

NetCDF format for MWR data V2.1b

Each delivered file is covering one cycle and is delivered in Netcdf format. The ncdump utility gives the following result:

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netcdf RA2-MWR_L2_v 2.1b_20081207_0 00000_2008 1207_2 35959_2152 5 {
dimensions:
    time = 50594 ;
variables:
    double time(time) ;
        time:_FillValue = 9.969209968 38687 e+36 ;
        time:units = "day s since 1950-01-01
00:00:00.0" ; time:long_name = "day s since
1950-01-01 00:00:00.0" ; time:standard_name
= "time" ;
        time:calendar = "gregorian " ;
    double latitude(time) ;
        latitude:_FillValue = 9.9692099 68386
87e+36 ; latitude:units =
"degrees_north" ; latitude:long_name
= "latitude" ; latitude:standard_name =
"latitude" ; latitude:quality_flag =
"orb_state_flag" ;
        latitude:comment = "Positive latitude is North latitude, negative latitude is South latitude." ;
    double longitude(time) ;
        longitude:_FillValue = 9.96920996
83868 7e+36 ; longitude:units =
"degrees_east" ; longitude:long_name
= "longitude" ; longitude:standard_name
= "longitude" ; longitude:quality_flag =
"orb_state_flag" ;
        longitude:comment = "East longitude relative to Greenwich meridian" ;
    int bathymetry(time) ;
        bathymetry:_FillValue = -2147483647 ;
        bathymetry:source = "ETOPO1" ;
        bathymetry:valid_min = -10000 ;
        bathymetry:long_name = "ocean depth/land elevation" ;
        bathymetry:units = "m" ;
        bathymetry:valid_max = 10000 ;
        bathymetry:institution = "GSFC" ;
        bathymetry:coordinates = "longitude latitude" ;
    byte ice_flag(time) ;
        ice_flag:_FillValue = -127b ;
        ice_flag:flag_meanings = "no_ice_ice" ;
        ice_flag:long_name = "ice flag" ;
        ice_flag:flag_values = 0, 1 ;
        ice_flag:coordinates = "longitude latitude" ;
    byte rad_surf_type(time) ;
        rad_surf_type:_FillValue = -127b ;
        rad_surf_type:flag_meanings = "ocean land" ;
        rad_surf_type:long_name = "radiometer surface type" ;
        rad_surf_type:flag_values = 0, 1 ;
        rad_surf_type:coordinates = "longitude latitude" ;
    byte surf_ace_type(time) ;
        surf_ace_type:_FillValue = -127b ;
        surf_ace_type:flag_meanings =
"ocean land" ; surf_ace_ty
pe:long_name = "surface type" ; surf
ace_type:flag_values = 0, 1 ;
        surf_ace_type:coordinates = "longitude latitude" ;
    short sig0_ku(time) ;
        sig0_ku:_FillValue = -32767s ;
        sig0_ku:comment = "All instrumental corrections included, excepted the system bias, i.e. AGC
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correction, internal calibration correction (internal_corr_sig0_ku), modeled instrumental errors correction
(modeled_instr_corr_sig0_ku) and atmospheric attenuation (atmos_sig0_corr_ku)." ;
sig0_ku:scale_factor = 0.01 ;
sig0_ku:standard_name = "surface_backwards_scattering_coefficient_of_radar_wavelength" ;
sig0_ku:coordinates = "longitude latitude" ;
sig0_ku:long_name = "Ku band corrected backscatter coefficient" ;
sig0_ku:valid_min = 0 ;
sig0_ku:units = "dB" ;
sig0_ku:valid_max = 3000;

short sig0_c(time) ;
sig0_c:_FillValue = -32767s ;
sig0_c:comment = "All instrumental corrections included, excepted the system bias, i.e. AGC
instrumental errors correction, internal calibration correction (internal_corr_sig0_c), modeled instrumental errors
correction (modeled_instr_corr_sig0_c) and atmospheric attenuation (atmos_sig0_corr_c)" ;
sig0_c:scale_factor = 0.01 ;
sig0_c:standard_name = "surface_backwards_scattering_coefficient_of_radar_wavelength" ;
sig0_c:coordinates = "longitude latitude" ;
sig0_c:long_name = "C band corrected backscatter coefficient" ;
sig0_c:valid_min = 0 ;
sig0_c:units = "dB" ;
sig0_c:valid_max = 3000 ;

short tb_k(time) ;
tb_k:_FillValue = -32767s ; tb_k:comment = "v2.1b reprocessed brightness temperatures" ;
tb_k:long_name = "$tbc2 GHz main beam brightness temperature" ; tb_k:standard_name =
"brightness_temperature" ;
tb_k:scale_factor = 0.01 ;
tb_k:units = "K" ;
tb_k:coordinates = "longitude latitude" ;

short tb_ka(time) ;
tb_ka:_FillValue = -32767s ;
tb_ka:comment = "v2.1b reprocessed brightness
temperatures" ; tb_ka:long_name = "$tbc3 GHz main
beam brightness temperature" ; tb_ka:standard_name =
"brightness_temperature" ;
tb_ka:scale_factor = 0.01 ;
tb_ka:units = "K" ;
tb_ka:coordinates = "longitude latitude" ;

