# PALSAR CAL VAL report to K&C updated for the CVST6 meeting

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•Reference: Initial CALVAL Plan, Initial CALVAL procedure

### After CVST5

JAXA CAL/VAL review meeting was held on Oct. 23 2006.

Data distribution started on Oct. 24 2006.

3 dB were added to the attenuators of SCANSAR (#2~5) on NOV. 9 (To suppress the saturation rate).

Solar flare arrival and Light-load Mode of the ALOS resulted the operation pausing and widening the orbital tube (more than 3km). Orbital tube of 500 m was recovered by Feb. 1 2007.

Monitoring the surface deformation at Iwo island, Japan.

Software

Doppler frequency estimator for SCANSAR will be restored to Clutter-lock method.



Products	Goal	reference
Standard products -1.1 -1.5	geometry 100 m radiometry 1.5 dB(abs.) 1.0 dB(relative)	CR, ARC's positions CR, ARC CR ARC Amazon
	0.2 dB(amp VV/HH) 5° (phase error VV/HH)	CR
High level products –Ortho –DEM	geometry 50 m (horizontal) radiometry 30 m (vertical) 1.5 dB (ex. layover)	CR, ARC's positions GCP,DEM CR,ARC
Research products Surface deform mosaic soil moisture snow map biomass map sea ice	geometry 100 m radiometry 5mm 1.5 dB	Landsat image GPS Amazon image

### 1. Accuracy Goal and verification method (PALSAR)

2.Distribution schedule

standard products:9 mo. After launch(Limited Uncaled data distributed in cal/Val phase) high level products:One year after the launch resercah procuts:One year after the launch

## 2 Characterization

Collects the important information of the PALSAR calibration trough the statistical evaluation of the PALSAR raw data. Following is the sample info.

Stability

Saturation property

Interference from the radar

	FBS	FBD	PLR	WB1	WB2
I	16.049	16.188	16.254	16.245	16.041
Q	15.850	15.973	16.078	15.950	15.835
Gain diff. of I/Q	1.007	1.010	1.001	1.015	1.008
Phase diff. of I/Q(deg)	1.598	1.579	1.577	1.581	1.597
	8.4235	3.3580	8.7118	7.9256	8.7332
	(8.6698)	(6.9575)	(8.5104)	(9.4869)	(8.3310)
Chirp rate (Hz/s)*	-1.03158E+12 (-1.03159E+12)	-5.15923E+11 (-5.15926E+11)	-8.50977E+11 (-8.50993E+11)	-5.15903E+11 (-5.15904E+11)	-1.03159E+12 (-1.03159E+12)
Saturation	Attenuator for basic mode is well adjusted.				
Interference	In general, it became smaller than JERS-1 (Tr power) Some times, wider band signal observed.				

\*:above values are as of March 5 2007, the lower is at CVST5

# Long history of the calibration data (1/3)



	I/Q	dph (deg)
FBS	1.010	1.598
FBD	1.013	1.578
PLR	1.006	1.576
WB1	1.022	1.580
WB2	1.011	1.598

## Long history of the calibration data (2/3)

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## Long history of the calibration data (3/3)



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# Long history of the observation data



#### SNR:land

	SNR (dB)	
FBS		8.6698
FBD		6.9575
PLR		8.5104
WB1		9.4869
WB2		8.3310

### Total Image:

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	I/Q	dph (deg)	SNR (dB)
FBS	0.9956	1.6131	5.8575
FBD	0.9844	1.6098	2.1261
PLR	0.9803	1.6066	7.0564
WB1	0.9987	1.6072	8.5219
WB2	0.9965	1.6117	7.6134
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# **Saturation Rate**

Mada			At	tenuato	r			Saturati	on Rate(	% ave.)	
wode	Oπn_angle	HH(0)	HV(1)	VH(2)	VV(3)	(-4)	HH(0)	HV(1)	VH(2)	VV(3)	(-4)
FBD	34.3	25	16	16	25	-	1.0	1.2	0.1	0.7	Ι
	41.5	25	16	16	25	_	1.0	1.3	0.4	2.2	Ι
EDC	21.5	30	-	_	30	_	1.3	-	_	0.1	Ι
FDS	34.3	25	-	_	25	-	1.2	-	_	0.1	Ι
	41.5	25	-	_	25	_	2.0	_	_	0.9	Ι
PLR	21.5	30	21	21	30	_	1.6	1.1	2.4	0.8	Ι
WB1	271-5	25	27	26	25	24	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.3
WB2	271-5	25	27	26	25	24	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.8	1.9





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-55

-60-

-65

-70-

-75

-80-

-85

### Azimuth antenna pattern (SCANSAR)



**3** Summary of the characterization

•Since MGC was selected as the primary mode, characterization becomes stabilized.

