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-Progress report.
-Efforts to establish buoy network (CONACYT-SENER 201441) project.
-Enhanced spar buoys to study ocean surface wave dynamics (own electronics design).
-Focus in air-sea interaction and surface currents (upper ocean, lower atmosphere).
-Directional wave spectrum and its evolution (recognised as key variable).
-Under varying winds, atmospheric front.
-Analysing SAR image to retrieve wave information.
-Final remarks.



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Enhanced spar buoys: own electronics design, more sensors. Sonic anemometer, Met station, air & water CO₂, 6 capacitance wave staff, CTD(O₂, pH), ADCP, ADV, electronics unit with 6 dof motion sensor, solid state drives, rechargeable batteries, wind generator and solar panels [LiCor CO₂ sensor, 2 video cameras]. Simultaneous measurements are needed.

Graber, Terray, Donelan, Drennan, Leer, Peters (2000). ASIS a new air-sea interaction spar buoy: design and performance at sea, JAOT.

BOMM-test

BOMM1 deployed on July 12, 2018

BOMM-2

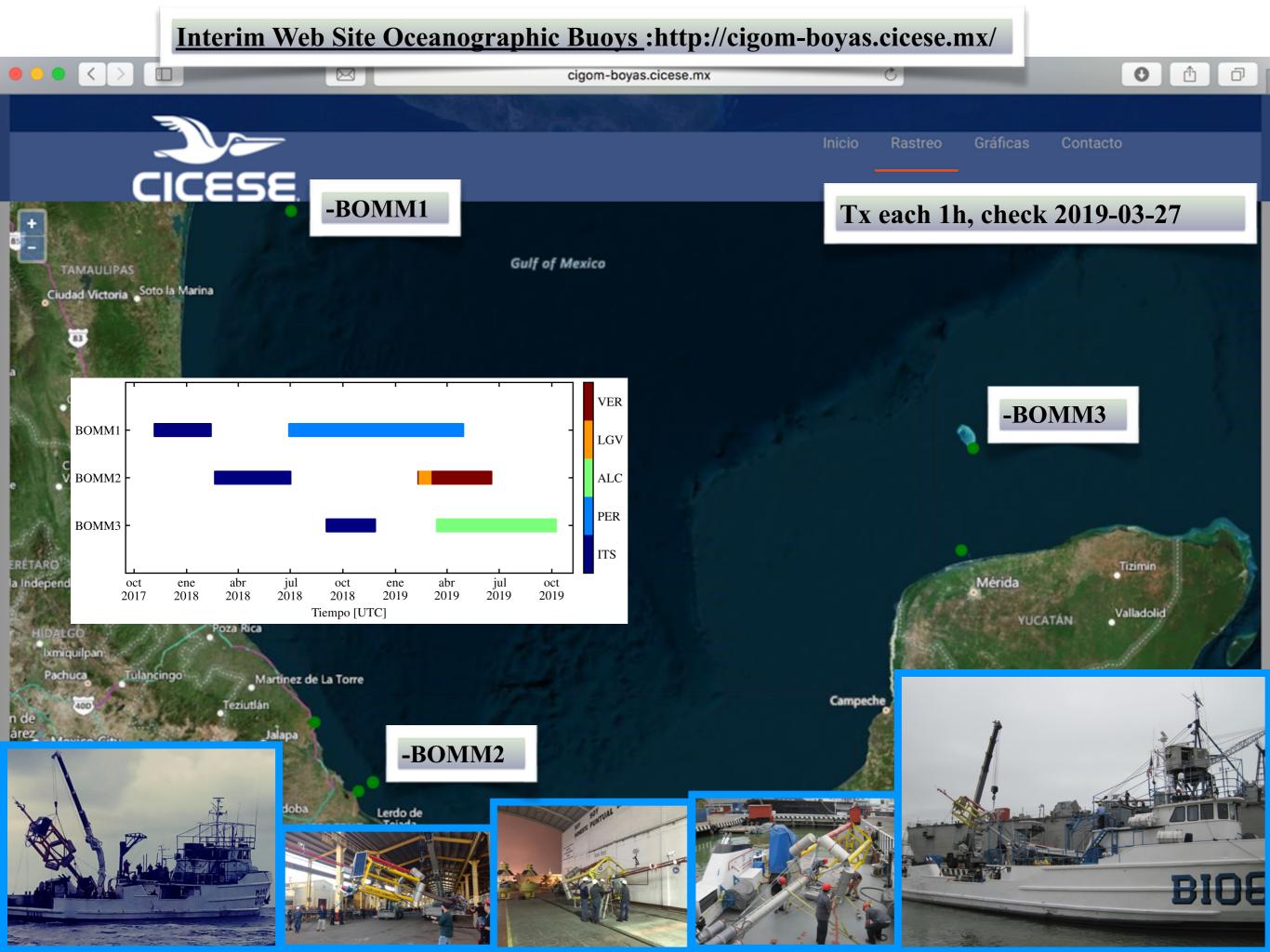
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Test site, offshore Ensenada BOMM1: Nov2017-Jan2018 BOMM2: Mar-Jun2018 BOMM3: Sep-Nov2018

