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			ASSIM.FUNC.010, DOCU.010, MAIN.010,
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			"demonstration", "demonstration", "inspection", and
			"inspection/test" respectively (as agreed during
			PT10), SYS.OPER.030 moved to SV Test Phase,
			refined SYS.INEC.050.
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			SOFT.FUNC.230 reformulated due to earlier
			misunderstanding, HDF5 replaced by NetCDF,
			PATROL replaced by NAGIOS, PBS deleted.
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			the first reprocessing is captured by the PRD).
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ROM SAF

The Radio Occultation Meteorology Satellite Application Facility (ROM SAF) is a decentralised processing center under EUMETSAT which is responsible for operational processing of GRAS radio occultation data from the Metop satellites and radio occultation (RO) data from other missions. The ROM SAF delivers bending angle, refractivity, temperature, pressure, and humidity profiles in near-real time and offline for NWP and climate users. The offline profiles are further processed into climate products consisting of gridded monthly zonal means of bending angle, refractivity, temperature, humidity, and geopotential heights together with error descriptions.

The ROM SAF also maintains the Radio Occultation Processing Package (ROPP) which contains software modules that will aid users wishing to process, quality-control and assimilate radio occultation data from any radio occultation mission into NWP and other models.

The ROM SAF Leading Entity is the Danish Meteorological Institute (DMI), with Cooperating Entities: i) European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) in Reading, United Kingdom, ii) Institut D'Estudis Espacials de Catalunya (IEEC) in Barcelona, Spain, and iii) Met Office in Exeter, United Kingdom. To get access to our products or to read more about the ROM SAF please go to: <u>http://www.romsaf.org</u>

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the document

This document describes the system and software requirements of the Radio Occultation Meteorology SAF (hereafter ROM SAF). It states what the system and software is supposed to do and defines the interfaces with other systems. The system model and requirements given in this document are largely consequences of the URD [AD.2] and the Science Plan [AD.3].

This document is intended for:

- Users who can find in natural language what the system and software will do.
- EUMETSAT authority to insure the interfaces with others MSG/EPS systems are correctly defined.
- Reviewers of RADR and CDR.
- All ROM SAF institutes to take into account the internal and external interfaces and to point out common functions.
- Development teams involved in the ROM SAF project who have to implement the system and software requirements.

This document was reviewed for the first time by the DR part of RADR in May 2001 (see section 1.5). Afterwards, this document was modified during the system prototyping phase, as user requirements and scientific methods evolved.

The original system design has undergone some evolution. E.g., the NRT dissemination is done over both RMDCN/GTS and EUMETCast. The system contains an offline processing chain producing level 3 gridded products (in addition to level 1 and 2 products). The NRT and offline data streams from EUMETSAT CGS will be combined into one level 1a and 1b data stream (packed in the PFS products as netCDF-4 files). This evolution is not included in the current figures and drawings.

The current version of the document is updated for the first reprocessing cycle. The system is designed to be scalable and capable of offline and reprocessing tasks (SYS.FUNC.040; SOFT.RESO.010; SOFT.MAIN.010). The related system requirements for the first reprocessing are formulated in the Products Requirements Document (PRD) [AD.13].

1.1.1 Scope

This document builds the basis for the design and implementation of the ROM SAF system. The document specifies the system and software requirements of the SAF and identifies the products, functions and interfaces with other systems. It is intended to provide a clear and understandable statement of what the system to be built by the SAF is supposed to do and not to do, and a high-level description of its design criteria and logical model.

The ROM SAF system continuously processes GRAS radio occultation data from the EPS/METOP satellite to Level 2 and 3 products (as described in chapter 2.1 of [AD.3]).



For the NRT products this implies that impact parameters and bending angles must be processed in advance elsewhere and made available to the system (see chapters 2.3, 2.7, and 2.8). A second objective of the ROM SAF is to supply the ROPP software for assimilation of RO data into NWP models. This is described in chapter 5.

The users of the ROM SAF products are mainly meteorologists (NRT) and users from the climate research and atmospheric science communities (offline) needing comprehensive, globally distributed bending angle, refractivity, temperature, pressure, and humidity profile information in the form of profiles and gridded data.

1.1.2 Overview

Overview of chapters:

- Chapter 1 contains the purpose and introduction.
- Chapter 2 gives a general overview of the ROM SAF project objectives and describes the logical model of the system by means of structured analysis design.
- Chapter 3 specifies the system and software requirements of the ROM SAF sorted by category.
- Chapter 4 contains the user requirements to system/software requirements traceability matrix and its counterpart.
- Chapter 5 describes requirements on the assimilation software products.

1.2 Applicable and reference documents

1.2.1 Applicable documents

The following list contains documents with a direct bearing on the contents of this document:

- [AD.1] Guidelines for the SAF software development, July 1997. Ref: SAF/NET/EUM/SW/GD/01
- [AD.2] GRAS SAF User Requirements Document. Ref: SAF/GRAS/UKMO/RQ/URD/001
- [AD.3] GRAS SAF Science Plan. Ref: SAF/GRAS/DMI/ALG/SP/001
- [AD.4] ROM SAF Project Plan. Ref: SAF/ROM/DMI/MGT/PP/001
- [AD.5] GRAS Level 1 Product Format Specification. Ref: EPS/MIS/SPE/97234
- [AD.6] UMARF to SAFs Interface Control Document. Ref: EUM/UMA/ICD/004
- [AD.7] SAF-UMARF Interface Requirements Document. Ref: EUM/SAF/IRD/UMARF_01
- [AD.8] ROM SAF Product User Manual, Ref: SAF/ROM/DMI/UG/PUM/01
- [AD.9] EPS CGS NRT Dissemination Interface Requirement Document. Ref: EPS/SYS/IRD/980249
- [AD.10] ROM SAF Requirements, Verification, and Validation Traceability Matrix. Ref: SAF/ROM/DMI/RQ/TM/001
- [AD.11] CDOP-2 Proposal: Proposal for the Second Continuous Development and Operations Phase (CDOP-2); Ref: SAF/GRAS/DMI/MGT/CDOP2/001 Version 1.1 of 21 March 2011, approved by the EUMETSAT Council in Ref.



EUM/C/72/11/DOC/10 at its 72nd meeting on 28-29 June 2011;

- [AD.12] CDOP-2 Cooperation Agreement: Agreement between EUMETSAT and DMI on the Second Continuous Development and Operations Phase (CDOP-2) of the Radio Occultation Meteorology Satellite Applications Facility (ROM SAF), approved by the EUMETSAT Council; Ref: EUM/C/72/11/DOC/15 at its 72nd meeting on 28-29 June 2011 and signed on 29 June 2011 in Copenhagen;
- [AD.13] ROM SAF Product Requirements Document, SAF/ROM/DMI/MGT/PRD/001;

1.2.2 Reference documents

The following documents provide supplementary or background information, and could be helpful in conjunction with this document:

- [RD.1] EPS End User Requirements Document. Ref: EPS/MIS/REQ/93001
- [RD.2] GRAS SAF Design Document (Part 1 System Design). Ref: SAF/GRAS/IEEC/DPR/ADD/001
- [RD.3] CBS Working Group on Satellites, Second Session, 15–19 April 1996, Final Report. WMO, 1996
- [RD.4] Atmospheric Profiling Mission, ESA SP-1196(7), 1996
- [RD.5] Report of the GRAS SAG; The GRAS Instrument on Metop. Ref: VR/3021/PI, EPS/MIS/TN/97805, Version 1.2, May 1998
- [RD.6] Eyre, J. R. and D. Offiler: Radio Occultation Measurements in Operational Meteorology. Report ref: OMC-UKMO-TN1 under ESA Contract "GNSS for Operational Meteorology and Climatology" No. 11930/96/NL/CN, Issue 1.1, 13 May 1998.
- [RD.7] OSI SAF Software Requirements Document. Ref: SAF/OSI/M-F/MGT/RQ/11200
- [RD.8] NWC SAF Software Requirements Document. Ref: SAF/NWC/INM/SW/RQ/2
- [RD.9] Booch, G., J. Rumbaugh and I. Jacobson, "The Unified Modeling Language User Guide", Addison Wesley, 1999.
- [RD.10] http://rmdcn.ecmwf.int (ECMWF web site on RMDCN)

1.3 Acronyms and abbreviations

- ADD Architectural Design Document (ROM SAF)
- AGS Application Ground Segment
- BUFR Binary Universal Form of Representation
- CDA Command and Data Acquisition station (EUMETSAT/NOAA)
- CDOP-2 Second Continuous Development and Operations Phase (EUMETSAT)
- CDR Critical Design Review (ROM SAF) (formerly called Mid-Term Review)
- CGS Core Ground Segment (EPS)
- CHAMP CHAllenging Minisatellite Payload (Germany)
- CLIMAP CLImate and environment Monitoring with GPS Atmospheric Profiling



