



**Basic Radar Altimetry Toolbox v3.3**  
**User Manual**

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## Introduction

### Global Overview

The Basic Radar Altimetry Toolbox (BRAT) is a collection of tools and tutorial documents designed to facilitate the processing of radar altimetry data. BRAT is able to handle most distributed radar altimetry data formats, providing support for ingesting, processing, editing (to a certain extent), generating statistics, visualising and exporting the results.

BRAT consists of several modules operating at different levels of abstraction. These modules can be Graphical User Interface (GUI) applications, command-line tools, interfaces to existing applications (such as IDL and MATLAB) or application program interfaces (APIs) to programming languages such as C, Fortran and Python.

The main BRAT functions are:

- **Data Import and Quick Look:** basic tools for extracting data from standard formats and generating quick-look images.
- **Data Export:** output of data to the netCDF binary format, ASCII text files, or GeoTiff+GoogleEarth (KMZ/KML export); raster images (PNG, JPEG, BMP, TIFF, PNM) of visualisations can be saved.
- **Statistics:** calculation of statistical parameters from data.
- **Combinations:** computation of formulas involving combinations of data fields (and saving of those formulas).
- **Resampling:** over- and under-sampling of data; data binning.
- **Data Editing:** data selection using simple criteria, or a combination of criteria (that can also be saved)
- **Exchanges:** data editing and combinations can be exchanged between users
- **Data Visualisation:** display of results, with user-defined preferences. The viewer enables the user to display data stored in the internal format (netCDF).

APIs are available with data reading, date and cycle/pass conversion and statistical computation functions for C, Fortran, IDL (only using previous versions of BRAT), MATLAB and Python, allowing the integration of BRAT functionality in custom applications. For the most common use cases (selection, combinations, visualisations, etc.), command-line tools are available that can be configured by creating parameter files. For beginners, we recommend using the BRAT GUI application, which enables the operator to easily specify the processing parameters required by each tool (and then invoke those tools at the push of a button).

BRAT is provided as Open Source Software, enabling the user community to participate in further development and quality improvement.

## Toolbox Contents

BRAT consists of the following parts:

### BRAT Library

The core part of the toolbox is the BRAT library package itself. This package provides data ingestion functionality for each of the supported data products. The data access functionality is provided via two different layers, called CODA and BRATHL:

### CODA

The first BRAT layer (formerly known as BRATLL) is implemented using the Common Data Access framework CODA. CODA allows direct access to product data, supporting a very wide range of products and formats. It provides a single consistent hierarchical view on data independent of the underlying storage format.

The version of CODA that comes with BRAT supports over 200 altimetric product files. All product file data is accessible via the CODA C library. Furthermore, the version of CODA in BRAT also comes with a set of command-line tools (`codacheck`, `codacmp`, `codadump`, and `codafind`). Typically, BRAT users will not need to deal with the CODA library directly (although it is included if it is needed), but the CODA command-line tools can be useful for investigating or debugging product data files directly.

More information about the CODA framework and tools can be found in the CODA documentation, supplied in the BRAT doc/coda/ directory in (HTML format). Be aware that in order for the CODA command-line tools to function correctly in a BRAT environment, the user must manually set the CODA\_DEFINITION path environment variable to include the location of the BRAT data directory (i.e. the data/ subdirectory of the BRAT installation root directory). This is necessary because the CODA command-line tools need to be told where to find the BRAT product format definition files. In order to check if everything is set properly, the command:

*codadd list*

will yield a list of all the products CODA recognises. (For a correct BRAT configuration, this list will e.g. include JASON and River\_Lake products.)

More information about the specific altimetry product formats made accessible from BRAT through CODA can be found in the CODA definitions documentation, supplied in the BRAT doc/codadef/ directory (HTML format), and in Chapter 2, Data read and processed and Annex A, List of Datasets read by BRAT.

## BRATHL

The second layer of BRAT provides an abstraction to the product data to make it easier for the user to get the most important data from a product. A single function will allow the user to ingest selected altimetric product data values (from one or more files), into an array. It is also possible (in the same function call) to request statistics on the ingested data and to perform calculations on the data values (e.g. *field1 + field2*). In addition to the ingestion function, a number of date and cycle data structures and conversion functions are also available.

The BRATHL library is implemented in C++, and built on top of the CODA framework (plus various other third-party libraries). It is possible to develop programs that make direct use of the C++ classes that make up the BRATHL library, but this is mainly intended for the (rare) case in which users need to develop BRATHL itself.

Instead, the simple public BRATHL functionality described earlier is accessible via C, Fortran, IDL (only if using BRAT v3.1), MATLAB and Python interfaces.

More information about the various BRATHL APIs can be found in Chapter 9, BRATHL Application Programming Interfaces (APIs).

More information about the C++ BRATHL API can be found in the BRAT reference manual, supplied in the BRAT doc/ directory (PDF format).

## BRAT Console Applications

Most BRAT users will not be programmers and will interact with the BRAT library via the use of one or more of the supplied executable applications.

The toolbox contains a number of console applications that are to be run from the command-line. These applications shield the user from the library and the programming level by providing a set of the most commonly needed BRAT functionalities (data computations, data conversions, etc.). These functionalities are in turn user-configurable by so-called parameter files that can easily be created, stored, and shared.

The console applications included in BRAT are: *BratCreateYFX*, *BratCreateZFXY*, *BratListFieldNames*, *BratShowInternalFile*, *BratStats*, *BratExportAscii* and *BratExportGeoTiff*.

In addition, BRAT also contains the lower-level CODA console applications mentioned in Section 1.2.1.1, as well as the similarly low-level *ncdump* and *ngen* utilities. These latter two are part of the netCDF library and can be used to inspect (*ncdump*) or create (*ngen*) data files in the netCDF format.

More information about the BRAT Console Applications can be found in Chapter 8, Using BRAT in ‘command lines’ mode with parameter files.

## BRAT GUI Applications

In order to provide a truly pleasant, user-friendly interface to the BRAT functionality, BRAT also contains three applications that present a Graphical User Interface (GUI). It is expected that most BRAT users will primarily interact with BRAT through these applications.

## BratGui

*BratGui* is the main BRAT application. It allows the user to create and manage Workspaces, Datasets, Operations and Views at a very high level of abstraction, and with all the power and convenience of a modern-day graphical user interface. BratGui is built on top of the BRAT Console Applications, which it invokes 'under the hood', shielding the user from having to deal with command line options or parameter files directly.

There is a price to pay for the convenience of BratGui: not *all* functionality of the console applications is available through BratGui. If the users reach the limits of what can be done with BratGui, they will have to learn to work with the console applications after all. For a majority of important uses, however, the functionality of BratGui should be sufficient.

More information about BratGui can be found in Chapter 4 BRAT Graphical User Interface (GUI).

## BratDisplay

*BratDisplay* is the BRAT visualisation component used as a component of BratGui but also available as a standalone utility. It is partially a GUI Application because it presents a windowed environment for further interaction with the visualisation, and partially a Console Application as it needs a parameter file as input and has to be started from the command-line.

As with the Console Applications, many users will typically interact with *BratDisplay* through *BratGui* only, but it is a useful tool to be aware of.

More information about BratDisplay can be found in Chapter 60 Visualisation interface.

## BratScheduler

*BratScheduler* enables BRAT user to delay the execution of an Operation (e.g. having it running at night). It is available through BratGUI in the Operations tab, but can also be accessed through its own icon/executable (to check and modify a scheduled task, in particular).

More information about BratScheduler can be found in Chapter 7 BRAT scheduler interface.

## Data read and processed

### Background

The Basic Radar Altimetry Toolbox is able to read most distributed radar altimetry data, from (ERS-1 & 2 (ESA), Topex/Poseidon (NASA/CNES), Geosat Follow-On (US Navy), Jason-1 (CNES/NASA), Envisat (ESA), Cryosat (ESA), Jason-2 (CNES/NASA/EUMETSAT/NOAA) and the to be launched Sentinel-3 (ESA/EU) missions. The different types of data readable and processed by the Basic Radar Altimetry Toolbox are listed below (for a description of the exact datasets with their nomenclature, see 85, List of datasets read by BRAT).

Note that data stored in arrays (e.g. waveforms) are not available individually (i.e. you can't access one value in the array) through the Graphical User Interface, but "only" through the API (See Chapter 9, BRATHL Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)), except for high-resolution GDR data (10, 18 and 20-Hz data) that you can access individually via the GUI.

NetCDF COARDS-CF compliant data can be read by BRAT. Note, however, that no warning/error message will be issued if different data are mixed, thus leading to incoherent datasets.

### Level 1B/2 data products

Data	Satellite(s)	Data center	Format
Level 1B & level 2	Cryosat	ESA	ESA PDS
Level 1B & Level 2 Ocean Products	Cryosat	ESA	ESA PDS
RA-2 wind/wave product for Meteo Users (RA2_WWV_2P)	Envisat	ESA	ESA PDS
RA-2 Fast Delivery Geophysical Data Record (RA2_FGD_2P)	Envisat	ESA	ESA PDS
RA-2 Geophysical Data Record (RA2_GDR_2P)	Envisat	ESA	ESA PDS
RA-2 Intermediate Geophysical Data Record (RA2_IGD_2P)	Envisat	ESA	ESA PDS
RA-2 Sensor Data Record (RA2_MWS_2P)	Envisat	ESA	ESA PDS
Interim Geophysical data record (IGDR)	Jason-1, Topex/Poseidon	AVISO PO.DAAC	binary
Geophysical data record (GDR)	Jason-1, Topex/Poseidon	AVISO PO.DAAC	binary
Operational Sensor Data Record (OSDR)	Jason-1	AVISO PO.DAAC	binary
Sensor Geophysical data record (SGDR)	Jason-1	AVISO PO.DAAC	binary
Operational / Interim / Geophysical data record (O/I/GDR)	Jason-2	AVISO EUMETSAT NOAA	netCDF
Sensor (Interim) Geophysical data record (S(I)GDR)	Jason-2	AVISO EUMETSAT NOAA	netCDF
Sea Surface Height Anomaly Operational / Interim / Geophysical data record (SSHA O/I/GDR)	Jason-2	AVISO EUMETSAT NOAA	netCDF
Topex waveforms	Topex/Poseidon	PO.DAAC	binary
RA OPR	ERS-1 and 2	CERSAT	ESA PDS
RA WAP	ERS-1 and 2	CERSAT	ESA PDS
ERS REAPER Level 2 Products	ERS-1 and 2	ESA	netCDF
Geophysical data record (GDR)	GFO	NOAA	binary

Data	Satellite(s)	Data center	Format
Level 1 & Level 2 Products	Sentinel 3*	ESA	netCDF

## Higher-level products

Data	Satellite(s)	Data center	Format
Along-track Delayed-Time and Near Real Time Sea Level Anomalies (DT- & NRT-SLA) (Ssalto/Duacs multission products)	Cryosat, Jason-1, Jason-2, Topex/Poseidon, GFO, Envisat, ERS-2, ERS-1	AVISO	netCDF
Along-track Delayed-Time and Near Real Time Absolute Dynamic Topography (DT- & NRT-ADT) (Ssalto/Duacs multission products)	Cryosat, Jason-1, Jason-2, Topex/Poseidon, GFO, Envisat, ERS-2, ERS-1	AVISO	netCDF
Gridded Delayed-Time and Near Real Time Maps of Sea Level Anomalies (DT- & NRT-MSLA) (Ssalto/Duacs multission products)	merged	AVISO	netCDF
Gridded Delayed-Time and Near Real Time Maps of Sea Level Anomalies mapping error (DT- & NRT-MSLA) (Ssalto/Duacs multission products)	merged	AVISO	netCDF
Gridded Delayed-Time and Near Real Time Maps of Sea Level Anomalies geostrophic velocities (DT- & NRT-MSLA) (Ssalto/Duacs multission products)	merged	AVISO	netCDF
Gridded Delayed-Time and Near Real TimeMaps of Absolute Dynamic Topography (DT- & NRT-MADT) (Ssalto/Duacs multission products)	merged	AVISO	netCDF
Delayed-Time and Near Real Time Absolute Dynamic Topography geostrophic velocities (DT- & NRT-MADT) (Ssalto/Duacs multission products)	merged	AVISO	netCDF
Along-track Delayed-Time Sea Level Anomalies (DT-SLA) (monomission product)	Cryosat, Jason-1, Jason-2, Topex/Poseidon, Envisat, ERS-2	AVISO	netCDF
Along-track Delayed-Time Corrected Sea Surface Height (DT-CorSSH) (monomission product)	Cryosat, Jason-1, Jason-2, Topex/Poseidon, Envisat, ERS-2	AVISO	netCDF
Along-track Sea Surface Height Anomalies (AT-SSHA)	Topex/Poseidon, Jason-1	PO.DAAC	binary
Along-track Gridded Sea Surface Height Anomalies (ATG-SSHA)	Topex/Poseidon, Jason-1	PO.DAAC	binary
Gridded Near Real Time Maps of Significant Wave Height (NRT-MSWH ) (mono- and multi-mission products)	Jason-1, Jason-2, Topex/Poseidon, Envisat, GFO, merged	AVISO	netCDF
Gridded Near Real Time Maps of Wind Speed modulus (NRT-MWind)	Jason-1, Jason-2, Topex/Poseidon, Envisat, GFO, merged	AVISO	netCDF
Heracles along-track land-ice (multission products)*	Cryosat, Envisat	ESA	netCDF
Heracles crossover land-ice (multission products)*	Cryosat, Envisat	ESA	netCDF
Gridded Heracles SHA land-ice (multission products)*	Cryosat, Envisat, merged	ESA	netCDF
Gridded Heracles Sigma0 land-ice (multission products)*	Cryosat, Envisat, merged	ESA	netCDF
Gridded Heracles Leading Edge Width (LEW) land-ice (multission products)	Cryosat, Envisat, merged	ESA	netCDF
River & Lake products	Envisat	ESA	binary

## How to install and uninstall BRAT

### Supported Platforms

BRAT binaries are available as single-file installer packages for the three major operating systems, in 32 and 64 bit processor architectures: Windows<sup>1</sup>, Linux<sup>2</sup>, and Mac OS X<sup>3</sup>. These standalone installers can be downloaded from the BRAT Website ([http://earth.esa.int/BRAT/html/data/toolbox\\_en.html](http://earth.esa.int/BRAT/html/data/toolbox_en.html)) or copied from the top-level directory of the BRAT Distribution CD.

On not directly supported platforms and for certain purposes, BRAT will have to be compiled from source. A source archive is therefore also available, but as compilation is a rather complex affair it is highly recommended to try one of the binary installers first.

### The BRAT Distribution CD

The BRAT Distribution CD contains:

- The binary installers for the supported platforms.
- The source archive.
- A copy of all the BRAT documentation (also already included in the binary installers).
- A large directory of sample data files (which is too large to be included in the binary installers).

### MS Windows

#### Installing the binary distribution

BRAT supports Windows XP (32 bit) and higher (32 and 64 bit). The binary distribution contains pre-built versions of the full toolbox as well as all the BRAT documentation and examples. For the MATLAB and Python interfaces, pre-built versions are included that will work with MATLAB V8.1/R2013a or higher and Python 3.0 or higher. For the IDL interface, BRAT version 3.1.0 should be used; it will work with IDL 6.3 or higher.

The BRAT Windows binary installers are found in the files:

*brat-3.3.0-Win32-installer.exe (32 bit)*

*brat-3.3.0-x64-installer.exe (64 bit)*

In order to install BRAT, select and double-click the installer file that matches the architecture of your Windows version and follow the instructions.

By default, BRAT will be installed in C:/Program Files/BRAT-3.3.0/<sup>4</sup>, or in the user's local profile directory when installed as a user without Administrator privileges. It is also possible to specify a custom installation location during the installation process.

After installation, the BRAT Console and GUI applications are immediately ready for use. A shortcut to the BratGui application will have been placed on the desktop and is also accessible via the *Start > Programs > Brat<version><architecture>* menu. In order to use the Console Applications (including BratDisplay), open a command window and call the applications directly from their installed location (C:/Program Files/ BRAT-3.3.0/bin/ by default, or else wherever you instructed the installer to install BRAT).

There is a number of optional software prerequisites to using BRAT after installation:

- If you plan on using the C interface, you should have a C or C++ compiler installed on your system. The C interface has been verified to work with Microsoft Visual Studio 13, but it is expected to be compatible without major

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<sup>4</sup> This is valid for 32 bit installers in 32 bit systems and 64 bit installers in 64 bit systems. 32 bit installers in 64 bit systems will install BRAT by default in C:/Program Files (x86)/BRAT-3.3.1/.

issues with the same tools that could build BRAT 3.1.0, in the same or higher versions, with the single exception of Visual Studio 6.

- If you plan on using the Fortran interface, you should have a FORTRAN 77 or Fortran 90 compiler installed on your system.
- If you plan on using the IDL interface, besides installing BRAT 3.1.0 side-by-side with BRAT 3.3.0, you need a recent version of IDL for Windows: The IDL interface has been verified to work with IDL version 6.3 and higher.
- If you plan on using the MATLAB interface you need a recent version of MATLAB for Windows: The MATLAB interface will only work with MATLAB version V8.1/R2013a or higher.
- If you plan on using the Python interface you need to have a version of Python 3.x installed on your Windows system, and it must match the installed BRAT architecture (32 bit or 64 bit). You will then be able to open a console in the sub-directory \examples\python of your installation root and run

```
> python example.py
```

If the Python executable is not referenced in your PATH environment variable, you must invoke python with the full path; so, if Python is installed in C:\Python34\, the command will be:

```
> C:\Python34\python example.py
```

Check example.py and the annex concerning the Python API to find more details about setting up the proper environment for running Python code that interfaces with the BRATHL library.

## Installing from source

Generally, installation from source will be necessary if:

- You want to use the MATLAB interface to BRAT for a version that is incompatible with the pre-compiled interface in BRAT.
- You want to use the Fortran interface.

The BRAT source distribution can be found in the file:

*brat-3.3.0.tar.gz*

After unpacking this archive in a suitable location, instructions for configuring, compiling and installing BRAT for Windows can be found in the top-level file INSTALL.

## Uninstalling

Open the 'Add/Remove Programs' or 'Programs and Features' control panel, and select the BRAT entry. Everything created during installation will then be removed.

Alternatively, choose the 'Uninstall BRAT' menu item from *Start > Programs > BRAT<version><architecture>* – this will have the same result.

These uninstall methods only work for BRAT installations created through the binary installers. For BRAT installations from source, you will need to remove the various files and directories manually.

## Linux

### Installing the binary distribution

BRAT is developed on platforms running the Debian GNU/Linux 7.x operating systems, 32 bit (PAE) and 64 bit (to note that the ia32 libraries are needed in 64 bit Linux OS for installer to run). Other Linux distributions (especially ones released in the past two years or so) are quite likely to work equally well, provided the operating system contains the following components:

- X11 Windowing System (BRAT has been tested on Xorg Xserver v1.1.1 and higher)

- GTK 2 libraries (BRAT has been tested on libgtk2 v2.8.20 or higher)
- C run-time libraries (BRAT has been tested on libc6 v2.3.6 or higher)
- ia32 libraries (in case that it is a 64 bit Linux OS)

You will have to consult your Linux distribution's package manager to verify or update these components, but in general it is easier to install the BRAT binary distribution and simply see if it works or not (if it does not, you can always try to compile BRAT from source – see below for details).

The binary distribution contains pre-built versions of the full toolbox as well as all the BRAT documentation, examples, C, Fortran and Python interfaces. Because of inherent library versioning and path issues on the Linux platform, no MATLAB interface is included in the binary installation. If desired, it can be created by compiling from source for your specific installed version of MATLAB. For the IDL interface, BRAT version 3.1.0 should be used.

The BRAT Linux binary installers are found in the files:

*brat-3.3.0-i386-installer.run (32 bit)*  
*brat-3.3.0-x86\_64-installer.run (64 bit)*

In order to install BRAT, double-click on the installer file from a desktop manager window (or execute it from a command-line shell) and follow the instructions. (If you downloaded the installer via a network it may have been given the wrong file permissions and not be recognised by the system as executable. You should run the command 'chmod +x brat-3.3.0-x-installer.run', replacing "x" by "i386" or "x86\_64" as appropriate, in order to make it executable.)

**NOTE:** For 64 bit operating system execute the script *brat-3.3.0-x86\_64-installer.sh* (it checks if ia32 libraries are installed in your system and automatically runs the installer *brat-3.3.0-x86\_64-installer.run*).

By default, BRAT will be installed in \$HOME/brat-3.3.0/ (where \$HOME stands for the user's home directory), or /usr/local/brat-3.3.0/ when installed as the root user. It is also possible to specify a custom installation location during the installation process.

After installation, the BRAT Console and GUI applications are immediately ready for use. A shortcut to the BratGui application will have been placed on the desktop. In order to use the Console Applications (including BratDisplay), open a command-line shell and call the applications directly from their installed location (\$HOME/BRAT-3.3.0/bin or else wherever you instructed the installer to install BRAT).

There is a number of optional software prerequisites to using BRAT after installation:

- If you plan on using the C interface, you should have the GNU C or C++ compiler installed on your system. The C interface has been verified to work with GNU C/C++ 4.7.2.
- If you plan on using the Fortran interface, you should have a FORTRAN 77 or Fortran 90 compiler installed on your system. The Fortran interface has been verified to work with GNU Fortran 4.7.2.
- If you plan on using the Python interface you need to have installed a version of Python 3.x matching the installed BRAT architecture (32 bit or 64 bit). You will then be able to open a console in the sub-directory /examples/python of your installation directory and run
- \$ python3 example.py

## Installing from source

Generally, installation from source on Linux will only be necessary if:

- You want to use the MATLAB interface to BRAT.
- You are on a system that is older than the one used to create the BRAT Linux binary distribution (in which case BRAT will fail to run if installed as a binary).

The BRAT source distribution can be found in the file:

*brat-3.3.0.tar.gz*

After unpacking this archive in a suitable location, instructions for configuring, compiling and installing BRAT on Linux (or other Unix-based systems) can be found in the top-level file INSTALL.

## Uninstalling

In the installation folder (the default one or the one chosen), there is an executable called *uninstall-brat-3.3.0-linux-i386* or *uninstall-brat-3.3.0-linux-x86\_64* which can be executed to remove everything created during the installation.

There is also a shortcut, called ‘Uninstall Basic Radar Altimetry Toolbox’, which can be double-clicked from within your desktop manager (if you use the KDE or GNOME desktop environment) to get the same result.

## Mac OS X

### Installing the binary distribution

BRAT is supported on Intel-based systems running Mac OS X versions 10.6 or later (32 and 64 bit kernels).

This binary distribution contains pre-built versions of the full toolbox as well as all the BRAT documentation, examples, C, Fortran and Python interfaces. Because of inherent library versioning issues on the Mac OS Unix-based platform, no MATLAB interface is included in the binary installation. If desired, these can be created by compiling from source for your specific installed version of MATLAB. For the IDL interface, BRAT version 3.1.0 should be used.

The BRAT Mac OS X binary installers can be found in the disk image files:

*brat-3.3.0-macosx-i386.dmg* (32 bit)

or:

*brat-3.3.0-macosx-x86\_64.dmg* (64 bit)

In order to install BRAT, double-click on the image file to mount and open it. Then, copy the BratGui and BratScheduler applications that are inside the disk image to your Applications folder.

In order to use the Console Applications (including BratDisplay), drag the 'brat' folder from the image window to any appropriate location. Then, using e.g. the Terminal application, run the applications via a console directly from brat/bin.

To do a full installation, including the several documentation items (README, INSTALL, manuals, etc.), you can copy the mounted installation folder to Applications (drag the icon representing the mounted image, while pressing the Command key). This is also recommended if you have other versions installed, or if you plan to use both 32 and 64 bit versions on the same system. Each complete version will then be located in its own folder, properly identified, without overwriting any file previously installed, as would be the case if the separate items were dragged directly into Applications.

After installation, the BRAT Console and GUI applications are immediately ready for use. BratGui can be started by double-clicking the BratGui icon.

There is a number of optional software prerequisites to using BRAT after installation:

- If you plan on using the C interface, you should have the GNU C or C++ compiler installed on your system. The C interface has been verified to work with GNU C/C++ 4.2.
- If you plan on using the Fortran interface, you should have a FORTRAN 77 or Fortran 90 compiler installed on your system. The Fortran interface has been verified to work with GNU Fortran 5.1.0.
- If you plan on using the Python interface you need to have Python 3.x for Mac OS X installed on your system. You will then be able to open a console in the sub-directory /examples/python of the 'brat' folder and run

```
$ python3 example.py
```

Or, to use 32 bit Python,

```
$ arch -i386 python3 example.py
```

The Python version that you invoke must match the architecture (32 bit or 64 bit) of the BRAT installation where is located the example you are trying to run.

Check `example.py` and the annex concerning the Python API to find more details about setting up the proper environment for running Python code that interfaces with the BRATHL library.

## Installing from source

Generally, installation from source on Mac OS X will only be necessary if:

- You want to use the MATLAB interface to BRAT.

The BRAT source distribution can be found in the file:

*brat-3.3.0.tar.gz*

After unpacking this archive in a suitable location, up-to-date instructions for configuring, compiling and installing BRAT on Mac OS X can be found in the top-level file `INSTALL`.

## Uninstalling

To uninstall any version of BRAT, simply move to the trash any items you copied when installing that version.

## BRAT Graphical User Interface (GUI)

### Overview

The BRAT Graphical User Interface (GUI) is a windowed interface to the BRAT Tools. Note that not all tool functions are accessible from the GUI (some options are only available using the command files directly).

The BRAT GUI includes:

- a “Workspace” menu
- a “Datasets” tab
- an “Operations” tab
- a “Views” tab
- a “Logs” tab

BRAT GUI basically creates parameter files (see Section 8, Using BRAT in ‘command lines’ mode with parameter files), that are stored in an 'Operations' and a 'Views' folders, and runs several executables. It also enables to save your preferences and work.

The next section of this manual (4.2, Starting with BRAT GUI) explains the basics of the interface. For more detailed information about all the functionalities, see section 4.3, BRAT GUI tabs description.

### Starting with BRAT GUI

Using BRAT GUI is basically a 4-step process.

You have to:

1. define a '**Workspace- 2. define one or several '**Dataset(s)- 3. define one or several '**Operation(s)**' (see section 4.2.3, Create an operation):****

define 'Data Expressions': the field(s) you wish and what you want to do with them (one field with respect to one or two others, combine them, statistics, resampling...)

(optionally) define 'Selection criteria': edit the data and/or select them with respect to your criteria (geographical, time, thresholds,...)

Execute it to create an output file

4. define your "**View(s)**

Execute it to open the data visualisation tool, and produce an output image (to be saved in PNG, JPEG, BMP, TIFF, PNM) (see section 4.2.4, Create a view)

BRAT GUI is organised in four tabs (Datasets, Operations, Views and Logs), and a 'Workspace' menu. Each tab corresponds to a different function, and to a different step in the process, so you'll have to use all of them one after the other.

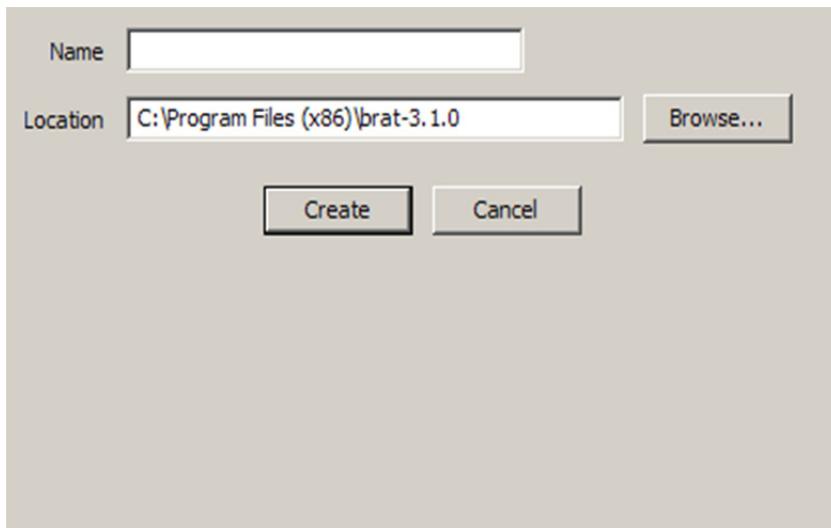
This section gives the main information for a quick-start with BRAT GUI. For more complete information, see the relevant sections within the 4.3, BRAT GUI tabs description.

## Create a workspace

When you open BRAT GUI, the software asks for the name and location of the 'Workspace' you will be working in. A 'Workspace' is a way of saving your preferences, computations and generally the work done with BRAT GUI. Some or all elements of a workspace can be imported into another workspace. There is no specific tab for the Workspace, only the menu the furthest to the left.

**It is highly recommended to save your workspace** (ctrl+s, or 'save' in the workspace menu) **while working**. You will be asked whether or not you wish to save the workspace when you quit BRAT GUI. Note that if you answer "no" and have not saved anything previously, none of your work can be recalled later.

If there are already one or more valid workspace(s), BRAT GUI recalls the last used Workspace by default.

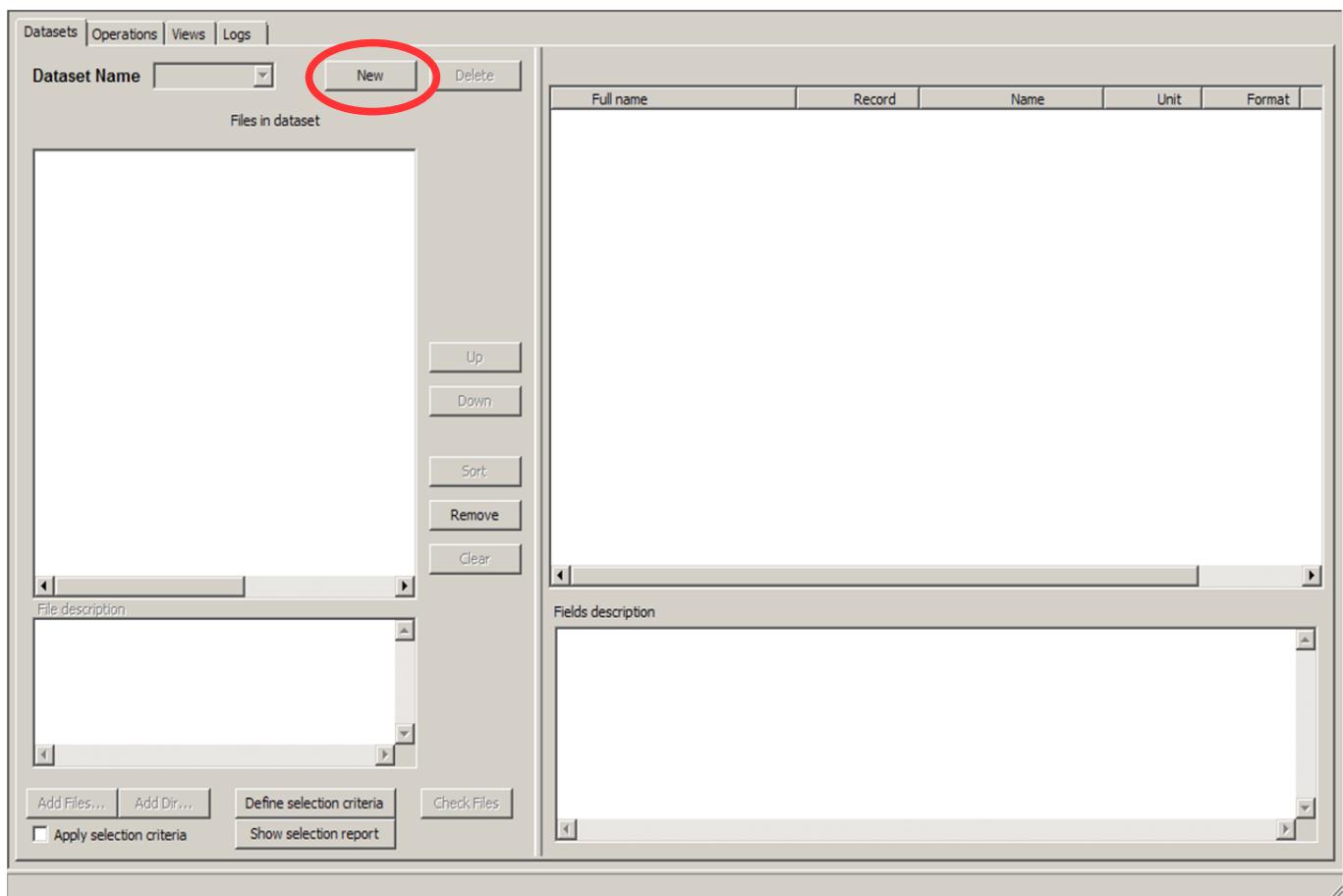


*Figure 1: 'Create a new workspace' window. You can choose to save it wherever you want on your hard drive or local network, and name it as you prefer (preferably in such a way you will remember what's in it).*

## Create a dataset

The first tab opened if you have never used BRAT is 'Datasets' (otherwise, the default tab is the one that was opened when you left BRAT GUI the last time you used it). This 'Datasets' tab is dedicated to the definition and selection of the data you want to use. You **must** define **at least one** dataset to be able to further use BRAT.

To create a dataset, click on the 'new' button in the Datasets tab.



**Figure 2: The Dataset tab as it appears when opening a new Workspace. The “New” button enables to create a new dataset.**

Default name for a new dataset is 'Dataset\_1', with the number incrementing each time you create a dataset. You are strongly encouraged to re-name it, so that you'll remember what's in it when using it later on. To rename it, simply select the name, type in another one and press the Enter key.

When you have created your dataset and named it, you then have to add one or more data file(s), chosen from your hard drive, CD/DVD driver, local network or other medium,. You can do so:

by using the '**Add Files**' button. **At least one file is necessary.**

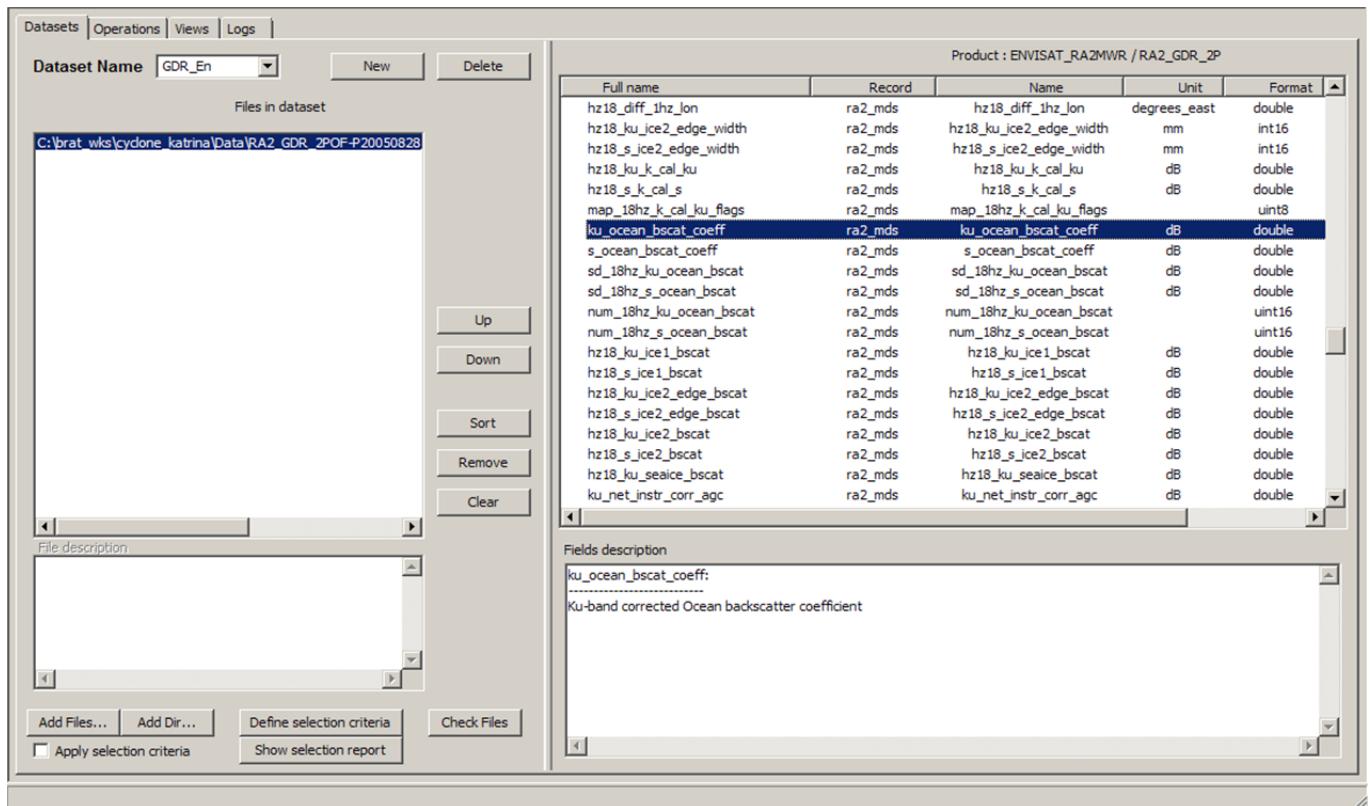
If you wish to add a long list of files, the '**Add Dir**' button allows you to choose all of the files within a folder by simply choosing the folder in which they are stored. Be careful that some data have header files in their data folders (you can remove them after selecting the whole folder) that won't be considered as homogeneous with the data files by BRAT.

By **dragging and dropping** one or several files, or even a complete directory. Note that you have to have created the dataset beforehand.

**Only coherent datasets are possible** (i.e. same format, same data product). BRAT netCDF outputs can be used, even several of them, provided they have exactly the same variables, with the same names. The '**Check Files**' button enable to verify this homogeneity.

Once you have added at least one data file, if you click on one file name in the list, you can see, right, information about the available fields within the data product, and (for netCDF files), about the file description below.

You can pre-select files relevant for your work by using the '**Define selection criteria**' button and the '**Apply selection criteria**' check box (see 4.3.2.3, Selection of data files), in order not to uselessly process files out of desired area/period/cycle or pass. **This feature DOES NOT EXTRACT DATA from files**, it “only” selects relevant files.



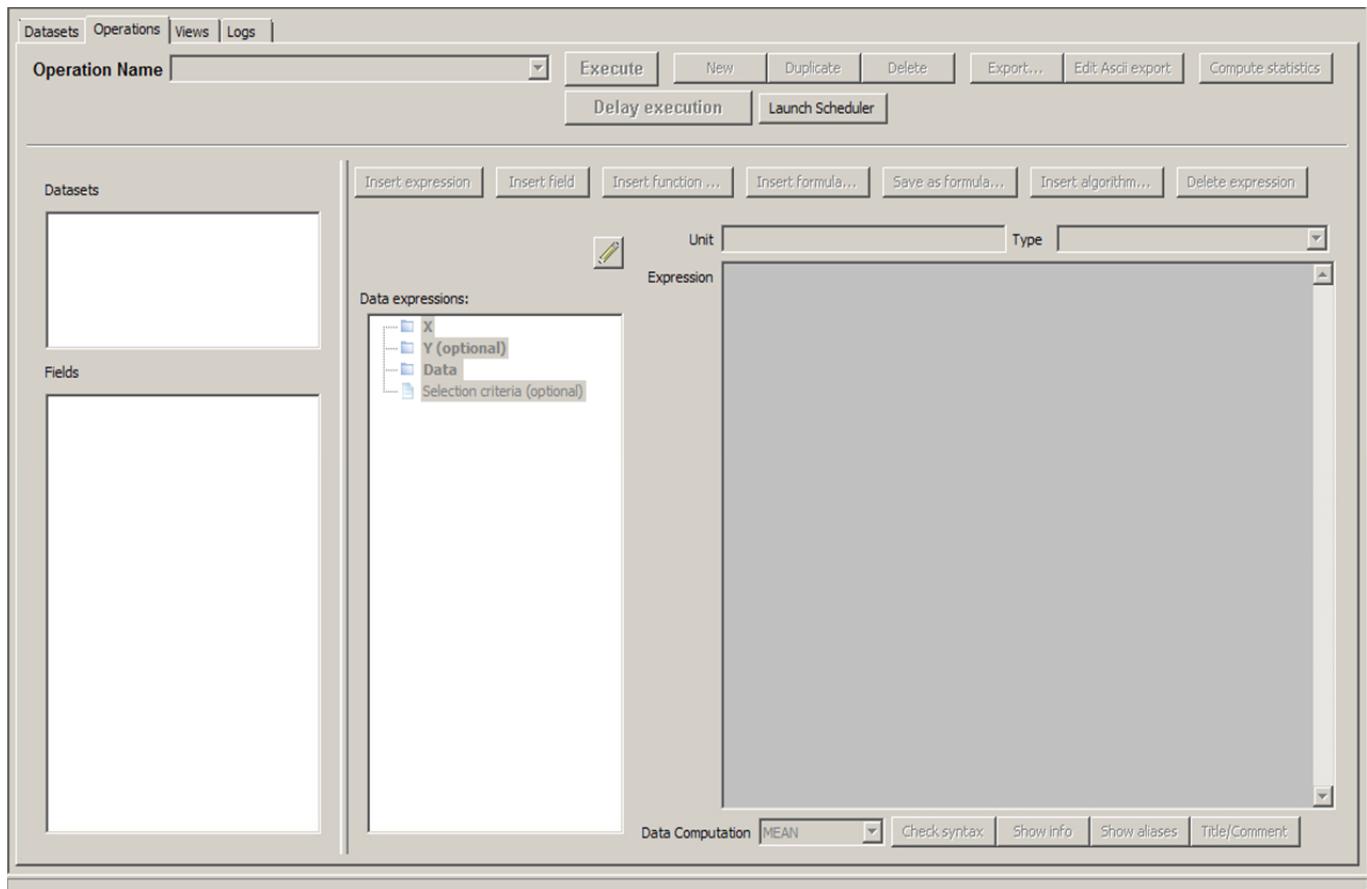
**Figure 3: A dataset. On the left, the list of files; right (top) the list of available fields for the selected file format,right (bottom), the description of the selected field as it appears in the data dictionary. Bottom left box give the file description for netCDF data.**

## Create an operation

When you have defined which data you want to work on, you have to define what you want to do with them. This is done in the 'Operations' tab.

If none exist, you **have to create an Operation**. Click on the 'new' button.

Default name for a new Operation is 'Operations\_1', with the number incrementing each time you create an operation. You are strongly encouraged to re-name it, so that you'll remember what's in it when using it later on. To rename it, simply select the name, type in another one and press the Enter key.



