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ICESat-2 HDF-ES Builder

This tool helps design NASA Earth Science data products that employ standards-compliant format and content.

ICESat-2 HDF5 Earth Science Product Builder & Creator

A Preview
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ICESat2-Style HDF5 Characteristics

- HDF5 grouping.
- Science data stored as HDF5 chunked datasets with CF attributes and internal Gzip compression.
- Ancillary Data stored as HDF5 compact datasets with CF attributes.
- Embedded metadata sufficient to generate an ISO19115 representation stored in HDF5 group/attribute structure.
- Best-effort netCDF-extended compatibility.

The Challenge

- ICESat2 is a research-class mission with many data products (16+) and many, many parameters per product.
- Parameters may be passed from one product to another. It would be nice to make changes in one place and have that change reflected wherever appropriate.
- The ability to trace parameters through products would be very nice.
- Implementing CF attributes & ISO19115 metadata -- that's a lot of code to write!

A Solution

- A web-based product data dictionary (database) to store and maintain relationships between files/groups/attributes/parameters (mySQL/PHP : **h5es_builder**).
- A utility program to read output from the product database and create a HDF5 template (Fortran : **h5es_creator**).

Component Definitions

- Files
 - A science product implemented in HDF5
- Groups
 - HDF5 groups
- Attributes
 - HDF5 attributes
- Parameters
 - Datasets: chunked/zipped HDF5 primary datasets with attached CF attributes
 - Dimension_Scales: HDF5 dimension scales with attached CF attributes
 - Ancillary_Data: Data ancillary to the primary data (ie: NASA additional_attributes). Stored as HDF5 compact datasets with attached CF attributes.
- Blocks
 - Saved presets for commonly used structures

HDF5 Description File

- Created from h5es_builder database.
- Excel-friendly TAB-delimited text file that describes an ICESat2-style HDF5 file.
- Import/Export Capability

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet titled 'ATL06_20130318t224516.xls'. The spreadsheet contains a table with the following data:

Id	Type	Name	Data Type	String Len	Rank	Max Dims	Layout	Chunk Size	Gzip	Level	Long Name	Standard Na	Units	Hertz	Source	Coordinates	Min Value	Max Value	Fill Value	Flag Meaning	Flag Values	Flag Masks	Description	Defau
1	Field	11																						
2	Name	ATL06																						
3	Short Name	ATL06																						
4	Level	3A																						
5	Title	Antarctica Ice Sheet Elevation / Greenland Ice Sheet Elevation																						
6	Description	Surface elevations for each beam, along and across-track slopes calculated for beam pairs. All parameters are calculated for the same along-track increments for each beam and repeat.																						
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8																								
9	12	Group	/combined_photon_correction																					
10	66	DATASET	tot_corr	DOUBLE	0	2	unlimited x 6 CHUNKED	10000 x 6		1	6_tot_corr		meters											Contains paramete
11	67	DATASET	tot_corr_sigr	DOUBLE	0	2	unlimited x 6 CHUNKED	10000 x 6		1	6_tot_corr_sigma		meters											total correction to
12	70	DATASET	tot_le_corr	DOUBLE	0	2	unlimited x 6 CHUNKED	10000 x 6		1	6_tot_le_corr		meters											Estimated error in
13	71	DATASET	tot_le_corr_sigma	DOUBLE	0	2	unlimited x 6 CHUNKED	10000 x 6		1	6_tot_le_corr_sigma		meters											total correction to
14	68	DATASET	tot_md_corr	DOUBLE	0	2	unlimited x 6 CHUNKED	10000 x 6		1	6_tot_md_corr		meters											Estimated error in
15	69	DATASET	tot_md_corr_sigma	DOUBLE	0	2	unlimited x 6 CHUNKED	10000 x 6		1	6_tot_md_corr_sigma		meters											total correction to
16																								Estimated error in

HDF5 Templates

- H5es_creator reads the HDF5 Description File, parses it, and creates a corresponding 'HDF5 template' file.
- A 'HDF5 template' is a valid HDF5 file with all groups, attributes and datasets created, but no (or little) data values filled-in.
- CF and other attributes are filled-in, meaning no code has to be written in order to implement them.

