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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document summarises the instrument and product quality status as derived from data acquired since the beginning of July until the end of September 2004.

No major anomalies have been experienced during this period. The list of unavailability periods is provided in Chapter 2. This chapter provides also information on the low rate BRM mission planning, which has been modified.

Details on the Doppler Centroid evolution are provided in Chapter 2.

Radiometric stability is measured by means of ASAR and Radarsat transponders. Detailed results are provided in Chapter 3.

An updated list of auxiliary data files is provided in Chapters 4 and 5.

2. INSTRUMENT STATUS

No major anomalies experienced during this period.

Two single Antenna Transmit/Receive Module (TRM) failures have been experienced (the first ones after the launch):

- TRM-14 in Tile B2: failed to transmit in H polarization since 12 April 2004
- TRM-15 in Tile A1: failed to transmit in V polarization since 17 April 2004

Single TRM transmit failures have no significant impact on the instrument performance nor on the antenna pattern radiation shape.

2.1 UNAVAILABILITIES

The new events with respect to the previous report are highlighted in blue.

Unavailability report reference	Start	Stop	Planned	Description
EN-UNA-2004/0111	14 Apr 2004 02:45:00.000 Orbit = 11094	14 Apr 2004 13:40:00.000 Orbit = 11100	Yes	Instrument unavailable due to OCM (Manoeuvre).
EN-UNA-2004/0114	20 Apr 2004 08:15:46.000 Orbit = 11183	20 Apr 2004 08:23:31.000 Orbit = 11183	Yes	Partial dump of B2 performed to investigate loss of tx power on TR module14
EN-UNA-2004/0118	20 Apr 2004 10:00:54.000 Orbit = 11184	20 Apr 2004 11:56:40.000 Orbit = 11185	No	ASAR in Heater/Refuse mode due to all 4 PSUs on tile C4 reported off.
EN-UNA-2004/0124	26 Apr 2004 21:32:03.000 Orbit = 11277	27 Apr 2004 09:41:43.000 Orbit = 11284	No	ASAR was in Heater/Refuse mode due to all PSUs on tile D3 reported off
EN-UNA-2004/0125	29 Apr 2004 08:32:08.000 Orbit = 11312	29 Apr 2004 10:18:18.000 Orbit = 11313	Yes	Antenna reset due to repeated tile D3 temperature anomalies.
EN-UNA-2004/0129	2 May 2004 21:32:47.000 Orbit = 11363	3 May 2004 09:41:44.000 Orbit = 11370	No	ASAR switched down to HEATER / REFUSE MODE due to all PSU's on tileC2 reported off.
EN-UNA-2004/0176	12 Jul 2004 11:21:46.000 Orbit = 12373	12 Jul 2004 18:01:40.000 Orbit = 12377	Yes	Operations terminated to allow Pre-Op Refuse Desensitisation Patch to be up-linked
EN-UNA-2004/0191	4 Aug 2004 09:19:00.000 Orbit = 12701	4 Aug 2004 09:26:00.000 Orbit = 12701	No	Antenna Reset due to Tile D3 power loss in Tx/H
EN-UNA-2004/0193	5 Aug 2004 23:07:33.000 Orbit = 12723	5 Aug 2004 23:43:27.000 Orbit = 12724	No	ASAR in PRE-OP due to TR Parity Error on

				Tile E3
EN-UNA-2004/0229	12 Sep 2004 10:54:47 Orbit=13260	12 Sep 2004 11:12:40 Orbit=13260	No	Antenna Reset due to loss of tile D4 in Tx/H
EN-UNA-2004/0246	23 Sep 2004 06:13:17 Orbit=13415	23 Sep 2004 09:55:38 Orbit=13417	No	ASAR to HTR/Ref due to power off for PSUs of TILE D2
EN-UNA-2004/0252	26 Sep 2004 21:24:58 Orbit=13467	27 Sep 2004 11:02:04 Orbit=13475	No	ASAR was in HEATER/REFUSE Mode owing to all PSU's on tile B4 reported off

2.2. Data disclaimers

ASAR data over acquired over specific time intervals is of degraded quality. Data quality disclaimers are issued for each one of those intervals. Details on available disclaimers are provided online at <http://earth.esa.int/pcs/envisat/asar/disclaimer>.

- From 10-Jul-2003 20:20 UTC to 11-Jul-2003 16:57 UTC.
 Problem description:
 Degraded radiometric quality due to an instrument anomaly.
 Affected products:
 All ASAR products, including level 0 products, acquired during this period.
- From 03-Aug-2003 21:15 UTC to 04-Aug-2003 12:43 UTC.
 Problem description:
 Degraded radiometric quality due to an instrument anomaly.
 Affected products:
 All ASAR products, including level 0 products, acquired during this period.
- From 19-Oct-2003 12:50:59 UTC to 20-Oct-2003 15:37:47.000 UTC
 Problem description:
 Degraded radiometric quality due to an instrument anomaly.
 Affected products:
 All ASAR products, including level 0 products, acquired during this period.
- From 28-Oct-2003 06:26:28 UTC to 28-Oct-2003 13:10:01 UTC
 Problem description:
 Data not acquired in Yaw Steering Mode but in Fine Pointing Mode (FPM). Large Doppler frequency values are expected.
 Affected products:
 All ASAR products, including level 0 products, acquired during this period.
- From 4-Dec-2003 21:5:23 UTC to 4-Dec-2003 22:03:31UTC
 Problem description:

Data not acquired in Yaw Steering Mode but in Fine Pointing Mode (FPM). Large Doppler frequency values are expected.

Affected products:

All ASAR products, including level 0 products, acquired during this period.

- From 11-Dec-2003 01:45:00 UTC to 11-Dec-2003 15:11:15 UTC
Problem description
Degraded radiometric quality due to an instrument anomaly.
Affected products
All ASAR products, including level 0 products, acquired during this period.
- From 04-Jan-2004 09:15:00 UTC to 05-Jan-2003 15:25:20 UTC.
Problem description
Degraded radiometric quality due to an instrument anomaly.
Affected products
All ASAR products, including level 0 products, acquired during this period.
- From 13-Feb-2004 13:38 UTC to 14-Feb-2004 11:06:01 UTC.
Problem description
Degraded radiometric quality due to an instrument anomaly.
Affected products
All ASAR products, including level 0 products, acquired during this period.
- From 20-Feb-2004 18:00 UTC to 23-Feb-2004 13:08 UTC.
Problem description
Degraded radiometric quality due to an instrument anomaly.
Affected products
All ASAR products, including level 0 products, acquired during this period.
- From 18-Nov-2003 until 22-May-2004 00:00:00 UTC
Problem description:
Degraded ASAR GM products location accuracy.
Affected products:
All ASAR GM level 1 products (ASA_GM1_1P), acquired during this period.
Correction:
The location error in ASA GM1 1P products acquired before 22nd of May 2004 can be corrected by the user multiplying the line numbers in the Geolocation Grid ADS by 0.97169.
- From 21-Jun-2004 07:56:33 UTC to 22-Jun-2004 11:50:18 UTC
Problem description:
Degraded Attitude Stability. Instrument operating in Yaw Steering Mode (YSM) rather than in Stellar YSM. A positive Doppler bias of about 300 Hz is observed on data acquired during this period.
Affected products:
All ASAR products, including level 0 products, acquired during this period.

