IDS Data Flow Coordination (2013)

Introduction

Two data centers support the archiving and access activities for the IDS:

- Crustal Dynamics Data Information System (CDDIS), NASA GSFC, Greenbelt, MD USA
- l'Institut National de l'Information Géographique et Forestière (IGN), Marne la Vallee France

These institutions have archived DORIS data since the launch of TOPEX/Poseidon in 1992.

Flow of IDS Data and Products

The flow of data, products, and information within the IDS is similar to what is utilized in the other IAG geometric services (IGS, ILRS, IVS) and is shown in Figure 1. IDS data and products are transmitted from their sources to the IDS data centers. DORIS data are downloaded from the satellite at the DORIS control and processing center, SSALTO (Segment Sol multi-missions d'ALTimétrie, d'Orbitographie et de localisation précise) in Toulouse, France. After validation, SSALTO transmits the data to the IDS data centers. IDS analysis centers, as well as other users, retrieve these data files from the data centers and produce products, which in turn are transmitted to the IDS data centers.
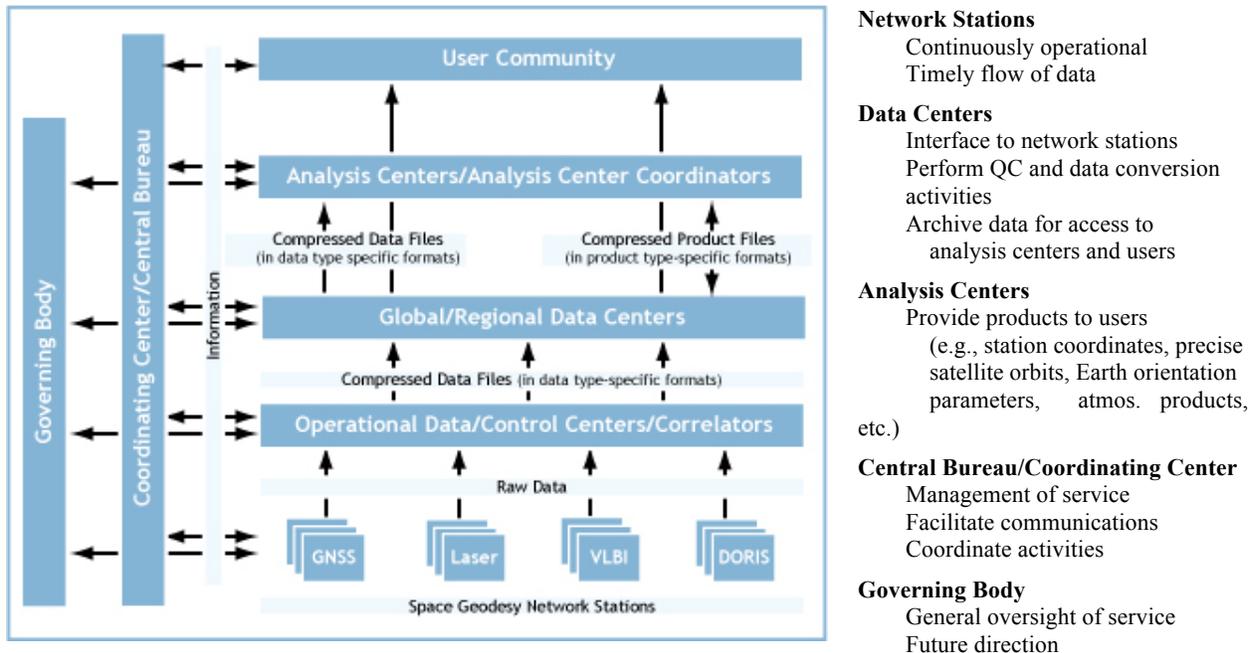

Figure 1. Routine flow of data and information for the IAG Geodetic Services

Network Stations
    Continuously operational
    Timely flow of data

Data Centers
    Interface to network stations
    Perform QC and data conversion activities
    Archive data for access to analysis centers and users

Analysis Centers
    Provide products to users (e.g., station coordinates, precise satellite orbits, Earth orientation parameters, atmos. products, etc.)

