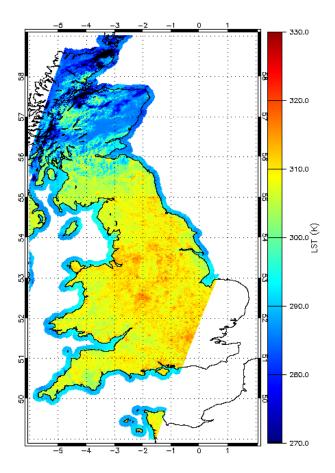
(A)ATSR Land Surface Temperature (LST) Product (UOL_LST_L2) Level 2 User Guide

v 1.0



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| Version | Date | Change |
|---------|------------|--------------------------------|
| 0.9 | 03/12/2013 | Initial version for evaluation |
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1 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to describe the content and use of the reprocessed Level-2 University of Leicester Land Surface Temperature (LST) product (UOL_LST_L2) for the Along Track Scanning Radiometers (ATSRs). The product provides (A)ATSR-based LST and its associated uncertainty, as well as additional auxiliary information, which was used as part of the retrieval algorithm.

The algorithm applied for computing LST is based on the methodology originally developed by [1] in that it uses a split-window approach with model-derived regression coefficients which implicitly include the effects of emissivity. However, the updated methodology that was used for this reprocessing applies significantly improved auxiliary datasets for land cover, green vegetation fraction, and total column water vapour and as such is able to reduce or eliminate a wide variety of issues that were observed with the original LST product. Further details about the algorithm used for producing this dataset can be found in [2].

The resulting data product has been been extensively validated by [3, 4] using the LST validation methodology described in [5].

2 Product Description

The following sections describe the overall scope of the data product, introduce the file naming convention and its elements, and briefly describe the actual file contents.

2.1 Scope

The product primarily provides data on LST and its associated uncertainty. It further provides auxiliary information that has been used for the LST retrieval, such as land cover type, fractional vegetation cover, total column water vapour, normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI), and quality control flags. Within some daily subdirectories there exists an additional folder called "segregated". Orbits within these folders have been processed to UOL_LST_L2 but have been separated due to the non-nominal nature of the input level-1b data (for more details see the Envisat AATSR Performance Report (IDEAS-VEG-OQC-REP-1143), which is available from the ESA Document Library: https://earth.esa.int/web/guest/document-library).

2.2 Filename Convention

The filename of the product follows the generic Envisat filename convention [6], which consists of the following elements:

```
<product_ID> <processing_stage_flag> <originator_ID> <start_day> <"_">
<start_time> <"_"> <duration> <phase> <cycle> <"_"> <relative_orbit> <"_">
<absolute_orbit> <"_"> <counter> <"."> <extension>
```

The elements are described based on the following example filename

ATS_LST_2PUUOL20060718_102137_000065272049_00308_22907_6417.nc

| Element | Example | Description | |
|---|------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| | | 10-character string identifying | |
| | | sensor – AT1, AT2, ATS – for ATSR- | |
| <product_id></product_id> | ATS_LST_2P | 1, ATSR-2, AATSR respectively, | |
| | | processing level, and type of | |
| | | product | |
| <processing_stage_flag></processing_stage_flag> | U | Identifier for the processing stage | |
| <pre>>processing_stage_rrag></pre> | 0 | (U = 3 rd reprocessing) | |
| <originator_id></originator_id> | UOL | Identifier of the production facility | |
| | UOL I | (UOL = University of Leicester) | |
| | | The start day of the product based | |
| <start_day></start_day> | 20060718 | on the start time of the first data | |
| | | set record. Given in YYYYMMDD | |
| | 102137 | The start time of the product from | |
| <start_time></start_time> | | the UTC time of the first data set | |
| | | record, given in HHMMSS | |
| <duration></duration> | 00006527 | Time coverage of the product | |
| | 00000327 | expressed in seconds | |
| <phase></phase> | 2 | Mission phase identifier | |
| <cycle></cycle> | 049 | Cycle number within the mission | |
| | 049 | phase | |
| <relative_orbit></relative_orbit> | 00308 | Relative orbit number | |
| <absolute_orbit></absolute_orbit> | 22907 | Absolute orbit number | |
| countors | 6417 | Numerical wrap-around counter | |
| <counter></counter> | 041/ | for quick file identification | |
| <extension></extension> | .nc | File name extension | |

