

CrIS L1b Project, Part 2

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CrlS L1B Project Overview

- Funded by NASA to create software to generate a climate quality SNPP and NOAA-20 CrIS Level 1B mission data record
- Level 1B = calibrated, navigated radiance spectra
- Stability of the product over the mission is a priority
- Joint effort at Univ. of Wisconsin Madison (Joe Taylor, PI) and Univ. of Maryland – Baltimore County (Larrabee Strow, PI)
- Completely different implementation from IDPS, though the underlying algorithm theory is mostly the same
- File formats, granulation and other conventions were developed in collaboration with Sounder SIPS and the ATMS team at JPL and are common with the ATMS L1B product



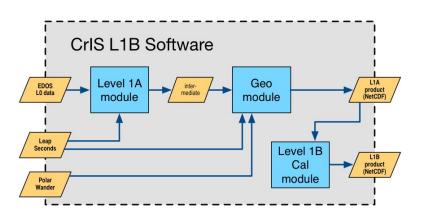
Progress to Date

- Mid 2015: Preliminary SNPP sample data released
- Late 2016: Version 1 software and documentation delivered
 - Supports SNPP NSR product generation
- Late 2017: Version 2 software and documentation delivered
 - Added support for FSR product generation, various improvements included added Geo outputs
- March 2018: Preliminary NOAA-20 sample data released
- September 2018: Version 2.1 software delivered
 - Added support for NOAA-20, minor improvements



CrIS L1B Software

- Three primary software components:
 - Level 1A: unpacks and granulates the raw telemetry stream (instrument, 8-sec science, four-min engineering, spacecraft diary)
 - Geo: geolocation including surface information
 - Level 1B: performs spectral and radiometric calibration



- L1A and Geo were developed from scratch in Python
- L1B Cal was adapted from existing UW/UMBC software (CCAST), written in Matlab
- "Glue" code was developed in Python and Bash
- Command-line scripts are provided to run L1A+Geo, L1B, or entire processing chain
- Inputs are EDOS LO data, Leap Seconds and Polar Wander files



Software Packaging and Delivery

- Leverage lessons learned from the CSPP project, to create self-contained, portable binary packages that can be run on any RHEL6-compatible Linux system
- The software is delivered to the Sounder SIPS (Ruth Monarrez, lead), in binary and source form, with test data
- Sounder SIPS performs testing and integration, and provides feedback to the CrIS team
- One or more re-deliveries may be done if warranted
- The mission products are generated and distributed by GES DISC.
- Also leverage co-located Atmosphere SIPS (Liam Gumley, lead) to test software and generate preliminary datasets for internal evaluation
- Feedback from Science Team (Chris Barnet, lead) and SIPS is incorporated in design and development
- Note science code is run directly to generate the product, avoiding the expense of rewriting software.



Documentation

- Documentation describing each product release is available for download from GES DISC
 - Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document (ATBD)
 - Product Users' Guide (PUG)
 - Quality Flags Description Document
- Current ATBD is a "delta" format, will become standalone
- A Software Users' Guide is also delivered with each product release



File Format

- The software produces L1A and L1B product files
- NetCDF-4 format
- 6-min granules, UTC-aligned, one granule per file
- File and variable attributes conform to CF, ACDD and ISO standards where possible
 - Additional attributes were included for legacy compatibility
- Sounder SIPS maintains a data dictionary that can be exported to CDL



NSR and FSR

- The spectral resolution of data received from SNPP CrIS has varied over the mission
- To support the two goals of providing the longest possible dataset and the highest resolution dataset, the SNPP CrIS L1B product is available at two resolutions:
 - Normal Spectral Resolution (NSR), starting on April 19, 2012
 - Full Spectral Resolution (FSR), starting on November 2, 2015
- NOAA-20 has supported FSR product for the entire mission
- Current plan is to product the NOAA-20 product only at FSR

SNPP NSR and FSR L1B product resolution (cm⁻¹)

	NSR	FSR
	April 19, 2012	Nov. 2, 2015
Start date	(granule 001)	(granule 162)
LWIR resolution	0.625	0.625
MWIR resolution	1.250	0.625
SWIR resolution	2.500	0.625



L1A Product

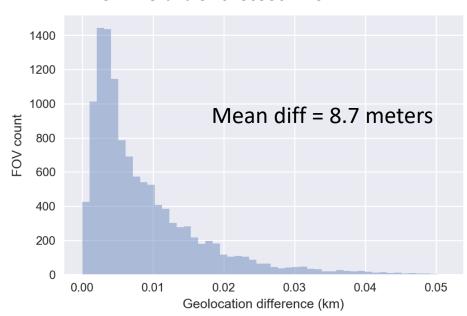
- L1A Product consists of
 - Telemetry values which have been unpacked and granulated
 - Bit-trimmed interferograms
 - Geolocation variables
 - Quality information
- Telemetry values are decoded using parameters from an XML database maintained by the instrument manufacturer
 - New XML database versions will be integrated as they become available
- Currently there are no plans to archive L1A
- Because decoding telemetry values is non-trivial, the CrIS L1B team recommends that the L1A product be archived in the future, or possibly software sufficient to reproduce the L1A product
- A formal definition of the Level 1A product is planned for the next year, considered a pre-requirement for archiving data



Geolocation

- Geolocation variables are in both L1A and L1B files
- Geo variables include
 - terrain-corrected and non-corrected lat/lon
 - surface information
 - solar and satellite geometry and spacecraft vectors
- V2.0 added: local_solar_time, sat_sol_zen, sat_sol_azi, mean_anom_wrt_equat, asc_node_tai93, asc_node_lon, asc_node_local_solar_time, and solar_beta_angle.
- Future refinements will include improved sun glint calculations and improved estimations of orbital information
- Geolocation will be assessed by comparing with VIIRS

