

# Radar and SAFNWC data APIs in SHMI

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(API = *Application Programming Interface*)

# Why radar volumes and SAFNWC?

## Goals:

- Improve the quantitative precipitation estimation
- Improve the precipitation nowcasting

## Our solution:

- Transition from 2D to 3D
- Quality index based precipitation analysis

## Actual input data:

- text files with a 2D composite of some standard radar product (CAPPI 2km, BASE, ...)

## New input data:

- volume data from several radars in ODIM\_H5 format (OPERA Data Information Model for HDF5) and SAFNWC products (mainly in HDF5)

## Advantages:

- flexibility (selection of required radars, interpolation and compositing)
- product generation (CAPPI, CMAX, BASE, ECHOTOP, VIL, ...)
- quality control (quality indexes, data check and filtering)

# ODIM H5

The screenshot displays the HDFView application interface. On the left is a file tree showing a hierarchy of datasets and groups. The main area contains several 'Properties' windows for different paths, each showing a table of attributes. On the right is an 'ImageView' window showing a grayscale image of a landscape with a vertical color scale legend.

**File Tree (Left):** Shows a tree structure with nodes like 'dataset1', 'data1', 'data', 'what', 'where', etc. Red boxes highlight the 'data' and 'what' nodes under 'dataset1'.

**Properties - /what (Top):** Shows 5 attributes:

Name	Value	Type	Array Size
object	PVOL	String, length = 5	1
version	H5rad 2.0	String, length = 10	1
date	20110827	String, length = 9	1
time	210005	String, length = 7	1
source	WMO:11812	String, length = 10	1

**Properties - /where (Middle):** Shows 3 attributes:

Name	Value	Type	Array Size
lon	17.15305519104004	64-bit floating-point	1
lat	48.25611114501953	64-bit floating-point	1
height	800.0	64-bit floating-point	1

**Properties - /dataset1/what (Bottom):** Shows 5 attributes:

Name	Value	Type	Array Size
product	SCAN	String, length = 5	1
startdate	20110827	String, length = 9	1
starttime	210005	String, length = 7	1
enddate	20110827	String, length = 9	1
endtime	210048	String, length = 7	1

**Properties - /dataset1/where (Bottom):** Shows 6 attributes:

Name	Value	Type	Array Size
elangle	0.19775390625	64-bit floating-point	1
algate	27	32-bit integer	1
nbins	240	32-bit integer	1
rstart	0.0	64-bit floating-point	1
rscale	1000.0	64-bit floating-point	1
nrays	349	32-bit integer	1

**ImageView (Right):** Shows a grayscale image of a landscape with a vertical color scale legend on the right side. The legend has values from 0,00E0 to 1,80E2.

