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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This document refers to the activities carried out in the framework of the Sensor Performance, Products and Algorithms (SPPA) Office [RD.1], and as such it reports on work related to:

- Algorithms and Processors Development, Maintenance and Evolution: these include all algorithm and software evolution and maintenance aspects for the different components, for both the Operational processors (OP) and Prototypes processors (PP) of L1 and L2 chains.
- Performance Assessment: these include all Quality Control activities (on-line and offline, systematic or on-demand), for the applicable product levels.
- System Calibration: these include the activities related to calibration, from sensor to system level. They also include aspects like cross calibration and handling of external calibration sources.
- Product validation: these include definition and maintenance of product validation plans.
- End-to-end Sensor Dataset Performance: these include activities related to the organisation and coordination of Quality Working Groups and all aspects of the Experimental platform. It also covers the product baseline, coordination and handling of external communities, and all aspects of ADF handling (both for the operational processors and for the prototypes).

This weekly report constitutes a work in progress throughout the mission life time, and new parts and complements will be added while the consolidation of knowledge on Swarm data and instruments will progress.

Section 2.1 always gives an overview of the general quality status of the mission instruments and products, while the main observations of the week are summarized in Section 2.2.

The document also includes information on data quality for the three Swarm spacecraft, inferred from automated HTML quality reports which are produced on daily basis for each product. Please contact the IDEAS+ Swarm team if interested in accessing the reports via web or FTP (all details about interfaces and folder structure available on [RD.2]). Such quality reports represent the core of the Routine Quality Control (Chapter 3). A description of the implemented quality checks is given in [RD.3], and references therein.

Basing on specific findings of the routine quality control, or on-demand from other entities (i.e. Swarm PDGS, FOS, Mission Management, Post-Launch Support Office, Expert Support Laboratories, Quality Working Groups, user community), anomalies can be triggered and preliminary characterisations and investigations of such anomalies are given in Chapter 4. The anomalies documented in the Weekly Reports are tracked in the following way:

1. If triggered by ESA Eohelp or within the Service: IDEAS+ action and ticketing system (<http://requests-sppa.serco.it/RT3/index.html> ).
2. If triggered by IDEAS+ Swarm team or other entities:
  - 2a. If the observation/analysis leads to an anomaly to be addressed to the processor provider (GMV): SPR on EO ARTS (<https://arts.eo.esa.int> ), **SWL1L2DB** project;
  - 2b. If the observation/analysis does not lead to an anomaly or the investigation shall be escalated to other entities (PLSO/industry, ESL, PDGS): Action tracked on EO ARTS, **SW-IDEAS** project, then addressed to the proper tracking system if needed (e.g. JIRA for ESLs, SW-CP-AR project on EO ARTS for PDGS).

Information on Level 1B Swarm products can be found in [RD.4].



## 1.1 Current Operational configuration of monitored data:

- Processors Version: L1BOP 3.16, L2-Cat2 1.15
- L0 input products baseline: 02
- L1B baseline: MAGNET and PLASMA 04, ORBATT and ACCELE 03 (for definitions and description of the data baseline concept see <https://earth.esa.int/web/guest/missions/esa-operational-eo-missions/swarm/data-access/product-baseline-definition>)
- Level 2 – Cat 2 baseline: EEF and TEC 01, FAC 02
- Input auxiliary files baseline: CCDB 0005 (20/07/2015), ADF 0101
- MPPF-CVQ v.2.14.01

## 1.2 Reference documents

The following is a list of documents with a direct bearing on the content of this report. Where referenced in the text, these are identified as RD.n, where 'n' is the number in the list below:

- [RD.1] Sensor Performance, Products and Algorithms (SPPA), PGSI-GSOP-EOPG-TN-05-0025. Version 2.3.
- [RD.2] Swarm PDGS External DMC Interface Control Document, SW-ID-DS-GS-0001, Issue 3.2.
- [RD.3] Swarm MPPF-CVQ Monitoring Baseline Document, ST-ESA-SWARM-MBD-0001, Issue 1.7.
- [RD.4] Swarm Level 1B Product Definition, SW-RS-DSC-SY-0007, Issue 5.13.
- [RD.5] Swarm IDEAS Configuration Management Plan, IDEAS-SER-MGT-PLN-1081 v0.14.
- [RD.6] Swarm Quality Control Project Plan, IDEAS-SER-MGT-PLN-1071
- [RD.7] SW\_L1BOP\_status\_20141124\_MoM
- [RD.8] Planned Updates for Level 1b, SW-PL-DTU-GS-008, Rev: 1dC.
- [RD.9] IDEAS+ Swarm Weekly Report: 25/08/2014 – 31/08/2014, IDEAS+-SER-OQC-REP-2071\_SPPA\_SwarmWeeklyReport\_20140825\_20140831.pdf (ref. for SWL1L2DB-9)
- [RD.10] IDEAS+ Swarm Weekly Report: 29/09/2014 – 05/10/2014, IDEAS+-SER-OQC-REP-2071\_SPPA\_SwarmWeeklyReport\_20140929\_20141005.pdf (ref. for SW-IDEAS-34)
- [RD.11] IDEAS+ Swarm Weekly Report: 06/10/2014 – 12/10/2014, IDEAS+-SER-OQC-REP-2071\_SPPA\_SwarmWeeklyReport\_20141006\_20141012.pdf (ref. for SW-IDEAS-36)
- [RD.12] IDEAS+ Swarm Weekly Report: 20/10/2014 – 26/10/2014, IDEAS+-SER-OQC-REP-2071\_SPPA\_SwarmWeeklyReport\_20141020\_20141026.pdf (ref. for SW-IDEAS-40, GPS sync loss)
- [RD.13] IDEAS+ Swarm Weekly Report: 15/09/2014 – 21/09/2014, IDEAS+-SER-OQC-REP-2071\_SPPA\_SwarmWeeklyReport\_20140915\_20140921.pdf (ref. for SW-IDEAS-27)
- [RD.14] Swarm L1B 03.15 Validation Report, OSMV-OPMT-SRSCO-RP-15-3385, Issue 1.3.
- [RD.15] IDEAS+ Swarm Weekly Report: 23/03/2015 – 29/03/2015, IDEAS+-SER-OQC-REP-2071\_SPPA\_SwarmWeeklyReport\_201513\_20150323\_20150329.pdf.
- [RD.16] SWARM Weekly Operations Report #76, SW-RP-ESC-FS-6172



- [RD.17] Olsen, N., H. Luhr, C.C. Finlay, T.J. Sabaka, I. Michaelis, J. Rauberg and L. Tøffner-Clausen, The CHAOS-4 geomagnetic field model, *Geophys. J. Int.* 197, 815–827, 2014
- [RD.18] IDEAS+-SER-IPF-PLN-2272, Swarm Level 1B Operational Processor Verification Plan, IDEAS+-SER-IPF-PLN-2272\_L1BOP\_316\_v1.5\_final.pdf



## 2. SUMMARY OF THE OBSERVATIONS

### 2.1 General status of Swarm instruments and Level 1B products quality

**TII Investigations:** the investigations in the framework of the TII image anomaly are continuing. In the last months, the focus of the analysis has been concentrated on the reliability of the images when the sensors are operating few orbits a day: Swarm A, for example, can reliably work 4/5 orbits a day without strong degradation, but the analysis of the second y moments on-board reveals strange features in which environmental and instrumental contributions are mixed together and it is very difficult to separate them: comparisons with co-located density and magnetic field measurements will be done in the future in order to try to understand the effect of the environment. Another “fixed MCP/Phosphor voltages test” has been planned on Swarm Charlie: Vph will be set to 3000 V, but Vmcp will be kept higher, in order to reduce the noise and see whether the ring halo at the borders is reduced and also the effect of possible contaminant gas.

**LP Sweeps and increase in the S/C potential:** on July 1<sup>st</sup> a severe sweep cycle was commanded ([-5,+5] V) for one orbit on Swarm A. This led to clear increases in the intensities of the “hicks-up” observed in the S/C potential and electron temperature just after the sweep. Univ. of Calgary has compared the S/C potential time series with the TII moments on-board and found no correlated variations. This means such jumps are not “physical” (i.e., a real increase of the S/C charging due to the sweeps) but possible instrument artefacts (e.g. feedback effects on the electronics chain). Such jumps can be filtered away in a post-processing.

