

1. Overview

Report Production Date:
08-Jun-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 4.5 and 5.5	See Section 7.5, 7.6, 8.5 and 8.6

Mission / Instrument News

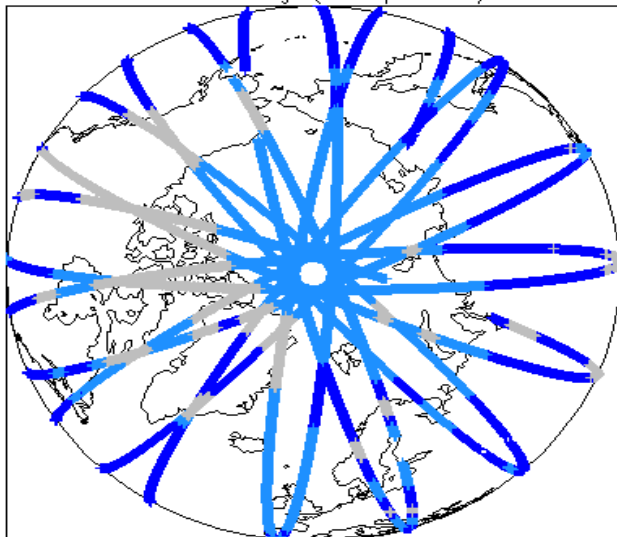
03-May-2015	None
04-May-2015	None
05-May-2015	Nothing planned

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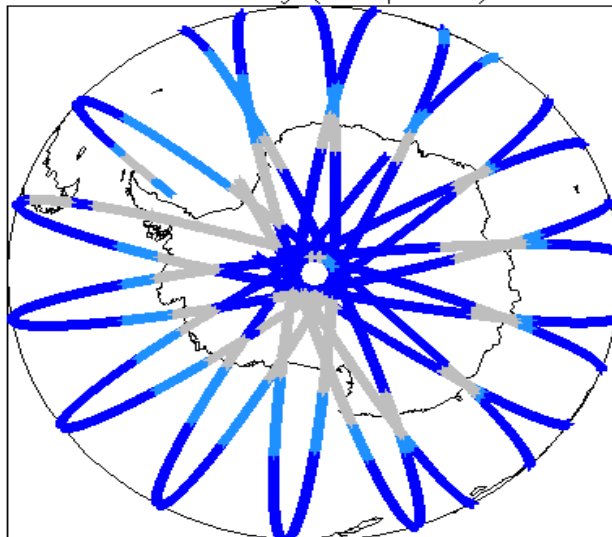
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2. Global Coverage

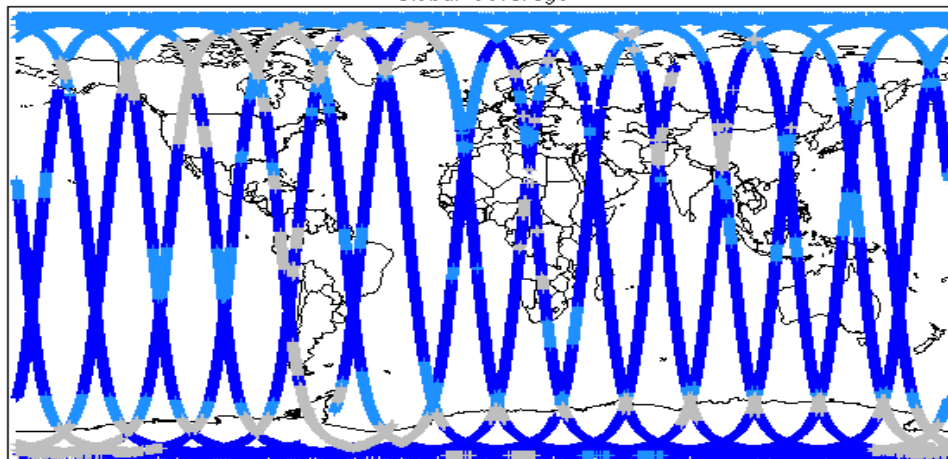
Global Coverage (north pole view)



Global Coverage (south pole view)

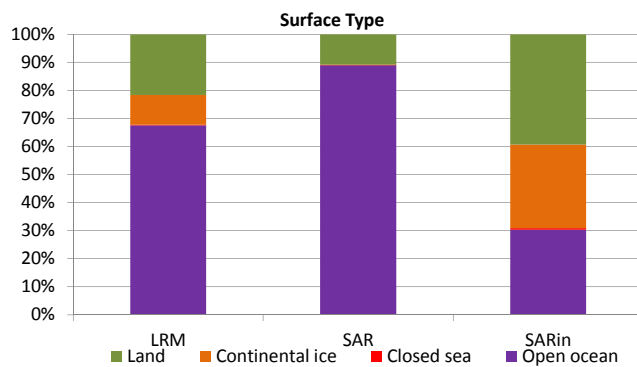
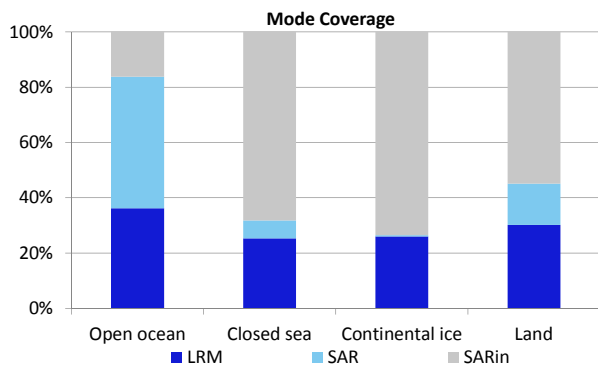


Global Coverage



Mode Coverage (%)

LRM	66.68
SAR	21.07
SIN	12.04



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: 1

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_1B_20150504T191810_20150504T192017_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: 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: 45

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T005005_20150504T005722_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T021936_20150504T022113_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T023105_20150504T023146_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T023206_20150504T023636_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T023919_20150504T024107_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T024259_20150504T024351_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T024543_20150504T024632_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T031758_20150504T031936_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T034841_20150504T035122_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T035337_20150504T035458_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T040848_20150504T041548_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T042058_20150504T042354_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T042946_20150504T043048_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T054659_20150504T054901_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T054933_20150504T055043_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T055104_20150504T055607_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T072818_20150504T073808_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T081458_20150504T081819_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T090150_20150504T090303_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T090851_20150504T091705_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T095441_20150504T095718_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T103807_20150504T104655_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T104936_20150504T105719_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T122837_20150504T123553_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T132356_20150504T132949_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T140331_20150504T140535_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T140751_20150504T141434_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T142318_20150504T142455_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T153039_20150504T153200_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T153908_20150504T154121_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T154623_20150504T155144_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T155202_20150504T155250_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T172445_20150504T173010_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T182220_20150504T182428_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T190144_20150504T190923_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T190959_20150504T191417_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T203808_20150504T203859_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T204101_20150504T205044_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T205246_20150504T205319_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T205443_20150504T205616_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T205939_20150504T210057_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T222011_20150504T222841_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T224019_20150504T224057_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T230646_20150504T231016_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150504T232105_20150504T232255_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	158	0	0	0	0
SIR_SAR_1B	115	0	0	0	0
SIR_SAR_2A	114	0	0	0	0
SIR_SIN_1B	90	0	0	0	0
SIR_SIN_2	90	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_20150504T191810_20150504T192017_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: 54

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: 247

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