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BATOR

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- **BATOR** - master for conversion observation files to ODB-1 format
 - supported input file formats: ASCII (OBSOUL), BUFR, GRIB, NetCDF, HDF5
 - obs error, eventually other meta-data, assignment
 - selection of instruments & satellite channels
 - pre-filtering of satellite and radar data (e.g. take one pixel out of N, etc.)
 - geographical selection (LAMFLAG)
 - blacklisting
- **COPE** - an alternative tool developed & maintained by ECMWF
- **ODB-1** - dedicated talk

BATOR - I/O overview

- **Input:**

- **NAMELIST** - main namelist
- **refdata / batormap** - list of all input data files
- **param.cfg** - configuration file for decoding BUFR, NETCDF, HDF5 data
- **[LISTE_NOIRE_DIAP, LISTE_LOC]** - optional blacklist namelists
- **list_gpsol** - extra namelist for GPS data
- **nam_LAMFLAG** - extra namelist for geographical selection
- **ficdate** - timeslot definition file (**deprecated from cy42_op1 replaced by env**)

- **Execution is controlled by a set of environmental variables:**

```
export ODB_IO_METHOD=1
export ODB_CMA=database type definition
export IOASSIGN= path to IOASSIGN file - the directory structure of the database
export ODB_SRCPATH_ECMA = the location of ODB sub-bases' description files
export ODB_DATAPATH_ECMA = the location of ODB sub-bases' data files
export BATOR_NBPOOL= the number of the pools in the ODB sub-bases (parallelization)
export BATOR_LAMFLAG= 0/1 geographical selection
# timeslot definitions (mandatory from cy42_op1)
BATOR_NBSLOT BATOR_CENTER_LEN BATOR_WINDOW_LEN BATOR_WINDOW_SHIFT BATOR_SLOT_LEN
```

- **Execution:**

```
./create_ioassign -l$ODB_CMA -n$BATOR_NBPOOL
mpirun -np 1 ./BATOR
```

- **Output: ODB-1**

BATOR - input files & formats

- supported input file formats: OBSOUL (ASCII), BUFR, GRIB, NETCDF, HDF5
- input data files are defined in **refdata** (deprecated from **cy42_op1**)

```
conv OBSOUL conv $YYYYMMDD $NT  
synop BUFR synop $YYYYMMDD $NT  
...  
...
```

- **refdata** is replaced by **batormap**

```
conv conv OBSOUL conv  
conv synop BUFR synop  
conv temp BUFR temp  
...
```

	column description of batormap	Type
1	ECMA extension in which data will be stored	up to 8 characters
2	data file name extension	up to 8 characters
3	data file format	up to 8 characters
4	kind of data or instrument (must match kind in bator_initlong())	up to 16 characters

- corresponding input file names:

OBSOUL.conv
BUFR.synop ...

BATOR input formats - OBSOUL

- OBSOUL (ASCII) - simple (suitable for a new data or a single observation testing)
- file format

date time

rec1

rec2

...

date: yyyyymmdd

time: hhmmss

record: n header body1 ... bodyk

	Header Description	Type
1	observation type (obstype@hdr)	integer
2	observation code	integer
3	latitude	real
4	longitude	real
5	station/satellite identification	character
6	date <i>yyyymmdd</i>	integer
7	time <i>hh</i>	integer
8	altitude	real
9	number of parameters (= #bodies)	integer
10	observation quality flags	integer
11	site dependant	integer

	Body Description	Type
1	type of parameter (varno@body)	integer
2	first vertical coordinate	real
3	second vertical coordinate	real
4	observed or measured parameter	real
5	parameter quality flag	integer

Observation types in ARPEGE/ALADIN

Variable	Value	Observation type
NSYNOP	1	SYNOP, SYNOP_SHIP, SYNOR
NAIREP	2	AIREP, AMDAR, ACAR, ...
NSATOB	3	SATOB
NDRIBU	4	DRIBU, DRIFTER, BUOY, BATHY, TESAC
NTEMP	5	TEMP, TEMP-SHIP, TEMP_DROP

- for complete obstype definitions see **obstype.h, yomcoctp.F90**

	Value	variable name [unit]	varno_module
NVNUMB(1)	3	u-wind component [m/s]	varno%u
NVNUMB(2)	4	v wind component [m/s]	varno%v
NVNUMB(3)	1	geopotentiel [J/kg]	varno%z
...			

- for variable definitions see **varno.h, yomvnmb.F90, suvnmb.F90, varno_module.F90**

	Value	satellite sensor
INST_ID_HIRS	0	HIRS
INST_ID_AMSUA	3	AMSU-A
...		

