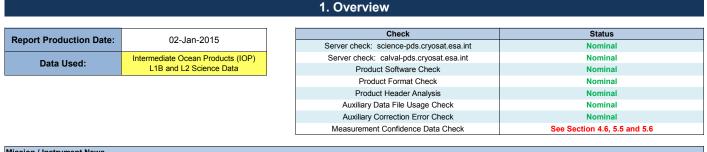


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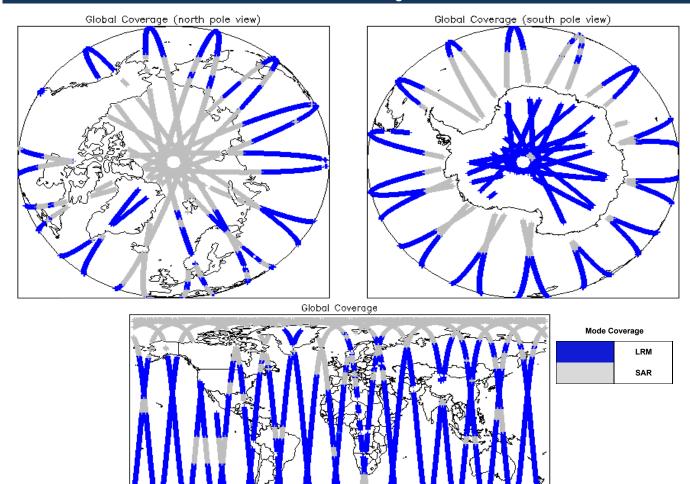
## Mission / Instrument News

 19-Dec-2014
 SIRAL unavailability on 19-December-2014 from 04:31:12 to 05:33:49 due to a planned orbit manoeuvre.

 20-Dec-2014
 None

21-Dec-2014 Nothing planned

# 2. Global Coverage



## 3. Instrument Configuration

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

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

### 4. IOP 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 binary product file (.DBL).

Number of products with errors:

#### 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.

4.3 L1B Auxilary Data File Usage Check	
Each product is checked for missing Data Se	et Descriptors with repsect to a pre-determined baseline and also to check the validity of Auxiliary Data Files is correct.
lumber of products with errors:	0
4.4 L1B Auxiliary Correction E	rror Check
Each product is checked to detect auxiliary o	orrections flagged by the ground-station processing chain as missing or containing errors.
Number of products with errors:	0
4.5 L1B Measurement Confide	nce Data Check
CryoSat L1B data includes a measurement o	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	a 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 se	for a large number of products over land, indicating that the tracking echo is missing.
Number of products with errors:	41
	5. IOP Level 2 Data Quality Check
5.1 L2 Product Format Check	
Each product, retrieved and unpacked from	he 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 L2 Product Header Analys	is
For all products, a series of pre-defined chec	ks 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 Usa	je Check
Each product is checked for missing Data Se	et 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
5.4 L2 Measurement Confiden	ce Data Check
CryoSat L2 data includes a quality flag (field	14) for each 20-Hz measurement record. The bit value of this flag is an assessment of the measurement quality by the processing chains.
Number of products with errors:	0
5.5 L2 Range Measurement Cl	neck
Each product is checked to detect range me	asurements flagged by the processing chain as missing or containing errors.
Ocean Range Averaging Status Flag: This	flag is currently set for products over land and sea ice, but this is to be expected.
ce Range Averaging Status Flag: This flag	is currently set for some products over land and continental ice.
Number of products with errors:	239
5.6 L2 SWH and Backscatter M	/leasurement Check
Each product is checked to detect paramete	rs related to SWH and sigma0 that are flagged by the processing chain as missing or containing errors.
	urrently 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 some products over land and continental ice. 214

Number of products with errors: