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### On the Remote Sensing of the Atmosphere and Ocean Using Direct and Reflected GNSS Signals

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#### Introduction

#### **Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS)**

- American GPS
  - 31 Satellites
- Russian GLONASS
  - 24 Satellites
- European Galileo
  - 24 Satellites
- Chinese BeiDou
  - 49 Satellites
- Japanese QZSS
  - 4 Satellites
- Indian IRNSS
  - 7 Satellites

\*Number of current satellites in orbit are retrieved from: www.gnssplanning.com





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#### **GNSS** applications

- Surveying & Mapping
- Navigation
- Timing
- Agriculture

- Mining Industry
- Geodynamics
- Marine
- Disaster management





#### **GNSS for Remote Sensing**

- Earth Observations
- Space Weather
- Environmental Monitoring





#### **Geometry of the Signals**

GNSS remote sensing measurements can be made based on two different geometries of the signals:

- Direct signals
- Reflected signals





#### **A Measuring Tool Beyond Expectations**

- High precision
- High temporal resolution
- All-weather, day and night operation
- Low-demanding instrumentation
- Everywhere on or near Earth's surface
- Long data archive for some applications

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### Motivation

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## Conceptual Foundation

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#### **Delay-Doppler Map (DDM)**



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#### **DDM for Reflected Signals**





Conceptual Foundation

#### **Primary Observables**

- Delay of the signal
- Doppler frequency
- Carrier phase
- Estimate of signal strength





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#### Research Approach & Results

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## **Research Approach & Results**

#### **GNSS-derived Tropospheric Data Products** (Precipitable Water Vapor)

#### GNSS-derived Precipitable Water Vapor (PWV)

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A traditional data product for the remote sensing of the troposphere using direct GNSS signals





#### OPWV for Climate Studies

- Model\* data (1991–2015)
- 214 stations
- Positive water vapor trends
- Regional PWV patterns

#### \*ERA-Interim:

A global atmospheric data product



#### The Issue of Data Homogeneity





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A Novel Approach based on Singular Spectrum Analysis (SSA) Zero-Difference Homogenization

- Independently applicable to each time series
- Leaves climate and meteorological signals unaffected



Hoseini M. et al. (2020)

#### Impact of Homogenization



Summary for 214 GNSS stations over Germany	Difference	ERA-Interim	GNSS
Number of detected inhomogeneities	168	7	117
Detected undocumented changes	58	-	36

Hoseini M. et al. (2020)







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## **Research Approach & Results**

Ground-based GNSS-Reflectometry Measurements (Sea Surface Characterization)

#### A Dedicated GNSS-R Station

Installed and operated by: German Research Center for Geosciences (GFZ) Hosted by:

**Onsala Space Observatory (OSO), Sweden** 







#### GNSS-R Dataset Specifications

- From Jan. to Dec. 2016
- Raw output at In-phase and Quadrature (I/Q) levels
- 200 Hz converted to 0.1 Hz
- Two sea-looking antennas with RHCP and LHCP
- About **3 m** above sea level





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#### Sea Surface Characterization using Ground-based GNSS-Reflectometry (GNSS-R)

- Estimation of **sea surface roughness** (sea state)
- Effect of rainfall on the sea surface
- Sea-level monitoring

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#### Sea Surface Roughness

Hoseini et al. (2021)



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#### Sea Surface Roughness



#### GNSS-R Response to Precipitation

Impact on the power of reflected Sea-looking Sea-looking signals **RHCP** Antenna LHCP Antenna -5 10 std (no rain) 5 -10 mean (no rain) std (during rainfall) RHCP (dB) Ω P<sub>LHCP</sub> (dB) mean (during rainfall) -15 -5 -20 -10 std (no rain) -25 mean (no rain) -15 std (during rainfall) -30 -20 mean (during rainfall) -25 -35 20 30 40 50 40 50 10 10 20 30 Asgarimehr M., Elevation angle  $\theta$  (degree) Hoseini M., et al. (2021) Elevation angle  $\theta$  (degree)



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#### GNSS-R Response to Precipitation

Impact on the

Sea Surface Roughness ( $\sigma$ ) and Sea Surface Salinity (SSS)



Rajabi M., <u>Hoseini M.</u>, et al. (2021)



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Combination of L1 and L2 = improvement up to about 25% and 40% w.r.t L1 and L2

Combined L1 & L2 results w.r.t the nearby tide gauge:

Scenario	RMSE (cm)	Corr (%)
Α	4.1	96.9
В	3.1	98.2
С	2.4	99.0
D	2.3	99.0





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#### Performance under different sea states



