

OCEANSUITE: A RADARSAT-2 EXPLOITATION TOOL

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OceanSuite

- **OceanWinds**
 - Wind direction from wind rows
 - Wind speed extraction using CMOD
- **OceanWorks**
 - Ship detection using bright return
 - Sea Clutter based on K-distribution
- **OceanOil**
 - Oil spill detection from dark patches



Design Philosophy

- Coding effort (time, cost)
 - Platforms
 - Existing or open source S/W and re-use
- Test effort including Certification and Accreditation
- Reliability
- Supportability
- IP issues
- Future enhancements



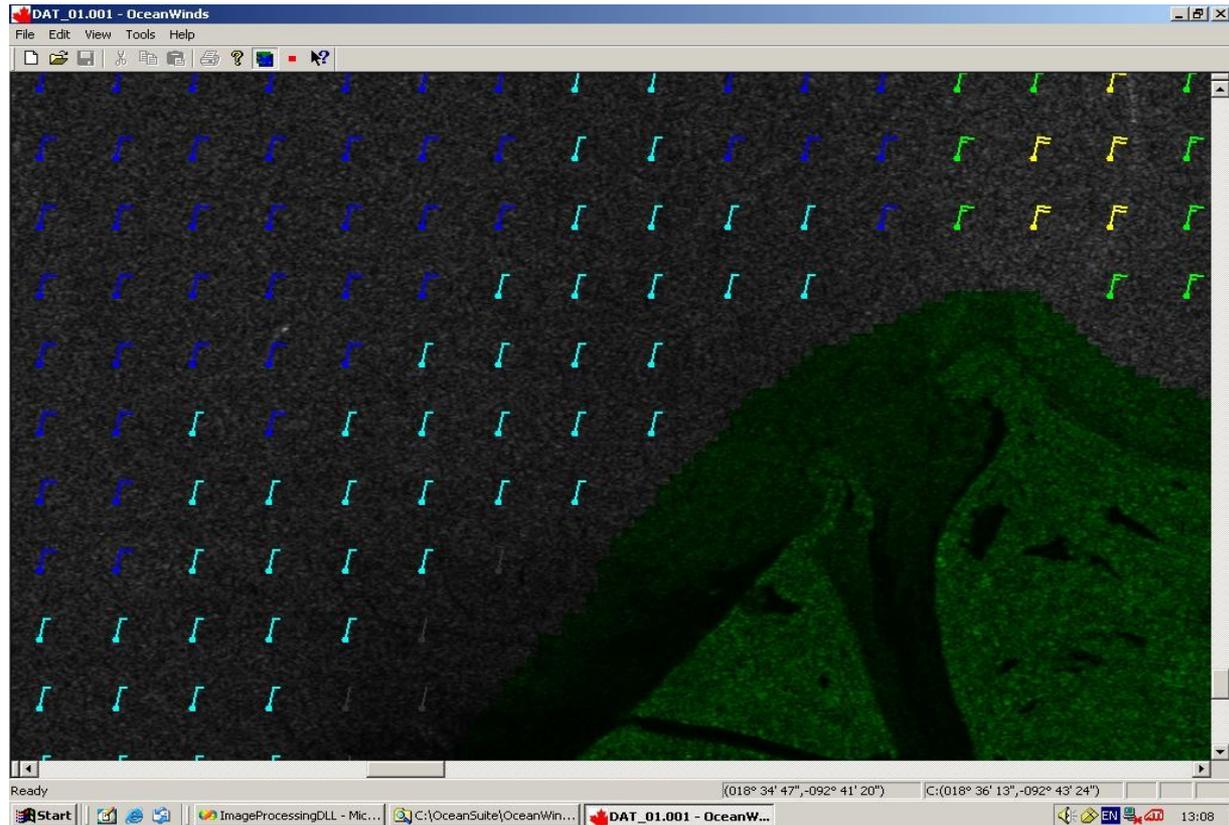
OceanSuite Implementation

- Minimal support costs
- Minimal testing

- Windows operating system
- Microsoft Visual.NET C++
- Reuse image tools in DLLs