- From 04-Aug-2004 02:00 UTC to 04-Aug-2004 09:26:00 UTC.
Problem description
 Degraded radiometric quality due to an instrument anomaly.
Affected products
 All ASAR products, including level 0 products, acquired during this period.

- From 16-Sep-2004 03:36:39UTC to 16-Sep-2004 08:53:15 UTC
Problem Description
 Degraded radiometric quality due to an instrument anomaly.
Affected products
 All ASAR products, including level 0 products

- From 12-Sep-2004 03:46:00 UTC to 12-Sep-2004 12:40:00 UTC
Problem Description
 Degraded radiometric quality due to an instrument anomaly.
Affected products
 All ASAR products, including level 0 products

- From 12-Aug-2004 13:53:54 UTC to 12-Aug-2004 19:09:50 UTC
Problem Description
 Degraded radiometric quality due to an instrument anomaly.
Affected products
 All ASAR products, including level 0 products

- From 14-AUG-2004 07:36:00 UTC to 17-AUG-2004 10:57:45 UTC
Problem Description
 Degraded radiometric quality due to an instrument anomaly.
Affected products
 All ASAR products, including level 0 products

2.3. Low Rate Background Regional Mission

The low Rate BRM has been modified to acquire GM in HH polarisation regardless of the type of area covered. The main purpose for this change is to avoid gaps in the global coverage due to time required to perform the change of polarisation. The new LR BRM will be operational since 21 July 2004.

The new BRM definition is provided below:

Mode	Where	Swath	Polarisation
Wave	Over the sea (-15 sec from the coast line), including the Mediterranean Sea	IS2	VV
Global Monitoring	Everywhere else	-	HH over land, ice and sea-ice including the following areas: - Antarctica extended (1) - Arctic (2) - Greenland and Greenland Sea (4) - Labrador Sea and North of Canada (3,4) (1) Kara Sea (4) (2) Baffin Bay (4) - Golf of Mexico & Caribbean Sea (5) VV: None. All GM acquisitions in HH

Some implementation problems observed in the past (e.g. the area East of Greenland above 70 deg. latitude that was planned as WV rather than GM) will be solved on data acquired since 21 July 2004.

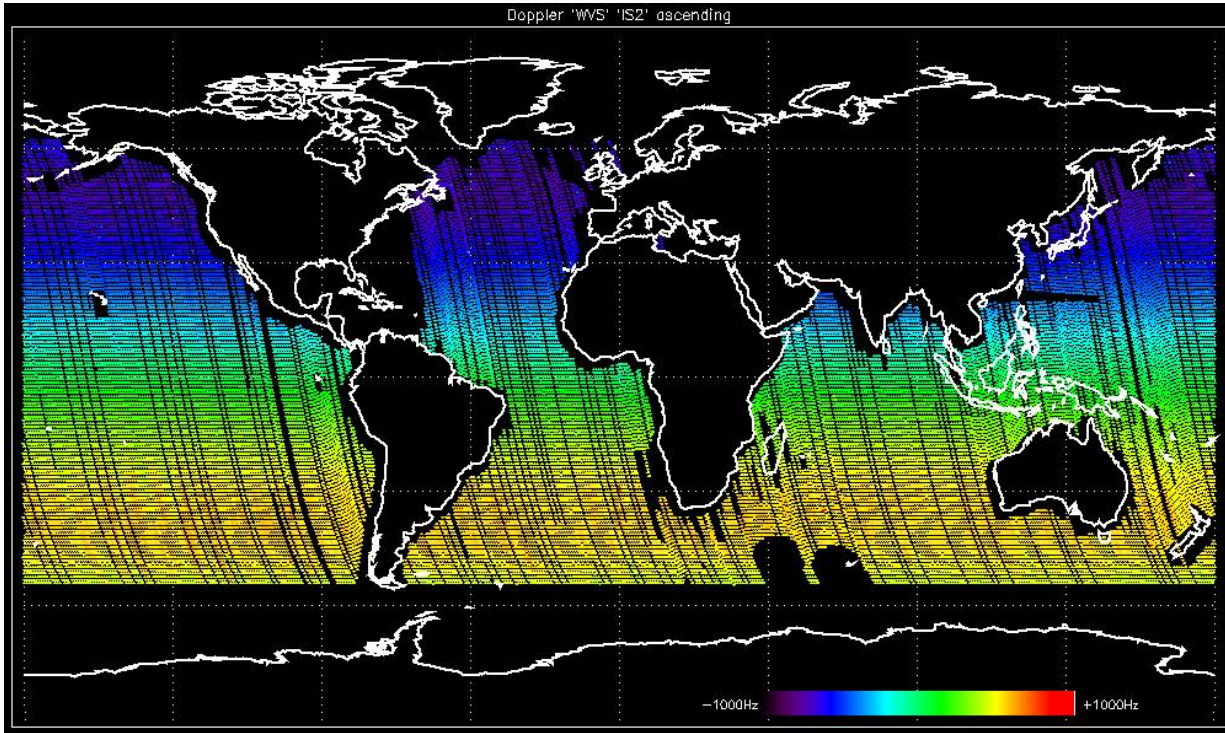
3. DOPPLER MONITORING

The continuous decreasing trend in the absolute Doppler Centroid frequency observed since June 2003 was corrected with the AOCS changes implemented on 11 December 2003.

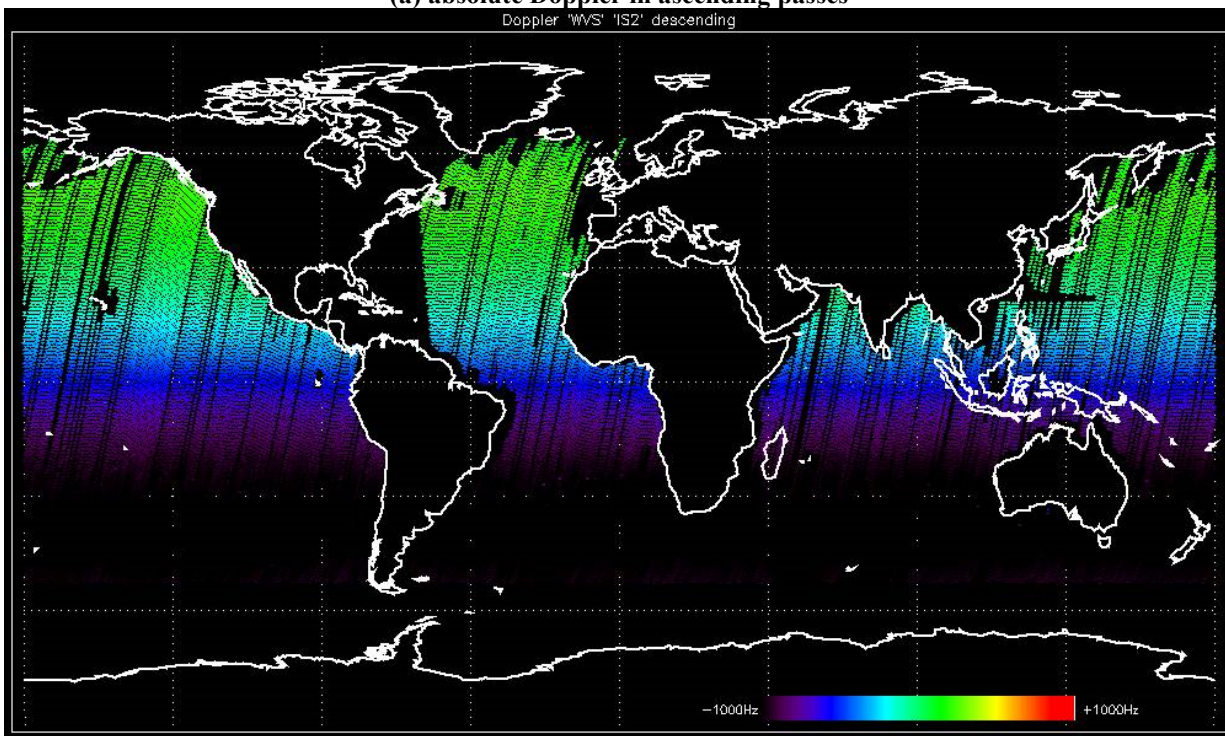
A Doppler discontinuity, previously observed daily at ~ 15:00 hours, has also been removed with the AOCS s/w upgrade.

