

1. Overview

Report Production Date:
21-Apr-2015

Data Used:	OFFLINE L1B and L2 Science Data	Geophysical Ocean Products (GOP) L1B and L2 Science Data
Check	Status	Status
Server check: science-pds.cryosat.esa.int	Nominal	Nominal
Server check: calval-pds.cryosat.esa.int	Nominal	Nominal
Product Software Check	Nominal	Nominal
Product Format Check	Nominal	Nominal
Product Header Analysis	See Section 4.2	Nominal
Auxiliary Data File Usage Check	See Section 5.3	Nominal
Auxiliary Correction Data Check	Nominal	Nominal
Measurement Confidence Data Check	See Section 4.5 and 5.5	See Section 7.5, 7.6, 8.5 and 8.6

Mission / Instrument News

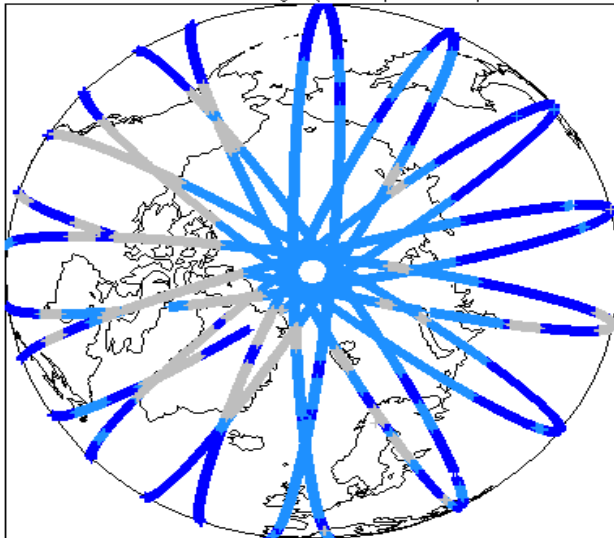
11-Mar-2015	Data generated with new Baseline-C IPFs but old GDR-D orbit files.
12-Mar-2015	Data generated with new Baseline-C IPFs but old GDR-D orbit files.
13-Mar-2015	Data generated with new Baseline-C IPFs but old GDR-D orbit files.

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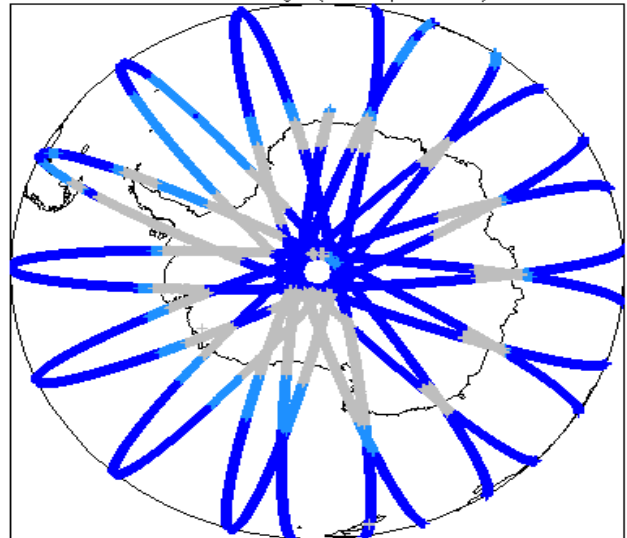
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2. Global Coverage

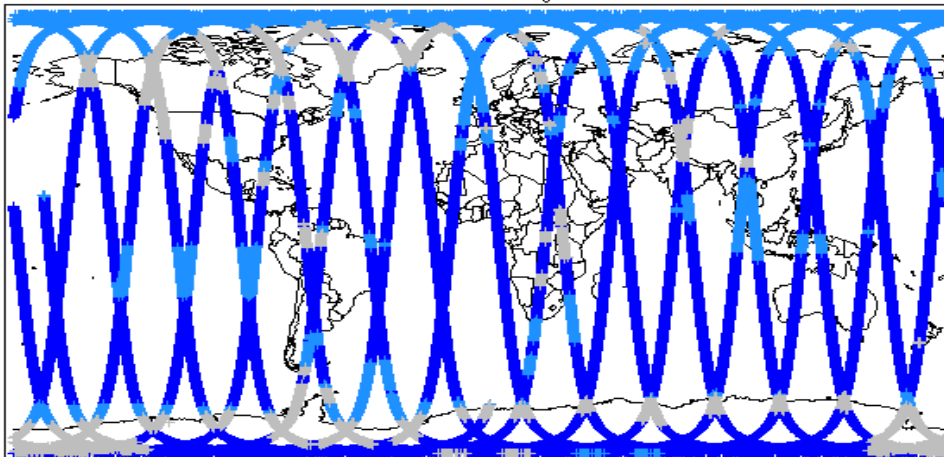
Global Coverage (north pole view)



Global Coverage (south pole view)

