

README document for the Himawari-8/AHI cloud masking algorithm

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Output file name

AHIcm.v0.YYYYMMDDHHMN.dat

- YYYY: Year, MM: Month, DD: Day, HH: Hour (UTC), MN: Minute

Data format

Grid size : 0.02°

Data type : 4-byte float binary data with little endian byte order

Value : 0-1 (Confidence of clear sky. AHI LST uses a value > 0.95 as a clear scene)

Missing code: -999.

Usage

1. Edit "control.sh" or "control_arg.sh"

Set domain: start_lon, end_lon, start_lat, end_lat

Set dates : YYYY, MM, DD, HH, MN (Please edit infile:timelist_sample.txt when using control_arg.sh)

2. Run "control.sh" or "control_arg.sh"

For example: ./control.sh

List of directories and files

Directories:

clear_condition_org: The clear condition data for bands 03 and 14 of the full disk are included.

Please do not ever delete this directory.

cloudmask : Cloud mask data will be output here.

clear_condition : The clear condition data clipped in the target area are placed.

ir : AHI IR band data are placed.

vis : AHI VIS band data are placed.

Shell scripts:

control.sh : Scripts to execute scripts in sequence on a for loop

control_arg.sh : Scripts to execute scripts in sequence at the times given by infile

cloud_mask.sh : Script to create cloud mask data

CEReS_himawari-8.sh : Script to get AHI VIS/IR data

ndsii.sh : Script to create NDSII data

convert_clear_condition.sh: Script to clip clear condition data of the target area

change_time.sh : Script to calculate time

Fortran programs:

cloud_mask.f90/.exe : Subroutine for cloud mask tests

convert.f90/.exe : Subroutine to clip land cover data

clear_ndsii.f90/.exe : Subroutine to calculate and min-composite NDSII

setting_ndsii.f90/.exe : Subroutine to 999 NDSII data

sunrise_to_sunset.f90/.exe: Subroutine to calculate sunrise/solstice/sunset times

Python scripts:

clear_condition.py : Subroutine to clip and calculate clear condition data

cloud_mask_B03.py : Subroutine for band03 cloud mask test

count2tbb.py, pyplot.py, resample.py, split.py: Scripts for processing AHI VIS/IR data

".txt" files

AHICM_v0_README.pdf : This document

timelist_sample.txt : “infile” used for control_arg.sh
calcerror_log.txt : File to record processing errors

Other files:

original_landcover_hi8.dat: MODIS IGBP Land cover data of full disk
landcover.dat : Clipped land cover data
ext.01,vis.NN(01-03),sir.NN(01-02),tir.NN(01-10): LUT to convert from count values to R/TBB

About citation

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