

IDL read routine for DOMINO HDF4 data file

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The following IDL program reads a DOMINO HDF4 data file and stores the information in a structure `lv2`. Because of the large number of pixels observed by OMI in one day ($1644 \times 60 \times 15 \approx 1.5 \times 10^6$), quite a number of less relevant entries has been commented out. For DOMINO NO₂ data, the most relevant data fields are the location (pixel center and pixel corners), and the tropospheric NO₂ column (`vcdtrop`), as well as the `fltrrop` (0: cloud radiance fraction <50%, -1: >50%) and the viewing zenith angle (`vza`). The latter is especially relevant since OMI pixels increase significantly in size going from nadir ($24 \times 13 \text{ km}^2$) to the edges of the swath ($135 \times 26 \text{ km}^2$). By simply uncommenting a line, a user can add more data fields to the structure `lv2`, at the expense of read-in speed.

IDL sample code to read the DOMINO NO₂ fields

The code below (download as ascii-file `read_omi_no2.pro` from www.temis.nl) is stand-alone, and does not need any other routines. Note that a user needs to specify a filename and path himself. The filepath in the software below is just for illustration.

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pro read_omi_no2

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; Read data from OMI HDF file and store in structure lv2.  
; "maxorbits" is the maximum number of OMI orbits in one day.  
; "maxpixels" is the maximum number of pixels observed by OMI in one day.  
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file = '/nobackup/users/boersma/omi/coll3/2004/11/no2track20041112.hdf'  
  
print, 'Reading OMI data from ', file  
  
maxorbits = 15  
maxpix = 15000000  
  
norbits=0  
  
; Define structure for OMI data  
lv2 = { $  
    npix : 0L, $  
    ;date : make_array(maxpix,/int,value=-999), $  
    ;time : make_array(maxpix,/int,value=-999), $  
    lon : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999.9), $  
    lat : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999.9), $  
    ;vcd : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999.9), $  
    ;sigvcd : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999.9), $  
    vcdtrop : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999.9), $  
    sigvcdt : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999.9), $  
    ;vcdstrat : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999.9), $  
    ;sigvcds : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999.9), $  
    fltrrop : make_array(maxpix,/int,value=-999.9), $  
    ;psurf : make_array(maxpix,/int,value=-999.9), $  
    ;sigvcda : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999.9), $  
    ;sigvcdtak : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999.9), $  
    ;kernel : make_array(maxpix,nplev,/float,value=-999), $  
    ;sza : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999.9), $  
    vza : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999.9), $  
    ;raa : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999.9), $  
    ;ssc : make_array(maxpix,/int,value=-999.9), $  
    loncorn : make_array(maxpix,4,/float,value=-999), $  
    latcorn : make_array(maxpix,4,/float,value=-999)  
    ;scd : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999), $  
    ;amf : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999), $  
    ;amftrop : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999), $  
    ;amfgeo : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999), $  
    ;scdstr : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999), $
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;clfrac   : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999),$ 
;cltpres   : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999),$ 
;albclr   : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999),$ 
;crfrac   : make_array(maxpix,/float,value=-999),$ 
;ltropo   : make_array(maxpix,/int,value=-999) }

; Open file and initialize vdata reading
; Extracting the number of attributes:
file_id=hdf_open(file,/read)
sd_id=hdf_sd_start( file,/read)
hdf_sd_fileinfo,sd_id,nr_dataset,nr_attributes
hdf_sd_end,sd_id
hdf_close,file_id

; Open file
file_id=hdf_open(file,/read)
vd_id = -1
vd_handle = -1
end_of_file=0

vds = hdf_vd_lone(file_id)
nvds = n_elements(vds)
if (nvds eq 0) then begin
    print, 'ERROR: No vdatas found in file'
    stop
endif

; Loop over vdatas
istart = 0

for i=0,nr_attributes+nvds-1 do begin

    vd_id = hdf_vd_getid(file_id, vd_id)
    vd_handle=hdf_vd_attach(file_id, vd_id,/read)

    hdf_vd_get, vd_handle, nfields=nf, name=vd_name, count=count, fields=fields
    print,'nfields ',nf,' name ',vd_name,' count ',count

    ;if (fields eq
    'date,time,lon,lat,vcd,sigvcda,vcdtrop,sigvcda,vcstrat,sigvcda,fltr,trops,psurf,sigvcda,kernel,ghostcol') then begin
        if (strpos(fields,'date,time') eq 0) then begin
            if (vd_name ne 'start_time' and vd_name ne 'end_time' and vd_name ne 'track_number')
        then begin
            track_date = long64(strmid(vd_name,strlen(vd_name)-10,10))
            track_date = track_date * 100 + 2000000000000000
            endif

