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Foreword

This document is a compendium of the WFF TOPEX Software Development Team's knowledge regarding Geophysical Data Record (GDR) Processing. It includes many elements of a Requirements Document, a Software Specification Document, a Software Design Document, and a User's Manual. In the more technical sections, this document assumes the reader is familiar with TOPEX and GDR files.
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Section 1

Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This document provides a detailed description of TOPEX Geophysical Data Record (GDR) Processing at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center's Wallops Flight Facility (WFF). GDR Processing is work-in-progress and this document will be updated to reflect changes in the documented software or procedures.

1.2 Scope

This document is Volume 5 in a series of publications generated by the TOPEX Software Development Team (SWDT) at WFF. Volume 1 is an overview of the project and its processes. Volume 2 documents pre-launch Radar Altimeter System Evaluator (RASE) processing. Volume 3 documents the Altimeter Instrument File (AIF) processing. Volume 4 documents Sensor Data Record (SDR) processing and Volume 6 covers Special Processing which does not fall into any of the other categories. The series is an attempt to document SWDT software and procedures used in support of TOPEX at WFF.

1.3 Organization of Document

Section 2 lists other documents related to this document. Section 3 describes Geophysical Data Record files. Sections 4, 5 and 6 document Daily, Per-Cycle, and Special Processing, respectively. Section 7 details the components of GDR processing. Appendix A contains samples of GDR Standard Products. Appendix B lists programs and software used and developed. Appendix C describes the contents of GDR output files and databases. Appendix D contains the change history for the GDR Processing. Appendix E contains significant documents and memos related to GDR Processing.
Section 2

Related Documentation

2.1 Publications

- **TOPEX/POSEIDON Joint Verification Plan**, June 15, 1992, JPL92-9
- **Interface Control Document between the TOPEX Ground System and the Goddard Space Flight Center/Wallops Flight Facility Oceans Laboratory**, (Rev. 2.0), July 1990, TOPEX 633-712.


• Hancock, D. W., III, Memorandum to Craig L. Purdy, June 1992, *Pre-Ship TOPEX Height Bias Calibration*, NASA GSFC WFF.


For completeness, selected documents and memos are also included in Appendix E-Attachments.
Section 3
Geophysical Data Record Files

3.1 Definition
Geophysical Data Record (GDR) files are created from Sensor Data Record (SDR) files by the TOPEX Ground System (TGS) at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). GDR files provide WFF with the same products as used by TOPEX scientists and researchers.

The flow of altimeter data is depicted in Figure 3-1 “TOPEX ALT Dataflow (GDR Emphasized),” where emphasis is placed on the GDR data flow. The TOPEX Ground System extracts altimeter science and engineering minor frames from the spacecraft telemetry. Common frames are then merged and time-sorted to create Altimeter Instrument Files (AIFs). AIFs and the earth-location data are processed using Telemetry and Science-level algorithms to create once-per-pass (about 56 minutes) SDR files. The SDR files are further processed using Geophysical-level algorithms to create Interim Geophysical Data Records (I/GDR). The processed IGDRs are placed in temporary storage. Once precision orbit data has been received by JPL, the new orbit data is merged into the IGDRs and final GDRs are created. At the end of a 10-day Cycle, the GDR pass files are copied to tape.

For a complete description of the GDR formats, see TOPEX Ground Svstem Software Interface Specification, Vol. 2: Design (SIS-2), Geophysical Data Record (GDR) - GDR Data. Interim Geophysical Data Record (IGDR) - GDR Data.

3.2 Distribution
Individual IGDR pass files are made accessible to WFF via the NASA Science Internet (NSI) using FTP protocols. GDR per-cycle exabyte tapes are mailed to GDR data subscribers. The WFF SWDT receives these tapes and archives them for later use. The SWDT redistributes copies of the GDR tapes to external users if so requested.

3.3 Storage
A single GDR pass file requires approximately 500 kilobytes of disk storage. A full cycle of GDR pass files consumes approximately 125 megabytes of disk space. WFF generally keeps the latest cycle of GDRs in the working area. Every GDR cycle exabyte tape generated has been archived and is available for use at WFF.
TOPEX GDR Processing

Telemetry From Spacecraft

Decomm. and Time-Order

Telemetry & Sensor-Level Processing

Geophysical-Level Processing

Precision Orbit Processing

Altimeter Instrument Files (AIF) (105 MB/Day)

Sensor Data Record Tape (SRD) (1.5 GB/10 Days)

Interim Geophysical Data Record Tape (UGDR) (125 MB/10 Days)

Geophysical Data Record Tape (GDR) (125 MB/10 Days)

Retrieved Daily by WFF

Shipped to WFF Periodically on Exabyte Tape

New Files Retrieved Daily by WFF

Shipped to WFF Periodically on Exabyte Tape

External Users

External Users

dotelem, AIF Software

dosdr, SDR Software

dogdr, UGDR Software

dogdr, GDR Software

Standard Text-Format Output Files

Databases

IDL Plotting Software

Commercial Off-the-Shelf Software

Database Software

Standard Products

Special Products

Figure 3-1 TOPEX ALT Dataflow (GDR Emphasized)
Section 4

I/GDR Daily Processing

4.1 I/GDR Daily Processing

Each day, new IGDRs are automatically retrieved from JPL and processed by WFF. Nightly, a VMS script on TGSC, one of the TOPEX VAX systems at JPL, creates a file which contains the names of the GDR files that were created since the last time the script was run. The WFF daily processing script, autogdr, is executed each day at 0800 UTC by the UNIX crontab facility. autogdr retrieves the file of new filenames and transfers each file to WFF, where it is processed and standard products are printed. See Figure 4-1 “TOPEX GDR Daily Processing” on page 4-2. The timing is set up such that when WFF personnel arrive to work, all daily processing is complete and the standard products are available for inspection. autogdr performs the following functions (in order):

- Runs ftpjplbin, which uses FTP to transfer IGDR files from JPL via the NASA Science Internet (NSI). If the transfer is not successful, the program will retry the copy 300 times with a 180 second timeout between copies. A log is kept of the processing; upon completion, this log is electronically mailed to the user who invoked the process.

- Runs dogdr, the primary GDR data reduction program. It creates 10-second science averages and 60-second science database and header database import files. A log file of the processing is maintained.

- Searches the log file for error message “Bad Initial Sigma,” and transfers the message to a cumulative log file “BadInitSigma.Log.”

- Concatenates the dogdr database files into the corresponding merged IGDR database files in /gen/topex/data/dbase, the database storage area.

- Moves the IGDR files into /gen/topex/data/igdr, the IGDR storage area.

- Runs igdrpass, a UNIX script that runs the IDL program igdrpass.pro to read dogdr science averages file and create IGDR pass plots, a sample of which is shown in Appendix A, Figure A-1.
Shaded boxes represent data that is used to populate the GDR databases.

Figure 4-1 TOPEX GDR Daily Processing
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Per-Cycle Processing

5.1 Per-Cycle Processing

At the end of each 10-day TOPEX cycle, JPL creates tapes of GDRs and distributes these tapes to the GDR data subscribers. When a GDR tape is received by WFF, it is processed and the GDR data replaces the IGDR data in the database. The summary database is updated to reflect the new GDR entries, and the following process is performed to produce per-cycle and launch-to-date trend GDR plots. [The data flow is depicted in "" on page 5-2.]

- **igdrdb**, a UNIX script that runs the IDL program *igdrdb.pro* to read the GDR Science database extraction file is executed. It creates GDR Cycle Summary Plots, a sample of which is shown in Appendix A, Figure A-2.

- **igdrsum**, a UNIX script that runs the IDL program *igdrsum.pro* to read the GDR Summary database extraction file is executed. It creates GDR trend plots, a sample of which is shown in Appendix A, Figure A-3.
Figure 5-1 TOPEX GDR Standard Processing
Section 6
GDR Special Processing

Special processing is defined as that processing which is not done on a regular chronological basis. Many dogdr products can be used for special processing along with commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) software. Special processing can also be performed using IDL and Database Software. There are many other forms of special processing performed on TOPEX data; this section explains the general methods by which special processing is performed.

6.1 dogdr Special Processing

In general, GDR Special Processing is performed by using dogdr to create one or more special output files. The resulting files are then copied to a user for analysis or one of the TOPEX SWDT members uses custom IDL or COTS software to create the desired product. Any dogdr option can be used for special processing, but one of the more common ones is Science Averages, a sample of which is shown in Appendix A, Figure A-4.

6.2 IDL Special Processing

Another way to perform special processing is to create special IDL plot programs. This has been done on occasion to create special plots for papers and/or presentations. Many of the standard IDL programs can also be run using non-standard arguments to plot according to custom specifications.

6.3 Database Special Processing

Custom database programs have been written to perform special processing.
Section 7

Components of GDR Processing

Figure 7-1 "I/GDR Processing Dataflow" depicts the four major components of I/GDR processing software: FORTRAN data processing software (dogdr), UNIX scripts (User Input), FoxBase (I/GDR databases), and IDL plotting routines.
These components comprise a system that is sufficiently automated to handle standard processing tasks and yet flexible enough to assist in highly-detailed engineering assessment investigations.

### 7.1 dogdr

**dogdr** is the FORTRAN program responsible for all GDR data processing. It is highly interactive, allowing the user to choose which process to run and to specify customized parameters for the chosen process. Figure 7-2 "dogdr Startup Screen" depicts the **dogdr** startup screen.

**dogdr** has three main components: Initialization Module, User Input Module, and the Data Processing Loop. Figure 7-3 diagrams the highest-level **dogdr** processing.

![dogdr Startup Screen](image)

The software currently runs on osb3, a Sun Microsystems Ultra 170 UNIX workstation. However, since **dogdr** was originally coded on the Apple Macintosh platform, and then ported to the Sun environment, the code has been designed to be highly portable.

#### 7.1.1 **dogdr** Initialization Module

Upon startup, **dogdr** initializes two byte maps needed to decode and process data. These byte maps are used for easily referencing which bytes in the raw GDR data correspond to which converted engineering units. Table 7-1 "Data Structures Initialized by **dogdr**" lists the two data structures initialized by **dogdr**.

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**Table 7-1** Data Structures Initialized by **dogdr**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Data Structure</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cycle</td>
<td>The cycle number in the data set</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pass</td>
<td>The pass number in the data set</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Binary Ranges</td>
<td>Conversion ranges for each byte map</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Number of Bytes</td>
<td>Total number of bytes to process</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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7.1.2 dogdr User Input

dogdr is designed to be highly interactive and offers the user a variety of processing options. The user must enter the Cycle and Pass of the file to process and select a pro-
Enter the Cycle in the format CCC (3 digits w/ leading zeros):
140

Enter the Pass in the format PPP (3 digits w/ leading zeros):
140'

Cycl e_Pass : 140_140

Select Processing
RETURN = Do STANDARD Processing

(0) Do STANDARD Processing
(1) Create Database Files
(2) Dump GDR Data for Print
(3) Dump GDR Data for Statview
(4) Average GDR Data for Statview
(x) Exit

Figure 7-4 dogdr Primary User Input Screen

processing method. The processing selection screen is shown in Figure 7-4 "dogdr Primary User Input Screen". The user may optionally set custom parameters such as averaging time, mode selection, and parameters to report. Defaults are provided in all cases. Table 7-2 "dogdr Processing Options" lists processing type, options, and defaults. Time selection is available as an option for all processes.
Table 7-2  dogdr Processing Options

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Process</th>
<th>Options</th>
<th>Defaults</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>STANDARD Processing</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>Create GDR Databases</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(default process)</td>
<td></td>
<td>10 sec Science Averages</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Create GDR Databases</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>1 Minute GDR Averages Headers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dump GDR for Print</td>
<td>Time Selection</td>
<td>Process All Data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dump GDR for StatView</td>
<td>Time Selection</td>
<td>Process All Data</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Create GDR Averages</td>
<td>Seconds to Average</td>
<td>1 second Averages</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Modes to Process</td>
<td>All Modes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Time Selection</td>
<td>Process All Data</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

7.1.3  dogdr Processing Loop

After a user has chosen what process(es) to run and what options to use, dogdr runs in a processing loop until either all data has been read from the GDR file or a time is detected that is later than a user-specified stop time. dogdr branches off the main loop to run those processes that the user has specified.