The Envisat Orbit Control Manoeuvres (OCM) could affect the platform attitude stability even few ours after the burst with a direct impact of the Doppler centroid frequency evolution. An updated list of the OCM can be found at <http://nng.esoc.esa.de/envisat/ENVmano.html>.

3.1. Absolute WV-IS2 Doppler Centroid evolution



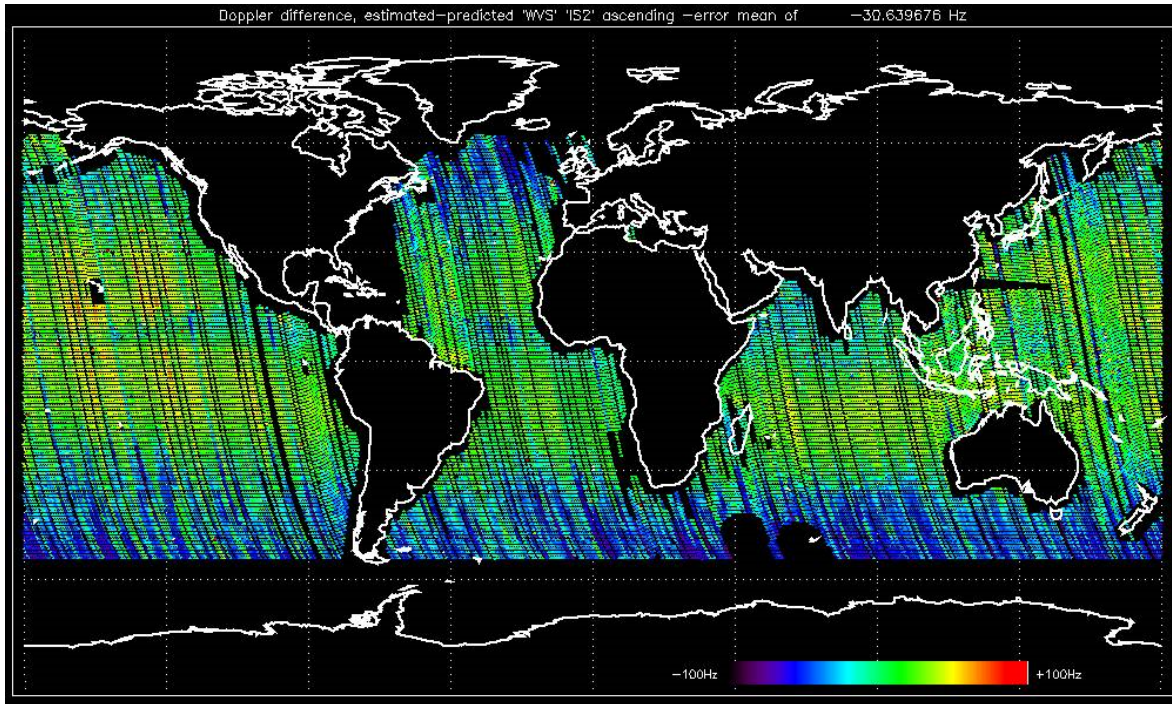
(a) absolute Doppler in ascending passes



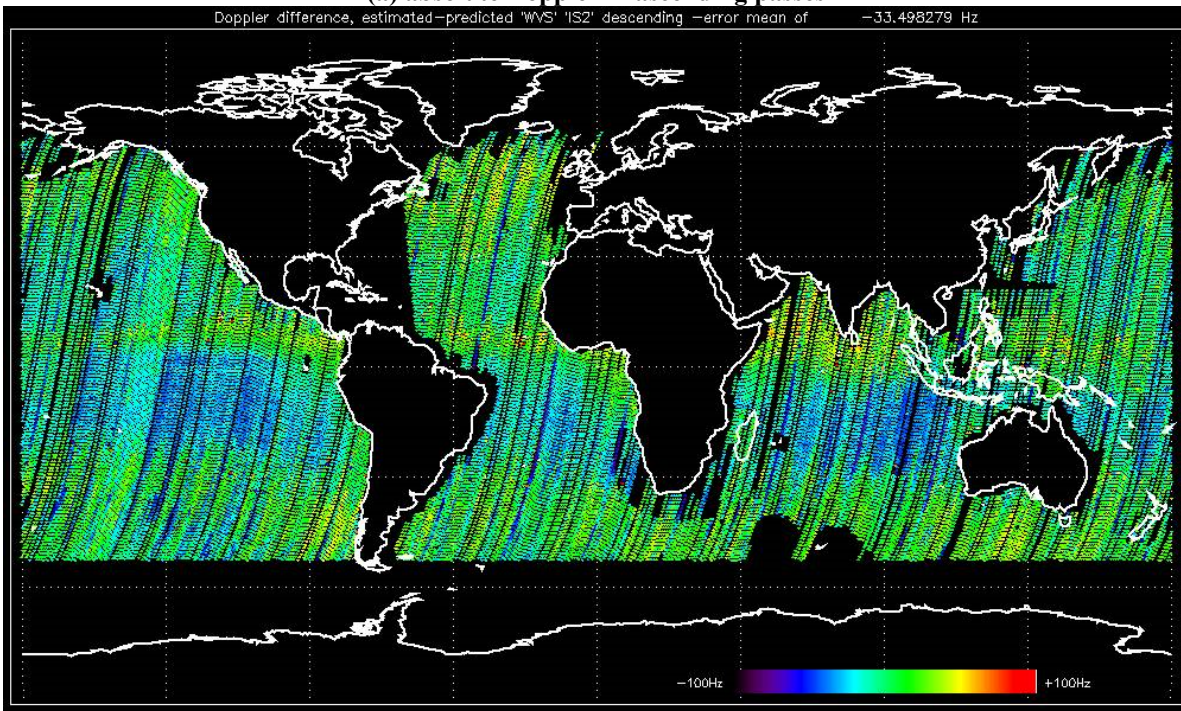
(b) absolute Doppler in descending passes