### 2.2 Plan for operational processor updates

**L1B:** the validation of L1B Magnet v3.16 p1 and L1B Plasma v3.16 p2 has been completed. Both patches have been put in operations the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015.

Before to start with MAGNET and PLASMA regeneration, we are waiting to solve some issue related to ORBATT: it has been evidenced that there are differences in the RINEX processing between the Napeos and an independent evaluation made by DLR, possibly related to the implementation of the receiver time scale; impacts and differences are undergoing investigations by GMV.

**L2-Cat2:** The new patch of L2-Cat 2 (v01.15p1) related to IBI processor is under validation.

Another patch related to FAC Dual processing has just been delivered.

### 2.3 Quality Working Group and Cal/Val Coordination

Here follow a summary of the discussions and main decisions taken at the 5<sup>th</sup> Data Quality Workshop in Paris concerning the Electric Field instrument:

#### TII:

- The TII sensors are still affected by an anomaly that causes a worsening of the detected O+ images on time scales ranging from tens of minutes (1/4 of an orbit) to 1-2 days, depending on sensor and S/C. The root cause is still unknown, even though hypotheses concentrate on possible contaminants (above all water vapor) that get ionized and contribute to the final images. We have experienced that periods of rest lead to a benefit





and the images keep a good quality for a while after re-activation. For that reason, possible operational scenarios for the future are being exploited, and a discussion group is forming in order to draw a sustainable activity plan for the TII operations, e.g. when to activate the instruments in order to cover the orbit configurations most interesting for science and how to handle special requests. In parallel, investigations on the anomaly root cause will continue.

- The TII calibration activity has suffered a slowdown, because the main efforts of the instrument team were concentrated on the image anomaly described above. Moreover, the image anomaly itself makes very difficult an accurate determination of the “detectors center”, i.e. the center of the detectors sensitive area that can drift over time, so introducing biases or offsets in calculation of the ion velocity. New techniques have been conceived for the detectors centers evaluation and corrected data will be available soon. Moreover, raw 16 Hz on-board calculated moments will be made available for expert users, in order to possibly have the benefit of independent analyses and views on data.

#### LP:

- Overall, the main LP product, the ionospheric electron density, looks really fine and statistically meets the expectations in terms of quality and reliability. On the other hand, the electron temperature shows more controversial characteristics: 1) the parameter calculated “blending” the two probes outcomes together looks on average acceptable but the measurements of the two separate probes are, at times, very different, especially at high latitudes; 2) the parameter is affected by a large number of spikes and overflows, especially on the day side. Two lines of action have been decided: 1) a dedicated dataset of LP measurements from the two probes separately will be distributed to expert users; 2) investigations will be carried on considering possible correlations of the spikes with S/C orientation towards the Sun and with platform parameters (e.g. solar panel currents).
- The 16 Hz faceplate currents dataset will be distributed to expert users, in order to exploit the possibility to infer the plasma parameter in an independent way and perform an indirect validation. Moreover, the validation effort by means of Incoherent Scatter Radars comparisons will be intensified with the help of GFZ and possibly other communities. Sweep mode data have now been polished and potentially ready to be studied independently: a dataset for expert users will be prepared but probably later next year, after the 16 Hz faceplate currents and the data from separate probes.

## 2.4 Summary of observations for 2015, Week 38 (14/09 - 20/09)

During the monitored week the following events have been found and investigated:

- **Several few seconds gaps in MAGx\_CA\_1B products** throughout the week. Some of them seem not to be associated to gaps in telemetry. Monitoring on-going.



### 3. ROUTINE QUALITY CONTROL

#### 3.1 Gaps analysis

- MAG\_CA\_1B gaps throughout the week (SW-IDEAS-63), due at times to gaps in the HK telemetry required to compute magnetic stray fields; this is expected from the MAGNET algorithms, nevertheless only a portion of such gaps can be explained by a telemetry rejection, so analyses are still on-going for understanding the reason of the unexplained gaps.

#### 3.2 Orbit and Attitude Products

In Table 1 are listed events that have to be reported.

**Table 1:** List of events related to attitude and orbit products to be reported in the monitoring for 2015, Week 38: 14/09 - 20/09.

Observation ID	Description	Affected parameter	Sect. of Obs. Description	Sect. of Obs. Analysis
SW-IDEAS-63	OBS_ROUTINE: MAGx_CA_1B gaps	MAGx_CA_1B	3.1	3.1

The relevant parameters that have been monitored are:

- Position difference between calculated Medium Accuracy orbits (**MODx\_SC\_1B**) and on-board solution (**GPSxNAV\_0**). Threshold values for such differences have not been assessed yet: we have just monitored the average values and maximum variations around the week, and reported in tables in the sections below, along with some example from the HTML daily reports. For the time being we evaluated an anomaly should be raised if one (or more) of the following conditions occurs:
  - The **average difference** on a given day exceeds the position accuracy requirement for the mission (1.5 m),
  - The variability around the average is quite high: **standard deviation** threshold has been arbitrarily chosen to be twice the position accuracy requirement for the mission (2-sigma = 3 m).
  - At least 4-5 spikes are observed on a given day, exceeding +/- 50 m.
- Visual inspection of Star Tracker characterisation flags (**STRxATT\_1B**)
- Deviation of the quaternion norm from unity (deviation threshold = +/- 10<sup>-9</sup>)
- Visual inspection of Euler Angles derived from quaternions.

##### 3.2.1 Position Statistics

In Table 2, one can see the statistics of the differences between MOD and on-board solution positions for S/C A, B and C respectively. In the third column the maximum differences (maximum negative and maximum positive) are reported. The maximum standard deviation is in the fourth column. Maxima, minima and standard deviations usually refer to the Z component which is often the most disturbed; in case another component is most affected, it will be specified in parentheses.



**Table 2:** Swarm A, B and C, difference between MOD and on-board solution positions. If not specified maximum difference and maximum standard deviation refers to the Z axis.

Swarm A, 14/09 - 20/09, Position difference					
Day	Average difference (m)	Maximum difference (m)		Maximum standard deviation (m)	Notes
14/09	0.14	-5.7	7.6	1.19	
15/09	0.07	-6.6	6.8	1.35	ZYZ
16/09	0.07	-6.4	7.3	1.36	
17/09	0.03	-6.9	8.0	1.33	
18/09	0.19	-7.2	8.5	1.47	
19/09	0.14	-6.7	6.6	1.24	YZZ
20/09	0.08	-8.0	11.4	1.36	
Swarm B, 14/09 - 20/09, Position difference					
Day	Average difference (m)	Maximum difference (m)		Maximum standard deviation (m)	Notes
14/09	0.17	-9.5	8.9	1.3	XZZ
15/09	0.12	-11.2	8.8	1.4	
16/09	0.18	-7.2	9.7	1.4	ZYZ
17/09	0.06	-9.2	6.8	1.5	
18/09	0.21	-9.1	7.7	1.5	
19/09	0.13	-7.2	5.3	1.3	
20/09	0.12	-7.6	7.9	1.3	
Swarm C, 14/09 - 20/09, Position difference					
Day	Average difference (m)	Maximum difference (m)		Maximum standard deviation (m)	Notes
14/09	0.16	-5.7	10.2	1.2	YZZ
15/09	0.08	-5.7	7.1	1.3	
16/09	0.11	-6.6	8.4	1.3	ZYZ
17/09	0.07	-5.9	7.2	1.3	
18/09	0.16	-7.5	8.8	1.4	XZZ
19/09	0.13	-6.2	6.7	1.2	
20/09	0.07	-8.2	7.6	1.3	

### 3.2.1.1 Swarm A

Below some plot example follows of MOD-NAV differences, S/C A, taken at the beginning of the week (14/09, Figure 1) in the middle (17/09, Figure 2) and at the end (20/09, Figure 3). From top to bottom the plots show of MOD-NAV differences in ITRF reference frame: on X, Y and Z axis respectively. The difference between both solutions is given in [m].

