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This document shall be amended by releasing a new edition of the document in its entirety. The Amendment Record Sheet below records the history and issue status of this document.

AMENDMENT RECORD SHEET

ISSUE	DATE	DCI No	REASON
1	04 October 2011	N/A	First release
2	31 October 2011	N/A	Section 4.2.1: Clarification on the new ECMWF processor. Section 5. Global maps enlarged for a better inspection.



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1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This is the routine Soil Moisture and Ocean Salinity (SMOS) Monthly Public Report containing a summary of the instrument health, product quality status and, important updates to SMOS processing and AUX files during September 2011.

The instrument health during September was found to be nominal. There were 4 unavailabilities reported during the reporting period that translate into time intervals with data loss or degraded data. The list of unavailabilities is included in the section 3.2.

The data quality during September was found to be nominal except in the time intervals listed in the section 4.4. The degradation of the data has been induced either by instrument anomalies or by the unavailability of the dynamic auxiliary files.



2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 Structure of the Document

After this introduction, the document is divided into a number of major sections that are briefly described below:

1 Executive summary

The executive summary covers the main findings from the report.

2 Introduction

A list of referenced documents and definitions of terms are available.

3 Instrument status

This section covers the instrument health and unavailabilities from this reporting period.

4 Data Summary

This section covers reprocessing, updates to processors and aux files as well as a data coverage summary.

5 Long-term Analysis

Long-term analysis of the instrument calibration and data quality are provided in this section.

2.2 Definitions of Terms

The following terms have been used in this report with the meanings shown.

Term	Definition	
CMN	Control and Monitoring Node, responsible for commanding the receivers, reading their physical temperatures and telemetry and the generation of the synchronization signal (local oscillator tone) among receivers.	
CCU	Correlator and Control unit, instrument computer on- board	
DPGS	Data Processing Ground Segment	
ESL	Expert Science Laboratory	
IDEAS	Instrument Data quality Evaluation and Analysis Service, reporting to the ESA Data Quality and Algorithms Management Office (EOP-GQ), responsible for quality of data provided to users including the data calibration and validation, the data processing algorithms, and the routine instrument and processing chain performances.	
IPF	Instrument Processor Facility	



L2SM	Level 2 Soil Moisture
OCM	Orbit Correction Manoeuvre
PMS	Power Measurement System
RFI	Radio Frequency Interference
N/A	Not applicable



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3. INSTRUMENT STATUS

3.1 Instrument health

The current instrument status is that all the instrument subsystems are working correctly. The current configuration of the instrument is that the arm A and the arm B are working in nominal side and arm C is in the redundant side.

Start	Stop	Description
11 January 2010 12:07z Orbit 1013	N/A	Arm A changes from redundant to nominal side. That operation is to avoid the malfunction of one of the redundant CMNs of the arm.
12 January 2011 09:15z Orbit 6278	N/A	Arm B changes from redundant to nominal side. That operation is to avoid the malfunction of one of the redundant CMNs of the arm.

Table 3-1History of instrument problems and mode changes

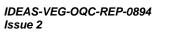
3.2 Instrument unavailabilities and anomalies

The unavailabilities and anomalies listed in Table 3-2 occurred during the reporting period. A full list of unavailabilities can be found in the Mission Status section on the SMOS Earthnet website (<u>http://earth.esa.int/object/index.cfm?fobjectid=7060</u>).

During these unavailabilities and anomalies the instrument may have either not collected data or may have collected corrupt data which may not have been processed to higher levels. Table 4-5, Table 4-6 and Table 4-7 provide details of the data which has been affected by gaps and quality degradation respectively.