- •Saturation rate is reduced, and image quality becomes better.
- •Interference less observed, and it can be suppressed by a filter.
- •Transmission power is stabilized.
- •Property changed slightly on Sept/B. (It does not cause the image quality)
- •Image quality of beam 34.3, shows better performance than 41.5.
- •Antenna pattern does not change.

•Generally, the saturation level reduced to the satisfactory level. But, high intensity target saturates the image.



Accuracy Target : Error : < 1.5 dB, location error < 100m

## Geometric conversion

Doppler model depends on yaw(  $\psi$  ),pitch(  $\theta$  ), and integer n. observation position depends on rs.

Determine attitude and Doppler model

$$\sum \left( Uw(f_{d,r}) + n \cdot f_{prf} - f_{dm,r}(\theta_p, \psi_y, r_s) \right)^2 \to min.$$

位置の決定



range

$$f_{d} \approx A_{0} + A_{1} \cdot r_{s}$$

$$f_{d} \approx \frac{2f_{0}}{c} \mathbf{v}_{s} \cdot \frac{\left(\mathbf{r}_{p} - \mathbf{r}_{s}\right)}{\left|r_{p} - r_{s}\right|}$$

$$x_{p}^{2} + y_{p}^{2} + z_{p}^{2} \frac{R_{a}^{2}}{R_{b}^{2}} = 1$$

Doppler frequency

Position determine (iteration)

 $f_d$ :Doppler measurement,  $f_{dm}$ :Doppler model,  $E(\phi, \theta, \psi)$ , rotation matrix,  $r_s$ : slant range,  $r_p$ :position vector( $x_p, y_p, z_p$ ),  $r_{sat}$ :satellite position,  $r_n$ :normal vector,  $f_{prf}$ :pulse repetition frequency,  $R_a, R_b$ : equatorial radius, polar radius, (GRS80)



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Range (Km)

# 5 Calibration and validation

Items	Item	method		
Radiometry	Antenna elevation pattern	•Amazon data analysis		
		•modeling		
	Calibration factor	•Tune suing CR, PARC		
		•Tune gain difference among beams.		
	Distortion matrices	•CR, forest area		
Geometry	Range time offset	•CR、PARC		
	Azimuth time offset	•CR、PARC		

### Antenna pattern estimation

- •Extract uniform area (Filtering)
- •Quadratic equation
- •Update antenna pattern dB





Before







After

### Antenna pattern measurement from the Amazon data



Blue: ground measurement, red: in-flight data (Amazon)

### **PALSAR** calibration site



CR and PARC: Cal factor, position determination

### CAL instruments





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	ARC	PARC		
Frequency band	1256~1284MHz	1256~1284MHz		
Off nadir angle	9.9 <b>~</b> 50.8°	9.9 <b>~</b> 50.8°		
RCS	15~60dBm²	15~60dBm <sup>2</sup>		
RCS stability	<±0.1dB	<±0.1dB		
ALOS tracking	Yes(program tracking)	Yes(program tracking)		
Max. Rec. power	−44.5dBm	−44.5dBm		
Max. trans. Power	22.5dBm	22.5dBm		
temperature range	-10 <b>~</b> +50°C	-10~+50°C		
Humidity range	35~100%RH	35~100%RH		







### PLR Evaluation Results (2/2)

![](_page_24_Figure_1.jpeg)

## IRF of CR at different mode (FBD/FBS)

![](_page_25_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_25_Figure_2.jpeg)

FBS21.5H 20060620/Tomakomai

FBS34.3H 20060427/Watarase\_J04 FBS41.5H 20060708/Alaska&\_24

# IRF of CR and Polarimetric signatures (PLR)

![](_page_26_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Picture_3.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Picture_4.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Picture_5.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Picture_6.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Picture_7.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Picture_8.jpeg)

PLR21.5 20060515/Tutumi\_J04

![](_page_26_Picture_10.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Picture_11.jpeg)

PLR21.5 20060603/Sweden1\_3

![](_page_26_Picture_13.jpeg)

After

Before After

![](_page_26_Picture_16.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Picture_17.jpeg)

PLR21.5 20060728/Alaska1

Before After<sub>27</sub>

## Site dependence of Cal factor (1/2)

![](_page_27_Figure_1.jpeg)

## Site dependence of Cal factor (2/2)

![](_page_28_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_28_Figure_2.jpeg)