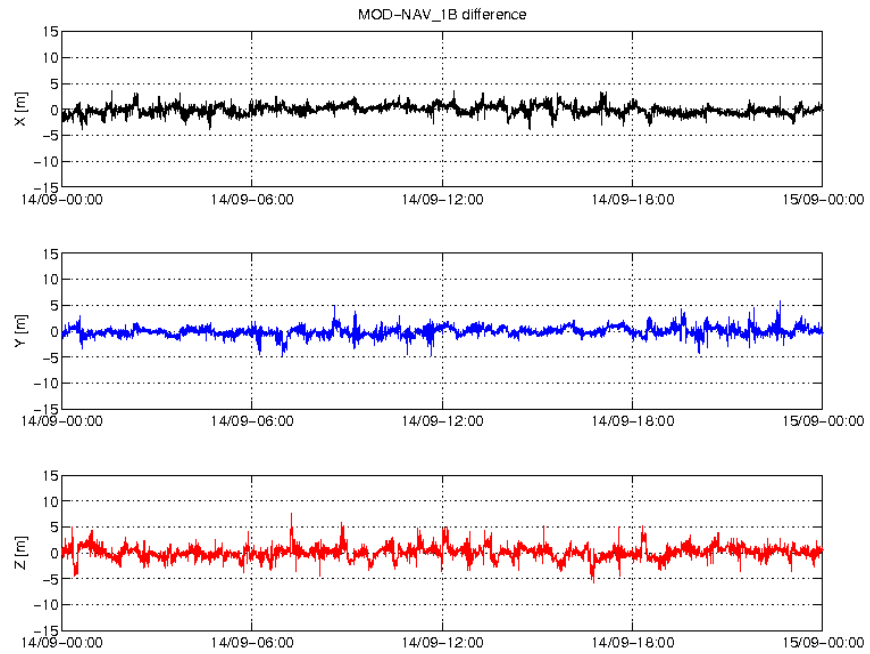


Figure 1: Difference MOD-GPSNAV, S/C A, 14/09. From top to bottom: X, Y and Z axis

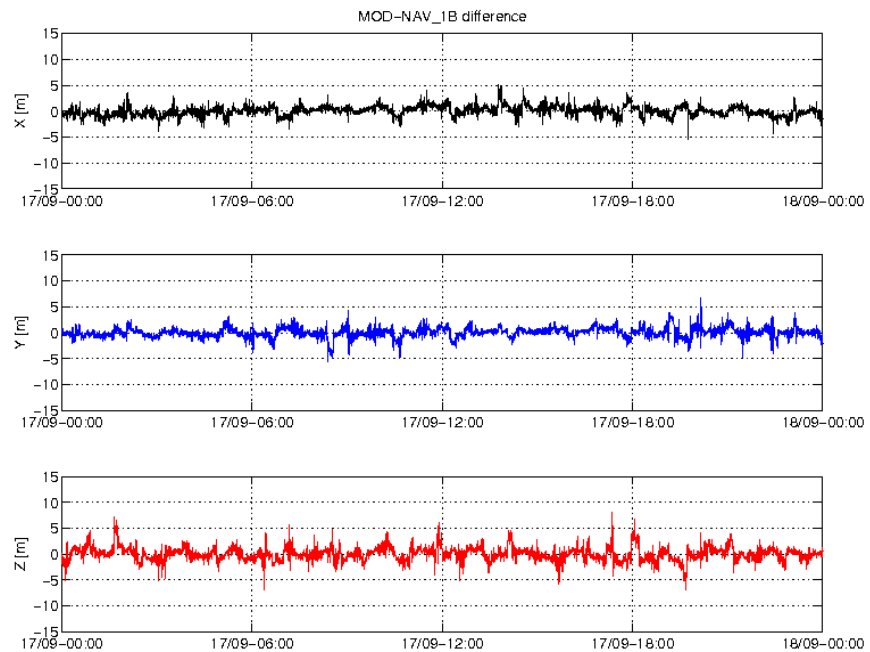


Figure 2: Difference MOD-GPSNAV, S/C A, 17/09. From top to bottom: X, Y and Z axis

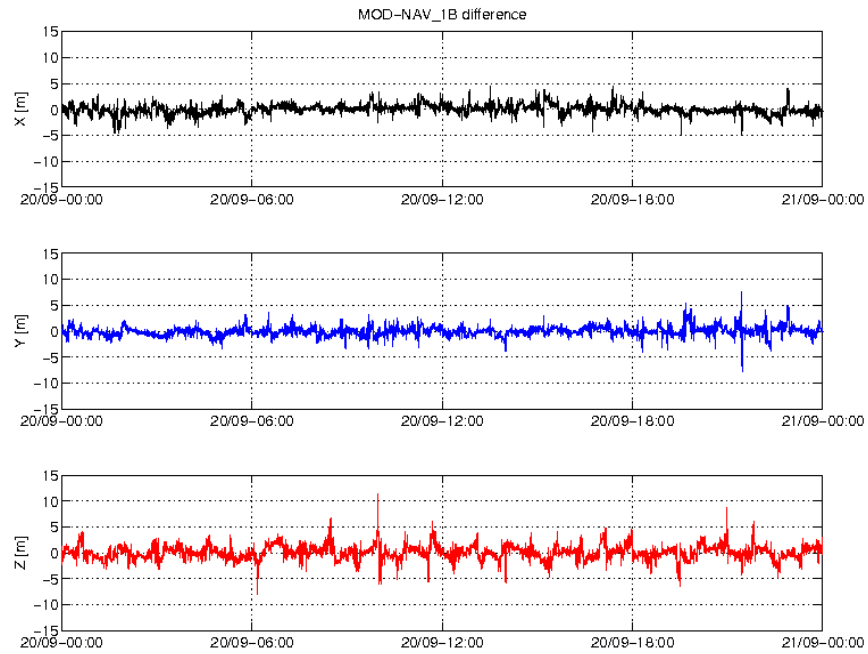


Figure 3: Difference MOD-GPSNAV, S/C A, 20/09. From top to bottom: X, Y and Z axis

### 3.2.1.2 Swarm B

Below some plot example follows of MOD-NAV differences, S/C B, taken at the beginning of the week (14/09, Figure 4), in the middle (17/09, Figure 5), and at end of the week (20/09, Figure 6). From top to bottom the plots show of MOD-NAV differences in ITFR reference frame: on X, Y and Z axis respectively. The difference between both solutions is given in [m].

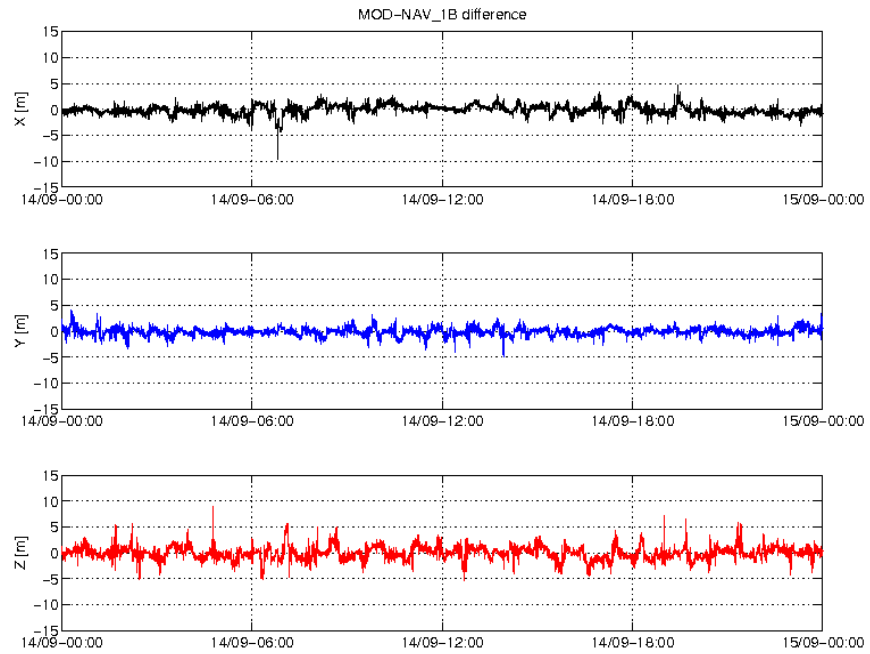


Figure 4: Difference MOD-GPSNAV, S/C B, 14/09. From top to bottom: X, Y and Z axis