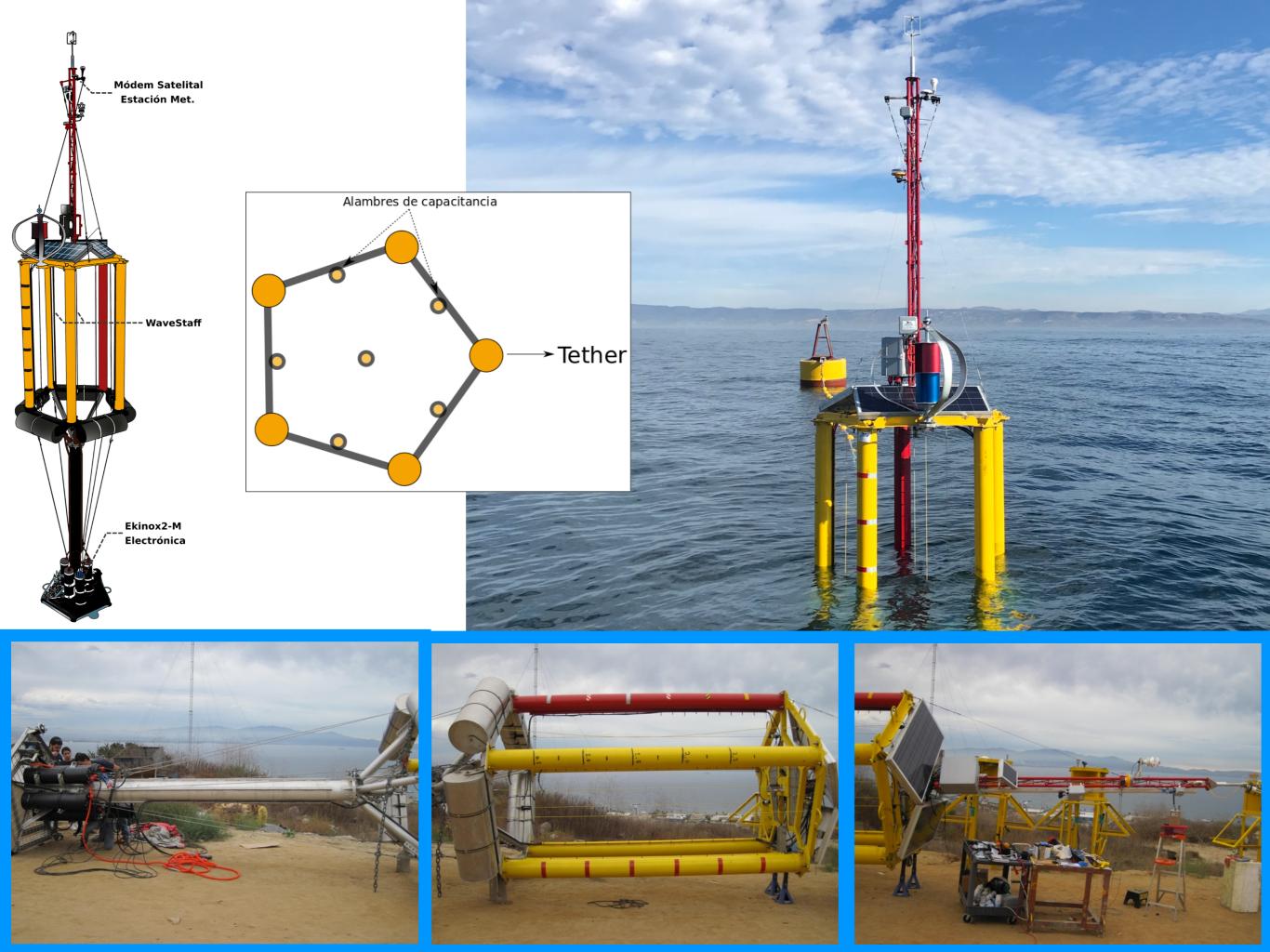
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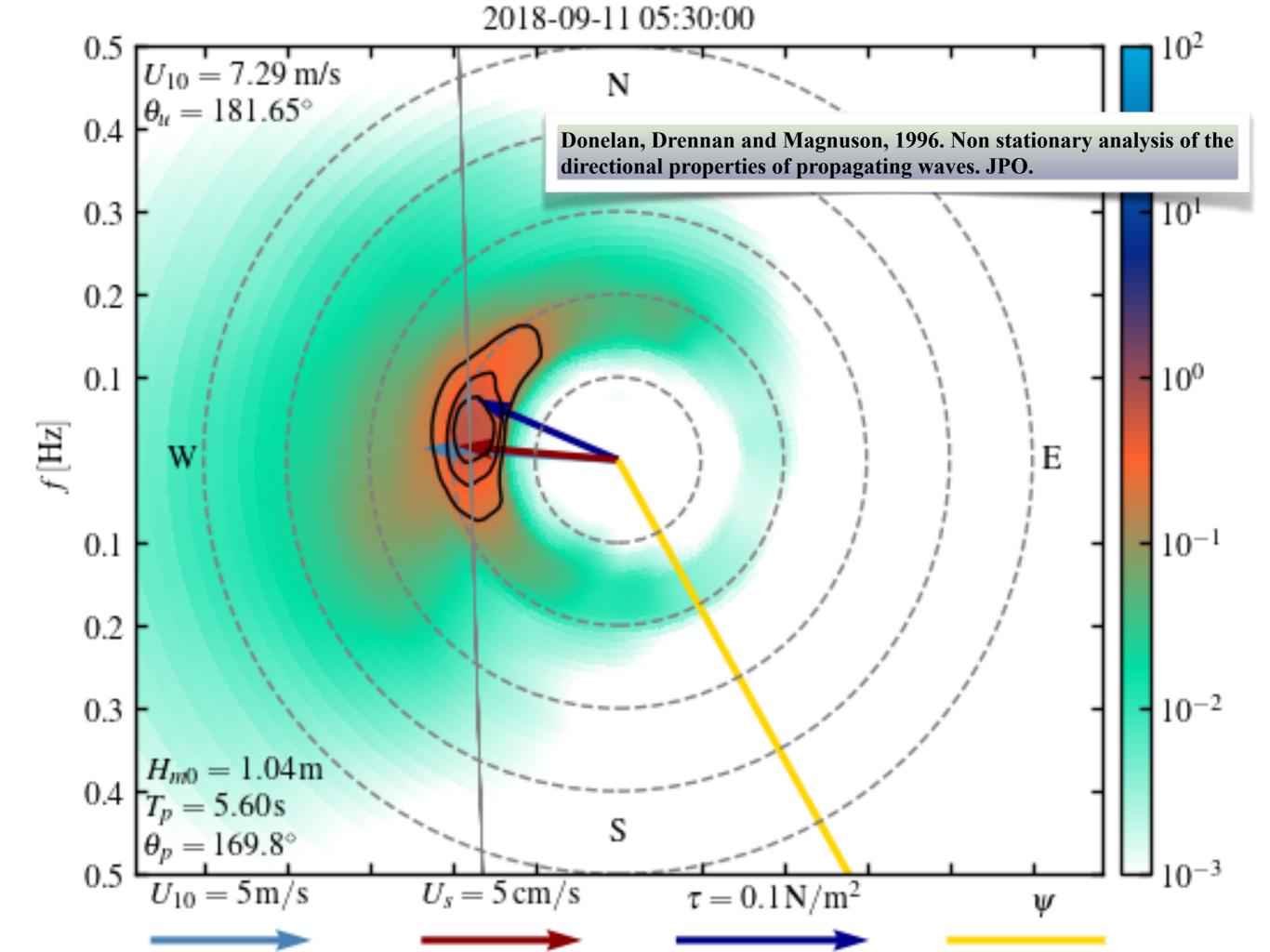
Network for oceanographic observations (physical, geo-chemical, ecological) to generate scenarios upon exploration and production activities of offshore oil in SENER (INTRODUCT) the Gulf of Mexico, 201441 CONACyT-SENER project.

