

OzFlux Variable Names and Definitions

Background

There are three distinct classes of variable names used in the OzFlux quality control and post-processing system. The classes are as follows:

1. The variable name used in the data logger program.
The names used in the data logger program depend on the origin and version of the program being used. Programs supplied by Campbell Scientific use a different naming convention than the standard logger program supplied by OzFlux. Details of the naming convention used in the OzFlux standard program are given in the program documentation.
2. The variable name used in the netCDF file.
The naming convention used for variables in the netCDF file follows the naming convention used in the OzFlux standard data logger program. The details of this convention are described later in this section. Note that each variable in the netCDF file also has a "long_name" attribute which gives a text description of the data contained in the variable.
3. The "standard_name" mapped to the netCDF variable name as required by the CF Metadata conventions.
The netCDF files used by OzFlux implement the CF Metadata conventions. Each variable has an attribute called "standard_name" which comes from the CF controlled vocabulary. Those variables that do not have "standard_name" defined in the CF controlled vocabulary have this attribute set to "not defined".

This document provides information on:

1. General rules for naming variables used by OzFlux.
2. A listing of variables in alphabetical order
3. An alphabetical listing of variables at the L1 and L2 processing levels.
4. An alphabetical listing of variables at the L3 processing level.

General Rules for the OzFlux Variable Naming Scheme

The basic premise for the naming convention adopted by OzFlux is that the ecosystem world can be divided up into stores of quantities and transfers (or fluxes) between these stores. Based on this model, we use either "S" to indicate a store or an "F" to indicate a flux. In practice, many stores of quantities already have symbols which are widely used and for convenience, we use these common names rather than strictly adhere to the stores and fluxes description. For example, the store of heat in the atmosphere should be written "Sha" but we retain the commonly used "Ta" for air temperature.

Letters are appended to the initial "F" or "S" to indicate the quantity being transferred or stored, see the tables below.

The instrument taking the measurement is indicated by appending an abbreviation after the symbol for the quantity, see the table below. Instrument abbreviations are not used for the Kipp and Zonen 4 component radiometer (CNR1 or CNR4), for the soil heat flux plates (HFP3), for the soil temperature (TCAV) and for the soil moisture (CS616).

| Symbol | Quantity |
|--------|----------------------------------|
| Fsd | Down-welling shortwave radiation |
| Fsu | Up-welling shortwave radiation |
| Fld | Down-welling longwave radiation |
| Flu | Up-welling longwave radiation |
| Fn | Net all-wave radiation |
| Fa | Available energy |
| Fh | Sensible heat flux |
| Fe | Latent heat flux |
| Fc | CO ₂ flux |
| Fg | Ground heat flux |
| Fm | Momentum flux |

Table 1: Basic symbols for fluxes.

| Symbol | Quantity |
|--------|---------------------------|
| Sws | Soil moisture, volumetric |

Table 2: Basic symbols for stores

| Symbol | Quantity |
|--------|-------------------------|
| Ta | Air temperature |
| Tv | Virtual air temperature |
| Ts | Soil temperature |

Table 3: Temperatures

| Symbol | Quantity |
|--------|-------------------|
| Ah | Absolute humidity |
| e | Vapour pressure |
| q | Specific humidity |

Table 4: Humidities

| Symbol | Instrument |
|--------|--------------------------------|
| _CSAT | Campbell Scientific 3D sonic |
| _7500 | Li-7500 open path gas analyser |
| _HMP | HMP45c T/RH sensor |
| _KZ | Kipp and Zonen |
| _NR | NRlite |

Table 5: Abbreviations for instruments appended to the variable symbol.

Variable Listing by Alphabetical Order

The following tables give an alphabetical list of the variables in an L3 file from a standard OzFlux tower site. The left-most column is the variable name in the OzFlux netCDF file. The centre column is the CF Metadata Conventions standard name (standard_name) if this is defined for the variable (as at 31/12/2012). This column is blank if the standard name is not defined. The right most column is a description of the variable.