            ; Check time range
            ; if (track_date ge date1 and track_date le date2) then begin
            print, count, ' pixels in orbit', norbits+1

            ; Check whether orbit fits in data structure
            if (norbits ge 16) then begin
                print, 'ERROR: more orbits in file than 16'
                stop
            endif
            iend=istart+count
            if (iend gt maxpix) then begin
                print, 'ERROR: day-file contains more pixels (', iend, ' ) than', maxpix
                stop
            endif

            ; Read fields into variables
            for j=0,nf-1 do begin

                hdf_vd_getinfo, vd_handle, j, name=fieldname, size=size, type=type
                name = strcompress(fieldname,/remove_all)
                iret = execute('nread=hdf_vd_read(vd_handle,'+$
                               name+',fields="'+fieldname+'")')
                if (iret ne 1) then begin
                    print,'readscia: error dataset',i
                    stop
                endif

            endfor

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; Add variables to structure
;lv2.date(istart:iend-1)      = date
;lv2.time(istart:iend-1)       = time
lv2.lon(istart:iend-1)        = lon
lv2.lat(istart:iend-1)        = lat
;lv2.vcd(istart:iend-1)       = vcd
;lv2.sigvcd(istart:iend-1)    = sigvcd
lv2.vcdtrop(istart:iend-1)   = vcdtrop
lv2.sigvcdt(istart:iend-1)   = sigvcdt
;lv2.vcdstrat(istart:iend-1) = vcdstrat
;lv2.sigvcds(istart:iend-1)  = sigvcds
lv2.fltrop(istart:iend-1)    = fltrop
;lv2.psurf(istart:iend-1)     = psurf
;lv2.sigvcda(istart:iend-1)   = sigvcda
;lv2.sigvcdtak(istart:iend-1)= sigvcdtak
;lv2.kernel(istart:iend-1,*)  = transpose(kernel)
endif

; if ( fields eq 'sza,vza,raa,ssc,loncorn,latcorn,pixelnr,imagenr' ) then begin
if ( strpos(fields,'sza,vza') eq 0 ) then begin

; Read fields into variables
for j=0,nf-1 do begin
    hdf_vd_getinfo, vd_handle, j, name=fieldname, size=size, type=type
    name = strcompress(fieldname,/remove_all)
    iret = execute('nread=hdf_vd_read(vd_handle,'+$
                   name+',fields="'+fieldname+'")')
    if (iret ne 1) then begin
        print,'readscia: error dataset',i
        stop
    endif
endfor

; Add variables to structure
;lv2.sza(istart:iend-1)      = sza
;lv2.vza(istart:iend-1)       = vza
;lv2.raa(istart:iend-1)       = raa
;lv2.ssc(istart:iend-1)       = ssc
lv2.loncorn(istart:iend-1,*) = transpose(loncorn)
lv2.latcorn(istart:iend-1,*) = transpose(latcorn)

endif

; if (fields eq
'scd,scdorig,amf,amftrop,amfgeo,scdstr,clfrac,cltpres,albclr,crfrac,ltropo,fcvcdr') then
begin
if (strpos(fields,'scd') eq 0 ) then begin

; Read fields into variables
for j=0,nf-1 do begin
    hdf_vd_getinfo, vd_handle, j, name=fieldname, size=size, type=type
    name = strcompress(fieldname,/remove_all)
    iret = execute('nread=hdf_vd_read(vd_handle,'+$
                   name+',fields="'+fieldname+'")')
    if (iret ne 1) then begin
        print,'readscia: error dataset',i
        stop
    endif
endfor

; Add variables to structure
;lv2.scd(istart:iend-1)      = scd
;lv2.amf(istart:iend-1)       = amf
;lv2.amftrop(istart:iend-1)   = amftrop
;lv2.amfgeo(istart:iend-1)    = amfgeo
;lv2.scdstr(istart:iend-1)   = scdstr
;lv2.clfrac(istart:iend-1)    = clfrac
;lv2.cltpres(istart:iend-1)   = cltpres
;lv2.albclr(istart:iend-1)    = albclr
;lv2.crfrac(istart:iend-1)    = crfrac
;lv2.ltropo(istart:iend-1)   = ltropo
norbits                      = norbits+1
istart = iend
print,istart,iend

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    lv2.npix = iend
  endif

  hdf_vd_detach, vd_handle

endfor

hdf_close, file_id

; Print information on data
print, '      ', lv2.npix, ' pixels'

end
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