OceanWinds Example



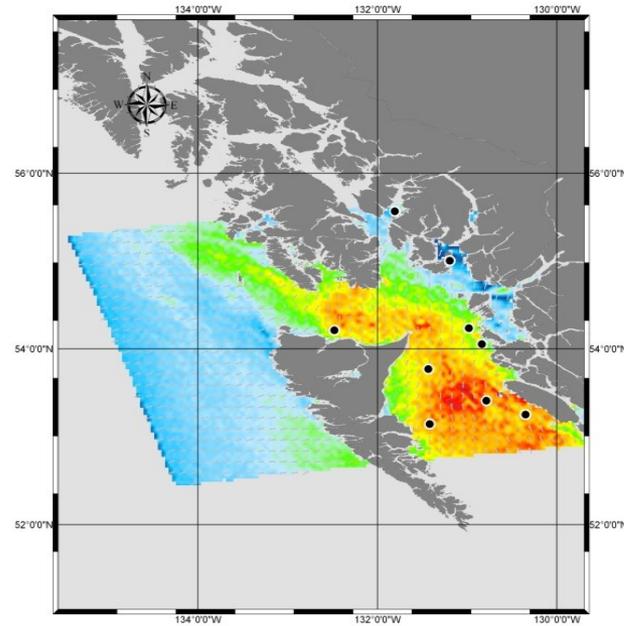
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Ocean Winds Poster

OCEANSUITE RADARSAT-1

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SAR Wind Extraction

1. 180 degree wind direction ambiguity
 - External direction inputs
2. Reliability of wind direction extraction
 - Statistical testing
3. Bright returns from ships
 - Suppressed
4. Land mask



Ocean Winds Status

- Aimed at open ocean
- Now operational having been beta tested by MDA (GSI) Gatineau
- Licensing in progress (DRDC)
- Support TBD (currently by Polar Epsilon)



OceanWorks Example

OceanWorks - [30Apr04_44302_01.sard]

File Tools View Predict Window Help

Image Dimensions (w X h):
14000 X 16168

Ship Details
Position:
Size:
Status:

Ships: 23
Valid: 17

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ZNY
UUUUU
O 281916Z AUG 07
FM RSAT 1
TO MARPAC
BT
UNCLAS

Target Browser

Ready (46.078704, -56.538036) NUM

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OceanWorks Requirements (Not Necessarily Achievable)

- Detect 25 m ships with Prob. Det. $> 90\%$ in sea state 5 or less
- False alarms: a few per pass
- Overall Polar Epsilon time latency 15 minutes
 - Time for OceanWorks < 2 minutes
- Minimal operator assistance
- Implied use of ScanSAR beam to achieve wide swath (e.g. 300 km)



Detection Problems

1. Land mask errors
2. Image artifacts (e.g. nadir ambiguities)
3. Saturation in 8-bit images
4. Range ambiguities
5. Strong sea structure
6. Ice
7. Azimuthal ambiguities



Ocean Works Status

- Aimed at east and west Canadian coasts
- Participated in trials off east coast and west coast (Trident Fury)
- Undergoing fine tuning following some beta testing by MDA (GSI) Gatineau
 - Over 300 RADARSAT-1 and Envisat images in database
- Expect to meet requirement except for ship length (~50 m)