# Module my\_hdf5

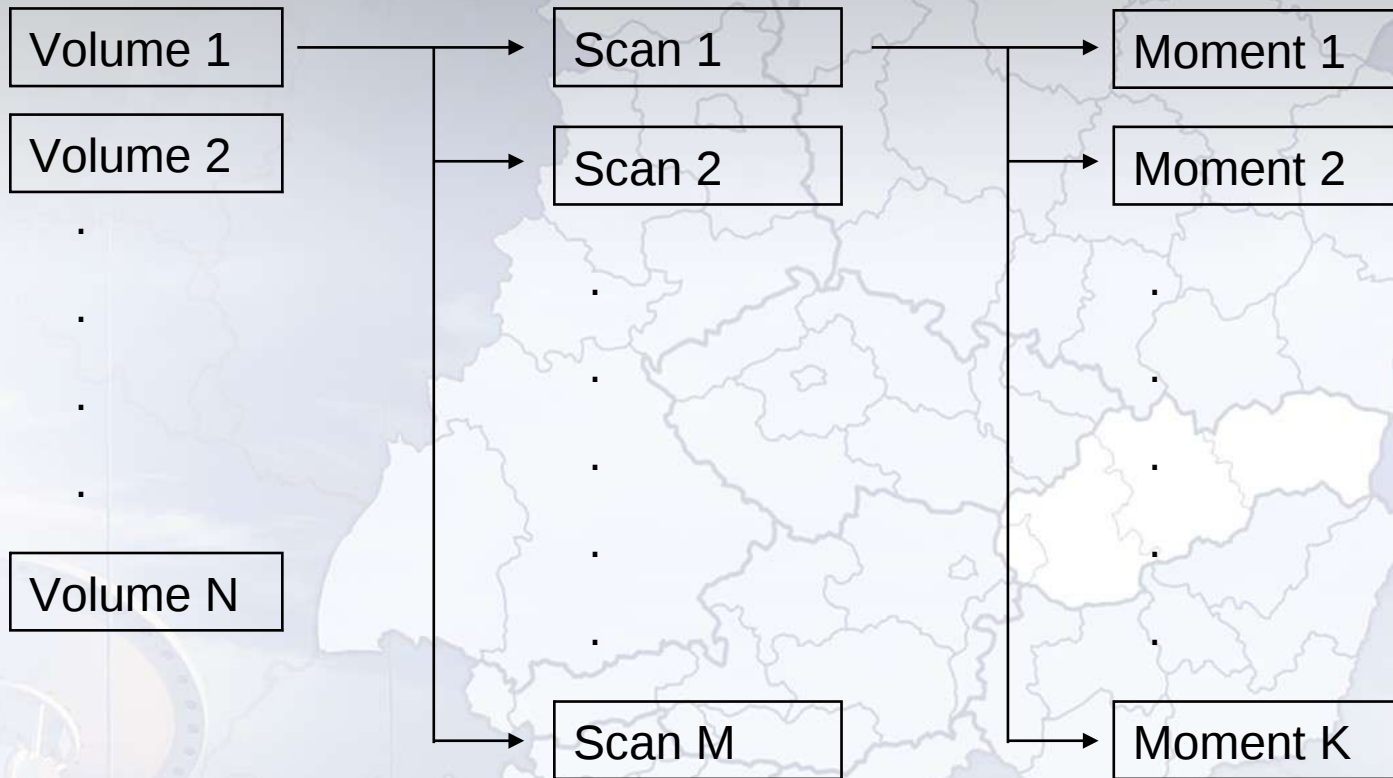
```
/*this module uses the hdf5 api functions (H5Fopen, H5Gopen, H5Dread, ...)*/  
int read_double_attribute( hid_t Where, char *Name, double *Value );  
int read_float_attribute( hid_t Where, char *Name, float *Value );  
int read_int_attribute( hid_t Where, char *Name, int *Value );  
int read_string_attribute( hid_t Where, char *Name, char *Value );  
char *read_2D_char_data( hid_t Where, char *Name, int *DataSize );  
unsigned short *read_2D_ushort_data( hid_t Where, char *Name, int *DataSize );
```

## Example:

```
/*open the file*/  
Hid_t FileID, GrID;  
FileID = H5Fopen("/opera/20110607/cz/T_PAGZ50_C_OKPR_20110607170000.hdf", H5F_ACC_RDONLY, H5P_DEFAULT );  
if ( FileID < 0 ) {  
    return -1;  
}  
/*open the "/where" group*/  
GrID = H5Gopen( FileID, "/where", H5P_DEFAULT );  
if ( GrID < 0 ) {  
    return -1;  
}  
/*read some parameters*/  
Double Lat, Lon; int err;  
err = read_double_attribute( GrID, "lat", &Lat );  
err = read_double_attribute( GrID, "lon", &Lon );  
printf("Radar Lat: %f, Lon %f\n", Lat, Lon);
```