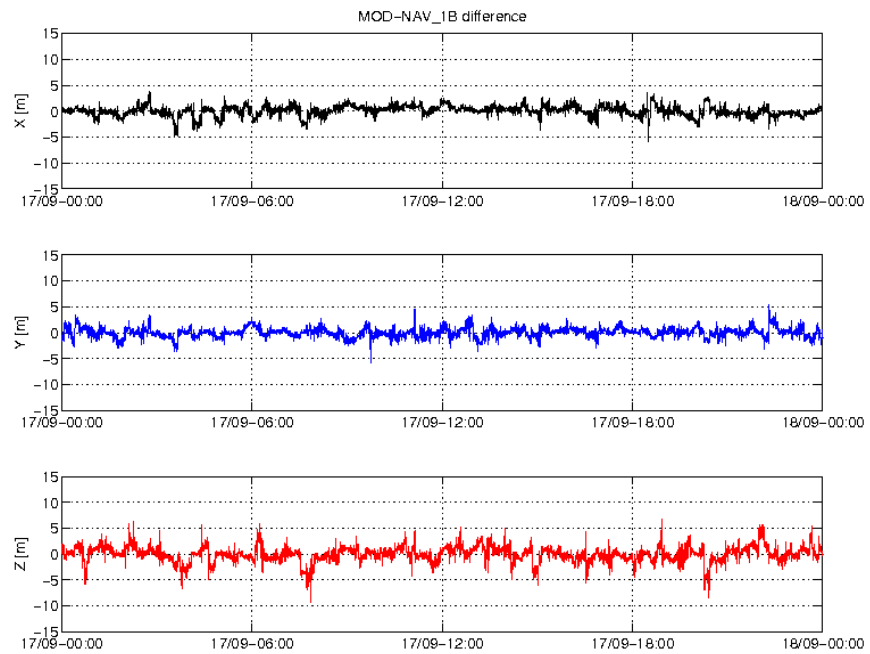


Figure 5: Difference MOD-GPSNAV, S/C B, 17/09. From top to bottom: X, Y and Z axis

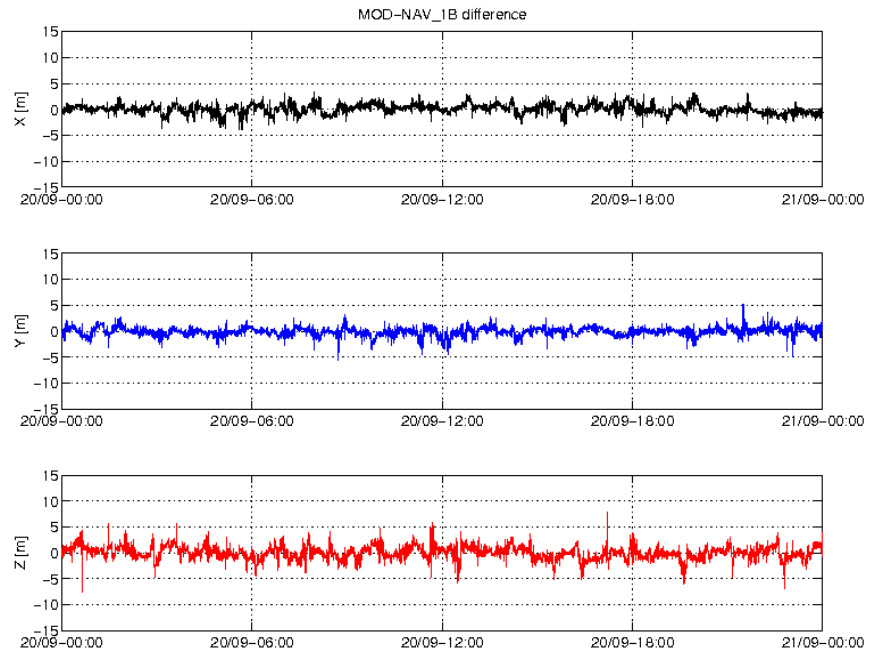


Figure 6: Difference MOD-GPSNAV, S/C B, 20/09. From top to bottom: X, Y and Z axis

### 3.2.1.3 Swarm C

Below some plot example follows of MOD-NAV differences, S/C C, taken at the beginning of the week (14/09, Figure 7), in the middle (17/09, Figure 8) and at the end (20/09, Figure 9). From top to bottom the plots show of MOD-NAV differences in ITFR reference frame: on X, Y and Z axis respectively. The difference between both solutions is given in [m].

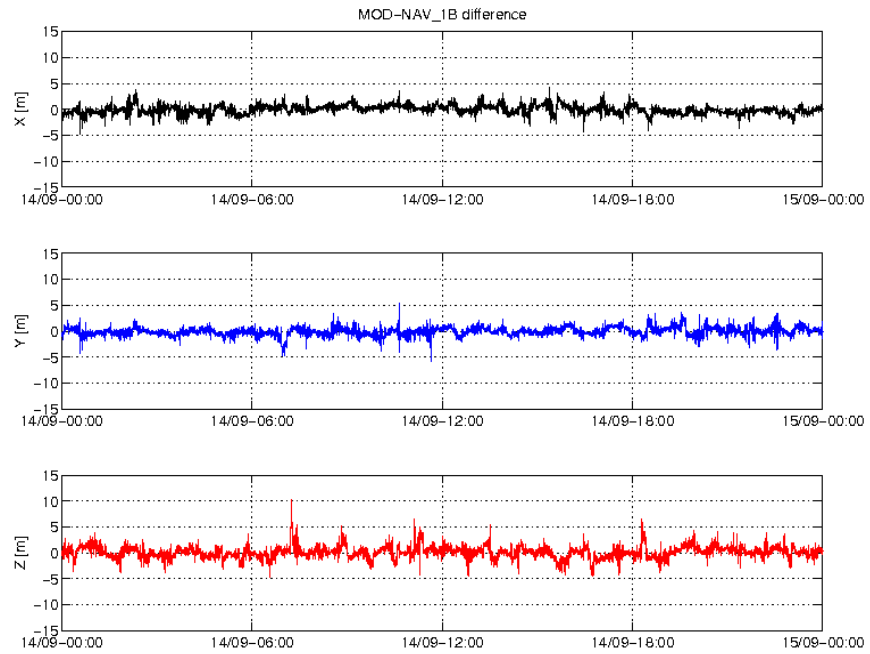


Figure 7: Difference MOD-GPSNAV, S/C C, 14/09. From top to bottom: X, Y and Z axis

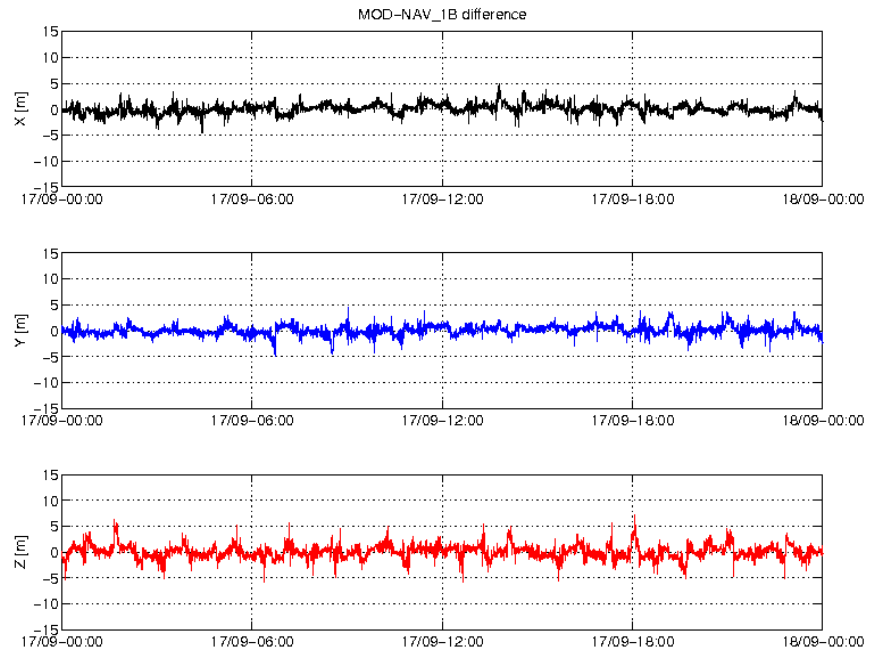


Figure 8: Difference MOD-GPSNAV, S/C C, 17/09. From top to bottom: X, Y and Z axis



