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CryoSat-2 re-phasing to support Antarctic campaign in resonance with ICESat-2

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Synopsis



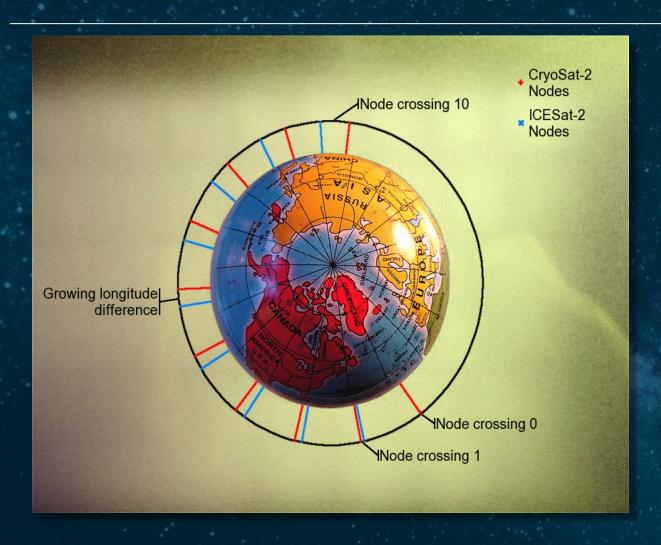
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The concept & chronology





CryoSat-2 in resonance with ICESat-2:

- Thanks to the CryoSat-2 orbital change in July 2020 the two satellites are orbiting in a 19 to 20 resonance.
- This enables systematic coincidences of both instruments in the polar regions every 1.33 days approximately.
- The time difference between the observations taken by one of the spacecraft and the other is directly linked to the local time difference between the two orbits.

CRYO2ICE Arctic mission (July 2020):

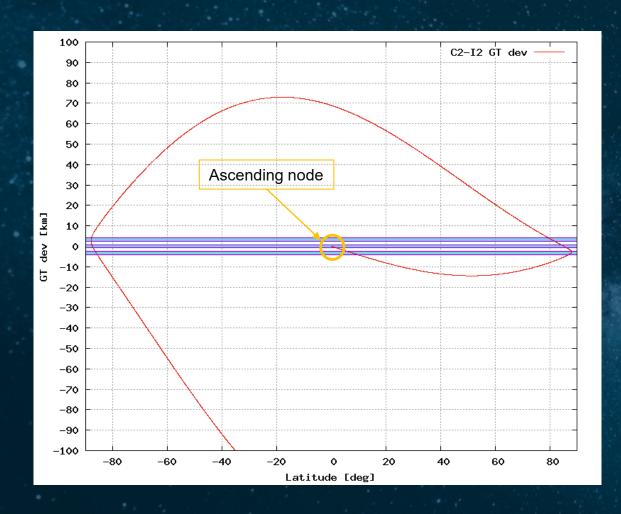
 The resonant orbit was acquired at an orbital phase that maximized coincidences with ICESat-2 in the Arctic. The spacecraft is currently orbiting in that configuration.

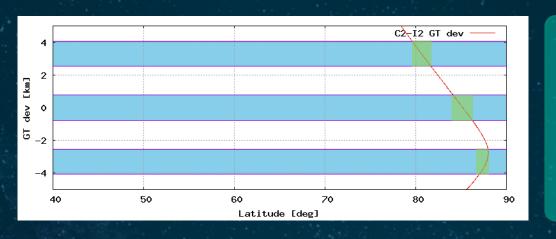
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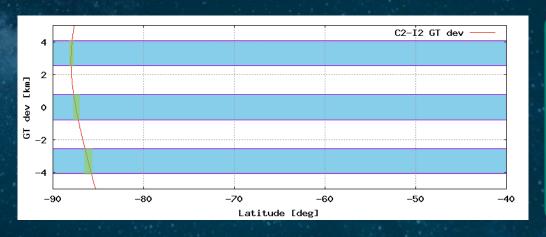
 This new phase will put the focus on the Antarctic region, it will be acquired after the manoeuvre campaign schedule in June 2022.