2.3 File contents

The data is provided in netCDF-4 classic format [7] using the CF-1.4 metadata convention [8]. This netCDF format is a self-describing, portable, scalable, appendable, sharable, archivable, and machine-independent data format. It is supported by all major data analysis and visualisation packages, such as for example IDL, Matlab, R, BEAM, Panoply, etc., and programming interfaces exist for a wide variety of other programming languages.

| Variable | Description |
|-----------------|---|
| ref_time | Provides the reference time at start of orbit given in in seconds since |
| rer_crue | 1981-01-01 00:00:00 UTC. |
| | Gives the latitude coordinate of the pixel centre in decimal degrees |
| Lat | north. |
| Lon | Gives the longitude coordinate of the pixel centre in decimal degrees |
| | east. |
| | Provides the time difference between observation time and the |
| Dtime | reference time. Units are milliseconds. Thus, ref_time plus dtime |
| | gives milliseconds after 1981-01-01 00:00:00 UTC. |
| | Provides the land cover classification in 27 classes using a modified |
| Lcc | Globcover classification scheme specifically developed for the |
| | (A)ATSR LST product algorithm. See Table 1 in the Appendix for more |
| | information. |
| | Gives the fractional vegetation cover used for estimating LST. The |
| Fv | dataset is derived from the GEOLAND-2 FCOVER dataset, which has |
| | been gap-filled using climatology. |
| Tcwy | Provides the total column water vapour data used for estimating |
| | (A)ATSR LST. This data is based on the ECMWF ERA-Interim dataset. |
| LST | Gives the Land Surface Temperature in K |
| | Provides the uncertainty in LST, given in K. The given uncertainty |
| | estimate is a combination of individual uncertainties due to |
| LST_uncertainty | radiometric noise, fractional vegetation cover, atmospheric water |
| | vapour, geolocation, the coefficient fitting process, and systematic |
| | uncertainty due to the radiative transfer modelling. |
| NDVI | Provides the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) derived |

The data is provided as individual variables in the netCDF file. The existing variables are:

| | from the 0.66µm and 0.87µm (A)ATSR channels. This is only derived |
|----|---|
| | for daytime retrievals where the solar zenith angle is less than 85°. |
| | Note: NDVI cannot be derived for ATSR-1. |
| | Gives quality control flags for each pixel. The individual flags are: |
| | 1 = night: |
| | where the solar zenith angle is less than 0° |
| | 2 = land including inland and coastal water: |
| | where the land cover classification is between 1 and 27. The |
| | coastal water is defined as within 10km of the shoreline. |
| | 4 = V1 mask identifies cloud: |
| | standard ESA cloud mask – this is taken directly from bit 1 of |
| | the Level 1b cloud word |
| | 8 = V2 mask identifies cloud |
| QC | aggregation of individual ESA cloud mask with dynamic |
| | thresholds |
| | 16 = V3 mask identifies cloud |
| | Probabilistic approach utilising simulated radiances at ATSR |
| | tie points |
| | 32 = snow |
| | Combination of two snow masking approaches [9, 10]. Where |
| | a pixel is identified as snow LST is retrieved as per land cover |
| | classification no. 27 (Table 1) |
| | The cloud masks are described in detail in [11] |
| | |

All variables except ref_time have the dimensions time × nj × ni, where time is the number of different time slots (for the ATSRs this is always set as 1), nj is the number of pixels in the along-track direction and ni is the number of pixels in the across-track direction; ref_time has the dimension of time only.

In addition to the actual data, the product files include both global metadata and metadata for the individual variables, which are both described in detail in the following section.

3 Metadata

The following sections describe the metadata attributes that are provided with each netCDF file, both as global metadata attributes and attributes for individual variables.