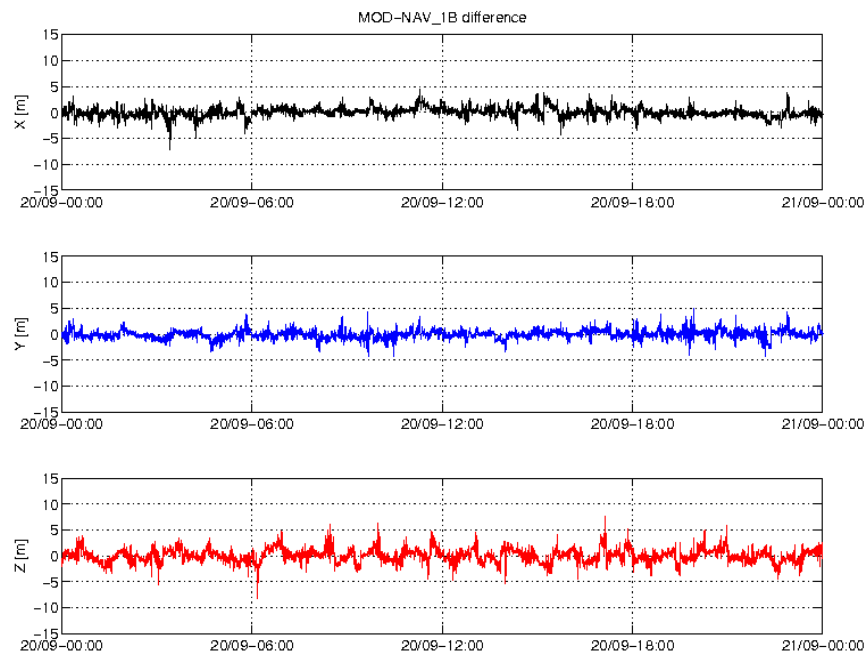


Figure 9: Difference MOD-GPSNAV, S/C C, 20/09. From top to bottom: X, Y and Z axis

### 3.2.2 Attitude observations

#### 3.2.2.1 Swarm A

Nothing to report.

#### 3.2.2.2 Swarm B

Nothing to report.

#### 3.2.2.3 Swarm C

Nothing to report.

### 3.3 Magnetic Products

For the magnetic products the weekly monitoring consists in:

- ASM instrument monitoring: quartz frequency and ASM temperature
- VFM instrument monitoring: temperatures
- Visual inspection of daily time series of magnetic field intensity F, BNEC and BVFM. Looking for gaps (or zero values in case of MAGx\_LR\_1B products), out-of-threshold values (i.e. exceeding +/- 60000 nT), and other strange features.
- Monitoring of the ASM-VFM known anomaly: visual inspection of  $|BNEC| - F$  and recording of daily maximum variations. If +/- 2 nT are exceeded on a given day, an alert is raised.
- Comparison of magnetic data (B\_NEC) with a model (Chaos4plus).



### 3.3.1 VFM-ASM anomaly

#### 3.3.1.1 ASM-VFM difference statistics

In Table 3, one can see the statistics of the differences between magnetic field absolute value measured by ASM and by VFM. In the second and third column are reported the maximum differences, maximum negative and maximum positive respectively. The maximum standard deviation is in the fourth column.

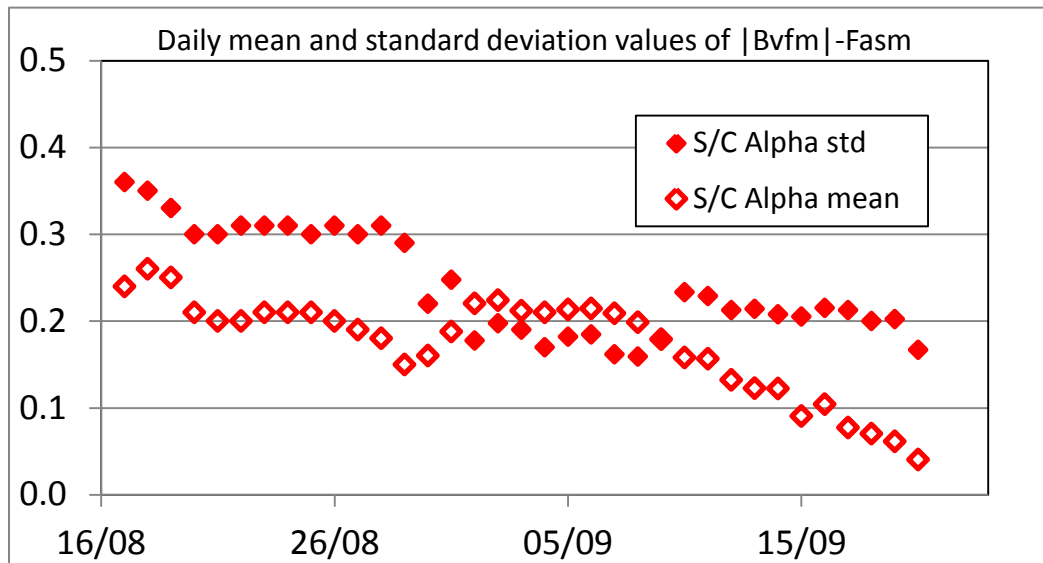
The ASM-VFM difference is defined as follow:  $dF = |B_{NEC}| - F_{ASM}$

**Table 3** Swarm A and B, difference between magnetic field absolute value measured by ASM and by VFM.

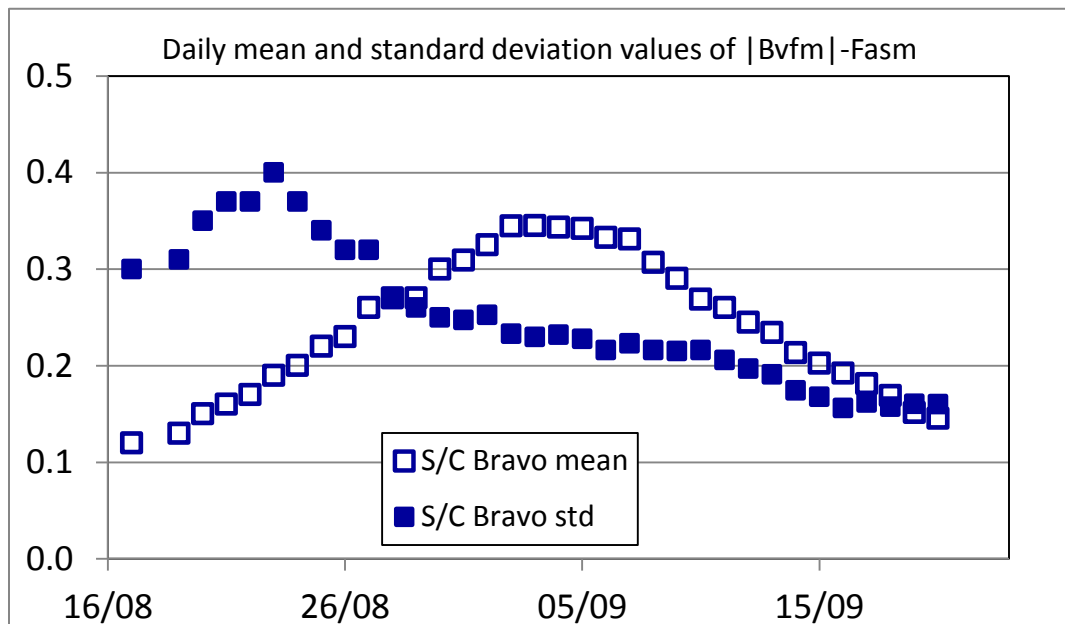
Swarm A, 14/09 - 20/09, ASM-VFM difference					
Day	Max (nT)	Min (nT)	Standard deviation (nT)	Mean (nT)	Notes
14/09	1.30	-0.96	0.21	0.12	
15/09	2.70	-0.74	0.21	0.09	
16/09	0.96	-0.52	0.22	0.10	
17/09	9.33	-1.80	0.21	0.08	
18/09	0.98	-2.06	0.20	0.07	
19/09	1.24	-1.03	0.20	0.06	
20/09	5.67	-5.16	0.17	0.04	
Swarm B, 14/09 - 20/09, ASM-VFM difference					
Day	Max (nT)	Min (nT)	Standard deviation (nT)	Mean (nT)	Notes
14/09	1.09	-0.58	0.17	0.21	
15/09	0.78	-0.66	0.17	0.20	
16/09	0.65	-0.31	0.16	0.19	
17/09	0.76	-0.75	0.16	0.18	
18/09	3.77	-0.93	0.16	0.17	
19/09	1.78	-0.76	0.16	0.15	
20/09	1.36	-2.28	0.16	0.15	



In Figure 10 and Figure 11 one can see the plots of the daily mean and the standard deviation since 17/08/2015 for both S/C A and S/C B.