7.1.4  dogdr Science Unit Conversion

GDR Science data must be converted from GDR data into appropriate science units in order to be used during processing. The process that performs this conversion is GDRSciConv.f. All parameters in the GDR Science data record are converted into meaningful science units for processing.

7.1.5  dogdr Standard Processing

Standard Processing is the default process for dogdr. Standard Processing calls two processing modules with specific parameters: the process of creating science averages (GDRAvg.f) and the creation of science database (GDRDBAvg.f). Table 7-3 "Standard Processing Modules and Parameters" lists the modules called and the corresponding parameters supplied. See Appendix C for a list of output file formats for processing.

Table 7-3  Standard Processing Modules and Parameters

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Module</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
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<tr>
<td>Average Science</td>
<td>10 Second Averages</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DB Science</td>
<td>60 Second Averages</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DB Header</td>
<td>1 Per Cycle</td>
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7.1.6  **dogdr Create GDR Databases**

Create GDR Database calls the process module (GDRDBAvg.f). Figure 7-5 "GDRD-BAvg Process" illustrates the processing overview. Table 7-4 "Standard Processing Modules and Parameters" lists the modules called and corresponding parameters supplied. See Appendix C, Table C-1 (Header) and Table C-4 (Science) for a list of output file contents and formats.

7.1.7  **dogdr Dump GDR**

The telemetry dumping routine dumps all decoded parameters in each science record to output files. The user may specify if all data is dumped or just the first entry of each parameter array. The process that performs the dump for printing is (DumpIGDRPrnt.f) and for plotting is (DumpIGDRStat.f). See Appendix C, Table C-3, for output file contents and formats.

7.1.8  **dogdr Average GDR Data**

The averaging process averages (GDRAvg.f) specific decoded parameters and selected averaging time. See Appendix C, Table C-2, for a list of output file contents and formats.

7.2  **GDR Database Management**

The ORACLE Relational Database Management System (RDBMS) is being used to manage the TOPEX I/GDR data. Using this system, I/GDR data can be loaded, extracted, searched, and sorted. Data is stored in database objects called tables.

7.2.1  **Database Table Definitions**

There are three database tables used in storing the I/GDR data.

- **GDR_HEADER** table contains header information for each pass of a cycle.
- **GDR_SCIENCE** table contains 60-second averaged scientific data records.
- **GDR_SUMMARY** table contains a summarized scientific data record for each cycle.

Table 7-5 "GDR Database Import Files" lists the files required to import data.

7.2.2  **Loading Data into the Database Tables**

The I/GDR database tables are loaded using the Oracle utilities, sqlldr, sqlplus, and PL/SQL. The sqlldr utility loads data into the database tables using a control file, which maps the format of the input datafile to the database table. The sqlplus utility and PL/SQL procedures are used to perform miscellaneous checks and updates to database tables after loading.

7.2.3  **Extracting Data from the Database Tables**

The Oracle utilities, sqlplus and PL/SQL are also used for extracting data from the database tables. These utilities are used to filter data and create output files to be used in further processing.
Read Record from IGDR

LandWater

NOT Deep
Water

NOT Good Track

TFlag

Increment Counters Where
Respective Flags are Non-Zero
AltBad1
AltBad21
AltBad22
GeoBad
SSHBad09
SSHBad12

<3 pts
Interp Tide

SSHBad

AltBad1
AltBad2

GeoBad

NOT Good Data

NOT Valid Tide

RecProcessed++
Add Data into Averages

Figure 7-5 GDRDBAvg Process
### Table 7-4 Standard Processing Modules and Parameters

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<th>Module</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
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<td>DB Science</td>
<td>60 Second Averages</td>
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<tr>
<td>DB Header</td>
<td>1 Per Cycle</td>
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</table>

### Table 7-5 GDR Database Import Files

<table>
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<th>Std. Filename</th>
<th>Database</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>igdr###.hdr</td>
<td>header</td>
<td>Concatenated files of dogdr headers output.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>igdr###.sci</td>
<td>sci</td>
<td>Concatenated files of dogdr 1-minute science output.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Note: ### denotes Cycle Number*

#### 7.3 GDR IDL Software

IDL, Interactive Data Language, is a software package written by Research Systems, Inc. It is an array-based scientific visualization package that enables a programmer to quickly and easily write code to generate highly customized plots and analyses. IDL has allowed the TOPEX SWDT to automatically generate products that were difficult and time-consuming to produce using COTS software.

TOPEX IDL programs generally can read dogdr Average files or database export files and produce standardized plots on a PostScript printer. These programs are coded with a set of parameters which may be modified to customize features of the final output without changing the IDL code. Table 7-6 "IDL Parameters" lists the standard parameters that may be modified by the user. Appendix B lists the UNIX scripts which run TOPEX IDL programs.

#### 7.4 UNIX Scripts

UNIX scripts are used to automate common tasks and supply standard parameters to TOPEX GDR software. Shell scripts are invoked by the crontab facility to perform daily processing. Other shell scripts are used for automatically retrieving and processing special data from JPL, for automatically running IDL programs, and for miscellaneous utility functions. Appendix B contains a list of UNIX scripts which are available for use.
### Table 7-6  IDL Parameters

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<th>Default</th>
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<td>InputFile</td>
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<td>Test file from which data to be processed is read.</td>
</tr>
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<td>XPlots</td>
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<td>Number of plots stacked horizontally per page.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>YPlots</td>
<td>varies</td>
<td>Number of plots stacked vertically per page.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Printer</td>
<td>topex2</td>
<td>Printer where output will be printed.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AutoScale</td>
<td>FALSE</td>
<td>Switch to automatically set axis scales by min &amp; max of data, rather than by standard scale values.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Landscape</td>
<td>varies</td>
<td>Switch to print in landscape rather than portrait mode.</td>
</tr>
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<td>DeviceType</td>
<td>'ps'</td>
<td>Type of device driver to use. (ps = PostScript)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PlotTitle</td>
<td>InputFile</td>
<td>Title of place on plot. May be overridden by program.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Color</td>
<td>TRUE</td>
<td>Switch to define that color should be used for output.</td>
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Appendix A
Standard Products
Cycle 147, Pass 002

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Start Time (Sec): 104425259.588
Input File: igdr_sci_147_002.std
NumRec =750, Interval = 10
Plot Created: Thu Oct  3 07:13:28 1996

Figure A-1 Pass Plot
I/GDR Cycle Summary: Cycle 140

Processing Summary

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Good Data = Remainder After Removing Level-2 Flagged Data

Flagging Summary

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<td>KuRangCorr Flags: 10,624 (2.571%)</td>
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<td>SSHBad Flags (10/rec): 7124 (1.692%)</td>
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<td>EMBias Flags (2/rec): 19 (0.005%)</td>
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Figure A-2 Cycle Summary Plots
Figure A-2  Cycle Summary Plots (Continued)
Figure A-2 Cycle Summary Plots (Continued)
Figure A-3 Trend Plots
Figure A-3 Trend Plots (Continued)
Figure A-3 Trend Plots (Continued)
Figure A-3 Trend Plots (Continued)
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Figure A-3 Trend Plots (Continued)
Figure A-3 Trend Plots (Continued)
Figure A-3 Trend Plots (Continued)
Figure A-3 Trend Plots (Continued)
Figure A-4 VGDR Average Plots
Figure A-4 1/GDR Average Plots (Continued)
Figure A-4  u/GDR Average Plots (Continued)
Figure A-4 V/GDR Average Plots (Continued)
Figure A-4 VGDR Average Plots (Continued)
Figure A-4 I/GDR Average Plots (Continued)
Figure A-4  VGDR Average Plots (Continued)
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### Appendix C

**Format File & Database Contents**

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** OffNadir B: if it were a descending pass in the northern hemisphere (>5 deg and <60 deg latitude) OR if it were an ascending pass in the southern hemisphere (<-5 deg and >-60 deg latitude); in either event, the range-rate is negative.
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To: Distribution
From: Ron Brooks
Date: December 8, 1992
Subject: (I)GDR Summary Plots and Data Base Definition

The proposed contents of the (I)GDR summary plots and (I)GDR data base are attached, for your review and comment.

Distribution:

David Hancock
George Hayne
Ron Forsythe
Hayden Gordon
Jeff Lee
Dennis Lockwood
Standard (I)GDR Pass Summary IDL Plots

Plot Labels
CYCLE_NUMBER_VALUE
PASS_NUMBER_VALUE
REV_NUMBER_VALUE
TIME_FIRST_PT_VALUE

Plot Parameters vs. elapsed time in seconds from start of pass
ALT_BAD2
ATMOS_SIGMA0_CORR
CURRENT_MODE
DR(SWH/ATT)_C
DR(SWH/ATT)_K
EM_BIAS_CORR_C
EM_BIAS_CORR_K
GATE_INDEX
GEOID
GEO_BAD
IONO_CORR
NET_INSTR_AGC_CORR_C
NET_INSTR_AGC_CORR_K
NET_INSTR_R_CORR_C
NET_INSTR_R_CORR_K
NET_INSTR_SWH_CORR_C
NET_INSTR_SWH_CORR_K
OFF_NADIR_ANGLE
SEA_SURF_HGHT
SIGMA_0_C
SIGMA_0_K
SWH_C
SWH_K
(I) GDR Values for Data Base

Pass Header
CYCLE_NUMBER_VALUE
PASS_NUMBER_VALUE
GENERATINGSOFTWARE_NAME_VALUE
POD_QUAL_VALUE
SENSOR_NAME_VALUE  delete pass if not = "ALT"
CALIB_R_CORR_C_VALUE
CALIB_R_CORR_K_VALUE

Entries @ 1 minute rate
AGC_C and AGC_K
ALT_BAD1 and ALT_BAD2
ATMOS_SIGMA0_CORR
CURRENT_MODE  delete frame if not = "track"
DR(SWH/ATT)_C and DR(SWH/ATT)_K
DRY_TROPO
EM_BIAS_CORR_C and EM_BIAS_CORR_K
GATE_INDEX
GEOID
GEO_BAD delete frame if surface flag = "land"
INSTR_STATE
IONO_BAD
IONO_CORR
LATITUDE
LONGITUDE
NET_INSTR_AGC_CORR_C and NET_INSTR_AGC_CORR_K
NET_INSTR_R_CORR_C and NET_INSTR_R_CORR_K
NET_INSTR_SWH_CORR_C and NET_INSTR_SWH_CORR_K
NET_TIME_TAG_CORR
OCEAN_TIDE
OFF_NADIR_ANGLE
PFLAG
POLE_TIDE
SAT_ALT
SEA_SURF_HGHT
SIGMA_0_C and SIGMA_0_K
SOLID_EARTH_TIDE
SSH_BAD
SWH_C and SWH_K
TIME = TIME_EPOCH_VALUE + TIME_PAST_EPOCH
TIME_SHIFT_MIDFRAME
WET_TROPO_FMO and WET_TROPO_RAD
To: Ron Brooks, Ron Forsythe, George Hayne, David Hancock
From: Hayden Gordon
Date: June 1, 1993
Subject: Current State of SWDT Software - Your Feedback Needed!

Attached please fine a summary, generated by Jeff Lee, of the revised SWDT processing strategy and the status of SWDT production software. Both items reflect information gathered at the recent IGDR database meetings, and the iterations which have occurred as a result. Please address the open items, especially those marked with the *** Item *** designator. You may respond directly back to Jeff in written form (preferred) or verbally.

Note that, as of today, the new version of 'dotelem' is being used for production, including the new RMS calculation and temperature correction for the CAL-mode AGC.

Thank you for your timely consideration of these open items. The software is shaping up quickly, and should serve the needs of the WFF TOPEX community well over the long haul.

