

# An Overview of MLCommons Cloud Mask Benchmark: Related Research and Data

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## Abstract

Cloud masking is a crucial task that is well-motivated for meteorology and its applications in environmental and atmospheric sciences. Its goal is, given satellite images, to accurately generate cloud masks that identify each pixel in image to contain either cloud or clear sky. In this paper, we summarize some of the ongoing research activities in cloud masking, with a focus on the research and benchmark currently conducted in MLCommons Science Working Group. This overview is produced with the hope that others will have an easier time getting started and collaborate on the activities related to MLCommons Cloud Mask Benchmark.

**CCS Concepts:** • Applied computing → Earth and atmospheric sciences; • Computing methodologies → Image representations; • Information systems → Test collections; • Hardware → Testing with distributed and parallel systems.

**Keywords:** cloumask, cloudmesh, datasets, MLCommons, benchmark

## 1 MLCommons Cloud Mask Activities

The Cloud Mask Benchmark is part of the research currently conducted by MLCommons [2] Science Working Group [7]. We hope that others will contribute to this document to enhance its scope. Please contact Gregor von Laszewski (laszewski@gmail.com) so that we can coordinate with you.

As of this moment, we are aware of several activities regarding MLCommons Cloud Mask Benchmark.

1. The original benchmark was contributed by Samuel Jackson and Juri Papaya [3, 12] from Rutherford Labs. The reference implementation is based on U-Net [8].
2. A cloud mask benchmark activity by Junji Yin on PEARL [12].
3. A number of activities carried out by Gregor von Laszewski on Rivanna, University of Virginia's High Performance Computing Cluster ("HPC"). This activity contains significant contribution.

\*<https://github.com/laszewski/papers/raw/master/vonLaszewski-cloumask-related.pdf>, <https://arxiv.org/submit/5278659/view>

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- a. Introduction of target directories that showcase how to use templates to run cloud mask benchmark on various HPC machines, DGX station, and a Linux desktop with an NVIDIA card.
  - b. Introduction of enhanced timers to measure execution time for different parts of the benchmark program.
  - c. Usage of Cloudmesh StopWatch to provide easy human readable timers that can be parsed with little effort through exports as CSV data.
  - d. Development and usage of a hyper-parameter permutation framework that enables the cloud mask model to be experimented with different hyper-parameters, including epochs, batch sizes, learning rates, etc. This work is also reused in other MLCommons Science Benchmarks [15].
  - e. Development of a workflow system that enables the use of hybrid compute resources through templates [17].
  - f. Application of the aforementioned work to education [18].
  - g. Hosting of a development repository for MLCommons Cloud Mask Benchmark code base, as part of MLCommons Science Working Group [14].
  - h. Execution of a substantial number of benchmark experiments.
4. A number of activities by New York University ("NYU") AI for Scientific Research (AIFSR) Benchmark Team on Greene, NYU High Performance Computing Cluster.
    - a. Modification of reference implementation to include early stoppage into model training, built onto the activities from Rutherford Labs and UVA.
    - b. Implementation of a new accuracy metric introduced by Samuel Jackson, Juri Papaya, and Gregor von Laszewski.
    - c. Coordinated the benchmark experiments with bash script that replicates a small number of features from the previous more comprehensive activity conducted by Gregor von Laszewski.
- NYU AIFSR's benchmark activity contains a limited number of experiments in contrast to the activity done by Gregor von Laszewski. A joint report of both efforts is under preparation. Several versions of the report

were started such as [13]. The latest report is not yet available.

## 2 Overview of Cloud Mask and its Related Work

Since last century, several methods have been developed for cloud masking, ranging from rule-based techniques [6, 9, 10, 21] to modern deep learning approaches [1, 4, 5, 19, 20]. Among the more traditional, rule-based techniques, two popular methodologies have been threshold cloud screening [9, 10] and Bayesian cloud masking [6].

Threshold screening methods consist of several threshold tests where spectral and spatial properties of satellite images are compared with those ranges that are believed to indicate the presence of a clear sky pixel. And those other pixels that are not labeled as clear sky are then flagged as cloudy. This school of methodologies were widely used from the late 1980s to the early 2000s [6].

The gradual transition away from threshold screening methods was due to its long-criticized limitations: firstly, threshold settings rely heavily on domain expertise about indicators of cloudiness that may not be objective, which also makes later modification and updates difficult; secondly, thresholds provide users little flexibility in the trade-off between coverage and accuracy; third, threshold tests do not make use of all available prior information. These shortcomings of threshold screening methods are improved by later developed Bayesian methods [6].

