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Preface

This document is the test plan and test report for the OSCAT Wind Data Processor (OWDP) program. It is set up according to the guidelines of the NWP SAF; see the NWP SAF Development Procedures for Software Deliverables. Parts of the OWDP developments are in fact genscat developments. The tests for genscat modules are also included in this document. Part of the test plan is a traceability matrix to show how requirements as described in the Product Specification (Chapter 3 of the OWDP User Manual and Reference Guide [Verhoef et. al., 2013]) are related to the tests in this document.

Most of the module tests described in this document have been developed and performed for AWDP (the ASCAT Wind Data Processor) and SDP (the SeaWinds Data Processor); a large part of the code in genscat is shared between AWDP, SDP and OWDP. For this new OWDP version, all module tests have been repeated.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Aims and scope

The OSCAT Wind Data Processor (OWDP) is a software package written in Fortran 90 for handling data from the Oceansat-2 scatterometer instrument (OSCAT). Details of this instrument can be found in [*Padia*, 2010] and on several web sites, see e.g. information on the ISRO web site.

OWDP generates surface winds based on OSCAT radar backscatter data. It allows performing the ambiguity removal with the Two-dimensional Variational Ambiguity Removal (2DVAR) method and it supports the Multiple Solution Scheme (MSS). The output of OWDP consists of wind vectors which represent surface winds within the ground swath of the scatterometer. Input of OWDP is Normalized Radar Cross Section (NRCS, σ_0) data. These data may be real-time. The input files of OWDP are in BUFR or Hierarchical Data Format (HDF5) format. Output is written using the SeaWinds BUFR template or the KNMI BUFR template with generic wind section. Currently, the level 2a data from the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) are only available on 50 km grid spacing, but in principle it is possible to convert OSCAT level 1b data into a 25 km level 2a product and process this on 25 km using OWDP.

Apart from the OSCAT input data, OWDP needs Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) model winds as a first guess for the Ambiguity Removal step. These data need to be provided in GRIB edition 1 or 2.

1.2 Development of OWDP

OWDP is developed within the Numerical Weather Prediction Satellite Application Facility (NWP SAF) and Ocean and Sea Ice Satellite Application Facility (OSI SAF) programs as code which can be run in an operational setting. The coding is in Fortran 90 and has followed the procedures specified for the NWP SAF. Special attention has been paid on robustness and readability. OWDP may be run on every modern Unix or Linux machine. In principle, OWDP can also run on a Windows machine if a Unix emulator like Cygwin is installed. Details on the OWDP program can be found in [Verhoef et. al., 2013].

The OWDP code is based on code developed for the ERS, NSCAT, SeaWinds and ASCAT scatterometers, and the simulations of the ESA Rotating Fan beam Scatterometer (RFSCAT). The common code of these projects is consolidated in the generic scatterometer (genscat) layer. In each

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development step, following from the heritage, the output of the code developments has been compared to the output of the original code. Moreover, KNMI runs an experimental suite in the framework of the OSI SAF, where OWDP is routinely compared to the publicly available OSI SAF suite at http://www.knmi.nl/scatterometer/. This comparison is both field-wise and statistical.

Several developers work with and on OWDP at KNMI, and even more with the genscat layer for SeaWinds, ERS, ASCAT and OSCAT projects. Improvements to the code follow the test procedures as described in this document. The effort of maintaining a unique reference code greatly improves robustness and reliability of the code, i.e., sharing results and enjoying the benefits.

1.3 Testing OWDP, traceability matrix

This section describes the Test Plan of the OWDP deliverable. Tests have been carried out in all stages of the development of OWDP. The inversion module is not tested for the OWDP program, because such a test has already been made for the QuikSCAT Data Processor (QDP) development. OWDP contains several methods for Ambiguity Removal within module *ambrem* and its sub modules. Only modules needed for the KNMI 2DVAR scheme for Ambiguity Removal are tested within this project.

Compilation is done on several platforms (operating systems) and with different Fortran 90 compilers. The integration and validation tests were done on both a Linux workstation and a SUN machine.

Chapter 2 contains the tests for a number of individual modules. In general, modules are tested with the associated test programs that are located in the folder containing the module under consideration. The output of the test programs is always the standard output (screen) which may be redirected to any test log file or to some output files which are stored in the associated folders. Chapter 3 describes the OWDP integration test. A test folder containing some sample data is provided with OWDP and some of the resulting wind fields from these data are shown. Chapter 4 discusses the validation tests. OWDP has been compared with ECMWF model winds in the scope of this report, buoy validations are or will be performed in the scope of the OSI SAF. Chapter 4 also contains a technical check of the ice screening algorithm. Chapter 5 describes the portability tests. It contains an overview of platform/operating systems and Fortran compilers for which OWDP is supported. Finally, Chapter 6 is devoted to testing the user documentation.

The table below is the traceability matrix. It shows the requirements in the User Manual and Reference Guide [Verhoef et. al., 2013], Chapter 3, how they are tested and where in this report these tests are described.

Requirement	Section of UM &	Testing method	Test plan reference	Comment
	RG		(section)	
OWDP generates surface	3.1,	Process L2A file in	3.1	
winds	3.5.5,	owdp/test folder and		
	3.5.7	inspect output		
OWDP generates BUFR	3.1, 3.5.1	Process L2A file in	3.1	
output in NOAA format		owdp/test folder and		

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Requirement	Section of UM & RG	Testing method	Test plan reference (section)	Comment
and in KNMI format		inspect output		
OWDP generates 50 or 25 km Wind Vector Cells	3.2	Process L2A file in owdp/test folder and inspect output	3.1	25 km is not tested here since there is no official 25 km L2A product available yet.
OWDP output contains latitude, longitude and other parameters	3.2	Process L2A file in owdp/test folder and inspect output	3.1	
OWDP can use either L2A HDF5 data or BUFR data as input	3.3	Process L2A HDF5 data in owdp/test folder and subsequently reprocess BUFR output	3.1	
OWDP reads GRIB data containing LSM, SST and forecast winds	3.3	Process L2A file in owdp/test folder and check that a consistent wind field is obtained	3.1	
OWDP will compile and run on different Linux and Unix platforms	3.4	Compile and run OWDP on different platforms	5	
L2A backscatter slices are averaged correctly, unusable backscatter data are rejected.	3.5.2	Process a few orbits of L2A data and compare output winds to ECMWF background.	4.1	When averaging is not done well, a noisy or inconsistent wind field is obtained. This is reflected in the statistics of scatterometer winds vs. ECMWF.
Atmospheric attenuations are computed and stored in output	3.5.3	Process L2A file in owdp/test folder and inspect output	3.1	Atmospheric attenuations should be in the order of 0.2 to 0.3 dB
WVCs with high MLEs must be rejected by Quality Control	3.5.4	Process L2A file in owdp/test folder and check if QC flag is set for high MLE values	3.1	
Bayesian ice screening is implemented	3.5.6	Process a few orbits of L2A data and inspect ice maps	4.1	
A product monitoring flag is implemented	3.5.8	Not tested since there are no data with anomalous instrument performance available	-	
OWDP can process data within reasonable CPU time.	3.6	Process L2A file in owdp/test folder and check processing time.	3.1	

 Table 1.1
 Traceability matrix.

1.4 Test folders

The Test folder of the OWDP program is located in subdirectory owdp/tests. This subdirectory contains several input files for OWDP that are discussed in more detail in Chapter 3. The scripts for executing these tests are located in directory owdp/execs. It is recommended to use these scripts (or a modified version) also for normal OWDP operation, as the environment variables

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needed by OWDP are set in these scripts.

As stated before, most test programs are located in the same directory as the module to be tested. See Chapter 2 for detailed information.

1.5 Conventions

Names of physical quantities (e.g., wind speed components u and v), modules (e.g. BufrMod), subroutines and identifiers are printed italic.

Names of directories and subdirectories (e.g. owdp/src), files (e.g. owdp.F90), and commands (e.g. owdp -f input) are printed in Courier. Software systems in general are addressed using the normal font (e.g. OWDP, genscat).

Hyperlinks are printed in blue and underlined (e.g. http://www.knmi.nl/scatterometer/).

References are in square brackets with the name of the author italic (e.g. [Stoffelen, 1998]).

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Chapter 2

Module tests

In this chapter the various tests to individual modules within OWDP are presented. The tests are listed alphabetically in the module name. Table 2.1 gives an overview of the modules tested, their location and the name of the associated test programs.

Module tests have been included in OWDP if the following conditions were satisfied:

- 1. The test does not require additional software.
- 2. The output of the test program is self explanatory enough to judge the outcome of the test.