short rad_water_vapor(time) ;
rad_water_vapor:_FillValue = -32767s ;
rad_water_vapor:quality_flag =
"tb_interp_flag" ; rad_water_vapor
apor:comment = "v2.1b reprocessed" ;
rad_water_vapor:scale_factor = 0.01 ;
rad_water_vapor:standard_name = "atmosphere_water_vapor_content" ;
rad_water_vapor:coordinates = "longitude latitude" ;
rad_water_vapor:long_name = "radiometer water vapor content" ;
rad_water_vapor:valid_min =
0 ; rad_water_vapor:units =
"g/cm^2" ; rad_water_vapor:valid
max = 700 ;

byte atmos_sig0_corr_ku(time) ;
atmos_sig0_corr_ku:_FillValue = -127b ;
atmos_sig0_corr_ku:comment = "v2.1b
reprocessed" ;
atmos_sig0_corr_ku:long_name = "atmospheric attenuation correction on Ku band backscatter coefficient" ;
atmos_sig0_corr_ku:valid_min = 0 ;
atmos_sig0_corr_ku:scale_factor = 0.01 ;
atmos_sig0_corr_ku:units = "dB" ;
atmos_sig0_corr_ku:valid_max = 50 ;
atmos_sig0_corr_ku:coordinates = "longitude
latitude" ;

byte atmos_sig0_corr_c(time) ;
atmos_sig0_corr_c:_FillValue = -127b ;
atmos_sig0_corr_c:comment = "WARNING : original product. Not consistent with reprocessed
brightness temperatures" ; atmos_sig0_corr_c:long_name = "atmospheric attenuation correction on
C band backscatter coefficient" ; atmos_sig0_corr_c:valid_min = 0 ;
atmos_sig0_corr_c:scale_factor
= 0.01 ; atmos_sig0_corr_c:units
= "dB" ; atmos_sig0_corr_c:valid
max = 50 ;
atmos_sig0_corr_c:coordinates = "longitude latitude" ;

short model_wet_tropo_corr(time) ;
model_wet_tropo_corr:_FillValue = -32767s ;
model_wet_tropo_corr:comment = "Computed at the altimeter time-tag from the interpolation of 2
meteorological fields that surround the altimeter time-tag. A wet tropospheric
correction must be added (negative value) to the instrument range to correct this range measurement for wet
tropospheric range delays of the radar pulse." ;

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model_wet_tropo_corr:scale_factor = 0.0001 ;
model_wet_tropo_corr:standard_name = "altimeter_range_correction_due_to_wet_troposphere" ;
model_wet_tropo_corr:coordinates = "longitude latitude" ;
model_wet_tropo_corr:long_name = "model wet tropospheric
correction" ; model_wet_tropo_corr:valid_min = -5000 ;
model_wet_tropo_corr:units = "m" ;
model_wet_tropo_corr:valid_max = 0 ;
short rad_wet_tropo_corr(time) ;
rad_wet_tropo_corr:_FillValue = -32767s ;
rad_wet_tropo_corr:comment = "A wet tropospheric correction must be added (negative value) to
the instrument range to correct this range measurement for wet tropospheric range delays of the radar pulse v2.1b
reprocessed" ;
rad_wet_tropo_corr:scale_factor = 0.0001 ;
rad_wet_tropo_corr:standard_name = "altimeter_range_correction_due_to_wet_troposphere" ;
rad_wet_tropo_corr:coordinates = "longitude latitude" ;
rad_wet_tropo_corr:long_name = "radiometer wet tropospheric
correction" ; rad_wet_tropo_corr:valid_min = -5000 ;
rad_wet_tropo_corr:units = "m" ;
rad_wet_tropo_corr:valid_max = 0 ;
short rad_liquid_water(time) ;
rad_liquid_water:_FillValue = -32767s ;
rad_liquid_water:comment = "Should not be used over land v2.1b reprocessed" ;
rad_liquid_water:scale_factor = 0.01 ;
rad_liquid_water:standard_name = "atmosphere_cloud_liquid_water_content" ;
rad_liquid_water:coordinates = "longitude latitude" ;
rad_liquid_water:long_name = "radiometer liquid water content" ;
rad_liquid_water:valid_min =
0 ; rad_liquid_water:units =
"kg/m^2" ; rad_liquid_water:valid_max = 200 ;

// global
attributes: :Conventions = "CF-1.6" ;
:first_meas_time = "2008-12-07 00:00:00.103879" ;
:last_meas_time = "2008-12-07 23:59:59.306904" ;
:source = "CLS L1B/L2 radiometer reprocessing" ;
:institution = "CLS for ESA" ;
:title = "RA2-MWR reprocessing v2.1b following calibration issues in 2.1 reprocessing (see Envisat
RA2/MWR yearly report
2013 on aviso web site)" ;}

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