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SWOT LAKE PRODUCT

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SWOT HYDRO PRODUCTS (HR MODE)

The « rawest » one is the pixel cloud computed for each satellite overpass. For each pixel classified as water + a buffer area, we will have longitude / latitude / height info.

From this pixel cloud, we will have :

- products specific to rivers, per pass and averaged per cycle. It will be computed for each river referenced in an a priori DB currently computed by Tamlin team. We will have information per 10km reaches and points every 200m along the centerline.
- lake products (per pass and per cycle) and a raster product.

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4 MAIN PRODUCTS OVER LAKES





PIXEL CLOUD



PASS-BASED PRODUCT (1/2)

Format

OGRPolygon shapefile (WGS_84)

- 1 object = part of a lake or reservoir observed by SWOT
- > polygons:
 - lake boundary
 - inner islands boundary

Coverage

- Intersection pole-to-pole pass & continent
- Both swaths



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PASS-BASED PRODUCT (2/2)

Lake product = average information from pixels of the pixel cloud associated to the lake

Content:

- Identifiers
 - Reference ID from an a priori lake database
- Space time info
 - Date of measurement, distance from nadir, number of pixels
- Height (one single value) + uncertainty
- Area + uncertainty
- Storage change + uncertainty
- Flags
 - Partial observation, ice, measurement issue



CYCLE-BASED PRODUCT (1/2)

Format

OGRPolygon shapefile (WGS_84)

- 1 object = lake or reservoir observed by SWOT during cycle
- \succ polygons:

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- > lake boundary
- inner islands boundary \geq

Extent for polygons:

Status = max extent during cycle (idem) for islands)



Coverage

Time aspect

> Cycle average

Geographic aspect:

Stored per "major" river basin



CYCLE-BASED PRODUCT (2/2)

Parameter name	Definition	Туре
prior_id	ID of the lake of the <i>a priori</i> database	INT
l_time	List of observation times during the cycle	STRING
l_pass	Overpasses during the cycle, as list of pass numbers	STRING
ct_dist	List of cross-track distances with regard to the lake center, corresponding to each overpass	STRING
h_min	Min height over the cycle	FLOAT
h_max	Max height over the cycle	FLOAT
height	Cycle-averaged height	FLOAT
h_std	Associated uncertainty	FLOAT
area	Maximum water area observed during the cycle	FLOAT
area_std	Associated uncertainty	FLOAT
area_est	Estimated water area, computed from rating curves	FLOAT
delta_s	Storage change	FLOAT
ds_std	Associated uncertainty	FLOAT
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HYDRO VAR AND UNCERTAINTIES

IDENTIFIER

RASTER

→ To capture internal variability in river reaches and lakes not captured by the vector products (ex: Léman lake)







Computed from pixel cloud (water pixels only)

- Systematic production:
 - 1 NetCDF tile covering both swaths and 120km along-track
 - fixed grid
 - + 100m & 250m resolution
- On-demand production: bounding box / resolution / variables / format specified by user



Pass-based product

- 1°) per pixel cloud tile (1 swath * ~60km):
 - Identify all separate entities in the water mask
 - Retrieve pixels corresponding to lakes and new objects entirely inside the tile
 - For pixels entirely inside the tile:
 - » Refine pixel geolocation
 - » Compute lake product
 - » Link to the a priori DB
- 2°) combination of all tiles corresponding to one pass:
 - Gather pixels of objects at tiles edges
 - For each object:
 - » Refine pixels geolocation
 - » Compute lake product
 - » Link to the a priori database
 - Gather polygons in a single shapefile



Cycle-based product

FOR EACH a priori lake in specific river basin:

- Identify all lake products linked to the current lake
- Compute lake averaged product for the current lake



Prototyping

- within a CNES-JPL simulator
- as close as possible from the operational aspects
- to support ground system tests and to generate lake product test files to the SWOT science team

Defining lake a priori database

- Comparing existing lake databases (Sheng, Pekel, OpenStreetmap, ...) regarding the lake processing constraints:
 - Surface area of lakes: goal = 1ha ; requirement = 6.25ha
 - Format: polygon shapefile for the a priori DB
 - Global coverage
 - Lake database and not a water body database (need to separate rivers from lakes)
 - Availability: free and easy to retrieve
- Statistical comparison under work



Prototyping requires a priori knowledge of :

- MNT:
 - quite easy with Lidar DEM over US, Europe but over tropical and mountains regions is becoming more challenging.
 - Looking at Tandem-X DEM but also optical one's (Pleiades, S2A, …)
- Water body location :
 - Several database existe (Sheng, Glowabo, Pekel, ...) but needs to be inline with the DEM (in other words surface water needs to be flat)
- Roughness information :
 - Very challenging as SWOT is a pathfinder mission
 - Currently using simple approach with a constant contrast of 10 dB between water and surrounding terrain
 - Ongoing analysis with GPM data (see next slide), complemented by AirSwot (Tamlin presentation) and tentatively SWALIS
 - Needs to account for the impact of vegetation



ROUGHNESS FROM GPM

GPM has clear limitations due to its footprint size (~5 km square) but provides Ku&Ka band sigma0 values worldwide





ROUGHNESS FROM GPM

LULC map from MODIS Land Cover available here http://glcf.umd.edu/data/lc/ 17 classes defined with 1/12° resolution

- All Ka-band & Ku-band GPM PR data acquired in May 2015
 - with rain flag at 0
 - quality flag OK

Colocated with all LULC classes, No D LULC 5min Global 2012 - MODIS (MCD12Q1)







Evergreen Broadleaf forest



Distribution of Sigma0 at Ka-band



Flat fall-off -> mainly volume contribution with isotropic angular behavior

No significant difference between Ku and Ka-band: below centimetric wavelength (responding to leafs elements of the top of the canopy)



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Roughness from GPM

Comparison with ancillary information for investigating new potential of upcoming SWOT data Integration into the SWOT simulator for algorithm refinement over specific study sites





ROUGHNESS FROM AIRSWOT

Refer to Tamlin presentation – using available data JPL was able to derive the sigma0 measured by the AirSWOT instrument over smaller water bodies (includes about 9,000 water bodies, rivers, and lakes obtained from flights in Alaska, Sacramento, New Orleans, and Tahoe).



ROUGHNESS FROM SWALISS

New airplane experiment – simple design to measure roughness between 0 and 4° in low wind conditions (dark water) - no interferometry

Successful design review held in CNES end April 2017 – expected to acquire first data in Sept-Oct 17'

Test sites located in France close to Rennes