Rajabi M., Hoseini M., et al. (2021)





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## **Research Approach & Results**

#### Spaceborne GNSS-Reflectometry Observations (Mesoscale Ocean Eddies, Floods)

#### Spaceborne GNSS-R Dataset

#### NASA Cyclone GNSS (CYGNSS)

- Constellation of 8 micro-satellites
- Altitude: ~520 km (LEO)
- Revisit time: ~7 hours
- Coverage: 38°S 38°N latitudes







#### Spaceborne GNSS-R Observations of Mesoscale ocean eddies





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#### GNSS-R Response to the Ocean Eddies

For the first time, we reported on the feasibility of observing the oceanic eddies in spaceborne GNSS-R observations

Hoseini M. et al. (2020)



#### Spaceborne GNSS-R Observations of Flooding Events









Published in Water (2020) 20 27 Latitude 10 25.5 25 58 59 60 61 62 SNR Lonaitude (dB) Rajabi M., Nahavandchi H., Hoseini M. (2020)

Corrected and gridded SNR



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#### Concluding Remarks

Ground-based GNSS-derived tropospheric time series, a traditional data product

- Robust homogenization is essential for climatic applications of GNSS-derived time series
- Towards having a robust approach, we developed a novel approach that:
  - avoids miscorrection of **climate-related changes**
  - handles possible data gaps
  - addresses inhomogeneities without any documentation in stations log files
  - A **significant quality improvement** was observed in an exemplary GNSS dataset over Germany after **homogenization**



Ground-based GNSS-Reflectometry measurements, a developing data product

- Sea surface characterization results using coastal GNSS-R data show that:
  - a dedicated GNSS-R setup can make high-quality measurements of **sea level** and **sea state**
  - the measurements can reveal the **effect of the coastlines** on wind intensity
  - the signature of rain in GNSS-R data can be discerned under certain conditions
  - usage of dedicated **seaward antennas** enhances the quality of measurements
  - fully polarimetric observations can noticeably add to this enhancement
  - combination of **dual-frequency observations** increases the robustness



Spaceborne GNSS-Reflectometry observations, a new-generation data product

- GNSS-R can observe the changes in the ocean surface roughness due to the interaction of mesoscale ocean eddies with atmosphere
- The observations show strong negative correlation with **surface heat flux** 
  - GNSS-R surface reflectivity observations can **detect flooding events** and retrieve the associated **inundated areas**



# **Dutlook for Future Research**



#### Outlook for Future Research

#### **Outlook for Future Research**

- New-generation of permanent GNSS stations with real-time GNSS-R measurements
  - Spaceborne GNSS-R with multi-frequency polarimetric observations
- Addressing the issue of topography on spaceborne GNSS-R soil moisture retrieval and flood detection



#### Thank you for your attention!

#### **Backup Slides**



#### A Novel Approach based on Singular Spectrum Analysis (SSA) (1)**Zero-Difference Homogenization**





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#### SSA-based Change Detection



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#### Sea Surface Roughness









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#### GNSS-R Response to Precipitation

#### An exemplary case







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#### GNSS-R Response to the Ocean Eddies



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#### GNSS-R Response to the Ocean Eddies



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#### Ormalized Bistatic Cross Section (NBRCS)

$$P_{g,\hat{\tau},\hat{f}} = \frac{P^T \lambda^2 \bar{G}_{\hat{\tau},\hat{f}}^T \sigma_{_0\hat{\tau},\hat{f}} \bar{G}_{\hat{\tau},\hat{f}}^R \bar{A}_{\hat{\tau},\hat{f}}}{(4\pi)^3 \ (\bar{R}_{\hat{\tau},\hat{f}}^T)^2 \ (\bar{R}_{\hat{\tau},\hat{f}}^R)^2 \ \bar{L}_{a1} \ \bar{L}_{a2}}$$

$$\sigma_0(\theta) = \frac{|R(\theta)|^2}{\xi}$$
Mean Square Slope (MSS)



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#### Observation of Land Surface Reflectivity

 $\Gamma_{dB} = P_{dB}^{R} - P_{dB}^{T} - G_{dB}^{T} - G_{dB}^{R} - 20\log\lambda + 20\log(R^{T} + R^{R}) + 20\log(4\pi)$ 

$$P^{R} = \frac{P^{T}G^{T}}{4\pi (R^{T} + R^{R})^{2}} \frac{G^{R}\lambda^{2}}{4\pi} \Gamma$$

 $P_{dB} = 10\log_{10}(P)$ 

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