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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document summarizes the instrument and product quality status as derived from data acquired during December 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 4.

Radiometric stability is measured by means of ASAR and Radarsat transponders. Detailed results are provided in chapter 5.

An updated list of auxiliary data files is provided in chapters 6 and 7.

2 INSTRUMENT STATUS

No major anomalies experienced during this period.

Three 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-APR-2004
- TRM-15 in Tile A1: failed to transmit in V polarization since 17-APR-2004
- TRM-06 in Tile A1: failed to transmit in V polarization since 17-NOV-2004

Please note that a single TRM transmit failures have no significant impact on the instrument performance nor on the antenna pattern radiation shape.

2.1 *Instrument unavailability*

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

Unavailability report reference	Start	Stop
EN-UNA-2004/0111	14/04/2004 02:45:00	14/04/2004 13:40:00
EN-UNA-2004/0114	20/04/2004 08:15:46	20/04/2004 08:23:31
EN-UNA-2004/0118	20/04/2004 10:00:54	20/04/2004 11:56:40
EN-UNA-2004/0124	26/04/2004 21:32:03	27/04/2004 09:41:43
EN-UNA-2004/0125	29/04/2004 08:32:08	29/04/2004 10:18:18
EN-UNA-2004/0129	02/05/2004 21:32:47	03/05/2004 09:41:44
EN-UNA-2004/0176	12/07/2004 11:21:46	12/07/2004 18:01:40
EN-UNA-2004/0191	04/08/2004 09:19:00	04/08/2004 09:26:00
EN-UNA-2004/0193	05/08/2004 23:07:33	05/08/2004 23:43:27
EN-UNA-2004/0229	12/09/2004 10:54:47	12/09/2004 11:12:40
EN-UNA-2004/0246	23/09/2004 06:13:17	23/09/2004 09:55:38
EN-UNA-2004/0252	26/09/2004 21:24:58	27/09/2004 11:02:04
EN-UNA-2004/0261	17/10/2004 02:28:31	17/10/2004 07:45:11
EN-UNA-2004/0265	01/11/2004 05:00:40	01/11/2004 05:01:40
EN-UNA-2004/0268	03/11/2004 09:59:30 Orbit = 14004	03/11/2004 10:04:58 Orbit = 14004
EN-UNA-2004/0270	07/11/2004 03:41:28 Orbit=14054	07/11/2004 08:00:03 Orbit=14060
EN-UNA-2004/0276	12/11/2004 21:46:59 Orbit = 14140	12/11/2004 23:43:46 Orbit = 14141
EN-UNA-2004/0281	16/11/2004 02:34:15 Orbit = 14185	16/11/2004 03:16:49 Orbit = 14186

EN-UNA-2004/0290	21/11/2004 19:36:58 Orbit = 14267	21/11/2004 22:19:32 Orbit = 14269
EN-UNA-2004/0299	29/11/2004 00:42:03 Orbit = 14370	29/11/2004 03:09:35 Orbit = 14372
EN-UNA-2004/0307	05/12/2004 15:06:14 Orbit = 14465	05/12/2004 15:35:42 Orbit = 14465
EN-UNA-2004/0309	09/12/2004 00:32:56 orbit=14513	09/12/2004 00:56:03 orbit=14514
EN-UNA-2004/0314	27/12/2004 01:50:26 orbit=14772	27/12/2004 07:10:58 orbit=14775
EN-UNA-2005/0002	01/01/2005 20:17:59 orbit=14854	01/01/2005 22:37:38 orbit=14856
EN-UNA-2005/0005	07/01/2005 03:00:00 orbit=14936	07/01/2005 13:00:00 orbit=14936
EN-UNA-2005/0010	07/01/2005 13:00:00 orbit=14936	07/01/2005 18:20:00 orbit=14939
EN-UNA-2005/0011	09/01/2005 06:39:29 orbit=14961	09/01/2005 06:45:03 orbit=14961

2.2 *Data disclaimer*

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>. During the reported period one data disclaimer has been rose.

- 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 22:03:31 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 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

- From 02-NOV-2004 14:17:25 UTC to 03-NOV-2004 10:04:58 UTC

Problem Description:

Degraded radiometric quality due to an instrument anomaly.

Affected products:

All ASAR products, including level 0 products

- From 05-DEC-2004 10:03:48 UTC to 05-DEC-2004 15:35:45 UTC

Problem Description:

Degraded radiometric quality due to an instrument anomaly.

Affected products:

All ASAR products, including level 0 products

- From 13-APR-2002 to 11-FEB-2003

Problem Description:

The absolute calibration factor annotated in all ASAR level 1 products acquired between 13-APR-2002 and 11-FEB-2003 and processed between 01-AUG-2003 and 29-NOV-2004 is not correct. These products with incorrect calibration factor annotated in the Main Processing Parameters ADS can be identified by checking the auxiliary files used for processing. The name of the auxiliary files used in the processing is provided in the product SPH (use “view as HTML” in EnviView to visualise them). Products with incorrect calibration factor have been processed with the following external calibration auxiliary file:

ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20030801_134802_20020413_000000_20030211_000000

The correct calibration factors for these products are provided in the following auxiliary file:

ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20041129_173057_20020413_000000_20030211_000000

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

Affected products:

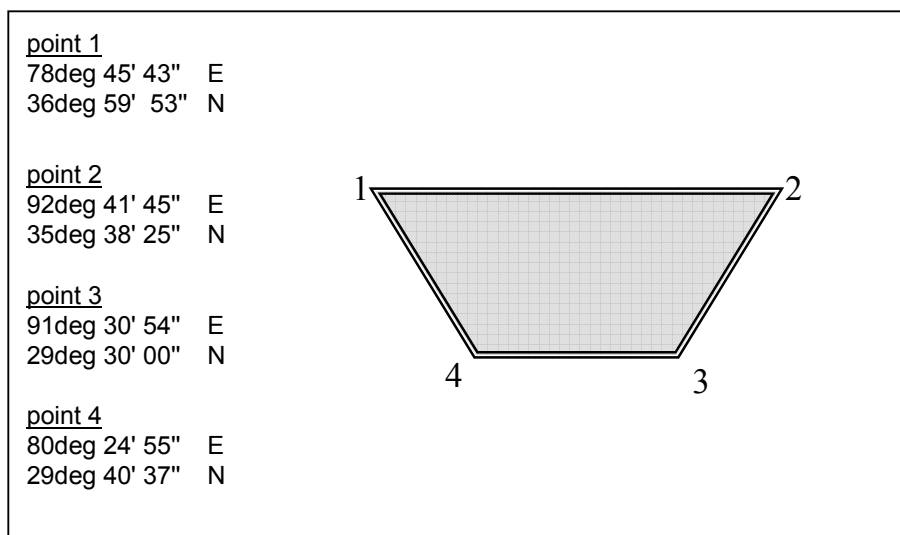
All ASAR level1 products.