Module name	Location	Test program
BFGSMod	genscat/support/BFGS	Test_BFGS
BufrMod	genscat/support/bufr	test_modules
convert	genscat/support/convert	test_convert
CostFunction	genscat/ambrem/twodvar	Test_SOS
StrucFunc	genscat/ambrem/twodvar	Test_SOS
DateTimeMod	genscat/support/datetime	TestDateTimeMod
ErrorHandler	genscat/support/ErrorHandler	TestErrorHandler
gribio_module	genscat/support/grib	test_read_GRIB1, test_read_GRIB2,
		test_read_GRIB3
HDF5Mod	genscat/support/hdf5	TestHDF5
LunManager	genscat/support/file	TestLunManager
numerics	genscat/support/num	test_numerics
Singleton FFT	genscat/support/singletonfft	TestSingleton
SortMod	genscat/support/sort	SortModTest

 Table 2.1
 Overview of module tests.

2.1 Module BFGSMod

Directory genscat/support/BFGS contains program Test_BFGS. This program tests the minimization routine LBFGS and its associated routines in module *BFGSMod*. The routines in *BFGSMod* are slightly modified versions of the freeware routine LBFGS and its subroutines. LBFGS was written by J. Nocedal, see [*Liu and Nocedal* 1989].

Program Test_BFGS finds the minimum of the function

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$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{100000} (x-i)^4$$

The minimum is the point (1, 2, ..., 100000). The search starts at the origin. The typical output is shown in table 2.2.

```
Program Test_BFGS testing routine LBFGS
Behavour of cost function:
Iter
            Cost
   0 0.20001E+25
   1 0.19527E+25
  85 0.95608E-16
  86 0.30995E-16
Routine LBFGS completed successfully
  Number of iterations
                                              87
  Dimension of problem
                                        : 100000
  Number of corrections in BFGS update
                                       : 0.20001D+25
  Cost function at start
  Cost function at end
                                          0.30995D-16
  Precision required
                                          0.10D-19
  Norm of final X
                                       : 0.18258D+08
                                          0.97625D-13
  Norm of final G
  Minimum and Maximum error in solution :
                                          0.000003 0.000005
  Time needed
                                        : 0.793 seconds
Program Test_BFGS completed successfully.
```

Table 2.2 Output of program Test BFGS.

2.2 Module BufrMod

Directory genscat/support/bufr contains program *test_modules*. This program is compiled and called automatically by the genscat make system, since it is needed to translate the ASCII BUFR tables to binary form. It will also read in a small BUFR test file, decode it, encode the data again and write them to an output BUFR file. Hence, the program can be used to check the BUFR library. Table 2.3 shows the output generated by *test_modules*. The program can be invoked by calling the shell script *run_test_modules*, which sets the environment variable \$BUFR_TABLES and calls *test_modules*.

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```
nr of BUFR messages in this file is:
      BUFR DECODING SOFTWARE VERSION - 7.2
            1 APRIL 2007.
 Your path for bufr tables is :
 ./bufr_tables/
BUFR TABLES TO BE LOADED
                          B000000000210000001.TXT,D000000000210000001.TXT
 tbd%nelements =
                            44
 pos_lat =
                      25
                      26
 pos_lon =
 latitude range:
                     -3.630000
                                      1.260000
                                      7.690000
 longitude range:
                      2.850000
                   ECMWE
      BUFR ENCODING SOFTWARE VERSION - 7.2
            1 April 2007.
 Your path for bufr tables is :
 ./bufr tables/
BUFR TABLES TO BE LOADED B000000000210000001.TXT,D0000000000210000001.TXT
```

Table 2.3 Output of program test modules.

2.3 Module convert

Directory genscat/support/convert contains module *convert.F90*, a number of routines for the conversion of meteorological and geographical quantities. Its associated test program is *test_convert*, and part of its output is listed in table 2.4. Program *test_convert* produces quite a lot of output.

It starts with checking some conversions between different wind vector representations and transformations between different geographical coordinate systems, followed by a check of the transformation from orbit angles (p,a,rot(z)) to three-dimensional position (x,y,z).

Only the results for $p = 0^{\circ}$ and 90° are (partly) shown in table 2.4; those for $p = 10^{\circ}$, 45° , and 70° are omitted. Program *test convert* ends with some trigonometric calculations on a sphere.