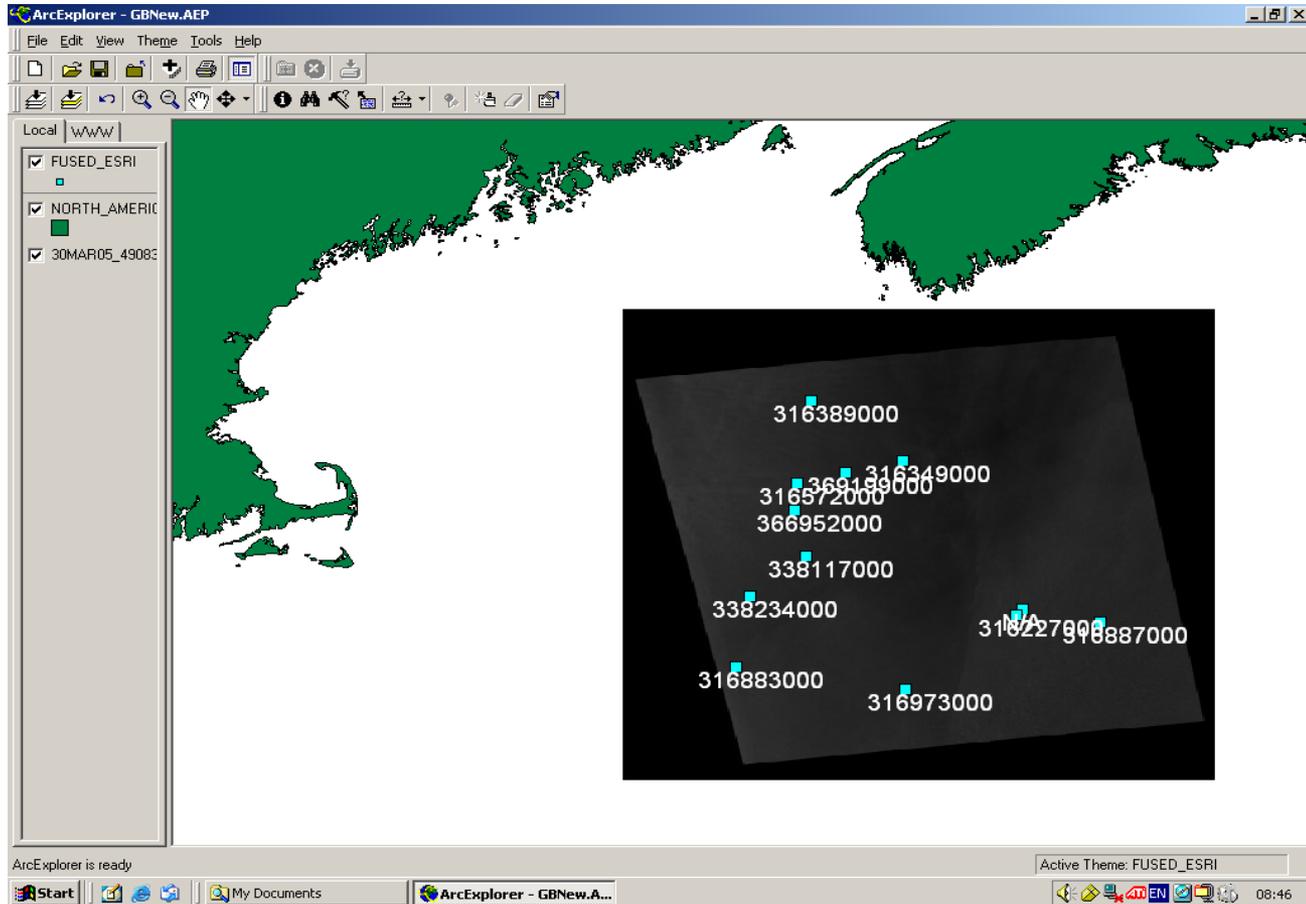


AIS Fusion Enhancement

- Accept NMEA and OTH Gold AIS messages
- Fuse with RADARSAT ship detections
- Send integrated OTH Gold (text) message to Marine Security Operations Centre