Start	Stop	Unavailabil ity Report Reference	Planned	Description
05 September 2011 21:33 Orbit 9681	05 September 2011 21:33 Orbit 9681	FOS-0105	No	MM Latchup (Partition 1)
09 September 2011 03:15 Orbit 9728	09 September 2011 03:15 Orbit 9728	FOS-0106	No	MM Latchup (Partition 9)

 Table 3-2
 SMOS unavailability list





10 September 2011 19:59 Orbit 9752	10 September 2011 19:59 Orbit 9752	FOS-0107	No	MM Latchup (Partition 2)
OTDIC OT OL	OTDIC OT OL			
14 Septembeer 2011 21:06	14 September 2011 21:06	FOS-0108	No	MM Latchup (Partition 5)
Orbit 9810	Orbit 9810			



4. DATA SUMMARY

4.1 Reprocessing activities

No reprocessing activities have been conducted during the reporting period.

4.2 **Processing changes**

4.2.1 Processor updates

A new ECMWF processor version was transferred into operations on 19-Sept-2011. The new AUX_ECMWF products generated with ECMWF v315 include in the header the AUX_ECMCDF file used for their processing. This is a correction of a problem in the product header generation and it does not imply changes in the product header schema.

The start sensing time of the first product generated with the new processor is 19/9/2011 at 18:30:50.

4.2.2 Processor Status

At the end of the reporting period, the Processing Facility is using the following processors:

Table 4-1 Instrument Processors status

Processor	Version
L10P	346
L2OS	317
L2SM	401

Table 4-2 Pre- and Post-processors status

Processor	Version
ECMWFP	315
VTECGN	309
LAI pre-processor	307
L2 Post-processors	307

4.2.3 Schema updates

No schema changes have been conducted during the reporting period



4.2.4 Schema status

At the end of the reporting period, the schema version of the datablock of the products generated and distributed through EOLI is:

Product type	Version
MIR_SC_F1B	200
MIR_SCSF1C	201
MIR_SCLF1C	201
MIR_BWSF1C	200
MIR_BWLF1C	200
MIR_SMUDP2	202
MIR_OSUDP2	200
AUX_ECMWF_	201

Table 4-3 Schema version status

The schema packages are available from the anonymous ftp site:

ftp://131.176.251.163/smos/schemas

4.2.5 Aux file updates

The following quasi-static AUX files were disseminated to the processing stations this reporting period. The status of the quasi-static AUX files at the end of the reporting period is in the section 6.

SM_OPER_AUX_BULL_B_20110702T000000_20500101T000000_120_001_3

Dissemination date: 2011-09-02 07:52:38z

Start sensing time at L1 processor: 2011-09-02 at 00:23:03z

Justification: Bulletin Update including values from July 2011 and the prediction for August 2011. It is usage is intended for the nominal production.

SM_OPER_AUX_BULL_B_20110702T000000_20110801T235959_120_001_3

Dissemination date: 2011-09-02 07:52:38z

Start sensing time at L1 processor: File not used in the nominal processing chain

Justification: Bulletin Update including values from July 2011 and the prediction for August 2011. Its usage is intended for reprocessing.

SM_OPER_AUX_ECMCDF_20050101T000000_20101109T000000_001_002_3

Dissemination date: 2011-09-19 10:49:27z

Start sensing time at L1 processor: File not used by the current production since the validity time is in the past.

Justification: File disseminated into the DPGS since the interface of the ECMWF v315 processor requires that the file is provided by the DPGS. Previously, the file was an internal file of the ECMWF processor.

SM_OPER_AUX_ECMCDF_20101109T000000_20500101T000000_001_001_3

Dissemination date: 2011-09-19 10:49:30z

Start sensing time at L1 processor: File already used internally by the ECMWF v313 production.

Justification: File disseminated into the DPGS since the interface of the ECMWF v315 processor requires that the file is provided by the DPGS. Previously, the file was an internal file of the ECMWF processor.

4.3 Calibration Events Summary

The following table summarizes the major calibration activities conducted during the reporting period. The Local Oscillator calibration is not included in the table since occurs periodically every 10 minutes. The short calibration are acquired since 24 March 2011 but are not used in the nominal processing chain.

