IDEAS Daily Report for 03-Dec-2012

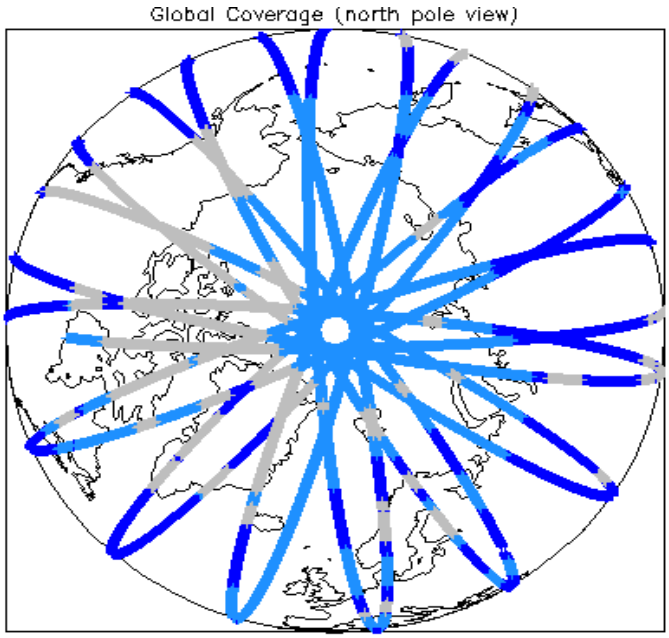
1. Overview

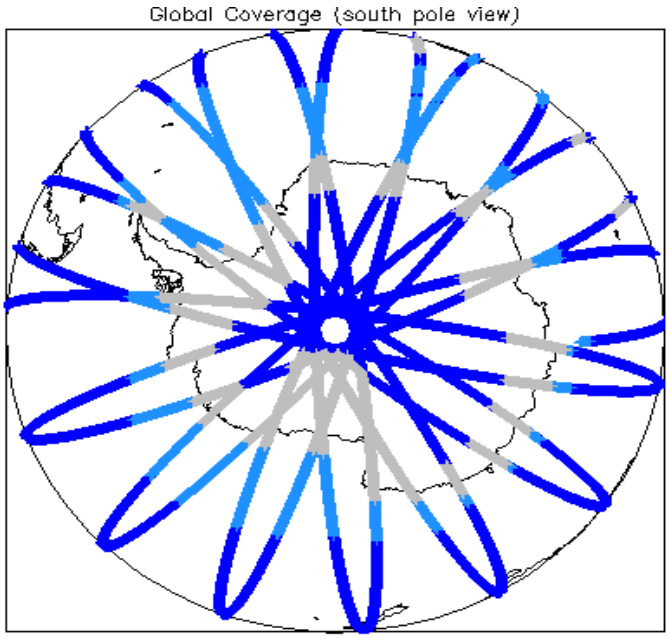
Report Production Date:	20-Feb-2013
Data Used:	OFFLINE L1B and L2 Science Data

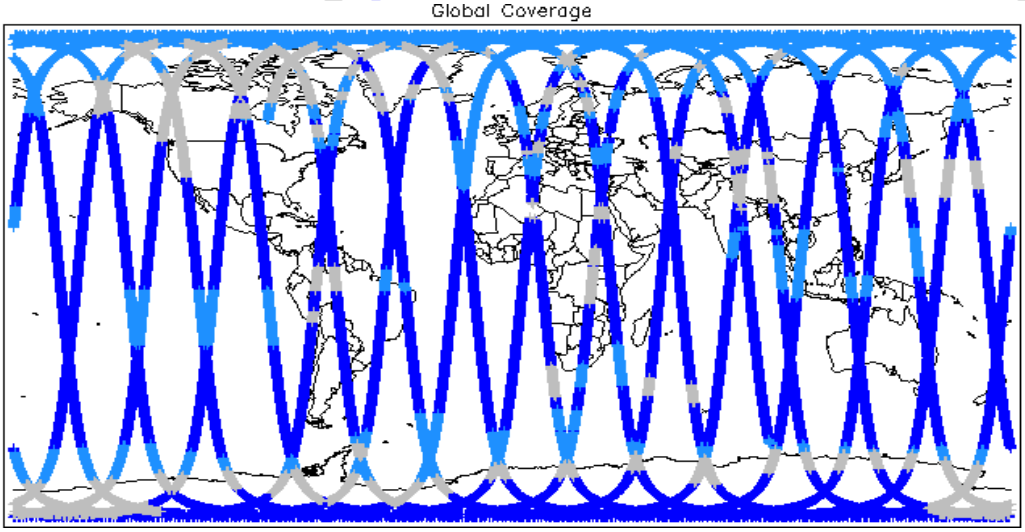
Check	Status
Server check: science-pds.cryosat.esa.int	Nominal
Server check: calval-pds.cryosat.esa.int	Nominal
Product Software Check	Nominal
Product Format Check	Nominal
Product Header Analysis	Nominal
Auxiliary Data File Usage	See Section 5.3
Auxiliary Correction Check	See Section 4.4 and 5.4
Measurement Data Set Check	See Section 4.5 and 5.5