The tables of variable names and definitions are intended as a guide only that applies to a notional “standard” OzFlux site. Most OzFlux sites differ from the “standard” configuration, in which case there may be more, or less, variables than those given in the tables. In the case of more, the naming convention for extra variables can be deduced from the “standard” list given.

| Variable | CF standard name | Definition |
|------------|---|--|
| AGC_7500 | | Li-7500 automatic gain control |
| Ah | mass_concentration_of_water_vapor_in_air | Absolute humidity from HMP, merged with Li-7500 if required |
| Ah_7500_Av | | Absolute humidity from Li-7500, average |
| Ah_7500_Sd | | Absolute humidity from Li-7500, standard deviation |
| Ah_HMP_XXm | | Absolute humidity from HMP at XXm, average |
| AhAh | | Absolute humidity from Li-7500, variance |
| albedo | solar_albedo | Solar albedo |
| Cc | | CO ₂ concentration from Li-7500, merged with slow sensor if available |
| Cc_7500_Av | | CO ₂ concentration from Li-7500, average |
| Cc_7500_Sd | | CO ₂ concentration from Li-7500, standard deviation |
| CcCc | | CO ₂ concentration from Li-7500, variance |
| Cpm | | Specific heat of moist air |
| C_ppm | mole_concentration_of_carbon_dioxide_in_air | CO ₂ concentration in parts per million (ppm, umol/mol) |
| Cs | | Specific heat capacity |
| Day | | Day of the month |
| Ddd | | Decimal day of the year (eg 1.5 is 12:00 1/1/2013) |
| Diag_7500 | | Li-7500 diagnostic value |
| Diag_CSAT | | CSAT diagnostic value |
| e | water_vapor_partial_pressure_in_air | Vapour pressure |
| esat | | Saturation vapour pressure |

| Variable | CF standard name | Definition |
|----------|---|--|
| eta | | Horizontal rotation angle from 2D coordinate rotation of CSAT data |
| Fa | | Available energy using Fn,Fg |
| Fc | surface_upward_mole_flux_of_carbon_dioxide | CO ₂ flux, rotated to natural wind coordinates, WPL corrected Fc |
| Fe | surface_upward_latent_heat_flux | Latent heat flux, rotated to natural wind coordinates, WPL corrected Fe |
| Fg_XXcm | | Soil heat flux, raw values from individual sensors (suffix a, b, c etc) at depth below surface of XXcm |
| Fg | | Soil heat flux corrected for storage |
| Fh | surface_upward_sensible_heat_flux | Sensible heat flux, rotated to natural wind coordinates, Fh rotated and converted from virtual heat flux |
| Fld | surface_downwelling_longwave_flux_in_air | Down-welling long wave radiation |
| Flu | surface_upwelling_longwave_flux_in_air | Up-welling long wave radiation |
| Fm | | Momentum flux, rotated to natural wind coordinates |
| Fn | surface_net_allwave_radiation | Net all-wave radiation, merged from available sources eg CNR1 or CNR4 with NRLite |
| Fn_KZ | | Net all-wave radiation from the Kipp and Zonen CNR1 or CNR4 |
| Fn_NR | | Net all-wave radiation from the Kipp and Zonen NRLite |
| Fre | surface_upward_mass_flux_of_carbon_dioxide_expressed_as_carbon_due_to_emission_from_natural_sources | |
| Fsd | surface_downwelling_shortwave_flux_in_air | Down-welling short wave radiation |
| Fsu | surface_upwelling_shortwave_flux_in_air | Up-welling short wave radiation |
| H_ppt | | H ₂ O concentration in parts per thousand (ppt, mmol/mol) |

| Variable | CF standard name | Definition |
|----------|----------------------|---|
| Hdh | | Decimal hour of the day eg 12.5 is 12:30 pm |
| Hour | | Hour of the day |
| L | | Monin-Obukhov length, corrected for frequency response using Massman |
| Lv | | Latent heat of vapourisation |
| Minute | | Minute of the hour |
| Month | | Month of the year |
| ps | surface_air_pressure | Air pressure (Li-7500) |
| q | specific_humidity | Specific humidity |
| Precip | | Precipitation, 30 minute total |
| RH | relative_humidity | Relative humidity |
| rhod | | Density of dry air |
| rhom | air_density | Density of moist air |
| S | | Soil heat flux storage in the layer above the heat flux plates |
| Second | | Seconds into the current minute |
| SHD | | Specific humidity deficit |
| Sws | | Spatial average of shallowest volumetric soil moisture measurements |
| Sws_XXcm | | Volumetric soil moisture, raw values from individual sensors (suffix a, b, c etc) at depth below surface of XXcm |
| Ta | air_temperature | Air temperature from the HMP at the same height as the sonic and IRGA, merged with air temperature from the sonic if required |
| Ta_CSAT | | Air temperature calculated from virtual temperature measured by the sonic anemometer |