# Radar volume data structure



# Module radar moment

```
typedef struct radar_moment {
    char  Quantity[32];    /* moment name (TH, DBZH, VRAD, ...) */
    int   RayNumber;      /* number of rays */
    int   BinNumber;      /* number of bins */
    double Gain;          /* bin_value = Gain*BScope[i][j] + Offset */
    double Offset;
    unsigned char NoData; /* value for never radiated area */
    unsigned char Undetect; /* radiated, but nothing detected */
    unsigned char *BScope; /* array of the measured data in b-scope mode */
} RADAR_MOMENT;

int radar_moment_init( RADAR_MOMENT *Mom, char *Quantity, int RayNumber, int BinNumber, double Gain, double Offset,
    unsigned char NoData, unsigned char Undetect );
int radar_moment_deinit( RADAR_MOMENT *Mom );
int radar_moment_set_bin_char( RADAR_MOMENT *Mom, int RayI, int BinI, unsigned char BinVal );
int radar_moment_set_bin_doub( RADAR_MOMENT *Mom, int RayI, int BinI, double BinVal );
int radar_moment_get_bin_doub( RADAR_MOMENT *Mom, int RayI, int BinI, double *BinVal );
int radar_moment_copy( RADAR_MOMENT *MomIn, RADAR_MOMENT *MomOut );
...
```

# Module radar scan

```
typedef struct radar_scan {
    char  StartDate[9];    /* starting YYYYMMDD */
    char  StartTime[7];   /* starting hhmmss */
    char  EndDate[9];     /* ending YYYYMMDD */
    char  EndTime[7];    /* ending hhmmss */
    double ElAngle;      /* antenna elevation angle (degrees) above the horizon */
    double RStart;       /* the range (km) of the start of the first range bin */
    double RScale;       /* the distance in meters between two successive range bins */
    int   NRays;         /* number of azimuth gates (rays) in the scan */
    int   NBins;        /* number of range bins in each ray */
    int   A1Gate;       /* index of the first azimuth gate radiated in the scan (1-NRays)*/
    int   MomentNumber; /* number of moments */
    RADAR_MOMENT *Moments; /* list of moments in the scan */
} RADAR_SCAN;

int radar_scan_init( RADAR_SCAN *Scan, char *StartDate, char *StartTime, char *EndDate, char *EndTime,
                    double ElAngle, double RStart, double RScale, int NRays, int NBins, int A1Gate );
int radar_scan_add_moment( RADAR_SCAN *Scan, RADAR_MOMENT *Mom );
int radar_scan_rayindex2azi( RADAR_SCAN *Scan, int index, double *Azi );
int radar_scan_azi2rayindexpair( RADAR_SCAN *Scan, double Azi, int *IndexPair );
int radar_scan_get_bin_value_by_moment_index( RADAR_SCAN *Scan, int MomentI, int RayI, int BinI, double *BinVal );
int radar_scan_get_bin_value_by_moment_quantity( RADAR_SCAN *Scan, char *Qua, int RayI, int BinI, double *BinVal );
```

# Module radar volume

```
typedef struct radar_volume {
    char Date[9];           /* Nominal Year, Month, and Day of the data (YYYYMMDD) */
    char Time[7];          /* Nominal Hour, Minute, and Second, in UTC of the data (hhmmss) */
    char Source[128];      /* Radar site identifier */
    double Lat;            /* Latitude position of the radar antenna (degrees) */
    double Lon;            /* Longitude position of the radar antenna (degrees) */
    double Height;         /* Height of the centre of the antenna in meters above sea level */
    double Beamwidth;      /* The radar's half-power beamwidth (degrees) */
    int ScanNumber;        /* Number of elevation scans */
    RADAR_SCAN *Scans;     /* List of scans in the volume */
} RADAR_VOLUME;

int radar_volume_add_scan( RADAR_VOLUME *Vol, RADAR_SCAN *Scan );
int radar_volume_add_moment( RADAR_VOLUME *Vol, RADAR_MOMENT *Mom, int ScanIndex );
int radar_volume_azi2rayindexpair( RADAR_VOLUME *Vol, int ScanIndex, double Azi, int *IndexPair );
int radar_volume_binindex2range( RADAR_VOLUME *Vol, int ScanIndex, int BinIndex, double *Range );
int radar_volume_scanindex2elev( RADAR_VOLUME *Vol, int i, double *Val );
int radar_volume_elev2scanindexes( RADAR_VOLUME *Vol, double ElAngle, int *IndexNum, int *IndexList );
int radar_volume_get_bin_value_by_moment_index( RADAR_VOLUME *Vol, int ScanI, int MomI, int RayI, int BinI,
                                                double *BinVal );
int radar_volume_get_bin_value_by_moment_quantity( RADAR_VOLUME *Vol, int ScanI, char *Qua, int RayI, int
BinI, double *BinVal );
```



