1. Overview

Check	Status
Server check: science-pds.cryosat.esa.int	**Nominal**
Server check: calval-pds.cryosat.esa.int	**Nominal**
Product Software Check	**Nominal**
Product Format Check	**Nominal**
Product Header Analysis	**Nominal**
Auxiliary Data File Usage	**See Section 5.3 and 6.3**
Correction Error Flags	**See Sections 5.4 and 6.4**
Measurement Confidence Flags	**See Sections 5.5, 6.5 and 6.8**

Report Production Date:	09-May-2013
Data Used:	L1 and L2 Fast Delivery Marine Mode (FDM), and CAL Data

Mission / Instrument News	
28-Apr-2013	None
29-Apr-2013	None
30-Apr-2013	Nothing planned

2. Global Coverage

Global Coverage (north pole view)

Global Coverage (south pole view)

Global Coverage
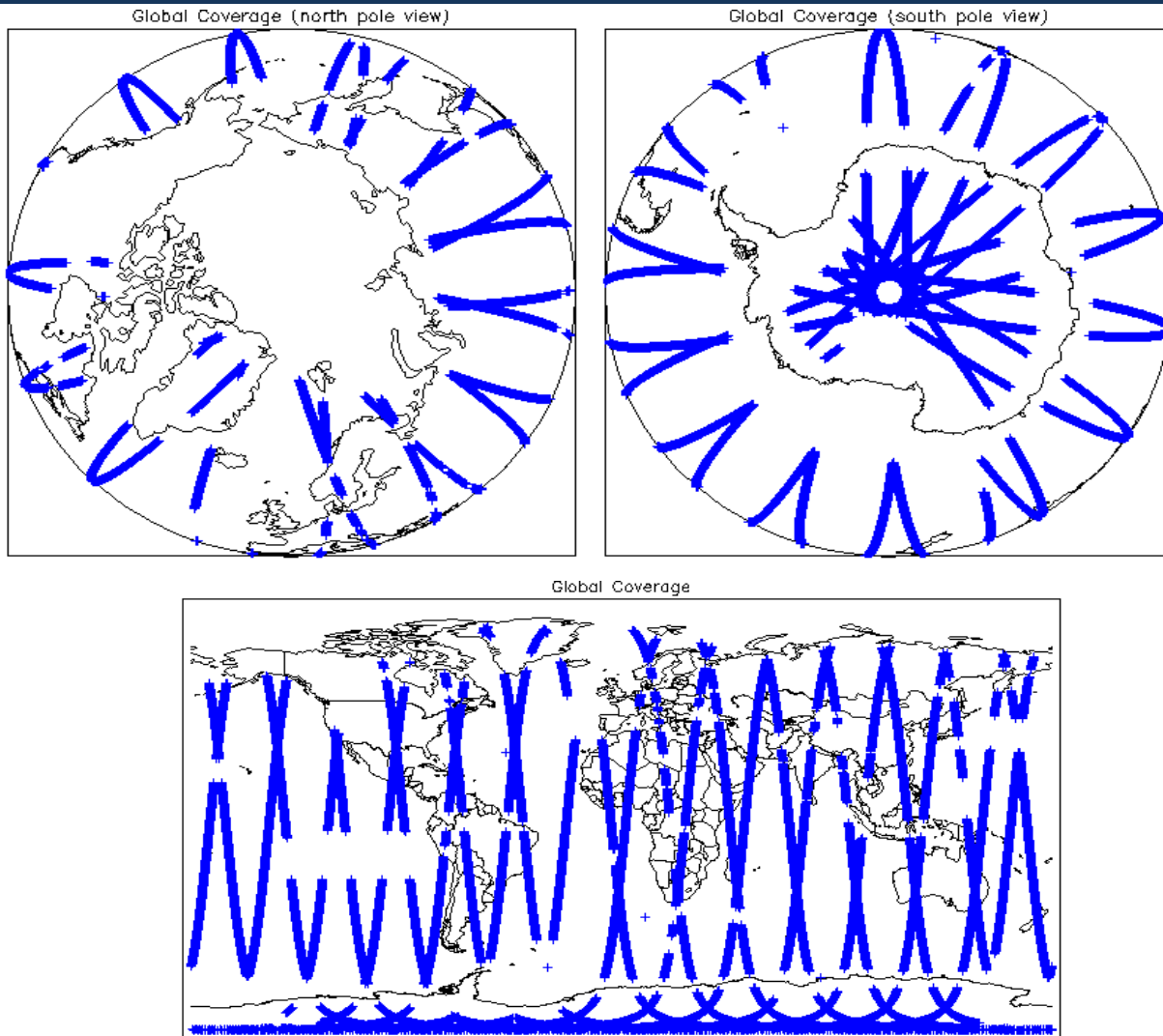
3. Instrument Configuration

The SIRAL instrument configuration for the day of acquisition is provided below.

