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FINAL REPORT

Measurements of the radar backscatter from sea ice have been made during the years 1985-1988 using specialized radar scatterometers developed for the purpose. Most of the experiments during this period have involved artificial sea ice grown at CRREL, but measurements also were made during LIMEX in the Labrador Sea during March, 1989. We also analyzed data and published results from previous experiments conducted under ONR contract N00014-76-C-1105.

Much of the CRREL work involved use of a very-fine-resolution scatterometer to determine the sources of scattering from the ice and its overlying snow cover. Considerable insight into the mechanisms of scattering of radar signals from sea ice has resulted. Recently we have developed a polarimetric scatterometer capable of measuring the full scattering matrix, and this was used in two seasons of work at CRREL. Analysis of these data continues.

The results of this research have been and are being reported in published papers, conference reports, and oral presentations at conferences and workshops. A list of these is appended. These publications represent the essence of the reporting of this project, so this final report is short.

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