| Variable | CF standard name | Definition |
|------------|------------------|--|
| Ta_HMP_XXm | | Air temperature from the HMP at XXm |
| theta | | Vertical rotation angle from 2D coordinate rotation of CSAT data |
| Ts_XXcm | | Soil temperature, raw values from individual sensors (suffix a, b, c etc) at depth below surface of XXcm |
| Tv_CSAT | | Virtual air temperature from sonic anemometer |
| u | | Longitudinal component of wind-speed in natural wind coordinates |
| ustar | | Friction velocity, rotated to natural wind coordinates |
| uw | | Momentum flux X component, corrected to natural wind coordinates |
| Ux | | Wind speed from sonic anemometer, longitudinal component |
| UxA | | Covariance of Ux (CSAT) and H ₂ O (Li-7500) |
| UxC | | Covariance of Ux (CSAT) and CO ₂ (Li-7500) |
| UxT | | Covariance of Ux (CSAT) and T (CSAT) |
| UxUx | | Longitudinal wind speed (CSAT coordinates), variance |
| UxUy | | Covariance of Ux and Uy (CSAT coordinates) |
| UxUz | | Covariance of Ux and Uz (CSAT coordinates) |
| Uy | | Wind speed from sonic anemometer, lateral component |
| UyA | | Covariance of Uy (CSAT) and H ₂ O (Li-7500) |
| UyC | | Covariance of Uy (CSAT) and CO ₂ (Li-7500) |
| UyT | | Covariance of Uy (CSAT) and T (CSAT) |
| UyUy | | Lateral wind speed component (CSAT coordinates), variance |

| Variable | CF standard name | Definition |
|------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| UyUz | | Covariance of Uy (CSAT) and Uz (CSAT) |
| Uz | | Wind speed from sonic anemometer, vertical component |
| UzA | | Covariance of Uz (CSAT) and H ₂ O (Li-7500) |
| UzC | | Covariance of Uz (CSAT) and CO ₂ (Li-7500) |
| UzT | | Covariance of Uz (CSAT) and T (CSAT) |
| UzUz | | Vertical wind speed (CSAT coordinates), variance |
| v | | Lateral component of wind-speed in natural wind coordinates |
| Vbat | | Battery voltage at logger |
| VPD | water_vapor_saturation_deficit_in_air | Vapour pressure deficit |
| vw | | Momentum flux Y component, corrected to natural wind coordinates |
| w | | Vertical component of wind-speed in natural wind coordinates |
| wA | | Kinematic vapour flux, rotated to natural wind coordinates, frequency response corrected, and density flux corrected (wpl) |
| wC | | Kinematic CO ₂ flux, rotated to natural wind coordinates |
| Wd | wind_from_direction | Wind direction, merged from CSAT and any other available wind direction measurements, corrected to bearing from true north |
| Wd_CSAT | | Wind direction from CSAT, bearing from longitudinal axis |
| Ws | wind_speed | Wind speed, merged from CSAT and any other available wind speed measurements |
| Ws_CSAT | | Wind speed from CSAT |
| wT | | Kinematic heat flux, rotated to natural wind coordinates |
| xlDateTime | | Date/time in Excel format |
| Year | | Year |

Table 6: Variable names, CF Conventions standard name and description for L3 files.

Variable Listing by Processing Level

L1 and L2

The following tables list the variables used in the OzFlux netCDF files at the L1 and L2 processing levels, in alphabetical order.