SIRAL instrument(s) in use:	**SIRAL - A**
Star Tracker(s) in use:	**Star Tracker 2 & 3**

4. Level 1B Calibration Data Quality Check

4.1 L1 CAL Product Format Check

Each product, retrieved and unpacked from the science server, is checked to ensure it consists of both an XML header file (.HDR) and a binary product file (.DBL).

Number of products with errors: 0

4.2 L1 CAL Product Header Analysis

For all products, a series of pre-defined checks are carried out on the MPH and SPH in order to identify any inconsistencies and/or errors raised by the processing chain.

Number of products with errors: 0

4.3 L1 CAL Auxiliary Data File Usage Check

Each product is checked for missing Data Set Descriptors wrt a pre-determined baseline and also to check the validity of Auxiliary Data Files is correct.

Number of products with errors: 0

4.4 L1 CAL Measurement Confidence Flags

CryoSat Cal1 and Cal2 data includes a measurement confidence flag word (field 11) for each measurement record. The bit value of this flag indicates any problems when set.

Number of products with errors: 0

5. Level 1B FDM Data Quality Check

5.1 L1B FDM Product Format Check

Each product, retrieved and unpacked from the science server, is checked to ensure it consists of both an XML header file (.HDR) and a binary product file (.DBL).

Number of products with errors: 0

5.2 L1B FDM Product Header Analysis

For all products, a series of pre-defined checks are carried out on the MPH and SPH in order to identify any inconsistencies and/or errors raised by the ground-segment processing chain.

Number of products with errors: 0

5.3 L1B FDM Auxilary Data File Usage Check

Each product is checked for missing Data Set Descriptors wrt a pre-determined baseline and also to check the validity of Auxiliary Data Files is correct.

Number of products with errors: 67

Product	AUX File	Comment
All SIR_FDM_1B products up to 20130429T113841	CS_OPER_AUXISEAMPS_20130429T000000_20130429T0 00000_0001	Missing Forecast Auxiliary File: CS_OPER_AUXISEAMPS
All SIR_FDM_1B products up to 20130429T113841	CS_OPER_AUXISEAMPS_20130429T060000_20130429T0 60000_0001	Missing Forecast Auxiliary File: CS_OPER_AUXISEAMPS

5.4 L1B Correction Error Flags

Each product is checked to detect auxiliary corrections flagged by the ground-station processing chain as missing or containing errors.

Number of products with errors: 67

Product	Test Failed	Description
All SIR_FDM_1B products up to 20130429T113841	Dry tropospheric correction error, Wet tropospheric correction error, Inverse barometric correction error	Due to a missing Forecast Auxiliary File, there was an error with the Dry Tropospheric, Wet Tropospheric, and Inverse barometric corrections.

5.5 L1B FDM Measurement Confidence Flags

CryoSat L1B data includes a measurement confidence flag word (field 14) for each measurement record. The bit value of this flag indicates any problems when set.

Number of products with errors: 6

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_1B_20130428T232706_20130429T000228_B001	Attitude correction missing	The attitude has not been corrected
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_1B_20130429T083942_20130429T085134_B001	Echo error	The Echo Rx1 Error flag is set, indicating a degraded raw echo.
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_1B_20130429T142043_20130429T143610_B001	Echo error	The Echo Rx1 Error flag is set, indicating a degraded raw echo.
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_1B_20130429T180643_20130429T181332_B001	Attitude correction missing	The attitude has not been corrected
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_1B_20130429T194902_20130429T195021_B001	Attitude correction missing	The attitude has not been corrected
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_1B_20130429T212837_20130429T212903_B001	Attitude correction missing	The attitude has not been corrected

6. Level 2 FDM Data Quality Check

6.1 L2 FDM Product Format Check

Each product, retrieved and unpacked from the science server, is checked to ensure it consists of both an XML header file (.HDR) and a binary product file (.DBL)

Number of products with errors: 0

6.2 L2 FDM Product Header Analysis

For all products, a series of pre-defined checks are carried out on the MPH and SPH in order to identify any inconsistencies and/or errors raised by the processing chain.

Currently there is a high number of processing error flags set within the Level 2 FDM products (Product_Err and L2_Proc_Flag). These flags are set within L2 Header files (MPH field #19 and SPH field #29) and also within the L2 Product files (MPH field #35 and SPH field #33). They are set by the FDM processor when an error is detected during the L2 processing and also when the percentage of Data Set Records free of processing errors is below the minimum acceptable threshold set within the processor (currently set to 5%).