**Figure 4: An empty 'Operations' tab. The 'New' button enable to create a new 'Operation'.**

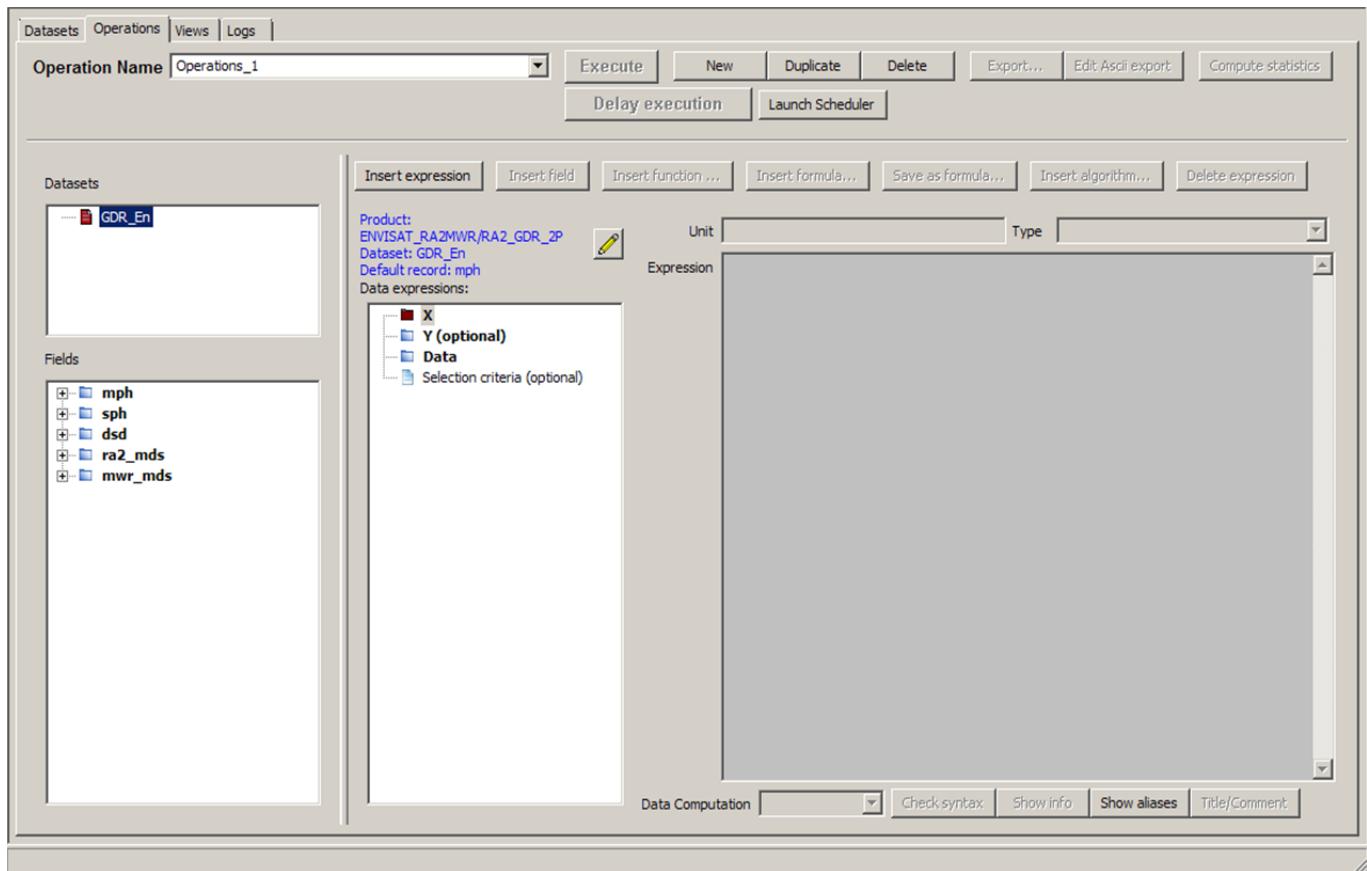
Otherwise, you may work with a previously saved operation. The 'Operation Name' dropdown list contains all the already defined operations within the workspace, which can be selected, renamed, duplicated, modified... Note that if you change the name of an operation within the 'name' box, it renames your operation. To copy an operation, use the '**Duplicate**' button.

### Select source data

The information about the source data are in the leftmost part of the Operations tab.

You first have to choose the dataset you want to work with from the list of existing datasets (topmost box). Then, within this dataset, the whole list of available fields is proposed, organised as a tree. If the data are split in different records, click on the '+' to expand the tree, '-' to flatten it.

The description of each field is given in a tooltip appearing when your mouse goes over the name of the field.



**Figure 5: Choosing a dataset (here only one dataset is available, but many more can be added); below, the tree with records and data fields.**

## Define expressions

### Generalities

An operation consists mainly in the definition of 'Expressions'.

An expression can be simple (one data field), or complex (with the use of arithmetic combinations, functions applied on several fields, etc.).

In the second column box of the 'Operations' tab ('Data expression'), you can see four categories of Expressions:

- X
- Y (optional)
- Data
- Selection criteria (optional)

**At least one expression as 'X', and one as 'Data' must be defined for an Operation to be valid.**

These expressions can be filled by several means, the quickest being by **drag & drop** : drag a field from the leftmost list and drop it in either one of those, or in the 'Expression' box (you can also use contextual menus by right-clicking either on the data fields or on the expressions, or use the 'Insert expression' and/or 'Insert field' button, or type in an empty expression the field names and functions you want to apply).

A 'brat\_index\_data' can be listed within the available data field. This is the index of the data (i.e. Measurement number in the file and/or record) **ordered along the time within a given file**. This means that it is not available for (e.g.) longitude-latitude grids, or for some data where the time is not provided explicitly.

If using this index with several different files in the same dataset, note that **the order of the files as appears within the dataset will be kept** (thus, if the files are not ordered chronologically, the net result will **not** be chronological either)

Note that only **one** expression can be defined as X, and (optionally) one as Y, whereas more than twenty can be defined as Data.

An Expression can be:

- only one field in a dataset (typically, for a map, longitude as X-axis, latitude as Y-axis, and e.g. significant wave height as Data, etc.)
- a combination of fields, either +,-,\* and /, or by using the available Functions (see 4.3.3.4.2, *Functions*).
- a pre-set combination of fields among the ones you will find in the 'Formulas' (see 4.3.3.4.3, *Formulas*), e.g. SSH computation.

To check if your expression is well formulated, you can click on the '**Check syntax**' button (note, however, that this won't provide you with a validation of the relevance of your expression from the point of view of physics).

The '**Show Info**' button provides information about the original units (the ones defined in the data products) and the units used during computation or selection.

The '**Show Aliases**' button provides information about the aliases available for the chosen dataset. Aliases are equivalents that you can use instead of the fields' name.

E.g. a %{swh} alias exists, that works for all GDR data for the Ku-band significant wave height. Note, however, that since not all the fields exists for all the data, you may encounter warnings if you try some aliases on all the altimetry data.

If you want to go back on your work later on, or to save an expression as formula, we strongly suggest that you take the time to fill the information in the '**Title/comment**' fields (available by clicking on the button)

### X, Y and Data Expressions

You can change the name of any X, Y or Data Expression, by double-clicking on their name, or by using the contextual menu available by right-click. This will then be the default name on the plots, on the axis or near to the scale if you have not given a title to your Expression (in the title/comment).

You can change the unit as it appears above the Expression box.

BRAT is able to understand all SI units and their sub-units as defined in the International System, i.e. **case sensitive** (e.g. "ms" means milliseconds, whereas "Ms" would mean megaseconds). There are also "count" for data without dimension, and "dB" (see section 4.3.3.4.1, Units). If you let "count" (which is the default) as unit, the resulting data will be in the basic SI unit (e.g. in metres, even if the field you used was defined in mm). **Note that you have to validate your change of unit by typing "enter" or clicking on the box below.**

If you choose a pre-saved formula, a default unit will appear as the unit. If you select one field in the dataset list and insert it, it will automatically be filled with the correct unit (but if you finally write your own formula, beware that the final unit might be different). If the unit you defined does not fit the unit of the data as defined, an error message will be generated (again, this does not work for complex expressions).

On any X, Y or Data Expression, you can apply 'data computation' (see 4.3.3.4.5, Data computation), to:

- compute statistics **at each point** (same X, optionally same Y): MEAN, STDDEV (standard deviation), COUNT.
- do some arithmetic operations **between files** within a dataset: adding, subtracting or multiplying: SUM, SUBTRACTION, PRODUCT)
- it can also be used for the display (MEAN, FIRST, LAST, MIN, MAX), if you prefer to visualise, for instance, the last value rather than the mean one.

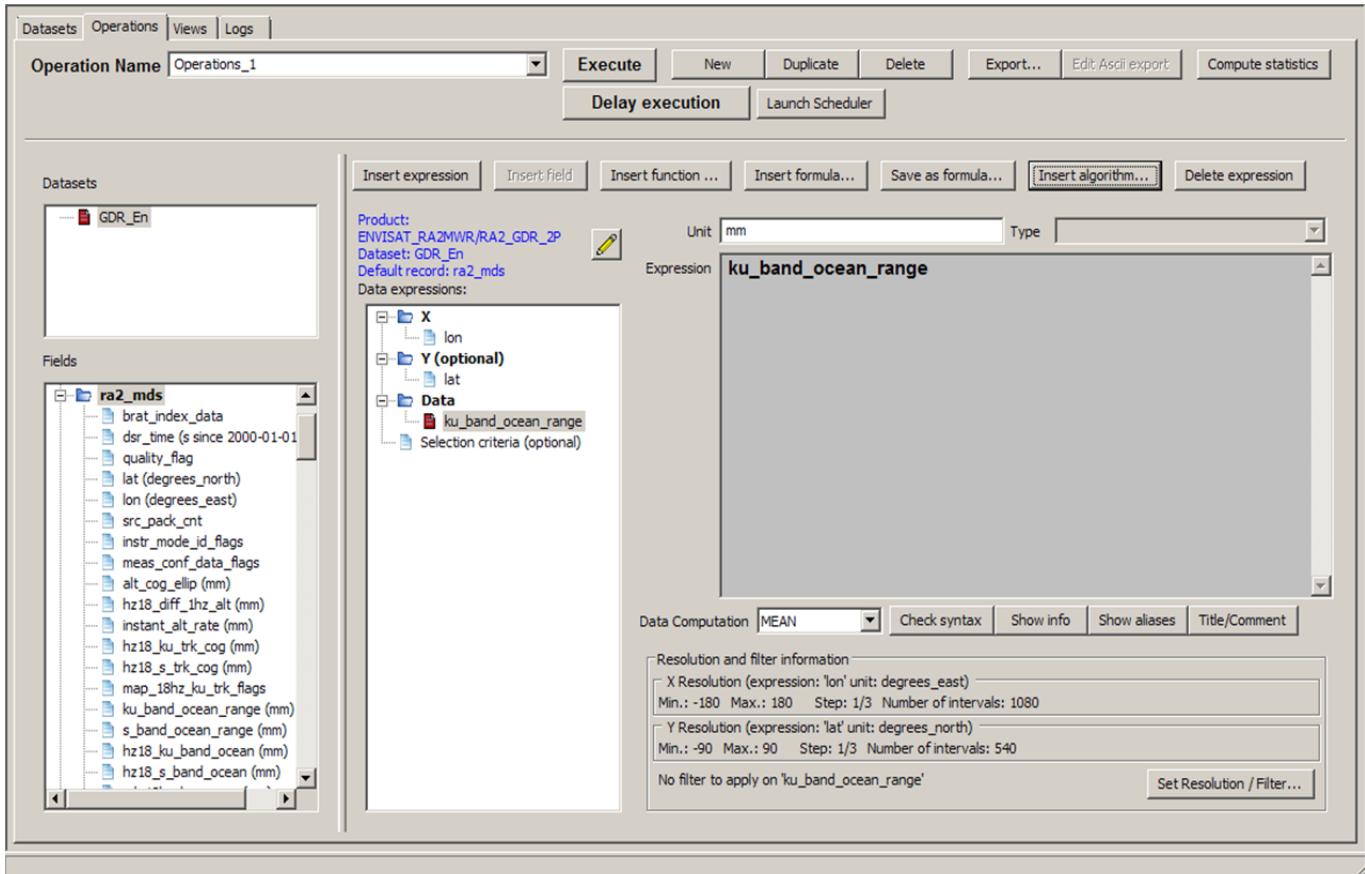
Note that to compute the statistics for the Data Expressions as a whole (Number of valid data, Mean, Standard deviation, Minimum, Maximum), you can use the '**Compute Statistics**' button.

There are two main kinds of Operations:

- one – or several – Data expression(s) with respect to another one (X), leading to a "curve" plot
- or one – or more – Data expression(s) with respect to two others, leading to a "map" plot

In the first case, you'll fill only the "X" expression; in the second, you'll fill both X and Y expressions. Note that X and Y can be Longitude and Latitude, but can also be any other two fields or combination of fields within the dataset.

If you fill **both X and Y, you have to define a resolution**. For Longitude, Latitude a default resolution (1/3 of a degree for both axis), minimum and maximum are proposed. For other X and/or Y, a step of 1 is proposed, but no minimum and maximum. You can define a step, minimum and maximum values, or use the minimum and maximum value of your expression by clicking on the 'Get min/max expression values' button). The number of intervals is automatically computed from those elements, and cannot be directly changed.



**Figure 6: An 'Operations' tab window when both X and Y are filled. Note the 'Resolution and filter Information' below the Expression box**

Note that

- you cannot choose different resolutions for different data expressions within the same operation (they all share the same X and Y!).
- by choosing a step, you may sub-sample your source data.
- Changing the Min/Max can be used to extract a smaller X-Y area (as well as the selection criteria).
- And, of course, the smaller the steps, the higher the computation time! (and the heavier the output file)

You can also choose to smooth and/or extrapolate the data by means of a Loess filter so as to obtain a fully colored plot (and not individual tracks or points on a map). In that case, you will have to fill in the corresponding information for X and Y, too (see section 4.3.3.4.6, *Resolution and Filters*).

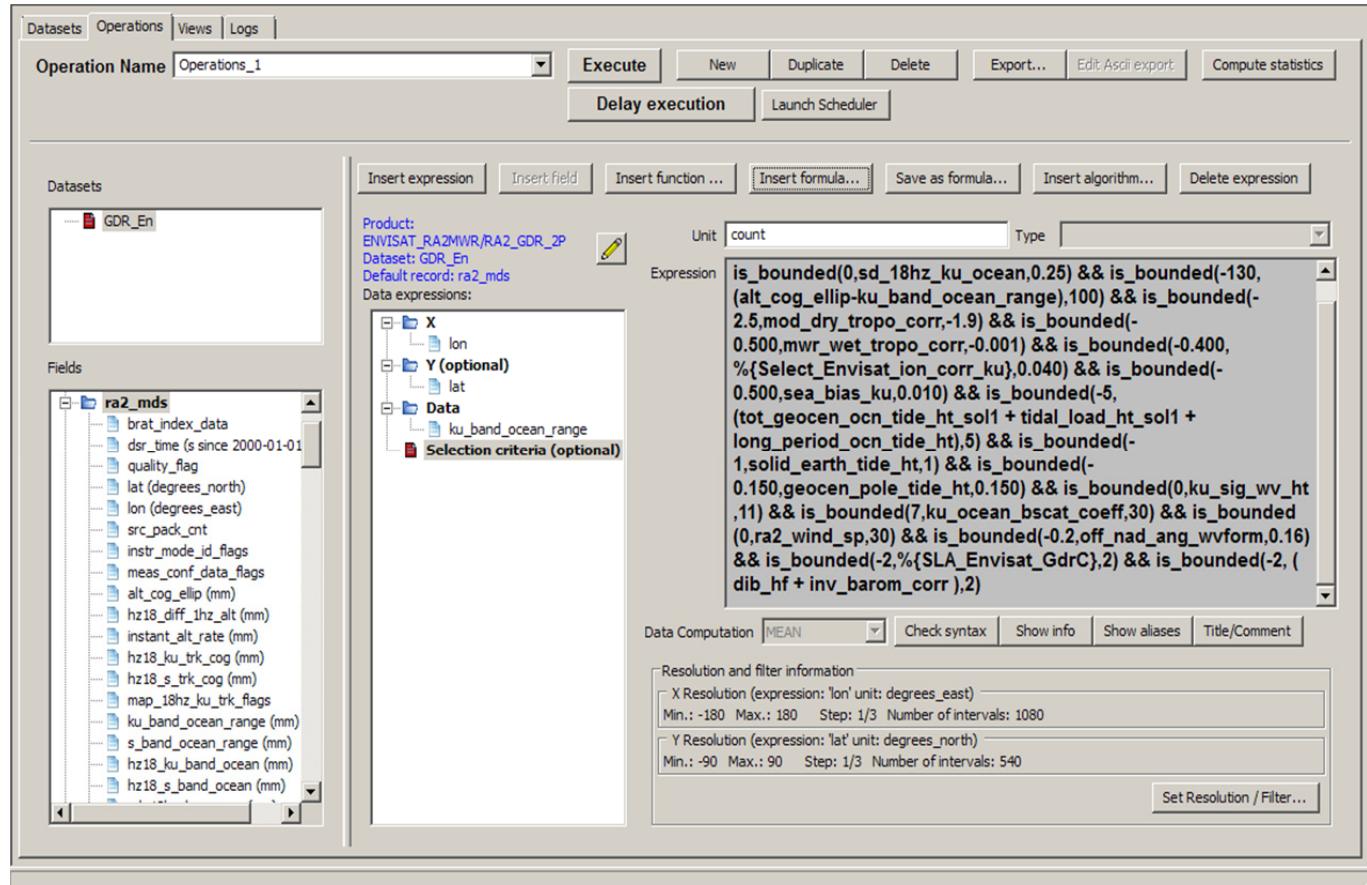
#### Selection criteria expression

The Selection criteria expression is used to select data e.g. by date and/or boundaries, etc. and/or for editing it using flag values, thresholds, etc. Logical, relational functions can be used, separated by && ('and'), || ('or') or with ! ('not'). Only the data fulfilling the whole set of conditions, and not equal to default values, are selected.

The Selection criteria expression can be filled the same way than X, Y and Data expression. There can be only one Selection criteria expression. It is optional; when it is filled the 'Selection criteria' title is bold.

All the fields, or combination of fields of the source data can be used. To use a combination of fields, it can be clearer to use a formula (see section 4.3.3.4.3, *Formulas*).

Note that the selection criteria expression is working only with the basic SI units (i.e. when defining thresholds, you have to put values in e.g. meters, even if the data source field is in mm).



**Figure 7: An example of a Selection criteria expression (Ocean data editing for Envisat GDRs).**

## Output

To process the defined operation on the whole selected dataset., you have to click on the ‘Execute’, button. The Logs tab then opens (see section 4.3.5, Logs tab), and you can see the current task(s) being executed (both operations and views), comments during execution (verbose mode) and errors.

The “Delay Execution” button enable to launch the Operation or an export (see next section) at a scheduled time. The “Launch scheduler” button launch the scheduler, which have to be running in order to have the task executed (NB. the Brat scheduler interface icon gives access to the same interface). (see chapter 7 for more details).

You may perform several different operations at the same time (i.e. execute one while another is being processed), or an operation and a view (provided you are not trying to visualise expression(s) from an operation being processed). However, this will slow down each individual execution.

Executing an operation builds an output netCDF. The name of this netCDF file is predefined using the name you gave to your operation, and cannot be changed within the GUI. It is stored in the Operation folder within your workspace.

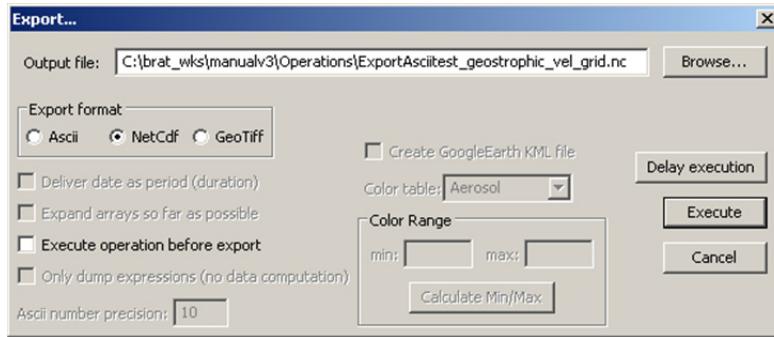
BRAT output netCDF files can be used as source data in a new dataset, seen though the BRAT Display tool, or used with any other tool reading netCDF.

## Export

You can choose to export the output data by clicking on the 'Export' button.

Several formats are available:

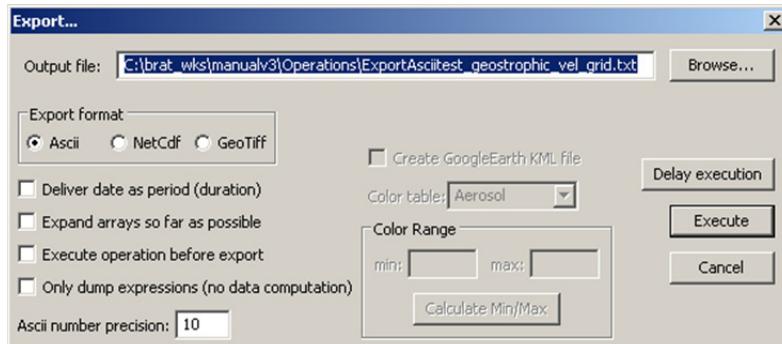
- NetCDF (the same than the automatic one, but you can choose where you want it, and how it is named)



**Figure 8: Export pop-up window for netCDF export: you can choose the name and location of the exported file. The operation can be re-executed before export or not (depending if modifications were done or not)**

'delay execution' enables to programme the scheduler and have the processing done later.

- Ascii

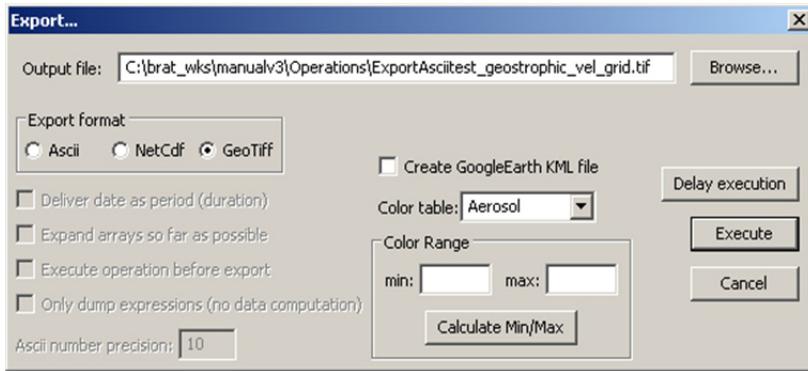


**Figure 9: Export pop-up window for Ascii export. You can choose the name and location of the exported file.**

'delay execution' enables to programme the scheduler and have the processing done later.

The Ascii export can also be seen (once saved) through a built-in text viewer ('Edit Ascii export' button)

- GeoTiff (if the axis of the operation are longitude and latitude), which also provides a Google Earth KML export format.



**Figure 10:** 'Export pop-up window for GeoTiff export. You can choose the name and location of the exported file. You can also create a KML file to visualise the GeoTiff in GoogleEarth. Min, Max and color table can be defined for the data expression. 'delay execution' enables to programme the scheduler and have the processing done later.

The KML/KMZ file contains the following information:

- The GeoTiff image overlaid
- Along track points coloured as the GeoTiff. In the description of each point you will find:
  - o Latitude and Longitude information
  - o The Data variable chosen to be exported. In case the data exported is a distance measurement, the different along track points would be also placed with the elevation of the exported data. (Only one variable can be exported each time. If there are more variables placed on the Data folder, the export will not work).
  - o Acquisition time, dataset/filetype information.
  - o Colorbar relating the values of the variable exported and the corresponding color.
  - o Brat logo overlayed.

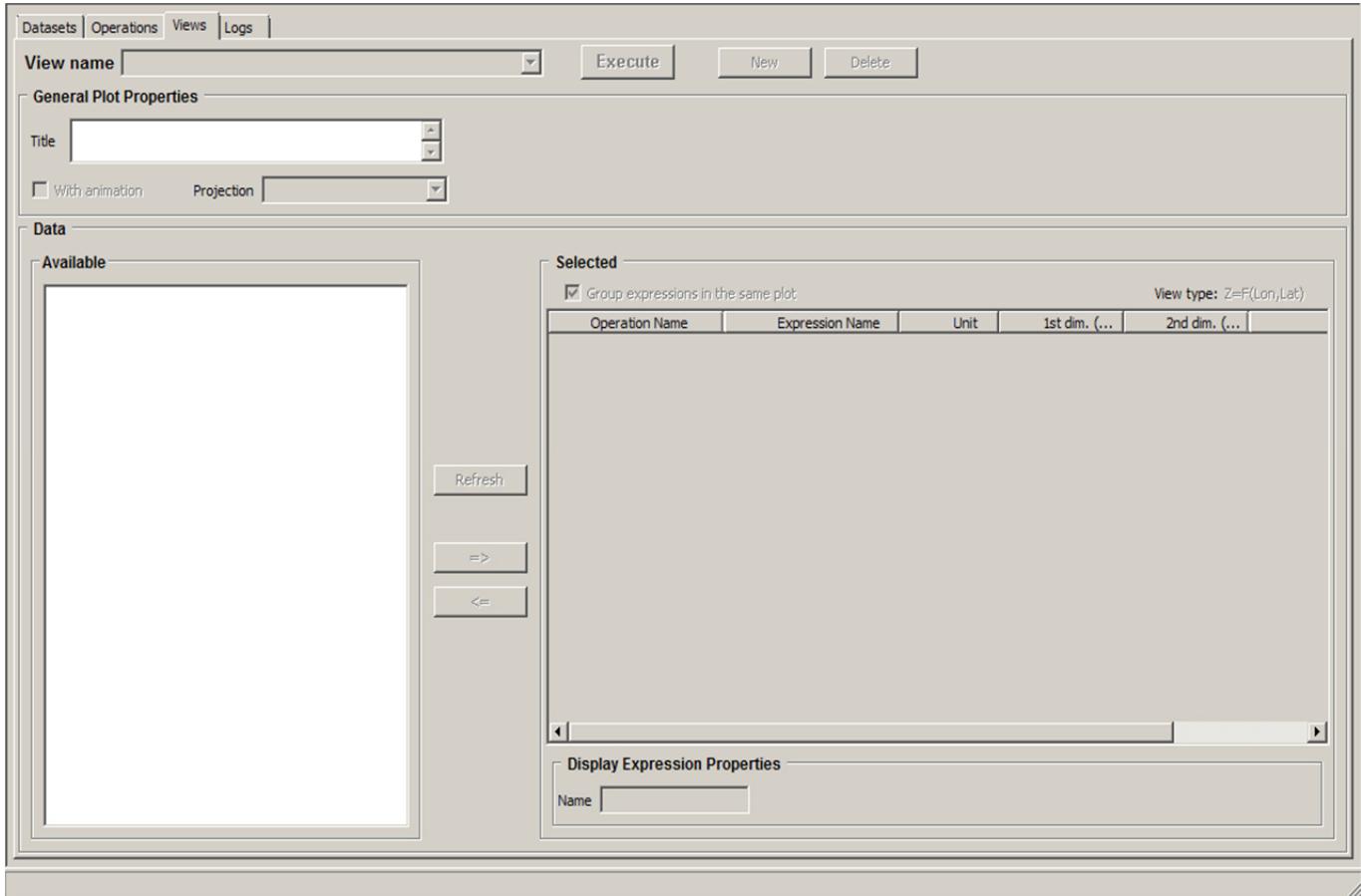
## Create a view

When you have executed your operation, you may want to have a look at the results in a graphical way. This is done through the 'Views' tab.

If none exist, you have to create a View. Click on the 'new' button.

Default name for a new View is 'Displays\_1', with the number incrementing each time you create an operation. You are strongly encouraged to re-name it, so that you'll remember what's in it when using it later on. To rename it, simply select the name, type in another one and press the Enter key.

The main interest of creating several Views is to be able to retrieve your view in the future, with all its parameters (minimum and maximum on each axis, projection, color table with its minimum and maximum, etc.).



**Figure 11:** An empty 'Views' tab. The 'New' button enable to create a new 'View'.

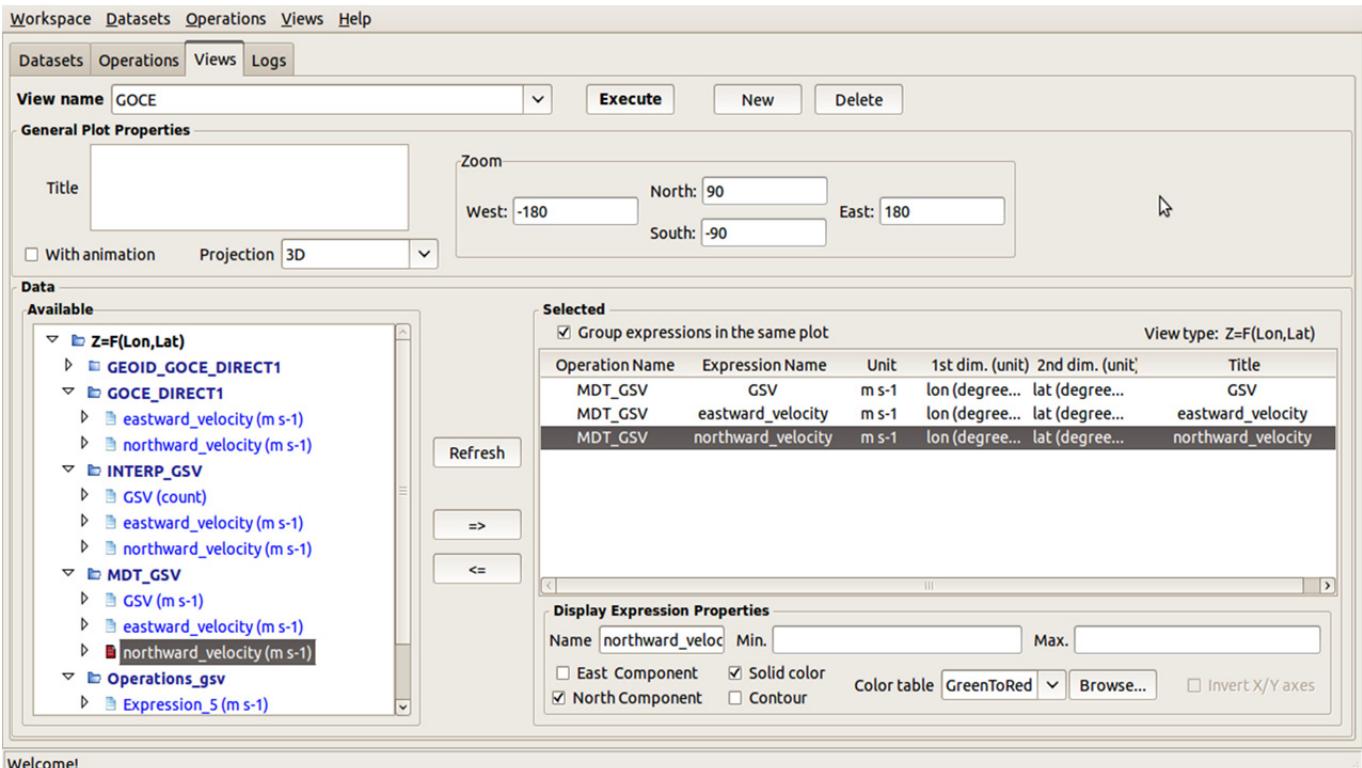
Once you have named your view, you have to choose between the different expressions already computed (outputs from operations computed within the workspace). They are given by operation/expression name. You can refresh the list to update it with respect to the latest operations.

The list of available data is organised as a tree, with three main categories:

- $Y=F(X)$ , which are basically curve plots
- $Z=F(X,Y)$ , which are the representation of a value (in colors/contours) with respect to two others
- $Z=F(\text{Lon},\text{Lat})$ , i.e. maps

Under each category (click on '+' to expand the tree, '-' to flatten it), you will see the names of the operations already computed, and under each operation, the list of Data expressions defined within this operation.

The operations are listed in one category or the other depending on the way they were defined (see section 4.3.4.2, Data to be visualised for more details)



**Figure 12: A 'View' tab with one view created. Note the list of available data left.**

To select a data expression for visualisation, drag & drop it from the 'Available' list to the 'Selected' list. You will see in the 'Selected' box the operation name, the data expression name, its unit, and the unit of the axis (1<sup>st</sup> dim unit, 2<sup>nd</sup> dim unit).

You can select more than one data expression to be displayed. Provided they have the same axis (same X, or same X and Y), you can overlay the different data on the same plot by using the check box '**Group expressions in the same plot**' (default is checked). Typically, you can have a color and a contour map plotted one overlaying the other, or curves of several different colors on the same plot. If unchecked, or if the data are not compatible, BRAT will open as many visualisation windows as there are expressions selected.

To un-select an expression, either use the arrow button, or press on the 'Delete' key on your keyboard.

'With Animation' can be used to animate a series of plots ( $Z=F(X,Y)$  or  $Z=F(\text{Lon},\text{Lat})$ ). If you have several identical expression names from several operations (e.g. if you have computed the same expression at different dates) and if you check this option, you will have access to the 'animation toolbar' in the visualisation interface.

Some properties can be defined for the plot, either for the all plot (general properties), or for each data expression separately (Expression properties). Most of them can be changed or be defined in the visualisation window (see Visualisation interface) but, if only done there, have to be re-defined each time you launch a plot. Filling those information in the Views tab has the advantage of being able to re-use them later on, for another plot.

- You can give your View a '**title**' (just below the 'name' of the view). This will appear as the title of the plot. It can also be used as a reminder. By default, it is the title of the field given in the 'title/comment' of the data expression, or the name of the data expression.
- For the maps, you can choose between several projections (default is a 3D projection)
- You can define a sub-set to be plotted (by X min, X max, Y (=data expression or =axis) min, Y (=data expression or =axis) max) in the '**Zoom**' boxes.
- The **name of the plotted expression**.

By default, this will be the title of the expression given in the 'title/comment' of the data expression, or the name of the data expression (if no title was given). It will be used either as title of the color scale, or as title of the axis.

For the  $Z=F(X,Y)$  and  $Z=F(\text{Lon},\text{Lat})$  cases,

- **East/North Component** can be selected to display vector plots, in which one expression has to be selected as north component and a different one for east component. Only one vector plot can be displayed at a time. Both expressions must be of the same data type.
- A choice between '**solid color**' and '**contour**' representation. It is of course highly recommended to choose at most two different fields to be displayed on the same plot, one represented in solid colors, the other in contours, to be able to see something on the plot.
- Minimum and maximum of the color scale
- The color scale, among a pre-defined list of color scales, or in previously made and saved color scale (see section 6.2.1.Color table editor).

For  $Z=F(\text{Lon},\text{Lat})$ , you have necessarily  $X=\text{Longitude}$ ,  $Y=\text{Latitude}$ . However, when you use other fields as  $X$  and/or  $Y$ , you may wish to switch them – this is the goals of the 'invert X/Y' check box

The '**Execute**' button will launch the visualisation tool (see chapter 6 for a description of this interface). You can see in the 'Log' tab the current executions (both operations and views) and the errors.

## BRAT GUI tabs description

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### Workspace menu

A 'workspace' is a way of saving your preferences, computations and generally the work done with BRAT.

A workspace contains definitions of:

- **Datasets**, that define the collections of files of the same kind you want to use,
- **Operations**, for reading and/or processing and/or selecting data within a dataset ,  
An operation produces an intermediate file (netCDF) and a parameter file. Alternatively, data can be exported, in netCDF, Ascii or GeoTiff and KML.
- **Formulas**, to enable you to use pre-defined combinations of data fields or to define them yourself and re-use them later.
- **Views**, that plot results of one or more operations  
A 'view' produces a parameter file and opens the visualisation tool

All these are stored within a folder named from the workspace, with a sub-folder for each part: Datasets, Displays, Formulas and Operations. Displays and Operations folders include parameter files (.par), which define the Views and Operations done, and the latter also include the netCDF intermediate files produced by the tool.

Workspace folders can be copied and exchanged. Results saved within a workspace can be accessed even if the source data are not available (but warning messages will be emitted when opening the workspace if some source data are not available).

Workspaces in BRAT GUI are managed by the menu the further to the left. It contains the following items:

- '**New
- '**Open
- '**Save
- '**Import
- '**Rename
- '**Delete************

- 'Recent workspaces': lists the 2 most recently used workspaces

## Datasets tab

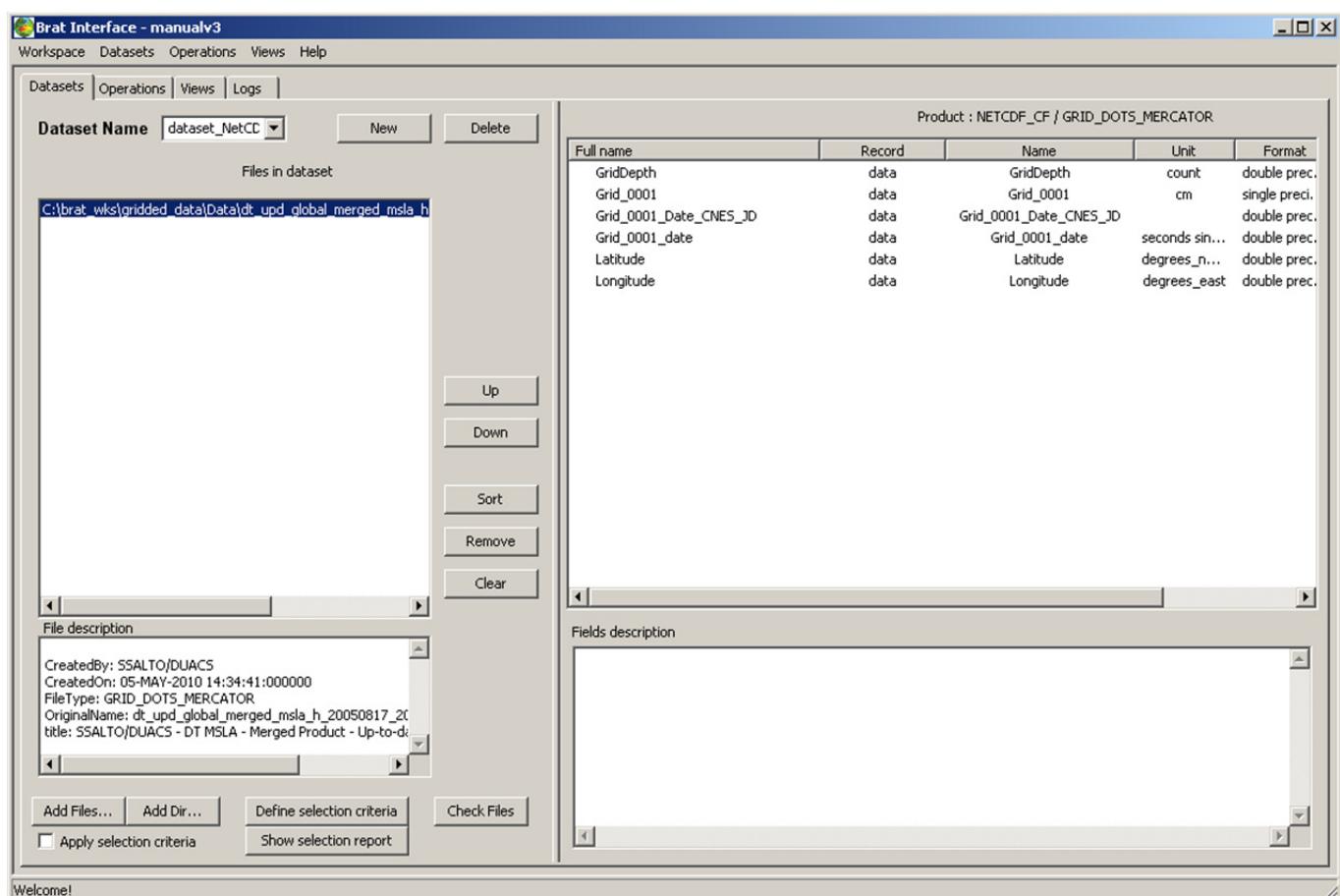
This tab is dedicated to the choice of the source data product files.

In this tab window:

- The selected files' names are on the left; as well as the tools to select them.
- The right-hand display lists all fields defined for this kind of data and, below there is a more detailed description of the selected field (extracted from the data dictionary).

You may define as many datasets as you wish.

Note that if you want the same operation to be applied to several files separately, you will have to define several datasets, or use the parameter files directly with a script (see section 8.3).



**Figure 13: Example of dataset with netCDF data selected.**

## Creation of a dataset

- The 'Dataset Name' dropdown list contains all the defined dataset names and allows you to select and rename a dataset. You have to give the dataset a name (with no spaces or special characters in the name). If you change the name within the 'name' box, and press the Enter key it renames your dataset.
- The 'New' button creates a new dataset, with a name like 'Datasets\_2'. This can also be done using the Datasets menu.

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- The '**Delete**' button enables to delete an existing dataset , if your dataset is not used in an Operation. This can also be done using the Datasets menu.

### Management of the data files list

The '**Files in dataset**' list includes all the files of the dataset. Note that only coherent datasets are possible (i.e. same format, same data product).

- The '**Clear**' button will remove the **whole** list.
- You can delete the selected file by using the '**Remove**' button, or the 'delete' key on your keyboard.
- The '**Up**' '**Down**' and '**Sort**' buttons are useful when the order in which files are processed is important (e.g. subtracting one file from another).

'**Up**' moves the selected file upwards in the list,

'**Down**' moves it downwards.

'**Sort**' puts the whole list into alphabetical or numerical order. It can also be used to check for two occurrences) of the same file, or missing files, or to remove unwanted files from a list.

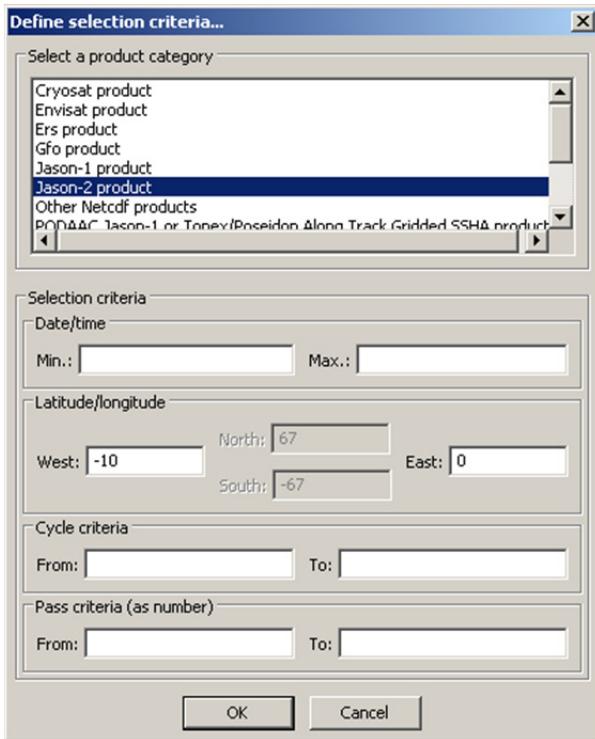
### Selection of data files

Data can be selected in a quite long list of altimetry data (see 2, Data read and processed). File names don't have to be the original ones. However, files within a dataset have to be of the same data product (no mixing of e.g. Envisat and Jason-1 GDR data).

- The '**Add files**' button (at the bottom of the window) enables you to select those data files you wish to work on. Drag&drop of files within the interface has the same result.
- If there are a lot of files, you should preferably select a whole folder by clicking on '**Add Dir**', or proceed in several steps. Otherwise, some files names could be truncated, thus leading to an error. Drag&drop of a directory within the interface has the same result.
- the '**Check files**' button at the bottom of the window checks for the dataset coherence.

For a more automatic selection of data files, you can use the data pre-selection function:

- the '**Define selection criteria**' button enables to pre-select only the files relevant for your work. To use this feature, you have to define the kind of data and the selection criteria, then **tick the "Apply selection criteria"** before selecting e.g. a whole folder of data. When you add the files or the whole directory, the selection will be applied, and only the relevant files will appear within your dataset.
- Date/Time are to be defined as YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS (if no HH:MM:SS are given, default is 00:00:00). Alternatively, Julian days since 1950 can be used Longitude / Latitude given are the North and South, West and East limits. Latitudes South of the Equator are negatives. Longitudes can be written either as 0-360 or -180 – 180. (thus example left is 350-0°E, 40-50°N)
- You can check what was done using the '**Show selection report**' button. This feature uses the information given in the data 'headers' to select only the files that could include the area (or period) of interest, or the files matching the selected cycle(s)/pass(es). Note that this implies that the possibilities of selection depends on the satellite/data product, since the headers do not always include the same information.



**Figure 14: Example data selection criteria definition:  
top, choose your satellite/data product (here, Jason-2)**

Once this is done, you can choose below the date/time period, Latitude/longitude, cycle number, and/or pass number.

Note that the choice in latitude is inactivated in Jason-2 GDR case, as in most GDR cases, since those data files typically includes data for a full half-orbit (thus all the files have the same minimum and maximum in latitude, making such a selection irrelevant).

## Data file information

On the right of the Datasets tab, you can see information about the fields within the source data product.

The list of all the fields of the currently selected file is divided into 6 columns:

- **'Full name'**: the fully described name in the file structure hierarchy and related to the record.
- **'Record'**: the record containing the field. Many altimetry data products have only 'header' and 'data' records while others have more (e.g. Envisat ones)
- **'Name'**: the short field name
- **'Unit'**: the unit of the field
- **'Format'**: the format of the field inside the file. In BRAT all fields are read as floating-point values (double).
- **'Dim'**: Dimension of the field (number of values in arrays, if the data is stored in an array)

You can sort the fields alphabetically by clicking on 'name', 'record', 'unit', 'format', or 'dim' (off screen), at the top of the box, or view a field whose name begins with one or more letters by typing them (fast).