**Figure 10:** Daily mean and standard deviation values of ASM-VFM residuals for S/C Alpha.



**Figure 11:** Daily mean and standard deviation values of ASM-VFM residuals for S/C Bravo.

### 3.3.1.2 Swarm A

The daily peak-to-peak difference around the week stays within  $[-0.6, 0.6]$  nT with a few spikes not exceeding 3nT and two spikes of about 10nT on 17/09 and 20/09. Below two example plots of such differences for the days: 14/09 (Figure 12), and 20/09 (Figure 13).

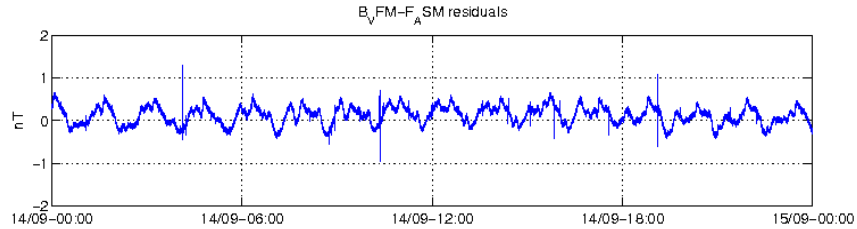


Figure 12: ASM-VFM residuals for S/C A, 14/09.

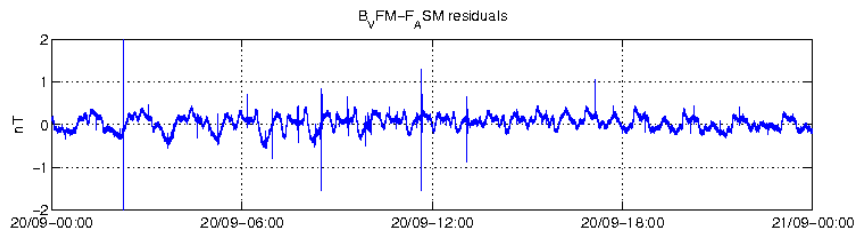


Figure 13: ASM-VFM residuals for S/C A, 20/09.

### 3.3.1.3 Swarm B

The daily peak-to-peak difference around the week is, on average: [-0.4, 0.6] nT, with a few spikes not exceeding 2 nT and one spike of 2-4nT on 18/09 and 20/09. Below two example plots follows of such differences: 14/09 (Figure 14), and 20/09 (Figure 15).

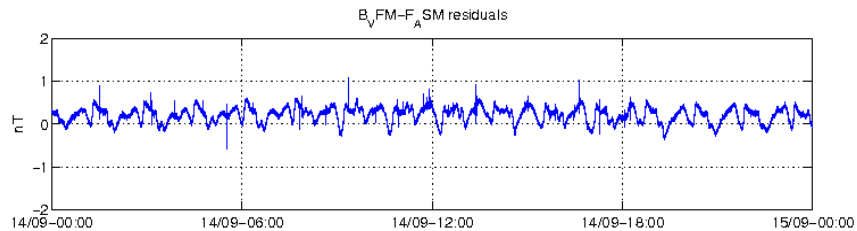


Figure 14: ASM-VFM residuals for S/C B, 14/09.

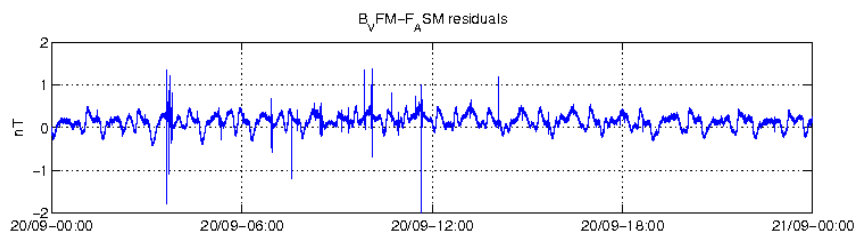


Figure 15: ASM-VFM residuals for S/C B, 20/09.

### 3.3.1.4 Swarm C

No data because ASM is switched off.

### 3.3.2 ASM Instrument parameters: quartz frequency and ASM temperature (ASMAVEC\_0)

For S/C Alpha and Bravo the temperature and quartz frequency behaved as expected.



### 3.3.3 VFM Instrument parameters: VFM temperatures (MAG\_CA)

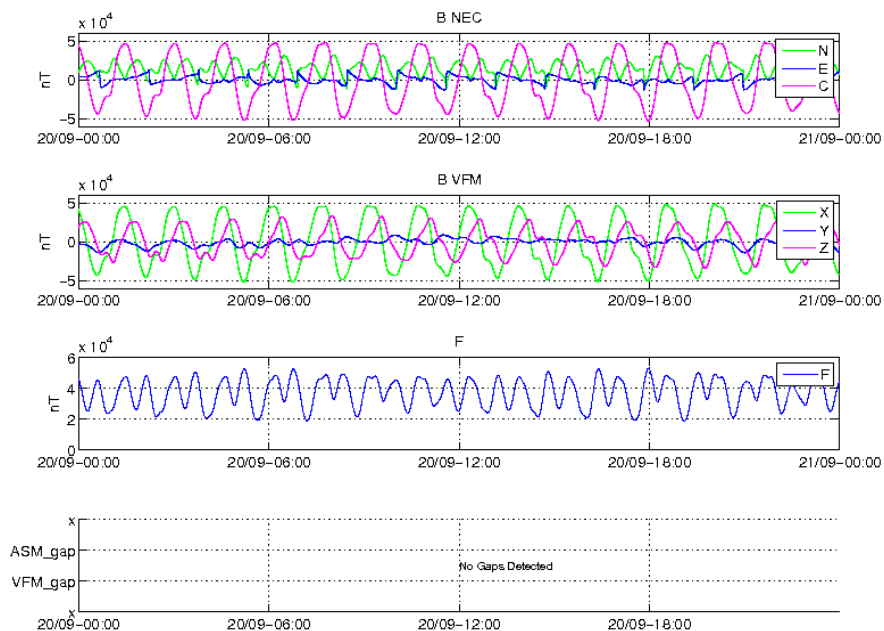
The VFM instrument parameters important for monitoring the instrument health are the VFM sensor temperatures: T\_CDC, T\_CSC and T\_EU.

For S/C Alpha and Bravo for reported period the temperatures behaved as expected.

### 3.3.4 Magnetic time series visual inspection

#### 3.3.4.1 Swarm A

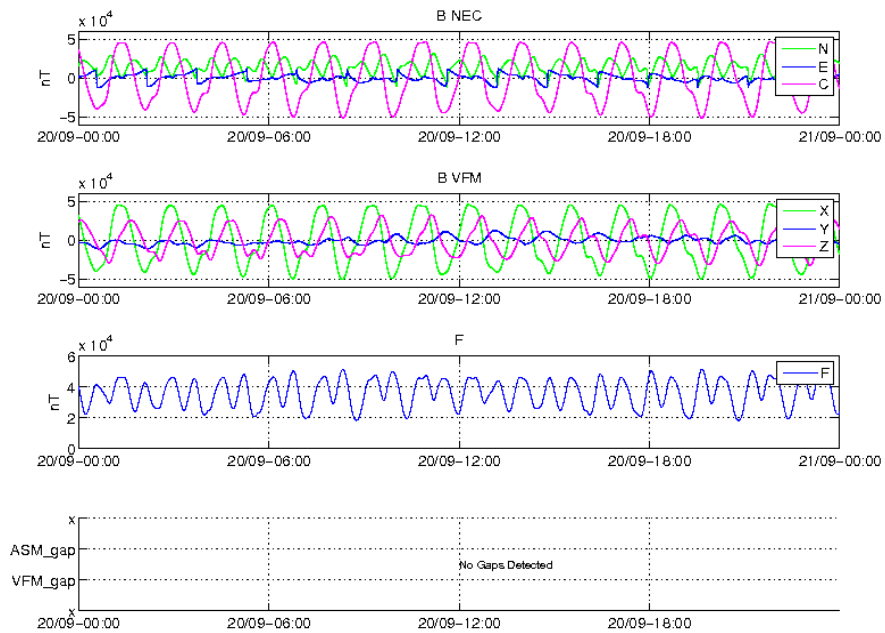
An example of representative magnetic field time series for S/C A (20/09) can be seen in Figure 16 below.