| Variable | CF standard name | Definition |
|------------|---|--|
| AGC_7500 | | Li-7500 automatic gain control |
| Ah_7500_Av | | Absolute humidity from Li-7500, average |
| Ah_7500_Sd | | Absolute humidity from Li-7500, standard deviation |
| Ah_HMP_XXm | | Absolute humidity from HMP at XXm, average |
| AhAh | | Absolute humidity from Li-7500, variance |
| Cc_7500_Av | | CO ₂ concentration from Li-7500, average |
| Cc_7500_Sd | | CO ₂ concentration from Li-7500, standard deviation |
| CcCc | | CO ₂ concentration from Li-7500, variance |
| Day | | Day of the month |
| Ddd | | Decimal day of the year (eg 1.5 is 12:00 1/1/2013) |
| Diag_7500 | | Li-7500 diagnostic value |
| Diag_CSAT | | CSAT diagnostic value |
| Fg_XXcm | | Soil heat flux, raw values from individual sensors (suffix a, b, c etc) at depth below surface of XXcm |
| Fld | surface_downwelling_longwave_flux_in_air | Down-welling long wave radiation |
| Flu | surface_upwelling_longwave_flux_in_air | Up-welling long wave radiation |
| Fn_KZ | | Net all-wave radiation from the Kipp and Zonen CNR1 or CNR4 |
| Fn_NR | | Net all-wave radiation from the Kipp and Zonen NRLite |
| Fsd | surface_downwelling_shortwave_flux_in_air | Down-welling short wave radiation |
| Fsu | surface_upwelling_shortwave_flux_in_air | Up-welling short wave radiation |
| Hdh | | Decimal hour of the day eg 12.5 is 12:30 pm |
| Hour | | Hour of the day |

| Variable | CF standard name | Definition |
|------------|----------------------|--|
| Minute | | Minute of the hour |
| Month | | Month of the year |
| ps | surface_air_pressure | Air pressure (Li-7500) |
| Precip | | Precipitation, 30 minute total |
| Second | | Seconds into the current minute |
| Sws_XXcm | | Volumetric soil moisture, raw values from individual sensors (suffix a, b, c etc) at depth below surface of XXcm |
| Ta_HMP_XXm | | Air temperature from the HMP at XXm |
| Tpanel | | Panel temperature at logger |
| Ts_XXcm | | Soil temperature, raw values from individual sensors (suffix a, b, c etc) at depth below surface of XXcm |
| Tv_CSAT | | Virtual air temperature from sonic anemometer |
| Ux | | Wind speed from sonic anemometer, longitudinal component |
| UxA | | Covariance of Ux (CSAT) and H ₂ O (Li-7500) |
| UxC | | Covariance of Ux (CSAT) and CO ₂ (Li-7500) |
| UxT | | Covariance of Ux (CSAT) and T (CSAT) |
| UxUx | | Longitudinal wind speed (CSAT coordinates), variance |
| UxUy | | Covariance of Ux and Uy (CSAT coordinates) |
| UxUz | | Covariance of Ux and Uz (CSAT coordinates) |
| Uy | | Wind speed from sonic anemometer, lateral component |
| UyA | | Covariance of Uy (CSAT) and H ₂ O (Li-7500) |
| UyC | | Covariance of Uy (CSAT) and CO ₂ (Li-7500) |
| UyT | | Covariance of Uy (CSAT) and T (CSAT) |

| Variable | CF standard name | Definition |
|------------|------------------|---|
| UyUy | | Lateral wind speed component (CSAT coordinates), variance |
| UyUz | | Covariance of Uy (CSAT) and Uz (CSAT) |
| Uz | | Wind speed from sonic anemometer, vertical component |
| UzA | | Covariance of Uz (CSAT) and H ₂ O (Li-7500) |
| UzC | | Covariance of Uz (CSAT) and CO ₂ (Li-7500) |
| UzT | | Covariance of Uz (CSAT) and T (CSAT) |
| UzUz | | Vertical wind speed (CSAT coordinates), variance |
| Vbat | | Battery voltage at logger |
| Wd_CSAT | | Wind direction from CSAT, bearing from longitudinal axis |
| Ws_CSAT | | Wind speed from CSAT |
| xlDateTime | | Date/time in Excel format |
| Year | | Year |

Table 7: Variable names, CF Conventions standard name and description for L1 and L2 files.

L3

The following tables list the variables used in the OzFlux netCDF files at the L3 processing level, in alphabetical order.