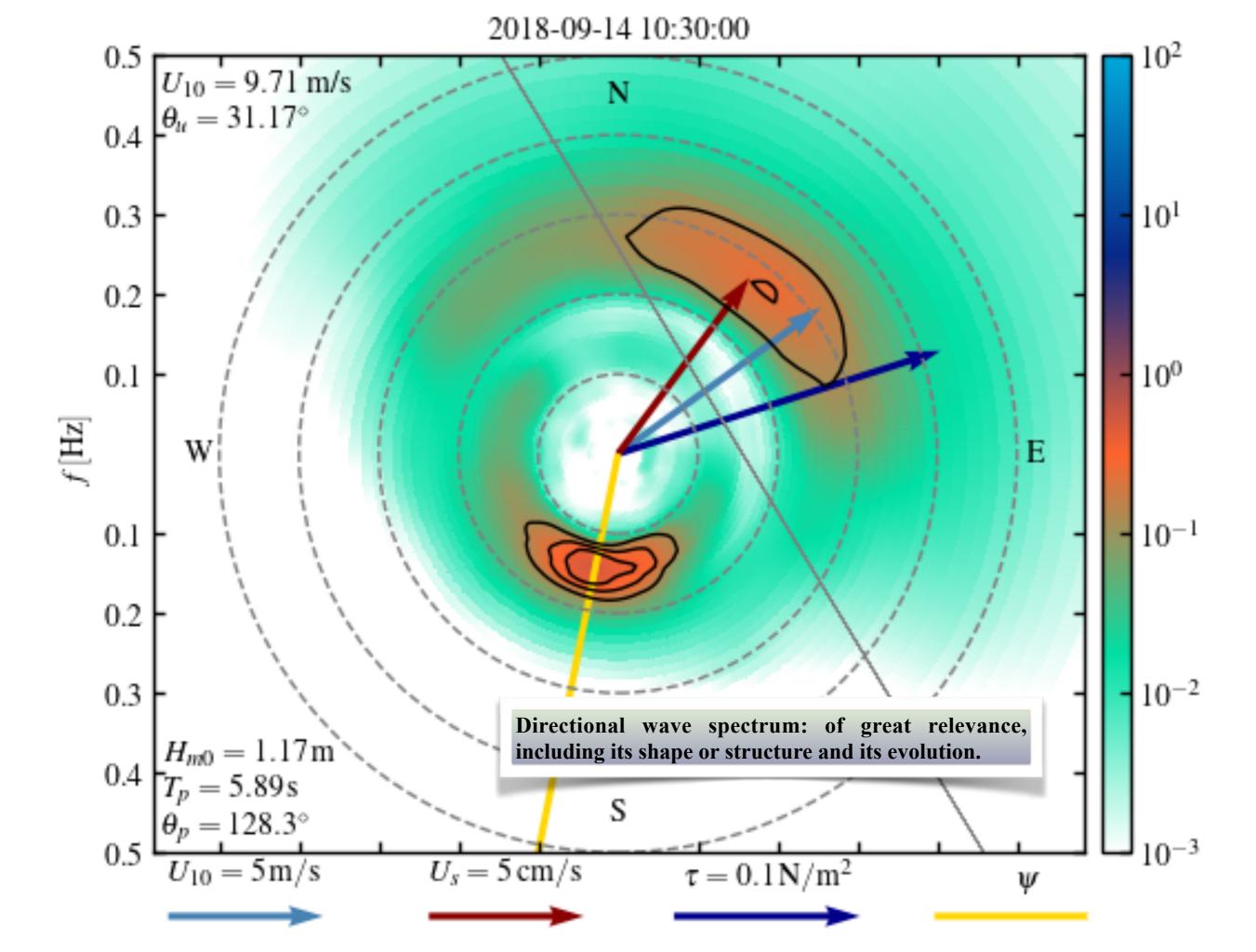


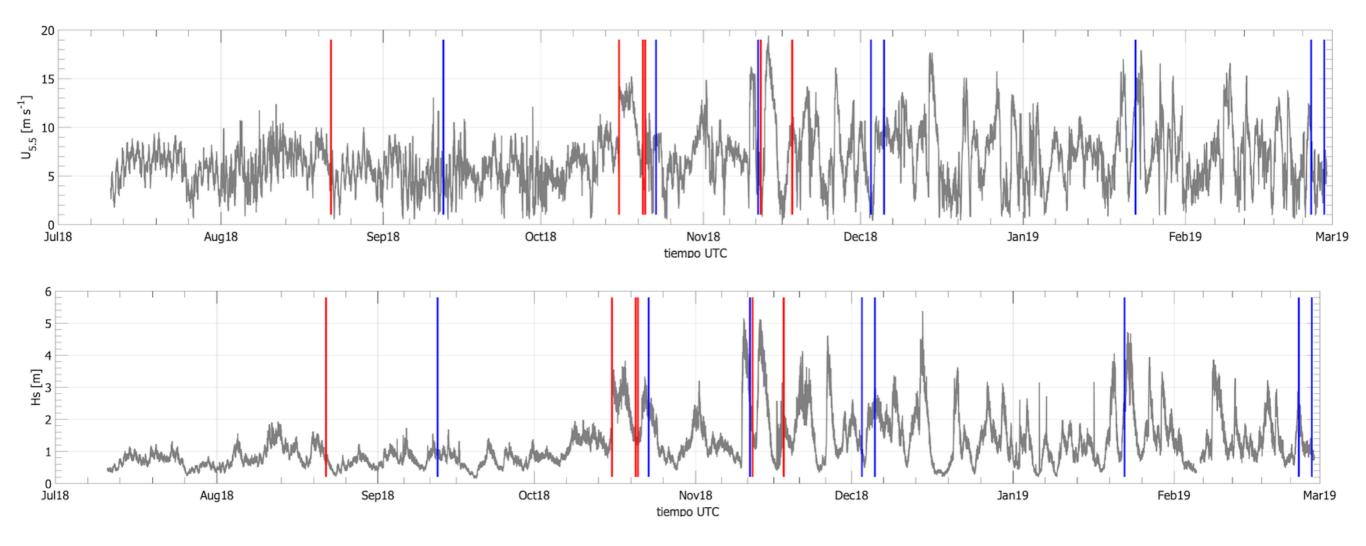
-Random model of the sea surface
-Superposition of many wave components
-Building up the spectrum notion
-Best and most complete description
-From the classic drawing of Pierson et al (1955)
-Something better than the 'First Five' is needed

Pierson, W. J., G. Neumann, and R.W. James: Practical methods for observing and Forecasting Ocean Waves by Means of Wave Spectra and Statistics, U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office Publ. No. 603, 1955.