CORBA	Common Object Request Broker Architecture		
CREX	Character form for the Representation and EXchange of data		
DMI	Danish Meteorological Institute		
ECMWF	European Center for Medium-range Weather Forecast		
EGM96	Earth Geopotential Model 1996. Standard model for geoidal undulations		
	and gravity field, referenced to the WGS-84 ellipsoid		
EPS	EUMETSAT Polar satellite System		
ESA	European Space Agency		
EUMETSAT	EUropean organisation for the exploitation of METeorological SATellites		
GLONASS	GLObalnaya NAvigatsionnaya Sputnikovaya Sistema (GLObal		
	NAvigation Satellite System) (Russia)		
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System (generic name for GPS, GLONASS,		
	and similar future systems)		
GPAC	GNSS Processing and Archiving Center		
GPS	Global Positioning System (US)		
GPS/MET	Global Positioning System / METeorology experiment onboard Microlab-		
	1 (US)		
GPSOS	Global Positioning System Occultation Sensor (NPOESS)		
GRAS	GNSS Receiver for Atmospheric Sounding (METOP instrument)		
GTS	Global Telecommunication System		
IEEC	Institut d'Estudis Espacials de Catalunya (Spain)		
ICM	Intermediate Checkpoint Meeting (ROM SAF)		
IGS	International Geodynamics Service		
I-RR	Infrastructure Readiness Review (ROM SAF)		
LEO	Low Earth Orbit		
METOP	METeorological Operational Polar satellite (EPS/EUMETSAT)		
MSG	METEOSAT Second Generation (EUMETSAT)		
MSL	Mean Sea Level (The geoid)		
MTTR	Mean Time To Repair		
N/A	Not Available/Applicable		
NetCDF	Network Common Data Form		
NH	Northern Hemisphere		
NMS	National Meteorological Service		
NOAA	National Oceans and Atmosphere Administration (US)		
NPOESS	National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System		
	(NOAA)		
NRT	Near-Real Time		



NWP	Numerical Weather Prediction		
OI	Optimal Interpolation (NWP assimilation technique)		
POD	Precise Orbit Determination		
PARF	ROM SAF Product Archive and Retrieval Facility		
PP	Project Plan (ROM SAF)		
Q/C	Quality Check		
RADR	Requirements and Architectural Design Review, consists of RR		
	(Requirements Review) and DR (Design Review) (ROM SAF)		
RID	Review Item Discrepancy		
RMDCN	Regional Meteorological Data Communication Network (GTS in WMO		
	Region 6)		
RO	Radio Occultation		
ROM SAF	Radio Occultation Meteorology SAF (former GRAS SAF)		
ROPP	Radio Occultation Processing Package (ROM SAF)		
SAC-C	Satelite de Aplicaciones Científicas – C (Argentina)		
SAF	Satellite Application Facility (EUMETSAT)		
SAG	Science Advisory Group		
SH	Southern Hemisphere		
SP	Science Plan (ROM SAF)		
SRD	System Requirements Document (ROM SAF)		
SUNSAT	Stellenbosch UNiversity SATellite (South Africa)		
SVVP	System/Software Verification and Validation test Plan (ROM SAF)		
TBD	To Be Determined/Decided/Discussed		
TCL	Tool Command Language		
UKMO	The UK Meteorological Office (aka: Met Office)		
UMARF	Unified Meteorological Archive and Retrieval Facility (EUMETSAT)		
UML	Unified Modelling Language		
URD	User Requirements Document (ROM SAF)		
UT1	Universal Time 1, non-linear, approximates the mean diurnal motion of		
	the Earth		
UTC	Universal Time Coordinated (previously known as Greenwich Mean		
	Time), piecewise linear atomic timescale, interrupted by leap seconds		
	(UTC-UT1 < 0.9 seconds)		
VAR	VARiational analysis; 1D, 2D, 3D or 4D variants (NWP assimilation		
	technique)		
WGS84	World Geodetic System 1984; standard Earth model ellipsoid.		
WMO	World Meteorological Organisation		



1.4 Definitions

RO data products from the GRAS instrument onboard Metop and RO data from other data providers are grouped in levels and are either NRT or Offline products. The levels and types are defined below. The lists of variables should not be considered as the complete contents of a given data level, and not all data may be contained in a given data level.

Data levels:

Level 0: Raw sounding, tracking and ancillary data, and other GNSS data before clock correction and reconstruction;

Level 1a: Reconstructed full resolution excess phases, SNR's, orbit information, I, Q, and NCO values, navigation bits, quality information;

Level 1b: Bending angles and impact parameters, tangent point location, and quality information;

Level 2: Refractivity, geopotential height, "dry" temperature profiles (level 2a), pressure, temperature, specific humidity profiles (level 2b), surface pressure, tropopause height, planetary boundary layer height (level 2c), ECMWF model level coefficients (level 2d); quality information;

Level 3: Gridded level 1 and 2 offline profile products in the form of, e.g., monthly and seasonal zonal means, metadata, and quality information;

Product types:

NRT product: data product delivered less than 3 hours after measurement;

Offline product: data product delivered less than 30 days after measurement (the timeliness for some offline level 3 products may be up to 6 months);

1.5 List of RADR-DR RIDs

In the following is a list of all RADR-DR RIDs concerning the SRD with the agreed actions/comments/decisions and resulting impact on this document.

RID number	Action/comment/decision	Impact on SRD
SRD_A_3	The intended type of delivery	Cf. impact on RID # 32, 33,
	for software will be clarified	46, 50.
	and related portability	
	requirements verified	
	accordingly.	
SRD_A_4	Modify SRD according to the	ASSIM.GEN.010 rewritten



RID number	Action/comment/decision	Impact on SRD
	answer	(new name ASSIM. FUNC.010).
SRD_A_41	modify SRD according to the answer	Figure 2-5 and 2-6 (new names) updated.
SRD_B_85	verify that, when references are made, they are made to a specific paragraph of the called document.	All references checked, some of them substantiated
SRD_B_86	modify SRD according to the answer	All requirements checked for verification method, some have been changed.
SRD_B_87	Answer agreed. Modify SRD according to the answer.	Action is obsolete due to new lay-out of chapters, cf. RID # 89.
SRD_B_88	The figure and chapter will be called system overview. See Rid 27. Include also the collaboration and/or deployment diagrammes. Modify SRD according to the answer see also rid 22	Name of chapter changed, deployment diagram included, class diagram kept, and collaboration diagram included in ADD, cf. RID # 22.
SRD_B_89	(see also rid 106) Action: a) clarify, with the support of EUMETSAT as necessary,the purpose of the document, how it will be used, and relation with System requirements, related verification activities as well as definition of component level requirements. b)The document will be re-structured and refined to reflect the apportionment of the requirements. For each requirement, the relevant verification method and level (system /software component, unit) will be specified. c): the non-functional requirements should be defined as applicable to either all system components or specifically defined for given components and implemented into the design (see rid 6).	Chapter 3 and 5 restructured according to "SAF Software Development Guidelines", hereby also including non- functional requirements. Verification method and relevant system component(s) were already included.
SRD_B_90	see rid 89- closed by reference	All requirements in question have been regrouped due to new chapter lay-out, cf. RID # 89.
SRD_B_91	Provide a list of TBDs and TBCs. SRD to be updated according to the author answer and will include the TBD/TBC list.	Some text and requirements rephrased, list of TBDs included.
SRD_B_92	Clarify the requirement and update SRD accordingly	New requirement SOFT.FUNC.060 rephrased.



