

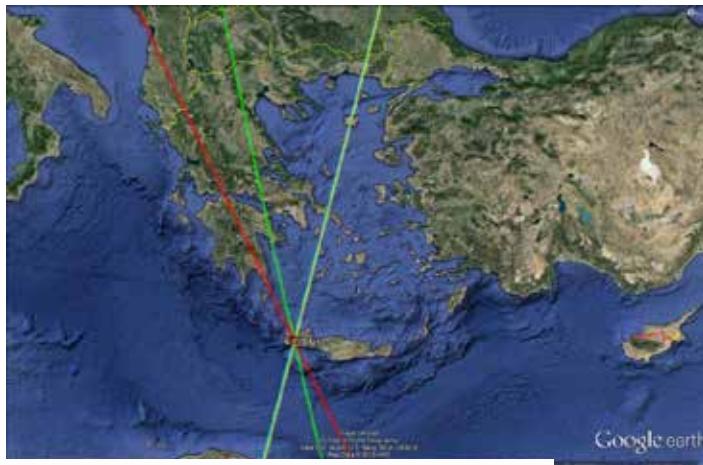
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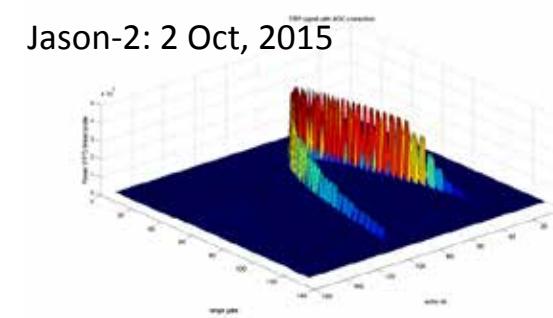
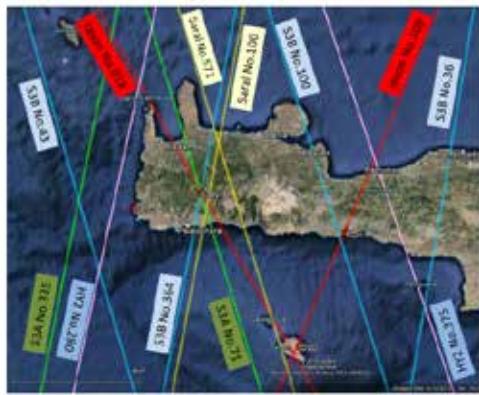
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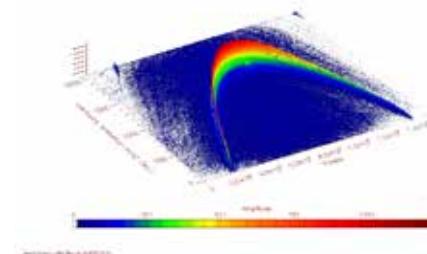
CDN1: transponder calibration site operational
Jason-2 & Cryosat-2 already carried out



Jason-2: 2 Oct, 2015



CryoSat-2: 14 May 2014.



Towed and static GPS buoys for CAL/VAL and SSH

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The GPS & the towed GPS buoys



- Acquisition of high-frequency data (1-50 Hz)
- Sub-centimeter accuracy in post-processing (associated with a base station)
- Ability to deploy in the open ocean in PPP mode
- Measurement of the position of the free sea surface to calibrate altimetric satellites
- weight 20Kg, 2m diameter
- a floating drogue is tied up at the 3 ends and the center of the buoy to improve stability



- towed up to 12 knots whatever the sea state
- don't lose satellite tracking
- stability: <1 cm extra movement
- autonomy: at least 5 days
- sampling: 1 to 50 Hz (to monitor waves)
- 2 versions available: open sea (these pictures) and coastal (smaller)

Patent application FR n° 15/01580 CalNaGéo (DV2547)