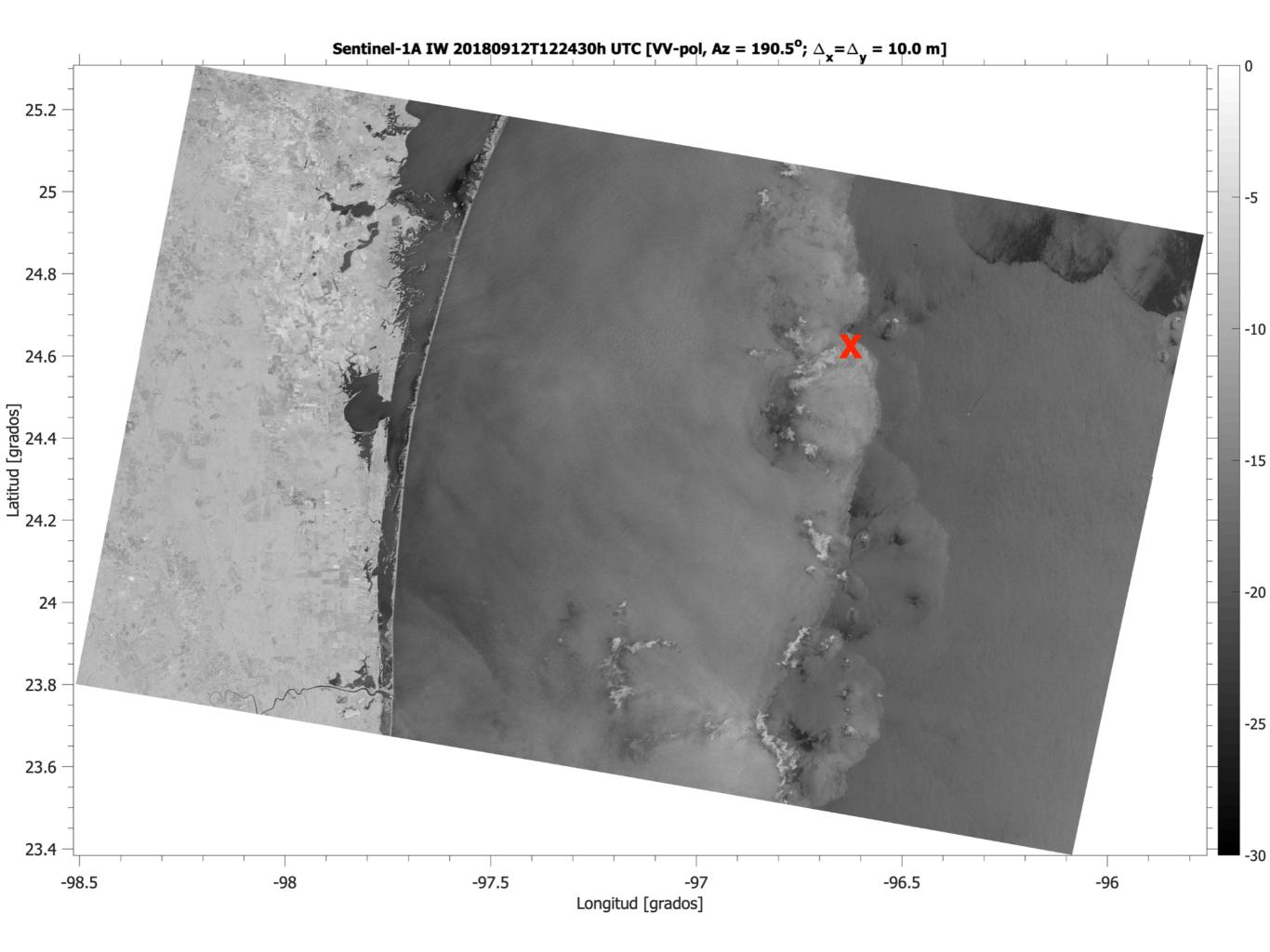


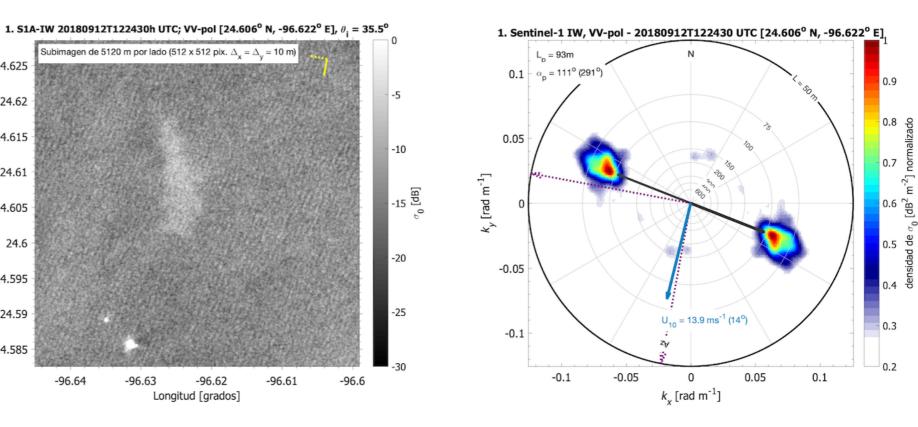






Wind speed and significant wave height as recorded by BOMM1 at Perdido region (Gulf of Mexico). Vertical lines indicate acquired SAR image (TerraSAR-X or TanDEM-X; Sentinel-1A or -1B).





SAR image spectrum inversion to estimate the directional wave spectrum, still under tests.

