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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of Document

This document defines the interface specification for data files that constitute the input to and output from the ADM-Aeolus Level-2B Processor (L2BP), with particular emphasis on the version to be installed in the Aeolus Payload Data Ground Segment for late or reprocessing purposes. The input/output files required for the L2BP and their purpose are described in [RD1]; the preliminary format definitions given therein are superseded by the current document. In general terms, the file specifications must adhere to the content and formats defined in [AD1]–[AD6].

For installations of the L2BP in an operational numerical weather prediction environment, e.g. a national weather service, a BUFR template and a converter to the BUFR format has been developed [RD11]. Any such environment may also choose to install a reference version i.e. stand-alone version of the L2BP adhering to the input/output data definitions contained in the current document.

This document also defines those files associated with ADM-Aeolus Level-2C processing that are relevant to the PDGS (specifically the Long Term Archive). Operational L2C processing is embedded within the ECMWF forecast system and is described elsewhere [RD9]. The L2C Output Product file is in Earth-Explorer format, and is a superset of the L2B data; appending information related to the data assimilation of Aeolus L2B data to the L2B product. Given the L2B product parameters are a subset of L2C product parameters a strategy was adopted to define a common Earth Explorer template for L2B and L2C product files. In L2B product files, the datasets that are specific to L2C processing are not defined (no DSD in the SPH). In addition, some SPH parameters that are specific to L2C processing are excluded from the definition of the L2B SPH.

1.2 Format Definition Relation

Table 2 below gives an overview of the format version of the different product types, where:

- **File Type** denotes the specific sub-string of the product name that identifies the product.
- **Format Version** denotes the product format version that is also used to identify the proper xmlns (XML namespace) version.
- **REF_DOC** denotes the document reference and the version of the IODD that introduces that specific format version of a file. The value displayed in this column will be provided in the corresponding REF_Doc fields of the binary .DBL files, the XML .HDR files, and the XML .EEF files.
- **Modified** is a field used to specify if a certain product has been modified with the current document version.
- **Processor version** denotes the software version at which the specific format version is introduced.

Only files defined in this IODD have been listed. Formats for external input files are defined in their respective IODD documents (this concerns ALD_U_N_1B, AUX_CAL, AUX_RBC).

Table 2: Format Definition Table

File Type	Format Version	Ref_Doc	Modified	Processor Version
ALD_U_N_2B	03.30	AE_IF_ECMWF_L2BP_001_*_IODD_Iss3_30	N	03.30
ALD_U_N_2C	03.30	AE_IF_ECMWF_L2BP_001_*_IODD_Iss3_30	N	03.30
AUX_MET_12	03.10	AE_IF_ECMWF_L2BP_001_*_IODD_Iss3_10	N	03.10
AUX_PAR_2B	03.40	AE_IF_ECMWF_L2BP_001_*_IODD_Iss3_40	Y	03.40
				[1]
AUX_TEL_12	03.40	AE_IF_ECMWF_L2BP_001_*_IODD_Iss3_40	Y	03.40

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1.3 Relationship of the Input/Output Data Definition Files

The normal processor flow between the seven input files involved in Level-2B Processor software tasks is illustrated in Figure 1. The current document gives the Input/Output Data Definition for six of them (shaded blue) as listed in Table 3. The remaining two files (shaded orange) are defined elsewhere, see Table 4. The ECMWF IFS system (shaded green) is not a file type but is essential in generating the AUX_MET_12 and ALD_U_N_2C files.

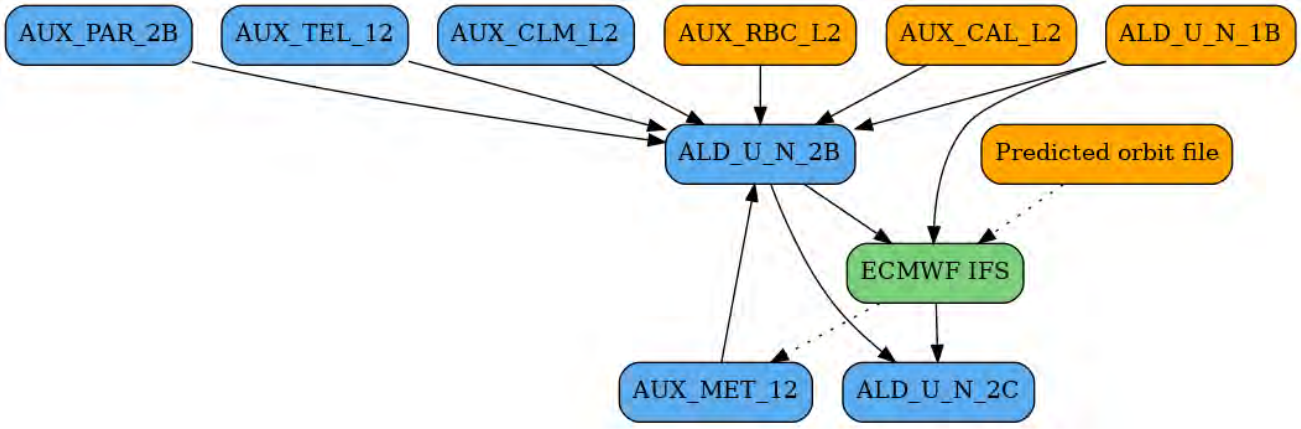

Figure 1: *Relationship of Input/Output Files for the Aeolus Level-2B Processor*

- The L2B file is the principal output created by the ADM-Aeolus L2B Processing task. There is only one mode (Wind Component Mode) that applies in any installation of the L2BP.
- The L2C file consists of the L2B product with information related to its data assimilation within ECMWF's data assimilation system concatenated to it, e.g. it contains the ECMWF analysis wind vectors resulting from the assimilation of Aeolus L2B winds.
- The L1B file is the principal instrumental input to the L2B Processor and is typically provided by ESA to users EE-format: The content of the L1B file and its Earth Explorer-format definition is contained in [RD3]. The L1B data provided to the L2BP will be in EE-format. L1B files (header and geolocation information) also form a part of the data stream used by the L2/Met PF to generate auxiliary meteorological data (AUX_MET_12 files).
- The AUX_MET_12 file is an auxiliary input to the L2BP that is created by the L2/Met PF and is subsequently available from the LTA. It contains meteorological information that is not available to the L1B processing, for use in Level-2B processing as well as in Level-2A processing. There are two independent input data streams for the generation of AUX_MET_12 files. The first consists of actual L1B data arriving at the L2/MetPF before the cut-off times of the operational schedule of the L2/Met PF [RD1]. The second consists of predicted orbit files (MPL_ORBPRE, discussed below).
- The AUX_RBC_L2 file is an auxiliary input to the L2BP that is created by the PDGS (in the ACMF). It must be re-computed each time an Instrument Instrument Response Calibration (IRC) is performed [RD5]. The data in the file are used as a lookup table during L2B processing to make Rayleigh-Brillouin corrections (dependent on temperature and pressure in the sensing volume).
- The AUX_CLM_L2 file is an auxiliary input to the L2BP that is created by an external provider (the L2A team has been tasked with producing this file). The data in the file can be used as a lookup table during L2B processing to process Rayleigh-only height bins, as part of the optical properties code. The file contents consist of climatological data of atmospheric optical properties. *N.B. This file is currently requested by the L2Bp JobOrder but not actually read by the nominal L2B processing. It may be used by the updated optical properties algorithm expected in an upcoming L2BP release.*

Table 3: List of Level-2B Input/Output Data Definition Files

File Type Identifier	File Type	Description	Created By	Used By
	Level 2B Product File			
ALD_U_N_2B	Level 2B Product File	Section 4	Level 2B Processor	
ALD_U_N_2C	Level 2C Product File	Section 4	Level 2C Processor	
	Input Auxiliary Files			
AUX_MET_12	Auxiliary Meteorological Data (AMD)	Section 5.1	L2/MetPF, access via LTA	Level 2B and 2A Processors
AUX_RBC_L2	Rayleigh-Brillouin Correction (RBC) lookup table	Section 5.2	ACMF	Level 2B Processor
AUX_CLM_L2	Climatology lookup table	Section 5.3	External provider	Level 2B and 2A Processors
AUX_CAL_L2	Calibration coefficients	Section 5.7	ACMF	Level 2A and 2B Processors
AUX_PAR_2B	Level 2B Processing Parameters	Section 5.4	ACMF and/or L2/MetPF (ECMWF)	Level 2B Processor
AUX_TEL_12	Level 12 Telescope Temperature Correction Parameters	Section 5.5	ACMF and/or L2/MetPF (ECMWF)	Level 2B Processor

Table 4: Supporting files defined in other documents

File Type Identifier	File Type	Description	Created By	Used By
	Level 1B Product Files			
ALD_U_N_1B (.TGZ containing EE format)	Level-1B Files in Earth Explorer-TGZ format (tar, gzipped) containing 1) HDR in XML format and 2) DBL in native Earth-Explorer format). For further explanation see the text of the current section below this table.	[RD3]	Core PDS	Level-2B processor, e.g. the one installed in the L2/MetPF or at ESA for late or reprocessing
ALD_B_N_2B (.TGZ containing BUFR format)	Level-2B Files in BUFR-TGZ format (tar,gzipped) containing 1) HDR in XML format and 2) DBL converted into BUFR format. *N.B. L2B BUFR will not be produced by the PDGS.*	[RD11]	L2B_EE2BUFR convertor	L2/Met PF (ECMWF), national weather services
	Meteorological Support Files			
MPL_ORBPRE	Predicted Orbit Files	[RD6]	FOS	L2/Met PF

- The AUX_CAL_L2 file is an auxiliary input to the L2BP that is created by the ACMF. The data in the file are used in L2A processing, to account for Mie and Rayleigh channel cross-talk, or to retrieve atmospheric optical properties. They are potentially used for similar purposes within L2B processing. The file contents consist of instrument calibration coefficients. The files is read, but not necessarily used in scientific algorithms (dependent on AUX_PAR_2B settings).
- The AUX_PAR_2B file is an auxiliary input to the L2BP that is created by external tools (e.g. a text editor), at the discretion of the site installing the L2BP. It defines processor parameters and algorithm settings as required to define operation of the L2BP.
- The AUX_TEL_12 file is an auxiliary input to the L2BP that is created by an external tools. It defines telescope temperature information and fit results needed to perform wind bias corrections.
- As discussed above, MPL_ORBPRE (predicted orbit) files are created by the FOS and constitute an input data stream provided to the L2/Met PF to facilitate the generation of AUX_MET_12 files. The content of this file and its EE-format definition is contained in [RD6]. MPL_ORBPRE files will be used at the L2/Met PF to compute predicted orbit locations at which auxiliary meteorological data should be computed. The current working assumption is that predicted orbit files are delivered to the L2/Met PF at the rate of one per day, and that each file is valid for up to 7 days.

2 Documents and acronyms

2.1 Applicable documents

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[AD5] "ADM-Aeolus PDGS-L2/MetPF Interface Control Document", XADM-GSEG-EOPG-ID-04-0002, v1.13, May 2016

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[RD12] "Generation of AUX_CAL Detailed Processing Model Input/Output data definition", AED-TN-MFG-L2P-CAL-004, v.4.4, 30-Apr-2020.

[RD13] "Level 1b Processor Detailed Processing Model", AED-SD-DoRIT-L1B-007, v3/12, 12-Jun-2020.

2.3 Acronyms

ACMF	Aeolus Calibration and Monitoring Facility
ADS	Annotation Data Set
ADSR	Annotation Data Set Record
AMD	Auxiliary Meteorological Data
AOCS	Attitude and Orbit Control System
BRC	Basic Repeat Cycle
BUFR	Binary Universal Format for Representation
CFI	Customer Furnished Item
DBL	Data Block
DEM	Digital Elevation Map
DSD	Data Set Descriptor
DSR	Data Set Record
DSR	also used to indicate the Decontamination method for Scattering Ratio
DS	Data Set
ECMWF	European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecast
EE	Earth Explorer
FH	Fixed Header
FOS	Flight Operations Segment
GADS	Global Annotation Data Set
HDR	Header
HLOS	Horizontal Line of Sight
KVT	Key, Value, Terminator
IAT	Instrument Auto Test
IODD	Input/Output Data Definition(s)
ICD	Interface Control Document
IRC	Instrument Response Calibration (IRC)
ISR	Instrument Spectral Registration
L1B	Level-1B
L2B	Level-2B
L2BP	Level-2B Processor
L2/Met PF	Level-2 Meteorological Processing Facility (held at ECMWF)
LOS	Line Of Sight
LTA	Long Term Archive
MDS	Measurement Data Set
MPH	Main Product Header
MRC	Mie Response Calibration
NWP	Numerical Weather Prediction
PBL	Planetary Boundary Layer
PCD	Product Confidence Data
PDS	Payload Data Segment
PRF	Pulse Repetition Frequency
QC	Quality Control
RBC	Rayleigh Brillouin Correction
RDB	Range Dependent Bias
RRC	Rayleigh Response Calibration
SNR	Signal to Noise Ratio
SPH	Specific Product Header
VH	Variable Header
WGS84	World Global System 84 : Reference Ellipsoid for GPS data.
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
XML	Extensible Markup Language
TGZ	Tar, g-zipped.
ZWC	Zero Wind Correction

3 General Input/Output File Format

All Aeolus L2B/C-related files handled by the Thin Layer will conform to EE-format. The general conventions for EE-format have been detailed elsewhere [AD3], [RD3] but are repeated in this Section to make the current document self-contained.

3.1 File Naming Conventions

The file naming conventions to be applied for Aeolus data files and products are in line with the Earth Explorer File Format Standard [AD3]. The general file name structure is:

AE_CCCC_TTTTTTTTTT_<instance_ID>.EEE

where

"AE" denotes the Aeolus mission

CCCC denotes the file class (four uppercase letters/digits)

- "OPER" for routine operations
- "RPRO" for routine re-processing
- "TEST" for internal tests
- Any other string of four uppercase letters as specified by the Order_Type tag in the ThinLayer JobOrder file

TTTTTTTTTT is the file type identifier (total of ten uppercase letters/digits/underscores).

<instance_ID> is the file instance ID (variable length, up to 41 letters/digits/underscores), where the <instance_ID> string will include validity period information

- <instance_ID> = yyyymmddThhmmss_yyyymmddThhmmss_vvvv
- yyyymmddThhmmss: date/time strings of validity interval start and stop times
- vvvv: file version number (4 digits starting with 0001).

EEE is the file extension taking 3 possible values:

- "EEF" if header and datablock are contained in a single file
- "HDR" in the case of a header file
- "DBL" in the case of a datablock file

For data products, the file type identifier takes the form

TTTTTTTTTT = ALD_<u/c flag>_X_<product_ID>

where

"ALD" denotes a data product from the Aladin instrument

<u/c flag> = "U" for unconsolidated ("C" for consolidated is not applicable for Aeolus)

X = "N" for nominal instrument operation and tests

<product_ID> = "1B" for a Level 1B product, "2B" for a Level 2B product, and "2C" for a Level 2C product

Note: the valid options for X have been reviewed in response to GSDR RID 166. With the adoption of a range of File_Class values ("CCCC" above), it is not envisaged that further values for X are needed.

For auxiliary data, the file type identifier takes the form

TTTTTTTTTT = AUX_PPPPPP

where

"AUX" denotes an auxiliary file

PPPPPP	= yyy_xx	for calibration files (yyy denotes the specific type of calibration and xx denotes the processor level generating the file)
	= "PAR_xx"	for a processing parameter/algorithm settings file (xx denotes the processor level that uses the file)

Three further options are introduced

= "MET_ss"	for auxiliary meteorological data (with the file class CCCC and ss denoting the processing levels permitted to used the data, e.g. "OPER_AUX_MET_12")
= "RBC_ss"	for Rayleigh-Brillouin correction data (ss denotes the processor that generates the file or the processing levels permitted to used the data , e.g. "OPER_AUX_RBC_L2")
= "CLM_ss"	for climatology look-up tables (ss denotes the processor that generates the file or the processing levels permitted to used the data, e.g. "OPER_AUX_CLM_L2")

3.2 Format Conventions (XML, KVT, Binary)

Format conventions for XML and KVT syntax are recalled in Table 5 on page 21 and Table 6 on page 22. Binary data types and corresponding sizes in bytes are also recalled in Table 7 on page 23. Note that these conventions are recalled from tables 3-1 and 3-2 of [RD3] and conform to the standards expressed in [AD3]. Also note that especially the numerical fields in xml files have variable length since they are not padded by zeros. Therefore the sizes indicated in Table 5 on page 21 and Table 6 on page 22 are maximum values, and the total sizes of files and contained datasets may differ from what is mentioned in this document.

The root tag of the xml files contain an xmlns attribute that defines the namespace which links the xml file to its schema file. In addition a root tag always contains a schemaversion attribute to allow versioning of the schema files. The schema files can be used to validate the format of the xml file by using a standard tool like xmllint. A possible command could look like this:

```
xmllint --noout --schema schemafile.xsd file.xml
```

As shown in Table 5, sizes in XML format are variable. Thus, throughout this document, sizes of parameters and files in XML format (i.e. HDR and EEF files) are indicative only. To calculate the sizes of fields in xml files as reported in Table 5 we used the following rules:

- start tag: tag name length + 2 characters (< and >)
- value: maximum length for a given data type as specified in Table 5
- end tag: tag name length + 3 characters (<and \and >)
- line end: one end of line character

There are 4 exceptions in which the field size is not mentioned in Table 5:

- String: field length should be specified in the table content definition
- Enum: field length should be specified in the table content definition
- FAdoxy: the field length is calculated from the numbers x and y in this case
- Spare: field length should be specified in the table content definition

Also please note that the given field lengths are maximum values, used for file size calculations. Especially for integer numbers it is allowed in xml to skip leading zeroes or the leading '+' sign.

The tag names used in the IODD description of the MPH and the SPH refer to the tags used in the XML format files. In the KVT format the same names written with upper case letters only are used (this is in accordance with the decision specified in AR AE-IPF-153).

Table 5: Format conventions used for headers in XML format

Format	Description	size bytes	Example
DateTime	Any UTC time uses the "standard with reference" format "UTC=yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss[.uuuuuu]", where: - yyyyis a 4 digit integer representing the year - mm is a 2 digit integer representing the month - dd is a 2 digit integer representing the day - hh is a 2 digit integer representing the hour - mm is a 2 digit integer representing the minutes - ss is a 2 digit integer representing the seconds - uuuuuu is a 6 digit integer representing the micro-seconds. For maximum consistency with the KVT format used for DBL files, the convention for Aeolus HDR files is that microseconds are not present in the FixedHeader but are present in all other DateTime fields.	23 (FixedHeader) 30 (non-FixedHeader)	UTC=2005-03-31T12:00:00 (FixedHeader) UTC=2005-03-31T12:00:00.123456 (all non-FixedHeader DateTimes) NOTE: please note that especially in the JobOrder file still other definitions of DateTime fields for xml exist. These are specified in the ESA ThinLayer documentation and not repeated here
String	array of ASCII encoded characters	variable	"A_STRING"
Enum	array of ASCII encoded characters with a fixed number of valid values	variable	"A_STRING"
Boolean	False or True	5	False or True
IntAuc	unsigned char integer	4	"+221"
IntAc	signed char integer	4	"-221"
IntAus	Unsigned short integer	6	"+65535"
IntAs	signed short integer	6	"-12828"
IntAul	unsigned long integer	11	"1010000000"
IntAl	signed long integer	11	"-1010000000"
IntAd	long long integer	21	"240000000"
FAdoxy	float with x digits before the decimal point and y digits after	x+y+2	"-034.8399"
Spare	array of characters filled with blanks	variable	" "

Table 6: Format conventions used for headers in KVT format

Format	Description	Size (bytes)	Example
DateTime	Any UTC time uses the "Envisat with microseconds" format "dd-mmm-yyyy hh:mm:ss.uuuuuu", where: - dd is a 2 digit integer representing the day - mmm is a 3 character string representing the month, e.g., JAN, FEB, etc. - yyyy is a 4 digit integer representing the year - hh is a 2 digit integer representing the hour - mm is a 2 digit integer representing the minutes - ss is a 2 digit integer representing the seconds - uuuuuu is a 6 digit integer representing the micro-seconds.	27	09-OCT-2007 11:21:32.210146
String	String written with quotes before and after. The text is left justified, e.g., any added blanks should appear at the end of the field string.	variable	"A_STRING"
Enum	String without quotes	variable	"A_STRING"
Boolean	0 (for FALSE) or 1 (for TRUE)	1	0 or 1
IntAuc	Unsigned char integer, written with a '+' at the beginning	4	+221
IntAc	Signed char integer, written with the sign at the beginning	4	-121
IntAus	Unsigned short integer, written with a '+' at the beginning	6	+65535
IntAs	Signed short integer, written with the sign at the beginning	6	-12828
IntAul	Unsigned long integer, written with a '+' at the beginning	11	+4294967295
IntAl	Signed long integer, written with the sign at the beginning	11	-2147483647
IntAd	Signed long long integer, written with the sign at the beginning	21	+00000000000240000000
FAdoxy	Float with x digits before the decimal point and y digits after, written with the sign at the beginning	X+Y+2	+034.8399 (FADO34)
Spare	The space is filled with blanks	40	

Table 7: Data types and corresponding size in bytes for binary data

Format	Description	Size (bytes)	Example
DateTime	Any UTC time uses the Modified Julian Date 2000 (MJD2000) format. In binary format, an MJD2000 time is represented by the format <days>.<seconds><microseconds>, where: • <days> is a 4 byte signed long integer representing the number of days since January 1st, 2000 at 0:0 hour (which may be negative) • <seconds> is a 4 byte unsigned long integer representing the number of seconds elapsed since the beginning of the day • <microseconds> is a 4 byte unsigned long integer representing the number of microseconds elapsed since the last second	12	
String	Array of characters	variable	A_STRING
Enum	A set of fixed values	variable	A_STRING
Boolean	0 (for FALSE) or 1 (for TRUE)	1	0
IntAuc	Unsigned char integer	1	[0, +255]
IntAc	Signed char integer	1	[-128, +127]
IntAus	Unsigned short integer	2	[0, +65 535]
IntAs	Signed short integer	2	[-32 768, +32 767]
IntAul	Unsigned long integer	4	[0, +4 294 967 295]
IntAl	Signed long integer	4	[-2 147 483 648, +2 147 483 647]
IntAd	Signed long long integer	8	[-9 223 372 0368 54 775 808, +9 223 372 036 854 775 807]
FAdoxy	Double precision floating point (See Document [AD3]	8	[-1.79e+308, 1.79e+308], [-2.22e-308, 2.22e-308]
Spare	Array of characters filled with space (ASCII 32) characters	variable	

3.2.1 Usage of Spare fields

Originally the idea of adding Spare fields was intended to allow easy modification of a file format without having to rewrite most of the reading and writing subroutines of the software. This argument however is not valid for XML and binary, only maybe for the KVT part of the binary file.

For the xml format, a Spare is a nonsense concept, since the flexibility of xml makes it useless to reserve blanks in a file for future addition of fields. Well programmed XML software does not access its elements by hardcoding indices to fields to be read (maybe except for the case of multiple sibling tags with the same name). Therefore this software will be fully compatible with new file formats that add new XML fields.

If in the KVT part of a file, a Spare is converted or shrunk to allow adding a new field, older reading software may remain usable. This however is not true for the L2BP software, since we systematically check all spare fields to be filled with spaces.

The non-KVT part of a binary file is organised in datasets, described by DataSetDescriptors (DSDs), therefore a change in format of one dataset will not be noticed by the reading and writing code for all the other datasets. This makes spare fields obsolete, with regard to the above mentioned argument to include them . However, during development of the L2BP it has been proven of great value to have certain regions in the binary file that are guaranteed to be filled with known values. The L2BP systematically checks all these spare fields to be filled with spaces. This largely improves the chance of detecting mistakes in the implementation of read and write software for a given binary file format. Therefore the L2BP team recommends to include spare fields with varying lengths in any future binary file formats that might be defined.

3.2.2 Usage of padding

The xml files defined in this IODD and used by the L2B processor do not require padding to the specified maximum field length. As was argued above for Spare fields, the xml format itself is flexible and does not need padding with spaces to be interpreted correctly. Therefore we allow string, enum and spare values to be shorter than the maximum specified length. If padding is applied, for numerical values the spaces will be removed before the remaining string will be actually interpreted, so adding them has no purpose. In string values the spaces are kept and considered part of the supplied string. We also allow integer numbers to skip the leading zeroes and the leading '+' sign if so desired by the user.

3.3 Specific Field Details

3.3.1 Quality Flags

In the different products 1 byte IntAuc data or 2 byte IntAus data is used for bit flag quality fields. In these quality fields bit 1 refers to the most significant bit whereas bit 8 or bit 16 refer to the least significant bit.

3.3.2 Longitude/Latitude

Longitude values are reported with the unit 10-6DegE, where the values range between 0°and 360°. Latitude values are reported with the unit 10-6DegN, where the values range between -90.0°(south pole) and +90.0°(north pole). Note that the latitude values are "geodetic latitude" with reference to the WGS84 ellipsoid.

3.4 General File Structure

All the Aeolus files comply with the Earth Explorer Ground Segment File Format Standard, including auxiliary and non-product files (such as processing report files).

The Aeolus L2B/L2C input and output files follow a general structure containing:

- A Fixed Header (FH) written using the XML standard. This header is identical for all files and is described in Section 3.4.2.
- A Variable Header (VH) which varies from one file type to another. It consists of:
  - A Main Product Header (MPH) written using the XML standard. The MPH is identical for all files and is described in Section 3.4.4.

  - A Specific Product Header written using the XML standard. This is part of the MPH that varies for each product type, and is thus described separately for each product type in the relevant sections. All SPH structures will include one or more Data Set Descriptors (DSDs) which describe the format/structure of individual Data Sets in the Data Block portion of the product. The DSD structure is described in Section 3.4.6.

