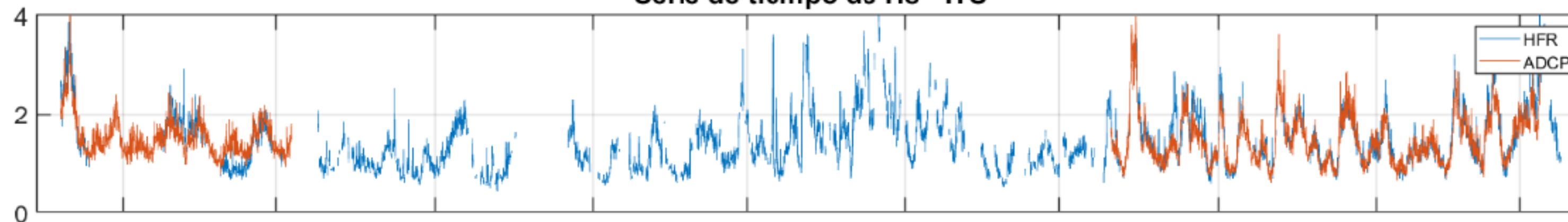


Guevara Aguirre, J. C. (2023), M.Sc. Thesis  
Coastal Oceanography, FCM, IIO, UABC

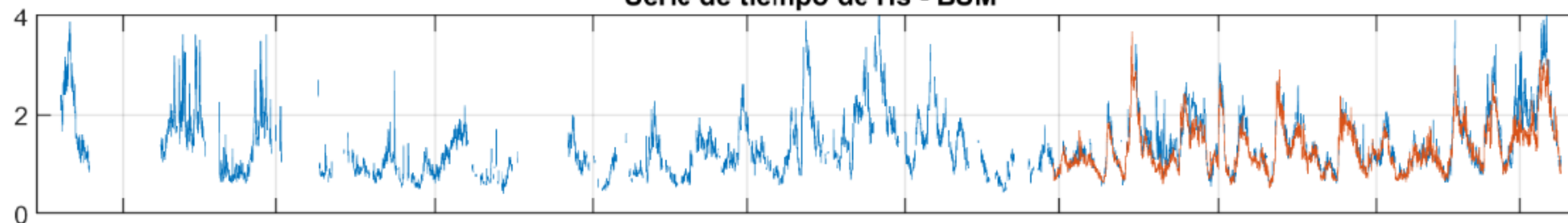


Series de tiempo de Hs en puntos de BTS

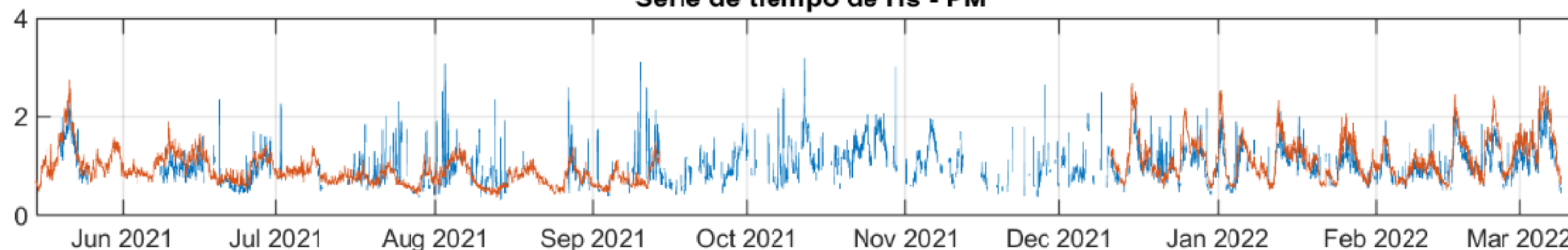
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Serie de tiempo de Hs - BSM



Serie de tiempo de Hs - PM



**Efforts towards**

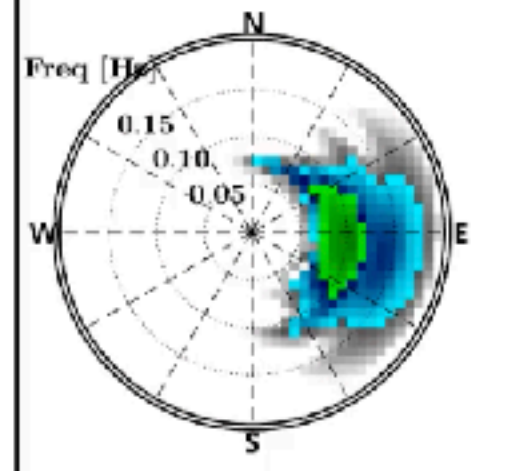
**\*Estimation of frequency spectrum.**

**\*\*Directional wave spectrum.**

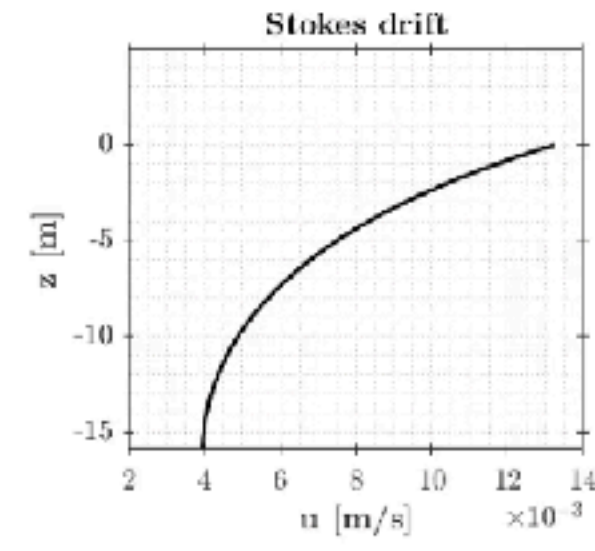
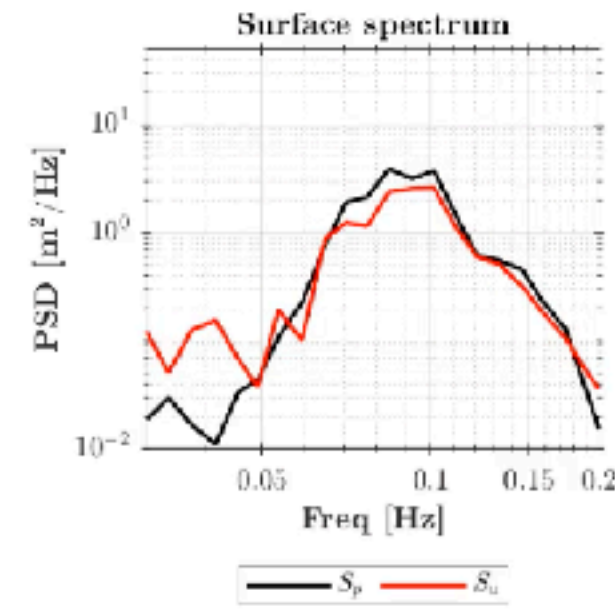
**Based upon: Hashimoto N, M. Tokuda (1999).  
A Bayesian approach for estimating  
directional spectra with HF radar.  
Coast. Eng. 41: 137–149.**



$\text{m}^2/\text{Hz}/\text{rad}$   
 $10^2$   
 $10^1$   
 $10^0$   
 $10^{-1}$   
 $10^{-2}$

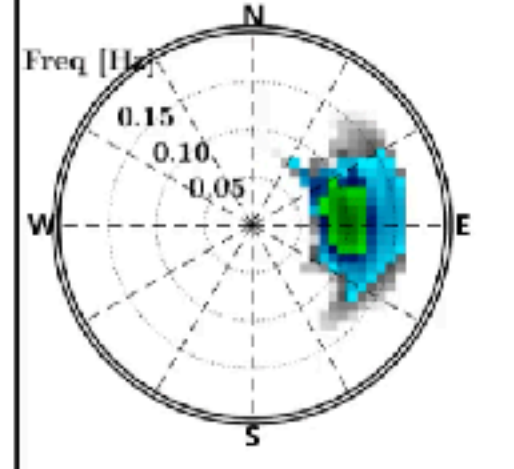
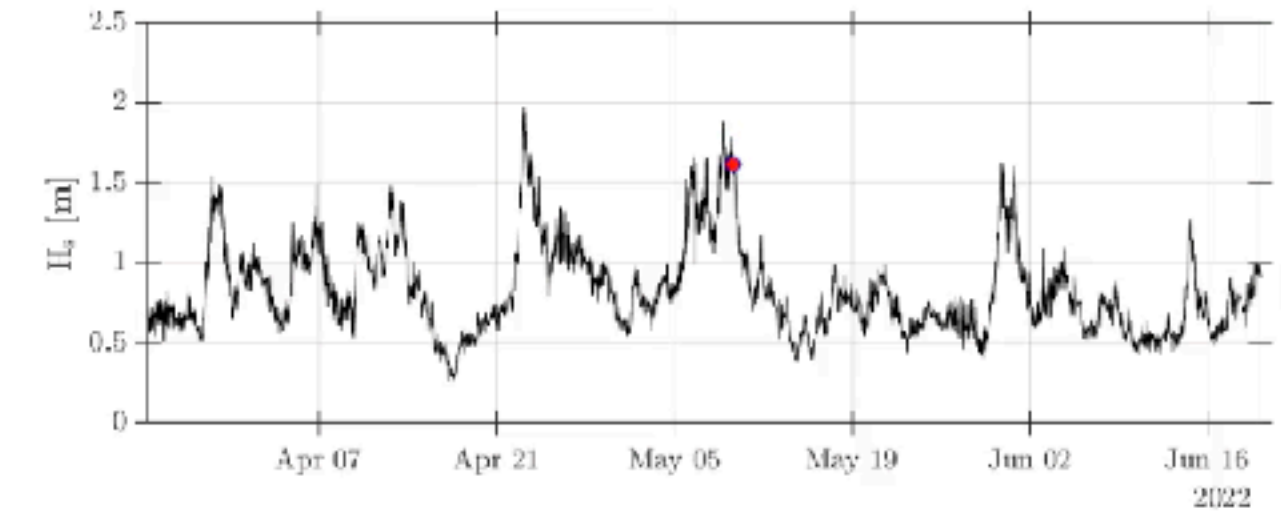


Bajo San Miguel (BSM)