CC: Jeff Lee, Dennis Lockwood, Carol Purdy
Revised TOPEX Data Processing Strategy

Altimeter Instrument Files (AIF)
Processing & Storage
   Retrieved from JPL daily. Stored at WFF on Exabytes.
Daily Products
   CAL Plots
   ENG Plots
   Event Reports
   Processing Summary
*** If we do weekly launch-to-date plots, can we cut down the number of pages on
 the daily engineering plots? ***
Periodic Products
   Weekly Launch-to-Date CAL Summary
   Weekly Launch-to-Date ENG Summary
   On-Request Launch-to-Date SEU Summary
Other Products
   None

Sensor Data Records (SDR)
Processing & Storage
   Received from JPL on Exabyte. Stored same.
Daily Products
   None
Periodic Products
   None
Other Products
   None

Geophysical Data Records (VGDR)
Processing & Storage
   Received from JPL Daily. Also from JPL on Exabyte. Stored on Exabyte.
Daily Products
   GDR Daily Plot. *** Needs Definition ***
Periodic Products
   Per-Cycle Summary Plots. *** Needs Definition ***
Other Products
   Reference Plots for repeating measurements *** Needs Definition ***

TOPEX Data Processing Status

dotelem
   Has been updated to use new Hgt RMS method and to create database files. Need to
   know what other height (besides Ku -- Ku/C/Combined/Diff) to save.
dosdr
   Has been updated to use new Hgt RMS method.
dogdr
   Ready for testing and sizing requirements.
Attached please find a "first-cut" at some standard products which should be available from the (I)GDR database, per Dave Hancock, with additional notes from Ron Brooks. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 1:30 PM (after the regular 1 PM ADT meeting) in the N159 conference room to discuss and revise these products.
We need to do several things with the GDR database. I will suggest below but am open to meet to discuss variations that make better products, or same but easier to complete. Maybe we do not want to print all these, but keep in files so they can be browsed.

Histograms of each cycle (also keep in files so overlays can be done)

Ku and C Sigma-0
Ku SWH {Note: C SWH is not in database}
SSH res (full and maybe a regional) {suggest equatorial Pacific}
SSH resid RMS {in the selected region}
Attitude? {yes}
{SSH_BAD, sums of bits 0-9}

Scattergrams
Ku Height RMS vs SWH (SWH as x-axis) or some characterization
Ku Height RMS vs Gate Index (Index as x-axis) or some characterization

Means (and/or other statistics) of each cycle (to be use to plot as trend data)
Ku and C Sigma-0
Ku SWH
Attitude
Pooled mean H RMS for 1.5 to 2.5, 3.5 to 4.5, and 7.5 to 8.5 SWH
Iono Correction (of a selected Lat/Lon box where Iono is not active; maybe 50 to 60 Lat & some Lon cell)
{Cycle Mean may be better}

Flags/status/counters
I want to do something here but am not sure what is useful /meaningful. The result I want is to show that data is not getting worse, and has the same coverage.
{Count of ALT_BAD1, bytes > 0}
{Count of ALT_BAD2, bit 1 > 0}
{Count of ALT_BAD2, bit 2 > 0}
{Count of SSH_BAD, bit 11 > 0 or bit 12 > 0}
{Count of TFLAG}
To: Distribution
From: Ron Brooks
Date: September 24, 1993
Subject: Contents of (I)GDR Data Base

One of the action items which emanated from the 9/22/93 meeting on (I)GDR data base standard products was the documenting of the contents of the data base.

The first attachment, courtesy of George Hayne, describes the data base contents in terms of parameters and the precision associated with each parameter. The second attachment, courtesy of Jeff Lee, depicts the flowchart logic for setting the flags in the data base.

Distribution:

Ron Forsythe
Hayden Gordon
David Hancock
George Hayne
Jeff Lee
Dennis Lockwood
Craig Purdy
Larry Rossi
Description of records in IGDR database (1-min averages)

Database contains only fine-track & deep-water data

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Read Record from IGDR

LandWater

Deep Water

TFlag

NOT Good Track

Good Track

Increment Counters Where Respective Flags are Non-Zero

AltBad1
AltBad2
AltBad22
GeoBad
SSHBad09
SSHBad12

AltBad1
AltBad2

NOT Good Data

Good Data

RecProcessed ++

Add Data into Averages

NumRecsDel ++

NumTFlags ++

NumRecsDel ++
To: CSC/Hayden Gordon  
From: CSC/Jeff Lee  
Date: February 15, 1994  
Subject: RE> Request 95/046

Software Development Team  
TOPEX Project  
NASA GSFC/WFF

In response to Request#95/046, changes have been made to the following components of the GDR processing system:

- igdrsum  
  no version number  
  Changed plot scales

- readigdrsum  
  no version number  
  Changed plot labels

All changes are completed and new software is in place as of 02/15/95. Sample products are attached.
Attached are listings of the database structures and sample output products from the I/GDR Standard processing. The processing methodology, database structure, processing software, and plotting software are hereby under change control. No modifications, additions, or deletions will be made to this system without the proper (TBD) authorization.

Processing Methodology.

1. Daily, IGDRs are retrieved automatically from JPL starting at 3AM Eastern Time.

2. Daily, dogdr is automatically run on the retrieved data and produces the following output files:
   a. 10-second Science Averages for daily plotting.
   b. 1-Minute Science Averages for database.
   c. Header (Processing summary) listing for database.

3. Daily, various programs are automatically run in IDL to produce the following output products:
   a. IGDR Pass Plots. (For each new IGDR pass)

4. At irregular intervals, database files are loaded into the master database and the following output products are generated:
   a. none.

4. Upon receipt of a GDR tape from JPL, dogdr is re-run on the GDR data. Old data are deleted from the databases and the new GDR data are loaded. The new data are then extracted and the following output products are generated:
   a. Cycle Summary Plots (for each new GDR cycle).
   b. Launch-to-Date GDR Trend Plots
Attached are listing of the database structures and sample output products. Attachment A contains the structure of the databases. Attachment B contains a sample of the IGDR Pass plot. Attachment C contains a sample of the per-cycle plots. Appendix D is a list of software and datafile titles put under change control by this (or some previous) memo.
### Attachment A: Database Structures

#### Structure for database: `Database6:TOPEX IGDR Databases:header.dbf`

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Attachment B: Samples of Per-Pass Plot Product
Cycle 054, Pass 001

Start Time (UTC): 1994-061T16:20:02
Start Time (Sec): -184102797.663
Input File: igdr_sci_054_001.std
NumRec = 705, Interval = 10
Plot Created: Sat Mar 12 04:36:53 1994
Attachment C: Samples of Per-Cycle Plot Product
I/GDR Cycle Summary : Cycle 50

Processing Summary

- Level 0 : All Data
  - Records Processed : 885044
- Level 1 : Deep Water, TFlag=0
  - Records Processed : 869893
  - Records Deleted : 15151 (1.851%)
- Level 2 : Level 1, AltBad=0
  - Records Processed : 818330
  - Records Deleted : 51563 (6.301%)

Good Data = Remainder After Removing Level-2 Flagged Data

Flagging Summary

- TFlags : Deep Water
  - 15151 (1.851%)
- Level 1 : Deep Water,TFlag=0
- AltBad1 Flags :
  - 15151 (1.851%)
- 23921 (2.923%)
- KuRangCorr Flags :
  - 14083 (1.721%)
- CRangCorr Flags :
  - 13740 (1.679%)
- GeoBad Flags :
  - 20172 (2.465%)
- SSHBad Flags (10/rec) :
  - 6029 (0.737%)
- EMBias Flags (2/rec) :
  - 42 (0.005%)

Attachment D: Software Under Change Control

FORTRAN source code
1. topextime.lib
2. topexgdr.lib
3. topexgeneral.lib
4. dogdr

Datafiles
1. none.

IDL code
1. igdrpass.pro
2. igdrdb.pro
3. igdrsum.pro
TOPEX InterOffice Memo

To: Ron Brooks, Ron Forsythe, George Hayne, David Hancock, Craig Purdy
From: Hayden Gordon
Date: April 1, 1994
Subject: Change Control Status for (1)GDR Processing Module

By this memo, the NASA Radar Altimeter (Interim) Geophysical Data Record (1)GDR) processing module and associated standard data products are considered baselined and placed under change control; changes affecting any of the baselined software will be handled according to the TOPEX Software Development Team (SWDT) change control policy (stated below).

Attached is a summary of the functions performed by the module, the database structures, a sample of the standard products generated, and a list of the source code and data files affected.

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SWDT Change Control Policy

Any changes to SWDT baselined software, under change control, will be handled according to the following process:

1. A memo describing the requested change will be generated and circulated to all members of the TOPEX Algorithm Development Team (ADT), and to the SWDT (for implementation comments).

2. The memo will be discussed at a meeting (regular or special) of the ADT, at which time any special implementation comments (from the SWDT) will be considered. If the change is approved by the ADT, a priority will be assigned. The process will not proceed beyond this step until ADT approval is secured.

3. An SWDT Work Request will be generated, signed by the NASA SWDT manager, and attached as a cover to the original memo.

4. The SWDT request will be given a title, EA S/W Chg #, and processed in the normal manner.

5. When the request is completed, a brief memo will be generated by the SWDT to summarize the change, to date the change (the date when implemented and the date when the change will appear in the data), and to list the affected routines and data files. Any new or modified products will be attached, if applicable. The implementation memo will be delivered to all members of the ADT, and the process will be complete.

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CC: Jeff Lee, Dennis Lockwood, Carol Purdy
TOPEX InterOffice Memo

To: Ron Brooks, Ron Forsythe, George Hayne, David Hancock
From: Hayden Gordon
Date: April 11, 1994
Subject: Change to (I)GDR Processing Module: SSH Residual Correction

Attached is a memo from Dennis Lockwood & Jeff Lee which addresses an error in the implemented computation the Sea Surface Height (SSH) Residual in the baselined (I)GDR processing module. A recommended approach to correct the problem is outlined in the request. Please consider the request, provide written comments if desired, and we will discuss it for possible implementation at the next ADT meeting.

Thanks,

CC: Jeff Lee, Dennis Lockwood, Carol Purdy
In testing alternate methods for computing Sea Surface Height Residual (SSHRes), we have discovered a programming error in the current computation. Incorrect values for SeaSurfHgt and MeanSeaSurf are being used in the computation. This renders the SSHRes invalid.

We recommend that the GDR processing module, dogdr be modified to use the correct values for SeaSurfHgt and MeanSeaSurf. Furthermore, all standard plots must be modified to reflect new scales for SSHRes and SSHRes RMS. The TOPEX team must also decide if it will be necessary to go back and re-process all the GDR data since the data in the database is not valid.

Since dogdr is change-controlled software, this memo is to advise the team of a problem and offer a suggested correction. A software change notice will be required in order to fix the problem and testing will have to be done to determine new scales for the standard GDR plots.
To: Distribution
From: Ron Brooks
Date: May 4, 1994
Subject: SSH Residual Computations

Reference: H. Gordon Memorandum of April 11, 1994

Hayden’s memorandum states that there was an implementation error in the computation of the SSH residuals. In response to an ADT Action Item, Dennis Lockwood and I have worked towards:

1. Testing the revised code.

2. Assessing the Rapp modification to the mean sea surface.

**Code Revision and Testing**

The Sea_Surf_Hght residual (SSHres) is computed as:

$$\text{SSHres (mm)} = \text{Sea_Surf_Hght} - \text{Ocean_Tide} - \text{Solid_Earth_Tide} - \text{Pole_Tide} - \text{Baro_Corr} - \text{Mean_Sea_Surf}$$

All of these are directly accessible from the IGDR file, except for Baro_Corr, the inverse barometer effect. Baro_Corr is based on Dry_Tropo and Latitude from the IGDR file as:

$$\text{Baro_Corr (mm)} = -10.1 \left[ \frac{\text{Dry_Tropo}}{-2.273(1+0.0026\cos(2\times\text{Latitude}))} \right] - 1013.3$$

In the original implementation, Sea_Surf_Hght and Mean_Sea_Surf were inadvertently set to zero, and thus the computed SSHres values were quite small.

Dennis changed the code in his software test bed, and provided spreadsheet values to me for independent testing. I was able to verify that the new code is working satisfactorily.

Using the new code, SSHres mean and rms values were computed for three cycles: 10, 30, and 50. The results were:

- Cycle 10 Mean = +388.3 mm  RMS = 92.2 mm
- Cycle 30 Mean = +402.6 mm  RMS = 93.2 mm
- Cycle 50 Mean = +398.7 mm  RMS = 92.4 mm

**Rapp Revision to Mean Sea Surface**

Richard Rapp has derived a latitude/longitude dependent
correction to the (I)GDR mean sea surface values where

\[
\text{Mean}_\text{Sea}_\text{Surf}_\text{Rapp} = \text{Mean}_\text{Sea}_\text{Surf} + dR + dX \cos(\text{lat}) \cos(\text{long}) + \\
dY \cos(\text{lat}) \sin(\text{long}) + dZ \sin(\text{lat}).
\]

Rapp's initial coefficients are: \(dR=+400\) mm, \(dX=0\), \(dY=+240\) mm, and \(dZ=0\).