RID number		Action/comment/decision	Impact on SRD
SRD_B_93		to mark in this requirement that	New requirement
		the details are tbd.	SYS.OPER.010 rephrased.
SRD_B_94		Update SRD accordingly	Action is obsolete due to new
			lay-out of chapters, cf. RID #
			89.
SRD_B_95		these requirements will be re-	New requirements
		assessed and either refined as	SYS.MAIN.030, 040, and
		non-functional requirements or	080 are assigned to
		collected in a dedicated	"Maintainability
		separate section as constraint	Requirements" under "Non-
		s Define first schot "aritical"	Functional Requirements .
SKD_B_90		a) Define first what critical means: b) identify these	included in chapter 3 New
		requirements which are critical	requirement SOFT VERI 020
		c) Specify in the PP and /or	rephrased
		SRD how this information will	repiliuseu.
		be used (eg testing effort, risk	
		management).	
SRD_C_21		closed by reference to rid 89	SRD cleaned up, cf. also RID
			# 89, 106.
SRD_C_22		add the deployment and	Deployment diagram added
		modify SPD Note: figure 2.3	(as new figure 2-3).
		will be kept	as new figure 8 in ADD vers
		will be kept.	2 1
SRD C 23		requirement 130 will be re-	GRAS SAF.MNT.130
		phrased and recovery strategy	rephrased (new name
		will be defined for lost data.	SYS.RELI.030). Recovery
			strategy now covered by
			reliability and safety
			requirements.
SRD_C_24	1	closed by answer	÷
SRD_C_25	sentence will be	Sentence reformulated.	
	reformulated.		
SRD_C_26	figure will be updated by	Figure 2-1 updated.	
	finctuding level 2 in the		
SDD C 27	figure	Chapter renormed deployment di	anom included
SKD_C_27	chapter will be called	Chapter renamed, deproyment dia	igram menudeu.
	system overview. Include		
	also the collaboration		
	and/or deployment		
	diagrammes. Modify SRD		
	according to the answer		
SRD_C_28	withdrawn	÷.	
SRD_C_29	clarify the interfaces with	Figure 2-1 and Use Case diagram	(new figure 2-5) updated.
	end-user in figure 2.1 and		
	identify it in the ICD-		
	UML Use cases		
	diagrammes will be		
	updated/ennanced as		
SPD C 20	Modify requirements	PPD 010 and CTL 000 max	rand into now (rankroad)
SKD_C_30	according to the response	SYS OPER 030 MNT 050 rephr	ased into new SVS MAIN 100
	and merge requirement		
	PRD 010 and CTL 90		



RID number		Action/comment/decision	Impact on SRD
SRD_C_31	closed by answer	÷	
SRD_C_32	substantiate requirements	New requirements SYS.INEH.02	20, INEH.030, DOCU.040, and
	as per author response	MAIN.050 rephrased.	
SRD_C_33	se also rid 50 1)	1) New requirement SOFT.QUA	AL.120 rephrased. A dedicated
	guidelines for design and	ROM SAF document on coding s	tandards is in preparation.
	coding will be provided to	2) No document on portability av	ailable from EUMETSAT, new
	support portability	requirement SYS.PORT.010 incl	luded, Action 13 from RADR-
	requirements. If different	DR closed.	
	programming languages		
	are used, this shall be		
	taken into account in the		
	guidelines. Deviations		
	from these guidelines will		
	be identified and justified;		
	consequences will be		
	analysed. 2) Eumetsat will		
	provide to the GRM SAF		
	consortium available		
	portability guidelines		
SRD_C_34	requirements to be	New requirements SYS.OPER.02	20 and SAFE.020 rephrased.
	modified according to		
	author response. Errors		
	categorisation to be		
	included.		
SRD_C_35	ok with answer 1, 2, 4 and	New requirement SOFT.RESO.0	10 included. New requirements
	5. An estimation of size,	SYS.PERF.020, RELI.010, 020, 0	030, and INEH.010 rephrased.
	data volume and time etc.		
	will be performed at the		
	latest by CDR. see also		
	rid 97		
SRD_D_46	issue of portability should	Cf. impact on RID # 33.	
	be clarified (see rid 33).		
	Software methodology		
	should be clarified as per		
	KID 82. Closed by		
	and 82		
SPD D 47	and 62		
SKD_D_4/	see RID 61 - closed by	-	
SPD D 40	rephrase the section	Saction ranhrasad	
$\frac{SRD_D_{49}}{SRD_D_{50}}$	closed by reference to rid	÷	
SKD_D_50	33 and 34	-	
SPD D 51	1) see rid 32 for 1 rst	÷	
SKD_D_JI	noint 2) correct URD as	- Regarding 2): LIRD undated 2 (T	RD)
	stated 3) issue related to	Regarding 2). ORD updated : (1)	
	the notion of critical		
	functions, see rid 96		
SRD E 105	see rid 82 for first point-	Chapter 2.4 substantiated	
	Second point covered by	Chapter 2.1 Substantiated.	
	answer. RID closed		
SRD E 106	see rid 89 – closed by	÷.	
	reference		
SRD E 107	closed by reference	÷.	
SRD E 108	the requirement will be	÷.	
	refined as appropriate		



2. General Description

Many of the following topics are described in more detail in [AD.2], [AD.3], and [AD.4]. Note the distinction of the *core processing software*, implementing the scientific algorithms leading from Level 1b (Level 1a for offline products) to Level 2 (and level 3).

2.1 Relationship to Current Projects

EUMETSAT's network of Satellite Application Facilities (SAFs) together with the EUMETSAT central facilities, constitute the future EUMETSAT Application Ground Segments (AGS) for the MSG and EPS/Metop satellites. SAFs are located in National Meteorological Services or other approved institutes of a EUMETSAT member state. The scope of the SAF activities is to deliver products and/or software to derive these products, at the level of geophysical parameters, based primarily on the satellite data. The ROM SAF has members at the DMI, ECMWF, IEEC, and Met Office. The host institute is DMI.

The ROM SAF receives raw and preprocessed data from the EPS/Metop GRAS instrument, ground networks of supporting GPS receivers, as well as ancillary information from NWP centers and RO data from other data providers. The ROM SAF has close cooperation with especially the Climate Monitoring SAF and the NWC SAF.

2.2 Relationship to Predecessor and Successor Projects

The (early) development phase of the ROM SAF was drawing on data from earlier RO satellite missions like GPS/MET and Ørsted, and scientific work done in connection with these missions by the team members, and by the scientific community in general. Work done in related projects like CLIMAP and NPOESS is also being used, and cooperation with teams and use of data from present and upcoming projects like CHAMP, G-COM, SAC-C, SUNSAT is progressing or anticipated.

2.3 Function and Purpose

The ROM SAF processes NRT Level 1b data and offline Level 1a (formally included in Level 1b) data to Level 2 and 3 products, in order to provide the following product types:

- bending angle profiles (offline only)
- refractivity profiles
- temperature, pressure and humidity profiles
- gridded climate data

The ROM SAF is responsible for archiving these products and disseminating them to NRT and offline users, and for supplying archived products on request through UMARF. The ROM SAF will also develop and deliver software for assimilation of these products into NWP models.



2.4 Environmental Considerations

The ROM SAF is a scientific network with three member institutes. The pre-operational core software package and the surrounding system will be developed by the member institutes for implementation at the GNSS Processing and Archiving Center for a potential operational phase.

The ROM SAF system and software will be developed (and is intended for use) on UNIX and LINUX workstations (SUN Sparc workstations at IEEC and Silicon Graphics workstations at DMI already existing or being procured). The development phase uses the tools available on these machines (in particular for programming and debugging). The programming language of the core processing software will be FORTRAN 90. Monitoring and control functions of the system will be provided mainly by scripts written in Perl and Python (including the SWIG tool), but could also be blocks of software written in any suitable language like C, C++, FORTRAN 90/95, etc. The interfaces between blocks written in different languages will be files and scripts to avoid problems concerning subroutine calls, shared libraries, portability, etc.

The ROM SAF NRT products will be distributed to users via the RMDCN GTS and EUMETCast systems. For off-line distribution, media like FTP and DVD are possibilities. Regarding the assimilation software products see chapter 5.





Figure 2-1 ROM SAF concept and data flow diagram

2.5 Relationship to Other Systems

Figure 2-1 shows the main ROM SAF data flow and relationship to other systems.

Interaction with UMARF

The EUMETSAT archive UMARF provides services to ROM SAF users. The UMARF offers search capabilities for end-user requests for archived ROM SAF products. UMARF registers users and provides ordering forms, price information and invoices to the users,



and sends the final product ordering form to the Archiving Center (at DMI in Copenhagen). The Archiving Center is responsible for delivering products.

2.6 General Constraints

It is currently assumed that the system defined in this document will be implemented and run during an operational phase of the ROM SAF. However, it is possible that the list of products and services will change during the review processes. At present, development is somewhat hampered by a lack of high-quality, high-volume operational data for tests. Simulated data can be used for simple technical checkout, but significant samples of real data are needed to catch e.g. quality problems and real errors so that appropriate controls and flags can be built into the design.

2.7 Model Description

The operational ROM SAF system at the GNSS Processing and Archiving Center is responsible for all necessary tasks concerning the reception of the Level 1a (for offline) and Level 1b (for NRT) data, the processing into Level 2 and 3 products, and ultimately sending these to the users, whether this is through continuous dissemination or after a specific request through UMARF. An overall description of the system is given in this section, cf. Figure 2-1.

2.7.1 Overview of UML

The system described in this document (apart from the assimilation software, see chapter 5) is being developed using the UML (Unified Modelling Language) notation and the Rational Rose CASE tool. UML is a modelling language for specifying, visualising, constructing and documenting the artifacts of a system-intensive process.