```
_____
     5.000000
               v = -7.000000
uv_to_speed, uv_to_dir ====> sp = 8.602325
                                        dir =
                                                324.4623
8.602325 dir =
                        324.4623
                                 5.000002
                                                 -6.999999
speeddir_to_u, speeddir_to_v ====> u =
met2uv: sp = 10.00000 dir = 135.0000
                           v =
met2uv: ====> u = -7.071068
                                  7.071068
uv2met: u = -7.071068
                             7.071068
uv2met: ====> sp = 10.00000
                            dir =
                                    135.0000
lat, lon = 55.00000 5.000000
latlon2xyz: ====> x,y,z =
                      0.5713938
                                   4.9990479E-02
                                               0.8191521
x,y,z =
       0.5713938
                    4.9990479E-02
                                 0.8191521
                                    5.000000
xyz2latlon: ====>lat.lon = 55.00000
_____
                                                                               rot_z2
                    rot_z
                                                         a1
                                                              rot_z1
  0.00000 -90.00000
                  0.00000
                           0.00000
                                    0.00000
                                           -1.00000
                                                   -90.00000 106.16298
                                                                    270.00000
                                                                              0.00000
  0.00000 -90.00000
                  15,00000
                           0.00000
                                    0.00000
                                           -1.00000
                                                   -90.00000
                                                           105.59795
                                                                    270.00000
                                                                              9.72975
  0.00000 -90.00000
                                                   -90.00000
                  30.00000
                           0.00000
                                    0.00000
                                           -1.00000
                                                           103.95005
                                                                    270.00000
                                                                             27.91061
  0.00000
        -90.00000
                  45.00000
                           0.00000
                                    0.00000
                                           -1.00000
                                                   -90.00000
                                                           101.35209
                                                                    270.00000
                                                                             43.81981
```

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			•						
0.00000	-90.0000				-1.00000		98.00070	270.00000	59.3233
0.00000	-10.0000			0.00000	-0.17365	-10.00000	0.00000	190.00000	
0.00000	-10.0000				-0.17365	-10.00000	15.00000	190.00000	
0.00000	-10.0000	0 30.000	00 0.85287	0.49240	-0.17365	-10.00000	30.00000	190.00000	-149.9999
90.00000	45.0000	0 30.000	00 0.25882	0.96593	0.00000	74.99999	0.00000	105.00000	0.0000
90.00000	45.0000	0 45.000	0.00000	1.00000	0.00000	90.00000	0.00000	90.00000	0.0000
90.00000	45.0000	0 60.000	00 -0.25882	0.96593	0.00000	74.99999	0.00000	105.00000	0.0000
90.00000	90.0000	0.000	0.00000	1.00000	0.00000	90.00000	0.00000	90.00000	0.0000
90.00000	90.0000	0 15.000	00 -0.25882	0.96593	0.00000	74.99999	0.00000	105.00000	0.0000
90.00000	90.0000	0 30.000	00 -0.50000	0.86603	0.00000	59.99999	0.00000	120.00000	0.0000
90.00000	90.0000				0.00000	45.00000	0.00000	135.00000	0.0000
90.00000	90.0000			0.50000	0.00000	30.00000	0.00000	149.99998	0.0000
			=========		0.00000	30.0000	0.0000	110.0000	0.0000
latlon1 =	5.000	000	5.000000	latlon2 =	6.000000				
5.00000									
angle dist	ance =	1.000000							
km distanc	ce =	111.3188							
latlon1 =	55.00	000	5.000000	latlon2 =	56.00000				
5.00000	00								
angle dist	ance =	1.000000							
km distanc	ce =	111.3188							
latlon1 =	85.00		5.000000	latlon2 =	86.00000				
5.00000									
angle dist		1.000000							
km distanc		111.3188							
======= latlon1 =	5.000		5.000000	= latlon2 =	5.000000				
6.00000		000	5.000000	Iacionz -	3.000000				
angle dist		0.9961947							
km distanc		110.8952							
latlon1 =	55.00		5.000000	latlon2 =	55.00000				
6.00000		000	3.000000	iacionz -	33.00000				
		0 5725765							
angle dist		0.5735765							
km distanc		63.84987		1 . 1 . 0	05 00000				
latlon1 =	85.00	UUU	5.000000	latlon2 =	85.00000				
6.00000									
angle dist		8.7155804							
	ce =	9.702084							
km distanc			==========	_					

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 Table 2.4
 Output of program test_convert

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2.4 Modules CostFunction and StrucFunc

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Module *CostFunc.F90* in directory genscat/ambrem/twodvar contains the cost function definition of the 2DVAR method. Module *StrucFunc* in the same directory contains the error covariance model of the background field. Large parts of these modules are tested in the single observation solution test implemented in program *Test SOS*. Table 2.5 lists its output.

The main idea behind this test is that the 2DVAR analysis increment can be calculated analytically in case of one single observation with unit probability. Starting with zero background increment and an observation increment (t_o , l_o) on the 2DVAR grid at the position with indices (1,1), the initial total cost function equals

$$J_t^{init} = \frac{t_o^2 + l_o^2}{\varepsilon^2}$$

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where ε stands for the standard deviation of the observation error, which is set to 1.8 in *Test_SOS*. The 2DVAR problem now reduces to a simple optimal interpolation problem. If the standard deviation of the background error is set to the same value as that of the observation error, the final solution has $J_t^{fin} = J_o^{fin} + J_b^{fin} = \frac{1}{2} J_t^{init}$ with $J_b^{fin} = J_o^{fin}$. This allows construction of the final solution and its gradient, see *Vogelzang* [2007] for more detailed information and a complete description of the 2DVAR method.

Program *Test_SOS* reads the observation increment and the structure function parameters from an input file with default name *Test_SOS.inp*, see below. The Helmholz transformation coefficients are set according to option JV, which is the default option standing for sampled continuum (the other option is for periodic boundary conditions but these do not reproduce the correct scaling, see *Vogelzang* [2007] for more details. The program copies the structure function parameters into the *SF*-struct, and the observation increments in the *TwoDvarObs*-struct. The structure function parameters are printed by routine *PrnStrucFuncPars*.

The error covariances are calculated numerically in module *StrucFunc*. For Gaussian structure functions, they can also be calculated analytically. The two methods are compared and the relative precision is printed. In table 2.5 it is 0.00345 for the stream function ψ and 0.0 for the velocity potential χ , since the latter quantity is identically zero in this example. The precision of the covariances depends on the correlation lengths R_{ψ} and R_{χ} .

The total cost function and its gradient is evaluated by routine *JoScat* in module *CostFunction*. From this the cost function components and gradients at the final solution are calculated and checked against their analytical value. The (absolute) precision is printed. Finally, *Test_SOS* checks the packing and unpacking routines of the control vector in both directions.

As stated before, program *Test_SOS* reads its input from an input file. The name (and path) of that file must be given as command line argument of *Test_SOS*. When omitted, the program assumes <code>Test_SOS.inp</code> as input file. Table 2.6 gives the structure and contents of the input file. It is in free format.

_____ PROGRAM Test_SOS - Single Observation Soluton Check ______ Input read from file : Test_SOS.inp Helmholz coefficients type 2DVAR: 2DVAR: Parameters inside the StructFunc module: 100000.00 2DVAR: Grid size in position domain 2DVAR: Grid dimensions 32 by 32 2DVAR: Free edge size 5 points Structure function type 2DVAR: : Gaus 2DVAR: Northern hemisphere: 2DVAR: Error standard deviation in psi : 2.0000000 m/s 2DVAR: Error standard deviation in chi : 2,0000000 m/s Rotation/divergence ratio : 0.10000000 2DVAR: : 2DVAR: Range parameter for psi 300000.00 2DVAR: Range parameter for chi 300000.00 2DVAR: Tropics: Error standard deviation in psi : 1.8000000 m/s 2DVAR: Error standard deviation in chi: 1.8000000 2DVAR: m/s 2DVAR: Rotation/divergence ratio 1.0000000 2DVAR: Range parameter for psi 300000.00 2DVAR: Range parameter for chi 300000.00 2DVAR: Southern hemisphere: 2.0000000 Error standard deviation in psi : 2DVAR: m/s 2DVAR: Error standard deviation in chi:

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```
: 0.10000000
          Rotation/divergence ratio
2DVAR:
          Range parameter for psi
2DVAR:
                                                   300000.00
          Range parameter for chi
2DVAR:
                                                   300000.00
CheckCovMat - checking precision of Covariances
 Relative precision in covariances of psi: 0.0000000
Relative precision in covariances of chi: 1.69232328E-04
Number of observations
Number of control variables :
                                        2046
Obs2dvar after initialization:
i j Namb u v Jo
         1 1.0 0.0 0.77160E-01 -0.30864E+00 -0.00000E+00
The gradient velocity fields duo and dvo (nonzero components only):
i j duo dvo
1 1 -0.30864E+00 0.00000E+00
The cost function of the solution:
  Observation part : 7.71604925E-02
Background part : 7.71605298E-02
                                          precision 3.72529030E-08
The background velocity field:
  u(1,1) : 0.50000000
Expected value : 0.50000000
                                                  precision 0.0000000
  v(1,1) : 3.15615706E-20
  Expected value : 0.0000000
                                                   precision 3.15615706E-20
Check background cost function
  Direct calculation from psi and chi : 7.71605298E-02
Calculation by Jb from control vector : 7.71605447E-02
                                                                      precision 1.49011612E-08
Check observation cost function
  Expected value : 7.71604925E-02 Calculation by Jo from control vector : 7.71604627E-02
                                                                      precision 2.98023224E-08
  Precision in gradients better than 1.45615004E-07
Check packing/unpacking:
  Precision in packing/unpacking of xi = 0.0000000
  Precision in packing/unpacking of psi 0.0000000
Precision in packing/unpacking of chi 0.0000000
Program Test SOS completed.
```

Table 2.5 Output of the single observation solution test.

Record	Item nr.	Name	Meaning
1	1	u0_ini	Initial observation increment in transversal direction (m/s)
1	2	v0_ini	Initial observation increment in longitudinal direction (m/s)
2	1	lparameter	Logical parameter indicating if 2DVAR parameters should
			be read from file
3	1	TDVParameterFile	Name of 2DVAR parameter file

Table 2.6 Input file for *Test_SOS*.

2.5 Module *DateTimeMod*

Module *DateTimeMod.F90* in directory genscat/support/datetime contains general purpose date and time help functions. These are tested by program *TestDateTimeMod*, the output of which is listed in table 2.7.

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```
time-tests
time: 14:22:03.70
time_real
               = 51723.70
time_real + 77.2 = 51800.90
time: 14:23:20.90
time2 is valid
t.ime1 =
time: 14:22:03.70
 time2 =
time: 14:23:20.90
time 1 .ne. time2
date-tests
date: 15-12-1999
date_int = 19991215
date_int + 1 =
                   19991216
date: 16-12-1999
 date2 is valid
 date1 =
date: 15-12-1999
date2 =
date: 16-12-1999
 date 1 .ne. date2
 date-stepping-tests
                    21000101 is outside the range
ERROR: The date
 19000101...20991231, this is not implemented at this time
ERROR: Julian routines differ from my own routines
date: 31-12-2099
next_date_int =
                   2147483647
date: 01-01-2100
                          21000101
next_julian_date_int =
 all OK
before:
time: 23:59:57.70
date: 31-12-1999
after incrementing by: 5.22 seconds
time: 00:00:02.92
date: 01-01-2000
 valid time
 test of function date2string: 19991231
 test of function date2string_sep: 1999-12-31
 test of function time2string: 235957
 test of function time2string_sep: 23:59:57
before convert_to_derived_datetime:
date: 28-02-2005
time: 52:00:00.00
after convert_to_derived_datetime:
date: 02-03-2005
time: 04:00:00.00
 Current date and time:
date: 21-01-2013
time: 09:44:43.25
```

Table 2.7 Output of program TestDateTimeMod.

2.6 Module ErrorHandler

Module *ErrorHandler.F90* in directory genscat/support/ErrorHandler contains routines for handling errors during program execution. The module is tested by program *TestErrorHandler*, the output of which is listed in table 2.8.

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```
The Error Handler program_abort routine is set to return after each error, in order to try and resume the program... testing: report_error an error was reported from within subroutine: dummy_module_name1 error while allocating memory testing: program_abort (with abort_on_error = .false.) an error was reported from within subroutine: dummy_module_name2 error while allocating memory ==> trying to resume the program ...
The Error Handler program_abort routine is set to abort on first error... testing: program_abort (with abort_on_error = .true.) an error was reported from within subroutine: dummy_module_name2 error while allocating memory
```

Table 2.8 Output of program *TestErrorHandler*.