3.1 Global attributes

Global metadata describe the whole file with regard to general information about conventions, data producer, contact information etc. Examples for the information provided in each of the used attributes can be found in Section 5.3 in the Appendix.

| Attribute | Description | |
|---------------------|--|--|
| | Refers to the metadata convention used in the file. The | |
| Conventions | Climate and Forecasting (CF) metadata convention is used | |
| | here and its version is given | |
| title | Title of the data product | |
| summary | Summarizes the primary content of the data product | |
| references | Provides a reference to cite for data users | |
| institution | Gives the name of the entity at which the data product was | |
| | created | |
| history | Provides information about how the product was created | |
| comment | Provides additional information that does not fit any of the | |
| Comment | other attributes | |
| license | Provides guidance on the data use policy | |
| | Gives the date on which the product was created. Given as | |
| date_created | DD-MM-YYYY HH:MM:SS±HHMM, where ±HHMM is the time | |
| | zone relative to UTC | |
| product_version | Provides the version of the data product | |
| netcdf_version_id | Gives the version of the used netCDF format and its creation | |
| hecoar_verbron_ra | date | |
| spatial_resolution | Provides the data products' spatial resolution at nadir | |
| | Provides the start time of the product – this is the start of | |
| start_time | the orbit. Given as YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SSZ. Z is the time | |
| | zone relative to UTC | |
| | Provides the start time of the total coverage of the data for | |
| time_coverage_start | the whole Envisat mission. Given as YYYY-MM-DD | |
| | HH:MM:SSZ. Z is the time zone relative to UTC | |
| | Provides the end time of the product – this is the end time of | |
| stop_time | the orbit. Given as YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SSZ. Z is the time | |
| | zone relative to UTC | |
| time_coverage_end | Provides the end time of the total coverage of the data for | |

The following global attributes are provided with each file:

| | the whole Envisat mission. Given as YYYY-MM-DD |
|--|---|
| | HH:MM:SSZ. Z is the time zone relative to UTC |
| | |
| | Provides the northernmost geographical extent of the data |
| northernmost_latitude | product. Given as decimal degrees, positive numbers are |
| | north of the equator |
| | Provides the southernmost geographical extent of the data |
| southernmost_latitude | product. Given as decimal degrees, positive numbers are |
| | north of the equator |
| | Provides the easternmost geographical extent of the data |
| easternmost_longitude | product. Given as decimal degrees, positive numbers are |
| | east of the Greenwich meridian |
| | Provides the westernmost geographical extent of the data |
| westernmost_longitude | product. Given as decimal degrees, positive numbers are |
| | east of the Greenwich meridian |
| Source | Provides information about the source data on which the |
| Source | product is based on |
| Platform | Provides the name of the orbiting platform/satellite |
| Sensor | Provides the name of the used sensor/instrument |
| acknowledgment Provides information about the funding agencies | |
| creator_name | Gives the name of the creator of the file |
| creator_email | Gives the E-mail address of the creator of the file |
| creator_url | Provides the link to a website related to the product |

3.2 Variable Metadata

Each individual variable in the products' netCDF files has its own metadata.

The following attributes are common for most variables (unless not applicable for a particular variable):

| Attribute | Description | |
|---------------|---|--|
| long_name | A free-text descriptive name for the variable | |
| standard_name | The standard name for the variable as defined by CF conventions | |
| units | Text description of the units the data is stored in. | |
| _FillValue | A value used to indicate array elements which contain invalid or missing data | |
| scale_factor | Used to pack data into a smaller datatype. The original data can be | |
| add_offset | <pre>recovered using: value = (scale_factor * packed_data) + add_offset</pre> | |

| valid min | The minimum valid value for the variable in its packed form | |
|-------------|--|--|
| | The minimum value for the variable in its packed form | |
| valid_max | The maximum valid value for the variable in its packed form | |
| coordinates | Describes the coordinate system in which the data is given | |
| source | Published or web-based reference describing the origins of any | |
| Source | third-party auxiliary data | |
| comment | Other information about the variable or methods used to generate | |
| | it | |

Some variables contain additional metadata attributes that are only relevant for this specific variable:

| Attribute | Variable(s) | Description | |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| | | Describes the scientific meaning | |
| flag_meanings | lcc, QC | behind the flags given in the | |
| | | variable | |
| | | Only used for land cover. They take | |
| flag_values | lcc | the values 1s, 2s, 3s 27s. These | |
| | | correspond to the equivalent flag | |
| | | meanings. | |
| | OC | Only used for quality control. They | |
| flag masks | | take the values 1s, 2s, 4s, 8s, 16s, | |
| 110 <u>9</u> | ~~~ | 32s. These correspond to the | |
| | | equivalent flag meanings. | |

Recommended Approach

Data in the LST variable has been quality checked with regards to input Level 1b data, with only valid data stored - all invalid data is assigned with the _Fillvalue. In addition, valid LST data is only available where QC bit value of 2 is set (land including inland and coastal water).

