



Remote Sensing of the Ocean, Sea Ice, Coastal Waters, and Large Water Regions 2024 (RS102)

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Remote sensing science is one of the most modern approaches for studying oceans, littoral regions, seas and large lakes, as well as sea ice covered regions. An important aspect of remote sensing science is the ability to monitor complex environmental media (air, land, water) and their interfaces (water surface wave, air-sea interaction, water-sediment, and internal interfaces). Understanding complex environmental system phenomena is key to scientific understanding of oceans, littoral zones, estuaries, coastal areas, large lakes, ports and waterways as well as sea ice dynamics since remote sensing data provides valuable monitoring information. This information often serves as input to complex numerical models of environmental systems, such as climate change models, coupled oceanic-atmosphere models at the global (planetary) scale as well as at the mesoscale space and time scales. Remote sensing techniques also provide the most valuable tool set and techniques for monitoring and mapping different bottom features in aquatic systems, such as coral reefs, submerged aquatic vegetation and other "targets" of interest to the oceanographic and aquatic community. Also of interest are robotic and mechatronic platforms for in-situ sensing of interfaces and unique sensing systems & platforms for coastal and ocean monitoring and associated data assimilation into predictive models.

There is a need to improve the accuracy and precision of retrieved geophysical parameters from remote sensing data. In this context, it is often necessary to integrate data from different sensors as well as to include the knowledge of different disciplines. This is especially important in remote sensing of water quality, submerged aquatic vegetation and coupled ocean-atmosphere models. From a remote sensing point of view, these data are mainly extracted from active or passive sensor systems, and models of complex phenomena are important

With reference to the above, this conference calls for papers in topics such as:

- ocean, coastal, and large water region remote sensing to support sustainability of aquatic life & marine diversity
- using fiber optics in conjunction with sensing systems for sustaining safe aquatic environments
- detection of coastal & ocean currents, oceanic frontal feature detection and hazardous noxious spills in the ocean
- subsurface sensing using acoustics, optical, laser and magnetic systems, hyperspectral sensors
- ocean sensing techniques, image and signal analysis related to AI enhanced coastal benthic feature detection
- ocean, coastal and aquatic wave measurement systems & analysis
- use of remote sensing data in global and regional ocean observing platforms
- image analysis to support water quality sustainability & coastal lagoon benthic diversity

- coastal ocean, estuarine and large lake water-quality monitoring (suspended sediments, dissolved organic matter, phytoplankton pigments and biomass, submerged aquatic vegetation) using earth sensing systems
- oceanic photochemistry and hyperspectral remote sensing
- coupled oceanic and mesoscale air-sea boundary remote sensing products for model data assimilation
- modeling of spectral signatures
- studies of glaciers, shore-fast ice; polar regions, sea ice prediction monitoring and modeling
- cube sats, international space station (ISS) and multi-satellite sensor configurations
- image reregistration and sensor integration from various platforms aboard low earth orbit platforms
- data fusion, image fusion, deep learning and artificial intelligence used in earth sustainability studies
- sensor calibration and related data analysis to support disaster management assessments
- active-passive (Raman) sensing theory, applications, systems and techniques for cultural heritage applications
- novel use of GNSS signals in large water regions, lakes & coastal regions sensing using deep learning
- operational glacier, sea ice, ice sheets monitoring and system applications (Cryosat, ICESat, IceBridge, GRACE)
- active and passive remote sensing and techniques for improving underwater imaging of waterways and harbours
- airborne (manned, UAV's, drones) remote sensing missions for observation of oceanic, coastal, sea ice and large water regions, and nearby urban environments; natural disasters; sensor design and calibrations.

SPECIAL SESSIONS AND SESSION CHAIR CALL:

- hyperspectral sensing, modeling and applications related to breaking waves, foam, whitecaps, bubbles, air-sea gas exchange phenomena.
- use of AI and automatic feature extraction for detecting climate change and marine environmental quality
- AI and deep-learning techniques for multispectral satellite missions
- CubeSats and unmanned aerial vehicles for sustaining safe marine environments
- Future funding plans for earth remote sensing and UN sustainability goals

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