

## 1. Overview

<b>Report Production Date:</b>
19-Jun-2015

Data Used:	OFFLINE L1B and L2 Science Data	Geophysical Ocean Products (GOP) L1B and L2 Science Data
<b>Check</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Status</b>
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 4.5 and 5.5	See Section 7.5, 7.6, 8.5 and 8.6

### Mission / Instrument News

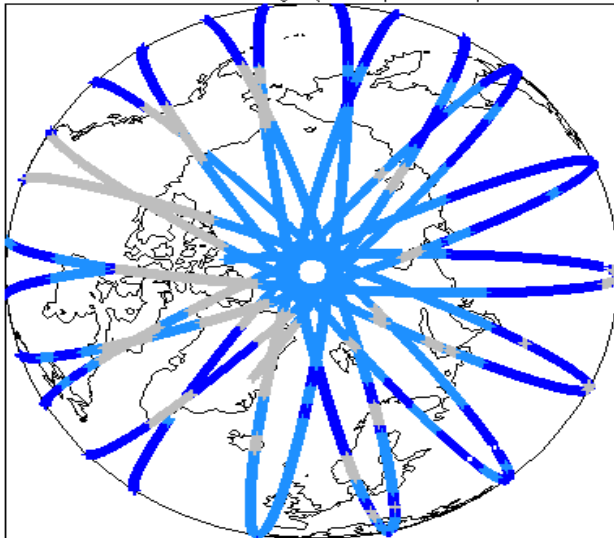
11-May-2015	None
12-May-2015	None
13-May-2015	Nothing planned

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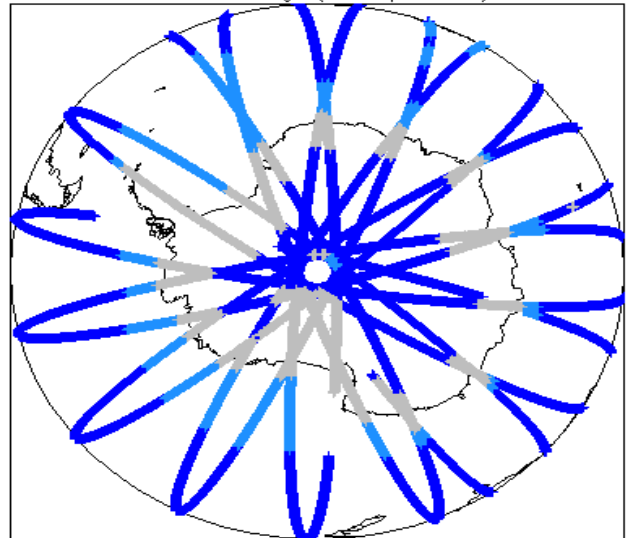
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## 2. Global Coverage

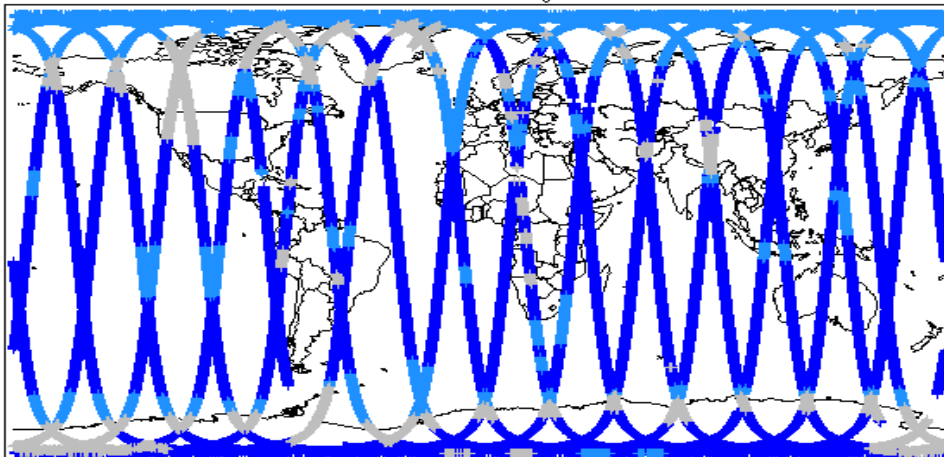
Global Coverage (north pole view)



Global Coverage (south pole view)