Common tracks







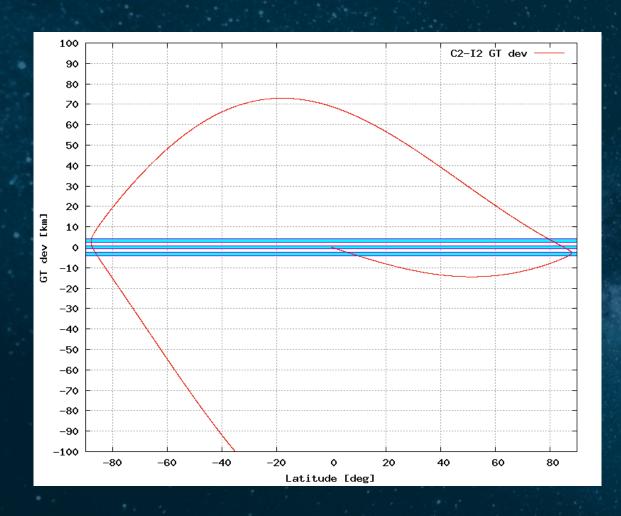


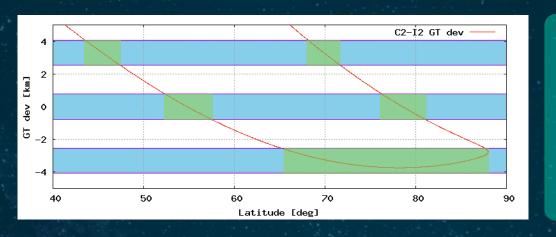
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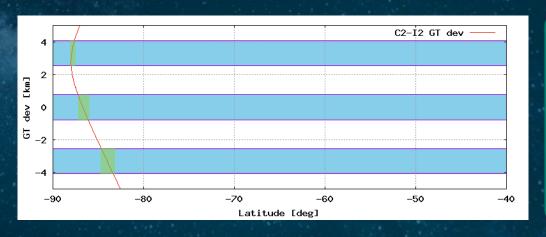
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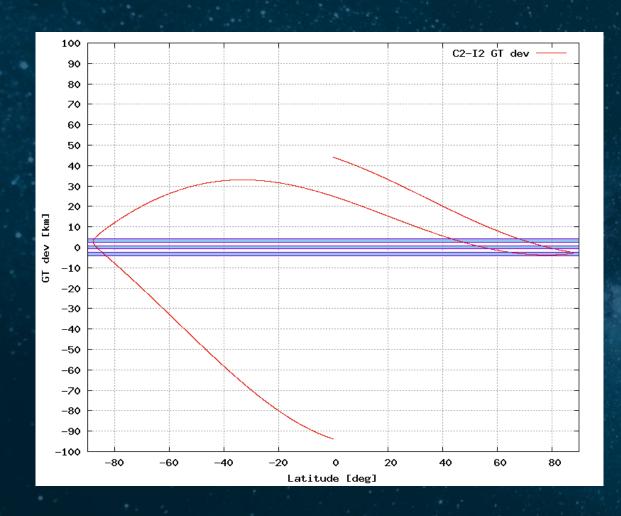