Central Bureau/Coordinating Center
    Management of service
    Facilitate communications
    Coordinate activities

Governing Body
    General oversight of service
    Future direction

The IDS data centers use a common structure for directories and filenames that was implemented in January 2003. This structure is shown in Table 1 and fully described on the IDS Central

Bureau website at *http://ids-doris.org/analysis-documents/struct-dc.html*. The main directories are:

- */pub/doris/data* (for all data) with subdirectories by satellite code
- */pub/doris/products* (for all products) with subdirectories by product type and analysis center
- */pub/doris/ancillary* (for supplemental information) with subdirectories by information type
- */pub/doris/cb_mirror* (duplicate of the IDS Central Bureau ftp site) with general information and data and product documentation (maintained by the IDS Central Bureau)

The DORIS mission support ground segment group, SSALTO (Segment Sol multimissions d' ALTimétrie, d'Orbitographie et de localisation précise), and the analysis centers deliver data and products to both IDS data centers (CDDIS and IGN) to ensure redundancy in data delivery in the event one data center is unavailable. The general information available through the IDS Central Bureau ftp site are mirrored by the IDS data centers thus providing users secondary locations for these files as well.

Table 1. Main Directories for IDS Data, Products, and General Information

Directory	File Name	Description
Data Directories		
/doris/data/*sss*	*sss*data*MMM.LLL*.Z	DORIS data for satellite *sss*, cycle number *MMM*, and version *LLL*
	sss.files	File containing multi-day cycle filenames versus time span for satellite *sss*
/doris/data/*sss*/sum	*sss*data*MMM.LLL*.sum.Z	Summary of contents of DORIS data file for satellite *sss*, cycle number *MMM*, and file version number *LLL*
/doris/data/*sss*/yyyy	*sss*rx*YYDDD.LLL*.Z	DORIS data (RINEX format) for satellite *sss*, date YYDDD, version number *LLL*
/doris/data/*sss*/yyyy/sum	*sss*rx*YYDDD.LLL*.sum.Z	Summary of contents of DORIS data file for satellite *sss*, cycle number *MMM*, and file version number *LLL*
Product Directories		
/doris/products/2010campaign/	*ccc/cccYYDDDtuVV.sss*.Z	Time series SINEX solutions for analysis center *ccc*, starting on year *YY* and day of year *DDD*, type *t* (m=monthly, w=weekly, d=daily) solution, content *u* (d=DORIS, c=multi-technique), and solution version *VV* for satellite *sss*
/doris/products/eop/	*cccWWtuVV*.eop.Z	Earth orientation parameter solutions for analysis center *ccc*, for year *WW*, type *t* (m=monthly, w=weekly, d=daily), content *u* (d=DORIS, c=multi-technique), and solution version *VV*
/doris/products/geoc/	*cccWWtuVV*.geoc.Z	TRF origin (geocenter) solutions for analysis center *ccc*, for year *WW*, type *t* (m=monthly, w=weekly, d=daily), content *u* (d=DORIS, c=multi-technique), and solution version *VV*
/doris/products/iono/	*sss/cccsssVV.YYDDD*.iono.Z	Ionosphere products for analysis center *ccc*, satellite *sss*, solution version *VV*, and starting on year *YY* and day of year *DDD*
/doris/products/orbits/	*ccc/cccsssVV*.b*XXDDD*.e*YYEEE*.sp1.*LLL*.Z	Satellite orbits in SP1 format from analysis center *ccc*, satellite *sss*, solution version *VV*, start date year *XX* and day *DDD*, end date year *YY* and day *EEE*, and file version number *LLL*
/doris/products/sinex_global/	*cccWWuVV*.snx.Z	Global SINEX solutions of station coordinates for analysis center *ccc*, year *WW*, content *u* (d=DORIS, c=multi-technique), and solution version *VV*
/doris/products/sinex_series/	*ccc/cccYYDDDtuVV*.snx.Z	Time series SINEX solutions for analysis center *ccc*, starting on year *YY* and day of year *DDD*, type *t* (m=monthly, w=weekly, d=daily) solution, content *u* (d=DORIS, c=multi-technique), and solution version *VV*
/doris/products/stcd/	*cccWWtu/cccWWtuVV*.stcd.*aaaa*.Z	Station coordinate time series SINEX solutions for analysis center *ccc*, for year *WW*, type *t* (m=monthly, w=weekly, d=daily), content *u* (d=DORIS, c=multi-technique), solution version *VV*, for station *aaaa*
Information Directories		
/doris/ancillary/quaternions	*sss*/qbody*YYYYMMDDHHMISS_yyyymmddhhmiss.LLL*	Spacecraft body quaternions for satellite *sss*, start date/time *YYYYMMDDHHMISS*, end date/time *yyyymmddhhmiss*, and version number *LLL*
	sss/qsolp*YYYYMMDDHHMISS_yyyymmddhhmiss.LLL*	Spacecraft solar panel angular positions for satellite *sss*, start date/time *YYYYMMDDHHMISS*, end date/time *yyyymmddhhmiss*, and version number *LLL*
/doris/cb_mirror		Mirror of IDS central bureau files