This issue is under investigation.

Number of products with errors: 0

6.3 L2 FDM Auxiliary Data File Usage Check

Each product is checked for missing Data Set Descriptors wrt a pre-determined baseline and also to check the validity of Auxiliary Data Files is correct.

Number of products with errors: 67

Product	AUX File	Comment
All SIR_FDM_2_ products up to 20130429T113841	CS_OPER_AUXISEAMPS_20130429T000000_20130429T0 00000_0001	Missing Forecast Auxiliary File: CS_OPER_AUXISEAMPS
All SIR_FDM_2_ products up to 20130429T113841	CS_OPER_AUXISEAMPS_20130429T060000_20130429T0 60000_0001	Missing Forecast Auxiliary File: CS_OPER_AUXISEAMPS

6.4 L2 FDM Correction Error Flags

Each product is checked to detect auxiliary corrections flagged by the ground-station processing chain as missing or containing errors.

Number of products with errors: 67

Product	Test Failed	Description
All SIR_FDM_2_ products up to 20130429T113841	Dry tropospheric correction error, Wet tropospheric correction error, Inverse barometric correction error	Due to a missing Forecast Auxiliary File, there was an error with the Dry Tropospheric, Wet Tropospheric, and Inverse barometric corrections.

6.5 L2 FDM Measurement Confidence Flags

CryoSat L2 data includes a quality flag word (field 8) for each 20-Hz measurement record. The bit value of this flag is an assessment of the measurement quality by the processing chain.

Number of products with errors: 6

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_2__20130428T232706_20130429T000228_B001	Attitude correction missing	The attitude has not been corrected
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_2__20130429T083942_20130429T085134_B001	Echo error	The Echo Rx1 Error flag is set, indicating a degraded raw echo.
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_2__20130429T142043_20130429T143610_B001	Echo error	The Echo Rx1 Error flag is set, indicating a degraded raw echo.
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_2__20130429T180643_20130429T181332_B001	Attitude correction missing	The attitude has not been corrected
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_2__20130429T194902_20130429T195021_B001	Attitude correction missing	The attitude has not been corrected
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_2__20130429T212837_20130429T212903_B001	Attitude correction missing	The attitude has not been corrected

6.6 L2 FDM Range Measurement Flags

Each product is checked to detect range measurements flagged by the processing chain as missing or containing errors.

Number of products with errors: 0

6.7 L2 FDM SWH and Backscatter Measurement Flags

Each product is checked to detect parameters related to SWH and sigma0 that are flagged by the processing chain as missing or containing errors.

Number of products with errors: 0

6.8 L2 FDM Geophysical Measurement Flags

Each product is checked to detect geophysical measurements flagged by the processing chain as missing or containing errors.

Number of products with errors: 70

Product	Test Failed	Description
All SIR_FDM_2_ products up to 20130429T113841	U-Wind component error, V-Wind component error	Due to a missing Forecast Auxiliary File, there was an error with the U-Wind and V-wind components of the ECMWF model wind vector.
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_2__20130429T021605_20130429T023131_B001	Ocean Retracking Quality Flag	The Ocean Retracking Quality Flag is set indicating the CFI Ocean Retracker was not successfully executed for one or more records.
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_2__20130429T130837_20130429T131227_B001	Ocean Retracking Quality Flag	The Ocean Retracking Quality Flag is set indicating the CFI Ocean Retracker was not successfully executed for one or more records.
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_2__20130429T134959_20130429T140438_B001	Ocean Retracking Quality Flag	The Ocean Retracking Quality Flag is set indicating the CFI Ocean Retracker was not successfully executed for one or more records.
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_2__20130429T151447_20130429T152601_B001	Ocean Retracking Quality Flag	The Ocean Retracking Quality Flag is set indicating the CFI Ocean Retracker was not successfully executed for one or more records.

7. QCC Check

The QCC is a CryoSat facility that performs a primary survey of data products immediately after production by the PDS and LTA processing facilities. A list of the tests which raised errors or warnings is provided below.

Product type	Nb. Products	Nb. QCC Reports	Nb. Valid	Nb. Warnings	Nb. Errors
SIR_FDM_1B	145	144	104	40	0
SIR_FDM_2	143	142	0	142	0

7.1 QCC Errors

Number of QCC reports with errors: 0

7.2 Missing QCC Reports

Number of products with missing QCC reports: 2

Product name
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_1B_20130428T232706_20130429T000228_B001
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_2__20130428T232706_20130429T000228_B001