In terms of the views of a model, UML defines the following graphical diagrams:

- \cdot use case diagram
- · class diagram
- · behaviour diagrams:
 - · statechart diagram
 - · activity diagram
 - · interaction diagrams:
 - sequence diagram
 - · collaboration diagram
- \cdot implementation diagrams:
 - \cdot component diagram
 - \cdot deployment diagram

Although other names are sometimes given to these diagrams, this list constitutes the canonical diagram names. The choice of a particular model and consequent diagrams has a profound influence upon how a problem is attacked and how a corresponding solution is shaped. Every complex system is best approached through a small set of nearly independent views of a model. No single view is sufficient. For the development of this SRD and the ADD [RD.2] the design concepts and UML diagrams described in the next section are used. We will here present a short overall description of these principles and the



reader should bear in mind that this is a very simplified view of UML. For a complete and accurate presentation of UML the reader is directed to [RD.9].

2.7.1.1 Design Concepts

We have followed a decomposition approach to the design and description of the system, and made use of UML [RD.9] to represent the key elements of the system. The whole system is conceptually decomposed into components, which have defined responsibilities and roles in the system functioning. These components can stand independently of each other. They are specialised in certain tasks, and they can act as clients to other components for tasks on which they are not specialised, and as servers, to execute the tasks that other components may delegate. This can be done several times, at several levels of specialisation. The ROM SAF as a whole is in itself one such component, responsible (server) of certain tasks within its environment, and client requesting some other tasks from other elements of the environment.

The SRD presents the upper level of component decomposition, together with their upperlevel responsibilities and client/server relationships. This is presented here in order to improve understanding of the system and software requirements. A more detailed analysis is necessary, and in general each of the components is to be further decomposed into more specialised building blocks. This will be detailed in the ADD [RD.2].

2.7.1.1.1 Use Case Diagrams

The use case diagrams show how the system must work from a user point of view. A use case diagram includes:

 \cdot Actors: They represent the external entities (users and other systems) that interact with the system. They are drawn as human-like figures.

 \cdot Use cases: They represent the behaviour of the system, scenarios that the system goes through in response to stimuli from the actors. Each use case is documented by a description of the scenario. They are drawn as yellow ellipses.

2.7.1.1.2 Component Diagrams

Component diagrams show organizations and dependencies among software components, including source code components, binary code components, and executable components. A component diagram has only a descriptor form, not an instance form, which is shown with a deployment diagram.

2.7.1.1.3 Sequence Diagrams

Sequence diagrams represent a dynamic view of the system, showing object interaction in a time-based sequence of calls to methods provided by objects. They are used to cover all the operations offered to the user through the use cases. Objects (classes) represented in class diagrams provide the operations exchanged in sequence diagrams.

2.7.1.1.4 Deployment Diagrams

Deployment diagrams show instances of individual nodes and their communication links in the system configuration. A node is a physical component that represents a computational resource, which generally has at least a memory and often a processing capability. Nodes may hold component instances, see [RD.9] for further details.



2.7.2 ROM SAF System Overview

The operational ROM SAF system and its interfaces with surrounding systems as seen in Figure 2-1, is shown in a more stringent way by means of a deployment diagram in Figure 2-2.

A preliminary system design is shown by a component diagram in Figure 2-4. This figure represents the current development stage of the design, and although it is chronologically somewhat out of place (being largely a consequence of [RD.2] and subject to considerable change with time) it is included here to improve overview of the system. The core processing software is situated in the Processor box.



Figure 2-2 Deployment diagram of the preliminary system design. The dark-sided nodes are hardware components, whereas the white-sided nodes are the external interface components. Connections to the two backup components are not shown, cf. Figure 2-3. The Reprocessing component is similar to the offline processor.



Figure 2-3 Same as Figure 2-2, but showing only connections from the two backup components. The Reprocessing component is similar to the offline processor.





Figure 2-4 Component diagram of the preliminary system design. The arrows indicate dependencies between the components.

The five main software components ("systems") of the system design (included in Figure 2-4) are related to (implemented in) one or more of the five hardware components (nodes) of

Figure 2-2. The relationships are listed in Table 2-1. More details can be found in [RD.2].

Software component	Hardware component
Monitor System	
Management System	Task Manager Computer
End User System	
	Archiving Center
Product Generation System	NRT Processor
(shared component)	Offline Processor
Data Retrieval and Preparation	Data Receiver
System	



Table 2-1 Relationship between main software components and hardware components (current development status).

A use case diagram of the ROM SAF system, showing the different actors (operators), the requests they can issue, and the actions they can take, is depicted in Figure 2-5, whereas a similar diagram for UMARF is shown in Figure 2-6.



Figure 2-5 Use case diagram of possible actions of the operational ROM SAF. The possible actions ("use cases") are grouped into the yellow ellipses and the possible requests (with direction) are grouped into lines. The stylized persons represent "actors". Actors might be humans (who can take manual actions) or resident programs (which can take automatic actions).



Figure 2-6 Use case diagram of possible UMARF actions. Note that this is not part of the ROM SAF System. Symbols are as in Figure 2-5.

2.7.2.1 Core Processing

The processing needed to come from the received Level 1a data up to ionosphere corrected bending angles (Level 1b) will be done by the GRAS Ground Processor within the CGS for NRT data and at the ROM SAF Processing Center for offline data.

Processing from phases and ionosphere corrected bending angles to refractivity profiles and from refractivity to pressure and temperature be done at the ROM SAF Processing Center. Again, refer to chapter 4 of [AD.3] for details.

The Level 1 data received from the GRAS Ground Processor are assumed to contain at least the quantities (and have the format) described in chapter 3.2 of [AD.5].

2.8 Scheduling

Processing of the data shall comply with the time restrictions given in [RD.1 (EUR.5.3.2-1 and EUR.5.3.2-2)], where it is stated that the maximum delay between measurement and dissemination of NRT Level 1b (to the SAF) and NRT Level 2 products (to the end users) shall be 2 hours 15 minutes and 3 hours, respectively. This time limit includes the time between measurement and satellite data downlink, which can be up to 100 minutes (= one orbit), cf. Figure 2-7. A consequence of this is, that the occultation data under normal circumstances must be processed chronologically. Offline products are created and disseminated as soon as POD data for the LEO and GNSS satellites become available, typically 1 - 4 weeks after measurement.



Figure 2-7 "Pipeline processing diagram", showing the principle of recording (measurement), downlink, processing, and NRT dissemination as a function of time (increasing to the right). The vertical green lines mark the end/beginning of orbits, each lasting 100 minutes. The NRT dissemination deadline for each occultation (elementary unit) is 180 minutes after recording. Extents of satellite dumps and elementary units are not to timescale.



3. Specific Requirements

This section contains system and software requirements for the ROM SAF product generation application. The requirements detailed in this section have been written according to the recommendations stated in chapter 3 of [AD.1]. Specific requirements for the assimilation software products can be found below in chapter 5.

Some system functions will be labelled as critical. A critical function is one that – in case it fails or becomes unavailable – prevents fulfilment of the functional requirements. Functions marked as critical are required at all times for the processing chain to function nominally. Items marked as non-critical do not affect the chain, if absent for short periods, but degrade the function if missing for extended periods.

System design shall aim at eliminating or reduce the number of critical functions (e.g. through redundancy). Critical functions are identified and described in [RD.2].

3.1 Requirements Identification

The requirements are presented using the following format:

• LLLL.xxxx.###, where:

LLLL identifies whether the requirement is a *system* or a *software* requirement. Software requirements are lower-level requirements that can be verified during the Unit Testing Phase or the Component Testing Phase (both following after CDR). System requirements are higher-level requirements that cannot be verified before the System Integration and Verification Test Phase (following after the Component Testing Phase). These phases will be described in more detail in the SVVP document. LLLL can take on the following values:

SYS system requirementSOFTsoftware requirement

xxxx identifies the group to which a requirement belongs, and can take on the following requirement values:

FUNC	functional	
PERF	performance	
INIS interna	l software interface	
INIH interna	l hardware interface	
INIC interna	l communications interface	
INES externa	ll software interface	
INEH	external hardware interface	
INECexterna	l communications interface	
OPER	operational	
RESO	resource	
VERIverification		
ACCE	acceptance-testing	
DOCU	documentation	
SECU	security	



PORTportabilityQUALqualityRELI reliabilityMAINmaintainabilitySAFEsafety

is a number unique for a specific requirement within a requirement group (xxxx).