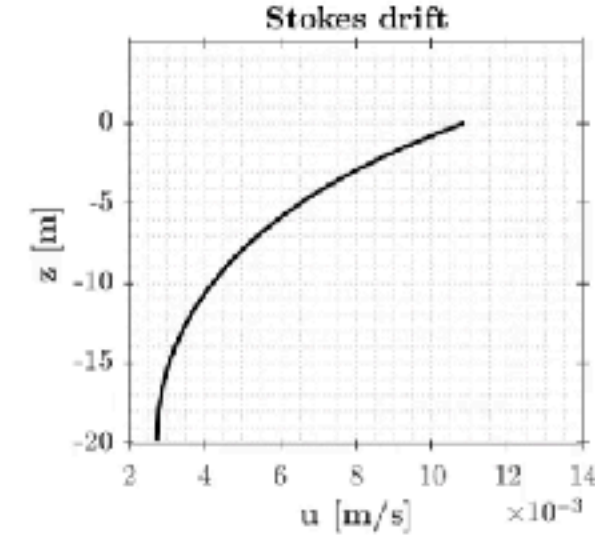
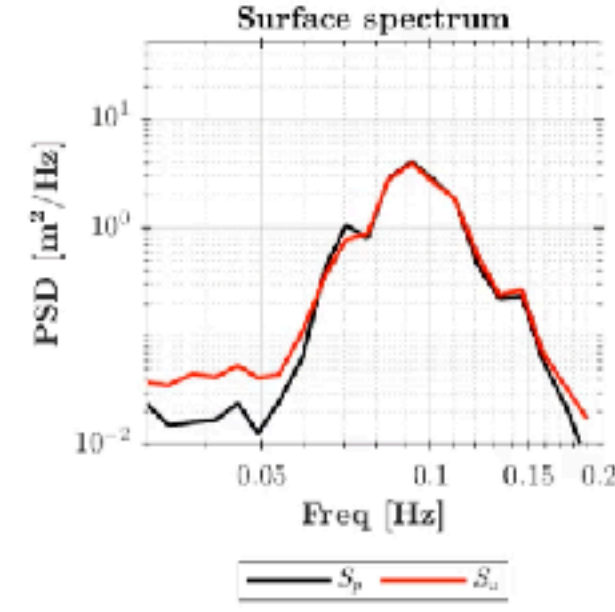


#### Wave Parameters

$$\begin{aligned} H_s^p &= 1.62 \text{ m} & H_s^o &= 1.38 \text{ m} \\ f_v^p &= 0.08 \text{ Hz} & f_v^o &= 0.10 \text{ Hz} \\ f_m^p &= 0.10 \text{ Hz} & f_m^o &= 0.10 \text{ Hz} \\ \theta &= 96^\circ & \theta_p &= 94^\circ & \sigma &= 21^\circ \\ u_{s0} &= 0.10 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

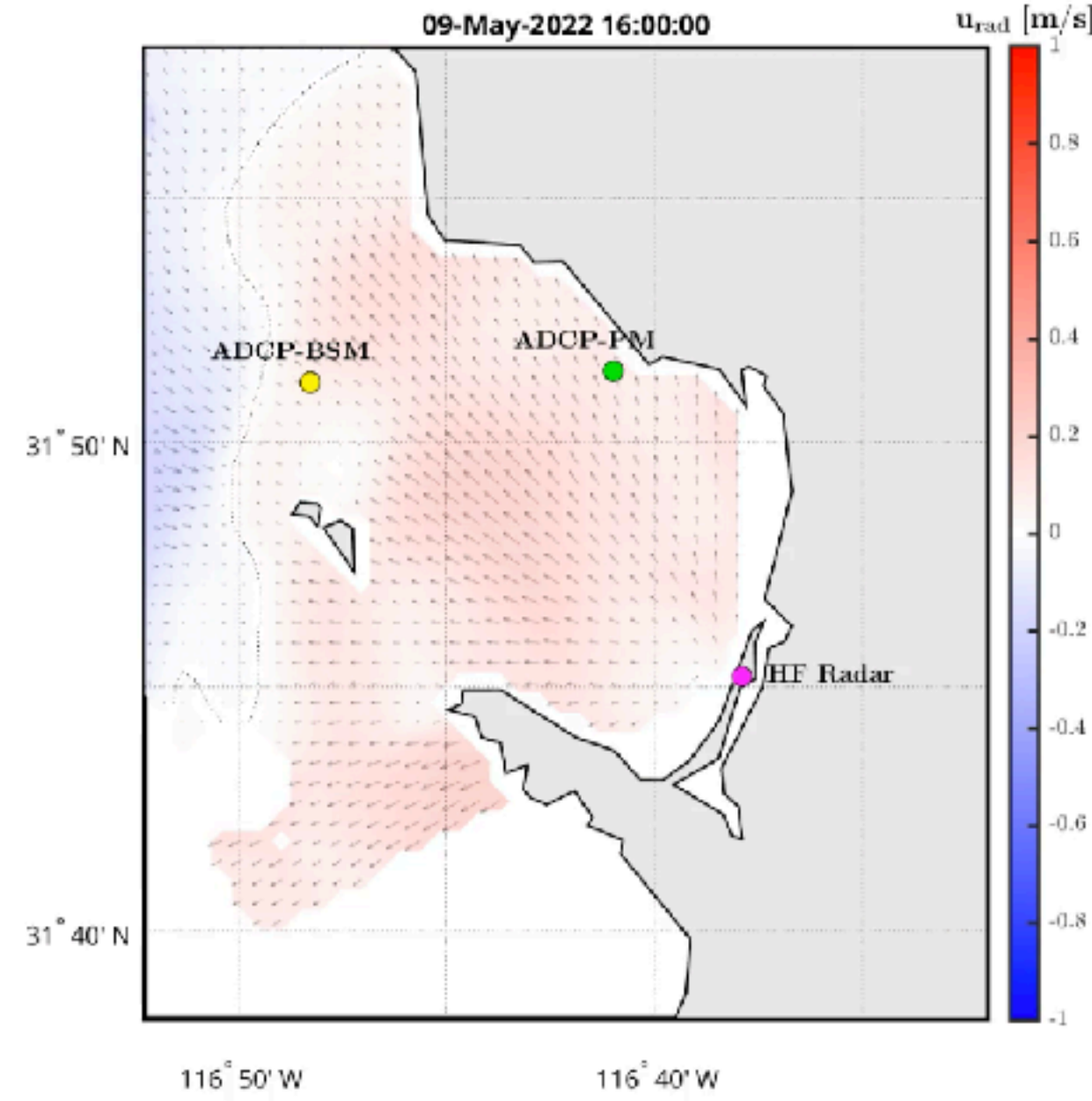
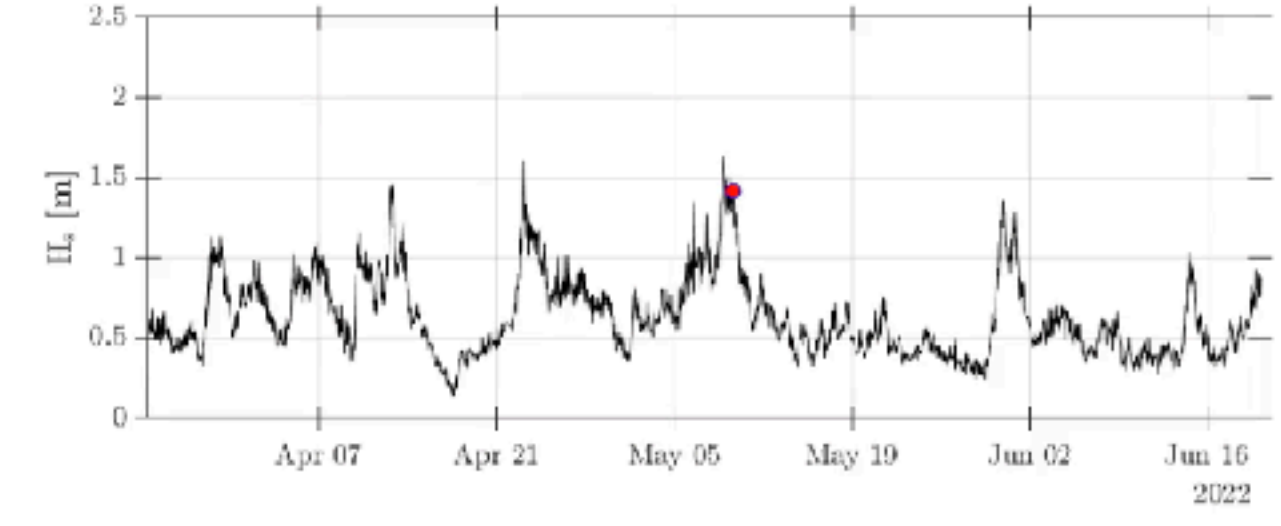


Punta Morro (PM)

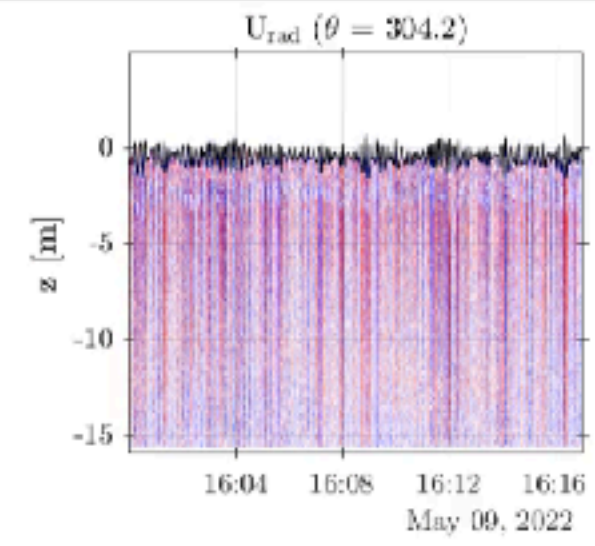


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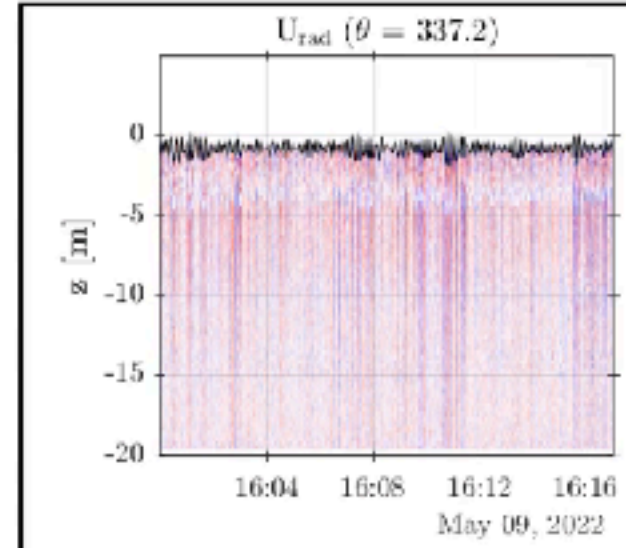
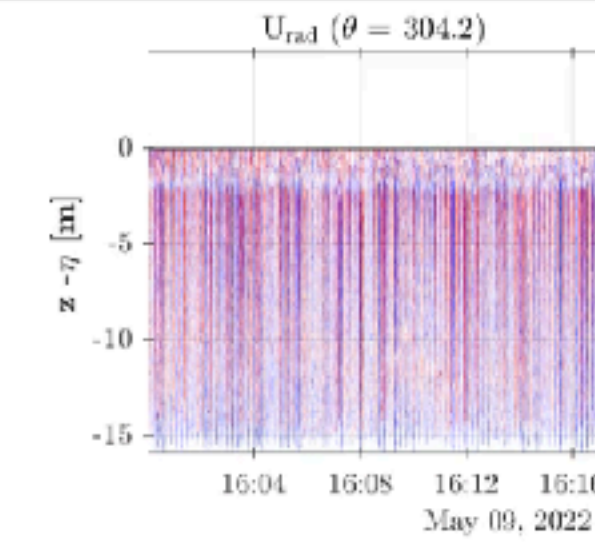
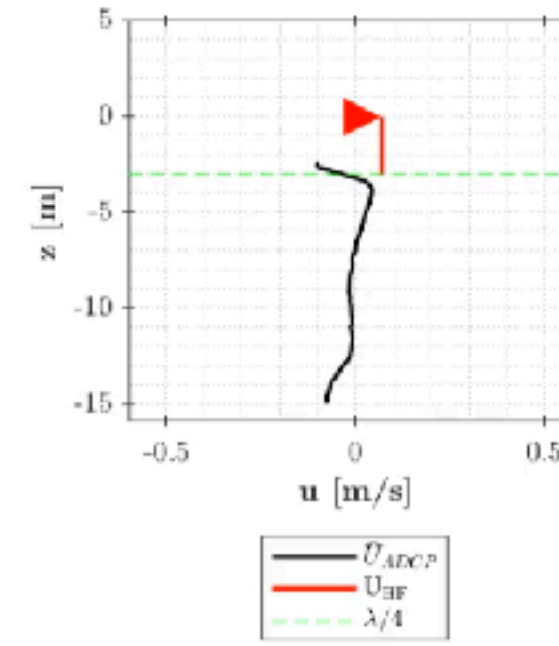
$$\begin{aligned} H_s^p &= 1.42 \text{ m} & H_s^o &= 1.41 \text{ m} \\ f_v^p &= 0.09 \text{ Hz} & f_v^o &= 0.09 \text{ Hz} \\ f_m^p &= 0.10 \text{ Hz} & f_m^o &= 0.10 \text{ Hz} \\ \theta &= 88^\circ & \theta_p &= 88^\circ & \sigma &= 13^\circ \\ u_{s0} &= 0.10 \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$