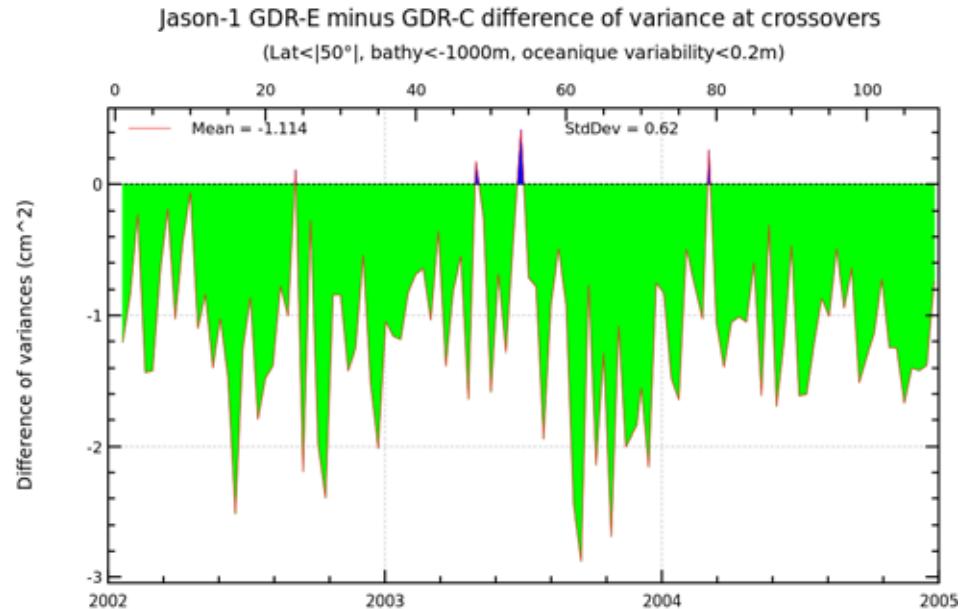
Jason-1 GDR-E reprocessing

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FIRST RESULTS OF JASON-1 GDR-E PERFORMANCES

The standard deviation of SSH differences is lower for GdrE than for GdrC data , leading to a global SSH reduction of variance of 1.1 cm².

→ Variance at SSH crossovers is lower using GDR-E data than GDR-C.



Jason-1 GDR-E products availability :

Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Cycles	001 - 036	037 - 073	074 - 110	111 - 146	147 - 183	184 - 220	221 - 257	258 - 294	295 - 331	332 - 368	369-374, 500-521	522 - 537
GDR-E Availability	Released on AVISO and PODAAC			Release scheduled by end of October 2015					Release scheduled by end of November 2015			

Data available on: <ftp://avisoftp.cnes.fr/AVISO/pub/jason-1/>

Handbook available on: ftp://avisoftp.cnes.fr/AVISO/pub/jason-1/documentation_gdr_e/Handbook_Jason-1_v5.0_Sept2015.pdf

Global Assessment of TOPEX reprocessed products (Release 5)

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In TOPEX-A (MGDR): change in the altimeter Point Target Response (PTR) after cycle ~190 impacts are:

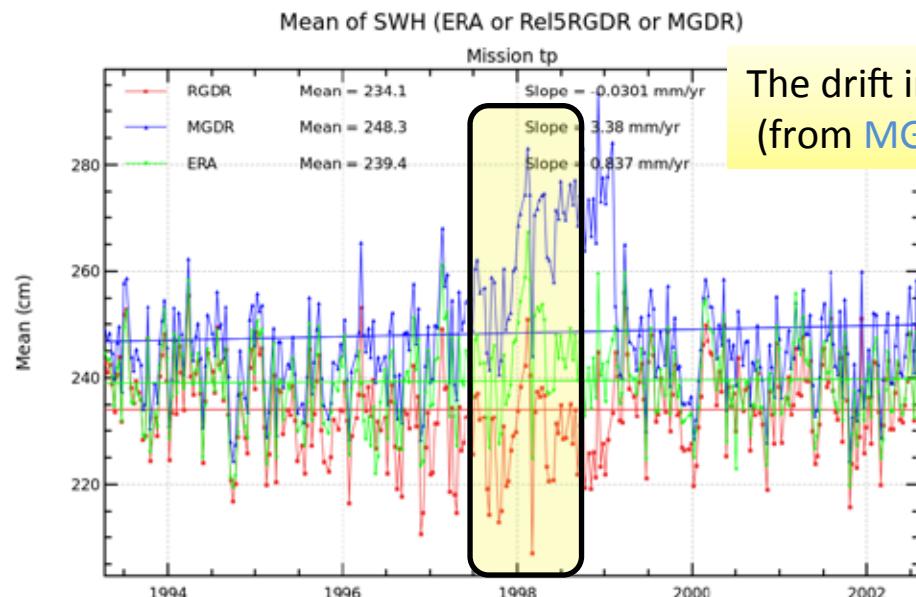
Increase of SWH

Increase of range rms

Error on altimeter range

Other quantities are impacted as sea state bias or ionospheric correction.