figure 1: Absolute Doppler evolution over the world

3.2. Residual WV-IS2 Doppler Centroid evolution



(a) absolute Doppler in ascending passes

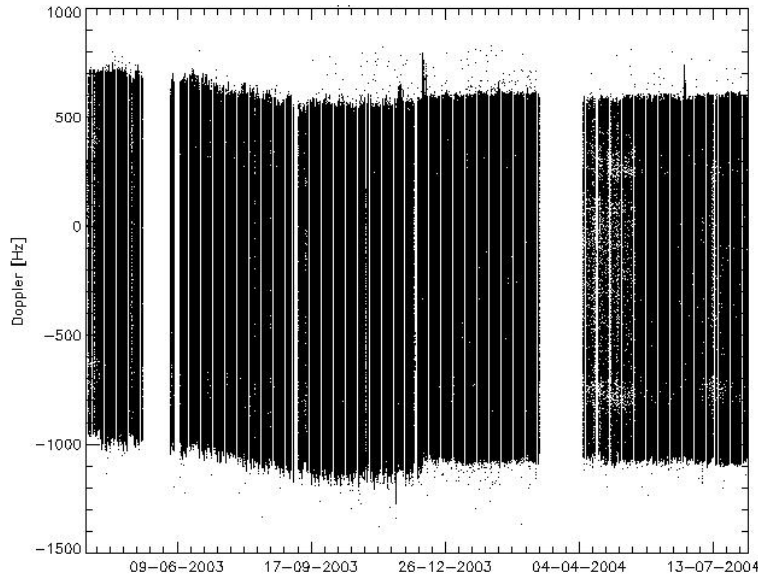


(b) absolute Doppler in descending passes

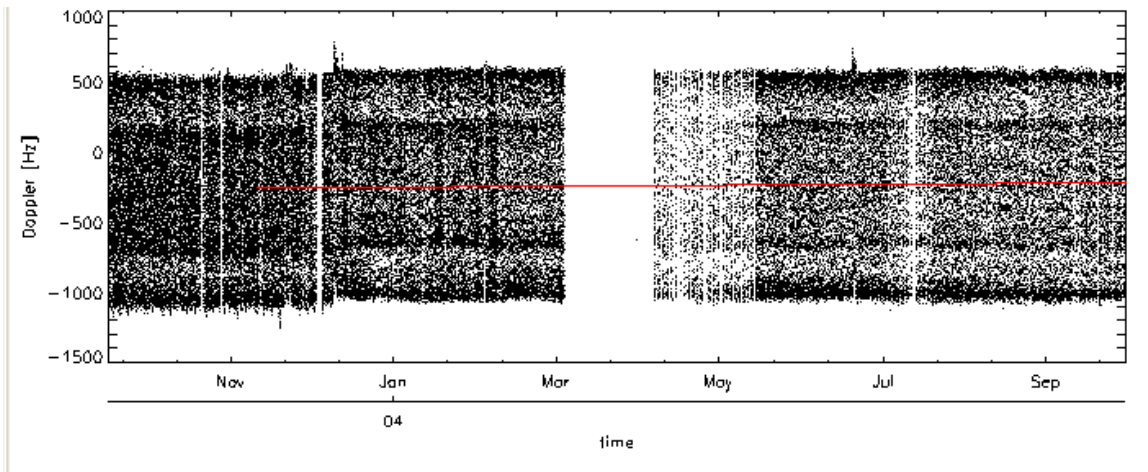
figure 2: Absolute Doppler evolution over the world

3.3. Absolute WV-IS2 Doppler Centroid evolution in time

As observed in figure 3.a, the decreasing trend in the ASAR Doppler has been corrected with the AOCS s/w upgrade in 11 December 2003. The Doppler has reached a stable level, although with the mean value lower than the mean Doppler early 2003.



(a) Impact of the AOCS s/w upgrade of 11-DEC-2003 in the Doppler evolution



(b) Absolute Doppler evolution since 01-SEP-2003

figure 3: Absolute Doppler evolution in time

3.4. Absolute WV-IS2 Doppler Centroid evolution vs ANX

The figure 4 shows the Doppler evolution (WV, IS2, VV) versus the elapsed seconds from the ascending node (ANX) for data acquired since 01-SEP-2004 till 30-SEP-2004. Theoretical Doppler is in red. Outliers correspond to data acquired during orbit manoeuvres.