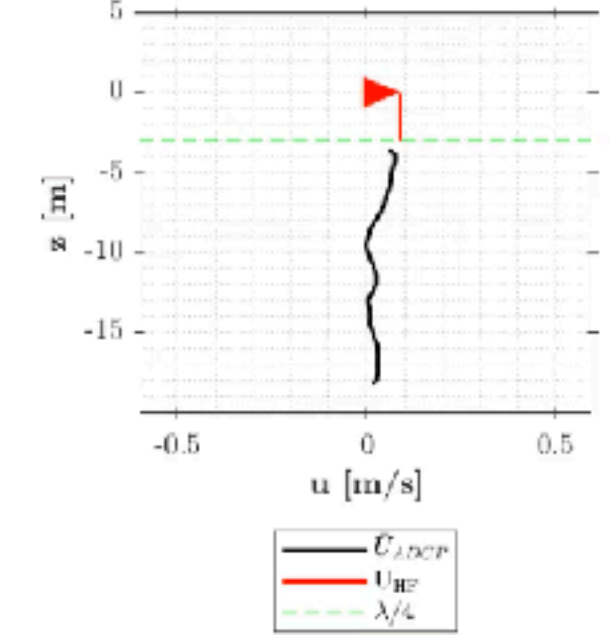
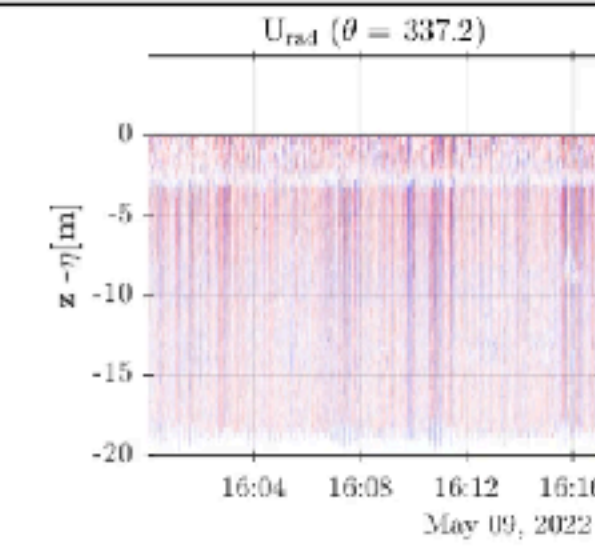
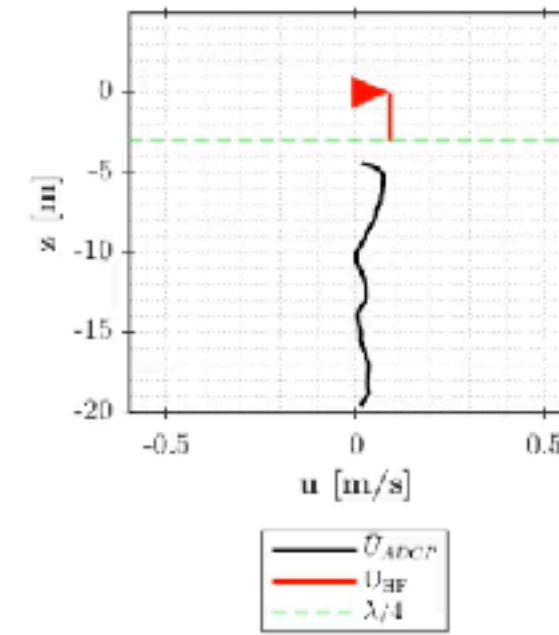
HF Radar (freq: 25 MHz,  $\lambda = 11.99 \text{ m}$ )



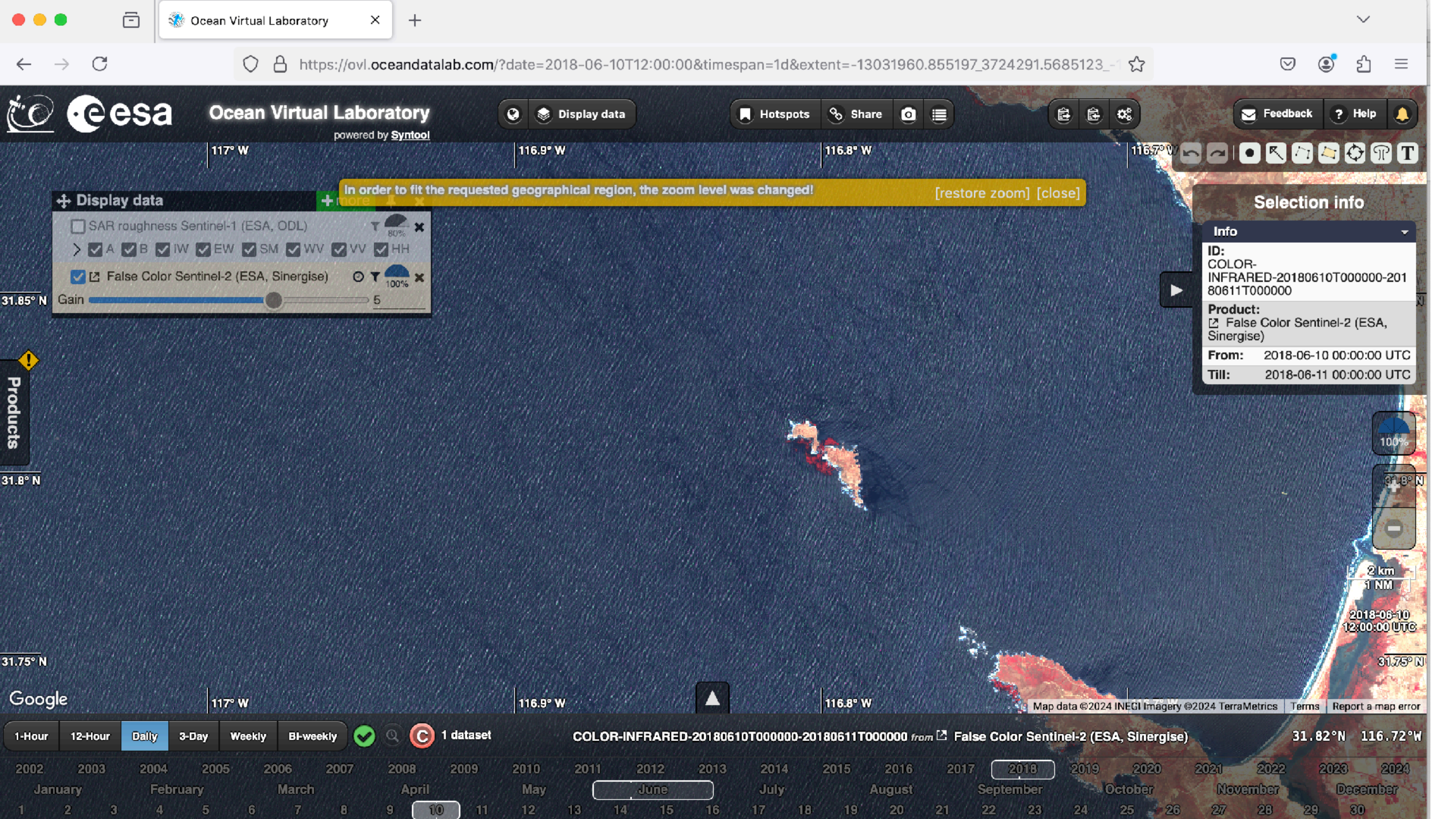
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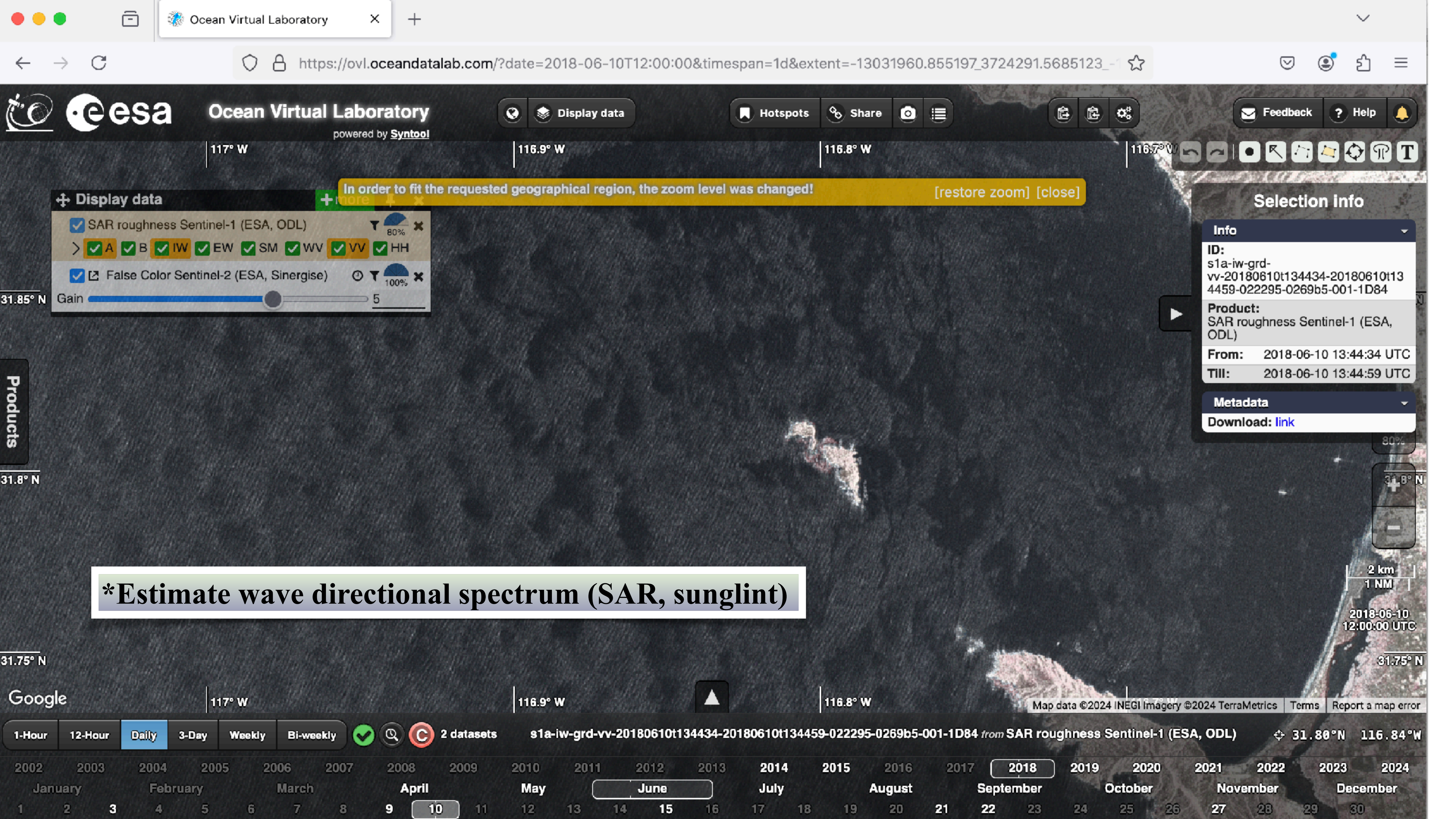
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117° W 116.9° W 116.8° W 116.7° W