- for sensor definitions see **sensor.h, rttov_const.F90** (yomtvrad.F90 in older cycles)

BATOR input formats - OBSOUL

Examples of records: n header body1 ... bodyk

SYNOP record:

```
42 1 10000014 50.01700 14.45000 '11520 ' 20100915 90000 304.0000 6 1111 100000
1 -101220.0 1.7000000E+38 0.0000000E+00 2064 39 97680.00 1.7000000E+38 288.8600 2048
58 97680.00 1.7000000E+38 71.00000 2048 7 97680.00 1.1426964E-03 8.0968356E-03 2048
41 97680.00 4.000000 260.0000 2048 91 97680.00 1.7000000E+38 80.00000 2048
```

AMDAR record:

```
22 2 10031144 67.60500 105.87334 LH715 20100915 83400 10600.00 2 11111 0
2 10600.00 1.7000000E+38 229.5000 4111 3 10600.00 6.200000 256.0000 4111
```

TEMP record:

```
897 5 10003035 50.00000 14.45000 '11520 ' 20190107 000000 303.0000 177 11111 0
1 99200.00 1.7000000E+38 2969.400 3680
39 99200.00 1.7000000E+38 272.5000 3680
58 99200.00 1.7000000E+38 96.00000 3680
7 99200.00 5.0914619E-04 3.4909793E-03 3680
41 99200.00 1.000000 245.0000 3680
1 92500.00 1.7000000E+38 8388.800 2560
2 92500.00 1.7000000E+38 269.2900 2560
29 92500.00 1.7000000E+38 100.0000 2560
7 92500.00 4.1719535E-04 2.9799668E-03 2560
3 92500.00 7.000000 340.0000 2560
```

BATOR input formats - BUFR

- BUFR - most common format for conventional and satellite observations
- WMO FM 94 BUFR format specification:

http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/WMOCodes/WMO306_vl2/LatestVERSION/LatestVERSION.html

- **NAMELIST**

&NADIRS

```
InbTypeBufr = 200 # number of BUFR templates to read in param.cfg (default=0)
```

```
/
```

&BUFR

```
NFREQVERT_TPHR=400, # high-resolution sounding switches  
TEMPSONDSPLIT=.TRUE.,  
NBTEMPMAXLEVELS=8000,
```

```
TS_* # satellite sensor and channel selection. Index matches satellite ID.
```

```
TS_GEOWIND(70)%T_SELECT%CSERIES='MSG',
```

```
TS_GEOWIND(70)%T_SELECT%ICEPCANAL(1:7)=1,2,0,-9,5,-9,3,
```

```
TS_GEOWIND(70)%T_SELECT%LCANAL(1:3)=.TRUE.,.TRUE.,.TRUE.,
```

```
...
```

```
/
```

- **export BUFR_TABLES=..path_to_your_BUFR_tables/**

BATOR (cy43t2) still uses ECMWF emos library & consistent tables have to be used !

e.g. Meteo France uses libbufr_383MF (available within auxlib_installer.2.3)

BATOR input formats - HDF5, NETCDF



- HDF5 format is used for OPERA radar data and some satellite data
- OPERA HDF5 format specification:

<http://eumetnet.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/OPERA.hdf.description.2014.pdf>

• NAMELIST

&NADIRS

```
InbTypeHdf5 = 2 # number of HDF5 templates to read in param.cfg (default=0)  
InbTypeNetcdf = 1 # number of NETCDF templates to read in param.cfg (default=0)
```

/

&HDF5

```
HODIM% # type containing required component to pre-process OPERA data  
HMTVZA(:)% # array of MTVZA data type. Index matches satellite ID.
```

/

&NETCDF

```
NSEVIRI(:)% , # array of SEVIRI data type. Index matches satellite ID.
```

/

- **BATOR (cy43t2) requires modules from netcdf (4.4.4) and hdf5 (1.8.16) libraries (hdf5 should be compiled with –enable-fortran –enable-fortran2003)**
- **for more details see**

