

**NAME**

**ccplot** – CloudSat and CALIPSO data plotting tool

**SYNOPSIS**

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ccplot [ -a ratio] [ -c cmapfile] [ -d dpi] [ -m band] [ -o outfile]
      [ -p projection[:projoptions]] [ -r radius] [ -v] [ -x extent] [ -y extent]
      [ -z options] type file . . .
ccplot -i file
ccplot -h
ccplot -v
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**DESCRIPTION**

**ccplot** is a tool that produces 2D plots of data stored in CloudSat, CALIPSO and MODIS HDF files.

The plot *type* can be one of:

<b>cloudsat-reflec</b>	CloudSat Reflectivity Factor
<b>calipso532</b>	CALIPSO L1B Total Attenuated Backscatter 532nm
<b>calipso532p</b>	CALIPSO L1B Perpendicular Attenuated Backscatter 532nm
<b>calipso1064</b>	CALIPSO L1B Attenuated Backscatter 1064nm
<b>calipso-cratio</b>	CALIPSO L1B Attenuated Color Ratio 1064nm/532nm
<b>calipso-dratio</b>	CALIPSO L1B Depolarization Ratio
<b>calipso532-layer</b>	CALIPSO L2 Integrated Attenuated Backscatter 532nm
<b>calipso1064-layer</b>	CALIPSO L2 Integrated Attenuated Backscatter 1064nm
<b>calipso-cratio-layer</b>	CALIPSO L2 Integrated Attenuated Total Color Ratio 1064nm/532nm
<b>calipso-dratio-layer</b>	CALIPSO L2 Integrated Volume Depolarization Ratio
<b>calipso-temperature-layer</b>	CALIPSO L2 Midlayer Temperature
<b>orbit</b>	map projection of CALIPSO and CloudSat trajectory, and Aqua MODIS radiance or reflectance swath depending on files supplied
<b>orbit-clipped</b>	MODIS-region-clipped map projection of CALIPSO and CloudSat trajectory, and Aqua MODIS radiance or reflectance swath depending on files supplied

The options are as follows:

- a** *ratio* Aspect ratio of profile and layer products in km horizontal per km vertical. Defaults to 14.0.
- c** *cmapfile* Path to a cmap file defining a colormap *boundaries*, colorbar *ticks* and *colors*. This can be a filename relative to any path defined by the `CCPLOT_CMAP_PATH` environment variable. Such paths take precedence over the current working directory, unless *cmapfile* is an absolute path or begins with `./` or `../`. See the example cmap files that are distributed with **ccplot** for information about the format.
- d** *dpi* DPI of *outfile* if a raster image is to be output.
- m** *band* MODIS band specifier in the form *r#* for reflective bands and *x#* for radiation bands, where *#* is the band number.
- o** *outfile* Output file. Format is determined by extension. Supported formats are SVG (.svg), PNG (.png), PDF (.pdf), EPS (.eps) and PS (.ps). Defaults to `ccplot.png`.

**-p** *projection[:projoptions]*

*projection* specifies the mapping projection for orbit plots. Supported projection types are:

<b>aeqd</b>	Azimuthal Equidistant
<b>poly</b>	Polyconic
<b>gnom</b>	Gnomonic
<b>moll</b>	Mollweide
<b>tmerc</b>	Transverse Mercator
<b>nplaea</b>	North-Polar Lambert Azimuthal
<b>gall</b>	Gall Stereographic Cylindrical
<b>mill</b>	Miller Cylindrical
<b>merc</b>	Mercator
<b>stere</b>	Stereographic
<b>npstere</b>	North-Polar Stereographic
<b>vandg</b>	van der Grinten
<b>laea</b>	Lambert Azimuthal Equal Area
<b>mbtfpq</b>	McBryde-Thomas Flat-Polar Quartic
<b>sinu</b>	Sinusoidal
<b>spstere</b>	South-Polar Stereographic
<b>lcc</b>	Lambert Conformal
<b>npaeqd</b>	North-Polar Azimuthal Equidistant
<b>eqdc</b>	Equidistant Conic
<b>cyl</b>	Cylindrical Equidistant
<b>aea</b>	Albers Equal Area
<b>spaeqd</b>	South-Polar Azimuthal Equidistant
<b>ortho</b>	Orthographic
<b>cass</b>	Cassini-Soldner
<b>splaea</b>	South-Polar Lambert Azimuthal
<b>robin</b>	Robinson

*projection* can be followed by a comma-separated list of option-value pairs *projoptions*. Supported projection options are:

<b>boundinglat</b>	Bounding latitude for polar projections.
<b>lat_0</b>	Central latitude.
<b>lat_1</b>	First standard parallel.
<b>lat_2</b>	Second standard parallel.
<b>lat_ts</b>	Latitude of true scale.
<b>lon_1</b>	Longitude of one of the two points on the projection centerline for oblique mercator.
<b>lon_2</b>	Longitude of one of the two points on the projection centerline for oblique mercator.

Longitude and latitude have to be valid positive decimal numbers followed by E or W, or S or N literal (respectively) to indicate direction.

Use **-p help** to get a list of available projections.

**-r** *radius*

Interpolation radius in pixels. In profile products *radius* specifies vertical extent which a data point is mapped onto. If such vertical regions of two data points overlap value is determined by averaging with a weight coefficient of 1 over distance squared. The same holds for swath products, but here *radius* specifies a square. If *radius* is too low with respect to **dpi** data will be sparsely distributed on the image. Default is 3 for swath swath and a sensible value calculated

from resolution for profile products.

**-v** Enable verbose mode.

**-V** Print version information and exit.

**-x** *extent*

Horizontal region to be plotted. *extent* can be specified in a number of formats depending on the plot type.