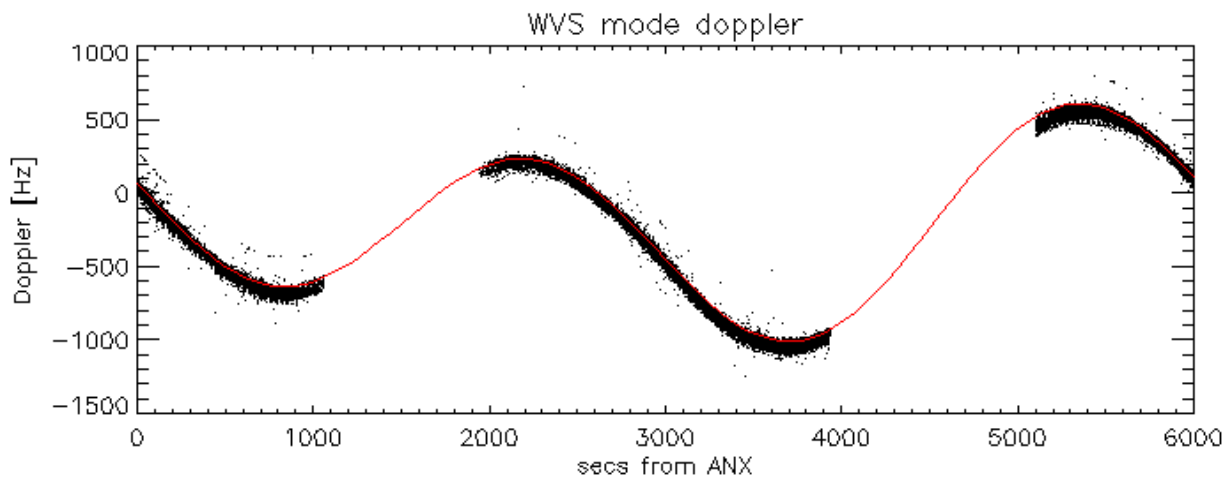


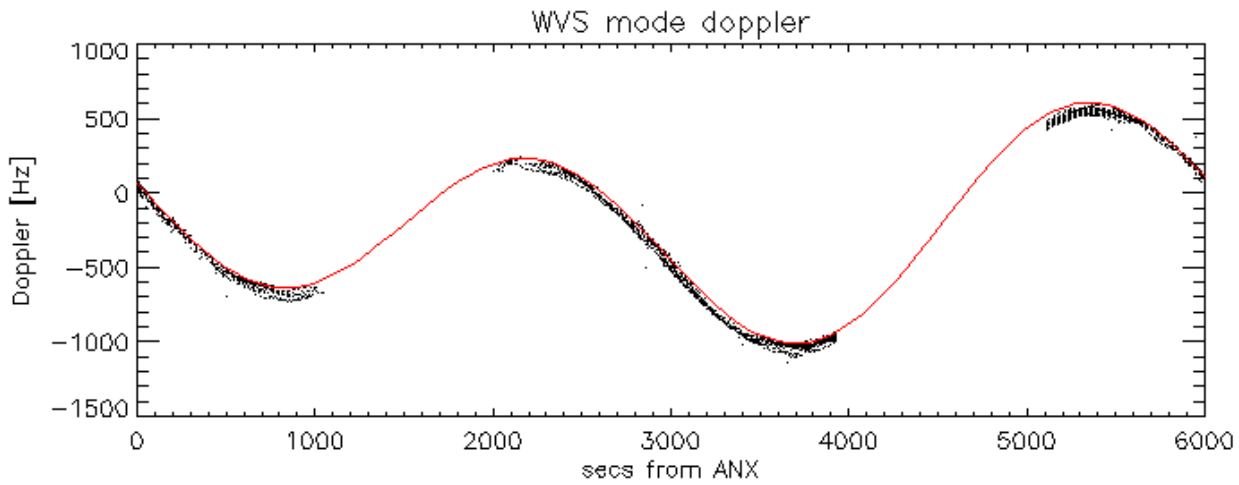
figure 4: Absolute Doppler evolution vs time from ANX

3.5. Residual Doppler Centroid evolution vs. time of the day

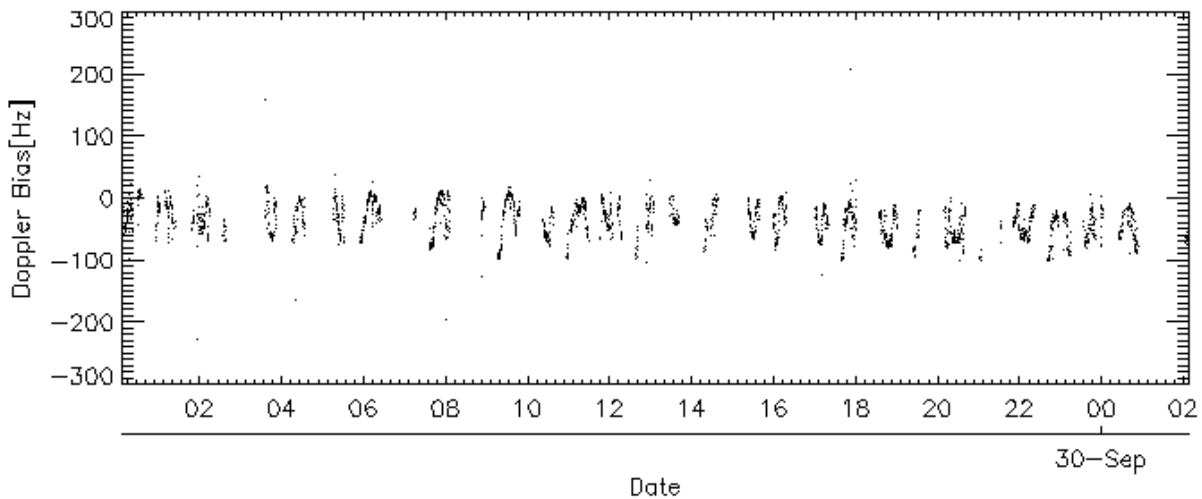
After the changes in the AOCS software on December 2003, the discontinuity in the ASAR Doppler Centroid frequency, previously observed every day at around 14:00 UTC, has been removed and the constant bias reduced by about 50 Hz.

The figure 5 shows the WV Doppler frequency (top) with respect to the expected frequency (in red) and the residual Doppler (bottom) versus the time of the day (UTC time) for data acquired July 2004.

The figure 6 shows the same information but for data acquired in GMM. As it can be observed, the bias is reduced and the discontinuity removed.



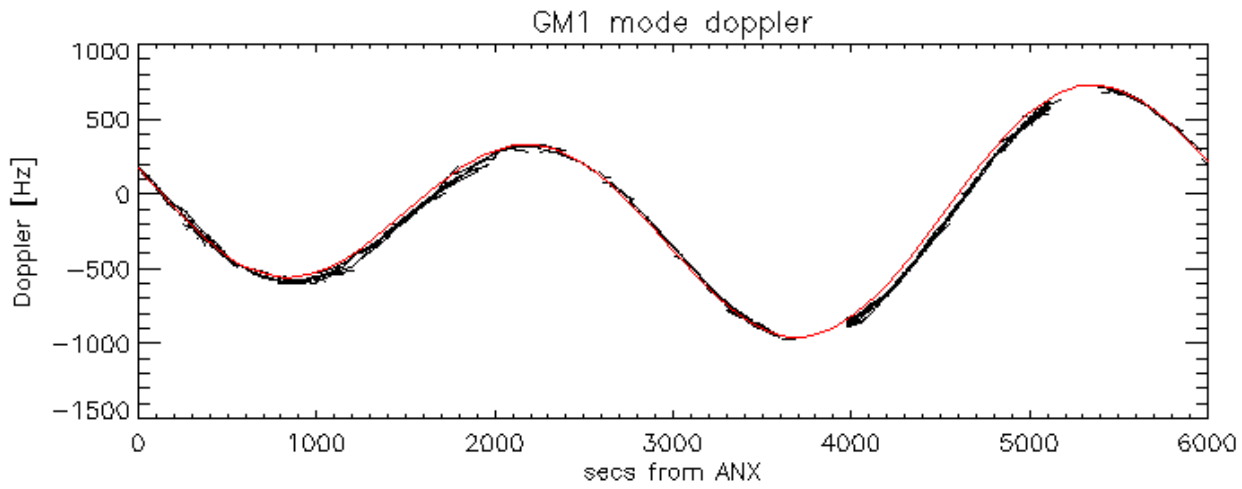
(a) Doppler evolution vs elapsed seconds since ANX



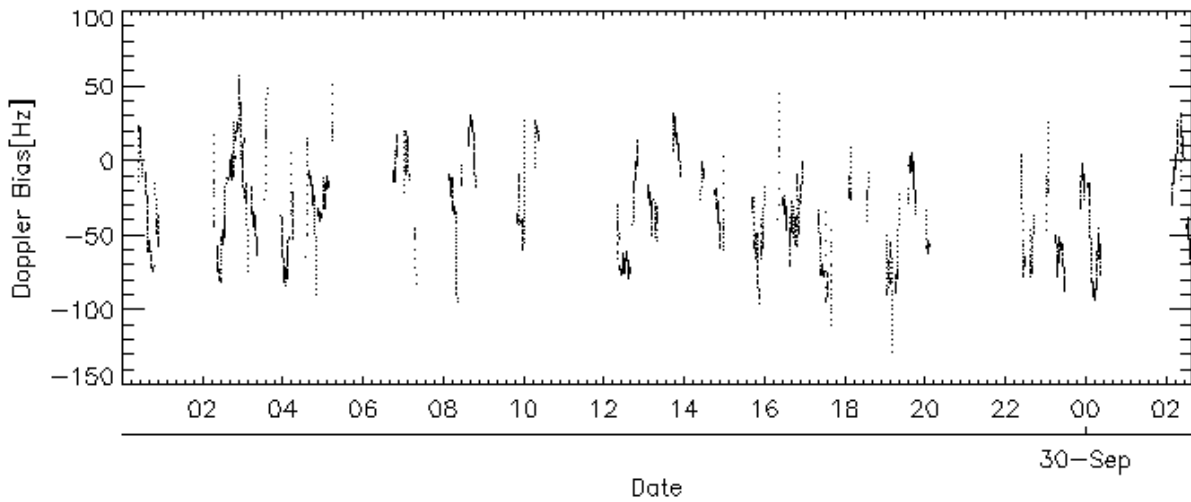
(b) residual Doppler evolution versus time of day

figure 5: Residual Doppler centroid evolution for WVS data

The shows the same information but for data acquired in GMM. As it can be observed, the bias is reduced and the discontinuity removed.