As before, Dennis implemented the appropriate test bed code and provided a spreadsheet for verification. I verified that the code for the Rapp modification was working correctly.

Using the Rapp-modification code, SSHres mean and rms values were again computed for three cycles: 10, 30, and 50. The results were:

- **Cycle 10** Mean = +2.3 mm, RMS = 92.2 mm
- **Cycle 30** Mean = +18.6 mm, RMS = 93.2 mm
- **Cycle 50** Mean = +12.3 mm, RMS = 92.4 mm

**Recommendation**

The Rapp modification primarily compensates for a bias of 400 mm between the TOPEX-derived sea surface heights and the mean sea surface heights on the (I)GDR tapes; there is a smaller, geographically-correlated mean height correction. As long as we have consistent cycle-to-cycle geographic coverage, it shouldn't matter which of the two methods of computing SSHres is used; we can still look at the relative cycle-to-cycle changes.

However, if we wish to trace the SSHres pattern back to the early cycles when there was intra-cycle altimeter sharing and non-uniform geographic coverage, we should use the modified Rapp method. Based on my impression that we will want to examine the trends over a longer term, I recommend that the modified Rapp computations be implemented in the data base processing.

cc:
Ron Forsythe
Hayden Gordon
George Hayne
David Hancock
Jeff Lee
Dennis Lockwood
To: Distribution  
From: Ron Brooks  
Date: May 23, 1994  
Subject: Reference for Rapp Modification to Mean_Sea_Surf

A modification to Mean_Sea_Surf in the TOPEX data base is being implemented. Mean_Sea_Surf is used to calculate SSHres. The modification is based on Richard Rapp's derivation where:

\[ \text{Mean}_\text{Sea}_\text{Surf}\_\text{Rapp} = \text{Mean}_\text{Sea}_\text{Surf} + dR + dX \cos(\text{lat}) \cos(\text{long}) + dY \cos(\text{lat}) \sin(\text{long}) + dZ \sin(\text{lat}). \]

Rapp's initial coefficients are: \( dR = +400 \) mm, \( dX = 0 \), \( dY = +240 \) mm, and \( dZ = 0 \).

The referenced source of this equation is Section 3.4.3 of the GDR Users Handbook.

cc:  
Ron Forsythe  
Hayden Gordon  
George Bayne  
David Hancock  
Jeff Lee  
Dennis Lockwood
TOPEX InterOffice Memo

To: Ron Brooks, Ron Forsythe, George Hayne, David Hancock, Craig Purdy
From: Hayden Gordon
Date: June 2, 1994
Subject: EA S/W Chg 14: SSH Residual Correction

Attached is a memo from Dennis Lockwood & Jeff Lee which addresses an error in the implemented computation of the Sea Surface Height (SSH) Residual in the baseline (I)GDR Processing Module. This change, designated Engineering Assessment Software Change Request 14, has been completed. The programming error was corrected, the old calculation method commented out in the code, and the Rapp calculation method inserted. The attached paperwork from Ron Brooks explains the Rapp calculation of SSH Residual, shows some results from testing, and documents the source of the Rapp method. The software change is effective June 1, 1994, and the IGDRs arriving from JPL beginning June 2 (IGDR Cycle 62, Pass 70) will be processed with the new software. No standard products have been affected; the data will display properly on existing graphs without any scale change. Upon direction from the ADT, reprocessing of all GDRs will commence, and should take from 30 to 45 days to complete.

Thanks,

CC: Jeff Lee, Dennis Lockwood, Carol Purdy
In testing alternate methods for computing Sea Surface Height Residual (SSHRes), we have discovered a programming error in the current computation. Incorrect values for SeaSurfHgt and MeanSeaSurf are being used in the computation. This renders the SSHRes invalid.

We recommend that the GDR processing module, dogdr be modified to use the correct values for SeaSurfHgt and MeanSeaSurf. Furthermore, all standard plots must be modified to reflect new scales for SSHRes and SSHRes RMS. The TOPEX team must also decide if it will be necessary to go back and re-process all the GDR data since the data in the database is not valid.

Since dogdr is change-controlled software, this memo is to advise the team of a problem and offer a suggested correction. A software change notice will be required in order to fix the problem and testing will have to be done to determine new scales for the standard GDR plots.
To: Hayden Gordon  
From: Ron Brooks  
Date: August 10, 1994  
Subject: Changing the Scale of the SSH Residual RMS Histogram within the (I)GDR Cycle Summary

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Jeff Lee
To: Hayden Gordon  
From: Ron Brooks  
Date: August 10, 1994  
Subject: Change in (I)GDR Data Base

Software changes for the (I)GDR data base program are requested, to accomplish the following:

1. Assign identifiers "a" or "b" to the one-minute segments in the (I)GDR data base. The segment would be an "a" if it were an ascending pass in the northern hemisphere (>5 deg and <60 deg latitude) OR if it were a descending pass in the southern hemisphere (<-5 deg and >-60 deg latitude); in either event, the range-rate is positive. The segment would be a "b" if it were a descending pass in the northern hemisphere (>5 deg and <60 deg latitude) OR if it were an ascending pass in the southern hemisphere (<-5 deg and >-60 deg latitude); in either event, the range-rate is negative.

2. For Off-Nadir Angle in the (I)GDR data base, store the median rather than the mean value.

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David Hancock  
George Hayne  
Ron Forsythe  
Dennis Lockwood  
Jeff Lee
To: Hayden Gordon  
From: Ron Brooks  
Date: August 10, 1994  
Subject: Applying Calibration Corrections to (I)GDR Data Retrieval Products  

A software change is requested, to accomplish the following:  

Apply, as a part of routine processing, time-varying calibration corrections to standard retrieval products from the (I)GDR data base. AGC corrections would be added to sigma-naught. SWH corrections would be added to SWH. Height corrections would be subtracted from sea surface height.  

For example, there presently exists a table of AGC calibration corrections which is periodically updated. Some of these corrections have been already applied (by the TGS) to the altimeter measurements; others have not. We would wish to routinely apply these remaining corrections to the sigma-naught retrieval products from the (I)GDR data base.  

It is anticipated that similar calibration correction tables will become populated with values for SWH and for range.  

cc:  
David Hancock  
George Hayne  
Ron Forsythe  
Dennis Lockwood  
Jeff Lee
To: Hayden Gordon
From: Ron Brooks
Date: August 10, 1994 (Revised August 16, 1994)
Subject: Change in Summary\(^1\) (I)GDR Data Base

Software changes for the Summary (I)GDR data base program are requested, to accomplish the following:

1. Assign identifiers "a" or "b" to the one-minute segments in the Summary (I)GDR data base. The segment would be an "a" if it were an ascending pass in the northern hemisphere (>5 deg and <60 deg latitude) OR if it were a descending pass in the southern hemisphere (<-5 deg and >-60 deg latitude); in either event, the range-rate is positive. The segment would be a "b" if it were a descending pass in the northern hemisphere (>5 deg and <60 deg latitude) OR if it were an ascending pass in the southern hemisphere (<-5 deg and >-60 deg latitude); in either event, the range-rate is negative.

2. For Off-Nadir Angle in the Summary (I)GDR data base, store the median—rather than—the mean value (0 ≤ Angle ≤ 0.2).

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\(^1\) Changes in bold and strikeout as a result of instructions from the combined ADT/SWDT meeting.
To: Hayden Gordon
From: Ron Brooks
Date: August 11, 1994
Subject: Changing the Scale of the SSHResidualRMS Plot Within the (I)GDR Launch-to-Date Summary

A software change is requested, to accomplish the following:

Change the scale of the SSHResidualRMS plot within the (I)GDR Launch-to-Date Summary. The suggested scale change, based on the results of Dennis Lockwood's studies is:

80-100 mm for the vertical scale

Note: This increased vertical scale of 80-100 (previously 0-20) is required to accommodate the revised SSHResRMS computations, based on the Rapp method.

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TOPEX InterOffice Memo

To: Ron Brooks, Ron Forsythe, George Hayne, David Hancock
From: Hayden Gordon
Date: August 12, 1994
Subject: Change to (I)GDR Processing Module: SSHResRMS Plot Scale Changes

Attached are two memos from Ron Brooks which address plot scale changes needed in the SSH_Residual_RMS plots with reference to the baselined (I)GDR processing module. Please consider the request, provide written comments if desired, and we will discuss it for possible implementation at the next ADT meeting.

Thanks,

CC: Jeff Lee, Dennis Lockwood, Carol Purdy
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From: Ron Brooks  
Date: August 10, 1994  
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TOPEX InterOffice Memo

To: Ron Brooks, Ron Forsythe, George Hayne, David Hancock
From: Hayden Gordon
Date: August 12, 1994
Subject: Change to (I)GDR Processing Module: Apply CAL Corrections

Attached is a memo from Ron Brooks which addresses the application of calibration corrections to data retrieved from the (I)GDR database (and, hence, any derived products) with reference to the baselined (I)GDR processing module. Please consider the request, provide written comments if desired, and we will discuss it for possible implementation at the next ADT meeting.

Thanks,

CC: Jeff Lee, Dennis Lockwood, Carol Purdy
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From: Ron Brooks  
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For example, there presently exists a table of AGC calibration corrections which is periodically updated. Some of these corrections have been already applied (by the TGS) to the altimeter measurements; others have not. We would wish to routinely apply these remaining corrections to the sigma-naught retrieval products from the (I)GDR database.

It is anticipated that similar calibration correction tables will become populated with values for SWH and for range.

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TOPEX InterOffice Memo

To: Ron Brooks, Ron Forsythe, George Hayne, David Hancock
From: Hayden Gordon
Date: August 12, 1994
Subject: Change to (I)GDR Processing Module: Database Additions

Attached is a memo from Ron Brooks which addresses an additional parameter to differentiate between +/- Range Rates, and a change in the statistical parameter calculated for Off-Nadir Angle, with reference to the (I)GDR database within the baselined (I)GDR processing module. If there are ANY other changes/additions to the (I)GDR database, please bring these to the attention of the ADT/SWDT at this time. Please consider the request, provide written comments if desired, and we will discuss it for possible implementation at the next ADT meeting.

Thanks,

CC: Jeff Lee, Dennis Lockwood, Carol Purdy
To: Hayden Gordon  
From: Ron Brooks  
Date: August 10, 1994  
Subject: Change in (I)GDR Data Base

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2. For Off-Nadir Angle in the (I)GDR data base, store the median rather than the mean value.

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Ron Forsythe  
Dennis Lockwood  
Jeff Lee
TOPEX InterOffice Memo

To: Ron Brooks, Ron Forsythe, George Hayne, David Hancock
From: Hayden Gordon
Date: September 9, 1994
Subject: Change to (I)GDR Processing Module: Pass Plot Correction

Attached is a memo from Dennis Lockwood and Jeff Lee which addresses a small anomaly found in the (I)GDR Pass plots within the baselined (I)GDR software. Please consider the request, provide written comments if desired, and we will discuss it for possible implementation at the next ADT meeting.

Thanks,

CC: Jeff Lee, Dennis Lockwood, Carol Purdy (w/out attach.)
In testing MGDR software, we have discovered a potential problem with the IGDR pass plotting IDL program, igdrpass. An assumption is made when determining grid values, that there will be no large data gaps. This assumption is proved invalid on certain passes when the TOPEX ALT crosses over South America and also when POSEIDON returns no data over land. The problem has been corrected in mgdrpass. We recommend that the same changed be made in igdrpass. Sample plots are attached.
Cycle 071, Pass 020

Start Time (Sec): 169474618.096
Input File: igdr_sci_071_020.std
NumRec = 659, Interval = 10
Plot Created: Fri Sep 2 08:45:17 1994

UNCORRECTED
Cycle 071, Pass 033

Start Time (Sec): -16940770.786
Input File: igdr_sci_071_033.std
NumRec = 587, Interval = 10
Plot Created: Fri Sep 2 08:46:38 1994

UNCORRECTED
Cycle 071, Pass 020

Start Time (UTC): 1994-09-02T23:43:02
Start Time (Sec): 169474618.096
Input File: igdr_sci_071_020.std
NumRec = 659, Interval = 10
Plot Created: Fri Sep 2 08:49:42 1994
Cycle 071, Pass 033

Start Time (Sec): -169430770.786
Input File: igdr_sci_071_033.std
NumRec = 587, Interval = 10
Plot Created: Fri Sep 2 08:51:03 1994
TOPEX InterOffice Memo

To: Ron Brooks, Ron Forsythe, George Hayne, David Hancock, Craig Purdy
From: Hayden Gordon
Date: September 9, 1994
Subject: EA S/W Chg 18: SSHResRMS Plot Scale Changes

Attached are two memos from Ron Brooks which address plot scale changes needed in the SSH_Residual_RMS plots with reference to the baselined (TGDR processing module. The change, designated Engineering Assessment Software Change Request 18, has been completed. IDL programs 'tgdrdb.pro' & 'tgdrsum.pro' were modified on 9/2/94; a sample of each plot produced by these programs is attached.