<http://www.umr-cnrm.fr/gmapdoc/spip.php?article229&lang=en>

- **param.cfg configuration file to decode BUFR, NETCDF and HDF5 files**

```
# STRUCTURE DESCRIPTION :  
# elements inside square brackets are optional & keywords must be written from the first column.  
# BE CAREFUL : this file is case sensitive  
  
# BEGIN sensor - sensor must be in lowercase with name as defined bator_decodbufr_mod  
# a b c d  
# [codage n1 desc1] - codage is used to check the BUFR file structure with ktdlst(),  
# [codage n2 desc2] - desc1... descn = BUFR descriptor FXY (must be unique)  
# ...  
# [codage nn descn]  
# [control n1 val1] - control is used to perform tests like number of channels  
# [control n2 val2] - val1... valn = integer value used as reference for control  
# ...  
# [control nn valn]  
# [offset n1 inc1] - offset defines a value to perform jump  
# [offset n2 inc2] - inc1... incn = integer value used as a jump  
# ...  
# [offset nn incn]  
# [values pos1 desc1] - values are descriptors which will be used for decoding BUFR file  
# [values pos1 desc2] - pos1... posn = index in the VALUES array (libemos)  
# ...  
# [values posn descn]  
# END sensor  
  
# a is the number of 'codage' parameter defined  
# b is the number of 'control' parameter defined  
# c is the number of 'offset' parameter defined  
# d is the number of 'values' parameter defined
```

BATOR - param.cfg

- example for BUFR TEMP

```
BEGIN temp

 8 0 1 21

codage 1 309052
codage 2 -001081
codage 3 -001082
codage 4 -002067
codage 5 -002095
codage 6 -002096
codage 7 -002097
codage 8 -025061

offset 1 10

values 1 001001 WMO block number
values 2 001002 WMO station number
values 3 001011 station identifier
values 4 002011 Radiosonde type
values 9 004001 Year
values 15 005001 Latitude (high accuracy)
values 16 006001 Longitude (high accuracy)

...
values 39 011002 Wind speed

END sensor
```

- **param.cfg configuration file to decode BUFR,NETCDF and HDF5 files**
- **unrecognized file (or data content) is rejected with warnings only !**

```
*** INFO - BATOR : File BUFR.geowind prefetched - NbOBS= 32637 NbWag= 65274
*** INFO - BATOR : reading data from BUFR.geowind
```

BUFR TABLES TO BE LOADED B00000000000000012000.TXT,D00000000000000012000.TXT

* **WARNING - BATOR : template inconnu pour fichier N. 1**

```
310014 222000 236000 101103 31031 1031
1032 101004 33007 222000 237000 1031
1032 101004 33035 222000 237000 1031
1032 101004 33036 222000 237000 1031
1032 101004 33007 222000 237000 1031
1032 101004 33035 222000 237000 1031
1032 101004 33036
```

...

30 not recognised BUFR file as geowind .

Selected Obs = 0 --> 0 datas.

Total selected Obs = 0 --> 0 datas.

Blacklisting - LISTE NOIRE DIAP

• LISTE_NOIRE_DIAP

```
! format(i2,1x,10x,1x,i3,1x,i3,1x,a8,1x,8x,1x,180a)
1 SYNOP 11 1 02045 03061996
5 TEMPMOBIL 37 58 AMDAR 28032002
6 PROFILER 34 4 70197 01062002
6 PROFILER 34 4 70197 0 PROF2 700 400 1 1 0
6 PROFILER 34 3 70197 0 PROF2 700 400 1 1 1 H06 H18
```

Column	Description	Format
1	Observation type (obstype@hdr)	i2
2	Observation name	a10
3	Observation codetype (codetype@hdr)	i3
4	Parameter ID (varno@body)	i3
5	Station ID (statid@hdr)	a8
6	The starting date of blacklisting yyyymmdd	a8
7	Optional layers blacklisting keyword for PROFn	a180

PROF_n P1 P2 ... P_{n-1} I₁ I₂ ... I_{n-1}

- **n** can be at most 9 indicating the involved layers
- **P_i** values specify the bottom and top levels of pressure layers (in hPa).
The first layer is always [1000,P1]
- **I_i** indicate if blacklisting should be applied (=1) or not (=0) to given layer
- **Hxx** keyword specifies the analysis hour to be blacklisted e.g. H00, H06,..