2.7 Module gribio_module

Module <code>gribio_module.F90</code> in directory <code>genscat/support/grib</code> contains routines for reading and decoding GRIB files. The module is tested by programs <code>test_read_GRIB1</code>, <code>test_read_GRIB2</code> and <code>test_read_GRIB3</code>, the output of which is listed in tables 2.9 to 2.11. The test programs read in two small GRIB files (<code>testfile.grib</code> in GRIB edition 1 format and <code>testfile.grib2</code> in GRIB edition 2 format) present in this directory and print some of their contents to the standard output. The environment variable <code>\$GRIB_DEFINITION_PATH</code> needs to be set and has to point to the directory containing GRIB definition tables. These are available in (...)/genscat/support/grib/definitions.

```
open GRIB edition 1 file
file name = ./testfile.grib
date of grib field =
                                  20031111
time of grib field =
                                        24
derived date of grib field =
                                  20031112
derived time of grib field =
           lon
                     10u
                              10v
    lat
                                      speed
                            8.006
  54.00
          4.00
                  -4.576
                                      9.221
  54.00
           4.50
                 -5.143
                            7.764
                                      9.313
  54.00
           5.00
                 -5.034
                            7.520
                                      9.050
  54.00
           5.50
                  -4.925
                            7.276
                                      8.786
  54.50
                                      9.747
           4.00
                 -4.849
                            8.455
  54.50
                            8.315
           4.50
                  -5.139
                                      9.775
  54.50
           5.00
                  -5.200
                            8.426
                                      9.902
  54.50
           5.50
                  -5.261
                            8.537
                                     10.028
  55.00
           4.00
                  -5.267
                            8.577
                                     10.065
                            8.454
  55.00
           4.50
                  -5.398
                                     10.031
  55.00
           5.00
                  -5.416
                            8.620
                                     10.180
  55.00
                  -5.434
                            8.786
           5.50
                                     10.330
  55.50
           4.00
                  -5.686
                            8.699
                                     10.392
  55.50
           4.50
                            8.594
                  -5.657
                                     10.289
  55.50
           5.00
                  -5.632
                            8.814
                                     10.459
  55.50
           5.50
                            9.034
                                     10.632
                  -5.606
open GRIB edition 2 file
file name = ./testfile.grib2
date of grib field =
                                  20031111
time of grib field =
End of tests
```

Table 2.9 Output of program *test_read_GRIB1*.

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```
retrieve grib field par_id_t
                            89.142
lat of first gridpoint =
lat step
                            -1.121
number of lat points
                              160
lon of first gridpoint =
                             0.000
                            1.125
lon step
number of lon points
                               320
         j field(i,j)
    i
   80 160
               302.663
   80 161
               302.445
   80
       162
               302.148
   80 163
               301.560
   81 160
81 161
               301.999
               302.298
   81 162
               301.808
               301.708
   81
       163
   82 160
               302.056
   82 161
               302.117
   82
       162
               301.490
   82 163
               301.888
   83
       160
               302.214
   83 161
               302.001
   83 162
               301.796
   83
       163
               302.361
```

Table 2.10 Output of program test read GRIB2.

```
retrieve grib field par_id_10u
date of grib field =
                          20031112.00
time of grib field =
                                24.00
 WARNING: lattitude dimension of field is too small to contain
 WARNING: the read data; truncating the array !!!!!
 original: nr_lat_points =
truncated: nr_lat_points =
                                         160
                                          50
 WARNING: longitude dimension of field is too small to contain
 WARNING: the read data; truncating the array !!!!!
 original: nr_lon_points =
 truncated: nr_lon_points =
                                          50
             field(i,j)
   48
        48
                 -0.414
   48
        49
                 0.477
        50
   48
                 -0.111
   49
        48
                  3.330
   49
        49
                  2.899
   49
        50
                  3.252
   50
        48
                  3.503
   50
        49
                  2.408
   50
        50
                  3.212
```

Table 2.11 Output of program *test_read_GRIB3*.

2.8 Module HDF5Mod

Module *HDF5Mod.F90* in directory genscat/support/hdf5 contains routines for reading and writing HDF5 files. It is tested by program *TestHDF5*, the output of which is listed in table 2.12. The test program reads in a small HDF5 file called deflate.h5 and displays some of its contents. After that, it creates a file called testfile.h5 and writes some data into it. Its contents can be checked e.g. with the command line utility h5dump.

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```
Successfully opened file deflate.h5 with f_id
                                                 67108864
Successfully opened dataset //Dataset1 with d_id
                                                   335544320
Successfully closed dataset with d_id
                                        335544320
Successfully opened group / with g_id
                                        134217728
Successfully opened dataset Dataset1 with d_id
                                                 335544321
Number of datapoints of dataset
                                 335544321 is
First data values are:
           1
1
                             3
     0
                                             0
                                                     1
     0
                     2
                            3
                                     4
                                            0
                                                     1
Successfully closed dataset with d_id
                                        335544321
Successfully closed group with g_id
                                      134217728
Successfully closed file with f_id
                                      67108864
End of file reading tests in TestHDF5
Successfully opened file testfile.h5 with f_id
Successfully created group Group1 with g_id 134217729
Successfully wrote Attribute Attribute1 in group 134217729
Successfully wrote Dataset Dataset1_int_1d in group
Successfully wrote Dataset Dataset2_int_2d in group
                                                      134217729
Successfully wrote Dataset Dataset3_float_1d in group
                                                        134217729
Successfully wrote Dataset Dataset4_float_2d in group
                                                        134217729
Successfully wrote Dataset Dataset5_string_1d in group
                                                         134217729
Successfully closed group with g_id
                                    134217729
Successfully closed file with f_id
                                      67108865
End of file writing tests in TestHDF5
A HDF5 file called testfile.h5 was created
You can check its contents e.g. using the h5dump utility
End of TestHDF5
```

Table 2.12 Output of program *TestHDF5*.

2.9 Module LunManager

Module *LunManager*. F90 in directory genscat/support/file contains routines for file unit management. It is tested by program *TestLunManager*, the output of which is listed in table 2.13.

```
Starting fileunit test program
 ===== lun_manager ======
 fileunit:
                   31 was not in use !!!
 free_lun returns without freeing any fileunit
                88 was not in the range that is handled
 fileunit:
by this module ! (
                            30 -
                                             39 )
 free_lun returns without freeing any fileunit
                    88 was not in the range that is handled
                     30 -
 by this module ! (
 enable_lun returns without enabling any fileunit
 fileunit:
                   88 was not in the range that is handled
 by this module ! (
                            30
 disable_lun returns without disabling any fileunit
                    21 was not in the range that is handled
 fileunit:
 by this module ! (
                            30 -
                                             39 )
 disable_lun returns without disabling any fileunit
                31 is used?:
                 31 is used?:
 unit:
 start of inspect_luns
 lun
                 0 is open
                 0 has a name: stderr
 lun
                 5 is open
 lun
                 5 has a name: stdin
 lun
  lun
                 6
                    is open
                 6 has a name: stdout
  lun
                31
                    is open
                31 has a name: TestLunManager.F90
 lun
end of inspect_luns
```

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```
fileunit:
                      31 is still in use !
disabling it is only possible if it is not used !
disable_lun returns without disabling any fileunit
                     30 is in use
31 is in use
32 is still available
fileunit:
fileunit:
fileunit:
                     33 is still available34 is still available
fileunit:
fileunit:
fileunit:
                     35 is still available
fileunit:
                      36 is still available
                     37 is still available
fileunit:
                     38 is still available39 is still available
fileunit:
fileunit:
fileunit:
                     21 was not in the range that is handled
by this module ! (
                              30
                                                 39 )
enable_lun returns without enabling any fileunit
                    22 was not in the range that is handled
fileunit:
by this module ! (
                               30
                                                  39 )
enable_lun returns without enabling any fileunit
```

 Table 2.13
 Output of program TestLunManager.

2.10 Module Numerics

Module *numerics.F90* in directory genscat/support/num contains routines for checking and handling numerical issues like variable sizes and ranges. These are tested by program *test_numerics*, the output of which is listed in Table 2.14.