DORIS Data

SSALTO deposits DORIS data to the CDDIS and IGN servers. Software at the data centers scans these incoming data areas for new files and automatically archives the files to public disk areas using the directory structure and filenames specified by the IDS. Today, the IDS data centers archive DORIS data from five operational satellites (CryoSat-2, HY-2A, Jason-2, SARAL, and SPOT-5); data from future missions will also be archived within the IDS. Historic data from Envisat, Jason-1 (mission ended in June 2013), SPOT-2, -3, -4 (mission ended in June 2013), and TOPEX/Poseidon, are also available at the data centers. A summary of DORIS data holdings at the IDS data centers is shown in Table 2. The DORIS data from all satellites are archived in multi-day (satellite dependent) files using the DORIS data format 2.1 (since January 15, 2002). This format for DORIS data files is on average two Mbytes in size (using UNIX compression). SSALTO issues an email notification through DORISReport once data are delivered to the IDS data centers. The number of days per file and average latency in 2013 of data availability after the last observation day satellite specific are shown in Table 3. The delay in data delivery to the data centers (in days by satellite) in 2013 is shown in Figure 2.

Table 2. DORIS Data Holdings Summary

Satellite	Time Span
CryoSat-2	30-May-2010 through present
Envisat	13-Jun-2002 through 08-Apr-2012
HY-2A	01-Oct-2011 through present
Jason-1	15-Jan-2002 through 21-Jun-2013
Jason-2	12-Jul-2008 through present
SARAL	14-Mar-2013 through present
SPOT-2	31-Mar through 04-Jul-1990
	04-Nov-1992 through 14-Jul-2009
SPOT-3	01-Feb-1994 through 09-Nov-1996
SPOT-4	01-May-1998 through 24-Jun-2013
SPOT-5	11-Jun-2002 through present
TOPEX/Poseidon	25-Sep-1992 through 01-Nov-2004

Table 3. DORIS Data File Information (2013)

| Satellite | DORIS-Format Data | | | RINEX Data |
	Number of Days/ Multi-Day File	Average Latency (Days)	Average File Size (Mb)	Average File Size (Mb)
CryoSat-2	8	25	2.7	1.6
HY-2A	7	29	3.1	1.8
Jason-2	11	28	6.1	2.5
SARAL	8	19	1.5	1.8
SPOT-5	10	19	2.6	N/A

DORIS phase data from Jason-2, CryoSat-2, SARAL, and HY-2A are also available in the format developed for GNSS data, RINEX (Receiver Independent Exchange Format), version 3.0. These satellites have the newer, next generation DORIS instrumentation on board, which is capable of generating DORIS data in RINEX format; future satellites will also utilize this type of DORIS receiver. These data are forwarded to the IDS data centers in daily files prior to orbit processing within one day (typically) following the end of the observation day.

