

1. Overview

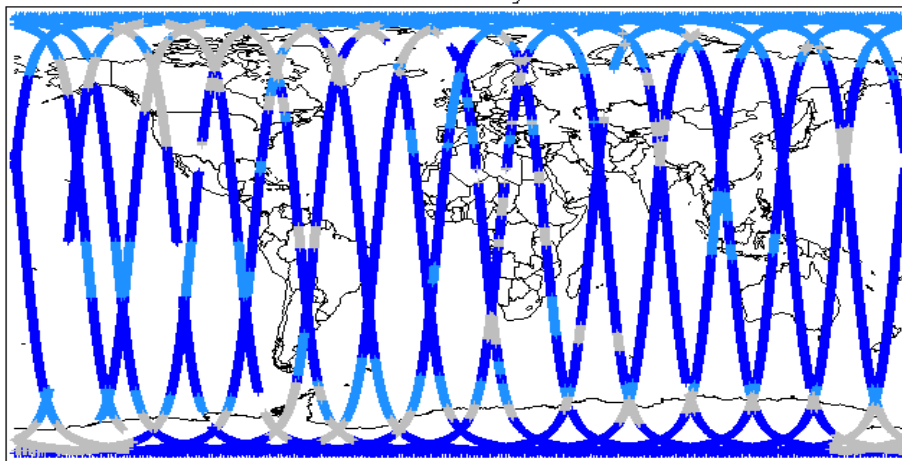
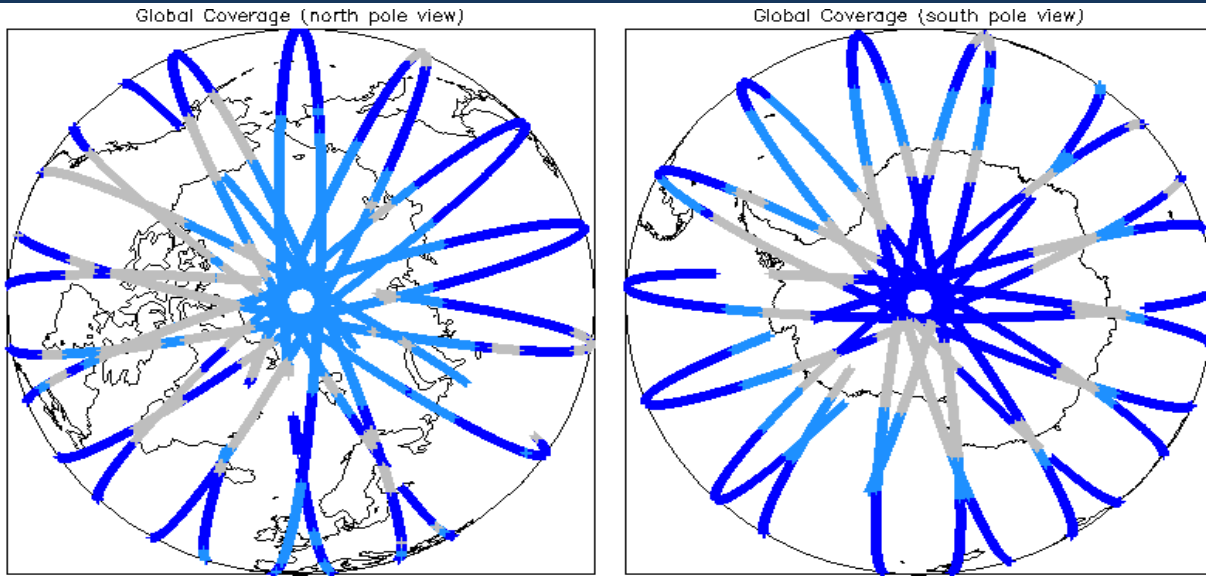
Report Production Date:	04-Dec-2013
Data Used:	OFFLINE L1B and L2 Science Data

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	Nominal
Auxiliary Correction Check	See Section 4.4 and 5.4
Measurement Data Set Check	See Section 4.5

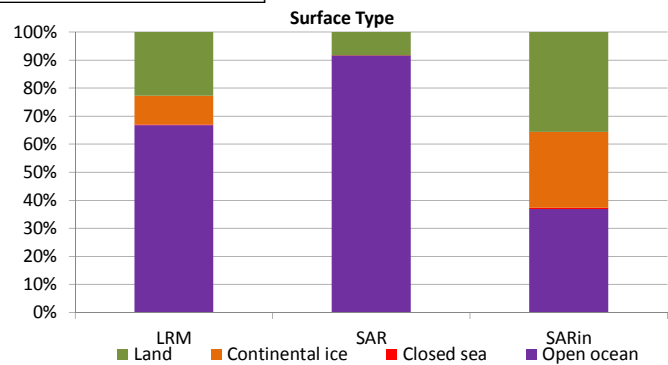
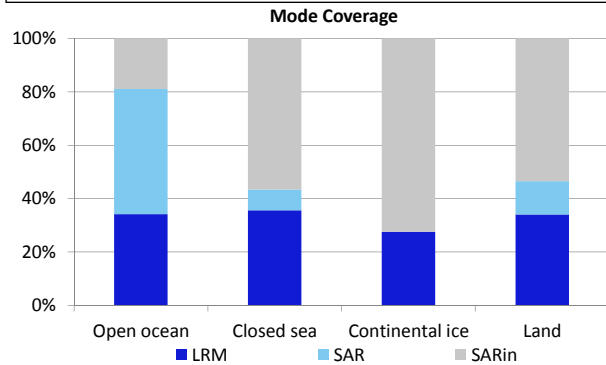
Mission / Instrument News