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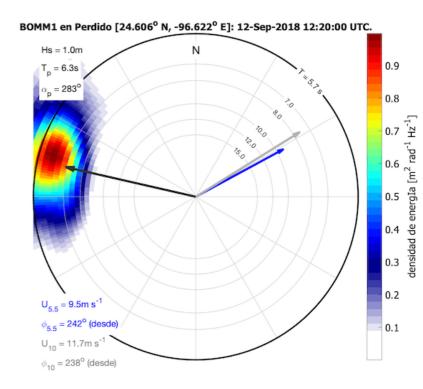
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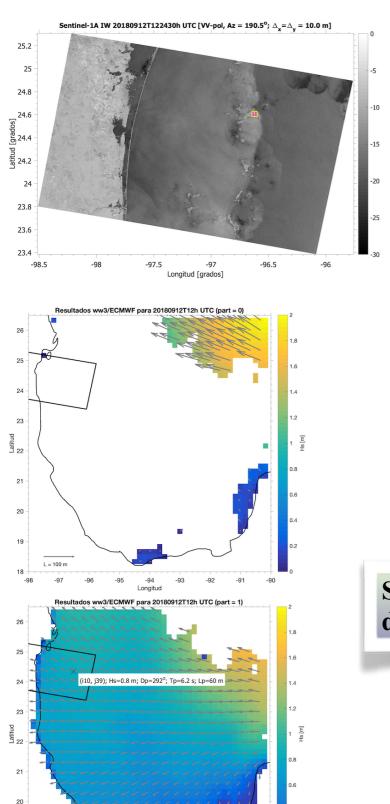
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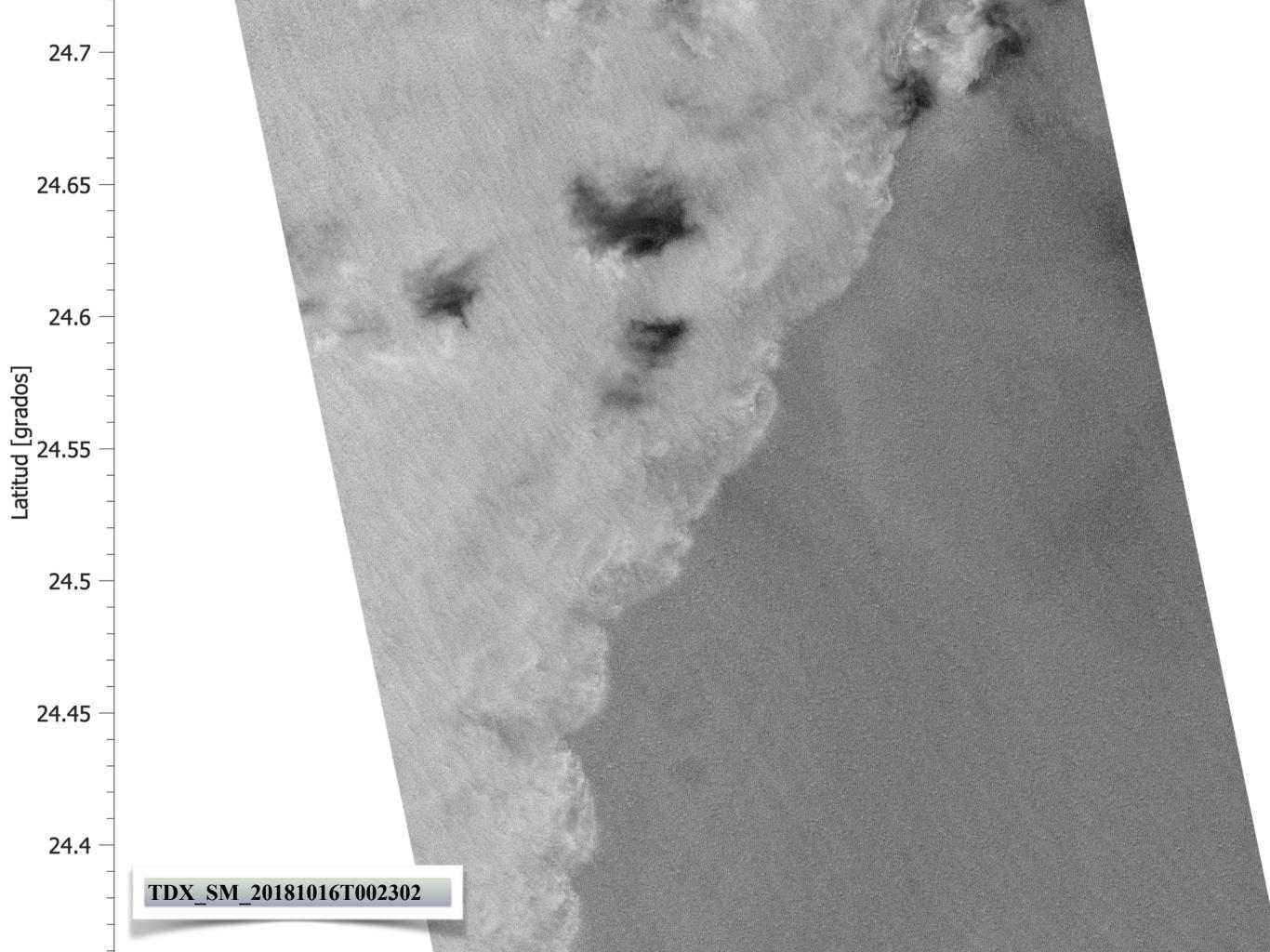
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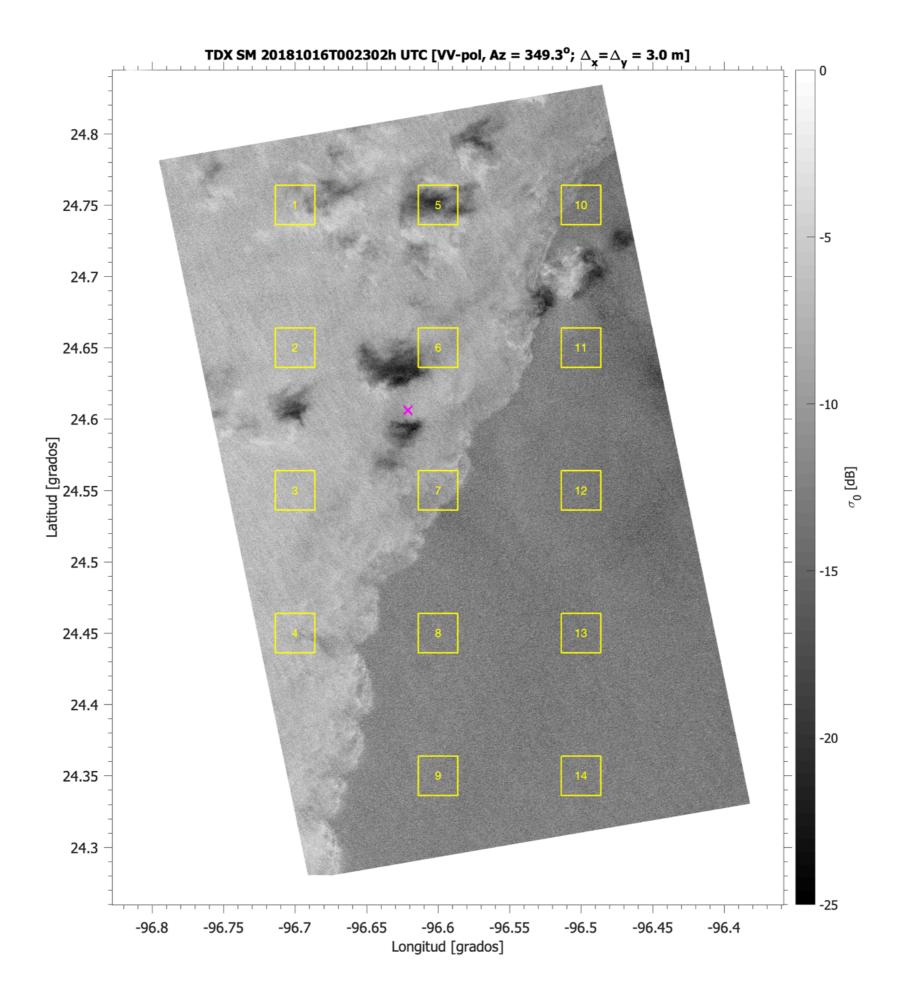