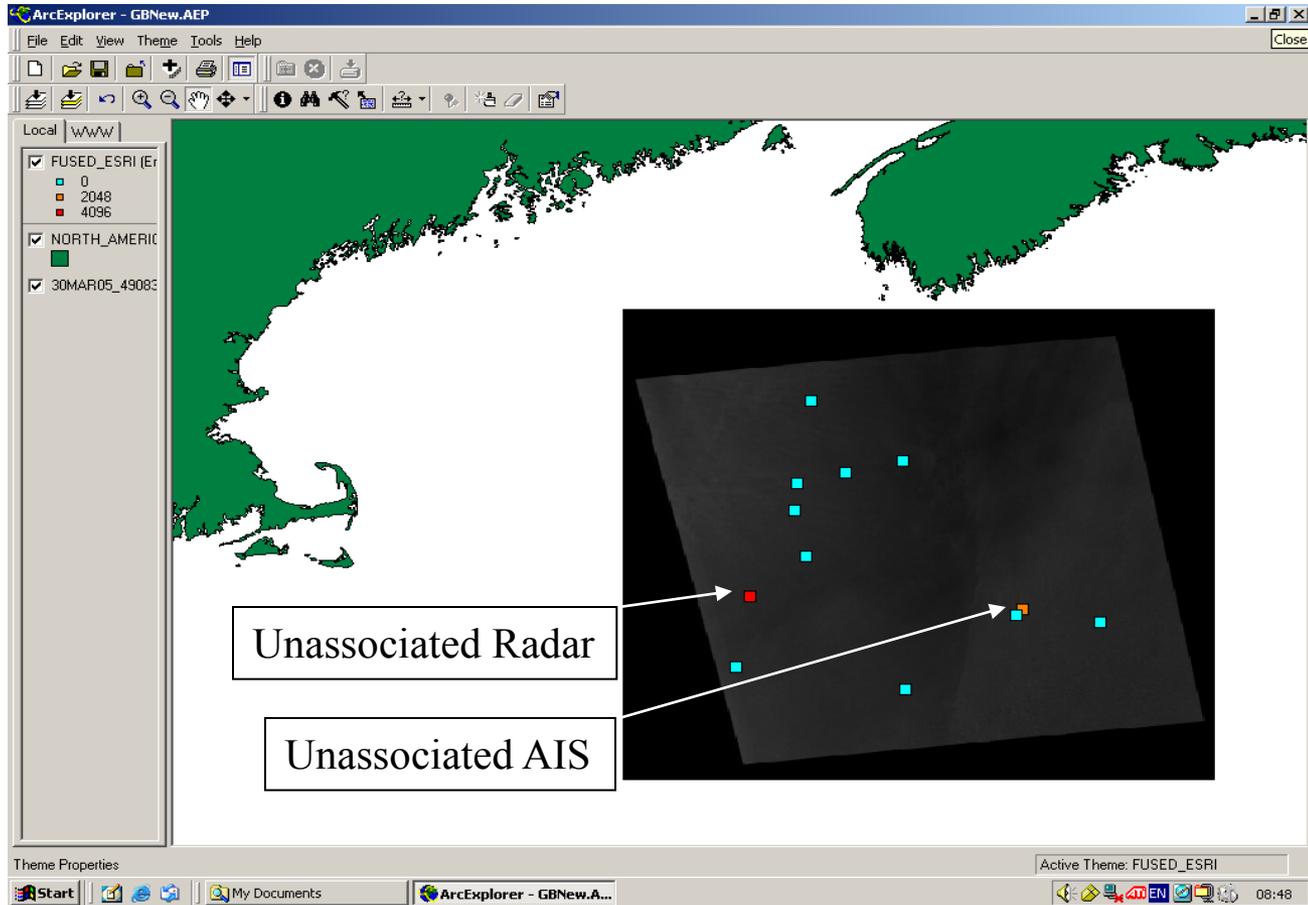


AIS Fusion (MMSI)





AIS Fusion (Non-Compliant)