Start	Finish	Calibration	Comments
2011-09-01 16:00:00z	2011-09-01 16:01:44z	Short Calibration	Nominal
2011-09-07 15:19:19z	2011-09-07 16:41:32z	NIR Calibration	Nominal
			Brightness temperature: 3.84 K
			RMS: 0.48 K
			Moon elevation: -54.48 deg
			Sun Elevation: 0.11 deg
			Right Ascension: 74.95 deg
			Declination: 8.55 deg
2011-09-08 14:53:00z	2011-09-08 14:54:44z	Short Calibration	Nominal
2011-09-15 15:19:00z	2011-09-15 15:20:44z	Short Calibration	Nominal

Table 4-4Calibration summary



2011-09-20 15:14:53z	2011-09-20 16:37:06z	NIR Calibration	Nominal Brightness temperature: 3.85 K RMS: 0.50 K Moon elevation: 83.03 deg Sun Elevation: -0.47deg
			Right Ascension: 86.58 deg Declination: 15.82 deg
2011-09-22 15:45:00z	2011-09-22 15:46:44z	Short Calibration	Nominal
2011-09-29 14:33:00z	2011-09-29 14:34:44z	Short Calibration	Nominal

4.4 Data Coverage Summary

Where instrument unavailabilities or anomalies have occurred during this reporting period, gaps in data coverage may have occurred. A list of the gaps due to a permanent data loss is given in Table 4-5 by product level. On the other hand, a list of gaps due to operational problems is given in Table 4-6. The latter gaps may be recovered when the problem is fixed.

The science data gaps due to the execution of calibration activities are not listed in this section.

Table 4-5Data loss summary

Start	Finish	Data Level	Comments
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 4-6 Operational gaps summary

Start	Finish	Data Level	Comments
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

4.5 Summary of degraded data

In September 2011 SMOS data was affected by the following instrument and processing anomalies which have had a detrimental effect on the data quality.

The CMN unlocks produced short intervals (10 min) of degraded data.



	Table 4-7	Summary of de	graded data
Start	Finish	Affected products	Problem Description
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Product Quality Disclaimers 4.6

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In September 2011, no quality disclaimers were issued.



5. LONG-TERM ANALYSIS

5.1 Calibration Analysis

The calibration parameters are under monitoring. No anomalies have been detected in the reporting period. During the reporting period, there have been NIR calibrations events on 7 September and 20 September. The NIR calibration events have been monitored and the noise injection levels of the NIR diodes are inside the range defined in the routine calibration plan.

5.2 **Product Quality Analysis**

The data quality in the reporting period is nominal.

The L1 production is nominal as no artefacts are observed in the 1st Stokes maps in Figure 1 to Figure 10. The figures plot the 1st Stokes parameter computed at 42.5 deg from the L1C Browse products. All the artificial patterns in the images can be explained by the presence of RFIs. The impact of the RFI in the brightness temperature measurements over land can be observed mainly in Europe and Asia.

The L2 Soil Moisture and Ocean Salinity production is nominal in the reporting period. Figure 16 shows the evolution of the soil moisture retrievals. Those values present some differences with the Volumetric Soil Water at L1 (see Figure 17) provided by ECMWF. Mainly, those differences between the ECMWF forecast and the retrieved soil moisture are observed in the descending passes during September. The Level 2 ESL has pointed out that the possible cause is that the predicted precipitation event might not actually occur. Another hypothesis could be the lack of soil moisture retrievals due to RFI.



