1. Overview

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Report Production Date:	14-Aug-2015
Processor Used:	CryoSat Ocean Processor
Data Used:	Geophysical Ocean Products (GOP) L1B and L2 Science Data

| 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 Check	Nominal
Auxiliary Correction Error Check	Nominal
Measurement Confidence Data Check	See Section 4.6, 5.6, 5.7

Mission / Instrument News	
17-Apr-2015	None
18-Apr-2015	None
19-Apr-2015	Nothing planned

2. Global Coverage

Global Coverage - North Pole

Global Coverage - South Pole

Mode Coverage

LRM

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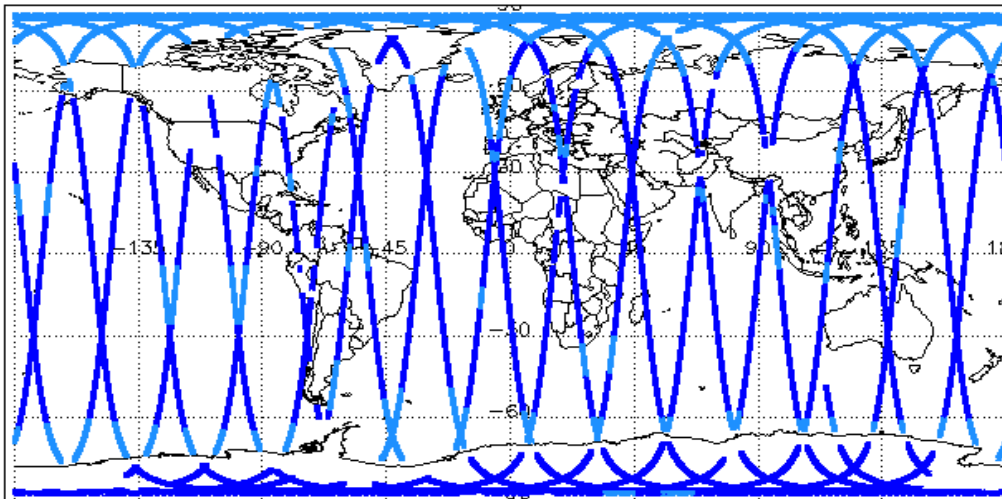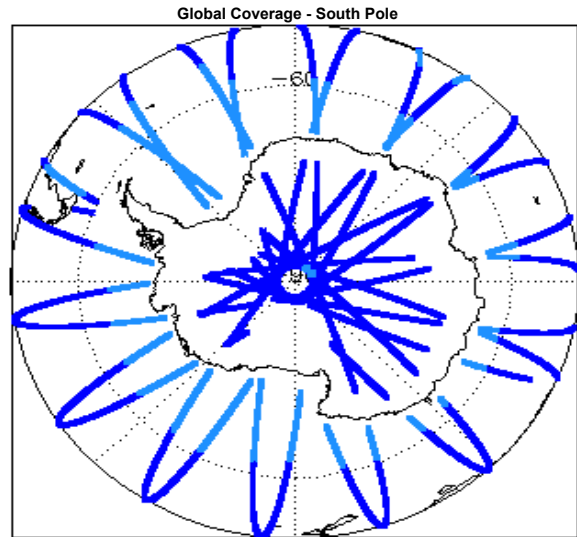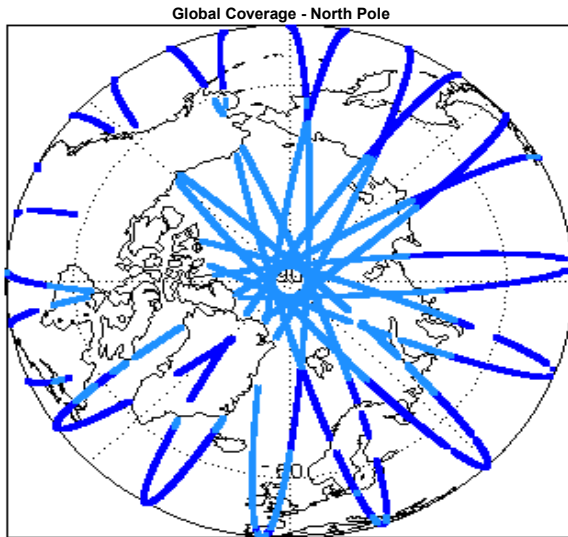
3. Instrument Configuration