**Figure 16:** Time series of the geomagnetic field, for 20/09, S/C A. From top to bottom: magnetic field components in NEC reference frame, magnetic field components in the VFM reference frame, magnetic field intensity (F) from ASM, and location of gaps (if any).

#### 3.3.4.2 Swarm B

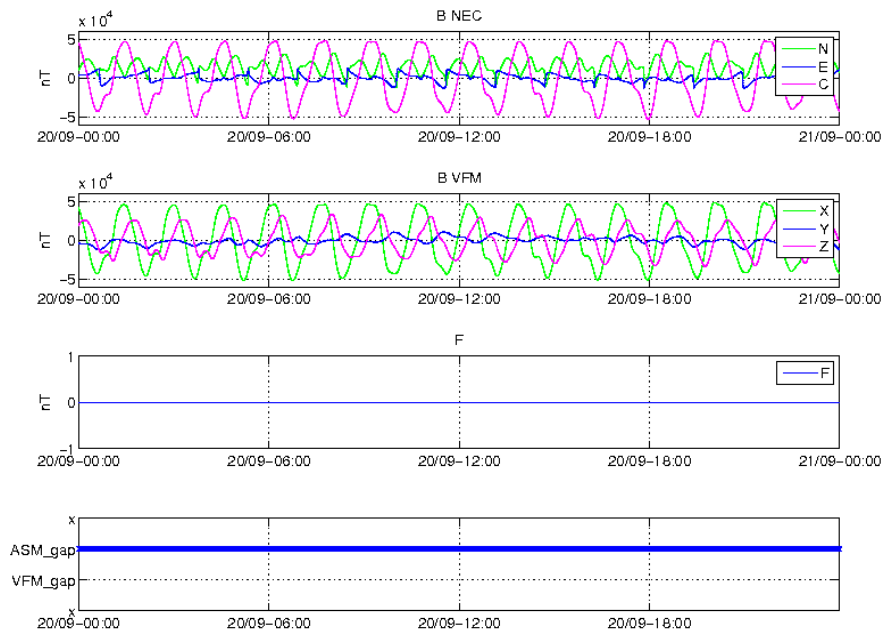
An example of representative magnetic field time series for S/C B (20/09) can be seen in Figure 17 below.



**Figure 17:** Time series of the geomagnetic field for 20/09, S/C B. From top to bottom: magnetic field components in NEC reference frame, magnetic field components in the VFM reference frame, magnetic field intensity (F) from ASM, and location of gaps (if any).

### 3.3.4.3 Swarm C

An example of magnetic field time series for S/C C (20/09) can be seen in Figure 18.



**Figure 18:** Time series of the geomagnetic field for 20/09, S/C C. From top to bottom: magnetic field components in NEC reference frame, magnetic field components in the VFM reference frame, magnetic field intensity (F) from ASM (no data here because ASM it is off) and location of gaps.

### 3.3.5 $B_{NEC}$ vs Chaos4plus model residuals

Figure 19, Figure 21 and Figure 23 show field residuals  $\delta B = B_{NEC} - B_{Chaos}$  (all versus co-latitude in degrees), from top to bottom: 1)  $B_r$ , 2)  $B_\theta$  and 3)  $B_\phi$ .

As a general feature one can see the field residuals to be steady and usually below 50 nT at low and middle latitudes, up to  $|55| - |60|$  degrees; then the residual increases at high latitudes because the Chaos model does not take into account the contribution from the external field ([RD.17]).

Figure 20, Figure 22 and Figure 24 shows, from top to bottom, the time series on 14/09 of: (1-2-3) residuals of  $B_{NEC} - B_{CHAOS}$  by components, related to Swarm Alpha, Bravo and Charlie respectively,

The component most affected by residual spikes and variations is  $B_\theta_{NEC}$ , i.e. the component which shows the variations of the field wrt to co-latitude. At high latitudes, the order of magnitude of the variability is about  $\pm 200$  nT.

3.3.5.1 Swarm A

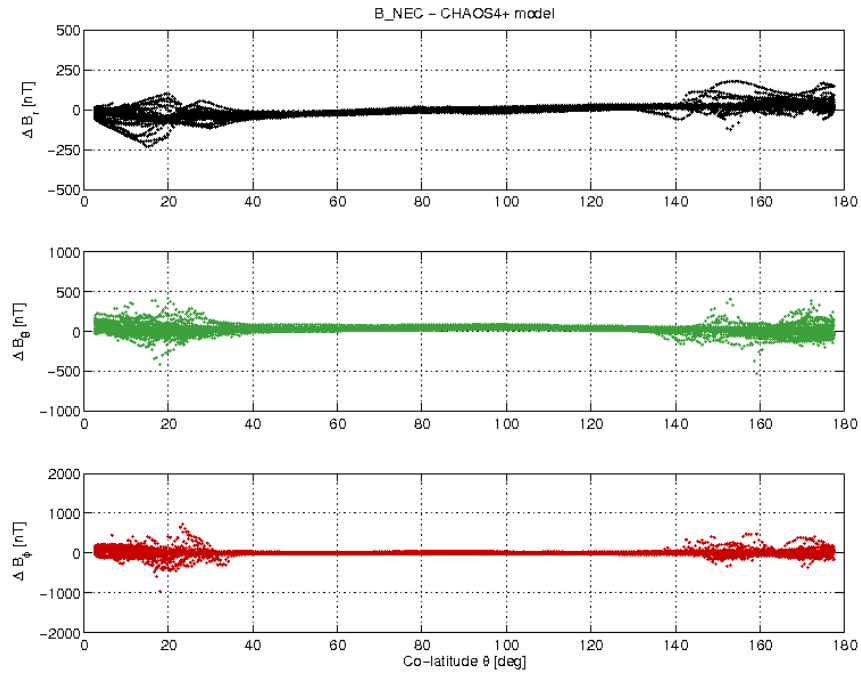


Figure 19: Swarm A day 14/09 B\_NEC - B\_Chaos vs colatitude.

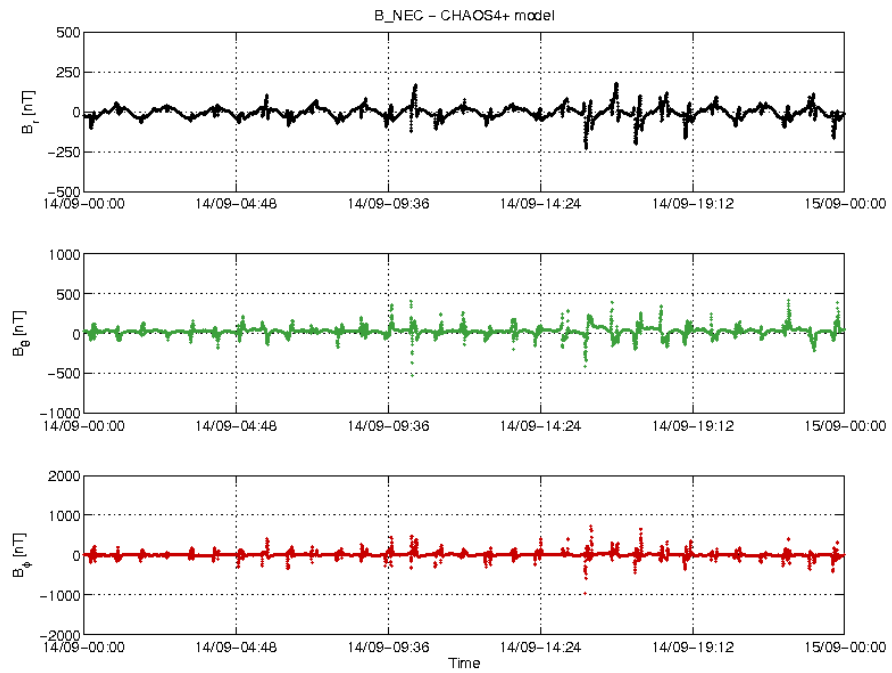


Figure 20: Swarm A day 14/09: time series of B\_NEC – B\_Chaos residuals.