- Textual description of the requirement. Describes in a concise way the requirement.
- Coded information follows the requirement description, enclosed in square brackets []. The data included should specify a combination of:
 - 1. Proposed verification method (obligatory), according to the following coding:
 - T Test
 - I Inspection
 - A Analysis
 - D Demonstration
 - R Review

2. Earliest phase were the requirement will be verified, according to the following coding:

UT Unit Testing Phase

CT Component Testing Phase

SIV1/2 System Integration and Verification Test Phase (part 1/2)

- OA Operational Acceptance Phase (specific indication of NRT (or Offline) for a given test phase means that only system and/or software relating to NRT (or Offline) processing will be tested during this test phase)
- Other useful information, where applicable, which may be coded as: component Requirement is associated (directly or through a sub-component) to one or more of the following main parts of the preliminary design (see Figure 2-2 and Figure 2-4):

Software components:MON Monitor SystemMANGManagement SystemEND End User SystemPRODProduct Generation SystemDATAData Retrieval and Preparation System

Hardware components: TMC Task manager computer DREC Data Receiver NRT NRT Processor OFFL Offline Processor ARCH Archiving Center



Interface components: AUX Auxiliary Data Interface EPS EPS/EUMETCast Terminal UMAR UMARF CORBA Client Server PARCPre-existing Archiving System Interface RMDC RMDCN Connection FTP HTTP/FTP Server DVD DVD/CD-ROM Request

- URxx Identification of the requirement as explicitly derived from user requirement no. xx, cf. chapter 3 of [AD.2]
- TBD To Be Discussed/Determined (Identification of the requirement as presently unstable/subject to change during design or development phase)

Any text outside this requirement is a comment. Each requirement may be followed by a comment (in *italic*) further specifying what is meant in the textual description of the requirement, giving examples or even design hints.

The traceability from UR to SR and v.v. will be provided in chapter 4.

The following hypothetic requirement is given as an example:

SYS.FUNC.027	The system shall be able to generate product xx in less
	than one minute [T SIV1 PROD/NRT URyy]
	<i>This can be achieved by implementation of method zz.</i>

The system requirement is number 027 of the functional requirements. It will be verified by tests during part 1 of the System Integration and Verification Test Phase, is associated with the Product Generator software component and the NRT Processor hardware component, and it was derived from user requirement no. yy.

3.2 Functional Requirements

SYS.FUNC.010	The overall system shall be able to generate the products described in chapter 3 of [AD.2] (with the specified domains, ranges, samplings and accuracies) according to the algorithms and sequences presented in chapter 4 of [AD.3], and to archive and disseminate these [T SIV2 PROD/END/NRT/OFFL/ARCH] <i>This is an extensive</i> <i>requirement, demanding numerous specific requirements to be</i> <i>fulfilled.</i>
SYS.FUNC.020	All ROM SAF Level 2 sounding and validation products shall be archived at the Processing and Archiving Center, for a minimum of ten years after the end of the EPS/Metop mission [I SIV1 END/ARCH URTOP-4020 URRTS-4010 URRTV-4020 UROLS- 4010 UROLV-4020]

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SYS.FUNC.030	Archiv a minii SIV2 E	ed products shall be available on num of ten years after the eno ND/ARCH URTOP-4020]	on request through UMARF for d of the EPS/Metop mission [I
SYS.FUNC.040	The sy origina process archive absence larger 1 [T S] <i>conseq</i> <i>3.8.1.2</i>	stem shall be able to reprocess l input data without delaying sing. All input data used for pro- ed. Processing of degraded pro- e of, or in case of errors in, a ressource problems priority sha V1 PROD/END/NRT/OFFL uence of EPS SRD requiremen -110.	ss any of its products from the the ongoing NRT and offline occessing must therefore also be oducts shall be possible in the ancillary data input. In case of all be given to NRT processing //ARCH] <i>This is also a</i> <i>ts no. SRD-3.3.3.2-130 & SRD-</i>
SYS.FUNC.050	The sy BUFR data, in data [7 decided (in the longer	stem shall be able to make L and NetCDF file formatting standependently of which METO Γ SIV1 PROD/NRT/OFFL U uence of EPS SRD require I during I-RR and GRAS SAF Development Phase), URD valid.	evel 2 products conforming to andards from GRAS instrument P satellite is providing the raw JRTOP-1010] This is also a sment no. SRD-3.3.2-130. As Steering Group Meeting no. 12 requirement TOP-1030 is no
SOFT.FUNC.060	The sy require parame	estem shall be able to make d Level 2 parameters plus a su ters (see [AD.8] chapter 5) [T	NRT products containing all ub-set, as required, of Level 1b CT PROD/NRT URRTS-1010]
SOFT.FUNC.070	The sy advanta NRT p different improv SIV1 produc	vstem shall be able to mak age of input data not meeting products (delayed LEO down ncing, improved POD data, N ed algorithms not appropriate PROD/OFFL UROLS-1010 ts, see PERF.040	e offline products by taking the timeliness requirements for link, ground-based GNSS for WP analysis, etc.) and/or using e to the NRT requirements [T] <i>Concerning delayed NRT</i>
SOFT.FUNC.080	The sy bending PROD/	stem shall be able to produce g angle profiles in units of radi NRT URRTS-1020]	ce NRT ionospheric corrected ans as a function of time [T CT
SOFT.FUNC.090	The sy (both f correct time [T	stem shall be able to produce or each of the L1 and L2 frequed ed combination of the two) in SIV1 PROD/OFFL UROLS-1	offline bending angle profiles uencies, and for the ionosphere units of radians as a function of [030]
SOFT.FUNC.100	The system for the interpo metres	stem shall be able to produce is is in the state of the s	NRT impact parameter profiles bending angle profiles (i.e. 4.4.8.3 in [AD.3]) in units of ROD/NRT URRTS-1030]
SOFT.FUNC.110	The sys (both for correct section SIV1 P	stem shall be able to produce of or each of the L1 and L2 frequed ed combination of the two, i. 4.4.8.3 in [AD.3]) in units of ROD/OFFL UROLS-1040]	ffline impact parameter profiles uencies, and for the ionosphere e. interpolated as described in metres as a function of time [T
 SOFT.FUNC.120	For each	ch occultation the system sha g angles and impact parameter	Il be able to produce pairs of ers as specified in FUNC.080,



	090, 100 and 110, timetagged as an offset from the nominal time of the event with a numerical resolution and accuracy of 1 msec [T CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) PROD/NRT/OFFL URRTS-1040 UROLS-1050]
SOFT.FUNC.130	The system shall be able to produce NRT and offline neutral refractivity profiles in N-units (= 10^6 x (n-1), where n is the refractive index) as a function of heights and pressure level [T CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) PROD/NRT/OFFL URRTS-1050 UROLS-1060] <i>See QUAL.020 about heights.</i>
SOFT.FUNC.140	The system shall be able to produce NRT and offline temperature profiles in units of degrees Kelvin (K) as a function of heights and pressure level [T CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) PROD/NRT/OFFL URRTS-1060 UROLS-1070] <i>See QUAL.020 about heights.</i>
SOFT.FUNC.150	The system shall be able to produce NRT and offline profiles of specific humidity given as partial water vapour pressure in units of hPa as a function of heights and pressure level [T CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) PROD/NRT/OFFL URRTS-1070 UROLS-1080] <i>See QUAL.020 about heights.</i>
SOFT.FUNC.160	The system shall be able to produce NRT and offline pressure profiles in units of hecto-Pascals (hPa) as a function of heights [T CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) PROD/NRT/OFFL URRTS-1090 UROLS-1100] <i>See QUAL.020 about heights</i> .
SOFT.FUNC.170	The system shall be able to produce NRT surface pressure estimates in units of hecto-Pascals (hPa) as a function of heights [T CT PROD/NRT URRTS-1100] <i>See QUAL.020 about heights</i> .
SOFT.FUNC.180	The system shall be able to provide local radius of curvature of the Earth appropriate to the location (for NRT as in the received Level 1b data, for offline where the straight GNSS – LEO path is tangent to the WGS-84 ellipsoid) of the event, and other supporting Level 1b information including LEO and GNSS satellite identifications, POD type and source, processing identifiers and summary LEO and GNSS satellite locations and velocities for NRT and offline as Level 2 products [T CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) PROD/NRT/OFFL URRTS-1140 UROLS-1150]
SOFT.FUNC.190	The system shall support the generation and archival of NRT and offline validation products [T CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) PROD/NRT/OFFL/ARCH URRTV-2010 UROLV-2010]
SOFT.FUNC.200	The system shall support the generation and archival of validation statistics on the quality (bias, rms) of key parameters, quantity of products and on the timeliness of NRT product dissemination [T CT END/PROD/ARCH/NRT/TMC URRTV-2020]
SOFT.FUNC.210	The system shall support the generation and archival of validation statistics for offline products on the quality (bias, rms) of key parameters, quantity of products, on their timeliness and on their improvement with respect to the equivalent NRT products [T SIV1 END/PROD/ARCH/OFFL/TMC UROLV-2020]

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SOFT.FUNC.220	The system shall be able to generate and archive statistical subsets of NRT and offline validation data for three latitude bands (NH (30N to 90N), tropics (30S to 30N), and SH (90S to 30S)) and two surface types (land and sea) [T CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) END/TMC URRTV-2040 UROLV-2040]
SOFT.FUNC.230	Observation error covariance matrices used for processing Level 2 products shall be archived and be available at the ROM SAF web site [T CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) PROD/NRT/OFFL/ARCH URSDS-5030]