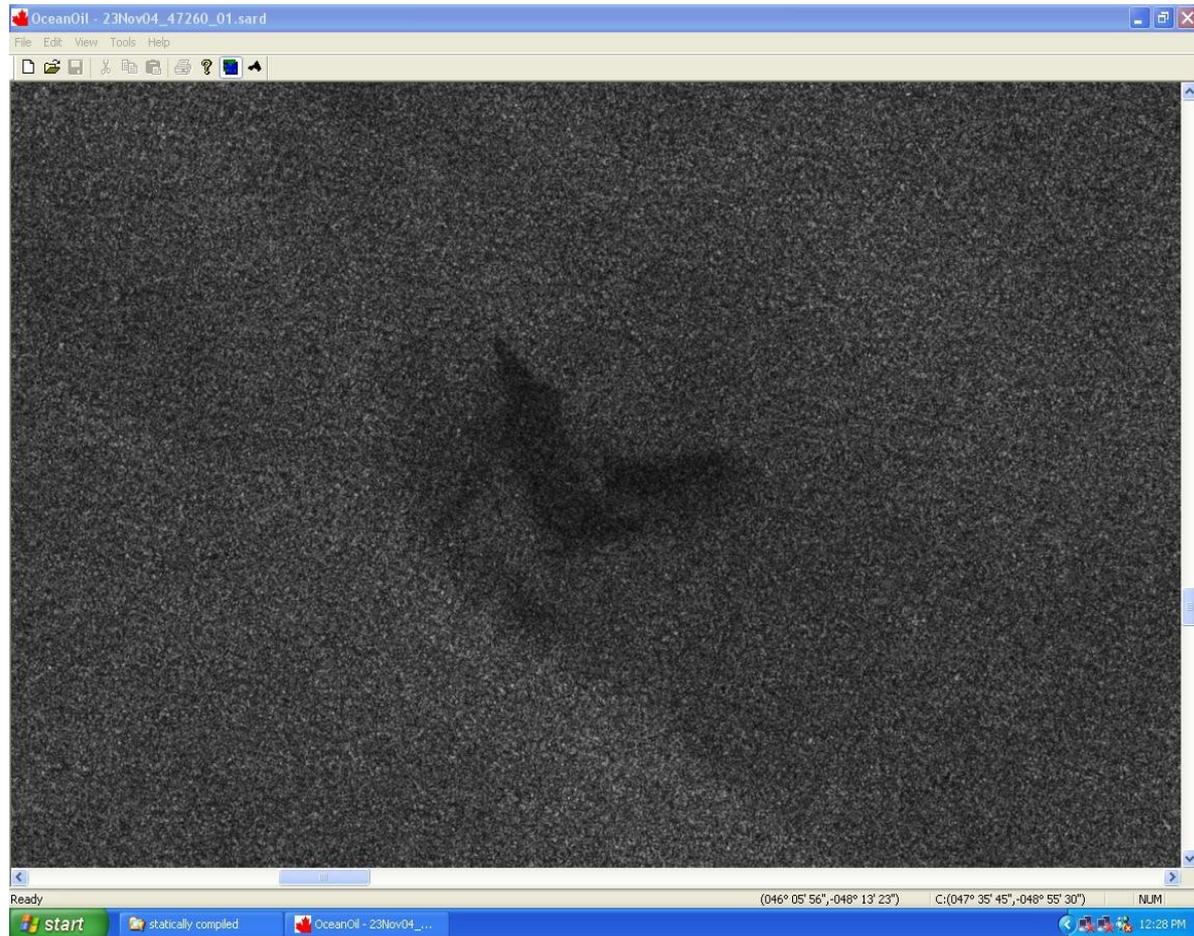


AIS Status

- Prepared for demonstration leading to near real time AIS/RADARSAT-1 fusion
- Partial testing of communications from ORBCOMM to MDA Gatineau completed



