

# GNSS+R 2019

IEEE Specialist Meeting on Reflectometry using GNSS and other  
Signals of Opportunity

20 – 22 May, 2019 - Benevento, Italy  
**Technical Program**

Sunday, May 19 – University Main Building	
19:00 - 21:00	Registration
	Welcome Reception

Day 1- Palazzo Paolo V	
8:20 - end of day	Registration
8:40 - 9:00	Opening Session

## Oral Sessions

Day 1, Morning - Palazzo Paolo V 9:00 - 12:00	
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### Satellite Missions (I) Chairs: Christopher Ruf, Jens Wickert

9:00	NASA CYGNSS Science Data Characterization and Applications	Chris Ruf
9:20	Towards a GNSS Reflectometry Service from UK TDS-1 Satellite	Martin Unwin
9:40	Design and Planning for the First Spire GNSS-R Missions of 2019	Dallas Masters
10:00	The Flexible Microwave Payload-1: a combined GNSS-Reflectometer and L-band Radiometer for the Cat-4 Cubesat Mission	Lara Fernandez Capon

### 10:20 - 10:40 Coffee Break

### Satellite Missions (II) Chairs: Adriano Camps, Manuel Martin-Neira

10:40	The Flexible Microwave Payload-2: A SDR-based GNSS-R instrument for CubeSats	Joan Francesc Muñoz Martin
11:00	PRETTY: Cubesat for precise altimetry using navigation satellites	Jens Wickert
11:20	SigNals Of Opportunity P-band Investigation (SNOOPI): In-Space Validation of Reflectometry from 240-380 MHz	Jim Garrison
11:40	Kepler observing Earth - A reflectometry concept for ocean altimetry	Maximilian Semmling

### 12:00 - 13:20 Lunch + Modeling Technical Committee and IAG Sub-Commission 4.6 "GNSS-R"

Day 1, Afternoon - Palazzo Paolo V 13:20 - 18:30	
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### Calibration and Validation Chairs: Scott Gleason, Martin Unwin

13:20	Characterization of GPS EIRP and CYGNSS Ocean Level 1 Calibration Update	Scott Gleason
13:40	Assessing the impact of the GPS Flex Power mode on CYGNSS Normalized Bi-Static Radar Cross Section	Jeonghwan Park
14:00	Effects of specular point inaccuracies on delay-Doppler maps shape over ocean	Giuseppe Grieco
14:20	Deployment of a Ground-Based Beacon System for On-Orbit Calibration of the CYGNSS Satellites	Andrew O'Brien
14:40	Validation of the NOC C-BRE v1.0 GNSS-R wind speed retrieval algorithm	Matthew Hammond

### 15:00 - 15:20 Coffee Break

**Modeling Chairs: Joel Johnson, Valery Zavorotny**

15:20	Simulations of spaceborne GNSS-R signal over land	Nazzareno Pierdicca
15:40	On the Nature of GNSS-R Land Surface Specular Scattering	Joel Johnson
16:00	Electromagnetic Scattering Model for GNSS-R Land Applications Including Effects of Multiple Elevations in Random Rough Surfaces	Leung Tsang
16:20	Bistatic scattering from sea surfaces at non-near-specular direction via the Polarimetric Two-Scale Model for maritime surveillance with GNSS-R	Antonio Iodice
16:40	Spatial Coherence of GNSS-R Signals: A Numerical Investigation	Davide Comite

**17:00 - 18:30 Poster & InLabs****Day 2, Morning - Palazzo Paolo V****8:40 - 12:20****Ocean Chairs: James Garrison, Christine Gommenginger**

8:40	Approaches of incorporating wave model information into CYGNSS wind speed retrieval	Valery Zavorotny
9:00	First Look at NOAA CyGNSS winds in the Tropical Cyclone Environment	Faozi Said
9:20	Retrieval of Mean Square Slopes from CYGNSS Data	Maria Paola Clarizia
9:40	Detection of Convective Activity using CYGNSS Wind Speed Measurements	Alexandra Bringer
10:00	Wind Speed estimation from CYGNSS using Artificial Neural Networks	Jennifer Reynolds

**10:20 - 10:40 Coffee Break****Sea Surface Altimetry Chairs: Weiqiang Li, Robert S. Nerem**

10:40	Spaceborne Carrier Phase Altimetry Using GNSS Reflected Signals At Grazing Angles Of Observation Over Open Sea Water	Estel Cardellach
11:00	Improved Ocean Altimetry Methods with CYGNSS Observations in Indonesia	Andrew O'Brien
11:20	Towards precise synoptic altimetry by means of GNSS-R	Fran Fabra
11:40	Assessment of a CYGNSS Ocean Altimetry Product Using a Full DDM Approach	Eric Loria
12:00	An overview of tropospheric delays in ground-based GNSS reflectometry	Thalia Nikolaidou
12:20	Multidoppler GNSS-R ocean altimetry with TDS-1	Manuel Martin-Neira