# Reading radar volume from an ODIM\_H5 file

- `module_myhdf5 + module_radar_volume = module_radar_volume_io:`

```
int radar_moment_read_by_index_from_odimh5( RADAR_MOMENT *Mom, char *FileName, int ScanIndex,
                                             int MomentIndex );
```

```
int radar_scan_read_by_index_from_odimh5( RADAR_SCAN *Scan, char *FileName, int ScanIndex );
```

```
int radar_volume_read_from_odimh5( RADAR_VOLUME *Vol, char *FileName );
```

- **example:**

```
RADAR_VOLUME Vol; int err;
```

```
err = radar_volume_read_from_odimh5( &Vol, "/opera/20110607/cz/T_PAGZ50_C_OKPR_20110607170000.hdf" );
```

```
if ( err != 0 ) {
```

```
    return -1;
```

```
}
```

```
printf("radar latitude: %f, radar longitude: %f \n", Vol1.Lon, Vol1.Lat);
```

```
int scani = 1, momi = 1, rayi = 183, bini = 135;
```

```
double d;
```

```
err = radar_volume_get_bin_value_by_moment_index( &Vol, scani, momi, rayi, bini, &d );
```

```
printf("The bin %d in scan %d, moment %d, ray %d has a value of %f\n", bini, scani, momi, rayi, d);
```

# SAFNWC hdf5

The screenshot displays the HDFView application window. The main window shows the file path: C:\tmp\SAFNWC\_MSG2\_CTTH\_201201301400\_slovakia.h5. The left sidebar lists various datasets, with CTTH\_HEIGHT selected. The main area shows the 'Properties' dialog for this dataset, which contains a table of 27 attributes.

Name	Value	Type	Array Size
PACKAGE	SAFNWC/MSG	String, length = 10	1
SAF	NWC	String, length = 3	1
PRODUCT_NAME	CTTH	String, length = 4	1
NC	400	16-bit unsigned integer	1
NL	210	16-bit unsigned integer	1
XGEO_UP_LEFT	459061.7136429282	64-bit floating-point	1
YGEO_UP_LEFT	4746638.111000734	64-bit floating-point	1
XGEO_LOW_RIGHT	1656222.6531431135	64-bit floating-point	1
YGEO_LOW_RIGHT	4119553.8093577805	64-bit floating-point	1
TIME_STAMP_UP_LINE	20120130141127	String, length = 14	1
TIME_STAMP_LOW_LINE	20120130141046	String, length = 14	1
PROJECTION_NAME	GEOS<+000.0>	String, length = 12	1
PROJECTION	+proj=geos +a=6378169...	String, length = 61	1
GEOTRANSFORM_GDA...	-5570248.832537, 3000....	String, length = 77	1
REGION_NAME	slovakia	String, length = 8	1
CFAC	13642337	32-bit integer	1
LFAC	13642337	32-bit integer	1
COFF	-153	32-bit integer	1
LOFF	1582	32-bit integer	1
NB_PARAMETERS	5	16-bit unsigned integer	1
GP_SC_ID	322	16-bit unsigned integer	1
IMAGE_ACQUISITION_TI...	201201301400	String, length = 12	1
SPECTRAL_CHANNEL_ID	0	16-bit unsigned integer	1
NOMINAL_PRODUCT_TI...	201201301538	String, length = 12	1
SGS_PRODUCT_QUALI...	78	8-bit unsigned character	1
SGS_PRODUCT_COMP...	92	8-bit unsigned character	1
PRODUCT_ALGORITHM...	2.2	String, length = 16	1

An 'ImageView' window is open, showing a satellite-style map of the region. A second 'Properties' dialog is open for the selected 'CTTH\_HEIGHT' dataset, showing 11 attributes:

Name	Value	Type	Array Size
CLASS	IMAGE	String, length = 5	1
IMAGE_VERSION	1.0	String, length = 3	1
IMAGE_SUBCLASS	IMAGE_INDEXED	String, length = 13	1
IMAGE_COLORMODEL	RGB	String, length = 3	1
N_LINES	210	16-bit unsigned integer	1
N_COLS	400	16-bit unsigned integer	1
PRODUCT	CTTH	String, length = 4	1
ID	CTTH_HEIGHT	String, length = 11	1
SCALING_FACTOR	200.0	32-bit floating-point	1
OFFSET	-2000.0	32-bit floating-point	1
PALETTE	8080	Object reference	1

The status bar at the bottom indicates: CTTH\_HEIGHT (17912), 8-bit unsigned character, 210 x 400, Number of attributes = 11, CLASS = IMAGE.

# Module map array

```
typedef struct map_array {  
    int    nx;        /*number of points in x direction*/  
    int    ny;        /*number of points in y direction*/  
    int    nz;        /*number of points in z direction*/  
    int    lslnit;  
    double *Data;     /*poi. to the data array*/  
} MAP_ARRAY;  
  
int map_array_init( MAP_ARRAY *MA, int nx, int ny, int nz, double lniVal );  
int map_array_deinit( MAP_ARRAY *MA );  
int map_array_get_value( MAP_ARRAY *MA, int x, int y, int z, double *Val );  
int map_array_set_value( MAP_ARRAY *MA, int x, int y, int z, double Val );
```

# Module geos map

```
typedef struct geos_map {
    int  Nx;           /*number of columns (pixels in x direction)*/
    int  Ny;           /*number of lines (pixels in y direction)*/
    double SubLon;     /*sub-satellite longitude in degrees*/
    double coff;       /*column offset*/
    double cfac;       /*column scale factor (c = coff + x*cfac*(2^-16)), c(1-Nx)*/
    double loff;       /*line offset*/
    double lfac;       /*line scale factor (l = lf + y*lfac*(2^-16)), l(1-Ny)*/
    double cfac2;      /*cfac*(2^-16)*/
    double lfac2;      /*lfac*(2^-16)*/
    MAP_ARRAY Map;     /*map array*/
} GEOS_MAP;

int geos_map_init( GEOS_MAP *GMap, int Nx, int Ny, double SubLon, double coff, double cfac, double loff,
                  double lfac, double lniVal );
int geos_map_deinit( GEOS_MAP *GMap );
int geos_map_lonlat2xy( GEOS_MAP *GMap, double lon, double lat, int *x, int *y );
int geos_map_xy2lonlat( GEOS_MAP *GMap, int x, int y, double *lon, double *lat );
int geos_map_set_value_by_index( GEOS_MAP *GMap, int x, int y, double Val );
int geos_map_get_value_by_index( GEOS_MAP *GMap, int x, int y, double *Val );
int geos_map_set_value_by_coord( GEOS_MAP *GMap, double lon, double lat, double Val );
int geos_map_get_value_by_coord( GEOS_MAP *GMap, double lon, double lat, double *Val );
```



# Reading SAFNWC products

- `module_my_hdf5 + module_geos_map = module_geos_map_io:`

```
int geos_map_read_from_safnwch5( GEOS_MAP *GMap, char *H5FileName, char *ProductName, int ByteSize );
```

- Example:

```
GEOS_MAP CTMap; int err;
```

```
err = geos_map_read_from_safnwch5( &CTMap, "SAFNWC_MSG2_CT___201201191600_slovakia____.h5", "CT", 1 );
```

```
printf("CT read: %d\n", err);
```

```
double d;
```

```
int x = 100, y = 100;
```

```
err = geos_map_get_value_by_index(&CTMap, x, y, &d );
```

```
printf("The Cloud Type value in column %d and line %d is %f\n", x, y, d);
```

```
err = geos_map_get_value_by_coord(&CTMap, 17.151944, 48.255, &d );
```

```
printf("The Cloud Type value in point (Lon = 17.151944, Lat = 48.255) is %f\n", d);
```