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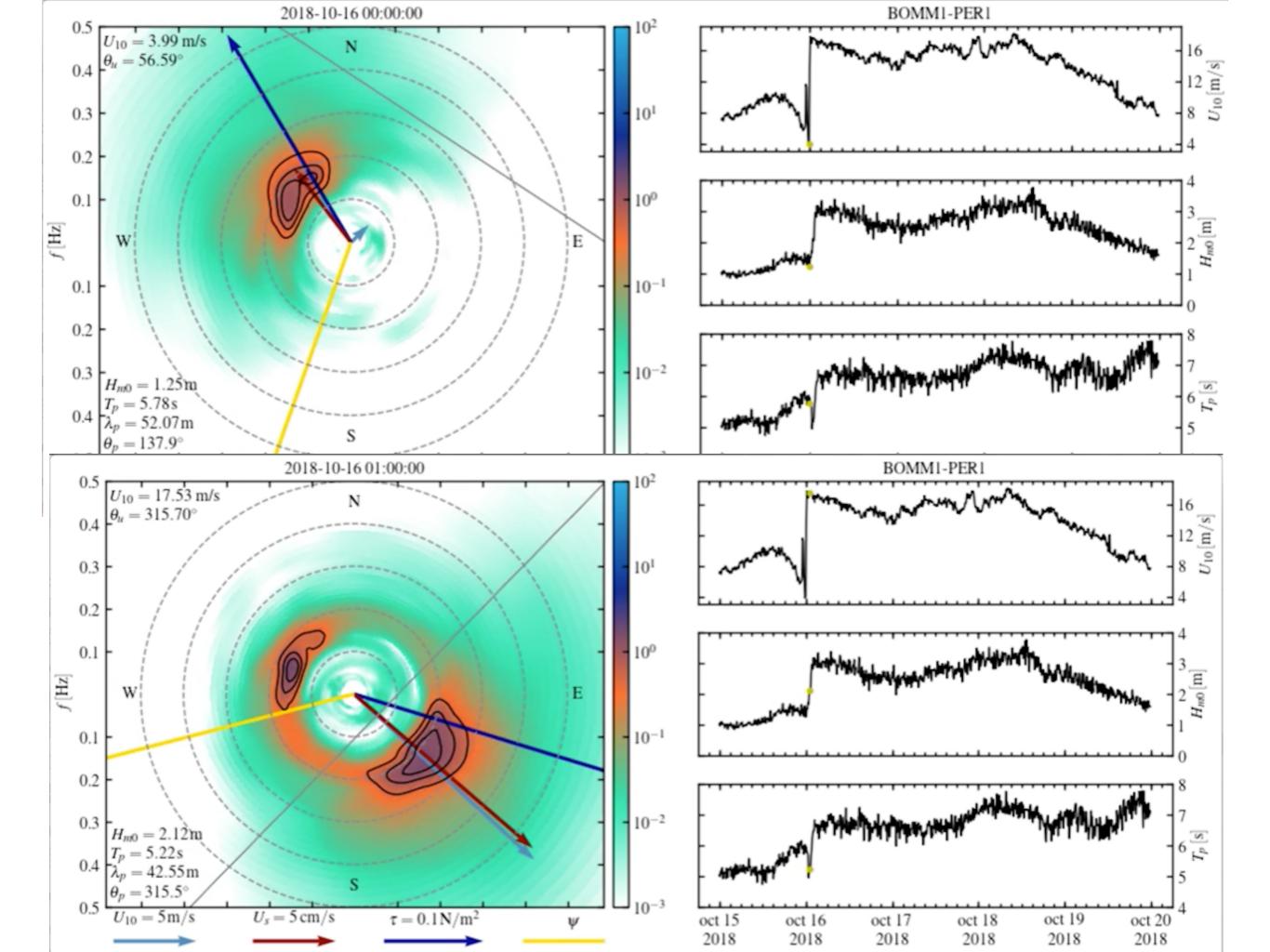
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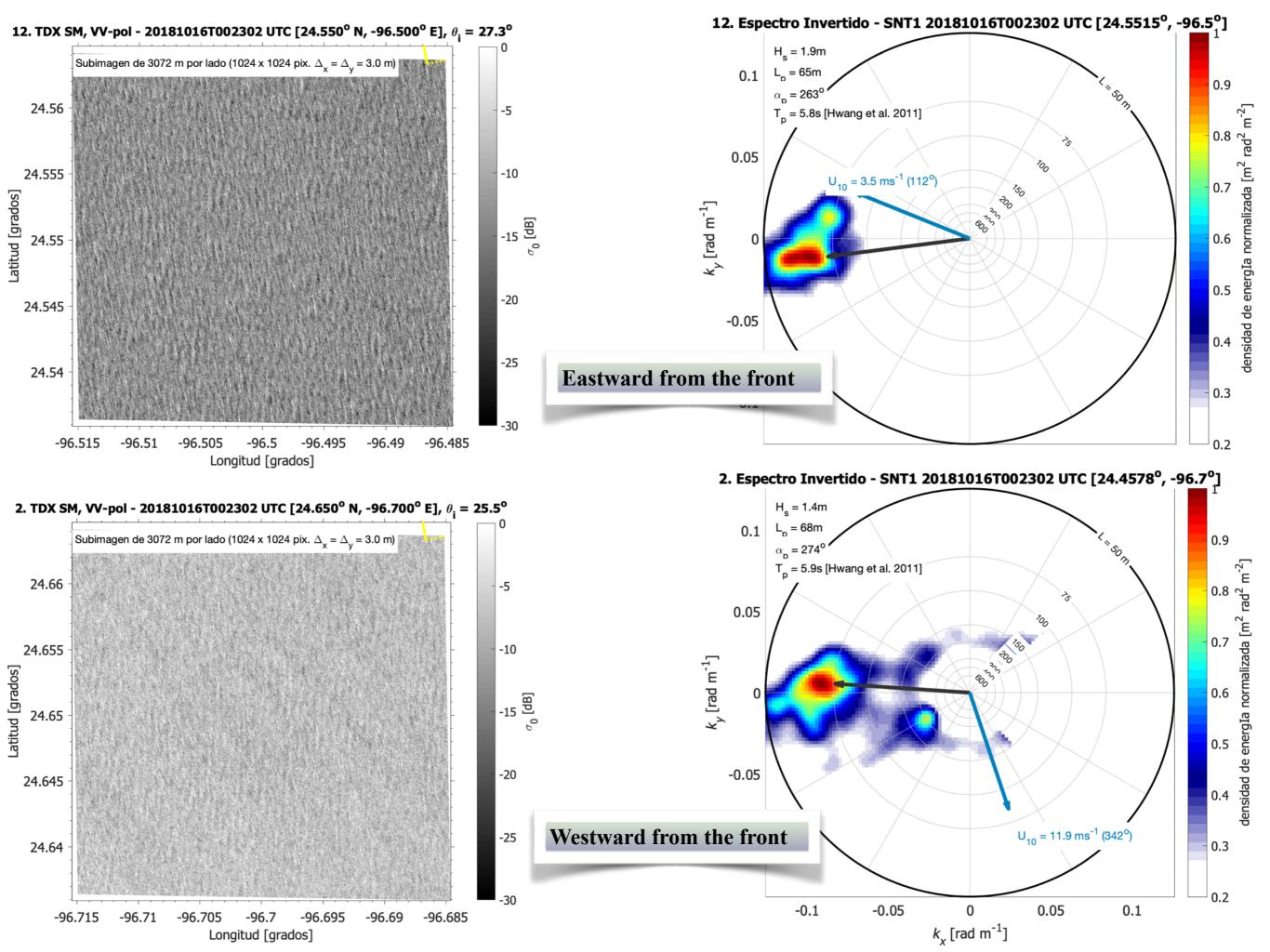
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Final remarks and further plans.

-Enhanced spar buoys (own electronic design), multiple sensors.
-Determination of momentum fluxes through eddy covariance method.
-Directional wave spectrum and its evolution.

-First results from SAR image to retrieve wave information, under atmospheric front. Spatial variability to be studied. Buoy and SAR wave spectra are complementary.

Spar buoys essential for Cal/Val super sites.Recover buoys, maintenance, include CO2 sensors and stereo cameras.Inversion algorithm to retrieve wave spectrum from SAR images.Further analysis of recorded data.THANK YOU!

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