3 LOW RATE BACKGROUND REGIONAL MISSION

The current Low Rte BRM definition is provided below:

Mode	Where	Swath	Polarization
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) Kara Sea (4) Baffin Bay (4) - Golf of Mexico & Caribbean Sea (5) VV: None. All GM acquisitions in HH

No low rate BRM (GM in this case) has been planned between 3rd and 17th November 2004 over the area defined below to support RA-2 tests to be performed with no ASAR imaging operations.



4 DOPPLER MONITORING

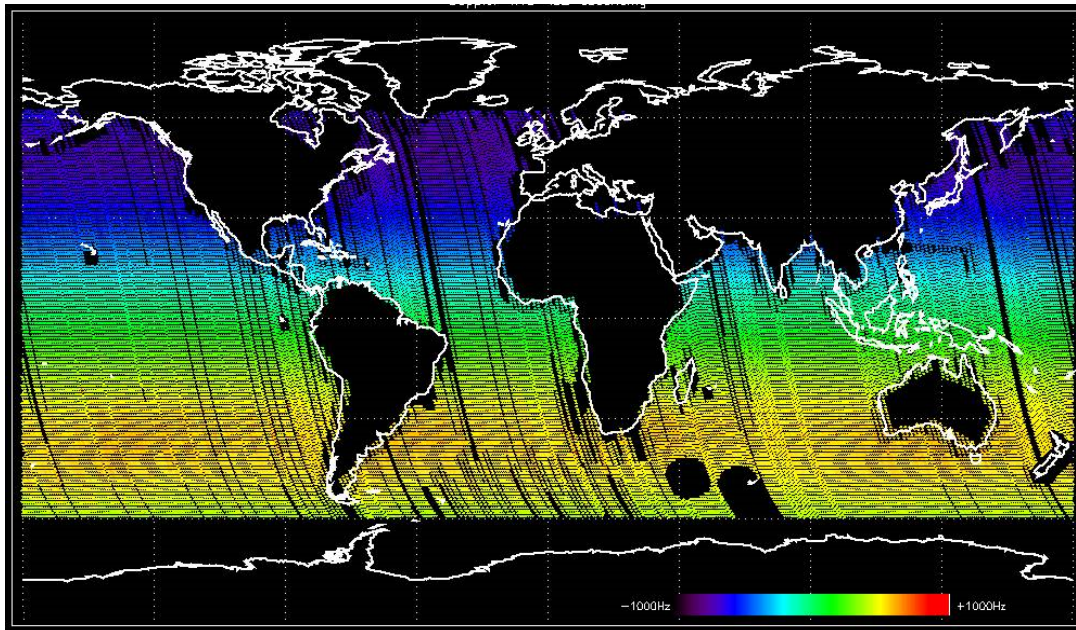
The continuous decreasing trend in the absolute Doppler Centroid frequency observed since June 2003 was corrected with the AOCS changes implemented on 11 December 2003.

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

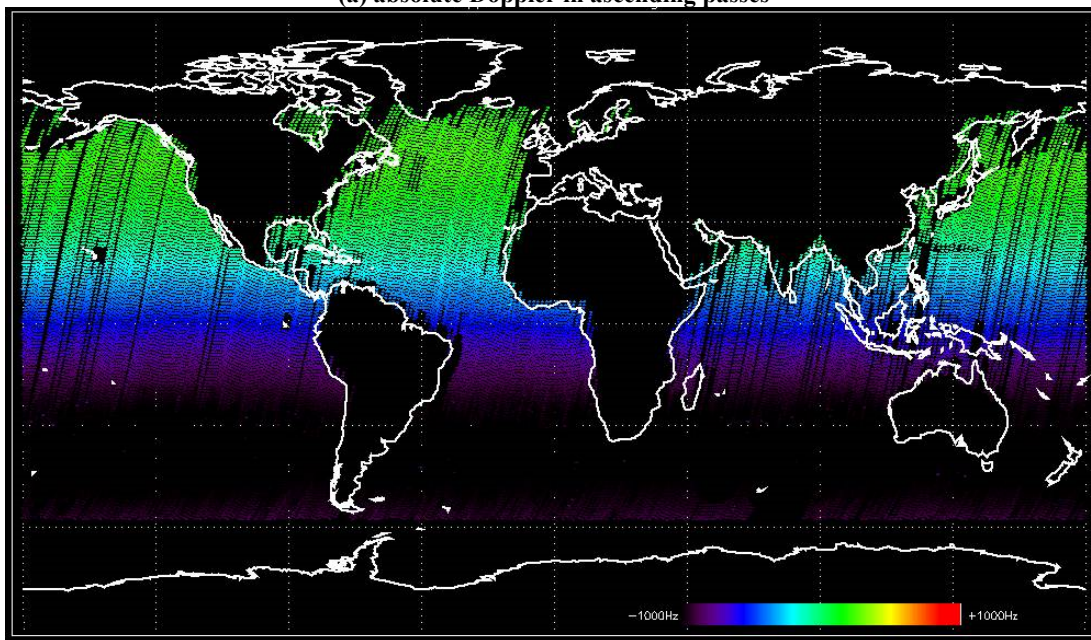
The Envisat Orbit Control Manoeuvres (OCM) could affect the platform attitude stability even few ours after the burst with a direct impact of the Doppler centroid frequency evolution. An updated list of the OCM can be found at <http://nng.esoc.esa.de/envisat/ENVmano.html>.

For the reported period, no major Doppler anomaly has been found.