**Display data**

☒ SAR roughness Sentinel-1 (ESA, ODL) 80%

> ☒ A ☒ B ☒ IW ☒ EW ☒ SM ☒ WV ☒ VV ☒ HH

☒ False Color Sentinel-2 (ESA, Sinergise) 100%

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**Selection info**

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**Till:** 2018-06-10 13:44:59 UTC

**Metadata**

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\*Estimate wave directional spectrum (SAR, sunlint)

Products

31.85° N

31.8° N

31.75° N

80%

31.8° N

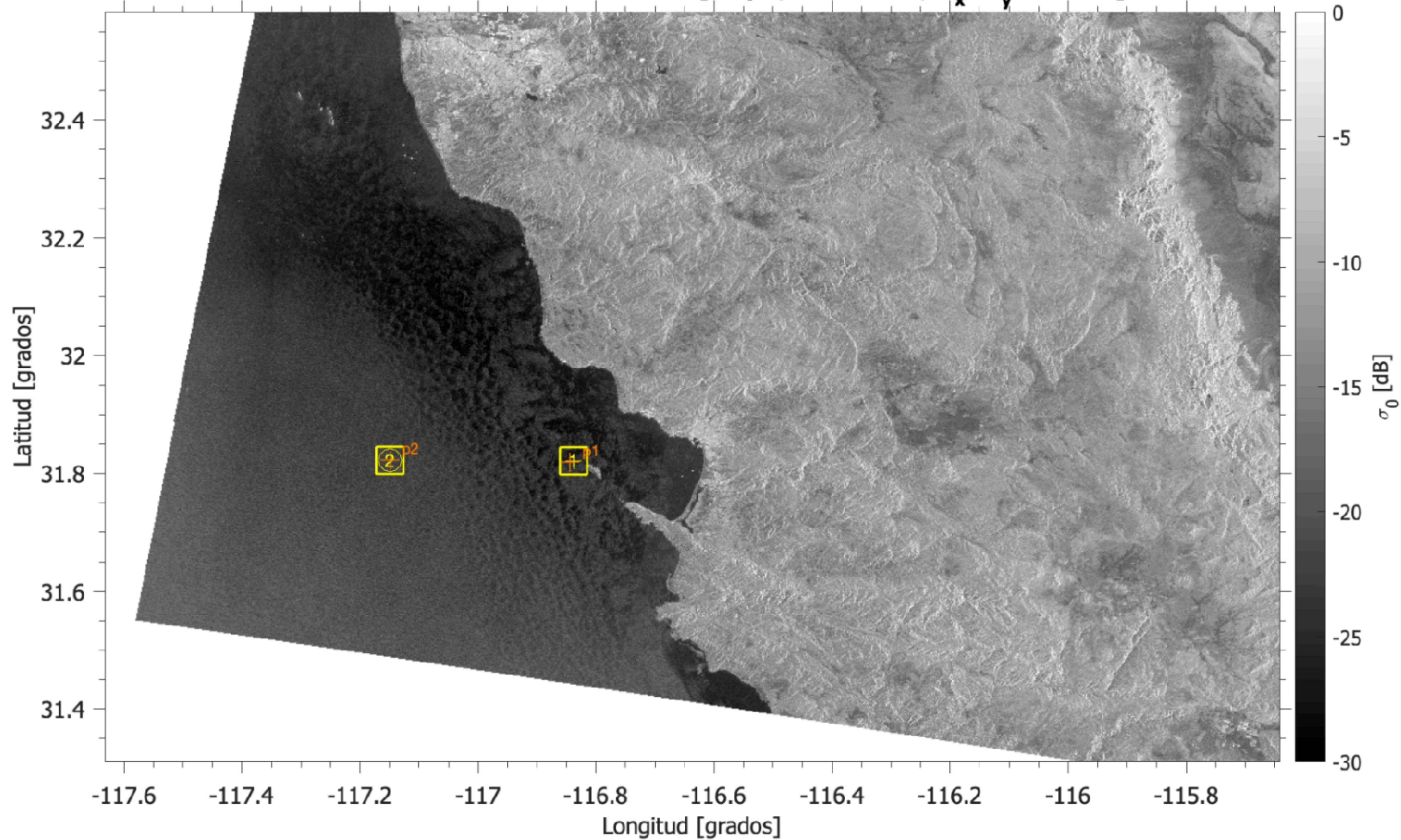
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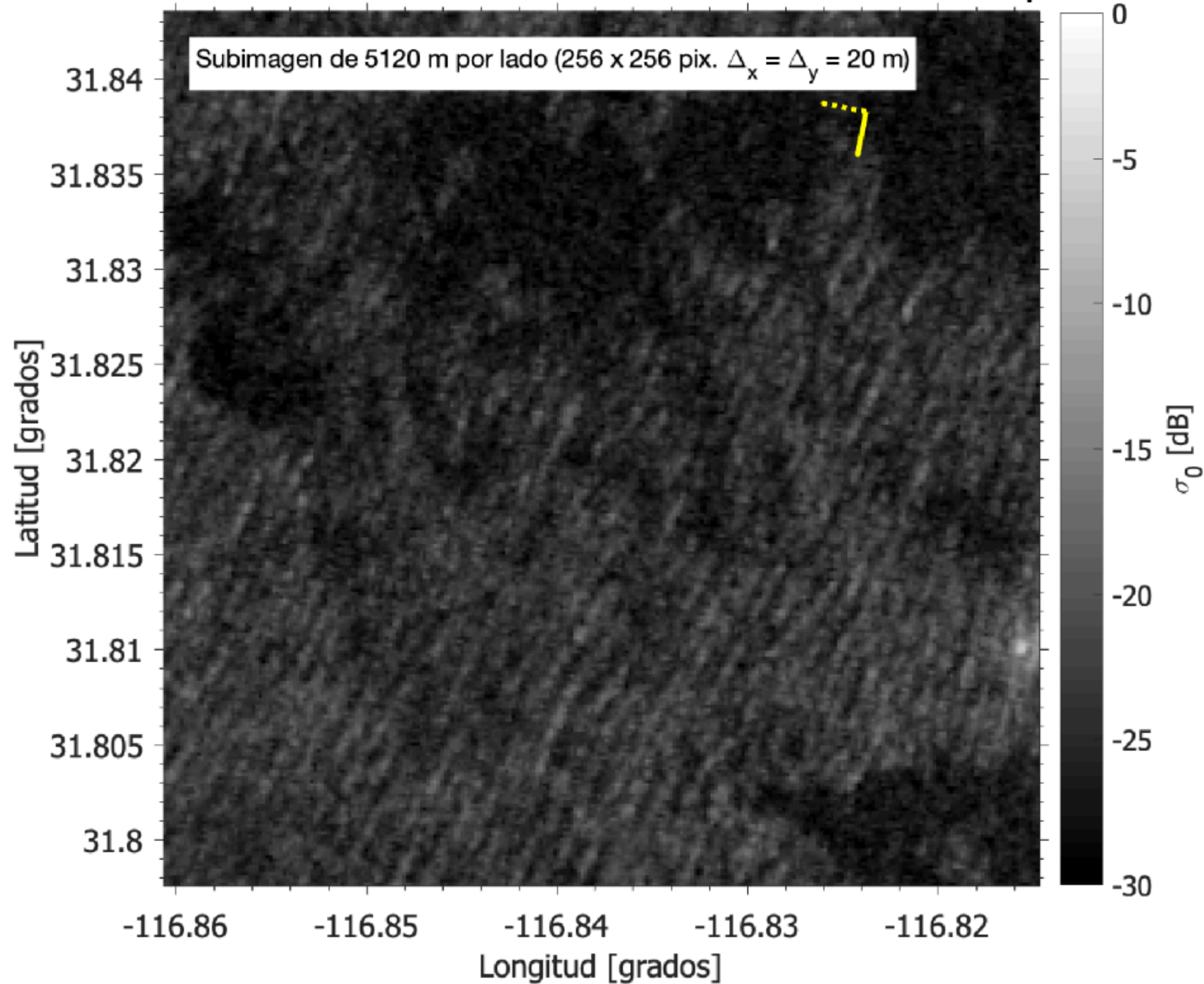


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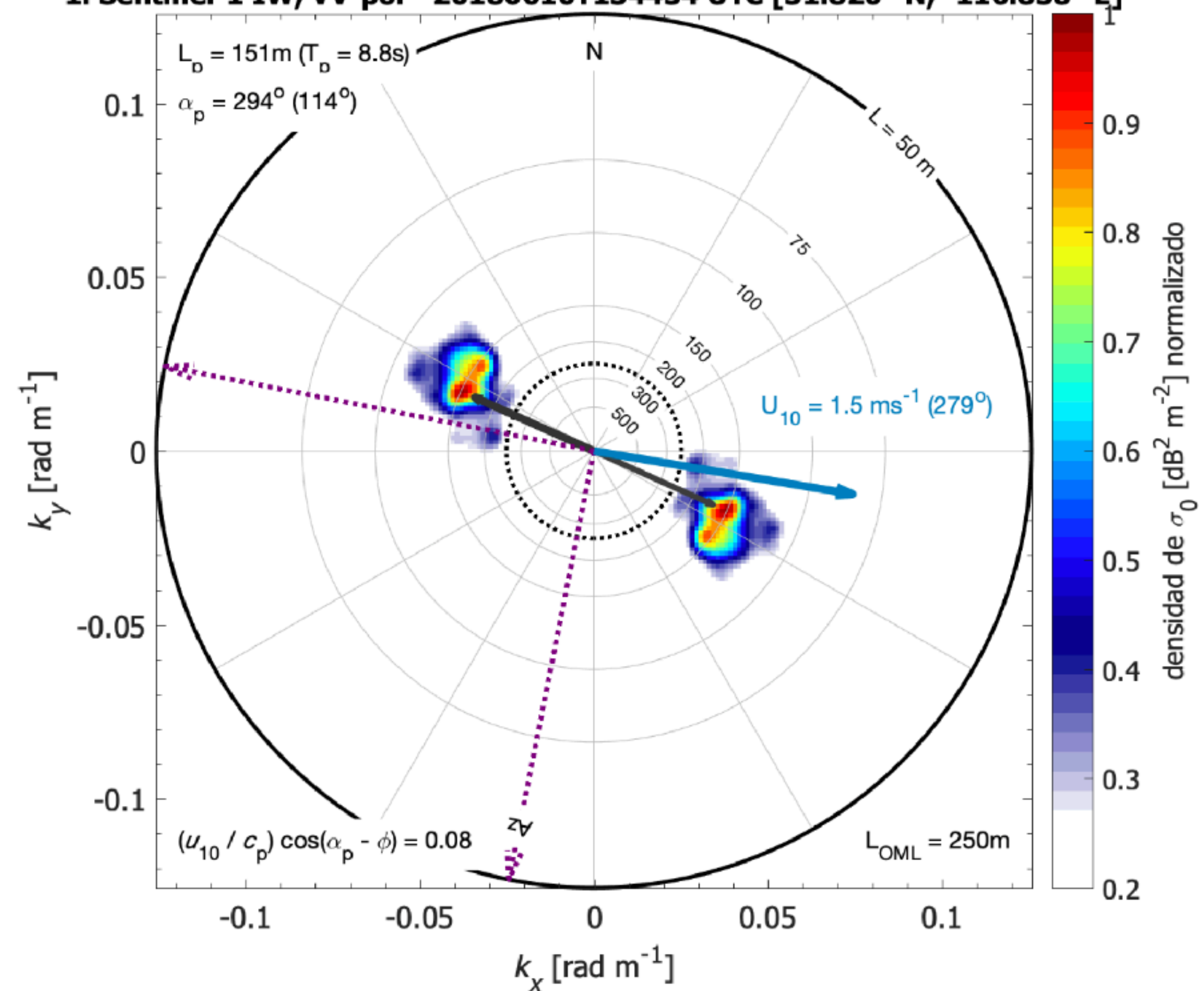




