

1. Overview

Report Production Date:
20-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	Nominal	Nominal
Auxiliary Data File Usage Check	See Section 5.3	Nominal
Auxiliary Correction Data Check	Nominal	Nominal
Measurement Confidence Data Check	See Section 5.5	See Section 7.6, 8.5 and 8.6

Mission / Instrument News

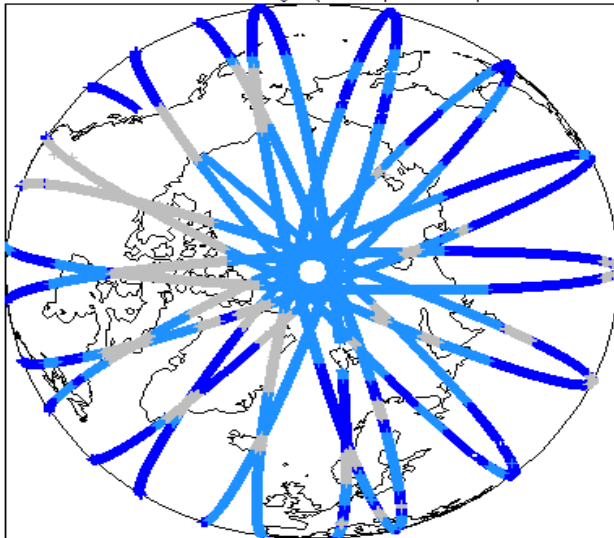
12-Mar-2015	Data generated with new Baseline-C IPFs but old GDR-D orbit files.
13-Mar-2015	Data generated with new Baseline-C IPFs but old GDR-D orbit files.
14-Mar-2015	Data generated with new Baseline-C IPFs but old GDR-D orbit files.

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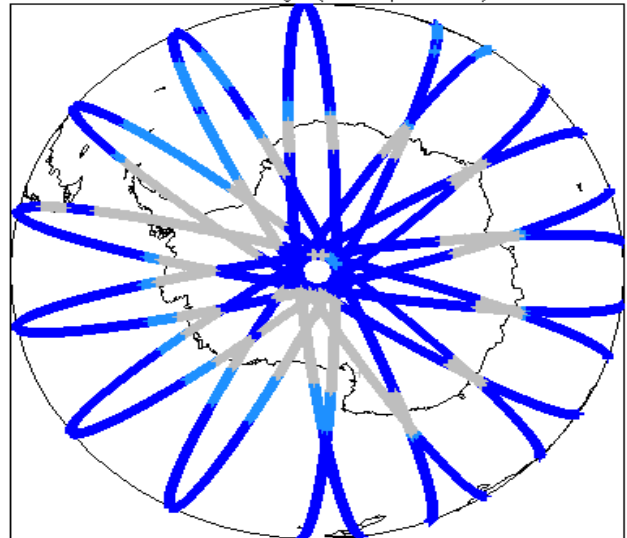
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2. Global Coverage

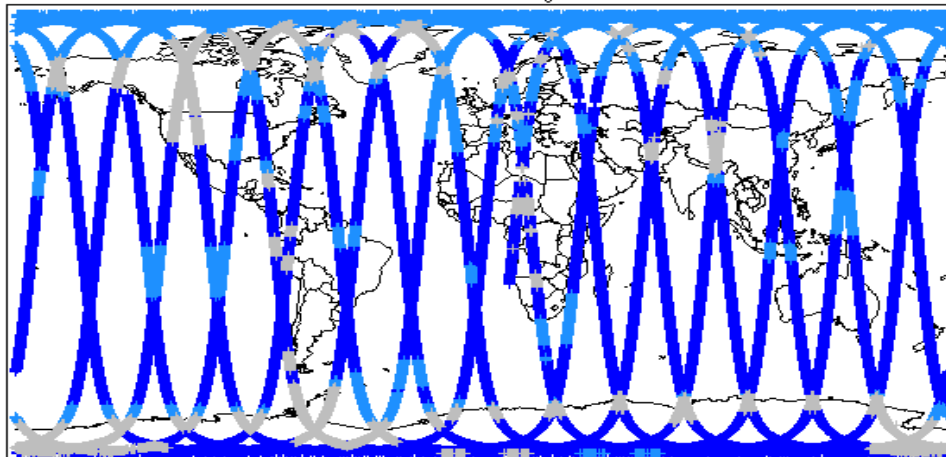
Global Coverage (north pole view)