(a) Doppler evolution versus elapsed seconds since ANX



(b) residual Doppler evolution versus time of day

figure 6: Residual Doppler centroid evolution for GMM data

4. IRF ANALYSIS

The analysis of the impulse response function over the transponders is used to characterize the products in term of spatial resolution and Impulse Response Function (IRF) parameters (PSLR, ISLR, SSLR) as well as to monitor the products absolute calibration factor. ASAR transponders as well as Radarsat transponders are used. The analysis is performed for all the modes, beams and polarisations. The table below shows the relative Radar Cross Section (RCS)¹ per mode, beam and set of transponders. Values provided per sub-swath correspond to the mean absolute calibration error. Values provided per all swaths correspond to the mean error value and the corresponding standard deviation. All values are in dB.

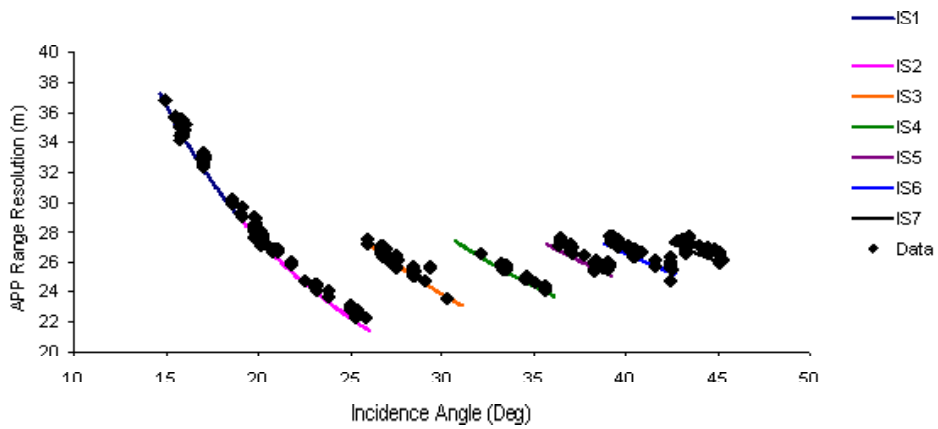
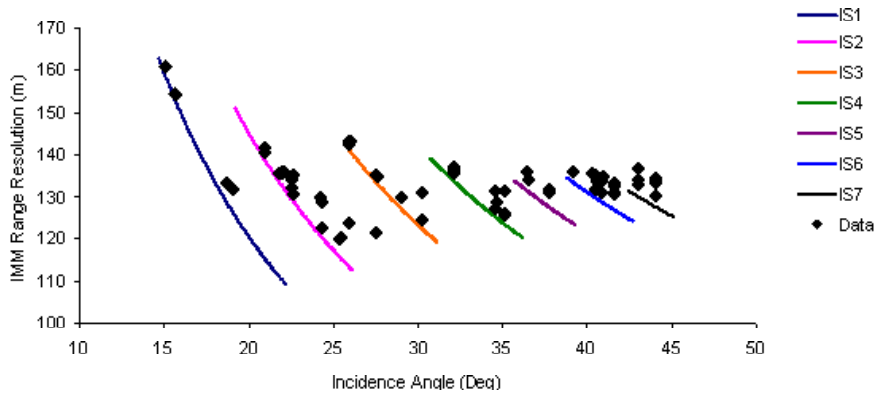
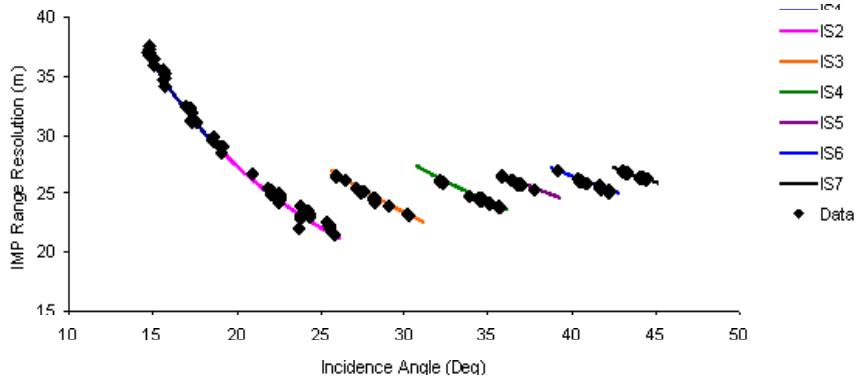
Product Type	Transponder	Relative RCS [dB]							
		All Swaths	IS1	IS2	IS3	IS4	IS5	IS6	IS7
IMP	All	0.77±1.00	0.93	0.18	0.97	0.51	1.28	0.90	0.93
	ASAR	0.23±0.41	0.22	0.03	0.10	0.31	0.15	0.59	0.40
	Radarsat	1.18±1.12	1.54	0.63	1.55	0.60	1.80	1.15	1.17
IMS	All	0.23±0.92							
IMM	All	0.77±0.95							
APP	All	0.62±0.93	0.18	0.49	0.64	0.94	0.39	0.90	0.83
	ASAR	-0.33±0.52	0.02	-0.24	0.09	-0.55	-0.84	-0.32	-0.61
	Radarsat	0.75±0.90	0.22	0.70	0.69	1.26	0.53	1.13	0.97
APS	All	0.07±1.04							
APM	All	0.28±0.90							

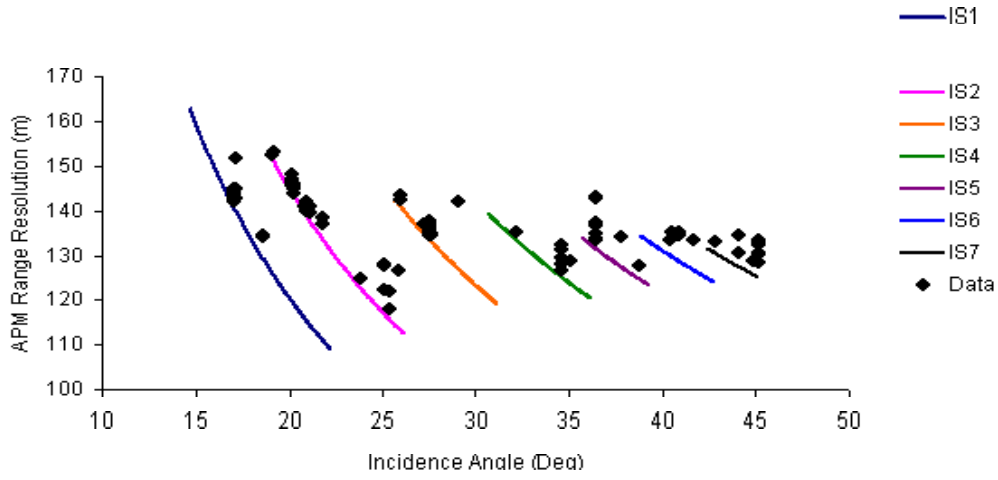
The tables below show IRF parameters measured per different product types.

