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PROCESSING FLOW CONTROL (PYRAD.FLOW)

Functions to control the Pyrad data processing flow

<code>main(cfgfile[, starttime, endtime, ...])</code>	main flow control. Processes radar data off-line over a period of time
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`pyrad.flow.main (cfgfile, starttime=None, endtime=None, trajfile='', infostr='')`

main flow control. Processes radar data off-line over a period of time given either by the user, a trajectory file, or determined by the last volume processed and the current time. Multiple radars can be processed simultaneously

Parameters `cfgfile` : str

path of the main config file

starttime, endtime : datetime object

start and end time of the data to be processed

trajfile : str

path to file describing the trajectory

infostr : str

Information string about the actual data processing (e.g. 'RUN57'). This string is added to product files.

`pyrad.flow.main_rt (cfgfile_list, starttime=None, endtime=None, infostr_list=None, proc_period=60, proc_finish=None)`

main flow control. Processes radar data in real time. The start and end processing times can be determined by the user. This function is intended for a single radar

Parameters `cfgfile_list` : list of str

path of the main config files

starttime, endtime : datetime object

start and end time of the data to be processed

infostr_list : list of str

Information string about the actual data processing (e.g. 'RUN57'). This string is added to product files.

proc_period : int

period of time before starting a new processing round (seconds)

cronjob_controlled : Boolean

If True means that the program is started periodically from a cronjob and therefore finishes execution after processing

proc_finish : int or None

if set to a value the program will be forced to shut down after the value (in seconds) from start time has been exceeded

Returns end_proc : Boolean

If true the program has ended successfully

DATASET PROCESSING (PYRAD . PROC)

Initiate the dataset processing.

2.1 Auxiliary functions

<i>get_process_func</i> (dataset_type, dsname)	maps the dataset type into its processing function and data set format
<i>process_raw</i> (procstatus, dscfg[, radar_list])	dummy function that returns the initial input data set
<i>process_save_radar</i> (procstatus, dscfg[, ...])	dummy function that allows to save the entire radar object
<i>process_point_measurement</i> (procstatus, dscfg)	Obtains the radar data at a point measurement

2.2 Echo classification and filtering

<i>process_echo_id</i> (procstatus, dscfg[, radar_list])	identifies echoes as 0: No data, 1: Noise, 2: Clutter,
<i>process_echo_filter</i> (procstatus, dscfg[, ...])	Masks all echo types that are not of the class specified in
<i>process_cdf</i> (procstatus, dscfg[, radar_list])	Collects the fields necessary to compute the Cumulative Distribution
<i>process_filter_snr</i> (procstatus, dscfg[, ...])	filters out low SNR echoes
<i>process_filter_visibility</i> (procstatus, dscfg)	filters out rays gates with low visibility and corrects the reflectivity
<i>process_outlier_filter</i> (procstatus, dscfg[, ...])	filters out gates which are outliers respect to the surrounding
<i>process_hydroclass</i> (procstatus, dscfg[, ...])	Classifies precipitation echoes

2.3 Phase processing and attenuation correction

<i>process_correct_phidp0</i> (procstatus, dscfg[, ...])	corrects phidp of the system phase
<i>process_smooth_phidp_single_window</i> (...[, ...])	corrects phidp of the system phase and smoothes it using one window
<i>process_smooth_phidp_double_window</i> (...[, ...])	corrects phidp of the system phase and smoothes it using one window
<i>process_kdp_leastsquare_single_window</i> (...[, ...])	Computes specific differential phase using a piecewise least square method

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<code>process_kdp_leastsquare_double_window(...)</code>	Computes specific differential phase using a piecewise least square method
<code>process_phidp_kdp_Maesaka(procstatus, dscfg)</code>	Estimates PhiDP and KDP using the method by Maesaka
<code>process_phidp_kdp_lp(procstatus, dscfg, ...)</code>	Estimates PhiDP and KDP using a linear programming algorithm
<code>process_attenuation(procstatus, dscfg, ...)</code>	Computes specific attenuation and specific differential attenuation using

2.4 Monitoring, calibration and noise correction

<code>process_correct_bias(procstatus, dscfg, ...)</code>	Corrects a bias on the data
<code>process_correct_noise_rhohv(procstatus, dscfg)</code>	identifies echoes as 0: No data, 1: Noise, 2: Clutter,
<code>process_rhohv_rain(procstatus, dscfg, ...)</code>	Keeps only suitable data to evaluate the 80 percentile of RhoHV in rain
<code>process_zdr_precip(procstatus, dscfg, ...)</code>	Keeps only suitable data to evaluate the differential reflectivity in
<code>process_estimate_phidp0(procstatus, dscfg, ...)</code>	estimates the system differential phase offset at each ray
<code>process_sun_hits(procstatus, dscfg, radar_list)</code>	monitoring of the radar using sun hits
<code>process_selfconsistency_kdp_phidp(..., ...)</code>	Computes specific differential phase and differential phase in rain using
<code>process_selfconsistency_bias(procstatus, dscfg)</code>	Estimates the reflectivity bias by means of the selfconsistency
<code>process_monitoring(procstatus, dscfg, ...)</code>	computes monitoring statistics
<code>process_time_avg(procstatus, dscfg, radar_list)</code>	computes the temporal mean of a field
<code>process_weighted_time_avg(procstatus, dscfg)</code>	computes the temporal mean of a field weighted by the reflectivity
<code>process_time_avg_flag(procstatus, dscfg, ...)</code>	computes a flag field describing the conditions of the data used while
<code>process_colocated_gates(procstatus, dscfg, ...)</code>	Find colocated gates within two radars
<code>process_intercomp(procstatus, dscfg, ...)</code>	intercomparison between two radars
<code>process_intercomp_time_avg(procstatus, dscfg)</code>	intercomparison between the average reflectivity of two radars

2.5 Retrievals

<code>process_signal_power(procstatus, dscfg, ...)</code>	Computes the signal power in dBm
<code>process_snr(procstatus, dscfg, radar_list)</code>	Computes SNR
<code>process_l(procstatus, dscfg, radar_list)</code>	Computes L parameter
<code>process_cdr(procstatus, dscfg, radar_list)</code>	Computes Circular Depolarization Ratio
<code>process_rainrate(procstatus, dscfg, radar_list)</code>	Estimates rainfall rate from polarimetric moments
<code>process_wind_vel(procstatus, dscfg, radar_list)</code>	Estimates the horizontal or vertical component of the wind from the
<code>process_windshear(procstatus, dscfg, ...)</code>	Estimates the wind shear from the wind velocity

2.6 Trajectory functions

<code>process_trajectory(procstatus, dscfg[, ...])</code>	Return trajectory
<code>process_traj_atplane(procstatus, dscfg[, ...])</code>	Return time series according to trajectory
<code>process_traj_antenna_pattern(procstatus, dscfg)</code>	Process a new array of data volumes considering a plane trajectory.

2.7 COSMO data

<code>process_cosmo(procstatus, dscfg[, radar_list])</code>	Gets COSMO data and put it in radar coordinates
<code>process_cosmo_lookup_table(procstatus, dscfg)</code>	Gets COSMO data and put it in radar coordinates
<code>process_cosmo_coord(procstatus, dscfg[, ...])</code>	Gets the COSMO indices corresponding to each cosmo coordinates

`pyrad.proc.get_process_func(dataset_type, dsname)`
maps the dataset type into its processing function and data set format

Parameters `dataset_type` : str

data set type, i.e. 'RAW', 'SAN', etc.

`dsname` : str

Name of dataset

Returns `func_name` : str or function

pyrad function used to process the data set type

`dsformat` : str

data set format, i.e.: 'VOL', etc.

`pyrad.proc.process_attenuation(procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None)`

Computes specific attenuation and specific differential attenuation using the Z-Phi method and corrects reflectivity and differential reflectivity

Parameters `procstatus` : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

`dscfg` : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

ATT_METHOD [float. Dataset keyword] The attenuation estimation method used.
One of the following: ZPhi, Philin

fz1 [float. Dataset keyword] The default freezing level height. It will be used if no temperature field name is specified or the temperature field is not in the radar object.
Default 2000.

`radar_list` : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns `new_dataset` : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_cdf` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)

Collects the fields necessary to compute the Cumulative Distribution Function

Parameters **procstatus** : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns **new_dataset** : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_cdr` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)

Computes Circular Depolarization Ratio

Parameters **procstatus** : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [string. Dataset keyword] The input data type

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns **new_dataset** : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_colocated_gates` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)

Find colocated gates within two radars

Parameters **procstatus** : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

h_tol [float. Dataset keyword] Tolerance in altitude difference between radar gates [m]. Default 100.

latlon_tol [float. Dataset keyword] Tolerance in latitude and longitude position between radar gates [deg]. Default 0.0005

vol_d_tol [float. Dataset keyword] Tolerance in pulse volume diameter [m]. Default 100.

vismin [float. Dataset keyword] Minimum visibility [percent]. Default None.

hmin [float. Dataset keyword] Minimum altitude [m MSL]. Default None.

hmax [float. Dataset keyword] Maximum altitude [m MSL]. Default None.

rmin [float. Dataset keyword] Minimum range [m]. Default None.

rmax [float. Dataset keyword] Maximum range [m]. Default None.

elmin [float. Dataset keyword] Minimum elevation angle [deg]. Default None.

elmax [float. Dataset keyword] Maximum elevation angle [deg]. Default None.

azrad1min [float. Dataset keyword] Minimum azimuth angle [deg] for radar 1. Default None.

azrad1max [float. Dataset keyword] Maximum azimuth angle [deg] for radar 1. Default None.

azrad2min [float. Dataset keyword] Minimum azimuth angle [deg] for radar 2. Default None.

azrad2max [float. Dataset keyword] Maximum azimuth angle [deg] for radar 2. Default None.