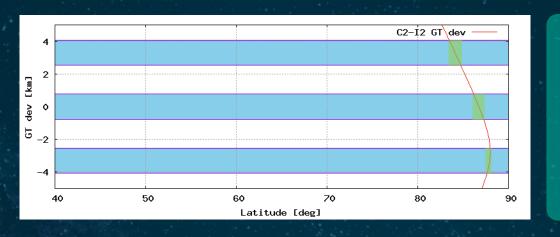
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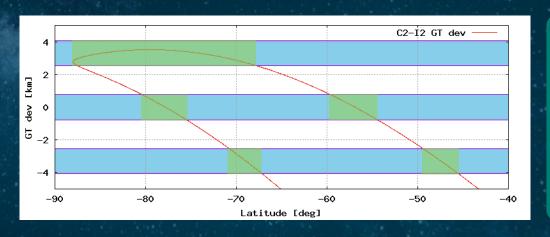
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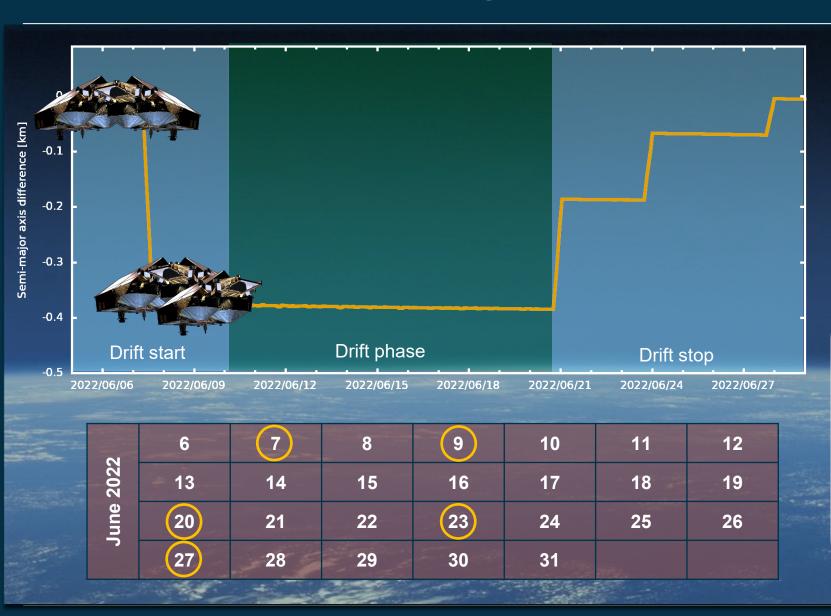


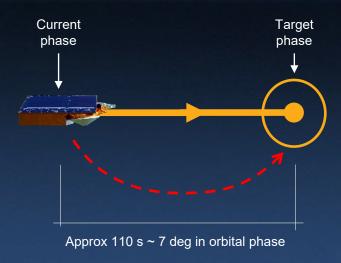
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The manoeuvre campaign







Drift start:

 Two manoeuvre batches against the flight direction to start the drift towards the target phase.

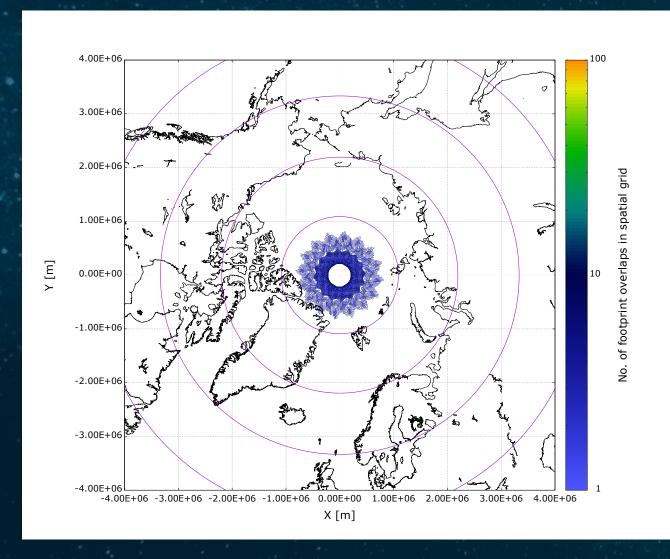
Drift stop:

 Three manoeuvre batches in the flight direction to stop the drift, and to acquire the same altitude.

Total Δv cost: 0.4 m/s

The Arctic



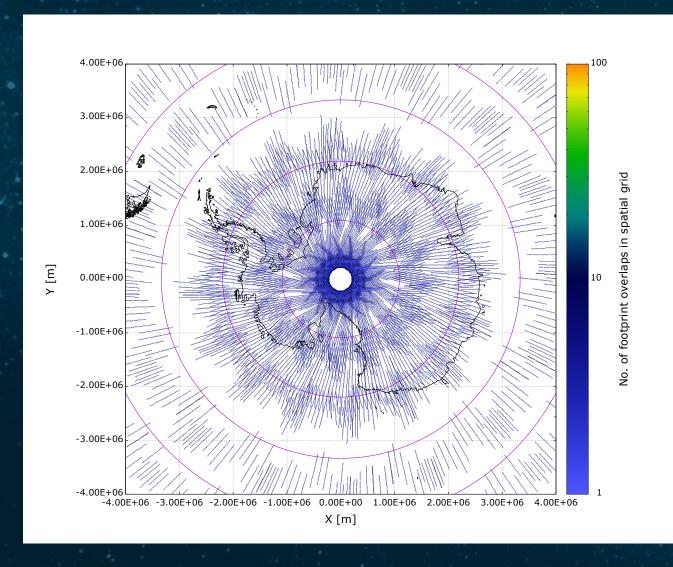


Analysis of coincidences in the Arctic:

- Equatorial bias of B = 95 km
- > Analysis period : 2022-07 to 2023-05
- Polar stereographic projection
- Coincidences confined to the highest latitudes.
- ➤ Duration of coincidences: ~20 s

The Antarctic



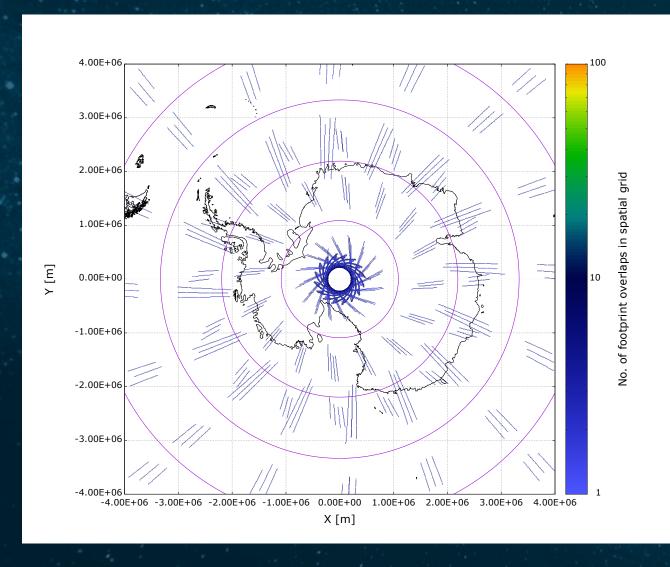


Analysis of coincidences in the Antarctic:

- Equatorial bias of B = 95 km
- Analysis period : 2022-07 to 2023-05
- Polar stereographic projection
- Coincidences magnified in the Antarctic as a result of the new orbital phase.
- > Duration of coincidences:
 - With central pair: ~80 s
 - With left pair: ~60 s
 - With right pair: ~400 s

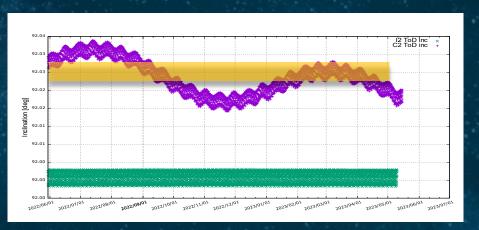
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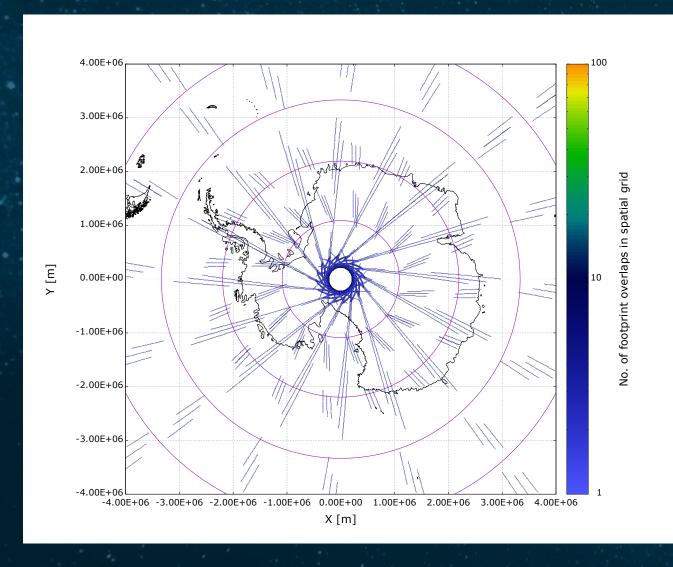
Analysis of coincidences in the Antarctic:

- Equatorial bias of B = 95 km
- > Analysis period : 2022-07 to 2023-08
- Polar stereographic projection
- Coincidences with right beam interrupted due to a large excursion in inclination
- Duration of coincidences: ~130 s



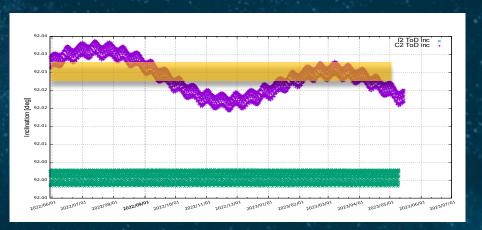
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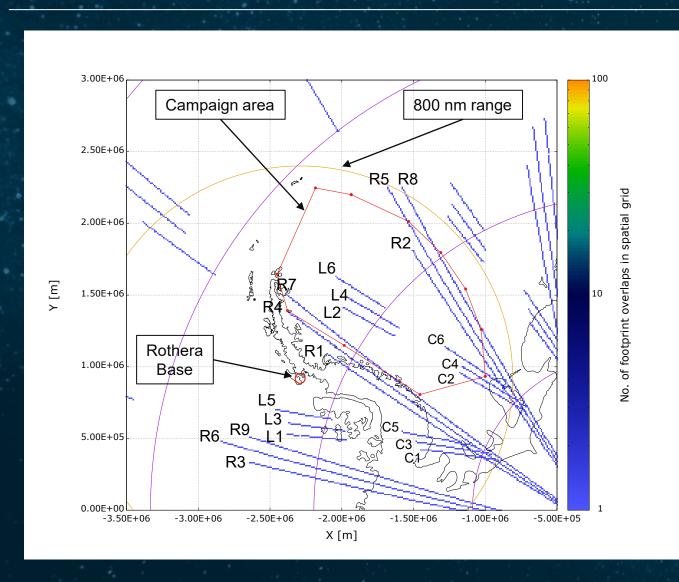
Analysis of coincidences in the Antarctic:

- > Equatorial bias of B = 95 km
- > Analysis period : 2022-09 to 2023-10
- Polar stereographic projection
- Coincidences with right beam interrupted due to a large excursion in inclination
- Duration of coincidences: ~400 s



The Antarctic. Coincidences Dec 22 - Jan 23





Key for coincidences:

No	Epoch	Beam (pair)
R8:	2023/01/18-04:36:48.632	Right
R5:	2022/12/28-05:46:23.309	Right
R2:	2022/12/07-06:56:23.628	Right
L6:	2023/01/24-17:58:23.479	Left
L4:	2023/01/03-19:07:35.128	Left
L2:	2022/12/13-20:17:02.835	Left
C6:	2023/01/24-17:55:57.722	Central
	2023/01/03-19:05:05.388	Central
	2022/12/13-20:14:33.529	Central
	2023/01/14-06:19:40.294	Right
R4:	2022/12/24-07:29:24.751	Right
R1:	2022/12/03-08:39:25.985	Right
L5:	2023/01/20-19:41:56.324	Left
L3:	2022/12/30-20:51:05.997	Left
L1:	2022/12/09-22:00:22.019	Left
C5:	2023/01/20-19:39:18.059	Central
C3:	2022/12/30-20:48:27.112	Central
C1:	2022/12/09-21:57:43.306	Central
	2022/12/03/21:3/:13:300	
R9:	2023/01/31-06:55:50.593	Right
R6:	2023/01/10-08:05:28.441	Right
R3:		Right

The future



- The upcoming manoeuvre campaign will allow to put the focus on the Antarctic region, and to benefit from the synergies of these two instruments also in this area, with support to the CryoVex campaign.
- After this phase, the spacecraft will return to the Arctic configuration.
- Possible improvement of the coincidences by optimizing a diachronic change in the equatorial bias.
- The CRYO2ICE project has boosted the partnership of ESA and NASA in the study of the Cryosphere and in spacecraft operations.

Thank you very much to the ICESat-2 Team!!!