```
Starting numerics test program
==== representation tests =====
REALACC(6)
r4: digits
r4: epsilon 1.1920929E-0.
3.4028235E+38
r4: minexponent r4: maxexponent
                         -125
                          128
r4: precision
                            6
r4: radix
                             2
r4: range
                  1.1754944E-38
r4: tinv
ENDREALACC
REALACC(12)
r8: digits
                           53
             2.2204460492503131E-016
r8: epsilon
                 1.7976931348623167E+308
r8: huge
r8: minexponent
                        -1021
r8: maxexponent
r8: precision
                           15
r8: radix
r8: range
                          307
r8: tiny
                   2.2250738585072010E-308
ENDREALACC
===== numerics tests ======
int1 = 127
int2 =
          32767
int4 = 2147483647
int8 = 2147483647
          9223372036854775807
huge(int1) =
                        127
huge(int2) =
                     32767
huge(int4) = 2147483647
huge(int8) =
                 9223372036854775807
REALACC(6) r4 = 1.7000000E+38 ENDREALACC
REALACC(12) r8 = 1.7000000000000000E+038 ENDREALACC
===== check variable sizes ======
Variable sizes are as expected
===== detect and print variable sizes ======
```

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```
var_type nr_of_words range precision
                   1
                         2
     i2_
                   2
                         4
                         9
                   4
                        37
      dr
                        37
                        37
                        37
                        37
                                    6
                   8
     r8_
                       307
                                  15
 ===== dB conversion test =====
 REALACC(6)
 input test number:
converted to dB:
                              1.2300001E-04
                              -39.10095
 converted back to a real: 1.2299998E-04
 ENDREALACC
 ==== done =====
```

Table 2.14 Output of program test mumerics.

2.11 Module SingletonFFT

Module SingletonFFT in directory genscat/support/singletonfft contains routines for Fast Fourier Transforms. The associated test program is TestSingleton. Part of its output is shown in table 2.15.

	RAM TestSingleton			احدث المساحدة	THE STATE OF THE S
rest	of SingletonFFT r	outines by c	omparing v	with analytical 	
Spre	eading times grid s	ize in dimen	sion 1:	0.1000000	(should be ~ 0.1)
Spre	ading times grid s	ize in dimen	sion 2:	0.1000000	(should be ~ 0.1)
====	=======================================	=========	=======	=========	=========
1.5				a	
1D	r O R Preci	WARD		CKWARD cision	
N1	Real	Imag	Real	Imaq	
32				0.69247E-07	
34				0.11285E-07	
36				0.11036E-06	
38				0.22604E-07	
40				0.54017E-07	
42			7824E-07	0.92940E-07	
44			7881E-06	0.14948E-06	
46 48				0.34905E-07 0.12666E-06	
48 50			3842E-06 7881E-06	0.1266E-06 0.10431E-06	
	0.30170E-00 0.00				===========
2D	F O	RWARD	FFT	васк	WARD FFT
	Рrе	cision		Preci	sion
N1	N2 Real	Imag	Time	Real	Imag Time
32	32 0.11995E-05	0.20572E-04	0 0000 0	 17001〒_06 0 1	0663E-06 0.0000
32		0.18179E-04			3061E-07 0.0000
32		0.22501E-04			1339E-06 0.0000
32		0.82503E-05			6826E-07 0.0001
32		0.22430E-04			5745E-07 0.0000
32	42 0.99089E-06	0.15911E-04	0.0000 0	.11921E-06 0.1	2151E-06 0.0000
32	44 0.88658E-06	0.10286E-04	0.0001 0	.29802E-06 0.1	7938E-06 0.0001
32		0.23840E-04			3112E-07 0.0001
32		0.24430E-04			2973E-06 0.0000
32		0.16983E-04			1206E-06 0.0000
34	32 0.11473E-05	0.18179E-04	0.0001 0	.11921E-06 0.7	8046E-07 0.0001
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```
0.10952E-05
                  0.20840E-04 0.0001
                                  0.30120E-06  0.12803E-06  0.0001
48
50
    32
       0.99089E-06
                  0.16983E-04 0.0000
                                  0.17881E-06
                                             0.11192E-06 0.0000
50 34
       0.83443E-06 0.14590E-04 0.0001 0.17881E-06 0.10692E-06 0.0001
50 36 0.10430E-05 0.18912E-04 0.0001 0.23842E-06 0.11300E-06 0.0001
50
   38
       0.46937E-06
                  0.47101E-05 0.0001
                                  0.17881E-06 0.10619E-06 0.0001
50 40 0.93873E-06 0.18840E-04 0.0001 0.35763E-06 0.11030E-06 0.0001
       0.62582E-06
                  0.12322E-04 0.0001
                                  0.29802E-06 0.11184E-06 0.0001
50 42
       0.46937E-06 0.66967E-05 0.0001
                                  0.29802E-06 0.14250E-06 0.0001
50 44
50 46 0.99089E-06 0.20251E-04 0.0001 0.23842E-06 0.10202E-06 0.0001
50
    48
       0.10430E-05
                  0.20840E-04 0.0001
                                  0.29802E-06
                                             0.15117E-06 0.0001
50 50 0.57367E-06 0.13393E-04 0.0001 0.35763E-06 0.11255E-06 0.0001
______
Program TestSingleton: Resume
Worst case accuracies
              FORWARD
                                BACKWARD
                Imaq
    0.94782E-06 0.14143E-04 0.35763E-06 0.14948E-06
1D
    0.13559E-05 0.28287E-04 0.77486E-06 0.28650E-06
2D
Program TestSingleton: Normal termination.
______
```

Table 2.15 Output of program TestSingleton

2.12 Module SortMod

Module *SortMod* in directory genscat/support/sort contains two routines for sorting the wind vector solutions found in the inversion step to their probability. The associated test program is *SortModTest*. Its output is shown in table 2.16.

```
Test program for the SortMod module
Unsorted array
10.0 9.0 8.0 7.0 6.0 5.0 4.0 3.0 2.0 1.0
After GetSortIndex
1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 5.0 6.0 7.0 8.0 9.0 10.0
Sorted array, after SortWithIndex
1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 5.0 6.0 7.0 8.0 9.0 10.0
```

 Table 2.16
 Output of program SortModTest

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OWDP integration test

Directory owdp/tests contains an OSCAT level 2a HDF5 file to test the OWDP executable. File S1L2A2011311_11243_11244_2.h5.gz contains (gzipped) OSCAT level 2a data from 7 November 2011, 13:51 to 14:03 UTC with 50 km cell spacing, as obtained from ISRO. The files ECMWF*.grib contain the necessary NWP data (SST, land-sea mask and wind forecasts) to perform the NWP collocation step.

The user can test the proper functioning of OWDP using the files in the owdp/tests directory. To do this, first create a small file containing a list of NWP files:

```
ls -1 ECMWF_* > nwpflist
```

Then, gunzip the HDF5 file:

```
gunzip -c S1L2A2011311_11243_11244_2.h5.gz >
S1L2A2011311_11243_11244_2.h5
```

Then run OWDP:

```
../execs/owdp_run -f S1L2A2011311_11243_11244_2.h5 -nwpfl nwpflist -mss -mon -calval -genericws 4
```

The result should be two OSCAT level 2 files in BUFR format, called oscat_20111107_135116_ocsat2_11243_o_500_ovw_12.bufr and

oscat_20111107_135116_ocsat2_11213_o_500_ovw_12.bufr.genws.

The first file is in NOAA BUFR format and the second file is in KNMI format with generic wind section.

3.1 OSCAT test data

Figure 3.1 shows the global coverage of the OSCAT test run on 50 km. The colours show the magnitude of the wind speed as indicated by the legend. Figure 3.2 shows detailed wind vector plots over the Atlantic west of Africa, with 50 km cell spacing. In the detail plot, a magenta marker on top of the wind arrow denotes land presence. Orange wind arrows indicate that the Variational Quality Control flag is set, i.e. the Wind Vector Cell is spatially inconsistent. An orange dot means that the KNMI Quality Control Flag is set.

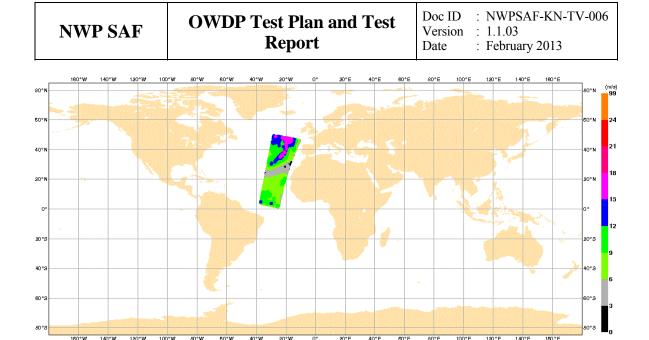


Figure 3.1 Global coverage of the OSCAT test run. Wind speed results for the 50 km product are shown.

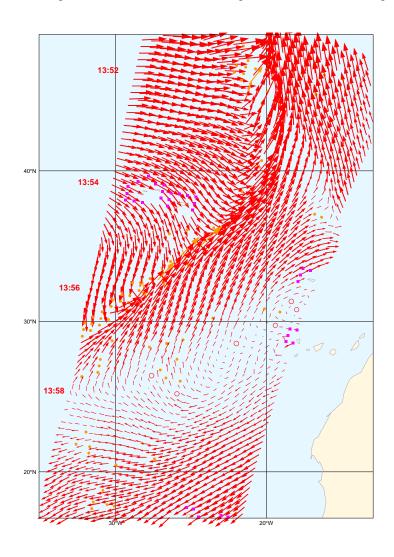


Figure 3.2 Detail plot of the OSCAT test run. Wind vectors for the 50 km product are shown.

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Table 3.1 shows one decoded Wind Vector Cell of the resulting output file in NOAA BUFR format and table 3.2 the same WVC in KNMI BUFR format with generic wind section.

1	SATELLITE IDENTIFIER	421.0000	CODE TABLE 1007
	DIRECTION OF MOTION OF MO	195.0000	DEGREE TRUE
	SATELLITE SENSOR INDICATO		CODE TABLE 2048
	WIND SCATTEROMETER GEOPHY		CODE TABLE 21119
	SOFTWARE IDENTIFICATION (NUMERIC
		50000.0000	
	CROSS TRACK RESOLUTION		
	ALONG TRACK RESOLUTION	50000.0000	
	ORBIT NUMBER	11243.0000	
	YEAR	2011.0000	
10	MONTH	11.0000	MONTH
11	DAY	7.0000	DAY
12	HOUR	13.0000	HOUR
13	MINUTE	51.0000	MINUTE
14	SECOND	16.0000	SECOND
15	LATITUDE (COARSE ACCURACY	46.1800	DEGREE
	LONGITUDE (COARSE ACCURAC		DEGREE
	TIME DIFFERENCE QUALIFIER		CODE TABLE 8025
	SECOND	0.0000	
	ALONG TRACK ROW NUMBER	MISSING	
	CROSS-TRACK CELL NUMBER		NUMERIC
	SEAWINDS WIND VECTOR CELL		FLAG TABLE 21109
	MODEL WIND DIRECTION AT 1		DEGREE TRUE
	MODEL WIND SPEED AT 10M	6.4200	
	NUMBER OF VECTOR AMBIGUIT		NUMERIC
	INDEX OF SELECTED WIND VE		NUMERIC
	TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGMA-0 M	4.0000	NUMERIC
27	PROBABILITY OF RAIN	MISSING	NUMERIC
28	SEAWINDS NOF* RAIN INDEX	12.0000	
29	INTENSITY OF PRECIPITATIO	MISSING	KG/(M**2)S
30	ATTENUATION CORRECTION OF	MISSING	dB
31	WIND SPEED AT 10 M	6.3000	M/S
32	FORMAL UNCERTAINTY IN WIN	MISSING	M/S
33	WIND DIRECTION AT 10 M		DEGREE TRUE
	FORMAL UNCERTAINTY IN WIN		DEGREE TRUE
	LIKELIHOOD COMPUTED FOR S		NUMERIC
	WIND SPEED AT 10 M	7.1300	
	FORMAL UNCERTAINTY IN WIN	MISSING	
	WIND DIRECTION AT 10 M		DEGREE TRUE
	FORMAL UNCERTAINTY IN WIN		DEGREE TRUE
	LIKELIHOOD COMPUTED FOR S	0.0010	
	WIND SPEED AT 10 M	MISSING	
	FORMAL UNCERTAINTY IN WIN	MISSING	
43	WIND DIRECTION AT 10 M	MISSING	DEGREE TRUE
44	FORMAL UNCERTAINTY IN WIN	MISSING	DEGREE TRUE
45	LIKELIHOOD COMPUTED FOR S	MISSING	NUMERIC
46	WIND SPEED AT 10 M	MISSING	M/S
47	FORMAL UNCERTAINTY IN WIN	MISSING	M/S
	WIND DIRECTION AT 10 M		DEGREE TRUE
49	FORMAL UNCERTAINTY IN WIN		DEGREE TRUE
	LIKELIHOOD COMPUTED FOR S	MISSING	
	ANTENNA POLARISATION		CODE TABLE 2104
	TOTAL NUMBER (WITH RESPEC		
	BRIGHTNESS TEMPERATURE	119.7000	
	STANDARD DEVIATION BRIGHT		
	ANTENNA POLARISATION		CODE TABLE 2104
	TOTAL NUMBER (WITH RESPEC		
	BRIGHTNESS TEMPERATURE	189.2000	
	STANDARD DEVIATION BRIGHT		
	NUMBER OF INNER-BEAM SIGM		NUMERIC
	LATITUDE (COARSE ACCURACY		DEGREE
61	LONGITUDE (COARSE ACCURAC	-11.4200	DEGREE
	ATTENUATION CORRECTION ON	0.1800	dB
	RADAR LOOK ANGLE	133.3200	
	RADAR INCIDENCE ANGLE	48.9400	
	ANTENNA POLARISATION		CODE TABLE 2104
	SEAWINDS NORMALIZED RADAR	-24.4000	
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71 SEAWINDS SIGMA-0 MODE
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74 NUMBER OF OUTER-BEAM SIGM
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77 ATTENUATION CORRECTION ON
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85 SEAWINDS SIGMA-0 WODE
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86 SEAWINDS CORRECTION ON
87 SEAWINDS CORRECTION (
88 SIGMA-0 VARIANCE QUALITY
89 NUMBER OF INNER-BEAM SIGM
90 LATITUDE (COARSE ACCURACY
91 LONGITUDE (COARSE ACCURACY
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92 ATTENUATION CORRECTION ON
93 RADAR LOOK ANGLE
94 RADAR INCIDENCE ANGLE
95 ANTENNA POLARISATION
96 SEAWINDS SIGMA-0 WODE
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                               71 SEAWINDS SIGMA-0 MODE
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Table 3.1 Wind Vector Cell in NOAA BUFR format

1	SATELLITE IDENTIFIER	421.0000	CODE TABLE 1007
2	DIRECTION OF MOTION OF MO	195.0000	DEGREE TRUE
3	SATELLITE SENSOR INDICATO	MISSING	CODE TABLE 2048
4	WIND SCATTEROMETER GEOPHY	8.0000	CODE TABLE 21119
5	SOFTWARE IDENTIFICATION (12.0000	NUMERIC
6	CROSS TRACK RESOLUTION	50000.0000	M
7	ALONG TRACK RESOLUTION	50000.0000	M
8	ORBIT NUMBER	11243.0000	NUMERIC
9	YEAR	2011.0000	YEAR
10	MONTH	11.0000	MONTH
11	DAY	7.0000	DAY
12	HOUR	13.0000	HOUR
13	MINUTE	51.0000	MINUTE
14	SECOND	16.0000	SECOND
15	LATITUDE (COARSE ACCURACY	46.1800	DEGREE
16	LONGITUDE (COARSE ACCURAC	-11.4100	DEGREE
17	TIME DIFFERENCE QUALIFIER	5.0000	CODE TABLE 8025
18	SECOND	0.0000	SECOND
19	ALONG TRACK ROW NUMBER	MISSING	NUMERIC
20	CROSS-TRACK CELL NUMBER	6.0000	NUMERIC

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21	TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGMA-0 M	4.0000	NUMERIC	
22	PROBABILITY OF RAIN SEAWINDS NOF* RAIN INDEX		NUMERIC	
23	SEAWINDS NOF* RAIN INDEX	12.0000	NUMERIC	
24	INTENSITY OF PRECIPITATIO		KG/(M**2)S	
25	ATTENUATION CORRECTION OF	MISSING	dB	
26	ANTENNA POLARISATION	0.0000	CODE TABLE	2104
27	TOTAL NUMBER (WITH RESPEC	54.0000 119.7000	NUMERIC	
28	BRIGHTNESS TEMPERATURE	119.7000	K	
29	STANDARD DEVIATION BRIGHT	10.7000	K	
30	ANTENNA POLARISATION	1.0000	CODE TABLE	2104
31	TOTAL NUMBER (WITH RESPEC	32.0000	NUMERIC	
32	BRIGHTNESS TEMPERATURE	189.2000		
33	STANDARD DEVIATION BRIGHT	11.5000	K	
34	NUMBER OF INNER-BEAM SIGM LATITUDE (COARSE ACCURACY	1.0000	NUMERIC	
35	LATITUDE (COARSE ACCURACY	46.1900	DEGREE	