3.3 Non-Functional Requirements

3.3.1 Performance Requirements

SYS.PERF.010	When recovering from a system failure/outage the priority of product processing shall be to process any backlog of input data still within the NRT timeliness requirement, without missing any input data arriving after restart [T SIV1 MON/MANG/DATA/TMC/DREC] <i>Test method: FDIR (Failure Detection, Isolation and Recovery)</i>
SYS.PERF.020	Of those Level 1b data made available to the ROM SAF within 2 h 15 min, the system shall be able to process >95 % to Level 2 NRT products and disseminate these to users within 3 hours after observation time. This availability rate shall be calculated as daily (24 hours) and monthly (calendar) averages [T SIV1 MANG/MON/PROD/ DATA/END/TMC/NRT/DREC/ARCH URRTS-3010] The system design shall e.g. allow for disruption of processings due to hardware or software errors, switching to a backup computer/module/net for reprocessing/rerouting, and still meeting the deadline. See also SYS.RELI.010, 020 and 030.
SYS.PERF.030	Of those Level 1b data made available to the ROM SAF with correct instrument operation, the system shall be able to process >98 % to Level 2 offline products and disseminate these to users within 30 days of observation time. This availability rate shall be calculated over one calendar month [T SIV1 MANG/PROD/DATA/END/ MON/TMC/OFFL/DREC/ARCH UROLS-3010] <i>See comment to SYS.PERF.020.</i>
SYS.PERF.040	Any NRT products delayed more than 24 hours from observation time shall not be disseminated as NRT products, but shall instead be classified as offline products [T SIV1 END/PROD/ARCH/NRT/ OFFL URRTS-3040]



3.3.2 Interface Requirements

- **3.3.2.1** Internal Interface Requirements
- **3.3.2.1.1** Internal Software Interface Requirements
- **3.3.2.1.2** Internal Hardware Interface Requirements
- **3.3.2.1.3** Internal Communications Interface Requirements
- **SYS.INIC.010** Auxiliary NWP data already being ingested for forecast purposes at the site of the processing center shall be used by the ROM SAF system [T SIV2 DATA/DREC/AUX]
- **3.3.2.2** External Interface Requirements
- **3.3.2.2.1** External Software Interface Requirements

3.3.2.2.2 External Hardware Interface Requirements

- **SYS.INEH.010** Ingestion of Level 1b data shall happen continuously through a EUMETCast Terminal physically located at the Processing Center. The Processing Center staff will only be responsible for accomodation, power, environmental control, and operation and first level maintenance of the Terminal. Delays in delivery of data shall be analysed to determine if the cause lies within or outside the ROM SAF System [T CT DATA/MON/DREC/EPS] *During Component Testing, a simulated terminal will be used.*
- SYS.INEH.020NRT products shall be disseminated via RMDCN (cf. [RD.10]).
Dissemination shall take place after every successfully processed
occultation [T SIV2 END/PROD/NRT/ARCH/RMDC URRTS-
3020]
- SYS.INEH.030Offline products shall be disseminated/made available via FTP,
HTTP download, CD-ROM/DVD, and possibly other
links/channels/media. The frequency of dissemination/availability
can be anything between after every successfully reprocessed
occultation and a monthly total, according to the end-users desire [T
SIV2 END/PROD/ARCH/OFFL/FTP/DVD UROLS-3020]

3.3.2.2.3 External Communications Interface Requirements

SYS.INEC.010 The system shall be able to automatically create and send the following information to the UMARF Client, located at the Processing Center:

 \cdot A **Request for Metadata Ingestion** (i.e. catalogue update) every three hours containing all necessary information required for



	creation, modification or deletion of a product reference in the catalogue, including name(s) and position(s) of file(s) containing browse/quick-look data/images at the Processing and Archiving Center FTP-site.
	• Product Order and Delivery Status every three hours allowing UMARF to provide to the end user the status of his request (in processing/delivered/delayed/cancelled/rejected/)
	• A New Product Type Definition (manually, not automatically) requesting creation of a new product type in the UMARF catalogue, and containing information on the characteristics of this product type and how to order it.
	[T CT END/ARCH/UMAR URTOP-4010] This requirement is also a consequence of chapter 4 in [AD.6]. After commissioning, requests for New Product Type Definitions will be very rare, but the possibility shall be at hand.
	During Component Testing, a preliminary version of the Terminal will be tested.
SYS.INEC.020	The system shall be able to continuously (once per day) and automatically retrieve and handle Product Order Requests from
	UMARF, containing all required information for the SAF to prepare and deliver the products to the requesting user [T SIV2 END/ARCH/
	UMAR] This requirement is a consequence of chapter 4 in [AD.6].
	Requests for retrieval (SAF -> UMARF) and sending of Order
	<i>Requests (UMARF -> SAF) will be via the passive UMARF CORBA server.</i>
SOFT.INEC.030	NRT products disseminated via RMDCN shall use up-to-date WMO BUFR/CREX encoded format [T UT END/PROD/NRT/ARCH URRTS-3030]
SOFT.INEC.040	Offline products shall use NetCDF file format standards [T UT END/PROD/ARCH/OFFL UROLS-3030]
SYS.INEC.050	The system shall be able to make NRT and offline validation products (in the form of tables, graphs, and statistical overviews) available automatically via the ROM SAF web page, in a format suitable for the most common web browsers and for printing on A4 size paper [T SIV2 END/ARCH/FTP URRTS-3050 UROLS-3040] The most common web browsers are at least Netscape/Mozilla/Firefox, MS Internet Explorer, and Opera, both for Linux and Windows except MS IE (not for Linux).
SYS.INEC.060	Necessary auxiliary NWP data needed to geographically complement the data mentioned in SYS.INIC.010 shall be ingested from ECMWF [T SIV2 DATA/DREC/AUX]
SYS.INEC.070	The system shall be capable of ingesting auxiliary external data from suitable sources when needed. These data are Earth rotation parameters (once per day), GPS status data and precise satellite orbits (once per orbit) [T SIV2 DATA/DREC/AUX]



3.3.3 Operational Requirements

SYS.OPER.010	The system shall constantly monitor and log key parameters and critical functions, and automatically issue warnings to operators (and in some cases to users), if specific thresholds are exceeded or errors occur [T SIV2 MON/MANG/END/TMC/ARCH] <i>See also SYS.OPER.020 and 050.</i>
SYS.OPER.020	Any error shall as far as possible be detected and handled in a way that is transparent to the operator and (in case the system is not able to correct the problem itself) allows the operator to recover the situation without major loss or degradation of data. This is to be achieved through a job control system, a process monitoring system (e.g. NAGIOS) and a message system, the latter shall also be able to categorize the errors [T SIV1 MON/TMC] <i>See also SYS.OPER.010 and 050.</i>
SYS.OPER.030	The design of any system item shall cause minimum staffing requirement during an operational phase (e.g. no specialists needed during non-working hours). Normal system operation shall demand no human interaction, except for maintenance and some back-up operations (this does not necessarily apply to validation procedures) [D SIV2 MON/MANG/END/PROD/DATA]
SYS.OPER.040	Products shall be archived continuously and before any dissemination to users [D SIV2 END/PROD/ARCH/NRT/OFFL]
SYS.OPER.050	Error/warning messages shall be logged and shall include all necessary information to identify the hardware/software item related to the notified event [T SIV1 MON/MANG/TMC] <i>See also SYS.OPER.010 and 020.</i>

3.3.4 Resource Requirements

SOFT.RESO.010The different parts of the system shall have the following disk
capacity available:
Data retrieval, task managing, data processing, and FTP server:
120 GB each.
Archive and user services: RAID 5 System: 3 x 60 GB, archive
size: 2.5 TB (total for the lifetime), initial backup space: 1 TB,
final backup space: 5 TB[I CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) DREC/TMC/NRT/OFFL/ARCH] These
are current estimates and subject to change (system to be scaleable).
More details about this can be found in chapter 8 of [RD.2]

3.3.5 Verification Requirements

SOFT.VERI.010 Data sets for software test and validation will be defined during the architectural design phase [I UT]



SOFT.VERI.020 Test and evaluation shall identify critical functions within the system/software in the development phase [T UT]

3.3.6 Acceptance Testing Requirements

SYS.ACCE.010 During the Operational Acceptance Phase it shall be validated that the ROM SAF System fulfills the user requirements of [AD.2] [R OA]