4.1 Absolute WV-IS2 Doppler Centroid evolution



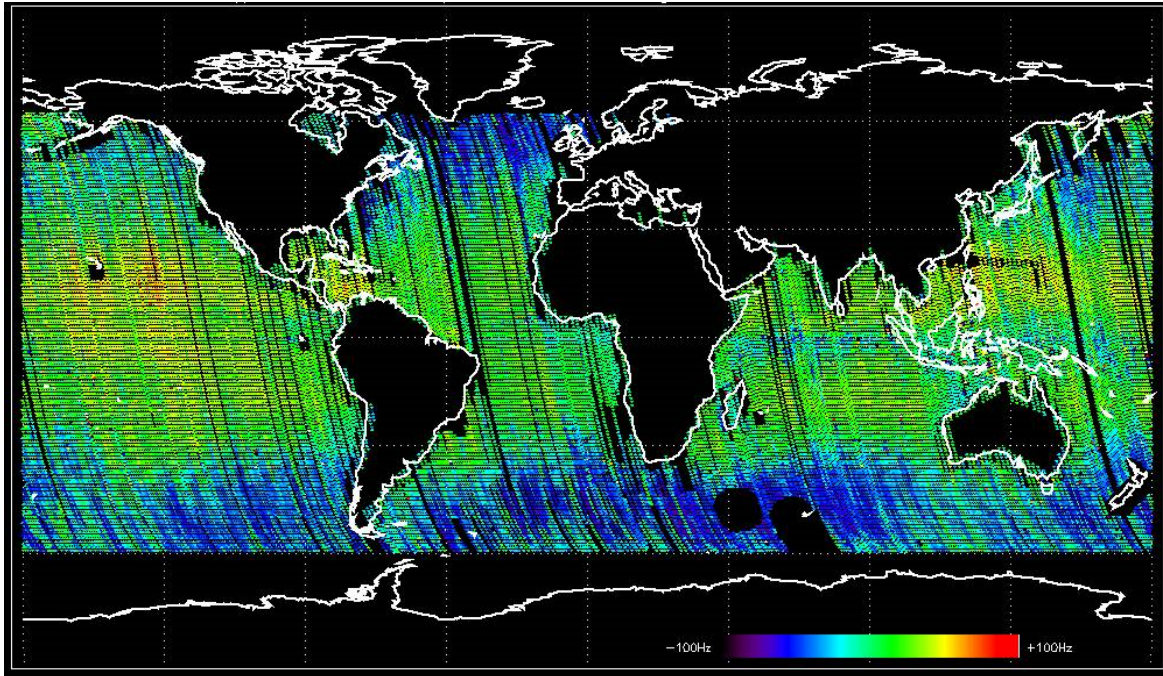
(a) absolute Doppler in ascending passes



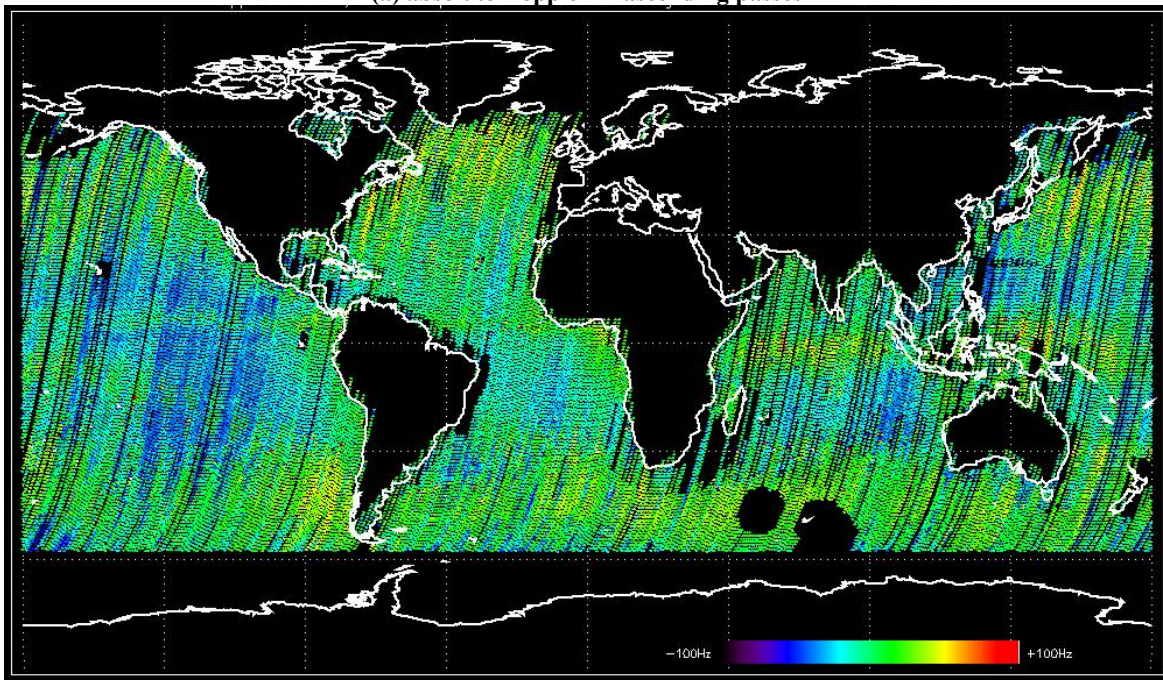
(b) absolute Doppler in descending passes