Under the list there is the **'Fields description'** box with a detailed description of the currently selected field (as extracted from the data dictionary)

Left, under the file list is a **'File description'** box, that give the information about the file for netCDF products.

## Operations tab

This tab is dedicated to the definition of what kind of computation(s) and/or selection(s) you want to apply on the data.

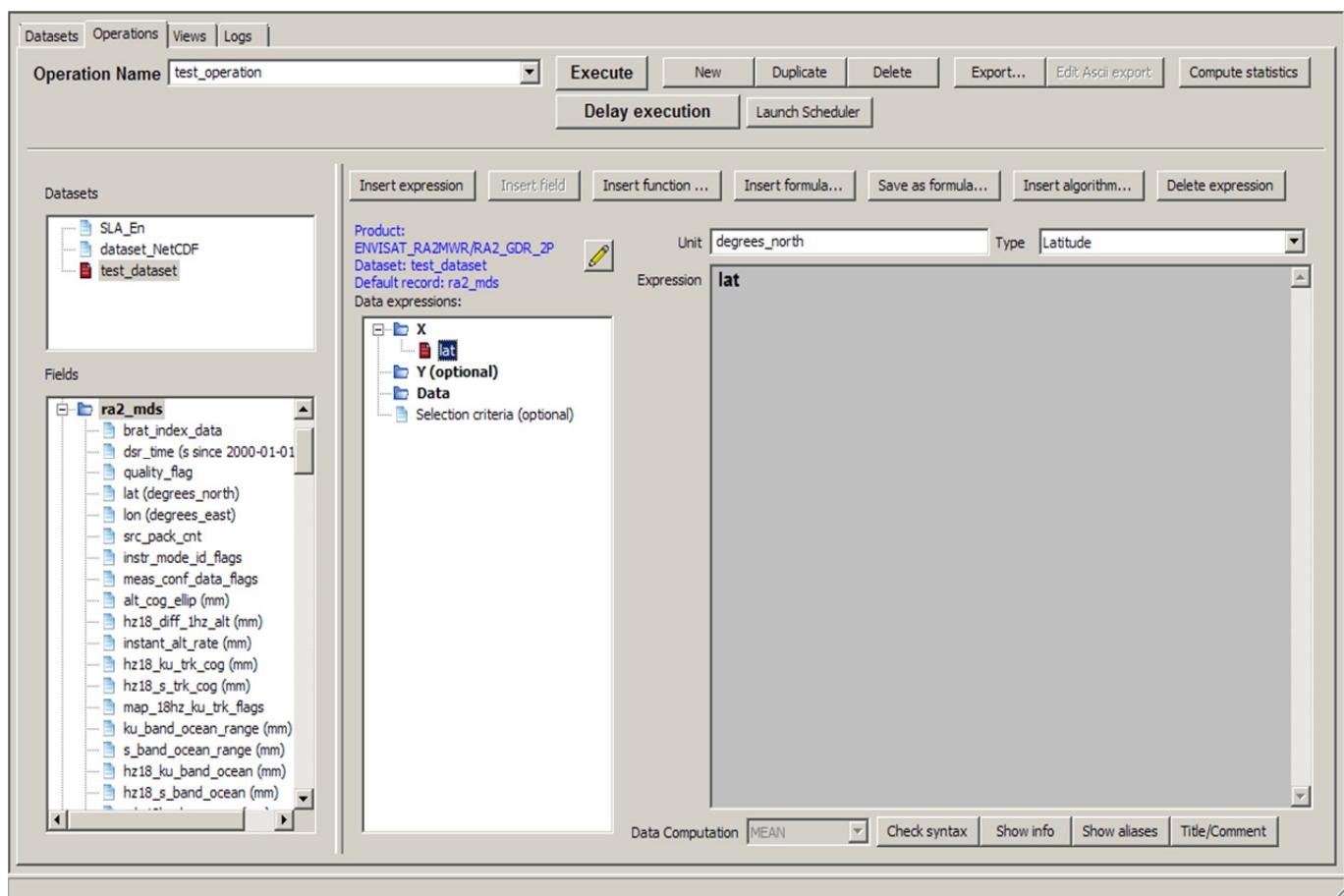
Building an operation in fact creates a 'parameter' files (.par), which keeps all the informations and which is stored in the Workspace Operations folder. Executing an operation use either the BRATCreateYFX or the BRATCreateZFXY programme on this parameter file to generate the output of the operation. The whole process can however be done completely through the GUI.

In this Operations tab window:

- The management of the operations is at the top.
- The data source (datasets and fields available within) are on the left.
- The middle part shows the different Expressions within the current Operation
- The right-hand part shows the content of the selected Expression.

You may define as many Operations as you wish.

Note that an Operation must contains at least one X expression, and one Data expression.

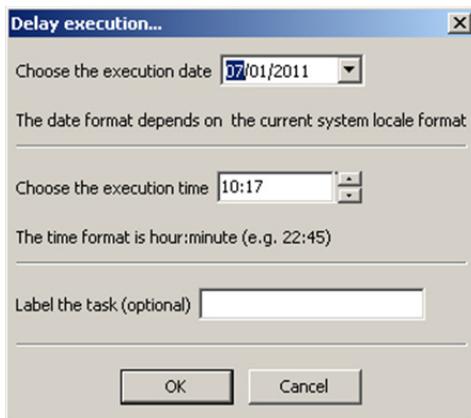


**Figure 15: Operations tab, with an operation being built. Left the dataset chosen is called 'test\_dataset', with Envisat GDR data product; below the list of fields within the ra2\_mds record being expanded. In the middle, only one Expression is defined yet ('lat' as X). Right, the content of the 'lat' expression (only one field, in this case), its unit is degrees.**

## Manage Operations

Several functions are meant to 'manage' the operations.

- The '**Name of operations**' dropdown list contains all the defined operation names and allows you to select and rename an operation. When renaming an operation, take care that it does not copy it, but it replaces the old one.
- The '**New**' button is used to create a new operation, with a name like 'Operations\_2'. This can also be done using the Operations menu.
- The '**Duplicate**' button enables you to copy an existing operation, and modify it (e.g. change the dataset for another one **with the same kind of data** at another date, change the selection criteria, etc.).
- The '**Delete**' button enables to delete an existing operation, if none of your operation's expression is used in a View. This can also be done using the Operations menu.
- The '**Execute**' button executes the active operation. BRAT GUI then switch to the 'Logs' tab.
- The '**Export**' button enables to save the BRAT GUI output on either another format (Ascii, GeoTiff and KML) or in netCDF, and under another name wherever you prefer it.
- The '**Delay execution**' button schedules the active operation at a time given by the user. **Note that it won't be processed if the 'Launch scheduler' is not running.** So please remember to click on the 'launch scheduler' button, or to double-click on the "BRAT scheduler interface" icon in order to have the task(s) executed. BRAT GUI can be closed.



**Figure 16:** The “delay execution” pop-up window. Date and time for the execution, as well as an optional name for the operation can be defined. Once scheduled, such an operation can be viewed or removed within BRAT scheduler interface.

- The '**Launch scheduler**' button opens BRAT scheduler interface (it can also be launched using the desktop icon). See chapter 7 for details on this interface.

SLA (m)	SSH (m)	lat (degrees_north)
0.843	33.658	80.2541
0.516	27.279	65.059
0.586	27.396	64.9347
0.58	27.405	64.8726
0.567	27.442	64.8104
0.552	27.48	64.7482
0.552	27.534	64.686
0.547	27.644	64.6237
0.554	27.818	64.5615
0.568	28.016	64.4992
0.567	28.152	64.4369
0.547	28.166	64.3746
0.549	28.096	64.3123
0.526	27.952	64.2499
0.531	27.774	64.1875
0.493	27.453	64.1251
0.533	27.09	64.0627
0.525	26.589	64.0003
0.501	26.015	63.9379
0.535	25.549	63.8754
0.568	25.102	63.8129
0.538	24.644	63.7504
0.488	24.268	63.6879
0.523	24.037	63.6253
n 56	23.854	63.5628

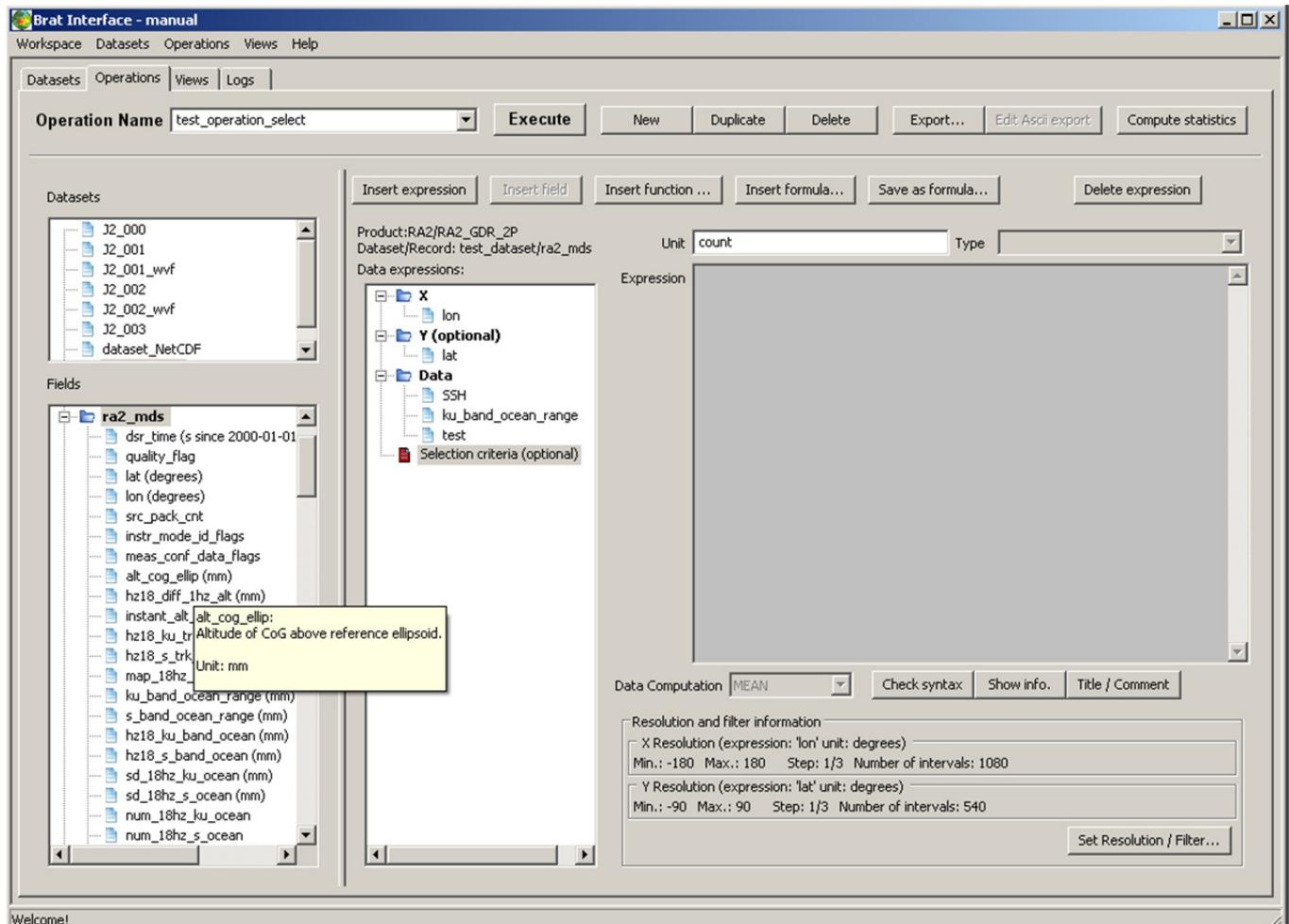
Figure 17: An example of Ascii export as seen through the built-in text viewer.

- The 'Compute Statistics' button gives the global statistics for each Data expression. You can thus retrieve:
  - o Number of valid data,
  - o Mean,
  - o Standard deviation,
  - o Minimum,
  - o Maximum,

If you want to apply the same operation to different datasets, and be able to compare their outputs, you will have to re-create it as many times as needed, using the 'Duplicate' button. You can also use the parameter file directly with a script (see section 8.3, Using the parameter files to process many datasets). Or, you can export the data in netCDF for future use (otherwise, the output file will be replaced by the new one)

## Define source data

- 'Datasets' box lists the names of the datasets available within this workspace: you have to select one of them
- 'Fields' box shows the list of all fields available within the selected dataset, organised as a tree. Right-click provides a contextual menu, with 'sort ascending' and 'sort descending' at the bottom, to sort the data field names in alphabetical order (or reverse). To know some information about one field, hover the mouse pointer over it, and a tooltip will appear.



**Figure 18: Operations tab with a tooltip active over one of the data fields ('alt\_cog\_ellip').**

## Define expressions

In the middle of the Operations tab is the tree with the expressions, including the selection applied. You have four kinds of expressions:

- '**X'**: as axis (the data will be organised relative to the values within this field); only one X expression is possible, and one is necessary.
- '**Y (optional)
- '**Data
- '**Selection criteria**' (optional; the title is bold when it is filled) : it enables to select data e.g. by date and/or boundaries, etc. and/or for editing it using flag values, thresholds, etc. Logical, relational functions can be used, separated by && ('and'), || ('or') or with ! ('not'). All the fields, or combination of fields of the source data can be used. To use a combination of fields, it can be clearer to use a formula. Note that the selection criteria expression is working only with the basic SI units (i.e. when defining thresholds, you have to put values in e.g. meters, even if the data source field is in mm).****

X and Y are used as axis: BRAT will read the source data and extract, for each X (optionally Y), the corresponding value of each Data expression fulfilling the conditions defined as 'selection criteria'.

All expressions can be filled the same ways.

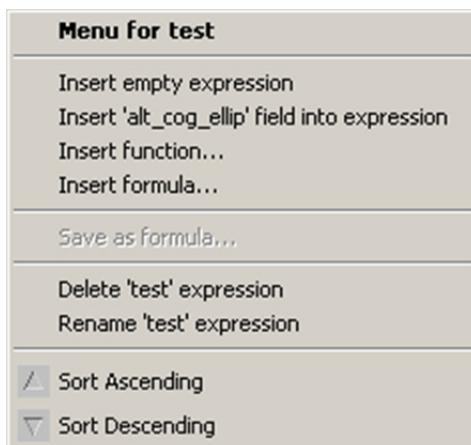
The expressions can be filled by several means :

- The quickest is by **drag & drop** : drag a field from the leftmost list and drop it in either one of those, or in the 'Expression' box;

- you can also use the contextual menus that appear by right-clicking either on the data fields or on the expressions,



**Figure 19: An example of menu that appears by right-click on a data field (here, the 'lat' field'). 'Set as X', 'Set as Y' and 'Set as Data' define the chosen field as either X, Y or Data. 'Insert into Selection criteria' insert the field within the Selection criteria expression. 'Sort' enable to sort all the fields in either ascending or descending (alphabetical) order.**



**Figure 20: Example of menu that appears by right-click on a data expression (here called 'test'). Note that here one data field ('alt\_cog\_ellip') is selected (left-click); if no data field is selected, this item is inactive.**

'Insert empty expression' will add a new expression (in 'Data'), or replace the active expression by an empty one (in X and Y). 'Insert (field) into expression' add the selected data field (if any) in the active expression. 'Insert function' enable to use the list of mathematical and logical functions, and 'Insert formula' insert one of the predefined expressions saved.

'Sort' enable to sort all the expressions (if there's more than one) by their name in either ascending or descending (alphabetical) order.

- or use the 'Insert field' button (which will insert the selected data field in the active expression).
- or you can always use the 'Insert expression' (which will insert an empty expression, to be filled by one or several combined fields) and type in an empty expression the field names and functions you want to apply, using your keyboard

Since you can do more than insert one field, a set of functions is available, as well as

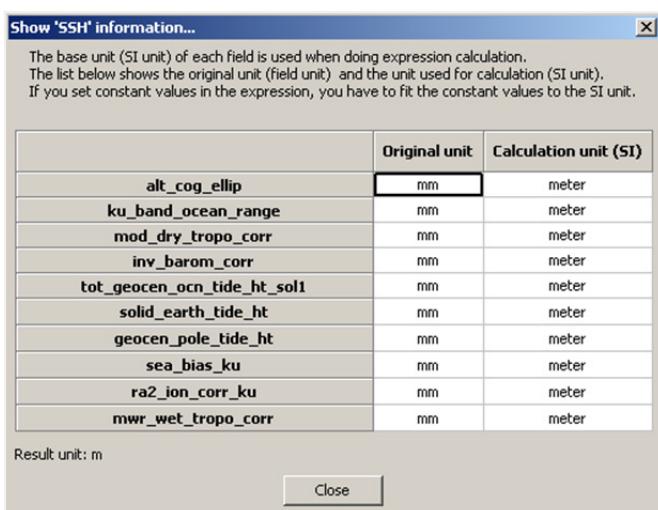
- The 'Insert Function' button opens the pop-up window with the list of available functions (see section 4.3.3.4.2, *Functions*) for the complete list and specifications)

- The '**Insert Formula**' button opens the pop-up window with the list of available formulas. A set of those is pre-defined (see section *Formulas*); more can be saved using '**Save as Formula**' button and re-used, in the same Workspace or imported in another one
- The '**Insert Algorithm**' button opens the pop-up window with the list of available algorithms (see section *Algorithms*) for the complete list and specifications)
- '**Delete expression**' button enables to delete an expression (the Delete key on your keyboard has also the same effect). Remember, however, that you have to have an X and a Data expression defined.

## Expression information and parameters

When an expression is selected, several parameters can be filled/used.

- '**Unit**' of the expression: this text field is filled whenever you define a data field as expression, or use a predefined formula. Default is 'count' (meaning, without unit). See section 4.3.3.4.1, Unitsbelow for details about the units you can use. The unit of the Selection criteria expression is always 'count', since it is a logical expression)
- The '**Type of the expression**' dropdown list is mainly of use for longitude, latitude and time as X and Y, and help manage specific needs for those type of data. Most of the time it should be automatically filled. If a discrepancy is detected, an error can be issued in the Logs tab.
- The '**Expression**' box: this where the expression itself is defined
- '**Data Computation**' rolling list
- '**Check Syntax**' button
- '**Show info**' button



*Figure 21: "Show Info" pop-up window.*

*Here it is applied on a Sea Surface Height expression. You can see that the original data product expresses all the fields in mm, whereas the computation is done in metres*

- '**Show aliases**' button  
Aliases have been added within BRAT to take into account the fact that the equivalent fields are not named similarly for all the datasets (names following the User documentation made by the data provider). The equivalent fields have been defined with the same alias(es) for all the altimetry data. If a given field is not available within the current dataset, a warning will be issued.  
Note that there may be several aliases for a same field, in order to speed the typing (e.g. %{mss}), or be more self-explaining (e.g. %{mean\_sea\_surface}).  
An alias can be a field or a combination of fields. They are stored in a "aliases.xml" file that can be edited (in brat program folder, data/ sub-folder). In the same folder, the aliases.xsd.html file gives the rules to define new aliases and/or modify the existing ones.

See section Aliases for more information.

Show 'ENVISAT\_RA2MWR\_RA2\_GDR\_2P' aliases...

The list below shows the available aliases for the product ENVISAT\_RA2MWR\_RA2\_GDR\_2P

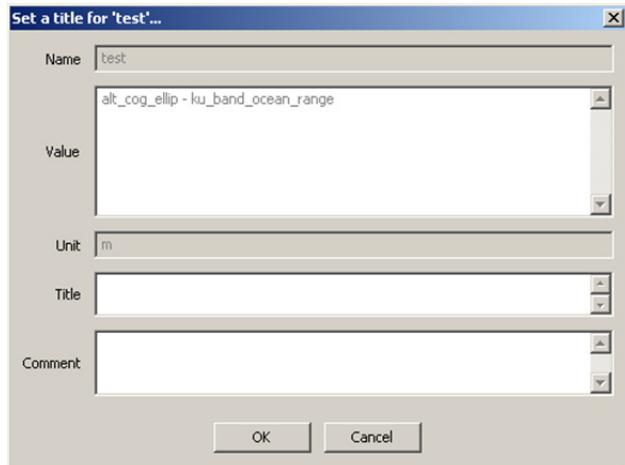
	Value	Syntax	Description	Select (*)
alt	ra2_mds.alt_cog_ellip	%{alt}	altitude (Synonym of altitude).	<input type="checkbox"/>
altitude	ra2_mds.alt_cog_ellip	%{altitude}		<input type="checkbox"/>
dry_tropo_corr	ra2_mds.mod_dry_tropo_corr	%{dry_tropo_corr}		<input type="checkbox"/>
dynamic_atmos_corr	((ra2_mds.dib_hf + ra2_mds.inv_barom_corr))	%{dynamic_atmos_corr}		<input type="checkbox"/>
ib	ra2_mds.inv_barom_corr	%{ib}	inv_baro_corr (Synonym of inv_baro_corr).	<input type="checkbox"/>
inv_baro_corr	ra2_mds.inv_barom_corr	%{inv_baro_corr}		<input type="checkbox"/>
iono_corr	(iif(((mph.cycle == 47) && (sph.pass_number > 935))    ((mph.cycle == 48) && (sph.pass_number < 848))    ((mph.cycle == 65) && (sph.pass_number > 288))    (mph.cycle > 65), ra2_mds.ion_corr_mod_ku, ra2_mds.ra2_ion_corr_ku))	%{iono_corr}		<input type="checkbox"/>
lat	ra2_mds.lat	%{lat}		<input type="checkbox"/>
lat_hr	ra2_mds.lat	%{lat_hr}	lat (Synonym of lat).	<input type="checkbox"/>
lon	ra2_mds.lon	%{lon}		<input type="checkbox"/>
lon_hr	ra2_mds.lon	%{lon_hr}	lon (Synonym of lon).	<input type="checkbox"/>
mean_sea_surface	ra2_mds.m_sea_surf_ht	%{mean_sea_surface}		<input type="checkbox"/>
mss	ra2_mds.m_sea_surf_ht	%{mss}	mean_sea_surface (Synonym of mean_sea_surface)	<input type="checkbox"/>
range	ra2_mds.ku_band_ocean_range	%{range}		<input type="checkbox"/>
range_band2	ra2_mds.s_band_ocean_range	%{range_band2}		<input type="checkbox"/>
range_ku	ra2_mds.ku_band_ocean_range	%{range_ku}	range (Synonym of range).	<input type="checkbox"/>
sea_state_bias_corr	ra2_mds.sea_bias_ku	%{sea_state_bias_corr}		<input type="checkbox"/>
sea_state_bias_corr_band2	ra2_mds.sea_bias_s	%{sea_state_bias_corr_band2}		<input type="checkbox"/>

(\*) Check the alias you want to add to the current expression. Selected aliases will be added when the window is closed.

**Figure 22: "Show Aliases" pop-up window. Here for an Envisat GDR file. Note the 'Syntax' column, where the alias syntax is given, while the 'Value' column gives the original field name (or combination).**

**If you are in an expression (X, Y or Data expression, or Selection criteria) you can insert one or several alias(es) in your expression by checking the box(es) in the 'Select' rightmost column. If no expression is selected, this column won't appear.**

- 'Title/Comment' button



**Figure 23:** 'Title/Comment' pop-up window. Filling those fields can be useful for later references. The unit is the one defined for the expression.

The title will be displayed as the default name of the field in the plots (if no title is entered, it will be the data expression name).

- when X and Y are both filled, a 'Resolution and filter information' appears at the bottom of the window.

The 'Set Resolution / Filter' button is used to define:

- o The data resolution.

When choosing both X and Y, you 'grid' the data. Thus **you have to define a step** in both X and Y, as well as a minimum and maximum for both axis. Pre-defined steps are proposed, but may not fit your need. Minimum and Maximum are 0 – 360°, -90° – 90° by default for longitude/latitude (whatever the data source), but have to be defined for any other type of X and Y.

- o Filter: BRAT provides you with the possibility of smoothing the data, using Loess filter

See section 4.3.3.4.6, *Resolution and Filters* for more precise information.

## Units

BRAT is able to understand all SI units and their sub-units, as defined in the International System, i.e. **case sensitive**: "ms" means milliseconds, whereas "Ms" would mean megaseconds), plus "count" for data without dimension, and "dB".

Typically, the units you might use are:

- metres (m, mm, cm, km,...)
- seconds (s, ms, etc., but also hours, h, days)
- m/s (km/s,...)
- degrees East (longitude)
- degrees North (latitude)
- degrees
- count
- dB

Note that all data fields are converted in SI units in the data dictionary.

Thus practical units such as "TECU" are converted (1 TECU (Total Electron Content Unit) =  $1 \times 10^{16}$  electrons/m<sup>2</sup>).

If you let "count" (which is the default) as unit, the resulting data will be in the basic SI unit (e.g. in metres, even if the field(s) you used was defined in mm)

Every Operation is computed using SI units even if a sub-unit is defined for the data source and for the Expression (e.g. metres instead of cm, mm or km). Thus you can put 'km' as unit even if the data source field is defined in mm and still end up with correct values.

### Functions

The 'Functions' button provides a simple way of including (and knowing) the available functions and constants which can be used in expressions. The functions are organised by categories, but you can have a look at all of them. For each function, if selected, you will see a short explanation of what it does.

You can use those functions for, among others:

- compute geostrophic velocities modulus : `sqrt(sqrt(U) + sqrt(V))`
- a test on a flag: `Surface_type == 0` will return only the 'open ocean' flagged Jason-1 GDR data
- boundaries: `is_bounded(-130, alt_cog_ellip-ku_band_ocean_range, 100)` (or: `(alt_cog_ellip-ku_band_ocean_range >= -130) && (alt_cog_ellip-ku_band_ocean_range <= 100)`) select only the data for which the uncorrected altimetric distance is between -130 and +100 metres

They are available for processing or selecting a data expression.

Basics functions (not listed below) are `+`, `-`, `*`, `/`, and `(` and `)`; you can also use '`^`' to indicate a number to the power of another number (or data field or data expression) e.g. '`10^-6`' means '`10^-6`'. Use the keyboard to insert them.

Name	Description	Syntax	Type
!	logical negation operator NOT The logical negation operator (!) reverses the meaning of its operand. The result is <i>true</i> if the converted operand is false; the result is <i>false</i> if the converted operand is true.	<code>! expr1</code>	Logical
<code>!=</code>	not-equal-to operator The not-equal-to operator ( <code>!=</code> ) returns <i>true</i> if the operands do not have the same value; otherwise, it returns <i>false</i> <code>A != B</code> is true (when no default in A or B) if <code>abs(A-B) &gt;= epsilon</code>	<code>expr1 != expr2</code>	Relational
<code>&amp;&amp;</code>	<b>logical AND operator</b> The logical AND operator ( <code>&amp;&amp;</code> ) returns the boolean value <i>true</i> if both operands are <i>true</i> and returns <i>false</i> otherwise. Logical AND has left associativity.	<code>expr1 &amp;&amp; expr2</code>	Logical
<code>  </code>	logical OR operator The logical OR operator ( <code>  </code> ) returns the boolean value <i>true</i> if either one operand is true or both operands are true and returns <i>false</i> otherwise. Logical OR has left associativity	<code>expr1    expr2</code>	Logical
<code>&lt;</code>	<b>less than</b> It yields values of the Boolean type. The value returned is <i>false</i> (0) if the relationship in the expression is false; otherwise, the value returned is <i>true</i> (1).	<code>arithmetic expr1 &lt; arithmetic expr2</code>	Logical
<code>&lt;=</code>	<b>less than or equal to</b> It yields values of the Boolean type. The value returned is <i>false</i> (0) if the relationship in the expression is false; otherwise, the value returned is <i>true</i> (1).	<code>arithmetic expr1 &lt;= arithmetic expr2</code>	Logical
<code>==</code>	equal-to operator <code>A == B</code> is true (when there is no default in A or B) if <code>abs(A-B) &lt; epsilon</code> The equal-to operator returns <i>true</i> (1) if both operands have the same value; otherwise, it returns <i>false</i> (0).	<code>==</code>	Relational
<code>&gt;</code>	<b>greater than</b> It yields values of the Boolean type. The value returned is <i>false</i> (0) if the relationship in the expression is false; otherwise, the value returned is <i>true</i> (1).	<code>arithmetic expr1 &gt; arithmetic expr2</code>	Relational

Name	Description	Syntax	Type
<code>&gt;=</code>	<b>greater than or equal to</b> It yields values of the Boolean type. The value returned is false (0) if the relationship in the expression is false; otherwise, the value returned is true (1).	arithmetic expr1 >= arithmetic expr2	Relational
<code>~</code>	bitwise not operator Takes the value as an integer (a default value if the floating point one is outside the integer range) and reverses each bit.	<code>~ expr1</code>	Bitwise operator
<code>&amp;</code>	<b>bitwise and operator</b> Takes the value of each operand as an integer (a default value if the floating point one is outside the integer range) and does an <i>and</i> operation on each corresponding bit <i>And</i> operation: 0011 & 0101 = 0001	<code>expr1 &amp; expr2</code>	Bitwise operator
<code> </code>	bitwise or operator Takes the value of each operand as an integer (a default value if the floating point one is outside the integer range) and does an <i>or</i> operation on each corresponding bit <i>Or</i> operation: 0011   0101 = 0111	<code>expr1   expr2</code>	Bitwise operator
<code>()</code>	parenthesis operator Isolates an expression (or a sub expression) in order to take it as a whole. Exemple: A * (B + C) multiplies (B + C) by A. without parentheses, B would be multiplied by A and then C added	<code>(expr1)</code>	
DV	Default value	DV	Constant
PI	PI value	PI	Constant
PI2	PI/2 value	PI2	Constant
PI4	PI/4 value	PI4	Constant
abs	absolute value Calculates the absolute value.	<code>abs(param1)</code>	Math&Trigo
ceil	<b>ceiling of a value</b> Calculates the ceiling of a value.	<code>ceil(param1)</code>	Math&Trigo
cos	cosine (radian) Calculates the cosine (radian) of a value.	<code>cos(param1)</code>	Math&Trigo
cosd	cosine (degree) Calculates the cosine (degree) of a value.	<code>cosd(param1)</code>	Math&Trigo
deg2rad	Translates Degree to Radian.	<code>deg2rad(param1)</code>	Math&Trigo
deg_normalize	<b>Normalizes longitude</b> (degree) Z = deg_normalize(X, Y) returns a value which makes the following expressions true: Z = Y + n*360, X <= Z < X+360	<code>deg_normalize(param1, param2)</code>	geographical
dv (DV)	Default value	DV	Constant
exp	<b>exponential</b> Calculates the exponential.	<code>exp(param1)</code>	Math&Trigo
floor	<b>floor of a value</b> Calculates the floor of a value	<code>floor(param1)</code>	Math&Trigo
frac	fractional parts Calculates the fractional parts of a value.	<code>frac(param1)</code>	Math&Trigo
iif	Inline if If the first parameter is true (not 0 and not default value), the second parameter is returned, otherwise the third one is returned. Logically equivalent to: <code>if (param1 is true)     return param2 else     return param3 end if</code>	<code>iif(param1, param2, param3)</code>	Logical
iif3	Inline if with default value case If the first parameter is true (not 0 and not default value), the second parameter is returned. If is 0, the third one is returned, otherwise (it is a default value) the fourth one is returned. Logically equivalent to:	<code>iif3(param1, param2, param3, param4)</code>	Logical

Name	Description	Syntax	Type
	<pre>if (param1 is default value)     return param4 else     if (param1 is true)         return param2     else         return param3     end if end if</pre>		
int	integer parts Calculates the integer parts of a value.	int(param1)	Math&Trigo
is_bounded	<b>Checks whether a value x is included between two values</b> (min/max). is_bounded(min, x, max)	is_bounded(param1,par am2,param3)	Relational
is_bounded_strict	<b>Checks whether a value x is strictly included between two values</b> (min/max). is_bounded_strict(min, x, max)	is_bounded_strict(para m1,param2,param3)	Relational
is_default	<b>Checks whether a value is a default value</b> (1: yes, 0: no)	is_default(param1)	Logical
log	logarithm Calculates the logarithm of a value	log(param1)	Math&Trigo
log10	base-10 logarithm Calculates the base-10 logarithm of a value	log10(param1)	Math&Trigo
max	Maximum Calculates the larger of two values	max(param1,param2)	
min	Minimum Calculates the smaller of two values	min(param1,param2)	
mod	<b>floating-point remainder</b> Calculates the floating-point remainder	mod(param1,param2)	Math&Trigo
rad2deg	Translates Radian to Degree	rad2deg(param1)	Math&Trigo
round	rounded value Calculates the rounded value	round(param1)	Math&Trigo
rnd	<b>rounded value</b> Calculates the rounded value of a number x with a decimal precision of n figures after decimal point. rnd(x,decimal precision)	Rnd(param1,param2)	Math&Trigo
sign	<b>Checks the sign of a value</b> (-1: negative, 1: positive or zero)	sign(param1)	Math&Trigo
sin	sine (radian) Calculates the sine (radian) of a value.	sin(param1)	Math&Trigo
sind	sine (degreee) Calculates the sine (degreee) of a value.	sind(param1)	Math&Trigo
sqr	square Calculates the square of a value.	sqr(param1)	Math&Trigo
sqrt	square root Calculates the square root of a value.	sqrt(param1)	Math&Trigo
tan	tangent (radian) Calculates the tangent (radian) of a value.	tan(param1)	Math&Trigo
tand	tangent (degree) Calculates the tangent (degree) of a value.	tand(param1)	Math&Trigo
to_date	Date formats conversion Translates a string value into a date value Allowed formats are: YYYY-MM-DD HH:MN:SS.MS string. For instance: '1995-12-05 12:02:10.1230' '1995-12-05 12:02:10' '1995-12-05'  a Julian string: format:positive 'Days Seconds Microseconds' Seconds must be strictly less 86400 and Microseconds must be strictly less than 1000000	to_date(param1)	Date&Time

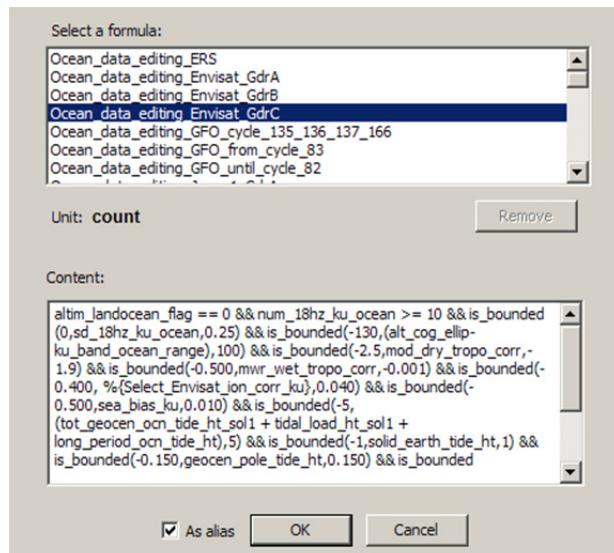
Name	Description	Syntax	Type
	<p>For instance: '2530 230 4569'</p> <p>a Julian string: format:positive decimal Julian day For instance: '850.2536985'</p> <p>For Julian string, it can contain its reference date at the end by specifying @YYYY where YYYY is the reference year that's must be one of 1950, 1958, 1985, 1990, 2000 The reference year YYYY stands for YYYY-01-01 00:00:00.0 If no reference date is specified the default reference date (1950) is used.</p> <p>For instance: '2530 230 4569@2000' '850.2536985@1990' '850.2536985@1950' is equal to '850.2536985'</p> <p>Dates prior to 1950-01-01 00:00:00.0 are invalid</p>		

*NOTE: except when explicitly stated (as with if3, is\_default) every expression involving a default value (also called missing value) is a default value. A true expression is an expression which is not 0 and not a default value. The descriptions below are for expressions which do not contain default values (to simplify their writing). For example the result of 'A || B' (A or B) is a default value if B is one even if A is true. 0 and default values are considered as false values (! X is a default value if X is also one, so X is false and ! X too)*

### Formulas

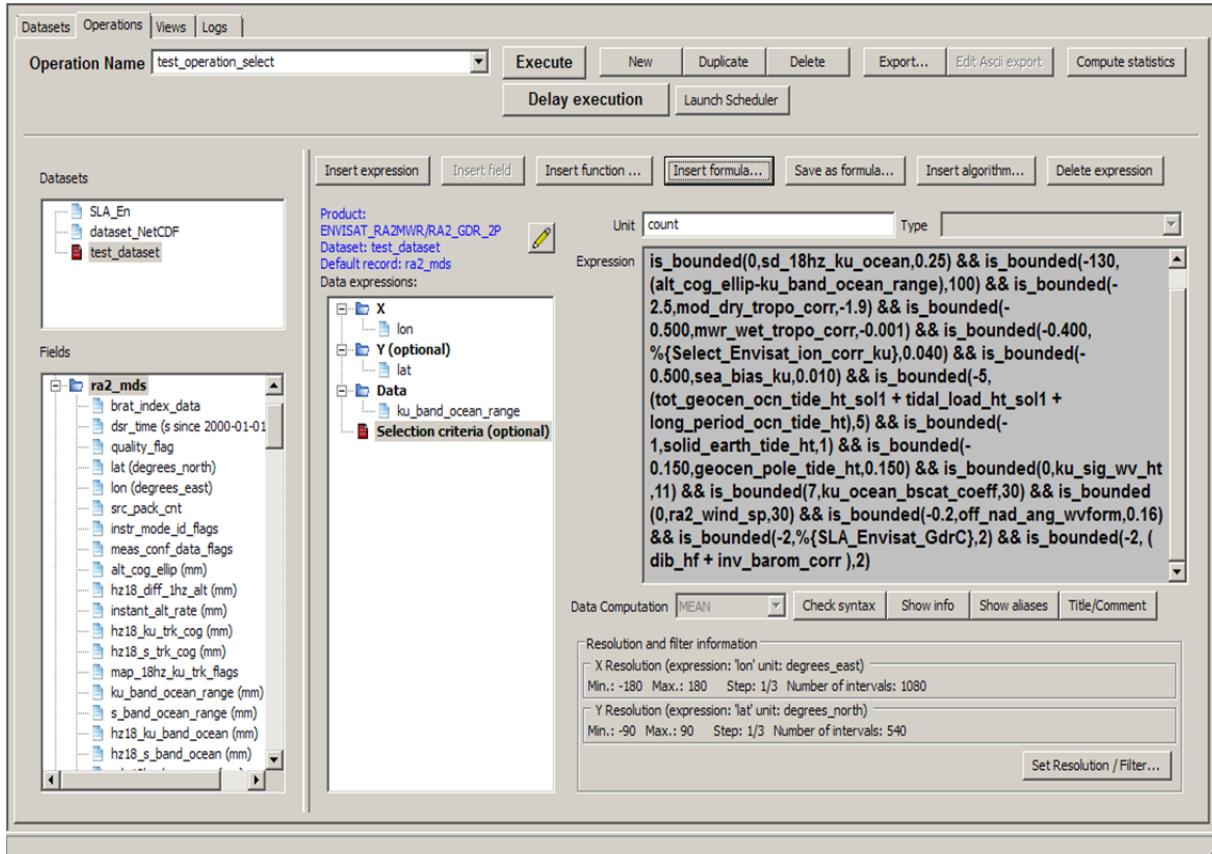
In the Formula box, you will find pre-defined formulas (Sea Surface Height and Sea Level Anomaly formulas from the different satellites' GDR fields, and also 'Ocean editing' formulas, to use as selection criteria to select only valid data over ocean). If you have saved as formula an expression in the current workspace (or imported one from another workspace), you will also find it here. Any expression, i.e. valid combination of data fields and functions can be saved as formula. You can insert a developed formula and modify it, or use a formula as part of an expression.

The formula will appear either by its name only (if you leave the 'as alias' checked), or complete (if you un-check 'as alias').



**Figure 24:** The 'Formulas' pop-up window, with the list of available formulas, top (sorted in alphabetical order).

Here, one of them (*Ocean\_data\_editing\_Envisat\_GdrA*) is selected, thus you can see the unit of the formula ('count', i.e. no unit, this is a selection formula), and the full formula in the box below. The check-box 'As alias' enables to insert the formula by its name only ('as alias') or, when unchecked, to insert in its full extent.



**Figure 25:** use of a pre-defined formula (*Ocean\_data\_editing\_Envisat\_GdrC*), by inserting its developed version Note the use in this particular formula of another formula as alias (%{SLA\_Envisat\_GdrC} on the next to last line)

## Algorithms

Algorithms provide means of computing complex operations. They are pre-defined and compiled within BRAT. They include an algorithm name and a number of input parameters (depending on the algorithm) to be filled in by the user. The button "insert algorithm" enable to access the available algorithms with the relevant information provided.

Eleven algorithms are available at this time:

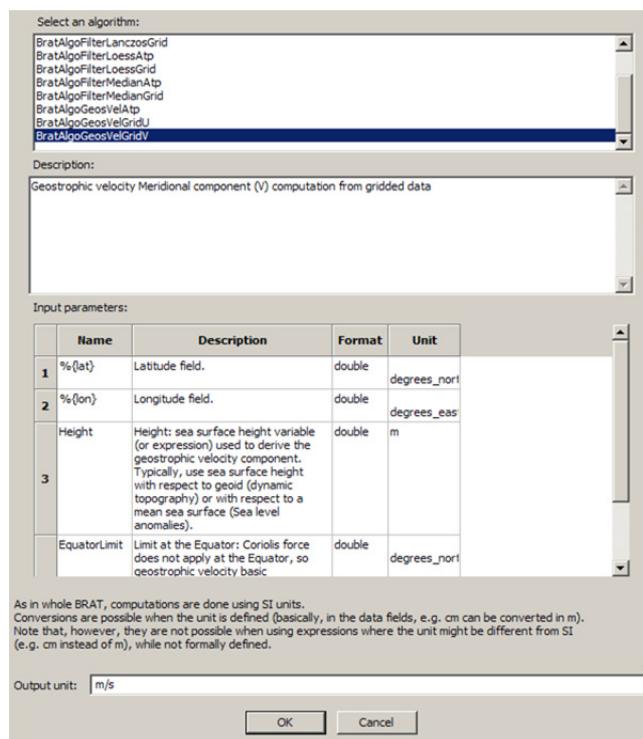
- computation of U (zonal) and of V (meridional) component of geostrophic velocities from gridded data
- computation of across-track geostrophic velocities from along-track data.
- Filters to apply on along-track data (Gaussian, Median, Lanczos or Loess)
- Filters to apply on gridded data (Gaussian, Median, Lanczos or Loess)

Note that, as in the all of BRAT, computations are done in SI units. If the field(s) you are using have a unit defined, BRAT will take care of the conversion. However, beware if there is no unit really defined ("count"). BRAT will then consider the data as in S.I.

