





Summer sea ice freeboard processing with CryoSat-2 and Sentinel-3 A&B

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- Earth Console P-PRO: Sentinel-3 A and B SRAL LO >>> L2 data processing through SARvatore
- For Arctic region May-September 2019
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Our work with the data so far:

- Waveform classification using CNN previously applied to CryoSat-2 over sea ice in summer months [Dawson et al, RSE, 2022]
- Provides output parameters including likelihood that sample is an ice floe or lead
- Preliminary freeboards calculated around every classified lead sample
- Gridded to biweekly 80 km polarstereo
- No data filtering or cleanup yet applied
- CryoSat-2 radar freeboards for April and Oct [Landy et al, JGRO, 2020] are also shown

Radar freeboard CS2 [m]

























Radar freeboard S3A [m]

























Radar freeboard S3B [m]

























Radar freeboard S3A & S3B

[m]





July 16th-21st

September 16th-30th







Radar freeboard S3A vs S3B

Full summer 2019

Median diff (S3A – S3B) = -0.4 mm Std dev on the diff = 3.9 cm R = 0.55

No bias and low std dev between S3 sensors, but still lower correlation than for winter months



Radar freeboard CS2 vs S3A&B

Full summer 2019

Median diff (CS2 – S3) = +7mm Std dev on the diff = 4.5 cm R = 0.51

S3 underestimates CS2 slightly, especially over thicker MYI



Radar freeboard standard error

CS2 [m]























Radar freeboard standard error S3A & S3B [m]















0.01

0

0.03

0.02







Sea ice Sigma0 CS2 [dB]

















August 1st-15th

Sea ice Sigma0 S3A & S3B [dB]





August 1st-15th

30

40









10

20

Number of valid leads (from which we can get a single rfb estimate)

CS2























Number of valid leads (from which we can get a single rfb estimate)

S3A & S3B























Summary

- Sea ice radar freeboards from S3 SRAL show similar patterns to those from CS2 SIRAL between May and Sept
- S3 systematically underestimates CS2 radar freeboard, with difference larger for thicker ice
- Patterns of the backscattering coefficient are very similar between sensors
- Future work will examine elevation and rfb differences at crossovers
- Potential for training/testing a dedicated CNN classifier for S3 in future (major job)
- Otherwise bias correction to align the sensors may be feasible
- Coverage, precision and potential resolution could all improve by combining data from all 3 sensors