The Bayesian approach applies Bayes' theorem on prior meteorology information to deduce for each pixel the probability of containing cloud or clear sky, and thereafter generating a cloud mask as output. As a result, these Bayesian approaches are fully probabilistic and make good use of prior information. Compared to threshold tests, Bayesian methods achieve better accuracy in predicting pixels' cloudiness, offering generality and conceptual clarity in its approach, and enhancing maintainability and adaptability largely [6].

More recently, the rising popularity of deep learning has led to the use of CNNs for generating cloud masks. Deep learning methods [1, 4, 5, 19, 20] use computer vision models (CNNs) and treat the cloud mask task as that of image segmentation tasks. CNNs have achieved superior performance thanks to their automatic feature extraction ability. A research paper published in 2019 [4] introduces Remote Sensing Network (RS-Net), which is a CNN architecture branched out of U-Net [8] for cloud masking and was shown to achieve higher performance compared to the state-of-the-art rule-based approach known as Fmask [21]. KappaMask [1] and MSCFF [5] are two additional U-Net based CNN model that outperformed Fmask. All these models have reported their performances on several satellite images such as Sentinel-2, Landsat, etc., and also made use of human-annotated (some assisted by software) ground truth values (See in Table 1).

On the other hand, MLCommons Cloud Mask Benchmark operates on SLSTR images from the newer Sentinel-3 satellite, which uses Bayesian approach generated cloud masks as ground truth. The reference implementation provided by MLCommons Science Working Group achieved 92% classification accuracy on the Sentinel-3 test set [12].

The aforementioned deep learning approaches towards cloud masking are by no means exhaustive. If you know about other significant cloud masking or deep learning approaches, please inform us and we will add them here.

## 3 Dataset

For MLCommons Cloud Mask Benchmark, we use the satellite images from Sentinel-3.

### 3.1 Sentinel-3

According to [11] "Sentinel-3 is an ocean and land mission composed of two identical satellites (Sentinel-3A and Sentinel-3B)."

Sentinel-3 makes use of multiple sensing instruments to accomplish its objectives:

- SLSTR (Sea and Land Surface Temperature Radiometer)
- OLCI (Ocean and Land Colour Instrument)
- SRAL (SAR Altimeter)
- DORIS (Doppler Orbitography and Radiopositioning Integrated by Satellite)
- MWR (Microwave Radiometer).

"SLSTR and OLCI are optical instruments that are used to provide data continuity for ENVISAT's AATSR and MERIS instruments and the swaths of the two instruments overlap, allowing for new combined applications. OLCI is a medium-resolution imaging spectrometer, using five cameras to provide a wide field of view. SRAL, DORIS, MWR and LRR are used for topographic measurements of the ocean and inland water." [11]

One of the satellites is shown in Figure 1. The Mission Orbit is sun-synchronous, set at a height of 814.5km with an inclination of 98.65° and a repeat cycle of 27 days [11].



**Figure 1.** A Sentinel-3 Satelite.

**Table 1.** This table presents the several methods used for cloud masking with their respective dataset, ground truth, and performance.

	Reference	Dataset	Ground-truth	Model	Accuracy
1	[6]	ATSR-2	Human annotation	Bayesian screening	0.917
2	[19]	Sentinel-2	Software-assisted human annotation (QGIS)	U-Net	0.90
3	[19]	Landsat TM	Software-assisted human annotation (QGIS)	U-Net	0.89
4	[19]	Landsat ETM+	Software-assisted human annotation (QGIS)	U-Net	0.89
5	[19]	Landsat OLI	Software-assisted human annotation (QGIS)	U-Net	0.91
6	[5]	GaoFen-1	Human annotation	MFFSNet	0.98, mIOU = 0.87
7	[1]	Sentinel 2	Software-assisted human annotation (CVAT)	KappaMask	0.91
8	[4]	Landsat 8 Biome and SPARCS	Human annotation	RS-Net	0.956

### 3.2 MLCommons Cloud Mask Dataset

MLCommons Cloud Mask Benchmark uses 180GB of satellite images from Sentinel-3 SLSTR (Level-1 processing, TOA Radiance and Brightness Temperature) satellite images. The dataset consists of 1070 images, captured during days and nights. The dataset also includes a cloud mask for each image, generated using Bayesian techniques. The reference implementation uses these cloud masks as ground truths for training and testing.