- A Data Block (DBL) containing one or more Data Sets (DS), each consisting of one or more Data Set records (DSRs). Each product will contain different types of DSs and these are described in the relevant sections. Data sets in the Data Block can be of three different types: Measurement Data Sets (MDS), Annotation Data Sets (ADS) or Global Annotation Data Sets (GADS).

For small data volume, all components are stored in the same physical file and the data block is written using the XML standard.

For large data volume, the Data Block is stored in a separate file and has an ASCII header containing a copy of the MPH and SPH (which includes DSDs) written using KVT format.

3.4.1 Size information

For the XML and KVT size information provided in the tables (in bytes) there are three numbers. For XML the three numbers (from left to right) correspond to: the tag name size; the variable size; the closing tag size (i.e. adding up the number of characters). For the KVT the three numbers are: size of variable name plus the equals sign and perhaps including the quotation sign; the variable size and the final part including the new line character.

3.4.2 Fixed Header

The structure of the Fixed Header is common to all Earth Explorer products. It is recalled in Table 8, Table 9 and Table 10. An example is given in Figure 2. Note that the FH is written only once in XML in the header section of the L2B/L2C output product file. It is not repeated in the Data Block file. The format applies to all the L2B-related files (including Aux Meteorological Data, Aux L2B_Param Data and Aux RBC Data).

Table 8: L2B/L2C Fixed Header Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)		
Fixed_Header	Root tag		Structure	15	0	16
File_Name	Logical file name without the extension		String	11	62	13
File_Description	One line description of the file		String	18	32	20
Notes	Multi-lines free text		String	7	32	9
Mission	String representing the mission name (“Aeolus” for the ADM-Aeolus mission). Note that, in the File_Name, the Mission ID is a two character string (“AE” for the ADM-Aeolus mission)		String	9	6	11
File_Class	OPER (file type as indicated in the file name) or TEST		String	12	4	14
File_Type	The part of the file name that gives the file type. For L2Z measurement products, the file type can be ALD_U_N_2Z, where “2Z” is “2B” or “2C”. For explanation of the different valid values see Section 3.1		String	11	10	13
Validity_Period	See Table 9 for structure description		Structure	18	112	19
File_Version	The vvvv part of the file name (see Section 3.1)		a 4 digit integer	14	4	16
Source	See Table 10 for structure description		Structure	9	172	10
Total size for XML FH in bytes:					**699**	

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Table 9: L2B/L2C Fixed Header Validity_Period Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)		
Validity_Start	Validity start time as specified in the file name. To indicate the beginning of the mission, the special value: "UTC=0000-00-00T00:00:00" can be used.	UTC	DateTime (without micro-seconds)	16	23	18
Validity_Stop	Validity stop time as specified in the file name. To indicate the end of the mission, the special value: "UTC=9999-12-31T23:59:59" can be used.	UTC	DateTime (without micro-seconds)	15	23	17
Total size for XML FH in bytes:					**112**	

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Table 10: L2B/L2C Fixed Header Source Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)		
System	"L2_PF" for L2B/L2C product files generated by the L2/Met PF at ECMWF, or "PDS" in case of re-processing at ESRIN. Other options for consider-ation by ESA: L2B_PF, L2BCPF, etc.		String	8	19	10
Creator	L2BP (official name of L2B processor) or L2CP		String	9	12	11
Creator_Version	Version of L2BP/L2CP used for the generation of the present product file		String	17	12	19
Creation_Date	Date/time of creation	UTC	DateTime	15	23	17
Total size for XML FH Source in bytes:					**172**	

