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Abstract:

Very decisive progress was made in advancing fundamental multi-spectral polarimetric EO-Lidar and multi-band POL-IN-SAR theory and algorithm development during the past decade. This was accomplished with the airborne & shuttle platforms supporting single-to-multi-band multi-modal POL-SAR and also some POL-IN-SAR sensor systems, which will be combined and assessed with the aim of establishing the hitherto not completed required missions such as tomographic and holographic imaging. Because the operation of airborne test-beds is extremely expensive, aircraft platforms are not suited for routine wide area monitoring missions such as for the expanses of Pacific Asia and Oceania and it is better accomplished with the use of drones or UAVs. Such unmanned aerial vehicles were developed for defense applications, however lacking the sophistication of implementing advanced forefront POL-IN-SAR/SAL technology. This shortcoming will be thoroughly scrutinized resulting in the finding that we do now need to develop most rapidly POL-IN-SAR/SAL drone-platform technology especially for environmental stress-change monitoring with a great variance of applications beginning with flood, bush/forest-fire to tectonic-stress (earthquake to volcanic eruptions) and coastal littoral zone disaster assessment for real-short-time hazard mitigation. However, for routine global monitoring purposes of the terrestrial covers neither airborne sensor implementation with aircraft and/or drones - are sufficient; and therefore multi-modal and multi-band space-borne POL-IN-SAR/SAL space-shuttle and satellite sensor technology needs to be further advanced at a much more rapid phase than existing ENVISAT with the forthcoming ALOS-PALSAR, RADARSAT-2, and TERRASAT present the proper approach and will be compared, demonstrating that at this phase of development the fully polarimetric and polarimetric interferometric modes of operation must be viewed and treated as preliminary algorithm verification support modes and at this phase of advancement are still not to be viewed as routine modes. Special attention will be paid to environmental stress-change monitoring in a coastal littoral environments of Pacific Asia and of Oceania under diverse meteorological conditions.

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