Product Type	Azimuth Res (m)	Range Res (m)	ISLR (dB)	PSLR (dB)	SSLR (dB)	No of Results
IMP	22.06±0.44	Fig 1(a)	-13.16±1.42	-16.64±0.88	-22.44±1.82	191
IMG	22.16±0.47	22.7 - 35.4	-13.32±0.72	-16.83±0.99	-23.21±1.50	33
IMS	4.75±0.02 5.57±0.06	9.44±0.06	-14.35±0.28	-19.29±0.66	-28.41±0.85	44
IMM	146.4±3.6	Fig 1(b)	-6.01±3.37	-16.04±2.13	-15.40±4.01	70
APP	27.67±0.80	Fig 1(c)	-12.21±1.64	-19.00±0.87	-25.57±2.73	403
APG	27.74±0.49	23.2 - 30.3	-13.04±0.42	-19.28±0.80	-27.44±1.58	20
APS	5.00±1.77	8.40±0.11	3.07±2.44	-2.43±1.36	-17.17±4.27	61
APM	143.6±3.7	Fig 1(d)	-6.16±6.15	-16.58±1.86	-16.32±6.17	102

¹The relative RCS is defined as the difference between the nominal RCS and the measured RCS.

Product Type	Range Res [m]	Az. Res [m]	PSLR Rg. [dB]	PSLR Az. [dB]	Relative RCS [dB]
WSM	122.23 (Rg.dependent)	108.51±5.09	- 19.99±1.89	-19.38±2.45	-0.20±0.43





4. ELEVATION ANTENNA PATTERN MONITORING

4.1. Most recent elevation antenna pattern updates

The elevation antenna pattern has been updated for SS1 HH, IS3_SS2 HH, IS3_SS2 VV and IS4_SS3 HH on 12 August 2004. The table below show the most recent updates (since Aug.2003) for each beam and polarisation.

BEAM	POL	RECENT ELEVATION ANTENNA PATTERN UPDATES			
SS1	HH	27/08/2003		06/04/2004	12/08/2004
SS1	VV	27/08/2003		06/04/2004	
IS1	HH		09/12/2003		
IS1	VV		09/12/2003	06/04/2004	
IS1	HV				
IS1	VH		09/12/2003	06/04/2004	
IS2	HH			06/04/2004	
IS2	VV		09/12/2003	06/04/2004	
IS2	HV			06/04/2004	
IS2	VH			06/04/2004	
IS3_SS2	HH	27/08/2003	09/12/2003		12/08/2004
IS3_SS2	VV	27/08/2003			12/08/2004
IS3_SS2	HV				
IS3_SS2	VH				
IS4_SS3	HH				12/08/2004
IS4_SS3	VV				
IS4_SS3	HV			06/04/2004	
IS4_SS3	VH			06/04/2004	
IS5_SS4	HH	27/08/2003		06/04/2004	
IS5_SS4	VV	27/08/2003			
IS5_SS4	HV			06/04/2004	
IS5_SS4	VH			06/04/2004	
IS6_SS5	HH				
IS6_SS5	VV				
IS6_SS5	HV			06/04/2004	
IS6_SS5	VH			06/04/2004	
IS7	HH				
IS7	VV				
IS7	HV				
IS7	VH				

4.2. History of elevation antenna pattern updates

The table below summarises the evolution of the elevation antenna pattern used for processing since August 2002.

The files are available on line at: http://earth.esa.int/services/auxiliary_data/asar/

The source information indicates whether the pattern has been derived from data acquired over the Rain Forest (“RF”) or whether it has been derived from antenna synthesis using results from Module Stepping acquisitions (“SYN”).

Please note that pre-launch antenna pattern where used before the first ASA_XCA_1P update.

Please note that the table indicates for each beam, in which file the update took place. Any file created after this date will include that update unless a new file is specified for the beam. For instance, the pattern for IS3_SS2 VV was updated on 27 August 2003. The file created on 9 December 2003 (when the IS1 VV pattern was updated) will include the same pattern for IS3_SS2 VV as in the file of 27 August 2003, since the table does no indicate any further update for the IS3_SS2 VV pattern.

ASAR ELEVATION ANTENNA PATTERNS UPDATES IN THE ASAR EXTERNAL CALIBRATION FILE					
Swath & polarisation	Source	Update time (file used in operations since 1 day after this date)	File Name	Applicable to data acquired between:	
				Start	Stop
IS1 VV	RF	20020813	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20020813_080042_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
	NA ¹	20021107	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021107_144746_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
	RF	20021122	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021122_130838_20020413_000000_20021231_000000 ²	20020413	20021231
	RF	20031209	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20031209_113559_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
	RF	20040406	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040406_160451_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
IS1 HH	RF	20021107	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021107_144746_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
	RF	20031209	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20031209_113559_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
IS1 HV	RF	20021217	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021217_150852_20020413_000000_20031231_000000	20020413	20031231

¹ A corrupted IS1 VV pattern was included into the ASA_XCA_1P file updated of 11 Nov. 2002

² The corrupted IS1 VV pattern in the operational ASA_XCA_1P file was corrected on 22 Nov. 2002. Please note that the IS1 VV pattern in ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021122_130838_20020413_000000_20021231_000000 is the same as in ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20020813_080042_20020413_000000_20021231_000000

IS1 VH	RF	20021217	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021217_150852_20020413_000000_20031231_000000	20020413	20031231
	RF	20031209	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20031209_113559_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
	RF	20040406	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040406_160451_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
IS2 VV	RF	20020813	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20020813_080042_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
	RF	20031209	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20031209_113559_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
	RF	20040406	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040406_160451_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
IS2 HH	RF	20021107	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021107_144746_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
	RF	20040406	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040406_160451_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
IS2 HV	RF	20021217	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021217_150852_20020413_000000_20031231_000000	20020413	20031231
	RF	20040406	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040406_160451_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
IS2 VH	RF	20021217	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021217_150852_20020413_000000_20031231_000000	20020413	20031231
	RF	20040406	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040406_160451_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
IS3_SS2 VV	RF	20020813	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20020813_080042_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
	RF	20021018	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021018_121708_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
	RF	20030801	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030801_133024_20030428_000000_20031231_000000	20030428	20031231