In the fall of 2012, the IDS Analysis Working Group requested a test data set where data from stations in the South Atlantic Anomaly (SAA) were reprocessed by applying corrective models. Data from 2011 in DORIS V2.2 format from the Jason-1 satellite (cycles 331 through 368) were submitted to the IDS data centers in late 2012; a set of SPOT-5 data (cycles 138 through 432, 2006 through 2013) were provided in 2013. These files were submitted to the IDS data centers and archived in dedicated directories, e.g., at CDDIS:

ftp://cddis.gsfc.nasa.gov/pub/doris/campdata/ssacorrection/ja1
ftp://cddis.gsfc.nasa.gov/pub/doris/campdata/ssacorrection/sp5
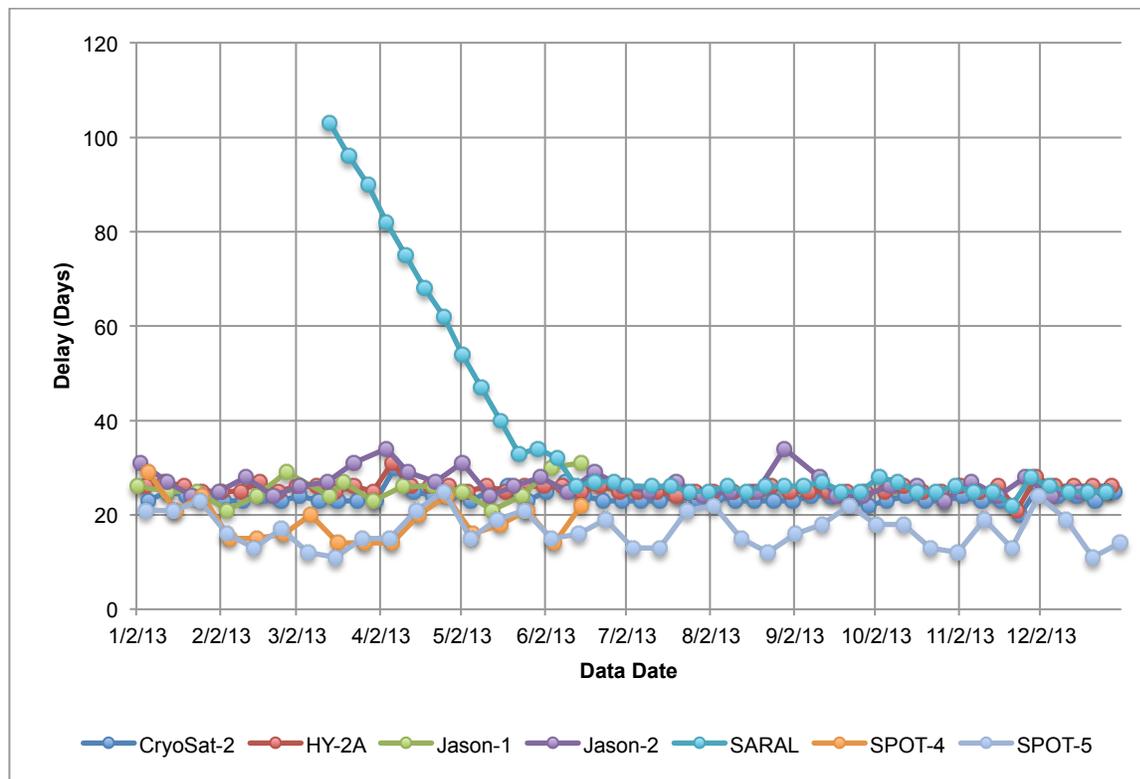

Figure 2. Delay in delivery of DORIS data to the CDDIS (all satellites, 01-12/2013)

DORIS Products

IDS analysis centers utilize similar procedures by putting products to the CDDIS and IGN servers. Automated software detects any incoming product files and archives them to the appropriate product-specific directory. The following analysis centers (ACs) have submitted products on an operational basis to the IDS; their AC code is listed in ():

- European Space Agency (esa), Germany
- Geoscience Australia (gau) (historic AC)
- Geodetic Observatory Pecny (gop), Czech Republic
- NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (gsc) USA
- Institut Géographique National/JPL (ign) France
- INASAN (ina) Russia

- CNES/CLS (lca) France
- CNES/SOD (sod) France
- SSALTO (ssa) France

A solution (designated "ids") produced by the IDS combination center from the individual IDS AC solutions started production in 2012. IDS products are archived by type of solution and analysis center. The types and sources of products available through the IDS data centers in 2005-2013 are shown in Table 4. This table also includes a list of products under evaluation from several DORIS analysis centers.

