NRT M-factor delivery document 03 Aug 2009

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1 Content

This document describes the m-factor dataset, produced by ife/Bremen according to m-factor tech-note [1]. M-factors for the calibration light path (M_CAL), the limb light path (M_DL) and the nadir light path (M_DN) to the science detectors are included. All other m-factors are set to the default value of 1.0, i. e. have no effect. The m-factors are delivered as auxiliary files as defined in the SCIAMACHY IODD [2]. M-factor version is 06.01.

This document describes a delivery within the near real time (NRT) setup of the Envisat ground segment. A delivery is foreseen every 7 days, it contains the calculated data for the past 7 days (including the current day) and an extrapolation for the next 7 days. In nominal case, the extrapolated m-factors will not be used. They are available in case of an early start of the level 1–2 processing or an delay in the m-factor delivery. The current package contains m-factors for:

- Calculated: 28 Jul 2009–03 Aug 2009
- Prediction: 04 Aug 2009–10 Aug 2009

Note: If there is no appropriate monitoring measurement for the delivery day available at the time of calculation, also the nominal calculated m-factors may contain predicted values. Especially for M_DN this will be the case, as the corresponding measurement is performed only every 3 days.

2 Delivered files

Table 1 gives the MD5 sums (md5 text mode) [3] and the names of the delivered m-factor files.

Table 2 gives information, how the file content is calculated: Based on actual measurements (*meas.*), an interpolated m-factor (*interp.*) or a predicted, i.e. extrapolated m-factor value (*pred.*) for three light paths.

Table 1: MD5 sum and filename of the delivered m-factor files.

Table 2: Source information for the individual m-factors of the delivery set.

validity identifier	M_CAL	M_DL	M_DN
20090728_191703_20090730_191703	meas.	meas.	interp.
20090729_184526_20090731_184526	meas.	meas.	interp.
20090730_181349_20090801_181349	meas.	meas.	meas.
20090731_192248_20090802_192248	meas.	meas.	pred.
20090801_185111_20090803_185111	meas.	meas.	pred.
20090802_181934_20090804_181934	meas.	meas.	pred.
20090803_192833_20090805_192833	pred.	pred.	pred.
20090804_185656_20090806_185656	pred.	pred.	pred.
20090805_182519_20090807_182519	pred.	pred.	pred.
20090806_193418_20090808_193418	pred.	pred.	pred.
20090807_190241_20090809_190241	pred.	pred.	pred.
20090808_183104_20090810_183104	pred.	pred.	pred.
20090809_194003_20090811_194003	pred.	pred.	pred.
20090810_190826_20090907_190826	pred.	pred.	pred.

3 Content check

M-factors describe the degradation of the instrument and are used to compensate for it in the radiometric calibration. Fast changes with time are not expected, i.e. the ratio $M_{ratio,t}$ of m-factors M_t this delivery to the m-factor M_{t_0} of the previous delivery day should be close to 1. The ratio $M_{ratio,t}$ and its reciprocal value should not exceed a

Table 3: Detector pixels used for the calculations described in this document. SCIA-MACHY has 8 channels with 1024 pixels per channel. The pixel range is given as the first and last pixel in each channel. For channel 2, the pixel number is given in wavelength order, i.e. the pixel numbers are already reversed.

channel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
pixel range	197 784	$\begin{array}{c} 1140 \\ 1859 \end{array}$	$2131 \\ 2943$	$3117 \\ 3925$	$\begin{array}{c} 4151 \\ 4863 \end{array}$	$5226 \\ 5914$	$6154 \\ 7157$	7178 8181

Table 4: Content check results.								
	max. ratio (ch. $6/7$: median)			mean ratio				
	$M_{-}CAL$	$M_{-}DL$	M_DN	$M_{-}CAL$	$M_{-}DL$	M_DN	limit	status
1	1.0025	1.0123	1.0075	1.0006	1.0043	1.0021	1.0400	OK
2	1.0027	1.0079	1.0049	1.0008	1.0028	1.0015	1.0200	OK
3	1.0005	1.0022	1.0015	0.9997	1.0003	0.9994	1.0100	OK
4	1.0005	1.0004	1.0016	0.9997	1.0001	0.9990	1.0100	OK
5	1.0012	1.0014	1.0011	0.9999	1.0002	0.9994	1.0120	OK
6	1.0012	1.0011	1.0011	0.9999	1.0001	1.0001	1.0100	OK
$\overline{7}$	1.0003	1.0009	1.0004	_	_	_	1.0070	OK
8	1.0050	1.0039	1.0069	_	_	_	1.0120	OK

certain limit l:

$$M_{ratio,t} = \frac{M_t}{M_{t_0}}$$
 with $M_{ratio,i} < l$ and $\frac{1}{M_{ratio,i}} < l$ (1)

This limit is defined for each channel. The limits are derived from a time-series of deliveries simulated for 2007 [1]. For channel 1 to 6, each individual pixel for each dataset has to meet the criteria. Channel 7 and 8 are the infrared detectors with a varying number of bad or dead pixels with unpredictable behavior. A criterion for each pixel is not applicable, therefore a median over the channel is used as $M_{ratio,t}$ and has to meet the criteria. Blind pixels, the overlap regions and channel 6+ are excluded from the calculations, see table 3.

The previous delivery day t_0 is 27 Jul 2009, therefore M_{t_0} is taken from the m-factor file SCI_MF1_AXNIFE20090728_084340_20090727_194840_20090729_194840 .

Table 4 summarizes the results for this delivery. Also the settings for the limit are given. For information only, also the mean ratio is given. OK in the last column means, that the criteria is fulfilled for the channel.

This delivery is within all limits and can be used.

4 Visualization of content check

Figure 1 shows the ratio $M_{ratio,t}$ for all delivered m-factors for each channel. The grey boxes visualize the maximum ratio allowed.

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Figure 1: Ratio of delivered m-factors (28 Jul 2009– 10 Aug 2009) to the corresponding m-factor of the previous delivery day (27 Jul 2009). The grey boxes visualize the maximum ratio allowed.