## 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
Correction Error Flags	See Section 5.4
Measurement Confidence Flags	See Sections 5.5, 6.5, 6.6 and 6.8

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Report Production Date:	18-Sep-2013
Data Used:	L1 and L2 Fast Delivery Marine Mode (FDM), and CAL Data

Mission / Instrument News	
09-Sep-2013	None
10-Sep-2013	Data unavailability from 10-Sept-2013 09:40:00 to 13:00:24 due to planned instrument roll manoeuvres.
11-Sep-2013	Data unavailability from 11-Sept-2013 21:21:00: to 12-Sept-2013 00:31:57 due to planned instrument roll manoeuvres.

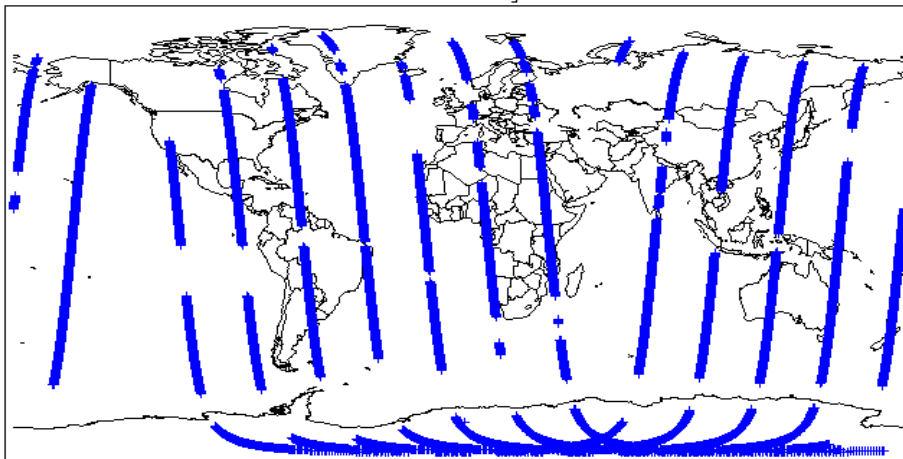## 2. Global Coverage (FDM L2)

Global Coverage (north pole view)
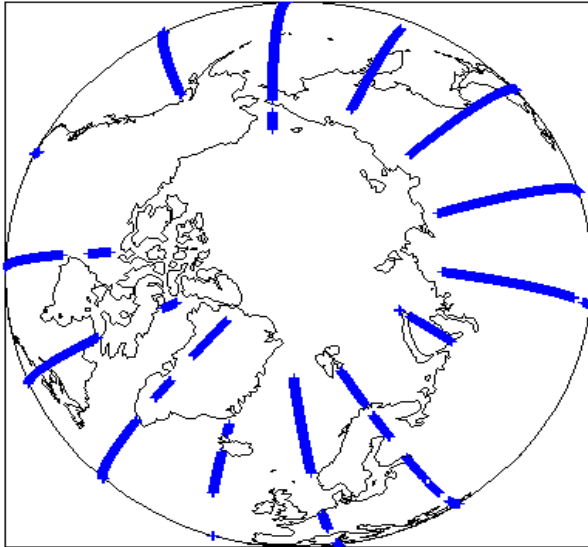
Global Coverage (south pole view)
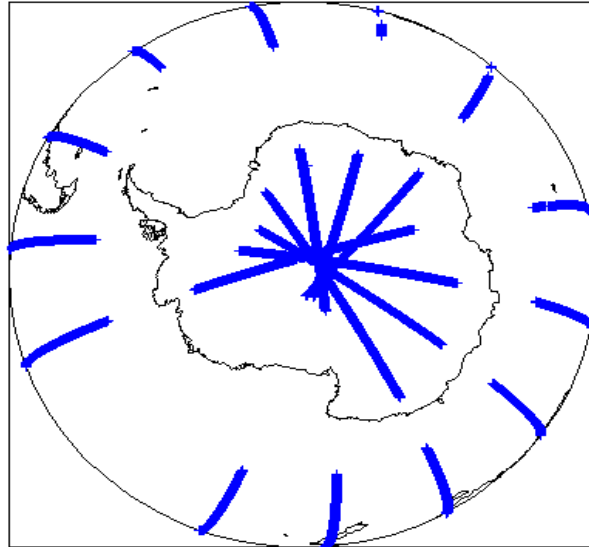
Global Coverage

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 1 & 2**

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: 53

Product	AUX File	Comment
SIR_FDM_1B_ products from 20130910T000206 to 20130910T094000 (53 products)	CS_OPER_AUXISURFPS; CS_OPER_AUXISEAMPS; CS_OPER_AUXIWETTRP; CS_OPER_AUXIV_WIND; CS_OPER_AUXIU_WIND	Meteo Forecast Auxiliary Files not used in FDM processing.

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: 53

Product	Test Failed	Description
SIR_FDM_1B_ products from 20130910T000206 to 20130910T094000 (53 products)	Dry tropospheric correction error, Wet tropospheric correction error, Inverse barometric correction error	Due to missing Forecast Auxiliary Files, 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: 3

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_1B_20130910T134628_20130910T134730_B001	Attitude correction missing	The attitude has not been corrected
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_1B_20130910T152530_20130910T152657_B001	Attitude correction missing	The attitude has not been corrected
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_1B_20130910T170656_20130910T170842_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: 0

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: 0

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: 3

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_2__20130910T134628_20130910T134730_B001	Attitude correction missing	The attitude has not been corrected
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_2__20130910T152530_20130910T152657_B001	Attitude correction missing	The attitude has not been corrected
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_2__20130910T170656_20130910T170842_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: 2

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_2__20130910T163653_20130910T164648_B001	OCOG Retracked Range Flag	The master fail flag is set by the OCOG call, for one or more records, indicating the values stored in fields #18, #19, #20 and #21 should be ignored for these records.
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_2__20130910T204022_20130910T205522_B001	OCOG Retracked Range Flag	The master fail flag is set by the OCOG call, for one or more records, indicating the values stored in fields #18, #19, #20 and #21 should be ignored for these records.

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: 2

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_FDM_2__20130910T154407_20130910T155528_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__20130910T163653_20130910T164648_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	126	126	118	8	0
SIR_FDM_2	73	73	0	73	0

7.1 QCC Errors

Number of QCC reports with errors: 0

7.2 Missing QCC Reports

Number of products with missing QCC reports: 0