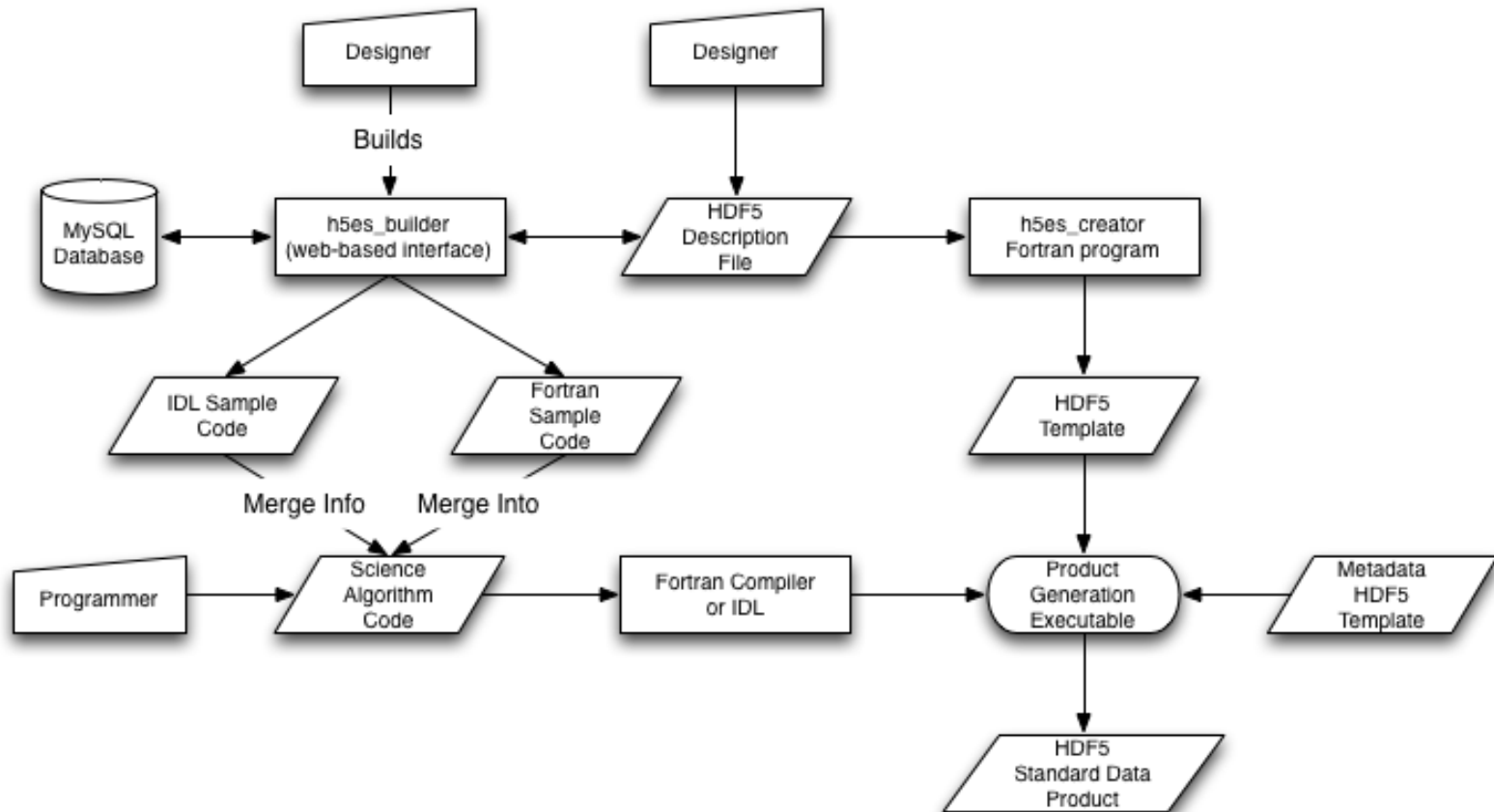
Relationships

- Files contain groups.
- File/group combinations contain parameters.
- Attributes may be attached to file/group combinations.
- All these relationships are maintained in a single table of linked ids.
- Since relationships are maintained by links, change a file/group/parameter/attribute in one place, and it is essentially updated in all places it is used.

Functions Implemented

- Full database with PHP web-based interface and relationships defined by linked lists.
- Multiple project/database support. (ie: ISO metadata is big enough to need its own database)
- Import/Export HDF Description Files (Excel).
- Create HDF Template File
- Generate IDL & Fortran example code to fill HDF Template File with random numbers.
- Provide support routines for example code and derived science algorithms.

Workflow



Workflow (in Text)

- Product designers work with database interface and/or HDF5 Description Files.
- Once satisfied, they generate a HDF5 Template and example code.
- A programmer takes the example code and merges it with science algorithms to create a PGE.
- The PGE “fills-in” the template with science data values to create a Standard Data Product.
- The PGE adds metadata from a metadata template (that has been created/maintained with the same process as above.)