Blacklisting - LISTE NOIRE DIAP

- **LISTE_NOIRE_DIAP** - particularities
- **blacklisting of certain parameters involves automatic blacklisting of other parameter**

obstype	specified parameter	blacklisted parameters
SYNOP	39 (t2)	39 (t2), 58 (rh2), 7 (q)
SYNOP	58 (rh2)	58 (rh2), 7 (q)
TEMP	1 (z)	1 (z), 29 (rh), 2 (t), 59 (td), 7 (q)
TEMP	2 (t)	2 (t), 29 (rh), 7 (q)
TEMP	29 (rh)	29 (rh), 7 (q)

- some examples for TEMP

```
# to remove 2 (t), 29 (rh), 7 (q)  
  
5 TEMP 35 2 11520 0  
  
# to remove all parameters for station 11520  
  
5 TEMP 35 1 11520 0  
5 TEMP 35 3 11520 0  
5 TEMP 35 39 11520 0  
5 TEMP 35 58 11520 0  
5 TEMP 35 41 11520 0  
5 TEMP 35 42 11520 0
```

Blacklisting - LISTE LOC

• LISTE LOC

```
! format i1 i2 i3 a8 i3 i3 (a3i2)
x xx xxx XXXXXXXX xxx xxx XXXXx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx (1x,x7)
!
```

```
N 2 144 29
N 3 90 054
N 3 90 056
N 3 90 054 ZONB4 -50 50 7 107
N 3 90 055 ZONB4 -50 50 -53 47
N 6 134 3 PROF2 850 250 1 0 1
N 7 210 208 3 TOVS6 10 11 12 13 14 15
```

Column	Description	Format
1	Type of action: N for blacklisted	a1
2	The observation type (obsytype@hdr)	i3
3	The observation code-type (codetype@hdr)	i4
4	The satellite ID with leading zeros (satid@sat)	a9
5	The centre that produced the satellite data	i4
6	The parameter ID (varno@body) or the satellite sensor ID (sensor@hdr)	i4
7	Optional keywords of ZONx4, TOVSn, PPPPn, PROFn	

Blacklisting - LISTE LOC

TOVS_n C₁ C₂ ... C_n

- can be applied to ATOVS radiances
- n can be at most 9 indicating the involved channels
- the Ci values specify the **channels to be blacklisted**

PPPP_n P₁ P₂ ... P_n

- can be applied to blacklist different pressure levels
- n can be at most 9 indicating the involved levels
- the Pi values specify the **pressure levels (in hPa) to be blacklisted**

PROF_n P_{1a} P₂ ... P_{n-1} I₁ I₂ ... I_{n-1}

- n can be at most 9 indicating the involved layers
- the Pi values specify the bottom and top levels of **pressure layers (in hPa)**.
The first layer is always [1000,P1]
- the Ii values indicate if blacklisting should be applied (=1) or not (=0) to the given layer.

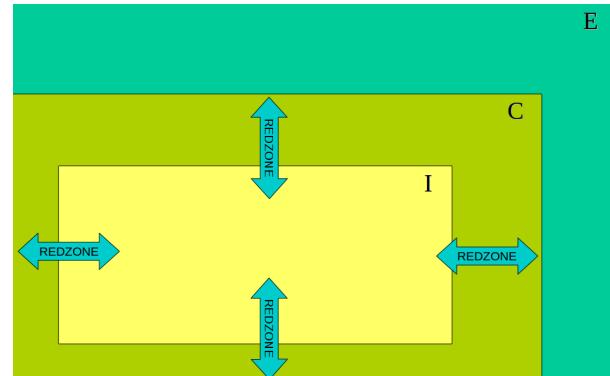
ZON_x4 ϕ_{min} ϕ_{max} λ_{min} λ_{max}

- can be applied to SATOB/GEOWIND data
- if **x=B** then the pixels with $\lambda < \lambda_{min}$ or $\lambda > \lambda_{max}$ or $\phi < \phi_{min}$ or $\phi > \phi_{max}$ will be blacklisted.
- if **x=C** then the pixels with $(\lambda > \lambda_{min} \text{ and } \lambda < \lambda_{max})$ or $\phi < \phi_{min}$ or $\phi > \phi_{max}$ will be blacklisted.

Geographical selection (LAMFLAG)

- program to perform a geographical and observational selection
- mandatory for LAM
- formerly a separate program, but from CY30 **integrated within BATOR**
- invoked via environment variable
 - export `BATOR_LAMFLAG=1`
- requires a specific namelist **NAM_lamflag**

```
&NAMFOBS # types of observation to select
  LSYNOP LSATOB LTEMP LSATEM ...
/
&NAMFGEOM # the limits of the domain and
  reduction if C+I zone
  ELATO ELON ELATC ELONC ELAT1 ELON1
  EDELX EDELY NDLUN NDGUN NDLUX NDGUX
  REDZONE REDZONE_N REDZONE_W ...
/
```



Time window & timeslots definition

- **ficdate** timeslot definition file (**deprecated from cy42_op1**)
- **1 timeslot for 3DVAR**, e.g. for 6H 3DVAR on 2018071800