One aim of TOPEX retracking is to better take into account the PTR drift that occurs at the end of sideA altimeter. Retracking should provide corrected SWH and range measurements .



The drift in MGDR SWH is reduced
(from MGDR (blue) to RGDR (red) curve)

More results on
« **Global Assessment of TOPEX reprocessed products (Release 5)** »
poster, in the session
Regional and Global CAL/VAL for Assembling a Climate Data Record.

Evaluation of new CryoSat-2 measurements over the ocean



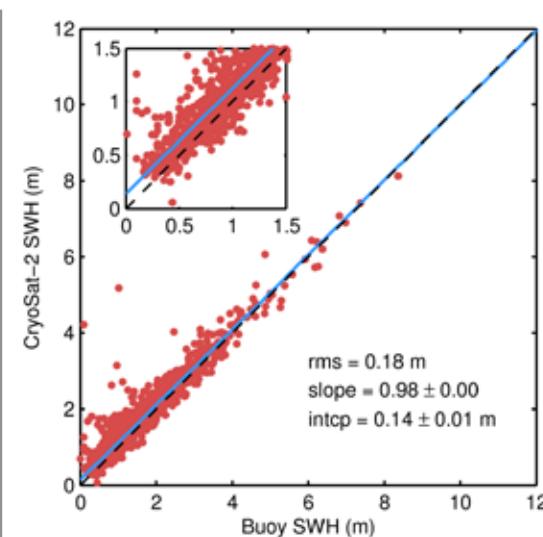
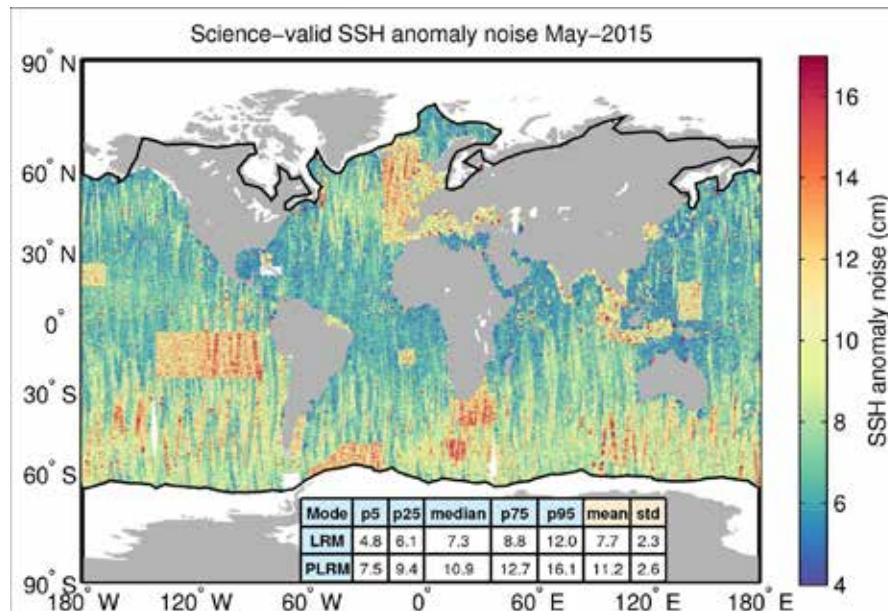
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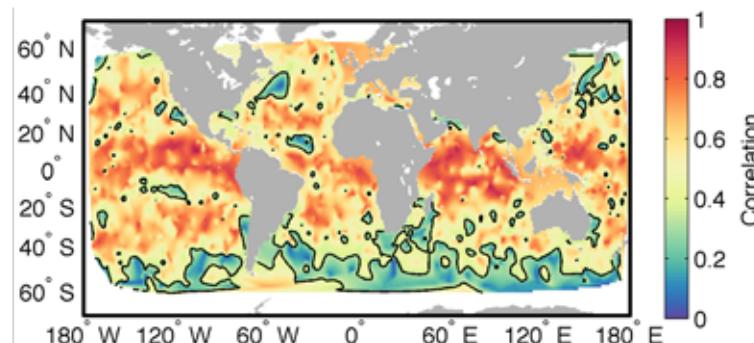