Name	Description	Input parameters
BratAlgoGeosVelAtp	Geostrophic velocity computation for along-track data; result is the value of the geostrophic velocity component perpendicular to the track. Input data must contain at least longitude, latitude and a field corresponding to an height information.	<b>Latitude:</b> to be replaced by the name of the latitude field within the data <b>Longitude:</b> to be replaced by the name of the longitude field within the data <b>Height:</b> to be replaced by the name of a field corresponding to an height (e.g. SLA, ADT...), or a formula enabling to compute it.
BratAlgoGeosVelGridU	Geostrophic velocity computation for gridded data; result is the value of the geostrophic velocity zonal (North) component, U. Input data must contain at least longitude, latitude and a field corresponding to an height information.	<b>Latitude:</b> to be replaced by the name of the latitude field within the data <b>Longitude:</b> to be replaced by the name of the longitude field within the data <b>Height:</b> to be replaced by the name of a field corresponding to an height (e.g. SLA, ADT...), or a formula enabling to compute it. <b>5:</b> latitude North and South below which the computation won't be done, to take into account the lack of Coriolis force at the Equator.
BratAlgoGeosVelGridV	Geostrophic velocity computation for gridded data; result is the value of the geostrophic velocity meridional (East) component, V Input data must contain at least longitude, latitude and a field corresponding to an height information.	<b>Latitude:</b> to be replaced by the name of the latitude field within the data <b>Longitude:</b> to be replaced by the name of the longitude field within the data <b>Height:</b> to be replaced by the name of a field corresponding to an height (e.g. SLA, ADT...), or a formula enabling to compute it. <b>5:</b> latitude North and South below which the computation won't be done, to take into account the lack of Coriolis force at the Equator
BratAlgoFilterGaussianAtp	Gaussian Kernel filter for along-track data.  A gaussian filter is a linear weighted mean filter. Weights in the filter are calculated according to a gaussian distribution.	<b>Expr:</b> The input data (variable or Brat expression) on which the filter is applied <b>WindowLength:</b> Window/region size (N). The value must be odd. <b>1:</b> The standard deviation (sigma) of the distribution. Set by default to 1. The parameter must be a constant value. <b>3:</b> The coefficient of spreading to the left and right of the distribution." Set by default to 3. The parameter must be a strictly positive constant value. Usually in practice, the value used is 3 with sigma equals to 1. The part of Gaussian distribution utilized is the range [(-3 x sigma), (3 x sigma)], the Gaussian distribution is truncated at points +/- (3 x sigma). When the range is [(-3 x sigma), (3 x sigma)], the bell-shaped curve adjusts the corner values to 0.01. <b>ValidPts:</b> The minimum number of valid points below which the algorithm is not applied. <b>0:</b> A flag to specify if the algorithm is applied when the current data is 'default value' (no value). 0: not applied, 1: applied.
BratAlgoFilterGaussianGrid	Gaussian Kernel filter for gridded data.  A gaussian filter is a linear weighted mean filter. Weights in the filter are calculated according to a gaussian distribution.	<b>Expr:</b> The input data (variable or Brat expression) on which the filter is applied <b>WindowLength:</b> Window/region size (N x N). The value must be odd. <b>1:</b> The standard deviation (sigma) of the distribution. Set by default to 1. The parameter must be a constant value. <b>3:</b> The coefficient of spreading to the left and right of the distribution." Set by default to 3. The parameter must be a strictly positive constant value. Usually in practice, the value used is 3 with sigma equals to 1. The part of Gaussian

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		distribution utilized is the range [(-3 x sigma), (3 x sigma)], the Gaussian distribution is truncated at points +/- (3 x sigma). When the range is [(-3 x sigma), (3 x sigma)], the bell-shaped curve adjusts the corner values to 0.01. <b>ValidPts:</b> The minimum number of valid points below which the algorithm is not applied. <b>0:</b> A flag to specify if the algorithm is applied when the current data is 'default value' (no value). 0: not applied, 1: applied.
BratAlgoFilterLanczosAtp	Lanczos kernel filter for along-track data.  A Lanczos filter is a weighted filter. Weights in the filter are calculated in the Frequency space, using Fourier transform.	<b>Expr:</b> The input data (variable or Brat expression) on which the filter is applied <b>WindowLength:</b> Window/region size (N). The value must be odd. <b>CutOff:</b> The value of the cut-off period (number of data points). The frequency (1/CutOff) is the value at which the response passes from one to zero. <b>ValidPts:</b> The minimum number of valid points below which the algorithm is not applied. <b>0:</b> A flag to specify if the algorithm is applied when the current data is 'default value' (no value). 0: not applied, 1: applied.
BratAlgoFilterLanczosGrid	Lanczos kernel filter for gridded data.  A Lanczos filter is a weighted filter. Weights in the filter are calculated in the Frequency space, using Fourier transform.	<b>Expr:</b> The input data (variable or Brat expression) on which the filter is applied <b>WindowLength:</b> Window/region size (N x N). . The value must be odd. <b>CutOff:</b> The value of the cut-off period (number of data points). The frequency (1/CutOff) is the value at which the response passes from one to zero. <b>ValidPts:</b> The minimum number of valid points below which the algorithm is not applied. <b>0:</b> A flag to specify if the algorithm is applied when the current data is 'default value' (no value). 0: not applied, 1: applied.
BratAlgoFilterLoessAtp	Loess kernel filter for along-track data.  A Loess filter is a low-pass filter mostly used for smoothing. It is based on a local regression using weighted linear least squares and a 2nd degree polynomial model	<b>Expr:</b> The input data (variable or Brat expression) on which the filter is applied <b>X:</b> The input data (X values) used to compute weights. <b>WindowLength:</b> Window/region size. The value must be odd. <b>ValidPts:</b> The minimum number of valid points below which the algorithm is not applied. <b>Extrapolate:</b> A flag to specify if the algorithm is applied when the current data is 'default value' (no value). 0: not applied, 1: applied.
BratAlgoFilterLoessGrid	Loess kernel filter for gridded data. When used with X=longitude, Y=latitude, it is equivalent to the filter available in the 'set resolution/filter' box (but it can be applied here on any and every X and Y)  A Loess filter is a low-pass filter mostly used for smoothing. It is based on a local regression using weighted linear least squares and a 2nd degree polynomial model	<b>Expr:</b> The input data (variable or Brat expression) on which the filter is applied <b>WindowWidth:</b> Window/region width (x). The parameter must be a constant odd value. <b>WindowHeight:</b> Window/region height (y). The parameter must be a constant odd value. <b>ValidPts:</b> The minimum number of valid points below which the algorithm is not applied. <b>0:</b> A flag to specify if the algorithm is applied when the current data is 'default value' (no value). 0: not applied, 1: applied.
BratAlgoFilterMedianAtp	Median kernel filter for along-track data.  A Median filter is often used for speckle noise reduction. A median filter is a non-linear filter	<b>Expr:</b> The input data (variable or Brat expression) on which the filter is applied <b>WindowLength:</b> Window/region size <b>ValidPts:</b> The minimum number of valid points below

Name	Description	Input parameters
	which orders the elements within a window and pick the middle one.	which the algorithm is not applied. <b>0:</b> A flag to specify if the algorithm is applied when the current data is 'default value' (no value). 0: not applied, 1: applied. Expr: WindowLength:
BratAlgoFilterMedianGrid	Median kernel filter for gridded data.  A Median filter is often used for speckle noise reduction. A median filter is a non-linear filter which orders the elements within a window and pick the middle one.	<b>Expr:</b> The input data (variable or Brat expression) on which the filter is applied <b>WindowWidth:</b> Window/region width (x) <b>WindowHeight:</b> Window/region height (y) <b>ValidPts:</b> The minimum number of valid points below which the algorithm is not applied. <b>0:</b> A flag to specify if the algorithm is applied when the current data is 'default value' (no value). 0: not applied, 1: applied.



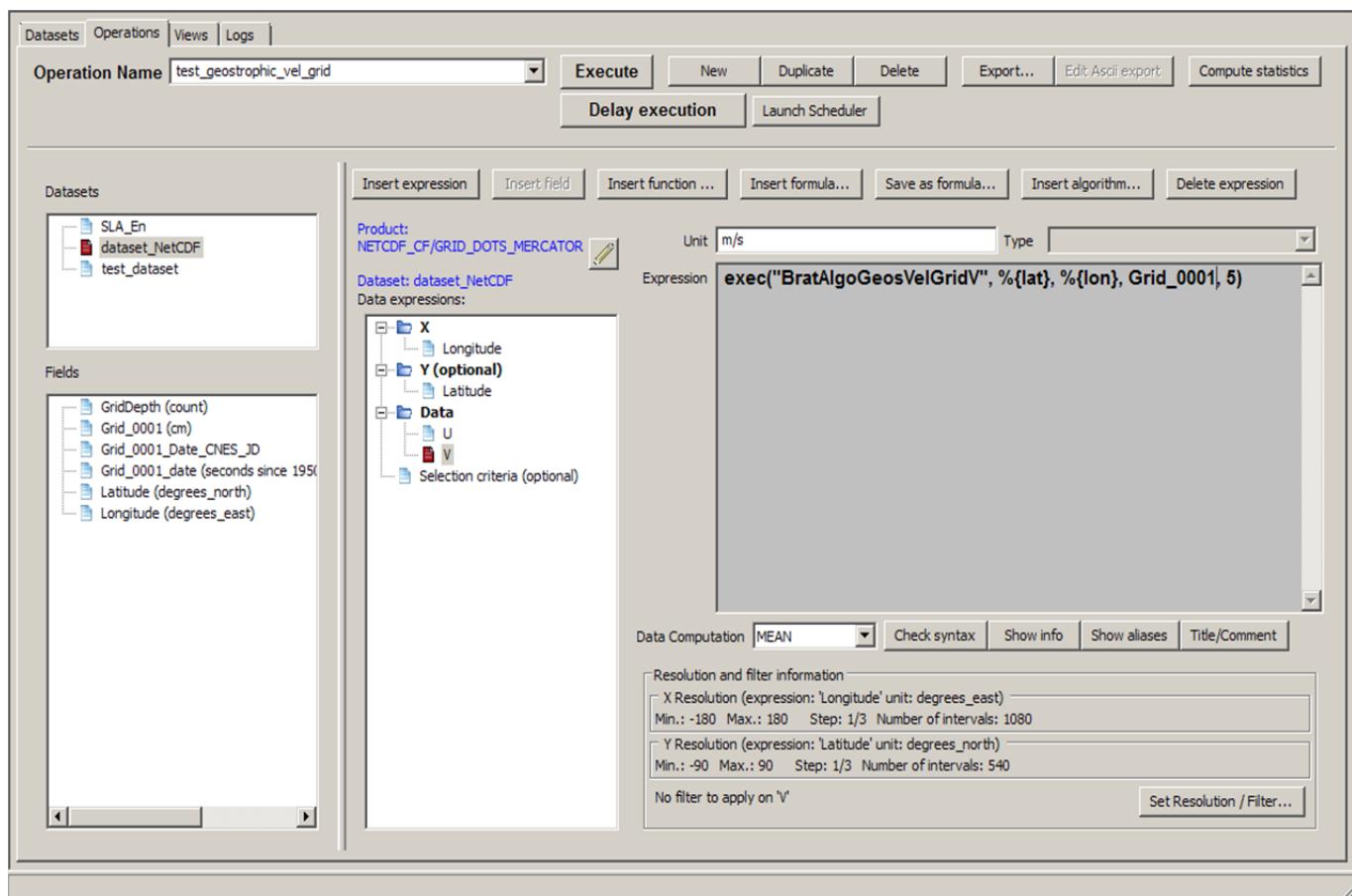
**Figure 26: Insert Algorithm pop-up, with the BratAlgoGeosVelGridV selected.**

A list of available algorithm is shown (top)

Description of the selected algorithm is available (just below) as well as the necessary input parameters (middle) and standard output unit (here m/s, bottom).

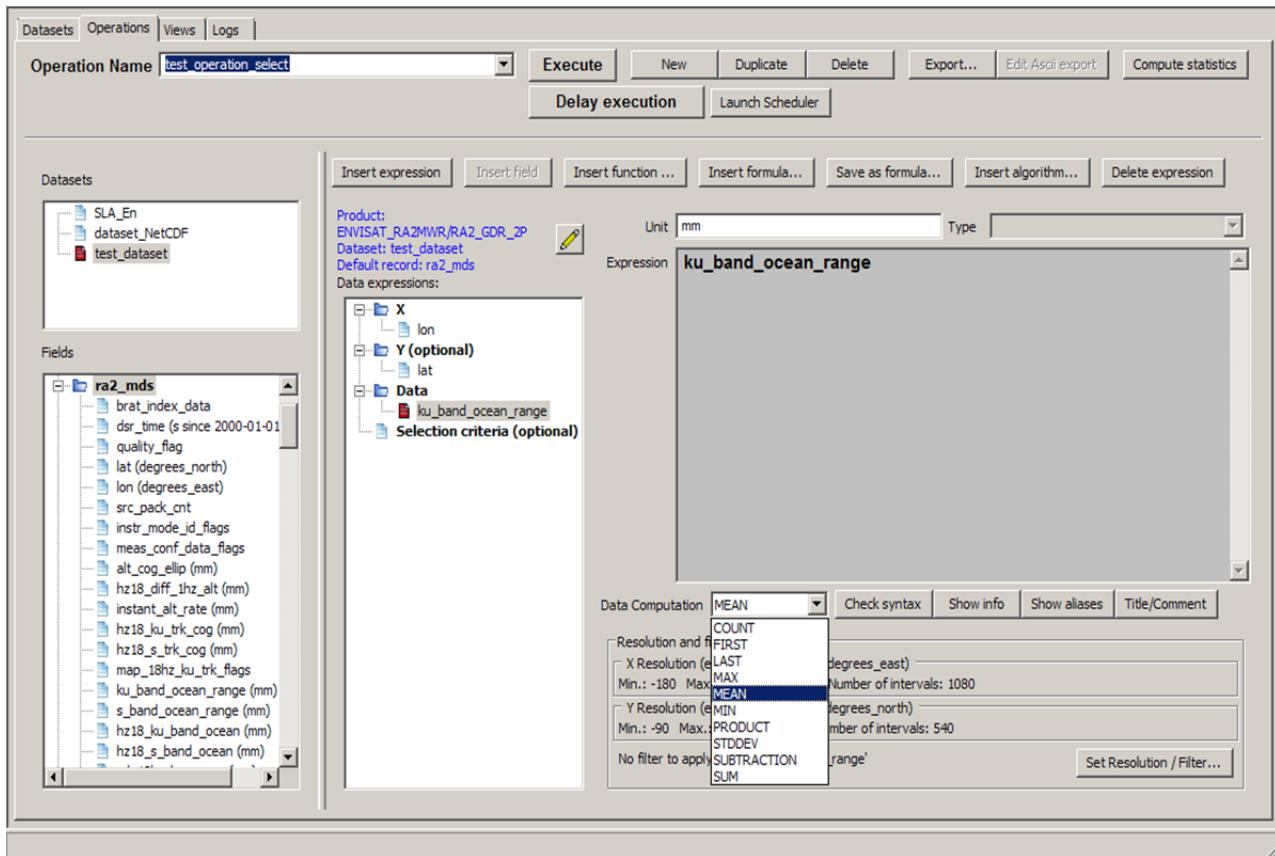
Clicking on “OK” will insert the call to the algorithm within the current expression (it will appear as  
`exec("BratAlgoGeosVelGridV",%{lat},%{lon},Height,5)`  
in the expression box.

You then have to change the four input parameters (or not; most of the time, only “Height” will have to be changed; Latitude and Longitude aliases are used, so they will work for any dataset) to fit your dataset and your needs.



**Figure 27: Operation resulting from the insertion of algorithms (here the “V” algorithm is visible; the “U” algorithm has also been inserted). Latitude, Longitude and 5 have been left as default; Height is replaced by “grid\_0001”, which is the name of the Sea Level Anomaly height in the gridded dataset used.**

## Data computation



**Figure 28: Choice of the data computation**

The data computation is used whenever you have several values of a field for a given (X) or (X,Y). This is typically the case for:

- crossover points between tracks
- several files available for different dates
- sub-sample data

Possible computations are:

- '**MEAN**' (default) : computes the mean for all values of the field within the dataset at each X (or (X,Y))
- '**COUNT**' : returns the number of values of the field within the dataset at each X (or (X,Y))
- '**FIRST**' : returns the first encountered value of the field within the dataset (in the order of the list of files as it appears in the 'dataset' tab)
- '**LAST**' : returns the last encountered value of the field within the dataset (in the order of the list of files as it appears in the 'dataset' tab)
- '**MAX**' : gives the maximum value of the field within the dataset
- '**MIN**' : gives the minimum value of the field within the dataset
- '**PRODUCT**' : multiplies the selected field for each file within the dataset
- '**STDDEV**' : computes the standard deviation for all values of the field within the dataset at each X (or (X,Y))
- '**SUBTRACTION**' : subtracts the selected field for each file from the first of the list (file order dependent)
- '**SUM**' : adds the selected field for each file

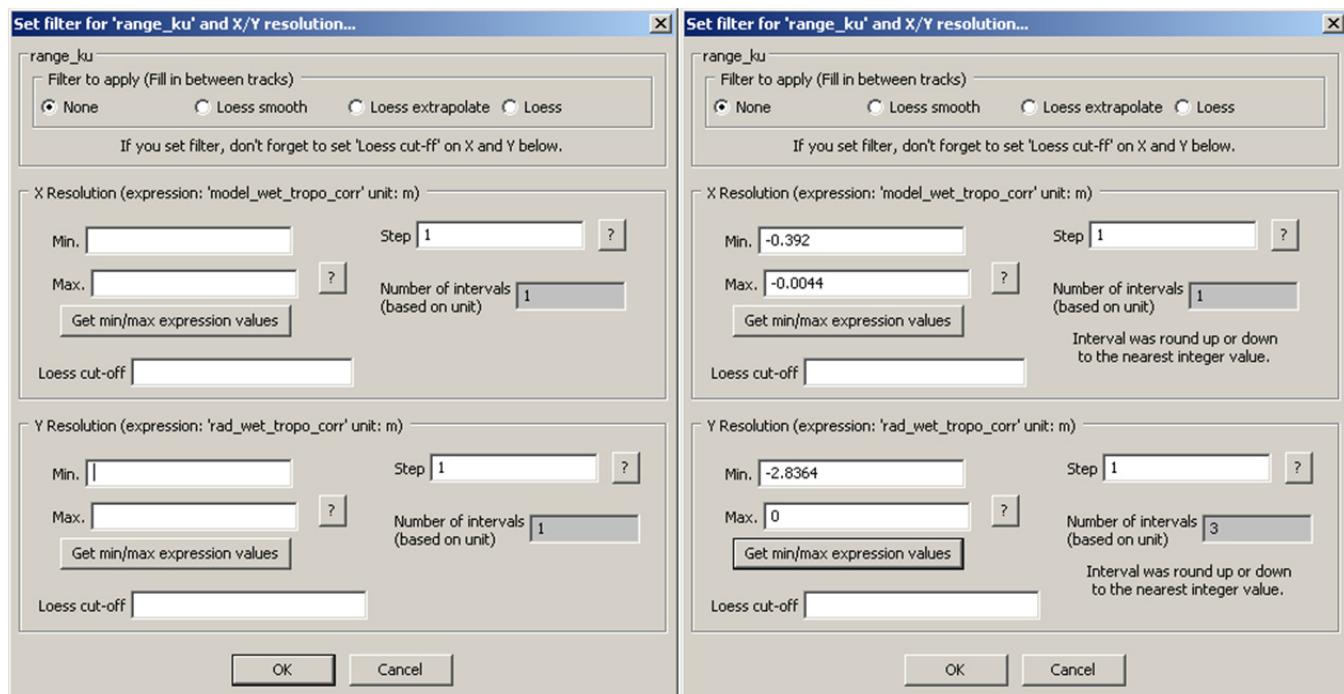
Take care, however, that for along-track data, on a given ground track, longitudes or latitudes are scarcely ever exactly the same from one cycle to the next. So if you want to (e.g.) average data over several cycles for a given track with respect to **only** longitude or latitude, you will have to round the data in the X expression (see round or rnd functions).

### Resolution and Filters

When you fill both X and Y, you 'grid' the data. You then have to define the grid parameters, i.e. **minimum, maximum and step, for the whole operation**. Note that by choosing a step, you may sub-sample your source data, and that by changing the Min/Max you can extract a smaller X-Y area.

- for longitude/latitude, Minimum and Maximum are set by default to  $0 - 360^\circ, -90^\circ - 90^\circ$  (whatever the data source),  
for any other type of X and Y, Minimum and maximum have to be defined.  
The '**Get min/max expression**' button is here to help you: if you don't have an idea of what the values of your field could reasonably be, this will provide you with the absolute minimum and maximum of your expression (note that if your dataset include a long list of files, it can take some time to be computed). The unit in which the minimum and maximum have to be defined are those defined in the corresponding expressions, and are recalled, top of each sub-part of the window.
- Pre-defined steps are proposed ( $1/3^\circ$  for longitude and latitude, 1 for any other data), but may not fit your need. The number of intervals is automatically computed from those elements, and cannot be directly changed.

However, note that the higher the step, the smaller the resolution, and the longer the execution time for the operation.



**Figure 29: 'Set X/Y resolution' pop-up window. Left, for X,Y different from Longitude and Latitude at the opening; right, once clicked on 'Get min/max expression' values for both X and Y. Min, Max and step can be modified. In this example, you can e.g. put -0,4 and 0 as minimum and maximum for both axis, and 0,01 as step.**

BRAT provides you with the possibility of "smoothing", "binning", or to extrapolate the data, using Loess filter

There are three different filters :

- '**Smooth**': smoothes the values of the data where there are already data (i.e. it will not fill in gaps between tracks)
- '**Extrapolate**': fills in the gaps between values (with some overlay on continents)
- '**Loess**': smoothes and fills in the gap values (with some overlay on continents)

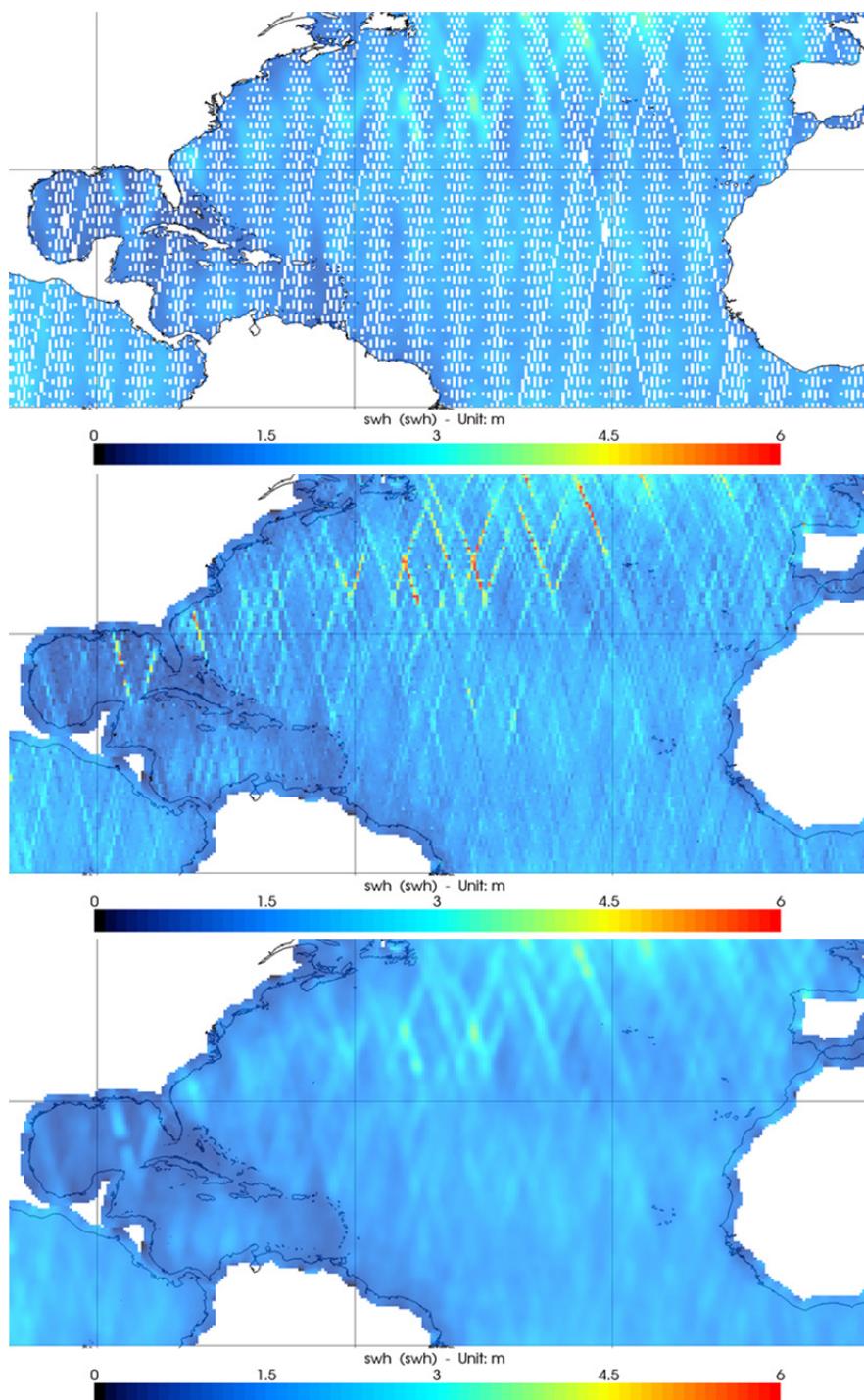
The choice depend on the result you want. 'Extrapolate tends' to keep data ground tracks visible. 'Smooth' spreads out the data, but tends to level the maxima and minima and to generate 'data' on continents from ocean-only measurements. 'Loess' does both extrapolation and smoothing.

If you select one of them, you have to fill the '**Loess cut-off**' value for each axis (both X and Y), i.e. the number of grid points before the Loess filter becomes equal to zero (odd number) are then to be

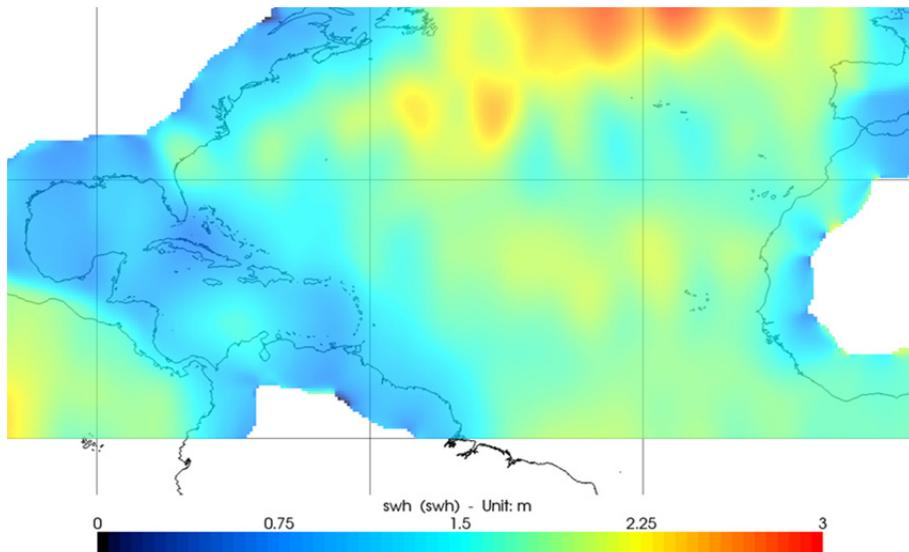
Typical Loess filter cut-off values depend on the Step you choose and on the kind of filter you have selected in your field (Smooth, Extrapolate or Loess). They are odd numbers (if you fill in an even number, the number used will be your number+1).

The general rule is that the higher the cut-off value, the more spread out the data will be, since the radius of action of the filter will be greatest.

For good results to render along-track data, values of 31 begins to give rather correct results, even if they still show a hint of ground tracks.



**Figure 30:** The same data (Envisat Significant wave height) computed with (top to bottom) ‘Smooth’, ‘Extrapolate’ and ‘Loess’ filters, and with (left) a Loess cut-off value of 9 (all with a resolution of  $1/3^\circ$ ). With a Loess cut-off of 9, tracks are still visible.



**Figure 31: Envisat Significant wave height computed with a ‘Loess’ filter and a Loess cut-off value of 31 in longitude and latitude.**

## Views tab

When you have executed your operation, you may want to have a look at the results in a graphical way. This is done through the ‘Views’ tab. For Display window description, see chapter Visualisation interface. The main interest of creating several Views is to be able to retrieve your view in the future, with all its parameters (minimum and maximum on each axis, projection, color table with its minimum and maximum, etc.).

The name is used to call the parameter file that will be executed to display the data and if need be to retrieve your view in the future.

The tab is split in several parts:

- The management of the views is at the top.
- Data panels
- General plot properties just underneath the View names
- Display Expression properties bottom right, under the selected data.

## Management of the views

- The '**Name of views**' dropdown list contains all the defined operation names and allows you to select and rename an operation. When renaming a view, take care that it does not copy it, but it replaces the old one.
- The '**New**' button is used to create a new view, with a name like 'Displays\_2'  
This can also be done using the Views menu.
- The '**Delete**' button enables to delete an existing view  
This can also be done using the Views menu.
- The '**Execute**' button launches the visualisation interface, with the parameters defined in the Views tab.

## Data to be visualised

The data that can be visualised through BRAT GUI are data from an operation, if only a simple one. You can't visualise directly any file without undergoing the definition of a dataset and an operation.

To include a data expression for visualisation, you have to insert it in the 'Selected data' list, either by drag & drop, or by using the arrows button.

- '**Available**' data lists all the operations and expressions computed in the current workspace. They are sorted through three main categories:
  - o '**Y=F(X)**', which are basically curve plots

- 'Z=F(X,Y)', which are the representation of a value (in colors/contours) with respect to two others
- 'Z=F(Lon,Lat)', i.e. maps

Under each category (click on '+' to expand the tree, '-' to flatten it), you will see the names of the operations already computed, and under each operation, the list of Data expressions defined within this operation.

The operations are listed in one category or the other depending on the way they were defined:

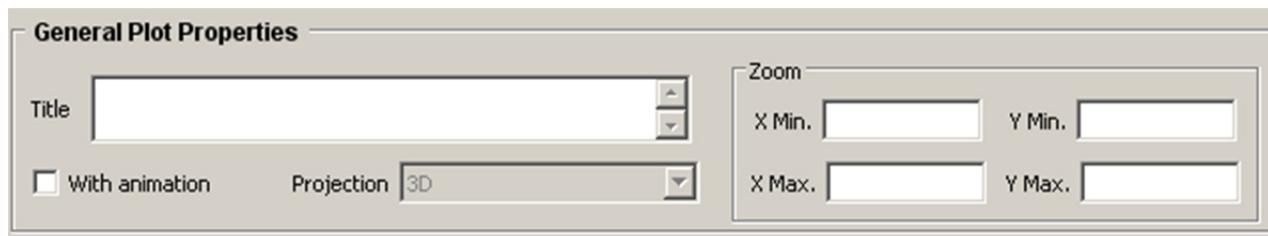
- if the Y expression was not filled (only X expression defined), the operation can only be in the 'Y=F(X)' category.
- If  $(X,Y)=(\text{Longitude},\text{Latitude})$ , the operation can only be in  $Z=F(\text{Lon},\text{Lat})$
- If  $(X,Y)\neq(\text{Longitude},\text{Latitude})$ , then the operation will be in both  $Y=F(X)$  and  $Z=F(X,Y)$ , the former as an "animation" of  $Z=F(X)$  for each Y

The one exception to this categorisation is for expressions including altimetric Waveforms, for which only with an X expression is defined, but which can also be visualised as  $Z=F(X,Y)$ . This is due to the fact that waveform data fields are stored as arrays of values, thus the array index has been defined as a virtual supplementary field. In fact, even if only X can be defined in this case, an operation including a waveform field can be compared to the  $(X,Y)\neq(\text{Longitude},\text{Latitude})$  case.

- 'Selected' data lists the data expression selected for visualisation. You can put there more than one data expression, provided there are compatible, i.e.
  - for  $Y=F(X)$ , same X, Data expression must be of the same unit (e.g. metres, but also centimetres and metres)
  - For  $Z=F(X,Y)$ , same X, same Y, any data expression
- The 'Refresh' button refresh the list of available data
- The ' $\Rightarrow$ ' button enables to switch a data expression from the 'available' list to the 'selected' list, as an alternative to drag & drop  
and the ' $\Leftarrow$ ' button enables to delete it from the selected list (the 'Delete' key can also be used)

## General plot properties

You can just create a view and drag&drop whatever expression you want to visualise. More properties are, however, available, and can be useful.



**Figure 32: General properties box (for a  $Z=F(X,Y)$  data expression).**

- The 'Title' text box is meant to define the title of your plot (top of the plot for  $Y=F(X)$  and  $Z=F(X,Y)$ , near the color scale for maps)
- 'With animation' check-box is available for  $Z=F(X,Y)$  and  $Z=F(\text{Lon},\text{Lat})$ .  
If you have computed several identical operations (same X, same Y, same Data expression names, different operations names, however), you can select all of them and choose to animate them (see the section about the visualisation interface 6.2, 'Z=F(Lon, Lat)').
- The 'Projection' dropdown list is available only for  $Z=F(\text{Lon},\text{Lat})$ . Several map projections are proposed. Default is '3D projection', but the list also includes
  - Azimuthal equidistant
  - Lambert azimuthal
  - Lambert cylindrical

- Mercator
- Mollweide
- Near-Sighted Perspective
- Orthographic
- Plate Carree
- Robinson
- Stereographic

- The 'Zoom' boxes can be used
  - for Y=FX) to delimit either or both axis, to look only at part of the curve, or to limit the range for the data (about the same for Z=F(X,Y))
  - for maps, to zoom on a region.

## Display Expression properties

The Display expression properties box active content depends on the category of data selected. It applies on one expression and only one (click on an expression in the 'Selected' list to define properties for this expression, and only this one)

- Y=F(X)
 

Expression '**Name**' text box. Default is the expression title (if any), or its name.  
 If from a Z=F(X,Y) operation, '**X axis**' dropdown list enable you to choose between the two possible axis (the one defined as X or the. You will then have an animations of curves at each Y  
 '**X label**' text box proposes you to enter a name for the axis ( Default is the expression title (if any), or its name)  
 If from an data expression including a Waveform data field, '**X axis**' dropdown list enables you to choose between the Waveform index (which is the most relevant) and the X expression you defined as abscissa. If you leave X as Waveform index, you will be able to see the series of waveforms for each values of the X expression you defined in the operation (e.g. Latitude at 20Hz).  
 '**X label**' text box proposes you to enter a name for the axis ( Default is the expression title (if any), or its name)
- Z=F(X,Y)
 

Expression 'Z=F(X,Y)' text box. Default is the expression title (if any), or its name.  
 '**Minimum**', '**Maximum**' and name of the '**color table**'  
 '**Solid color**' or '**Contour**' check-box (either one, or both can be checked)  
 '**Invert X/Y**' check box, if you decide that it makes more sense to switch the axis  
 '**East/North Component**' check box if the field corresponds to a vector plot. Vector plots require one north and one east component, and only one vector plot can be visualized at a time.
- Z=F(Lon,Lat)
 

same than Z=F(X,Y), except for the 'invert X/Y' check box: for maps, this is not possible, the X and Y axis are defined as respectively longitude and latitude, without possibility of change

## Logs tab

The '**Logs**' tab displays the state of the programmes being run. Several operations and views can be executed at the same time. Errors can be detected using the messages from the Logs tab.

If things go well, you should have messages like:

'==> Task 'DisplayDisplays\_17' (pid 284) SUCCESSFULLY ENDED <=='

To kill an ongoing task, select it in the list, and click on the '**Kill**' button.

As soon as a task is finished, BRAT GUI goes back to the tab from where it was launched (either Operations or Views)

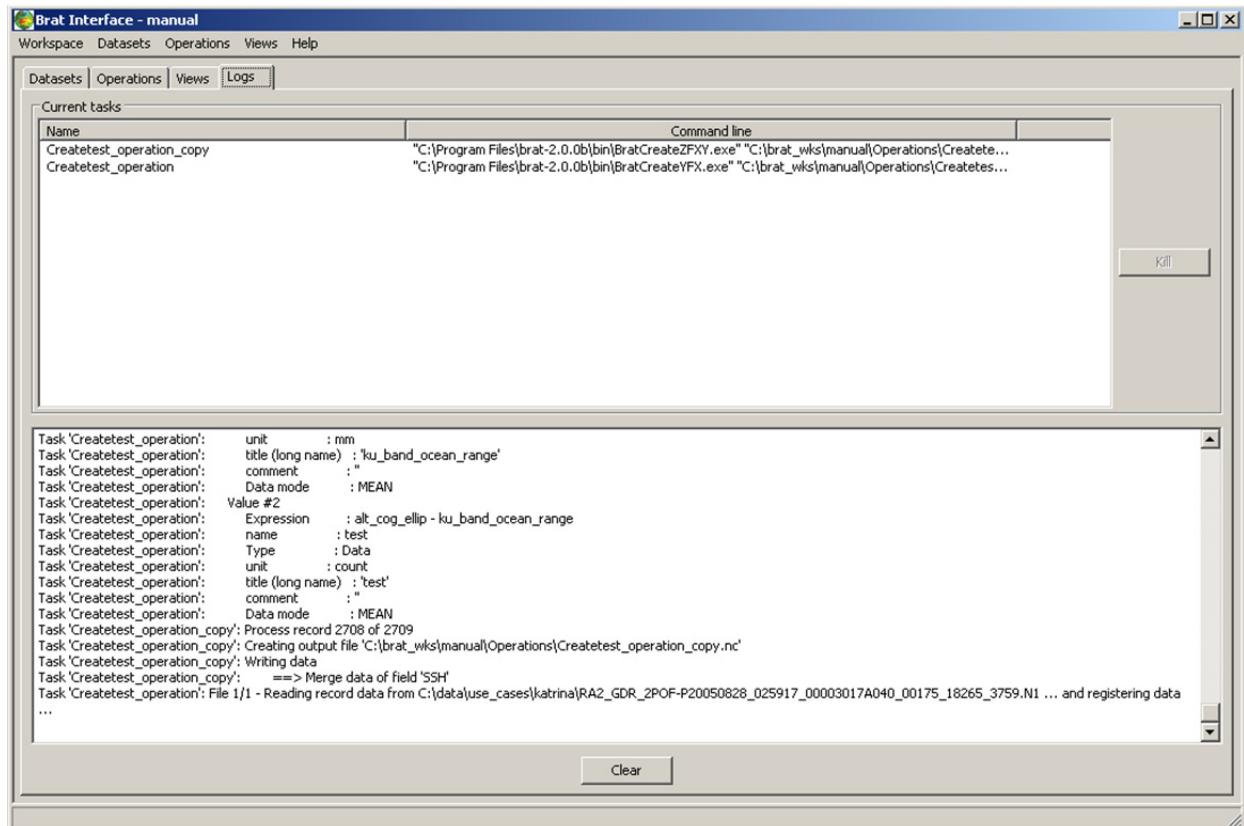


Figure 33: Logs tab, with two operations running. The execution of a View is also registered on this tab..

## Aliases

Aliases are short names or unified names for data fields. Aliases have been added within BRAT to take into account the fact that the equivalent fields are not named similarly for all the datasets (names always follow the User documentation made by the data provider, in order that the user can refer to this documentation for more information).

Some are already defined. The equivalent fields have been defined with the same alias(es) for all the relevant altimetry data. If a given field is not available within the current dataset, a warning will be issued. However, you can either modify them, or create your own ones.

A few aliases are “universal” (pre-defined for all known datasets read by BRAT) : %{lon}, %{lat}, %{time} (NB. you may encounter NetCDF data read by BRAT but not pre-defined, for which this won’t work, however)

Note that there may be several aliases for a same field, in order to either speed the typing (e.g. %{mss}), or be more self-explaining (e.g. %{mean\_sea\_surface}).

An alias can be a field or a combination of fields. They are stored in a “aliases.xml” file that can be edited (in brat program folder, data/ sub-folder). In the same folder, the aliases.xsd.html file gives the rules to define new aliases and/or modify the existing ones.

The following must be kept in mind:

- an alias always refer to a given data product.
- BRAT GUI call to aliases.xml for alias definition. If you modify this file, the aliases can change! (and, thus, if you used aliases previously, your Operations may not work anymore)

## Using aliases

Aliases can be used as any field or combination of field, by using “%” before the name, and encompassing it between “{“ and “}”

For example, a (nearly) universal SSH formula could be written as follow in the 'data expression' of an Operation:  
 %{alt} - %{range} - %{dry\_tropo\_corr} - %{dynamic\_atmos\_corr} - %{tides\_all\_corr} - %{ssb} - %{iono\_corr}  
 - %{wet\_tropo\_corr}

**(note that the fact that not all corrections are available for all satellites make it not absolutely universal!)**

or, in a “selection criteria” expression, you could write:

```
is_bound(40,%{lat},60)
```

to select data between 40°N and 60°N.

## Structure

Here is an example of the structure of the xml file. For more information on this structure, please refer to aliases.xsd.html file.

```
<product class="ENVISAT_RA2MWR" description="ENVISAT RA2 and MWR products">
    <defaultRecord name="ra2_mds"/>
    <aliases>
        ...
        <alias name="range">ku_band_ocean_range</alias>
        ...
    </aliases>
</product>
```

**Figure 34: example of the definition of an alias.** This example is for Envisat RA2 and MWR products, by default for data within the “ra2\_mds” record. “ku\_band\_ocean\_range” is the name give by default in the documentation and thus in BRAT. To keep it simpler, we call it here “range”.

See Brat products format definitions in the doc/codadef/index.html file located in the Brat directory.  
Products are classified in 'class' (product class) and 'type' (product type)

## Modifying an alias

To modify an alias, edit the xml file in a text editor. And just change its name in <alias name="....">.

For example, you could replace:

```
alias name="range">ku_band_ocean_range</alias>
by
<alias name="THERANGE">ku_band_ocean_range</alias>
```

thus, afterwards, you would be using %{THERANGE} as alias. Note that, in this case, previous use of %{range} won't work anymore.

## Creating an alias

### For a field for which no alias exists

Find the product(s) for which you want the alias to work, and just add a line like:

```
<alias name="range">ku_band_ocean_range</alias>
```

defining the name you wish to use, and the given name of the field. You have to do it for any and every data product where you want to use this alias.

See Brat products format definitions in the doc/codadef/index.html file located in the Brat directory. Products are classified in 'class' (product class) and 'type' (product type)

You may have to specify a record within the default record.

You will put this in a ProductType tag, like

```
aliases productType="RA2_MWS_2P" record="avg_waveforms_mds" ref="RA2_GDR_2P">
```

You can use combination of fields to define an alias. E.g. an alias including all tide-related corrections can be:

```
"      <alias name="tides_all_corr">(ocean_tide_sol1+ solid_earth_tide + pole_tide)</alias> "
```

### For a field for which an alias has already been defined

If you'd prefer something else than the predefined name, but do not want to erase it by modifying it, you can create alternate aliases.

For example, above we decided that when we will be using %{range}, it will be the field “ku\_band\_ocean\_range”. However, it can be misunderstood (there's a 'C-Band' range in Envisat data). So you may want to specify at least in some cases that you are using the Ku-band range (e.g. if you're using C-Band data close-by).

To do this, you would define :

<pre>&lt;alias name="range"&gt;ku_band_ocean_range&lt;/alias&gt;</pre>	<i>[as previously]</i>
<pre>&lt;alias name="range_ku" ref="range"/&gt;</pre>	<i>[referring to the above alias]</i>

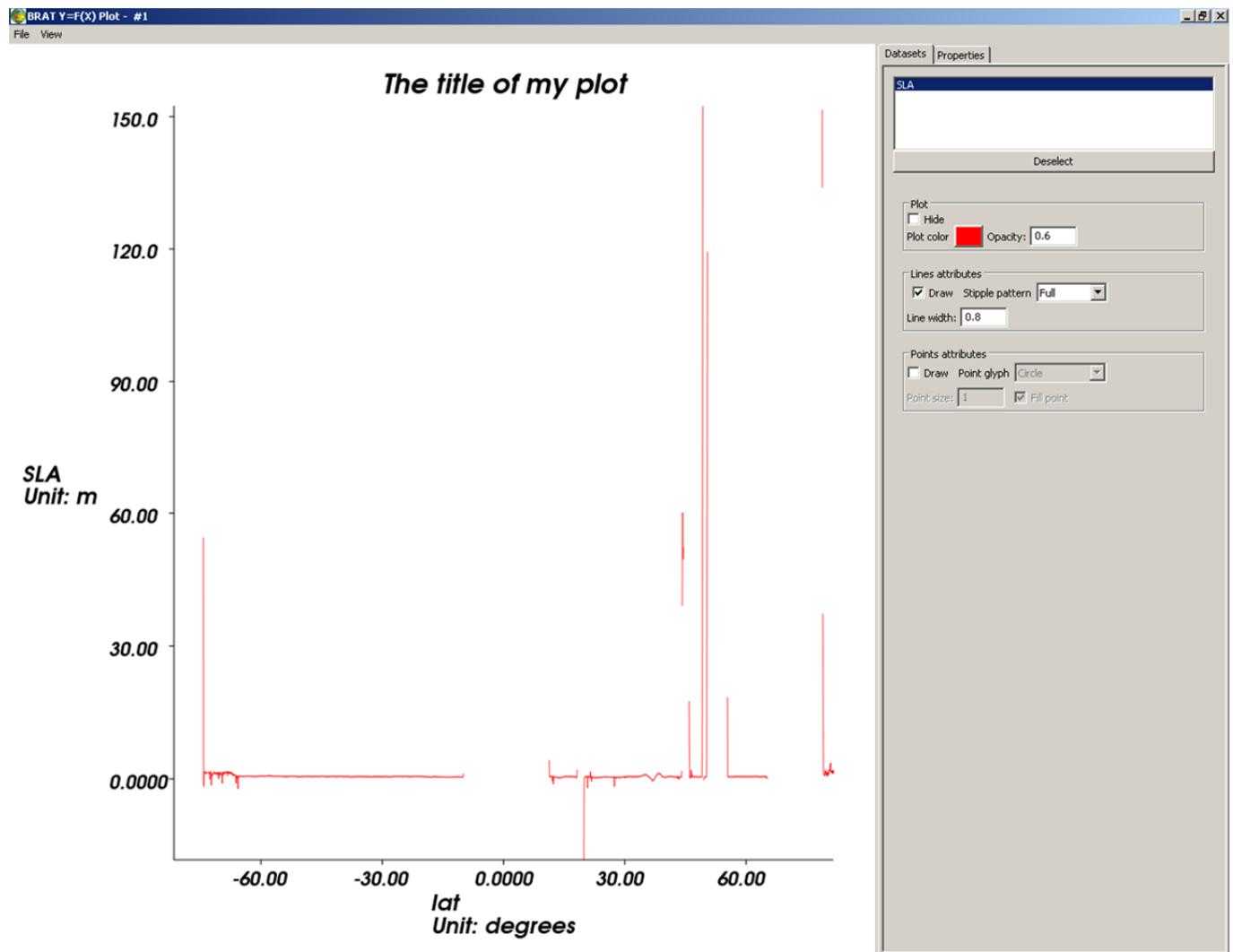
You can then use either %{range} or %{range\_ku} in an expression with the same results.

