

AS.mwrp_S - Microwave radiometer profiler, ARM station, Niamey

General information

Dataset name: AS.mwrp_S - Microwave radiometer profiler, ARM station, Niamey
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AMMA > AMMA-SOP

Data description

Abstract

The microwave radiometer profiler (MWRP) provides vertical profiles of temperature, humidity, and cloud liquid water content as a function of height or pressure at approximately 5-minute intervals for nearly all weather conditions. The profiles are derived from measurements of absolute microwave radiances (expressed as "brightness temperatures") obtained at twelve frequencies in the range of 22-30 GHz and 51-59 GHz. The data are useful for input to numerical weather forecast models and others that require continuous, high temporal resolution profiles. The microwave radiance measurements are useful for testing models of microwave radiation transfer used to derive the profiles.

Observing strategy

Measurements made every 5 minutes. The MWRP will be used in Niamey in the event of a problem with the standard 5-channel MWR. Continuous use of this instrument in support of AMMA is precluded due to difficulties with the calibration of temperature channels in warm climates.

Instrument information

Sensor

Instrument type: MR > MICROWAVE RADIOMETER
Model: MWRP

Geographic information

Niamey

Location name:	Niamey
Platform type:	GROUND STATIONS
West bounding coordinate (°):	2.1758
East bounding coordinate (°):	2.1758
North bounding coordinate (°):	13.4773
South bounding coordinate (°):	13.4773

Measured parameters

Humidity

Parameter name:	Humidity
Parameter keyword:	Atmosphere > Atmospheric Water Vapor > Water Vapor Indicators > Humidity
Unit:	Not communicated - N.C
Date begin (yyyy-mm-jj):	2006-01-01

Air Temperature

Parameter name:	Air Temperature
Parameter keyword:	Atmosphere > Atmospheric Temperature
Unit:	Not communicated - N.C
Date begin (yyyy-mm-jj):	2006-01-01

Cloud liquid water content

Parameter name:	Cloud liquid water content
Parameter keyword:	Atmosphere > Clouds
Unit:	Not communicated - N.C
Date begin (yyyy-mm-jj):	2006-01-01

Data use information

Use constraints:	AMMA data policy
Data policy:	AMMA data policy
Database:	ARM Archive