Mission / Instrument News	
02-Dec-2012	None
03-Dec-2012	None
04-Dec-2012	Nothing planned

2. Global Coverage

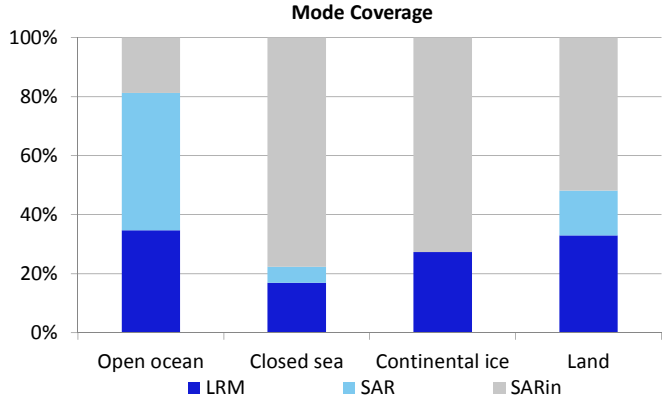


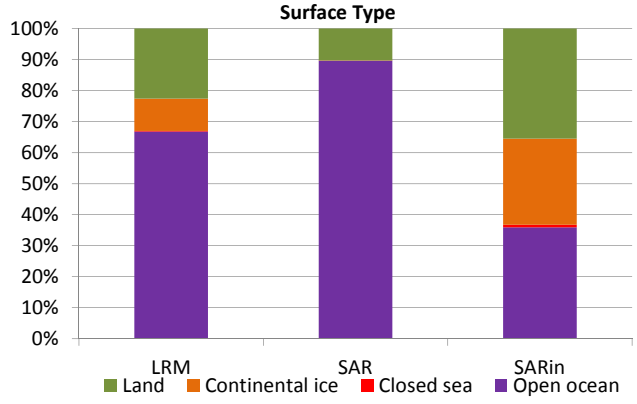




Mode Coverage(%)

	LRM	63.51
	SAR	22.45
	SIN	13.84





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**

4. Level 1B Data Quality Check

4.1 L1 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 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: 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_20121203T055929_20121203T062059_B001	Dynamic atmosphere correction error
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_1B_20121203T114933_20121203T120636_B001	Dynamic atmosphere correction error
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_1B_20121203T175833_20121203T180338_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: 1

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_SIN_1B_20121203T002301_20121203T002308_B001	Cal1. corr. missing	The Cal1 correction has not been applied

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 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 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: 1

Product	AUX File	Comment
CS_OFFL_SIR_GDR_2A_20121203T232530_20121204T010444_B001	CS_OPER_AUX_ORBDOR_20121202T215525_20121204T002325_0001	Coverage missing for intervals [2012-12-04T00:23:25, 2012-12-04T01:04:44]

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: 4

Product	Test Failed
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_2__20121202T235954_20121203T002057_B001	Dynamic atmosphere correction error
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_2__20121203T055929_20121203T062059_B001	Dynamic atmosphere correction error
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_2__20121203T114933_20121203T120636_B001	Dynamic atmosphere correction error
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_2__20121203T175833_20121203T180338_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: 3

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2A_20121203T083106_20121203T083149_B001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2A_20121203T172147_20121203T172326_B001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SIN_2__20121203T002301_20121203T002308_B001	Calibration warning	The Cal correction is missing or has been taken from the IPFDB as opposed to the Calibration products

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	17	16	0	16	0
SIR_LRM_1B	146	145	139	6	0
SIR_LRM_2	146	145	0	145	0
SIR_SAR_1B	153	153	0	153	0
SIR_SAR_2A	110	110	2	108	0
SIR_SIN_1B	102	102	0	102	0
SIR_SIN_2	98	98	0	98	0

6.1 QCC Errors

Number of products with QCC errors: 0

6.2 Missing QCC Reports

Number of products with missing QCC reports: 3

Product name
CS_OFFL_SIR_GDR_2A_20121202T223707_20121203T001620_B001
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_1B_20121202T235954_20121203T002057_B001
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_2__20121202T235954_20121203T002057_B001