Figure 1 1st Stokes evolution over land during the reporting period (week 35)

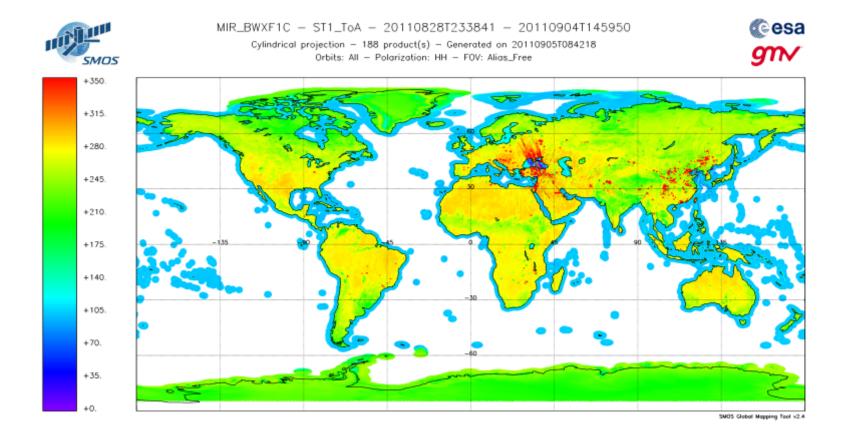
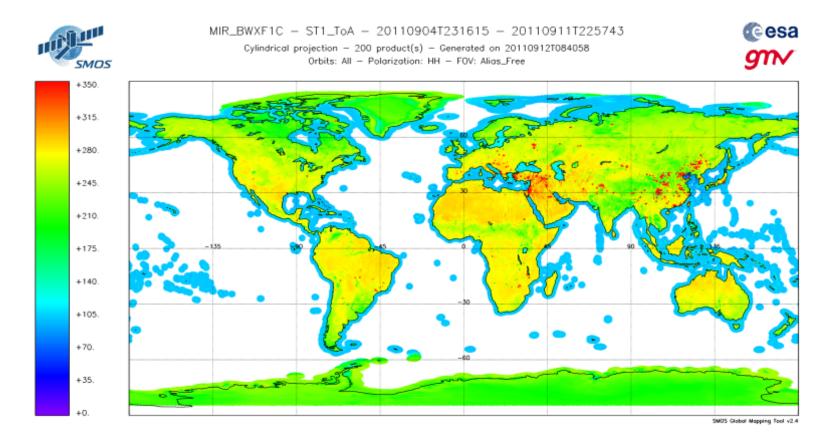






Figure 2 1st Stokes evolution over land during the reporting period (week 36)





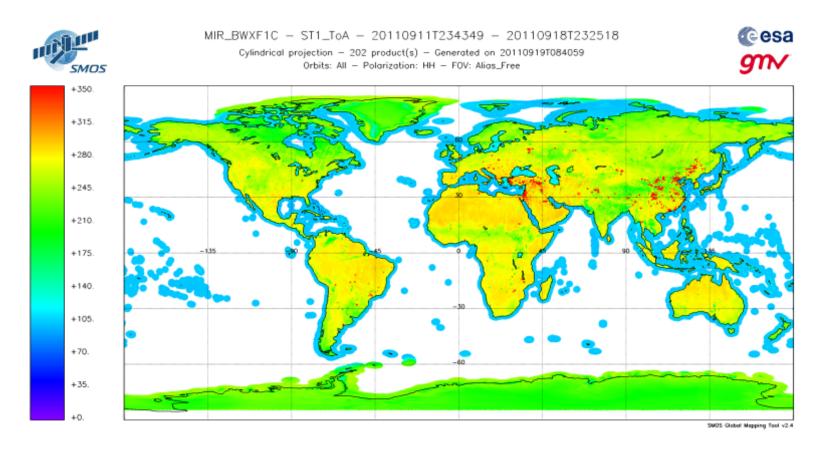
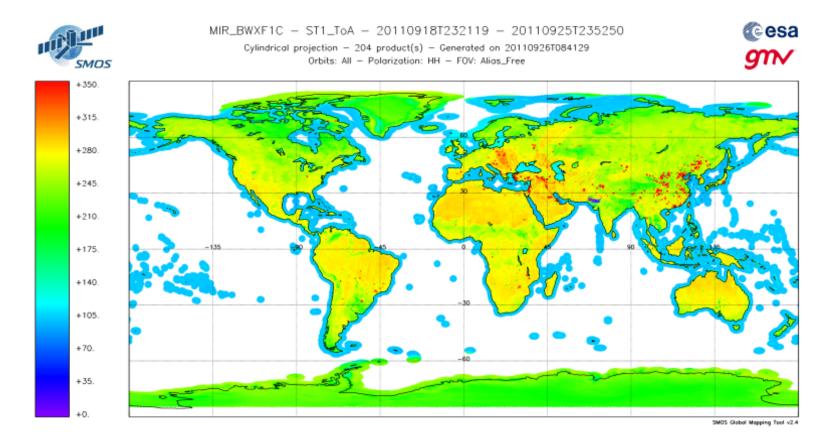