The dataset comes with the train-test split, where 970 images are used for training, and 100 images are used for testing. The images are of the dimension  $1200 \times 1500$  with 15 different channels and 1 channel of Bayesian mask. Among the 15 channels, 3 channels are used to represent brightness, 6 channels are used to represent reflectance, and the remaining 6 channels are used to represent radiance. However, for the provided reference implementation, only a total of 10 channels, i.e., 6 channels of reflectance, 3 channels of brightness, and 1 channel of Bayesian mask are used as model inputs for training and testing.

### 3.3 Data Loading and Preprocessing

For training data preprocessing, the images are first cropped from the dimension of  $1200 \times 1500 \times 9$  to  $1024 \times 1280 \times 9$  and then divided into 20 smaller-sized  $256 \times 256 \times 9$  patches. After creating these patches out of each image in training set, we get a total of 19400 patches for training. These patches are further split into training and validation set with 80/20 split ratio, and then sent for training after shuffling.

For the test dataset, the images are neither cropped nor shuffled. Instead, each test image are cut into 63 smaller patches of dimension  $256 \times 256 \times 9$ , by applying a horizontal and vertical stride of 176 pixels with zeros padding on the right and bottom edges of each image. We then get a total of 6300 patches for entire test dataset. After getting the predictions from the model, these  $256 \times 256 \times 1$  output patches (predicted cloud mask) are reconstructed to the size of  $1200 \times 1500 \times 1$  and then evaluated with the Bayesian mask ground truth that has the same dimension. This pre-processing pipelines for training and testing are shown in Figure 2 and Figure 3.

### 3.4 Training

During training, the model takes a preprocessed patch of dimension  $256 \times 256 \times 9$ , and generates a cloud mask of dimension  $256 \times 256 \times 1$ . Once the cloud masks have been generated by the model during training, the accuracy is reported as the percentage of total pixels that are correctly classified compared to ground truth.

### 3.5 Testing

During testing, the model generates a cloud mask of dimension  $256 \times 256 \times 1$  for each  $256 \times 256 \times 9$  patch. For each pixel in the image, the model outputs the probability of that pixel containing clear sky. Pixels that have a probability higher than 50% are labeled as clear sky, and cloudy otherwise. Then, those patches are then reconstructed back to full-size masks of dimension  $1200 \times 1500 \times 1$ .

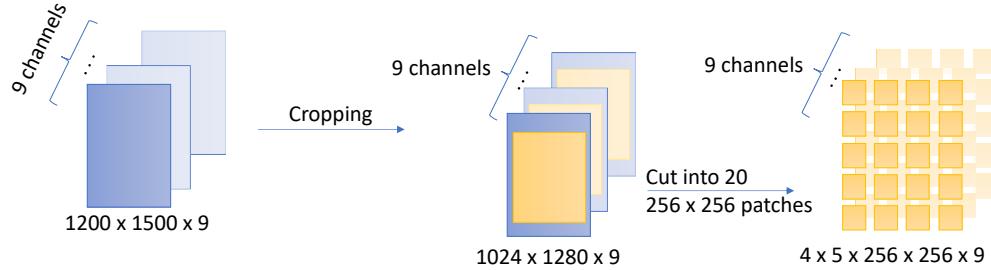
The locations of the images used in the testing are depicted in Figure 4 as well as their coordinate centers in Figure 5. As one can observe from the figures, most of the testing images are captured in the region of North Altantic Ocean and of the West Coast of Europe. Furthermore, we display in Figure 6 the raw satellite images from the Sentinel-3 database that reflect the locations where the testing images are located. Figure 7 shows the cloud masks of the testing images. The Table 2 shows the individual attributes for the specific locations identified by a counter.