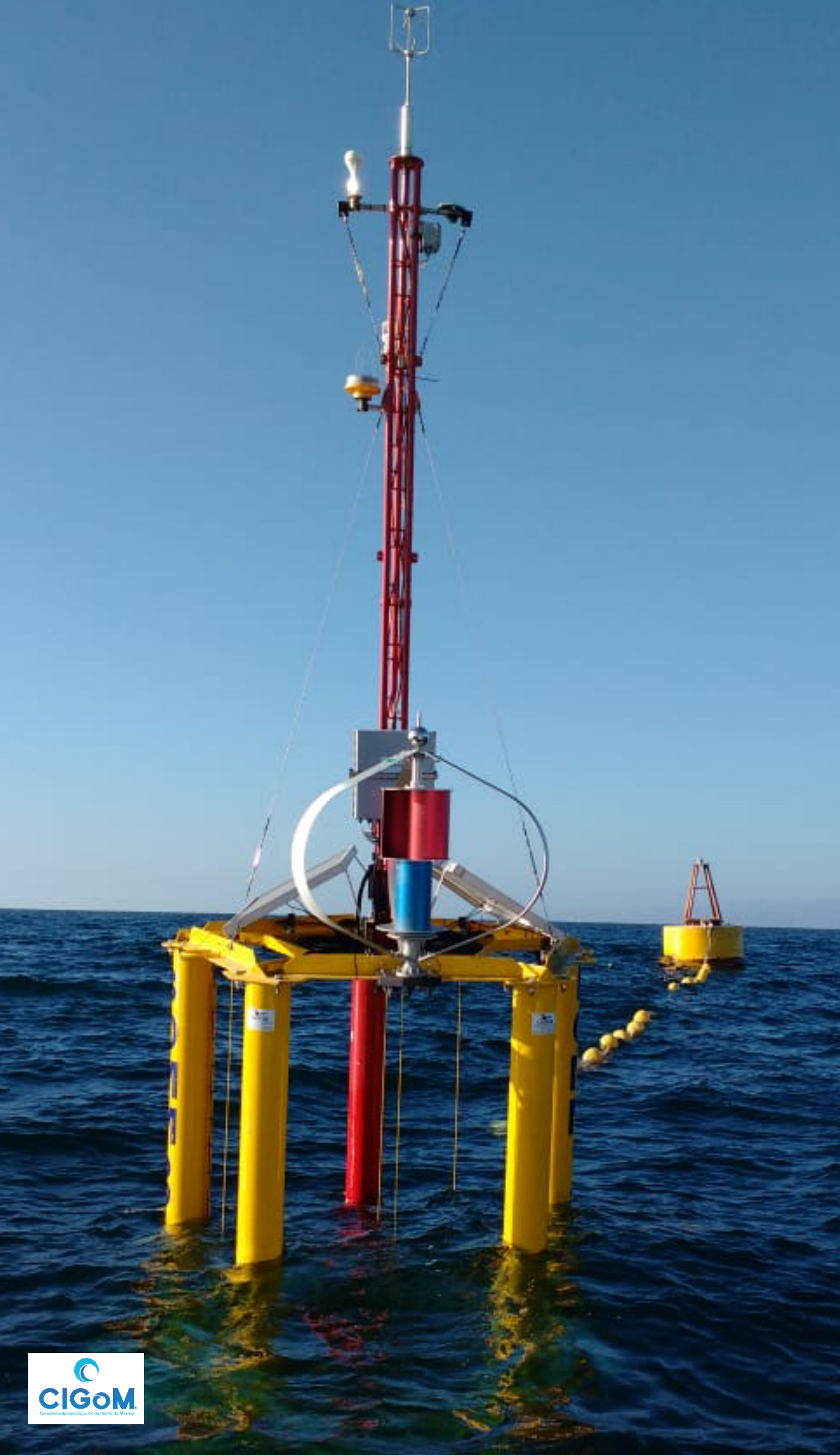
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1. Sentinel-1 IW, VV-pol - 20180610T134434 UTC [31.820° N, -116.838° E]







$U_{6m} = 1.93 \text{ m/s}$

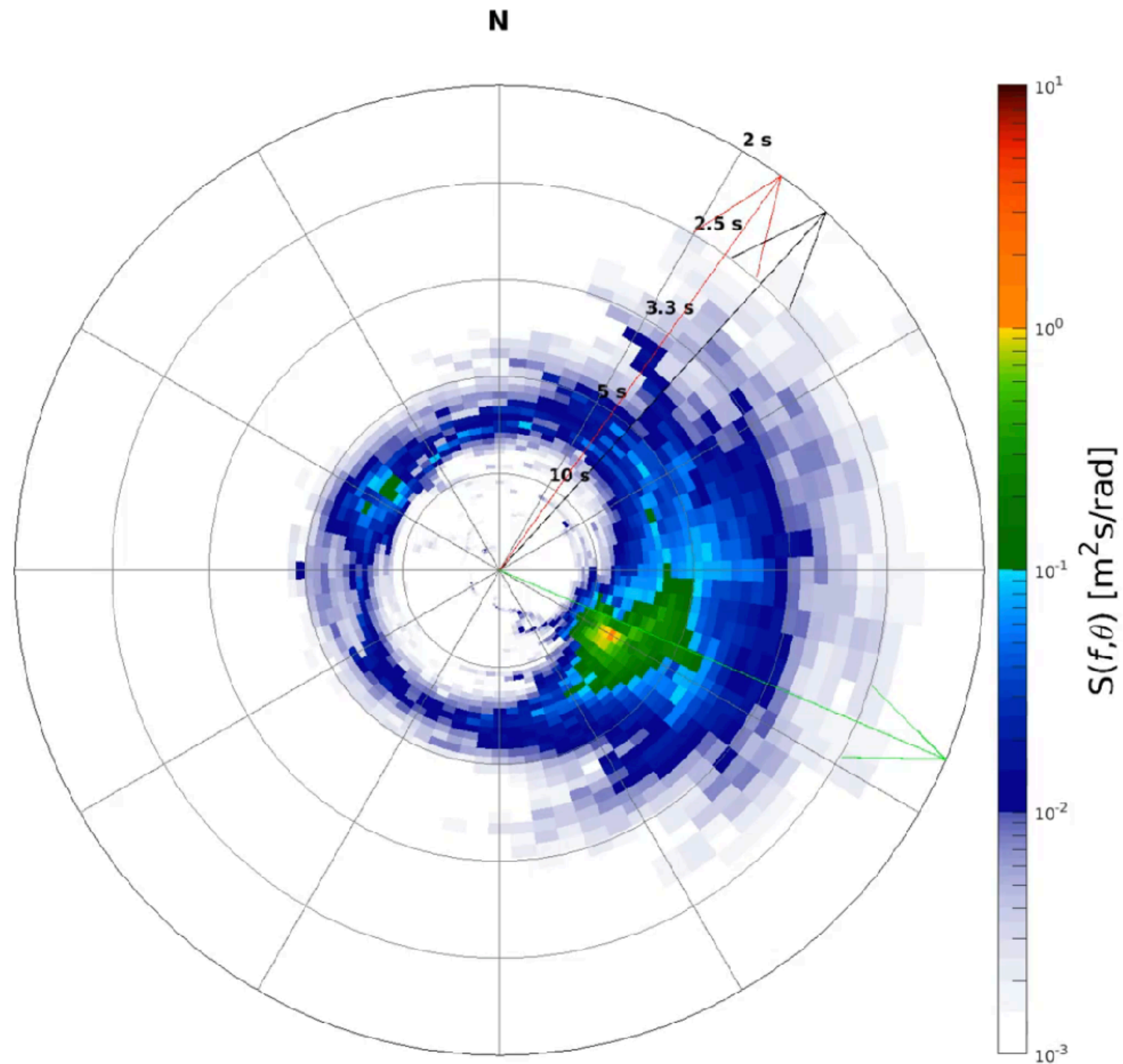
$\theta_{\text{wind}} = 42^\circ \text{ N}$

$f_{\text{mean}} = 0.17 \text{ Hz}$

$\theta_{\text{wave}} = 113^\circ \text{ N}$

$H_s = 1.11 \text{ m}$

$S_{\text{max}} = 2.302\text{E}+00 \text{ m}^2 \text{ s rad}^{-1}$



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# Multi-angle Imaging Spectro Radiometer (MISR). Sunlint, mss.

