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In non-trivial sea states, wind-generated wave energy may propagate differently than the wind direction. In the past, to obtain information on wave directionality. extensive data acquisition techniques were developed through the application of different types of instruments (e.g., buoys and wave probe arrays). Each of these acquisition techniques has both merits and limitations, and they have been used to obtain important information on wind waves. Their directionality is indeed extremely significant for the design of marine systems. Today, the technological advancement of instruments such as radars, stereo-imaging, polarimetric cameras, and others allows the direct analysis of oceanic waves (from satellites, platforms, or vessels) in both their spatial and temporal aspects. As a consequence, the wave frequency-wavenumber relationship can now be studied without decoupling, opening new, interesting research opportunities.

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