The **CryoSat Project** has been generating since April 2014 additional ocean products, namely the Interim Ocean Product (IOP) and the **Geophysical Ocean Product** (GOP). Our focus here is on the GOP data, which have consolidated orbits and are available 30 days after acquisition.

Global assessment in terms of noise (1.4 cm LRM / 2.3 cm PLRM) and crossovers (5.4 cm).

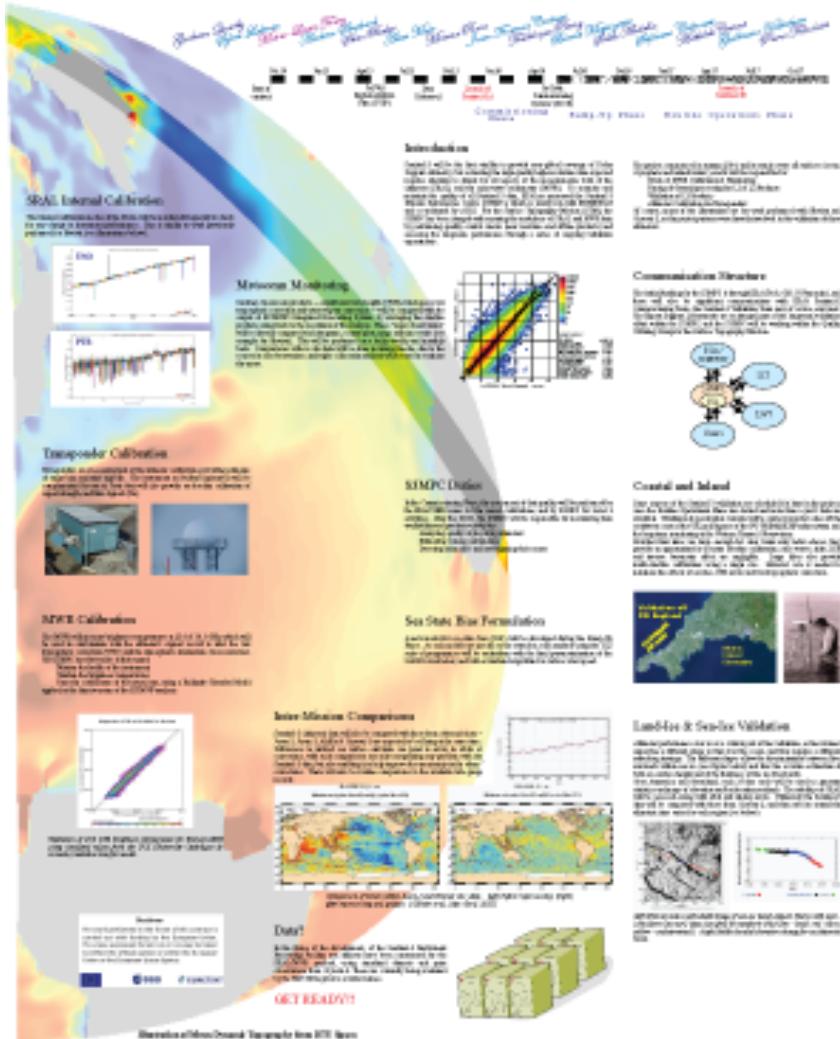


Global validation against in situ observations (tide gauges, buoys, Argo floats) and model data. Also comparison with Jason-2.





The role of the Sentinel-3 Mission Performance Centre
in Maintaining High Standards within Operational Altimetry



Sentinel-3A is ready for launch

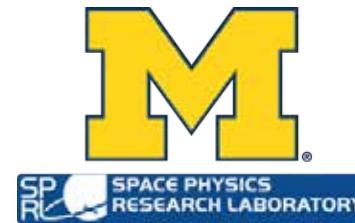
The S3MPC is ready for:



- Verification and parametrisation of the ground processing baseline (SAR mode)
- Monitoring of SRAL and MWR performance
 - Cal/Val activities for topography over the ocean + ice + inland waters
 - Cal/Val activities for Wind and Waves
 - Calibration with transponder
 - Calibration with in-situ data

Are you ready?