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## Sunlint images of current gradients at high resolution: Critical angle and directional observing strategy



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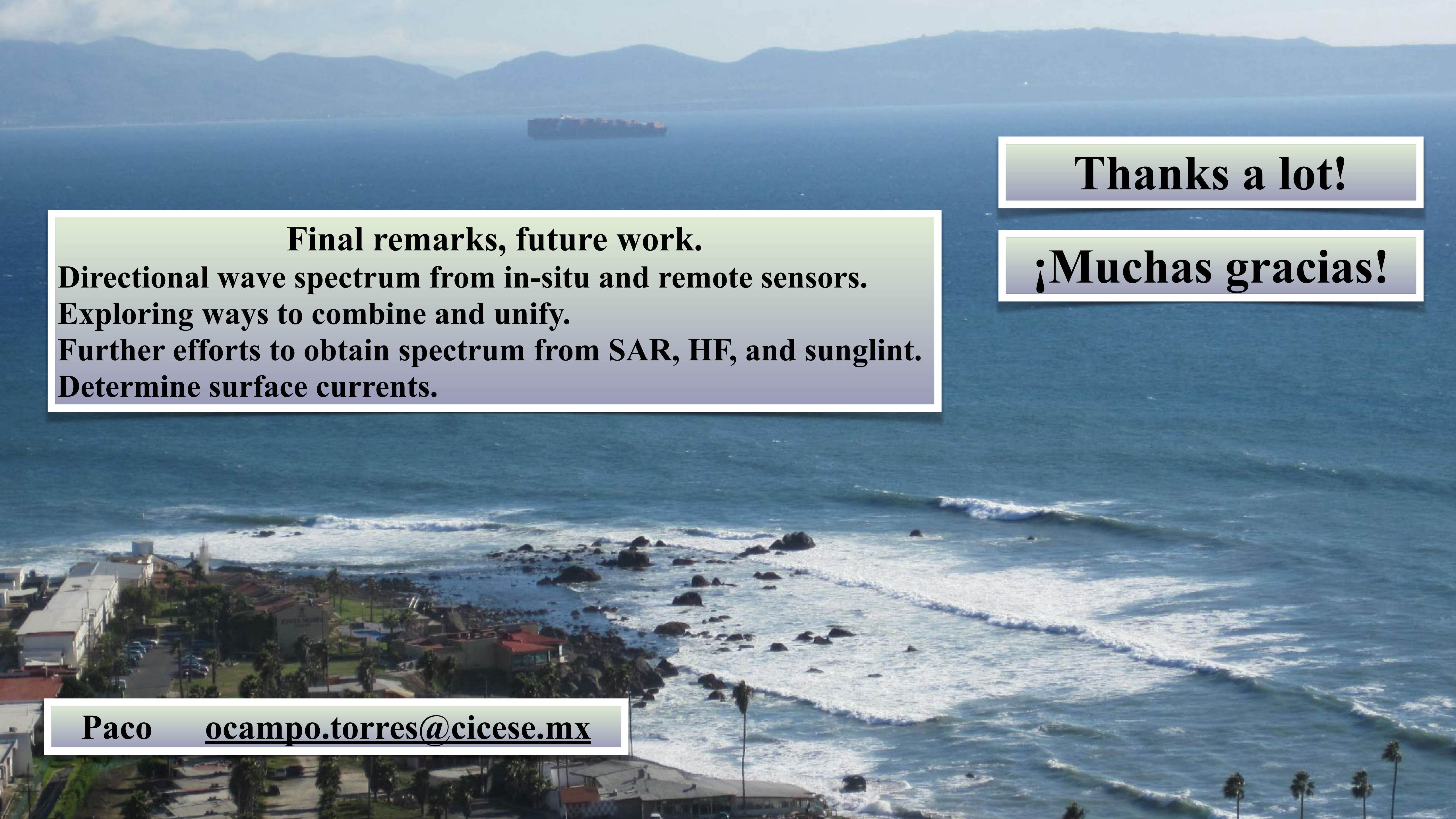
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### Optical sensors.

Sunlint is related to directional roughness and to statistical wave properties (mss wave mean square slope parameter).





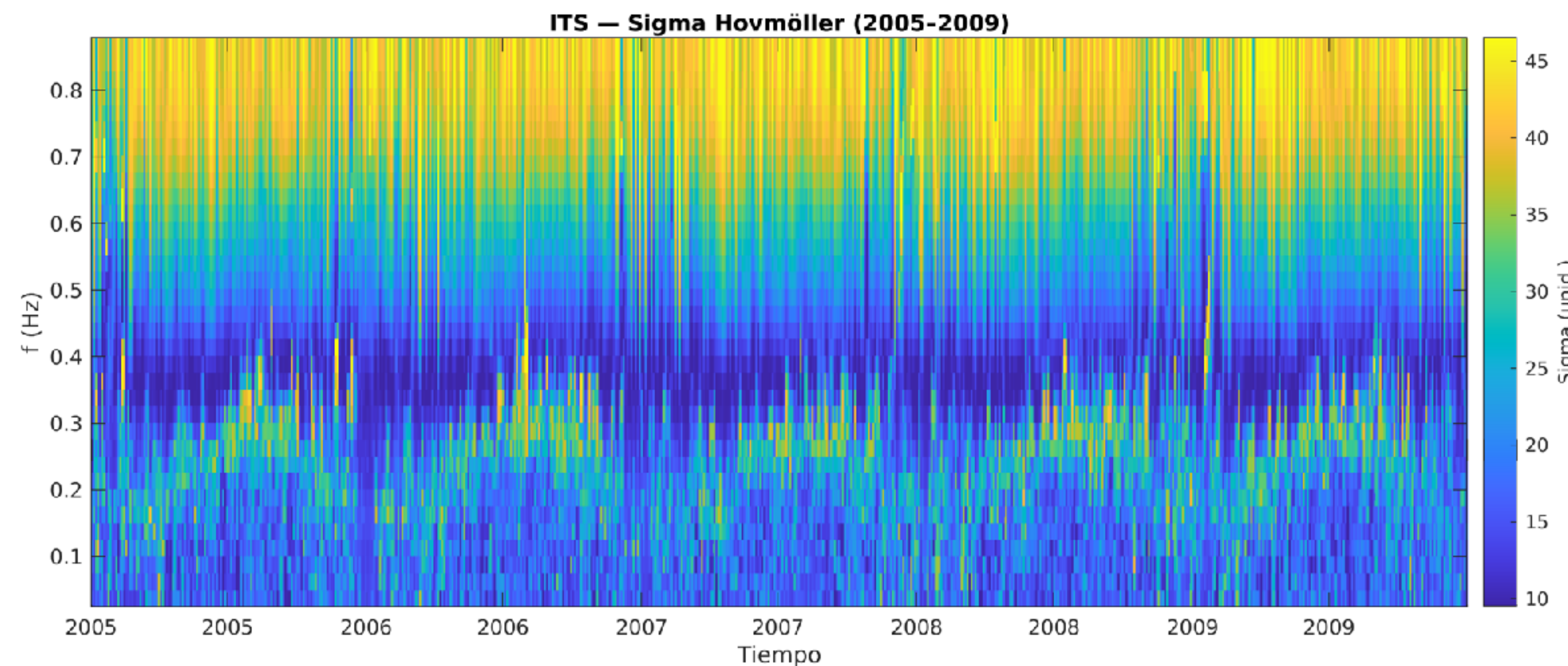
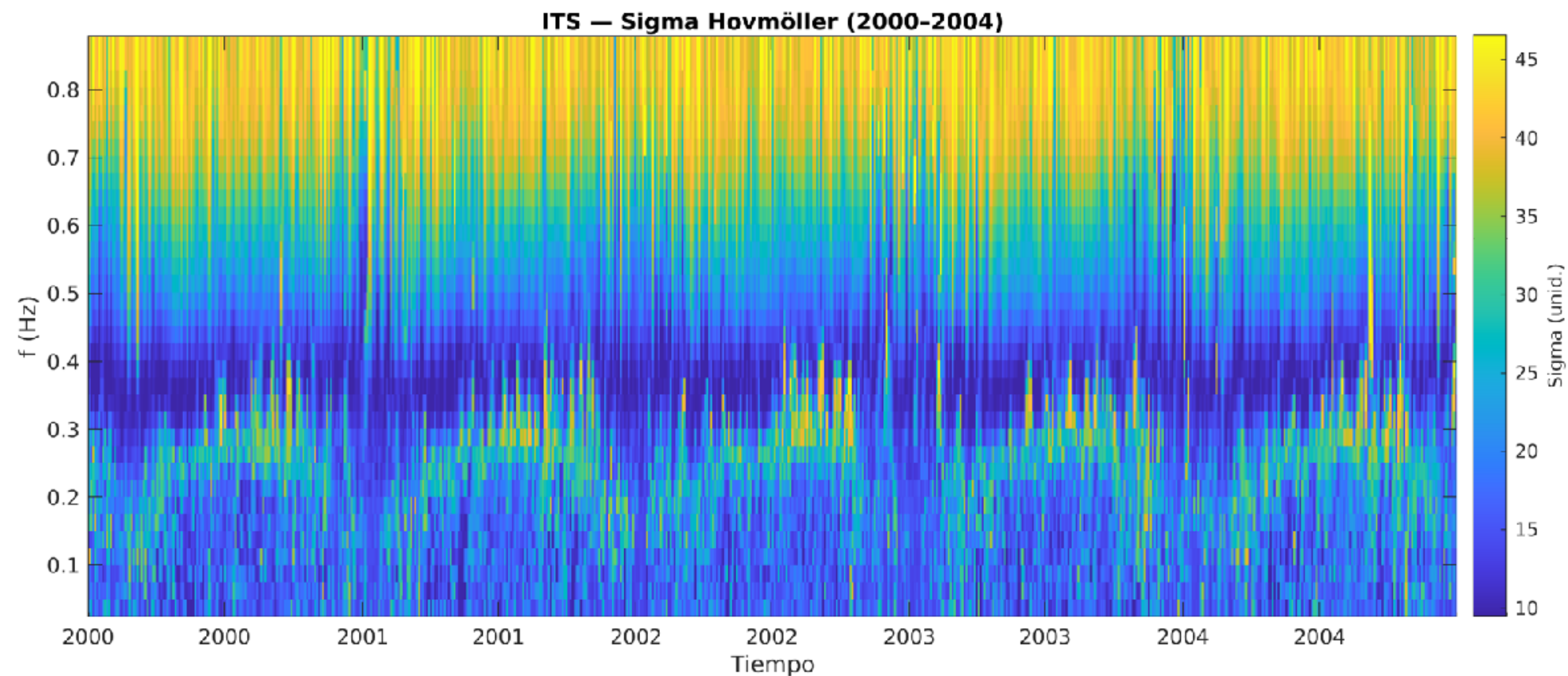
**Final remarks, future work.**  
**Directional wave spectrum from in-situ and remote sensors.**  
**Exploring ways to combine and unify.**  
**Further efforts to obtain spectrum from SAR, HF, and sunglint.**  
**Determine surface currents.**

**Thanks a lot!**

**¡Muchas gracias!**

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**Relevance of the directional spectrum shape.**  
**Directional spread ( $f$ ) time variaton.**