With respect to utilisation of LST of best quality then it is recommended to apply the V3 cloud mask (where QC bit value of 16 is set). Furthermore, LST where the corresponding LST_uncertainty is greater than 2.0 K should be treated with more caution.

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4 Glossary

| AATSR | Advanded Along Track Scanning Radiometer |
|--------|--|
| ATSR-1 | Along Track Scanning Radiometer-1 |

- ATSR-2 Along Track Scanning Radiometer-2
- CF Climate and Forecast metadata convention
- LST Land Surface Temperature
- NDVI Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
- Network Common Data Form netCDF
- UTC **Coordinated Universal Time**

5 Appendices

5.1 Examples of product datasets

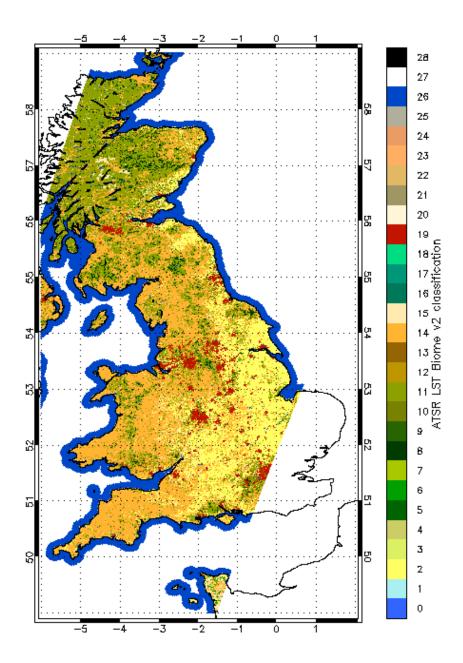


Figure 1: Example for the Globcover-based land cover classification custom-produced for the generation of the (A)ATSR LST product.

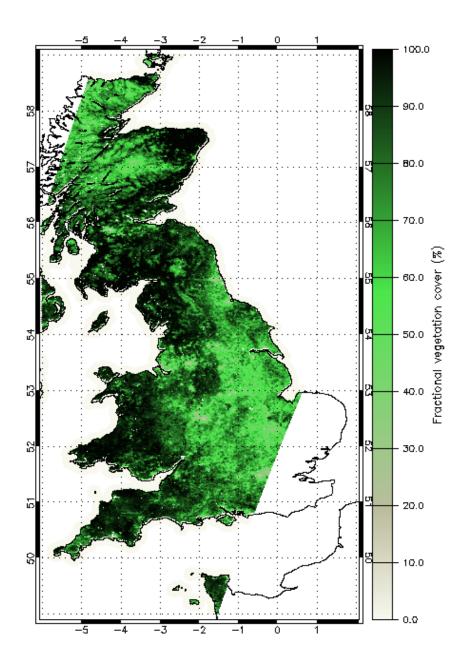


Figure 2: Example for the fractional vegetation cover datasets used for producing the (A)ATSR LST product

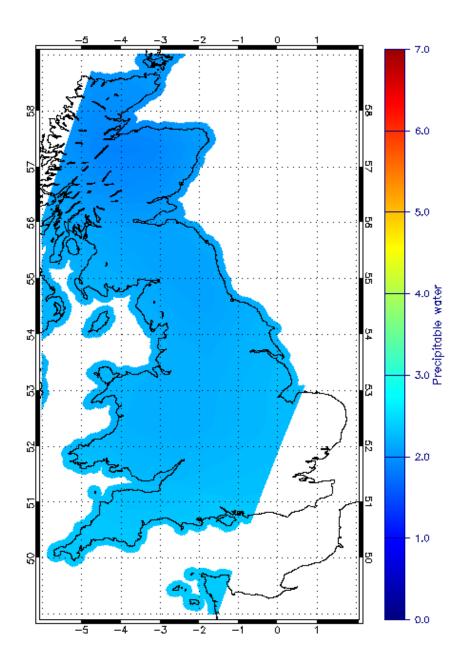


Figure 3: Example for the total column water vapour dataset used for producing the (A)ATSR LST product