figure 1: Absolute Doppler evolution over the world

4.2 *Residual WV-IS2 Doppler Centroid evolution*



(a) absolute Doppler in ascending passes

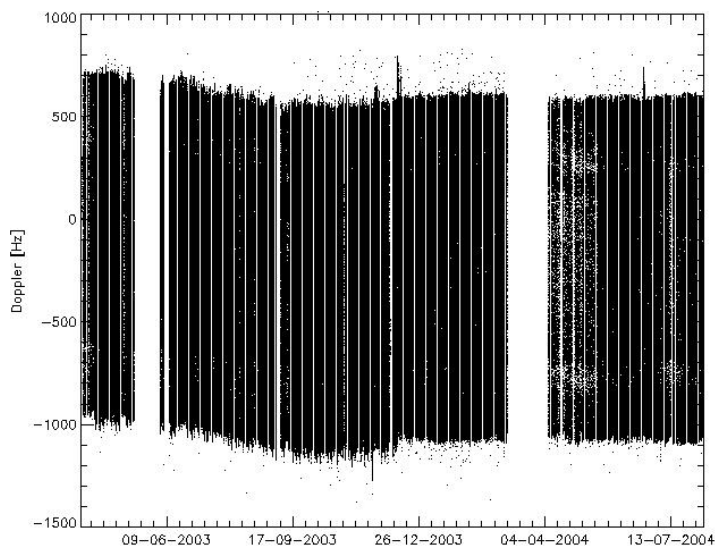


(b) absolute Doppler in descending passes

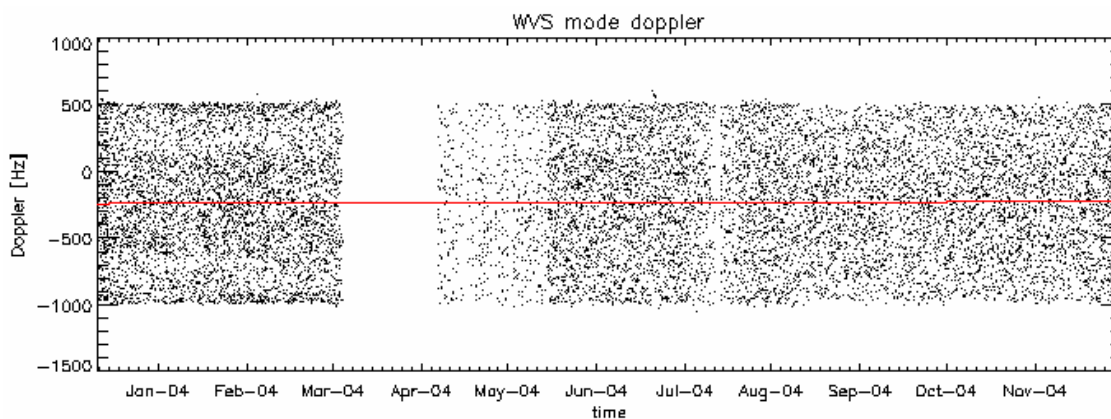
figure 2: Absolute Doppler evolution over the world

4.3 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

4.4 Absolute Doppler Centroid evolution vs ANX

The figure 4 shows the Wave mode Doppler evolution (IS2, VV) versus the elapsed seconds from the ascending node (ANX) for data acquired since 01-DEC-2004 till 01-JAN-2005. Theoretical Doppler is in red while the blue curve stands for Doppler evolution model obtained by Fourier series decomposition. Outliers correspond to data acquired during orbit manoeuvres.

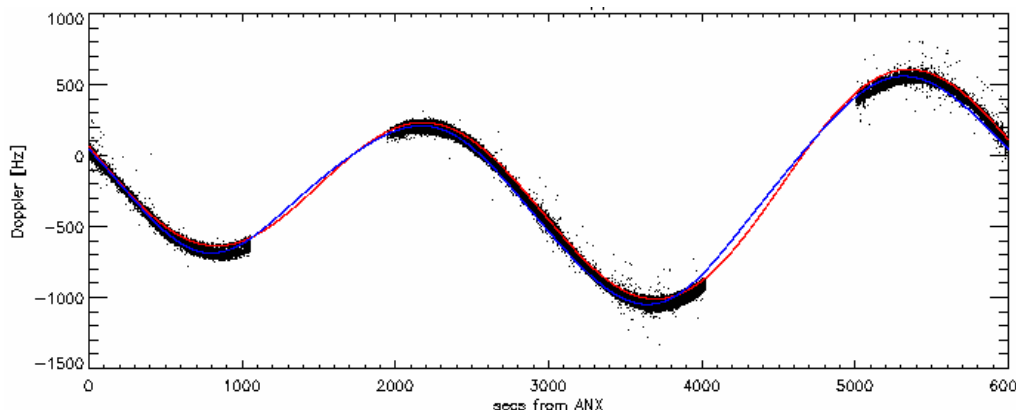


figure 4: Absolute Wave mode Doppler evolution vs seconds elapsed since ANX

The figure 5 shows the same as figure 4 but for Global Monitoring Mode. The Global Monitoring data is often affected by leading and/or trailing black lines that are not real SAR measurements. The Doppler value for those lines is set to the last valid one leading to a sequence of constant Doppler values as illustrated at anx+1500 seconds.