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### Azimuth ambiguity

No azimuth ambiguity

![](_page_29_Picture_2.jpeg)

## Azimuth filtered <sup>30</sup>

prf observed

scan no.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
prf	<u>1694</u>	2375	<u>1718</u>	2164	<u>1923</u>
prf*1.2	2052	2052	2052	2052	2052

Ambiguities sometimes appeared in #1, 3, and 5 SCANs

Sampling theorem -> prf>band width or prf>1.2\*BW

![](_page_30_Figure_4.jpeg)

No.	ofLong/short	Number of looks
scans		
3	Short	6.54, 9.73, 7.42
4	Short	4.82, 7.13, 5.44, 7.12
5	Short	3.6, 5.35, 4.08, 5.34, 5.03
3	Long	3.21, 3.94, 3.01
4	Long	2.35, 2.89, 2.20, 2.82
5	Long	1.85, 2.27, 1.73, 2.21, 2.13

### Number of looks

### Histogram

# Azimuth spectrum of the SCANSAR data

![](_page_31_Figure_2.jpeg)

Dates 2006/4/18

All scans saturation rates < 5%

Filtering reduces the azimuth ambiguity and resolution -> change of prf?  $^{32}$ 

the edge and possible under sampling

![](_page_32_Picture_0.jpeg)

![](_page_33_Picture_0.jpeg)

### **SCANSAR** Evaluation

![](_page_34_Picture_1.jpeg)

Simulation (WB1)

Amplitude(WB1)

### Geometric evaluation of the SCANSAR products

No	date	Ra offset	Az offset	Ra rms	Az rms		
1	2006/4/28	-1.1	-0.6	0.1	0.5		
2	2006/6/8	-0.4	-0.9	0.2	0.5		
3	2006/7/4	-0.5	-1.1	0.2	0.5		
4	2006/9/13	-1.2	-0.6	0.1	0.5		
5	2006/9/24	-0.4	-0.8	0.2	0.5		
6	2006/10/22	-0.3	-0.7	0.3	0.5		
7	2006/11/6	-0.9	-0.8	0.2	0.6		
8	2006/11/30	-0.6	-0.6	0.2	0.5		
mean		-0.675	-0.7625				
unit: pixel space by 100m							

To be updated

# Evaluation of calibration: Incidence angle dependency of the Amazon sigma-naught, and noise equivalent sigma zero

![](_page_36_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_36_Figure_2.jpeg)

#### antenna/Greenland/FBS343H/RSP041/20060715

![](_page_36_Figure_4.jpeg)

# Sigma-zero verification: using the Amazon data through NRCS and Gamma-zero.

gamma-naught (sigma-zero/cos(incidence angle)) : independent of incidence angle and almost equal to -6.5 dB.

![](_page_37_Figure_2.jpeg)

### Noise equivalent sigma-zero Measured from the image:-34dB was measured, min. among spaceborne SAR

![](_page_38_Figure_1.jpeg)

incidence angle (degrees)

Pchk/FBD343-0/20070216/RSP603/

![](_page_38_Figure_4.jpeg)

![](_page_38_Picture_5.jpeg)

Amazon (Polarimetry)

![](_page_38_Picture_7.jpeg)

items	values	NOD	spec	remarks
geometry	9.3m(RMS:distance)***	615	100m	all modes
radiometry	0.64dB****/0.17dB*	478/16	1.5dB	all modes
polarimetry	VV/HH amp ratio(dB):0.02dB(0.04)	79	0.2dB	POL
	VV/HH phase diff.(deg):0.321(1.01)	79	5deg	
	cross talk :31~40dB	79	30dB	
NESZ	-34dB		-23dB	all modes
resolution(m)	azimuth :4.49m(0.1m)	478	4.5m	all modes
	range(14MHz):9.6m(0.1m)	478	10.7m	
	range(28MHz): 4.7m(0.1m)	478	5.4m	
side lobe(dB)	PSLR(azimuth) : -16dB	478	-10dB	all modes
	PSLR(range) : -12.5dB	478	-10dB	
	ISLR : -8.6dB	478	-8dB	
ambiguity	azimuth:zero		16dB**	all modes
	range:~23dB@ image end		16dB	

### PALSAR calibration results (summary)

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note)数値は平均値,括弧内は標準偏差,\*スウェーデンサイトのみの結果,\*\*70km幅,\*\*\*1m改善,\*\*\*\*:0.1dB改善

## Ambiguities

![](_page_40_Picture_1.jpeg)