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : radar object

radar object containing the flag field

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_correct_bias` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)

Corrects a bias on the data

Parameters procstatus : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [string. Dataset keyword] The data type to correct for bias

bias [float. Dataset keyword] The bias to be corrected [dB]. Default 0

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_correct_noise_rho_hv (procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None)`

identifies echoes as 0: No data, 1: Noise, 2: Clutter, 3: Precipitation

Parameters **procstatus** : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The data types used in the correction

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns **new_dataset** : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_correct_phidp0 (procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None)`

corrects phidp of the system phase

Parameters **procstatus** : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

rmin [float. Dataset keyword] The minimum range where to look for valid data [m]

rmax [float. Dataset keyword] The maximum range where to look for valid data [m]

rcell [float. Dataset keyword] The length of a continuous cell to consider it valid precip
[m]

Zmin [float. Dataset keyword] The minimum reflectivity [dBZ]

Zmax [float. Dataset keyword] The maximum reflectivity [dBZ]

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns **new_dataset** : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_cosmo (procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None)`

Gets COSMO data and put it in radar coordinates

Parameters **procstatus** : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [string. Dataset keyword] arbitrary data type

keep_in_memory [int. Dataset keyword] if set keeps the COSMO data dict, the COSMO coordinates dict and the COSMO field in radar coordinates in memory

regular_grid [int. Dataset keyword] if set it is assume that the radar has a grid constant in time and there is no need to compute a new COSMO field if the COSMO data has not changed

cosmo_type [str. Dataset keyword] name of the COSMO field to process. Default TEMP

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_cosmo_coord(procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None)`

Gets the COSMO indices corresponding to each cosmo coordinates

Parameters procstatus : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [string. Dataset keyword] arbitrary data type

cosmopath [string. General keyword] path where to store the look up table

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_cosmo_lookup_table(procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None)`

Gets COSMO data and put it in radar coordinates using look up tables computed or loaded when initializing

Parameters procstatus : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [string. Dataset keyword] arbitrary data type

lookup_table [int. Dataset keyword] if set a pre-computed look up table for the COSMO coordinates is loaded. Otherwise the look up table is computed taking the first radar object as reference

regular_grid [int. Dataset keyword] if set it is assume that the radar has a grid constant in time and therefore there is no need to interpolate the COSMO field in memory to the current radar grid

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_echo_filter` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)

Masks all echo types that are not of the class specified in keyword `echo_type`

Parameters procstatus : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

echo_type [int] The type of echo to keep: 1 noise, 2 clutter, 3 precipitation. Default 3

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_echo_id` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)

identifies echoes as 0: No data, 1: Noise, 2: Clutter, 3: Precipitation

Parameters procstatus : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_estimate_phidp0` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)
estimates the system differential phase offset at each ray

Parameters `procstatus` : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

`dscfg` : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

rmin [float. Dataset keyword] The minimum range where to look for valid data [m]

rmax [float. Dataset keyword] The maximum range where to look for valid data [m]

rcell [float. Dataset keyword] The length of a continuous cell to consider it valid precip
[m]

Zmin [float. Dataset keyword] The minimum reflectivity [dBZ]

Zmax [float. Dataset keyword] The maximum reflectivity [dBZ]

`radar_list` : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns `new_dataset` : Radar

radar object

`ind_rad` : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_filter_snr` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)
filters out low SNR echoes

Parameters `procstatus` : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

`dscfg` : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

SNRmin [float. Dataset keyword] The minimum SNR to keep the data.

`radar_list` : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns `new_dataset` : Radar

radar object

`ind_rad` : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_filter_visibility` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)
filters out rays gates with low visibility and corrects the reflectivity

Parameters `procstatus` : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

VISmin [float. Dataset keyword] The minimum visibility to keep the data.

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_hydroclass` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)

Classifies precipitation echoes

Parameters procstatus : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

HYDRO_METHOD [string. Dataset keyword] The hydrometeor classification method. One of the following: SEMISUPERVISED

RADARCENTROIDS [string. Dataset keyword] Used with HYDRO_METHOD SEMISUPERVISED. The name of the radar of which the derived centroids will be used. One of the following: A Albis, L Lema, P Plaine Morte, DX50

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_intercomp` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)

intercomparison between two radars

Parameters procstatus : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

coloc_data_dir [string. Dataset keyword] name of the directory containing the csv file with colocated data

coloc_radars_name [string. Dataset keyword] string identifying the radar names

azi_tol [float. Dataset keyword] azimuth tolerance between the two radars. Default 0.5 deg

ele_tol [float. Dataset keyword] elevation tolerance between the two radars. Default 0.5 deg

rng_tol [float. Dataset keyword] range tolerance between the two radars. Default 50 m

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : dict

dictionary containing a dictionary with intercomparison data and the key “final” which contains a boolean that is true when all volumes have been processed

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_intercomp_time_avg(procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None)`
intercomparison between the average reflectivity of two radars

Parameters procstatus : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

coloc_data_dir [string. Dataset keyword] name of the directory containing the csv file with colocated data

coloc_radars_name [string. Dataset keyword] string identifying the radar names

azi_tol [float. Dataset keyword] azimuth tolerance between the two radars. Default 0.5 deg

ele_tol [float. Dataset keyword] elevation tolerance between the two radars. Default 0.5 deg

rng_tol [float. Dataset keyword] range tolerance between the two radars. Default 50 m

clt_max [int. Dataset keyword] maximum number of samples that can be clutter contaminated. Default 100 i.e. all

phi_excess_max [int. Dataset keyword] maximum number of samples that can have excess instantaneous PhiDP. Default 100 i.e. all

non_rain_max [int. Dataset keyword] maximum number of samples that can be no rain. Default 100 i.e. all

phi_avg_max [float. Dataset keyword] maximum average PhiDP allowed. Default 600 deg i.e. any

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : dict

dictionary containing a dictionary with intercomparison data and the key “final” which contains a boolean that is true when all volumes have been processed

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_kdp_leastsquare_double_window(procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None)`

Computes specific differential phase using a piecewise least square method

Parameters **procstatus** : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

rwinds [float. Dataset keyword] The length of the short segment for the least square method [m]

rwindl [float. Dataset keyword] The length of the long segment for the least square method [m]

Zthr [float. Dataset keyword] The threshold defining which estimated data to use [dBZ]

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns **new_dataset** : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_kdp_leastsquare_single_window(procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None)`

Computes specific differential phase using a piecewise least square method

Parameters **procstatus** : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

rwind [float. Dataset keyword] The length of the segment for the least square method [m]

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns **new_dataset** : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_1` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)

Computes L parameter

Parameters `procstatus` : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

`dscfg` : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [string. Dataset keyword] The input data type

`radar_list` : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns `new_dataset` : Radar

radar object

`ind_rad` : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_monitoring` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)

computes monitoring statistics

Parameters `procstatus` : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

`dscfg` : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

step [float. Dataset keyword] The width of the histogram bin. Default is None. In that case the default step in function `get_histogram_bins` is used

`radar_list` : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns `new_dataset` : Radar

radar object containing histogram data

`ind_rad` : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_outlier_filter` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)

filters out gates which are outliers respect to the surrounding

Parameters `procstatus` : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

`dscfg` : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

threshold [float. Dataset keyword] The distance between the value of the examined range gate and the median of the surrounding gates to consider the gate an outlier

nb [int. Dataset keyword] The number of neighbours (to one side) to analyse. i.e. 2 would correspond to 24 gates

nb_min [int. Dataset keyword] Minimum number of neighbouring gates to consider the examined gate valid

percentile_min, percentile_max [float. Dataset keyword] gates below (above) these percentiles (computed over the sweep) are considered potential outliers and further examined

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_phidp_kdp_Maesaka (procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None)`

Estimates PhiDP and KDP using the method by Maesaka

Parameters procstatus : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

rmin [float. Dataset keyword] The minimum range where to look for valid data [m]

rmax [float. Dataset keyword] The maximum range where to look for valid data [m]

rcell [float. Dataset keyword] The length of a continuous cell to consider it valid precip [m]

Zmin [float. Dataset keyword] The minimum reflectivity [dBZ]

Zmax [float. Dataset keyword] The maximum reflectivity [dBZ]

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_phidp_kdp_lp (procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None)`

Estimates PhiDP and KDP using a linear programming algorithm

Parameters procstatus : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns **new_dataset** : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_point_measurement` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)

Obtains the radar data at a point measurement

Parameters **procstatus** : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [string. Dataset keyword] The data type where we want to extract the point measurement

latlon [boolean. Dataset keyword] if True position is obtained from latitude, longitude information, otherwise position is obtained from antenna coordinates (range, azimuth, elevation).

truealt [boolean. Dataset keyword] if True the user input altitude is used to determine the point of interest. if False use the altitude at a given radar elevation ele over the point of interest.

lon [float. Dataset keyword] the longitude [deg]. Use when latlon is True.

lat [float. Dataset keyword] the latitude [deg]. Use when latlon is True.

alt [float. Dataset keyword] altitude [m MSL]. Use when latlon is True.

ele [float. Dataset keyword] radar elevation [deg]. Use when latlon is False or when latlon is True and truealt is False

azi [float. Dataset keyword] radar azimuth [deg]. Use when latlon is False

rng [float. Dataset keyword] range from radar [m]. Use when latlon is False

AziTol [float. Dataset keyword] azimuthal tolerance to determine which radar azimuth to use [deg]

EleTol [float. Dataset keyword] elevation tolerance to determine which radar elevation to use [deg]

RngTol [float. Dataset keyword] range tolerance to determine which radar bin to use [m]

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns **new_dataset** : dict

dictionary containing the data and metadata of the point of interest

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_rainrate` (*procstatus*, *dscfg*, *radar_list=None*)

Estimates rainfall rate from polarimetric moments

Parameters *procstatus* : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [string. Dataset keyword] The input data type

RR_METHOD [string. Dataset keyword] The rainfall rate estimation method. One of the following: Z, ZPoly, KDP, A, ZKDP, ZA, hydro

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns *new_dataset* : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_raw` (*procstatus*, *dscfg*, *radar_list=None*)

dummy function that returns the initial input data set

Parameters *procstatus* : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns *new_dataset* : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_rhoHV_rain` (*procstatus*, *dscfg*, *radar_list=None*)

Keeps only suitable data to evaluate the 80 percentile of RhoHV in rain

Parameters *procstatus* : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

rmin [float. Dataset keyword] minimum range where to look for rain [m]. Default 1000.

rmax [float. Dataset keyword] maximum range where to look for rain [m]. Default 50000.

Zmin [float. Dataset keyword] minimum reflectivity to consider the bin as precipitation [dBZ]. Default 20.

Zmax [float. Dataset keyword] maximum reflectivity to consider the bin as precipitation [dBZ] Default 40.

ml_thickness [float. Dataset keyword] assumed thickness of the melting layer. Default 700.

fzl [float. Dataset keyword] The default freezing level height. It will be used if no temperature field name is specified or the temperature field is not in the radar object. Default 2000.

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_save_radar (procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None)`

dummy function that allows to save the entire radar object

Parameters procstatus : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_selfconsistency_bias (procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None)`

Estimates the reflectivity bias by means of the selfconsistency algorithm by Gourley

Parameters procstatus : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

fzl [float. Dataset keyword] Default freezing level height. Default 2000.

rsmooth [float. Dataset keyword] length of the smoothing window [m]. Default 1000.

min_rhoHV [float. Dataset keyword] minimum valid RhoHV. Default 0.92

max_phidp [float. Dataset keyword] maximum valid PhiDP [deg]. Default 20.

ml_thickness [float. Dataset keyword] Melting layer thickness [m]. Default 700.

rcell [float. Dataset keyword] length of continuous precipitation to consider the precipitation cell a valid phidp segment [m]. Default 1000.

dphidp_min [float. Dataset keyword] minimum phase shift [deg]. Default 2.

dphidp_max [float. Dataset keyword] maximum phase shift [deg]. Default 16.