17-Jun-2012	None
18-Jun-2012	None
19-Jun-2012	Nothing planned

2. Global Coverage



Mode Coverage (%)		
	LRM	68.07
	SAR	18.58
	SARin	13.19



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 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 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

4.3 L1B 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 L1B Flagged Auxiliary Correction Error Check

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

Number of products with errors: 3

Product	Test Failed
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_1B_20120618T055329_20120618T060934_B001	Dynamic atmosphere correction error
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_1B_20120618T115841_20120618T120336_B001	Dynamic atmosphere correction error
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_1B_20120618T174704_20120618T180143_B001	Dynamic atmosphere correction error

4.5 L1B Measurement Confidence Data Check

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: 2

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_1B_20120618T204318_20120618T205047_B001	TRK echo error	The tracking echo has returned an error
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_1B_20120618T222422_20120618T222946_B001	TRK echo error	The tracking echo has returned an error

5. 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 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 L2 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

5.4 L2 Flagged Auxiliary Correction Error Check

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

Number of products with errors: 3

Product	Test Failed
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_2_20120618T055329_20120618T060934_B001	Dynamic atmosphere correction error
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_2_20120618T115841_20120618T120336_B001	Dynamic atmosphere correction error
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_2_20120618T174704_20120618T180143_B001	Dynamic atmosphere correction error

5.5 L2 Measurement Quality Flag Check

CryoSat L2 data includes a quality flag word (field 43) for each 20-Hz measurement record. The bit value of this flag is an assessment of the measurement quality by the ground-segment processing chains

Presently, there are several common data Quality Flag errors raised by the Level 2 products which are either expected due to changes made to the IPF processor in Baseline B or else are due to known issues with the data processors. The investigation of the known issues are on-going and are due to be resolved with the next update of the Level 2 processors. All common known issues are summarised in the list below, followed by a table highlighting any additional issues which may arise from this test.

Freeboard Error: This Quality Flag is correctly set in all products as this parameter is currently not provided in the L2 products and the Freeboard value is presently set to the default value of -9999.

SARin x-track angle error: Currently there is an on-going investigation into the high number of errors from the 'SARin x-track Error' Quality Flag over Antarctica.

Height error and Backscatter error: It has been noted that the number of errors arising from the 'Backscatter Error' and 'Height Error' Quality Flag is much higher than expected over land areas and this is currently part of an on-going investigation by expert teams.

Number of products with errors: 0

6. 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.

Nb. There is currently a discrepancy between the number of QCC reports and the number of products reported. This is a known issue and investigation is on-going.

Product type	Nb. Products	Nb. QCC Reports	Nb. Valid	Nb. Warnings	Nb. Errors
SIR_GDR_2A	34	32	0	32	0
SIR_LRM_1B	115	114	76	38	0
SIR_LRM_2	111	111	0	111	0
SIR_SAR_1B	88	91	0	91	0
SIR_SAR_2A	85	89	2	87	0
SIR_SIN_1B	96	98	0	98	0
SIR_SIN_2	95	94	0	94	0

6.1 QCC Errors

Number of products with QCC errors: 1

Product Type	Product File Name	Error
AUX_IONGIM	CS_OPER_AUX_REP_QC_20120905T081326_AUX_IONGIM20120618T000000	FNMFV

Test Description Key:

Abbreviation	Test name	Details
FNMFV	FileNameMatchFileVersion	The version of the file should be consistent with the product name

6.2 Missing QCC Reports

Number of products with missing QCC reports: 12

Product name
CS_OFFL_SIR_GDR_2A_20120618T183446_20120618T201400_B001
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_2_20120618T045412_20120618T045632_B001
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_2_20120618T164140_20120618T171203_B001
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_2_20120618T184810_20120618T184829_B001
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2A_20120618T030746_20120618T031141_B001
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2A_20120618T153928_20120618T154712_B001
CS_OFFL_SIR_SIN_1B_20120618T212148_20120618T212418_B001
CS_OFFL_SIR_SIN_2_20120618T180252_20120618T180435_B001
CS_OFFL_SIR_SIN_2_20120618T203205_20120618T203556_B001
CS_OFFL_SIR_SIN_2_20120618T203600_20120618T203726_B001
CS_OFFL_SIR_SIN_2_20120618T222127_20120618T222150_B001
CS_OFFL_SIR_SIN_2_20120618T230051_20120618T230217_B001