	RF	20030801	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030801_134802_20020413_000000_20030211_000000	20020413	20030211
	RF	20030827	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030827_140210_20030211_000000_20031231_000000	20030211	20031231
	RF	20040812	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040812_170224_20040412_000000_20041231_000000	20040412	20041231
IS3_SS2 HH	RF	20021107	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021107_144746_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
	RF	20030801	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030801_133024_20030428_000000_20031231_000000	20030428	20031231
	RF	20030801	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030801_134802_20020413_000000_20030211_000000	20020413	20030211
	RF	20030827	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030827_140210_20030211_000000_20031231_000000	20030211	20031231
	RF	20031209	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20031209_113559_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
	RF	20040812	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040812_170224_20040412_000000_20041231_000000	20040412	20041231
IS3 HV	SYN.	20021217	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021217_150852_20020413_000000_20031231_000000	20020413	20031231
IS3 VH	RF	20021217	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021217_150852_20020413_000000_20031231_000000	20020413	20031231
IS4_SS3 VV	RF	20020813	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20020813_080042_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
	RF	20021018	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021018_121708_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
IS4_SS3 HH	RF	20021107	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021107_144746_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
	RF	20040812	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040812_170224_20040412_000000_20041231_000000	20040412	20041231

IS4 HV	RF	20021217	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021217_150852_20020413_000000_20031231_000000	20020413	20031231
	RF	20040406	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040406_160451_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
IS4 VH	RF	20021217	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021217_150852_20020413_000000_20031231_000000	20020413	20031231
	RF	20040406	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040406_160451_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
IS5_SS4 VV	RF	20020813	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20020813_080042_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
	RF	20021018	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021018_121708_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
IS5_SS4 HH	RF	20021107	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021107_144746_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
	RF	20040406	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040406_160451_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
IS5 HV	RF	20021217	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021217_150852_20020413_000000_20031231_000000	20020413	20031231
	RF	20040406	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040406_160451_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
IS5 VH	RF	20021217	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021217_150852_20020413_000000_20031231_000000	20020413	20031231
	RF	20040406	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040406_160451_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
IS6_SS5 VV	RF	20020813	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20020813_080042_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
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	RF	20030801	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030801_133024_20030428_000000_20031231_000000	20030428	20031231

	RF	20030801	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030801_134802_20020413_000000_20030211_000000	20020413	20030211
	RF	20030827	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030827_140210_20030211_000000_20031231_000000	20030211	20031231
IS6_SS5 HH	RF	20021107	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021107_144746_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
	RF	20030801	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030801_133024_20030428_000000_20031231_000000	20030428	20031231
	RF	20030801	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030801_134802_20020413_000000_20030211_000000	20020413	20030211
	RF	20030827	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030827_140210_20030211_000000_20031231_000000	20030211	20031231
	RF	20030827	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030827_140210_20030211_000000_20031231_000000	20030211	20031231
IS6 HV	SYN.	20021217	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021217_150852_20020413_000000_20031231_000000	20020413	20031231
	RF	20040406	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040406_160451_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
IS6 VH	RF	20021217	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021217_150852_20020413_000000_20031231_000000	20020413	20031231
	RF	20040406	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040406_160451_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
IS7 VV	RF	20020813	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20020813_080042_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
IS7 HH	RF	20021107	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021107_144746_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
IS7 HV	RF	20021217	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021217_150852_20020413_000000_20031231_000000	20020413	20031231
IS7 VH	RF	20021217	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021217_150852_20020413_000000_20031231_000000	20020413	20031231
SS1 VV	RF	20020813	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20020813_080042_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231

	RF	20021018	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021018_121708_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
	RF	20030801	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030801_133024_20030428_000000_20031231_000000	20030428	20031231
	RF	20030801	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030801_134802_20020413_000000_20030211_000000	20020413	20030211
	RF	20030827	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030827_140210_20030211_000000_20031231_000000	20030211	20031231
	RF	20040406	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040406_160451_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
SS1 HH	RF	20021107	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20021107_144746_20020413_000000_20021231_000000	20020413	20021231
	RF	20030801	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030801_133024_20030428_000000_20031231_000000	20030428	20031231
	RF	20030801	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030801_134802_20020413_000000_20030211_000000	20020413	20030211
	RF	20030827	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030827_140210_20030211_000000_20031231_000000	20030211	20031231
	RF	20040406	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040406_160451_20030211_000000_20041231_000000	20030211	20041231
	RF	20040812	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040812_170224_20040412_000000_20041231_000000	20040412	20041231

5. ASAR AUXILIARY FILES UPDATES

The most recent updates of auxiliary files are listed below in chronological order:

ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040812_170224_20040412_000000_20041231_000000

Update of elevation antenna pattern for: SS1_HH, SS2_IS3_HH, SS3_IS4_HH and SS2_IS3_VV.

ASA_INS_AXVIEC20040521_160843_20030211_000000_20041231_000000

GM ISG increased by 1 for all sub-swaths

ASA_CON_AXVIEC20040407_173947_20021017_130000_20041231_000000

Increased GM SS3 HH gain (by decreasing 0.5 dB the Eq.Energy for GM SS3 HH)

ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040406_160451_20030211_000000_20041231_000000

Updated elevation patterns for: SS1 HH-VV, IS1 VV-VH, IS2 HH-VV-HV-VH, IS4 HV-VH, IS5 HH-HV-Vh, IS6 HV-VH

ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20040326_190217_20030211_000000_20041231_000000

Inserted calibration constant for GMM products: 73.4 dB for HH and 74.0 dB for VV.

ASA_CON_AXVIEC20040322_164757_20021017_130000_20041231_000000

Same as last update (20040308): Updated AP Eq. Energy values (different per each polarisation). Changed AP normalisation method from reference energy to equivalent energy. Enable DAR for GM.

ASA_CON_AXVIEC20040308_103426_20021017_130000_20041231_000000

Updated AP Eq. Energy values (different per each polarisation). Changed AP normalisation method from reference energy to equivalent energy. Enable DAR for GM.

ASA_INS_AXVIEC20031212_122530_20020815_131000_20021017_162400

SWST bias updated.

ASA_CON_AXVIEC20031212_122409_20021017_130000_20041231_000000

End validity date extended till 31-12-2004

ASA_INS_AXVIEC20031212_105841_20021017_162400_20021030_110000

SWST bias updated

ASA_CON_AXVIEC20031212_105603_20021017_130000_20031231_000000

Dates adjusted to previous ASA_CON_AX version from 09-09-03.

ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20031209_113559_20030211_000000_20041231_000000

End validity time extended until 31 December 2004. Elevation antenna patterns updated for: IS1 VV, IS1 HH, IS1 VH, IS2 VV and SS2_IS3 HH.

ASA_INS_AXVIEC20031209_113421_20030211_000000_20041231_000000

SWST Bias updated. End validity time extended until 31 December 2004.

ASA_INS_AXVIEC20031209_113259_20021030_110000_20030211_000000

SWST Bias updated

ASA_XCH_AXVIEC20031209_112947_20020301_000000_20041231_000000

End validity time extended until 31 December 2004

ASA_CON_AXVIEC20031209_112721_20020301_000000_20041231_000000

End validity time extended until 12 December 2004