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_selfconsistency_kdp_phidp(procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None)`

Computes specific differential phase and differential phase in rain using the selfconsistency between Zdr, Zh and KDP

Parameters procstatus : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of strings. Dataset keyword] The input data types

rsmooth [float. Dataset keyword] length of the smoothing window [m]. Default 1000.

min_rhohv [float. Dataset keyword] minimum valid RhoHV. Default 0.92

max_phidp [float. Dataset keyword] maximum valid PhiDP [deg]. Default 20.

ml_thickness [float. Dataset keyword] assumed melting layer thickness [m]. Default 700.

fz1 [float. Dataset keyword] The default freezing level height. It will be used if no temperature field name is specified or the temperature field is not in the radar object. Default 2000.

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_signal_power(procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None)`

Computes the signal power in dBm

Parameters procstatus : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

mflossv [float. Global keyword] The matching filter losses of the vertical channel.
Used if input is vertical reflectivity

radconstv [float. Global keyword] The vertical channel radar constant. Used if input
is vertical reflectivity

lrsv [float. Global keyword] The receiver losses from the antenna feed to the reference
point. [dB] positive value Used if input is vertical reflectivity

lradomev [float. Global keyword] The 1-way dry radome losses [dB] positive value.
Used if input is vertical reflectivity

mflossh [float. Global keyword] The matching filter losses of the vertical channel.
Used if input is horizontal reflectivity

radconsth [float. Global keyword] The horizontal channel radar constant. Used if
input is horizontal reflectivity

lrsh [float. Global keyword] The receiver losses from the antenna feed to the reference
point. [dB] positive value Used if input is horizontal reflectivity

lradomeh [float. Global keyword] The 1-way dry radome losses [dB] positive value.
Used if input is horizontal reflectivity

attg [float. Dataset keyword] The gas attenuation

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns **new_dataset** : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_smooth_phidp_double_window` (*procstatus*, *dscfg*, *radar_list=None*)
corrects phidp of the system phase and smoothes it using one window

Parameters **procstatus** : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

rmin [float. Dataset keyword] The minimum range where to look for valid data [m]

rmax [float. Dataset keyword] The maximum range where to look for valid data [m]

rceil [float. Dataset keyword] The length of a continuous cell to consider it valid precip
[m]

rwinds [float. Dataset keyword] The length of the short smoothing window [m]

rwindl [float. Dataset keyword] The length of the long smoothing window [m]

Zmin [float. Dataset keyword] The minimum reflectivity [dBZ]

Zmax [float. Dataset keyword] The maximum reflectivity [dBZ]

Zthr [float. Dataset keyword] The threshold defining wich smoothed data to used [dBZ]

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_smooth_phidp_single_window` (*procstatus*, *dscfg*, *radar_list=None*)
corrects phidp of the system phase and smoothes it using one window

Parameters procstatus : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

rmin [float. Dataset keyword] The minimum range where to look for valid data [m]

rmax [float. Dataset keyword] The maximum range where to look for valid data [m]

rcell [float. Dataset keyword] The length of a continuous cell to consider it valid precip [m]

rwind [float. Dataset keyword] The length of the smoothing window [m]

Zmin [float. Dataset keyword] The minimum reflectivity [dBZ]

Zmax [float. Dataset keyword] The maximum reflectivity [dBZ]

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_snr` (*procstatus*, *dscfg*, *radar_list=None*)
Computes SNR

Parameters procstatus : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [string. Dataset keyword] The input data type

output_type [string. Dataset keyword] The output data type. Either SNRh or SNRv

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns **new_dataset** : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_sun_hits` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)
monitoring of the radar using sun hits

Parameters **procstatus** : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

rmin [float. Dataset keyword] minimum range where to look for a sun hit signal [m].
Default 20

delev_max [float. Dataset keyword] maximum elevation distance from nominal radar
elevation where to look for a sun hit signal [deg]. Default 1.5

dazim_max [float. Dataset keyword] maximum azimuth distance from nominal radar
elevation where to look for a sun hit signal [deg]. Default 1.5

elmin [float. Dataset keyword] minimum radar elevation where to look for sun hits
[deg]. Default 1.

percent_bins [float. Dataset keyword.] minimum percentage of range bins that have
to contain signal to consider the ray a potential sun hit. Default 10.

attg [float. Dataset keyword] gaseous attenuation. Default None

max_std [float. Dataset keyword] maximum standard deviation to consider the data
noise. Default 1.

az_width_co [float. Dataset keyword] co-polar antenna azimuth width (convoluted
with sun width) [deg]. Default None

el_width_co [float. Dataset keyword] co-polar antenna elevation width (convoluted
with sun width) [deg]. Default None

az_width_cross [float. Dataset keyword] cross-polar antenna azimuth width (convo-
luted with sun width) [deg]. Default None

el_width_cross [float. Dataset keyword] cross-polar antenna elevation width (convo-
luted with sun width) [deg]. Default None

ndays [int. Dataset keyword] number of days used in sun retrieval. Default 1

coeff_band [float. Dataset keyword] multiply coefficient to transform pulse width
into receiver bandwidth

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns **sun_hits_dict** : dict

dictionary containing a radar object, a sun_hits dict and a sun_retrieval dictionary

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_time_avg` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)
computes the temporal mean of a field

Parameters **procstatus** : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

period [float. Dataset keyword] the period to average [s]. Default 3600.

start_average [float. Dataset keyword] when to start the average [s from midnight UTC]. Default 0.

lin_trans: int. Dataset keyword If 1 apply linear transformation before averaging

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns **new_dataset** : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_time_avg_flag` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)
computes a flag field describing the conditions of the data used while averaging

Parameters **procstatus** : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

period [float. Dataset keyword] the period to average [s]. Default 3600.

start_average [float. Dataset keyword] when to start the average [s from midnight UTC]. Default 0.

phidpmax: float. Dataset keyword maximum PhiDP

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns **new_dataset** : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_traj_antenna_pattern` (*procstatus*, *dscfg*, *radar_list=None*, *trajectory=None*)

Process a new array of data volumes considering a plane trajectory. As result a timeseries with the values transposed for a given antenna pattern is created. The result is created when the LAST flag is set.

Parameters *procstatus* : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

trajectory : Trajectory object

containing trajectory samples

Returns *trajectory* : Trajectory object

Object holding time series

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_traj_atplane` (*procstatus*, *dscfg*, *radar_list=None*, *trajectory=None*)

Return time series according to trajectory

Parameters *procstatus* : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

trajectory : Trajectory object

containing trajectory samples

Returns *trajectory* : Trajectory object

Object holding time series

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_trajectory` (*procstatus*, *dscfg*, *radar_list=None*, *trajectory=None*)

Return trajectory

Parameters *procstatus* : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

trajectory : Trajectory object

containing trajectory samples

Returns new_dataset : Trajectory object

radar object

ind_rad : int

None

`pyrad.proc.process_weighted_time_avg(procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None)`

computes the temporal mean of a field weighted by the reflectivity

Parameters procstatus : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

period [float. Dataset keyword] the period to average [s]. Default 3600.

start_average [float. Dataset keyword] when to start the average [s from midnight UTC]. Default 0.

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_wind_vel(procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None)`

Estimates the horizontal or vertical component of the wind from the radial velocity

Parameters procstatus : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

dscfg : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [string. Dataset keyword] The input data type

vert_proj [Boolean] If true the vertical projection is computed. Otherwise the horizontal projection is computed

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_windshear` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)

Estimates the wind shear from the wind velocity

Parameters `procstatus` : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

`dscfg` : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [string. Dataset keyword] The input data type

az_tol [float] The tolerance in azimuth when looking for gates on top of the gate when computation is performed

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns `new_dataset` : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

`pyrad.proc.process_zdr_precip` (*procstatus, dscfg, radar_list=None*)

Keeps only suitable data to evaluate the differential reflectivity in moderate rain or precipitation (for vertical scans)

Parameters `procstatus` : int

Processing status: 0 initializing, 1 processing volume, 2 post-processing

`dscfg` : dictionary of dictionaries

data set configuration. Accepted Configuration Keywords:

datatype [list of string. Dataset keyword] The input data types

ml_filter [boolean. Dataset keyword] indicates if a filter on data in and above the melting layer is applied. Default True.

rmin [float. Dataset keyword] minimum range where to look for rain [m]. Default 1000.

rmax [float. Dataset keyword] maximum range where to look for rain [m]. Default 50000.

Zmin [float. Dataset keyword] minimum reflectivity to consider the bin as precipitation [dBZ]. Default 20.

Zmax [float. Dataset keyword] maximum reflectivity to consider the bin as precipitation [dBZ] Default 22.

rhoHVmin [float. Dataset keyword] minimum RhoHV to consider the bin as precipitation Default 0.97

phidpmax [float. Dataset keyword] maximum PhiDP to consider the bin as precipitation [deg] Default 10.

elmax [float. Dataset keyword] maximum elevation angle where to look for precipitation [deg] Default None.

ml_thickness [float. Dataset keyword] assumed thickness of the melting layer. Default 700.

fzl [float. Dataset keyword] The default freezing level height. It will be used if no temperature field name is specified or the temperature field is not in the radar object. Default 2000.

radar_list : list of Radar objects

Optional. list of radar objects

Returns new_dataset : Radar

radar object

ind_rad : int

radar index

PRODUCTS GENERATION (PYRAD . PROD)

Initiate the products generation.

3.1 Auxiliary functions

`get_dsformat_func`

3.2 Product generation

<code>generate_vol_products(dataset, prdcfg)</code>	generates radar volume products
<code>generate_timeseries_products(dataset, prdcfg)</code>	generates time series products
<code>generate_sun_hits_products(dataset, prdcfg)</code>	generates sun hits products
<code>generate_monitoring_products(dataset, prdcfg)</code>	
<code>generate_traj_products</code>	
<code>generate_cosmo_coord_products(dataset, prdcfg)</code>	generates COSMO coordinates products

`pyrad.prod.generate_cosmo_coord_products(dataset, prdcfg)`
generates COSMO coordinates products

Parameters dataset : tuple

radar object and sun hits dictionary

prdcfg : dictionary of dictionaries

product configuration dictionary of dictionaries

Returns filename : str

the name of the file created. None otherwise

`pyrad.prod.generate_monitoring_products(dataset, prdcfg)`

`pyrad.prod.generate_sun_hits_products(dataset, prdcfg)`
generates sun hits products

Parameters dataset : tuple

radar object and sun hits dictionary

prdcfg : dictionary of dictionaries

product configuration dictionary of dictionaries

Returns **filename** : str

the name of the file created. None otherwise

`pyrad.prod.generate_timeseries_products(dataset, prdcfg)`

generates time series products

Parameters **dataset** : dictionary

radar object

prdcfg : dictionary of dictionaries

product configuration dictionary of dictionaries

Returns no return

`pyrad.prod.generate_traj_product(traj, prdcfg)`

Generates trajectory products

Parameters **traj** : Trajectory object

prdcfg : dictionary of dictionaries

product configuration dictionary of dictionaries

Returns None

`pyrad.prod.generate_vol_products(dataset, prdcfg)`

generates radar volume products

Parameters **dataset** : Radar

radar object

prdcfg : dictionary of dictionaries

product configuration dictionary of dictionaries

Returns no return

`pyrad.prod.get_prodcfg_func(dsformat, dsname, dstype)`

maps the dataset format into its processing function

Parameters **dsformat** : str

dataset group, i.e. 'VOL', etc.