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

SIRAL instrument(s) in use:	**SIRAL - A**

4. GOP Level 1B Data Quality Check

4.1 L1B 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 product file (.DBL).

Number of products with errors: 0

4.2 L1B Product Header Analysis

For all products, a series of pre-defined checks are performed 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

4.3 L1B Auxiliary Data File Usage Check

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

Number of products with errors: 0

4.4 L1B Auxiliary Correction Error Check

CryoSat L1B data includes a correction error flag (field 60) for each measurement record. The bit value of this flag indicates any problems when set.

Number of products with errors: 0

4.5 L1B Measurement Confidence Data Check

CryoSat L1B data includes a measurement confidence flag (field 12) for each measurement record. The bit value of this flag indicates any problems when set.

Number of products with errors: 0

4.6 L1B Waveform Group Data Check

CryoSat L1B data includes a waveform data flag (field 65) for each measurement record. The bit value of this flag indicates any problems when set.

Loss of Echo Flag: This flag is currently set for products over land, but this is to be expected.

Number of products with errors: 45

5. GOP Level 2 Data Quality Check

5.1 L2 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 product file (.DBL).

Number of products with errors: 0

5.2 L2 Product Header Analysis

For all products, a series of pre-defined checks are performed 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 L2 Auxiliary Data File Usage Check

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

Wind Model File Usage: This file is currently not included in all L2 products.

Number of products with errors: 0

5.4 L2 Auxiliary Correction Error Check

For all products, the auxiliary corrections within the Geophysical Group are checked for the default error value (32767).

Currently, there are two common auxiliary correction errors raised in the Level 2 products which are expected due to surface type. All common flags are summarised in the list below, followed by a table highlighting any additional issues which may arise from this test.

Sea State Bias Error: The error value is currently set for products over land and sea ice, but this is to be expected.

Altimetric Wind Speed Error: The error value is currently set for products over land and sea ice, but this is to be expected.

Number of products with errors: 0

5.5 L2 Measurement Confidence Data Check

CryoSat L2 data includes a measurement confidence flag (field 14) for each 20-Hz measurement record. The bit value of this flag indicates any problems when set.

Number of products with errors: 0

5.6 L2 Range Measurement Check

CryoSat L2 data includes an Ocean (field 25) and Ice (field 30) Range Averaging Status flag for each measurement record. The bit value of this flag indicates any problems when set.

Currently, there are two common status flags raised in the Level 2 products which are expected due to surface type. All common flags are summarised in the list below, followed by a table highlighting any additional issues which may arise from this test.

Ocean Range Averaging Status Flag: This flag is currently set for products over land and sea ice, but this is to be expected.

Ice Range Averaging Status Flag: This flag is currently set for products over land, but this is to be expected.

Number of products with errors: 233

5.7 L2 SWH and Backscatter Measurement Check

CryoSat L2 data includes a SWH Averaging Status flag (field 49) and an Ocean (field 55) and Ice (field 61) Backscatter Averaging Status flag for each measurement record. The bit value of this flag indicates any problems when set.

Currently, there are three common status flags raised in the Level 2 products which are expected due to surface type. All common flags are summarised in the list below, followed by a table highlighting any additional issues which may arise from this test.

SWH Averaging Status Flag: This flag is currently set for products over land and sea ice, but this is to be expected.

Ocean Backscatter Averaging Status Flag: This flag is currently set for products over land and sea ice, but this is to be expected.

Ice Backscatter Averaging Status Flag: This flag is currently set for products over land, but this is to be expected.

Number of products with errors: 211

5.8 L2 Ocean Retracking Quality Check

CryoSat L2 data includes an ocean retracking quality flag (field 19) for each 20-Hz measurement record. The bit value of this flag indicates any problems when set.

Ocean Retracking Quality Flag: This flag is currently set for products over land and sea ice, but this is to be expected. The number of products with this error flag set is given below.

Number of products with errors: 0