Table 4. IDS Product Types and Contributing Analysis Centers

Type of Product	ACs/Products									
	ESA	GAU*	GOP	GSC	IDS	IGN	INA	LCA	SOD	SSA
Time series of SINEX solutions (*sinex_series*)	X	X	X	X(	X	X	X	X	X	X
Global SINEX solutions (*sinex_global*)						X		X		
Geocenter time series (*geoc*)						X	X	X		
Orbits/satellite (*orbits*)				X				X		X
Ionosphere products/satellite (*iono*)										X
Time series of EOP (*eop*)						X	X			
Time series of station coordinates (*stcd*)	X			X	X	X	X	X		X
Time series of SINEX solutions (2010campaign)		X	X	X		X	X	X		

*Note: GAU historic solution

Supplementary DORIS Information

In 2009 an additional directory structure was installed at the IDS data centers containing ancillary information for DORIS data and product usage. Files of Jason-1, -2, and SARAL satellite attitude information were made available through the IDS data centers. Two types of files are available for each satellite: attitude quaternions for the body of the spacecraft and solar panel angular positions. The files are delivered daily and contain 28 hours of data, with 2 hours overlapping between consecutive files. Analysts can use these files in processing DORIS data to determine satellite orientation and attitude information.

Future Plans

The CDDIS and IGN provide reports that list holdings of DORIS data in the DORIS format. The IDS data centers will also investigate procedures to regularly compare holdings of data and products to ensure that the archives are truly identical.

IDS Data Centers (2013)

Crustal Dynamics Data Information System (CDDIS)

The CDDIS is a dedicated data center supporting the international space geodesy community since 1982. The CDDIS serves as one of the primary data centers for the following IAG services:

- International GNSS Service (IGS)
- International Laser Ranging Service (ILRS)
- International VLBI Service for Geodesy and Astrometry (IVS)
- International DORIS Service (IDS)
- International Earth Rotation and Reference Frame Service (IERS)

The CDDIS automated software archives data submitted by SSALTO and performs minimal quality-checks (e.g., file readability, format compliance) resulting in a summary file for each data file. Software extracts metadata from all incoming DORIS data. These metadata include satellite, time span, station, and number of observations per pass. The metadata are loaded into a database and utilized to generate data holding reports on a daily basis. By the end of 2013, approximately 70 Gbytes of CDDIS disk space has been devoted to the archive of DORIS data, products, and information.

The CDDIS developed a file that summarizes the RINEX-formatted data holdings each day. Information provided in the status file includes satellite, start and end date/time, receiver/satellite configuration information, number of stations tracking, and observation types. These files are accessible in the DORIS data subdirectory on CDDIS, *ftp://cddis.gsfc.nasa.gov/doris/data*.

The CDDIS provided special, limited access space in its archive for IDS Analysis Working Group (AWG) test solutions. This area allowed AWG members to exchange SINEX and orbit files for analysis development and testing.

During 2013, user groups downloaded approximately 425 Gbytes (550K files) of DORIS data, products, and information from the CDDIS.

Future Plans

The CDDIS staff will continue to interface with the IDS Central Bureau (CB), SSALTO, and IDS analysis centers to ensure reliable flow of DORIS data, products, and information. Enhancements and modifications to the data center will be made in coordination with the IDS CB. The CDDIS staff is currently assessing its system hardware architecture and near-term requirements. Plans are to procure new server hardware in mid-2014 to expand on-line storage and ensure system reliability for the next few years.

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