Returns **func** : function

pyrad function used to generate the products

INPUT AND OUTPUT (PYRAD . IO)

Functions to read and write data and configuration files.

4.1 Reading configuration files

<code>read_config(fname[, cfg])</code>	Read a pyrad config file.
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4.2 Reading radar data

<code>get_data(voltime, datatypesdescr, cfg)</code>	Reads pyrad input data.
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4.3 Reading cosmo data

<code>cosmo2radar_data(radar, cosmo_coord, ...[, ...])</code>	get the COSMO value corresponding to each radar gate using nearest
<code>cosmo2radar_coord(radar, cosmo_coord[, ...])</code>	Given the radar coordinates find the nearest COSMO model pixel
<code>get_cosmo_fields(cosmo_data, cosmo_type, ...)</code>	Get the COSMO data corresponding to each radar gate
<code>read_cosmo_data(fname[, cosmo_type, celsius])</code>	Reads COSMO data from a netcdf file
<code>read_cosmo_coord(fname[, zmin])</code>	Reads COSMO coordinates from a netcdf file

4.4 Reading other data

<code>read_last_state(fname)</code>	Reads a file containing the date of acquisition of the last volume
<code>read_status(voltime, cfg[, ind_rad])</code>	Reads rad4alp xml status file.
<code>read_rad4alp_cosmo(fname, datatype)</code>	Reads rad4alp COSMO data binary file.
<code>read_rad4alp_vis(fname, datatype)</code>	Reads rad4alp visibility data binary file.
<code>read_colocated_gates(fname)</code>	Reads a csv files containing the position of colocated gates
<code>read_colocated_data(fname)</code>	Reads a csv files containing colocated data
<code>read_timeseries(fname)</code>	Reads a time series contained in a csv file

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<code>read_ts_cum(fname)</code>	Reads a time series of precipitation accumulation contained in a csv file
<code>read_monitoring_ts(fname)</code>	Reads a monitoring time series contained in a csv file
<code>read_intercomp_scores_ts(fname)</code>	Reads a radar intercomparison scores csv file
<code>get_sensor_data(date, datatype, cfg)</code>	Gets data from a point measurement sensor (rain gauge or disdrometer)
<code>read_smn(fname)</code>	Reads SwissMetNet data contained in a csv file
<code>read_smn2(fname)</code>	Reads SwissMetNet data contained in a csv file with format
<code>read_disdro_scattering(fname)</code>	Reads scattering parameters computed from disdrometer data contained in a
<code>read_sun_hits(fname)</code>	Reads sun hits data contained in a csv file
<code>read_sun_hits_multiple_days(cfg, time_ref[, ...])</code>	Reads sun hits data from multiple file sources
<code>read_sun_retrieval(fname)</code>	Reads sun retrieval data contained in a csv file
<code>read_solar_flux(fname)</code>	Reads solar flux data from the DRAO observatory in Canada
<code>read_selfconsistency(fname)</code>	Reads a self-consistency table with Zdr, Kdp/Zh columns
<code>read_antenna_pattern(fname[, linear, twoway])</code>	Read antenna pattern from file

4.5 Writing data

<code>write_last_state(datetime_last, fname)</code>	writes SwissMetNet data in format datetime,avg_value, std_value
<code>write_smn(datetime_vec, value_avg_vec, ...)</code>	writes SwissMetNet data in format datetime,avg_value, std_value
<code>write_colocated_gates(coloc_gates, fname)</code>	Writes the position of gates colocated with two radars
<code>write_colocated_data(coloc_data, fname)</code>	Writes the data of gates colocated with two radars
<code>write_colocated_data_time_avg(coloc_data, fname)</code>	Writes the time averaged data of gates colocated with two radars
<code>write_timeseries</code>	
<code>write_ts_polar_data(dataset, fname)</code>	writes time series of data
<code>write_ts_cum(dataset, fname)</code>	writes time series accumulation of data
<code>write_monitoring_ts(start_time, np_t, ...)</code>	writes time series of data
<code>write_intercomp_scores_ts(start_time, stats, ...)</code>	writes time series of radar intercomparison scores
<code>write_sun_hits(sun_hits, fname)</code>	Writes sun hits data.
<code>write_sun_retrieval(sun_retrieval, fname)</code>	Writes sun retrieval data.
<code>write_cdf(quantiles, values, ntot, nnan, ...)</code>	writes a cumulative distribution function
<code>write_rhi_profile(hvec, data, nvalid_vec, ...)</code>	writes the values of an RHI profile in a text file
<code>write_field_coverage(quantiles, values, ...)</code>	writes the quantiles of the coverage on a particular sector

4.6 Auxiliary functions

<code>get_save_dir(basepath, procname, dsname, prdname)</code>	obtains the path to a product directory and eventually creates it
<code>make_filename(prdtype, dstype, dsname, ext)</code>	creates a product file name
<code>get_datetime(fname, datadescriptor)</code>	gets date and time from file name

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<code>get_datasetfields</code>	
<code>get_file_list(datadescriptor, starttime, ...)</code>	gets the list of files with a time period
<code>get_datatypefields</code>	
<code>get_field_unit(datatype)</code>	Return unit of datatype.
<code>get_field_name</code>	
<code>get_fieldname_rainbow</code>	
<code>generate_field_name_str(datatype)</code>	Generates a field name in a nice to read format.
<code>find_raw_cosmo_file(voltime, datatype, cfg)</code>	Search a COSMO file in netcdf format
<code>add_field(radar_dest, radar_orig)</code>	adds the fields from orig radar into dest radar. If they are not in the
<code>interpol_field(radar_dest, radar_orig, ...)</code>	interpolates field field_name contained in radar_orig to the grid in
<code>get_new_rainbow_file_name(master_fname, ...)</code>	get the rainbow file name containing datatype from a master file name

4.7 Trajectory

<code>Trajectory(filename[, starttime, endtime])</code>	A class for reading and handling trajectory data from a file.
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4.8 TimeSeries

<code>TimeSeries(desc[, timevec, timeformat, ...])</code>	Holding timeseries data and metadata.
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class `pyrad.io.TimeSeries` (*desc, timevec=None, timeformat=None, maxlength=None, datatype=''*)

Bases: `object`

Holding timeseries data and metadata.

Attributes

<code>description</code>	(array of str) Description of the data of the time series.
<code>time_vector</code>	(array of datetime objects)
<code>timeformat</code>	(how to print the time (default:) 'Date, UTC [seconds since midnight]')
<code>dataseries</code>	(List of <code>_dataSeries</code> object holding the) data

Methods

<code>add_dataseries(label, unit_name, unit[, ...])</code>	Add a new data series to the timeseries object.
<code>add_timesample(dt, values)</code>	Add a new sample to the time series.
<code>plot(fname[, ymin, ymax])</code>	Make a figure of a time series
<code>write(fname)</code>	

__class__
alias of `type`

__delattr__
Implement delattr(self, name).

__dict__ = mappingproxy({'add_dataserries': <function TimeSeries.add_dataserries>, '__module__': 'pyrad.io.timeseries'})

__dir__ () → list
default dir() implementation

__eq__
Return self==value.

__format__ ()
default object formatter

__ge__
Return self>=value.

__getattr__
Return getattr(self, name).

__gt__
Return self>value.

__hash__
Return hash(self).

__init__ (desc, timevec=None, timeformat=None, maxlength=None, datatype='')
Initialize the object.

Parameters

- desc** : array of str
- timevec** : array of datetime
- timeformat** : specifies time format
- maxlength** : Maximal length of the time series
- num_el** : Number of values in the timer series

__le__
Return self<=value.

__lt__
Return self<value.

__module__ = 'pyrad.io.timeseries'

__ne__
Return self!=value.

__new__ ()
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

__reduce__ ()
helper for pickle

__reduce_ex__ ()
helper for pickle

__repr__
Return repr(self).

__setattr__
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

__sizeof__ () → int

size of object in memory, in bytes

__str__

Return str(self).

__subclasshook__ ()

Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.__subclasscheck__(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

__weakref__

list of weak references to the object (if defined)

add_dataserries (label, unit_name, unit, dataserries=None, plot=True, color=None, linestyle=None)

Add a new data series to the timeseries object. The length of the data vector must be the same as the length of the time vector.

add_timesample (dt, values)

Add a new sample to the time series.

plot (fname, ymin=None, ymax=None)

Make a figure of a time series

write (fname)

class pyrad.io.**Trajectory** (filename, starttime=None, endtime=None)

Bases: object

A class for reading and handling trajectory data from a file.

Attributes

filename	(str) Path and name of the trajectory definition file
starttime	(datetime) Start time of trajectory processing.
endtime	(datetime) End time of trajectory processing.
time_vector	(Array of datetime objects) Array containing the trajectory time samples
wgs84_lat_deg	(Array of floats) WGS84 latitude samples in radian
wgs84_lon_deg	(Array of floats) WGS84 longitude samples in radian
wgs84_alt_m	(Array of floats) WGS84 altitude samples in m

Methods

<i>add_radar</i> (radar)	Add the coordinates (WGS84 longitude, latitude and non WGS84 altitude) of a radar to the radar_list.
<i>calculate_velocities</i> (radar)	Calculate velocities.
<i>get_end_time</i> ()	Get time of last trajectory sample.
<i>get_samples_in_period</i> ([start, end])	“
<i>get_start_time</i> ()	Get time of first trajectory sample.

__class__

alias of type

__delattr__
Implement delattr(self, name).

__dict__ = mappingproxy({'get_end_time': <function Trajectory.get_end_time>, 'get_start_time': <function Trajectory.get_start_time>})

__dir__ () → list
default dir() implementation

__eq__
Return self==value.

__format__ ()
default object formatter

__ge__
Return self>=value.

__getattr__
Return getattr(self, name).

__gt__
Return self>value.

__hash__
Return hash(self).

__init__ (filename, starttime=None, endtime=None)
Initialize the object.

Parameters **filename** : str
Filename containing the trajectory samples.

starttime : datetime
Start time of trajectory processing. If not given, use the time of the first trajectory sample.

endtime : datetime
End time of trajectory processing. If not given, use the time of the last trajectory sample.

__le__
Return self<=value.

__lt__
Return self<value.

__module__ = 'pyrad.io.trajectory'

__ne__
Return self!=value.

__new__ ()
Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate signature.

__reduce__ ()
helper for pickle

__reduce_ex__ ()
helper for pickle

__repr__
Return repr(self).

__setattr__
Implement setattr(self, name, value).

__sizeof__ () → int
size of object in memory, in bytes

__str__
Return str(self).

__subclasshook__ ()
Abstract classes can override this to customize issubclass().

This is invoked early on by abc.ABCMeta.__subclasscheck__(). It should return True, False or NotImplemented. If it returns NotImplemented, the normal algorithm is used. Otherwise, it overrides the normal algorithm (and the outcome is cached).