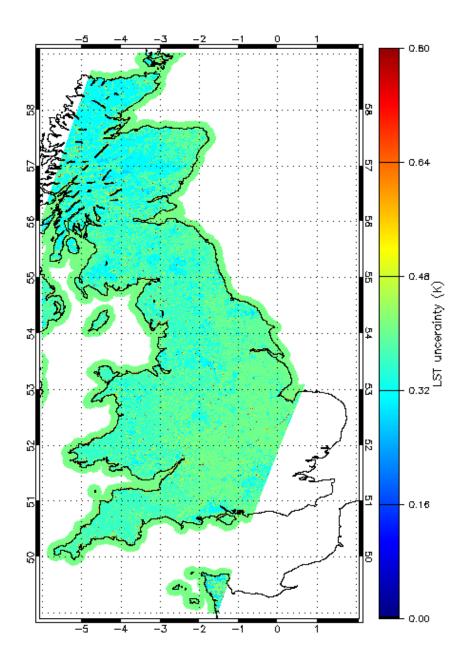


Figure 4: Example for the LST uncertainty derived from (A)ATSR

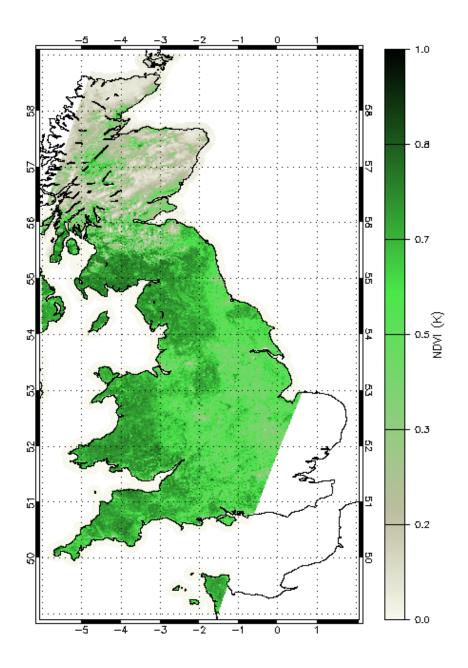


Figure 5: Example for the Normalized Difference Vegetation (NDVI) dataset derived from ATSR-2 or AATSR channels

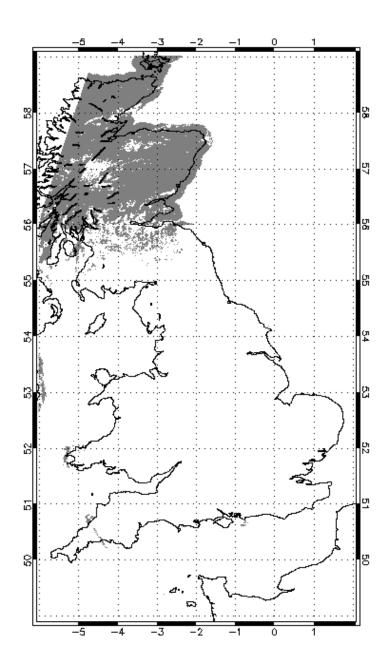


Figure 6: Example for the V3 cloud mask dataset contained within the product

5.2 Custom land cover classification

Table 1- (A)ATSR LST land cover classification version 2 (ALB2) derived from the Globcover classification [2]