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<Fixed_Header>
    <File_Name>AE_TEST_ALD_U_N_2B_20071002T000001_20071002T000002_0001</File_Name>
    <File_Description>Level 2B Product</File_Description>
    <Notes>Room for some
additional remarks</Notes>
    <Mission>Aeolus</Mission>
    <File_Class>TEST</File_Class>
    <File_Type>ALD_U_N_2B</File_Type>
    <Validity_Period>
        <Validity_Start>UTC=2007-10-02T00:00:01</Validity_Start>
        <Validity_Stop>UTC=2007-10-02T00:00:02</Validity_Stop>
    </Validity_Period>
    <File_Version>0001</File_Version>
    <Source>
        <System>LOCAL</System>
        <Creator>L2BP</Creator>
        <Creator_Version>0.1</Creator_Version>
        <Creation_Date>UTC=2006-01-30T15:25:25</Creation_Date>
    </Source>
</Fixed_Header>
```

Figure 2: Example of L2B/L2C Fixed Header.

3.4.3 Fixed Header filling method

The Fixed Header is filled following these rules:

- System: copied from Job_Order.Processing_Station (defined in SPR 28)
- Creator: copied from Job_Order.Processor_name / Job_Order.Task_name (defined in SPR 28)
- Creator_Version: copied from Job_Order.Version (defined in SPR 28)
- Notes_Field: holds a reference to the actual processor name and version (e.g. hardcoded) (defined in SPR 28)
- File_Class: set to "TEST" if Job_Order.Test is TRUE, otherwise Job_Order.Order_Type (defined in SPR 28)
- Validity_Start, Validity_Stop The validity_start field is rounded to the second before or equal to the time of the first record in the product (floor). The validity_stop field is rounded to the second after or equal to the time of the last record in the product (ceiling). (defined in SPR 28)
- File_Description: is copied from the FH_Default_Fields section of the L2B_AUX_PAR file
- File_Version: is copied from the FH_Default_Fields section of the L2B_AUX_PAR file
- Creation_Date: is defined by the actual wall-clock time during the start of the L2B processor.

In case of auxiliary files that are not produced using a JobOrder file and are not associated with actual data some fields cannot be filled. In these cases the fields have been filled manually, and validity stop will be set to the special "End-of-Mission" code.

3.4.4 Main Product Header

The structure of the MPH is common to all ADM-Aeolus products. It is detailed in Table 11. It is similar to the MPH structure of L1B products as described in section 3.3.4.1 of [RD3] and matches the standards expressed in [AD2] and [AD3]. The data types (column 4) are defined in Section 3.2. Note that the MPH is written in XML in the header file and repeated in KVT in the Data Block file. This is why the size is evaluated for both KVT and XML formats in the last two columns.

Table 11: L2B/L2C Main Product Header Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (KVT)			Size (XML)		
Main_Product_Header	Root tag (XML format only).		Structure	N/A			22	0	23
Product	Logical file name, i.e., file name excluding the extension		String	9	62	2	9	62	11
Proc_Stage	Processing stage flag: “S” for systematic, “N” for nominal processing (quasi- or close to real-time), “T” for test product, “R” for reprocessed		Enum	11	1	1	12	1	14
Ref_Doc	Reference document describing the product		String	9	23	2	9	23	11
Spare_1			Spare	40	0	1	10	0	11
Acquisition_Station	Acquisition station ID		String	21	20	2	21	20	23
Proc_Center	Processing centre ID, e.g., “L2_PAF”		String	13	6	2	13	6	15
Proc_Time	Time of processing	UTC	DateTime	11	27	2	11	30	13
Software_Ver	Software version number of processing soft- ware. Format: name of processor (up to 10 characters)/version number(4 characters)		String	14	14	2	14	14	16
Baseline	Baseline identifier (as provided by the Job Order File)		String	10	29	2	10	4	12
Sensing_Start	Start time of sensing	UTC	DateTime	15	27	2	15	30	17
Sensing_Stop	Stop time of sensing	UTC	DateTime	14	27	2	14	30	16
Spare_3			Spare	40	0	1	10	0	11
Phase	Phase number. If not used set to “X”		Enum	6	1	1	7	1	9
Cycle	Cycle number		IntAuc	6	4	1	7	4	9
Rel_Orbit	Start relative orbit number		IntAs	10	6	1	11	6	13
Abs_Orbit	Start absolute orbit number		IntAus	10	6	1	11	6	13
State_Vector_Time	Time of state vector	UTC	DateTime	19	27	2	19	30	21
Delta_UT1	Delta_UT1 = UT1-UTC	s	FAdo06	10	8	4	11	8	13
X_Position	X position in Earth-fixed reference	m	FAdo73	11	12	4	12	12	14
Y_Position	Y position in Earth-fixed reference	m	FAdo73	11	12	4	12	12	14
Z_Position	Z position in Earth-fixed reference	m	FAdo73	11	12	4	12	12	14
X_Velocity	X velocity in Earth-fixed reference	m/s	FAdo46	11	12	6	12	12	14
Y_Velocity	Y velocity in Earth-fixed reference	m/s	FAdo46	11	12	6	12	12	14
Z_Velocity	Z velocity in Earth-fixed reference	m/s	FAdo46	11	12	6	12	12	14
Vector_Source	Source of orbit vectors (not used by ADM-Aeolus)		String	15	2	2	15	2	17
Spare_4			Spare	40	0	1	10	0	11

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (KVT)			Size (XML)		
Utc_Sbt_-Time	Time corresponding to SBT below (not used by ADM-Aeolus)	UTC	DateTime	14	27	2	14	30	16
Sat_Binary_-Time	Satellite Binary Time (not used by ADM-Aeolus)		IntAul	16	11	1	17	11	19
Clock_Step	Clock step size (not used by ADM-Aeolus)	ps	IntAul	11	11	5	12	11	14
Spare_5			Spare	32	0	1	10	0	11
Leap_Utc	Time of occurrence of the leap second	UTC	DateTime	10	27	2	10	30	12
Gps_Utc_-Time_-Difference	difference between GPS and UTC time stamp reflecting how many leap seconds have been inserted in total.)		IntAc	24	4	1	25	4	26
Leap_Sign	Leap second sign (+001 if positive leap second, -001 if negative)		IntAc	10	4	1	11	4	13
Leap_Err	Leap second error. “1” if leap second error occurs during processing segment, “0” otherwise		Enum	9	1	1	10	1	12
Spare_6			Spare	11	0	1	10	0	11
Product_Err	“1” or “0”. If ‘1’, errors have been reported in the product. User should then refer to the SPH or Quality ADS of the product for details of the error condition. ‘0’ otherwise.		Enum	12	1	1	13	1	15
Tot_Size	Total size of product (#bytes DSR+SPH+MPH). For EEF files this field is set to -1 since the sizes are not precisely defined for the xml file format.	bytes	IntAd	9	21	8	10	21	12
Sph_Size	Length of SPH (#bytes in SPH) For EEF files this field is set to -1 since the sizes are not precisely defined for the xml file format.	bytes	IntAl	9	11	8	10	11	12
Num_Dsd	Number of DSDs (19 for L2B files, 25 for L2C files, 4 for AMD files, 1 for RBC files, 1 for L2B_Param files, 1 for L2C_Param)		IntAl	8	11	1	9	11	11
Dsd_Size	Length of each DSDs (#bytes for each DSD, all DSDs shall have the same length For EEF files this field is set to -1 since the sizes are not precisely defined for the xml file format.	bytes	IntAl	9	11	8	10	11	12
Num_Data_-Sets	Number of DSs attached (not all DSDs have a DS attached) (13 for L2B files, 17 for L2C files)		IntAl	14	11	1	15	11	17
Spare_7			Spare	40	0	1	10	0	11
Total size for KVT and XML MPH in bytes:				**1247**			**1642**		

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3.4.5 Main Product Header filling method

The Main Product Header is filled following these rules:

- Proc_Center: Same as Fixed_Header.System (defined in SPR 28)
- Acquisition_Station: copied from Input_Product.MPH.Acquisition_Station (defined in SPR 28)

- Baseline: copied from JobOrderData.Global_Configuration.Baseline (defined in AE-IPF-178)

In addition, for the L2B and L2C product, a fair number of MPH fields will be filled by copying values available in the incoming L1B product. This is done for the following fields: Acquisition_Station, Phase, Cycle, Rel_-Orbit, Abs_Orbit, State_Vector_Time, Delta_UT1, X_Position, Y_Position, Z_Position, X_Velocity, Y_Velocity, Z_Velocity, Vector_Source, UTC_SBT_Time, Sat_Binary_Time, Clock_Step, Leap_Utc, Leap_Sign, Leap_Err. For auxiliary files, so in case no incoming L1B product is available when composing the file, these fields will be set to some missing or dummy value.

3.4.6 Data Set Descriptor Content Description

Data Set Descriptors contain information on the structure and size of a data set in the Data Block. They have a standard structure common to all Aeolus products, are defined in [AD3], [RD3] and recalled here in Table 12. They are included in the SPH.

Table 12: L2B/L2C Data Set Descriptor Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (KVT)			Size (XML)		
Dsd	Root tag (XML format only)		Structure	N/A			6	0	7
DS_Name	DS descriptor ASCII string describing the data set		String	9	28	2	9	28	11
DS_Type	Type of DS. “M” if Measurement DS, “A” if Annotation DS, “G” if Global ADS and “R” if Reference DS (noDS attached)		Enum	8	1	1	9	1	11
Filename	If DS_Type=”R”, this field contains the name of external file used to process the current product. Otherwise, this field is left blank		String	10	62	2	10	62	12
Ds_Offset	Offset in bytes from the beginning of the file For GADS datasets as used in EEF files this field is set to -1 since the sizes are not preceisely defined for the xml file format.	bytes	IntAd	10	21	8	11	21	13
Ds_Size	Size of Data Set For GADS datasets as used in EEF files this field is set to -1 since the sizes are not preceisely defined for the xml file format.	bytes	IntAl	8	11	8	9	11	11
Num_Dsr	Number of Data Set Records in Data Set		IntAl	8	11	1	9	11	11
Dsr_Size	Size of Data Set Record For GADS datasets as used in EEF files this field is set to -1 since the sizes are not preceisely defined for the xml file format.	bytes	IntAl	9	11	8	10	11	12
Byte_Order	“3210”. For binary DS’s to designate byte order is most significant byte first.		String	12	4	2	12	4	14
Spare_1			Spare	32	0	1	10	0	11
Total size for KVT and XML DSD in bytes:				**288**			**357**		

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3.5 L2B/L2C/AMD Conventions for Missing Data Indicators

Where it is practical to do so, L2B/L2C and AMD products will adopt conventions for Missing Data Indicators. Such conventions are not a requirement of the Earth Explorer format but are regularly found in meteorological applications. The conventions are that, for integer datatypes, the maximum value is reserved to denote missing data; and for real datatypes (i.e. FAdoxy), the value 1.7×10^{38} is reserved to denote missing data. In practice, different computing platforms will have different representations for 1.7×10^{38} and this is taken into account by applying a tolerance when checking for a Missing Data Indicator: any real value greater than or equal to $0.99 \times 1.7 \times 10^{38}$ is regarded as a Missing Data Indicator. The use of Missing Data Indicators is additional to the standard practice of reporting PCD parameters to indicate whether product parameters are suitable for use.

4 Level 2B/2C Product

This section details the organization and structure of L2B/L2C output products, which are generated using the Level-1B Wind Measurement Product as input to the Level-2B/2C processor.

L2B and L2C product files are defined by a common template. They differ in the presence and values of some header parameters, and in the number of datasets.

The Level-2B/2C Product contains HLOS wind component retrieval results after accumulation of measurements, derived from meteorologically-weighted averages of L1B measurement data, as well as error estimates and reliability data for each wind result. These retrieval results are fully geo-located, indicating latitude, longitude and altitude. In addition, depending on user settings, profile definitions are provided that combine these wind retrieval results into vertical (usually incomplete) vertical profiles.

Note however that a major intended application for the L2B product is its use by the numerical weather prediction community and hence altitude is referenced to the EGM96 geoid; altitude above the WGS84 ellipsoid can be inferred because the EGM96 geoid height above the WGS84 reference ellipsoid is also provided in the L2B/L2C Product. Further details are contained in [RD1].

L2C products contain supplementary information derived from processing of Aeolus L1B/L2B data within a data assimilation system. Such information consists of horizontal wind vectors (2 components) at the accumulation scale, associated error estimates, and further information related to the quality of L2B data within the assimilation system. The supplementary information is contained in 4 datasets that are only present for L2C products.

Storage of L2B/L2C wind results and profiles is flexible, and not related to the original BRC definition as used by the L1B data. The result will reflect different selection, accumulation and weighting of L1B measurements according to the meteorological conditions at the measurement locations.

4.1 Product Structure

The Level-2B/2C product conforms to the product structure defined in Section 3.4.

4.1.1 File Name

The Level-2B/2C Product file name has the format defined in Section 3.1:

AE_CCCC_ALD_U_N_2Z_yyyymmddThhmmss_yyyymmddThhmmss_vvvv.EEE

where “2Z” can be “2B” or “2C”. The extension EEE is HDR for the header and DBL for the data block. That is, the Level-2B/2C product consists of two files:

- A header containing a Fixed Header, MPH, and SPH with DSDs. The header is in XML format and has extension EEE = “HDR”.
- A datablock containing a copy of MPH and SPH in KVT format followed by the DataSets in binary format. The data block has the file extension EEE = “DBL”.

4.1.2 File Structure

The Header File contains a Fixed Header and a Variable Header. The Variable Header contains the MPH as described in Section 3.4 and the L2B/L2C SPH. The L2B/L2C SPH is described in Section 4.2 below. The Data Sets in the datablock are described in Section 4.3.

4.2 Specific Product Header

The Specific Product Header of L2B/L2C Data Products is detailed in Table 13. Note that some parameters are only present in L2C data products.

Table 13: L2B/L2C Specific Product Header Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (KVT)			Size (XML)		
Specific_Product_Header	Root tag (XML format only).		Structure	N/A			26	0	27
Sph_Descriptor	Specific Product Header descriptor: ASCII string describing the product		String	16	28	2	16	28	18
Spare_1			Spare	40	0	1	10	0	11
NumMeasurements	Number of L1B measurements used in the product		IntAul	16	11	1	17	11	19
NumMieGroups	Number of measurement groups generated for the Mie channel		IntAus	13	6	1	14	6	16
NumRayleighGroups	Number of measurement groups generated for the Rayleigh channel		IntAus	18	6	1	19	6	21
NumBRCs	Number of L1B BRC's that have been selected for L2B processing (this may differ from the number available in the input file due to the time window that can be applied in the JobOrder file.)		IntAus	8	6	1	9	6	11
NumMieWindResults	Number of Mie channel wind retrievals performed on accumulated measurement data		IntAul	18	11	1	19	11	21
NumRayleighWindResults	Number of Rayleigh channel wind retrievals performed on accumulated measurement data		IntAul	23	11	1	24	11	26
NumMieProfiles	Number of Mie channel wind profiles generated from the individual wind retrievals		IntAul	15	11	1	16	11	18
NumRayleighProfiles	Number of Rayleigh channel wind profiles generated from the individual wind retrievals		IntAul	20	11	1	21	11	23
NumAMDprofiles	Number of AMD profiles presented to the L2B processing stage		IntAus	15	6	1	16	6	18
First_Processed_L1B_BRC	Index of first L1B BRC that was processed by the L2BP		IntAus	24	6	1	25	6	27
Last_Processed_L1B_BRC	Index of last L1B BRC that was processed by the L2BP		IntAus	23	6	1	24	6	26
Total_Num_L1B_BRCs	Total number of L1B BRCs that have been processed by the L2BP		IntAus	19	6	1	20	6	22
Intersect_Start_Lat	Latitude of the intersection of WGS84 DEM and the satellite line-of-sight for the first measurement that was processed	10-6degN	IntAl	20	11	11	21	11	23
Intersect_Start_Long	Longitude of the intersection of WGS84 DEM and the satellite line-of-sight for the first measurement that was processed	10-6degE	IntAl	21	11	11	22	11	24
Intersect_Stop_Lat	Latitude of the intersection of WGS84 DEM and the satellite line-of-sight for the last measurement that was processed	10-6degN	IntAl	19	11	11	20	11	22

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (KVT)			Size (XML)		
Intersect_-Stop_Long	Longitude of the intersection of WGS84 DEM and the satellite line-of-sight for the last measurement	10-6degE	IntAl	20	11	11	21	11	23
Sat_Track	Sub-satellite track heading (nadir) at the sensing start time in the MPH	deg	FAdo36	10	11	6	11	11	13
Spare_2			Spare	40	0	1	10	0	11
List_of_-Valid_Mie_-Profile_-Counts	a list of 5 structures (defined in Table 14) holding counts for the amount of valid Mie profiles for each classification type		list of structures	0	215	0	0	445	0
List_of_-Valid_-Rayleigh_-Profile_-Counts	a list of 5 structures (defined in Table 14) holding counts for the amount of valid Rayleigh profiles for each classification type		list of structures	0	215	0	0	445	0
List_of_-Invalid_-Mie_Profile_-Counts	a list of 5 structures (defined in Table 14) holding counts for the amount of invalid Mie profiles for each classification type		list of structures	0	215	0	0	445	0
List_of_-Invalid_-Rayleigh_-Profile_-Counts	a list of 5 structures (defined in Table 14) holding counts for the amount of invalid Rayleigh profiles for each classification type		list of structures	0	215	0	0	445	0
Num_-Profiles_-Surface_Mie	Number of Mie profiles reported in L2B extending down to the surface		IntAus	25	6	1	26	6	28
Num_-Profiles_-Surface_Ray	Number of Rayleigh profiles reported in L2B extending down to the surface		IntAus	25	6	1	26	6	28
List_of_-Valid_L2B_-Mie_Wind_-Counts	a list of 5 structures (defined in Table 14) holding counts for the amount of valid L2B Mie winds for each classification type		list of structures	0	215	0	0	445	0
List_of_-Valid_L2B_-Rayleigh_-Wind_Counts	a list of 5 structures (defined in Table 14) holding counts for the amount of valid L2B Rayleigh winds for each classification type		list of structures	0	215	0	0	445	0
List_of_-Invalid_L2B_-Mie_Wind_-Counts	a list of 5 structures (defined in Table 14) holding counts for the amount of invalid L2B Mie winds for each classification type		list of structures	0	215	0	0	445	0
List_of_-Invalid_L2B_-Rayleigh_-Wind_Counts	a list of 5 structures (defined in Table 14) holding counts for the amount of invalid L2B Rayleigh winds for each classification type		list of structures	0	215	0	0	445	0
Spare_3			Spare	40	0	1	10	0	11
List_of_-Valid_L2C_-Mie_Wind_-Counts	a list of 5 structures (defined in Table 14) holding counts for the amount of valid L2C Mie winds for each classification type (only present in L2C products)		list of structures	0	215	0	0	445	0

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (KVT)			Size (XML)		
List_of_-Valid_L2C_-Rayleigh_-Wind_Counts	a list of 5 structures (defined in Table 14) holding counts for the amount of valid L2C Rayleigh winds for each classification type (only present in L2C products)		list of structures	0	215	0	0	445	0
List_of_-Invalid_L2C_-Mie_Wind_-Counts	a list of 5 structures (defined in Table 14) holding counts for the amount of invalid L2C Mie winds for each classification type (only present in L2C products)		list of structures	0	215	0	0	445	0
List_of_-Invalid_L2C_-Rayleigh_-Wind_Counts	a list of 5 structures (defined in Table 14) holding counts for the amount of invalid L2C Rayleigh winds for each classification type (only present in L2C products)		list of structures	0	215	0	0	445	0
Spare_4	(only present in L2C products)		Spare	40	0	1	10	0	11
List_of_O_-min_B_Mie_-Results	a list of 5 structures (defined in Table 15) holding O-B statistical results for L2B Mie winds for each classification type.		list of structures	0	215	0	0	445	0
List_of_-O_min_B_-Rayleigh_-Results	a list of 5 structures (defined in Table 15) holding O-B statistical results for L2B Rayleigh winds for each classification type.		list if structures	0	215	0	0	445	0
Spare_5			Spare	40	0	1	10	0	11
List_of_Dsds	See Table 17 for a description			7200 (L2B) 8928 (L2C)			8965 (L2B) 11107 (L2C)		
Total size for KVT and XML SPH in bytes:				**10140 (L2B) 12769 (L2C)**			**14558 (L2B) 18501 (L2C)**		

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Table 14: Count Type Description. Note that in the HDR file the XML items are surrounded by extra tags not present in the DBL file. These are added as first item in this table.

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (KVT)			Size (XML)		
surrounding xml tags	approximated size of List_of_*_-Counts and *_Count tags		xml tags	0	0	0	0	424	0
Comment	Comment describing what data (channel, classification) was used for deriving this count result		String	8	50	3	9	50	10
Classification_-Type	Classification type for which the current counts are reported		IntAuc	19	4	2	21	4	23
Count	Count of the amount of winds or profiles reported for the current classification type		IntAul	5	11	2	6	11	8
Total size for KVT and XML Count_Type in bytes:				**104**			**566**		

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Table 15: O-B per class Type Description. Note that in the HDR file the XML items are surrounded by extra tags not present in the DBL file. These are added as first item in this table.

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (KVT)			Size (XML)		
surrounding xml tags	approximated size of List_of_O_min_B_*_Results and O_min_B_*_Result tags		xml tags	0	0	0	0	376	0
Comment	Comment describing what data (channel, classification) was used for deriving this O-B result		String	8	50	3	9	50	10
All	a structure (defined in Table 16) holding O-B statistical results for L2B winds for all range bins combined.		Struct	0	104	0	0	237	0
List_of_Bins	a list of 24 Bin structures (defined in Table 16) holding O-B statistical results for L2B winds for each range bin.		List of structures	0	2496	0	0	6406	0
Total size for KVT and XML Count_Type in bytes:				**2661**			**7088**		

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Table 16: O-B result description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (KVT)			Size (XML)		
Bin_Index	Range bin index used for selecting the data for this O-B result. In case all range bins are combined, this index value is set to zero.		IntAuc	9	4	2	11	4	12
Hlos_Diff_Std	Standard deviation of O-B difference for the selected range bin wind data.	cm/s	IntAus	13	6	8	27	6	16
Mean_Hlos_Bias	Mean of O-B difference for the selected range bin wind data.	cm/s	IntAs	14	6	8	28	6	17
Num_Incl_Wind_Results	Number of wind results included in the reported O-B statistics.		IntAul	21	11	2	23	11	24
Total size for KVT and XML Count_Type in bytes:				**104**			**185**		

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4.2.1 Data Set Descriptors

The Data Sets listed in Table 17 appear in Aeolus Level-2B/2C products, each described by a DSD in the SPH.

Table 17: Level-2B/2C Data Sets

DSD Number	Name	Description / Comment	DataSet Type	Update Frequency
1	Meas_Map_ADS	DSD for the mapping between L1B and L2B data. See Table 18 for a description	A	1 DSR per Measurement
2	Mie_Grouping_ADS	DSD for the Mie Grouping results. See Table 21 for a description	A	1 DSR per Mie Group
3	Rayleigh_Grouping_Map	DSD for the Rayleigh Grouping results. See Table 21 for a description	A	1 DSR per Rayleigh Group

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DSD Number	Name	Description / Comment	DataSet Type	Update Frequency
4	Copied_BRC_Data_ADS	DSD to store L1B data reported on BRC level. See Table 23 for a description	A	1 DSR per L1B BRC
5	Mie_Geolocation_ADS	DSD for Mie Wind Geolocation Data. See Table 25 for a description	A	1 DSR per Mie Wind Retrieval result
6	Rayleigh_Geolocation_ADS	DSD for Rayleigh Wind Geolocation Data. See Table 25 for a description	A	1 DSR per Rayleigh Wind Retrieval result
7	AMD_Product_Confid_Data_-ADS	DSD for AuxMet Product Confidence Data. See Table 27 for a description	A	1 DSR per AuxMet profile
8	Meas_Product_Confid_Data_-ADS	DSD for Measurement level Product Confidence Data. See Table 30 for a description	A	1 DSR per Measurement
9	Mie_Wind_Prod_Conf_Data_-ADS	DSD for Mie Wind Product Confidence Data. See Table 52 for a description	A	1 DSR per Mie Wind Retrieval result
10	Rayl_Wind_Prod_Conf_-Data_ADS	DSD for Rayleigh Wind Product Confidence Data. See Table 54 for a description	A	1 DSR per Rayleigh Wind Retrieval result
11	Mie_Wind_MDS	DSD for Mie Wind Retrieval results. See Table 58 for a description	M	1 DSR per Mie Wind Retrieval result
12	Rayleigh_Wind_MDS	DSD for Rayleigh Wind Retrieval results. See Table 61 for a description	M	1 DSR per Rayleigh Wind Retrieval result
13	Mie_Profile_MDS	DSD for Mie Profile Data. See Table 63 for a description	M	1 DSR per Mie Profile
14	Rayleigh_Profile_MDS	DSD for Rayleigh Profile Data. See Table 63 for a description	M	1 DSR per Rayleigh Profile
- (L2B) 15 (L2C)	Mie_Assim_PCD_ADS	DSD for L2C-related Mie Assimilation Product Confidence Data (only present in L2C products). See Table 66 for a description	A	1 DSR per Mie Wind Result in L2C products, no DSR in L2B products
- (L2B) 16 (L2C)	Rayl_Assim_PCD_ADS	DSD for L2C-related Rayleigh Assimilation Product Confidence Data (only present in L2C products). See Table 73 for a description	A	1 DSR per Rayleigh Wind Result in L2C products, no DSR in L2B products
- (L2B) 17 (L2C)	Mie_VecWind_MDS	DSD for Mie vector wind results (only present in L2C products). See Table 78 for a description.	M	1 DSR per Mie Wind result in L2C products, no DSR in L2B products
- (L2B) 18 (L2C)	Rayleigh_VecWind_MDS	DSD for Rayleigh vector wind results (only present in L2C products). See Table 80 for a description.	M	1 DSR per Rayleigh Wind result in L2C products, no DSR in L2B products

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DSD Number	Name	Description / Comment	DataSet Type	Update Frequency
15 (L2B) 19 (L2C)	Aeolus_Level_1B_Product	DSD for input Aeolus Level 1B Product	R	No DS
16 (L2B) 20 (L2C)	Aux_Met_Product	DSD for input Auxiliary Meteorological Data (for re-processing)	R	No DS
17 (L2B) 21 (L2C)	Aeolus_RBC	DSD for Rayleigh-Brillouin lookup tables (auxiliary input file)	R	No DS
18 (L2B) 22 (L2C)	Clim_Product	DSD for climatology look-up tables (auxiliary input file)	R	No DS
19 (L2B) 23 (L2C)	Cal_Product	DSD for calibration coefficients auxiliary input file)	R	No DS
20 (L2B) 24 (L2C)	Level_2B_Proc_Params	DSD for L2B processor settings (auxiliary file).	R	No DS
21 (L2B) 25 (L2C)	AUX_TEL_Product	DSD for AUX telescope temperature and bias correction settings (auxiliary file).	R	No DS
22 (L2B) 26 (L2C)	AUX_MRC_Product	DSD for AUX Mie response calibration file (optional auxiliary file).	R	No DS
23 (L2B) 27 (L2C)	AUX_RDB_Product	DSD for AUX range dependent bias correction file (optional auxiliary file).	R	No DS
24 (L2B) 28 (L2C)	AUX_DCMZ_Product	DSD for AUX dark current in memory zone correction file (optional auxiliary file).	R	No DS
25 (L2B) 29 (L2C)	AUX_HBE_Product	DSD for AUX harmonic bias estimation correction file (optional auxiliary file).	R	No DS
- (L2B) 30 (L2C)	Aeolus_Level_2B_Product	DSD for input L2B file (only present in L2C products)	R	No DS
- (L2B) 31 (L2C)	Level_2C_Proc_Params		R	No DS

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4.3 Data Sets

The L2B/C file format uses single HLOS wind retrieval results as basic unit. The number of wind retrieval results may differ for both channels, and depends on the grouping algorithm results and data quality. In addition optional profiles may be defined. The number of height bins in L2B/L2C wind profiles is always 24 (nominal number of height bins). To allow Cross-referencing L1B and L2B/C results, a measurent map is provided. Cross-referencing is implemented by assigning unique identification numbers to each wind retrieval result. Finally, product confidence data on several levels of granularity is generated.

In case a certain value is invalid, the corresponding data field may be filled with a missing data indicator. Currently 1.E37 is used for reals. For integers the maximum allowed value for the specific integer type is used, for example 2**31-1=2147483647 is used for 4 byte (long) signed integers).

4.3.1 Measurement Map ADS

The Measurement Map Annotation Data Set (ADS) relates the L1B measurements to the L2B wind retrievals. It is defined in table 18. Each range bin in each L1B measurement has a reference id pointing to the L2B wind retrieval result is which it was used. In case the measurement level data for a given range bin is invalid or cannnot be used for some other reason, the value 0 is used to signal this. Both channels have an independent sections within the measurement map to allow the L2BP a maximum flexibility in its accumulation algorithms.

In addition, each reference is accompanied by a weight which has been used during the accumulation. This allows giving a heigher weight to measurement range bins using certain criteria like good SNR or low atmospheric extinction.

Table 18: L2B/L2C Measurement Map ADS Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Start_of_Obs_DateTime	Start date and time of Measurement	UTC	DateTime	12
Mie_Map_of_L1B_-Meas_Used	Map of Mie Measurements used by the L2B accumulations, as defined in table 19		structure	144
Rayleigh_Map_of_-L1B_Meas_Used	Map of Rayleigh Measurements used by the L2B accumulations, as defined in table 19		structure	144
Spare			Spare	8
Total size for Meas_Map_ADS in bytes:				**308**

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Table 19: Meas_Map Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Bin	list of 24 range bin map entries, as defined in table 20		List of 24 structures of 6 bytes each	144
Total size for Meas_Map in bytes:				**144**

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Table 20: Meas_Map_Bin Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Which_L2B_Wind_id	reference to the L2B wind result to which this L1B range bin contributed. It will be set to 0 if not used.		IntAul	4
Weight	Weight used for this L1B range bin while accumulating the signals used to produce the L2B wind result to which this L1B range bin contributed. The valid range is 0-1000		IntAus	2
Total size for Meas_Map_Bin in bytes:				**6**

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4.3.2 Mie and Rayleigh Grouping ADS

The Grouping Annotation Data Set (ADS) describes which L1B measurements have been assigned to the same group. Only measurements in the same group may be accumulated to a L2B wind result. Which members of each group will be accumulated depends on the actions of algorithms like classification, and the validity of the data. This ADS is defined in table 21. Both channels have their own copy of this Grouping ADS to allow independent grouping for them.

Table 21: Grouping ADS Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
grouping_result_id	a unique id for this group in this L2B file. Each channel has its own sequence of id numbers and both start counting at 1		IntAus	2
Start_of_Obs_DateTime	Start date and time of Measurement	UTC	DateTime	12
which_L1B_BRC1	L1B BRC number for the measurement at which this group starts		IntAus	2
which_L1B_meas_-within_this_BRC1	L1B measurement number within the above mentioned L1B BRC1 at which this group starts		IntAus	2
which_L1B_BRC2	L1B BRC number for the measurement at which this group ends		IntAus	2
which_L1B_meas_-within_this_BRC2	L1B measurement number within the above mentioned L1B BRC2 at which this group ends		IntAus	2
reason_to_end_this_-group	what criterium was used to end this group? Possible values are listed in table 22		IntAuc (Enum)	1
rangebin_causing_-group_to_end	at which rangebin was the misalignment detected? Code 0 signals undefined/unused. Code 25 signals a terrain model shift. This field is only defined if reason_to_end_this_group equals rangebin_misalignment		IntAuc	1
FP_On_Upper_Bin_-mean	a group average of the FP calibration factor, determined by the iterative optical properties algorithm. Needed to calibrate the measured and theoretical Rayleigh signal and also to allow monitoring the stability of this calibration.		FAdoxy	8