### 3.3.5.2 Swarm B

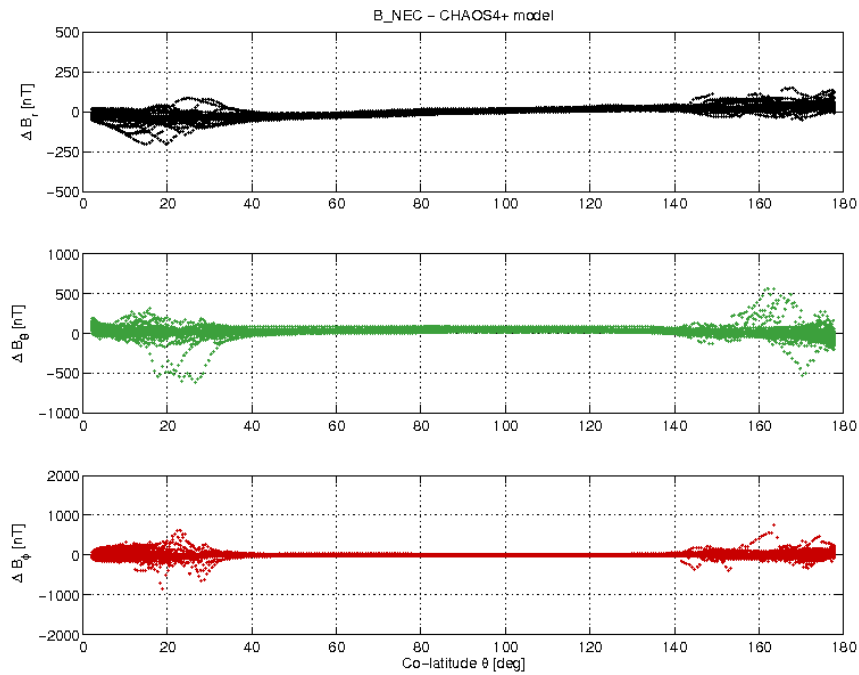


Figure 21: Swarm B day 14/09 B\_NEC - B\_Chaos difference vs colatitude.

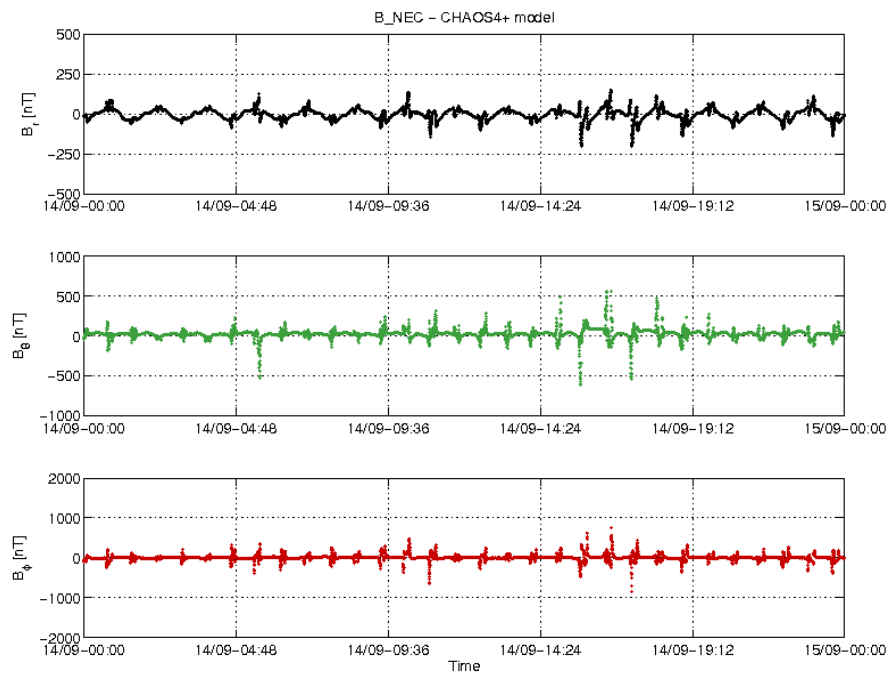


Figure 22: Swarm B day 14/09 time series of B\_NEC – B\_Chaos residuals.

### 3.3.5.3 Swarm C

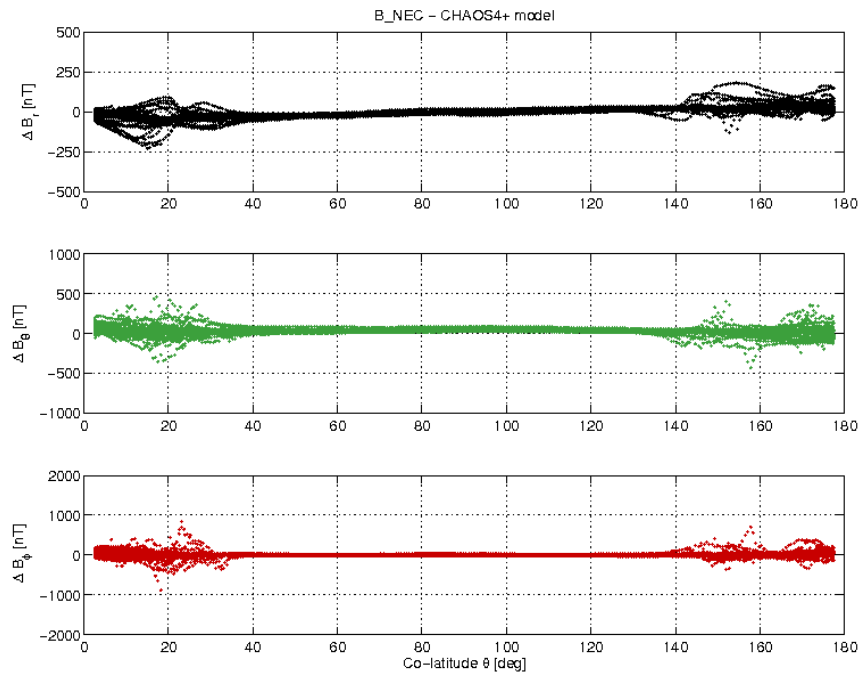


Figure 23: Swarm C day 14/09 B\_NEC - B\_Chao difference vs colatitude.

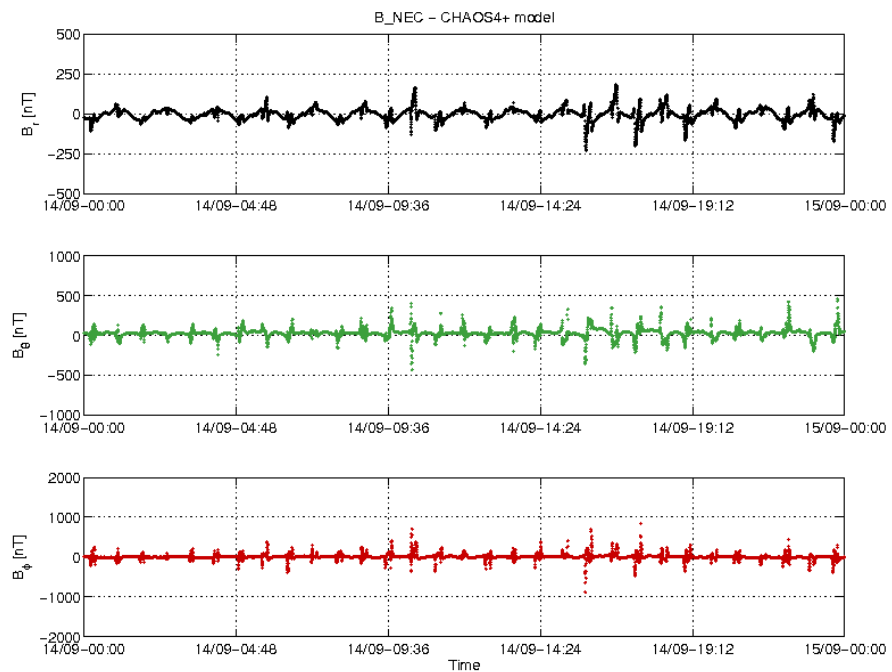


Figure 24: Swarm C day 14/09 time series of B\_NEC – B\_Chao residuals.



#### **4. ON-DEMAND ANALYSIS**

Nothing to report.



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