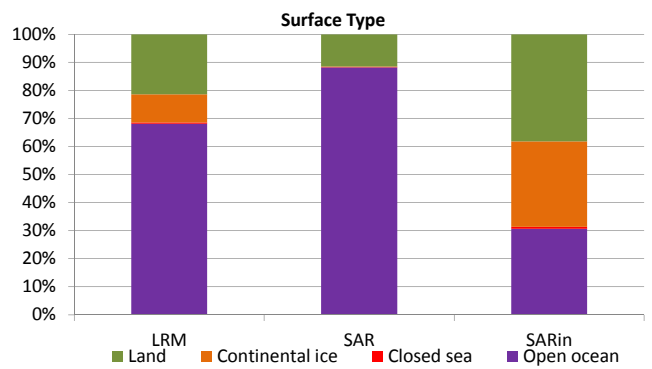
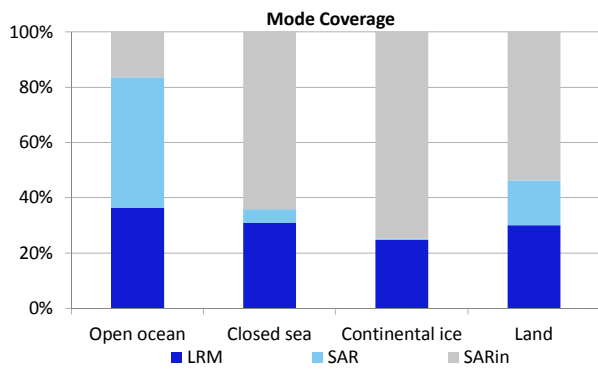


Global Coverage



Mode Coverage (%)

	LRM	67.82
	SAR	20.85
	SIN	11.14



### 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: 3

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_1B_20150512T011207_20150512T012704_C001	Echo error	The tracking echo has returned an error
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_1B_20150512T055828_20150512T060946_C001	Echo error	The tracking echo has returned an error
CS_OFFL_SIR_LRM_1B_20150512T204647_20150512T204808_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: 1

Product	AUX File	Comment
CS_OFFL_SIR_GDR_2_20150512T233028_20150513T010941_C001	CS_OPER_AUX_ORBDOR_20150511T215525_20150513T002325_0001	Coverage missing for intervals [2015-05-13T00:23:25, 2015-05-13T01:09:41]

#### 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: 40

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T004015_20150512T004732_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T022234_20150512T022653_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T022907_20150512T023056_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T023613_20150512T023722_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T030818_20150512T030949_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T034519_20150512T034619_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T035852_20150512T040606_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T041126_20150512T041401_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T041839_20150512T042054_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T044723_20150512T044923_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T050031_20150512T050208_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T053927_20150512T054053_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T054118_20150512T054629_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T071527_20150512T071652_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T072019_20150512T072820_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T085855_20150512T090738_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T090824_20150512T090829_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T090914_20150512T090946_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T103455_20150512T103642_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T103949_20150512T104734_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T113600_20150512T114158_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T121848_20150512T122430_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T122836_20150512T123101_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T131413_20150512T131937_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T135436_20150512T135547_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T135802_20150512T140447_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T152913_20150512T153205_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T153626_20150512T154147_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T155635_20150512T155715_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T171448_20150512T172429_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T181240_20150512T181445_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T185207_20150512T185942_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T190009_20150512T190446_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T203058_20150512T204100_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T204316_20150512T204647_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T204926_20150512T205005_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T220941_20150512T221915_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T222122_20150512T223135_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T225526_20150512T230054_C001	Peakiness error	There is an error in the peakiness derivation
CS_OFFL_SIR_SAR_2_20150512T235126_20150512T235700_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	19	0	0	0	0
SIR_LRM_1B	141	0	0	0	0
SIR_LRM_2	141	0	0	0	0
SIR_SAR_1B	113	0	0	0	0
SIR_SAR_2A	113	0	0	0	0
SIR_SIN_1B	87	0	0	0	0
SIR_SIN_2	87	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: 3

Product	Test Failed	Description
CS_OFFL_SIR_GOP_1B_20150512T011207_20150512T012704_B001	Power scaling error	There has been an error in the scaling of the L1B waveform
CS_OFFL_SIR_GOP_1B_20150512T055828_20150512T060946_B001	Power scaling error	There has been an error in the scaling of the L1B waveform
CS_OFFL_SIR_GOP_1B_20150512T204647_20150512T204808_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: 48

## 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: 226

### 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: 198