FP_On_Upper_Bin_-stdv	the standard deviation of the FP calibration factor in a group around the average value for this group, as determined by the iterative optical properties algorithm. Mainly reported to allow monitoring the stability of the calibration. If the value is too high, the Optical Properties based classification results may be unreliable.		FAdoxy	8
Spare			Spare	6
Total size for Grouping_ADS in bytes:				**46**

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Table 22: Reasons to end grouping

Name	Description	Value
undefined_end_of_grouping	only used for internal initialisations	0
end_of_file_reached	grouping ended because end of L1B file was reached	1
rangebin_misalignment	grouping ended because the vertical misalignment of rangebins between first and last measurement in the group passed the threshold defined in the L2B AuxPar file	2
max_Horiz_acc_length_reached	grouping ended because the horizontal distance between first and last measurement in the group passed the threshold defined in the L2B AuxPar file	3
max_allowed_gap_betw_meas_rchd	grouping ended because the distance between the first and last missing measurement passed the threshold defined in the L2B AuxPar file	4

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Name	Description	Value

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4.3.3 Copied BRC Data ADS

The content of the DSR for the Copied BRC Data Annotation Data Set (ADS) is detailed in Table 23.

Table 23: Copied BRC Data ADS Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Start_of_Obs_DateTime	Date and time of as reported in the L1B product for the start of the BRC.	UTC	DateTime	12
M1_Temperature_List	structure containing the temperature measurements for the M1 telescope mirror as reported by the L1BP for each BRC. See Table 24.		structure	123
Spare			Spare	14
Total size for Copied BRC Data ADS in bytes:				**149**

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Table 24: M1 Temperature List Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
AHT_22	AHT_22 temperature reading		FAdoxy	8
AHT_23	AHT_23 temperature reading		FAdoxy	8
AHT_24	AHT_24 temperature reading		FAdoxy	8
AHT_25	AHT_25 temperature reading		FAdoxy	8
AHT_26	AHT_26 temperature reading		FAdoxy	8
AHT_27	AHT_27 temperature reading		FAdoxy	8
TC_18	TC_18 temperature reading		FAdoxy	8
TC_19	TC_19 temperature reading		FAdoxy	8
TC_20	TC_20 temperature reading		FAdoxy	8
TC_21	TC_21 temperature reading		FAdoxy	8
TC_23	TC_23 temperature reading		FAdoxy	8
TC_25	TC_25 temperature reading		FAdoxy	8
TC_27	TC_27 temperature reading		FAdoxy	8
TC_29	TC_29 temperature reading		FAdoxy	8
TC_32	TC_32 temperature reading		FAdoxy	8
Spare			Spare	3
Total size for M1 Temperature List in bytes:				**123**

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4.3.4 Geolocation ADS

The Geolocation ADS gives the position, pointing date and time parameters of Mie and Rayleigh HLOS and vector winds. It is repeated for both channels, and thus forms 2 datasets named Mie_Geoloc_ADS (having NumMieWindResults DSR's) and Rayleigh_Geoloc_ADS (having NumRayleighWindResults DSR's). Its DSR structure is described in Table 25. Altitude of Mie or Rayleigh winds are referenced to the EGM96 geoid according to the discussion in [RD1], Section 3.2.1. Since Altitudes and DEM intersections are referenced to the WGS84 ellipsoid in L1B Geolocation and AOCS ADS we translate them to to reference to the EGM96 geoid before reporting them in the L2B product Geolocation ADS. For the altitude, latitude, longitude, date and time,

the values correspondiong to the first and last measurement in the accumulation, and to the Center-of-Gravity (CoG) are given. Start_of_Obs_Time in Table 25 is only a time-stamp for the reported observation and precise correspondence with reported geolocation data is not intended. For the use of L2B/L2C products in meteorological applications, it is considered sufficiently precise to report geolocation (latitudes, longitudes, and datetime) as the values of the measurement closest to the exact CoG datetime. Due to the 35 degree incidence angle of the laser beam the bottom and top of a rangebin have a slightly different lat-lon position. This is currently not reported in the geolocation. The L2B products only give the lat-lon positions of the top of the rangebin. The full information, including the lat-lon positions of the bottom of the rangebins can be found in the L1B products.

Table 25: L2B/L2C Geolocation ADS Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
wind_result_id	a unique id for this wind for this channel in this L2B file. Each channel has its own sequence of id numbers and both start counting at 1		IntAul	4
Start_of_Obs_Time	Date and time of the first measurement used for the current accumulation.	UTC	DateTime	12
WindResult_Geolocation	A single wind geolocation. This structure contains the geolocation of a single wind result. See Table 26 for its structure description.		WindResult_Geolocation structure	151
Total size for Geolocation_ADS in bytes:				**167**

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Table 26: WindResult_Geolocation Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Altitude_Bottom	Bottom altitude for this accumulation. The altitude is referenced to the EGM96 geoid.	m	IntAl	4
Altitude_VCOG	Vertical COG altitude for this accumulation. The altitude is referenced to the EGM96 geoid.	m	IntAl	4
Altitude_Top	Top altitude for this accumulation. The altitude is referenced to the EGM96 geoid.	m	IntAl	4
SatRange_Bottom	range to satellite from bottom of range bin for this accumulation.	m	IntAul	4
SatRange_VCOG	range to satellite from VCOG of range bin for this accumulation.	m	IntAul	4
SatRange_Top	range to satellite from top of range bin for this accumulation.	m	IntAul	4
Latitude_Start	Start latitude at the top of the range bin for this accumulation.	10-6 degN	IntAl	4
Latitude_COG	CoG latitude at the top of the range bin for this accumulation.	10-6 degN	IntAl	4
Latitude_Stop	Stop latitude at the top of the range bin for this accumulation.	10-6 degN	IntAl	4
Longitude_Start	Start longitude at the top of the range bin for this accumulation.	10-6 degE	IntAl	4
Longitude_COG	CoG longitude at the top of the range bin for this accumulation.	10-6 degE	IntAl	4
Longitude_Stop	Stop longitude at the top of the range bin for this accumulation.	10-6 degE	IntAl	4
DateTime_Start	Start Date and time for the current accumulation.	UTC	DateTime	12

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Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
DateTime_COG	CoG Date and time of the current accumulation.	UTC	DateTime	12
DateTime_Stop	Stop Date and time of the current accumulation.	UTC	DateTime	12
LOS_Azimuth	Topocentric Azimuth of the target-to-satellite pointing vector measured clockwise from north.	deg	FAdoxy	8
LOS_Elevation_Bottom	Elevation of the target-to-satellite pointing vector to the bottom of the range bin for this accumulation	deg	FAdoxy	8
LOS_Elevation_VCOG	Elevation of the target-to-satellite pointing vector to the VCOG of the range bin for this accumulation	deg	FAdoxy	8
LOS_Elevation_Top	Elevation of the target-to-satellite pointing vector to the top of the range bin for this accumulation	deg	FAdoxy	8
LOS_Satellite_Velocity	Line-of-sight velocity of the satellite	m/s	FAdoxy	8
Which_cog_L1B_BRC	Index number for the L1B BRC that contains the cog measurement for this accumulation.		IntAus	2
Which_cog_L1B_-Meas_in_this_BRC	Index number for the L1B measurement within the L1B BRC referenced by the above Which_-cog_L1B_BRC index, that corresponds to the cog measurement for this accumulation.		IntAus	2
Lat_of_DEM_-Intersection	Latitude of DEM intersection for the CoG of the current accumulation	10-6 degN	IntAl	4
Lon_of_DEM_-Intersection	Longitude of DEM intersection for the CoG of the current accumulation	10-6 degE	IntAl	4
Alt_of_DEM_-Intersection	Altitude of DEM intersection for the CoG of the current accumulation	m	IntAl	4
Arg_of_Lat_of_DEM_-Intersection	Argument of Latitude of DEM intersection for the CoG of the current accumulation. Note that this field contains the orbit phase and not a real Latitude. Therefore its unit must be “deg” and not “degN”.	10-6 deg	IntAl	4
WGS84_to_Geoid_-Altitude	Height of EGM96 geoid above WGS84 ellipsoid.	m	IntAl	4
Spare			Spare	3
Total size for WindResult_Geolocation in bytes:				**151**

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4.3.5 L2B AMD Product Confidence Data (PCD) ADS

The L2BP checks certain aspects of the AMD input file and will report the results in the L2B AMD PCD parameters described in Table 27 below.

Table 27: L2B AMD Product Confidence Data ADS Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Start_of_Obs_DateTime	Start date and time of Measurement	UTC	DateTime	12
L2B_AMD_Screening	Data structure describing the screening of each profile in the AMD input file to the L2BP, as defined in Table 28.		structure	22
Spare			Spare	20
Total size for L2B_AMD_PCD_ADS in bytes:				**54**

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Table 28: L2B_AMD_Screening Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
L2B_AMD_Screening_-QC	A code describing a problem which prevents using this L2B AMD profile (see Table 29 for a list of valid values).		IntAuc	1
L2B_AMD_Screening_-QC_Flags	Flags describing problems which prevent using this L2B AMD file. Bit 1 : reserved (always set to 0) Bit 2 : reserved (always set to 0) ... Bit 8 : reserved (always set to 0)		IntAuc	1
Spare			Spare	20
Total size for L2B_AMD_Screening in bytes:				**22**

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Table 29: Valid values for the L2B_AMD_Screening_QC field of the L2B_AMD_Screening structure

Numerical value	Name	Description
0	L2B_AMD_OK	L2B AMD contents seems OK
1	L2B_AMD_Corrupt_Header	L2B AMD datafile does not match format definition (header problem)
2	L2B_AMD_Corrupt_Profile	L2B AMD datafile does not match format definition (problem in the file format definition of one of the profiles)
3	L2B_AMD_Unlikely_Profile	L2B AMD datafile has strange, unphysical values, in one of its profiles
...		

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4.3.6 L2B Meas Product Confidence Data (PCD) ADS

The L2BP will report a number of results on measurement level in the L2B Meas PCD ADS, as defined in Table 30 below. This includes house keeping data, AMD collocation results, L1B input screening results and classification results.

Note that the L2BP treats the data as a continuous stream of measurements, and forgets about the original BRC definitions in the L1B product. To allow referencing the L2B results to the L1B input data, each L2B measurement records the index of the original L1B BRC from which it was taken, and the index of the measurement within that original L1B BRC.

Table 30: L2B Measurement Product Confidence Data ADSR Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Start_of_Obs_DateTime	Start date and time of Measurement	UTC	DateTime	12
L1B_BRC_number	The index of the original L1B BRC from which this L2B measurement was taken,		IntAus	2
L1B_Meas_number	The index of the measurement within the above mentioned original L1B BRC from which this L2B measurement was taken.		IntAus	2

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Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
L1B_Num_Meas_per_-BRC	The number of measurements present in the original L1B BRC from which this L2B measurement was taken.		IntAuc	1
L2B_AMD_Collocation	Structure describing which AMD profile was used, and what the Match Up results are (see Table 31)		structure	20
L1B_Input_Screening	Structure describing any problems found during reading of the L1B datafile (see Table 33)		structure	128
L2B_Mie_Classification_QC	Structure describing QC parameters resulting from the Mie Classification algorithm (see Table 44)		structure	483
L2B_Rayleigh_Classification_QC	Structure describing QC parameters resulting from the Rayleigh Classification algorithm (see Table 47)		structure	482
Opt_Prop_Result	Structure describing the results of the iterative Optical properties algorithm for this measurement (see Table 49)		structure	653
Spare			Spare	20
Total size for L2B_Meas_PCD_ADS in bytes:				**1803**

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Table 31: L2B/L2C AMD Collocation Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
matching_AMD_profile	AMD profile number that was found to match with the current measurement		IntAus	2
matchup_QC	code that specifies whether matchup was succesull or not, and if not it gives a reason why it failed (see table 32 for possible values)		IntAuc	1
distance	actual distance between this measurement and the selected AuxMet profile	km	FAdoxy	8
time_difference	actual time difference between this measurement and the selected AuxMet profile		FAdoxy	8
Spare			Spare	1
Total size for L2B_AMD_Collocation in bytes:				**20**

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Table 32: Valid values for the matchup_QC field of the L2B/L2C_-AMD_Collocation structure

Numerical value	Name	Description
0	Matchup_OK	Matchup seems OK
1	Matchup_Failed_dummyprofnr	The requested index for dummy matchup was not available in the AMD input file. This may happen if the L1B product has more BRC's than the AMD file has profiles (for classic grouping) or if the L2B generates more groups than the AMD file has profiles (for advanced grouping)
10	Matchup_Failed_timewindow	Not a single AuxMet profile was found to be within the requested time window, even though some of them seem to be within the requested distance threshold.

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Numerical value	Name	Description
11	Matchup_Failed_distance	Not a single AuxMet profile was found to be within the requested distance threshold, even though some of them seem to be inside the requested time window
12	Matchup_Failed_timeanddistance	Not a single AuxMet profile did match either the requested distance threshold or the requested time window.
254	Matchup_Failed_invalid_method	The selected matchup method was invalid. This will never occur since the processor will exit with an error in this case.
255	Matchup_Undefined	only for internal use; used for initialising the datastructure

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Table 33: L2B/L2C Product Confidence Data L1B_Input_Screening Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
L1B_Obs_Scr	A structure that stores L1B BRC Obs level screening results on measurement level (see Table 34). This is needed because a L2B group no longer corresponds by definition to a single L1B BRC		structure	6
Mie_Meas	structure describing the problems found for this Mie measurement (see Table 36).		structure	51
Rayleigh_Meas	structure describing the problems found for this Rayleigh measurement (see Table 40).		structure	51
Spare			Spare	20
Total size for L2B_PCD_L1B_Input_Screening in bytes:				**128**

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Table 34: L2B/L2C PCD L1B Observation Screening Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Obs_Screening	a field that stores a code indicating whether the L1B Observation level screening was passed for the BRC to which this measurement belongs. Possible values are listed in Table 35		IntAuc	1
Obs_Screening_Flags1	reserved (always set to 0)		IntAuc	1
Obs_Screening_Flags2	reserved (always set to 0)		IntAuc	1
Obs_Screening_Flags3	reserved (always set to 0)		IntAuc	1
Obs_Screening_Flags4	reserved (always set to 0)		IntAuc	1
Obs_Screening_Flags5	reserved (always set to 0)		IntAuc	1
Total size for L2B_PCD_L1B_Input_Screening in bytes:				**6**

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Table 35: Valid values for the Obs_Screening field of the L2B/L2C PCD L1B_Input_Screening structure.

Numerical value	Name	Description
File reading related:		
0	L1B_File_OK	L1B file reading was succesfull
1	L1B_HDR_Corrupted	L1B file does not match the format definition (a non-fatal problem was present in one of the headers)
2	L1B_BRC_Corrupted	L1B file does not match the format definition (a non-fatal problem was present in the binary data for this BRC/Obs)
...		
Laser related:		
10	L1B_Laser_Freq_Unlocked	nmeas with laser_freq_unlocked above a threshold
11	L1B_Ref_Pulses_Unlocked	nrefpulses with laser_freq_unlocked above a threshold
12	L1B_Laser_Freq_Offset	average laser freq. offset above a threshold
13	L1B_Laser_UV_Energy	average laser UV energy below a threshold
14	L1B_Laser_Freq_Offs_Stdev	Standard deviation for laser frequency offset above a threshold
15	L1B_Laser_UV_Energy_Stdev	Standard deviation for laser pulse UV energy above a threshold
16	L1B_Mie_Mean_Emit_Freq	Mie mean emitted frequency out of valid range
17	L1B_Mie_Emit_Freq_Stdev	Mie emitted frequency standard deviation is out of valid range
18	L1B_Rayl_Mean_Emit_Freq	Rayleigh mean emitted frequency out of valid range
19	L1B_Rayl_Emit_Freq_Stdev	Rayleigh emitted frequency standard deviation is out of valid range
...		
Satellite related:		
20	L1B_Sat_Not_on_Target	nmeas with sat_not_on_target above a threshold
...		
Measurement related:		
30	L1B_Mie_corrupt	nmeas with corrupt Mie meas. above a threshold
31	L1B_Rayleigh_corrupt	nmeas with corrupt Rayleigh meas. above a threshold
32	L1B_Mie_Ref_Pulses_Corrupt	nmeas with corrupt Mie ref. pulses above a threshold
33	L1B_Rayl_Ref_Pulses_Corrupt	nmeas with corrupt Rayleigh ref. pulses above a threshold
...		
Combinations:		
40	L1B_Mie_Invalid_Meas	Num_of_mie_invalid_measurements above a threshold
41	L1B_Mie_Invalid_Ref_Pulses	Num_of_mie_invalid_reference_pulse above a threshold
42	L1B_Rayl_Invalid_Meas	Num_of_rayleigh_invalid_measurements above a threshold
43	L1B_Rayl_Invalid_Ref_Pulses	Num_of_rayleigh_invalid_reference_pulse above a threshold
44	L1B_Invalid_Num_Mie_Peaks	reserved
...		
General:		
255	L1B_Obs_Scr_undefined	only for internal use; used for initialising the datastructure
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Numerical value	Name	Description

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Table 36: L2B/L2C Product Confidence Data L1B Mie_Meas screening Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Meas_QC	A code describing a problem which prevents using this Mie measurement (see Table 37 for a list of valid values).		IntAuc	1
Meas_QC_Flags	Flags describing problems which prevent using this Mie Measurement. Bit 1 : reserved (always set to 0) Bit 2 : reserved (always set to 0) ... Bit 8 : reserved (always set to 0)		IntAuc	1
Bin_Screening	List of 24 structures describing the problems found for each Mie measurement Bin (see Table 38)		list of 24 structures	48
Spare			Spare	1
Total size for L2B_PCD_L1B_Mie_Meas_Screening in bytes:				**51**

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Table 37: Valid values for the L1B_Mie_Meas_QC field of the L2B/L2C Product Confidence Data L1B Mie_Meas Screening structure

Numerical value	Name	Description
0	L1B_Mie_Meas_OK	L1B Mie measurement contents seems OK
1	L1B_Mie_Meas_Invalid_Ref_Pulses	num_of_mie_invalid_reference_pulses above a threshold
2	L1B_Avg_Laser_Freq_Offset	Avg_Laser_Frequency_Offset outside allowed range
3	L1B_Avg_UV_Energy	Avg_UV_Energy outside allowed range
4	L1B_Laser_Freq_Offset_Stdev	Laser_Frequency_Offset_Std_Dev outside allowed range
5	L1B_UV_Energy_Std_Dev	UV_Energy_Std_Dev outside allowed range for this measurement
6	L1B_Vel_of_Att_Uncertainty_Error	Velocity_of_Attitude_Uncertainty_Error outside allowed range
7	L1B_Mie_Mean_Emitted_Freq	Mie_Mean_Emitted_Frequency outside allowed range
8	L1B_Mie_Emitted_Freq_Stdev	Mie_Emitted_Frequency_Std_Dev outside allowed range
9	L1B_Meas_Reference_Pulse_FWHM	Mie Measurement Reference_Pulse_FWHM outside allowed range
255	L1B_Mie_Meas_Undefined	only for internal use; used for initialising the datastructure
...		

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Table 38: L2B/L2C Product Confidence Data L1B Mie_Meas_Bin screening Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Bin_QC	A code describing a problem which prevents using this Mie measurement bin (see Table 39 for a list of valid values).		IntAuc	1
Bin_QC_Flags	Flags describing problems which prevent using this Mie measurement bin. Bit 1 : reserved (always set to 0) Bit 2 : reserved (always set to 0) ... Bit 8 : reserved (always set to 0)		IntAuc	1
Total size for L2B_PCD_L1B_Mie_Meas_Bin_Screening in bytes:				**2**

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Table 39: Valid values for the L1B_Mie_Meas_Bin_QC field of the L1B Mie_Meas_Bin Screening structure

Numerical value	Name	Description
0	L1B_Mie_Bin_OK	L1B Mie Bin contents seems OK
1	L1B_Mie_Bin_Invalid	this Mie measurement Bin has been flagged invalid by the L1BP
2	L1B_Scattering_Ratio	Scattering_Ratio_Mie not within valid range
3	L1B_Mie_SNR	Mie_Signal_to_Noise_Ratio is below the processing threshold
50	L1B_Bin_Contains_Surface	the ground surface was detected inside this range bin
51	L1B_Bin_Contains_Surface_DEM	the ground surface is inside this range bin according to the DEM and the remaining bin thickness is too small to be used
52	L1B_Bin_Below_Surface	this range bin is below the surface (surface was detected in the signal of a range bin above this one)
53	L1B_Bin_Below_Surface_DEM	this range bin is below the surface according to the DEM
...		

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Table 40: L2B/L2C Product Confidence Data L1B Rayleigh_Meas screening Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Meas_QC	A code describing a problem which prevents using this Rayleigh measurement (see Table 41 for a list of valid values).		IntAuc	1
Meas_QC_Flags	Flags describing problems which prevent using this Rayleigh Measurement. Bit 1 : reserved (always set to 0) Bit 2 : reserved (always set to 0) ... Bit 8 : reserved (always set to 0)		IntAuc	1

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Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Bin_Screening	List of 24 structures describing the problems found for each Rayleigh measurement Bin (see Table 42)		list of 24 structures	48
Spare			Spare	1
Total size for L2B_PCD_L1B_Rayl_Meas_Screening in bytes:				**51**

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Table 41: Valid values for the L1B_Rayleigh_Meas_QC field of the L1B Rayleigh_Meas Screening structure

Numerical value	Name	Description
0	L1B_Rayleigh_Meas_OK	L1B Rayleigh measurement contents seems OK
1	L1B_Rayleigh_Meas_Invalid_Ref_Pulses	num_of_rayleigh_invalid_reference_pulses above a threshold
2	L1B_Avg_Laser_Freq_Offset	Avg_Laser_Frequency_Offset outside allowed range
3	L1B_Avg_UV_Energy	Avg_UV_Energy outside allowed range
4	L1B_Laser_Freq_Offset_Stdev	Laser_Frequency_Offset_Std_Dev outside allowed range
5	L1B_UV_Energy_Std_Dev	UV_Energy_Std_Dev outside allowed range for this measurement
6	L1B_Vel_of_Att_Uncertainty_Error	Velocity_of_Attitude_Uncertainty_Error outside allowed range
7	L1B_Rayleigh_Mean_Emitted_Freq	Rayleigh_Mean_Emitted_Frequency outside allowed range
8	L1B_Rayleigh_Emitted_Freq_Stdev	Rayleigh_Emitted_Frequency_Std_Dev outside allowed range
255	L1B_Rayleigh_Meas_Undefined	only for internal use; used for initialising the datastructure
...		

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Table 42: L2B/L2C Product Confidence Data L1B Rayleigh_Meas_-Bin screening Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Bin_QC	A code describing a problem which prevents using this Rayleigh measurement bin (see Table 43 for a list of valid values).		IntAuc	1
Bin_QC_Flags	Flags describing problems which prevent using this Rayleigh measurement bin. Bit 1 : reserved (always set to 0) Bit 2 : reserved (always set to 0) ... Bit 8 : reserved (always set to 0)		IntAuc	1
Total size for L2B_PCD_L1B_Rayleigh_Meas_Bin_Screening in bytes:				**2**

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Table 43: Valid values for the L1B_Rayleigh_Meas_Bin_QC field of the L1B Rayleigh_Meas_Bin Screening structure

Numerical value	Name	Description
0	L1B_Rayleigh_Bin_OK	L1B Rayleigh Bin contents seems OK
1	L1B_Rayleigh_Meas_Bin_Invalid	this Rayleigh measurement Bin has been flagged invalid by the L1BP
2	L1B_Rayleigh_SNR_A	Rayleigh_Signal_to_Noise_Ratio_Channel_A outside valid range
3	L1B_Rayleigh_SNR_B	Rayleigh_Signal_to_Noise_Ratio_Channel_B outside valid range
50	L1B_Bin_Contains_Surface	the ground surface was detected inside this range bin
51	L1B_Bin_Contains_Surface_DEM	the ground surface is inside this range bin according to the DEM and the remaining bin thickness is too small to be used
52	L1B_Bin_Below_Surface	this range bin is below the surface (surface was detected in the signal of a range bin above this one)
53	L1B_Bin_Below_Surface_DEM	this range bin is below the surface according to the DEM
...		

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Table 44: L2B/L2C Product Confidence Data L2B_Mie_Meas_Classification_QC Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
L2B_Mie_Meas_Bin_Classification	List of 24 structures describing the results of the Mie classification algorithm for each measurement bin (see Table 45)		list of 24 structures	480
Spare			Spare	3
Total size for L2B_PCD_L2B_Mie_Meas_Class_QC in bytes:				**483**

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Table 45: L2B/L2C Product Confidence Data L2B_Mie_Meas_Bin_-Classification_QC Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
L2B_Mie_Meas_Bin_-Class_Flags1	First byte of 8 flags describing classification properties for the current Mie measurement rangebin. Bit 1 (L2B_Mie_Class_Cloud_Above) : a cloud was detected in a range bin higher than the current range bin Bit 2 (L2B_Mie_Class_Cloud) : this rangebin contains a cloud Bit 3 (L2B_Mie_Class_Maybe_Cloud) : this rangebin contains possibly a cloud, but the backscatter is close to the threshold Bit 4 (L2B_Mie_Class_Aerosol) : Mie backscatter is present, but it is not a cloud Bit 5 (L2B_Mie_Class_Precipitation) : Precipitation is present in this range bin Bit 6 (L2B_Mie_Class_No_Extinction) : No extinction is known for this range bin Bit 7 (L2B_Mie_Class_Unknown_Scatterer) : the value encountered in this rangebin for backscatter is unphysical for clouds Bit 8 (L2B_Mie_Class_Broken_Clouds) : this range bin contains a broken cloud layer (currently only used for Obs range bins)		IntAuc	1
L2B_Mie_Meas_Bin_-Class_Flags2	Second byte of 8 flags describing classification properties for the current Mie measurement rangebin. Bit 1 (L2B_Mie_Class_Convective_Clouds) : this range bin contains convective clouds Bit 2 (L2B_Mie_Class_No_Cloud_Detected) : Flag indicating that no cloud or aerosol was detected in this rangebin Bit 3 (L2B_NWP_Data_Used) : Flag indicating that NWP data was used to determine the classification of this rangebin Bit 4 : reserved (always set to 0) ... Bit 8 : reserved (always set to 0)		IntAuc	1
L2B_Reliability	A measure for the reliability of the classification result for this rangebin		FAdoxy	8
Backscatter_ratio	Backscatter ratio deduced for this rangebin		FAdoxy	8
Applied_ScatRatio_-Method	Method applied to deduce Backscatter ratio for this rangebin (see Table 46).		IntAuc	1
Spare			Spare	1
Total size for L2B_PCD_L2B_Mie_Meas_Bin_Class_QC in bytes:				**20**

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Table 46: Valid values for the Applied_ScatRatio_Method field of the L2B_Mie_Meas_Bin_Classification_QC structure (compare also the strings used by the L2B AuxPar file, see table 103)

Numerical value	Name	Description

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Numerical value	Name	Description
0	Scat_Ratio_Undefined	only for internal use; used for initialising the datastructure
1	Scat_Ratio_from_L1B_Mie_-classic_only	use the scattering ratio calculated by the default L1B algorithm
2	Scat_Ratio_from_L1B_Mie_refined_only	use the scattering ratio calculated by the refined L1B algorithm
3	Scat_Ratio_mix_L1B_Mie_ refined_classic	use the scattering ratio calculated by the refined L1B algorithm, but fall back to the classic algorithm in case no refined value is available
4	Scat_Ratio_from_RaylOnly	use the scattering ratio estimated by the Optical Properties algorithm from the Rayleigh channel information only
5	Scat_Ratio_Assume_One_if_Missing	assume a scattering ratio value of 1 in case the L1B Mie result is missing
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99	Scat_Ratio_Dont_Use	special flag intended to signal that the fall-back method is not to be used

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Table 47: L2B/L2C Product Confidence Data L2B_Rayleigh_Meas_-Classification_QC Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
L2B_Rayleigh_Meas_-Bin_Classification	List of 24 structures describing the results of the Rayleigh classification algorithm for each measurement bin (see Table 48)		list of 24 structures	480
Spare			Spare	2
Total size for L2B_PCD_L2B_Rayleigh_Meas_Class_QC in bytes:				**482**

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Table 48: L2B/L2C Product Confidence Data L2B_Rayleigh_Meas_-Bin_Classification_QC Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
L2B_Rayleigh_Meas_-Bin_Class_Flags1	First byte of 8 flags describing classification properties for the current Rayleigh measurement rangebin. Bit 1 (L2B_Rayl_Class_Cloud_Above) : a cloud was detected in a range bin higher than the current range bin Bit 2 (L2B_Rayl_Class_Cloud) : this rangebin contains a cloud Bit 3 (L2B_Rayl_Class_Maybe_Cloud) : this rangebin contains possibly a cloud, but the backscatter is close to the threshold Bit 4 (L2B_Rayl_Class_Aerosol) : Mie backscatter is present, but it is not a cloud Bit 5 (L2B_Rayl_Class_Precipitation) : Precipitation is present in this range bin Bit 6 (L2B_Rayl_Class_No_Extinction) : No extinction is known for this range bin Bit 7 (L2B_Rayl_Class_Unknown_Scatterer) : the value encountered in this rangebin for backscatter is unphysical for clouds Bit 8 (L2B_Rayl_Class_Broken_Clouds) : this range bin contains a broken cloud layer (currently only used for Obs range bins)		IntAuc	1
L2B_Rayleigh_Meas_-Bin_Class_Flags2	Second byte of 8 flags describing classification properties for the current Rayleigh measurement rangebin. Bit 1 (L2B_Rayl_Class_Convective_Clouds) : this range bin contains convective clouds Bit 2 (L2B_Rayl_Class_No_Cloud_Detected) : Flag indicating that no cloud or aerosol was detected in this rangebin Bit 3 (L2B_NWP_Data_Used) : Flag indicating that NWP data was used to determine the classification of this rangebin Bit 4 : reserved (always set to 0) ... Bit 8 : reserved (always set to 0)		IntAuc	1
L2B_Reliability	A measure for the reliability of the classification result for this rangebin		FAdoxy	8
Backscatter_ratio	Backscatter ratio deduced for this rangebin		FAdoxy	8
Applied_ScatRatio_-Method	Method applied to deduce Backscatter ratio for this rangebin (see Table 46).		IntAuc	1
Spare			Spare	1
Total size for L2B_PCD_L2B_Mie_Meas_Bin_Class_QC in bytes:				**20**

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Table 49: L2B Measurement level Optical Properties Result Data Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Opt_Prop_Meas_Result	List of 24 structures describing the results of the optical properties algorithm for each measurement bin (see Table 50)		list of 24 structures	648
Spare			Spare	5
Total size for Opt_Prop_Result in bytes:				**653**

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Table 50: L2B Measurement level Optical Properties Result Data Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
extinction_iterative	Aerosol extinction as determined by the iterative Optical Properties Algorithm	1/m	FAdoxy	8
