

1. Overview

Report Production Date:
13-May-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

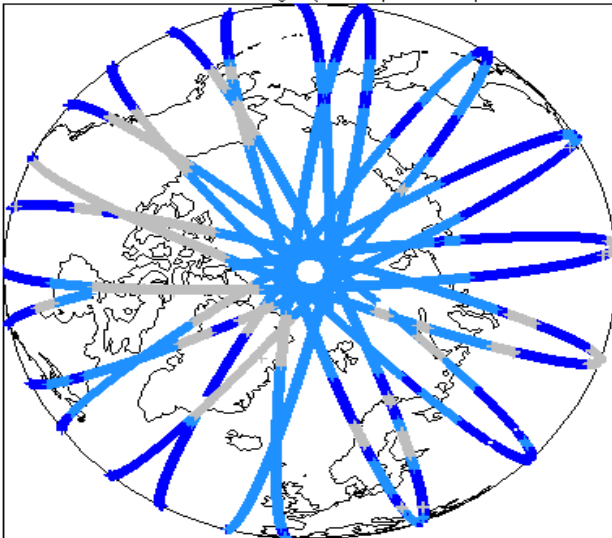
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30-Mar-2015	Data generated with new Baseline-C IPFs but old GDR-D orbit files.
31-Mar-2015	Data generated with new Baseline-C IPFs but old GDR-D orbit files.

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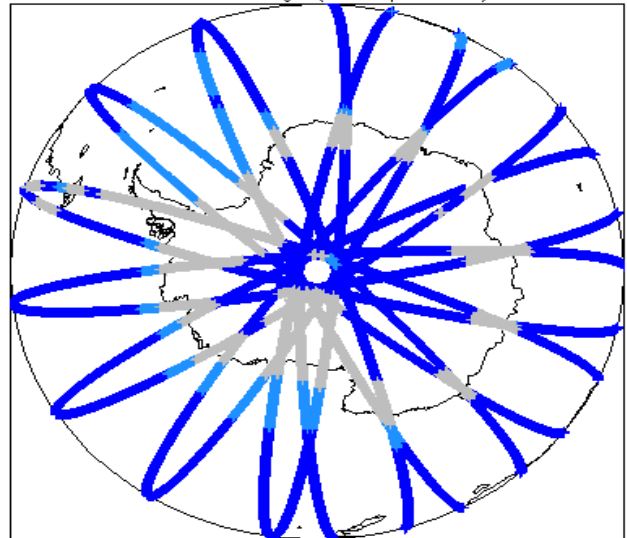
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2. Global Coverage

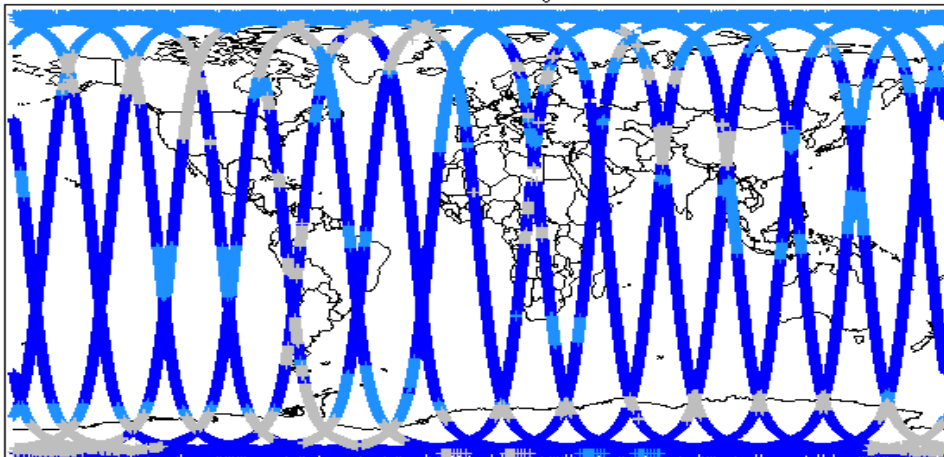
Global Coverage (north pole view)



Global Coverage (south pole view)

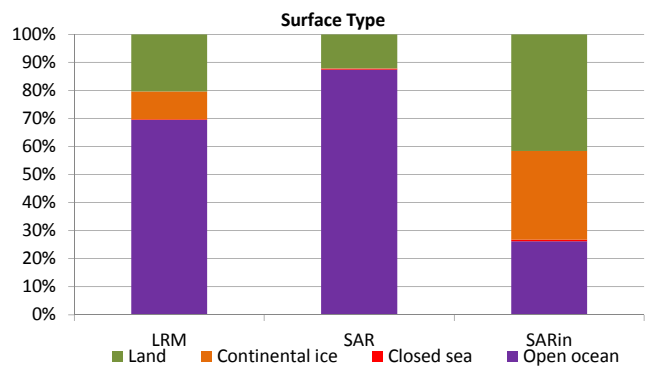
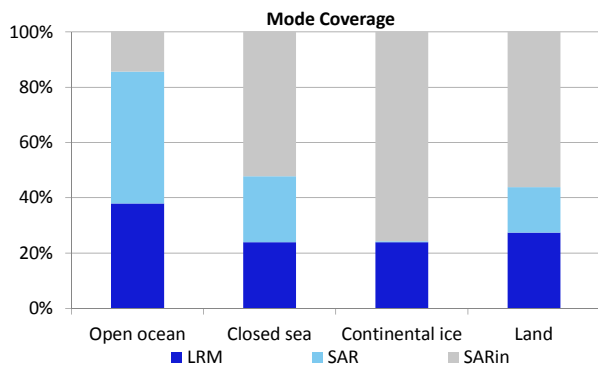


Global Coverage



Mode Coverage (%)

LRM	67.09
SAR	21.06
SIN	11.66



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_20150330T233314_20150331T011227_C001	CS_OPER_AUX_ORBDOR_20150329T215525_20150331T002325_0001	Coverage missing for intervals [2015-03-31T00:23:25, 2015-03-31T01:12:27]

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: 35

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T000303_20150330T000506_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T004229_20150330T010431_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T013116_20150330T013422_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T021705_20150330T021927_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T022407_20150330T022945_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T025233_20150330T025412_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T040212_20150330T040852_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T051942_20150330T052744_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T054129_20150330T054807_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T055402_20150330T055620_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T071908_20150330T072134_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T072159_20150330T072258_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T072326_20150330T072821_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T085715_20150330T085912_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T090019_20150330T091020_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T103144_20150330T103217_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T103357_20150330T103624_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T104029_20150330T104911_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T112755_20150330T112940_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T122153_20150330T122939_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T131824_20150330T131915_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T140058_20150330T140811_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T145612_20150330T150230_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T151539_20150330T151752_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T152953_20150330T153754_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T154012_20150330T154710_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T171127_20150330T171335_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T171849_20150330T172503_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T185711_20150330T190639_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T195433_20150330T195527_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T203403_20150330T204144_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T221331_20150330T222257_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T222702_20150330T222753_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T231212_20150330T231427_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2__20150330T235145_20150331T000123_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	149	0	0	0	0
SIR_SAR_1B	99	0	0	0	0
SIR_SAR_2A	98	0	0	0	0
SIR_SIN_1B	89	0	0	0	0
SIR_SIN_2	89	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: 56

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: 212

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: 188