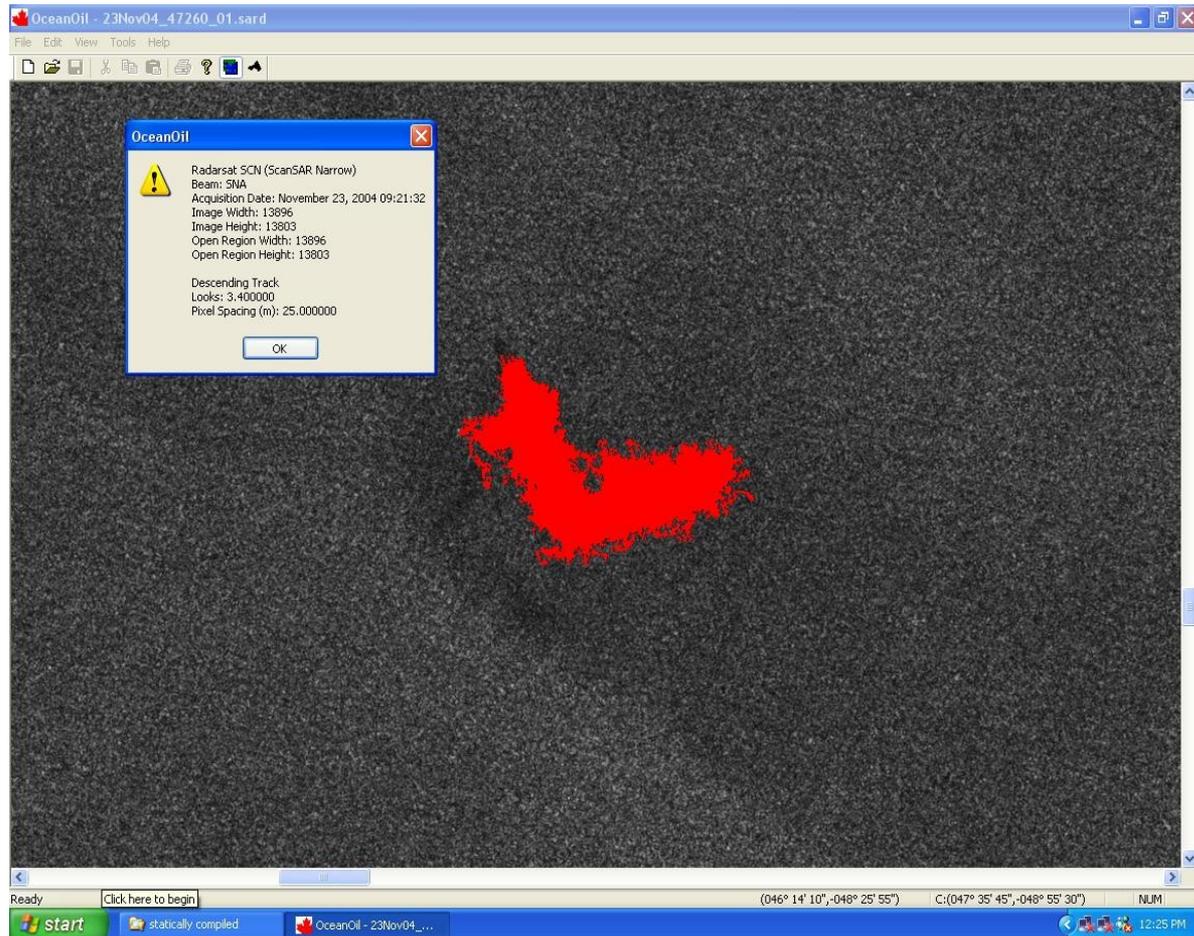
OceanOil Example -Terranova Radar Image



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Terranova Spill





Oil Spill Problems

- Naturally occurring dark areas
- Ship wakes
- Underflow (unsuitable LUT)



OceanOil Status

- Requires more intelligent algorithms
- Will be ready for beta testing spring 2008



Summary

- OceanSuite is close to operational readiness
- Application has commercial value
- Licensing will be used to defray support costs