## 4 Conclusion

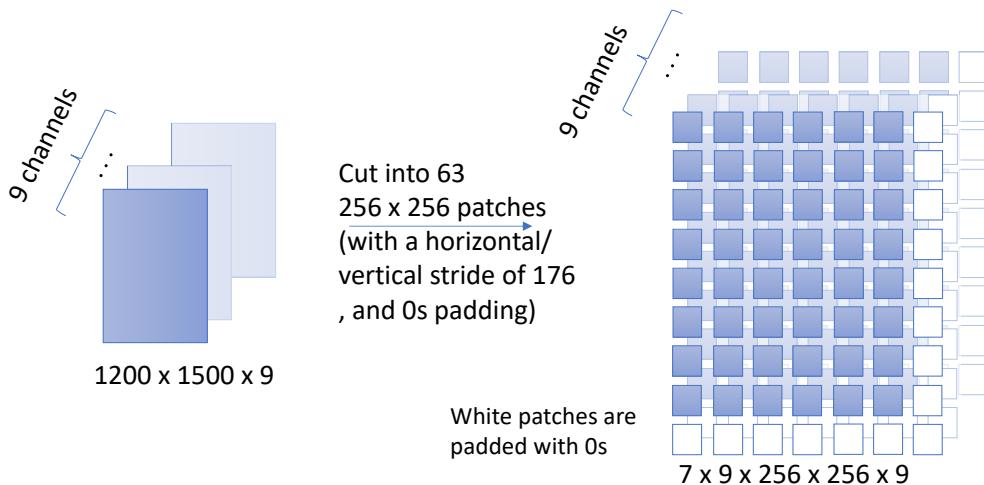
In this paper, we provide a list of related activities under MLCommons Cloud Mask Benchmark. The paper includes an overview of related research in the field of cloud masking in general. In addition, the paper provides a walk-through and illustration of the Sentinel-3 satellite image dataset used for MLCommons Cloud Mask Benchmark. With this paper, we hope to enhance communication between activities on this benchmark and support others to have an easier time getting started with the MLCommons Cloud Mask benchmark.

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**Figure 2.** The preprocessing of the training data.

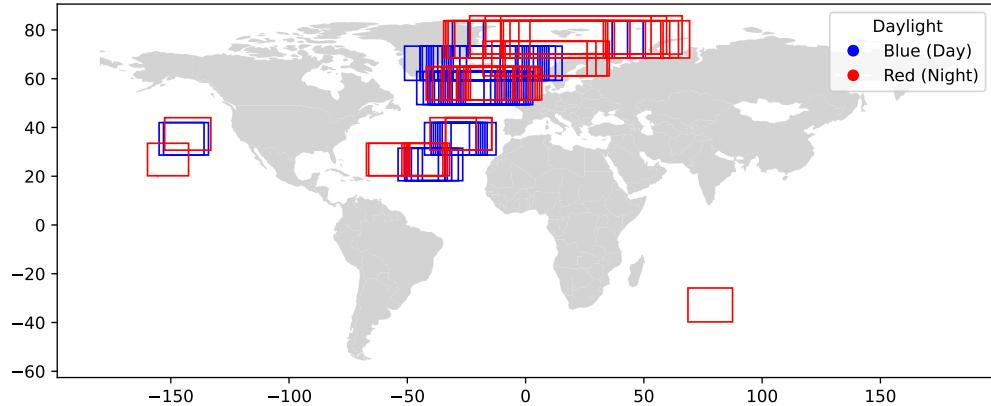


**Figure 3.** The preprocessing of testing data

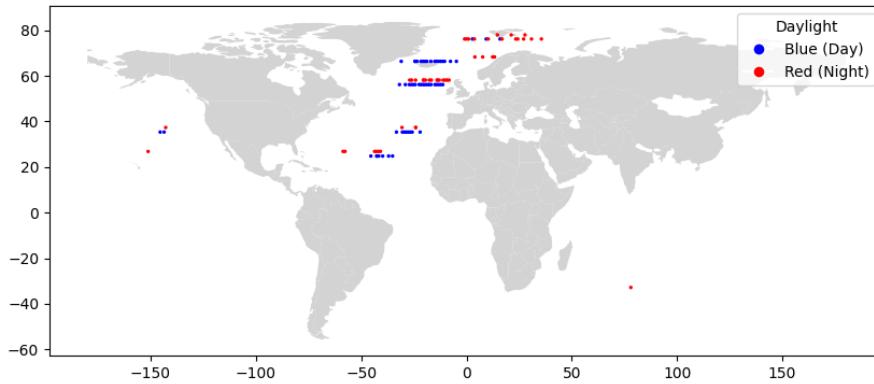
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**Figure 4.** The location of the satellite images represented as frames used for inference.