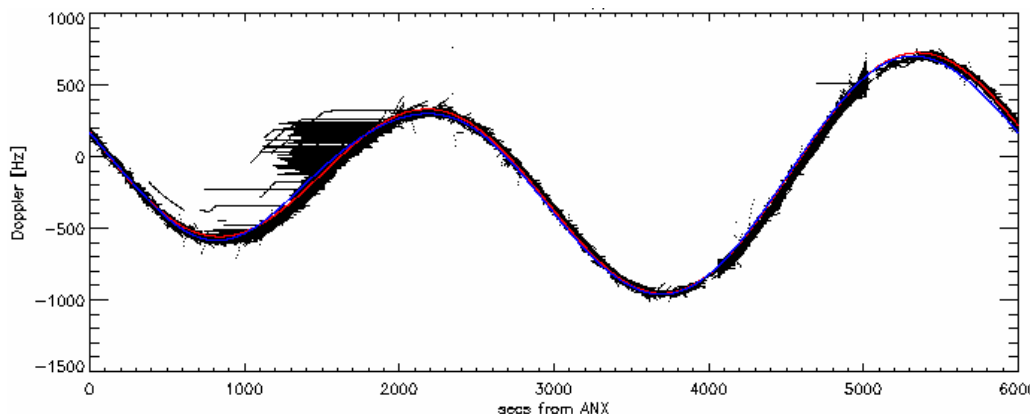


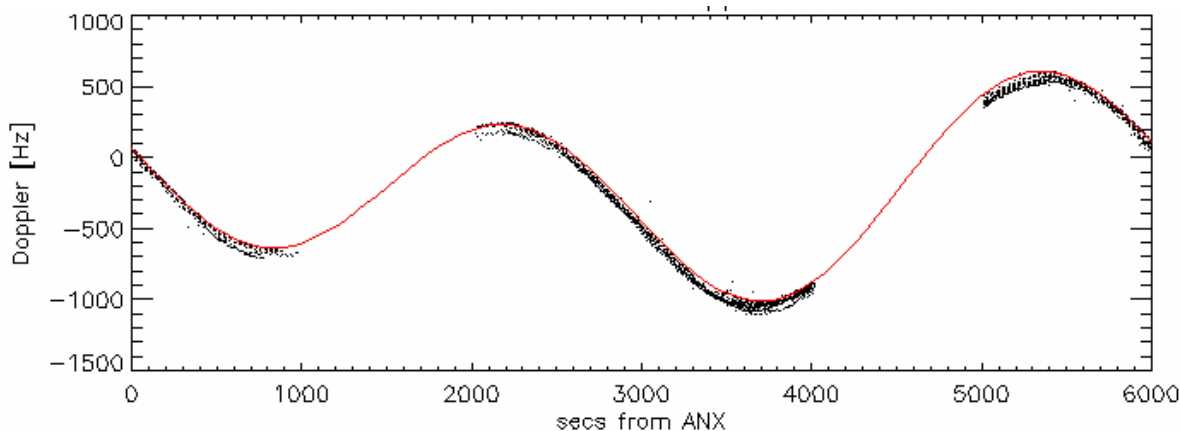
figure 5: Absolute Global Monitoring mode Doppler evolution vs seconds elapsed since ANX

4.5 Residual Doppler Centroid evolution vs. time of the day

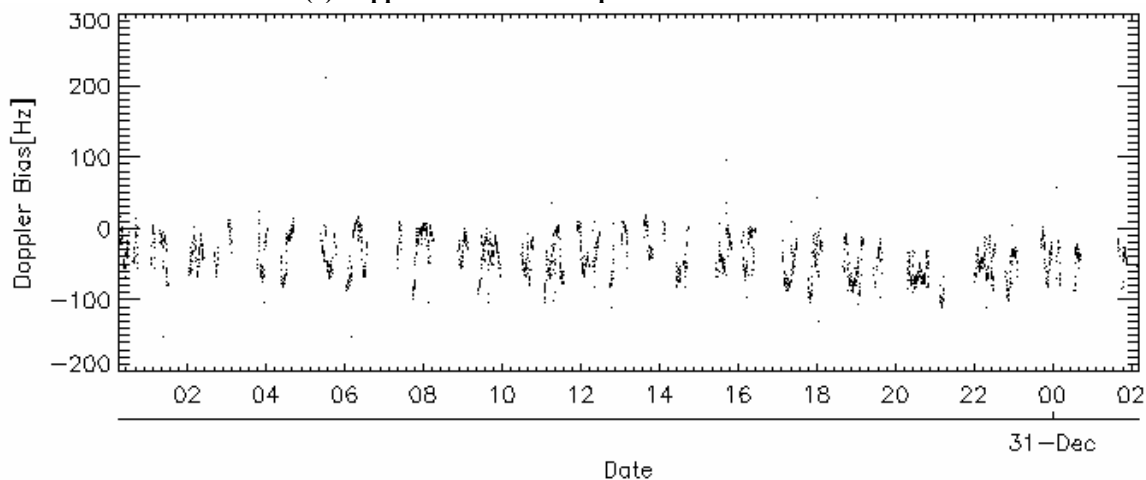
After the changes in the AOCS software on December 2003, the discontinuity in the ASAR Doppler Centroid frequency, previously observed every day at around 14:00 UTC, has been removed and the constant bias reduced is about 50 Hz.

The figure 6 shows the WV mode 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 in November 2004.

The figure 7 shows the same information but for data acquired in GM mode. As it can be observed, the bias is reduced and the discontinuity removed.

