

1. Overview

Report Production Date:
20-Jul-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	Nominal	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

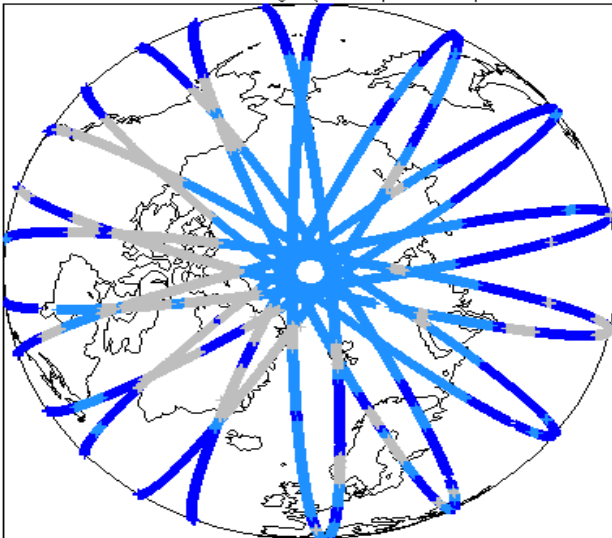
11-Apr-2015	None
12-Apr-2015	None
13-Apr-2015	Nothing planned

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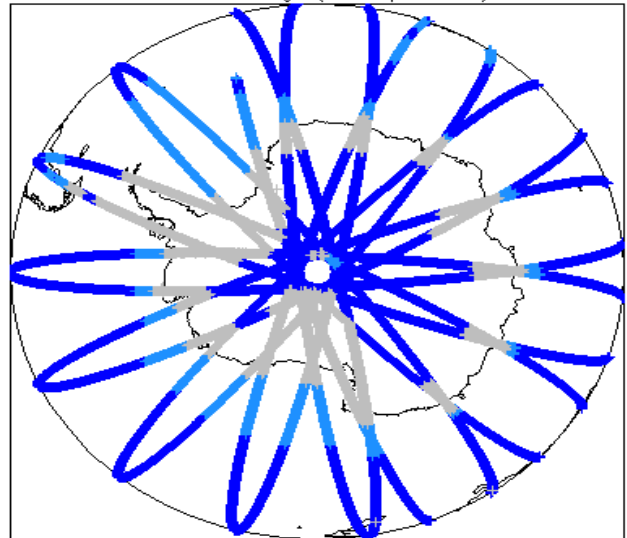
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2. Global Coverage

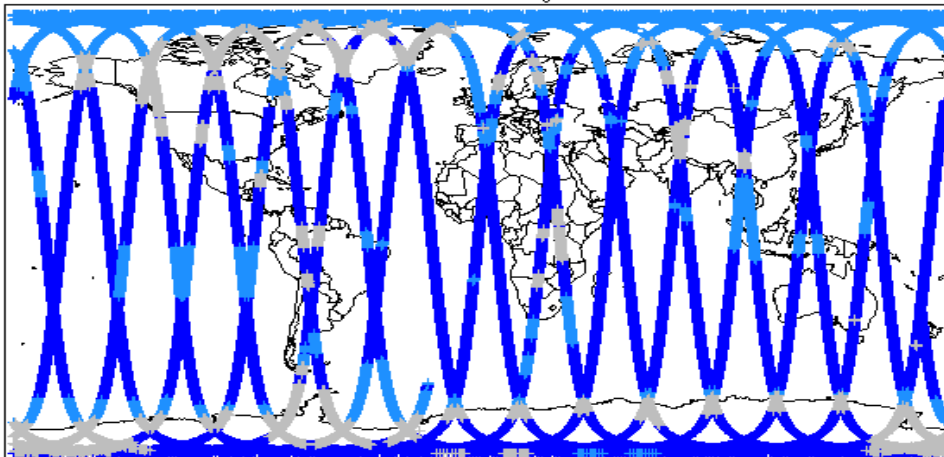
Global Coverage (north pole view)



Global Coverage (south pole view)

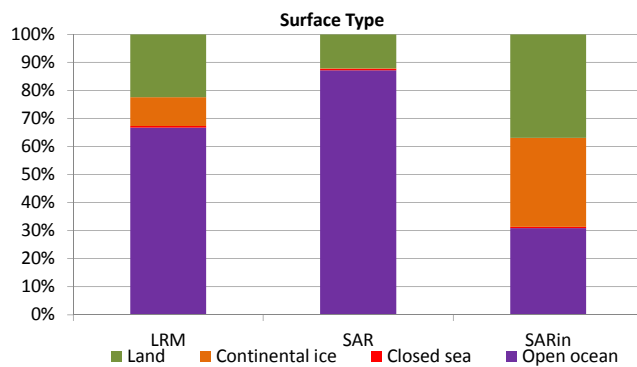
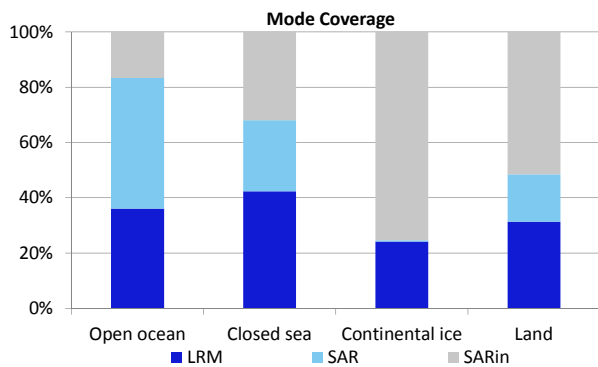


Global Coverage



Mode Coverage (%)

	LRM	66.33
	SAR	20.51
	SIN	12.97



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: 0

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: 37

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T011114_20150412T011438_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T011852_20150412T012429_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T020145_20150412T020804_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T024634_20150412T024751_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T025649_20150412T030321_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T041330_20150412T042220_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T043634_20150412T044244_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T044815_20150412T045039_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T055702_20150412T055822_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T061401_20150412T061625_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T061644_20150412T061741_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T061807_20150412T062222_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T075219_20150412T080305_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T093525_20150412T094349_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T103413_20150412T103459_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T111256_20150412T111519_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T111607_20150412T112637_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T120002_20150412T120138_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T121306_20150412T121416_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T125535_20150412T130301_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T135050_20150412T135747_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T141012_20150412T141151_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T143447_20150412T144007_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T160609_20150412T160822_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T160859_20150412T160925_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T161337_20150412T162045_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T163441_20150412T164159_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T175741_20150412T180016_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T181616_20150412T181645_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T184903_20150412T185023_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T192851_20150412T193748_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T193809_20150412T194040_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T210817_20150412T211807_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T220655_20150412T220935_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
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CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T230124_20150412T230300_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150412T234608_20150412T234846_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	16	0	0	0	0
SIR_LRM_1B	155	0	0	0	0
SIR_LRM_2	155	0	0	0	0
SIR_SAR_1B	114	0	0	0	0
SIR_SAR_2A	114	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: 49

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: 239

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