__weakref__
list of weak references to the object (if defined)

_convert_traj_to_swissgrid ()
Convert trajectory samples from WGS84 to Swiss CH1903 coordinates

_get_total_seconds (x)
Return total seconds of timedelta object

_read_traj ()
Read trajectory from file

add_radar (radar)
Add the coordinates (WGS84 longitude, latitude and non WGS84 altitude) of a radar to the radar_list.

Parameters **radar** : pyart radar object
 containing the radar coordinates

calculate_velocities (radar)
Calculate velocities.

get_end_time ()
Get time of last trajectory sample.

get_samples_in_period (start=None, end=None)
” Get indices of samples of the trajectory within given time period.

get_start_time ()
Get time of first trajectory sample.

pyrad.io.add_field (radar_dest, radar_orig)
adds the fields from orig radar into dest radar. If they are not in the same grid, interpolates them to dest grid

Parameters **radar_dest** : radar object
 the destination radar

radar_orig : radar object
 the radar object containing the original field

Returns **field_dest** : dict
 interpolated field and metadata

pyrad.io.cosmo2radar_coord (radar, cosmo_coord, slice_xy=True, slice_z=False, field_name=None)
Given the radar coordinates find the nearest COSMO model pixel

Parameters radar : Radar

the radar object containing the information on the position of the radar gates

cosmo_coord : dict

dictionary containing the COSMO coordinates

slice_xy : boolean

if true the horizontal plane of the COSMO field is cut to the dimensions of the radar field

slice_z : boolean

if true the vertical plane of the COSMO field is cut to the dimensions of the radar field

field_name : str

name of the field

Returns cosmo_ind_field : dict

dictionary containing a field of COSMO indices and metadata

`pyrad.io.cosmo2radar_data(radar, cosmo_coord, cosmo_data, cosmo_type, time_index=0, slice_xy=True, slice_z=False, field_names=None)`
get the COSMO value corresponding to each radar gate using nearest neighbour interpolation

Parameters radar : Radar

the radar object containing the information on the position of the radar gates

cosmo_coord : dict

dictionary containing the COSMO coordinates

cosmo_data : dict

dictionary containing the COSMO data

cosmo_type : str

name of the COSMO variable

time_index : int

index of the forecasted data

slice_xy : boolean

if true the horizontal plane of the COSMO field is cut to the dimensions of the radar field

slice_z : boolean

if true the vertical plane of the COSMO field is cut to the dimensions of the radar field

field_names : str

names of COSMO parameters (default temperature)

Returns cosmo_fields : list of dict

list of dictionary with the COSMO fields and metadata

`pyrad.io.find_raw_cosmo_file(voltime, datatype, cfg, ind_rad=0)`
Search a COSMO file in netcdf format

Parameters voltime : datetime object

volume scan time

datatype : str

type of COSMO data to look for

cfg : dictionary of dictionaries

configuration info to figure out where the data is

ind_rad : int

radar index

Returns fname : str

Name of COSMO file if it exists. None otherwise

`pyrad.io.generate_field_name_str (datatype)`

Generates a field name in a nice to read format.

Parameters datatype : str

The data type

Returns field_str : str

The field name

`pyrad.io.get_cosmo_fields (cosmo_data, cosmo_type, cosmo_ind, time_index=0,
field_names=None)`

Get the COSMO data corresponding to each radar gate using a precomputed look up table of the nearest neighbour

Parameters cosmo_data : dict

dictionary containing the COSMO data and metadata

cosmo_type : str

name of the COSMO variable

cosmo_limits : dict

dictionary containing the x, y, z indices limiting the COSMO field

cosmo_ind : dict

dictionary containing a field of COSMO indices and metadata

time_index : int

index of the forecasted data

field_names : str

names of COSMO parameters (default temperature)

Returns cosmo_fields : list of dict

dictionary with the COSMO field and metadata

`pyrad.io.get_data (voltime, datatypesdescr, cfg)`

Reads pyrad input data.

Parameters voltime : datetime object

volume scan time

datatypesdescr : list

list of radar field types to read. Format : [radar file type]:[datatype]

cfg: dictionary of dictionaries

configuration info to figure out where the data is

Returns radar : Radar

radar object

`pyrad.io.get_dataset_fields` (*datasetdescr*)

splits the dataset type descriptor and provides each individual member

Parameters datasetdescr : str

dataset type. Format : [processing level]:[dataset type]

Returns proclevel : str

dataset processing level

dataset : str

dataset type, i.e. dBZ, ZDR, ISO0, ...

`pyrad.io.get_datatype_fields` (*datadescriptor*)

splits the data type descriptor and provides each individual member

Parameters datadescriptor : str

radar field type. Format : [radar file type]:[datatype]

Returns radarnr : str

radar number, i.e. RADAR1, RADAR2, ...

datagroup : str

data type group, i.e. RAINBOW, RAD4ALP, CFRADIAL, COSMO, MXPOL ...

datatype : str

data type, i.e. dBZ, ZDR, ISO0, ...

dataset : str

dataset type (for saved data only)

product : str

product type (for saved data only)

`pyrad.io.get_datetime` (*fname, datadescriptor*)

gets date and time from file name

Parameters fname : file name

datadescriptor : str

radar field type. Format : [radar file type]:[datatype]

Returns fdatetime : datetime object

date and time in file name

`pyrad.io.get_field_unit` (*datatype*)

Return unit of datatype.

Parameters datatype : str

The data type

Returns **unit** : str

The unit

`pyrad.io.get_fieldname_pyart` (*datatype*)

maps de config file radar data type name into the corresponding rainbow Py-ART field name

Parameters **datatype** : str

config file radar data type name

Returns **field_name** : str

Py-ART field name

`pyrad.io.get_file_list` (*datadescriptor*, *starttime*, *endtime*, *cfg*, *scan=None*)

gets the list of files with a time period

Parameters **datadescriptor** : str

radar field type. Format : [radar file type]:[datatype]

starttime : datetime object

start of time period

endtime : datetime object

end of time period

cfg: dictionary of dictionaries

configuration info to figure out where the data is

scan : str

scan name

Returns **radar** : Radar

radar object

`pyrad.io.get_new_rainbow_file_name` (*master_fname*, *master_datadescriptor*, *datatype*)

get the rainbow file name containing datatype from a master file name and data type

Parameters **master_fname** : str

the master file name

master_datadescriptor : str

the master data type descriptor

datatype : str

the data type of the new file name to be created

Returns **new_fname** : str

the new file name

`pyrad.io.get_save_dir` (*basepath*, *procname*, *dsname*, *prdname*, *timeinfo=None*, *timeformat='%Y-%m-%d'*, *create_dir=True*)

obtains the path to a product directory and eventually creates it

Parameters **basepath** : str

product base path

procname : str

name of processing space

dsname : str

data set name

prdname : str

product name

timeinfo : datetime

time info to generate the date directory. If None there is no time format in the path

timeformat : str

Optional. The time format.

create_dir : boolean

If True creates the directory

Returns savedir : str

path to product

`pyrad.io.get_sensor_data(date, datatype, cfg)`

Gets data from a point measurement sensor (rain gauge or disdrometer)

Parameters date : datetime object

measurement date

datatype : str

name of the data type to read

cfg : dictionary

dictionary containing sensor information

Returns sensordate , sensorvalue, label, period : tuple

date, value, type of sensor and measurement period

`pyrad.io.interpol_field(radar_dest, radar_orig, field_name, fill_value=None)`

interpolates field field_name contained in radar_orig to the grid in radar_dest

Parameters radar_dest : radar object

the destination radar

radar_orig : radar object

the radar object containing the original field

field_name: str

name of the field to interpolate

Returns field_dest : dict

interpolated field and metadata

`pyrad.io.make_filename(prdtype, dstype, dsname, ext, prdcfginfo=None, timeinfo=None, timeformat='%Y%m%d%H%M%S', runinfo=None)`

creates a product file name

Parameters timeinfo : datetime

time info to generate the date directory

prdtype : str

product type, i.e. 'ppi', etc.

dstype : str

data set type, i.e. 'raw', etc.

dsname : str

data set name

ext : array of str

file name extensions, i.e. 'png'

prdcfginfo : str

Optional. string to add product configuration information, i.e. 'el0.4'

timeformat : str

Optional. The time format

runinfo : str

Optional. Additional information about the test (e.g. 'RUN01', 'TS011')

Returns fname_list : list of str

list of file names (as many as extensions)

`pyrad.io.read_antenna_pattern(fname, linear=False, twoway=False)`

Read antenna pattern from file

Parameters fname : str

path of the antenna pattern file

linear : boolean

if true the antenna pattern is given in linear units

twoway : boolean

if true the attenuation is two-way

Returns pattern : dict

dictionary with the fields angle and attenuation

`pyrad.io.read_colocated_data(fname)`

Reads a csv files containing colocated data

Parameters fname : str

path of time series file

Returns rad1_ele , rad1_azi, rad1_rng, rad1_val, rad2_ele, rad2_azi, rad2_rng,

rad2_val : tuple

A tuple with the data read. None otherwise

`pyrad.io.read_colocated_gates(fname)`

Reads a csv files containing the position of colocated gates

Parameters fname : str

path of time series file

Returns `rad1_ele, rad1_azl, rad1_rng, rad2_ele, rad2_azl, rad2_rng` : tuple

A tuple with the data read. None otherwise

`pyrad.io.read_config(fname, cfg=None)`

Read a pyrad config file.

Parameters `fname` : str

Name of the configuration file to read.

`cfg` : dict of dicts, optional

dictionary of dictionaries containing configuration parameters where the new parameters will be placed

Returns `cfg` : dict of dicts

dictionary of dictionaries containing the configuration parameters

`pyrad.io.read_cosmo_coord(fname, zmin=None)`

Reads COSMO coordinates from a netcdf file

Parameters `fname` : str

name of the file to read

Returns `cosmo_coord` : dictionary

dictionary with the data and metadata

`pyrad.io.read_cosmo_data(fname, cosmo_type='TEMP', celsius=False)`

Reads COSMO data from a netcdf file

Parameters `fname` : str

name of the file to read

`cosmo_type` : str

name of the variable to read

`celsius` : Boolean

if True and variable TEMP converts data from Kelvin to Centigrade

Returns `cosmo_data` : dictionary

dictionary with the data and metadata

`pyrad.io.read_disdro_scattering(fname)`

Reads scattering parameters computed from disdrometer data contained in a text file

Parameters `fname` : str

path of time series file

Returns `date, precip_type, lwc, rr, zh, zv, zdr, ldr, ah, av, adiff, kdp, deltaco,`

`rhohv` : tuple

The read values

`pyrad.io.read_intercomp_scores_ts(fname)`

Reads a radar intercomparison scores csv file

Parameters `fname` : str

path of time series file

Returns date_vec, np_vec, meanbias_vec, medianbias_vec, modebias_vec, corr_vec,
slope_vec, intercep_vec, intercep_slope1_vec : tuple

The read data. None otherwise

`pyrad.io.read_last_state(fname)`

Reads a file containing the date of acquisition of the last volume processed

Parameters fname : str

name of the file to read

Returns last_state : datetime object

the date

`pyrad.io.read_monitoring_ts(fname)`

Reads a monitoring time series contained in a csv file

Parameters fname : str

path of time series file

Returns date, np_t, central_quantile, low_quantile, high_quantile : tuple

The read data. None otherwise

`pyrad.io.read_rad4alp_cosmo(fname, datatype)`

Reads rad4alp COSMO data binary file.

