

## ***Interactive comment on “Utilisation of CryoSat-2 SAR altimeter in operational ice charting” by E. Rinne and M. Similä***

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This comment is true and points out a clear mistake in the Discussion paper. We shall revise this statement in the manuscript to point out that the mean volume estimates from the UCL NRT product agree with the standard UCL product which in turn has been thoroughly validated.

However, as monthly means are averages over large areas and several weeks, the UCL product should be compared to fine resolution validation data (such as ship measurements) at local scales, before statements about its usability for navigation can be made. By far the best way to assess usability would be user experiences. This would be a good continuation of our work presented here and we shall mention it in the revised manuscript too.

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