scattering_ratio_iterative	scattering ratio as determined by the iterative Optical Properties Algorithm		FAdoxy	8
Xtalk_detected	switch to indicate if cross talk was detected or not by the iterative Optical Properties Algorithm		Boolean	1
layer_top	top of the cloud layer detected by the iterative Optical Properties Algorithm	m	IntAl	4
layer_bottom	bottom of the cloud layer detected by the iterative Optical Properties Algorithm	m	IntAl	4
layer_method	method used by the iterative Optical Properties Algorithm to determine the cloud layer (see Table 51 for possible values)		IntAc	1
Spare			Spare	1
Total size for L2B Measurement level Optical Properties Result Data in bytes:				**27**

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Table 51: Valid values for the layer_method field of the L2B Measurement levelOptical Properties Result Data structure

Numerical value	Name	Description
-1	Layer_Method_Undefined	only for internal use; used for initialising the datastructure
1	Layer_Method_partial_bin	the layer was found to be contained inside a single rangebin, and fills it only partially
2	Layer_Method_filled_bins	the layer was assumed to be a homegeneous layer filling one or more complete rangebins
...		

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4.3.7 L2B/L2C Mie Wind Product Confidence Data ADS

Table 52: L2B/L2C Mie Wind Product Confidence Data ADS Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
wind_result_id	unique L2B wind result identification number for this L2B file		IntAul	4
Start_of_Obs_DateTime	Date and time of first measurement used for this wind result	UTC	DateTime	12
Mie_Wind_QC	Structure in which the wind retrieval output QC parameters for the Mie channel are collected (see Table 53 for a description)		structure	148
Spare			Spare	20
Total size for L2B_Mie_WInd_PCD_ADS in bytes:				**184**

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Table 53: Mie channel wind retrieval output QC parameters

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Hlos_Error_Estimate	Error estimate reported by the Mie processing algorithm, as defined in [RD7], given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAus	2
Reference_Hlos	Reference HLOS wind taken from the matching profile in the AUX_MET file that was used for processing (and as is used for calculating O-B statistics), given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAs	2
flags1	First flag describing Mie processing results for the current wind result. Bit 1: MaxItLorFit threshold reached for measurement fit Bit 2: ResErrThresh threshold reached for measurement fit Bit 3: MaxItNonLinOpt threshold reached for measurement fit Bit 4: PeakHeightLoThresh threshold reached for measurement fit Bit 5: PeakHeightUpThresh threshold reached for measurement fit Bit 6: FWHMLoThresh threshold reached for measurement fit Bit 7: FWHMUpThresh threshold reached for measurement fit Bit 8: PeakLocThresh threshold reached for measurement fit		IntAuc	1

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Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
flags2	Second flag describing Mie processing results for the current wind result. Bit 1: MaxItLorFit threshold reached for internal reference fit Bit 2: ResErrThresh threshold reached for internal reference fit Bit 3: MaxItNonLinOpt threshold reached for internal reference fit Bit 4: PeakHeightLoThresh threshold reached for internal reference fit Bit 5: PeakHeightUpThresh threshold reached for internal reference fit Bit 6: FWHMLoThresh threshold reached for internal reference fit Bit 7: FWHMUpThresh threshold reached for internal reference fit Bit 8: PeakLocThresh threshold reached for internal reference fit		IntAuc	1
flags3	Third flag describing Mie processing results for the current wind result. Bit 1: SNR threshold failed for this wind result (signal was too low) Bit 2: reserved (always set to 0) Bit 3: reserved (always set to 0) Bit 4: reserved (always set to 0) Bit 5: reserved (always set to 0) Bit 6: the wind was flagged invalid since it includes measurements that may have ground echoes according to the DEM as reported by the L1B product. Bit 7: the wind was flagged invalid since it contains measurements for which the L1B product reported ground echoes at this range bin level or above. Bit 8: the wind was flagged invalid because the classification “clear” is not trusted for the Mie channel (the user has set Flag_Clear_Mie_Results_Invalid to True)		IntAuc	1
flags4	Fourth flag describing Mie processing results for the current wind result. Bit 1: the wind was manually flagged invalid since this range bin is currently untrusted due to a “hot pixel”. Bit 2: the wind was in the O-B bias check automatically flagged invalid. This range bin is currently untrusted because it may be affected by an uncorrected “hot pixel”. Bit 3: the wind result was flagged invalid due to blacklisting. Bit 4: reserved (always set to 0) Bit 5: reserved (always set to 0) Bit 6: reserved (always set to 0) Bit 7: reserved (always set to 0) Bit 8: reserved (always set to 0)		IntAuc	1
IntRef_Fitting_Amplitude	Amplitude of the curve used for fitting the internal reference spectrum		FAdoxy	8

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Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
IntRef_Fitting_Residual	Residual after the fit to the internal reference spectrum is performed (should also give an idea of the reliability of the fit)		FAdoxy	8
IntRef_Fitting_Offset	Offset of the curve used for fitting the internal reference spectrum		FAdoxy	8
IntRef_Fitting_FWHM	FWHM of the curve used for fitting internal reference the spectrum.		FAdoxy	8
IntRef_Fitting_PeakLoc	Peak location result from fitting the internal reference spectrum.		FAdoxy	8
IntRef_Fitting_-OffsetSub	Offset subtraction as applied to the fit result of the internal reference spectrum.		FAdoxy	8
IntRef_Fitting_ValFlag	Validity flag indicating the succes of fitting the internal reference spectrum.		Boolean	1
IntRef_Fitting_Mie_SNR	Refined SNR value derived by fitting the internal reference spectrum.		FAdoxy	8
IntRef_Fitting_Mie_SR	Refined Scattering Ratio value derived by fitting the internal reference spectrum.		FAdoxy	8
Fitting_Amplitude	Amplitude of the curve used for fitting the Mie spectrum		FAdoxy	8
Fitting_Residual	Residual after the fit to the Mie spectrum is performed (should also give an idea of the reliability of the fit)		FAdoxy	8
Fitting_Offset	Offset of the curve used for fitting the Mie spectrum		FAdoxy	8
Fitting_FWHM	FWHM of the curve used for fitting the Mie spectrum. This gives a measure of the wind variability in this rangebin		FAdoxy	8
Fitting_PeakLoc	Peak location result from fitting the measured atmospheric Mie spectrum.		FAdoxy	8
Fitting_OffsetSub	Offset subtraction as applied to the fit result of the measured atmospheric Mie spectrum.		FAdoxy	8
Fitting_ValFlag	Validity flag indicating the succes of fitting the measured atmospheric Mie spectrum.		Boolean	1
Fitting_Mie_SNR	SNR of the measured atmospheric Mie spectrum		FAdoxy	8
Fitting_Mie_SR	Refined Scattering ratio value derived by fitting the accumulated measured atmospheric Mie spectrum		FAdoxy	8
Extinction	Extinction	1/m	FAdoxy	8
Mie_Background_High	A value of 1 indicates that this data was taken during daylight, so possibly the background radiation level is high.		IntAuc	1
Spare			Spare	1
Total size for L2B_Mie_Wind_QC in bytes:				**148**

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4.3.8 L2B/L2C Rayleigh Wind Product Confidence Data ADS

Table 54: L2B/L2C Rayleigh Wind Product Confidence Data ADS Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
wind_result_id	unique L2B wind result identification number for this L2B file		IntAul	4
Start_of_Obs_DateTime	Date and time of first measurement used for this wind result	UTC	DateTime	12
Rayleigh_Wind_QC	Structure in which the wind retrieval output QC parameters for the Rayleigh channel are collected (see Table 55 for a description)		structure	19
Spare			Spare	20
Total size for L2B_Rayleigh_Wind_PCD_ADS in bytes:				**55**

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Table 55: Rayleigh channel wind retrieval output QC parameters

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Hlos_Error_Estimate	Error estimate reported by the Rayleigh processing algorithm, as defined in [RD7], given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAus	2
Reference_Hlos	Reference HLOS wind taken from the matching profile in the AUX_MET file that was used for processing (and as is used for calculating O-B statistics), given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAs	2
flags1	First flag describing Rayleigh processing results for the current wind result. Bit 1: missing usefull reference pulse signal Rayleigh Channel A Bit 2: missing usefull reference pulse signal Rayleigh Channel B Bit 3: missing usefull signal Rayleigh Channel A Bit 4: missing usefull signal Rayleigh Channel B Bit 5: threshold check on RRmes_weighted failed Bit 6: missing RRmes_weighted value Bit 7: missing RR_RefPulse_weighted value Bit 8: missing p_ref value		IntAuc	1
flags2	Second flag describing Rayleigh processing results for the current wind result. Bit 1: missing T_ref value Bit 2: missing rho_weighted value Bit 3: corr0 threshold failed Bit 4: corr0dR threshold failed Bit 5: corr0dT threshold failed Bit 6: corr0dP threshold failed Bit 7: corr0drho threshold failed Bit 8: corr0_RefPulse threshold failed		IntAuc	1

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Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
flags3	Third flag describing Rayleigh processing results for the current wind result. Bit 1: missing iliad_los_velocity value Bit 2: missing spacecraft_los_velocity value Bit 3: missing ground_corr_velocity value Bit 4: missing internal_reference_los_velocity value Bit 5: reserved (always set to 0) Bit 6: the wind was flagged invalid since it includes measurements that may have ground echoes according to the DEM as reported by the L1B product. Bit 7: the wind was flagged invalid since it contains measurements for which the L1B product reported ground echoes at this range bin level or above. Bit 8: the wind was flagged invalid because the classification “cloudy” is not trusted for the Rayleigh channel (the user has set Flag_Cloudy_Rayleigh_Results_Invalid to True)		IntAuc	1
flags4	Fourth flag describing Mie processing results for the current wind result. Bit 1: the wind was manually flagged invalid since this range bin is currently untrusted due to a “hot pixel”. Bit 2: the wind was in the O-B bias check automatically flagged invalid. This range bin is currently untrusted because it may be affected by an uncorrected “hot pixel”. Bit 3: the wind result was flagged invalid due to blacklisting. Bit 4: reserved (always set to 0) Bit 5: reserved (always set to 0) Bit 6: reserved (always set to 0) Bit 7: reserved (always set to 0) Bit 8: reserved (always set to 0)		IntAuc	1
Scattering_Ratio	Scattering_Ratio used to estimate the Mie signal used in Mie decontamination for this wind result		FAdoxy	8
Scattering_Ratio_Method	Scattering_Ratio_Method used to determine the Scattering_Ratio rho for this wind result (see Table 57 for a list of valid values)		IntAuc	1
Rayleigh_Background_High	A value of 1 flags that this data was taken during daylight, so possibly the background radiation level is high.		IntAuc	1
Spare			Spare	1
Total size for L2B_Rayleigh_Wind_QC in bytes:				**19**

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Table 56: Valid values for the extinction_method field of the L2B_Rayleigh_Wind_QC

Numerical value	Name	Description
0	Extinction_Meth_Undefined	Undefined.
1	Extinction_Not_Available	Not available.

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Numerical value	Name	Description
2	Extinction_From_NWP_Comp	Using NWP information as specified in the ATBD [RD7]
...		

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Table 57: Valid values for the Scattering_Ratio_method field of the L2B_Rayleigh_Wind_QC L2B/L2C Product Confidence Data L2B_ObsRayleigh_Bin_QC structure

Numerical value	Name	Description
0	Scat_Ratio_Meth_Undefined	Undefined.
1	Scat_Ratio_Meth_UseAverage	Computed by averaging the measurement values used to contruct this wind result
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4.3.9 Mie wind MDS

The content of the DSR for the Mie wind Measurement Data Set (MDS) is detailed in Table 58.

Table 58: L2B/L2C Mie HLOSwind Data Set MDSR Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
wind_result_id	unique L2B Mie wind result identification number for this L2B file		IntAul	4
Start_of_Obs_DateTime	Date and time of the first measurement used to compose the accumulated signals used to retrieve this wind result	UTC	DateTime	12
WindResult	structure containing the wind retrieval result associated to the current Mie accumulation for a given group and classification. See Table 59.		structure	21
Spare			Spare	5
Total size for L2B/L2C Mie wind DSR in bytes:				**42**

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Table 59: L2B/L2C Mie wind Result Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
which_range_bin	stores the range bin number this wind result belongs to		IntAuc	1
observation_type	remember if this was a cloud or no-cloud profile (or any other type we define). Possible codes are defined in Table 60		IntAuc	1
Validity_Flag	Validity flag (1 or TRUE = valid, 0 or FALSE = invalid) attached to the reported wind velocity. Details on the reasons why a result is invalid can be found in the l2b_mie_wind_pcd_ads dataset. (See section 4.3.7)		Boolean	1

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Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Mie_Wind_Velocity	Wind velocity given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAs	2
Applied_Spacecraft_-LOS_corr_velocity	Applied spacecraft LOS correction to the Wind velocity, given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAs	2
Applied_RDB_corr_velocity	Applied range dependent LOS bias correction to the Wind velocity, given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAs	2
Applied_Ground_corr_-velocity	Applied ground correction to the LOS Wind velocity (either HBE or ZWC based), given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAs	2
Applied_M1_temperature_corr_velocity	Applied M1 mirror temperature correction to the HLOS Wind velocity, given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAs	2
Integration_Length	Integration length for the reported Mie wind.	m	IntAul	4
N_Meas_in_class	Number of measurements used to construct the accumulation used to derive the current Mie wind result		IntAus	2
Spare			Spare	2
Total size for L2B/L2C Mie Wind Result in bytes:				**21**

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Table 60: Valid values for the observation_type field

Numerical value	Name	Description
0	Obs_Type_Undefined	for initialisation purposes only
1	Obs_Type_cloudy_returns	indicates a profile or wind result classified as cloudy
2	Obs_Type_clear_returns	indicates a profile or wind result classified as clear

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4.3.10 Rayleigh wind MDS

The content of the DSR for the L2B/L2C Rayleigh Wind MDS is given in Table 61.

Table 61: L2B/L2C Rayleigh HLOSwind Data Set MDSR Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
wind_result_id	unique L2B Rayleigh wind result identification number for this L2B file		IntAul	4
Start_of_Obs_DateTime	Date and time of the first measurement used to compose the accumulated signals used to retrieve this wind result	UTC	DateTime	12
WindResult	structure containing the wind retrieval result associated to the current Rayleigh accumulation for a given group and classification. See Table 62.		structure	37
Spare			Spare	5
Total size for L2B/L2C Rayleigh Wind MDS in bytes:				**58**

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Table 62: L2B/L2C Rayleigh wind result Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
which_range_bin	stores the range bin number this wind result belongs to		IntAuc	1
observation_type	remember if this was a cloud or no-cloud profile (or any other type we define). Possible codes are defined in Table 60.		IntAuc	1
Validity_Flag	Validity flag (1 or TRUE = valid, 0 or FALSE = invalid) attached to the reported wind velocity. Details on the reasons why a result is invalid can be found in the l2b_rayleigh_wind_pcd_ads dataset. (See section 4.3.8)		Boolean	1
Rayleigh_Wind_Velocity	Wind velocity given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAs	2
Rayleigh_Wind_to_-Pressure	First-order derivative of the HLOS wind with respect to the pressure inside the sensing volume. This parameter may be used to correct the reported HLOS wind from pressure modifications brought by the assimilation.	10-6 m/s/ Pa	IntAs	2
Rayleigh_Wind_to_-Temperature	First-order derivative of the HLOS wind with respect to the temperature inside the sensing volume. This parameter may be used to correct the reported HLOS wind from temperature modifications brought by the assimilation.	cm/ s/K	IntAs	2
Rayleigh_Wind_to_-Backscatter_Ratio	First-order derivative of the HLOS wind with respect to the backscattering ratio inside the sensing volume. This parameter may be used to correct the reported HLOS wind if the reference backscatter ratio is modified.	cm/s	IntAs	2
Reference_Pressure	Reference pressure used for inverting the Rayleigh response into an HLOS wind. This pressure information is taken from the numerical weather prediction model.	Pa	IntAul	4
Reference_Temperature	Reference temperature used for inverting the Rayleigh response into an HLOS wind. This temperature information is taken from the numerical weather prediction model.	10-2 K	IntAus	2
Reference_Backscatter_Ratio	Reference backscatter ratio used for inverting the Rayleigh response measured by the lidar.	10-6	IntAul	4
Applied_Spacecraft_-LOS_corr_velocity	Applied spacecraft LOS correction to the Wind velocity, given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAs	2
Applied_RDB_corr_velocity	Applied range dependent bias correction to the LOS Wind velocity, given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAs	2
Applied_Ground_corr_-velocity	Applied ground correction to the LOS Wind velocity (either HBE or ZWC based), given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAs	2
Applied_M1_temperature_corr_velocity	Applied M1 mirror temperature correction to the HLOS Wind velocity, given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAs	2
Integration_Length	Integration length for the reported Rayleigh wind.	m	IntAul	4

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Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
N_Meas_in_class	Number of measurements used to construct the accumulation used to derive the current Rayleigh wind result		IntAus	2
Spare			Spare	2
Total size for L2B/L2C Rayleigh Wind Result in bytes:				**37**

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4.3.11 L2B Wind Profile MDS

The content of the DSR for the L2B/L2C Wind profile MDS is given in Table 63.

Table 63: L2B/L2C Wind Profile MDS Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Start_of_Obs_DateTime	Date and time of the first measurement used to compose the accumulated signals pointed at by this wind profile MDS	UTC	DateTime	12
Profile_lat_start	start latitude of the set of wind retrieval results pointed at by this profile MDS	10-6 degN	IntAl	4
Profile_lat_average	average latitude of the set of wind retrieval results pointed at by this profile MDS	10-6 degN	IntAl	4
Profile_lat_stop	stop latitude of the set of wind retrieval results pointed at by this profile MDS	10-6 degN	IntAl	4
Profile_lon_start	start longitude of the set of wind retrieval results pointed at by this profile MDS	10-6 degE	IntAl	4
Profile_lon_average	average longitude of the set of wind retrieval results pointed at by this profile MDS	10-6 degE	IntAl	4
Profile_lon_stop	stop longitude of the set of wind retrieval results pointed at by this profile MDS	10-6 degE	IntAl	4
Profile_DateTime_Start	Date and time of the first measurement used to compose the accumulated signals pointed at by this wind profile MDS	UTC	DateTime	12
Profile_DateTime_-Average	Average date and time of the measurements used to compose the accumulated signals pointed at by this wind profile MDS	UTC	DateTime	12
Profile_DateTime_Stop	Date and time of the last measurement used to compose the accumulated signals pointed at by this wind profile MDS	UTC	DateTime	12
L2B_Wind_Profile	structure containing reference id numbers of wind retrieval results associated with the current profile for a given group and classification. See Table 64.		Structure	104
Total size for L2B/L2C Wind Profile MDS in bytes:				**176**

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Table 64: L2B Wind Profile Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Channel	Switch indicating to which channel this profile refers. Possible values are listed in Table 65.		IntAuc	1
Obs_Type	remember if this was a cloud or no-cloud profile (or any other type we define). Possible codes are defined in See Table 60.		IntAuc	1

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Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
num_winds_in_profile	Number of wind results pointed at by this profile (both valid and invalid)		IntAuc	1
profile_id_number	unique L2B wind profile identification number for this L2B file		IntAul	4
wind_result_id_number	A list of 24 wind id values referring to at most 24 individual wind results that are assigned to this profile. The reserved value of 0 is used to indicate no wind was assigned to the profile at that specific level.		list of 24 numbers of type IntAul	96
Spare			Spare	1
Total size for L2B Wind Profile in bytes:				**104**

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Table 65: Valid values for the Channel field

Numerical value	Name	Description
0	Undefined_Channel	for initialisation purposes only
1	Mie_Channel	indicates a Mie profile
2	Rayleigh_Channel	indicates a Rayleigh profile

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4.3.12 L2C Mie Assimilation Product Confidence Data (PCD) ADS

This dataset is only present in L2C products. The content of the DSR for the L2C Assimilation Product Confidence Annotation Data Set (MDS) is detailed in Table 66.

Table 66: L2C Mie Assimilation Product Confidence Data ADSR Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
wind_result_id	unique L2B wind result identification number for this L2C file		IntAul	4
L2C_Mie_Quality_-Params	Structure containing all the L2C-derived quality information related to the current Mie wind result for the current accumulation (i.e. error estimates, validity flags...). See Table 67		structure	131
Spare			Spare	20
Total size for L2C Assimilation PCD ADS in bytes:				**155**

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Table 67: L2C Assimilation Product Confidence Data L2C_Mie_Quality_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Obs_Type	remember if this was a cloud or no-cloud profile (or any other type we define). Possible codes are defined in Table 60.		IntAuc	1
Spare			Spare	36

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Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
L2C_Mie_Height_Bin_-Quality_Params	Structure containing all the information pertaining to the current Mie wind result (see Table 68).		Structure	94
Total size for L2C Mie Quality Params in bytes:				**131**

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Table 68: L2C Mie Height Bin Quality Params Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
L2B_Mie_Obs_Screen-ing	Structure describing QC parameters resulting from screening of L2B Mie wind result (see Table 69)		Structure	18
Assimilation_Model_-PCD	Structure describing product confidence for as-similation model parameters associated with the current Mie wind result (see Table 71)		Structure	66
Spare			Spare	10
Total size for L2C Mie Bin Quality Params in bytes:				**94**

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Table 69: L2C Mie Assimilation Product Confidence Data L2B_Mie_-Obs_Screening Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
L2B_Mie_Obs_QC	A code describing a problem which prevents use of this Mie wind result (see Table 70 for a list of valid values).		IntAuc	1
L2B_Mie_Obs_QC_-Flags	Flags describing problems which prevent using this Mie wind result Bit 1 : reserved (always set to 0) Bit 2 : reserved (always set to 0) ... Bit 8 : reserved (always set to 0)		IntAuc	1
Spare			Spare	16
Total size for L2C Mie Obs Screening in bytes:				**18**

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Table 70: Valid values for the L2B_Mie_Obs_QC field of the L2C Product Confidence Data L2B_Mie_Obs_Screening structure

Numerical value	Name	Description
0	L2B_Mie_Obs_OK	L2B Mie observation contents seem OK
1		
2		
3		

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Table 71: L2C Assimilation Product Confidence Data L2C_Assimilation_Model_PCD Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
HLOS_observation_errors	Structure containing error estimates assumed during L2C processing, for the current L2B HLOS observation. See Table 72		Structure	28
Background_hlos	HLOS from the assimilation model background field given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAs	2
Background_hlos_error	Error in cm/s for Background_hlos.	cm/s	IntAus	2
L2B_hlos_reliability	An L2C-derived measure of the reliability of the current L2B HLOS observation		FAdoxy	8
Analysis_hlos	HLOS from the assimilation mode l analysis field given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAs	2
Zonal_wind_background_error	Error in cm/s for zonal wind from the assimilation model background.	cm/s	IntAus	2
Meridional_wind_background_error	Error in cm/s for meridional wind from the assimilation model background.	cm/s	IntAus	2
Spare			Spare	20
Total size for Assimilation Model PCD in bytes:				**66**

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Table 72: L2C Assimilation Product Confidence Data HLOS_Observation_Errors Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
persistence_error	Persistence error.	cm/s	IntAus	2
representativity_error	Representativity error.	cm/s	IntAus	2
final_error	Final error	cm/s	IntAus	2
estimated_obs_bias	Estimated bias for the current L2B HLOS wind result.	cm/s	IntAs	2
Spare			Spare	20
Total size for HLOS Observation Errors in bytes:				**28**

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4.3.13 L2C Rayleigh Assimilation Product Confidence Data (PCD) ADS

This dataset is only present in L2C products. The content of the DSR for the L2C Rayleigh Assimilation Product Confidence Annotation Data Set (MDS) is detailed in Table 73.

Table 73: L2C Rayleigh Assimilation Product Confidence Data ADSR Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
wind_result_id	unique L2B wind result identification number for this L2C file		IntAul	4
L2C_Rayleigh_Quality_Params	Structure containing all the L2C-derived quality information related to the current Rayleigh HLOS wind result for the current accumulation (i.e. error estimates, validity flags...). See Table 74		structure	131
Spare			Spare	20

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Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Total size for L2C Assimilation PCD ADS in bytes:				**155**

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Table 74: L2C Assimilation Product Confidence Data L2C_Rayleigh_-Quality_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Obs_Type	remember if this was a cloud or no-cloud profile (or any other type we define). Possible codes are defined in Table 60.		IntAuc	1
Spare			Spare	36
L2C_Rayleigh_Height_-Bin_Quality_Params	Structure containing all the information pertaining to the current Rayleigh wind result (see Table 75).		Structure	94
Total size for L2C Rayleigh Quality Params in bytes:				**131**

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Table 75: L2C Rayleigh Height Bin Quality Params Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
L2B_Rayleigh_Obs_-Screening	Structure describing QC parameters resulting from screening of L2B Rayleigh wind result (see Table 76)		Structure	18
Assimilation_Model_-PCD	Structure describing product confidence for assimilation model parameters associated with the current Rayleigh wind result (see Table 71)		Structure	66
Spare			Spare	10
Total size for L2C Rayleigh Bin Quality Params in bytes:				**94**

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Table 76: L2C Rayleigh Assimilation Product Confidence Data L2B_-Rayleigh_Obs_Screening Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
L2B_Rayleigh_Obs_QC	A code describing a problem which prevents use of this Rayleigh wind result (see Table 77 for a list of valid values).		IntAuc	1
L2B_Rayleigh_Obs_-QC_Flags	Flags describing problems which prevent using this Rayleigh wind result Bit 1 : reserved (always set to 0) Bit 2 : reserved (always set to 0) ... Bit 8 : reserved (always set to 0)		IntAuc	1
Spare			Spare	16
Total size for L2C Rayleigh Obs Screening in bytes:				**18**

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Table 77: Valid values for the L2B_Rayleigh_Obs_QC field of the L2C Product Confidence Data L2B_Rayleigh_Obs_Screening structure

Numerical value	Name	Description
0	L2B_Rayleigh_Obs_OK	L2B Rayleigh observation contents seem OK
1		
2		
3		

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4.3.14 Mie Vector-Wind MDS

This dataset is present only in L2C products. The content of the DSR for the L2C Mie Vector-wind Measurement Data Set (MDS) is detailed in Table 78.

Table 78: L2C Mie Vector-Wind Data Set MDSR Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
wind_result_id	unique L2B/L2C wind result identification number for this L2C file		IntAul	4
Start_of_Obs_DateTime	Start date and time of the first measurement included in the present DSR. This is the same time as in the Geolocation ADS repeated here for cross-checking purposes.	UTC	DateTime	12
Height_Bin_VecWind	Data structure giving background and analysis vector results. See table 79		structure	29
Total size for L2C Mie Vector-Wind MDSR in bytes:				**45**

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Table 79: L2C Vector-Wind Bin Data Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Validity_Flag	Validity flag (1 or TRUE = valid, 0 or FALSE = unvalid) attached to the reported wind height bin velocity.		Boolean	1
Background_Zonal_Wind_Velocity	Background zonal wind velocity given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAs	2
Background_Meridional_Wind_Velocity	Background meridional wind velocity given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAs	2
Analysis_Zonal_Wind_Velocity	Analysis zonal wind velocity given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAs	2
Analysis_Meridional_Wind_Velocity	Analysis meridional wind velocity given in cm/s and rounded to the nearest integer.	cm/s	IntAs	2
Spare			Spare	20
Total size for L2C Height Bin VecWind in bytes:				**29**

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4.3.15 Rayleigh Vector-Wind MDS

This dataset is present only in L2C products. The content of the DSR for the L2C Rayleigh Vector-wind Measurement Data Set (MDS) is detailed in Table 80.

Table 80: L2C Rayleigh Vector-Wind Data Set MDSR Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
wind_result_id	unique L2B/L2C wind result identification number for this L2C file		IntAul	4
Start_of_Obs_DateTime	Start date and time of the first measurement included in the present DSR. This is the same time as in the Geolocation ADS repeated here for cross-checking purposes.	UTC	DateTime	12