**Figure 5.** The location of the center of the satellite images used for inference.

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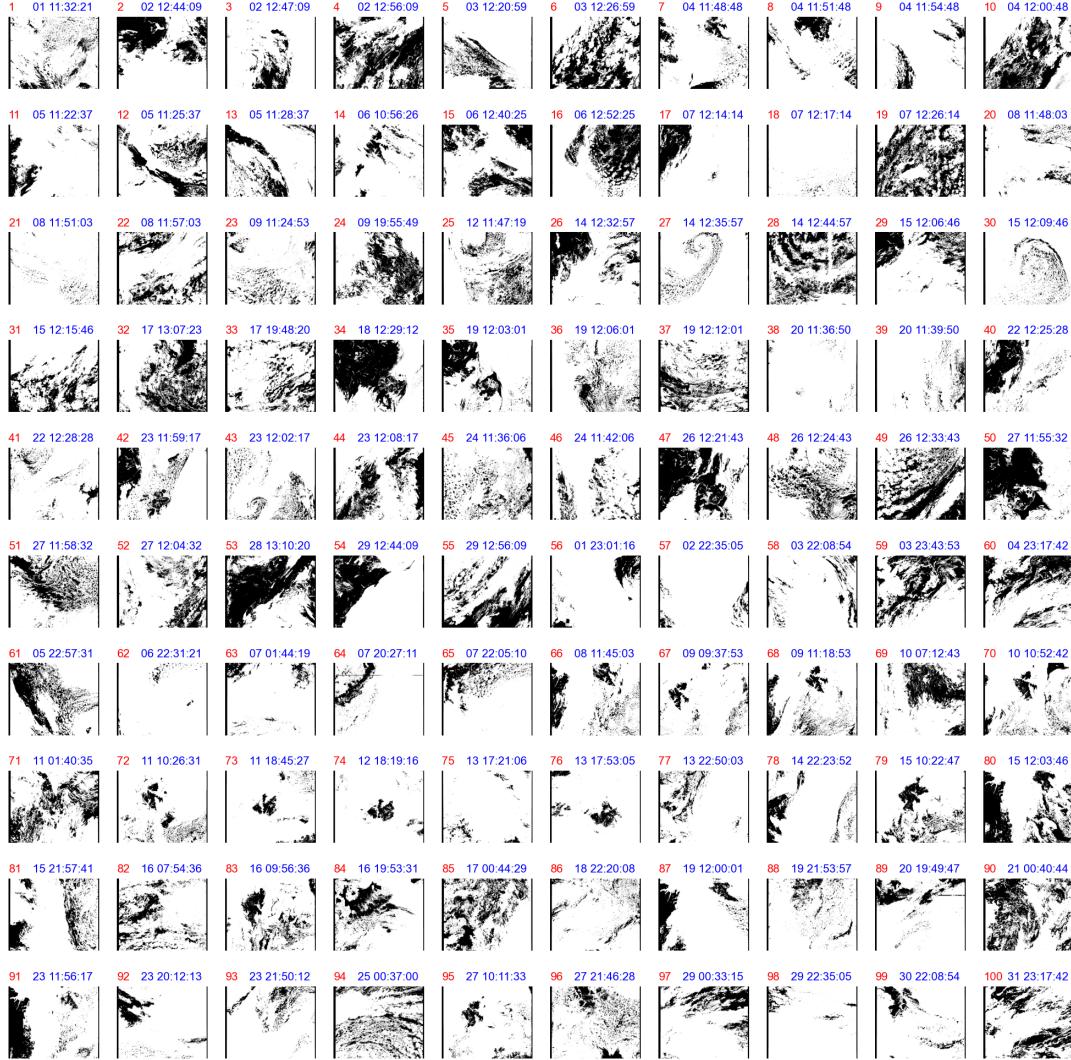


**Figure 6.** The raw satellite images at the locations where inference is chosen.

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## Contributions

Ruochen Gu has conducted the work of identifying related research as a student researcher from NYU AIFSR Benchmark Team. He continued this work on a voluntary basis due to his interest in this project. GvL has contributed significantly to porting cloudmask onto different machines while making the code portable and contributed the cloudmesh-ee



**Figure 7.** The mask images at the locations where inference is chosen.

workflow code, the cloudmesh StopWatch, and integrated the cloudmesh timers and logging, into the code. He ran all benchmarks on Rivanna and the Desktop. In discussions with Rutherford Lab, a new accuracy value was introduced that was not included in the original version distributed by MLCommons. He also facilitated many hackathons with the NYU team. The work described here is cited in the NYU report.