36	LONGITUDE (COARSE ACCURAC ATTENUATION CORRECTION ON	-11.4200	DEGREE	
37	ATTENUATION CORRECTION ON	0.1800	dB	
	RADAR LOOK ANGLE	133.3200	DEGREE	
39	RADAR INCIDENCE ANGLE	48.9400	DEGREE	
	ANTENNA POLARISATION	0.0000	CODE TABLE	2104
41	SEAWINDS NORMALIZED RADAR	-24.4000	dB	
42	KP VARIANCE COEFFICIENT (1.0010	NUMERIC	
43	KP VARIANCE COEFFICIENT (KP VARIANCE COEFFICIENT (1.0010 0.0000	NUMERIC	
44	KP VARIANCE COEFFICENT (G	-87.7210	dB	
45	SEAWINDS SIGMA-0 QUALITY	0.0000	FLAG TABLE	21115
46	KP VARIANCE COEFFICENT (G SEAWINDS SIGMA-0 QUALITY SEAWINDS SIGMA-0 MODE SEAWINDS LAND/ICE SURFACE	0.0000	FLAG TABLE FLAG TABLE	21116
47	SEAWINDS LAND/ICE SURFACE	0.0000	FLAG TABLE	8018
48	SIGMA-0 VARIANCE QUALITY NUMBER OF OUTER-BEAM SIGM	MISSING	NUMERIC	
49	NUMBER OF OUTER-BEAM SIGM	1.0000		
50	LATITUDE (COARSE ACCURACY LONGITUDE (COARSE ACCURAC	46.2000	DEGREE	
51	LONGITUDE (COARSE ACCURAC	-11.4100	DEGREE	
52	ATTENUATION CORRECTION ON	0.1800	dB	
		154.6000	DEGREE	
54	RADAR LOOK ANGLE RADAR INCIDENCE ANGLE ANTENNA POLARISATION	57.9000		
55	ANTENNA POLARISATION	1.0000	CODE TABLE	2104
56	SEAWINDS NORMALIZED RADAR	-21.3700		
57	ANTENNA POLARISATION SEAWINDS NORMALIZED RADAR KP VARIANCE COEFFICIENT (1.0010		
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	/	-78.5470		
60	KP VARIANCE COEFFICENT (G SEAWINDS SIGMA-0 QUALITY		FLAG TABLE	21115
6⊥	SEAWINDS SIGMA-O MODE	8192.0000		
62	SEAWINDS LAND/ICE SURFACE SIGMA-0 VARIANCE QUALITY NUMBER OF INNER-BEAM SIGM		FLAG TABLE	
63	SIGMA-0 VARIANCE QUALITY	MISSING	NUMERIC	
64	NUMBER OF INNER-BEAM SIGM	1.0000	NUMERIC	
65	LATITUDE (COARSE ACCURACY	46.1900	DEGREE	
66	IONGITTIDE (COARCE ACCIDAC	-11.4100	DEGREE	
67	ATTENUATION CORRECTION ON	0.1800		
68	RADAR LOOK ANGLE	76.6100	DEGREE	
	RADAR INCIDENCE ANGLE	48.9500	DEGREE	
	ANTENNA POLARISATION		CODE TABLE	2104
	SEAWINDS NORMALIZED RADAR	-28.1100		
	KP VARIANCE COEFFICIENT (NUMERIC	
	KP VARIANCE COEFFICIENT (0.0000		
	KP VARIANCE COEFFICENT (G	-86.9780		
	SEAWINDS SIGMA-0 QUALITY		FLAG TABLE	21115
	SEAWINDS SIGMA-0 MODE		FLAG TABLE	
	SEAWINDS LAND/ICE SURFACE		FLAG TABLE	
	SIGMA-0 VARIANCE QUALITY		NUMERIC	
	NUMBER OF OUTER-BEAM SIGM		NUMERIC	
	LATITUDE (COARSE ACCURACY	46.1500		
	LONGITUDE (COARSE ACCURAC	-11.4000		
	ATTENUATION CORRECTION ON	0.1800		
	RADAR LOOK ANGLE	55.6000		
	RADAR INCIDENCE ANGLE	57.9800		
	ANTENNA POLARISATION		CODE TABLE	2104
	SEAWINDS NORMALIZED RADAR	-28.8400		
	KP VARIANCE COEFFICIENT (NUMERIC	
	KP VARIANCE COEFFICIENT (0.0000		
	KP VARIANCE COEFFICENT (G	-76.5980	dВ	
	SEAWINDS SIGMA-0 QUALITY		FLAG TABLE	21115
	SEAWINDS SIGMA-0 MODE		FLAG TABLE	
	SEAWINDS LAND/ICE SURFACE		FLAG TABLE	
0.3	STOMA_O VARIANCE OUALTTV	MTCCTNC	NIIMEDIC	
94	SOFTWARE IDENTIFICATION (1100.0000	NUMERIC	
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95	GENERATING APPLICATION	91.0000	CODE TABLE 1032
96	MODEL WIND SPEED AT 10M	6.4200	M/S
97	MODEL WIND DIRECTION AT 1	147.4600	DEGREE TRUE
98	ICE PROBABILITY	MISSING	NUMERIC
99	ICE AGE ("A" PARAMETER)	MISSING	dB
100	WIND VECTOR CELL QUALITY	0.0000	FLAG TABLE 21155
101	NUMBER OF VECTOR AMBIGUIT	2.0000	NUMERIC
102	INDEX OF SELECTED WIND VE	1.0000	NUMERIC
103	DELAYED DESCRIPTOR REPLIC	4.0000	NUMERIC
104	WIND SPEED AT 10 M	6.3000	M/S
105	WIND DIRECTION AT 10 M	152.5000	DEGREE TRUE
106	BACKSCATTER DISTANCE	-1.1000	NUMERIC
107	LIKELIHOOD COMPUTED FOR S	0.0000	NUMERIC
108	WIND SPEED AT 10 M	7.1300	M/S
109	WIND DIRECTION AT 10 M	320.0000	DEGREE TRUE
110	BACKSCATTER DISTANCE	11.4000	NUMERIC
111	LIKELIHOOD COMPUTED FOR S	-3.1860	NUMERIC
112	WIND SPEED AT 10 M	MISSING	M/S
113	WIND DIRECTION AT 10 M	MISSING	DEGREE TRUE
114	BACKSCATTER DISTANCE	MISSING	NUMERIC
115	LIKELIHOOD COMPUTED FOR S	MISSING	NUMERIC
116	WIND SPEED AT 10 M	MISSING	M/S
117	WIND DIRECTION AT 10 M	MISSING	DEGREE TRUE
118	BACKSCATTER DISTANCE	MISSING	NUMERIC
119	LIKELIHOOD COMPUTED FOR S	MISSING	NUMERIC

Table 3.2 Wind Vector Cell in KNMI BUFR format with generic wind section

From the plots and tables in this section it is clear that:

- Output can be provided in two BUFR formats.
- The Wind Vector Cell spacing is 50 km, see fields 6 and 7 in the BUFR outputs and figure 3.2.
- The output contains latitude, longitude, time, orbit and node numbers, NWP background wind vector, WVC quality flag, and information on the radar backscatter including σ^0 and K_p data.
- A consistent wind field is obtained which proves that both HDF5 and GRIB data are read successfully.
- The atmospheric attenuations are present in the BUFR output (fields 62, 77, 92 and 107 in the NOAA BUFR format).

The test was re-run with the BUFR output file as input and this results in a new output file with the same wind information. Hence, it is clear that OWDP accepts BUFR data as input as well as HDF5.

Table 3.3 shows what happens when the MLE value exceeds a threshold for Quality Control. The MLE of the first wind solution (the one closest to the model wind) is contained in field 34 and has a value of 1.63. This is above the threshold value of 1.5 corresponding to wind speeds above 15 m/s. The Wind Vector Cell Quality (field 21) has an integer value of 1028, i.e., Fortran bits 10 and 2 are set, corresponding to the flags for KNMI Quality Control and Rain.

21	SEAWINDS WIND VECTOR CELL	1028.0000	FLAG TABLE 21109
22	MODEL WIND DIRECTION AT 1	162.3000	DEGREE TRUE
23	MODEL WIND SPEED AT 10M	16.2400	M/S
24	NUMBER OF VECTOR AMBIGUIT	2.0000	NUMERIC
25	INDEX OF SELECTED WIND VE	1.0000	NUMERIC
26	TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGMA-0 M	4.0000	NUMERIC
27	PROBABILITY OF RAIN	MISSING	NUMERIC
28	SEAWINDS NOF* RAIN INDEX	12.0000	NUMERIC
29	INTENSITY OF PRECIPITATIO	MISSING	KG/(M**2)S
30	ATTENUATION CORRECTION OF	MISSING	dB

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31 WIND SPEED AT 10 M	15.4100	M/S
32 FORMAL UNCERTAINTY IN WIN	MISSING	M/S
33 WIND DIRECTION AT 10 M	172.5000	DEGREE TRUE
34 FORMAL UNCERTAINTY IN WIN	1.6300	DEGREE TRUE
35 LIKELIHOOD COMPUTED FOR S	1.0000	NUMERIC
36 WIND SPEED AT 10 M	15.9000	M/S
37 FORMAL UNCERTAINTY IN WIN	MISSING	M/S
38 WIND DIRECTION AT 10 M	332.5000	DEGREE TRUE
39 FORMAL UNCERTAINTY IN WIN	18.8200	DEGREE TRUE
40 LIKELIHOOD COMPUTED FOR S	0.0000	NUMERIC

 Table 3.3
 Part of Wind Vector Cell in NOAA BUFR format, rejected by Quality Control

The processing of the test file $(1/8^{th})$ of a full orbit takes ~6 seconds on a Linux workstation. Hence the OSCAT wind processing can be done easily in near-real time on an affordable computer system.