Figure 3 1st Stokes evolution over land during the reporting period (week 37)



Figure 4 1st Stokes evolution over land during the reporting period (week 38)





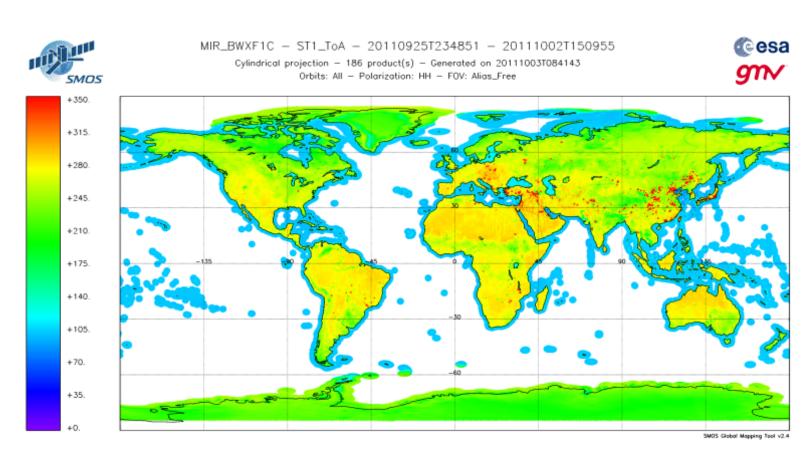


Figure 5 1st Stokes evolution over land during the reporting period (week 39)



Figure 6 1st Stokes evolution over sea during the reporting period (week 35)

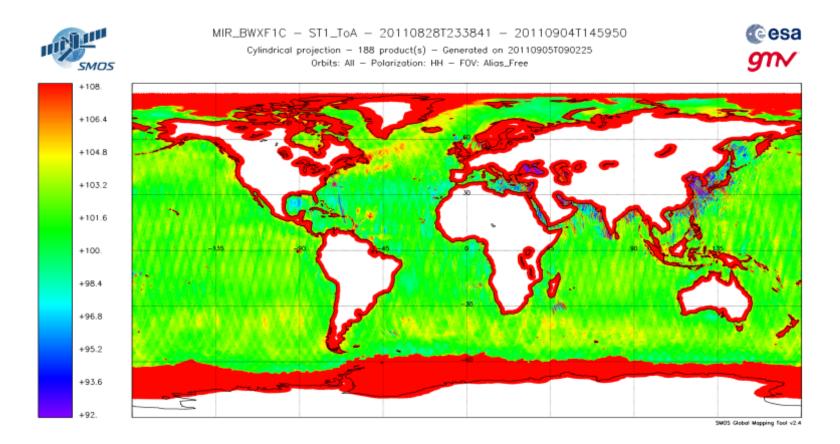
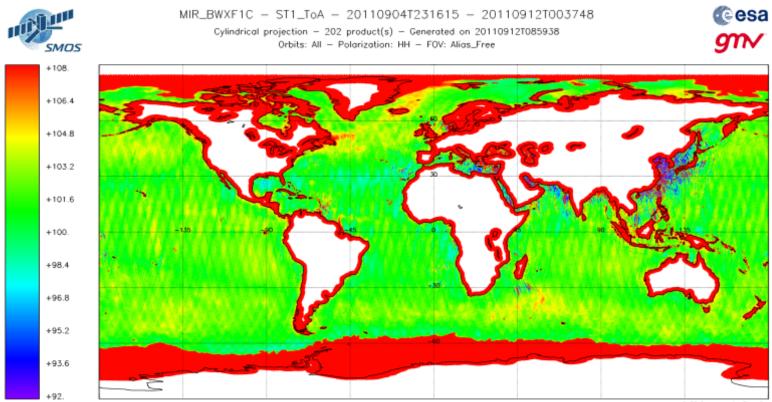




