ECCO Version 4 Release 2 [https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/ECCOv4r2inputs] [doi:10.7910/DVN/9WYSZF]

- This dataset (http://dx.doi.org/10.7910/DVN/9WYSZF) provides the ECCO Version 4 Release 2 surface forcing field inputs:

eccov4r2_dlw_YYYY.data	downward longwave radiation
eccov4r2_dsw_YYYY.data	downward shortwave radiation
eccov4r2_rain_YYYY.data	precipitation rate
eccov4r2_spfh2m_YYYY.data	near-surface atmospheric specific humidity
eccov4r2_tmp2m_degC_YYYY.data	near-surface atmospheric temperature
eccov4r2_wspeed_YYYY.data	near-surface wind speed
eccov4r2_ustr_YYYY.data	zonal wind stress
eccov4r2_vstr_YYYY.data	meridional wind stress

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- Comments:

- Each binary file contains 6-hourly fields on the LLC90 grid for one variable over one year (YYYY going from 1992 to 2011).
- These binary files can be read in Matlab using read_bin.m (http://mitgcm.org/viewvc/MITgcm/MITgcm_contrib/gael/matlab_class/gcmfaces_IO/) as part of the gcmfaces toolbox (see gcmfaces.pdf link provided below). They are also directly readable by the MITgcm when using the LLC90 setup to re-run the ECCO v4 ocean state estimate (see eccov4.pdf link provided below).
- 'ECCO Version 4 Release 2' is a global ocean state estimate that covers the period from 1992 to 2011 (Forget et al. 2015, 2016). It was produced on behalf of the ECCO consortium (http://ecco-group.org/) with major support provided NASA's Physical Oceanography Program. General documentation of the 'ECCO Version 4 Release 2' dataverse and all included datasets can be found at https://dx.doi.org/10.7910/DVN/ODM2IQ (see README.pdf in that dataset).
- The formatting, online publishing, and archiving of the ECCO V4 R2 dataverse and datasets have benefited from guidance that was graciously provided by the MIT Libraries Data Management Services (http://libraries.mit.edu/data-management/). At time of writing the contents listed above can alternatively be downloaded from ftp://mit.ecco-group.org/ecco_for_las/version_4/release2/.

- References:

- Forget, G., J.-M. Campin, P. Heimbach, C. N. Hill, R. M. Ponte, and C. Wunsch, 2015: ECCO version 4: an integrated framework for non-linear inverse modeling and global ocean state estimation. Geoscientific Model Development, 8, 3071-3104, http://dx.doi.org/10.5194/gmd-8-3071-2015
- Forget, G., J.-M. Campin, P. Heimbach, C. N. Hill, R. M. Ponte, and C. Wunsch, 2016: ECCO Version 4: Second Release, http://hdl.handle.net/1721.1/102062

- Software:

- The ECCO V4 R2 files were produced using the `checkpoint64u' versions of the general circulation model (MITgcm and ECCO v4 settings) and Matlab analysis toolboxes (gcmfaces and MITprof). These software versions are available at http://mitgcm.org/download/other_checkpoints/ and http://mit.ecco-group.org/opendap/ecco_for_las/version_4/checkpoints/contents.html
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- README file revision history:

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