### Noise evaluation

![](_page_41_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_42_Figure_0.jpeg)

Obs. Date	MODE	RSP	Area	City	Noise	Sea	SA(dB)
2006.9.12	FBS343	58	Uraga	2.50E+13	1.10E+11	5.70E+10	-24.2
2006.12.25	FBS343	56	Bousou	2.30E+13	6.50E+11	5.40E+10	-16.5
2006.12.28	FBS343	67	Shikoku	2.30E+14	8.90E+11	1.30E+11	-24.1
2006.12.30	FBS343	657	England	6.80E+13	4.00E+11	1.30E+11	-22.5
2007.1.4	FBS343	660	France	7.20E+13	2.50E+11	1.10E+11	-25.0
2006.12.24	FBS343	129	NY	2.80E+14	1.50E+12	2.10E+10	-22.5

![](_page_44_Picture_0.jpeg)

**RSP361** 

![](_page_44_Picture_2.jpeg)

# Range ambiguities

Date	Mode	RSP	Region	DN	DN Ave at ambiguity	DN ave at the ocean	Ambiguit y ratio (dB)	Note
	FBS34	361	New ginia	12795	3279.77	1665.53	-13.04	KC
	FBS34	362	New ginia	18168	2602.16	1087.16	-17.69	KC
	FBS34	364	New ginia	25501	2276.73	871.66	-21.66	KC
	FBS34 3	365	New ginia	19145	1553.94	752.6	-22.96	KC

### Conversion to sigma-naught

### Parameter summary

$$\sigma^{0}_{sigma-sar,Q16} = 10 \cdot \log_{10} \langle DN^{2} \rangle + CF_{1}$$

$$\sigma^{0}_{sigma-sar,slc} = 10 \cdot \log_{10} \langle I^{2} + Q^{2} \rangle + CF_{1} - A$$

CF	mean(dB)	std (dB)
CF <sub>1</sub>	-83.0	0.67
А	32.0	-

factors	Values
Range time offset	-0.31539µs
Azimuth time offset	-2.239ms(Strip) -67ms(SCAN)
Polarimetri c distortion matrices PLR215	(1.000000e+00,0.000000e+00) (-2.804701e-02,-2.933507e-03) (3.164040e-02,-1.038148e-02) (9.352351e-01,4.073565e-01) (1.000000e+000.000000e+00) (-3.699034e-02,8.453709e-04) (2.115907e-02,5.648345e-03) (7.249998e-01,5.535966e-04)

### 6 Calibration summary

•PALSAR was calibrated using the Amazon data and the point target data, and achieved the accuracy measure of geometry(10m<100m), radiometry (0.7 dB <1.5dB), both meets the specification, and polarimetry meets the specification that (CEOS SAR) (HV gain variation-0.018dB<0.2dB, phase variation -1.7 degrees<5 degrees)<sub>o</sub>

•Image quality: appears 17 dB range ambiguities at 41.5 degrees. Electric properties at 34.3 and 21.5 degrees exceed 41.5.

•Range ambiguities were measured world widely. The worst values for FBS343 was 13 dB. The average was 23 dB.

•Conversion method from DN to sigma-naught and position were prepared.

## 7 High level products

Products	status	target
Ortho rectified	Meets the accuracy req.	March 29 2007
InSAR DEM	Meets the accuracy req.	March 29 2007
Surface deformation	Meets the accuracy req.	March 29 2007
Mosaic	Meets the accuracy req.	March 29 2007

### ■ PALSAR high level products ■ Geometric evaluation of Ortho products

![](_page_49_Figure_1.jpeg)

Ortho product (HH,HV,HV)

PALSAR mode :FBD41.5H RSP : 421 Area : Mt. Daisen OBS. Date : 2006/8/4 Image : Ortho (sar\_Q16\_g\_HH) Pixel Spacing : 12.5m Map Projection : EQR Processor : SIGMA-SAR ver20060809 DEM : Digital Map 50m Grid (Elevation) Reference : Digital Map 25000 (Map Image)

![](_page_49_Figure_4.jpeg)

#### RESULT

	Lat.	Lon.
mean	-13.6m	-0.9m
Min.	-37.4m	-36.0m
Max.	14.1m	28.7m
Std. Dev.	15.2m	15.8m

![](_page_50_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_50_Figure_3.jpeg)

# ■PALSAR research products(DEM)■

### DEM

Stacking the InSAR DEM

•4 samples

Area : Mt. Daisen in JAPAN Mesh size : 1.5sec.(≒50m) Area Size : 600pixle × 600line Map Projection : EQR Processor : SIGMA-SAR ver2006021901 Reference : Digital Map 50m Grid (Elevation)