3.3.7 Documentation Requirements

SYS.DOCU.010	Control reports shall be part of the ROM SAF products [R SIV1 END/ARCH]
SYS.DOCU.020	 Users shall have access to the following information: Technical information Algorithm specifications Up-to-date product catalogue (through UMARF), including documentation on data formats, and how to access browse/quicklook data How to order the products (through UMARF) Costs of ROM SAF products (through UMARF) [D SIV1 END/ARCH/FTP] Parts of this information will be placed at UMARF
SYS.DOCU.030	 Operational software documentation shall include: a products manual including scientific description a users manual describing, in a progressive way, how to use the software an exploitation manual describing how to install, configure and manage the software, including error handling a reference manual, resuming in an alphabetic way all information provided by the preceding two manuals including messages and code error [R SIV1] <i>See also SYS.DOCU.020</i>.
SYS.DOCU.040	 The ROM SAF shall maintain a record of all versions of algoritms, SW components and documentation through a Code Management System. This system shall comprise: 1) Code versioning control (e.g. CVS, also dealing with documents, HTML-files, a.o. 2) Code building using e.g. GNU "make" 3) Code testing through regression tests 4) Code installation from a central installation directory to other hosts using e.g. "rsync" 5) In addition, software will be verified by internal SAF peer review ("walk through") by a person other than the author of the software [D SIV1]



3.3.8 Security Requirements

SOFT.SECU.010	Any system item shall be designed in a way that prevents accidental alteration to the installed versions of software and data (e.g. write protection, etc.) [T CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) MON/MANG/END/ PROD/DATA]
SOFT.SECU.020	The system shall require operator identification prior to access to any application [I CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) TMC/ARCH/NRT/OFFL/DREC]
SYS.SECU.030	The system shall be protected by a firewall [I SIV2] At DMI, the proposed site of the Processing and Archiving Center, all systems and local networks are protected by standard firewalls (open-source LINUX products).

3.3.9 Portability Requirements

SYS.PORT.010 The system shall be LINUX-portable, in the sense that it shall be possible to upgrade the operating system during the life time of the ROM SAF [T SIV2 MON/MANG/END/PROD/DATA/TMC/ ARCH/ NRT/OFFL/DREC]

3.3.10 Quality Requirements

SOFT.QUAL.010	Offline products shall contain identical parameters to the NRT pro- ducts, although domain, sampling, accuracy, and numbers of pro- cessed occultations may be improved [I SIV1 PROD/OFFL UROLS- 1020]
SOFT.QUAL.020	Heights for NRT and offline products shall be given as (a) ellipsoidal (WGS-84), (b) above MSL (= EGM-96 geoid), and (c) geopotential (EGM-96), in units of metres (m) at fixed levels. If any of the three height types are not given, the conversion between them shall be straight-forward. [T UT PROD/NRT/OFFL URRTS-1080 UROLS-1090] <i>See also SOFT.QUAL.090</i>
SOFT.QUAL.030	All NRT and offline profiles generated by the system shall have a geographic latitude and longitude (in the WGS-84 earth-fixed system) attached to every individual point, and a single latitude and longitude (in the same system) representative of the entire profile (position of point closest to surface) [T UT PROD/NRT/OFFL URRTS-1120 UROLS-1130]
SOFT.QUAL.040	All profiles generated by the system shall be date- and time-tagged in UTC appropriate to the event including year, month, day, hour, minute and decimal seconds. Those quantities given as a function of time shall have a numerical resolution and accuracy of 1 msec [T UT PROD/NRT/OFFL URRTS-1130 UROLS-1140]

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SOFT.QUAL.050	The system shall be able to generate quality information during processing, both as error estimates for all derived quantities and as Product Confidence Data (q/c flags) [T CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) PROD/NRT/OFFL URRTS-1150 UROLS-1160]
SOFT.QUAL.060	The domain of the validation products generated by the system shall be global and over the full vertical domain of the NRT and offline products [A CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) PROD/NRT/OFFL URRTV- 2030 UROLV-2030]
SOFT.QUAL.070	The validation of NRT data quality shall be w.r.t. NWP forecast (for NRT output) and NWP analyses (for archiving and statistics) at the appropriate time and place [T CT PROD/NRT URRTV-2060]
SOFT.QUAL.080	The validation of offline data quality shall be w.r.t. NWP analyses at the appropriate time and place, co-located radio sondes and other appropriate in-situ and remotely sensed (ground-based and/or satellite) soundings [T SIV1 PROD/OFFL UROLV-2060]
SOFT.QUAL.090	The dissemination of one profile shall consist of Level 2 products as a function of fixed height levels, and Level 1b data as function of impact parameter [T CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) PROD/NRT/OFFL] <i>See also SOFT.QUAL.020</i>
SOFT.QUAL.100	All ROM SAF system software shall use standard high-level scripting programming languages (e.g. Perl, Python, Tcl, etc.). Performance issues can require blocks of code to be written in high- level programming languages like C, C++, FORTRAN 90/95 (to ISO 1539), etc. [R CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) MON/MANG/END/PROD/ DATA URSDS-7010]
SOFT.QUAL.110	The ROM SAF core processing software shall use standard FORTRAN 90 [T UT PROD]
SOFT.QUAL.120	All software shall use only the standard features of the programming language, avoiding compiler-specific extensions [A UT MON/ MANG/END/PROD/DATA URSDS-7020]
SOFT.QUAL.130	All software shall be designed, developed, coded and documented to the practices and standards of the EUMETSAT "Guidelines for the SAF Software Development" [AD.1] and the "Met Office FORTRAN 90 Programming Standards for NWP" [R UT MON/MANG/END/PROD/DATA URSDS-7040]
SYS.QUAL.140	On request from authorized users, all archived products can be retrieved through UMARF with no degradation of the orginal product quality [I SIV2 END/ARCH URTOP-4030]

3.3.11 Reliability Requirements

SYS.RELI.010System down time is as far as possible to be avoided through
redundancy in the system design [A SIV1
TMC/ARCH/NRT/OFFL/DREC] See also SYS.RELI.020 and 030.SYS.RELI.020The system shall be designed so as to prevent sudden shutdown or
data loss due to e.g. power loss, hardware failure/maintenance or
wrong human interaction [T SIV1 MON/TMC/ARCH/NRT/OFFL/

DREC] This could include: Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS), back-up harddiscs, auto-recovery/booting features, etc.

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SYS.RELI.030 Apart from the archive part, the system shall have a sufficient degree of redundancy and/or automatic back-up facilities at all hardware levels to prevent loss of data and processings due to a single-point failure [T SIV1 MON/TMC/NRT/OFFL/DREC]

3.3.12 Maintainability Requirements

- SOFT.MAIN.010 The system shall be designed for easy implementation of processing of data from other RO instruments than GRAS [I CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) MANG/PROD/DATA/TMC/NRT/OFFL/ DREC URTOP-1020]
- SOFT.MAIN.020 Any system item shall be able to run in a test mode, using and producing test data independently of operational data and using the same logging features as the operational mode [T CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) MANG/MON/PROD/DATA/END/TMC/ARCH/NRT/OFFL/DREC
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 SYS.MAIN.030
 The core software for processing data to Level 2 products shall be maintained by the ROM SAF during the lifetime of the SAF [R SIV2 NRT/OFFL URSDS-6010]
- SYS.MAIN.040Software deliverables supporting user applications for ROM SAF
products shall be maintained by the ROM SAF during the lifetime of
the SAF [R SIV2 END/ARCH URSDS-6020]
- SYS.MAIN.050 Quality control, validation and scientific progress may lead to software improvements. Any changes shall be fully documented and shall not affect operations [R SIV1 MON/MANG/END/PROD/ DATA]
- SYS.MAIN.060Maintenance activity shall include fixes to programming errors,
improvements to code efficiency, and upgrades supporting improved
scientific processing in response to evolving User Requirements (e.g.
'Day 2' products) [R SIV1 MON/MANG/END/PROD/DATA
URSDS-6030]
- **SYS.MAIN.070** The system shall have a MTTR of 72 hours for non-critical (i.e. duplicated/redundant) hardware components. A sufficient supply of hardware spare parts shall be on hand [I SIV1]
- **SYS.MAIN.080** The staff at the Processing and Archiving Center at DMI is responsible for repairing / correcting / updating / improving the software and system [R SIV2]
- SYS.MAIN.090 All software shall be installed (and be able to be reinstalled) by a Software Installation Management System [T SIV2 MON/MANG/ END/PROD/DATA]
- **SYS.MAIN.100** The system shall be capable of easily being installed/reinstalled on the host platform, without requiring significant modification to the source code. The system and/or its operators shall be able to perform a reconfiguration of operational settings (data base, procedures,



schedules, tables) in any part of the system in a timely manner, consistent with the requirements for the operational phase. It shall be possible to install and commission upgraded software without degrading the operational mission [D SIV2 MON/MANG/END/PROD/
 DATA URSDS-7030] *This is also a consequence of EPS SRD requirements no. SRD-3.8.3.1-150 and SRD-3.8.4-140.* N.110 The system shall be capable of undergoing all kinds of maintenance