Global Coverage (south pole view)

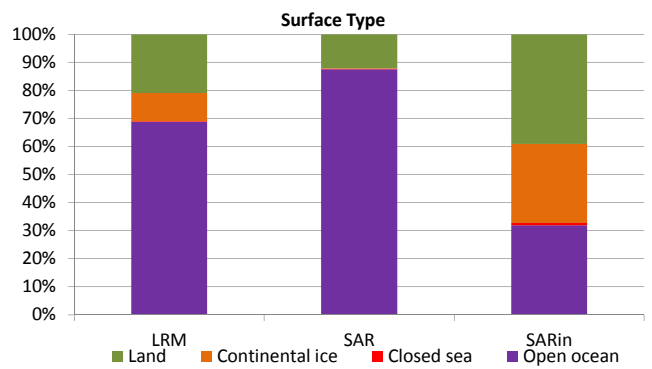
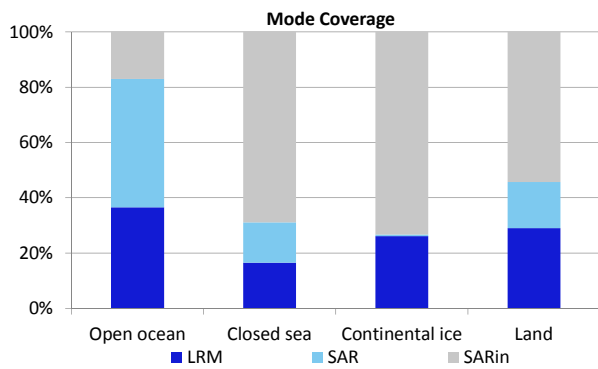


Global Coverage



Mode Coverage (%)

LRM	67.05
SAR	20.65
SIN	12.12



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: 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

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: 0

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_20150313T230420_20150314T004333_C001	CS_OPER_AUX_ORBDOR_20150312T215525_20150314T002325_0001	Coverage missing for intervals [2015-03-14T00:23:25, 2015-03-14T00:43:33]

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: 33

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T001052_20150313T002229_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T015319_20150313T020538_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T024130_20150313T024446_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T033241_20150313T033956_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T040220_20150313T040433_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T051336_20150313T051418_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T051450_20150313T051915_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T052140_20150313T052332_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T065110_20150313T065827_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T070346_20150313T070626_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T071113_20150313T071334_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T082915_20150313T083122_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T083201_20150313T083316_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T083340_20150313T083849_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T100255_20150313T100334_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T101103_20150313T101227_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T101239_20150313T102047_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T115122_20150313T115954_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T132712_20150313T132915_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T133212_20150313T133957_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T142830_20150313T142929_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T151111_20150313T151655_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T162631_20150313T162812_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T164630_20150313T164809_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T165025_20150313T165710_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T182131_20150313T182428_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T182852_20150313T183414_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T183441_20150313T183533_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T184934_20150313T185034_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T200714_20150313T201713_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T214425_20150313T215200_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T215234_20150313T215713_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150313T232327_20150313T233321_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	17	0	0	0	0
SIR_LRM_1B	150	0	0	0	0
SIR_LRM_2	150	0	0	0	0
SIR_SAR_1B	122	0	0	0	0
SIR_SAR_2A	122	0	0	0	0
SIR_SIN_1B	95	0	0	0	0
SIR_SIN_2	95	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: 0

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: 38

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: 232

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: 209