## Visualisation interface

The visualisation interface is called by executing a command file from the ‘views’ tab of the GUI. It can also be used with a command file.

The visualisation options are quite different for an ‘ $Y=F(X)$ ’ (curve) than for a ‘ $Z=F(lon,lat)$ ’ (map); the other plots ( $Z=F(X,Y)$ ) have functionalities from both types.

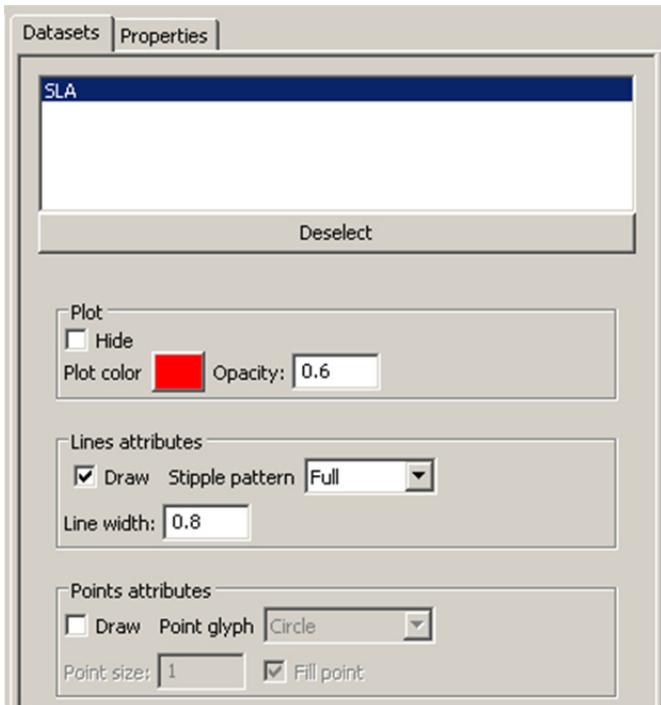
### ‘ $Y=F(X)$ ’



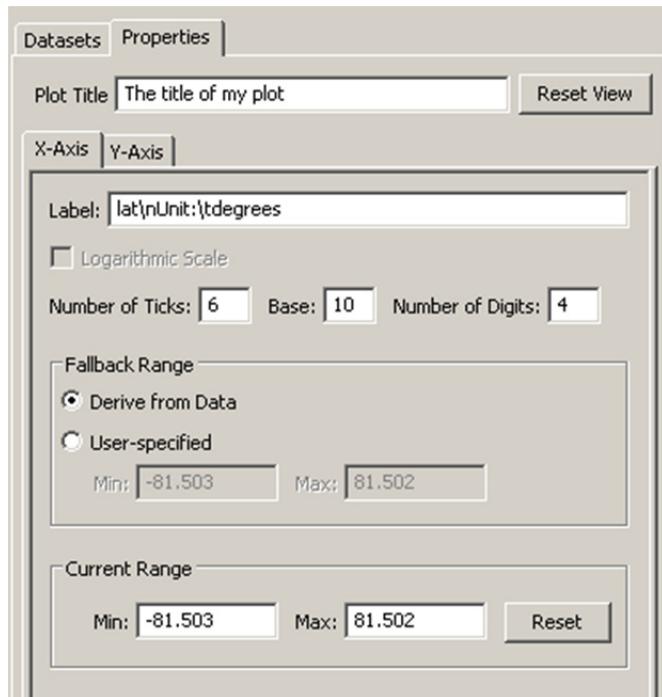
**Figure 35: An example  $Y=F(X)$  visualisation**

In the ‘File’ menu, you can save your plot, in different image format (bmp – windows bitmap – jpeg, png, pnm or tiff).

The ‘View’ menu enables you to display or not the right-hand panel with the properties.



**Figure 36: Datasets tab of the visualisation tool**



**Figure 37: Y-axis properties of a  $Y=F(X)$  plot, with only one field selected for view. Label (including the unit), number of ticks in the axis, min and max of the axis are shown. X-axis properties are similar.**

First tab ('datasets') recalls the name of the field as it appears in the Display Field properties of the 'Views' tab.

When a field is selected in this 'datasets' tab, you have some options to choose the colour and style (full, dots, etc.) of the line and of the points (none by default, circles, crosses, etc.). If there are several fields to plot, you can thus enhance the legibility of your plot.

Second tab ('properties') enable to choose several options (some being already available within the 'views' tab; however, modifications done only in the visualisation window will not be saved as part of the workspace and thus cannot be recalled for future use. We thus strongly recommend that you choose options as min, max of both axis, units, plot title and axis name within the Operations and Views tabs.

The label of each axis includes by default the name of the plotted field and its unit, with \n for line break and \t for space.

'Fallback range' enables you to select in a more restricted range (e.g. you selected a whole ground track, but finally wish to look only at a  $-10 + 10^{\circ}\text{N}$  range).

You can also zoom in on a portion of curve using middle button of your mouse.

'Current range' indicates the min max of your current view.

To go back to the first opened view, type on 'r'.

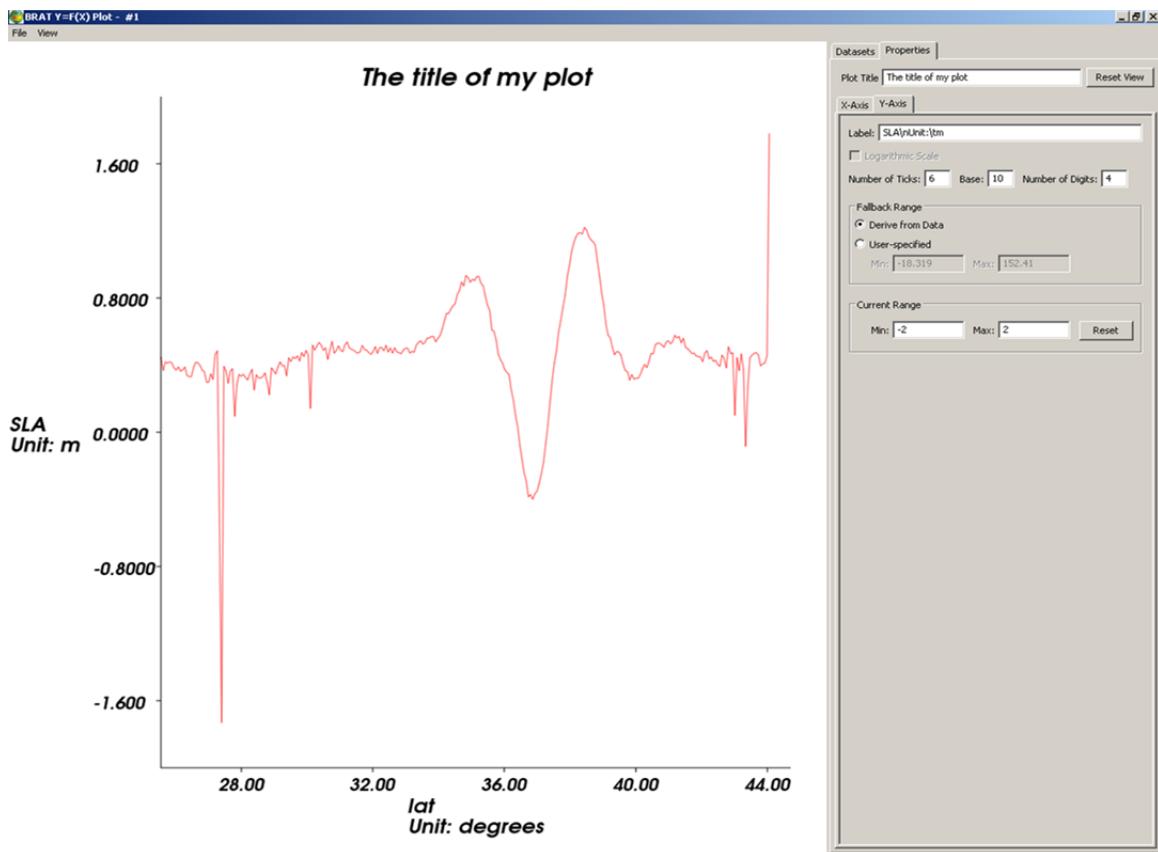


Figure 38: Zoom of the same curve than above

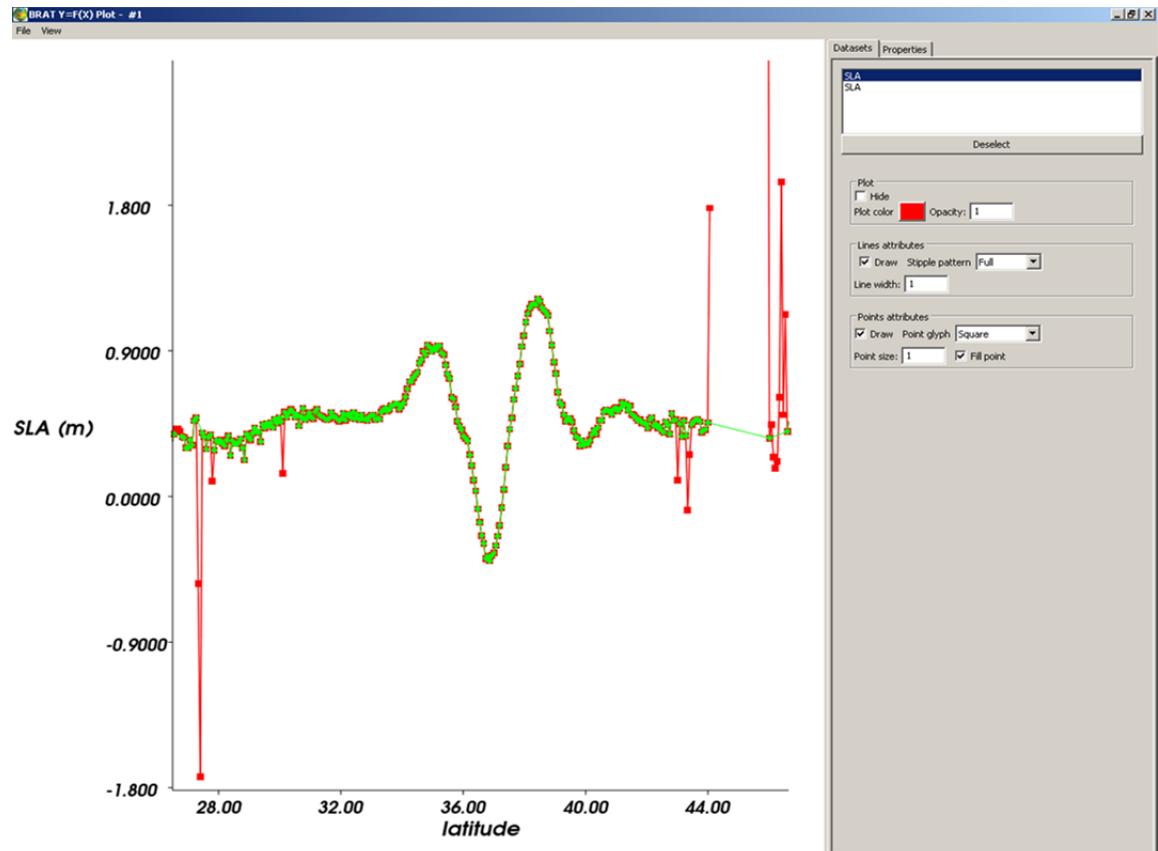


Figure 39: Two curves overlaid, with different point glyphs defined

## 'Z=F(Lon, Lat)'

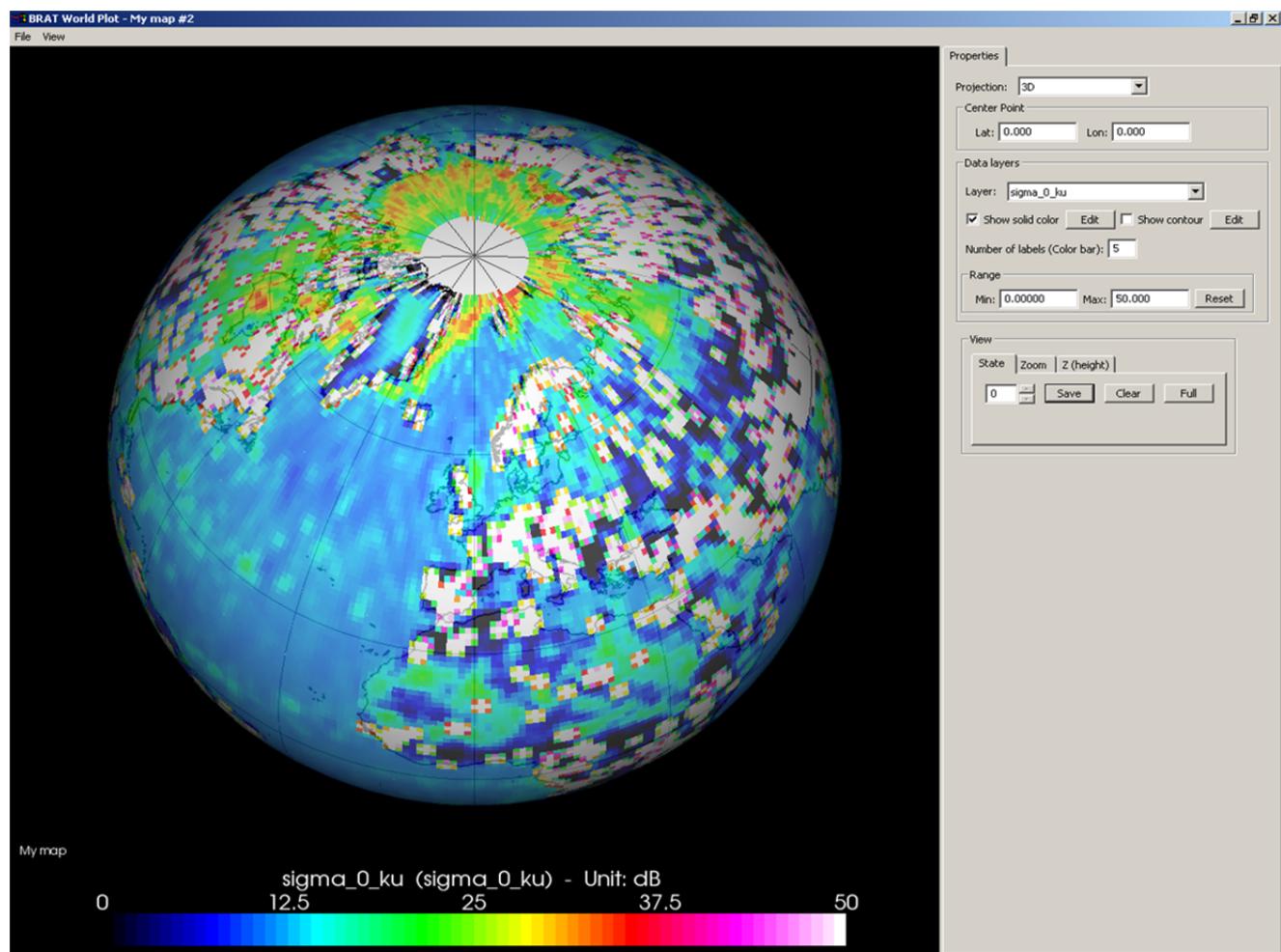
In the 'File' menu, you can save your plot, in different image format (bmp – windows bitmap – jpeg, png, pnm or tiff).

The 'View' menu enables you

- to display or not display the right-hand panel with the properties.
- display the color bar or not
- display the animation toolbar (if relevant, i.e. if you are visualising a series of fields with the same name and chose the option 'With animation'). Once in this toolbar, you can launch the animation of the fields, stop it and control its speed.
- to open the color table editor and the contour table editor



**Figure 40: Animation toolbar (available for a series of fields with the same name, option 'With animation' chosen). The animation is available as visualisation (not to be saved). 'Animate' launch the animation, 'Reset' reset the animation to the first frame. The number after is the number of the frame. 'Loop' enables to loop the animation and 'Speed' to choose its speed (in frames per second).**

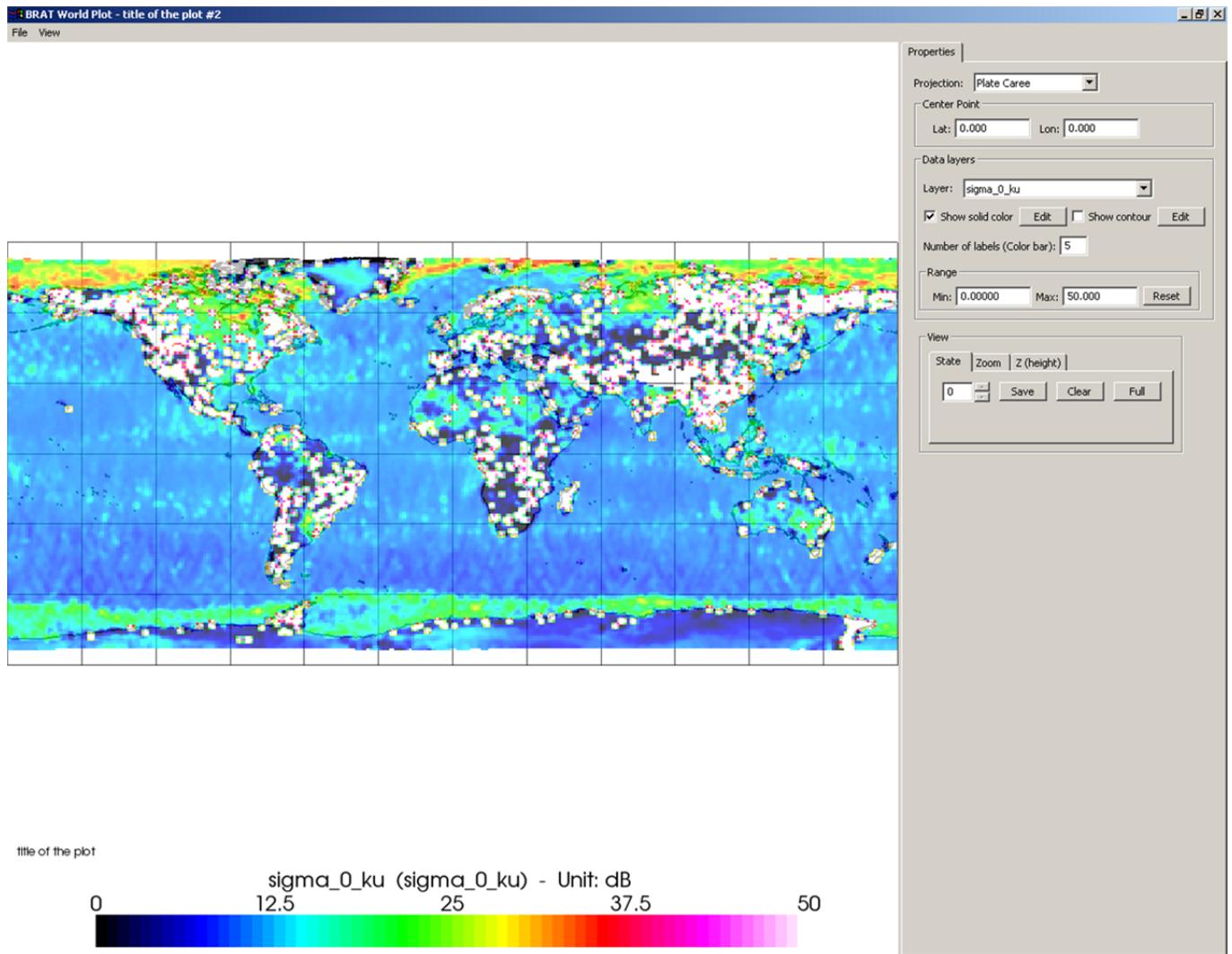


**Figure 41: An example Z=F(lon, lat) visualisation, with default projection (3D) and the 'Ozone' color table**

## Display properties

Available display properties are:

- 'Projection': several of them are available (see 4.2.4 **Create a view**). You can change it on the fly, even if you decided on another one in the 'view' tab of the GUI (but your choice will not be saved)

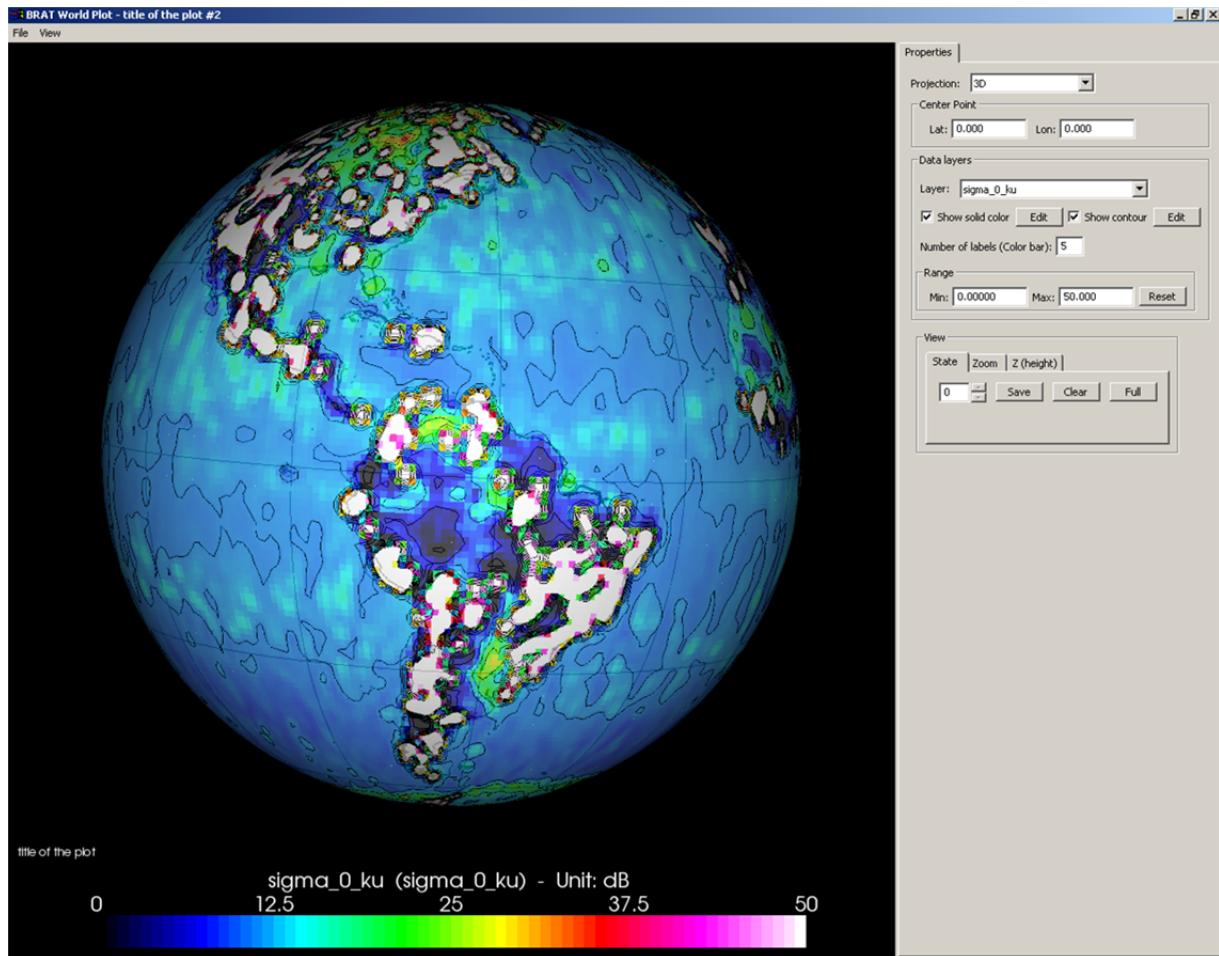


**Figure 42: Same plot than above, but with a different projection (Plate Carrée)**

- 'Centre point': define the centre of the display (only relevant for 2D maps, not for the '3D' projection)
- 'Data layers': lists the different fields visualised and if each one is visualised as solid color or as contours. 'Edit' open either the color table or the contour table editor (see section 6.2.2 and 6.2.3 below) With these editors you can modify previous definitions (but, once again, your choices will not be saved). If two fields are superimposed, you can switch contours and colors. This is why, in this case, you will have two color tables in your plot (one for each field)

The number of labels and the range define those for the color table.

For vector plots, a vector scaling factor [0.1-20] will be enabled to increase or reduce the size of vectors. A Glyphs checkbox substitutes vector lines for arrow glyphs.



**Figure 43: Visualisation with color and contour (for the same field)**

- 'View': There are 3 tabs available:
  - o 'State': used to save a particular display for the duration of the session and to recall it by its number.
  - 'Clear': erases all the saved displays,
  - 'Full' goes back to a full-sized view of the chosen area (if a zoom had been made)
- o 'Zoom': used to visualise a specified area, defined by its minimum and maximum longitude and latitude respectively (this does not work for the '3D' projection).
- o 'Z-height': only available for the 3D projection, it is used to render field values at the surface as bumpiness (radius gives the height, factor the scale factor).

## Color table editor

Several color tables are available within BRAT.

You can use any one of them. You can also make your own color table.

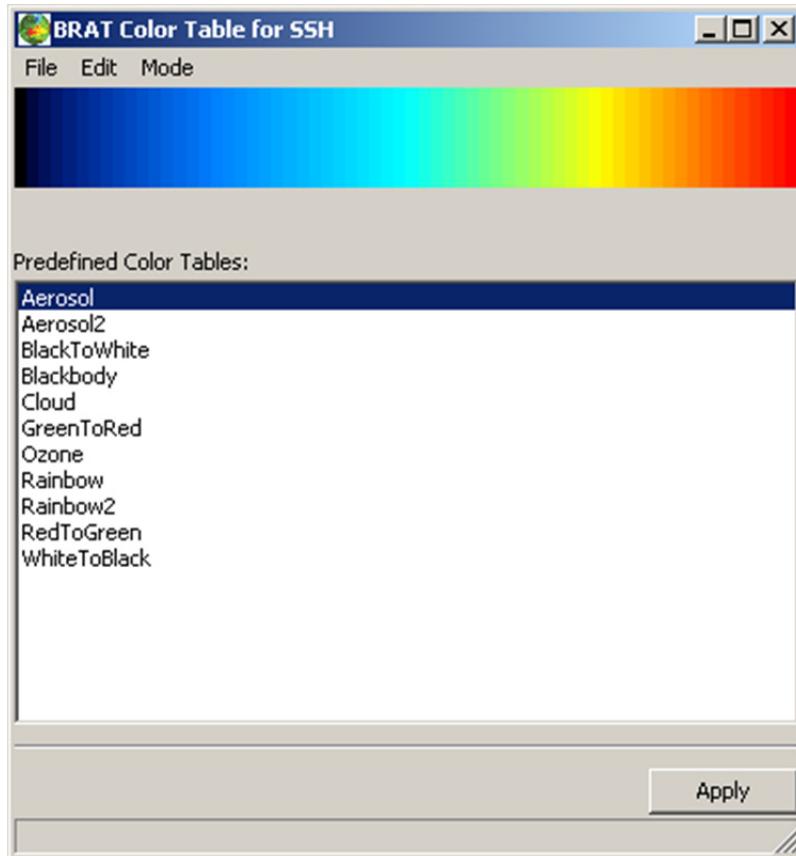


Figure 44: The color table editor, with the list of predefined tables

In the 'File' menu of the color table editor, '**Load color table**' loads a previously made color table. '**Recent color table**' recall recently used ones, and use '**Save as**' to save the one you've just done.

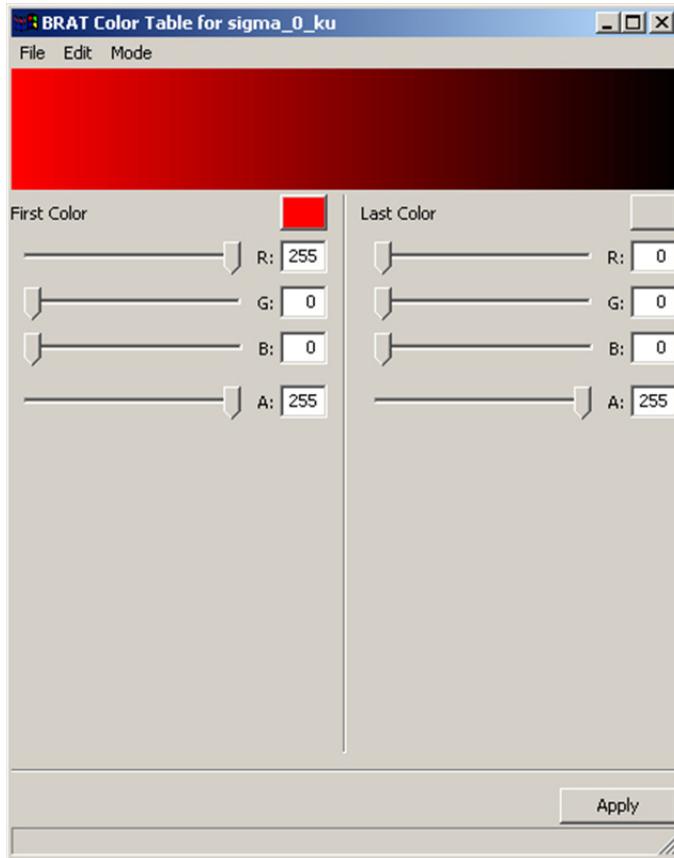
The '**Edit**' menu enables to change the number of colors within an existing color table and the interpolation between the different colors.

The '**Mode**' menu enables to choose between predefined color tables, two-color gradient color tables or multi-color gradient color tables.

## Two-color gradient color tables

The two-color gradient color table editor enables to make a color table by defining its first and last colors. Colors are defined by their Red, Green and Blue components and Alpha channel (for transparency).

Default is black (RGB=0,0,0) for both and no transparency (A=255). You can click on 'apply' to look at the way it shows on your plot. When you are satisfied of your color table, you can save it and recall it in future sessions.



**Figure 45: Two-color gradient color table editor**

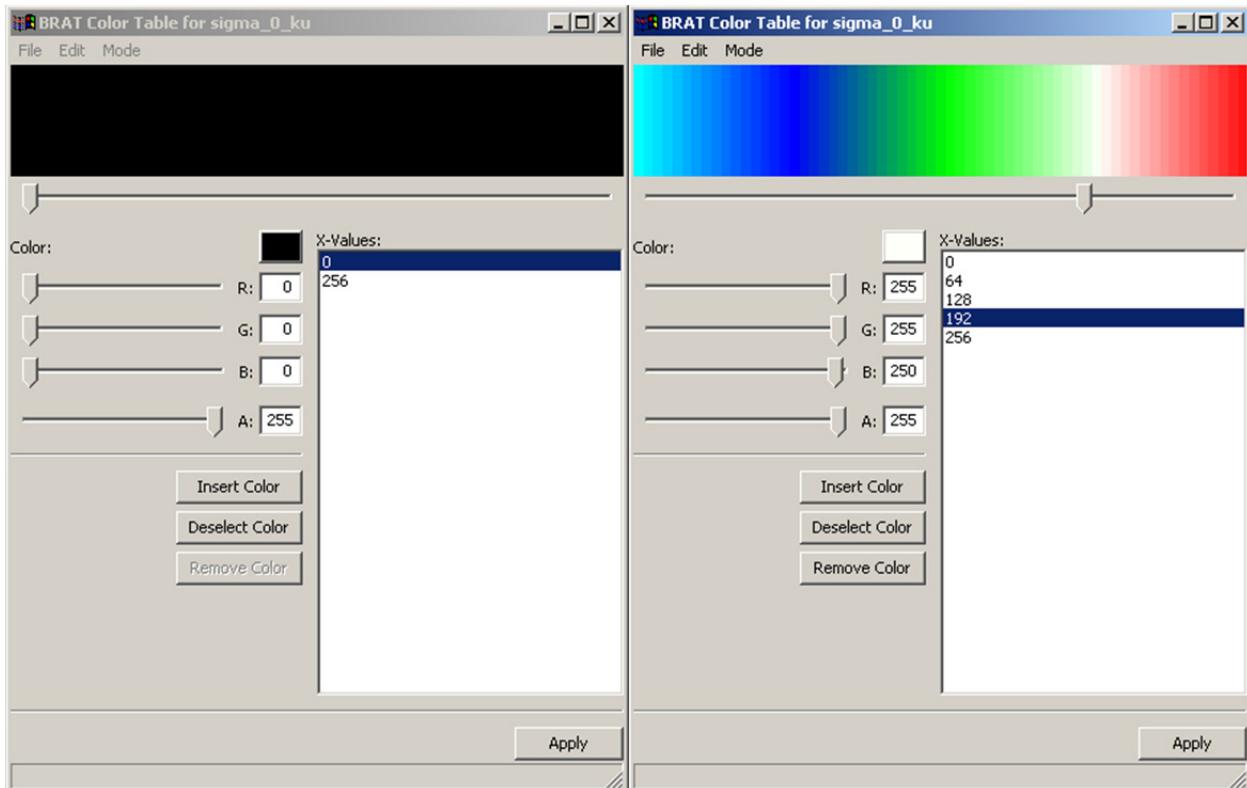
## Multi-color gradient color tables

The multi-color gradient color table editor works much as the two-color one, except that you have to define not only the first and last values, but also define intermediate one(s).

The definition of colors is the same (Red, Green, Blue + Alpha channel) and you also have a cursor beneath the preview of the table that enables you to place your new color in the range.

To add a new color, click on '0' in the 'X-values' list, then on 'Insert color'. You will then have a new value, '1', that you can change by moving the cursor. When you have placed your new value in the range, define your color. Repeat the operation as many time as you wish to add colors. Note that you do not have to define 255 colors (if you want a 255-color table) one by one, since the software interpolates between the values you are giving, so choosing 5 or 7 of them is usually sufficient.

You can click on 'Apply' to look at the way it shows on your plot. When you are satisfied with your color table, you can save it and recall it for future sessions.

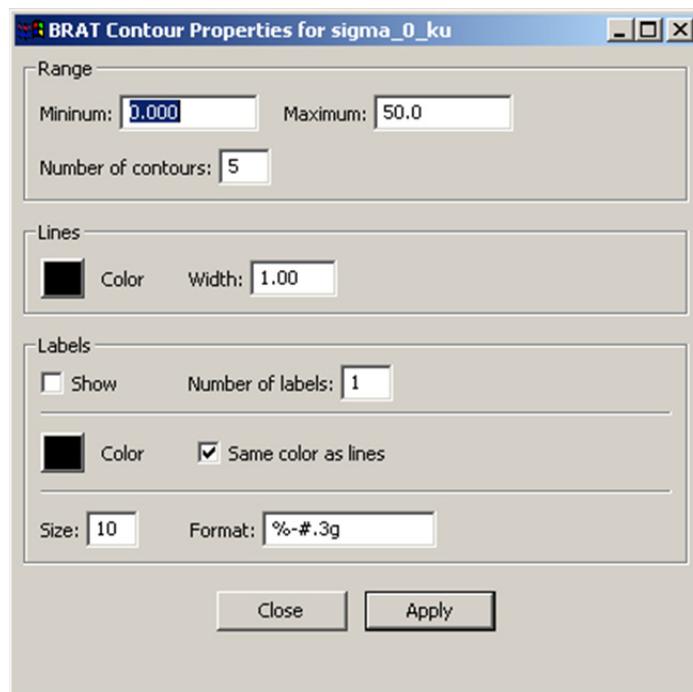


**Figure 46:** Multi-color gradient, color table editor. When first opening it (left) and after defining 5 colors over the whole range ; equally distributed (on the right)

### Contour table editor

The contour table editor enables you to choose the range and number of contours that you wish to see on your plot, the width and color of the lines and whether you want labels on the contours or not and if so, which style.

Note that your contour table cannot be saved and re-used for future use.



**Figure 47:** Contour table editor

## 'Z=F(X,Y)'

Most of the functionalities for this kind of plot matches those for X=Lon, Y=Lat, except:

- there are no projection, of course
- X and Y axis name, min, max and number of ticks can be changed, much like what is possible with the 'Y=F(X)' plots.

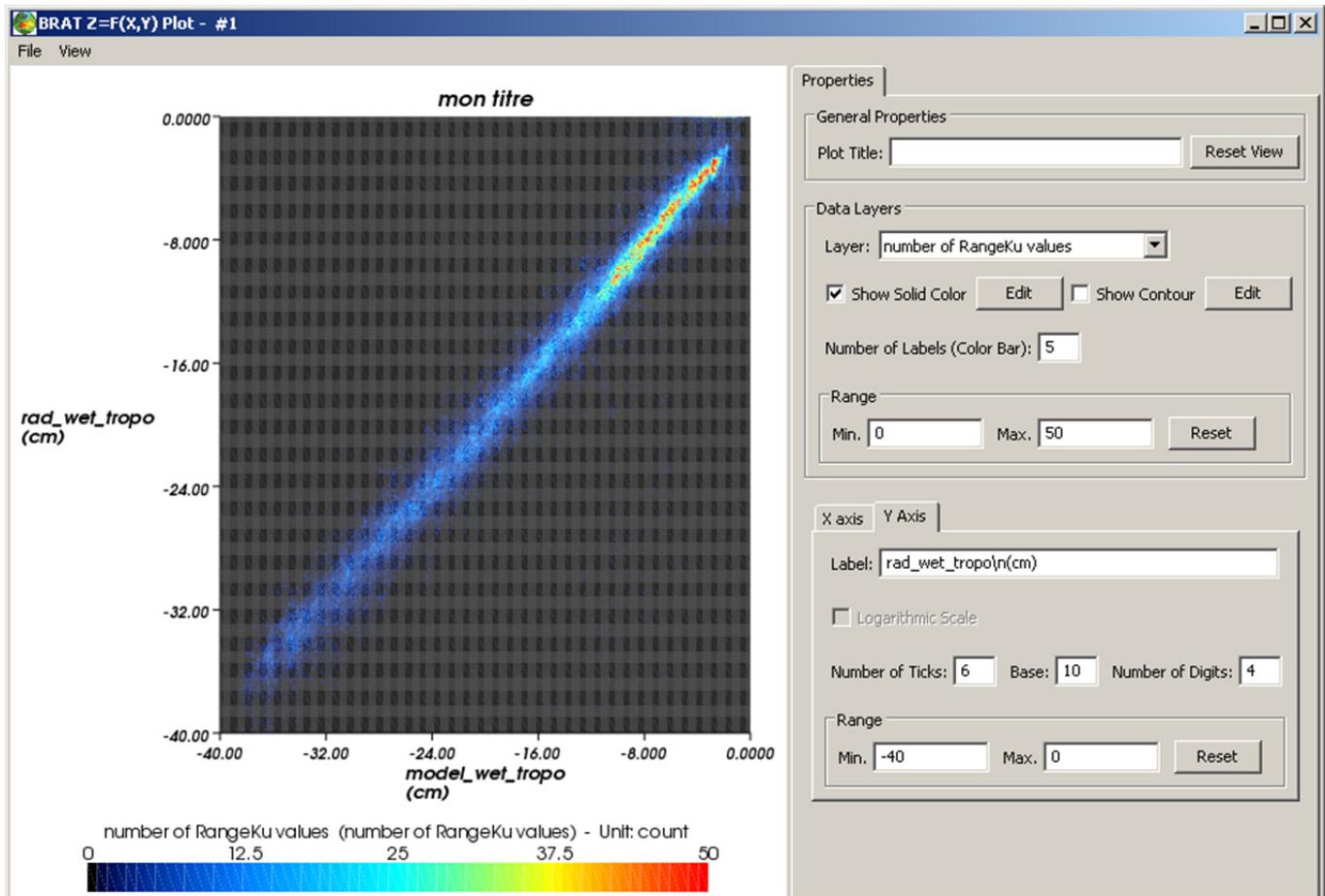


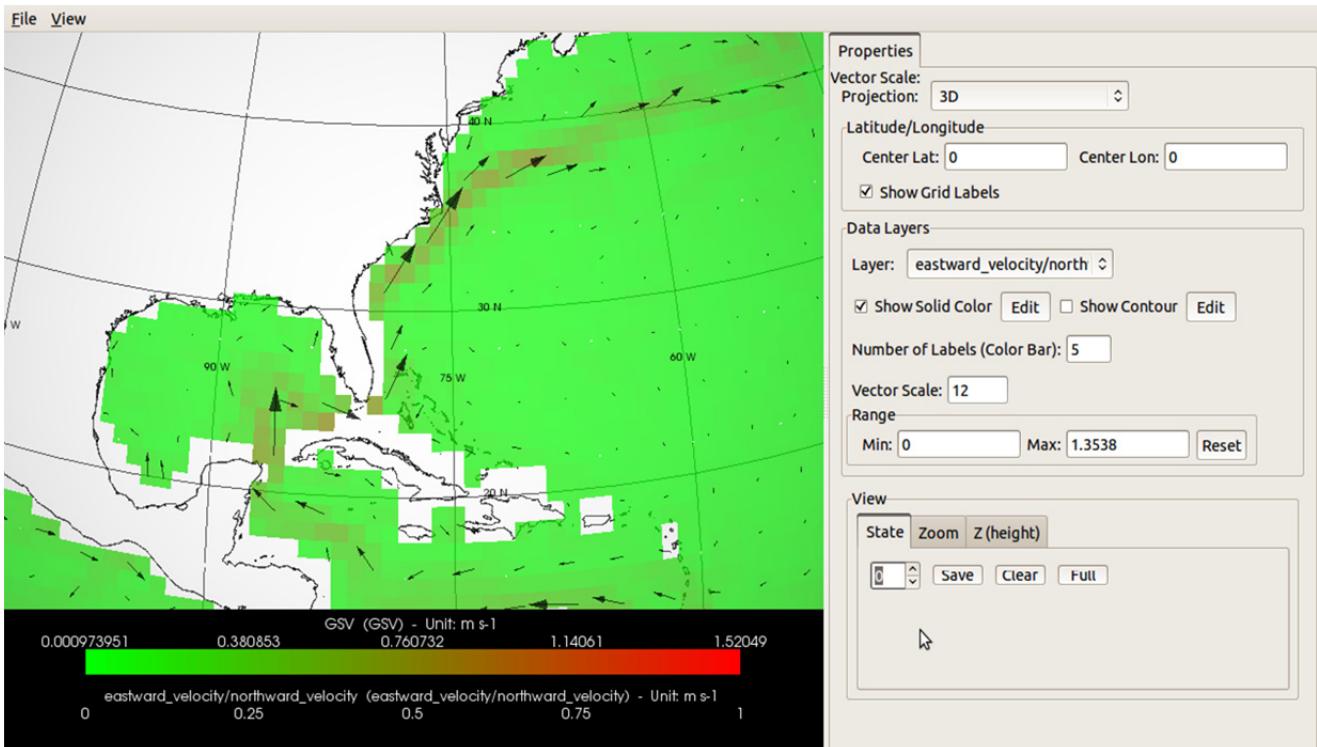
Figure 48: An example Y=F(X) visualisation

The '**General properties**', the '**X axis**' and '**Y axis**' definitions are similar to the one of the curves (see Figure 37 on page 52). Zoom can be done by choosing the min/max range in both or either X and Y, or using the mouse middle button.