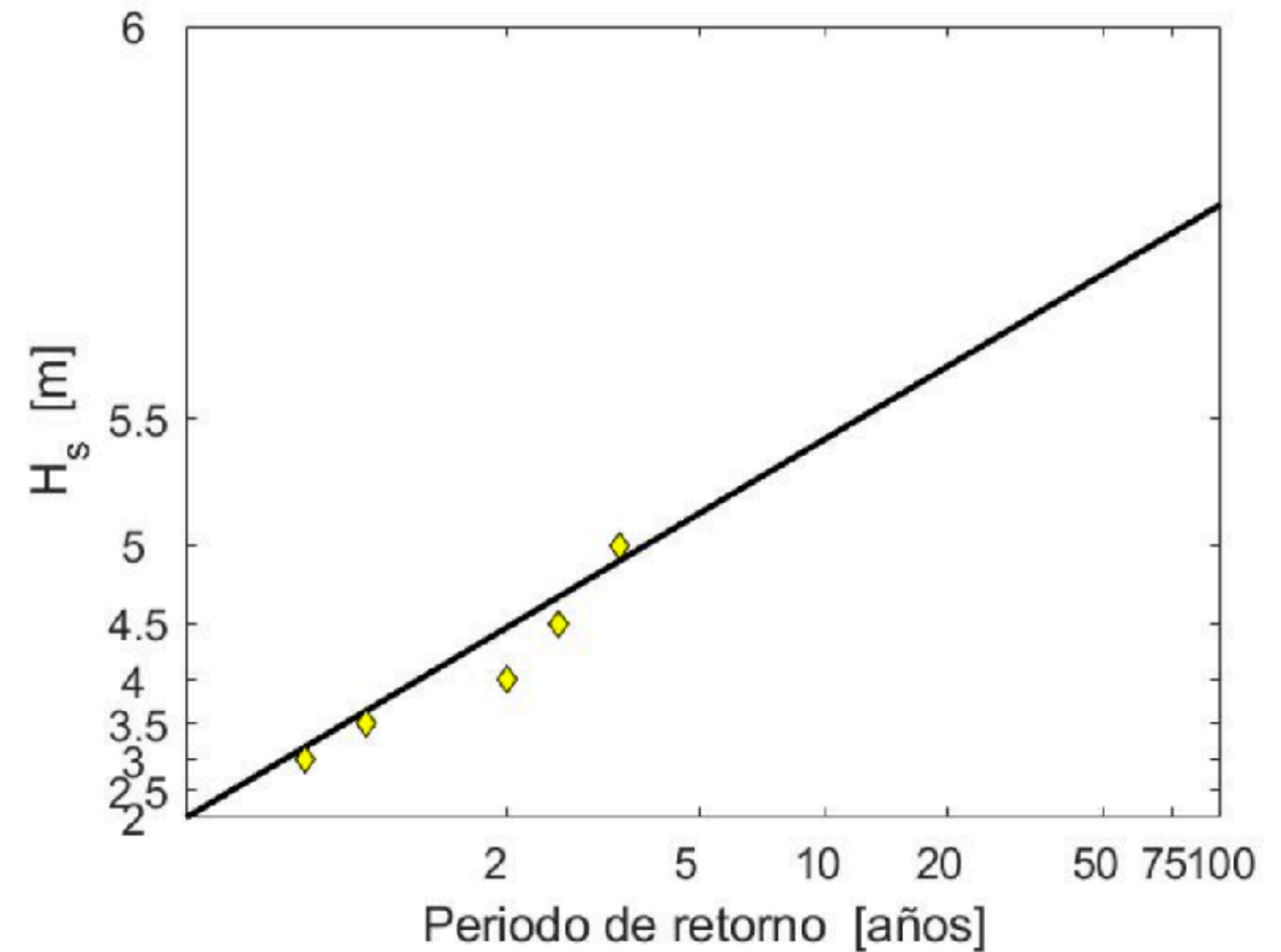
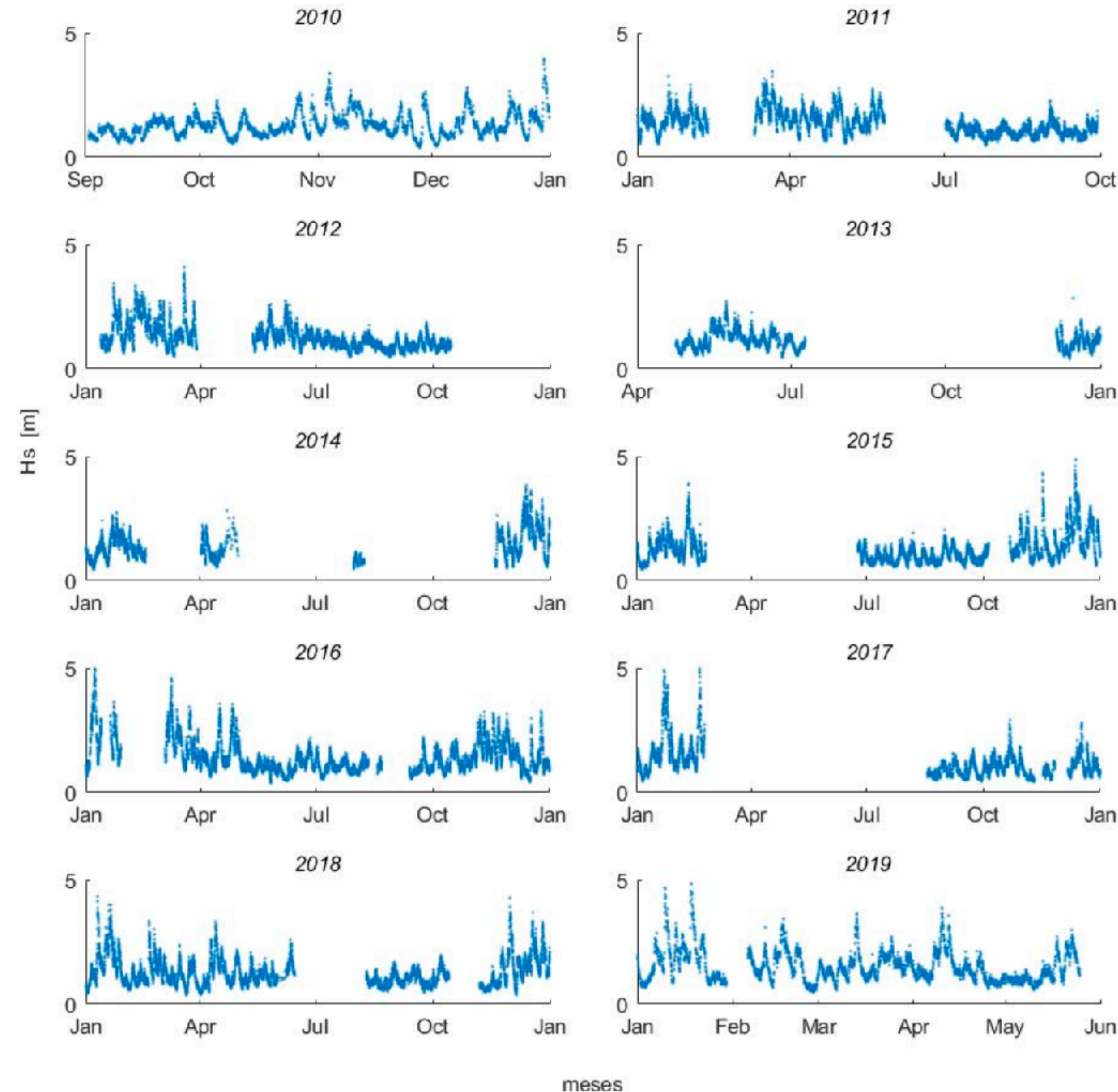
**Open questions: Natural variability and possible effect in near shore processes.**

**Effect in breaking waves nearshore. Possible association with climate?**

**Numerical simulations.**  
**Direct measurements.**

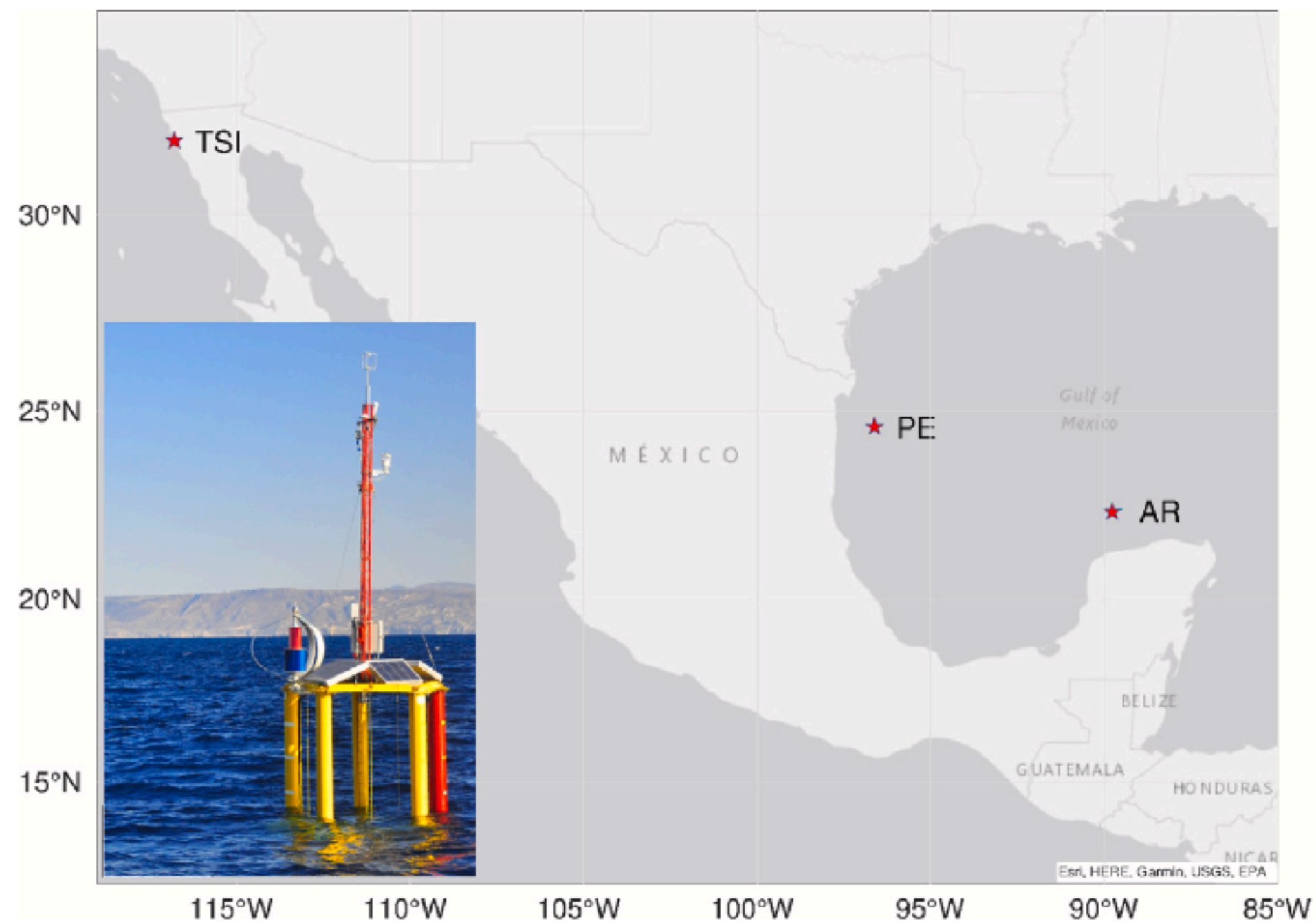


**Acosta Solís, G. (2020) Caracterización del oleaje en la Isla Todos Santos, Baja California, durante el periodo 2010-2020.**  
**B.Sc. Thesis. Oceanology, FCM, UABC**