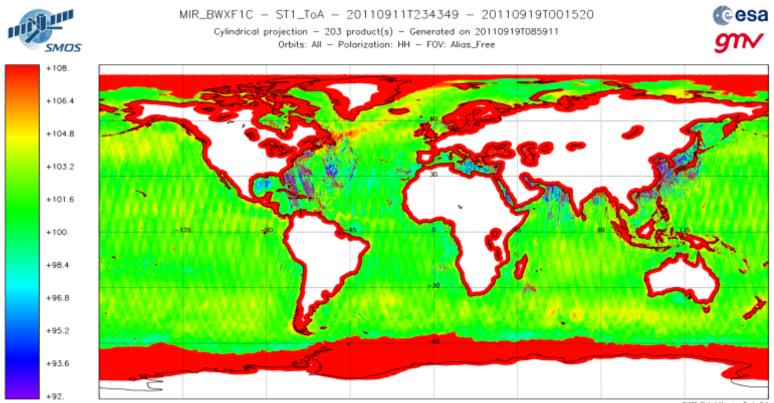
Figure 7 1st Stokes evolution over sea during the reporting period (week 36)



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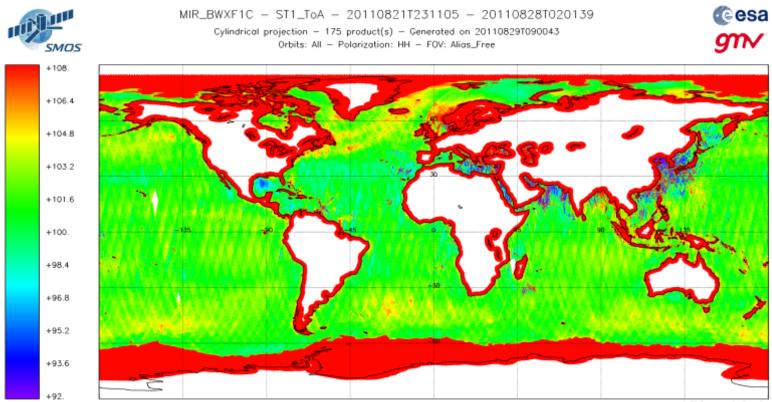
Figure 8 1st Stokes evolution over sea during the reporting period (week 37)



SMOS Global Mapping Tool v2.4



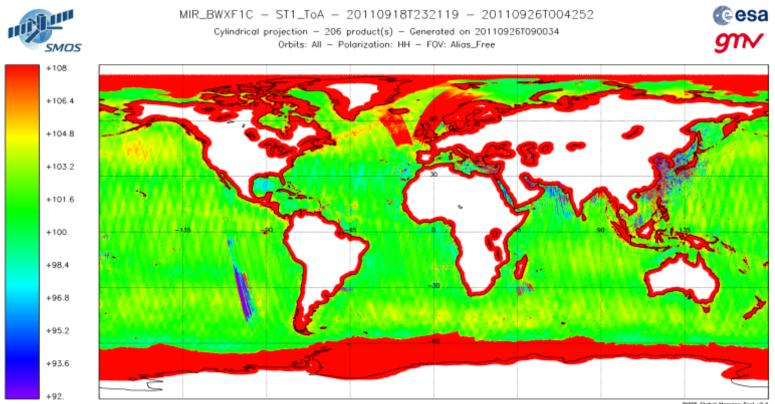
Figure 9 1st Stokes evolution over sea during the reporting period (week 38)