Parameters fname : str

name of the file to read

datatype : str

name of the data type

Returns field : dictionary

The data field

`pyrad.io.read_rad4alp_vis(fname, datatype)`

Reads rad4alp visibility data binary file.

Parameters fname : str

name of the file to read

datatype : str

name of the data type

Returns field_list : list of dictionaries

A data field. Each element of the list corresponds to one elevation

`pyrad.io.read_selfconsistency(fname)`

Reads a self-consistency table with Zdr, Kdp/Zh columns

Parameters fname : str

path of time series file

Returns zdr, kdpzh : arrays

The read values

`pyrad.io.read_smn(fname)`

Reads SwissMetNet data contained in a csv file

Parameters `fname` : str

path of time series file

Returns `id, date, pressure, temp, rh, precip, wspeed, wdir` : tuple

The read values

`pyrad.io.read_smn2(fname)`

Reads SwissMetNet data contained in a csv file with format station,time,value

Parameters `fname` : str

path of time series file

Returns `id, date, value` : tuple

The read values

`pyrad.io.read_solar_flux(fname)`

Reads solar flux data from the DRAO observatory in Canada

Parameters `fname` : str

path of time series file

Returns `flux_datetime` : datetime array

the date and time of the solar flux retrievals

`flux_value` : array

the observed solar flux

`pyrad.io.read_status(voltime, cfg, ind_rad=0)`

Reads rad4alp xml status file.

Parameters `voltime` : datetime object

volume scan time

cfg: dictionary of dictionaries

configuration info to figure out where the data is

ind_rad: int

radar index

Returns `root` : root element object

The information contained in the status file

`pyrad.io.read_sun_hits(fname)`

Reads sun hits data contained in a csv file

Parameters `fname` : str

path of time series file

Returns `date, ray, nrng, rad_el, rad_az, sun_el, sun_az, ph, ph_std, nph, nvalh,`

`pv, pv_std, npv, nvalv, zdr, zdr_std, nzdr, nvalzdr` : tuple

Each parameter is an array containing a time series of information on a variable

`pyrad.io.read_sun_hits_multiple_days` (*cfg, time_ref, nfiles=1*)

Reads sun hits data from multiple file sources

Parameters *cfg* : dict

dictionary with configuration data to find out the right file

time_ref : datetime object

reference time

nfiles : int

number of files to read

Returns *date, ray, nrng, rad_el, rad_az, sun_el, sun_az, ph, ph_std, nph, nvalh,*

pv, pv_std, npv, nvalv, zdr, zdr_std, nzdr, nvalzdr : tuple

Each parameter is an array containing a time series of information on a variable

`pyrad.io.read_sun_retrieval` (*fname*)

Reads sun retrieval data contained in a csv file

Parameters *fname* : str

path of time series file

Returns *first_hit_time, last_hit_time, nhits_h, el_width_h, az_width_h, el_bias_h,*

az_bias_h, dBm_sun_est, std_dBm_sun_est, nhits_v, el_width_v, az_width_v,

el_bias_v, az_bias_v, dBmv_sun_est, std_dBmv_sun_est, nhits_zdr,

zdr_sun_est, std_zdr_sun_est, dBm_sun_ref, ref_time : tuple

Each parameter is an array containing a time series of information on a variable

`pyrad.io.read_timeseries` (*fname*)

Reads a time series contained in a csv file

Parameters *fname* : str

path of time series file

Returns *date, value* : tuple

A datetime object array containing the time and a numpy masked array containing the value. None otherwise

`pyrad.io.read_ts_cum` (*fname*)

Reads a time series of precipitation accumulation contained in a csv file

Parameters *fname* : str

path of time series file

Returns *date, np_radar, radar_value, np_sensor, sensor_value* : tuple

The data read

`pyrad.io.write_cdf` (*quantiles, values, ntot, nnan, nclut, nblocked, nprec_filter, noutliers, ncdf, fname,*
use_nans=False, nan_value=0.0, filterprec=[], vismin=None, sector=None,
datatype=None, timeinfo=None)

writes a cumulative distribution function

Parameters *quantiles* : datetime array

array containing the measurement time

values : float array
array containing the average value
fname : float array
array containing the standard deviation
sector : str
file name where to store the data

Returns fname : str
the name of the file where data has written

`pyrad.io.write_colocated_data(coloc_data, fname)`
Writes the data of gates colocated with two radars

Parameters coloc_data : dict
dictionary containing the colocated data parameters
fname : str
file name where to store the data

Returns fname : str
the name of the file where data has written

`pyrad.io.write_colocated_data_time_avg(coloc_data, fname)`
Writes the time averaged data of gates colocated with two radars

Parameters coloc_data : dict
dictionary containing the colocated data parameters
fname : str
file name where to store the data

Returns fname : str
the name of the file where data has written

`pyrad.io.write_colocated_gates(coloc_gates, fname)`
Writes the position of gates colocated with two radars

Parameters coloc_gates : dict
dictionary containing the colocated gates parameters
fname : str
file name where to store the data

Returns fname : str
the name of the file where data has written

`pyrad.io.write_field_coverage(quantiles, values, ele_start, ele_stop, azi_start, azi_stop, threshold, nvalid_min, datatype, timeinfo, fname)`
writes the quantiles of the coverage on a particular sector

Parameters quantiles : datetime array
array containing the quantiles computed
values : float array

quantile value

ele_start, ele_stop, azi_start, azi_stop : float

The limits of the sector

threshold : float

The minimum value to consider the data valid

nvalid_min : int

the minimum number of points to consider that there are values in a ray

datatype : str

data type and units

timeinfo : datetime object

the time stamp of the data

fname : str

name of the file where to write the data

Returns fname : str

the name of the file where data has written

`pyrad.io.write_intercomp_scores_ts(start_time, stats, field_name, fname, rad1_name='RADAR001', rad2_name='RADAR002')`
writes time series of radar intercomparison scores

Parameters start_time : datetime object

the time of the intercomparison

stats : dict

dictionary containing the statistics

field_name : str

The name of the field

fname : str

file name where to store the data

rad1_name, rad2_name : str

Name of the radars intercompared

Returns fname : str

the name of the file where data has written

`pyrad.io.write_last_state(datetime_last, fname)`
writes SwissMetNet data in format datetime, avg_value, std_value

Parameters datetime_last : datetime object

date and time of the last state

fname : str

file name where to store the data

Returns fname : str

the name of the file where data has written

`pyrad.io.write_monitoring_ts` (*start_time*, *np_t*, *values*, *quantiles*, *datatype*, *fname*)
writes time series of data

Parameters *start_time* : datetime object

the time of the monitoring

np_t : int

the total number of points

values: float array

the values at certain quantiles

quantiles: float array

the quantiles computed

fname : str

file name where to store the data

Returns *fname* : str

the name of the file where data has written

`pyrad.io.write_rhi_profile` (*hvec*, *data*, *nvalid_vec*, *labels*, *fname*, *datatype*=None, *timeinfo*=None,
sector=None)
writes the values of an RHI profile in a text file

Parameters *hvec* : float array

array containing the altitude in m MSL

data : list of float array

the quantities at each altitude

nvalid_vec : int array

number of valid data points used to compute the quantiles

labels : list of strings

label specifying the quantities in data

fname : str

file name where to store the data

datatype : str

the data type

timeinfo : datetime object

time of the rhi profile

sector : dict

dictionary specifying the sector limits

Returns *fname* : str

the name of the file where data has been written

`pyrad.io.write_smn` (*datetime_vec*, *value_avg_vec*, *value_std_vec*, *fname*)
writes SwissMetNet data in format datetime,avg_value, std_value

Parameters **datetime_vec** : datetime array

array containing the measurement time

value_avg_vec : float array

array containing the average value

value_std_vec : float array

array containing the standard deviation

fname : str

file name where to store the data

Returns **fname** : str

the name of the file where data has written

`pyrad.io.write_sun_hits(sun_hits, fname)`

Writes sun hits data.

Parameters **sun_hits** : dict

dictionary containing the sun hits parameters

fname : str

file name where to store the data

Returns **fname** : str

the name of the file where data has written

`pyrad.io.write_sun_retrieval(sun_retrieval, fname)`

Writes sun retrieval data.

Parameters **sun_retrieval** : dict

dictionary containing the sun retrieval parameters

fname : str

file name where to store the data

Returns **fname** : str

the name of the file where data has written

`pyrad.io.write_ts_cum(dataset, fname)`

writes time series accumulation of data

Parameters **dataset** : dict

dictionary containing the time series parameters

fname : str

file name where to store the data

Returns **fname** : str

the name of the file where data has written

`pyrad.io.write_ts_polar_data(dataset, fname)`

writes time series of data

Parameters **dataset** : dict

dictionary containing the time series parameters

fname : str

file name where to store the data

Returns **fname** : str

the name of the file where data has written

PLOTTING (PYRAD . GRAPH)

Functions to plot graphics.

5.1 Plots

<i>plot_ppi</i> (radar, field_name, ind_el, prdcfg, ...)	plots a PPI
<i>plot_rhi</i> (radar, field_name, ind_az, prdcfg, ...)	plots an RHI
<i>plot_bscope</i> (radar, field_name, ind_sweep, ...)	plots a B-Scope (angle-range representation)
<i>plot_rhi_profile</i>	
<i>plot_along_coord</i> (xval, yval, fname_list[, ...])	plots a time series
<i>plot_field_coverage</i> (xval, yval, fname_list)	plots a time series
<i>plot_density</i> (hist_obj, hist_type, ...[, ...])	density plot (angle-values representation)
<i>plot_cappi</i> (radar, field_name, altitude, ...)	plots a Constant Altitude Plan Position Indicator CAPPI
<i>plot_quantiles</i> (quant, value, fname_list[, ...])	plots quantiles
<i>plot_histogram</i> (bins, values, fname_list[, ...])	computes and plots histogram
<i>plot_histogram2</i> (bins, hist, fname_list[, ...])	plots histogram
<i>plot_antenna_pattern</i> (antpattern, fname_list)	plots an antenna pattern
<i>plot_timeseries</i> (tvec, data, fname_list[, ...])	plots a time series
<i>plot_timeseries_comp</i> (date1, value1, date2, ...)	plots 2 time series in the same graph
<i>plot_monitoring_ts</i> (date, np_t, cquant, ...)	plots a time series of monitoring data
<i>plot_scatter_comp</i> (value1, value2, fname_list)	plots the scatter between two time series
<i>plot_intercomp_scores_ts</i> (date_vec, np_vec, ...)	plots a time series of radar intercomparison scores
<i>plot_sun_hits</i> (field, field_name, fname_list, ...)	plots the sun hits
<i>plot_sun_retrieval_ts</i> (sun_retrieval, ...)	plots sun retrieval time series series
<i>get_colobar_label</i> (field_dict, field_name)	creates the colorbar label using field metadata