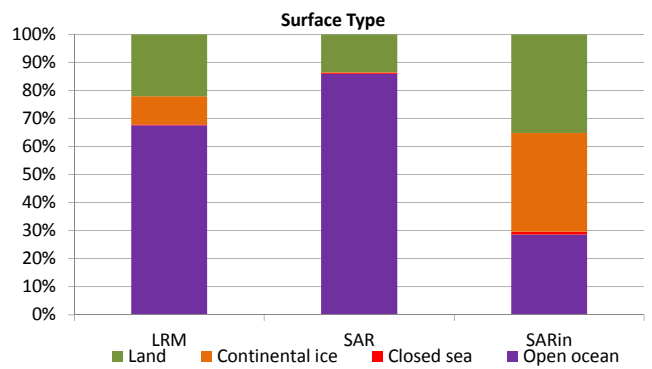
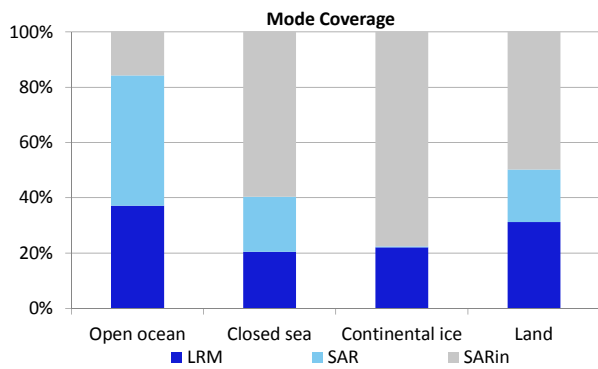


Global Coverage



Mode Coverage (%)

	LRM	67.62
	SAR	20.15
	SIN	12.03



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. OFFLINE 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 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: 2

Product	Test Failed
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_1B_20150312T143211_20150312T143213_C001.HDR	Percentage of processing errors detected greater than minimum acceptable threshold.
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_1B_20150312T183216_20150312T183218_C001.HDR	Percentage of processing errors detected greater than minimum acceptable threshold.

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

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

Number of products with errors: 0

4.5 L1B Measurement Confidence Data Check

CryoSat L1B data includes a measurement confidence flag word (field 18) 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_LRM_1B_20150312T230625_20150312T230952_C001	Echo error	The tracking echo has returned an error

5. OFFLINE 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 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.

Number of products with errors: 1

Product	AUX File	Comment
CS_OFFL_SIR_GDR_2_20150312T235510_20150313T013424_C001	CS_OPER_AUX_ORBDOR_20150311T215525_20150313T002325_0001	Coverage missing for intervals [2015-03-13T00:23:25, 2015-03-13T01:34:24]

5.4 L2 Auxiliary Correction Error Check

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

Number of products with errors: 0

5.5 L2 Measurement Quality Flag Check

CryoSat L2 data includes a quality flag word (field 50) for each 20-Hz measurement record. The bit value of this flag is an assessment of the measurement quality by the processing chain.

There are several common Quality Flag errors raised in the L2 products which are either expected due to operational mode or surface type, or are under investigation. These known issues are summarised below, followed by a table of any additional issues arising from this test.

Freeboard error: This flag is correctly set in all L2 SAR products that are not discriminated as sea-ice, and for which freeboard cannot be calculated.

SARin x-track angle error: This flag is set when the difference between the computed surface elevation and the DEM is >50m. The DEM is only available over Greenland and Antarctica and therefore this flag is set for L2 SIN products in all other locations.

Height error and Backscatter errors: The height error and backscatter error flags are set for a number of products over land areas, but this is to be expected.

SSHA interpolation error: This flag is currently set for a number of products in all modes. This issue is under investigation.

Number of products with errors: 34

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T010429_20150312T011350_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T024610_20150312T025153_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T032858_20150312T033531_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T040225_20150312T040427_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T042410_20150312T043042_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T045310_20150312T045357_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T054052_20150312T054941_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T060359_20150312T061006_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T061226_20150312T061307_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T061450_20150312T061503_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T062515_20150312T062636_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T065217_20150312T065248_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T074103_20150312T074348_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T074407_20150312T074504_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T074527_20150312T074938_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T091429_20150312T091504_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T091937_20150312T093020_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T105700_20150312T105749_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T110324_20150312T111113_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T124005_20150312T124244_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T124324_20150312T125359_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T142257_20150312T143030_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T153735_20150312T153900_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T160207_20150312T160729_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T165733_20150312T165939_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T174101_20150312T174805_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T180143_20150312T180946_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T190526_20150312T190802_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T191922_20150312T192431_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T192508_20150312T192736_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T194413_20150312T194441_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T205614_20150312T210508_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T210527_20150312T210815_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150312T223537_20150312T224519_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation

6. OFFLINE 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	18	0	0	0	0
SIR_LRM_1B	158	0	0	0	0
SIR_LRM_2	157	0	0	0	0
SIR_SAR_1B	125	0	0	0	0
SIR_SAR_2A	125	0	0	0	0
SIR_SIN_1B	92	0	0	0	0
SIR_SIN_2	92	0	0	0	0

6.1 QCC Errors

Number of products with QCC errors: 0

6.2 Missing QCC Reports

Number of products with missing QCC reports: All

7. GOP Level 1B Data Quality Check

7.1 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

7.2 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

7.3 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

7.4 L1B Auxiliary Correction Error Check

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

Number of products with errors: 0

7.5 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: 1

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_GOP_1B_20150312T230625_20150312T230952_B001	Power scaling error	There has been an error in the scaling of the L1B waveform

7.6 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 a large number of products over land, indicating that the tracking echo is missing.

Number of products with errors: 47

8. GOP Level 2 Data Quality Check

8.1 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

8.2 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

8.3 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.

Number of products with errors: 0

8.4 L2 Measurement Confidence 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

8.5 L2 Range Measurement Check

Each product is checked to detect range measurements 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.

Ice Range Averaging Status Flag: This flag is currently set for some products over land and continental ice.

Number of products with errors: 243

8.6 L2 SWH and Backscatter Measurement Check

Each product is checked to detect parameters related to SWH and sigma0 that are flagged by the processing chain as missing or containing errors.

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 some products over land and continental ice.

Number of products with errors: 213