V2.1 L1B (non-terrain corrected) vs SDRs SNPP Granule 20180930T1454





L1B Product Variables

Science

rad lw rad mw rad sw nedn lw nedn mw nedn sw scan sweep dir for num fov num wnum lw wnum mw wnum sw obs time tai93 obs time utc utc tuple lbl instrument state

Geolocation

lat	sol_azi	subsat_lon
lon	sun_glint_dist	scan_mid_time
lat_bnds	local_solar_time	sat_alt
lon_bnds	sat_sol_zen	sat_pos
land_frac	sat_sol_azi	sat_vel
surf_alt	solar_beta_angle	sat_att
surf_alt_sdev	view_ang	asc_node_lon
lat_geoid	sat_zen	asc_node_tai93
lon_geoid	sat_azi	asc_node_local_solar_time
sun_glint_lat	sat_range	mean_anom_wrt_equat
sun_glint_lon	asc_flag	attitude_lbl
sol_zen	subsat_lat	spatial_lbl

Quality

rad_lw_qc
rad_mw_qc
rad_sw_qc
/aux/geo_qualflag
cal_lw_qualflag
cal_mw_qualflag
cal_sw_qualflag
cal_qualflag

Obs ID

obs_id fov obs id

Aux

geo_qualflag
rad_imag_lw
rad_imag_mw
rad_imag_sw
max_opd_lw
max_opd_sw
spectral_fold_point_lw
spectral_fold_point_sw
measured_laser_wlen
smoothed_neon_wlen
neon_wlen





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Quality Information

- Quality flag variables are bit-fields in L1A and L1B products, with individual flags indicating problems affecting input or encountered in processing
 - An overall value of 0 indicates no problems
 - Attributes fully describe the meanings of each possible flag value, as prescribed by CF
 - L1B QFs are provided for each observation (i.e. spectrum)
- Version 2.0 reorganized L1B QF bit-fields into new variables
- Version 2.0 added Quality Control variables containing an integer value summarizing the quality of each spectrum
- Data quality tests will be added and refined in future versions, possibly resulting in added QF bits.



Attributes

- Global (file-level) attributes contain summary information about the granule. For example:
 - Percent of data that is missing, geolocated and science mode
 - Geolocation bounds
 - Granule start and end times
 - Software and product version numbers
- Variable attributes Example:

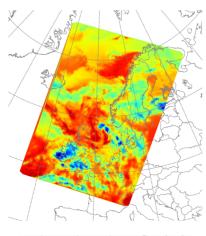
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float rad_lw(atrack=45, xtrack=30, fov=9, wnum_lw=717);
  :units = "mW/(m2 sr cm-1)";
  :ancillary_variables = "rad_lw_qc";
  :long_name = "longwave real spectral radiance";
  :standard_name = "toa_outgoing_radiance_per_unit_wavenumber";
  :coordinates = "lon lat";
  :description = "longwave real spectral radiance";
  :_FillValue = 9.96921E36f; // float
  :coverage_content_type = "physicalMeasurement";
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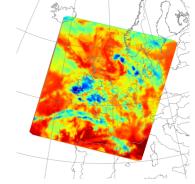
IDPS SDR vs CrIS L1B Products

	IDPS SDR	NASA L1B
Granule size	31.997 sec	6 min
File type	HDF5	NetCDF4
Geolocation	in a separate file	included in the same file
Terrain-corrected Geo?	no	yes (corrected and uncorrected geo available)
Wavenumbers included?	no	yes
Missing data representation	multiple values in -999.x range	single value near data max or min
L1A product?	no	yes

IDPS SDR file (15 granule aggregated)



L1B file (1 granule)

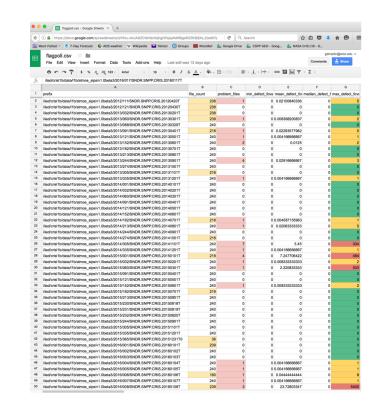






Flagpoll

- Scans L1B quality flags for multiple granules, reports on issues found
- Can be used to quickly find the problem granules in a day
- Writes summaries of each day to a .csv file, which can then be loaded as a spreadsheet
- Both a "big picture" tool and a "deep dive" tool
- Flagpoll has helped us to identify the missing and problem granules in the beta dataset, which can be compared with a list of known CrIS data anomalies
- Plan to develop query-able database of statistics derived from QFs, metadata and products





NOAA-20 Activities

- November 2017: launch
- Feb 16, 2018 engineering packet v114 uploaded, CrIS data quality stabilized. This will be the likely start date of the NOAA-20 product.
- First half of 2018: team members participated in instrument checkout (Flavio Iturbide, lead) and developed calibration parameters
- August 2018: engineering packet v115 uploaded. Evaluated L1B product and delivered V2.1 software in September.
- Currently assessing the v2.1 NOAA-20 product and updating documentation



How to Obtain the CrIS L1B Products

- Visit GES DISC site: https://disc.gsfc.nasa.gov
- Search "CrIS L1B"
- Select the V2 SNPP CrIS L1B FSR or NSR dataset
- Dataset page has multiple methods of data access and links to documentation.

Direct links:

- https://disc.gsfc.nasa.gov/datasets/SNPPCrISL1B_V2/summary
- https://disc.gsfc.nasa.gov/datasets/SNPPCrISL1BNSR V2/summary

Software and product contact info:

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