Thanks,

CC: Jeff Lee, Dennis Lockwood, Carol Purdy
To: Hayden Gordon  
From: Ron Brooks  
Date: August 10, 1994  
Subject: Changing the Scale of the SSH Residual RMS Histogram within the (I)GDR Cycle Summary

A software change is requested, to accomplish the following:

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Jeff Lee

To: Hayden Gordon  
From: Ron Brooks  
Date: August 11, 1994  
Subject: Changing the Scale of the SSHResidualRMS Plot Within the (I)GDR Launch-to-Date Summary

A software change is requested, to accomplish the following:

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Jeff Lee
TOPEX InterOffice Memo

To: Ron Brooks, Ron Forsythe, George Hayne, David Hancock, Craig Purdy
From: Hayden Gordon
Date: September 9, 1994
Subject: EA S/W Chg 16: Summary Database Additions

Attached is a memo from Ron Brooks which addresses an additional parameter to differentiate between +/- Range Rates, and a change in the statistical parameter calculated for Off-Nadir Angle, with reference to the Summary (I)GDR database. This change, designated Engineering Assessment Software Change Request 16, has been completed. The database code was modified to process 'a' & 'b' according to the memo, the structure of the Summary Database changed to accommodate ONA-A & ONA-B, the Summary Database regenerated, the IGDR Summary Plot program modified, and a new Launch-to-Date plot made. The change was made 9/6/94, and the affected plot products are attached.

Thanks,

CC: Jeff Lee, Dennis Lockwood, Carol Purdy
To: Hayden Gordon  
From: Ron Brooks  
Date: August 10, 1994 (Revised August 16, 1994)  
Subject: Change in Summary (I)GDR Data Base

Software changes for the Summary (I)GDR data base program are requested, to accomplish the following:

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2. For Off-Nadir Angle in the Summary (I)GDR data base, store the median rather than the mean value (0 ≤ Angle ≤ 0.2).

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Dennis Lockwood  
Jeff Lee

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1 Changes in bold and strikeout as a result of instructions from the combined ADT/SWDT meeting.
To: Ron Brooks, Ron Forsythe, George Hayne, David Hancock, Craig Purdy
From: Hayden Gordon
Date: September 21, 1994
Subject: EA S/W Chg 21: (I)GDR Pass Plot Correction

Attached is a memo from Dennis Lockwood and Jeff Lee which addresses a small anomaly found in the (I)GDR Pass plots within the baselined (I)GDR software. This change, designated Engineering Assessment Software Change Request 21, has been completed. The change was implemented on 9/16/94, and will become effective beginning with Cycle 073, Pass101 data. Copies of the output products are attached.

Thanks,

CC: Jeff Lee, Dennis Lockwood, Carol Purdy (w/out attach.)
TOPEX InterOffice Memo

To: Ron Brooks, Ron Forsythe, George Hayne, David Hancock  
From: Hayden Gordon  
Date: September 21, 1994  
Subject: Change to (I)GDR Summary Database: 10 Editing & Scale Revisions

Attached is a memo from Ron Brooks which addresses changes to the (I)GDR Summary Database and associated derived plots within the baselined (I)GDR software. Please consider the request, provide written comments if desired, and we will discuss it for possible implementation at the next ADT meeting.

Thanks,

CC: Jeff Lee, Dennis Lockwood, Carol Purdy (w/out attach.)
To: Hayden Gordon  
From: Ron Brooks  
Date: September 20, 1994  
Subject: Changes to (I)GDR Summary Data Base and Associated Plots

Changes to the (I)GDR Summary Data Base and associated plots are requested, as follows:

1. Edit all parameters whenever:
   Off-Nadir Angle > 0.12 deg or SigmaO_ku > 16 dB.

2. Use 1-min segments only when number of records > 45.

3. Delete the plot of "Cumulative Histogram of SSHBad09".

4. Add a plot of SigmaO_Ku (horizontal axis) vs. SigmaO_C (vertical axis). Scale of horizontal axis would be 6-16, scale of vertical axis would be 10-20.

5. Change horizontal scale of Histogram of SigmaO_Ku from 4-20 to 6-16.


7. On the scattergram plot of SigmaOKu vs. Off Nadir Angle, change the vertical scale from 5-25 to 5-20, and change the horizontal scale from 0.0-0.4 to 0.0-0.2.

8. On the scattergram plot of SigmaOKu vs. SWHKu, change the vertical scale from 5-25 to 5-20.

9. Add to the database summary the number of points edited by Off-Nadir Angle > 0.12 deg and the total number of points edited by all three criteria listed in items 1 and 2 above.

10. Rerun all (I)GDR Cycle Summaries to date with new criteria (this may require a separate request?)

cc:  
David Hancock  
George Hayne  
Ron Forsythe  
Jeff Lee  
Dennis Lockwood  
Carol Purdy
In response to a question raised by George Hayne regarding absence of GDR cycles 1-8, please review and file attached memo from JPL. Refer to Page 1, Paragraph 6. This states that the Alt_Bad1 bit 7 is set. Under GDR processing requirements if any bits of the Alt_Bad1 word are set, the record is considered "bad."
General

1. Cycle 30 continues the regular distribution of NASA GDRs. Cycles 4 - 8 complete the reprocessing the early mission data when the satellite attitude system was not calibrated (See below). Cycle 31 was entirely SSALT (CNES). Thus, the next NASA GDRs you will receive will be in mid-October when cycles 32 - 35 are completed per the original agreement between PO-DAAC and the Project for shipping sets of 3 cycles.


3. Data from cycles 1 through 8 should be used with great caution and conclusions regarding changes between these cycles and later cycles should be reviewed carefully.

4. A leap second occurred June 30, 1993 at 181T23:59:60 during cycle 29 pass 083. Note that time tags in seconds can not be differenced across this date. See the GDR Users Handbook for details.

5. A complete draft of the revised GDR Users Handbook is planned for early September distribution.

Technical

1. For cycles 1 - 8 (to pass 189) Alt_Bad1 bit 7 (s1022 Range correction) is always set (1).

   This is because the satellite attitude is not usable for computing the variable part of the center of gravity correction (s1038.CG_Corr, #91); the static CG correction and the part due to any attitude bias used to attempt to correct the altimeter pointing are included. Thus, it is not possible to use the Alt_Bad1 = Geo_Bad = 0 flag selection criteria.

   For flag usage, check section 3.3.7 of the new GDR Users Handbook.
2. The satellite attitude control system was first calibrated on 1992-343T12 42:44, cycle 8, pass 189. After this time, the pointing was much improved, the CG correction is computed, and Alt Bad 1 bit 7 (s1022 Range correction) becomes usable. The attitude control system was further calibrated on 1992-353T19:46:12, cycle 9, pass 088. The pointing was brought completely within specification on 1992-357T17:22:33, cycle 10, pass 035, when a new attitude bias was sent to the satellite.

The off nadir angle is generally smaller for cycles 4 - 8 than 1 - 3. However, users are reminded that the data are cutoff at 0.45 deg as that is the limit to which the computation is valid. Thus, there are points with 0 for DR(SWH/Att) simply because the off nadir angle exceeded the limit. A second point regarding DR(SWH/Att) is that the value is less reliable for off nadir angles greater than 0.3 deg. The actual additional error will depend on both attitude and SWH, but it will typically be 1 to 2 cm.

3. In reviewing the data for cycles 1 - 3, it was observed that the histogram of the difference between Wet Tropo Rad and Wet Tropo FMO was different for values less than about -70 mm, i.e., (Wet Tropo Rad - Wet Tropo FMO) < -70, than cycle 28. This corresponds to the TMR path length correction being more than 7 cm greater than the model value. The change is that in early cycles the histogram declines smoothly from the peak at zero difference to no counts at a difference of 15 cm while in the later cycles the decline in counts shows a sharp break at about -70 mm. There is no apparent change in the histogram shape for positive differences or in the histogram of Wet Tropo Rad values. Review of the histograms of all cycles showed that there was essentially a step change in the type of histogram between cycles 16 and 17 (February 28, 1993). Data for cycles 5 and 30 are different from this pattern, but cycles 4, 6, 7, 8 continue the trend noted previously. Investigation of this effect is continuing.

**Cycle 4**

1. The data begin with pass 044; SSALT was On before that time. There are 211 passes of Alt data.

2. An attitude bias to improve overall pointing of Roll = -.11 deg, Pitch = +.4 deg was introduced on pass 101, 1992-300T19:35:36. Most off nadir angles are less 0.24 deg.
Altimeter boresight calibrations were performed for approximately 10 minutes starting at
Pass 1992-doyThh:mm:ss
005 297T00:32:00
182 303T23:33:00.

3. A histogram of sea surface height minus mean sea surface (without tidal corrections) will show an excess near +12 cm of about 500 counts. This may be caused by a very sharp peak (about 5000 extra counts) in the Earth tide histogram at -12 cm. It is believed that the tidal models are correct and that this is simply a "numerical (or, astronomical) accident".

Cycle 5

1. SSALT was On for passes 219-244. There are 228 passes of Alt data.

2. Off nadir angles are mostly less 0.35 deg. Recall that the pointing angle/seastate corrections become less reliable for angles greater than 0.3 deg. Altimeter boresight calibrations were performed for approximately 10 minutes starting at
Pass 1992-doyThh:mm:ss
106 310T22:09:00.

Cycle 6

1. SSALT was On for passes 19-45 and 220-244. There are 202 passes of Alt data.

2. Off nadir angles are mostly less 0.35 deg; however, the attitude did exceed 0.45 deg during this cycle. Altimeter boresight calibrations were performed for approximately 14 minutes starting at
Pass 1992-doyThh:mm:ss
030 317T20:53:00 (SSALT)
208 324T19:38:00
234 325T20:01:00 (SSALT).
Cycle 7
1. This cycle is all NASA Alt data.

2. There are two peaks in the off nadir angle distribution: .09 and .28 deg. Some points exceed .45 deg.

Cycle 8
1. SSALT was On for passes 220-254. There are 218 passes of Alt data.

2. Off nadir angles are mostly less 0.35 deg; however, the attitude did exceed 0.45 deg during this cycle.

As noted above the satellite attitude control system was calibrated on 1992-343T21:42:44, cycle 8; pass 189. After this time, the pointing was much improved, the CG correction is computed, and Alt_Bad1 bit 7 (s1022 Range correction) becomes usable.

The pitch bias was changed to +0.15 deg (from +0.4 deg) on pass 089, 1992-340T00:06:24.

An altimeter boresight calibration was performed for approximately 26 minutes starting at
Pass 1992-doyThh:mm:ss
247 346T04:13:00 (SSALT).

Cycle 30
1. The NASA Alt was On throughout the cycle.

2. Passes 33 - 34 and 195 - 196 had a relatively large number of data transmission errors. This may cause some gaps in TMR data to be flagged (a value will still be produced, but it will be an extrapolation from previous data).
TOPEX InterOffice Memo

To: Ron Brooks, Ron Forsythe, George Hayne, David Hancock, Craig Purdy
From: Hayden Gordon
Date: October 31, 1994
Subject: GDR Cycles 1-8, Clarification

Attached please find a memo from Dennis Lockwood and Jeff Lee clarifying a question raised by George Hayne regarding the absence of Cycles 1-8 in the processed GDR data.

Please add this memo and its attachments to the package which was distributed on April 1, 1994, with the cover memo bearing the title, "Change Control Status for (l)GDR Processing Module''.