The '**Data layers**' box, with the color table and the contour choices are the same than maps (see 6.2.1, Display properties, and also 6.2.2, Color table editor and 6.2.3, Contour table editor).

## Vector Plots

Vector plots are displayed when fields from the visualization tab are selected as East and North vector components. Both components have to be present, otherwise an error message will be issued.



**Figure 49: An example vector plot visualisation for geostrophic velocities**

Vectors are naturally visualized as arrows. To avoid creating too much overhead in machines with low or no graphic acceleration, the amount of vectors displayed varies according to the zoom level: zooming in increases the number of elements visualized and zooming out will combine a number of vectors together, averaging their magnitude, direction and origin.

A Vector Scale parameter can be used to increase or reduce the size of vectors, which is particularly useful if the area of interest contains elements of small magnitude.

The range fields will display the magnitudes available in the data, starting from 0 until the maximum magnitude. This maximum value can be edited and therefore provides an alternative way to scale the vectors.

## BRAT scheduler interface

BRAT scheduler interface enable to postpone execution of operations. It has to be programmed through BRAT GUI (by clicking on the 'delay execution' button)

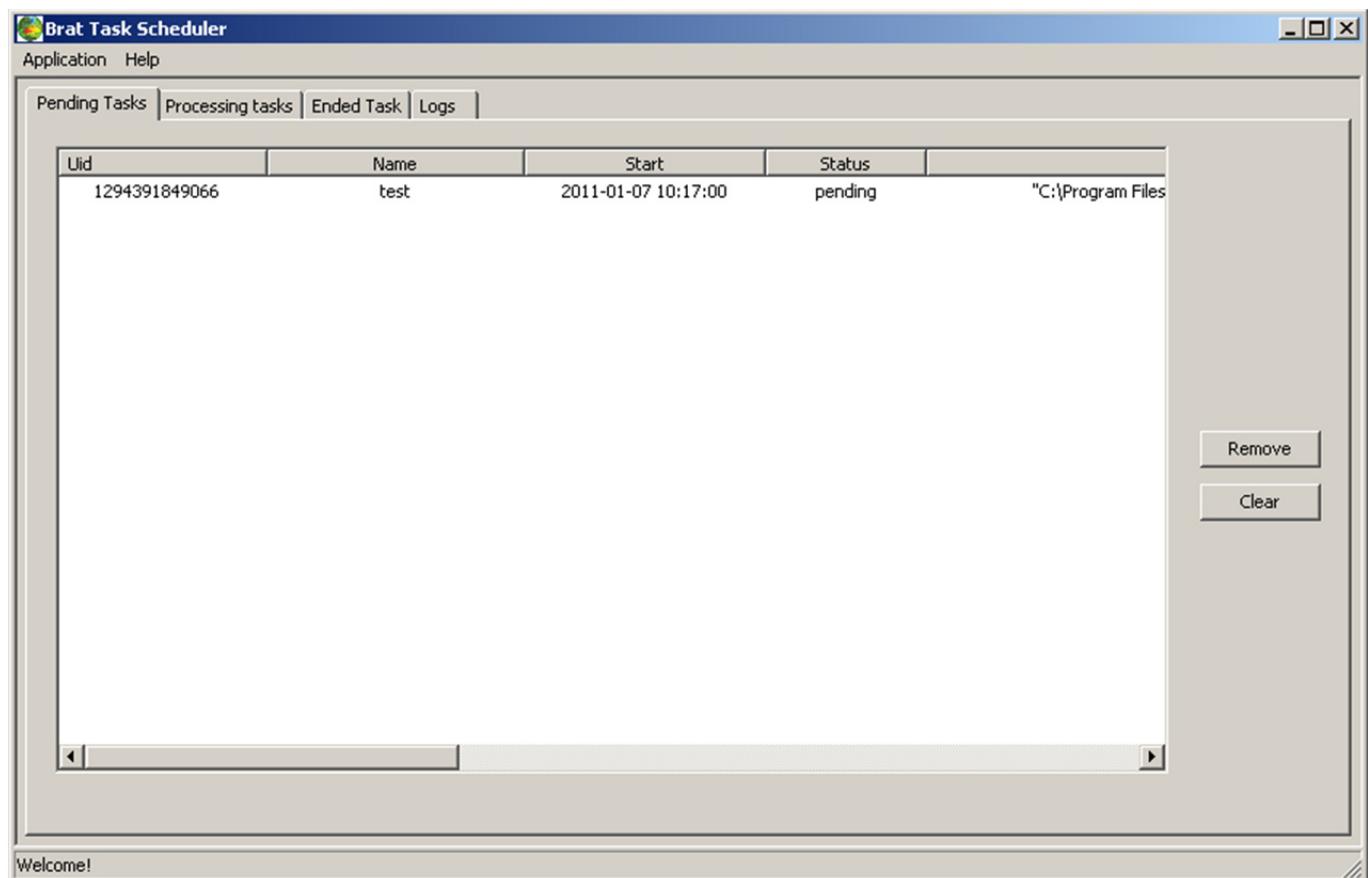
BRAT scheduler can be launched either from BRAT GUI or from the desktop icon. **If it is not open and running, no scheduled task will be processed.**

### Pending Tasks tab

Pending tasks tab list all the executions delayed. The name and date/time for the start is listed, as well as the command line that will be launched.

Two buttons appear:

- 'Remove' to remove the selected task. It will not be launched.
- 'Clear' to remove the whole list of tasks.



*Figure 50: Pending tasks tab*

'**Uid**' is the ID number of the task

'**Name**' is the (optional) name of the task as filled when clicking on 'delay execution' in BRAT GUI

'**Start**' is the start time as scheduled

'**Status**' is pending.

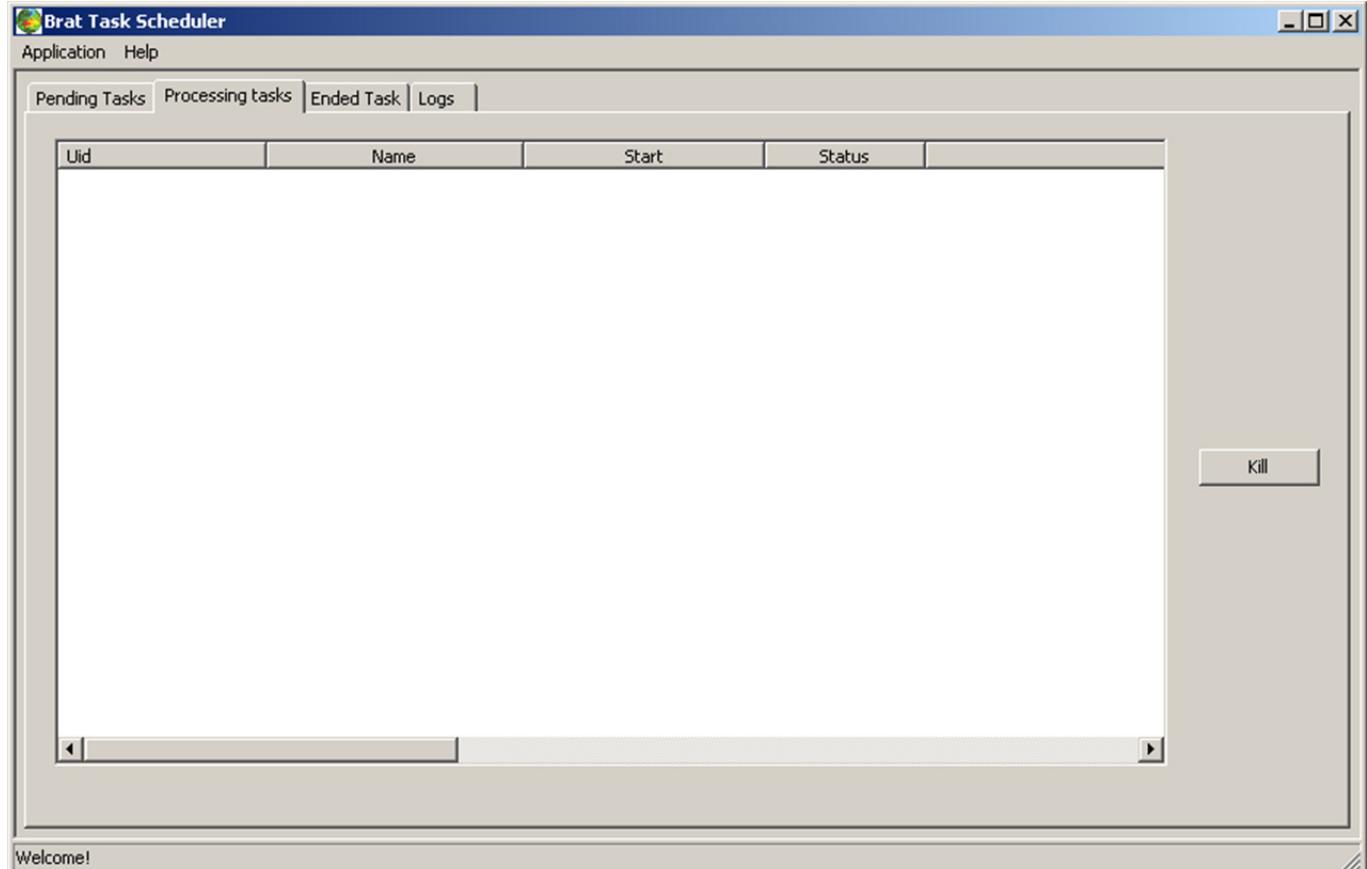
'**Command line**' is the command as it will be executed

'**Log file**' is the path for the result Log file of the task (like BRAT GUI Log, see section Log tab)

## Processing Tasks tab

Processing tasks tab list all the executions delayed currently running. The name and date/time for the start is listed, as well as the status of the task.

A processing task can be killed, by clicking on the 'kill' button.



**Figure 51: Pending tasks tab**

'**Uid**' is the ID number of the task

'**Name**' is the (optional) name of the task as filled when clicking on 'delay execution' in BRAT GUI

'**Start**' is the start time as scheduled

'**Status**' is 'in progress'.

'**Command line**' is the command as it will be executed

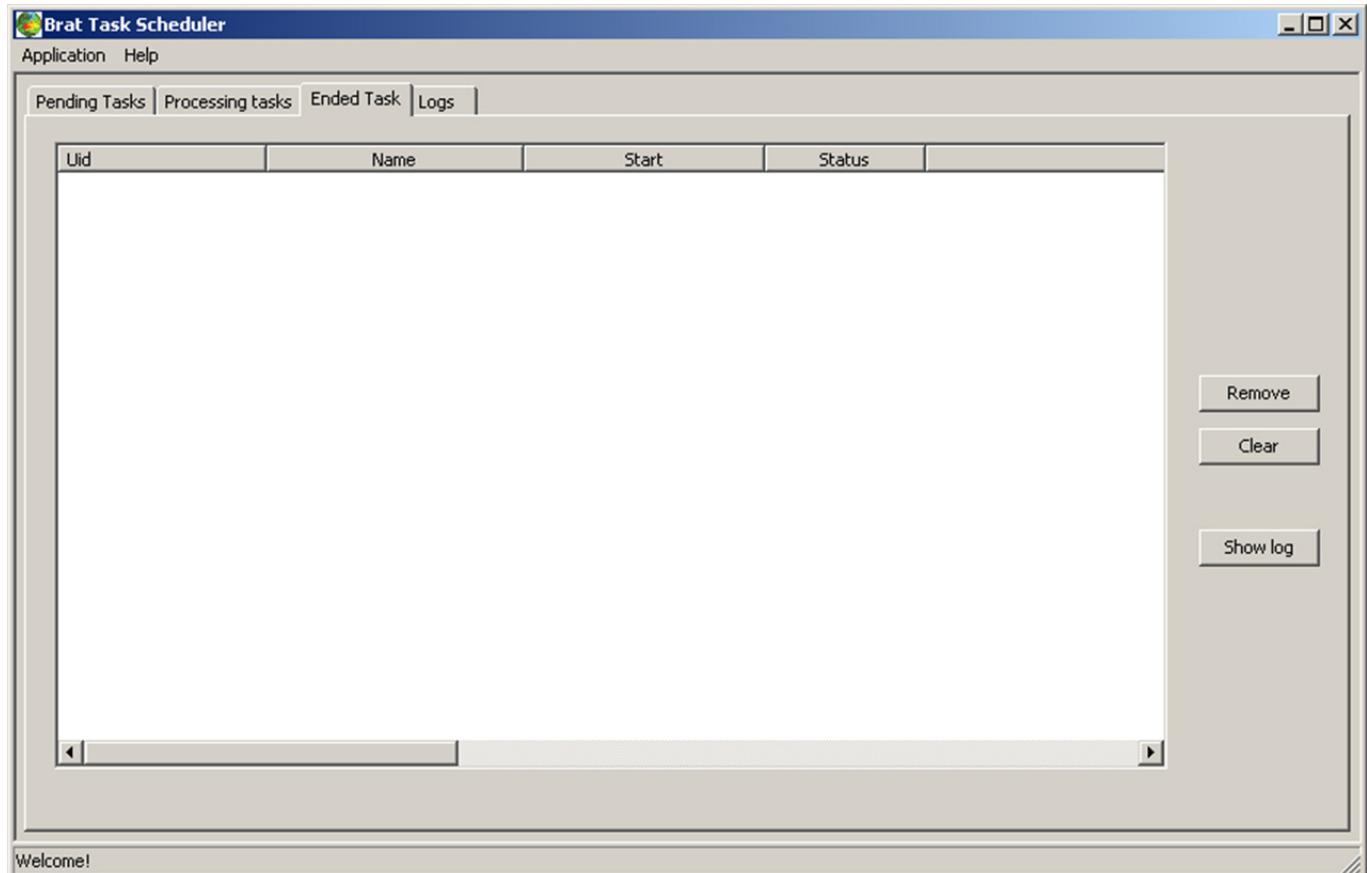
'**Log file**' is the path for the result Log file of the task (like BRAT GUI Log, see section Log tab)

## Ended Tasks tab

Ended task tab lists the tasks that had run.

Three buttons appear:

- 'Remove' to remove the selected task. It will not be launched.
- 'Clear' to remove the whole list of tasks.
- 'Show log' enables to view the Log as within BRAT, and thus if the task ended in error, to analyse why.



**Figure 52: Ending tasks tab**

'**Uid**' is the ID number of the task

'**Name**' is the (optional) name of the task as filled when clicking on 'delay execution' in BRAT GUI

'**Start**' is the start time as scheduled

'**Status**' is ended or error. Look at the log by clicking on the button at right to see why (this log is BRAT GUI log, see section 4.3.5 (Log Tab))

'**Command line**' is the command as it will be executed

'**Log file**' is the path for the result Log file of the task (like BRAT GUI Log, see section Log tab)

## Scheduler Logs tab

The Scheduler Logs tab list the activity of the scheduler. This log is different from BRAT GUI log (to which you can access through the Ended Task of the scheduler interface)

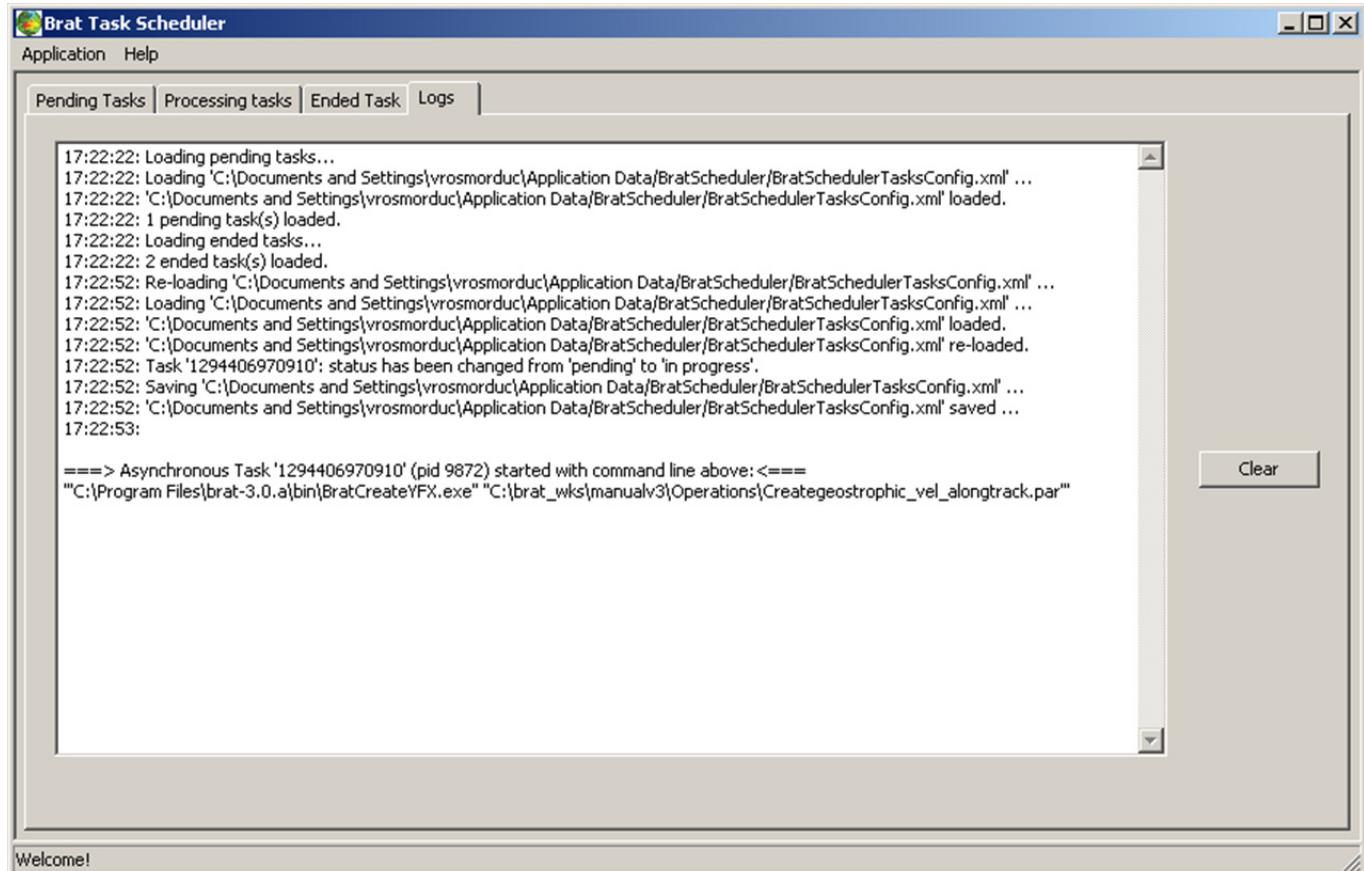


Figure 53: Scheduler Logs tab

## Using BRAT in 'command lines' mode with parameter files

The GUI is there to ease the use of BRAT. However, everything made with the GUI can be made directly by writing parameter files and execute them and more than what can be done with the GUI is possible with parameter files.

Dictionaries of key functions that can be called within parameter files are available in annex B ( $Y=F(X)$ ), annex C ( $Z=F(X,Y)$ ) and annex D (Display parameter file keys).

'-h' option offers help for launching the executable file

'-k' offers help on parameter keys

BratCreateYFX.exe	create an output netCDF with one or several data field(s) with respect to a single field
BratCreateZFXY.exe	create an output netCDF with one or several data field(s) with respect to two different fields (e.g. longitude, latitude)
BratDisplay.exe	enable to visualise an output netCDF
BratExportAscii.exe	export an output to Ascii
BratExportGeoTiff.exe	export gridded data from a netCDF product to GeoTiff (with optional GoogleEarth wrapper)
BratListFieldNames.exe	
BratShowInternalFile.exe	
BratStats.exe	

### Creating an output netCDF file

A 'Create' parameter file typically consist of:

- the definition of a dataset (a list of files that will be processed),
- the name of the record within the dataset in which the data you are interested in are stored,
- = the definition of an X axis and of one or several 'Field(s)'; in the  $Z=F(X,Y)$  case, also the definition of an Y-axis,
- a selection expression, if need be
- the name and location of the netCDF output file.

The definition of the axis or of a field includes the name of an existing data field, or the expression that you wish to compute from several of them, a name (without any spaces or special characters), a unit, a title (that may include spaces or special characters), a min and a max and information about a possible filter

```

----- GENERAL PROPERTIES -----
DATA_MODE=MEAN

----- DATASET -----
RECORD=ra2_mds

FILE=File1
FILE=File2
...
...

----- FIELDS -----
Y=lat
Y_NAME=lat
Y_TYPE=Latitude
Y_UNIT=degrees_north
Y_TITLE=Latitude
Y_FILTER=DV
Y_MIN=DV
Y_MAX=DV
Y_INTERVALS=DV
Y_LOESS_CUTOFF=DV

X=lon
X_NAME=lon
X_TYPE=Longitude
X_UNIT=degrees_east
X_TITLE=Longitude
X_FILTER=DV
X_MIN=DV
X_MAX=DV
X_INTERVALS=DV
X_LOESS_CUTOFF=DV

FIELD=ra2_wind_sp
FIELD_NAME=my_first_field
FIELD_TYPE=Data
FIELD_UNIT=mm/s
FIELD_TITLE=Altimeter wind speed modulus
FIELD_FILTER=DV
FIELD_MIN=DV
FIELD_MAX=DV
FIELD_INTERVALS=DV
FIELD_LOESS_CUTOFF=DV

FIELD=alt_cog_ellip - ku_band_ocean_range - mod_dry_tropo_corr - inv_barom_corr -
(tot_geocen_ocn_tide_ht_solid + tidal_load_ht + long_period_ocn_tide_ht) - solid_earth_tide_ht
- geocen_pole_tide_ht - sea_bias_ku - ra2_ion_corr_ku - mwr_wet_tropo_corr
FIELD_NAME=SSH
FIELD_TYPE=Data
FIELD_UNIT=m
FIELD_TITLE=my second field
FIELD_FILTER=DV
FIELD_MIN=DV
FIELD_MAX=DV
FIELD_INTERVALS=DV
FIELD_LOESS_CUTOFF=DV

----- SELECT -----
----- OUTPUT -----
OUTPUT=output_file.nc

```

*Example parameter file for creating a Z=F(X,Y) output*

You create the netCDF file by typing

**'BratCreateZFYX.exe command\_file.par'**  
**(or 'BratCreateYFX.exe command\_file.par' )**

You will then have a netCDF file that you can either visualise through the tool provided within BRAT, or with some other tool capable of reading netCDF.

## Visualising an output netCDF file through BRAT

To visualise an output file, you have to write a second parameter file. This kind of file is simpler than the one needed to create a netCDF.

Basically, the commands needed are:

- the type of data to be displayed ( $Y=F(X) \Rightarrow 0$   $Z=F(\text{Lat},\text{Lon}) \Rightarrow 2$   $Z=F(X,Y) \Rightarrow 1$ )
- the name of the file(s) to be displayed
- the title, projection
- the name of the field(s) to be displayed
- some information about the display (min, max, name, whether there is a contour or not, color table...)

```
#!/usr/bin/env BratCreateZFYX
#Type: Z=F(X, Y)
#----- DATASET -----
FILE=Createenvisat_cycle.nc

#----- GENERAL PROPERTIES -----
DISPLAY_TITLE=title of the plot
DISPLAY_PLOT_TYPE=1
DISPLAY_GROUPBY_FILE=Y
DISPLAY_PROJECTION=3D

#----- sigma_0_ku FIELD -----
FIELD=sigma_0_ku

#----- sigma_0_ku FIELDS PROPERTIES -----
DISPLAY_NAME=sigma_0_ku
FIELD_GROUP=1
DISPLAY_MINVALUE=0.00000
DISPLAY_MAXVALUE=50.000
DISPLAY_CONTOUR=N
DISPLAY_SOLID_COLOR =Y
DISPLAY_COLORTABLE=DV
```

*Example 'display' parameter file*

You open the visualisation tool by typing:

**'BratDisplay.exe command\_file.par'**

## Using the parameter files to process many datasets

A typical case in which using the parameter files will be much easier than using the GUI is when you want to process the same operation on all the altimetry satellite cycles or for a long series of them. Parameter files enable you to write a script that will process the same operation on a number of files.

You can either write the parameter file directly, or you can make the parameter file through the GUI, test it on one cycle and then modify it (right-click) by replacing the cycle number by a character that will be replaced consecutively by a list of cycle numbers through a script;

```
#!/usr/bin/env BratCreateZFYX
# SRC_DATA_DIR and CYCLE are environment variables that can be set in a shell # script

FILE=${SRC_DATA_DIR}/JA1_GDR_2PAP${CYCLE}_001.CNES
FILE=${SRC_DATA_DIR}/JA1_GDR_2PAP${CYCLE}_002.CNES
FILE=${SRC_DATA_DIR}/JA1_GDR_2PAP${CYCLE}_003.CNES

RECORD = data
VERBOSE = 2

ALIAS_NAME = SLA_JASON
ALIAS_VALUE = altitude - range_ku - model_dry_tropo_corr - inv_bar_corr - (ocean_tide_s01 +
ocean_tide_equil + load_tide_s01) - solid_earth_tide - pole_tide - sea_state_bias_ku -
iono_corr_alt_ku - rad_wet_tropo_corr - mss

X = longitude
X_TYPE = longitude
X_NAME = Longitude
X_UNIT = DV
X_TITLE = Longitude
X_MIN = DV
X_MAX = DV
X_INTERVALS = 1800

Y = latitude
Y_TYPE = latitude
Y_NAME = Latitude
Y_UNIT = DV
Y_TITLE = Latitude
Y_MIN = DV
Y_MAX = DV
Y_INTERVALS = 900

# SLA_JASON is an alias see ALIAS_NAME and ALIAS_VALUE above
FIELD = ${SLA_JASON}
FIELD_TYPE = data
FIELD_NAME = SLA
FIELD_UNIT = m
FIELD_TITLE = Sea Level Anomalies - Cycle ${CYCLE}
FIELD_FILTER = LOESS_EXTRAPOLATE
X_LOESS_CUTOFF = 5
Y_LOESS_CUTOFF = 5

SELECT = is_bounded(-1.0, ${SLA_JASON}, 1.0)

OUTPUT = ${BRATHL_DATA_DIR}/JasonSLA${CYCLE}.nc
OUTPUT_TITLE = Jason - Cycle ${CYCLE}
```

*An example parameter file for creating output netCDF for several cycles (SLA from Jason-1 GDRs)*

```
REM Set the cycle number
SET CYCLE=109

REM Set the data source path
SET SRC_DATA_DIR=D:\data\gdr_jason\cycle_%CYCLE%

REM Launch 'BRAT create Z=F(X,Y)' process
BratCreateZFYX C:\BRAT\MyCmdPath\BratCreateZFYXJasonSLASample.par

REM ----

REM Set another cycle number
SET CYCLE=110

REM Set the data source path
SET SRC_DATA_DIR=D:\data\gdr_jason\cycle_%CYCLE%

REM Launch 'BRAT create Z=F(X,Y)' process
BratCreateZFYX C:\BRAT\MyCmdPath\BratCreateZFYXJasonSLASample.par
```

*An example script for DOS (to be inserted in a .bat file) to launch a parameter file over several cycles*

```
#!/bin/bash
# BratCreateZFYXJasonSLASample.sh

# Set the cycle number
export CYCLE=109

# Set the data source path
export SRC_DATA_DIR=/data/gdr_jason/cycle_%CYCLE%

# Launch 'BRAT create Z=F(X,Y)' process
BratCreateZFYX BRAT/MyCmdPath/BratCreateZFYXJasonSLASample.par

# ----

# Set the cycle number
export CYCLE=110

# Set the data source path
export SRC_DATA_DIR=/data/gdr_jason/cycle_%CYCLE%

# Launch 'BRAT create Z=F(X,Y)' process
BratCreateZFYX BRAT/MyCmdPath/BratCreateZFYXJasonSLASample.par
```

*An example Shell script for Linux for launching a parameter file over several cycles*

## BRATHL Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)

Some functions of BRAT are not available through the GUI, but through C, Fortran, Python, IDL and MATLAB APIs. Note that for IDL and MATLAB under Linux and Mac OS you need to compile the API before being able to use them – they are not included in the binary distributions of BRAT.

### Data reading function

BRATHL\_READDATA reads data from a set of files; each measurement for a data is a scalar value (a single number). It also gives statistics (e.g. a mean over a geographical area)

Possible arguments of this function are:

**[in] fileName**: file name string (one file) or file names array

**[in] recordName**: Name of the fields record (for netCDF files the recordName is 'data')

**[in] selection**: Expression involving data fields which has to be true to select returned data. (if the string is empty nothing is selected (in other words all of the data is taken))

**[in] dataExpressions**: Expression string (one expression) or expressions array applied to data fields to build the wanted value.

**[in] units**: Wanted unit for each expression (string (one unit) or units array). (if empty string, no unit conversion is applied to the data of the corresponding expression. When a unit conversion has to be applied, the result of the expression is considered to be the base unit (SI). For example if the wanted unit is grammes/litre, the unit of the expression is supposed to be kilogrammes/m<sup>3</sup> (internally all data are converted to the basic unit of the actual fields unit which is coherent with the above assumption)).

**[in/out] results**: Data read. Must be an array (dim = number of dataExpressions) of values to read.

**[in] ignoreOutOfRange**: Skip excess data. 0=false, other = true  
Must be *false* if 'statistics' is *true*.

**[in] statistics**: returns statistics on data instead of data themselves

0=false, other = true

If statistics is *true*, ignoreOutOfRange must be *false*.

The returned values (5 values) for each expression are:

- Count of valid data taken into account.
- Invalid data are those which are equal to the default/missing value
- Mean of the valid data.
- Standard deviation of the valid data
- Minimum value of the valid data
- Maximum value of the valid data

**[in] defaultValue**: value to use for default/missing values

This is the value you want to indicate that a value is missing or invalid.  
return 0 or error code.

Syntax: see annexes

- for IDL
- for MATLAB
- for Fortran
- for C
- for Python

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## Cycle/date conversion functions

Two functions are available to convert between cycle/pass and date.

Syntax: see annexes

- for IDL
- for MATLAB
- for Fortran
- for C
- for Python

BRATHL\_CYCLE2YMDHMSM Converts a cycle/pass into a date

Arguments of this function are:

**[in] mission :**

- 0 : Topex/Poseidon
- 1 : Jason-1
- 2 : ERS2
- 3 : Envisat
- 4 : ERS1-A
- 5 : ERS1-B
- 6 : GFO

**[in] cycle :** number of cycles

**[in] pass :** number of passes in the cycle

Outputs are:

**[out] dateYMDHMSM :** date to convert

BRATHL\_YMDHMSM2CYCLE Converts a date into a cycle/pass

Arguments of this function are:

**[in] mission :** mission type :

- 0 : Topex/Poseidon
- 1 : Jason-1
- 2 : ERS2
- 3 : Envisat
- 4 : ERS1-A
- 5 : ERS1-B
- 6 : GFO

**[in] dateYMDHMSM :** date to convert

Outputs are:

**[out] cycle :** number of cycles

**[out] pass :** number of passes in the cycle

## Date conversion/computation functions

A set of functions is available to convert between the different kinds of date formats:

- days-seconds-microseconds dates:
- Julian decimal dates:
- year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond dates:

Syntax: see annexes

- for IDL
- for MATLAB
- for Fortran
- for C
- for Python

BRATHL_DAYOFYEAR	Retrieves the day of year of a date
BRATHL_NOWYMDHMSM	Gets the current date/time
BRATHL_SETREFUSER1	Set user-defined reference dates
BRATHL_SETREFUSER2	Set user-defined reference dates
BRATHL_DIFFDSM	Computes the difference between two days-seconds-microseconds dates (date1 - date2) the result is expressed in a decimal number of seconds
BRATHL_DIFFJULIAN	Computes the difference between two decimal Julian dates (date1 - date2) the result is expressed in a decimal number of seconds
BRATHL_DIFFYMDHMSM	Computes the difference between two year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond dates (date1 - date2) the result is expressed in a decimal number of seconds
BRATHL_DSM2JULIAN	Converts a days-seconds-microseconds date into a decimal Julian date, according to refDate parameter
BRATHL_DSM2SECONDS	Converts a days-seconds-microseconds date into seconds, according to refDate parameter
BRATHL_DSM2YMDHMSM	Converts a days-seconds-microseconds date into a year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond date
BRATHL_JULIAN2DSM	Converts a decimal Julian date into a days-seconds-microseconds date, according to refDate parameter
BRATHL_JULIAN2SECONDS	Converts a decimal Julian date into seconds, according to refDate parameter

BRATHL_JULIAN2YMDHMSM	Converts a decimal Julian date into a year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond date
BRATHL_SECONDS2DSM	Converts seconds into a days-seconds-microseconds date, according to refDate parameter
BRATHL_SECONDS2JULIAN	Converts seconds into a decimal Julian date, according to refDate parameter
BRATHL_SECONDS2YMDHMSM	Converts seconds into a a decimal Julian date, according to refDate parameter
BRATHL_YMDHMSM2DSM	Converts a year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond date into a days-seconds-microseconds date, according to refDate parameter
BRATHL_YMDHMSM2JULIAN	Converts a year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond date into a decimal Julian date, according to refDate parameter
BRATHL_YMDHMSM2SECONDS	Converts a year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond date into seconds, according to refDate parameter

## Named structures

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Several structures are also available, to represent the different kinds of date formats

Syntax: see annexes

- for IDL
- for MATLAB
- for Fortran
- for C
- for Python

BRATHL_DATEYMDHMSM	YYYY-MM-DD HH:MN:SS:MS date structure YEAR MONTH DAY HOUR MINUTE SECOND MUSECOND
BRATHL_DATEDSM	day/seconds/microseconds date structure REFDATE reference date DAYS numbers of days SECONDS numbers of seconds

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MUSECONDS numbers of microseconds

REFDATE is the reference date i.e :

0: 1950-01-01 00:00:00.0

1: 1958-01-01 00:00:00.0

2: 1985-01-01 00:00:00.0

3: 1990-01-01 00:00:00.0

4: 2000-01-01 00:00:00.0

5: user reference 1

6: user reference 2

values of 5 and 6 allow users to set two specific reference dates of their choice (see BRATHL\_SETREFUSER1 and BRATHL\_SETREFUSER2 functions)

BRATHL\_DATESECOND

decimal seconds date structure

REFDATE reference date - see :BRATHL\_DATEDSM

NBSECONDS decimal numbers of seconds (seconds.microseconds)

BRATHL\_DATEJULIAN

decimal Julian date structure

REFDATE reference date - see :BRATHL\_DATEDSM

JULIAN decimal Julian day

## Annex A. List of datasets read by BRAT

### Cryosat product overview

product type	description
SIR_LRM_1B	SIRAL L1B LRM product
SIR_SAR_1B	SIRAL L1B SAR mode product
SIR_SIN_1B	SIRAL L1B SARin mode product
SIR1LRM_0M	SIRAL MON-LRM/TRK product (Rx1 channel)
SIR2LRM_0M	SIRAL MON-LRM/TRK product (Rx2 channel)
SIR1SAR_0M	SIRAL MON-SAR product (Rx1 channel)
SIR2SAR_0M	SIRAL MON-SAR product (Rx2 channel)
SIR_SIN_0M	SIRAL MON-SARin product
SIR_SIC40M	SIRAL MON-CAL4 product
SIR1LRC11B	SIRAL CAL1-LRM product (Rx1 channel)
SIR2LRC11B	SIRAL CAL1-LRM product (Rx2 channel)
SIR1SAC11B	SIRAL CAL1-SAR product (Rx1 channel)
SIR2SAC11B	SIRAL CAL1-SAR product (Rx2 channel)
SIR_SIC11B	SIRAL CAL1-SARin product
SIR_SICC1B	SIRAL complex CAL1-SARin product
SIR1SAC21B	SIRAL CAL2-SAR product (Rx1 channel)
SIR2SAC21B	SIRAL CAL2-SAR product (Rx2 channel)
SIR1SIC21B	SIRAL CAL2-SARin product (Rx1 channel)
SIR2SIC21B	SIRAL CAL2-SARin product (Rx2 channel)
SIR_LRM_2_	SIRAL L2 product from LRM processing
SIR_FDM_2_	SIRAL L2 product from fast delivery ocean processing
SIR_SIN_2_	SIRAL L2 product from SARin processing
SIR_SID_2_	SIRAL L2 product from SARin degraded processing
SIR_SAR_2A	SIRAL L2 product from SAR step 1 processing
SIR_SAR_2B	SIRAL L2 product from SAR step 2 processing
SIR_GDR_2A	SIRAL L2 consolidated product including SAR step 1 data (SIR_SAR_2A)
SIR_GDR_2B	SIRAL L2 consolidated product including SAR step 2 data (SIR_SAR_2B)
SIR_LRM12_	SIRAL intermediate L2 product from LRM processing
SIR_FDM12_	SIRAL intermediate L2 product from fast delivery ocean processing
SIR_SINI2_	SIRAL intermediate L2 product from SARin processing
SIR_SIDI2_	SIRAL intermediate L2 product from SARin degraded processing
SIR_SARI2A	SIRAL intermediate L2 product from SAR step 1 processing
SIR_SARI2B	SIRAL intermediate L2 product from SAR step 2 processing

### Cryosat Ocean products overview

product type	description
SIR_IOP_1B	Interim L1B Ocean Product
SIR_GOP_1B	Geophysical L1B Ocean Product
SIR_IOP_2_	Interim L2 Ocean Product
SIR_GOP_2_	Geophysical L2 Ocean Product

## Jason-2 product overview

product type	description
JA2_OPN_2P	The Operational Geophysical Data Record (OGDR), produced on a NRT basis
JA2_OPR_2P	The reduced Operational Geophysical Data Record(SSHA-OGDR), produced on a NRT basis
JA2_IPN_2P	The Interim Geophysical Data Record (IGDR)
JA2_IPR_2P	The reduced Interim Geophysical Data Record (SSHA-IGDR), produced on a NRT basis
JA2_IPS_2P	The Sensor Interim Geophysical Data Record (SIGDR)
JA2_GPN_2P	The Geophysical Data Record (GDR)
JA2_GPR_2P	The reduced Geophysical Data Record (SSHA-GDR), produced on a NRT basis
JA2_GPS_2P	The Sensor Geophysical Data Record (SGDR)

## Envisat product overview

product type	description
RA2_FGD_2P	RA-2 Fast Delivery Geophysical Data Record
RA2_GDR_2P	RA-2 Geophysical Data Record
RA2_IGD_2P	RA-2 Intermediate Geophysical Data Record
RA2_MWS_2P	RA-2 Sensor Data Record
RA2_WWV_2P	RA-2 wind/wave product for Meteo Users

## Jason-1 product overview

product type	description
JA1 OSD_2P	The Operational Sensor Data Record (OSDR), produced on a NRT basis
JA1 IGD_2P	The Interim Geophysical Data Record (IGDR)
JA1 GDR_2P	The Geophysical Data Record (GDR)
JA1 SDR_2P	The Sensor Geophysical Data Record (SGDR)

## Topex/Poseidon product overview

Topex/Poseidon radar altimetry products

product type	description
MGDR_cycle_header_File	Merged GDR Topex/Poseidon cycle header file
MGDR_pass_file	Merged GDR Topex/Poseidon pass file
MGDR_crossover_point_file	Merged GDR Topex/Poseidon crossover point file (XNG)
SDR_pass_file	SDR Topex/Poseidon pass file

## ERS-1 and 2 product overview

ERS-1 and ERS-2 radar altimetry products

product type	description
OPR_pass_file	Same as the off-line intermediate product but enhanced with all geophysical corrections and precise orbit altitude.
URA	Radar Altimeter Fast delivery
WAP	Radar Altimeter Waveform product

## GFO product overview

product type	description
GDR	The GDR is generated from GFO Sensor Data Records (SDRs), precise laser orbit ephemerides provided by NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and Raytheon ITSS, environmental corrections, and ancillary geophysical variables.

## PODAAC product overview

Physical Oceanography Distributed Active Archive Center radar altimetry products for Jason-1 and Topex/Poseidon

product type	description
J1SSHA_CYCLE_HEADER_FILE	The PODAAC JASON-1 SSHA cycle header file
TPSSHA_CYCLE_HEADER_FILE	The PODAAC TOPEX/POSEIDON SSHA cycle header file
J1SSHA_PASS_FILE	The PODAAC JASON-1 SSHA pass file
TPSSHA_PASS_FILE	The PODAAC TOPEX/POSEIDON SSHA pass file
J1SSHA_ATG_FILE	The PODAAC JASON-1 Along Track Gridded SSHA file
TPSSHA_ATG_FILE	The PODAAC TOPEX/POSEIDON Along Track Gridded SSHA file

## River and Lake product overview

ENVISAT-ERS Exploitation River and Lake Products

product type	description
RLH	River/Lake Hydrology Product
RLA	River/Lake Altimetry Product

## NetCDF products

NetCDF products are self describing products.

This means that when a netCDF file is opened one can retrieve the product structure from the file itself. For this reason, BRAT will not store fixed product format descriptions for HDF files in the Data Dictionary (you will therefore also not find netCDF product format descriptions in this documentation). What BRAT will do is use the underlying netCDF library to retrieve the product format dynamically once an netCDF file is opened. Based on this format BRAT will create, on the fly, a mapping of the HDF product structure to one that is based on the Data Dictionary data types

However, to be properly interpreted in the toolbox, a HDF product needs a description module to be added.