20100717210000

20100718030000

- **replaced by environment variables:**

export ODB_ANALYSIS_DATE=*analysis date (YYYYMMDD)*

export ODB_ANALYSIS_TIME=*analysis time (HHmmss)*

export BATOR_NBSLOT=*number of timeslot*

export BATOR_WINDOW_LEN=*width of the assimilation window (in minutes)*

export BATOR_WINDOW_SHIFT=*shift of the window relative to analysis time (must be negative)*

export BATOR_CENTER_LEN=*width of centered timeslot (in minutes)*

export BATOR_SLOT_LEN=*width of standard timeslot (in minutes)*

- **e.g. for 6H 3DVAR**

BATOR_NBSLOT=1

BATOR_CENTER_LEN=0

BATOR_WINDOW_LEN=360

BATOR_WINDOW_SHIFT=-180

BATOR_SLOT_LEN=0

- **for more examples see**

https://www.umr-cnrm.fr/gmapdoc/IMG/pdf/bator_changes.cy42_op1.pdf

Observation error definition

- **BATOR defines observation error for conventional data (bator_init.F90)**

```
! ECTERO(iotp, istp, ivnm, niveau)  istp=1,2 pour synop  1 à 5 pour satob cf ecrerrstat
! SYNOP : variables initialisees 1, 11, 39, 41, 42, 58, 80, 92 - non init. 7, 91
ECTERO(NSYNOP,:,1,1)=Z_VAL                                ! geopotentiel    itsp=1 ou 2 (ship)
ECTERO(NSYNOP,:,39,1)=1.4_JPRB                            ! temperatures   itsp=1 ou 2 (ship)
ECTERO(NSYNOP,1,41:42,1)=2.0_JPRB                          ! vents          itsp=1
ECTERO(NSYNOP,2,41:42,1)=3.0_JPRB                          ! vents          itsp=2 (ship)
ECTERO(NSYNOP,:,58,1)=0.1_JPRB                            ! humidite        itsp=1 ou 2 (ship)
ECTERO(NSYNOP,:,80,1)=0.1_JPRB ; ECTERO(NSYNOP,:,92,1)=0.1_JPRB ! RR, q neige      itsp=1 ou 2 (ship)
ECTERO(NSYNOP,:,11,1)=1.5_JPRB                            ! Ts             itsp=1 ou 2 (ship)

! AIREP : variables initialisees 2, 3, 4
ECTERO(NAIREP,1,2,1:19)=(/ 1.4_JPRB, 1.3_JPRB, 1.2_JPRB, 1.1_JPRB, & ! airep tempe
& 1.0_JPRB, 1.0_JPRB, 1.0_JPRB, 1.0_JPRB, 1.0_JPRB, 1.1_JPRB, &
& 1.1_JPRB, 1.2_JPRB, 1.3_JPRB, 1.4_JPRB, 1.5_JPRB, 1.6_JPRB, &
& 1.7_JPRB, 1.8_JPRB, 2.1_JPRB /)
! ECTERO(NAIREP,1,2,1:19) = ECTERO(NAIREP,1,2,1:19) / 1.1_JPRB
ECTERO(NAIREP,1,3,1:19)=(/ 2.3_JPRB, 2.3_JPRB, 2.3_JPRB, 2.2_JPRB, & ! airep vent
& 2.2_JPRB, 2.3_JPRB, 2.4_JPRB, 2.5_JPRB, 2.7_JPRB, 3.0_JPRB, &
& 3.1_JPRB, 3.1_JPRB, 3.1_JPRB, 3.1_JPRB, 3.1_JPRB, 3.1_JPRB, &
& 3.2_JPRB, 3.3_JPRB, 3.8_JPRB /)
ECTERO(NAIREP,1,4,1:19) = ECTERO(NAIREP,1,3,1:19)
```

- **resetting/tuning via namelist**

&NADIRS

```
ECTERO(:,:,:,:,:) # observation errors can be set via namelist
SIGMAO_COEF(:)   # obs error scaling for each observation type
/
```

Acknowledgments

- **F. Guillaume BATOR namelist documentation**
F. Guillaume How to write a param.cfg file
<http://www.umr-cnrm.fr/gmapdoc/spip.php?article229&lang=en>
- **BATOR changes CY42_op1.02**
https://www.umr-cnrm.fr/gmapdoc/IMG/pdf/bator_changes.cy42_op1.pdf
- **ALADIN maintenance & phasing training course**
http://www.met.hu/omsz.php?almenu_id=omsz&pid=seminars&pri=9
<http://www.umr-cnrm.fr/gmapdoc/spip.php?article208>

Thank you for your attention !