Launch due: 10th Dec. 2015
Test datasets soon to be available to users



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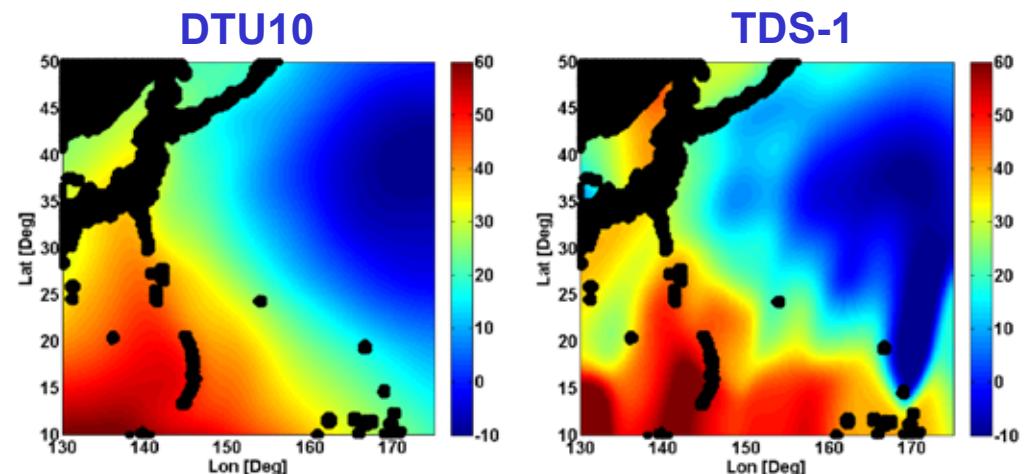
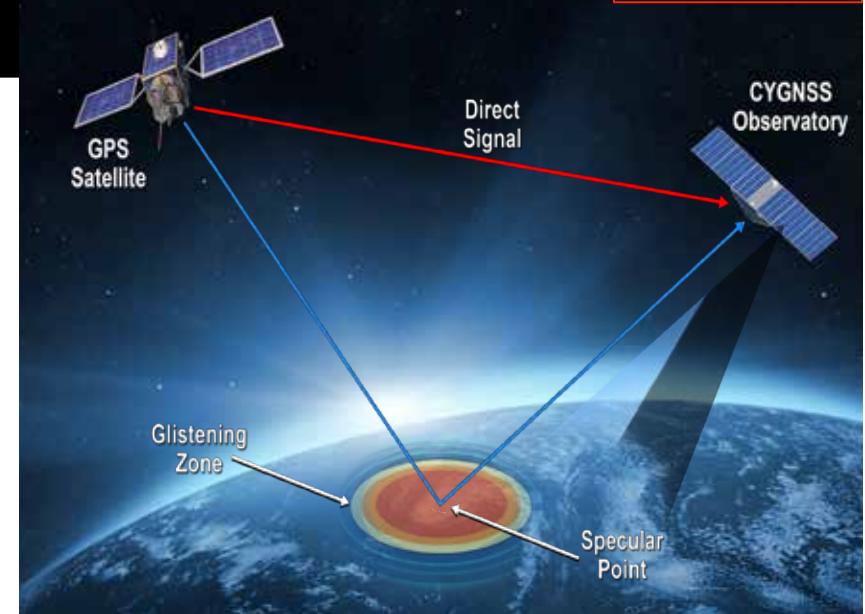
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Poster Overview

A ‘first timer’: Ocean Topography from spaceborne GNSS-data

GNSS-R=Global Navigation Satellite System-Reflectometry

- We use GNSS-R data from the TechDemoSat-1 satellite (not optimized for height measurement!)
- The SSH is estimated over two oceanic regions (SW Atlantic, NW Pacific)
- Encouraging agreement with the DTU10 Mean Sea Surface (MSS) over the two regions



Poster no. CVL_10
In “Regional and Global CAL/VAL for assembling a climate data record” on THURSDAY