Height_Bin_VecWind	Data structure giving background and analysis vector results. See table 79		structure	29
Total size for L2C Mie Vector-Wind MDSR in bytes:				**45**

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4.4 File Size

The overall organization and size is summarized in Table 81 and Table 82.

It is assumed that the L1B file had 400 BRCs, and uses 30 measurements per BRC, and that we use an AuxMet file holding 2 profiles per L1B BRC (one nadir and one off-nadir). Subsequently it is assumed that the L2BP grouping runs in classic mode so defines 1 group for each L1B BRC. It is assumed that for each group the L2BP produces for the Mie channel a cloudy profile holding wind 5 results and a clear profile holding also 5 wind results. Furthermore it is assumed that for each group the L2BP produces for the Rayleigh channel a cloudy profile holding 5 Rayleigh wind results and a clear profile holding 24 Rayleigh wind results. In this case the total sizes of the L2B/L2C product DataBlock components are:

Table 81: Total sizes of the L2B/L2C product DataBlock (DBL file) components

dataset name	L2B Size	Unit	L2C Size	Unit
MPH	1 247	bytes	1 247	bytes
SPH	10 140	bytes	12 769	bytes
Measurement Map ADS	3 696 000	bytes	3 696 000	bytes
Mie Grouping ADS	18 400	bytes	18 400	bytes
Rayleigh Grouping ADS	18 400	bytes	18 400	bytes
Copied BRC Data ADS	59 600	bytes	59 600	bytes
Mie Geolocation ADS	668 000	bytes	668 000	bytes
Rayleigh Geolocation ADS	1 937 200	bytes	1 937 200	bytes
AMD Product Confid Data ADS	43 200	bytes	43 200	bytes
Meas Product Confid Data ADS	21 636 000	bytes	21 636 000	bytes
Mie Wind Prod Conf Data ADS	736 000	bytes	736 000	bytes
Rayl Wind Prod Conf Data ADS	638 000	bytes	638 000	bytes
Mie wind MDS	168 000	bytes	168 000	bytes
Rayleigh wind MDS	672 800	bytes	672 800	bytes
Mie Profile MDS	100 800	bytes	100 800	bytes
Rayleigh Profile MDS	100 800	bytes	100 800	bytes
L2B Total	30 504 587	bytes	-	bytes
Mie Assimilation PCD ADS	-	bytes	620 000	bytes
Rayleigh Assimilation PCD ADS	-	bytes	1 798 000	bytes
Mie Vector-Wind MDS	-	bytes	180 000	bytes
Rayleigh Vector-Wind MDS	-	bytes	522 000	bytes
L2C Total	-	bytes	33 627 216	bytes

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Table 82: Overall organization of L2B output and input products. The attached datasets are L2B output, referenced datasets are L2B input. Daily sizes in the last column based on 16 orbits / day.

DS name	Content description	Type	Format	Size / day (Mb)
Meas Map ADS	Data set containing the mapping between L1B and L2B data, needed to find the exact L1B measurements that have been used in each L2B accumulation result.	Attached	Binary	56
Mie Grouping ADS	Data set containing the measurement grouping for the Mie channel, which controls which L1B measurements are considered for accumulation into a single wind result during the classification phase	Attached	Binary	0.3
Rayleigh Grouping ADS	Data set containing the measurement grouping for the Rayleigh channel, which controls which L1B measurements are considered for accumulation into a single wind result during the classification phase	Attached	Binary	0.3
Copied BRC Data ADS	Data set containing BRC level data copied over from the L1B product file.	Attached	Binary	0.9
Mie Geolocation ADS	Data set containing the space and time location of all L2B/C Mie wind results, the direction of the line-of sight, the satellite velocity and the intersection point with the DEM	Attached	Binary	10
Rayleigh Geolocation ADS	Data set containing the space and time location of all L2B/C Rayleigh wind results, the direction of the line-of sight, the satellite velocity and the intersection point with the DEM	Attached	Binary	30
AMD PCD ADS	Data set containing the quality control results for the AMD input profiles used by the L2BP	Attached	Binary	0.6
Meas PCD ADS	Data set containing the quality control results for the L1B measurement input data used by the L2BP	Attached	Binary	330
Mie Wind PCD ADS	Data set containing the quality control and product confidence indicators for the L2B Mie wind results	Attached	Binary	11

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DS name	Content description	Type	Format	Size per day (Mb)
Rayleigh Wind PCD ADS	Data set containing the quality control and product confidence indicators for the L2B Rayleigh wind results	Attached	Binary	10
Mie Wind MDS	Measurement data set containing Mie HLOS wind retrieval results	Attached	Binary	3
Rayleigh Wind MDS	Measurement data set containing Rayleigh HLOS wind retrieval results corrected from pressure, temperature and Mie contamination effects + sensitivity coefficients to pressure and temperature	Attached	Binary	10
Mie Profile MDS	Data set containing profile definitions of Mie wind retrieval results	Attached	Binary	1.6
Rayleigh Profile MDS	Data set containing profile definitions of Rayleigh wind retrieval results	Attached	Binary	1.6
L2B DataSets Total				465
Mie Assimilation PCD ADS	Data set containing the L2C-related assimilation product confidence indicators for the L2C Mie channel products	Attached	Binary	10
Rayleigh Assimilation PCD ADS	Data set containing the L2C-related assimilation product confidence indicators for the L2C Rayleigh channel products	Attached	Binary	27
Mie Vector-Wind MDS	Measurement data set containing Mie vector wind observations	Attached	Binary	3
Rayleigh Vector-Wind MDS	Measurement data set containing Rayleigh vector wind observations	Attached	Binary	8
L2C DataSets Total				513
Aux Met MDS	Measurement data set that contains all the meteorological data needed for re-processing L1B data at the PDS. These data characterize the thermodynamic state of the atmosphere inside the atmospheric volumes sensed by the lidar. They are obtained from a numerical weather prediction model (for example during a meteorological analysis). At ECMWF, one file is produced every assimilation cycle, that is, every 12 hours	Referenced	Binary	13 upto 106
Aux L2B Param	Data set containing L2B processor settings. Only updated when a new L2BP software versions is released.	Referenced	XML	0.02

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DS name	Content description	Type	Format	Size per day (Mb)
Aux RBC	Data set containing the Rayleigh Brillouin look-up tables Note that the filesize scales with the frequency stepping choosen during generation of this calibration file. It is foreseen that this file will be updated approximately once per week	Referenced	Binary	29
Aux Cal	Data set containing auxiliary calibration data that characterises the optical system including the spectrometers and the full optical path. Note that use of this file is not yet implemented in the L2BP software, but we reserve the possibility to add additional algorithms in future updates that will use it. The update frequency of this filetype is not yet known	Referenced	Binary	20
Aux Clim	Data set containing auxiliary climatological data that characterises the expected relation between aerosol extinction and backscatter, as a function of location, altitude and time of year. Note that use of this file is not yet implemented in the L2BP software, but we reserve the possibility to add additional algorithms in future updates that will use it. The update frequency of this filetype is not yet known	Referenced	Binary	0.2
Aux Tel	Data set containing parameters used to perform wind bias correction based on the telescope M1 mirror temperature readings.	Referenced	XML	0.01

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The Aux Met DS is based on 60 model layers per profile, as employed in current test versions. Future versions will use 91 layers. For sizing purposes at the time Aeolus is in orbit, 120 layers could be realistic, and so the DBL size should be scaled proportionately (i.e. doubled).

5 Input Auxiliary Files

5.1 Auxiliary Meteorological Data Set

Auxiliary Meteorological Data (AUX_MET) are an input to the L2B processor. They contain the meteorological parameters that are needed for running the L2B processor RBC algorithm i.e. providing the a priori temperature and pressure information. The AUX_MET data is also needed for late (or re-) processing of the L2B products in the PDGS and is required for part of the calibration processing (AUX_CSR generation) and the L2A processing in the PDGS. They are stored in a separate, independent file referenced in the header section of the main L2B product file.

AUX_MET data are a product of Aeolus support processing which will take place at the L2/Met PF (ECMWF) and potentially at other sites such as national weather services. The AUX_MET products created at ECMWF, and subsequently send to the PDGS, typically cover a time period of 30 hours. For local use of the L2B processor, a user may choose to generate his own version of the AUX_MET auxiliary input file, based on his local NWP model.
Each file contains four data sets:

- GeoADS#1: contains the geolocation information for all the meteorological parameters necessary for (re-)processing off-nadir L1B measurements.
- GeoADS#2: contains the geolocation information for all the meteorological parameters necessary for (re-)processing nadir L1B measurements.
- MetDS#1: contains the meteorological parameters for off-nadir L1B measurements. GeoADS#1 and MetDS#1 contain the same number of records.
- MetDS#2: contains the meteorological parameters for nadir L1B measurements. GeoADS#2 and MetDS#2 contain the same number of records.

For further details on the use of Auxiliary Meteorological Data, see [RD1]. Details of their use in L2A processing and L1 calibration processing are beyond the scope of L2B documents.

The geolocation datasets GeoADS#1 and GeoADS#2 specify the horizontal location (latitude and longitude) and time of each profile in the corresponding MetDS. Each DSR in MetDS#1 and MetDS#2 contains details of the vertical coordinate and vertical profiles of meteorological parameters. The vertical profiles of auxiliary met data may be given as a function of the pressure for the vertical coordinate and an easy implementation will be to define these pressure layers the same as those used by the NWP model. To allow for an easy conversion of pressure layers into altitudes by the L2BP, vertical profiles of geometric heights must be calculated and included in the data set records as well, when an AUX_MET product is generated.

5.1.1 Product Structure

The AMD product conforms to the product structure defined in Section 3.4.

5.1.2 File Name

The Auxiliary Meteorological Data file name has the format defined in Section 3.1:

AE_CCCC_AUX_MET_<instance_ID>.EEE

where <instance_ID> is defined in section 3.1.

After filling the instance string with its definition the file name has this format:

AE_CCCC_AUX_MET_ss_yyyymmddThhmmss_yyyymmddThhmmss_vvvv.EEE

The extension EEE is HDR for the header and DBL for the data block. That is, the AMD product consists of two files:

- A header containing a Fixed Header, MPH, and SPH with DSDs. The header is in XML format and has extension EEE='HDR'.

- A datablock containing a copy of MPH and SPH in KVT format followed by the DataSets in binary format. The data block has the file extension EEE='DBL'.

Consistent with [AD5]. AMD created at ECMWF will set CCCC='OPER' and ss='12'. The latter setting is used to indicate that AMD can be used in Level 1 (calibration) processing and Level 2A/2B processing. There is scope for others, notably Met Centres other than ECMWF, to generate alternative AMD distinguished by different settings for 'CCCC'.

5.1.3 File Structure

The Header File contains a Fixed Header and a Variable Header. The Variable Header contains the MPH as described in section 3.4 and the AMD SPH. The AMD SPH is described in Section 5.1.4 below. The Data Sets in the datablock are described in sections 5.1.7 and 5.1.8.

Note: a common MPH is retained for all auxiliary data files, but some parameters may in future be set to a "missing value" (GSDR RID 166).

5.1.4 Specific Product Header

The Specific Product Header of the L2B AMD is detailed in Table 83.

Table 83: L2B Auxiliary Meteorological Data Specific Product Header Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (KVT)			Size (XML)		
Specific_Product_-Header	Root tag (XML format only).		Structure	N/A			26	0	27
Sph_Descriptor	Specific Product Header descriptor: ASCII string describing the product		String	16	28	2	16	28	18
Spare_1			Spare	40	0	1	10	0	11
Ref_NWP_Suite	Reference of the NWP suite that was used to produce the met data.		String	15	20	2	15	20	17
Fcst_Initial_Time	Forecast initial date and time	UTC	DateTime	19	27	2	19	30	21
Model_Timestep	Model integration timestep	s	IntAl	15	11	4	16	11	18
Model_Grid_Type	Model grid type. 'GF' or 'GR' indicates full or reduced Gaussian grid, 'SH' indicates spherical harmonics 'LL' indicates a regular grid with fixed latitude and longitude spacing		Enum	16	2	1	17	2	19
Model_Resol_Par1	Model resolution parameter 1. 'SH' or 'GF' or 'GR': truncature ; 'LL': latitude spacing		IntAs	17	6	1	18	6	20
Model_Resol_Par2	Model resolution parameter 2. 'SP' or 'GF' or 'GR': stretching, if any; 0 otherwise ; 'LL': longitude spacing		IntAs	17	6	1	18	6	20
Num_of_Model_Layers	Number of pressure layers for AMD profiles		IntAus	20	6	1	21	6	23
Num_Records_in_DS1	Total number of records in GeoADS#1 or MDS#1 (off-nadir met profiles).		IntAl	19	11	1	20	11	22
Num_Records_in_DS2	Total number of records in GeoADS#2 or MDS#2 (nadir met profiles).		IntAl	19	11	1	20	11	22
Num_Avail_L1B_Obs	Number of L1B observations that were available at the time the assimilation was started.		IntAl	18	11	1	19	11	21

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (KVT)			Size (XML)		
Num_Missing_L1B_Obs	Number of L1B observations that were missing at the time the assimilation was started. (obsolete, this information can not be known in NRT production, therefore not filled with meaningful values)		IntAl	20	11	1	21	11	23
Num_Computed_Locations	Number of profile locations computed from predicted orbit tracks to compensate for missing L1B observations.		IntAl	23	11	1	24	11	26
Spare_2			Spare	40	0	1	10	0	11
Num_Input_Files	Number of input files that were used for obtaining locations for computation of AMD. Input files are either L1B (WVM) files or predicted orbit files. This field is unlikely to exceed 10.		IntAus	16	6	1	17	6	19
Num_Files_Predict_Orbit	Number of predicted orbit files that were used for computing expected L1B profile locations and corresponding AMD. If no L1B data was missing, this field is zero. This field must not exceed Num_Input_Files.		IntAus	24	6	1	25	6	27
Spare_3			Spare	40	0	1	10	0	11
List_of_Dsds	See Table 84 for a description. The size estimates given here are for Num_Input_Files=10, which is unlikely to be exceeded.			4032			5038		
Total size for KVT and XML SPH in bytes:				**4623**			**5932**		

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5.1.5 Data Set Descriptors

The Data Sets listed in Table 84 appear in Aeolus AMD products, each described by a DSD in the SPH.

Table 84: Auxiliary Meteorological Data Sets

DSD Number	Name	Description / Comment	DataSet Type	Update Frequency
1	GeoADS#1	DSD for Geolocation & AOCS data (off-nadir, one DSR / profile). See Table 85 for a description.	A	1 DSR per AuxMet profile
2	GeoADS#2	DSD for Geolocation & AOCS data (nadir, one DSR / profile). See Table 85 for a description.	A	1 DSR per AuxMet profile
3	MetDS#1	DSD for Meteorological Data (off-nadir, for reprocessing etc, one DSR / profile). See Table 86 for a description.	A	1 DSR per AuxMet profile
4	MetDS#2	DSD for Meteorological Data (nadir, one DSR / profile). See Table 86 for a description.	A	1 DSR per AuxMet profile
5 to (4+Num_Input_Files)	Input_DS#1 to Input_DS#Num_Input_Files	DSD for each input file used for obtaining locations for computation of AMD. The first (Num_Input_Files-Num_Files_Predict_Orbit) DSDs correspond to actual L1B product files, the last Num_Files_Predict_Orbit DSDs correspond to predicted orbit files.	R	No DS

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DSD Number	Name	Description / Comment	DataSet Type	Update Frequency

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A description of the "Data Set Type" can be found in Table 12 described in section 3.4.6 on page 31. Note that only the first four datasets are of type “A”, or “Attached”, meaning that they are included in the AMD datablock file. Their content is described in Sections 5.1.7 and 5.1.8.

5.1.6 Data Sets

The following sections describe the datasets defined for the Auxiliary Meteorological data.

5.1.7 GEOLOCATION ADS

The Geolocation Annotation Data Sets (GeoADS) #1 and #2 are described in Table 85.

Table 85: L2B Auxiliary Meteorological Data Geolocation Data Set #1 and #2 ADSR Content Description.

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
AMD_DateTime	Date and time	UTC	DateTime	12
AMD_Latitude	Latitude of the whole profile.	10-6 degN	IntAl	4
AMD_Longitude	Longitude of the whole profile.	10-6 degE	IntAl	4
AMD_zg	EGM96 Geoid height above WGS84 reference ellipsoid. Note that this field is not used and filled with missing values	cm	IntAl	4
Total size for AMD Geolocation ADS in bytes:				**24**

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5.1.8 METEOROLOGICAL MDS

The Meteorological Data Sets (MetDS) #1 and #2 are described in Table 86.

The only parameters of the Meteorological Data Set to be used in baseline L2B processing are those related to Rayleigh-Brillouin corrections, i.e. parameters relating to temperature, pressure, and geometric height. The other parameters may be used in optional extensions to baseline L2B processing, and in L2A processing.

Table 86: L2B Auxiliary Meteorological Data Meteorological Set #1 and #2 MDSR Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
Spare_1			Spare	2
AMD_us	East-West wind component at the surface (>0 to East). This information can be used for qualifying Mie wind in ground echo-height-bins.	cm/s	IntAs	2
AMD_vs	North-South wind component at the surface (>0 to North). This information can be used for qualifying Mie wind in ground echo-height-bins.	cm/s	IntAs	2
AMD_ps	Surface pressure. May be used for detecting severe events like tropical cyclones.	Pa	IntAul	4
AMD_err_ps	Std error on AMD_ps	Pa	FAdoxy	8

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Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
AMD_zs	Geometric height relative to EGM96 geoid at pressure AMD_ps. Gives the altitude of the surface according to the weather model.	cm	IntAl	4
Spare_2			Spare	2
List_of_Profile_Data	List of Num_of_Model_Layers substructrures each containing the meteorological data constituting the vertical profile. Each substructure corresponds to one model layer (see Table 87). (the size of this list is calculated by assuming 60 model layers)		list of structures	4260
Spare_3			Spare	2
Total size for AMD Meteo MDS in bytes:				**4286**

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Table 87: L2B Auxiliary Meteorological Data List_of_Profile_Data Content Description

Tag Name	Description/Comment	Unit	Type	Size (binary)
AMD_Validity_Flag	"0" for a valid level with a complete set of AMD data with all parameters extracted from the NWP model ; "-1" for an incomplete level containing at least valid temperature, valid pressures, and valid heights ; "-2" otherwise. Other flags could be added later		IntAc	1
AMD_pbase	Pressure at the bottom of the model layer	Pa	IntAul	4
AMD_ptop	Pressure at the top of the model layer	Pa	IntAul	4
AMD_pnom	Nominal pressure within the model layer, can differ from (AMD_pbase+AMD_ptop)/2.	Pa	IntAul	4
AMD_zbase	Geometric height relative to EGM96 geoid at pressure AMD_pbase	cm	IntAl	4
AMD_ztop	Geometric height relative to EGM96 geoid at pressure AMD_ptop	cm	IntAl	4
AMD_znom	Geometric height relative to EGM96 geoid at pressure AMD_pnom	cm	IntAl	4
AMD_T	Temperature at pressure AMD_pnom	10-2 K	IntAus	2
AMD_err_T	Std error on AMD_T	10-2 K	IntAus	2
AMD_u	East-West wind velocity (>0 to East)	cm/s	IntAs	2
AMD_v	North-South wind velocity (>0 to North)	cm/s	IntAs	2
Spare_1			Spare	4
AMD_rh	Relative humidity at pressure AMD_pnom	%	IntAuc	1
AMD_err_rh	Std error on AMD_rh	%	FAdoxy	8
AMD_q	Specific humidity at pressure AMD_pnom	kg/kg	FAdoxy	8
AMD_cc	Cloud cover at pressure AMD_pnom	%	IntAuc	1
AMD_clwc	Cloud liquid water content at pressure AMD_pnom	kg/kg	FAdoxy	8
AMD_ciwc	Cloud ice water content at pressure AMD_pnom	kg/kg	FAdoxy	8
Total size for AMD Meteo Profiles in bytes:				**71**

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5.1.9 File Size

The total size for Auxiliary Meteorological Data products is summarized in Table 88 on the basis of a number of model pressure levels equal to 60. In addition one profile per BRC, and a BRC size of 84 km is used, giving 476 profiles per orbit. Two extremes of size are considered. The best, i.e. smallest size, option (left column) is when all L1B data are available. Then GeoADS#2 and MDS#2 are empty and there are 476 records per orbit (15 orbits per day). The worst, i.e. largest size, option is when no L1B data are available. Then both nadir and off-nadir data sets must be filled, and there are 952 records in each dataset per orbit.

Table 88: Size of L2B Auxiliary Meteorological Data file holding one day of data. One file is produced every time an assimilation is run, that is, every 12 hours.

	Section	Format	Size (best case) per file	Size (worst case) per file
Header File	FH	XML	699	
	MPH	XML	1582	
	SPH	XML	5932	
Total size in bytes for HDR file			**8213**	
Data Block	MPH	KVT	1247	
	SPH	KVT	4623	
	GeoADS#1	Binary	171360	171360
	GeoADS#2	Binary	0	171360
	MDS#1	Binary	30602040	30602040
	MDS#2	Binary	0	30602040
Total size in bytes for DBL file			**30779270**	**61552670**
Total size for HDR+DBL in Mb			**29.4**	**58.7**

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Note that the Aux Met DS size estimate is based on 60 model layers per profile, as employed in current test versions. Future versions will use 91 layers. For sizing purposes at the time Aeolus is in orbit, 137 layers could be realistic, and so the DBL size should be scaled proportionately.

5.2 Rayleigh-Brillouin Correction (RBC) tables

The description of this dataset has been moved to a separate document (see [RD8]).

5.3 Auxiliary Climatology Dataset

The description of this dataset has been moved to a separate document (see [RD10]).

5.4 Level-2B Processing Parameters and Algorithm Settings

The Level-2B Processing Parameters file is an auxiliary input to the L2B processor. The file defines the processor settings parameters, including algorithm settings for the L2B processor. It will contain settings for all switches that control the actions performed by the processor, and the algorithm settings needed to define operation of the L2B processor.

5.4.1 Product Structure and Size

The Level-2B Processing Parameters file conforms to the Earth Explorer standard defined in Section 3.4, with an overall structure defined by Table 89. It is contained in one file, containing Fixed Header and Main Product Header as defined in sections 3.4.2 and 3.4.4 respectively, as well as a Specific Product Header and a single Data Set as defined in the following subsections. All headers and data sets are in XML format.

Note: a common MPH is retained for all auxiliary data files, but some parameters may in future be set to a "missing value" (GSDR RID 166).

In the tables below, all Types denoted FAdoxy have been allocated 10 bytes, i.e. x+y=8.

Table 89: Structure and Size of the L2B Processing Parameters file.

Name	Description / Comment	Type	Size (XML)
Fixed_Header	The default Earth Explorer FH structure, as defined in Table 8	Structure	699
Main_Product_Header	The default Earth Explorer MPH structure, as defined in Table 11	Structure	1642
Specific_Product_Header	A specific product header, specific for this filetype, as defined in Table 90	Structure	437
Level_2B_Proc_Params	The datablock containing the actual parameter settings, as defined in Table 91.	Structure	19671
Total (approximate) size for XML in bytes:			**22449**

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N.B. The MPH and SPH have no meaning for this type of auxiliary file and can be entirely removed in a future release.

5.4.2 File Name

The Level 2B Processing Parameters file name has the format

AE_CCCC_AUX_PAR_2B_yyyymmddThhmmss_yyyymmddThhmmss_vvvv.EEF

The date/times (yyyymmddThhmmss) represent the start and stop of the validity period. This validity period will generally extend over a long period of time, each validity period representing different phases of the ADM-Aeolus mission, over which the properties of the satellite may change. The version number combined with the date makes this a unique instance of the file.

This product file has an extension .EEF to designate a single file in XML format.

5.4.3 Specific Product Header

The Specific Product Header of the AUX_PAR_2B XML file is defined in Table 90.

Table 90: Structure and content of the Specific Product Header of the AUX_PAR_2B file

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Sph_Descriptor	ASCII string describing this collection of settings		String	15 48 17
List_of_Dsds	A list of DSD's following the default Earth Explorer DSD structure, as defined in Table 12, describing the attached data set. (There is just 1 DSD in this list)		structure	0 344 0
Total size for XML SPH in bytes:				**424**

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5.4.4 Data Set Descriptor

Only a single Data Set appears in the Aeolus Level 2B Processing Parameters data file: the Level 2B Processing Parameters GADS, as described below.

5.4.5 Level 2B Processing Parameters GADS

Table 91: Level 2B Processing Parameters GADS Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
FH_Default_Fields	Fields responsible for populating the Fixed Header. See Table 92 for the structure definition.		Structure	0 144 0
WVM_Params	Processing Parameters for the Wind Velocity Measurements. See Table 93 for the structure definition.		structure	0 10892 0
Screening_Params	Collected Screening Parameters used for testing the input files and the generated results. See Table 130 for the structure definition.		structure	0 6979 0
Monitoring_Params	Collected Monitoring Parameters used for testing the generated wind results. See Table 142 for the structure definition.		structure	0 369 0
Blacklisting_Params	Blacklisting Parameters used to flag winds invalid in case of know problems. See Table 143 for the structure definition.		structure	0 1287 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar GADS in bytes:				**19671**

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Table 92: FH_Default_Fields Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
File_Description	1-line description of the file		String	0 63 0
Mission	Aeolus		String	0 45 0
File_Version	4 digits used to distinguish between versions of a file having the same validity period		IntAs	0 36 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar FH Content in bytes:				**144**

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Table 93: WVM_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
File_Type	File Type String		String	0 49 0
Sph_Descriptor	ASCII string describing the product		String	0 59 0
Rangebin_Mismatch_Tolerance	Tolerance beyond which Mie and Rayleigh rangebins are considered mismatched.	M	FAdoxy	0 66 0
Line_of_Sight_Wind_Flag	Flag indicating whether the horizontal or line-of-sight wind component should be reported.		Boolean	0 57 0
N_Obs_Mie_Max	Maximum number of observations that may be generated for the Mie channel (obsolete, no longer used in software)		IntAuc	0 35 0
N_Obs_Rayleigh_Max	Maximum number of observations that may be generated for the Rayleigh channel (obsolete, no longer used in software)		IntAuc	0 45 0

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)		
Grouping_Params_-Mie	Parameters controlling the Mie grouping scheme applied by the L2B processing. See Table 94 for the structure definition		structure	0	382	0
Grouping_Params_-Rayleigh	Parameters controlling the Rayleigh grouping scheme applied by the L2B processing. See Table 94 for the structure definition		structure	0	382	0
Classification_-Params	Parameters for the Classification algorithm. See Table 96 for the structure definition		Structure	0	1656	0
Optical_Properties_Params	Parameters for the algorithms determining the optical properties of the atmosphere. See Table 101 for the structure definition.		Structure	0	1523	0
Error_Quantifier_-Params	Parameters for the algorithms determining the Error properties of the reported wind results. See Table 107 for structure information.		Structure	0	160	0
Common_Processing_Params	Common Processing Parameters. See Table 110, for structure information. This definition will change in line with future updates of [RD4], table 4-2.		Structure	0	1826	0
Mie_Algorithm_-Params	Parameters used by the Mie algorithm. See Table 114 for structure information		Structure	0	1877	0
RBC_Algorithm_-Params	Parameters used by the RBC algorithm. See Table 119 for structure information		Structure	0	1432	0
AMD_Matchup_-Params	Parameters used by the L1B-AMD matchup algorithm. See Table 123 for structure information		Structure	0	275	0
CLM_Matchup_-Params	Parameters used by the L1B-CLM matchup algorithm. See Table 125 for structure information		Structure	0	80	0
ZWC_Params	Parameters used to specify the L2B Zero-Wind Correction. See Table 127 for structure information		Structure	0	878	0
RDB_Params	Parameters to control the Range Dependent Bias (RDB) correction. See Table 129 for structure information		Structure	0	110	0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar WVM Params in bytes:				**10892**		

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Table 94: Grouping parameters content description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)		
Grouping_Method	method to be used for composing groups of measurements, determining the maximum possible observation size after classification and accumulation. Possible methods are listed in Table 95.		Enum	17	7	18
Max_Vertical_-Rangebin_-Misalignment	maximum allowed vertical difference between 2 rangebins with the same index. If a rangebin is found that has a larger difference a new group will be started. To switch off this check use a value of -1.	m	FAdoxy	49	4	41
Max_Horizontal_-Accumulation_-Length	maximum horizontal difference between first and last measurement in a group. If a measurement at larger distance is found a new group will be started. To switch off this check use a value of -1.	km	FAdoxy	50	5	41

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Max_Allowed_-Gap_Between_-Measurements	maximum length of missing measurements before a group definition is closed and a new group is started. To switch off this check use a value of -1.	km	FAdoxy	52 5 43
num_BRCs_to_-merge	define how many BRCs will be combined together is a group, in case the grouping method is set to “combine_BRCs”.		IntAul	19 11 20
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar Grouping Params in bytes:				**382**

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Table 95: Possible Grouping methods

Name	Description
classic	a classic method that mimics the old Burst Mode way: it creates groups that always exactly match with the BRCs defined in the L1B product file (default for the Rayleigh channel).
advanced	a more advanced method that takes the thresholds defined in Table 94 above, and tries to construct groups as large as possible within the available set of measurements in a singel L1B product file (default for the Mie channel).
