

Future perspectives of SAR polarimetry with applications to multi-parameter fully polarimetric pol-sar remote sensing & geophysical stress-change monitoring with implementation to natural disaster assessment and monitoring within the "*Pacific Ring* of Fire" by implementation of polar & equatorially orbiting satellite sensors

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Exploitation of fully polarimetric Satellite POLSAR modes for natural hazard detection and subsequent disaster reduction of SE-Asian/Pacific earthquakes, volcano eruptions and taiphoons – Japan, Taiwan, Philippines and Indonesia

Abstract: The outstanding performance capabilities of the three Satellite POLSAR sensors are well established; and in this exposition the exploitation of the fully polarimetric ALOS-PAL=PPL=SAR mode is demonstrated by implementing the NIIGATA-UNIVERSITY four-scatterer SAR image decomposition with coherency-matrix rotation proving the superior imaging capabilities of the fully polarimetric SAR modes not only for the ALOS-PALSAR L-Band and similarly to the S-Band, C-Band and X-Band. The novel fully polarimetric POL-SAR image processing techniques are then applied to natural hazard detection and subsequent disaster reduction of taiphoons with landslides, volcano eruptions with plume aftereffects & landslides, and of earthquakes with drop-slips experienced within the SE-Asian/Pacific Ring-of-Fire including next to Japan in Taiwan, the Philippines and Indonesia, promoting equatorially orbiting Single and TanDEM L-/S-/X-Band POLSAR sensor deployment.











Hydrologic cycle with volcanologic & seismic activity

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The terrestrial tectonology: Alfred Wegener's tectonic plate theory and the two major seismic belts





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Table 1. Comparison of High-Level Parameters				
Parameter	PALSAR	RADARSAT-2	TerraSAR-X	
Orbit: LEO, circular	Sun-synchronous	Sun-synchronous	Sun-synchronous	
Repeat Period (days)	46	24	11	
Equatorial Crossing time (hrs)	22:30 (ascending)	18:00 (ascending)	18.00 (ascending)	
Inclination (degrees)	98.16	98.6	97.44	
Equatorial Altitude (km)	692	798	515	
Wavelength (Band)	23 cm (L)	5.6 cm (<i>C</i>)	3 cm (X)	
Fully polarimetric mode	Yes	Yes	Yes	



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ALOS is one of the largest Earth observing satellites ever developed, at 3850 kg. It is in a near-exact 45day repeat sun-synchronous orbit, 690 km altitude above the equator. The active phased array SAR antenna is obliquely Earth-facing, aligned with the spacecraft velocity vector. The solar array is arranged at right angles to the orbit plane, consistent with the near-mid-day orbit phasing. The X-band down-link must be shared with optical instruments, which constrains SAR operation times.

Table 1. Selected PALSAR Mode Parameters					
Resolution (m)	Swath (km)	Looks	Polarization		
20 x 10	70	2	HH or VV		
10	70	1	HH or VV		
~ 100	350	8	HH or VV		
(as above)	(as above)	(as above)	(HH, HV), (VV, VH)		
30 x 10	30	2	Full polarization		
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The four-component decomposition of scattering powers Ps, Pd, Pv, and Pc

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4-comportent scattering power decomposition algorithm using rotated coherency matrix







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The destruction along the Cheleng-Pu fault caused by the Chi-Chi earthquake of 1999 September 21











Mt. Mayon - The pearl of the Orient

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Mount Semeru puffs steam behind a cloud of sulphur gas from Mount Bromo in the Tengger caldera on Java.

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A flurry of ruptures have occurred since 2000





Hannah Fairfield/The New York Times, Science Section, January 4, 2005





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Friday, March 11, 2011 at 05:46:23 UTC Friday, March 11, 2011 at 02:46:23 PM at epicenter Epicenter 38.322°N, 142.369°E

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Destruction of City and Harbor of Ishinomaki by 110311 Tsu-nami (Harbor-Wave)



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Major Paradigm for Remote Sensing from Air and Space of the Terrestrial Covers:

"Natural hazards are inevitable! Natural disasters are not & how can we reduce aftereffects?"

Accomplished with the aid of fully Polarimetric POLinSAR Sensors at Very High Resolution and all pertinent bands:

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ACQUISITION OF NEW BANDS FOR PASSIVE & ACTIVE SENSING

•	Deep earth sounding	ULF - LF
•	Ground penetrating radar	LF - VHF
•	Mineral resource exploration	HF - UHF
•	Biomass and vegetative cover estimation	HF – EHF (P/L/C-Band)
•	Man made surface structure monitoring	HF – EHF (C/X/K-Band)
•	Atmospheric passive remote sensing	cm – sub-mm

♦ We need to put our act together as the global remote sensing community and request from ITU/WMO the protection of the "fundamental natural resource: the e-m spectrum", and for providing the spectral bands for us to fulfill our professional duties as

"The Remote Sensing Pathologists and Radiologists of Earth and Planetary Covers"



Table - EESS (active) Frequency Bands between P-band and Ka-band (Huneycutt)

IEEE Band	Frequency Band	Bandwidth (MHz)	Allocation Status		
Designation	(1011 12)				
P-band	432-438	6	Secondary (WRC'03)		
L-band	1215-1300	85	Primary (WRC'97)		
S-band	3100-3300	200	Secondary (WRC'97)		
C-band	5250-5570	320	Primary (WRC'97)		
X-band	8550-8650	100	Primary (WRC'97)		
X-band	9300-9900	600	Primary (WRC'97, WRC'07)		
Ku-band	13250-13750	500	Primary (WRC'97)		
Ku-band	17200-17300	100	Primary (WRC'97)		
K-band	24050-24250	200	Secondary (WRC'97)		
Ka-band	35500-36000	500	Primary (WRC'97)		
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F-SAR technical characteristics (Reigber)					
	Х	С	S	L	Р
RF [GHz] Bw [MHz] PRF	9.6 760	5.3 400	3.25 300	1.325 150	0.35/0.45 100/50
[kHz] PT [kW]	5	5	5	10	10
Rg res. [m] Az res. [m]	2.5	2.2	2.2	0.9	0.9
	0.2	0.4	0.5	1.0	1.5
Rg cov. [km]	0.2	0.3	0.35	0.4	1.5
Sampling Channels Data	12.5 (at max. bandwidth)				
	8 bit real, 1000MHz				
1410	4	2	2	2	1
	247	' MByte	e/s (per	channel)	



FOUNDATIONS AND RELEVANCE OF MODERN EARTH REMOTE SENSING & ITS APPLICATIONS BY IMPLEMENTING SPACE-BORNE POL-IN-SAR

Conclusions:

The Electromagnetic Vector (Polarization) Wave Spectrum: A Natural Global Treasure

Terrestrial Remote Sensing with POLinSAR for The Diagnostics of the Health of the Earth

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