# Radar bin coordinates

```
typedef struct radar_bin_coord {  
    int ScanNumber;  
    int RayNumber;  
    int BinNumber;  
    float *LonTable;  
    float *LatTable;  
    float *HeiTable;  
    RADAR_VOLUME *Rad;  
} RADAR_BIN_COORD;  
  
int radar_bin_coord_init( RADAR_BIN_COORD *RbcTable, RADAR_VOLUME *Vol );  
  
int radar_bin_coord_compute_from_eq_earth( RADAR_BIN_COORD *RbcTable, RADAR_VOLUME *Vol );  
int radar_bin_coord_compute_from_beam_prop_model( RADAR_BIN_COORD *RbcTable, RADAR_VOLUME *Vol,  
    LAMBERT_MAP *n_grad );  
  
int radar_bin_coord_get_closest_bin_indexes( RADAR_BIN_COORD *RbcTable, double Plon, double Plat,  
    double Phei, INT_LIST *ScanIndexList, INT_LIST *RayIndexList, INT_LIST *BinIndexList );
```

# Radar Quality Check

- Quality Index (value from 0.0 to 1.0, 1=good quality, 0=bad quality) computing for every bin:

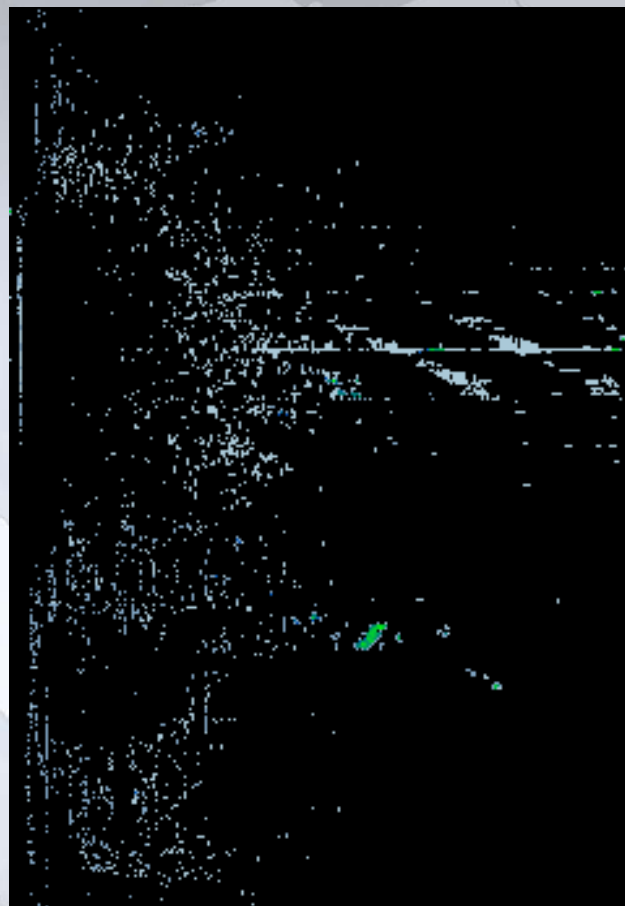
```
int single_radar_qi_set_laplace_for_volume( RADAR_VOLUME *Vol, char *MomName, char *QIName, double MinTH, double MaxTH );
```

```
int single_radar_qi_set_rlan_for_volume( RADAR_VOLUME *Vol, char *MomName, char *QIName, double StartTH, double AmpTH, int MaxWidth );
```

```
int single_radar_qi_set_atten_for_volume( RADAR_VOLUME *Vol, char *MomName, char *QIName, double a, double b, double MaxF, char *QIFilt1Name, double QIFilt1Thr, char *QIFilt2Name, double QIFilt2Thr );
```

```
int single_radar_qi_set_safnwc_for_volume( RADAR_VOLUME *Vol, char *MomName, RADAR_BIN_COORD *RadBinCo, GEOS_MAP *CTMap, GEOS_MAP *CTHMap, GEOS_MAP *PCMap, char *QIName );
```