| No. | Legend | Based on | Fraction of land surface [%] |
|-----|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 0 | Water bodies of sea (>10km away from coast) | GC210 (GC0) | N/A |
| 1 | Post-flooding or irrigated croplands | GC11 | 0.92 |
| 2 | Rainfed croplands | GC14 | 3.68 |
| 3 | Mosaic Cropland (50-70%) / Vegetation (grassland, shrubland, forest) (20-50%) | GC20 | 3.03 |
| 4 | Mosaic Vegetation (grassland, shrubland, forest) (50-70%) / Cropland (20-50%) | GC30 | 4.01 |
| 5 | Closed to open (>15%) broadleaved evergreen and/or semi- deciduous forest (>5m) | GC40 | 4.72 |
| 6 | Closed (>40%) broadleaved deciduous forest (>5m) | GC50 | 3.09 |
| 7 | Open (15-40%) broadleaved deciduous forest (>5m) | GC60 | 1.16 |
| 8 | Closed (>40%) needleleaved evergreen forest (>5m) | GC70 | 1.50 |
| 9 | Open (15-40%) needleleaved deciduous or evergreen forest (>5m) | GC90 | 7.38 |
| 10 | Closed to open (>15%) mixed broadleaved and needleleaved forest (>5m) | GC100 | 1.47 |
| 11 | Mosaic Forest/Shrubland (50-70%) / Grassland (20-50%) | GC110 | 2.98 |
| 12 | Mosaic Grassland (50-70%) / Forest/Shrubland (20-50%) | GC120 | 1.86 |
| 13 | Closed to open (>15%) shrubland (<5m) | GC130 | 3.90 |
| 14 | Closed to open (>15%) grassland | GC140 | 3.98 |
| 15 | Sparse (>15%) vegetation (woody vegetation, shrubs, grassland) | GC150 | 9.32 |
| 16 | Closed (>40%) broadleaved forest regularly flooded - Fresh water | GC160 | 0.28 |
| 17 | Closed (>40%) broadleaved semi-deciduous and/or evergreen forest regularly flooded - Saline water | GC170 | 0.04 |
| 18 | Closed to open (>15%) vegetation (grassland, shrubland, woody vegetation) on regularly flooded or waterlogged soil - Fresh, brackish or saline water | GC180 | 0.55 |
| 19 | Artificial surfaces and associated areas (urban areas >50%) | GC190 | 0.15 |
| 20 | Bare areas of soil types not contained in biomes 21 – 25 | GC200 and other UDSA soil types | 2.35 |
| 21 | Bare areas of soil type "Entisols – Orthents" | GC200 / USDA-99 | 3.10 |
| 22 | Bare areas of soil type "Shifting sand" | GC200 / USDA-1 | 1.38 |
| 23 | Bare areas of soil type "Aridisols - Calcids" | GC200 / USDA-55 | 1.22 |
| 24 | Bare areas of soil type "Aridisols - Cambids" | GC200 / USDA-56 | 0.52 |
| 25 | Bare areas of soil type "Gelisols - Orthels" | GC200 / USDA-7 | 0.49 |
| 26 | Water bodies (inland lakes, rivers, sea: max 10km away from coast) | GC210 | 6.05 |

| 27 | Permanent snow and ice | GC220 and ATSR land sea mask <60°S | 30.81 |
|----|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| 28 | No data (burnt areas, clouds, etc) | GC230 | 0.03 |