combine_BRCs	a simple method that allows to combine 2 or more BRCs into a single group, using the num_BRCs_to_merge setting defined in Table 94 (future option, not yet fully implemented).
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Table 96: Classification_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Classification_-Type_Mie	the classification type for the Mie channel. See Table 97 for valid values		Enum	0 80 0
Classification_-Type_Rayleigh	the classification type for the Rayleigh channel. See Table 97 for valid values		Enum	0 80 0
Classification_-Type_Rayleigh2	A fallback option for the classification type for the Rayleigh channel, to be used in case the primary method yields no result. See Table 97 for valid values		Enum	0 80 0
List_of_Mie_-BackscatterRatio_-Thresholds	List of BackscatterRatio_threshold structures to be used for classification of a Mie rangebin using a threshold on the backscatter ratio. See Table 98 for structure definition (to estimate the size the list is assumed to contain 2 values).		List of structures	0 236 0
List_of_Rayleigh_-BackscatterRatio_-Thresholds	List of BackscatterRatio_threshold structures to be used for classification of a Rayleigh rangebin using a threshold on the backscatter ratio. See Table 98 for structure definition (to estimate the size the list is assumed to contain 2 values).		List of structures	0 236 0

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
List_of_Mie_-Extinction_-Thresholds	List of Extinction_threshold structures to be used for classification of a Mie rangebin using a threshold on the extinction value. See Table 99 for structure definition (to estimate the size the list is assumed to contain 2 values).		List of structures	0 236 0
List_of_Rayleigh_-Extinction_-Thresholds	List of Extinction_threshold structures to be used for classification of a Rayleigh rangebin using a threshold on the extinction value. See Table 99 for structure definition (to estimate the size the list is assumed to contain 2 values).		List of structures	0 236 0
List_of_Mie_SNR_-Thresholds	List of SNR_threshold structures to be used for classification of a Mie rangebin using a threshold on the SNR value. See Table 100 for structure definition (to estimate the size the list is assumed to contain 2 values).		List of structures	0 236 0
List_of_Rayleigh_-Channel_Mie_-SNR_Thresholds	List of SNR_threshold structures to be used for classification of a Rayleigh rangebin using a threshold on the corresponding Mie SNR value. See Table 100 for structure definition (to estimate the size the list is assumed to contain 2 values).		List of structures	0 236 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar Classification Params in bytes:				**1656**

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Table 97: Valid values for the Classification Type fields of the L2B AuxPar Classification Params structure

Name	Description
Class_No_Clouds	Classification by assuming no clouds everywhere (optional method.)
Class_Dont_Classify	Special classification option to do no classification (optional method, usefull to compare L2B and L1B wind retrieval results with the same accumulation)
Class_Ext_Threshold	Classification by setting a threshold on the extinction (optional method, for experimental use only, still needs to be tuned and tested.)
Class_Mie__SNR_Threshold	Classification by setting a threshold on SNR value as derived from the Mie signal (optional method, for experimental use only, still needs to be tuned and tested.)
Class_Backscat_Ratio	Classification by setting a threshold on the backscatter ratio (current default)
Class_Layer_Detected	Classification based on layer detection by the iterative optical properties algorithm (future option, still being tested and not recommended for production)
Class_Dont_Use	Used to indicate that the backup / fallback method for classification must not be used

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Table 98: BackscatterRatio_Threshold content description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Threshold_Value	Thresholds to be used for classification of a rangebin		FAdoxy	0 66 0
Altitude	Altitude at which Threshold_Value is valid	km	FAdoxy	0 52 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar Backscatter Threshold in bytes:				**118**

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Table 99: Extinction_Threshold content description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Threshold_Value	Thresholds to be used for classification of a rangebin	m-1	FAdoxy	0 66 0
Altitude	Altitude at which Threshold_Value is valid	km	FAdoxy	0 52 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar Extinction Threshold in bytes:				**118**

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Table 100: SNR_Threshold content description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Threshold_Value	Thresholds to be used for classification of a rangebin		FAdoxy	0 66 0
Altitude	Altitude at which Threshold_Value is valid	km	FAdoxy	0 52 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar SNR Threshold in bytes:				**118**

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Table 101: Optical_Properties_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
ScatRatio_Method	the method to be used to get the scattering ratio. See Table 103 for valid values		Enum	0 80 0
ScatRatio_Method2	A backup method to get the scattering ratio, to be used when ScatRatio_Method gives no result, i.e. returns a missing_data indicator. See Table 103 for valid values.		Enum	0 80 0
SNR_Method	the method to be used to get the signal to noise ratio. See Table 104 for valid values		Enum	0 80 0
SNR_Method2	A backup method to get the signal to noise ratio, to be used when SNR_Method gives no result, i.e. returns a missing_data indicator. See Table 104 for valid values.		Enum	0 80 0
PartExt_Method	the method to be used to get the particle extinction. See Table 105 for valid values		Enum	0 80 0
MolExt_Method	the method to be used to get the molecular extinction. See Table 106 for valid values		Enum	0 80 0
Minimum_Altitude_for_Assuming_Rho_1	Minimum Altitude at which scattering ratio (Rho) may be set to 1	km	FAdoxy	0 90 0

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Minimum_Altitude_-for_Assuming_-SNR_0	Minimum Altitude at which signal to noise ratio (SNR) may be set to 0	km	FAdoxy	0 90 0
k_power	filter exponent used to damp oscillatory behaviour when retrieving bin extinction		FAdoxy	0 22 0
FP_Xtalk_factor	optional predefined cross-talk factor (not used when set to -1.0)		FAdoxy	0 39 0
Median_Filter_-Window_Width_x	window width in horizontal (x) direction used by median filter	meas. index	IntAuc	0 62 0
Median_Filter_-Window_Width_y	window width in vertical (y) direction used by median filter	range bin index	IntAuc	0 62 0
Calibration_from_-AuxCal	if True: take Rayleigh Channel calibration values from the Aux. Cal. input file; if False: derive these values from the upper range bin		Boolean	0 56 0
Cross_Talk_from_-AuxCal	if True: derive cross-talk factor from the Aux.Cal input file; if False: t.b.d.		Boolean	0 54 0
Apply_Median_Filter	apply the median filter to smooth out noise after applying the 2D feature finder		Boolean	0 48 0
Apply_2D_Feature_Finder	apply the 2D feature finder algorithm to find could and/or aerosol layers in a each group of measurements		Boolean	0 55 0
FP_On_Upper_-Bin_Std_Threshold	threshold used to decide of the Rayleigh channel calibration factor as derived from the upper range bin is to be trusted or not		FAdoxy	0 66 0
ScatRatio_round_-to_1_below	L1B Scattering ratio values below this value are rounded down to 1. This is useful to suppress the unevitable noise		FAdoxy	0 60 0
ScatRatio_do_-BiasCorrection	if True: use the SR_bias_correction defined below to correct the SR values produced by the L1B algorithm		Boolean	0 64 0
List_of_ScatRatio_-BiasCorrections	List of BiasCorrection structures to be used for correcting the scattering ratio values. See Table 102 for structure definition (to estimate the size the list is assumed to contain 2 values).		List of structures	0 275 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar Optical Properties Params in bytes:				**1523**

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Table 102: Bias Corrections content description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Value	value defining one of the x values for the curve defining the bias correction		FAdoxy	0 20 0
BiasCorr	Bias correction value (y value) associated to the above point (x value)		FAdoxy	0 25 0
Total size for XML Bias Corrections in bytes:				**45**

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Table 103: Valid methods for determining backscatter ratio on measurement level, to be used for classification. (Backscatter ratio method and IntAuc value for L2B PCD ADS) (compare also the values used by the L2B Measurement PCD, see table 46)

Name	Description
Scat_Ratio_from_L1B_Mie_classic_only (1)	Get the backscatter ratio value from the L1B input file (available for Mie rangebins only)
Scat_Ratio_from_L1B_Mie_refined_only (2)	Get the refined backscatter ratio value from the L1B input file (available for Mie rangebins only) This is the currently recommended setting.
Scat_Ratio_mix_L1B_Mie_refined_classic (3)	Get the refined backscatter ratio value from the L1B input file if available. If it is not available, fall back to the classic backscatter ratio value (available for Mie rangebins only)
Scat_Ratio_from_RaylOnly (4)	Get the backscatter ratio value from the extinction value determined for the Rayleigh channel, by assuming a backscatter-to-extinction ratio for the particle backscatter. This is a new experimental method, and for now for scientific use only.
Scat_Ratio_Assume_One_if_Missing (5)	Set the backscatter ratio value to 1.0 if no L1B Mie scattering ratio information is available. This is the recommended backup method for ScatRatio_Method2 for higher Rayleigh bins that lack overlapping Mie bins.
Scat_Ratio_Dont_Use (99)	Don't determine the backscatter ratio (only allowed if this ratio is not used by the classification scheme, or for ScatRatio_Method2 if no backup method is needed)

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Table 104: Valid methods for determining signal to noise ratio (SNR) on measurement level, to be used for classification.

Name	Description
SNR_from_L1B_Mie_classic_only	Get the SNR value from the L1B input file (available for Mie rangebins only)
SNR_from_L1B_Mie_refined_only	Get the refined SNR value from the L1B input file (available for Mie rangebins only) This is the currently recommended setting.
SNR_mix_L1B_Mie_refined_classic	Get the refined SNR value from the L1B input file if available. If it is not available, fall back to the classic SNR value (available for Mie rangebins only)
SNR_Assume_Zero_if_Missing	Set the SNR value to 0.0 if no L1B Mie SNR information is available. This is the recommended backup method for SNR_Method2 for higher Rayleigh bins that lack overlapping Mie bins.
SNR_Dont_Use	Don't determine the SNR (only allowed for SNR_Method2 if no backup method is needed)

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Table 105: Valid methods for determining particle extinction

Name	Description
PartExt_Method_Iterative	Iterative method described in [RD7].
PartExt_Method_Dont_Use	Do not calculate particle extinction.

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Table 106: Valid methods for determining molecular extinction

Name	Description
MolExt_Method_Parametrised	Climatological parametrisation
MolExt_Method_Proper	Computation as a function of pressure and temperature

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Table 107: Error_Quantifier_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
ErrorQuantMethod_-Mie	The method to be used to calculate the Error quantifier for the Mie channel. See Table 108 for valid values		Enum	0 80 0
ErrorQuantMethod_-Rayleigh	The method to be used to calculate the Error quantifier for the Rayleigh channel. See Table 109 for valid values		Enum	0 80 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar Error Quantifier params in bytes:				**160**

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Table 108: Valid methods for determining Error Quantifier for the Mie channel

Name	Description
ErrorQuantMethod_Mie_1Bweighted	Weighted form of the L1B Mie error quantifier, see [RD7].
ErrorQuantMethod_Mie_core_sens	Derived from sensitivity analysis of the Mie core algorithm, see [RD7].
ErrorQuantMethod_Mie_core_sens2	Derived from calculating the error covariance matrix of a "weighted" or "non-weighted" linear least squares fit of an integrated Lorentzian to the ACCD counts

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Table 109: Valid methods for determining Error Quantifier for the Rayleigh channel

Name	Description
ErrorQuantMethod_Ray_1Bweighted	Weighted form of the L1B Rayleigh error quantifier, see [RD7].
ErrorQuantMethod_Ray_iliad_sens	Derived from sensitivity analysis of the Rayleigh-Brillouin inversion algorithm, see [RD7].

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Table 110: Common_Processing_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Mie_Scattering_-Ratio_Params	Processing parameters for Mie product confidence params SNR and backscatter-ratio. See Table 111, for structure definition.		Structure	0 266 0
Mie_Core_Algorithm_Params	Processing parameters for Mie Core Algorithm as applied for measurement data. See Table 112, for structure definition.		Structure	0 693 0
Mie_Core_Algorithm_Params_Reference_Pulse	Processing parameters for Mie Core Algorithm as applied for internal reference pulses. See Table 112, for structure definition.		Structure	0 693 0
Corrupt_Data_Detection_Params	Parameters for corrupt data detection. See [RD3], table 8-493, copied below as Table 113, for structure definition.		Structure	0 174 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar Common Processing Params in bytes:				**1826**

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Table 111: Mie_PCDScattering_Ratio_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Alpha_Correction	Correction factor for the calculation of the Mie Scattering Ratio		FAdoxy	0 46 0
Summation_Index	Summation index for calculation of SNR and backscatter ratio		IntAul	0 36 0
SR_Cubic_A_x3	Cubic correction factor for the calculation of the Mie Scattering Ratio		FAdoxy	0 46 0
SR_Cubic_B_x2	Cubic correction factor for the calculation of the Mie Scattering Ratio		FAdoxy	0 46 0
SR_Cubic_C_x1	Cubic correction factor for the calculation of the Mie Scattering Ratio		FAdoxy	0 46 0
SR_Cubic_D_x0	Cubic correction factor for the calculation of the Mie Scattering Ratio		FAdoxy	0 46 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar Mie Scattering Ratio Params in bytes:				**266**

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Table 112: Mie_Core_Algorithm_Params_Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
SNR_Threshold	Threshold to switch Mie-Core processing on/off.		FAdoxy	0 40 0
Start_FWHM	Starting value for FWHM	ACCD pixel (index)	FAdoxy	0 34 0
Residual_Error_-Threshold	Stop threshold for quadratic sum of differences between modelled and measured ACCD counts per pixel	A.U. (i.e. Unitless)	FAdoxy	0 62 0
Max_Iterations_-Lorentz_Fit	Maximum number of iterations in Lorentz fit-loop		IntAuc	0 58 0
FWHM_Upper_-Threshold	Upper threshold for FWHM of Lorentz function for quality check	ACCD pixel	FAdoxy	0 54 0

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
FWHM_Lower_-Threshold	Lower threshold for FWHM of Lorentz function for quality check	ACCD pixel	FAdoxy	0 54 0
Peak_Height_Upper_Threshold	Relative (upper) threshold for peak height of Lorentz function	ACCD counts	FAdoxy	0 64 0
Peak_Height_-Lower_Threshold	Relative (lower) threshold for peak height of Lorentz function	ACCD counts	FAdoxy	0 64 0
Peak_Location_-Threshold	Peak location threshold	ACCD Pixel	FAdoxy	0 56 0
Nonlinear_Optimization_Threshold	Stop threshold for Downhill Simplex algorithm merit function	A.U. (i.e. Unitless)	FAdoxy	0 74 0
Max_Iterations_-Nonlinear_Optimization	Maximum number of interations of Downhill Simplex algorithm	A.U. (i.e. Unitless)	IntAul	0 79 0
Num_Spectral_-Sub_Samples	Number of functional evaluations of Lorentz fit function for one pixel	A.U. (i.e. Unitless)	IntAul	0 54 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar Mie Core Algo Params in bytes:				**693**

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Table 113: Corrupt_Data_Detection_Params_Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Max_Signal_Derivative	Maximum signal derivative. Maximum valid pixel intensity difference between adjacent CCD pixels.	PixelLevel	IntAus	0 52 0
Pixel_Saturation_-Threshold	Pixel saturation threshold	PixelLevel	IntAus	0 62 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar Corrupt Data Detection Params in bytes:				**114**

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Table 114: Mie_Algorithm_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Copy_L1B_Mie_-Core_Algorithm_-Params	Switch to select whether L1B Mie Core Algorithm Parameters should be copied/used in the L2BP (in preference to the settings in Table 112).		Boolean	0 80 0
Copy_MieCoreAlg-Params_to_IntRef	In case Mie_Core Algorithm Parameters are taken from the L1B product, copy the parameters used for measurement fitting to the parameters used for internal reference fitting.		Boolean	0 72 0
Copy_L1B_Mie_-ScatRatio_Algorithm_Params	Switch to select whether L1B Mie Scattaring Ratio Parameters should be copied/used in the L2BP (in preference to the settings in Table 111).		Boolean	0 80 0
Mie_Height_Assignment_Method	Switch to select Mie_height assignment method. See Table 115 for valid values		Enum	0 80 0
Mie_Height_-Weight_Upper	Weight given to upper altitude of range bin (applicable when Mie_Height_Assignment_-Method = use_fixed_weight).		FAdoxy	0 84 0

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Skip_Mie_Non_Linearity_Correction	Switch to select whether Mie Nonlinearity Correction should be skipped in the L2BP or not		Boolean	0 55 0
Extrapolate_Mie_Calibration_Data	Switch to select whether Mie Nonlinearity Correction (calibration data) should be extrapolated in the L2BP or not		Boolean	0 55 0
Use_Ref_Pulse_Zero_Freq	OBSOLETE, THIS SWITCH WILL BE REMOVED IN NEXT VERSION Switch to select whether (Mie) Reference Pulse Zero Frequency should be used in the L2BP or not		Boolean	0 55 0
Use_Meas_Zero_Freq	OBSOLETE, THIS SWITCH WILL BE REMOVED IN NEXT VERSION Switch to select whether (Mie) Measurement Channel Zero Frequency should be used in the L2BP or not		Boolean	0 55 0
Offset_Subtraction_Col20_Weight	Weight given to ACCD column 20 in (Mie) offset subtraction		FAdoxy	0 84 0
List_of_SNR_Thresholds	List of SNR_threshold structures to be used for quality control of L2B Mie hlos retrievals. See Table 116 for structure definition. (3 altitude layers with different thresholds are assumed for the size calculation)		List of structures	0 666 0
Flag_Clear_Mie_Results_Invalid	A switch to force all clear Mie winds to be flagged invalid		Boolean	0 71 0
List_of_Invalid_Mie_Rangebins	A list indicating which Mie channel range bins cannot be trusted, for example due to the “hot-pixel” problem. The list size must be between 0 and 24. See Table 118 for structure definition. (3 range bins are assumed for the size calculation)		List of structures	0 217 0
spacecraft_los_vel_factor	multiplication factor applied to spacecraft LOS velocity correction to the HLOS wind result. Set to 0.0 to disable this correction. Set to 1.0 to enable it. Intermediate values are possible as well		FAdoxy	0 58 0
manual_hlos_bias_correction	optional hlos bias correction for experimental use only (for expert use only, not intended for users not familiar with the details of the Aeolus Calibration files).	m/s	FAdoxy	0 73 0
Apply_M1_Telescope_Temperature_Correction	If set to true, switch on the M1 telescope temperature wind bias correction as defined by the AUX_TEL input file.		Boolean	0 92 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar Mie Algo Params in bytes:				**1877**

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Table 115: Valid methods for Mie height assignment

Name	Description
use_fixed_weight	Use fixed weights for upper and lower altitudes of range bin.
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Table 116: SNR_Threshold content description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Threshold_Value	Threshold to be used for quality control of L2B Mie hlos retrievals		FAdoxy	0 66 0
Altitude_Low	Lowest altitude at which Threshold_Value is valid	km	FAdoxy	0 52 0
Altitude_High	Highest altitude at which Threshold_Value is valid	km	FAdoxy	0 52 0
Altitude_Reference	Description of reference level for altitude. See Table 117 for valid values		String	0 52 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar SNR Thresholds in bytes:				**222**

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Table 117: Valid methods for Altitude_Reference

Name	Description
DEM	SNR_Threshold altitudes are referenced to the DEM
geoid	SNR_Threshold altitudes are referenced to the EGM96 geoid

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Table 118: Invalid Mie Rangebin

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Invalid_Mie_-Rangebin	rangebin index defining that this rangebin cannot be trusted		IntAuc	0 48 0
Total size for XML Invalid Mie Rangebin in bytes:				**48**

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Table 119: RBC_Algorithm_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Rayleigh_Height_-Assignment_Method	Switch to select Rayleigh_height assignment method. See Table 120 for valid values		Enum	0 80 0
Rayleigh_Height_-Weight_Upper	Weight given to upper altitude of range bin (applicable when Rayleigh_Height_Assignment_Method = use_fixed_weight)		FAdoxy	0 84 0
ScatRatio_Method_-for_Decontamination_Clear_Winds	A switch to define how to do decontamination of the Rayleigh Clear winds. See Table 121 for valid values.		Enum	0 124 0
ScatRatio_Method_-for_Decontamination_Cloudy_Winds	A switch to define how to do decontamination of the Rayleigh Cloudy winds. See Table 121 for valid values.		Enum	0 124 0
Flag_Cloudy_Rayleigh_Results_Invalid	A switch to force all cloudy Rayleigh winds to be flagged invalid		Boolean	0 83 0

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
List_of_Invalid_-Rayleigh_Range-bins	A list indicating which Rayleigh channel range bins cannot be trusted, for example due to the "hot-pixel" problem. The list size must be between 0 and 24. See Table 122 for structure definition. (3 range bins are assumed for the size calculation)		List of structures	0 258 0
spacecraft_los_vel_-factor	multiplication factor applied to spacecraft LOS velocity correction to the HLOS wind result. Set to 0.0 to disable this correction. Set to 1.0 to enable it. Intermediate values are possible as well		FAdoxy	0 58 0
manual_hlos_bias_-correction	optional hlos bias correction for experimental use only (for expert use only, not intended for users not familiar with the details of the Aeolus Calibration files).	m/s	FAdoxy	0 73 0
Apply_M1_-Telescope_-Temperature_-Correction	If set to true, switch on the M1 telescope temperature wind bias correction as defined by the AUX_TEL input file.		Boolean	0 92 0
LOS_min	Minimum atmospheric signal LOS speed component	ms^{-1}	FAdoxy	0 35 0
LOS_max	Maximum atmospheric signal LOS speed component	ms^{-1}	FAdoxy	0 35 0
LOS_ref_min	Minimum reference signal LOS speed component	ms^{-1}	FAdoxy	0 39 0
LOS_ref_max	Maximum reference signal LOS speed component	ms^{-1}	FAdoxy	0 39 0
dLOSdR_min	Minimum gradient of LOS speed component with respect to Rayleigh response	m/s	FAdoxy	0 38 0
dLOSdR_max	Maximum gradient of LOS speed component with respect to Rayleigh response	m/s	FAdoxy	0 38 0
dLOSdT_min	Minimum gradient of LOS speed component with respect to atmospheric temperature	$ms^{-1}K^{-1}$	FAdoxy	0 38 0
dLOSdT_max	Maximum gradient of LOS speed component with respect to atmospheric temperature	$ms^{-1}K^{-1}$	FAdoxy	0 38 0
dLOSdP_min	Minimum gradient of LOS speed component with respect to atmospheric pressure	$ms^{-1}hPa^{-1}$	FAdoxy	0 38 0
dLOSdP_max	Maximum gradient of LOS speed component with respect to atmospheric pressure	$ms^{-1}hPa^{-1}$	FAdoxy	0 38 0
dLOSdrho_min	Minimum gradient of LOS speed component with respect to atmospheric scattering ratio	ms^{-1}	FAdoxy	0 40 0
dLOSdrho_max	Maximum gradient of LOS speed component with respect to atmospheric scattering ratio	ms^{-1}	FAdoxy	0 40 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar RBC Algo Params in bytes:				**1432**

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Table 120: Valid methods for Rayleigh height assignment

Name	Description
use_fixed_weight	Use fixed weights for upper and lower altitudes of range bin.
Calculate_from_pressure_and_temperature	Calculate from pressure and temperature

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Name	Description

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Table 121: Valid methods for ScatRatio decontamination method

Name	Description
DSR_Method_Force_to_One	Use no decontamination, and set the reference scattering ratio to exactly one.
DSR_Method_Average	Calculate the average scattering ratio by taking all valid measurement level values included in this wind calculation and averaging them. Warning: the clear measurement level scattering ratio may be very noisy, which may make the result unreliable.
DSR_Method_Group_Calc	Use simple method for scattering ratio calculation on accumulated Mie spectrometer signals based on measurements selected for the current wind calculation. (uses simple algorithm as defined in the L1B DPM [RD13], section 14.4.3, eq. 79.4).
DSR_Method_Group_Calc_Refined	Use refined method on accumulated Mie spectrometer signals based on measurements selected for the current wind calculation. (uses Mie Core fitting algorithm as defined in the L1B DPM [RD13], section 14.4.3, eq.79.4.5.

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Table 122: Invalid Rayleigh Rangebin

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Invalid_Rayleigh_-Rangebin	rangebin index defining that this rangebin cannot be trusted		IntAuc	0 58 0
Total size for XML Invalid Rayleigh Rangebin in bytes:				**58**

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Table 123: AMD_Matchup_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Matchup_Method	Matchup method to be used for L1B-AMD matchup. See Table 124 for a list of valid values.		Enum	0 80 0
Max_Allowed_-Time_Diff	Maximum allowed time difference in seconds between L1B BRC and AMD DSR	s	FAdoxy	0 65 0
Max_Allowed_Distrance	Maximum allowed distance in kilometers between L1B BRC and AMD DSR	km	FAdoxy	0 65 0
Max_Analysis_-Time_Diff	Maximum allowed time difference in seconds between L1B BRC and NWP Analysis	s	FAdoxy	0 65 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar AMD Matchup params in bytes:				**275**

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Table 124: Valid values for AMD_Matchup_Params parameter Matchup_Method

Name	Description

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Name	Description
Dummy	One-for-one between L1B BRC and AMD DSR
Nearest_Neighbour	Nearest-neighbour in space and time
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Table 125: CLM_Matchup_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Matchup_Method	Matchup method to be used for L1B-CLM matchup. See Table 126 for a list of valid values.		Enum	0 80 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar CLM Matchup Params in bytes:				**80**

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Table 126: Valid values for CLM_Matchup_Params parameter Matchup_Method

Name	Description
Dummy	Always use the first available profile
Nearest_Neighbour	Nearest-neighbour in space and time
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Table 127: ZWC_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
ZWC_Scheme_Mie	Zero-Wind Correction scheme to be used for L2B Mie processing. See Table 128 for a list of valid values.		Enum	0 80 0
ZWC_Scheme_-Rayleigh	Zero-Wind Correction scheme to be used for L2B Rayleigh processing. See Table 128 for a list of valid values.		Enum	0 80 0
Mie_Ground_Correction_Weighting	Mie ground correction weighting factor	Scalar (no unit)	FAdoxy	0 90 0
Mie_HBE_Ground_-Correction_Weighting	Mie HBE ground correction weighting factor	Scalar (no unit)	FAdoxy	0 98 0
Rayleigh_Ground_-Correction_Weighting	Rayleigh ground correction weighting factor	Scalar (no unit)	FAdoxy	0 100 0
Rayleigh_HBE_-Ground_Correction_Weighting	Rayleigh HBE ground correction weighting factor	Scalar (no unit)	FAdoxy	0 108 0
Mie_Rayleigh_-Ground_Correction_Weighting	Mie-Rayleigh ground correction weighting factor	Scalar (no unit)	FAdoxy	0 108 0
Mie_Rayleigh_-HBE_Ground_Correction_Weighting	Mie-Rayleigh HBE ground correction weighting factor	Scalar (no unit)	FAdoxy	0 112 0

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Mie_Rayleigh_-Ground_Correc-tion_Offset	Mie-Rayleigh ground correction weighting factor	m/s	FAdoxy	0 102 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar ZWC Params in bytes:				**878**

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Table 128: Valid values for ZWC_Params parameters ZWC_-Scheme_Mie and ZWC_Scheme_Rayleigh

Name	Description
ZWC_Scheme_use_total_L1B_correction	Use total L1B correction from the L1B GWD ADS
ZWC_Scheme_copy_L1B_settings	Re-compute using L1B settings (not recommended) [not yet implemented]
ZWC_Scheme_use_L2B_settings	Re-compute using L2B settings from AUX_PAR_2B ZWC_Params for the factors to weight the L1B GWD ADS ground correction velocities

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Table 129: RDB_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Do_Mie_RDB_corr	Switch to select whether Mie Range Depen-dent Bias correction should be done in the L2BP		Boolean	0 55 0
Do_Rayleigh_-RDB_corr	Switch to select whether Rayleigh Range De-pendent Bias correction should be done in the L2BP		Boolean	0 55 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar RDB Params in bytes:				**110**

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Table 130: Screening_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
L1B_Screening_-Params	Parameters used for screening the L1B input file. See Table 131 for the structure definition.		Structure	0 6721 0
L2B_AMD_Screen-ing_Params	Parameters used for screening the L2B_AMD input file. See Table 140 for the structure def-inition.		Structure	0 168 0
RBC_Screening_-Params	Parameters used for screening the AUX_RBC input file. See Table 141 for the structure def-inition.		Structure	0 90 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar Screening Params in bytes:				**6979**

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Table 131: L1B_Screening_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
L1B_Geolocation_-Screening_Params	Parameters used for screening the L1B geolocations from the L1B input file. See Table 132 for the structure definition.		Structure	0 800 0
L1B_Obs_Screening_Params	Parameters used for screening the L1B observations from the L1B input file. See Table 133 for the structure definition.		Structure	0 1733 0
L1B_Mie_Meas_-Screening_Params	Parameters used for screening the L1B Mie Measurements from the L1B input file. See Table 134 for the structure definition.		Structure	0 1627 0
L1B_Rayleigh_-Meas_Screening_-Params	Parameters used for screening the L1B Rayleigh Measurements from the L1B input file. See Table 135 for the structure definition.		Structure	0 1361 0