SYS.MAIN.110 The system shall be capable of undergoing all kinds of maintenance activities on a normal working day/working hour basis and without impacting its capability to fulfill its mission within the specifications [D SIV2 MON/MANG/END/PROD/DATA] *This is a consequence of EPS SRD requirements no. SRD-3.8.4-100 and SRD-3.8.4-105.*

3.3.13 Safety Requirements

SOFT.SAFE.010	The system shall be able to detect and discard erroneous and out-of- limit input/request data, and to prevent these from influencing other calculations [T CT(NRT)/SIV1(Offline) DATA/PROD/END]
SYS.SAFE.020	Any error occurring during an application execution shall as far as possible be handled and not lead to an uncontrolled abort, termination of the application or damage to other parts of the system [T SIV1 MON/MANG/END/PROD/DATA]
SYS.SAFE.030	Any system item shall be designed so that accidental damage to software and data does not propagate [T SIV1 MON/MANG/END/ PROD/DATA]



4. Requirements Traceability Matrices

This chapter used to contain the trace from the user requirements (UR) [AD.2, chapter 3] to the system and software requirements (SR) detailed in this document, and vice-versa. As decided during CDR, however, the traceability matrices for all ROM SAF requirements are now collected in [AD.10].



5. Assimilation Software

5.1 Introduction

The ROM SAF will provide generic software to facilitate the assimilation of RO data into NWP systems. The software will be consistent with variational (Var) assimilation theory. A stand alone 1D-Var refractivity code shall be developed to enable NWP centres who do not have a variational assimilation scheme to make use of the RO data. In addition, the ROM SAF shall provide forward models, tangent linear and adjoints for users operating a 3D or 4D-Var assimilation system. The models will require the user to provide "background data", as described below. All these software components (and new developments) are combined into the Radio Occultation Processing Package (ROPP).

5.1.1 1D-Var Refractivty Software

The ROM SAF will produce a stand alone, statistically optimal refractivity 1D-Var retrieval code. The user will provide NWP data (surface pressure(hPa), temperature(K) and humidity profiles (log(specific humidity(g/Kg)))) interpolated to the occultation location in the form of a background vector, a background error covariance matrix and model orography interpolated to the occultation location. The software shall combine these data with Level 2 refractivity in order to obtain the most probable atmospheric state. The output will be the solution vector, refractivity forward modelled from the background state, refractivity forward modelled from the solution error covariance matrix, a cost at convergence QC indicator and the number of iterations for convergence.

5.1.2 Forward Models for 3D(4D)-Var

The ROM SAF shall provide generic "observation operators" or "forward models" for mapping geophysical data provided by the NWP model into observation space, assuming different levels of pre-processing. The following forward models will be supplied:

A forward model to enable the direct assimilation of refractivity profiles into an NWP system with a 3D(4D)-Var assimilation scheme. The refractivity profile and occultation location will be derived from the Level 2 data. The user will interpolate the 3D NWP data to the occultation location and extract the surface pressure(hPa), temperature(K) and log (specific humidity (g/kg)) profiles. The model orography is also required.

A plane-averaged refractivity forward model for assimilation into an NWP system with a 3D(4D)-Var assimilation scheme. The software shall calculate a representative occultation location and occultation plane from the Level 1b data. A series of spaced points within the plane, angular spacing consistent with NWP model resolution, centred on the assumed occultation location will be defined. The user will interpolate the 3D NWP data to each of these points and extract model orography, surface pressure(hPa), temperature(K) and log (specific humidity (g/kg)) profiles.

A forward model that enables the direct assimilation of bending angle as a function of impact parameter into an NWP system with a 3D(4D)-Var assimilation scheme. The software shall calculate a representative occultation location and occultation plane from the



Level 1 data. A series of spaced points within the plane, consistent with NWP model resolution, centred on the assumed occultation location, will be defined. The user will interpolate the 3D NWP data to each of these points and extract model orography, surface pressure(hPa), temperature(K) and log (specific humidity (g/kg)) profiles. The user will also extrapolate the NWP data up to a height of around 100km above the surface.

5.2 Specific Requirements

5.2.1 Requirements Identification

The requirements presented in this section are in the format outlined in section 3.1, but the "SYS" or "SOFT" prefix has been replaced with "ASSIM".

5.2.2 Functional Requirements

ASSIM.FUNC.010	The ROM SAF shall produce, make available, and maintain assimilation software and documentation to facilitate the assimilation of RO data into NWP systems, based on the algorithms outlined in section 5 of [AD.3]. The software shall support RO assimilation into pre- existing variational (Var) schemes used operationally in many NWP centres and will be written assuming the user provides the appropriate a priori (or background) data [T FTP URSDS-5010]
ASSIM.FUNC.100	The ROM SAF shall produce a stand-alone 1D-Var retrieval code. This shall combine a Level 2 refractivity profile with an a priori (or background) estimate of the atmospheric state taken from an NWP model, in a statistically optimal manner, making use of associated error covariance matrices. It shall output an updated estimate of the atmospheric state, simulated refractivity values, a solution error covariance matrix and a quality control indicator [T URSDS-5030]
ASSIM.FUNC.110	The stand-alone 1D-Var code shall contain a refractivity forward model that simulates refractivity as on the observavation geopotential heights, using the NWP data as input. The package shall also contain the adjoint of this forward model.
ASSIM.FUNC.120	The 1D-Var code shall evaluate a cost function based on the differences between simulated and measured refractivity values and the background and estimated atmospheric state, weighted by their repective covariance matrices. The code shall find the atmospheric state vector that minimises this cost function. The cost function shall be minimised using an efficient algorithm, contained in the package.
ASSIM.FUNC.130	The 1D-Var code shall solve a matrix equations

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	encountered in the mine efficient matrix equation so in the package.	nimisation method using an solver, which shall be contained
ASSIM.FUNC.200	The ROM SAF shall p forward model. This model refractivity profile as a f from NWP profile data. I values at the observation routine shall return m observation height is out model data.	produce a refractivity profile del shall evaluate a continuous function of geopotential height it shall evaluate the refractivity on geopotential heights. The issing data indicator if the ttside the range of the NWP
ASSIM.FUNC.210	The ROM SAF shall pro adjoint and tangent-line forward model.	vide routines that calculate the ar of the refractivity profile
ASSIM.FUNC.220	The ROM SAF shall refractivity forward m continuous refractivity pro- the occultation plane. The height shall be evaluated weighted average value s shall return missing data height is outside the range	produce a plane-averaged nodel. This shall evaluate ofiles at a series of locations in e refractivity at the observation d at each location and then a hall be calculated. The routine a indicator if the observation of the NWP model data.
ASSIM.FUNC.230	The ROM SAF shall pro tangent-linear and adju- refractivity forward model	duce routines that evaluate the pint of the plane-averaged
ASSIM.FUNC.300	The ROM SAF shall p evaluates bending angle as The model shall derive index field from NWP m tangent point height from calculate the bending ass path either side of the tang obtain the total bending a missing data indicator if the the range given by the NW	roduce a forward model that s a function impact parameter. a two-dimensional refractive odel data. It shall calculate the the observed impact parameter, ociated with the section of ray gent point and sum the values to ngle. The routine shall return a the impact parameter is outside VP model.

5.2.3 Non-Functional Requirements

5.2.3.1 **Documentation Requirements**

ASSIM.DOCU.010 The SAF shall maintain a record of all versions of the assimilation software and documentaion through a Code Management System [D]



5.2.3.2 Quality Requirements

ASSIM.QUAL.010	The ROM SAF assimilation software shall use FORTRAN 90/95 (to ISO 1539) [I URSDS-7010]
ASSIM.QUAL.020	All software shall use only the standard features of the programming language avoiding compiler specific extensions [I URSDS-7020]
ASSIM.QUAL.030	All software shall be designed, developed, coded and documented using standard practices, noting the guidance given in the "EUMETSAT Software Guidelines" and the "Met Office FORTRAN 90 standards for NWP" [I/T URSDS-7040]

5.2.3.3 **Portability Requirements**

ASSIM.PORT.010 All software shall be made to be as portable as possible to a variety of platforms, and shall in particular support UNIX-like operating systems [T]

5.2.3.4 Maintainability Requirements

ASSIM.MAIN.010	The assimilation software shall be maintained and updated during the life time of the SAF [D URSDS- 6020]
ASSIM.MAIN.020	Quality control, validation and scientific progress may lead to software improvements and the release of new versions. Any changes shall be fully documented [R]
ASSIM.MAIN.030	Maintenance activity shall include correcting errors, improving efficiency and incorporating improved scientific methods [R URSDS-6030]