

1. Overview

Report Production Date:	Data Used:	OFFLINE L1B and L2 Science Data	Geophysical Ocean Products (GOP) L1B and L2 Science Data
30-Apr-2015	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

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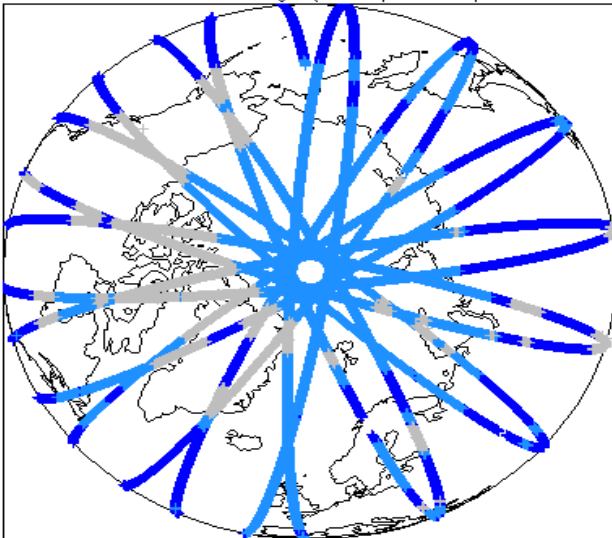
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22-Mar-2015	Data generated with new Baseline-C IPFs but old GDR-D orbit files.
23-Mar-2015	Data generated with new Baseline-C IPFs but old GDR-D orbit files.

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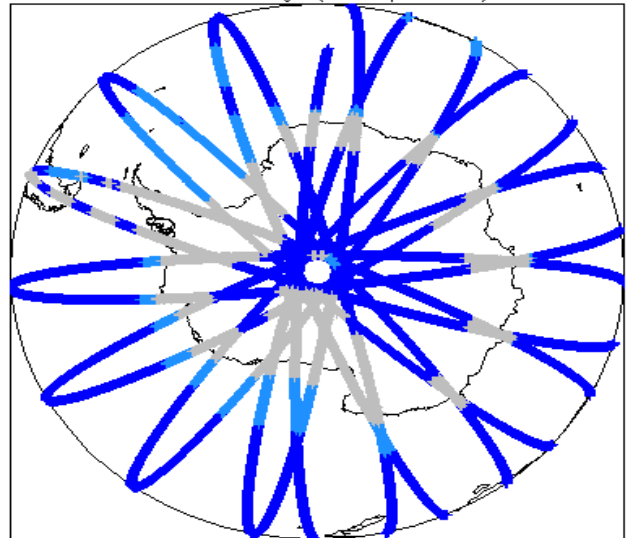
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2. Global Coverage

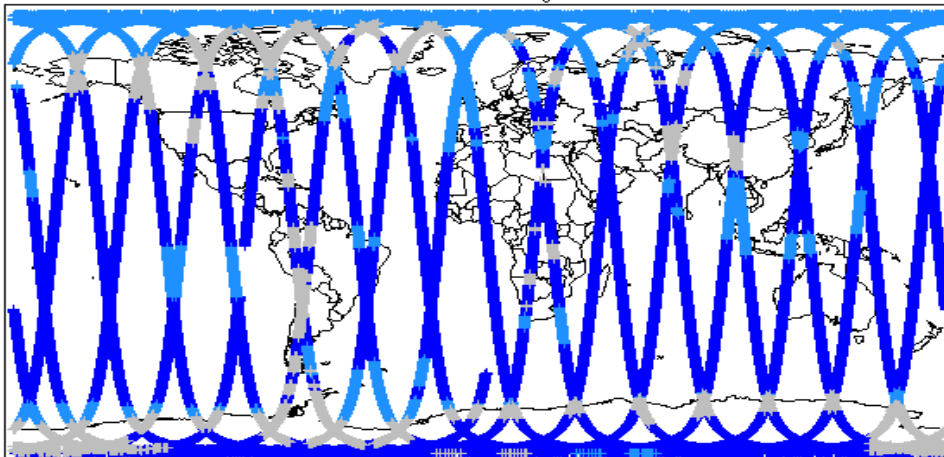
Global Coverage (north pole view)



Global Coverage (south pole view)

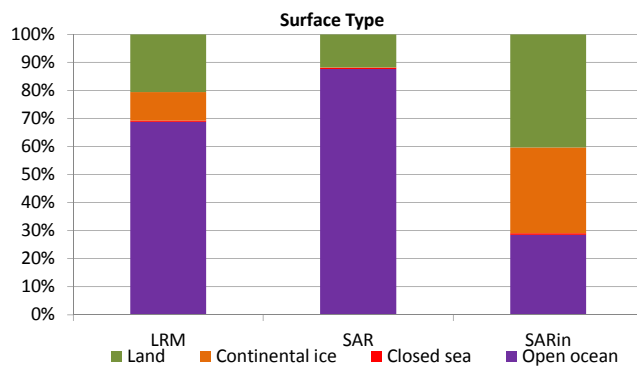
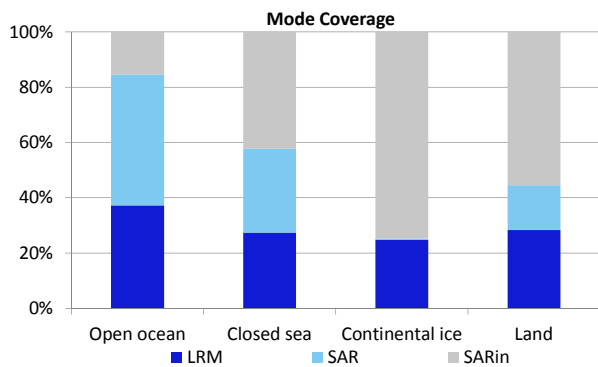


Global Coverage



Mode Coverage (%)

	LRM	66.78
	SAR	20.21
	SIN	12.83



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_20150322T234258_20150323T012212_C001	CS_OPER_AUX_ORBDOR_20150321T215525_20150323T002325_0001	Coverage missing for interval [2015-03-23T00:23:25, 2015-03-23T01:22:12]

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: 38

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T001246_20150322T001455_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T005217_20150322T010350_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T014139_20150322T014348_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T023404_20150322T023935_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T024402_20150322T024444_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T030255_20150322T030358_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T031735_20150322T032316_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T041158_20150322T041834_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T052915_20150322T053730_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T055134_20150322T055753_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T060020_20150322T060025_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T060339_20150322T060553_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T071252_20150322T071335_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T072907_20150322T073129_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T073146_20150322T073244_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T073318_20150322T073751_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T090951_20150322T091956_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T104354_20150322T104658_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T105109_20150322T105857_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T122136_20150322T123020_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T123129_20150322T124136_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T132815_20150322T132909_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T141044_20150322T141758_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T150559_20150322T150919_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T152524_20150322T152737_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T154341_20150322T154706_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T154959_20150322T155719_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T172113_20150322T172329_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T172344_20150322T172422_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T172841_20150322T173538_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T174933_20150322T175014_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T175017_20150322T175610_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T190703_20150322T191602_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T192858_20150322T193023_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T204355_20150322T205136_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T205151_20150322T205302_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T222328_20150322T223246_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150322T232204_20150322T232409_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	141	0	0	0	0
SIR_LRM_2	140	0	0	0	0
SIR_SAR_1B	109	0	0	0	0
SIR_SAR_2A	109	0	0	0	0
SIR_SIN_1B	98	0	0	0	0
SIR_SIN_2	98	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: 45

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: 217

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: 197