| Variable | CF standard name | Definition |
|----------|---|--|
| Ah | | Absolute humidity from HMP, merged with Li-7500 if required |
| albedo | solar_albedo | Solar albedo |
| Cc | | CO ₂ concentration from Li-7500, merged with slow sensor if available |
| Cpm | | Specific heat of moist air |
| C_ppm | | CO ₂ concentration in parts per million (ppm, umol/mol) |
| Cs | | Specific heat capacity |
| e | water_vapor_partial_pressure_in_air | Vapour pressure |
| esat | | Saturation vapour pressure |
| eta | | Horizontal rotation angle from 2D coordinate rotation of CSAT data |
| Fa | | Available energy using Fn,Fg |
| Fc | | CO ₂ flux, rotated to natural wind coordinates, WPL corrected Fc |
| Fe | surface_upward_latent_heat_flux | Latent heat flux, rotated to natural wind coordinates, WPL corrected Fe |
| Fg | | Soil heat flux corrected for storage |
| Fh | surface_upward_sensible_heat_flux | Sensible heat flux, rotated to natural wind coordinates, Fh rotated and converted from virtual heat flux |
| Fld | surface_downwelling_longwave_flux_in_air | Down-welling long wave radiation |
| Flu | surface_upwelling_longwave_flux_in_air | Up-welling long wave radiation |
| Fm | | Momentum flux, rotated to natural wind coordinates |
| Fn | surface_net_allwave_radiation | Net all-wave radiation, merged from available sources eg CNR1 or CNR4 with NRIite |
| Fsd | surface_downwelling_shortwave_flux_in_air | Down-welling short wave radiation |
| Fsu | surface_upwelling_shortwave_flux_in_air | Up-welling short wave radiation |

| Variable | CF standard name | Definition |
|----------|----------------------|---|
| H_ppt | | H ₂ O concentration in parts per thousand (ppt, mmol/mol) |
| L | | Monin-Obukhov length, corrected for frequency response using Massman |
| Lv | | Latent heat of vapourisation |
| ps | surface_air_pressure | Air pressure (Li-7500) |
| q | specific_humidity | Specific humidity |
| Precip | | Precipitation, 30 minute total |
| rhod | | Density of dry air |
| rhom | air_density | Density of moist air |
| S | | Soil heat flux storage in the layer above the heat flux plates |
| SHD | | Specific humidity deficit |
| Sws | | Spatial average of shallowest volumetric soil moisture measurements |
| Ta | air_temperature | Air temperature from the HMP at the same height as the sonic and IRGA, merged with air temperature from the sonic if required |
| theta | | Vertical rotation angle from 2D coordinate rotation of CSAT data |
| Ts | | Spatial average of soil temperature measurements |
| u | | Longitudinal component of wind-speed in natural wind coordinates |
| ustar | | Friction velocity, rotated to natural wind coordinates |
| uw | | Momentum flux X component, corrected to natural wind coordinates |

| Variable | CF standard name | Definition |
|----------|---------------------------------------|--|
| v | | Lateral component of wind-speed in natural wind coordinates |
| VPD | water_vapor_saturation_deficit_in_air | Vapour pressure deficit |
| vw | | Momentum flux Y component, corrected to natural wind coordinates |
| w | | Vertical component of wind-speed in natural wind coordinates |
| wA | | Kinematic vapour flux, rotated to natural wind coordinates, frequency response corrected, and density flux corrected (wpl) |
| wC | | Kinematic CO2 flux, rotated to natural wind coordinates |
| Wd | wind_from_direction | Wind direction, merged from CSAT and any other available wind direction measurements, corrected to bearing from true north |
| Ws | wind_speed | Wind speed, merged from CSAT and any other available wind speed measurements |
| wT | | Kinematic heat flux, rotated to natural wind coordinates |

Table 8: Variable names, CF Conventions standard name and description for L3 files.

OzFlux Metadata (netCDF attributes)

Background

Metadata for data from OzFlux towers sites is available in several locations:

1. On the OzFlux web site under Monitoring sites (<http://ozflux.org.au/monitoringsites/index.html>)
2. Stored in the netCDF files.
3. On the OzFlux data portal (<http://ozflux.its.monash.edu.au/ecosystem/home>).
4. On institution specific web pages for each site where these exist.

This section will only deal with the metadata stored in the netCDF files available from the OzFlux Data Portal.

Metadata is stored in the netCDF files available from the data portal in two ways:

1. Global attributes – these give information on the contents of the file.
2. Variable attributes – these give information on each variable in the netCDF file.

The term “attributes” will be used in place of “metadata” for the rest of this section.