CC: JeffLee, Dennis Lockwood, Carol Purdy
To: Hayden Gordon  
From: Ron Brooks  
Date: February 3, 1995  
Subject: TOPEX Software Modification

I recommend a modification to the TOPEX change-controlled software, to change the vertical scales on the GDR Launch-to-Date Cycle Summary plots. The recommended new scales are shown in the Attachment.

The selection of these particular scales is the result of an iterative study, in response to Work Requests 95/017 and 95/026.

These new scales allow for more meaningful displays of the data.

Attachment: Newly-Scaled Launch-to-Date Cycle Summary Plots

cc:
David Hancock  
George Hayne  
Ron Forsythe  
Dennis Lockwood  
Jeff Lee  
Carol Purdy
TOPEX Engineering Assessment S/W Change

To: Ron Brooks, Ron Forsythe, George Hayne, David Hancock, Craig Purdy
From: Hayden Gordon
Date: March 15, 1995
Subject: Request #95/046
GDR Launch-to-Date Cycle Summary Plot Scale Change

A Change Request was submitted by R. Brooks to modify the vertical scales on the GDR Launch-to-Date Cycle Summary plots in the baselined (I)GDR Processing Module. The change has been investigated under Study Requests #95/017 & #95/026. This Engineering Assessment Software Change, designated Request #95/046, has been completed. The change was implemented on 2/15/95, with revised components of the (I)GDR Processing Module. The SWDT completion memo, and sample plots, with new plot scales and labels, are attached.

Thanks,

CC: Jeff Lee, Dennis Lockwood, Carol Purdy (w/out attach.)
To: CSC/Hayden Gordon
From: CSC/Jeff Lee
Date: February 15, 1994
Subject: RE> Request 95/046

Software Development Team
TOPEX Project
NASA GSFC/WFF

In response to Request#95/046, changes have been made to the following components of the GDR processing system:

igdrsum
readigdrsum

no version number
no version number

Changed plot scales
Changed plot labels

All changes are completed and new software is in place as of 02/15/95. Sample products are attached.
TOPEX Engineering Assessment S/W Change

To: Ron Brooks, Ron Forsythe, George Hayne, David Hancock, Craig Purdy
From: Hayden Gordon
Date: September 29, 1995
Subject: Request #95/149

Geo_Bad_Bits

Attached is a memo from Ron Brooks which addresses a proposed change to the baselined IGDR Software. This Engineering Assessment Software Change, designated Request #95/149, has been completed. The change was implemented on 9/11/95, to coincide with the start of IGDR Cycle #109. Software changes were made to GDRDBAvg.f, and a new version 1.2 of 'doGDR.f' was released on 9/11/95. A memo from Dennis Lockwood is attached showing the current record selection criteria.

Thanks,

CC: Jeff Lee, Dennis Lockwood, Carol Purdy (w/out attach.)
Several changes are needed in SDS to make changes requested by the SWT or to enhance GDR accuracy.

1. **Provide new tide models (g1061).** The SWT has derived numerous new tide models. After much evaluation the two selected are a model from the University of Texas (UT CSR 3.0) and the hydrodynamic model of LeProvost FES 95.2.1. The UT model is based on altimeter data, while FES 95 is mainly a hydrodynamic model but with some altimeter data assimilation. The last decimal of the FES designation indicates a change which was made after the October 1995 SWT to correct some small inconsistencies in the model. The UT model includes a loading tide computation.

These models will also be used by PO-DAAC and AVISO for the merged GDRs. In order to simplify software maintenance, it is recommended that the current SDS algorithms be entirely replaced by the code which PO-DAAC has developed from the model providers.

2. **Correct Pole Tide (g1063).** POD discovered a discrepancy in the pole tide on the GDR. The problem is that average values of the pole position must be subtracted from the current values obtained from the POD. The resulting error is up to 13 mm. The values to subtract are:

   \[
   \begin{align*}
   x_{\text{pole-avg}} &= 0.042 \text{ arc sec}; \\
   y_{\text{pole-avg}} &= 0.293 \text{ arc sec}.
   \end{align*}
   \]

3. **Provide new surface height fields (g1065).** Richard Rapp of Ohio State University has supplied new geoid and mean sea surface files. They have twice the resolution of the current fields, so, particularly for the MSS, a revised interpolator is needed to speed processing. The new fields incorporate TOPEX data and are consistent with the JGM3 gravity field used for POD.

These models will also be used by PO-DAAC and AVISO for the merged GDRs. In order to simplify software maintenance, it is recommended that the current SDS algorithms be entirely replaced by the code which PO-DAAC has developed.

4. **Provide atmospheric-corrected \( \sigma_0 \) (g1260) to EM Bias computation (g1064) with revised \( \sigma_0 \) offset.** The EMB is parameterized in terms of wind speed. Wind speed is obtained from the \( \sigma_0 \) value by table lookup. The table is based on Geosat values. Comparison of nearly two years of Geosat and TOPEX \( \sigma_0 \) values indicates that the offset between the TOPEX GDR atmospheric corrected \( \sigma_0 \) and Geosat is -0.63 dB. In order to use this offset and to provide correction for atmospheric effects, it is necessary that the atmospheric corrected \( \sigma_0 \) be passed to the EMB computation.
Research by Mike Freilich of OSU indicates that the TOPEX atmospheric attenuation correction is fairly accurate (although the individual vapor and liquid components are not as reliable).

5. Revise EM Bias coefficients to values found from TOPEX data. Values are not yet available. We have fit K and C band data separately as requested by Dudley Chelton at the SWT meeting. The K band results are similar to those found before, but the C band values appear to be rather different from those currently in use. We are continuing to test the fits. In order to provide final parameters, we will need to find a proper parametric representation of the non-parametric fits (which we believe to be much more reliable) and to test the effect of the new coefficients on the ionosphere. If the latter is significant, then the C band range bias will need to be adjusted also.

6. Revise GDR flags (g1080) to be consistent with t3117 fine height flags and t1061 tide flags. The flags from the above revised algorithms will need to be stored on the GDR. Sheets with the MCRs indicate the desired locations and a revised specification for g1080 is also provided.

7. Add fine height flags to t3117 and pass through to GDR. Attached to the MCR is a revised algorithm specification which indicates how to produce these flags. The flags indicate which part of the digital filter bank (DFB) the signal is in. This is important because leakages in the waveform appear to be fixed in the DFB and to contribute differently to the measured range as the actual signal is shifted based on the operation of the hardware. The effect of the leakages also varies with gate index. The fine height flags will allow users to apply a correction to the sea surface height based on the position of the signal in the DFB and the gate index.

Attachments: MCRs

MOS Change Request (MCR)

ORIGINATOR:
P. S. Callahan

2. EXT: 4-7753

3. SUBSYSTEM: MSE/SDS

4. DATE:

95/12/21

5. TITLE OF CHANGE:
Input Atmospheric-Corrected Sigma0 to EMB Bias Algorithm (g1064)

6. FR No:

7. ECR No:

8. Other:

9. DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE:
Input atmospheric-corrected sigma0 from g1260 to EMB algorithm g1064. Use sigma0 offset (relative to Geosat) of -0.63 dB.

HARDWARE CHANGE REQUIRED? ☐ YES ☐ NO

SOFTWARE CHANGE REQUIRED? ☐ FLIGHT ☑ GROUND ☐ NONE

10. AFFECTED ELEMENTS

INSTITUTIONS AFFECTED: ☑ CNES ☑ GSFC ☐ DSN ☐ WFF

SUBSYSTEMS AFFECTED: ☐ TCCS ☐ MPSSS ☐ NAVS ☑ SDS ☐ SPAS ☐ SS

TEAMS AFFECTED: ☐ FCT ☐ MPT ☐ NAVT ☑ SOT ☐ SPAT ☐ PTV

DOCUMENTATION AFFECTED: ☑ SIS ☑ SRD ☑ SSD ☐ USER'S GUIDE ☑ OTHER ☑ GDR Handbook

OTHER AFFECTED ELEMENTS: ☑ TESTBED ☐ CMDLIB ☐ VAX ENVIRONMENT: ☐ TEST ☐ OPS

11. IMPACT IF NOT IMPLEMENTED:
Inaccurate EMB, hence sea surface height.

12. PRIORITY:

☑ CAT 1 - NO WORKAROUND EXISTS

☐ CAT 2 - ARDUOUS WORKAROUND EXISTS

☐ CAT 3 - ACCEPTABLE WORKAROUND EXISTS

☐ CAT 4 - DESIRABLE

COMMENTS: Required for cycle 124 GDRs

13. CONCURRENCE (Sign and Date):

INITIATING TEAM CHIEF: Philip S. Callahan 95/12/21

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RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL

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| TGS Manager | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| FOS Manager | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

APPROVED ☐ DISAPPROVED ☐

Mission Manager: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

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**TOPEX/POSEIDON**

MOS Change Request (MCR)

1. ORIGINATOR: P.S. Callahan
2. EXT.: 4-4753
3. SUBSYSTEM: MSE/SDS
4. DATE: 95/12/19

5. TITLE OF CHANGE: Upgrade GDR Flags (91080)

9. DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE:
   See attached. Specification changes to agree with other GDR upgrades which add flags.

HARDWARE CHANGE REQUIRED? ☐ YES ☑ NO
SOFTWARE CHANGE REQUIRED? ☐ FLIGHT ☑ GROUND ☐ NONE

10. AFFECTED ELEMENTS:
   - INSTITUTIONS AFFECTED: Info
     - CNES ☑ GSFC ☐ DSN ☐ WFF
   - SUBSYSTEMS AFFECTED: ☐ TCCS ☐ MPSSS ☐ NAYS ☐ SDS ☐ SPAS ☐ SS
   - TEAMS AFFECTED: ☐ FCT ☐ MPST ☐ NAVT ☐ SOT ☐ SPAT ☐ PVF
   - DOCUMENTATION AFFECTED: ☐ SIS ☐ SRD ☐ SSD ☐ USER'S GUIDE ☐ OTHER ☑ GDR Handbook
   - OTHER AFFECTED ELEMENTS: ☐ TESTBED ☐ CMDBL ☐ VAX ENVIRONMENT: ☐ TEST ☐ OPS

11. IMPACT IF NOT IMPLEMENTED: Incorrect GDR flags.

12. PRIORITY:
   - ☑ CAT 1 - NO WORKAROUND EXISTS
   - ☐ CAT 2 - ARDUOUS WORKAROUND EXISTS
   - ☐ CAT 3 - ACCEPTABLE WORKAROUND EXISTS
   - ☐ CAT 4 - DESIRABLE

   COMMENTS: Required for cycle 124 GDRs

13. CONCURRENCE (Sign and Date):
   - INITIATING TEAM CHIEF: Philip S. Callahan 95/12/19
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   - SS Manager: ☐ ☐ ☒
   - TGS Manager: ☐ ☐ ☐
   - FOS Manager: ☐ ☐ ☒

   APPROVED ☑ DISAPPROVED ☐
   - Mission Manager: 
   - DATE: 

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ALGORITHM TITLE: MAKE GDR FLAGS

ASSOCIATED NUMBERS: g1080 Version --F-- 5.0 --F 6.0--

HERITAGE: New

Note: Inserts are indicated by ⊥. SDS names (for some) variables are given in parentheses. All insert marks from F4.0 ⊥5.0⊥ have been removed, so only F4.0 ⊥5.0⊥ -> F5.0 ⊥6.0⊥ changes are marked.

FUNCTION:
To combine or pack flags created in earlier processing for output to the GDR. It is desired to make flags easily interpretable by GDR data users while providing maximum insight into the sensor states and data processing.

COMPONENTS: None

MATHEMATICAL STATEMENT:

Numerous flags are produced throughout the processing of altimeter, TMR, and satellite data. It is desired to provide a concise and informative set of flags for users of GDR data. This algorithm takes in many flags produced during Telemetry, Sensor, and Geophysical processing and combines them, usually by "ORing" or packs the flags as single bits into bytes. Several bytes indicating the altimeter state are copied from the telemetry. All flags are set during processing to the IGDR; there is no plan to update these flags during processing from IGDR to GDR.

The flagging convention for TOPEX/POSEIDON is

0 = test was done and data passed
1 = data failed or test was not done (missing/invalid data, etc.).

Thus, if a flag is set to zero, or if an entire byte of packed flags is zero, one can use the accompanying data with confidence that it has been checked and is good.