5.3 Example output

```
netcdf ATS_LST_2PUUOL20060718_102137_000065272049_00308_22907_6417 {
dimensions:
      time = 1 ;
      nj = 43520;
      ni = 512 ;
variables:
      int64 ref_time(time) ;
             ref_time:long_name = "reference_time" ;
             ref_time:standard_name = "time" ;
             ref_time:units = "seconds" ;
             ref_time:comment = "reference time in seconds at start of orbit since
1981-01-01 00:00:00" ;
      float lat(time, nj, ni) ;
             lat:long_name = "centre latitude" ;
             lat:standard_name = "latitude" ;
             lat:units = "degrees_north" ;
             lat:_FillValue = -32768.f ;
             lat:valid_min = -90.f ;
             lat:valid max = 90.f ;
             lat:coordinates = "lon lat" ;
             lat:comment = "latitude coordinate of pixel centre" ;
      float lon(time, nj, ni) ;
             lon:long_name = "centre longitude" ;
             lon:standard_name = "longitude" ;
             lon:units = "degrees_east" ;
             lon:_FillValue = -32768.f ;
             lon:valid_min = -180.f ;
             lon:valid_max = 180.f ;
             lon:coordinates = "lon lat" ;
             lon:comment = "longitude coordinate of pixel centre" ;
      int dtime(time, nj, ni) ;
             dtime:long_name = "time difference from reference time" ;
             dtime:standard_name = "time" ;
             dtime:units = "milliseconds" ;
             dtime:_FillValue = -32768 ;
             dtime:valid_min = 0 ;
             dtime:valid max = 6527850 ;
             dtime:coordinates = "lon lat" ;
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dtime:comment = "reference time plus dtime gives milliseconds after
00:00:00 UTC January 1, 1981" ;
      short lcc(time, nj, ni) ;
             lcc:long_name = "land cover classification" ;
             lcc:units = "1" ;
             lcc:_FillValue = -32768s ;
             lcc:valid_min = 1s ;
             lcc:valid_max = 27s ;
             lcc:coordinates = "lon lat" ;
             lcc:comment = "land cover classification modified from the original
Globcover classifcation for use with the Advanced Along Track Scanning Radiometer
land surface temperature product" ;
             lcc:source = "Globcover: http://due.esrin.esa.int/globcover/" ;
                                             "Post-flooding_or_irrigated_croplands,
             lcc:flag_meanings
                                   =
Rainfed_croplands,
                     Mosaic_Cropland_/_Vegetation,
                                                      Mosaic_Vegetation_/_Cropland,
Closed_to_open_broadleaved_evergreen_and/or_semi-deciduous_forest,
Closed_broadleaved_deciduous_forest,
                                                 Open_broadleaved_deciduous_forest,
Closed_needleleaved_evergreen_forest,
Open_needleleaved_deciduous_or_evergreen_forest,
Closed_to_open_mixed_broadleaved_and_needleleaved_forest,
Mosaic_Forest/Shrubland_/_Grassland,
                                               Mosaic_Grassland_/_Forest/Shrubland,
Closed_to_open_shrubland,
                                Closed_to_open_grassland,
                                                                 Sparse_vegetation,
Closed_broadleaved_forest_regularly_flooded_-_Fresh,
                                                           Closed_broadleaved_semi-
deciduous_and/or_evergreen_forest_regularly_flooded_-Saline,
Closed_to_open_vegetation_on_regularly_flooded_or_waterlogged_soil,
Artificial_surfaces_and_associated_areas,
                                                                 Bare_soil_General,
Bare_soil_Entisols_\u2013_Orthents, Bare_soil_Shifting_sand, Bare_soil_Aridisols_-
Calcids,
                Bare_soil_Aridisols_-_Cambids, Bare_soil_Gelisols_-_Orthels,
Water_bodies, Permanent_snow_and_ice" ;
             lcc:flag_values = 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s,
13s, 14s, 15s, 16s, 17s, 18s, 19s, 20s, 21s, 22s, 23s, 24s, 25s, 26s, 27s;
      short fv(time, nj, ni) ;
             fv:long_name = "fractional vegetation cover" ;
             fv:standard_name = "vegetation_area_fraction" ;
             fv:units = "1" ;
             fv:_FillValue = -32768s ;
             fv:add_offset = 0.f ;
             fv:scale_factor = 0.004f ;
             fv:valid_min = 0s ;
             fv:valid_max = 250s ;
             fv:coordinates = "lon lat" ;
             fv:comment = "fractional vegetation cover from the GEOLAND-2 FCOVER
dataset for use with the Advanced Along Track Scanning Radiometer land surface
temperature product. The original 10-day datafiles are gap-filled from climatology"
;
             fv:source = "GEOLAND-2 FCOVER dataset: http://www.geoland2.eu/" ;
      short tcwv(time, nj, ni) ;
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tcwv:long_name = "total column water vapour" ;
             tcwv:standard_name = "atmosphere_mass_content_of_water_vapor" ;
             tcwv:units = "kg m-2";
             tcwv:_FillValue = -32768s ;
             tcwv:add_offset = 0.f ;
             tcwv:scale_factor = 0.004f ;
             tcwv:valid_min = 0s ;
             tcwv:valid_max = 2000s ;
             tcwv:coordinates = "lon lat" ;
             tcwv:comment = "total column water vapour from the European Centre for
Medium Weather Forecasting ERA-Interim dataset for use with the Advanced Along
Track Scanning Radiometer land surface temperature product" ;
             tcwv:source = "ECMWF ERA-Interim dataset: http://www.ecmwf.int/" ;
      short LST(time, nj, ni) ;
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