# Radar Quality Check - Example



Radar Maly Javornik @ 1500 UTC



# Module inca\_proj\_map

```
typedef struct inca_proj_map {
    double x0;          /*x for SW corner from subroutine KEKO (see file inca_proj.f)*/
    double y0;          /*y for SW corner from subroutine KEKO (see file inca_proj.f)*/
    double z0;          /*height for the lowest level in [m] ASL*/
    double dx;          /*step in x direction          (x = x0 + (i-1)*dx -> for i = 1,...,nx)*/
    double dy;          /*step in y direction          (y = y0 + (j-1)*dy -> for j = 1,...,ny)*/
    double dz;          /*step in vertical dir. in [m]*/
    int nx;             /*point number in x direction*/
    int ny;             /*point number in y direction*/
    int nz;             /*nuber of verical levels*/
    MAP_ARRAY Map;      /*map array*/
} INCA_PROJ_MAP;

int inca_proj_map_init( INCA_PROJ_MAP *IPMap, double x0, double y0, double z0, double dx, double dy, double dz, int
    nx, int ny, int nz, double IniVal );

int inca_proj_map_LonLatHeight2xyz( INCA_PROJ_MAP *IPMap, double Lon, double Lat, double Hei, int *x, int *y, int *z
    );

int inca_proj_map_xyz2LonLatHeight( INCA_PROJ_MAP *IPMap, int x, int y, int z, double *Lon, double *Lat, double *Hei
    );

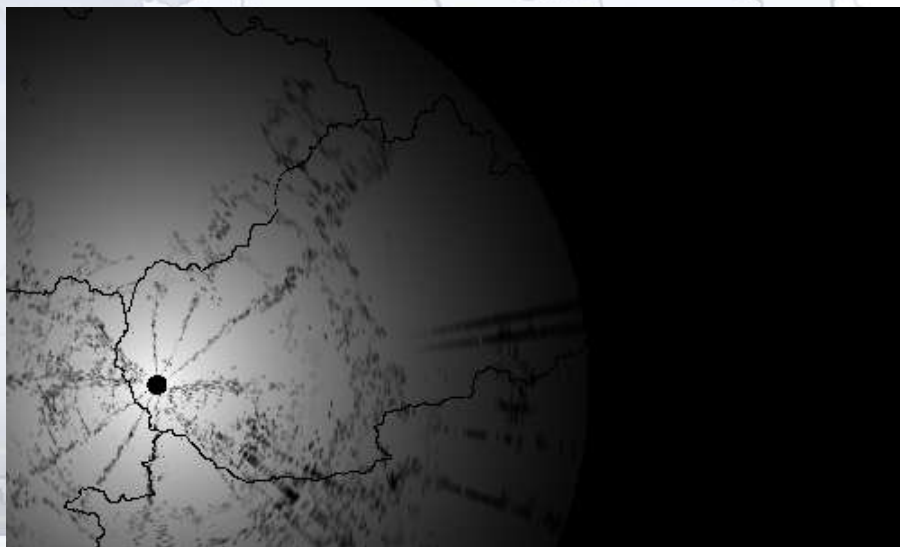
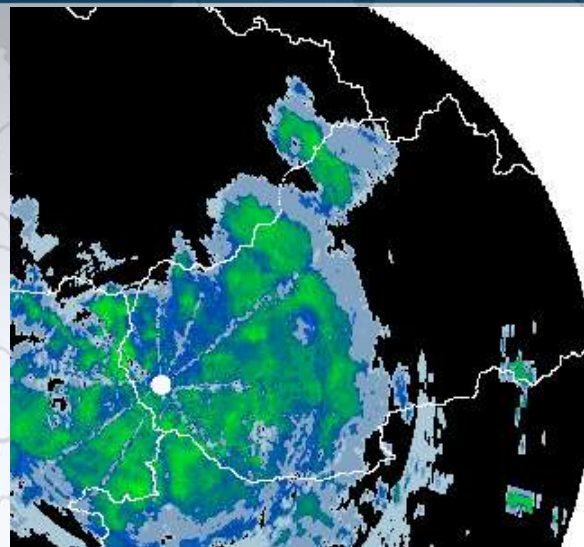
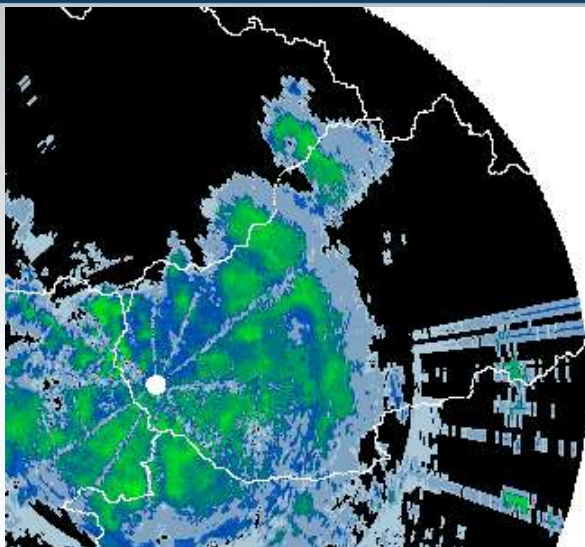
int inca_proj_map_set_value_by_index( INCA_PROJ_MAP *IPMap, int x, int y, int z, double Val );

int inca_proj_map_get_value_by_coord( INCA_PROJ_MAP *IPMap, double Lon, double Lat, double Hei, double *Val );
```