Some invalid data may also be indicated by "null values". Usually, the null value is the maximum negative number which will fit in the format, but it may be zero or other particular values placed in the data fields. The interpretation of null values, as well as the flag bits packed into bytes, will be described in the GDR Users' Handbook. The packing of bits into GDR bytes is also described in the GDR Data SIS-2, 633-751-23-004.
### DATA:

**(Organized by Source algorithm number.)*

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<th>Source</th>
<th>Frequency</th>
<th>Quantity Checked</th>
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<td><em>Iono_Bad</em>(0-9)</td>
<td>1/science frame (10 pt)</td>
<td>Flag_no_iono_corr, Flag_iono_corr_lim(i), Flag_iono_fit(i)</td>
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<td><em>Sigma0_C Out of Limits</em></td>
<td>1/science frame</td>
<td>Sigma0_C</td>
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<td><em>Sigma0_K Out of Limits</em></td>
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<td><em>PFLAG</em></td>
<td>1/science frame</td>
<td>Pressure field quality from CNES.</td>
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<td><em>Ocean_Tide_Invalid</em></td>
<td>1/science frame</td>
<td>Tide height</td>
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<td><em>Flag_EMB_lim</em></td>
<td>1/science frame</td>
<td>Coefficient of SWH limited</td>
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<td><em>Flag_EMB_SWH_only</em></td>
<td>1/science frame</td>
<td>No good sigma0 so coefficient of SWH fixed</td>
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<td><em>Flag_GDR_compr</em></td>
<td>1/science frame</td>
<td>GDR compression changed from line to median</td>
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<td><em>Flag_g1071_slope</em></td>
<td>1/science frame</td>
<td>Slope of fit line less than limit</td>
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<td><em>SSH_Bad</em>(0-9) (Flag_SSH_Bad_g1071)</td>
<td>1/science frame</td>
<td>SSH_Height_Hi_Rate(i) differs from fit or Sea Surf_Height too much</td>
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GDR_Comp_RMS  (SS_RMS in GDR Data SIS)
Source: g1071  Frequency: 1/science frame
Quantity Checked: RMS about SSH compression fit.

Tb_Qual for each channel -- 18, 22, 37 GHz
Source: g1256  Frequency: 3/science frame
Quantity Checked: Available pts for interpolation

Rain Flag
Source: g1257  Frequency: 1/science frame
Quantity Checked: Liquid water content (or opacity?)

Ice Flag
Source: g1280  Frequency: 1/science frame

(MCR 333) This will be replaced in SDS 5.0 by
Smoothed_VAtt_flag_K and Smoothed_VAtt_flag_C
Source: t5135  Frequency: 1/science frame
Quantity Checked: VAtt_K/C not computed (too many bad waveforms) OR
VAtt out of limits

C_FLAG
Source: s1022  Frequency: 1/science frame
Quantity Checked: Sum of C Range correction flags

K_FLAG
Source: s1022  Frequency: 1/science frame
Quantity Checked: Sum of K Range correction flags

FLG_RNG_C (flag_PA(C))
Source: s1037  Frequency: 1/science frame
Quantity Checked: FLG_V_Att, FLG_V_SWH

FLG_RNG_K (flag_PA(K))
Source: s1037  Frequency: 1/science frame
Quantity Checked: FLG_V_Att, FLG_V_SWH

FLAG_CG
Source: s1038  Frequency: 1/science frame
Quantity Checked: Center of Gravity Input Flags

FLG_AGCC (Flag_PA_AGCC(C))
Source: s1045  Frequency: 1/science frame
Quantity Checked: FLG_V_Att, FLG_V_SWH

FLG_AGCC (Flag_PA_AGCC(K))
Source: s1045  Frequency: 1/science frame
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Quantity Checked: FLG_V_Att, FLG_V_SWH

FLG_SWH_C (Flag_PA_SWH(C))
Source: s1051  Frequency: 1/science frame
Quantity Checked: FLG_V_Att, FLG_V_SWH

FLG_SWH_K (Flag_PA_SWH(K))
Source: s1051  Frequency: 1/science frame
Quantity Checked: FLG_V_Att, FLG_V_SWH

FLAG
Source: SDR (SDR/11068)  Frequency: 1/alt frame

t3117 Fine Height Flags: Flag_Fine_Ht_K/C
Source: SDR (t3_17)  Frequency: 2 (K, C)/alt frame

FLGSME (Alt_Eng_Prelim_Flags)
Source: t4109 (SDR)  Frequency: 1/eng frame
Quantity Checked: Preliminary engineering frame flags.

FLGSMS (Alt_Sci_Prelim_Flags)
Source: SDR/t4109  Frequency: 1/eng frame
Quantity Checked: Preliminary alt science frame flags

Deep Water Flag
Source: SDR/t7110  Frequency: 1/science frame
Quantity Checked: Location

Surface Type Flag - Altimeter
Source: SDR/t7110  Frequency: 1/science frame
Quantity Checked: Location

Surface Type Flag - TMR
Source: (SDR/t7110)
Interpolated by g1256 from 1/TMR point to 1/science frame
Frequency: 1/science frame
Quantity Checked: Location

Mode Bytes (2)
Source: SDR  Frequency: 2/alt frame

Gate Index Byte
Source: SDR  Frequency: 1/alt frame

Limit Byte
Source: SDR  Frequency: 1/alt frame
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All_Operate
Source: SDR (13107)
Frequency: 1/alt frame

CON
Source: SDR (13117)
Frequency: 1/alt frame

KON
Source: SDR (13117)
Frequency: 1/alt frame

1MR21_Op_Flag
Source: SDR (14308)
Interpolated in g1256 from 1/TMR frame to 1/science frame

Output:

Alt_Bad(0-7)
Alt_Bad2(0-7)
Geo_Bad(0-7)
Instr_State(0-7)

Iono_Bad(0-9, 11-12, + 13-14 +)

SSH_Bad(0-9, 11-12, + 14-15 +)

Mode Bytes
PFLAG
Gate Index Byte

Internal Variables:

None

Auxiliary Data:

Allowed number of bad high rate sea surface heights,
SSH_Bad_Allowed = 2

Allowed number of bad ionosphere points,
Iono_Bad_Allowed = 4

Threshold for GDR compression RMS

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GDR_RMS_Allowed = 150 um

PROCESSING

1. Set Instr_State, Geo_Bad, Alt_Bad1, Alt_Bad2 to all ones. This is consistent with the flagging convention as the flags are reset to 0 only if the checked flags indicate good data (0).  **SDS 4.0 does NOT do this. Flag bytes are initially set to 0 and bits are turned On (1) if input flags indicate (1 or TRUE).**

2. Set SSH_Bad(0-9, 11-12) and count number of bad points to set Alt_Bad1(1).
   Flags 0-9 indicate if individual 10/1 frame sea surface height points deviate by more than an allowed amount as described in g1071-GDR Data Compression.

   SDS Code:
   C  Set SSH_Bad: sea surface heights and EM Bias flags.
      SSH_Bad   = 0
      Number_SSH_Bad = 0
      DO FOR l=1,10
         IF (FLAG_SSH_Bad_g1071(I)) THEN
            SSH_Bad = 1OR(SSH_Bad,BITNUM(I-1))
            Number_SSH_Bad = Number_SSH_Bad + 1
         ENDIF
      ENDFOR

   Two additional bits of SSH_Bad are used for flags regarding the EM Bias:
   IF (Flag_EM_B_blim = 0) SET SSH_Bad(11) = 0
   IF (Flag_EM_SWH_only = 0) Set SSH_Bad(12) = 0
   NOT done, SSH_Bad = 0 to start: Set spare bits of SSH_Bad to 0.

   Two additional bits of SSH_Bad are used for flags from the FES 95.2 tide algorithm:
   Set bits.14-15 =
      0 (00) If 4 pts were used in the interpolation
      1 (01) If 3 pts were used in the interpolation
      2 (10) If 2 pts were used in the interpolation (bad/questionable)
      3 (11) If less than 2 pts were used in the interpolation OR other bad conditions occurred.

3. Set Iono_Bad(0-9, 11-12)
   Flags 0-9 indicate if individual 10/1 frame range points were not corrected for ionosphere or had an out of limits ionospheric correction. These conditions are checked in g1047-Make Combined Height [Iono] Flags based on input from g1043-Make Combined Height and g1073-Compress Ionosphere.

   SDS Code:
   C  Set Iono_Bad: ionosphere correction and telemetry flags.
      Iono_Bad   = 0
      Number_Iono_Bad = 0

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Two additional bits of ino_Bad are used for flags regarding the original telemetry from 4109:

**SDS Code:**
- IF (Alt_Eng_Prelim_Flag) ino_Bad = IOR(ino_Bad, BIT11)
- IF (Alt_Sci_Prelim_Flag) ino_Bad = IOR(ino_Bad, BIT12)

Not done, ino_Bad = 0 to start: Set spare bits of ino_Bad to 0.

4. Two additional bits of ino_Bad are used for Fine Height Flags from 3117:
   - ino_Bad(13) = SDR_Flag_Fine_Ht_K
   - ino_Bad(14) = SDR_Flag_Fine_Ht_C

4. Set Instr_State(0-7)

The normal state is all 0 indicating C band ON at 320 MHz, K band ON (and hence, primary) altimeter side A operating, FRU side A operating, TMR 21 GHz side A ON, TMR 21 GHz side B OFF.

As noted above, in SDS 4.1 Instr_State is set to 0 and bits are set to 1 if flags indicate bad/off. This part of the specification was not changed.

- Instr_State(0): IF (CON = "ON") Instr_State(0) = 1
- Instr_State(1): IF (CON = "320") Instr_State(1) = 0
- Instr_State(2): IF (KON = "ON") Instr_State(2) = 0
- Instr_State(3): IF (Alt_Operate = "A") Instr_State(3) = 0
- Instr_State(4): IF (Limit_Byte = 0) Instr_State(4) = 0
- Instr_State(5): IF (TMR21A_Op = "ON") Instr_State(5) = 0
- Instr_State(6): IF (TMR21B_Op = "OFF") Instr_State(6) = 0
- Instr_State(7): IF (FLAG.CG = 0) Instr_State(7) = 0

5. Set Geo_Bad(0-7)

This set of flags indicates that land flags were set for the altimeter or TMR, or if other geophysical conditions were not nominal.

As noted above, in SDS 4.1 Geo_Bad is set to 0 and bits are set to 1 if flags indicate bad/off. This part of the specification was not changed.

- Geo_Bad(0): IF (Deep Water flag indicates "DEEP") Geo_Bad(0) = 0
- Geo_Bad(1): IF (Alt Surface Type flag indicates OCEAN) Geo_Bad(1) = 0
- Geo_Bad(2): IF (TMR Surface Type flag indicates OCEAN) Geo_Bad(2) = 0
- Geo_Bad(3): IF (Rain/Excess liquid flag is NOT Set) Geo_Bad(3) = 0
- Geo_Bad(4): IF (Ocean Tide_Kr_Signal flag for UT CSR 3.0 tide + is NOT Set) Geo_Bad(4) = 0
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The following has been changed to be consistent with gl256 Version 2.1, 93/03/08. gl256 output values of Tb_Qual flags are "Good" (0), "Fair" (1), "Poor" (2), "Bad" (3).

Geo_Bad(5): Set bits 5 and 6 based on Tb_Qual flag:

Geo_Bad(6):

IF (all channels Tb_Qual = "Good") bits(5,6) = 00
  IF (1 or more channels of Tb_Qual = "Fair")
    bits(5,6) = 01
  IF (1 or more channels Tb_Qual = "Poor")
    bits(5,6) = 10
  IF (1 or more channels Tb_Qual = "Bad") bits(5,6) = 11

Geo_Bad(7): IF (gl256_Ice Flags NOT Set) Geo_Bad(7) = 0
Note that this maintains the spec convention of unsetting flags.

6. Set Alt_Bad1(0-7)

This set of flags indicates problems were detected with the altimeter sensor corrections, the ionosphere, or the compressed sea surface height output. If this byte is all zero, it is likely that Alt_Bad2 will also be all zeros.

As noted above, in SDS 4.1 Alt_Bad1 is set to 0 and bits are set to 1 if flags indicate bad/off. This part of the specification was not changed.