Global Attributes

The following table (Table 9) lists the global attributes currently used in the OzFlux netCDF files. The global attributes listed in the table are specified in the L1 control file. In addition to these, several global attributes are written to the netCDF file during QC and post-processing. These additional global attributes are given in the second table (Table 10).

| Global Attribute | Description |
|------------------|--|
| contact | Email address of the person responsible for processing the data. |
| canopy_height | Height of the canopy over which the tower has been installed. |
| comment | Space for any comments regarding the data in the file. |
| conventions | The attribute naming convention eg “CF-1.6” for version 1.6 of the CF conventions. |
| data_url | The URL where the data file can be obtained, usually a collection on the OzFlux Data Portal. |
| doi | The Digital Object Identifier (DOI) for this data set, not currently implemented. |
| end_datetime | The last date/time value in the file (optional, if not present this value will be determined automatically) |
| history | The history of the QC/post-processing system used, usually the version number of OzFluxQC (recommended by CF Conventions) |
| institution | The institution of the site PI or the data contact person (recommended by CF Conventions) |
| latitude | The latitude of the site in decimal degrees, negative values for the Southern Hemisphere. |
| license_type | The license covering the data in the file (eg TERN-BY-SA-NC). |
| license_url | The URL of the license eg http://www.tern.org.au/datalicence/TERN-BY-SA-NC/1.0 |
| longitude | The longitude of the site in decimal degrees, positive east of the Greenwich meridian. |
| metadata_url | The URL of the entry for the site on the OzFlux/Monitoring sites web page eg http://ozflux.org.au/monitoringsites/howardsprings/index.html |
| ozflux_url | The URL for the OzFlux web site eg http://ozflux.org.au/ |
| references | Published or web-based references that describe the data or the methods used to produce it (recommended by CF Conventions). |
| site_name | The site name (can contain spaces) eg “Howard Springs”. |
| site_pi | The Principle Investigator for the site eg “Lindsay Hutley”. |
| soil_type | The soil type eg “red kandasol” |
| source | The source of the data eg “23m flux tower” (recommended by CF Conventions). |
| start_datetime | The first date/time value in the file (optional, if not present this value will be determined automatically) |
| title | A description of what is in the data set (recommended by CF Conventions). |

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|--------------|--|
| time_step | The time step between records in minutes eg “30” for 30 minutes, “60” for 1 hour |
| tower_height | The height of the tower eg “30m” |
| vegetation | The type of vegetation at the site eg “woody savanna”. |

Table 9: Global attributes defined in the L1 control file.

| Global Attribute | Description |
|------------------|---|
| xl_fullname | The name of the L1 Excel spreadsheet, including path, from which the data came. |
| xl_datemode | The date mode for the L1 Excel spreadsheet eg “0” for Windows, “1” for Mac. |
| xl_moddatetime | The modification date and time for the L1 Excel spreadsheet. |

Table 10: Global attributes defined during conversion of the L1 Excel spreadsheet to the L1 netCDF file.

| Global Attribute | Description |
|------------------|--|
| featureType | The feature type for the netCDF file eg “timeseries” (required by the CF conventions). |
| nc_rundatetime | The date and time at which the netCDF file was created. |
| nc_nrecs | The number of records in the netCDF file (the length of the “time” dimension). |
| nc_level | The level of processing for the data in the netCDF file eg “L1”, “L2”, “L3” or “L4”. |

Table 11: Global attributes defined during writing of netCDF files.

Variable Attributes

All variables in the OzFlux netCDF files are assigned a standard set of variable attributes based on recommendations from the netCDF Users Guide and the CF Metadata Conventions. The standard set of attributes are given in the L1 control file and are assigned to the variables at the time the L1 Excel spreadsheet is converted to an L1 netCDF file.

In addition to the standard variable attributes, several variable attributes are added to the list for each variable during the quality control and post-processing. These attributes contain information on the quality control or post-processing options used to produce the data in the netCDF file.

The variable attributes are described below.

| Variable Attribute | Description |
|---------------------|--|
| ancillary_variables | A list of other variables that depend on this variable, currently only the variable QC flag is given. |
| height | The height of the measurement eg “23m”. |
| instrument | The type of instrument used to collect the data. |
| long_name | A text description of the measurement. |
| serial_number | The serial number for the instrument used to measure the data. |
| standard_name | The CF Metadata Conventions standard name. If a standard_name is not defined for this measurement, this attribute is set to "not defined". |
| units | The units of the measurement. |

Table 12: Variable attributes defined in the L1 control file.

| Variable Attribute | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| rangecheck_lower | The lower limit of the the range check, 12 values, one for each month of the calendar year, specified in the L2 control file and written as a variable attribute during L2 processing. |
| rangecheck_upper | The upper limit of the the range check, 12 values, one for each month of the calendar year, specified in the L2 control file and written as a variable attribute during L2 processing. |
| valid_range | The valid range for the variable (required by the CF Conventions). Any values outside valid_range are treated as missing data by generic netCDF utilities. valid_range is calculated from RangeCheck_Lower and RangeCheck_Upper. |
| diurnalcheck_numsd | The number of standard deviations either side of the mean used in the diurnal check. |

Table 13: Variable attributes added to the netCDF file during processing.