SMDS Global Mapping Tool v2.4



Figure 10 1st Stokes evolution over sea during the reporting period (week 39)



SMDS Global Mapping Tool v2.4

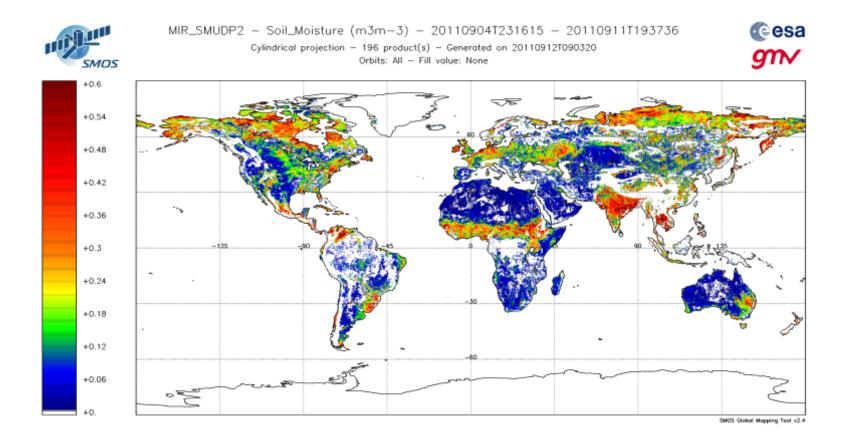


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Figure 11 Soil moisture evolution during the reporting period (week 35)



Figure 12 Soil moisture evolution during the reporting period (week 36)





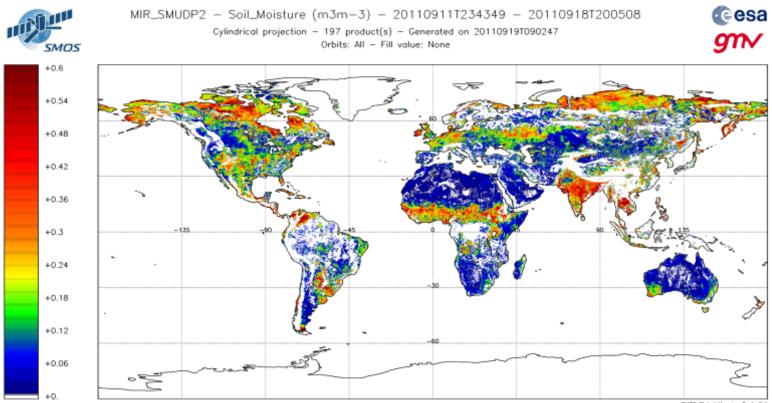
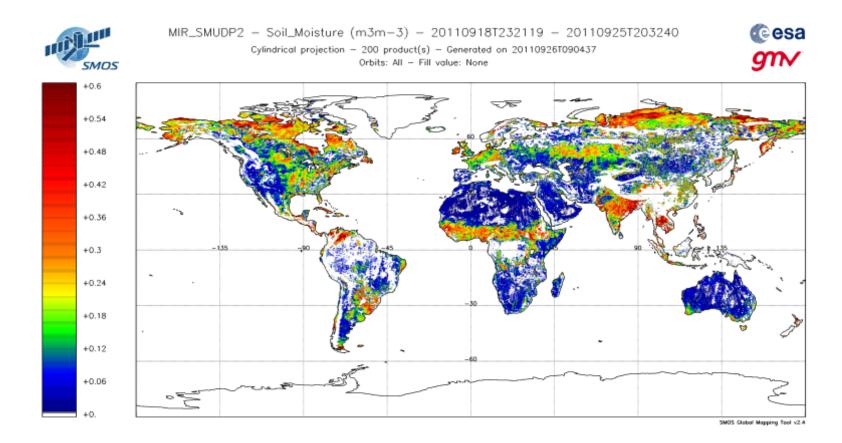