Alt_Bad1(0): IF (Flag_GDR_Compr = 0) Alt_Bad1(0) = 0
Alt_Bad1(1): IF (Sum(SSH_Bad(0-9)) .LE. SSH_Bad_Allowed) Alt_Bad1(1) = 0
Alt_Bad1(2): IF ((smoothed_VAtt_flag_K = 0) .AND.
  (smoothed_VAtt_flag_C = 0)) Alt_Bad1(2) = 0
Alt_Bad1(3): IF (TFI_AG = 0 (NOT set)) Alt_Bad1(3) = 0
Alt_Bad1(4): IF (Flag_g1071_slope = 0) Alt_Bad1(4) = 0
Alt_Bad1(5): IF (RMS GDR Compression .LT. GDR_RMS_Allowed)
  Alt_Bad1(5) = 0
Alt_Bad1(6): IF (Sum(Iono_Bad(0-9)) .LE. Iono_Bad_Allowed)
  Alt_Bad1(6) = 0

(That is, if Iono_Bad_Allowed = 4, six or more good points gives a good ionosphere, 5 or less is bad.)

Alt_Bad1(7): IF ((K_Flag = 0) .AND. (C_Flag = 0)) Alt_Bad1(7) = 0

7. Set Alt_Bad2(0-7)

This set of flags indicates if any of the pointing angle/sea state corrections were invalid, or sigma0 was out of limits.

As noted above, in SDS 4.1 Alt_Bad2 is set to 0 and bits are set to 1 if flags indicate bad/off. This part of the specification was not changed.

The conditions which set the flags in each of the pointing angle/sea state correction algorithms are the same. Thus, the flags in Alt_Bad2(1-4) are redundant.

Alt_Bad2(0): Spare
Alt_Bad2(1): IF (FLG_RNG_K = 0) Alt_Bad2(1) = 0
Alt_Bad2(2): IF (FLG_RNG_C = 0) Alt_Bad2(2) = 0
Alt_Bad2(3): IF (FLG_SWH_C = 0) Alt_Bad2(3) = 0
8. Copy to GDR

(1) PFLAG
   Source: g1055   Frequency: 1/alt frame

(2) Mode Bytes (2)
   Source: SDR   Frequency: 2/alt frame

(3) Gate Index Byte
   Source: SDR   Frequency: 1/alt frame

9. Ice Flag Processing

Ice flag processing is done in algorithm g1280, and its flag passed into g1080 for insertion in Geo_Bad.

COMMENTS:

The final coordination of flag consistency and names between algorithms probably will not be complete until software is complete, but every attempt has been made here to provide as much consistency as possible.

REFERENCES:

1. IGDR/GDR Data SIS-2, Project Document 633-751-23-004
TOPEX/POSEIDON
MOS Change Request (MCR)

1. ORIGINATOR: P. S. Callahan
2. EXT: 4-4753
3. SUBSYSTEM: MSE/SDS
4. DATE: 95/12/19

5. TITLE OF CHANGE: Add Fine Height Flags (t 3117)

6. FR No:
7. ECR No:
8. Other:

9. DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE:
See attached. In algorithm t 3117 determine fine height flags. Place flags on SDR and pass to GDR.

HARDWARE CHANGE REQUIRED? ☐ YES ☑ NO
SOFTWARE CHANGE REQUIRED? ☐ FLIGHT ☑ GROUND ☐ NONE

10. AFFECTED ELEMENTS
INSTITUTIONS AFFECTED: ☐ CNES ☐ GSFC ☐ DSN ☑ WFF
SUBSYSTEMS AFFECTED: ☐ TCCS ☐ MPSSS ☐ NAVS ☑ SDS ☑ SPAS ☐ SS
TEAMS AFFECTED: ☐ FCT ☐ MPST ☐ NAVT ☑ SDT ☑ SPAT ☐ PVT
DOCUMENTATION AFFECTED: ☑ SIS ☐ SRD ☑ SSD ☐ USER'S GUIDE ☐ OTHER ☑ GDR Handbook
OTHER AFFECTED ELEMENTS: ☐ TESTBED ☐ CMMLIB VAX ENVIRONMENT: ☐ TEST ☐ OPS

11. IMPACT IF NOT IMPLEMENTED: Flags allow users to correct errors caused by waveform leakages.

12. PRIORITY:
☐ CAT 1 - NO WORKAROUND EXISTS
☒ CAT 2 - ARDUOUS WORKAROUND EXISTS
☐ CAT 3 - ACCEPTABLE WORKAROUND EXISTS
☐ CAT 4 - DESIRABLE

COMMENTS: Required for cycle 124

13. CONCURRENCE (Sign and Date):
INITIATING TEAM CHIEF: Philip S. Callahan 95/12/19

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MCR for Algorithm t3117

This MCR consists of the following related parts.

1. Change algorithm t3117 as indicated in the attached specification from WFI. Change bars show the actual changes. The change is to add K and C band flags for the fine height word which determines where the signal is placed in the digital filter bank (DFB). This flag can later be used to derive a correction to the altimeter tracker value.

2. Store the two fine height flags on the SDR in
   K band -- Altimeter_State bit 5
   C band -- Altimeter_State bit 6

3. Read the fine height flags into the IGDR processing and pass them to algorithm g1280 (Make GDR Flags). Store the flags on the (I)GDR in
   K band -- Iono_Bad bit 13
   C band -- Iono_Bad bit 14

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1. Changes from JPL:

   Two additional bits of SSH_Bad, bits 14 & 15. Flags from Tide algorithm

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AltBad1
AltBad21
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GeoBad
SSHBad09
SSHBad12

AltBad1
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RecProcessed++
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**Proposed Database Format**
To: CSC/Ron Brooks

From: CSC/Dennis Lockwood, CSC/Jeff Lee

Date: March 29, 1996

Subject: Addendum to Request#96/010

GDR s/w change study

Software Development Team
TOPEX Project
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<3 pts Interp Tide → NumRecsDel++

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Proposed Database Format
Check for Useable Data

if (ibits(ALLGeoBad,0,1).ne. 0) then
    NumFramesDel = NumFramesDel + 1
    return
endif

if (ibits(ALLAltBad1,3,1).ne. 0) then
    NumFramesDel = NumFramesDel + 1
    NumTFlags = NumTFlags + 1
    return
endif

if (ALLAltBad1 .ne. 0)
    if (ibits(ALLAltBad2,1,1).ne. 0) NumAltBad21 = NumAltBad21 + 1
    if (ibits(ALLAltBad2,2,1).ne. 0) NumAltBad22 = NumAltBad22 + 1
    if (ALLGeoBad .ne. 0)
        do 40 i = 0,9
            if (ibits(ALLSSHBad,i,1).ne. 0) NumSSHBad09 = NumSSHBad09 + 1
        continue
        do 45 i = 11,12
            if (ibits(ALLSSHBad,i,1).ne. 0) NumSSHBad12 = NumSSHBad12 + 1
        continue
    endif
endif

if ((ALLAltBad1 .ne. 0) .or. (ALLAltBad2 .ne. 0)) then
    NumFramesDel = NumFramesDel + 1
    return
endif

if (ALLGeoBad .ne. 0) then
    NumFramesDel = NumFramesDel + 1
    return
endif
C Check for Useable Data

if (ibits(ALLGeoBad, 0, 1) .ne. 0) then
    NumFramesDel = NumFramesDel + 1
    return
endif

if (ibits(ALLAltBad1, 3, 1) .ne. 0) then
    NumFramesDel = NumFramesDel + 1
    NumTFlags = NumTFlags + 1
    return
endif

if (ALLAltBad1 .ne. 0) NumAltBad1 = NumAltBad1 + 1
if (ibits(ALLAltBad2, 1, 1) .ne. 0) NumAltBad21 = NumAltBad21 + 1
if (ibits(ALLAltBad2, 2, 1) .ne. 0) NumAltBad22 = NumAltBad22 + 1
if (ALLGeoBad .ne. 0) NumGeoBad = NumGeoBad + 1
do 40 i = 0, 9
    if (ibits(ALLSSHBad, i, 1) .ne. 0) NumSSHBad09 = NumSSHBad09 + 1
    continue
 40   do 45 i = 11, 12
    if (ibits(ALLSSHBad, i, 1) .ne. 0) NumSSHBad12 = NumSSHBad12 + 1
    continue
 45   if (ibits(ALLSSHBad, 14, 2).gt. 1) then
    NumFramesDel = NumFramesDel + 1
    return
endif

if ((ALLAltBad1 .ne. 0) .or. (ALLAltBad2 .ne. 0)) then
    NumFramesDel = NumFramesDel + 1
    return
endif

if (ALLGeoBad .ne. 0) then
    NumFramesDel = NumFramesDel + 1
    return
endif

if (ibits(ALLIonoBad, 13, 1) .ne. 0) NumFineHtKFlg = NumFineHtKFlg + 1
if (ibits(ALLIonoBad, 14, 1) .ne. 0) NumFineHtCFlg = NumFineHtCFlg + 1
To: CSC/Ron Brooks
From: CSC/Dennis Lockwood, CSC/ Jeff Lee
Date: September 5, 1996
Subject: Change Request 96/146

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In response to Change Request 96/146, modify the (l)GDR database by the addition of two Fine Height Flags, and the associated programs. Modify the method of computation of SSHres. Modify the logic criteria for the selection of data to the database. Flow chart is attached of the new selection criteria and Database format.

Software change:
- GDRDBAvg.f (logic, format)
- GDRAvg.f (logic, format)
- IGDREUCConv.f (computation)
- readigdr.pro (format)
- readigdravg.pro (format)

Data file change:
- GDR Database format(2 additional fields)

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Read Record from IGDR

LandWater

NOT Deep Water -> NumRecsDel++

TFlag

NOT Good Track -> NumTFlags++ NumRecsDel++

Increment Counters Where Respective Flags are Non-Zero
AltBad1
AltBad21
AltBad22
GeoBad
SSHBad09
SSHBad12

SSHBad

<3 pts Interp Tide -> NumRecsDel++

AltBad1

NOT Good Data -> NumRecsDel++

Altbad2

GeoBad

NOT Valid Tide -> NumRecsDel++

RecProcessed++

Add Data into Averages

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IGDREUConv.f code

C-----------------Software Request #96/146---------------------
C
C Sea_surf_Hght residual
C
C 130mm added for unbiased residuals
C
C SSHres = m
C
C SSHres = SSHgt - OceanTide - EarthTide -
C       PoleTide - BaroCorr - (MeanSS - 0.130)
C---------------------------------------------

GDRDBAvg.f code

C
C Check for Useable Data
C
C if (ibits(ALLGeoBad,0,1) .ne. 0) then
C   NumFramesDel = NumFramesDel + 1
C   return
C endif
C
C if (ibits(ALLAltBad1,3,1) .ne. 0) then
C   NumFramesDel = NumFramesDel + 1
C   NumTFlags = NumTFlags + 1
C   return
C endif
C
C if (ALLAltBad1 .ne. 0) NumAltBad1 = NumAltBad1 + 1
C if (ibits(ALLAltBad2,1,1) .ne. 0) NumAltBad21 = NumAltBad21 + 1
C if (ibits(ALLAltBad2,2,1) .ne. 0) NumAltBad22 = NumAltBad22 + 1
C if (ALLGeoBad .ne. 0) NumGeoBad = NumGeoBad + 1
C
do 40 i = 0,9
C if (ibits(ALLSSHBad,i,1) .ne. 0) NumSSHBad09 = NumSSHBad09 + 1
C continue
C
do 45 i = 11,12
C if (ibits(ALLSSHBad,i,1) .ne. 0) NumSSHBad12 = NumSSHBad12 + 1
C continue
C
C if (ibits(ALLSSHBad,14,2) .gt. 1) then
C   NumFramesDel = NumFramesDel + 1
C   return
C endif
C
C if ((ALLAltBad1 .ne. 0) .or. (ALLAltBad2 .ne. 0)) then
C   NumFramesDel = NumFramesDel + 1
C   return
C endif
C
C if (ALLGeoBad .ne. 0) then
C   NumFramesDel = NumFramesDel + 1
C   return
C endif
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SWH Significant Wave Height
TGS TOPEX Ground System (TGSA, TGSB, & TGSC VAX Cluster)
TMR TOPEX Microwave Radiometer
TOPEX Ocean Topography Experiment
UTC Universal Time Coordinated
WFF Wallops Flight Facility
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