For example, in order to (really) read a netCDF files we need to:

1. Access to netCDF attributes
2. Identify default/missing values (see `_FillValue` standard attribute)
3. Convert data to its actual value (not the value stored in file): see `scale_factor` and `add_offset` standard attributes.
4. Interpret the structure of file to compute actual values of data (and not solely returning the netCDF variables values 'as is').
5. Avoid making available variables belonging to data structure (which are not the data themselves)

**Aviso Altimetry data in netCDF**

product type	description
NRT- or DT-MSLA (h)	Ssalto/Duacs multimission Near real-time or Delayed time Maps of sea level anomalies (gridded)
NRT- or DT-MSLA (uv)	Ssalto/Duacs multimission Near real-time or Delayed time Geostrophic velocities associated to the Maps of sea level anomalies (gridded)
NRT- or DT-MSLA (err)	Ssalto/Duacs multimission Near real-time or Delayed time Maps of sea level anomalies Formal mapping error (gridded)
NRT- or DT-SLA	Ssalto/Duacs multimission Near real-time or Delayed time Sea level anomalies (along-track)
NRT- or DT-NRT- or DT-MADT (h)	Ssalto/Duacs multimission Near real-time or Delayed time Maps of absolute dynamic topography (gridded)
NRT- or DT-MADT (uv)	Ssalto/Duacs multimission Near real-time or Delayed time Geostrophic velocities associated to the Maps of absolute dynamic topography (gridded)
NRT- or DT-ADT	Ssalto/Duacs multimission Near real-time or Delayed time Absolute dynamic topography (along-track)
Monomission DT-SLA	Delayed time Sea level anomalies (along-track)
Monomission DT-CorSSH	Delayed time Corrected sea surface height (along-track)
NRT-MSWH	Near real-time Maps of Significant wave height (gridded)
NRT-MWind	Near real-time Maps of Wind speed modulus (gridded)

**ERS REAPER data in netCDF**

product type	description
ERS_ALT_2	REAPER L2 GDR Product
ERS_ALT_2S	REAPER L2 SGDR Product (GDR with echo waveforms)
ERS_ALT_2M	REAPER L2 Meteo Product (reduced 1Hz meteo product)

**Sentinel 3 data in netCDF**

product type	description
SR_1_SRA	Echos parameters for LRM, PLRM and SAR mode (resolution 20Hz)
SR_1_CAL	Calibration parameters for LRM and SAR mode
SR_2_LAN	1-Hz and 20-Hz Ku and C bands parameters (LRM/SAR/PLRM), waveforms. Over Land
SR_2_WAT	1-Hz and 20-Hz Ku and C bands parameters (LRM/SAR/PLRM), waveforms. Over Water

## Annex B. Y=F(X) parameter file keys

*NOTE: The following table of parameter file keyword help can be always be obtained by calling: "BratCreateYFX -k".*

<b>FILE</b>	Type : Str Count : [1-n] Input file name.
<b>RECORD</b>	Type : Str Count : 1 Record set name to take into account for a file.
<b>OUTPUT</b>	Type : Str Count : 1 Name of created/modified file.
<b>OUTPUT_TITLE</b>	Type : Str Count : [0-1] Title of created/modified file (string describing the content and which should appear as a graphic title, for example). (Default="")
<b>SELECT</b>	Type : Expr Count : [0-n] True for record values selected. (Default=1)
<b>FIELD</b>	Type : Expr Count : [1-20]=X Expression of fields of *RECORD* to take into account.
<b>FIELD_NAME</b>	Type : Name Count : X Name of the *FIELD* data
<b>FIELD_TYPE</b>	Type : KW1 Count : X Type of *FIELD* data.
<b>FIELD_UNIT</b>	Type : Unit Count : X Unit of *FIELD* expression.
<b>FIELD_TITLE</b>	Type : Str Count : X Long name describing *FIELD*. The one which should appear in graphics on axis or legends, for example.
<b>DATA_MODE</b>	Type : KW2 Count : [0-1] Keyword to indicate how data are stored/computed. (Default=MEAN)
<b>X</b>	Type : Expr Count : 1 Expression of fields of *RECORD* to take into account.
<b>X_NAME</b>	Type : Name Count : 1 Name of the *X* data
<b>X_TYPE</b>	Type : KW1 Count : 1 Type of *X* data (normally X, T or longitude).
<b>X_UNIT</b>	Type : Unit Count : 1 Unit of *X* expression
<b>X_TITLE</b>	Type : Str Count : 1 Long name describing *X*. The one which should appear in graphics on axis or legends, for example.
<b>ALIAS_NAME</b>	Type : Name Count : [0-n]=N Name of an alias. An alias is a value which can be used anywhere in another value of field by mean of

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%{NAME} construct. Names are case sensitive.  
If a name reference (%{XXX}) does not correspond to  
an actually defined alias, the expansion is an empty  
string.  
(Default=None)

<b>ALIAS_VALUE</b>	Type : Str Count : N The value of the alias. ALIAS_VALUE keyword must have at least as many occurrences as the ALIAS_NAME one.
<b>VERBOSE</b>	Type : Int Count : [0-1] Amount of output: 0=None...5=Debug. (Default=0)

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Description of types:

<b>Name</b>	String beginning with a letter and containing only letters, digits and '_'
<b>Int</b>	Integer
<b>Expr</b>	Combination of fields of the current record. An expression which can contain function calls like trigonometric, conversion, test...
<b>Str</b>	String. Leading and trailing blanks are ignored.
<b>Unit</b>	Unit string conforming to Udunits package and the special keyword 'DATE' which means that the data is a date.
<b>KW1</b>	Keywords: X/Y/Z/T/Latitude/Longitude/Data
<b>KW2</b>	Keywords: FIRST/LAST/MIN/MAX/MEAN/STDDEV/COUNT

## Annex C. Z=F(X,Y) parameter file keys

*NOTE: The following table of parameter file keyword help can be always be obtained by calling: "BratCreateZFXY -k"*

<b>FILE</b>	Type : Str Count : [1-n] Input file name.
<b>OUTPUT</b>	Type : Str Count : 1 Name of created/modified file.
<b>OUTPUT_TITLE</b>	Type : Str Count : [0-1] Title of created/modified file (string describing the content and which should appear as a graphic title, for example). (Default="")
<b>SELECT</b>	Type : Expr Count : [0-n] True for record values selected. (Default=1)
<b>RECORD</b>	Type : Str Count : 1 Record set name to take into account for a file.
<b>DATA_MODE</b>	Type : KW2 Count : [0-1] Keyword to indicate how data are stored/computed. (Default=MEAN)
<b>POSITION_MODE</b>	Type : KW3 Count : [0-1] How position is computed. (Default=NEAREST)
<b>OUTSIDE_MODE</b>	Type : KW4 Count : [0-1] How data outside limits are managed. (Default=STRICT)
<b>X</b>	Type : Expr Count : 1 Expression of fields of *RECORD* to take into account.
<b>X_NAME</b>	Type : Name Count : 1 Name of the *X* data
<b>X_TYPE</b>	Type : KW1 Count : 1 Type of *X* data (normally X, T or longitude).
<b>X_UNIT</b>	Type : Unit Count : 1 Unit of *X* expression
<b>X_TITLE</b>	Type : Str Count : 1 Long name describing *X*. The one which should appear in graphics on axis or legends, for example.
<b>X_INTERVALS</b>	Type : Int Count : 1 Number of intervals between Min and Max for *X*. (Default=180 for lat 360 for lon)
<b>X_MIN</b>	Type : Flt Count : 1 Min value for *X* expression storage. (Default=-90 for lat, -180 for lon)
<b>X_MAX</b>	Type : Flt Count : 1 Max value for *X* expression storage. (Default=90 for lat, 180 for lon)

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<b>X_LOESS_CUTOFF</b>	Type : Int Count : 1 Distance (in dots) where LOESS filter reaches 0 along X axis. Must be an odd integer. If 1 or 0, Distance computation is disabled. Needed only if at least one filter is asked. (Default=0)
<b>Y</b>	Type : Expr Count : 1 Expression of fields of *RECORD* to take into account.
<b>Y_INTERVALS</b>	Type : Int Count : 1 Number of intervals between Min and Max for *Y*. (Default=180 for lat 360 for lon)
<b>Y_NAME</b>	Type : Name Count : 1 Name of the *Y* data.
<b>Y_TYPE</b>	Type : KW1 Count : 1 Type of *Y* data (normally X, T or longitude).
<b>Y_UNIT</b>	Type : Unit Count : 1 Unit of *Y* expression.
<b>Y_TITLE</b>	Type : Str Count : 1 Long name describing *Y*. The one which should appear in graphics on axis or legends, for example.
<b>Y_MIN</b>	Type : Flt Count : 1 Min value for *Y* expression storage. (Default=-90 for lat, -180 for lon)
<b>Y_MAX</b>	Type : Flt Count : 1 Max value for *Y* expression storage. (Default=90 for lat, 180 for lon)
<b>Y_LOESS_CUTOFF</b>	Type : Int Count : 1 Distance (in dots) where LOESS filter reaches 0 along Y axis. Must be an odd integer. If 1 or 0, Distance computation is disabled. Needed only if at least one filter is asked. (Default=0)
<b>FIELD</b>	Type : Expr Count : [1-20]=X Expression of fields of *RECORD* to take into account.
<b>FIELD_NAME</b>	Type : Name Count : X Name of the *FIELD* data
<b>FIELD_TYPE</b>	Type : KW1 Count : X Type of *FIELD* data.
<b>FIELD_UNIT</b>	Type : Unit Count : X Unit of *FIELD* expression.
<b>FIELD_TITLE</b>	Type : Str Count : X Long name describing *FIELD*. The one which should appear in graphics on axis or legends, for example.
<b>FIELD_FILTER</b>	Type : KS1 Count : X How to filter the data.
<b>ALIAS_NAME</b>	Type : Name Count : [0-n]=N Name of an alias. An alias is a value which can be used

anywhere in another value of field by mean of  
`%{NAME}` construct. Names are case sensitive.  
 If a name reference (`%{XXX}`) does not correspond to  
 an actually defined alias, the expansion is an empty  
 string.

(Default=None)

**ALIAS\_VALUE** Type : Str Count : N  
 The value of the alias. ALIAS\_VALUE keyword must have at  
 least as many occurrences as the ALIAS\_NAME one.

**VERBOSE** Type : Int Count : [0-1]  
 Amount of output: 0=None...5=Debug.  
 (Default=0)

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Description of types:

**Name** String beginning with a letter and containing only letters,  
 digits and '\_'

**Flt** Floating point number

**Int** Integer

**Expr** Combination of fields of the current record.  
 An expression which can contain function calls like  
 trigonometric, conversion, test...

**Str** String. Leading and trailing blanks are ignored.

**Unit** Unit string conforming to Udunits package and the special  
 keyword 'DATE' which means that the data is a date.

**KW1** Keywords: X/Y/Z/T/Latitude/Longitude/Data

**KW2** Keywords: FIRST/LAST/MIN/MAX/MEAN/STDDEV/COUNT

**KW3** Keywords: EXACT/NEAREST  
 EXACT: Measures which are exactly on boundaries  
 (grid lines) are kept others are ignored  
 NEAREST: Get the nearest boundary.

**KW4** Keywords: STRICT/RELAXED/BLACK\_HOLE  
 STRICT: Measure outside limits are ignored  
 RELAXED: Measure outside limits are ignored if  
 they are farther than a half step from  
 the limit.  
 BLACK\_HOLE: Everything outside the limit is  
 considered to be on the limit.

**KS1** Set of keywords from: NONE, LOESS\_SMOOTH, LOESS\_EXTRAPOLATE,  
 LOESS (LOESS means LOESS\_SMOOTH and LOESS\_EXTRAPOLATE)

## Annex D. Display parameter file keys

*NOTE: The following table of parameter file keyword help can be always be obtained by calling: "BratDisplay -k".*

<b>FILE</b>	Type : Str Count : [1-n] Input file name.
<b>FIELD</b>	Type : Expr Count : [1-23]=X Expression of fields of *RECORD* to take into account.
<b>FIELD_GROUP</b>	Type : Int Count : X Group id from where belongs *FIELD*. generally used to group many fields in one plot.
<b>DISPLAY_PROPERTIES</b>	
	Type : Bool Count : [0-1] Indicates if property panel is shown. (Default=No)
<b>DISPLAY_TITLE</b>	Type : Str Count : [0-1] Title of the plot to be displayed. (Default="")
<b>DISPLAY_ANIMATIONBAR</b>	Type : Bool Count : [0-1] Keyword to indicate if property panel is shown. (Default=No)
<b>DISPLAY_COLORBAR</b>	Type : Bool Count : [0-1] Keyword to indicate if color bar (legend) is shown. (Default=Yes)
<b>DISPLAY_CENTERLAT</b>	Type : Flt Count : [0-1] Latitude of the projection's center point. (Default=0)
<b>DISPLAY_CENTERLON</b>	Type : Flt Count : [0-1] Longitude of the projection's center point. (Default=0)
<b>DISPLAY_PROJECTION</b>	Type : KW9 Count : [0-1] Projection to use for mapping the world globe. (Default=3D)
<b>DISPLAY_COASTRESOLUTION</b>	Type : KW6 Count : [0-1] Resolution of the coast line drawn on the map. Recommended value: low. (Default=low)
<b>DISPLAY_ZOOM_LON1</b>	Type : Flt Count : [0-1] Zoom area west side. (Default=-180)
<b>DISPLAY_ZOOM_LON2</b>	Type : Flt Count : [0-1] Zoom area east side. (Default=180)

**DISPLAY\_ZOOM\_LAT1**

Type : Flt Count : [0-1]  
Zoom area south side.  
(Default=-90)

**DISPLAY\_ZOOM\_LAT2**

Type : Flt Count : [0-1]  
Zoom area north side.  
(Default=90)

**DISPLAY\_GROUPBY\_FILE**

Type : Bool Count : [0-1]  
For world plot. When several files are in input, this parameter indicates if fields are displayed in the same plot (group field by file) or in different plots (one plot by file).  
(Default=Yes)

**DISPLAY\_XMINVALUE** Type : Flt Count : [0-1]

Minimum X coordinate value to use in XY plot.  
(Default=min of data values for X axis)

**DISPLAY\_XMAXVALUE**

Type : Flt Count : [0-1]  
Maximum X coordinate value to use in XY plot.  
(Default=max of data values for X axis)

**DISPLAY\_YMINVALUE** Type : Flt Count : [0-1]

Minimum Y coordinate value to use in XY plot.  
(Default=min of data values for Y axis)

**DISPLAY\_YMAXVALUE**

Type : Flt Count : [0-1]  
Maximum Y coordinate value to use in XY plot.  
(Default=max of data values for Y axis)

**DISPLAY\_XLABEL**

Type : Str Count : [0-1]  
X axis label to be displayed.  
(Default=field title or field name)

**DISPLAY\_YLABEL**

Type : Str Count : [0-1]  
Y axis label to be displayed.  
(Default=field title or field name)

**DISPLAY\_XTICKS**

Type : Int Count : [0-1]  
Number of ticks for the X axis.  
(Default=6)

**DISPLAY\_YTICKS**

Type : Int Count : [0-1]  
Number of ticks for the Y axis.  
(Default=6)

**DISPLAY\_NAME**

Type : Str Count : [0-n]=W  
Field name to be displayed.

**DISPLAY\_OPACITY**

Type : Flt Count : 0 or W  
Opacity of the color value map image:  
1.0 color is totally opaque  
0.0 is completely transparent.  
(Default=0.7)

**DISPLAY\_MINVALUE**

Type : Flt Count : 0 or W  
Minimum color table value to use in plot.  
(Default=min of data values)

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**DISPLAY\_MAXVALUE** Type : Flt Count : 0 or W  
Maximum color table value to use in plot.  
(Default=max of data values)

**DISPLAY\_NUMCOLORLABELS**  
Type : Int Count : 0 or W  
Number of labels shown on the plot's color bar.  
(Default=2)

**DISPLAY\_COLORTABLE**  
Type : Str Count : 0 or W  
Name of a predefined color table:  
Aerosol  
Blackbody  
BlackToWhite  
Cloud  
Ozone  
GreenToRed  
Rainbow  
RedToGreen  
WhiteToBlack  
or name of a file containing the color table definition  
(absolute or relative path).  
(Default=Aerosol)

**DISPLAY\_COLORCURVE**  
Type : KW5 Count : 0 or W  
Set the color table on a specific curve.  
(Default=Linear)

**DISPLAY\_CONTOUR** Type : Bool Count : 0 or W  
Indicates if the contour layer of the field is shown or not.  
(Default=No)

**DISPLAY\_CONTOUR\_NUMBER**  
Type : Int Count : 0 or W  
Number of contour lines to generate  
(equally spaced contour values between specified range  
See DISPLAY\_CONTOUR\_MINVALUE and DISPLAY\_CONTOUR\_MAXVALUE).  
(Default=5)

**DISPLAY\_CONTOUR\_LABEL**  
Type : Bool Count : 0 or W  
Indicate if the contour labels (value) are shown or not.  
(Default=No)

**DISPLAY\_CONTOUR\_LABEL\_NUMBER**  
Type : Int Count : 0 or W  
Number of labels on each contour.  
(Default=1)

**DISPLAY\_CONTOUR\_MINVALUE**  
Type : Flt Count : 0 or W  
Minimum value to use to contour calculation.  
Default values are the same as the color scale one.  
(Default=min of data values)

**DISPLAY\_CONTOUR\_MAXVALUE**  
Type : Flt Count : 0 or W  
Maximum value to use to contour calculation.  
Default values are the same as the color scale one.  
(Default=max of data values)

**DISPLAY\_SOLID\_COLOR**

Type : Bool Count : 0 or W  
 Indicates if color layer of the field is shown or not.  
 (Default=Yes)

**DISPLAY\_EAST\_COMPONENT**

Type : Bool Count : 0 or W  
 Indicates if this field is the East component of a vector plot.  
 (Default=No)

**DISPLAY\_NORTH\_COMPONENT**

Type : Bool Count : 0 or W  
 Indicates if this field is the North component of a vector plot.  
 (Default=No)

**DISPLAY\_COLOR**

Type : KW7 Count : 0 or W  
 Color name of the XY plot field.  
 (Default=random color)

**DISPLAY\_POINTS**

Type : Bool Count : 0 or W  
 Indicates if points are displayed in a XY plot  
 (for the field).  
 (Default=No)

**DISPLAY\_LINES**

Type : Bool Count : 0 or W  
 Indicates if line is displayed in a XY plot (for the field).  
 (Default=Yes)

**DISPLAY\_POINTSIZE**

Type : Flt Count : 0 or W  
 Size of the points (XY plot, for the field).  
 (Default=1.0)

**DISPLAY\_LINEWIDTH**

Type : Flt Count : 0 or W  
 Width of the line (XY plot, for the field).  
 (Default=0.8)

**DISPLAY\_STIPPLEPATTERN**

Type : KW10 Count : 0 or W  
 Stipple pattern for the line (field) (XY plot).  
 (Default=Full)

**DISPLAY\_POINTGLYPH**

Type : KW8 Count : 0 or W  
 Glyph of the points (field) (XY plot).  
 (Default=Circle)

**DISPLAY\_POINTFILLED**

Type : Bool Count : 0 or W  
 Indicates if points are filled or not.  
 (Default=Yes)

**ALIAS\_NAME**

Type : Name Count : [0-n]=N  
 Name of an alias. An alias is a value which can be used  
 anywhere in another value of field by mean of  
 %{NAME} construct. Names are case sensitive.  
 If a name reference (%{XXX}) does not correspond to  
 an actually defined alias, the expansion is an empty  
 string.  
 (Default=None)

**ALIAS\_VALUE**

Type : Str Count : N  
 The value of the alias. ALIAS\_VALUE keyword must have at  
 least as many occurrences as the ALIAS\_NAME one.

**VERBOSE** Type : Int Count : [0-1]  
 Amount of output: 0=None...5=Debug.  
 (Default=0)

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Description of types:

<b>Name</b>	String beginning with a letter and containing only letters, digits and '_'
<b>Bool</b>	Boolean true if : YES/Y/TRUE/T/OUI/O/VRAI/V/1 false if : NO/N/FALSE/F/NON/N/FAUX/0
<b>Flt</b>	Floating point number
<b>Int</b>	Integer
<b>Expr</b>	Combination of fields of the current record. An expression which can contain function calls like trigonometric, conversion, test...
<b>Str</b>	String. Leading and trailing blanks are ignored.
<b>KW5</b>	Keywords: cosine, linear, sqrt (square root)
<b>KW6</b>	Keywords: In increasing resolution: crude, low, intermediate, full
<b>KW7</b>	Keywords: AQUAMARINE, BLACK, BLUE, BLUE VIOLET, BROWN, CADET BLUE, CORAL, CORNFLOWER BLUE, CYAN, DARK GREY, DARK GREEN, DARK OLIVE GREEN, DARK ORCHID, DARK SLATE BLUE, DARK SLATE GREY, DARK TURQUOISE, DIM GREY, FIREBRICK, FOREST GREEN, GOLD, GOLDENROD, GREY, GREEN, GREEN YELLOW, INDIAN RED, KHAKI, LIGHT BLUE, LIGHT GREY, LIGHT STEEL BLUE, LIME GREEN, MAGENTA, MAROON, MEDIUM AQUAMARINE, MEDIUM BLUE, MEDIUM FOREST GREEN, MEDIUM GOLDENROD, MEDIUM ORCHID, MEDIUM SEA GREEN, MEDIUM SLATE BLUE, MEDIUM SPRING GREEN, MEDIUM TURQUOISE, MEDIUM VIOLET RED, MIDNIGHT BLUE, NAVY, ORANGE, ORANGE RED, ORCHID, PALE GREEN, PINK, PLUM, PURPLE, RED, SALMON, SEA GREEN, SIENNA, SKY BLUE, SLATE BLUE, SPRING GREEN, STEEL BLUE, TAN, THISTLE, TURQUOISE, VIOLET, VIOLET RED, WHEAT, WHITE, YELLOW, YELLOW GREEN.
<b>KW8</b>	Keywords: ARROW, CIRCLE, CROSS, DASH, DIAMOND, HOOKEDARROW, SQUARE, THICKARROW, THICKCROSS, TRIANGLE
<b>KW9</b>	Keywords: 3D, Azimuthal Equidistant, Lambert Cylindrical, Lambert Azimuthal, Mercator, Mollweide, Plate Caree, Robinson
<b>KW10</b>	Keywords: DASHTINY, DASH, DASHDOT, DOT, FULL

## Annex E. BRATHL-MATLAB API

The BRATHL-MATLAB API consists of just a handful of MATLAB structures and functions.

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structures
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BRATHL\_DATEYMDHMSM = 0  
 BRATHL\_DATEDSM = 1  
 BRATHL\_DATESECOND = 2  
 BRATHL\_DATEJULIAN = 3

To create a structure, use BRATHL\_CREATESTRUCT (see description below)

BRATHL\_DATEYMDHMSM structure

This structure represents a YYYY-MM-DD HH:MN:SS:MS date structure :

YEAR  
 MONTH  
 DAY  
 HOUR  
 MINUTE  
 SECOND  
 MUSECOND

Example :

MyDate=BRATHL\_CREATESTRUCT(0)

MyDate.YEAR=2003  
 MyDate.MONTH=12  
 MyDate.DAY=5  
 MyDate.HOUR=18  
 MyDate.MINUTE=0  
 MyDate.SECOND=21  
 MyDate.MUSECOND=1069

BRATHL\_DATEDSM structure

This structure represents a day/seconds/microseconds date structure:

REFDATE	reference date
DAYS	numbers of days
SECONDS	numbers of seconds
MUSECONDS	numbers of microseconds

REFDATE is the reference date i.e :

0: 1950-01-01 00:00:00.0  
 1: 1958-01-01 00:00:00.0  
 2: 1985-01-01 00:00:00.0  
 3: 1990-01-01 00:00:00.0  
 4: 2000-01-01 00:00:00.0  
 5: user reference 1  
 6: user reference 2

values of 5 and 6 allow the user to set two specifics reference date of his choice  
 (see BRATHL\_SETREFUSER1 and BRATHL\_SETREFUSER2 functions)

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Example :

```
MyDate=BRATHL_CREATESTRUCT(1)
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MyDate.REFDATE=3  
MyDate.DAYS=423  
MyDate.SECONDS=5  
MyDate.MUSECONDS=0
```

BRATHL\_DATESECONDS structure

This structure represents a decimal seconds date structure:

```
REFDATE      reference date - see :BRATHL_DATEDSM  
NBSECONDS    decimal numbers of seconds (seconds.microseconds)
```

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Example :

```
MyDate=BRATHL_CREATESTRUCT(2)
```

```
MyDate.REFDATE=0  
MyDate.NBSECONDS=56236.0253
```

BRATHL\_DATEJULIAN structure

This structure represents a decimal julian date structure:

```
REFDATE      reference date - see :BRATHL_DATEDSM  
JULIAN       decimal julian day
```

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Example :

```
MyDate=BRATHL_CREATESTRUCT(3)
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```
MyDate.REFDATE=0  
MyDate.JULIAN=123.569
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### Functions

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structure creation functions

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BRATHL\_CREATESTRUCT

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Date conversion/computation functions

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BRATHL\_DAYOFYEAR

BRATHL\_DIFFDSM  
BRATHL\_DIFFJULIAN  
BRATHL\_DIFFYMDHMSM

BRATHL\_DSM2JULIAN  
BRATHL\_DSM2SECONDS  
BRATHL\_DSM2YMDHMSM

BRATHL\_JULIAN2DSM  
BRATHL\_JULIAN2SECONDS

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BRATHL\_JULIAN2YMDHMSM

BRATHL\_SECONDS2DSM

BRATHL\_SECONDS2JULIAN

BRATHL\_SECONDS2YMDHMSM

BRATHL\_NOWYMDHMSM

BRATHL\_YMDHMSM2DSM

BRATHL\_YMDHMSM2JULIAN

BRATHL\_YMDHMSM2SECONDS

BRATHL\_SETREFUSER1

BRATHL\_SETREFUSER2

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Cycle/date conversion functions

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To convert cycle <-> date, these functions use an ascii parameter file (ascii file) with records :

field 1 : Name of the mission

field 2 : Cycle reference

field 3 : Pass reference

field 4 : Reference date in decimal julian day

Each field has to be separated by, at least, a non-numeric character

The file can contained several records for a same mission.

Only the field with the greatest date is taken into account

You can add records.

You can add comments, commented lines start by '#' character.

If the file doesn't exist, default values are :

Name	Cycle	Pass	Reference date
Jason-1	99	230	19987.9081795
Topex/Poseidon	442	230	19987.9127535
ERS2	66	598	18831.768334
ERS1-A	15	1	15636.938955
ERS1-B	42	108	16538.6732895
ENVISAT	30	579	19986.106016

BRATHL\_CYCLE2YMDHMSM

BRATHL\_YMDHMSM2CYCLE

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BRATHL\_DAYOFYEAR

Retrieves the day of year of a date

dayOfYear = BRATHL\_DAYOFYEAR(BRATHL\_DATEYMDHMSM dateYMDHMSM)

[in] dateYMDHMSM : date

[out] dayOfYear : day of year of the date parameter

Example :

```
MyDate={BRATHL_DATEYMDHMSM}
MyDate.YEAR=2003
MyDate.MONTH=12
MyDate.DAY=5
MyDate.HOUR=18
MyDate.MINUTE=0
MyDate.SECOND=21
MyDate.MUSECOND=1069

dayOfYear=0L
r = BRATHL_DAYOFYEAR(MyDate, dayOfYear)
print, r, dayOfYear
```

### BRATHL\_DIFFDSM

Computes the difference between two dates (date1 - date2)  
the result is expressed in a decimal number of seconds

BRATHL\_DIFFDSM(BRATHL\_DATEDSM date1, BRATHL\_DATEDSM date2, DOUBLE diff)

[in] date1  
 [in] date2  
 [out] diff : difference in seconds (date1 - date2)

return 0 or error code (see Date error codes in brathl general documentation)

Example:

```
d1={BRATHL_DATEDSM}
d1.REFDATE=3
d1.DAYS=423
d1.SECONDS=5
d1.MUSECONDS=0

d2={BRATHL_DATEDSM}
d2.REFDATE=2
d2.DAYS=36
d2.SECONDS=54
d2.MUSECONDS=2536

diff = 0.0D
r = BRATHL_DIFFYMDHMSM(d1, d2, diff)
print, r, diff
```

### BRATHL\_DIFFJULIAN

Computes the difference between two dates (date1 - date2)  
the result is expressed in a decimal number of seconds

BRATHL\_DIFFJULIAN(BRATHL\_DIFFJULIAN date1, BRATHL\_DIFFJULIAN date2, DOUBLE diff)

[in] date1  
 [in] date2  
 [out] diff : difference in seconds (date1 - date2)

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return 0 or error code (see Date error codes in brathl general documentation)

Example: see BRATHL\_DIFFDSM

#### BRATHL\_DIFFYMDHMSM

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Computes the difference between two dates (date1 - date2)  
the result is expressed in a decimal number of seconds

BRATHL\_DIFFYMDHMSM(BRATHL\_DIFFYMDHMSM date1, BRATHL\_DIFFYMDHMSM date2, DOUBLE diff)

[in] date1  
[in] date2  
[out] diff : difference in seconds (date1 - date2)

return 0 or error code (see Date error codes in brathl general documentation)

Example: see BRATHL\_DIFFDSM

#### BRATHL\_DSM2JULIAN

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Converts a days-seconds-microseconds date into a decimal julian date, according to refDate parameter

BRATHL\_DSM2JULIAN(BRATHL\_DATEDSM dateDSM, INT refDate, BRATHL\_DATEJULIAN dateJulian);

[in] dateDSM : date to convert  
[in] refDate : date reference conversion  
[out] dateJulian : result of the conversion

return 0 or error code (see Date error codes in brathl general documentation)

Example :

```
dIn={BRATHL_DATEDSM}  
dIn.REFDATE=3  
dIn.DAYS=423  
dIn.SECONDS=5  
dIn.MUSECONDS=0  
  
dOut={BRATHL_DATEJULIAN}  
  
refDateDestination = 0  
  
r = BRATHL_DSM2JULIAN(dIn, refDateDestination, dOut)  
print, r, dOut.REFDATE, dOut.JULIAN
```

#### BRATHL\_DSM2SECONDS

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Converts a days-seconds-microseconds date into secnods, according to refDate parameter

BRATHL\_DSM2SECONDS(BRATHL\_DATEDSM dateDSM, INT refDate, BRATHL\_DATESECOND dateSeconds);

[in] dateDSM : date to convert  
[in] refDate : date reference conversion  
[out] dateSeconds : result of the conversion

return 0 or error code (see Date error codes in brathl general documentation)

Example: see BRATHL\_DSM2JULIAN

#### BRATHL\_DSM2YMDHMSM

Converts a days-seconds-microseconds date into a year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond date

```
BRATHL_DSM2YMDHMSM(BRATHL_DATEDSM dateDSM, BRATHL_DATEYMDHMSM dateYMDHMSM);
```

[in] dateDSM : date to convert

[in] refDate : date reference conversion

[out] dateYMDHMSM : result of the conversion

return 0 or error code (see Date error codes in brathl general documentation)

Example:

```
dIn={BRATHL_DATEDSM}
```

```
dIn.REFDATE=3
```

```
dIn.DAYS=423
```

```
dIn.SECONDS=5
```

```
dIn.MUSECONDS=0
```

```
dOut={BRATHL_DATEYMDHMSM}
```

```
refDateDestination = 0
```

```
r = BRATHL_DSM2YMDHMSM(dIn, dOut)
```

```
print, r, dOut.YEAR, dOut.JULIAN, dOut.MONTH, dOut.DAY, dOut.HOUR, dOut.MINUTE, dOut.SECOND, dOut.MUSECOND
```

#### BRATHL\_JULIAN2DSM

Converts a decimal julian date into a days-seconds-microseconds date, according to refDate parameter

```
BRATHL_JULIAN2DSM(BRATHL_DATEJULIAN dateJulian, INT refDate, BRATHL_DATEDSM dateDSM);
```

[in] dateJulian : date to convert

[in] refDate : date reference conversion

[out] dateDSM : result of conversion

return 0 or error code (see Date error codes in brathl general documentation)

```
BRATHL_DSM2YMDHMSM(BRATHL_DATEDSM dateDSM, BRATHL_DATEYMDHMSM dateYMDHMSM);
```

[in] dateDSM : date to convert

[in] refDate : date reference conversion

[out] dateYMDHMSM : result of the conversion

return 0 or error code (see Date error codes in brathl general documentation)

Example: see BRATHL\_DSM2JULIAN

#### BRATHL\_JULIAN2SECONDS

Converts a decimal julian date into seconds, according to refDate parameter

```
BRATHL_JULIAN2SECONDS(BRATHL_DATEJULIAN dateJulian, INT refDate, BRATHL_DATESECOND dateSeconds)
```

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[in] dateJulian : date to convert  
[in] refDate : date reference conversion  
[out] dateSeconds : result of conversion

return 0 or error code (see Date error codes in brathl general documentation)

Example: see BRATHL\_DSM2JULIAN

#### BRATHL\_JULIAN2YMDHMSM

---

Converts a decimal julian date into a year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond date

BRATHL\_JULIAN2YMDHMSM(BRATHL\_DATEJULIAN dateJulian, BRATHL\_DATEYMDHMSM dateYMDHMSM);

[in] dateJulian : date to convert  
[in] refDate : date reference conversion  
[out] dateYMDHMSM : result of conversion

return 0 or error code (see Date error codes in brathl general documentation)

Example: see BRATHL\_DSM2YMDHMSM

#### BRATHL\_SECONDS2DSM

---

Converts seconds into a days-seconds-microseconds date, according to refDate parameter

BRATHL\_SECONDS2DSM(BRATHL\_DATESECOND dateSeconds, INT refDate, BRATHL\_DATEDSM dateDSM);

[in] dateSeconds : date to convert  
[in] refDate : date reference conversion  
[out] dateDSM : result of the conversion

return 0 or error code (see Date error codes in brathl general documentation)

Example: see BRATHL\_DSM2JULIAN

#### BRATHL\_SECONDS2JULIAN

---

Converts seconds into a decimal julian date, according to refDate parameter

BRATHL\_SECONDS2JULIAN(BRATHL\_DATESECOND dateSeconds, INT refDate, BRATHL\_DATEJULIAN dateJulian)

[in] dateSeconds : date to convert  
[in] refDate : date reference conversion  
[out] dateJulian : result of the conversion

return 0 or error code (see Date error codes in brathl general documentation)

Example: see BRATHL\_DSM2JULIAN

#### BRATHL\_SECONDS2YMDHMSM

---

Converts seconds into a a decimal julian date, according to refDate parameter

BRATHL\_SECONDS2YMDHMSM(BRATHL\_DATESECOND dateSeconds, INT refDate, BRATHL\_DATEJULIAN dateJulian)

[in] dateSeconds : date to convert

[in] refDate : date reference conversion  
[out] dateJulian : result of the conversion

return 0 or error code (see Date error codes in brathl general documentation)

Example: see BRATHL\_DSM2JULIAN

### BRATHL\_NOWYMDHMSM

Gets the current date/time,

LIBRATHL\_API int32\_t brathl\_NowYMDHMSM(brathl\_DateYMDHMSM \*dateYMDHMSM);

[out] dateYMDHMSM : current date/time

BRATHL\_NOWYMDHMSM(BRATHL\_DATEYMDHMSM dateYMDHMSM)

Example: see BRATHL\_DSM2JULIAN

```
dOut={BRATHL_DATEYMDHMSM}  
r = BRATHL_NOWYMDHMSM(dOut)  
print, r, dOut.YEAR, dOut.JULIAN, dOut.MONTH, dOut.DAY, dOut.HOUR, dOut.MINUTE, dOut.SECOND, dOut.MUSECOND
```

### BRATHL\_YMDHMSM2DSM

Converts a year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond date into a days-seconds-microseconds date, according to refDate parameter

BRATHL\_YMDHMSM2DSM(BRATHL\_DATEYMDHMSM dateYMDHMSM, INT refDate, BRATHL\_DATEDSM dateDSM)

[in] dateYMDHMSM : date to convert  
[in] refDate : date reference conversion  
[out] dateDSM : result of the conversion

return 0 or error code (see Date error codes in brathl general documentation)

Example: see BRATHL\_DSM2JULIAN

### BRATHL\_YMDHMSM2JULIAN

Converts a year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond date into a decimal julian date, according to refDate parameter

BRATHL\_YMDHMSM2JULIAN(BRATHL\_DATEYMDHMSM dateYMDHMSM, INT refDate, BRATHL\_DATEJULIAN dateJulian)

[in] dateYMDHMSM : date to convert  
[in] refDate : date reference conversion  
[out] dateJulian : result of the conversion

return 0 or error code (see Date error codes in brathl general documentation)

Example: see BRATHL\_DSM2JULIAN

#### BRATHL\_YMDHMSM2SECONDS

---

Converts a year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond date into a seconds, according to refDate parameter

```
BRATHL_YMDHMSM2SECONDS(BRATHL_DATEYMDHMSM    dateYMDHMSM,    INT    refDate,    BRATHL_DATESECOND  
dateSeconds)
```

[in] dateYMDHMSM : date to convert  
[in] refDate : date reference conversion  
[out] dateSeconds : result of the conversion

return 0 or error code (see Date error codes in brathl general documentation)

Example: see BRATHL\_DSM2JULIAN

#### BRATHL\_SETREFUSER1 BRATHL\_SETREFUSER2

---

Set user-defined reference dates

```
BRATHL_SETREFUSER1(STRING dateRef)
```

[in] dateRef : date to set - format: YYYY-MM-DD HH:MN:SS.MS

return 0 or error code (see Date error codes in brathl general documentation)

Example:

```
dateRefUser1 = '2001 01 12 14:57:23:1456'  
dateRefUser2 = '2005 11 14'
```

```
brathl_setrefuser1(dateRefUser1)  
brathl_setrefuser2(dateRefUser2)
```

```
MyDate={BRATHL_DATEDSM}
```

```
. Set user-defined ref. date 2001 01 12 14:57:23:1456  
MyDate.REFDATE=5  
MyDate.DAYS=423  
MyDate.SECONDS=5  
MyDate.MUSECONDS=0
```

```
AnotherDate={BRATHL_DATEDSM}
```

```
. Set user-defined ref. date 2005 11 14  
AnotherDate.REFDATE=6  
AnotherDate.DAYS=423  
AnotherDate.SECONDS=5  
AnotherDate.MUSECONDS=0
```

```
; ref. date for MyDate is now 2005 11 14
MyDate.REFDATE=6

brathl_setrefuser2('2005 05 18 13:08:00')
; ref. date for MyDate and AnotherDate is now 2005 05 18 13:08:00
```

**BRATHL\_CYCLE2YMDHMSM**

Converts a cycle/pass into a date

**BRATHL\_CYCLE2YMDHMSM(INT mission, ULONG cycle, ULONG pass, BRATHL\_DATEYMDHMSM dateYMDHMSM)**

[in] mission : mission type :

- 0 : Topex/Poseidon
- 1 : Jason-1
- 2 : ERS2
- 3 : Envisat
- 4 : ERS1-A
- 5 : ERS1-B
- 6 : GFO

[in] cycle : number of cycle to convert

[in] pass : number of pass in the cycle to convert

[out] dateYMDHMSM : date corresponding to the cycle/pass

return 0 or error code (see Cycle/date conversion error codes in brathl general documentation)

Example:

```
cycle=120L
pass=153L
mission=3

dOut={BRATHL_DATEYMDHMSM}

r = BRATHL_CYCLE2YMDHMSM(mission, cycle, pass, dOut)
print, "result ", r

print, "mission ", mission , " cycle ", cycle, " pass ", pass
print, "Y", dOut.year, " M ", dOut.month, " D ", dOut.day, " H ", dOut.hour, " MN ", dOut.minute, " S ", dOut.second, " MS ",
dOut.muSecond
```

**BRATHL\_YMDHMSM2CYCLE**

Converts a date into a cycle/pass

**BRATHL\_YMDHMSM2CYCLE(INT mission, BRATHL\_DATEYMDHMSM dateYMDHMSM, ULONG cycle, ULONG pass)**

[in] mission : mission type :

- 0 : Topex/Poseidon
- 1 : Jason-1
- 2 : ERS2
- 3 : Envisat
- 4 : ERS1-A
- 5 : ERS1-B
- 6 : GFO

[in] dateYMDHMSM : date to convert

---

[out] cycle : number of cycle  
[out] pass : number of pass in the cycle  
return 0 or error code (see Cycle/date conversion error codes in brathl general documentation)

Example:

```
cycle=0L
pass=0L
mission=1

dIn={BRATHL_DATEYMDHMSM}
dIn.YEAR=2003
dIn.MONTH=12
dIn.DAY=5
dIn.HOUR=18
dIn.MINUTE=0
dIn.SECOND=21
dIn.MUSECOND=1069

r = BRATHL_YMDHMSM2CYCLE(mission, dIn, cycle, pass)
print, "result ", r

print, "Y", dOut.year, " M ", dOut.month, " D ", dOut.day, " H ", dOut.hour, " MN ", dOut.minute, " S ", dOut.second, " MS ",
dOut.muSecond
print, "mission ", mission , " cycle ", cycle, " pass ", pass
```

## Annex F. BRATHL-Fortran API

The BRATHL-C API consists of just a handful of Fortran functions.

Below is the list of Fortran APIs functions.

A description of each function is detailed in the BRATHL documentation in html or latex format (search for refman-html or refman-latext sub-directories in your BRATHL directories installation). Note: When installing BRAT Toolbox, you have to selected 'Documentations' component.

```
=====
Date conversion/computation functions
=====

brathl_DayOfYear
brathl_DiffDSM
brathl_DiffJULIAN
brathl_DiffYMDHMSM

brathl_DSM2Julian
brathl_DSM2Seconds
brathl_DSM2YMDHMSM

brathl_JULIAN2DSM
brathl_JULIAN2Seconds
brathl_JULIAN2YMDHMSM

brathl_SECONDS2DSM
brathl_SECONDS2Julian
brathl_SECONDS2YMDHMSM

brathl_NowYMDHMSM
brathl_YMDHMSM2DSM
brathl_YMDHMSM2Julian
brathl_YMDHMSM2Seconds
```

### Date conversion/computation example:

```
PROGRAM TESTDATE_F
IMPLICIT NONE

INCLUDE "brathlf.inc"
INTEGER IREFDATESRC
DOUBLE PRECISION ISECONDS
INTEGER IREFDATEDEST
INTEGER ODAY
INTEGER OSECOND
INTEGER OMUSECOND

INTEGER Y
INTEGER M
```

```

INTEGER D
INTEGER H
INTEGER MN
INTEGER SEC
INTEGER MS

INTEGER RESULT
CHARACTER*128 ERRSTR
CHARACTER*28 REFUSER
INTEGER TMP

REFUSER = '1952 02 18'
CALL BRATHLF_SETREFUSER1(REFUSER)
IREFDATESRC = REF20000101
C      IREFDATEDEST = REF19500101
IREFDATEDEST = REFUSER1

ISECONDS = 86460.16936D0
ODAYS = 0
OSECONDS = 0
OMUSECONDS = 0

&      RESULT = BRATHLF_SECONDS2DSM(IREFDATESRC, ISECONDS, IREFDATEDEST,
&      ODAYS, OSECONDS, OMUSECONDS)

IF (RESULT .NE. BRATHL_SUCCESS) THEN
  CALL BRATHLF_ERRNO2STRING(RESULT, ERRSTR)
  WRITE(*,*) 'ERROR: ' // ERRSTR
  STOP
END IF

WRITE(*,*) ' IREFDATESRC:', IREFDATESRC, ' ISECONDS:', ISECONDS,
' IREFDATEDEST:', IREFDATEDEST, ' ODAYS:', ODAYS, ' OSECONDS:',
& OSECONDS, ' OMUSECONDS:', OMUSECONDS
C -----
RESULT = BRATHLF_DSM2SECONDS(IREFDATESRC, ODAYS, OSECONDS,
& OMUSECONDS, IREFDATEDEST, ISECONDS)

IF (RESULT .NE. BRATHL_SUCCESS) THEN
  CALL BRATHLF_ERRNO2STRING(RESULT, ERRSTR)
  WRITE(*,*) 'ERROR: ' // ERRSTR
  STOP
END IF

WRITE(*,*) ' IREFDATESRC:', IREFDATESRC, ' ISECONDS:', ISECONDS,
' IREFDATEDEST:', IREFDATEDEST, ' ODAYS:', ODAYS, ' OSECONDS:',
& OSECONDS, ' OMUSECONDS:', OMUSECONDS
C -----
RESULT = brathlf_DSM2YMDHMSM(IREFDATESRC, ODAYS, OSECONDS,
& OMUSECONDS, Y, M, D, H, MN, SEC, MS)

IF (RESULT .NE. BRATHL_SUCCESS) THEN
  CALL BRATHLF_ERRNO2STRING(RESULT, ERRSTR)
  WRITE(*,*) 'ERROR: ' // ERRSTR
  STOP
END IF

```

```

      WRITE(*,*) ' IREFDATESRC:', IREFDATESRC, ' Y:', Y,
&      ' M:', M, ' D:', D, ' H:', H, ' MN:', MN, ' SEC:', SEC, ' MS:', MS,
&      ' ODAY:', ODAY, ' OSECONDS:',
&      OSECONDS, ' OMUSECONDS:', OMUSECONDS

C -----
      RESULT = brathlf_YMDHMSM2DSM( Y, M, D, H, MN, SEC, MS,
&      IREFDATEDEST, ODAY, OSECONDS, OMUSECONDS,)

      IF (RESULT .NE. BRATHL_SUCCESS) THEN
          CALL BRATHLF_ERRNO2STRING(RESULT, ERRSTR)
          WRITE(*,*) 'ERROR: ' // ERRSTR
          STOP
      END IF

      WRITE(*,*) ' IREFDATESRC:', IREFDATESRC, ' Y:', Y,
&      ' M:', M, ' D:', D, ' H:', H, ' MN:', MN, ' SEC:', SEC, ' MS:', MS,
&      ' ODAY:', ODAY, ' OSECONDS:',
&      OSECONDS, ' OMUSECONDS:', OMUSECONDS

C -----
      END
=====
```

**Cycle/date conversion functions**

To convert cycle <-> date, these functions use an ascii parameter file (ascii file) with records:

- field 1 : Name of the mission
- field 2 : Cycle reference
- field 3 : Pass reference
- field 4 : Reference date in decimal julian day

Each field has to be separated by, at least, a non-numeric character

The file can contained several records for a same mission.

Only the field with the greatest date is taken into account

You can add records.

You can add comments, commented lines start by '#' character.

If the file doesn't exist, default values are :

Name	Cycle	Pass	Reference date
Jason-1	99	230	19987.9081795
Topex/Poseidon	442	230	19987.9127535
ERS2	66	598	18831.768334
ERS1-A	15	1	15636.938955
ERS1-B	42	108	16538.6732895
ENVISAT	30	579	19986.106016

brathl\_Cycle2YMDHMSM  
brathl\_YMDHMSM2Cycle

**Cycle/date conversion example:**

```

PROGRAM TESTCYCLE_F

IMPLICIT NONE
```

```

INCLUDE "brathlf.inc"
INTEGER C
INTEGER P
INTEGER MISSION

INTEGER Y
INTEGER M
INTEGER D
INTEGER H
INTEGER MN
INTEGER SEC
INTEGER MS

INTEGER RESULT
CHARACTER*128 ERRSTR

MISSION = ENVISAT

C = 120
P = 153

&      RESULT = BRATHLF_CYCLE2YMDHMSM(MISSION, C, P,
&      Y, M, D, H, MN, SEC, MS)

IF (RESULT .NE. BRATHL_SUCCESS) THEN
    CALL BRATHLF_ERRNO2STRING(RESULT, ERRSTR)
    WRITE(*,*) 'ERROR: ' // ERRSTR
    STOP
END IF

&      WRITE(*,*) 'MISSION:', MISSION,' CYCLE:', C,
&      ' PASS:', P,
&      ' Y:', Y,
&      ' M:', M, ' D:', D, ' H:', H, ' MN:', MN,' SEC:', SEC,' MS:', MS
C -----



RESULT = BRATHLF_YMDHMSM2CYCLE(MISSION,
&      Y, M, D, H, MN, SEC, MS, C, P)

IF (RESULT .NE. BRATHL_SUCCESS) THEN
    CALL BRATHLF_ERRNO2STRING(RESULT, ERRSTR)
    WRITE(*,*) 'ERROR: ' // ERRSTR
    STOP
END IF

&      WRITE(*,*) 'MISSION:', MISSION,' CYCLE:', C,
&      ' PASS:', P,
&      ' Y:', Y,
&      ' M:', M, ' D:', D, ' H:', H, ' MN:', MN,' SEC:', SEC,' MS:', MS

END

=====
Data reading function
=====
```

---

**brathl\_ReadData****Example:**

```
PROGRAM P
IMPLICIT NONE
CHARACTER*(100) NAMES(10)
CHARACTER*(10) Record
CHARACTER*(120) Selection
CHARACTER*(200) Expressions(20)
CHARACTER*(20) Units(20)
REAL*8 Result(1000,20)
LOGICAL*4 Ignore
LOGICAL*4 Statistics
REAL*8 Default

INTEGER*4 NbValues
INTEGER*4 NbResults
INTEGER*4 ReturnCode

INCLUDE "brathlf.inc"

NAMES(1) = 'JA1_GDR_2PaP124_001.CNES'
NAMES(2) = 'JA1_GDR_2PaP124_002.CNES'
NAMES(3) = 'JA1_GDR_2PaP124_003.CNES'
Record = 'data'
Selection = 'latitude > 20'
Expressions(1) = 'latitude + longitude'
Units(1) = 'radians'
Expressions(2) = 'swh_ku'
Units(2) = 'm'
NbValues = 1000
NbResults = -1
Ignore = .false.
Statistics = .false.
Default = 1.0E100

ReturnCode = brathlf_ReadData(3,
$                               NAMES,
$                               Record,
$                               Selection,
$                               2,
$                               Expressions,
$                               Units,
$                               Result,
$                               NbValues,
$                               NbResults,
$                               Ignore,
$                               Statistics,
$                               Default)

print *, NbResults
print *, ReturnCode
END
```

## Annex G. BRATHL-C API

The BRATHL-C API consists of just a handful of C structures and functions.

Below is the list of C APIs functions.

A description of each function is detailed in the BRATHL documentation in html or latex format (search for refman-html or refman-latex sub-directories in your BRATHL directories installation). Note: When installing BRAT Toolbox, you have to selected 'Documentations' component.