# Example with radar volume

```
/*read the radar volume from a hdf5 file*/
RADAR_VOLUME Vol; int err;
err = radar_volume_read_from_odimh5( &Vol, "/opera/20110607/cz/T_PAGZ50_C_OKPR_20110607170000.hdf" );
/*set some quality indexes*/
err = single_radar_qi_set_rlan_for_volume( &Vol1, "DBZH", "QI_RLAN", 4.0, 8.0, 8.0 );
err = single_radar_qi_set_laplace_for_volume( &Vol1, "DBZH", "QI_LAPL", 50.0, 150.0 );
err = single_radar_qi_set_atten_for_volume( &Vol1, "DBZH", "QI_ATTEN", 200.0, 1.6, 3.0, "QI_RLAN", 0.5, "QI_LAPL", 0.5 );
/*init. and set the radar bin coordinate table*/
RADAR_BIN_COORD RadBinCo;
err = radar_bin_coord_init( &RadBinCo, &Vol1 );
err = radar_bin_coord_compute_from_eq_earth( &RadBinCo, &Vol1 );
/*init. the output INCA maps*/
INCA_PROJ_MAP DbzhMap, QiMap;
err = inca_proj_map_init( &DbzhMap, 600.0, 400.0, 1000.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1000.0, 501, 301, 9, 95.5 );
err = inca_proj_map_init( &QiMap, 600.0, 400.0, 1000.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1000.0, 501, 301, 9, 0.0 );
/*put the radar volume in to the maps*/
err = opera2inca_vol2map3D( &Vol1, &RadBinCo, 300000.0, "DBZH", &DbzhMap, &QiMap );
/*read some data from the map*/
int x = 100, y = 120, z = 2;
err = inca_proj_map_get_value_by_index( &DbzhMap, x, y, z, &d );
printf("DBZH value in point %d %d %d is %f.\n", x, y, z, d);
```

# 3D radar map example





# Future plans

- Implement other quality indexes for radar measurement (beam blockage, ...)
- Compute quality indexes of rainfall estimation from the radar data (height of the level used for estimate the rainfall, accuracy of Marshall-Palmer parameters, possible bright band, uncertainties in the phase of the rainfall (snow, liquid, hail, mixed))
- Compute quality indexes also for rain gauges data
- Combine all the measurements (rain gauge, radar, SAFNWC, HSAF, ...) to get the best estimation of the rainfall rate

Thank You!

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