OzFlux QC Flag Definitions

The OzFlux quality control (QC) system uses flags to indicate the quality of each data point. There is a QC flag for each variable for every time step. The value of the QC flag indicates the data quality and why it may have been rejected or what type of processing has been used.

The QC flag definitions are given in the table below.

| Flag | Definition |
|------|--|
| 0 | Data has passed all QC checks |
| 1 | Data missing from L1 Excel spreadsheet |
| 2 | Failed range check |
| 3 | Failed CSAT check, Diag_CSAT flag!=0 (do_CSATcheck) |
| 4 | Failed 7500 check, Diag_7500 flag!=0 plus dependencies on AGC_7500, Ah_7500_Sd, Cc_7500_Sd, AhAh, CcCc (do_7500check) |
| 5 | Failed diurnal check |
| 6 | Date/time range excluded |
| 7 | Hour range excluded |
| 8 | Value of -9999 found with QC flag value of 0 |
| 9 | Fre set to missing when (Fsd>threshold) or (ustar<threshold) |
| 10 | Linear correction or linear drift correction applied to data |
| 11 | Dependent data rejected during 2D coordinate rotation |
| 12 | Data rejected due to dependencies when calculating Massman frequency corrections (MassmanStandard) |
| 13 | Fh rejected during conversion of Fhv to Fh (FhvtoFh) |
| 14 | Fc rejected during WPL correction due to dependencies (Fc_WPLcov) Fe rejected during WPL correction due to dependencies (Fe_WPL) Fe rejected during WPL correction due to dependencies (Fe_WPLcov) |
| 15 | Ta calculated from CSAT Tv rejected due to dependencies (TaFromTv) |
| 16 | Data rejected at L3 due to failed range check (do_qcchecks) |
| 17 | Data rejected at L3 due to failed diurnal check (do_qcchecks) |
| 18 | Ustar below threshold (FilterUstar) |
| 19 | Data rejected during coordination of gaps in flux series |

Table 14: Definition of QC flag values from 0 to 19.

| Flag | Definition |
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| 20 | GapFilling: Driver gap filled using alternate data CONFLICT: same code used by ReplaceRotatedCovariance |
| 21 | Missing rotated covariance replaced with non-rotated value CONFLICT: same code used in gfalternate_main |
| 22 | Soil moisture set to default value in CorrectFgForStorage |
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| 30 | GapFilling: Flux Gap Filled by ANN (SOLO) |
| 31 | GapFilling: Flux Gap not Filled by ANN |
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| 35 | Data replaced by alternate value when difference between data and alternate value exceeds threshold (ReplaceWhenDiffExceedsRange) |
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| 38 | Data rejected at L4 due to failed range check (do_qcchecks) |
| 39 | Data rejected at L4 due to failed diurnal check (do_qcchecks) |
| 40 | Gap filled from climatology |
| 41 | No value available from GapFillUsingClimatology |
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Table 15: Definition of QC flag values from 20 to 49.

| Flag | Definition |
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| 50 | Gap filled by interpolation |
| 51 | Fsd below threshold when calculating albedo |
| 52 | Hour outside range 1000 to 1400 when calculating albedo |
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| 60 | Flux data generated by GapFillFluxFromDayRatio |
| 61 | Stomatal resistance less than 0 (get_stomatalresistance) |
| 62 | Fe less than threshold when calculating stomatal resistance (get_stomatalresistance) |
| 63 | Fsd less than threshold when calculating stomatal resistance (get_stomatalresistance) |
| 64 | Wind speed = 0 when calculating stomatal resistance (get_stomatalresistance) |
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| 70 | Partitioning Night: Re computed from exponential temperature response curves |
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Table 16: Definition of QC flag values from 50 to 79.

| Flag | Reason |
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| 80 | Partitioning Day: GPP/Re computed from light-response curves, $GPP = Re - Fc$ |
| 81 | Partitioning Day: GPP night mask |
| 82 | Partitioning Day: $Fc > Re$, $GPP = 0$, $Re = Fc$ |
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Table 17: Definition of QC flag values from 80 to 100.