

3. Instrument Configuration

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

SIRAL instrument(s) in use	se: SIRAL - A	
Star Tracker(s) in use:	Star Tracker 2	

# 4. Level 1B Data Quality Check

### 4.1 L1B Software Version Check

N.b. There were a number of orders processed prior to the installation of the new IPF1 Vk2.0, IPF2 Vk1.0. The affected L1B products, listed below, have the old software version referenced in the product header.

Number of products with errors:

### 4.2 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:

### 4.3 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:

### 4.4 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:

### 4.5 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

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# Number of products with errors:

Test Failed
Dynamic atmosphere correction error

# 4.6 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:

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_1B_20130506T132244_20130506T133809_B001	Attitude correction missing	The attitude has not been corrected
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_1B_20130506T133809_20130506T134010_B001	Attitude correction missing	The attitude has not been corrected
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_1B_20130506T155012_20130506T155119_B001	Attitude correction missing	The attitude has not been corrected
CS_OFFL_SIR_SIN_1B_20130506T155120_20130506T155123_B001	Attitude correction missing	The attitude has not been corrected

# 5. Level 2 Data Quality Check

# 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:

### 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: 2 Product AUX File Comment CS\_OFFL\_SIR\_GDR\_2A\_20130505T224709\_20130506T002622\_B001 CS\_OPER\_AUX\_ORBDOR\_20130504T215525\_20130500T Coverage missing for intervals [2013-05-06T00:23:25, 2013-05-06T00:23:25, 2013-05-06T00:23:25, 2013-05-06T00:23:25, 2013-05-06T00:23:25, 2013-05-06T00:23:25, 2013-05-06T00:23:25, 2013-05-07T01:14:45] CS\_OFFL\_SIR\_GDR\_2A\_20130506T233532\_20130507T011445\_B001 CS\_OPER\_AUX\_ORBDOR\_20130505T215525\_20130507T Coverage missing for intervals [2013-05-07T01:14:45]

### 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

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### Number of products with errors:

Product	Test Failed
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_220130505T235623_20130506T000504_B001	Dynamic atmosphere correction error
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_220130506T055651_20130506T060338_B001	Dynamic atmosphere correction error
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_220130506T114348_20130506T120850_B001	Dynamic atmosphere correction error
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_220130506T175458_20130506T180606_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:

Product	Test Failed	Description		
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2A_20130506T035944_20130506T040236_B001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation		
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	136	132	103	29	0
SIR_LRM_2	135	134	0	134	0
SIR_SAR_1B	95	95	0	95	0
SIR_SAR_2A	97	97	2	95	0
SIR_SIN_1B	97	97	0	97	0
SIR_SIN_2	97	97	0	97	0

### 6.1 QCC Errors

Number of products with QCC errors:

# 6.2 Missing QCC Reports

### Number of products with missing QCC reports:

### Product name

CS\_OFFL\_SIR\_GDR\_2A\_20130505T224709\_20130506T002622\_B001 CS\_OFFL\_SIR\_LRM\_1B\_20130505T235623\_20130506T000504\_B001 CS\_OFFL\_SIR\_LRM\_1B\_20130506T070154\_20130506T071851\_B001 CS\_OFFL\_SIR\_LRM\_1B\_20130506T074803\_20130506T074818\_B001 CS\_OFFL\_SIR\_LRM\_1B\_20130506T074822\_20130506T075051\_B001 CS\_OFFL\_SIR\_LRM\_2\_20130506T074822\_20130506T005054\_B001 CS\_OFFL\_SIR\_LRM\_2\_20130506T050424\_20130506T050536\_B001

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