For profile and layer products *extent* can either be specified by rays or by a time interval. In the first case it takes the form *from..to* where *from* and *to* are the first and the last ray (resp.) to be plotted. In the latter case, *extent* can be an absolute time interval in the form *hour:min[:sec]..hour:min[:sec]*. or a relative time interval in the form *+/-[hour:]min:sec..+/-[hour:]min:sec*.

For swath products *extent* can be specified by scanlines (along-track) and samples (across-track), or by geographical coordinates. In the first case *extent* takes the form *from..to,from..to* where the first term is the first and the last scanline to be plotted, and the second term is the first and the last sample to be plotted. In the latter case *extent* takes the form *lon(E/W)..lon(E/W),lat(S/N)..lat(S/N)* where *lon*, *lat* are numbers (in degrees) and E, W, S, N are literals, (A|B) means either A or B.

**-y** *extent*

Vertical extent of CloudSat and CALIPSO profiles in meters in the form *from..to*.

**-z** *options*

Miscellaneous options that modify plot formatting. *options* is a list of comma separated key=value pairs with no spaces in between. Supported general options are:

**cbfontsize** color bar font size (defaults to 8)  
**cbspacing** spacing between the axes and color bar (defaults to 0.4)  
**drawelev (default to 1)**  
draw surface elevation line (CALIPSO)  
**elevlw (defaults to 0.5)**  
surface elevation line width  
**elevcolor (defaults to #FF0000)**  
surface elevation line color  
**fontsize** font size (defaults to 10)  
**padding** padding around the axes and color bar in inches (defaults to 1)  
**plotheight** plot height in inches (defaults to 6)  
**title** figure title (set automatically by default)

Supported options for orbit plots are:

**coastlinescolor** coastlines color (defaults to #46396D)  
**coastlineslw** coastlines line width (defaults to 0.4)  
**countriescolor** countries outlines color (defaults to #46396D)  
**countrieslw** countries outlines line width (defaults to 0.2)  
**drawcoastlines** draw coastlines (defaults to 1)  
**drawcountries** draw countries outlines (defaults to 1)  
**drawlakes** draw lakes (defaults to 1)  
**drawlsmask** draw land-sea mask (defaults to 1)  
**drawmeridians** draw meridians (defaults to 1)

<b>drawminormeridians</b>	draw meridians (defaults to 1)
<b>drawminorparallels</b>	draw minor parallels (defaults to 1)
<b>drawparallels</b>	draw parallels (defaults to 1)
<b>landcolor</b>	land color (defaults to #E9E4F7)
<b>majormeridianscolor</b>	major meridians color (defaults to #000000)
<b>majormeridianslw</b>	major meridians line width (defaults to 0.3)
<b>majorparallelscolor</b>	major parallels line color (defaults to #000000)
<b>majorparallelslw</b>	major parallels line width (defaults to 0.3)
<b>mapres</b>	map resolution: c (crude), l (low), i (intermediate), h (high), f (full); (defaults to i)
<b>minormeridianscolor</b>	minor meridians color (defaults to #000000)
<b>minormeridianslw</b>	minor meridians line width (defaults to 0.1)
<b>minorparallelscolor</b>	minor parallels color (defaults to #000000)
<b>minorparallelslw</b>	minor parallels line width (defaults to 0.1)
<b>trajcolors</b>	list of trajectory colors (defaults to #FF0000:#0000FF:#00FF00)
<b>trajlws</b>	list of trajectory line widths (defaults to 0.5)
<b>trajnminortics</b>	number of minor ticks between adjacent major ticks or -1 for automatic selection (defaults to -1)
<b>trajticks</b>	base for trajectory major ticks in seconds or -1 for automatic selection (defaults to -1)
<b>watercolor</b>	water color (defaults to #FFFFFF)

Options that accept a list of values are specified in the form `key=value1:value2[:value...]`.

Use `-z help` to get a list of available options.

## ENVIRONMENT

`CCPLOT_CMAP_PATH`

This is a colon-separated list of search paths for colormap files.

## FILES

`/usr/share/ccplot/cmap/*`

Example cmap files.

## EXAMPLES

Plot the first 1000 rays of CloudSat reflectivity profile from `2006224184641_01550_CS_2B-GEO-PROF_GRANULE_P_R03_E01.hdf` using `cloudsat-reflec.cmap` colormap, and save it as `cloudsat-reflec.png`:

```
$ ccplot -x 0..1000 -c cloudsat-reflectivity.cmap
-o cloudsat-reflec.png cloudsat-reflec
2006224184641_01550_CS_2B-GEOPROF_GRANULE_P_R03_E01.hdf
```

Plot the first minute of CALIPSO backscatter profile from 0 to 20km using `calipso-backscatter.cmap` colormap, and save it as `calipso532.png`:

```
$ ccplot -y 0..20000 -x +0:00..+1:00 -c calipso-backscatter.cmap
-o calipso532.png calipso532
CAL_LID_L1-Prov-V2-01.2006-07-06T19-50-51ZN.hdf
```

Plot map projection of CALIPSO trajectory superimposed on Aqua MODIS band 31 radiance using `modis-temperature.cmap` colormap, and save it as `orbit-calipso.png`:

```
$ ccplot -m x31 -c modis-temperature.cmap -p tmerc  
-o orbit-calipso.png orbit-clipped  
MYD021KM.A2006224.1945.005.2007140113559.hdf  
CAL_LID_L1-Prov-V2-01.2006-07-06T19-50-51ZN.hdf
```

**SEE ALSO**

*CloudSat Standard Data Products Handbook*, April 25th, 2008.

*CALIPSO Data Products Catalog Release 2.4*, December 2007.

*MODIS Level 1B Product User's Guide*, December 1, 2005.

**AUTHORS**

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**CAVEATS**

Plot size is limited to 32767 pixels.