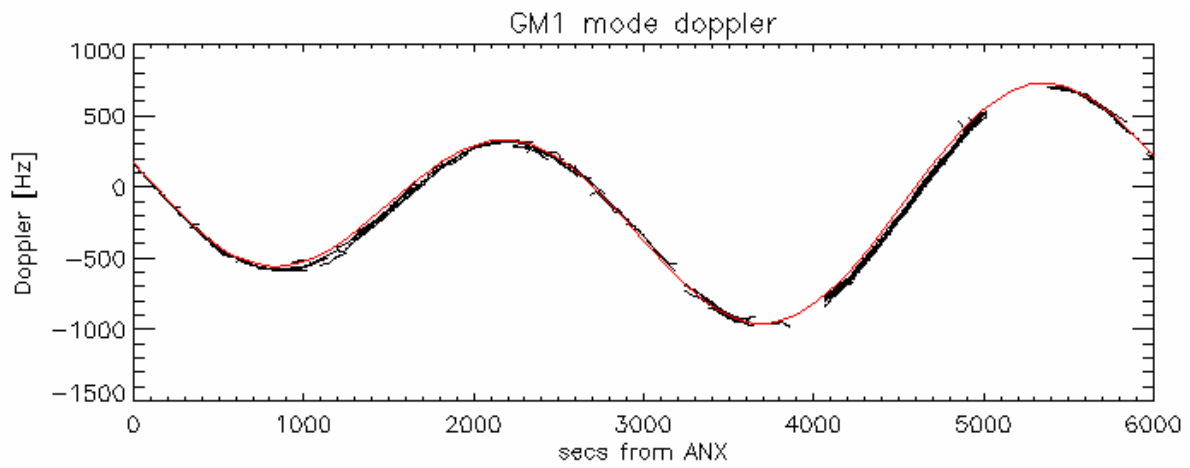


(a) Doppler evolution vs elapsed seconds since ANX

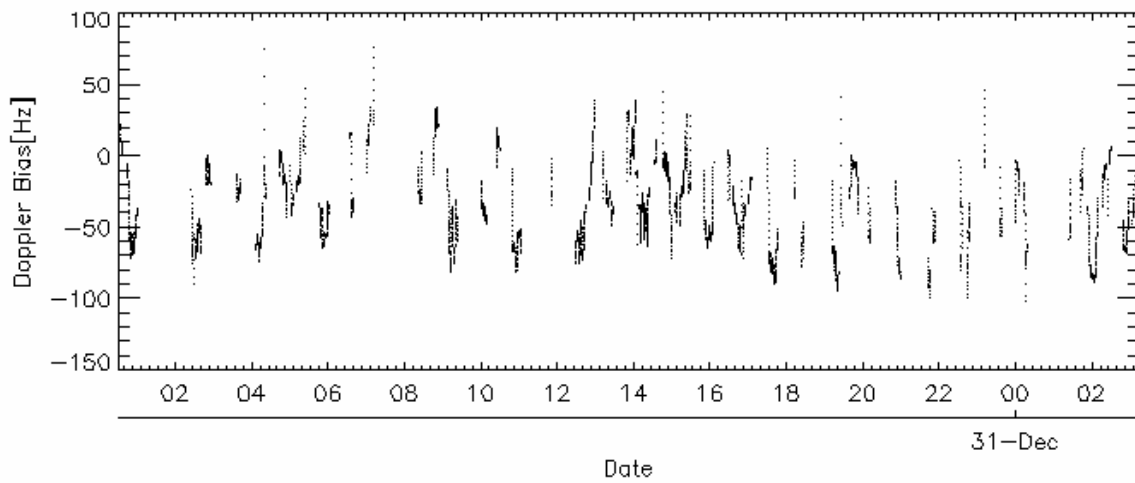


(b) residual Doppler evolution versus time of day

figure 6: Residual Doppler centroid evolution for WVS data



(a) Doppler evolution versus elapsed seconds since ANX



(b) residual Doppler evolution versus time of day

figure 7: Residual Doppler centroid evolution for GMM data

5 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 polarizations. 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	0.90±1.03	1.17	0.18	1.08	0.52	1.41	1.04	1.08
	ASAR	0.23±0.40	0.22	0.03	0.15	0.30	0.15	0.58	0.40
	Radarsat	1.31±1.09	1.66	0.63	1.59	0.61	1.81	1.37	1.31
IMG	All	0.24±0.35							
IMS	All	0.74±1.03							
IMM	All	0.77±0.95							
APP	All	0.61±0.95	0.25	0.50	0.53	1.03	0.37	0.93	0.82
	ASAR	-0.33±0.52	0.02	-0.24	0.09	-0.55	-0.84	-0.32	-0.61
	Radarsat	0.73±0.93	0.27	0.70	0.56	1.31	0.47	1.11	0.95
APG	All	-0.79±0.77							
APS	All	0.19±1.02							
APM	All	0.27±0.90							
WSM	ASAR	-0.35±0.88							

ASAR Image Relative Radar Cross-Sections

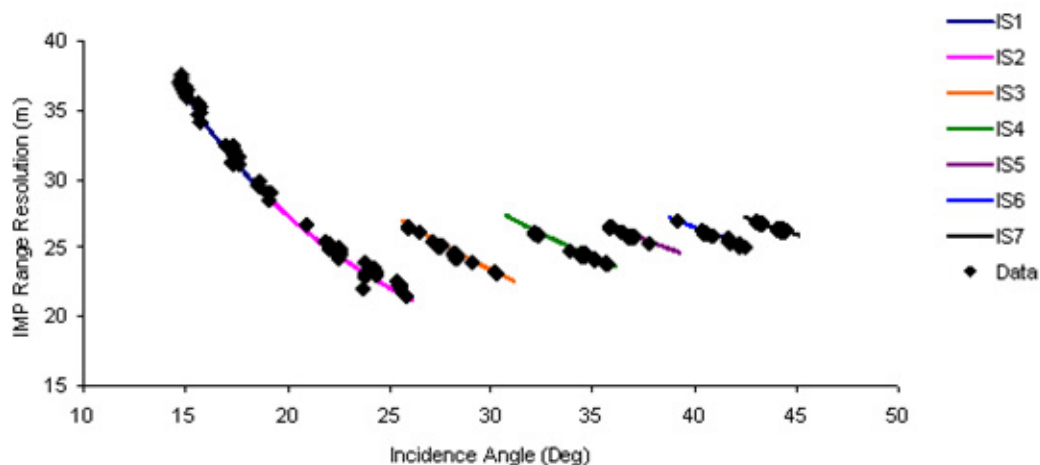
Product type	Transponder	Relative RCS [dB]			
		VV	HH	VH	HV
IMP	All	1.23±0.92	0.32±0.96		
	ASAR	0.37±0.38	-0.03±0.31		
	Radarsat	1.78±0.71	0.52±1.14		
APP	All	0.97±0.65	0.08±1.04	0.61±0.81	0.90±1.09
	ASAR	-0.38±0.58	-0.14±0.48	-0.56±0.49	-0.32±0.60
	Radarsat	1.01±0.61	0.12±1.11	0.88±0.60	1.05±1.04