**12:40 - 14:00 Lunch + GRSS IFT-Technical Committee, GRSS****Day 2, Afternoon - Palazzo Paolo V****14:00 - 17:30****Land (I) Chairs: Andrew O'Brien, Rashmi Shah**

14:00	Retrieval of Soil Moisture and Forest Biomass using CYGNSS Data and Artificial Neural Networks	Emanuele Santi
14:20	How much closer can GNSS-R hydrology retrievals from CYGNSS get us to "the truth"?	Clara Chew
14:40	Dependence of CYGNSS Reflectivity on Vegetation Water Content and Surface Roughness	Rashmi Shah
15:00	Examination of GNSS-R phase measurements over wetlands using CYGNSS	Eric Loria

**15:20 - 15:40 Coffee Break****Land (II) Chairs: Clara Chew, Felipe G. Nievinski**

15:40	Sensitivity of CyGNSS to Above Ground Biomass and Canopy Height over Tropical Forests	Hugo Carreno-Luengo
16:00	GNSS derived soil moisture from the global IGS permanent network	Nikolaos Antonoglou
16:20	GNSS reflectometry for the retrieval of forest biomass	Emanuele Santi

**16:40 - 17:30 Poster & InLabs****18:30 - 23:00 Evening Dinner**

**Day 3, Morning - Palazzo Paolo V****8:40 - 12:40****Signal Processing** *Chairs: Maria Paola Clarizia, Fran Fabra*

8:40	An Outlier Detection Approach for GNSS-SNR Analysis	Tomke Lambertus
9:00	Cycle Ambiguity Resolution in GNSS-R Carrier Phase Altimetry	Manuel Martin-Neira
9:20	Super Resolution in GNSS coherent scattering	Maurizio di Bisceglie
9:40	Likelihood Map Waveform Tracking Performance for GNSS-R Ocean Altimetry	Santiago Ozafrain
10:00	Passive radar enabled by GNSS signals of opportunity for maritime surveillance applications	Debora Pastina
10:20	Blind Sea Clutter Suppression for Spaceborne GNSS-R Target Detection	Joon Wayn Cheong

**10:40 - 11:00 Coffee Break****Cryosphere** *Chairs: Estel Cardellach, Jessica Cartwright*

11:00	First Results of Grazing Angle Reflections from Sea Ice and Ocean Surfaces Collected by the Spire Cubesat Constellation	Dallas Masters
11:20	Sea-ice transition detection using incoherent integration and deconvolution	Benjamin Southwell
11:40	Estimation of Soil Moisture and Sea Ice Concentration: A GNSS Reflectometry Concept	Maximilian Semmling
12:00	Experimental Results of Snow and Soil Moisture Measurement using P-Band Signals of Opportunity	Rashmi Shah

**12:20 - 13:30 Lunch****Day 3, Afternoon - Palazzo Paolo V****13:30 - 16:30****Data Assimilation** *Chairs: Giuseppe Grieco, Maximilian Semmling*

13:30	Assimilation of CYGNSS Delay-Doppler Maps by a Two-Dimensional Variational Analysis Method	Feixiong Huang
13:50	Forecast Impact Experiments To Optimize Utilization of CYGNSS Wind Observations of Tropical Cyclone Michael (2018) Using the Operational HWRF	Bachir Annane
14:10	Global Assessments of CYGNSS Data Impacts on Weather Forecasting and Ocean Surface Wind Analyses	Mark Leidner

**14:40 - 16:20 Discussion Panel: Meeting Science Requirements**

14:35	Introductory notes	Estel Cardellach
14:40	Keynote speakers	John Eyre – <i>UK Met Office</i>
15:00		Dallas Masters – <i>SPIRE Global</i>
15:20	Round Table	Manuel Martin-Neira – <i>ESA Estec</i> , Christopher Ruf – <i>University of Michigan</i> , Bachir Annane – <i>NOAA</i> , John Eyre – <i>UK Met Office</i> , Dallas Masters – <i>SPIRE Global</i>

**16:20 - 16:30 - Closing****16:50 - 18:15 Bus to Napoli**

## Poster Sessions

Day 1 - 17:00-18:30

Day 2 - 16:40-17:30

### P1 - Ocean

A Forward Modelling Approach to Improve Storm Feature Characterization Using Spaceborne GNSS-R Systems

Ocean Wind speed retrieval from Spaceborne GNSS-R technique by TDS-1 DDM

Motivation for dense coastal ground-based GNSS-R networks

Sensitivity of GNSS-R delay-Doppler maps to wind direction with a deconvolution approach