![](_page_51_Figure_5.jpeg)

![](_page_52_Figure_0.jpeg)

Single InSAR DEM

4 InSAR DEM Composite

![](_page_53_Figure_0.jpeg)

### RESULT

		Single InSAR DEM	4 InSAR Composite DEM
ofile	Average [m]	-6.2	0.3
	Std.Dev. [m]	27.2	20.9
X-P <sub>1</sub>	Maximum [m]	86.0	85.0
	Minimum [m]	-115.0	-67.0
All Area	Valid_rate(FLAG=0) [%]	47.08	49.62
	Dummy_rate(FLAG=1) [%]	6.45	6.45
	Non-DEM_rate(FLAG=2) [%]	2.80	0.34
	Sea_rate(FLAG=3) [%]	43.66	43.60
	True-Valid_rate [%]	94.38	99.33
	Average [m]	-4.74	-3.18
	Std.Dev. [m]	11.38	11.48
	Maximum [m]*	30.00	30.00
	Minimum [m]*	-30.00	-30.00

![](_page_55_Figure_0.jpeg)

Surface deformation of Iou Island observed by PALSAR FBS 415HH

Dec. 27 2006 - Nov. 11 2006, Baseline 2.15 km

#### (24.84, 141.26) degrees

![](_page_56_Figure_1.jpeg)

Surface deformation of Iwo-jima Island observed by PALSAR FBS41.5\_HH Feb. 11 2007 - Dec. 27 2006, Baseline : 0.7 km

### 資料3-2 ソロモン諸島地震関連(2)

4月16日と3月1日の 干渉処理によりソロモン地震(4月2日発生、 M8.1)による地殻変動を抽出した。

ニュージョージア島は島全体が西上方に最 大2.2m隆起した。

![](_page_57_Figure_3.jpeg)

![](_page_57_Figure_4.jpeg)

ショアズール島 コロンバンガラ島 ニュージョージア島 后星進行方向  $\bigcirc$ 震源(M8.1) レンドバ島 テテパレ島 50km © JAXA 11.8cm 全体図

## Research products : Mosaic

![](_page_58_Picture_1.jpeg)

![](_page_59_Picture_0.jpeg)

Evaluation items	Goal accuracy	mesasurements
Radiometry Attenuator chracteristics (STC/AGC) Antenna pattern (azimuth • range) Noise level • Fundamental chrcatreistics saturation SNR I-Q orthogonality I-Q gain ballance Tranmission chirp chracteristics Doppler measurements Statbility of the trammission power Isolation of cross polarization • absolute calibration • sigma-naught • polarimetric calibration • simultaneous datatake with PiSAR • resolution • Chirp signal time change	0.1dB/step < 0.1dB以下(azimuth, range) < NE $\sigma^0$ -21 dB(@34.3) < 5% > 5 dB(生データ) 90+-5° < 0.2dB TBD Hz/sec以下 < 50Hz < 0.6 dB(1 revolution) > 25 dB < 1.5 dB <1.5 dB HH/VV<0.2 dB, phase of HH/VV<5deg. 8/19, 10/4 1 Om<2look	NA <1dB -28 dB@_amazon_pole Meets left at MGCMGC 8dB(FBS),PLR(8dB)、FBDIは3dB 90+1.6 degrees 0.03dB  Same to the left 0.03dB(separating 7 mins.) 26 dB (HV-HH) 0. 7dB 0. 7dB VV/HH:0. 018 dB以下, phase:-1.7度 In evaluation Meets the left 
geometry ●geometric accuracy	200 m以下	10m(13m) : mean (std. Dev.)
Image quality •radiometry PSLR(range, azimuth) ISLR SA(range, azimuth) Effective number of looks	<-10 dB <-5dB > 20dB > 20dB	-16dB(Rg),-12dB(Az) -8dB 17dB(RA), non measurable(Az):41.5 Non-measurable(RA, AZ):34.3
interference ●geometry resolution(IRF3dB dwon width) Geometruc evaluation	<5m(azimuth)、<10m(range) <200m	Weaker than JERS-1 < 10m Mets the left 8m(5m) : mean and std. Dev. 61

### Summary(2)

High level products generation: Ortho images and InSAR DEM were successfully generated, meeting the goal accuracy. Continue to evaluate the products for more robust product generation.

Research Products generation: confirmed that the generation of the surface deformation capability using the PALSAR. Generated the SAR mosaic experimentally.