`pyrad.graph.get_colobar_label` (*field_dict*, *field_name*)
creates the colorbar label using field metadata

Parameters *field_dict* : dict

dictionary containing field metadata

field_name : str

name of the field

Returns *label* : str

colorbar label

`pyrad.graph.plot_along_coord(xval, yval, fname_list, labelx='coord', labely='Value', labels=None, title='Plot along coordinate', colors=None, linestyle=None, ymin=None, ymax=None)`

plots a time series

Parameters **xval** : list of float arrays

the x values, range, azimuth or elevation

yval : list of float arrays

the y values. Parameter to plot

fname_list : list of str

list of names of the files where to store the plot

labelx : str

The label of the X axis

labely : str

The label of the Y axis

labels : array of str

The label of the legend

title : str

The figure title

colors : array of str

Specifies the colors of each line

linestyles : array of str

Specifies the line style of each line

ymin, ymax: float

Lower/Upper limit of y axis

Returns **fname_list** : list of str

list of names of the created plots

`pyrad.graph.plot_antenna_pattern(antpattern, fname_list, labelx='Angle [Deg]', linear=False, twoway=False, title='Antenna Pattern', ymin=None, ymax=None)`

plots an antenna pattern

Parameters **antpattern** : dict

dictionary with the angle and the attenuation

value : float array

values of the time series

fname_list : list of str

list of names of the files where to store the plot

labelx : str

The label of the X axis

linear : boolean

if true data is in linear units

linear : boolean

if true data represents the two way attenuation

titl : str

The figure title

ymin, ymax: float

Lower/Upper limit of y axis

Returns fname_list : list of str

list of names of the created plots

`pyrad.graph.plot_bscope(radar, field_name, ind_sweep, prdcfg, fname_list)`
plots a B-Scope (angle-range representation)

Parameters radar : Radar object

object containing the radar data to plot

field_name : str

name of the radar field to plot

ind_sweep : int

sweep index to plot

prdcfg : dict

dictionary containing the product configuration

fname_list : list of str

list of names of the files where to store the plot

Returns fname_list : list of str

list of names of the created plots

`pyrad.graph.plot_cappi(radar, field_name, altitude, prdcfg, fname_list)`
plots a Constant Altitude Plan Position Indicator CAPPI

Parameters radar : Radar object

object containing the radar data to plot

field_name : str

name of the radar field to plot

altitude : float

the altitude [m MSL] to be plotted

prdcfg : dict

dictionary containing the product configuration

fname_list : list of str

list of names of the files where to store the plot

Returns fname_list : list of str

list of names of the created plots

`pyrad.graph.plot_density(hist_obj, hist_type, field_name, ind_sweep, prdcfg, fname_list, quantiles=[25.0, 50.0, 75.0], ref_value=0.0)`

density plot (angle-values representation)

Parameters **hist_obj** : histogram object

object containing the histogram data to plot

hist_type : str

type of histogram (instantaneous data or cumulative)

field_name : str

name of the radar field to plot

ind_sweep : int

sweep index to plot

prdcfg : dict

dictionary containing the product configuration

fname_list : list of str

list of names of the files where to store the plot

quantiles : array

the quantile lines to plot

ref_value : float

the reference value

Returns **fname_list** : list of str

list of names of the created plots

`pyrad.graph.plot_field_coverage(xval, yval, fname_list, labelx='Azimuth (deg)', labely='Range extension [m]', labels=None, title='Field coverage', ymin=None, ymax=None, xmeanval=None, ymeanval=None, labelmeanval=None)`

plots a time series

Parameters **xval** : list of float arrays

the x values, azimuth

yval : list of float arrays

the y values. Range extension

fname_list : list of str

list of names of the files where to store the plot

labelx : str

The label of the X axis

labely : str

The label of the Y axis

labels : array of str

The label of the legend

title : str

The figure title

ymin, ymax : float

Lower/Upper limit of y axis

xmeanval, ymeanval : float array

the x and y values of a mean along elevation

labelmeanval : str

the label of the mean

Returns fname_list : list of str

list of names of the created plots

`pyrad.graph.plot_histogram(bins, values, fname_list, labelx='bins', labely='Number of Samples',
titl='histogram')`

computes and plots histogram

Parameters bins : array

histogram bins

values : array

data values

fname_list : list of str

list of names of the files where to store the plot

labelx : str

The label of the X axis

labely : str

The label of the Y axis

titl : str

The figure title

Returns fname_list : list of str

list of names of the created plots

`pyrad.graph.plot_histogram2(bins, hist, fname_list, labelx='bins', labely='Number of Samples',
titl='histogram')`

plots histogram

Parameters quant : array

histogram bins

hist : array

values for each bin

fname_list : list of str

list of names of the files where to store the plot

labelx : str

The label of the X axis

labely : str

The label of the Y axis

titl : str

The figure title

Returns fname_list : list of str

list of names of the created plots

```
pyrad.graph.plot_intercomp_scores_ts(date_vec, np_vec, meanbias_vec, medianbias_vec,
                                     modebias_vec, corr_vec, slope_vec, intercep_vec,
                                     intercep_slope1_vec, fname_list, ref_value=0.0, la-
                                     belx='Time UTC', titl='RADAR001-RADAR002 inter-
                                     comparison')
```

plots a time series of radar intercomparison scores

Parameters date_vec : datetime object

time of the time series

np_vec : int array

number of points

meanbias_vec, medianbias_vec, modebias_vec : float array

mean, median and mode bias

corr_vec : float array

correlation

slope_vec, intercep_vec : float array

slope and intercep of a linear regression

intercep_slope1_vec : float

the intercep point of a linear regression of slope 1

ref_value : float

the reference value

labelx : str

The label of the X axis

titl : str

The figure title

Returns fname_list : list of str

list of names of the created plots

```
pyrad.graph.plot_monitoring_ts(date, np_t, cquant, lquant, hquant, field_name, fname_list,
                               ref_value=None, labelx='Time [UTC]', labely='Value',
                               titl='Time Series')
```

plots a time series of monitoring data

Parameters date : datetime object

time of the time series

np_t : int array
number of points

cquant, lquant, hquant : float array
values of the central, low and high quantiles

field_name : str
name of the field

fname_list : list of str
list of names of the files where to store the plot

ref_value : float
the reference value

labelx : str
The label of the X axis

labely : str
The label of the Y axis

titl : str
The figure title

Returns **fname_list** : list of str
list of names of the created plots

`pyrad.graph.plot_ppi(radar, field_name, ind_el, prdcfg, fname_list, plot_type='PPI', step=None, quantiles=None)`
plots a PPI

Parameters **radar** : Radar object
object containing the radar data to plot

field_name : str
name of the radar field to plot

ind_el : int
sweep index to plot

prdcfg : dict
dictionary containing the product configuration

fname_list : list of str
list of names of the files where to store the plot

plot_type : str
type of plot (PPI, QUANTILES or HISTOGRAM)

step : float
step for histogram plotting

quantiles : float array
quantiles to plot

Returns **fname_list** : list of str

list of names of the created plots

`pyrad.graph.plot_quantiles` (*quant*, *value*, *fname_list*, *labelx*='quantile', *labely*='value',
titl='quantile')

plots quantiles

Parameters **quant** : array

quantiles to be plotted

value : array

values of each quantile

fname_list : list of str

list of names of the files where to store the plot

labelx : str

The label of the X axis

labely : str

The label of the Y axis

titl : str

The figure title

Returns **fname_list** : list of str

list of names of the created plots

`pyrad.graph.plot_rhi` (*radar*, *field_name*, *ind_az*, *prdcfg*, *fname_list*, *plot_type*='PPI', *step*=None,
quantiles=None)

plots an RHI

Parameters **radar** : Radar object

object containing the radar data to plot

field_name : str

name of the radar field to plot

ind_az : int

sweep index to plot

prdcfg : dict

dictionary containing the product configuration

fname_list : list of str

list of names of the files where to store the plot

plot_type : str

type of plot (PPI, QUANTILES or HISTOGRAM)

step : float

step for histogram plotting

quantiles : float array

quantiles to plot

Returns fname_list : list of str

list of names of the created plots

```
pyrad.graph.plot_scatter(bins1, bins2, hist_2d, field_name1, field_name2, fname_list, prd-
                        cfg, metadata=None, lin_regr=None, lin_regr_slope1=None,
                        rad1_name='RADAR001', rad2_name='RADAR002')
```

2D histogram

Parameters bins1, bins2 : float array2

the bins of each field

hist_2d : ndarray 2D

the 2D histogram

field_name1, field_name2 : str

the names of each field

fname_list : list of str

list of names of the files where to store the plot

prdcfg : dict

product configuration dictionary

metadata : str

a string with metadata to write in the plot

lin_regr : tuple with 2 values

the coefficients for a linear regression

lin_regr_slope1 : float

the intercep point of a linear regression of slope 1

rad1_name, rad2_name : str

name of the radars which data is used

Returns fname_list : list of str

list of names of the created plots

```
pyrad.graph.plot_scatter_comp(value1, value2, fname_list, labelx='Sensor 1', labely='Sensor 2',
                             titl='Scatter', axis=None, metadata=None)
```

plots the scatter between two time series

Parameters value1 : float array

values of the first time series

value2 : float array

values of the second time series

fname_list : list of str

list of names of the files where to store the plot

labelx : str

The label of the X axis

labely : str

The label of the Y axis

titl : str

The figure title

axis : str

type of axis

metadata : string

a string containing metadata

Returns fname_list : list of str

list of names of the created plots

`pyrad.graph.plot_sun_hits` (*field, field_name, fname_list, prdcfg*)
plots the sun hits

Parameters radar : Radar object

object containing the radar data to plot

field_name : str

name of the radar field to plot

altitude : float

the altitude [m MSL] to be plotted

prdcfg : dict

dictionary containing the product configuration

fname_list : list of str

list of names of the files where to store the plot

Returns fname_list : list of str

list of names of the created plots

`pyrad.graph.plot_sun_retrieval_ts` (*sun_retrieval, data_type, fname_list*)
plots sun retrieval time series series

Parameters sun_retrieval : tuple

tuple containing the retrieved parameters

data_type : str

parameter to be plotted

fname_list : list of str

list of names of the files where to store the plot

Returns fname_list : list of str

list of names of the created plots

`pyrad.graph.plot_timeseries` (*tvec, data, fname_list, labelx='Time [UTC]', labely='Value', labels=['Sensor'], title='Time Series', period=0, timeformat=None, colors=None, linestyle=None, ymin=None, ymax=None*)
plots a time series

Parameters tvec : datetime object

time of the time series

data : list of float array

values of the time series

fname_list : list of str

list of names of the files where to store the plot

labelx : str

The label of the X axis

labeLy : str

The label of the Y axis

labels : array of str

The label of the legend

title : str

The figure title

period : float

measurement period in seconds used to compute accumulation. If 0 no accumulation is computed

timeformat : str

Specifies the tvec and time format on the x axis

colors : array of str

Specifies the colors of each line

linestyles : array of str

Specifies the line style of each line

ymin, ymax: float

Lower/Upper limit of y axis

Returns fname_list : list of str

list of names of the created plots

```
pyrad.graph.plot_timeseries_comp(date1, value1, date2, value2, fname_list, labelx='Time  
[UTC]', labeLy='Value', label1='Sensor 1', label2='Sensor  
2', titl='Time Series Comparison', period1=0, period2=0)
```

plots 2 time series in the same graph

Parameters date1 : datetime object

time of the first time series

value1 : float array

values of the first time series

date2 : datetime object

time of the second time series

value2 : float array

values of the second time series

fname_list : list of str

list of names of the files where to store the plot

labelx : str

The label of the X axis

labely : str

The label of the Y axis

label1, label2 : str

legend label for each time series

titl : str

The figure title

period1, period2 [float] measurement period in seconds used to compute accumulation. If 0 no accumulation is computed

Returns **fname_list** : list of str

list of names of the created plots

UTILITIES (PYRAD . UTIL)

Functions to read and write data and configuration files.