## A Table of Locations Used for Inference

**Table 2.** Location instance ids used for inference

counter	daylight	start_time	stop_time	creation_date	instance_id
1	day	2019-10-01 11:32:21	2019-10-01 11:35:21	2019-10-02 15:32:11	0179_050_023_1980
2	day	2019-10-02 12:44:09	2019-10-02 12:47:09	2019-10-03 18:06:38	0180_050_038_1800
3	day	2019-10-02 12:47:09	2019-10-02 12:50:09	2019-10-03 18:08:06	0179_050_038_1980
4	day	2019-10-02 12:56:09	2019-10-02 12:59:09	2019-10-03 18:12:26	0179_050_038_2520
5	day	2019-10-03 12:20:59	2019-10-03 12:23:59	2019-10-04 17:35:32	0179_050_052_1980
6	day	2019-10-03 12:26:59	2019-10-03 12:29:59	2019-10-04 17:38:22	0179_050_052_2340
7	day	2019-10-04 11:48:48	2019-10-04 11:51:48	2019-10-05 17:29:18	0179_050_066_1620
8	day	2019-10-04 11:51:48	2019-10-04 11:54:48	2019-10-05 17:30:23	0179_050_066_1800
9	day	2019-10-04 11:54:48	2019-10-04 11:57:48	2019-10-05 17:31:29	0180_050_066_1980
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11	day	2019-10-05 11:22:37	2019-10-05 11:25:37	2019-10-06 16:15:03	0179_050_080_1620
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16	day	2019-10-06 12:52:25	2019-10-06 12:55:25	2019-10-07 17:11:48	0179_050_095_2520
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22	day	2019-10-08 11:57:03	2019-10-08 12:00:03	2019-10-09 16:27:35	0179_050_123_2340
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## B Naming Convention

<https://sentinels.copernicus.eu/web/sentinel/user-guides/sentinel-3-slstr/naming-convention>

The file naming convention of SLSTR products (see Sentinel-3 PDGS File Naming Convention for more details) is identified by the sequence of fields described below:

**MMM\_SL\_L\_TTTTTT\_yyyymmddThhmmss\_YYYYMMDDTHHMMSS\_YYYYMMDDTHHMMSS\_[instance ID]\_GGG\_[class ID].SEN3**

where:

- **MMM** is the mission ID:
  - S3A = SENTINEL-3A
  - S3B = SENTINEL-3B
  - S3\_ = for both SENTINEL-3A and 3B
- **SL** is the data source/consumer (SL = SLSTR)
- **L** is the processing level (
  - "0" for Level-0
  - "1" for Level-1
  - "2" for Level-2
  - underscore "\_" if processing level is not applicable
- **TTTTTT** is the data Type ID
  - Level 0 SLSTR data:
    - \* "SLT\_\_" = ISPs.
  - Level-1 SLSTR data:
    - \* "RBT\_\_" = TOA Radiances and Brightness Temperature
    - \* "RBT\_BW" = browse product derived from "RBT\_\_".
  - Level-2 SLSTR data:
    - \* "WCT\_\_" = 2 and 3 channels SST for nadir and along track view
    - \* "WST\_\_" = L2P sea surface temperature
    - \* "LST\_\_" = land surface temp
    - \* "FRP\_\_" = Fire Radiative Power
    - \* "WST\_BW" = browse product derived from "WST\_\_"
    - \* "LST\_BW" = browse product derived from "LST\_\_".
- **yyyymmddThhmmss** is the sensing start time
- **YYYYMMDDTHHMMSS** is the sensing stop time
- **YYYYMMDDTHHMMSS** is the product creation date
- **[instance ID]** consists of 17 characters, either uppercase letters or digits or underscores "\_".

The instance id fields include the following cases, applicable as indicated:

1. Instance ID for the instrument data products disseminated in "stripes":  
Duration, "\_", cycle number, "\_", relative orbit number, "\_", 4 underscores "\_", i.e.  
DDDD\_CCC\_LLL\_\_\_\_\_
2. Instance ID for the instrument data products disseminated in "frames":  
Duration, "\_", cycle number, "\_", relative orbit number, "\_", frame along track coordinate, i.e.  
DDDD\_CCC\_LLL\_FFFF
3. Instance ID for the instrument data products disseminated in "tiles".  
Two sub-cases are applicable:

a) tile covering the whole globe:

"GLOBAL\_\_\_\_\_"

b) tile cut according to specific geographical criteria:

Tile Identifier

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4. Instance ID for auxiliary data:

17 underscores "\_"

- **GGG** identifies the centre which generated the file

- **[class ID]** identifies the class ID for instrument data products with conventional sequence **P\_XX\_NNN** where:

- P indicates the platform (O for operational, F for reference, D for development, R for reprocessing)
- XX indicates the timeliness of the processing workflow (NR for NRT, ST for STC, NT for NTC)
- NNN indicates the baseline collection or data usage.

- **.SEN3** is the filename extension

Example of filename:

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