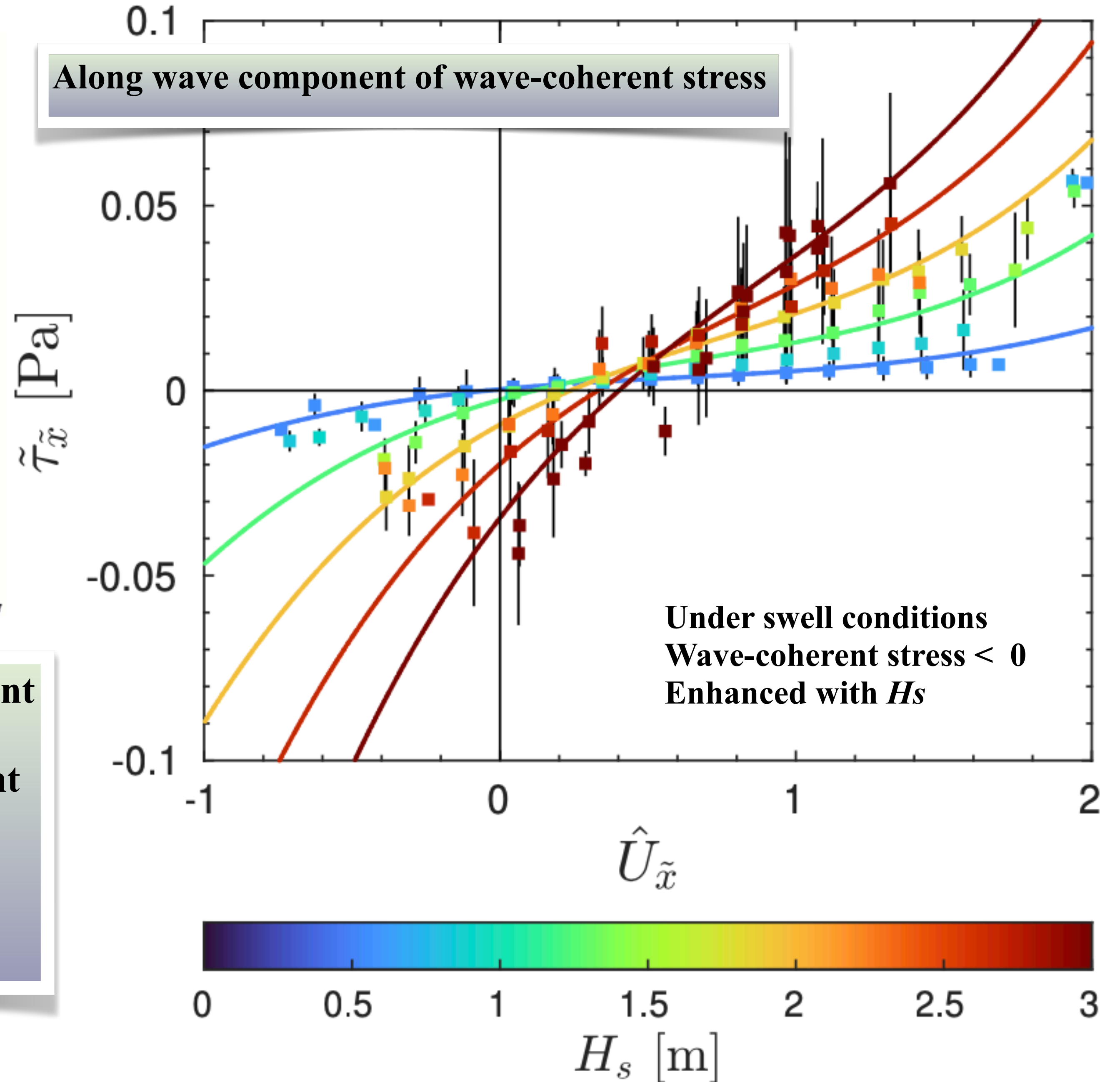


**Figura 17. Extrapolación de la distribución de probabilidad del valor extremo**

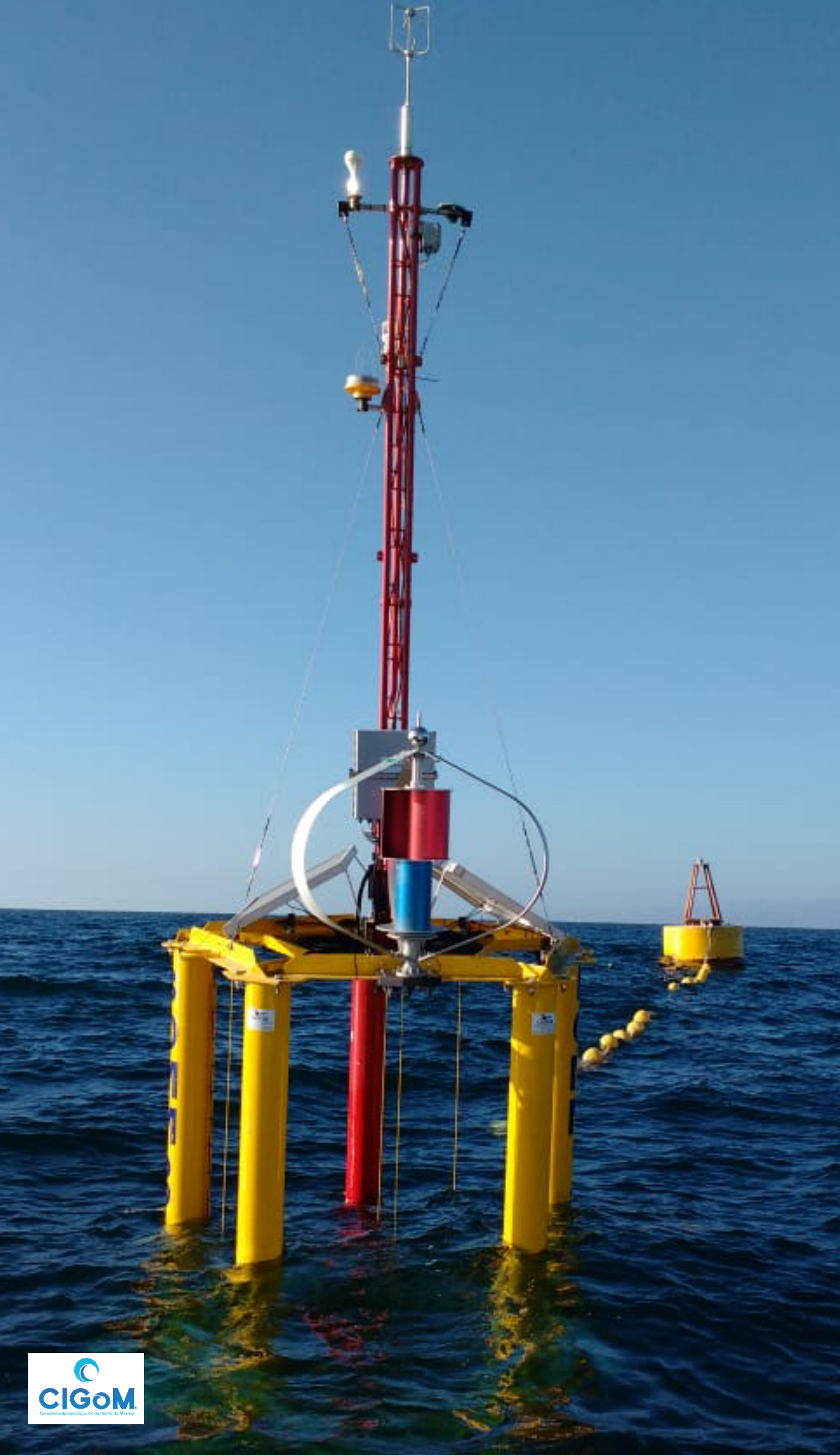




**Significant wave height influence on wave coherent wind stress component in the wave propagation direction as a function of relative wind component (in the wave propagation direction).  
Typical single peak spectrum or unimodal ocean wave field.  
\*\*Consider bimodal spectrum cases.**







$$U_{6m} = 3.77 \text{ m/s}$$

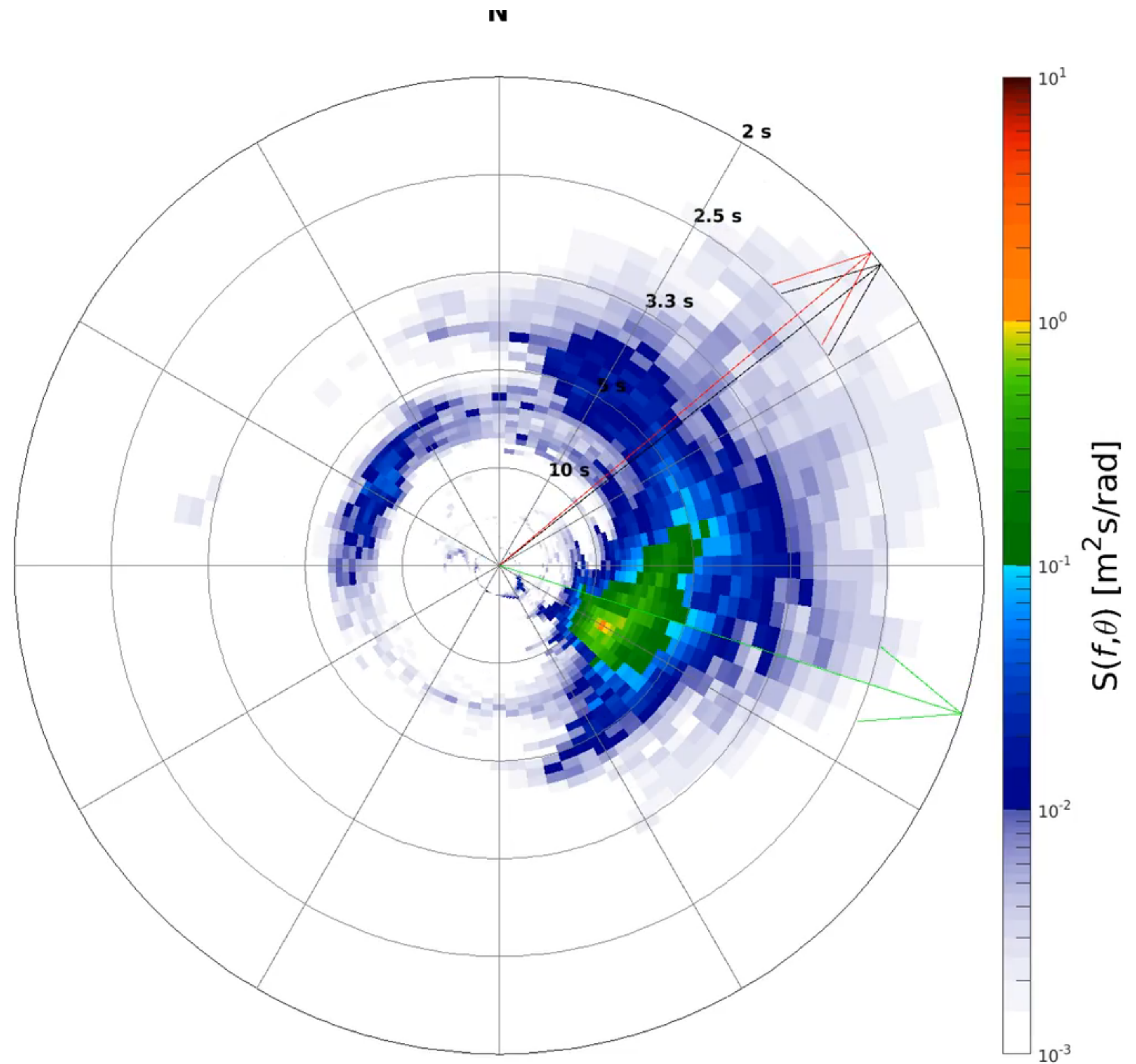
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$$\theta_{\text{wave}} = 108^\circ \text{ N}$$

$$H_s = 1.10 \text{ m}$$

$$S_{\text{max}} = 2.482\text{E}+00 \text{ m}^2 \text{ s rad}^{-1}$$



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