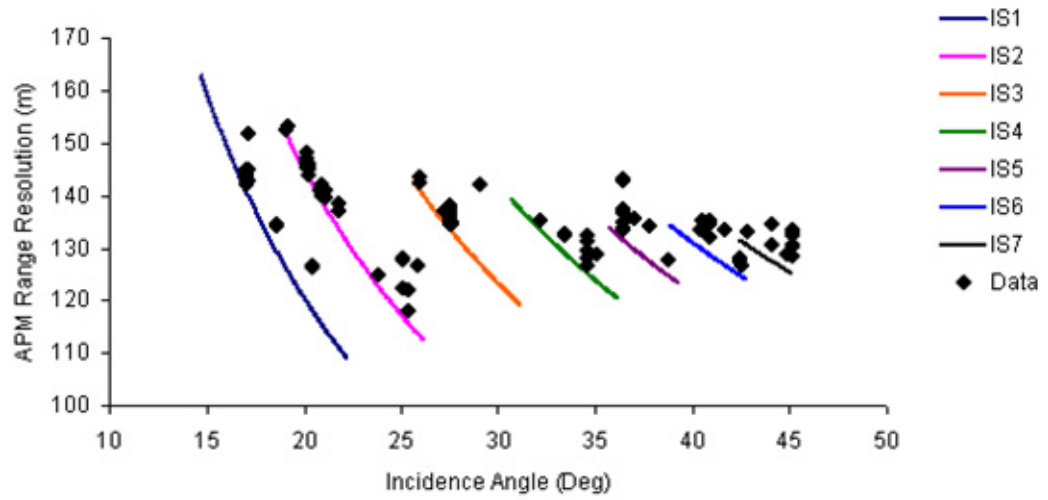
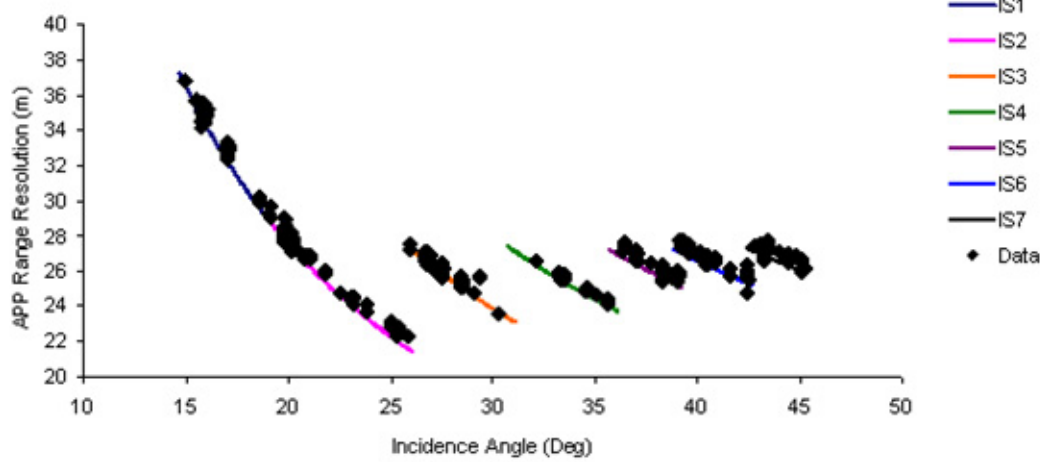
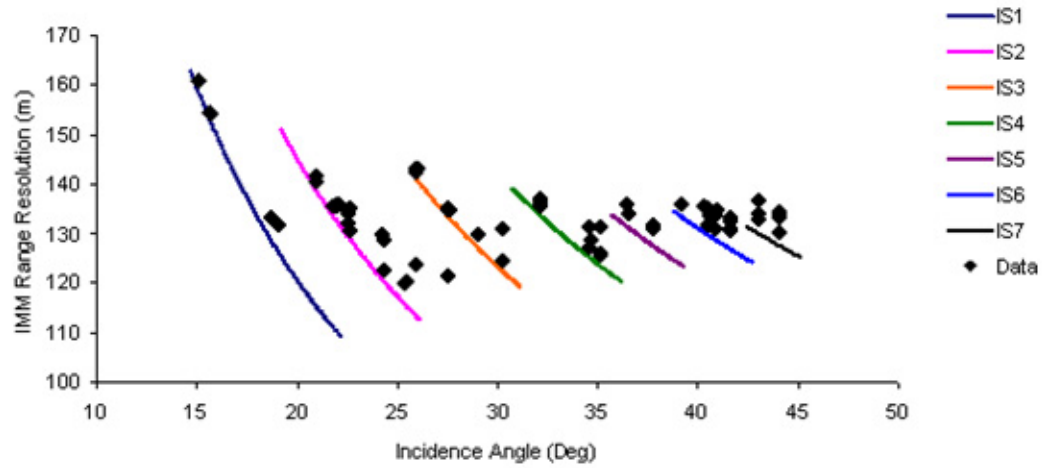
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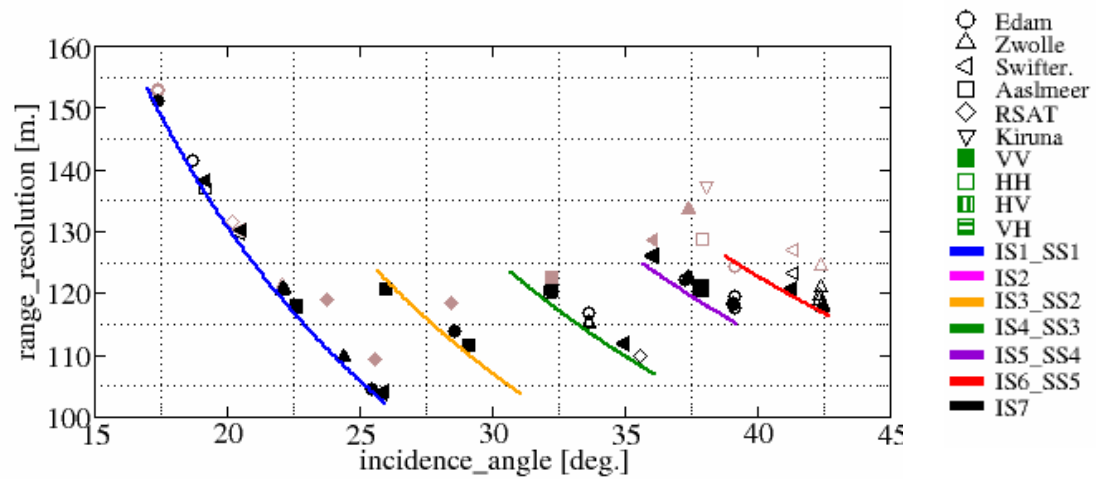
¹The relative RCS is defined as the difference between the nominal RCS and the measured RCS.

The tables below show IRF parameters measured per different product types. Please note that the performance for WSM products are given only for ASAR transponders reprocessed with pixel spacing of 40m.

Product Type	Azimuth Res (m)	Range Res (m)	ISLR (dB)	PSLR (dB)	SSLR (dB)	No of Results
IMP	22.06±0.43	Rg.dependent (fig. below)	-13.07±1.50	-16.62±0.89	-22.43±1.90	227
IMG	22.29±0.38	22.7 - 35.4 (rg.dependent)	-13.39±0.63	-16.82±0.98	-23.38±1.49	34
IMS	4.74±0.02 5.55±0.07	9.44±0.06	-14.28±0.64	-19.15±0.58	-28.05±1.20	76
IMM	146.4±3.6	Rg.dependent (fig. below)	-6.00±3.35	-16.08±2.14	-15.39±3.98	71
APP	27.67±0.77	Rg.dependent (fig. below)	-12.27±1.76	-18.98±0.85	-25.48±2.76	473
APG	27.74±0.49	23.2 - 30.3 (rg.dependent)	-13.06±0.43	-19.29±0.80	-27.44±1.58	20
APS	5.09±1.72	8.39±0.10	2.91±2.40	-2.52±1.30	-17.66±4.21	85
APM	144.1±3.9	(rg.dependent)	-5.82±5.91	-16.53±1.75	-16.48±5.86	122
WSM	107.53± 2.05	103.7-151.2 (rg.dependent)	-9.75±3.49	-18.71±1.33	-17.75±5.72	47







In the above figure, the symbol stands for a point target, the colour for the beam and the filling of the symbol stands for polarisation. Black symbols are the one with 40m pixel spacing while brown are the 75m pixel spacing ones.