Figure 13 Soil moisture evolution during the reporting period (week 37)

SMDS Global Mapping Tool v2.4



Figure 14 Soil moisture evolution during the reporting period (week 38)





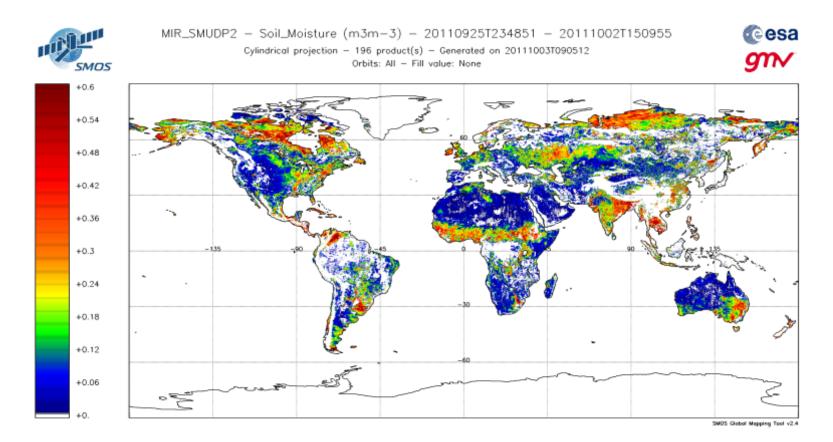


Figure 15 Soil moisture evolution during the reporting period (week 39)



Figure 16 Soil moisture on Taklamakan desert during the reporting period: SM in ascending passes (left) and SM in descending passes (right)

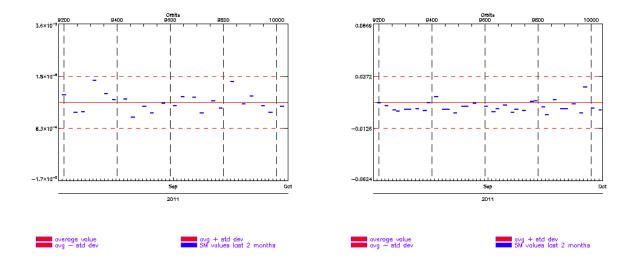
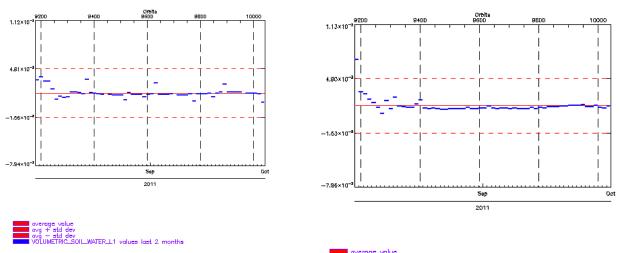


Figure 17 Volumetric Soil Water L1 provided by ECMWF on Taklamakan desert during the reporting period: ascending passes (left) and descending passes (right)









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ADF File Type	Operational ADF Version (DPGS Baseline)	Updated
AUX_APDL	SM_OPER_AUX_APDL20050101T000000_20500101T000000_300_001_4.EEF	No
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AUX_APDS	SM_OPER_AUX_APDS20050101T000000_20500101T000000_300_001_4.EEF	No
AUX_ATMOS_	SM_OPER_AUX_ATMOS20050101T000000_20500101T000000_001_010_8.EEF	No
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APPENDIX A. CONFIGURATION DOCUMENT LIST

The list of internal documents used for the generation of this report is:

- Unavailability_03_10_11.xls
- Details_Calibrations_03_10_11.xls
- SO-MN-IDR-GS-0356_CCB-81_06-Sep-11_v10.doc
- SO-MN-IDR-GS-0357_CCB-82_13-Sep-11_v10.doc
- SO-MN-IDR-GS-0359_CCB-83_21-Sep-11_v10.doc
- SO-MN-IDR-GS-0360_CCB-84_27-Sep-11_v10.doc







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