

1. Overview

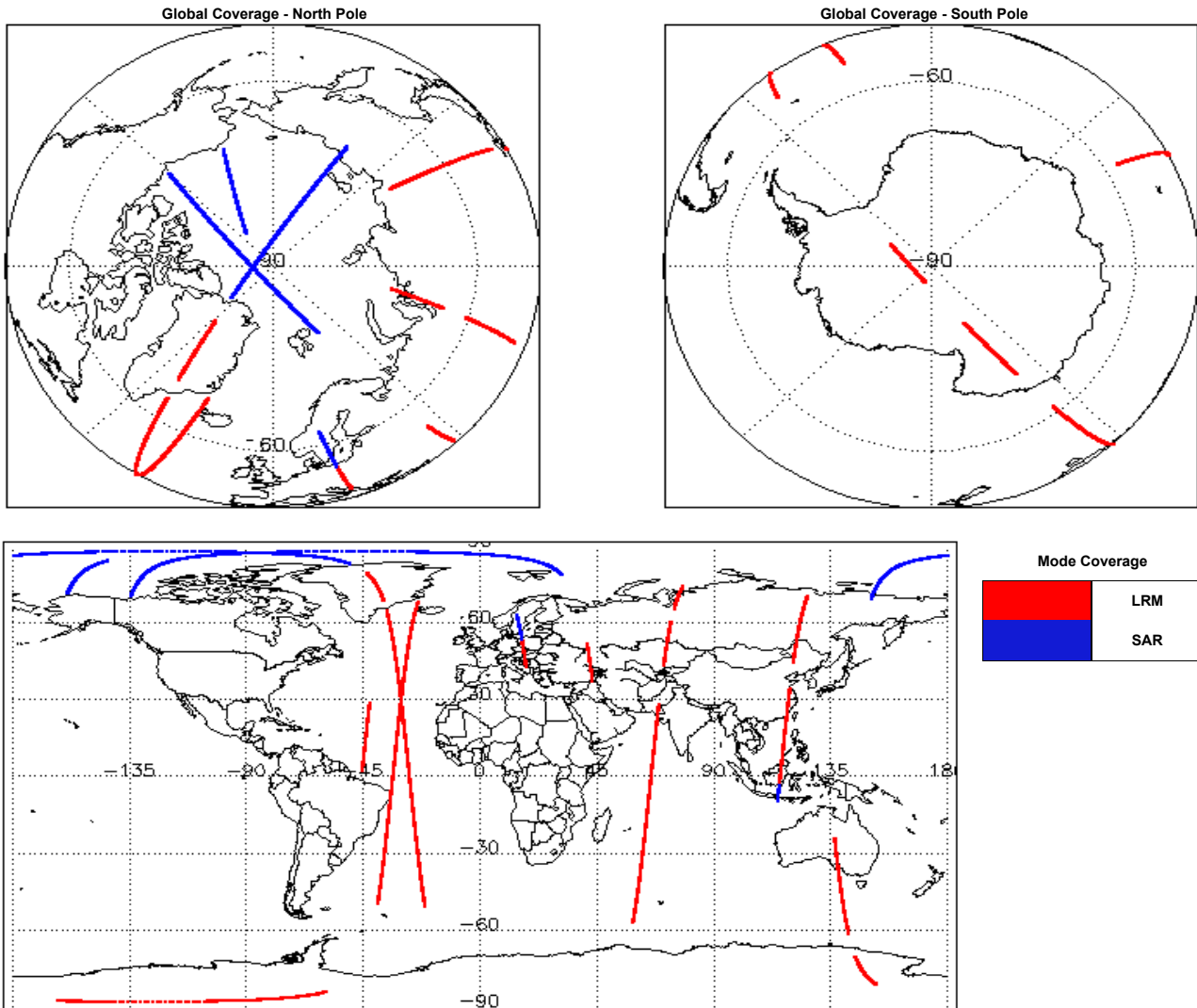
Report Production Date:	28-Sep-2016
Processor Used:	CryoSat Ocean Processor
Data Used:	Intermediate Ocean Products (IOP) L1B and L2 Science Data

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	See Section 5.4
Measurement Confidence Data Check	See Section 4.6, 5.6, 5.7 and 5.8

Mission / Instrument News

21-Sep-2016	Sporadic data gaps due to PDS upgrade activities
22-Sep-2016	Sporadic data gaps due to PDS upgrade activities
23-Sep-2016	Sporadic data gaps due to PDS upgrade activities

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
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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: 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: 6

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_IOP_1B_20160922T075309_20160922T075615_B001	Loss of Echo	The tracking echo is missing for one or more records
CS_OFFL_SIR_IOP_1B_20160922T081946_20160922T084103_B001	Loss of Echo	The tracking echo is missing for one or more records
CS_OFFL_SIR_IOP_1B_20160922T123251_20160922T125006_B001	Loss of Echo	The tracking echo is missing for one or more records
CS_OFFL_SIR_IOP_1B_20160922T131218_20160922T132009_B001	Loss of Echo	The tracking echo is missing for one or more records
CS_OFFL_SIR_IOP_1B_20160922T141330_20160922T141629_B001	Loss of Echo	The tracking echo is missing for one or more records
CS_OFFL_SIR_IOP_1B_20160922T161942_20160922T162208_B001	Loss of Echo	The tracking echo is missing for one or more records

5. IOP 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 binary 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: 2

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_IOP_2_20160921T234952_20160922T000712_B001	Dry Tropospheric Correction, Wet Tropospheric Correction, Inverse Barometric Correction, U-Wind and V-Wind components	There is an error with the Meteo corrections for one or more records
CS_OFFL_SIR_IOP_2_20160922T131218_20160922T132009_B001	Total Geocentric Ocean Tide (FES), Non-Equilibrium Long Period Ocean Tide	There is an error with the Total Geocentric Ocean Tide height (solution 2: FES) and the Non-equilibrium Long Period Ocean Tide height for one or more records

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: 3

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_IOP_2_20160922T111152_20160922T111448_B001	Ice Range Averaging Status	The Ice Range Averaging Status Flag has been set for one or more records.
CS_OFFL_SIR_IOP_2_20160922T234016_20160922T234211_B001	Ice Range Averaging Status	The Ice Range Averaging Status Flag has been set for one or more records.

CS_OFFL_SIR_IOP_2__20160922T234416_20160922T234716_B001	Ice Range Averaging Status	The Ice Range Averaging Status Flag has been set for one or more records.
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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: 3

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_IOP_2__20160922T111152_20160922T111448_B001	Ice Backscatter Averaging Status	The Ice Backscatter Averaging Status Flag has been set for one or more records.
CS_OFFL_SIR_IOP_2__20160922T234016_20160922T234211_B001	Ice Backscatter Averaging Status	The Ice Backscatter Averaging Status Flag has been set for one or more records.
CS_OFFL_SIR_IOP_2__20160922T234416_20160922T234716_B001	Ice Backscatter Averaging Status	The Ice Backscatter Averaging Status Flag has been set for one or more records.

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: 12