6 ELEVATION ANTENNA PATTERN MONITORING

6.1 *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	27/10/2004
IS3_SS2	VV	27/08/2003			12/08/2004	
IS3_SS2	HV					
IS3_SS2	VH					
IS4_SS3	HH				12/08/2004	
IS4_SS3	VV					27/10/2004
IS4_SS3	HV			06/04/2004		
IS4_SS3	VH			06/04/2004		
IS5_SS4	HH	27/08/2003		06/04/2004		27/10/2004
IS5_SS4	VV	27/08/2003				
IS5_SS4	HV			06/04/2004		
IS5_SS4	VH			06/04/2004		
IS6_SS5	HH					27/10/2004
IS6_SS5	VV					
IS6_SS5	HV			06/04/2004		
IS6_SS5	VH			06/04/2004		
IS7	HH					
IS7	VV					
IS7	HV					
IS7	VH					

6.2 *History of elevation antenna pattern updates*

The table below summarizes 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_AX 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 & polarization	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_000000²	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
	RF	20041027	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20041027_164238_20040412_000000_20051231_000000	20040412	20051231
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
	RF	20041027	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20041027_164238_20040412_000000_20051231_000000	20040412	20051231
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
	RF	20041027	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20041027_164238_20040412_000000_20051231_000000	20040412	20051231
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
	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
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	20041027	ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20041027_164238_20040412_000000_20051231_000000	20040412	20051231
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

7 AUXILIARY FILES UPDATE

7.1 *Operational auxiliary data files*

The latest version of the ASAR auxiliary data files, currently used for the operational processing of ASAR data in the ENVISAT Ground Segment and which contain the most recent information on calibration and instrument parameters, are listed below:

Processor configuration file

[ASA_CON_AXVIEC20041215_175442_20030601_000000_20051231_000000](#)
[ASA_CON_AXVIEC20041215_180008_20021017_130000_20030601_000000](#)

External calibration data

[ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20041027_164238_20040412_000000_20051231_000000](#)
[ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20041028_154000_20030804_000000_20040412_000000](#)
[ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20041027_163611_20030601_000000_20030804_000000](#)
[ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20041027_162907_20030211_000000_20030601_000000](#)
[ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20041129_173057_20020413_000000_20030211_000000](#)

Instrument auxiliary file

[ASA_INS_AXVIEC20041215_180208_20030211_000000_20051231_000000](#)
[ASA_INS_AXVIEC20031209_113259_20021030_110000_20030211_000000](#)
[ASA_INS_AXVIEC20031212_105841_20021017_162400_20021030_110000](#)
[ASA_INS_AXVIEC20031212_122530_20020815_131000_20021017_162400](#)

External characterization file

[ASA_XCH_AXVIEC20041215_180350_20020301_000000_20051231_000000](#)

These files as well as the previous versions of them can be downloaded from:

http://earth.esa.int/services/auxiliary_data/asar/

7.2 *Recent auxiliary file updates and description of changes*

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

[ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20041129_173057_20020413_000000_20030211_000000](#)

- ✓ Absolute calibration constant values updated for data acquired during this period. Major changes affect AP IS5 and IS7 products.
- ✓ Other parameters are the same as previous XCA file covering this time period (file created on 20030801).

ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20041028_154000_20030804_000000_20040412_000000

- ✓ The SS2-VV elevation antenna pattern used for data acquired after 12 April 2004 is also applied now to data acquired after 4 August 2004.
- ✓ New calibration constant (K) for WV IS2 VV after the DSS change in May 2003. Due to the drift observed in the WV K after May2003, the new value is valid since 1 June 2003 till 12 April 2004. The K value for WV IS2 VV for this period is 51571.6
- ✓ Updated elevation antenna pattern for SS3 VV. Valid since 4 Aug 2003.

ASA_CON_AXVIEC20041027_165251_20021017_130000_20051231_000000

- ✓ File consistent with updated format in PF-ASAR v4.0 (additional parameters in spare fields included and parameters for the new WSS product included).
- ✓ Normalization for WSM products changed to Reference Energy.
- ✓ Updated reference energy values for WSM products (values in dB):
- ✓ HH (from SS1 to SS5): 1.08, 6.96, 7.5, 7.95, 9.13
- ✓ VV (from SS1 to SS5): 1.11, 6.9, 7.5, 7.95, 9.1

ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20041027_164238_20040412_000000_20051231_000000

- ✓ Updated calibration constant (K) for WV IS2 VV to follow an observed drift. The new K is valid since 12 April 2004. with a value of 50222.9
- ✓ Updated elevation antenna patterns for: SS2 HH, SS4 HH, SS5 HH. They are valid since 12 April 2004.
- ✓ Updated elevation antenna pattern for SS3 VV. Valid since 4 Aug 2003 (this is the same pattern as in file valid from 4-Aug-04 to 12-Apr-04).

ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20041027_163611_20030601_000000_20030804_000000

- ✓ New calibration constant (K) for WV IS2 after the DSS change in May 2003. Due to the drift observed in the WV K after May2003. The new K is valid since 1 June 2003 till 12 April 2004 with a value of 51571.6

ASA_XCA_AXVIEC20041027_162907_20030211_000000_20030601_000000

- ✓ Created to use a different K for WV (IS2 VV) before and after May 2003.
- ✓ No changes with respect to the previous XCA file covering this time period.

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 polarization).
- ✓ Changed AP normalization 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 polarization).
- ✓ Changed AP normalization 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

ASA_CON_AXVIEC20041215_175442_20030601_000000_20051231_000000

- ✓ Image mode (IM) Reference Energy updated for data acquired after the DSS redundancy change in May 2003. IM Reference Energy before the DSS redundancy change can be found in the [ASA_CON_AXVIEC20041215_180008_20021017_130000_20030601_000000](#) file.
- ✓ End validity time extended to 31-DEC-2005.

ASA_CON_AXVIEC20041215_180008_20021017_130000_20030601_000000

- ✓ File created to have different reference energy values before/after the DSS change after May 2003.

ASA_XCH_AXVIEC20041215_180350_20020301_000000_20051231_000000

- ✓ End validity time extended to 31-DEC-2005.

ASA_INS_AXVIEC20041215_180208_20030211_000000_20051231_000000

- ✓ End validity time extended to 31-DEC-2005.