L1B_Cal_Char_-Data_Screening_-Params	Parameters used for screening the L1B Calibration and Characterization Data from the L1B input file. See Table 136 for the structure definition.		Structure	0 900 0
L1B_GWD_ADS_-Screening_Params	Parameters used for screening the L1B GWD_ADS dataset from the L1B input file. See Table 139 for the structure definition.		Structure	0 300 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar L1B Screening Params in bytes:				**6721**

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Table 132: L1B_Geolocation_Screening_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Latitude_Min	Minimum latitude allowed in L1B Geolocation Data	degrees	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Latitude_Max	Maximum latitude allowed in L1B Geolocation Data	degrees	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Longitude_Min	Minimum longitude allowed in L1B Geolocation Data	degrees	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Longitude_Max	Maximum longitude allowed in L1B Geolocation Data	degrees	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Altitude_Min	Minimum altitude allowed in L1B Geolocation Data	km	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Altitude_Max	Maximum altitude allowed in L1B Geolocation Data	km	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Altitude_DEM_Min	Minimum DEM altitude allowed in L1B Geolocation Data	km	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Altitude_DEM_Max	Maximum DEM altitude allowed in L1B Geolocation Data	km	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Geoid_Separation_-Min	Minimum geoid separation allowed in L1B Geolocation Data	km	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Geoid_Separation_-Max	Maximum geoid separation allowed in L1B Geolocation Data	km	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Topocentric_Elevation_Min	Minimum topocentric elevation allowed in L1B Geolocation Data	degrees	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Topocentric_Elevation_Max	Maximum topocentric elevation allowed in L1B Geolocation Data	degrees	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Topocentric_Azimuth_Min	Minimum topocentric azimuth allowed in L1B Geolocation Data	degrees	FAdoxy	0 50 0

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Topocentric_Azimuth_Max	Maximum topocentric azimuth allowed in L1B Geolocation Data	degrees	FAdoxy	0 50 0
AOCS_LOS_Velocity_Min	Minimum AOCS LOS Velocity allowed in L1B Geolocation Data	m/s	FAdoxy	0 50 0
AOCS_LOS_Velocity_Max	Maximum AOCS LOS Velocity allowed in L1B Geolocation Data	m/s	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar L1B Geoloc Screening params in bytes:				**800**

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Table 133: L1B_Obs_Screening_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
L1B_Laser_Freq_Unlocked_Threshold	Threshold on the value of nmeas with laser_freq_unlocked (see element 10 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])		IntAl	0 83 0
L1B_Ref_Pulses_Unlocked_Threshold	Threshold on the value of nrefpulses with laser_freq_unlocked (see element 11 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])		IntAl	0 83 0
L1B_Laser_Freq_Offset_Threshold	Threshold on the value of average laser freq. offset (see element 12 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0 84 0
L1B_Laser_UV_Energy_Threshold	Threshold on the value of average laser UV energy (see element 13 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	mJ	FAdoxy	0 74 0
L1B_Laser_Freq_Offs_Stdev_Threshold	Threshold on the value of Standard deviation for laser frequency offset (see element 14 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0 92 0
L1B_Laser_UV_Energy_Stdev_Threshold	Threshold on the value of Standard deviation for laser pulse UV energy (see element 15 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	mJ	FAdoxy	0 86 0
L1B_Mie_Mean_Emit_Freq_Min	Minimum allowed value for Mie mean emitted frequency (see element 16 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0 64 0
L1B_Mie_Mean_Emit_Freq_Max	Maximum allowed value for Mie mean emitted frequency (see element 16 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0 74 0
L1B_Mie_Emit_Freq_Stdev_Threshold	Threshold on the value of Mie emitted frequency standard deviation (see element 17 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0 88 0
L1B_Rayleigh_Mean_Emit_Freq_Min	Minimum allowed value for Rayleigh mean emitted frequency (see element 18 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0 84 0
L1B_Rayleigh_Mean_Emit_Freq_Max	Maximum allowed value for Rayleigh mean emitted frequency (see element 18 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0 84 0
L1B_Rayleigh_Emit_Freq_Stdev_Threshold	Threshold on the value of Rayleigh emitted frequency standard deviation (see element 19 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0 98 0
L1B_Sat_Not_on_Target_Threshold	Threshold on the value of nmeas with sat_not_on_target (see element 20 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])		IntAl	0 79 0

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
L1B_Mie_Corrupt_-Threshold	Threshold on the value of nmeas with corrupt Mie meas. (see element 30 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])		IntAl	0 67 0
L1B_Rayleigh_Corrupt_Threshold	Threshold on the value of nmeas with corrupt Rayleigh meas. (see element 31 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])		IntAl	0 77 0
L1B_Mie_Ref_-Pulses_Corrupt_-Threshold	Threshold on the value of nmeas with corrupt Mie ref. Pulses (see element 32 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])		IntAl	0 89 0
L1B_Rayl_Ref_-Pulses_Corrupt_-Threshold	Threshold on the value of nmeas with corrupt Rayleigh ref. Pulses (see element 33 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])		IntAl	0 91 0
L1B_Mie_Invalid_-Meas_Threshold	Threshold on the value of num_of_mie_invalid_measurements (see element 40 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])		IntAl	0 77 0
L1B_Mie_Invalid_-Ref_Pulses_Threshold	Threshold on the value of num_of_mie_invalid_reference_pulse (see element 41 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])		IntAl	0 89 0
L1B_Rayl_Invalid_-Meas_Threshold	Threshold on the value of num_of_rayleigh_-invalid_measurements (see element 42 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])		IntAl	0 79 0
L1B_Rayl_Invalid_-Ref_Pulses_Threshold	Threshold on the value of num_of_rayleigh_-invalid_reference_pulse (see element 43 in table 17 of section 5.3 of [RD1])		IntAl	0 91 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar L1B Obs Screening Params in bytes:				**1733**

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Table 134: L1B_Mie_Meas_Screening_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
L1B_Mie_Meas_Invalid_Ref_Pulses_-Threshold	Threshold on the value of num_of_mie_invalid_reference_pulses (see element 1 in table 19 of section 5.3 of [RD1])		IntAl	0 99 0
L1B_Avg_Laser_-Freq_Offset_Min	Minimum allowed value for Avg_Laser_Frequency_Offset (see element 2 in table 19 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0 80 0
L1B_Avg_Laser_-Freq_Offset_Max	Maximum allowed value for Avg_Laser_Frequency_Offset (see element 2 in table 19 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0 80 0
L1B_Avg_UV_Energy_Min	Minimum allowed value for Avg_UV_Energy (see element 3 in table 19 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	mJ	FAdoxy	0 58 0
L1B_Avg_UV_Energy_Max	Maximum allowed value for Avg_UV_Energy (see element 3 in table 19 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	mJ	FAdoxy	0 58 0
L1B_Laser_Freq_-Offset_Stdev_-Threshold	Threshold on the value for Laser_Frequency_Offset_Std_Dev (see element 4 in table 19 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0 96 0
L1B_UV_Energy_-Stdev_Threshold	Threshold on the value for UV_Energy_Std_-Dev (see element 5 in table 19 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	mJ	FAdoxy	0 78 0

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
L1B_Vel_of_Att_Uncertainty_Error_Min	Minimum allowed value for Velocity_of_Attitude_Uncertainty_Error (see element 6 in table 19 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	m/s	FAdoxy	0 88 0
L1B_Vel_of_Att_Uncertainty_Error_Max	Maximum allowed value for Velocity_of_Attitude_Uncertainty_Error (see element 6 in table 19 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	m/s	FAdoxy	0 88 0
L1B_Mie_Mean_Emitted_Freq_Min	Minimum allowed value for Mie_Mean_Emitted_Frequency (see element 7 in table 19 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0 80 0
L1B_Mie_Mean_Emitted_Freq_Max	Maximum allowed value for Mie_Mean_Emitted_Frequency (see element 7 in table 19 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0 80 0
L1B_Mie_Emitted_Freq_Stdev_Threshold	Threshold on the value of Mie_Emitted_Frequency_Std_Dev (see element 8 in table 19 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0 94 0
L1B_Meas_Reference_Pulse_FWHM_Min	Minimum allowed value for L1B PCD measurement-level parameter Reference_Pulse_FWHM	PixelIndex	FAdoxy	0 92 0
L1B_Meas_Reference_Pulse_FWHM_Max	Maximum allowed value for L1B PCD measurement-level parameter Reference_Pulse_FWHM	PixelIndex	FAdoxy	0 92 0
L1B_Scattering_Ratio_Min	Minimum allowed value for Scattering_Ratio_Mie (see element 2 in table 21 of section 5.3 of [RD1])		FAdoxy	0 64 0
L1B_Scattering_Ratio_Max	Maximum allowed value for Scattering_Ratio_Mie (see element 2 in table 21 of section 5.3 of [RD1])		FAdoxy	0 64 0
L1B_Mie_SNR_Threshold	Threshold on the value of Mie_Signal_to_Noise_Ratio (see element 3 in table 21 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	unitless	FAdoxy	0 58 0
Mie_Ground_Bin_Thickness_Threshold	Threshold on the part of the ground bin that is above the surface according to the DEM.	m	FAdoxy	0 80 0
Max_Signal_Derivative	Threshold on the Mie spectrum to be able to detect corrupt channels	PixelLevel	IntAs	0 54 0
Pixel_Saturation_Threshold	Threshold on the Mie spectral channels to be able to detect saturated channels	PixelLevel	IntAs	0 64 0
Ignore_Mie_Meas_Invalid_Switch	Switch to select whether the L1B flag indicating an Invalid Mie Measurement should be ignored in the L2BP or not		Boolean	0 80 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar L1B Mie Measurements Screening Params in bytes:				**1627**

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Table 135: L1B_Rayleigh_Meas_Screening_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
L1B_Rayleigh_Meas_Invalid_Ref_Pulses_Threshold	Threshold on the value of num_of_Rayleigh_invalid_reference_pulses (see element 1 in table 23 of section 5.3 of [RD1])		IntAl	0 109 0
L1B_Avg_Laser_Freq_Offset_Min	Minimum allowed value for Avg_Laser_Frequency_Offset (see element 2 in table 23 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0 80 0

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)		
L1B_Avg_Laser_-Freq_Offset_Max	Maximum allowed value for Avg_Laser_Frequency_Offset (see element 2 in table 23 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0	80	0
L1B_Avg_UV_Energy_Min	Minimum allowed value for Avg_UV_Energy (see element 3 in table 23 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	mJ	FAdoxy	0	58	0
L1B_Avg_UV_Energy_Max	Maximum allowed value for Avg_UV_Energy (see element 3 in table 23 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	mJ	FAdoxy	0	58	0
L1B_Laser_Freq_-Offset_Stdev_-Threshold	Threshold on the value of Laser_Frequency_-Offset_Std_Dev (see element 4 in table 23 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0	96	0
L1B_UV_Energy_-Stdev_Threshold	Threshold on the value of UV_Energy_Std_-Dev (see element 5 in table 23 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	mJ	FAdoxy	0	74	0
L1B_Vel_of_Att_Uncertainty_Error_Min	Minimum allowed value for Veloc ity_of_Attitude_Uncertainty_Error (see element 6 in table 23 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	m/s	FAdoxy	0	88	0
L1B_Vel_of_Att_Uncertainty_Error_Max	Maximum allowed value for Velocity_of_Attitude_Uncertainty_Error (see element 6 in table 23 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	m/s	FAdoxy	0	88	0
L1B_Rayleigh_-Mean_Emitted_-Freq_Min	Minimum allowed value for Rayleigh_Mean_-Emitted_Frequency (see element 7 in table 23 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0	90	0
L1B_Rayleigh_-Mean_Emitted_-Freq_Max	Maximum allowed value for Rayleigh_Mean_-Emitted_Frequency (see element 7 in table 23 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0	90	0
L1B_Rayleigh_Emitted_Freq_Stdev_-Threshold	Threshold on the value of Rayleigh_Emitted_-Frequency_Std_Dev (see element 8 in table 23 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	GHz	FAdoxy	0	104	0
L1B_Rayleigh_-SNR_Min	Minimum allowed value for Rayleigh_Signal_-to_Noise_Ratio_Channel_A and Rayleigh_-Signal_to_Noise_Ratio_Channel_B (see elements 2 and 3 in table 25 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	unitless	FAdoxy	0	56	0
L1B_Rayleigh_-SNR_Max	Maximum allowed value for Rayleigh_-Signal_to_Noise_Ratio_Channel_A and Rayleigh_Signal_to_Noise_Ratio_Channel_-B (see elements 2 and 3 in table 25 of section 5.3 of [RD1])	unitless	FAdoxy	0	56	0
Rayleigh_Ground_-Bin_Thickness_-Threshold	Threshold on the part of the ground bin that is above the surface according to the DEM.	m	FAdoxy	0	90	0
Pixel_Saturation_-Threshold	Threshold on the Rayleigh channels to be able to detect saturated signals	PixelLevel	IntAs	0	64	0
Ignore_Rayleigh_-Meas_Invalid_-Switch	Switch to select whether the L1B flag indicating an Invalid Rayleigh Measurement should be ignored in the L2BP or not		Boolean	0	80	0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar L1B Rayleigh Meas. Screening Params in bytes:				**1361**		

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Table 136: L1B_Cal_Char_Data_Screening_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Sat_Char_Data_-Screening_Params	Parameters used for screening the L1B satellite characterization data. See Table 137 for the structure definition.		Structure	0 100 0
Mie_Resp_Calib_-Data_Screening_-Params	Parameters used for screening the L1B Mie response calibration data. See Table 138 for the structure definition.		Structure	0 800 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar L1B Cal Char Data Screening Params in bytes:				**900**

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Table 137: L1B_Sat_Char_Data_Screening_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Tripod_Obscur_-Corr_Min	Minimum tripod obscuration correction allowed in L1B products	Unitless	Int	0 50 0
Tripod_Obscur_-Corr_Max	Maximum tripod obscuration correction allowed in L1B products	Unitless	Int	0 50 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar L1B Sat Char Data Screening Params in bytes:				**100**

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Table 138: L1B_Mie_Resp_Calib_Data_Screening_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Meas_Resp_Min	Minimum Mie measurement channel response allowed in L1B products	PixelIndex	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Meas_Resp_Max	Maximum Mie measurement channel response allowed in L1B products	PixelIndex	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Meas_Err_Mie_-Resp_Min	Minimum Mie measurement channel response error (nonlinearity correction) allowed in L1B products	PixelIndex	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Meas_Err_Mie_-Resp_Max	Maximum Mie measurement channel response error (nonlinearity correction) allowed in L1B products	PixelIndex	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Ref_Pulse_Resp_-Min	Minimum Mie internal reference pulse channel response allowed in L1B products	PixelIndex	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Ref_Pulse_Resp_-Max	Maximum Mie internal reference pulse channel response allowed in L1B products	PixelIndex	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Ref_Pulse_Err_-Mie_Resp_Min	Minimum Mie internal reference pulse channel response error (nonlinearity correction) allowed in L1B products	PixelIndex	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Ref_Pulse_Err_-Mie_Resp_Max	Maximum Mie internal reference pulse channel response error (nonlinearity correction) allowed in L1B products	PixelIndex	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Ref_Pulse_Zero_-Freq_Min	Minimum Mie internal reference pulse channel zero frequency allowed in L1B products	PixelIndex	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Ref_Pulse_Zero_-Freq_Max	Maximum Mie internal reference pulse channel zero frequency allowed in L1B products	PixelIndex	FAdoxy	0 50 0

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Ref_Pulse_Mean_-Sensitivity_Min	Minimum Mie internal reference pulse channel mean sensitivity allowed in L1B products	Pixel-Index/GHz	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Ref_Pulse_Mean_-Sensitivity_Max	Maximum Mie internal reference pulse channel mean sensitivity allowed in L1B products	Pixel-Index/GHZ	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Meas_Zero_Freq_-Min	Minimum Mie measurement channel zero frequency allowed in L1B products	PixelIndex	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Meas_Zero_Freq_-Max	Maximum Mie measurement channel zero frequency allowed in L1B products	PixelIndex	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Meas_Mean_Sensitivity_Min	Minimum Mie measurement channel mean sensitivity allowed in L1B products	Pixel-Index/GHz	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Meas_Mean_Sensitivity_Max	Maximum Mie measurement channel mean sensitivity allowed in L1B products	Pixel-Index/GHz	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar L1B Mie Resp. Calib. Data Scr. Params in bytes:				**800**

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Table 139: L1B_GWD_ADS_Screening_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Zero_Wind_Corr_-Min	Minimum zero-wind correction allowed in L1B products	m/s	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Zero_Wind_Corr_-Max	Maximum zero-wind correction allowed in L1B products	m/s	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Zero_Wind_Corr_-Weight_Factor_Min	Minimum zero-wind correction weighting factor allowed in L1B products	unitless	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Zero_Wind_Corr_-Weight_Factor_Max	Maximum zero-wind correction weighting factor allowed in L1B products	unitless	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Mie_Rayl_Correction_Offset_Min	Minimum Mie-Rayleigh correction offset allowed in L1B products	m/s	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Mie_Rayl_Correction_Offset_Max	Maximum Mie-wRayleigh correction offset allowed in L1B products	m/s	FAdoxy	0 50 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar L1B GWD ADS Screening Params in bytes:				**300**

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Table 140: L2B_AMD_Screening_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
L2B_AMD_p_min	Minimum pressure allowed in a pressure profile (when a tested profile is outside this range the L2B_AMD_Screening_QC field in table 30 of section 5.3 of [RD1] is set to L2B_-AMD_Unlikely_Profile)	Pa	FAdoxy	0 42 0
L2B_AMD_p_max	Maximum pressure allowed in a pressure profile (when a tested profile is outside this range the L2B_AMD_Screening_QC field in table 30 of section 5.3 of [RD1] is set to L2B_-AMD_Unlikely_Profile)	Pa	FAdoxy	0 42 0

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
L2B_AMD_T_min	Minimum temperature allowed in a temperature profile (when a tested profile is outside this range the L2B_AMD_Screening_QC field in table 30 of section 5.3 of [RD1] is set to L2B_AMD_Unlikely_Profile)	K	FAdoxy	0 42 0
L2B_AMD_T_max	Maximum temperature allowed in a temperature profile (when a tested profile is outside this range the L2B_AMD_Screening_QC field in table 30 of section 5.3 of [RD1] is set to L2B_AMD_Unlikely_Profile)	K	FAdoxy	0 42 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar L2B AMD Screening Params in bytes:				**168**

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Table 141: RBC_Screening_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Fcalib_R_min	Minimum frequency allowed in the Fcalib array of the AUX_RBC input file.	GHz	FAdoxy	0 45 0
Fcalib_R_max	Maximum frequency allowed in the Fcalib array of the AUX_RBC input file.	GHz	FAdoxy	0 45 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar L2B AMD Screening Params in bytes:				**90**

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Table 142: Monitoring_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Mie_Estimated_Error_Threshold	Threshold applied to the estimated Mie wind error to select wind results that will be taken in to account in the O-B statistics. (set it to zero to disable this selection)	m/s	FAdoxy	0 76 0
Rayleigh_Estimated_Error_Threshold	Threshold applied to the estimated Mie wind error to select wind results that will be taken in to account in the O-B statistics. (set it to zero to disable this selection)	m/s	FAdoxy	0 86 0
Use_OminB_to_Flag_Hot_Pixels	Switch controlling wether O-minus-B statistical results will be used for quality control or not. If set to true, the following “Min_Bias_to_Flag_a_Hot_Pixel” parameter is used to decide how to flag the wind results.		Boolean	0 66 0
Min_Bias_to_Flag_a_Hot_Pixel	Threshold used on bias to decide if the current range bin is affected by an uncorrected hot-pixel or not. If the above “Use_OminB_to_Flag_Hot_Pixels” switch is set to true, and if the average bias for the current file is above this threshold, the produced winds are flagged invalid.	m/s	FAdoxy	0 75 0

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Min_Nr_of_Winds_-OminB_flagging	Threshold used to decide if we have enough statistics to be able to flag wind results based on O-minus-B bias. If the number of winds is too small, the statistics are not significant enough, and wind results will not be flagged, even if the bias is passed. Use a value of 0 to switch off this setting.		IntAul	0 66 0
Total size for XML L2B AuxPar L2B Monitoring Params in bytes:				**369**

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Table 143: Blacklisting_Params Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
surrounding xml tags	approximated size of Blacklisting_Params and List_of_* tags and white space.		xml tags	0 67 0
List_of_Black-listied_Petiods	List of zero or more periods for which wind results should be blacklisted to indicate to users that the winds are not to be trusted and should most probably not be used in data assimilation or for scientific studies. See Table 144 for structure definition (to estimate the size the list is assumed to contain 5 blacklisting periods).		List of structures	0 1220 0
Total size for XML Blacklisting Params in bytes:				**1287**

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Table 144: Blacklisting_Period Content Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
surrounding xml tags	approximated size of Blacklisting_Period tag and white space.		xml tags	0 71 0
Blacklisting_Start	Start datetime of period to be blacklisted.	UTC	DateTime	21 30 22
Blacklisting_Stop	Stop datetime of period to be blacklisted.	UTC	DateTime	20 30 21
Channel	Name of channel for which this blacklisting period should be applied. Allowed values are “Mie”, “Rayleigh” or “Both”		String	9 10 10
Total size for XML Blacklisting_Period in bytes:				**244**

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5.5 Auxiliary Telescope Temperature Parameters

The AUX_TEL_12 Parameters file is an auxiliary input to the L2B processor. The file defines the processor settings parameters, needed to use the M1 telescope mirror temperatures for wind bias correction.

5.5.1 Product Structure and Size

The AUX_TEL_12 Parameters file conforms to the Earth Explorer standard defined in Section 3.4, with an overall structure defined by Table 145. It is contained in one file, containing Fixed Header and Main Product Header as defined in sections 3.4.2 and 3.4.4 respectively, as well as a Specific Product Header and a single Data Set as defined in the following subsections. All headers and data sets are in XML format.

Note: a common MPH is retained for all auxiliary data files, but some parameters may in future be set to a "missing value" (GSDR RID 166).

In the tables below, all Types denoted FAdoxy have been allocated 10 characters, i.e. x+y=8.

Table 145: Structure and Size of the Auxiliary Telescope Temperature Parametersfile.

Name	Description / Comment	Type	Size (XML)
Fixed_Header	The default Earth Explorer FH structure, as defined in Table 8	Structure	699
Main_Product_Header	The default Earth Explorer MPH structure, as defined in Table 11	Structure	1642
Specific_Product_Header	A specific product header, specific for this filetype, as defined in Table 146	Structure	1310
Tel_Corr_Params	The datablock containing the actual parameter settings, as defined in Table 147.	Structure	2110
Total (approximate) size for XML in bytes:			**4875**

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N.B. The MPH and SPH have no meaning for this type of auxiliary file and might be entirely removed in a future release.

5.5.2 File Name

The AUX_TEL_12 Parameters file name has the format

AE_CCCC_AUX_TEL_12_yyyymmddThhmmss_yyyymmddThhmmss_vvvv.EEF

The date/times (yyyymmddThhmmss) represent the start and stop of the validity period. The version number combined with the date makes this a unique instance of the file. This product file has an extension .EEF to designate a single file in XML format.

5.5.3 Specific Product Header

The Specific Product Header of the AUX_TEL_12 XML file is defined in Table 146.

Table 146: Structure and content of the Specific Product Header of the AUX_TEL_12 file

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)		
Sph_Descriptor	ASCII string describing this collection of settings		String	15	48	17
Fitting_Input_Data	ASCII string describing which data was used as input for the fitting procedure. Allowed values are “O_min_B” and “ZWC”		String	18	10	19
Fitting_Algorithm_Used	ASCII string describing which fitting algorithm was used for the fitting procedure. Allowed values are “CHAOS” and “MACH”		String	22	10	23
Correct_HLOS_or_-LOS_Bias	ASCII string describing along which axis the bias correction should be applied. Allowed values are “LOS” and “HLOS”		String	24	4	25
Start_of_Fitting_Period	CoG datetime of the first wind result included in the fit.	UTC	DateTime	23	30	24
Stop_of_Fitting_Period	CoG datetime of the last wind result included in the fit.	UTC	DateTime	22	30	23
Additional_-Configuration_Settings	ASCII string holding free formatted multi-line text (to a maximum of 512 characters.		String	33	512	34

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
List_of_Dsds	A list of DSD's following the default Earth Explorer DSD structure, as defined in Table 12, describing the attached data set. (There is just 1 DSD in this list)		structure	0 344 0
Total size for XML SPH in bytes:				**1310**

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5.5.4 Data Set Descriptor

Only a single Data Set appears in the Auxiliary Telescope Temperature Parameters data file: the AUX_TEL Parameters GADS as described below.

5.5.5 AUX TEL Parameters GADS

The actual parameters for wind bias correction are specified twice, once for each channel, in table 147 below.

Table 147: Auxiliary Telescope Temperature Parameters GADS Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
Mie_Channel_-Correction_Factors	Collected parameters for performing M1 telescope mirror based bias correction of the Mie channel See Table 148 for the structure definition.		Structure	0 1050 0
Rayleigh_Channel_-Correction_Factors	Collected parameters for performing M1 telescope mirror based bias correction of the Rayleigh channel See Table 148 for the structure definition.		Structure	0 1060 0
Total size for XML AUX_TEL GADS in bytes:				**2110**

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Table 148: M1 Telescope temperature correction Parameters per channel Description

Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
M1_Telescope_-Temperature_-Correction_Factors	xml-tag-pair surrounding the correction factors.			0 107 0
HLOS_Bias_to_-Temperature_-Difference	slope of the linear fit to the HLOS bias versus telescope temperature data.	m/s/C	FAdoxy	0 105 0
HLOS_Bias_Offset	offset of the linear fit to the HLOS bias versus telescope temperature data.	m/s	FAdoxy	0 67 0
AHT_22_factor	multiplicative factor used to include temperature sensor AHT_22 in the temperature average.		FAdoxy	0 46 0
AHT_23_factor	multiplicative factor used to include temperature sensor AHT_23 in the temperature average.		FAdoxy	0 45 0
AHT_24_factor	multiplicative factor used to include temperature sensor AHT_24 in the temperature average.		FAdoxy	0 49 0

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Tag Name	Content Description	Unit	Type	Size (XML)
AHT_25_factor	multiplicative factor used to include temperature sensor AHT_25 in the temperature average.		FAdoxy	0 45 0
AHT_26_factor	multiplicative factor used to include temperature sensor AHT_26 in the temperature average.		FAdoxy	0 45 0
AHT_27_factor	multiplicative factor used to include temperature sensor AHT_27 in the temperature average.		FAdoxy	0 46 0
TC_18_factor	multiplicative factor used to include temperature sensor TC_18 in the temperature average.		FAdoxy	0 47 0
TC_19_factor	multiplicative factor used to include temperature sensor TC_19 in the temperature average.		FAdoxy	0 47 0
TC_20_factor	multiplicative factor used to include temperature sensor TC_20 in the temperature average.		FAdoxy	0 44 0
TC_21_factor	multiplicative factor used to include temperature sensor TC_21 in the temperature average.		FAdoxy	0 44 0
TC_23_factor	multiplicative factor used to include temperature sensor TC_23 in the temperature average.		FAdoxy	0 43 0
TC_25_factor	multiplicative factor used to include temperature sensor TC_25 in the temperature average.		FAdoxy	0 43 0
TC_27_factor	multiplicative factor used to include temperature sensor TC_27 in the temperature average.		FAdoxy	0 43 0
TC_29_factor	multiplicative factor used to include temperature sensor TC_29 in the temperature average.		FAdoxy	0 43 0
TC_32_factor	multiplicative factor used to include temperature sensor TC_32 in the temperature average.		FAdoxy	0 43 0
Total size for XML M1 Telescope temperature correction Parameters per channel in bytes:				**952**

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5.6 Files supplied to the L2/Met PF and National Weather Services

The need for predicted orbit files (MPL_ORBPRE) in the L2/Met PF (i.e. ECMWF) has been discussed in Section 1.3. The L2/Met PF and National Weather Services need to receive Rayleigh-Brillouin Correction data (AUX_RBC_L2) as often as it is generated, ideally every time an Instrument Response Calibration (IRC) is performed. The working assumption is that L1B data (ALD_U_N_1B) transmitted to the L2/Met PF and National Weather Services will be in TGZ format (XML HDR plus DBL) - see Section 1.3.

5.7 Auxiliary Calibration Coefficients Dataset

Auxiliary Calibration Coefficient data are contained in the AUX_CAL_L2 data product. The tables are to be generated by the GenerateAuxCal component of the Calibration Suite [RD12]. The format for these data are defined in Section 5.3 of [RD12]. They contain instrument calibration coefficients for used in L2A processing, to account for Mie and Rayleigh channel cross-talk, or to retrieve atmospheric optical properties. They are

potentially used for similar purposes within L2B processing.

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