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SARAL/ALtiKa: From the satellite telemetry to end-users products

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This paper describes all the SARAL/AltiKa ground facilities and resources used for a routine delivery of oceanography products to users. After a brief summary of the Indian-French organization in place, a focus is made on the different steps needed for the generation of valuable users products. It covers the command/control of the altimetric payload (Altimeter, radiometer, DORIS) as well as orbit and radar data processing including future upgrades and reprocessings planned in the next years. Finally it gives the portfolio of all the available products from level2 up to level4.