Impact of sea surface temperature on GNSS-R observations over mesoscale ocean eddies; preliminary results from CYGNSS

Analyses of the Anomalous Artefacts in TDS-1 Delay Doppler Maps

Processing of Raw GNSS Reflectometry Data from TDS-1 in a Backscattering Configuration

Development of Standards for GNSS-Reflectometry

Mohammad Al-Khaldi

Yanling Chen

Joakim Strandberg

Generoso Giangregorio

Mostafa Hoseini

Changjiang Hu

Lucinda King

Maria Paola Clarizia

### P2 - Land

Soil moisture estimation using CYGNSS constellation

GNSS-based remote sensing: Innovative observation of key hydrological parameters in the Central Andes

Developing and validating forward models of CYGNSS delay-Doppler maps for soil moisture applications

Forward and inverse modeling of SNR-based GNSS reflectometry for soil moisture retrieval in Luxembourg and South Africa

A machine learning aided method for GNSS-R performance analysis

An initial evaluation of the TechDemoSat-1 potentialities for freeze-thaw monitoring via GNSS-Reflectometry

An Experimental Assessment of Rough Topography on Spaceborne Delay Doppler Maps

Mehrez Zribi

Nikolaos Antonoglou

James Campbell

Sajad Tabibi

Patrizia Savi

Nazzareno Pierdicca

Hugo Carreno-Luengo

### P3 - Sea Surface Altimetry

Investigating the Altimetric Sensitivity of Grazing Elevation Data - A Case Study at Kongsfjorden, Svalbard

Assessing Spaceborne GNSS-R Ocean Altimetry Precision using CYGNSS Data

Maximilian Semmling

Weiqiang Li

### P4 - Cryosphere

Sea ice detection using GNSS-R data from TechDemoSat-1

GNSS Reflectometry for Sea Ice Detection Using Differential Delay Waveform from UK TechDemoSat-1 Data

Jessica Cartwright

Kegen Yu

### P5 - Modelling and Signal Processing

Comparison of BPSK and BOC Modulations in GNSS Reflectometry

Advanced GNSS-R signals processing with GPUs

Iterative regularization methods for NCRS field reconstruction from GNSS-R measurements

Ionospheric Effects in GNSS-R: Impact and Model Limitations

A direct approach to calculate quantitative dielectric constant for GNSS-R

Recent advances and prospects in spaceborne GNSS-R: Can machine learning help in data modeling and analysis?

A new technique to quantify the dominant sources of error in GNSS-R sea level measurements

Simulation of spaceborne GNSS-R delay-Doppler Maps of the sea surface with ship targets

Non-uniform Delay-Doppler Mappings and its application in wind speed retrieval

Jyh-Ching Juang

Oriol Cervello

Matteo Alparone

Adriano Camps

Junchan Lee

Milad Asgarimehr

David Purnell

Alessio Di Simone

Junming Xia

**P6 - Calibration and Validation**

Humidity Observation by Reflectometer Technique for Agriculture (HORTA): Monitoring Soil Moisture with CubeSats	Giorgio Rossi
Impact of specular point inaccuracies on satellite GNSS Reflectometry observables over the ocean	Giuseppe Grieco
On the Use of SMAP-Reflections to Enhance the Retrieval of Geophysical Parameters	Nereida Rodriguez-Alvarez

**P7 - Ground Airborne Experiments**

Experimental evidences of satellite cross-talk in interferometric GNSS-R during the first field campaign of the Microwave Interferometric Reflectometer	Raul Onrubia
A GNSS-R multirotor UAV platform for soil moisture detection and altimetry	Georges Stienne

**P8 - Instrument Technology**

Real-time reconfigurable GNSS-R for space applications	Junchan Lee
Deployable L-Band Helix Antenna for a GNSS-R Receiver onboard a 1U CubeSat	Lara Fernandez Capon
Open-source hardware options for SNR-based GPS/GNSS reflectometry Proof-of-concept and initial validation	Manuella Fagundes
Towards a vertical sensor array for sub-hourly sea level retrieval in SNR-based GNSS reflectometry	Felipe Nievinski

**InLab Sessions****Day 1 - 17:50-18:30**

A generic simulator of spaceborne GNSS-R for land applications	Hyuk Park
Simulation of GNSS+R scenarios with the open-source wavpy	Fran Fabra

**Day 2 - 16:40-17:30**

The Soil And Vegetation Reflectometry Simulator (SAVERS)	Nazzareno Pierdicca
Real-time Radio Frequency Interference Detection and Mitigation with the Front-End GNSS Interference eXcisor (FENIX)	Adrian Perez
Implementation of a testbed for GNSS-R payload performance evaluation	Adrian Perez