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Chapter 4

Validation tests

There are several methods to validate scatterometer winds. OSCAT winds from OWDP are routinely compared with NWP data in the OSI SAF project and buoy data comparisons are planned for the near future. See http://www.knmi.nl/scatterometer/osisaf/ for more information. In the scope of this Test Report, we show the results of a validation study of OWDP winds versus model wind forecasts from the ECMWF model. The correct implementation of the ice screening algorithm is demonstrated in section 4.2.

4.1 OWDP winds versus ECMWF winds

We compared the OSCAT winds from OWDP with ECMWF forecast winds from the operational model (+3 to +21 hours forecasts from the 00 UTC and 12 UTC runs). The OSCAT data are level 2a data version 1.3 from ISRO from 9 and 10 February 2012 (28 orbits), reprocessed with OWDP.

Figure 4.1 shows the collocations of the OSCAT and ECMWF winds. Contoured histograms are shown for wind speed, wind direction and u and v wind components and after rejection of Quality Controlled (KNMI QC flagged) wind vectors. Note that the ECMWF winds are real 10m winds, whereas the scatterometer winds are equivalent neutral 10m winds, which are on average 0.2 m/s higher. In the wind direction plots, only those wind vectors where the model wind speed is at least 4 m/s are taken into account. The bin sizes for the histograms are 0.5 m/s for wind speed, u and v, and 2.5° for wind direction.

From the contour plots it is clear that biases are generally low. We obtain wind component standard deviations of 1.37 in u and 1.30 in v directions. This is comparable to the values we found for SeaWinds in the past: approximately 1.33 for u and v for the 25-km product and approximately 1.5 for both components for the 100-km product in the same period of the year. We expect that the OSCAT results can be improved by applying better calibration on the backscatter data. This is subject to further study in the NWP SAF and OSI SAF projects.

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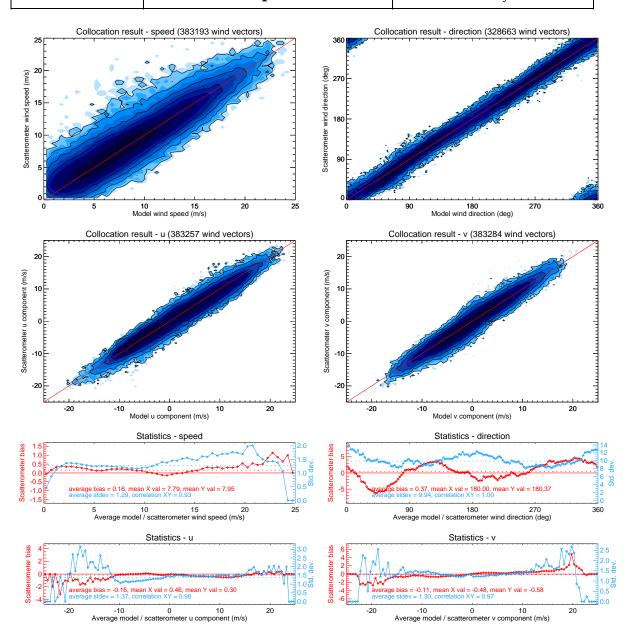


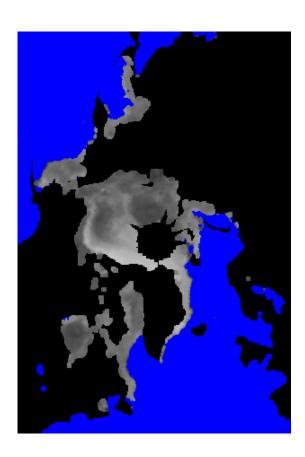
Figure 4.1 Collocation results of Oceansat-2 winds from OWDP and ECMWF forecast winds. Biases and standard deviations in bottom plots are in m/s for wind speed and components, in degrees for wind direction.

4.2 Ice screening test

Figure 4.2 shows the ice maps for North and South poles after processing two days of data. The test data are the same as in the previous section, i.e., 9 and 10 February 2012. Ice maps of the North Pole and South Pole are provided. The blue parts in the maps indicate open water; the black parts correspond to land areas or areas not visited within these two days. The gray scale is a measure of the ice *A*-parameter (albedo). Multi year ice has in general a higher albedo than first year ice, so lighter areas correspond to older ice. In the scope of this report we did not verify the ice extent in detail with other measurements. More information about the ice screening algorithm can be found in [Belmonte Rivas and Stoffelen, 2011].

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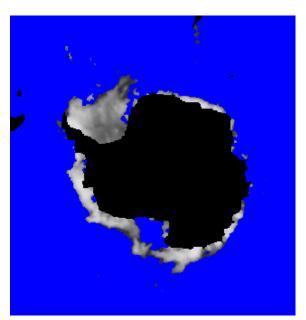


Figure 4.2 OWDP ice maps for North Pole (left) and South Pole (right).

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Chapter 5

Portability tests

The OWDP program inherits its portability by using strict Fortran 90 code (with a few low level routines for reading and writing binary in C). OWDP is delivered with a complete make system. The Makeoptions include file of genscat takes care of the different settings needed under various platforms. This Makeoptions file is also used for the SeaWinds scatterometer processor SDP and the ASCAT Wind Data Processor AWDP.

The default platform for development is a Linux work station. Different Fortran 90 compilers were used to compile both genscat and OWDP. Table 5.1 provides an overview of the platforms and compilers on which OWDP was tested successfully. Note that OWDP can be run under Windows when the Linux emulator Cygwin is installed. This table also lists the times needed to process the test file in directory owdp/tests for some selected platforms.

Platform	Operating system	Fortran compiler	Process time
Intel-based workstation	Fedora Linux	GNU g95, Portland f90,	6.5 seconds
		gfortran, Intel Fortran	
SUN	SUN OS UNIX	Sun Fortran	-
IBM AIX	AIX	xlf	11.5 seconds
PC	Windows XP with Cygwin	GNU g95	-

Table 5.1 Supported platforms and compilers for OWDP and time to process the test in directory owdp/tests.

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Chapter 6

User documentation tests

The user documentation (readme files within the software package and the OWDP User Manual and Reference Guide, [Verhoef et. al., 2013]) has been and will be provided to beta testers for review. The beta tester's comments are implemented in newer versions of the user documentation.

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Appendix A

Acronyms

Name	Description	
AMI	Active Microwave Instrument, scatterometer on ERS-1 and ERS-2 satellites	
AR	Ambiguity Removal	
ASCAT	Advanced SCATterometer on Metop	
BUFR	Binary Universal Form for the Representation of data	
C-band	Radar wavelength at about 5 cm	
ERS	European Remote Sensing satellites	
ECMWF	European Centre for Medium-range Weather Forecasts	
EUMETSAT	European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites	
genscat	generic scatterometer software routines	
GMF	Geophysical model function	
HDF5	Hierarchical Data Format version 5	
KNMI	Koninklijk Nederlands Meteorologisch Instituut (Royal Netherlands Meteorological	
	Institute)	
Ku-band	Radar wavelength at about 2 cm	
L1b	Level 1b product	
LSM	Land Sea Mask	
LUT	Look up table	
Metop	Meteorological Operational Satellite	
MLE	Maximum Likelihood Estimator	
MSS	Multiple Solution Scheme	
NRCS	Normalized Radar Cross-Section (σ_0)	
NWP	Numerical Weather Prediction	
OSI	Ocean and Sea Ice	
QC	Quality Control	
RFSCAT	Rotating Fan beam Scatterometer	
RMS	Root Mean Square	
SAF	Satellite Application Facility	
SST	Sea Surface Temperature	
WVC	Wind Vector Cell, also called node or cell	

 Table A.1
 List of acronyms.