6.1 Radar Utilities

<i>get_ROI</i> (radar, fieldname, sector)	filter out any data outside the region of interest defined by sector
<i>rainfall_accumulation</i> (t_in_vec, val_in_vec)	Computes the rainfall accumulation of a time series over a given period
<i>time_series_statistics</i> (t_in_vec, val_in_vec)	Computes statistics over a time-averaged series
<i>join_time_series</i> (t1, val1, t2, val2[, dropnan])	joins time_series
<i>get_range_bins_to_avg</i> (rad1_rng, rad2_rng)	Compares the resolution of two radars and determines if and which radar
<i>find_ray_index</i> (ele_vec, azi_vec, ele, azi[, ...])	Find the ray index corresponding to a particular elevation and azimuth
<i>find_rng_index</i> (rng_vec, rng[, rng_tol])	Find the range index corresponding to a particular range
<i>time_avg_range</i> (timeinfo, avg_starttime, ...)	finds the new start and end time of an averaging
<i>get_closest_solar_flux</i> (hit_datetime_list, ...)	finds the solar flux measurement closest to the sun hit
<i>create_sun_hits_field</i> (rad_el, rad_az, ...)	creates a sun hits field from the position and power of the sun hits
<i>create_sun_retrieval_field</i> (par, imgcfg)	creates a sun retrieval field from the retrieval parameters
<i>compute_quantiles</i> (field[, quantiles])	computes quantiles
<i>compute_quantiles_from_hist</i> (bins, hist[, ...])	computes quantiles from histograms
<i>compute_quantiles_sweep</i> (field, ray_start, ...)	computes quantiles of a particular sweep
<i>compute_2d_hist</i> (field1, field2, field_name1, ...)	computes histogram of the data
<i>compute_1d_stats</i> (field1, field2)	returns statistics of data
<i>compute_2d_stats</i> (field1, field2, ...[, ...])	computes a 2D histogram and statistics of the data
<i>compute_histogram</i> (field, field_name[, step])	computes histogram of the data
<i>compute_histogram_sweep</i> (field, ray_start, ...)	computes histogram of the data in a particular sweep
<i>quantiles_weighted</i> (values[, weight_vector, ...])	Given a set of values and weights, compute the weighted quantile(s).

`pyrad.util.compute_1d_stats (field1, field2)`
returns statistics of data

Parameters `field1, field2` : ndarray 1D

the two fields to compare

Returns `stats` : dict

a dictionary with statistics

`pyrad.util.compute_2d_hist` (*field1, field2, field_name1, field_name2, step1=None, step2=None*)
computes histogram of the data

Parameters **field** : ndarray 2D

the radar field

field_name: str

name of the field

step : float

size of bin

Returns **bins** : float array

interval of each bin

values : float array

values at each bin

`pyrad.util.compute_2d_stats` (*field1, field2, field_name1, field_name2, step1=None, step2=None*)
computes a 2D histogram and statistics of the data

Parameters **field1, field2** : ndarray 2D

the two fields

field_name1, field_name2: str

the name of the fields

step1, step2 : float

size of bin

Returns **hist_2d** : array

the histogram

bins1, bins2 : float array

interval of each bin

stats : dict

a dictionary with statistics

`pyrad.util.compute_histogram` (*field, field_name, step=None*)
computes histogram of the data

Parameters **field** : ndarray 2D

the radar field

field_name: str

name of the field

step : float

size of bin

Returns **bins** : float array

interval of each bin

values : float array

values at each bin

`pyrad.util.compute_histogram_sweep` (*field, ray_start, ray_end, field_name, step=None*)
computes histogram of the data in a particular sweep

Parameters **field** : ndarray 2D

the radar field

ray_start, ray_end : int

starting and ending ray indexes

field_name: str

name of the field

step : float

size of bin

Returns **bins** : float array

interval of each bin

values : float array

values at each bin

`pyrad.util.compute_quantiles` (*field, quantiles=None*)
computes quantiles

Parameters **field** : ndarray 2D

the radar field

ray_start, ray_end : int

starting and ending ray indexes

quantiles: float array

list of quantiles to compute

Returns **quantiles** : float array

list of quantiles

values : float array

values at each quantile

`pyrad.util.compute_quantiles_from_hist` (*bins, hist, quantiles=None*)
computes quantiles from histograms

Parameters **bins** : ndarray 1D

the bins

hist : ndarray 1D

the histogram

quantiles: float array

list of quantiles to compute

Returns **quantiles** : float array

list of quantiles

values : float array

values at each quantile

`pyrad.util.compute_quantiles_sweep` (*field, ray_start, ray_end, quantiles=None*)
computes quantiles of a particular sweep

Parameters **field** : ndarray 2D

the radar field

ray_start, ray_end : int

starting and ending ray indexes

quantiles: float array

list of quantiles to compute

Returns **quantiles** : float array

list of quantiles

values : float array

values at each quantile

`pyrad.util.create_sun_hits_field` (*rad_el, rad_az, sun_el, sun_az, data, imgcfg*)
creates a sun hits field from the position and power of the sun hits

Parameters **rad_el, rad_az, sun_el, sun_az** : ndarray 1D

azimuth and elevation of the radar and the sun respectively in degree

data : masked ndarray 1D

the sun hit data

imgcfg: dict

a dictionary specifying the ranges and resolution of the field to create

Returns **field** : masked ndarray 2D

the sun hit field

`pyrad.util.create_sun_retrieval_field` (*par, imgcfg*)
creates a sun retrieval field from the retrieval parameters

Parameters **par** : ndarray 1D

the 5 retrieval parameters

imgcfg: dict

a dictionary specifying the ranges and resolution of the field to create

Returns **field** : masked ndarray 2D

the sun retrieval field

`pyrad.util.find_ray_index` (*ele_vec, azi_vec, ele, azi, ele_tol=0.0, azi_tol=0.0, nearest='azi'*)
Find the ray index corresponding to a particular elevation and azimuth

Parameters **ele_vec, azi_vec** : float arrays

The elevation and azimuth data arrays where to look for

ele, azi : floats

The elevation and azimuth to search

ele_tol, azi_tol : floats

Tolerances [deg]

nearest : str

criteria to define wich ray to keep if multiple rays are within tolerance. azi: nearest azimuth, ele: nearest elevation

Returns ind_ray : int

The ray index

`pyrad.util.find_rng_index(rng_vec, rng, rng_tol=0.0)`

Find the range index corresponding to a particular range

Parameters rng_vec : float array

The range data array where to look for

rng : float

The range to search

rng_tol : float

Tolerance [m]

Returns ind_rng : int

The range index

`pyrad.util.get_ROI(radar, fieldname, sector)`

filter out any data outside the region of interest defined by sector

Parameters radar : radar object

the radar object where the data is

fieldname : str

name of the field to filter

sector : dict

a dictionary defining the region of interest

Returns roi_flag : ndarray

a field array with ones in gates that are in the Region of Interest

`pyrad.util.get_closest_solar_flux(hit_datetime_list, flux_datetime_list, flux_value_list)`

finds the solar flux measurement closest to the sun hit

Parameters hit_datetime_list : datetime array

the date and time of the sun hit

flux_datetime_list : datetime array

the date and time of the solar flux measurement

flux_value_list: ndarray 1D

the solar flux values

Returns `flux_datetime_closest_list` : datetime array

the date and time of the solar flux measurement closest to sun hit

flux_value_closest_list : ndarray 1D

the solar flux values closest to the sun hit time

`pyrad.util.get_range_bins_to_avg(rad1_rng, rad2_rng)`

Compares the resolution of two radars and determines if and which radar has to be averaged and the length of the averaging window

Parameters `rad1_rng` : array

the range of radar 1

rad2_rng : datetime

the range of radar 2

Returns `avg_rad1, avg_rad2` : Boolean

Booleans specifying if the radar data has to be average in range

avg_rad_lim : array with two elements

the limits to the average (centered on each range gate)

`pyrad.util.join_time_series(t1, val1, t2, val2, dropnan=False)`

joins time_series

Parameters `t1` : datetime array

time of first series

val1 : float array

value of first series

t2 : datetime array

time of second series

val2 : float array

value of second series

dropnan : boolean

if True remove NaN from the time series

Returns `t_out_vec` : datetime array

the resultant date time after joining the series

val1_out_vec : float array

value of first series

val2_out_vec : float array

value of second series

`pyrad.util.quantiles_weighted(values, weight_vector=None, quantiles=array([0.5]),
weight_threshold=None, data_is_log=False)`

Given a set of values and weights, compute the weighted quantile(s).

`pyrad.util.rainfall_accumulation(t_in_vec, val_in_vec, cum_time=3600.0, base_time=0.0,
dropnan=False)`

Computes the rainfall accumulation of a time series over a given period

Parameters **t_in_vec** : datetime array

the input date and time array

val_in_vec : float array

the input values array [mm/h]

cum_time : int

accumulation time [s]

base_time : int

base time [s]

dropnan : boolean

if True remove NaN from the time series

Returns **t_out_vec** : datetime array

the output date and time array

val_out_vec : float array

the output values array

np_vec : int array

the number of samples at each period

`pyrad.util.time_avg_range (timeinfo, avg_starttime, avg_endtime, period)`

finds the new start and end time of an averaging

Parameters **timeinfo** : datetime

the current volume time

avg_starttime : datetime

the current average start time

avg_endtime: datetime

the current average end time

period: float

the averaging period

Returns **new_starttime** : datetime

the new average start time

new_endtime : datetime

the new average end time

`pyrad.util.time_series_statistics (t_in_vec, val_in_vec, avg_time=3600, base_time=1800,
method='mean', dropnan=False)`

Computes statistics over a time-averaged series

Parameters **t_in_vec** : datetime array

the input date and time array

val_in_vec : float array

the input values array

avg_time : int

averaging time [s]

base_time : int

base time [s]

method : str

statistical method

dropnan : boolean

if True remove NaN from the time series

Returns **t_out_vec** : datetime array

the output date and time array

val_out_vec : float array

the output values array

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