```
=====
Date conversion/computation functions
=====
```

`brathl_DayOfYear`

`brathl_DiffDSM`  
`brathl_DiffJULIAN`  
`brathl_DiffYMDHMSM`

`brathl_DSM2Julian`  
`brathl_DSM2Seconds`  
`brathl_DSM2YMDHMSM`

`brathl_JULIAN2DSM`  
`brathl_JULIAN2Seconds`  
`brathl_JULIAN2YMDHMSM`

`brathl_SECONDS2DSM`  
`brathl_SECONDS2Julian`  
`brathl_SECONDS2YMDHMSM`

`brathl_NowYMDHMSM`

`brathl_YMDHMSM2DSM`  
`brathl_YMDHMSM2Julian`  
`brathl_YMDHMSM2Seconds`

Date conversion/computation example :

```
#include <brathl.h>
#include <brathl_error.h>

void PrintfDateDSM(brathl_DateDSM *d);
void PrintfDateSecond(brathl_DateSecond *d);
void PrintfDateJulian(brathl_DateJulian *d);
void PrintfDateYMDHMSM(brathl_DateYMDHMSM *d);

int main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    double diff = 0;
    brathl_DateSecond dateSeconds;
    brathl_DateDSM dateDSM;
    brathl_DateDSM dateDSM2;
    brathl_DateJulian dateJulian;
    brathl_DateJulian dateJulian2;
    brathl_DateYMDHMSM dateYMDHMSM;
    brathl_DateYMDHMSM dateYMDHMSM2;
```

```
brathl_refDate refDate = REF19500101;
brathl_refDate refDateDest = REF19500101;
char Buff[1024];

memset(brathl_refDateUser1, '\0', BRATHL_REF_DATE_USER_LEN - 1);

memset(&dateSeconds, '\0', sizeof(dateSeconds));
memset(&dateDSM, '\0', sizeof(dateDSM));
memset(&dateDSM2, '\0', sizeof(dateDSM2));
memset(&dateJulian, '\0', sizeof(dateJulian));
memset(&dateJulian2, '\0', sizeof(dateJulian2));
memset(&dateYMDHMSM, '\0', sizeof(dateYMDHMSM));
memset(&dateYMDHMSM2, '\0', sizeof(dateYMDHMSM2));

puts ("saisir Référentiel Source : \n"
      "1 --> 1950\n"
      "2 --> 1958\n"
      "3 --> 1990\n"
      "4 --> 2000\n"
      "5 --> user 1\n"
      "x Exit\n");

c = getchar();
getchar();

switch (c)
{
    case 'X' :
    case 'x' :
        return 0;
    case '1' : refDate = REF19500101; break;
    case '2' : refDate = REF19580101; break;
    case '3' : refDate = REF19900101; break;
    case '4' : refDate = REF20000101; break;
    case '5' :
        refDate = REFUSER1;
        puts ("saisir la date du référentiel au format YYYY MM DD hh:mm:s:ms ");
        gets (Buff);
        strncpy (brathl_refDateUser1, Buff, BRATHL_REF_DATE_USER_LEN - 1);

        break;
    default : refDate = REF19500101;
}

puts ("saisir Référentiel Destination : \n"
      "1 --> 1950\n"
      "2 --> 1958\n"
      "3 --> 1990\n"
      "4 --> 2000\n"
      "5 --> user 1\n"
      "x Exit\n");

c = getchar();
getchar();

switch (c)
{
```

```

case 'X' :
case 'x' :
    return 0;
case '1' : refDateDest = REF19500101; break;
case '2' : refDateDest = REF19580101; break;
case '3' : refDateDest = REF19900101; break;
case '4' : refDateDest = REF20000101; break;
case '5' :
    refDateDest = REFUSER1;
    puts ("saisir la date du référentiel au format YYYY MM DD hh:mn:s:ms ");
    //fgets (brathl_refDateUser1, strlen(refDateUser), stdin);
    gets (Buff);
    strncpy (brathl_refDateUser1, Buff, BRATHL_REF_DATE_USER_LEN - 1);

    break;
default : refDateDest = REF19500101;
}

printf("ref. dest %d %s\n", refDateDest, brathl_refDateUser1 );

do
{
    puts ("\nConversion : \n"
        "1 - Seconds --> DSM\n"
        "2 - DSM -->Seconds\n"
        "3 - Julian --> DSM\n"
        "4 - DSM -->Julian\n"
        "5 - YMDHMSM --> DSM\n"
        "6 - DSM -->YMDHMSM\n"
        "7 - Seconds --> Julian\n"
        "8 - Julian --> Seconds\n"
        "9 - Seconds --> YMDHMSM\n"
        "A - YMDHMSM --> Seconds\n"
        "B - Julian --> YMDHMSM\n"
        "C - YMDHMSM -->Julian\n"
        "D - diff Date1 - Date2 (YMDHMSM)\n"
        "E - diff Date1 (ref. src) - Date2 (ref. dest) (DSM)\n"
        "F - diff Date1 (ref. src) - Date2 (ref. dest) (Julian)\n"
        "N - Now --> YMDHMSM\n"
        "Q - YMDHMSM --> Quantieme\n"
        "x Exit\n");
    c = getchar();
    getchar();

    switch (c)
    {
        case '1' : // Seconds --> DSM
            memset(&dateSeconds, '\0', sizeof(dateSeconds));
            memset(&dateDSM, '\0', sizeof(dateDSM));

            dateSeconds.refDate = refDate;

            puts ("nbSeconds :");
            gets (Buff);
            sscanf(Buff, "%lf", &dateSeconds.nbSeconds);
    }
}

```

```
result = brathl_Seconds2DSM(&dateSeconds, refDateDest, &dateDSM);
printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
    PrintfDateSecond(&dateSeconds);
    PrintfDateDSM(&dateDSM);
break;
case '2' : // DSM -->Seconds
    memset(&dateSeconds, '\0', sizeof(dateSeconds));
    memset(&dateDSM, '\0', sizeof(dateDSM));

dateDSM.refDate = refDate;

puts ("D S M :");
gets (Buff);
sscanf(Buff, "%ld%c%ld%c%ld ",
       &dateDSM.days,
       &dateDSM.seconds,
       &dateDSM.muSeconds );

result = brathl_DSM2Seconds(&dateDSM, refDateDest, &dateSeconds);
printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
    PrintfDateSecond(&dateSeconds);
    PrintfDateDSM(&dateDSM);
break;

case '3' : // Julian --> DSM
    memset(&dateDSM, '\0', sizeof(dateDSM));
    memset(&dateJulian, '\0', sizeof(dateJulian));

dateJulian.refDate = refDate;

puts ("julian :");
gets (Buff);
sscanf(Buff, "%lf", &dateJulian.julian);

result = brathl_Julian2DSM(&dateJulian, refDateDest, &dateDSM);
printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
    PrintfDateJulian(&dateJulian);
    PrintfDateDSM(&dateDSM);
break;

case '4' : // DSM -->Julian
    memset(&dateJulian, '\0', sizeof(dateJulian));
    memset(&dateDSM, '\0', sizeof(dateDSM));

dateDSM.refDate = refDate;

puts ("D S M :");
gets (Buff);
sscanf(Buff, "%ld%c%ld%c%ld ",
       &dateDSM.days,
       &dateDSM.seconds,
       &dateDSM.muSeconds );

result = brathl_DSM2Julian(&dateDSM, refDateDest, &dateJulian);
printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
    PrintfDateJulian(&dateJulian);
    PrintfDateDSM(&dateDSM);
break;
```

```
case '5' : // YMDHMSM --> DSM
    memset(&dateDSM, '\0', sizeof(dateDSM));
    memset(&dateYMDHMSM, '\0', sizeof(dateYMDHMSM));

    puts ("YYYY MM DD hh:mm:ss:ms :");
    gets (Buff);
    sscanf(Buff, "%4d%*c%2d%*c%2d%*c"
           "%2d%*c%2d%*c%2d%*c%6d",
           &dateYMDHMSM.year, &dateYMDHMSM.month, &dateYMDHMSM.day,
           &dateYMDHMSM.hour, &dateYMDHMSM.minute,
           &dateYMDHMSM.second, &dateYMDHMSM.muSecond);

    result = brathl_YMDHMSM2DSM(&dateYMDHMSM, refDateDest, &dateDSM);
    printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
    PrintfDateYMDHMSM(&dateYMDHMSM);
    PrintfDateDSM(&dateDSM);
break;

case '6' : // DSM -->YMDHMSM
    memset(&dateYMDHMSM, '\0', sizeof(dateYMDHMSM));
    memset(&dateDSM, '\0', sizeof(dateDSM));

    puts ("D S M :");
    gets (Buff);
    sscanf(Buff, "%ld%*c%ld%*c%ld ",
           &dateDSM.days,
           &dateDSM.seconds,
           &dateDSM.muSeconds );

    result = brathl_DSM2YMDHMSM(&dateDSM, &dateYMDHMSM);
    printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
    PrintfDateYMDHMSM(&dateYMDHMSM);
    PrintfDateDSM(&dateDSM);
break;

case '7' : // Seconds --> Julian
    memset(&dateSeconds, '\0', sizeof(dateSeconds));
    memset(&dateJulian, '\0', sizeof(dateJulian));

    dateSeconds.refDate = refDate;

    puts ("nbSeconds :");
    gets (Buff);
    sscanf(Buff, "%lf", &dateSeconds.nbSeconds);

    result = brathl_Seconds2Julian(&dateSeconds, refDateDest, &dateJulian);
    printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
    PrintfDateSecond(&dateSeconds);
    PrintfDateJulian(&dateJulian);
break;

case '8' : // Julian --> Seconds
    memset(&dateSeconds, '\0', sizeof(dateSeconds));
    memset(&dateJulian, '\0', sizeof(dateJulian));

    dateJulian.refDate = refDate;
```

```
puts ("julian :");
gets (Buff);
sscanf(Buff, "%lf", &dateJulian.julian);

result = brathl_Julian2Seconds(&dateJulian, refDateDest, &dateSeconds);
printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
    PrintfDateSecond(&dateSeconds);
    PrintfDateJulian(&dateJulian);
break;

case '9' : // Seconds --> YMDHMSM
memset(&dateSeconds, '\0', sizeof(dateSeconds));
memset(&dateYMDHMSM, '\0', sizeof(dateYMDHMSM));

dateSeconds.refDate = refDate;

puts ("nbSeconds :");
gets (Buff);
sscanf(Buff, "%lf", &dateSeconds.nbSeconds);

result = brathl_Seconds2YMDHMSM(&dateSeconds, &dateYMDHMSM);
printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
    PrintfDateSecond(&dateSeconds);
    PrintfDateYMDHMSM(&dateYMDHMSM);
break;

case 'A' : // YMDHMSM --> Seconds
case 'a' : // YMDHMSM --> Seconds
memset(&dateSeconds, '\0', sizeof(dateSeconds));
memset(&dateYMDHMSM, '\0', sizeof(dateYMDHMSM));

puts ("YYYY MM DD hh:mm:ss:ms :");
gets (Buff);
sscanf(Buff, "%4d%*c%2d%*c%2d%*c"
        "%2d%*c%2d%*c%2d%*c%6d",
        &dateYMDHMSM.year, &dateYMDHMSM.month, &dateYMDHMSM.day,
        &dateYMDHMSM.hour, &dateYMDHMSM.minute,
&dateYMDHMSM.second, &dateYMDHMSM.muSecond);

result = brathl_YMDHMSM2Seconds(&dateYMDHMSM, refDateDest, &dateSeconds);
printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
    PrintfDateSecond(&dateSeconds);
    PrintfDateYMDHMSM(&dateYMDHMSM);
break;

case 'B' : // Julian --> YMDHMSM
case 'b' : // Julian --> YMDHMSM
memset(&dateYMDHMSM, '\0', sizeof(dateYMDHMSM));
memset(&dateJulian, '\0', sizeof(dateJulian));

dateJulian.refDate = refDate;

puts ("julian :");
gets (Buff);
sscanf(Buff, "%lf", &dateJulian.julian);

result = brathl_Julian2YMDHMSM(&dateJulian, &dateYMDHMSM);
printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
```

```

    PrintfDateJulian(&dateJulian);
    PrintfDateYMDHMSM(&dateYMDHMSM);
break;

case 'C' : // YMDHMSM --> Julian
case 'c' : // YMDHMSM --> Julian
    memset(&dateJulian, '\0', sizeof(dateJulian));
    memset(&dateYMDHMSM, '\0', sizeof(dateYMDHMSM));

puts ("YYYY MM DD hh:mm:ss :");
gets (Buff);
sscanf(Buff, "%4d%c%2d%c%2d%c"
        "%2d%c%2d%c%2d%c%6d",
        &dateYMDHMSM.year, &dateYMDHMSM.month, &dateYMDHMSM.day,
                           &dateYMDHMSM.hour,           &dateYMDHMSM.minute,
&dateYMDHMSM.second, &dateYMDHMSM.muSecond);

result = brathl_YMDHMSM2Julian(&dateYMDHMSM, refDateDest, &dateJulian);
printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
PrintfDateJulian(&dateJulian);
PrintfDateYMDHMSM(&dateYMDHMSM);
break;

case 'D' : // diff Date1 (ref. src) - Date2 (ref. dest) (YMDHMSM)
case 'd' : // diff Date1 (ref. src) - Date2 (ref. dest) (YMDHMSM)
    memset(&dateYMDHMSM, '\0', sizeof(dateYMDHMSM));
    memset(&dateYMDHMSM2, '\0', sizeof(dateYMDHMSM2));

puts ("Date 1 YYYY MM DD hh:mm:ss :");
gets (Buff);
sscanf(Buff, "%4d%c%2d%c%2d%c"
        "%2d%c%2d%c%2d%c%6d",
        &dateYMDHMSM.year, &dateYMDHMSM.month, &dateYMDHMSM.day,
                           &dateYMDHMSM.hour,           &dateYMDHMSM.minute,
&dateYMDHMSM.second, &dateYMDHMSM.muSecond);

puts ("Date 2 YYYY MM DD hh:mm:ss :");
gets (Buff);
sscanf(Buff, "%4d%c%2d%c%2d%c"
        "%2d%c%2d%c%2d%c%6d",
        &dateYMDHMSM2.year, &dateYMDHMSM2.month, &dateYMDHMSM2.day,
                           &dateYMDHMSM2.hour,           &dateYMDHMSM2.minute,
&dateYMDHMSM2.second, &dateYMDHMSM2.muSecond);

diff = 0;

result = brathl_DiffYMDHMSM(&dateYMDHMSM, &dateYMDHMSM2, &diff);
printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
PrintfDateYMDHMSM(&dateYMDHMSM);
PrintfDateYMDHMSM(&dateYMDHMSM2);
printf("\t---> Difference : %lf \n", diff);
break;

case 'E' : // diff Date1 (ref. src) - Date2 (ref. dest) (DSM)
case 'e' : // diff Date1 (ref. src) - Date2 (ref. dest) (DSM)
    memset(&dateDSM, '\0', sizeof(dateDSM));
    memset(&dateDSM2, '\0', sizeof(dateDSM2));

```

```
dateDSM.refDate = refDate;
dateDSM2.refDate = refDateDest;

puts (" Date 1 D S M :");
gets (Buff);
sscanf(Buff, "%ld%*c%ld%*c%ld",
       &dateDSM.days,
       &dateDSM.seconds,
       &dateDSM.muSeconds );

puts (" Date 2 D S M :");
gets (Buff);
sscanf(Buff, "%ld%*c%ld%*c%ld",
       &dateDSM2.days,
       &dateDSM2.seconds,
       &dateDSM2.muSeconds );

diff = 0;

result = brathl_DiffDSM(&dateDSM, &dateDSM2, &diff);
printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
    PrintfDateDSM(&dateDSM);
    PrintfDateDSM(&dateDSM2);
printf("\t----> Difference : %lf \n", diff);
break;

case 'F' : // diff Date1 (ref. src) - Date2 (ref. dest) (Julian)
case 'f' : // diff Date1 (ref. src) - Date2 (ref. dest) (Julian)
    memset(&dateDSM, '\0', sizeof(dateDSM));
    memset(&dateDSM2, '\0', sizeof(dateDSM2));

dateJulian.refDate = refDate;
dateJulian2.refDate = refDateDest;

puts ("Date 1 julian :");
gets (Buff);
sscanf(Buff, "%lf", &dateJulian.julian);

puts ("Date 2 julian :");
gets (Buff);
sscanf(Buff, "%lf", &dateJulian2.julian);

diff = 0;

result = brathl_DiffJulian(&dateJulian, &dateJulian2, &diff);
printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
    PrintfDateJulian(&dateJulian);
    PrintfDateJulian(&dateJulian2);
printf("\t----> Difference : %lf \n", diff);
break;

case 'N' : // Now --> YMDHMSM
case 'n' : // Now --> YMDHMSM
    memset(&dateYMDHMSM, '\0', sizeof(dateYMDHMSM));

result = brathl_NowYMDHMSM(&dateYMDHMSM);
```

```

printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
    PrintfDateYMDHMSM(&dateYMDHMSM);
break;

case 'Q' : // YMDHMSM --> Quantième
case 'q' : // YMDHMSM --> Quantième
    memset(&dateYMDHMSM, '\0', sizeof(dateYMDHMSM));

puts ("YYYY MM DD hh:mm:s:ms :");
gets (Buff);
sscanf(Buff, "%4d%*c%2d%*c%2d%*c"
        "%2d%*c%2d%*c%2d%*c%6d",
        &dateYMDHMSM.year, &dateYMDHMSM.month, &dateYMDHMSM.day,
        &dateYMDHMSM.hour, &dateYMDHMSM.minute, &dateYMDHMSM.second,
&dateYMDHMSM.muSecond);

    uint32_t quantieme;
result = brathl_Quantieme(&dateYMDHMSM, &quantieme);
printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
PrintfDateYMDHMSM(&dateYMDHMSM);
printf("\t---> Quantieme : %ld \n", quantieme);
break;

default : break;
}

if ((c != 'X') && (c != 'x'))
{
    puts("Press enter key to continue");
    getchar();
}

} while ((c != 'X') && (c != 'x'));

return 0;
}

//-----
void PrintfDateDSM(brathl_DateDSM *d)
{
    printf("\tbrathl_DateDSM days %ld seconds %ld museconds %ld ref. %d %s\n",
        d->days, d->seconds, d->muSeconds, d->refDate, brathl_refDateUser1);

}
//-----

void PrintfDateSecond(brathl_DateSecond *d)
{
    printf("\tbrathl_DateSecond nbSeconds %lf ref. %d %s\n",
        d->nbSeconds, d->refDate, brathl_refDateUser1);

}
//-----
void PrintfDateJulian(brathl_DateJulian *d)
{
    printf("\tbrathl_DateJulian julian %lf ref. %d %s\n",
        d->julian, d->refDate, brathl_refDateUser1);
}

```

```

}

//-----
void PrintfDateYMDHMSM(brathl_DateYMDHMSM *d)
{
    printf("\tbrathl_DateYMDHMSM   year %ld month %ld day %ld hour %ld minute %ld
second %ld musecond %ld ref. %s\n",
           d->year,   d->month,   d->day,   d->hour,   d->minute,   d->second,   d->musecond,
brathl_refDateUser1);

}

```

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Cycle/date conversion functions
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To convert cycle <-> date, these functions use an ascii parameter file (ascii file) with records :

field 1 : Name of the mission  
field 2 : Cycle reference  
field 3 : Pass reference  
field 4 : Reference date in decimal julian day

Each field has to be separated by, at least, a non-numeric character

The file can contained several records for a same mission.  
Only the field with the greatest date is taken into account

You can add records.

You can add comments, commented lines start by '#' character.

If the file doesn't exist, default values are :

Name	Cycle	Pass	Reference date
Jason-1	99	230	19987.9081795
Topex/Poseidon	442	230	19987.9127535
ERS2	66	598	18831.768334
ERS1-A	15	1	15636.938955
ERS1-B	42	108	16538.6732895
ENVISAT	30	579	19986.106016

brathl\_Cycle2YMDHMSM  
brathl\_YMDHMSM2Cycle

### Cycle/date conversion example

```

#include <brathl.h>
#include <brathl_error.h>

void PrintfDateDSM(brathl_DateDSM *d);
void PrintfDateSecond(brathl_DateSecond *d);
void PrintfDateJulian(brathl_DateJulian *d);
void PrintfDateYMDHMSM(brathl_DateYMDHMSM *d);

int main (int argc, char *argv[])
{

```

```
uint32_t cycle = 0;

uint32_t pass = 0;

int32_t result = BRATHL_SUCCESS;
char c;

double diff = 0;

brathl_mission mission;

brathl_DateYMDHMSM dateYMDHMSM;

char Buff[1024];

memset(&dateYMDHMSM, '\0', sizeof(dateYMDHMSM));

puts ("saisir la mission : \n"
      "1 --> TOPEX\n"
      "2 --> JASON1\n"
      "3 --> ERS2\n"
      "4 --> ENVISAT\n"
      "5 --> ERS1_A\n"
      "6 --> ERS1_B\n"
      "7 --> GFO\n"
      "x Exit\n");

c = getchar();
getchar();

switch (c)
{
    case 'X' :
    case 'x' :
        return 0;
    case '1' : mission = TOPEX; break;
    case '2' : mission = JASON1; break;
    case '3' : mission = ERS2; break;
    case '4' : mission = ENVISAT; break;
    case '5' : mission = ERS1_A; break;
    case '6' : mission = ERS1_B; break;
    case '7' : mission = GFO; break;

        break;
    default : mission = TOPEX;
}

do
{
    puts ("\nConversion Cycle <--> Date: \n"
          "1 - Cycle --> Date YMDHMSM\n"
          "2 - Date YMDHMSM -->Cycle\n"
          "x Exit\n");

    c = getchar();
    getchar();

    switch (c)
    {
```

```

case '1' : // Cycle --> Date YMDHMSM
    memset(&dateYMDHMSM, '\0', sizeof(dateYMDHMSM));
    cycle = pass = 0;

    puts ("Cycle Pass:");
    gets (Buff);
    sscanf(Buff, "%ld%c%ld ", &cycle, &pass);
    result = brathl_Cycle2YMDHMSM(mission, cycle, pass, &dateYMDHMSM);

    printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
    printf("\tcycle %d pass %d\n", cycle, pass);
    PrintfDateYMDHMSM(&dateYMDHMSM);
break;
case '2' : // Date YMDHMSM -->Cycle
    memset(&dateYMDHMSM, '\0', sizeof(dateYMDHMSM));
    cycle = pass = 0;

    puts ("YYYY MM DD hh:mn:s:ms :");
    gets (Buff);
    sscanf(Buff, "%4d%c%2d%c%2d%c"
           "%2d%c%2d%c%2d%c%6d",
           &dateYMDHMSM.year, &dateYMDHMSM.month, &dateYMDHMSM.day,
                           &dateYMDHMSM.hour,           &dateYMDHMSM.minute,
&dateYMDHMSM.second, &dateYMDHMSM.muSecond);

    result = brathl_YMDHMSM2Cycle(mission, &dateYMDHMSM, &cycle, &pass);

    printf("result %d %s\n", result, brathl_Errno2String(result));
    printf("\tcycle %d pass %d\n", cycle, pass);
    PrintfDateYMDHMSM(&dateYMDHMSM);
break;

default : break;
}

if ((c != 'X') && (c != 'x'))
{
    puts("Press enter key to continue");
    getchar();
}

} while ((c != 'X') && (c != 'x'));

return 0;
}

//-----
void PrintfDateDSM(brathl_DateDSM *d)
{
    printf("\tbrathl_DateDSM days %ld seconds %ld museconds %ld ref. %d %s\n",
           d->days, d->seconds, d->muSeconds, d->refDate, brathl_refDateUser1);
}

//-----

```

```

void PrintfDateSecond(brathl_DateSecond *d)
{
    printf("\tbrathl_DateSecond nbSeconds %lf ref. %d %s\n",
           d->nbSeconds, d->refDate, brathl_refDateUser1);

}

//-----
void PrintfDateJulian(brathl_DateJulian *d)
{
    printf("\tbrathl_DateJulian julian %lf ref. %d %s\n",
           d->julian, d->refDate, brathl_refDateUser1);

}

//-----
void PrintfDateYMDHMSM(brathl_DateYMDHMSM *d)
{
    printf("\tbrathl_DateYMDHMSM year %ld month %ld day %ld hour %ld minute %ld
second %ld musecond %ld ref. %s\n",
           d->year, d->month, d->day, d->hour, d->minute, d->second, d->muSecond,
brathl_refDateUser1);

}

```

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Data reading function

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brathl\_ReadData

Example:

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "brathl.h"
#include "brathl_error.h"

int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    char          *Names[10];
    int32_t      ReturnCode;
    double       *Data[2]      = {NULL,NULL};
    int32_t      Sizes[2]     = {-1, -1};
    char          *Expressions[2];
    char          *Units[2];
    int32_t      ActualSize;

    Names[0]   = "JA1_GDR_2PaP124_001.CNES";
    Names[1]   = "JA1_GDR_2PaP124_002.CNES";
    Names[2]   = "JA1_GDR_2PaP124_003.CNES";

    Expressions[0]   = "latitude + longitude";
    Units[0]        = "radians";

```

```
Expressions[1]      = "swh_ku";
Units[1]           = "m";

ReturnCode         = brathl_ReadData(3, Names,
                                     "data",
                                     "latitude > 20",
                                     2,
                                     Expressions,
                                     Units,
                                     Data,
                                     Sizes,
                                     &ActualSize,
                                     0,
                                     0,
                                     0);
printf("Return code          : %d\n", ReturnCode);
printf("Actual number of data: %d\n", ActualSize);
return 0;
}
```

## Annex H. BRATHL-PYTHON API

The BRATHL-Python API consists of a handful of Python structures and functions.

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BRATHL-Python API: Structures

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- brathl\_DateYMDHMSM
- brathl\_DateDSM
- brathl\_DateSecond
- brathl\_DateJulian

`brathl_DateYMDHMSM` data structure:

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This structure represents a YYYY-MM-DD HH:MN:SS:MS date structure.

=> Example - Defining date 2000-01-01 12:25:20.1:  
`MyDate = brathl_DateYMDHMSM (2000, 1, 1, 12, 25, 20, 100000)`

=> Example - Retrieving information:

<code>MyDate.YEAR</code>	: numbers of years
<code>MyDate.MONTH</code>	: numbers of months
<code>MyDate.DAY</code>	: numbers of days
<code>MyDate.HOUR</code>	: numbers of hours
<code>MyDate.MINUTE</code>	: numbers of minutes
<code>MyDate.SECOND</code>	: numbers of seconds
<code>MyDate.MUSECOND</code>	: numbers of microseconds

`brathl_DateDSM` data structure:

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This structure represents day/seconds/microseconds date structure.

=> Example - Defining date 1 day, 62 seconds and 100000 microseconds:  
`MyDate = brathl_DateDSM(brathl_refDate.REF19500101, 1, 62, 100000)`

=> Example - Retrieving information:

<code>MyDate.REFDATE</code>	: date reference number
<code>MyDate.DAY</code>	: numbers of days
<code>MyDate.SECOND</code>	: numbers of seconds
<code>MyDate.MUSECOND</code>	: numbers of microseconds

REFDATE is the reference date i.e.:

0: <code>brathl_refDate.REF19500101</code>	: reference to 1950-01-01 00:00:00.0
1: <code>brathl_refDate.REF19580101</code>	: reference to 1958-01-01 00:00:00.0
2: <code>brathl_refDate.REF19850101</code>	: reference to 1985-01-01 00:00:00.0
3: <code>brathl_refDate.REF19900101</code>	: reference to 1990-01-01 00:00:00.0
4: <code>brathl_refDate.REF20000101</code>	: reference to 2000-01-01 00:00:00.0
5: <code>brathl_refDate.REFUSER1</code>	: user reference 1
6: <code>brathl_refDate.REFUSER2</code>	: user reference 2

-> NOTE: REFUSER1 and REFUSER2 allow the user to set two specific reference dates of his choice

(see brathl\_SetRefDateUser1 and brathl\_SetRefDateUser1 functions)

brathl\_DateSecond data structure:

This structure represents a decimal seconds date structure.

=> Example - Defining 86401.01 seconds (starting reference date: 1950-01-01 00:00:00.0):  
MyDate = brathl\_DateSecond (brathl\_refDate.REF19500101, 86401.01)

=> Example - Retrieving information:

MyDate.REFDATE : date reference number  
MyDate.SECOND : numbers of seconds

brathl\_DateJulian data structure:

This structure represents a decimal Julian date structure.

=> Example - Defining 1.5 days (starting reference date: 2000-01-01 00:00:00.0):  
MyDate = brathl\_DateJulian (brathl\_refDate.REF20000101, 1.5)

=> Example - Retrieving information:

MyDate.REFDATE : date reference number  
MyDate.JULIAN : decimal julian day

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BRATHL-Python API: Functions

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Date conversion/computation functions

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- brathl\_DayOfYear

- brathl\_DiffDSM  
- brathl\_DiffJulian  
- brathl\_DiffYMDHMSM

- brathl\_DSM2Julian  
- brathl\_DSM2Seconds  
- brathl\_DSM2YMDHMSM

- brathl\_Julian2DSM  
- brathl\_Julian2Seconds  
- brathl\_Julian2YMDHMSM

- brathl\_Seconds2DSM  
- brathl\_Seconds2Julian  
- brathl\_Seconds2YMDHMSM

- brathl\_NowYMDHMSM

- brathl\_YMDHMSM2DSM
- brathl\_YMDHMSM2Julian
- brathl\_YMDHMSM2Seconds
  
- brathl\_SetRefDateUser1
- brathl\_SetRefDateUser2

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#### Cycle/Date Conversion functions

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- brathl\_Cycle2YMDHMSM
- brathl\_YMDHMSM2Cycle

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#### Data Reading functions

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- brathl\_ReadData

#### brathl\_DayOfYear function:

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Retrieves the day of the year of a date.

brathl\_DayOfYear(date)

[in] date : date object (Type: brathl\_DateYMDHMSM)  
return dayOfYear : day of year (Type: Python integer)

#### brathl\_DiffDSM function:

---

Computes the difference between two dates (date1 - date2).

brathl\_DiffDSM(dateDSM1, dateDSM2)

[in] dateDSM1 : date object (Type: brathl\_DateDSM)  
[in] dateDSM2 : date object (Type: brathl\_DateDSM)  
return diff : difference in seconds (Type: Python float)

#### brathl\_DiffJulian function:

---

Computes the difference between two dates (date1 - date2).

brathl\_DiffJulian(dateJulian1, dateJulian2)

[in] dateJulian1 : date object (Type: brathl\_DateJulian)  
[in] dateJulian2 : date object (Type: brathl\_DateJulian)

```
return    diff           : difference in seconds (Type: Python float)
```

brathl\_DiffYMDHMSM function:

Computes the difference, in seconds, between two dates (date1 - date2).

```
brathl_DiffYMDHMSM(date1, date2)
```

```
[in]      dateYMDHMSM1     : date object (Type: brathl_DateYMDHMSM)
[in]      dateYMDHMSM2     : date object (Type: brathl_DateYMDHMSM)
return    diff           : difference in seconds (Type: Python float)
```

brathl\_DSM2Julian function:

Converts a days-seconds-microseconds date into a decimal julian date, according to refDate parameter.

```
brathl_DSM2Julian(dateDSM, refDate)
```

```
[in]      dateDSM          : date to convert (Type: brathl_DateDSM)
[in]      refDate          : date reference conversion (see REFDATE on
brathl_DateDSM data structure example)
return    dateJulian       : result of the conversion (Type: brathl_DateJulian)
```

brathl\_DSM2Seconds function:

Converts a days-seconds-microseconds date into seconds, according to refDate parameter.

```
brathl_DSM2Seconds(dateDSM, refDate)
```

```
[in]      dateDSM          : date to convert (Type: brathl_DateDSM)
[in]      refDate          : date reference conversion (see REFDATE on
brathl_DateDSM data structure example)
return    dateSeconds       : result of the conversion (Type: brathl_DateSecond)
```

brathl\_DSM2YMDHMSM function:

Converts a days-seconds-microseconds date into a year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond date.

```
brathl_DSM2YMDHMSM(dateDSM)
```

```
[in]      dateDSM          : date to convert (Type: brathl_DateDSM)
return    dateYMDHMSM       : result of the conversion (Type: brathl_DateYMDHMSM)
```

brathl\_Julian2DSM function:

Converts a decimal julian date into a days-seconds-microseconds date, according to refDate parameter.

brathl\_Julian2DSM(dateJulian, refDate)

```
[in]    dateJulian      : date to convert (Type: brathl_DateJulian)
[in]    refDate        : date reference conversion (see REFDATE on
brathl_DateDSM data structure example)
return  dateDSM       : result of the conversion (Type: brathl_DateDSM)
```

brathl\_Julian2Seconds function:

Converts a decimal julian date into seconds, according to refDate parameter.

brathl\_Julian2Seconds(dateJulian, refDate)

```
[in]    dateJulian      : date to convert (Type: brathl_DateJulian)
[in]    refDate        : date reference conversion (see REFDATE on
brathl_DateDSM data structure example)
return  dateSeconds   : result of the conversion (Type: brathl_DateSecond)
```

brathl\_Julian2YMDHMSM function:

Converts a decimal julian date into a year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond date.

brathl\_Julian2YMDHMSM(dateJulian)

```
[in]    dateJulian      : date to convert (Type: brathl_DateJulian)
return  dateYMDHMSM   : result of the conversion (Type: brathl_DateYMDHMSM)
```

brathl\_Seconds2DSM function:

Converts seconds into a days-seconds-microseconds date, according to refDate parameter.

brathl\_Seconds2DSM(dateSeconds, refDate)

```
[in]    dateSeconds     : date to convert (Type: brathl_DateSecond)
[in]    refDate        : date reference conversion (see REFDATE on
brathl_DateDSM data structure example)
return  dateDSM       : result of the conversion (Type: brathl_DateDSM)
```

brathl\_Seconds2Julian function:

Converts seconds into a decimal julian date, according to refDate parameter.

brathl\_Seconds2Julian(dateSeconds, refDate)

```
[in]      dateSeconds      : date to convert (Type: brathl_DateSecond)
[in]      refDate          : date reference conversion (see REFDATE on
brathl_DateDSM data structure example)
return    dateJulian       : result of the conversion (Type: brathl_DateJulian)
```

brathl\_Seconds2YMDHMSM function:

Converts seconds into a year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond date.

brathl\_Seconds2YMDHMSM(dateSeconds)

```
[in]      dateSeconds      : date to convert (Type: brathl_DateSecond)
return    dateYMDHMSM      : result of the conversion (Type: brathl_DateYMDHMSM)
```

brathl\_NowYMDHMSM function:

Gets the current year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond date.

brathl\_NowYMDHMSM()

return dateYMDHMSM : current date/time (Type: brathl\_DateYMDHMSM)

brathl\_YMDHMSM2DSM function:

Converts a year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond date into a days-seconds-microseconds date.

brathl\_YMDHMSM2DSM(dateYMDHMSM, refDate)

```
[in]      dateYMDHMSM      : date to convert (Type: brathl_DateYMDHMSM)
[in]      refDate          : date reference conversion (see REFDATE on
brathl_DateDSM data structure example)
return    dateDSM          : result of the conversion (Type: brathl_DateDSM)
```

brathl\_YMDHMSM2Julian function:

Converts a year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond date into a decimal julian date, according to refDate parameter.

brathl\_YMDHMSM2Julian(dateYMDHMSM, refDate)

---

```
[in]      dateYMDHMSM      : date to convert (Type: brathl_DateYMDHMSM)
[in]      refDate          : date reference conversion (see REFDATE on
brathl_DateDSM data structure example)
return    dateJulian       : result of the conversion (Type: brathl_DateJulian)
```

**brathl\_YMDHMSM2Seconds function:**


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Converts a year, month, day, hour, minute, second, microsecond date into seconds, according to refDate parameter.

```
brathl_YMDHMSM2Seconds(dateYMDHMSM, refDate)
```

```
[in]      dateYMDHMSM      : date to convert (Type: brathl_DateYMDHMSM)
[in]      refDate          : date reference conversion (see REFDATE on
brathl_DateDSM data structure example)
return    dateSeconds      : result of the conversion (Type: brathl_DateSecond)
```

**brathl\_SetRefDateUser1 function:**

Set first user defined reference date: REFUSER1.

```
brathl_SetRefDateUser1(dateRef)
```

```
[in]      dateRef          : date to set in format: YYYY MM DD HH:MN:SS.MS (Type:
Python string).
```

**brathl\_SetRefDateUser2 function:**

Set first user defined reference date: REFUSER2.

```
brathl_SetRefDateUser2(dateRef)
```

```
[in]      dateRef          : date to set in format: YYYY MM DD HH:MN:SS.MS (Type:
Python string).
```

**brathl\_Cycle2YMDHMSM function:**

Converts a cycle/pass into a date.

```
brathl_Cycle2YMDHMSM(mission, cycle, nbPass)
```

```
[in]      mission         : mission type (Type: brathl_mission)
[in]      cycle           : number of cycle to convert (Type: Python int/long)
[in]      nbPass          : number of pass in the cycle to convert (Type: Python
int/long)
return   dateYMDHMSM     : date/time corresponding to the cycle/pass (Type:
brathl_DateYMDHMSM)
```

```
'mission' is the Satellite/mission reference i.e:
0: brathl_mission.TOPEX      : Topex/Poseidon mission
1: brathl_mission.JASON2     : Jason-2 mission
2: brathl_mission.JASON1     : Jason-1 mission
3: brathl_mission.ERS2       : ERS2 mission
4: brathl_mission.ENVISAT    : Envisat mission
5: brathl_mission.ERS1_A     : ERS1-A mission
6: brathl_mission.ERS1_B     : ERS1-B mission
7: brathl_mission.GFO        : GFO mission

=> Example:
cycle = 1
nbPass = 2
dateYMDHMSM = brathl_Cycle2YMDHMSM(brathl_mission.JASON1, cycle, nbPass)
```

brathl\_YMDHMSM2Cycle function:

Converts a date into a cyle/pass.

```
brathl_YMDHMSM2Cycle(mission, dateYMDHMSM)
```

[in]	mission	: mission type (Type: brathl_mission)
[in]	dateYMDHMSM	: date/time to convert (Type: brathl_DateYMDHMSM)
return	cycle	: number of cycle (Type: Python int/long)
return	nbPass	: number of pass in the cycle (Type: Python int/long)

=> Example:

```
dateYMDHMSM = brathl_DateYMDHMSM(2002, 1, 15, 6, 35, 43, 261871)
cycle, nbPass = brathl_YMDHMSM2Cycle(brathl_mission.JASON1, dateYMDHMSM)
```

brathl\_ReadData function:

Reads data from a set of files.

```
brathl_ReadData(fileName, recordName, selection, expressions, units, ignore-
OutOfRange, statistics, defaultValue):
```

[in]	fileName	: File name list. Empty strings are ignored (Type: Python list of strings).
[in]	recordName	: Name of the fields record. For netCDF files is 'data' (Type: Python string).
[in]	selection	: Expression for selecting data fields. If empty string, all data are selected (Type: Python string).
[in]	expressions	: Expressions applied to data fields to build wanted value. If empty string, the returned data are always default values (Type: Python list of strings).
[in]	units	: Wanted unit for each expression. Must be None or of 'expressions' size. If None, no unit conversion is done. If an entry is None or an empty string, no unit conversion is applied

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to the data of the corresponding expression (Type: Python list of strings).

[in] ignoreOutOfRange : Skip excess data. If there are too much values to store they are ignored (case is set True).  
Must be False if statistics is True (Type: Python bool).

[in] statistics : Returns statistics on data instead of data themselves (Type: Python bool).  
The returned values for each expression are:  
- Count of valid data taken into account;  
- Mean of the valid data;  
- Standard deviation of the valid data;  
- Minimum value of the valid data;  
- Maximum value of the valid data.

[in] defaultValue : Value to use for default/missing values (Type: Python float or int).

return dataResults : Data read. Must contain a number of entries to values to read equal to expressions size (Type: Python list).

=> Example:

```

fileNames      = ['example.nc']
recordName     = 'data'
selection      = ''
expressions    = ['lat_mwr_llb', 'lon_mwr_llb']
units          = ['radians', 'radians']
ignoreOutOfRange = False
statistics     = False
defaultValue   = 0

dataResults = brathl_ReadData(fileNames,
                             recordName,
                             selection,
                             expressions,
                             units,
                             ignoreOutOfRange,
                             statistics,
                             defaultValue)

print ("----- Printing data values -----")
for i in range(len(dataResults)):
    print (expressions[i], "(", len(dataResults[i]), " values) =", dataResults[i])
    print ("-----")
```