The Benefits

- Traceability of parameters from one product to another.
- Improved consistency between data products.
- Allows for rapid, relatively inexpensive modification of data products.
- Significant reduction in amount of code written.
 - Will create an unfilled HDF5 template file with NO coding.
 - Will provide code fragments from the generated example programs that can be incorporated within science algorithms (or a data conversion program).

Hardware/Software Requirements

- Running on my MacBook Pro.
- Requires MAMP/LAMP stack (or equivalent)
<http://bitnami.com/stack/mamp>
- Requires gfortran compiler & HDF5 library. IDL is optional.
- h5es_creator requires several library routines from ICESat-2 codebase.
- All code necessary to fill-in HDF5 template is provided.
- No security implemented (yet). Don't allow public access.

Status

- 90% Implemented.
- Designed for a very specific “flavor” of HDF5 (ICESat-2, GLAS_HDF, Mabel, SIMPL).
- Intending to develop/maintain to level necessary for use with ICESat-2.
- Would be really, really good project for someone to develop further and make non-ICESat-2 specific.
- Need to figure out interface for dimension scales.
- Need to test, test, test.

A Visual Tour...



ICESat-2 HDF-ES Builder

This tool helps design NASA Earth Science data products that employ standards-compliant format and content.

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Files

Groups

Parameters

Attributes

Blocks

HDF5 Earth Science Product Builder

The HDF5 Earth Science Product builder is designed to perform as a database for files, datasets, and attributes related to ICESat-2 standard data products. ICESat-2 standard data products are designed to use an ICESat-2 flavor of HDF5 (HDF-ES), which includes such features:

- Science data stored as simple HDF5 datasets.
- HDF5 chunking and gzip compression.
- HDF5 grouping.
- Metadata and descriptive information stored as HDF5 attributes.
- Ancillary Data stored as HDF5 compact datasets.
- Embedded Metadata sufficient to generate an ISO19115 representation.
- Attached Metadata compliant with CF conventions.
- Best-effort netCDF-extended compatibility.

Files contain Groups. **Groups** contain Parameters and Attributes. **Parameters** can be datasets, ancillary_data, or dimension_scales. **datasets** contain primary science data values and include attached CF attributes. **dimension_scales** are datasets that identify the dimension(s) of other datasets and included for NetCDF compatibility. **ancillary_data** are stored as a compact HDF5 dataset with CF attributes and contain relatively small amounts (less than 64K) of ancillary data. **Attributes** are HDF5 attributes attached to combinations of files/groups that provide labelling or additional information. **Blocks** are sets of predefined groups/parameters/attributes that can be attached in bulk to a file.

All relationships between files/parameters/attributes are defined by dynamic links. This means, for example, that when the description of a parameter is changed in one place, those changes are reflected in all other places that parameter is referenced. When displaying/editing an item, a list of all references to that item is displayed on the page. This provides traceability for the item in order to help prevent unwanted changes rippling throughout.

Output from this tool is provided in tab-delimited text format suitable for a spreadsheet. This spreadsheet is considered an **HDF5-ES description file** and can be parsed by an associated tool (**h5es_creator**) to generate an HDF5 template file.

An **HDF5 template** is a valid HDF5 file that contains the structural elements defined for the target file type. Science algorithm software can then fill in the data values required within the HDF5 template to create a full-blown data product.

This tool also writes example Fortran or IDL code to write/read the information within the a HDF5 template. Developers can embed pieces of the example code within their science algorithms.

The Main Menu

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Export

Create HDF5 template for

Export file as tab-delimited text.

Generate example Fortran code for

Generate example IDL code for

Generate a full data dictionary with cross-references.

[\[Export a full backup \]](#) of the database.

Open [help page](#) for Excel file.

Download the required [\[Fortran Module \]](#) (V0.0 Last Updated : 2013-03-13)

Download the required [\[IDL Library \]](#) (V0.0 Last Updated : 2013-03-20)

Import

Import a HDF-ES definition file. It is recommended that you use h5es_creator to create a HDF5 template with the definitions file. When importing a definition file that corresponds to a table in the database, h5es_creator will provide a significant level of validation for the definitions file. When importing a definition file that corresponds to a table in the database, all links to the existing file are deleted and re-created based on information in the definition file. Any item with an ID number in the first column is updated. Any item with a new ID number is inserted as a new item. For safety, make a backup of the database before replacing existing information.

no file selected

Import Options



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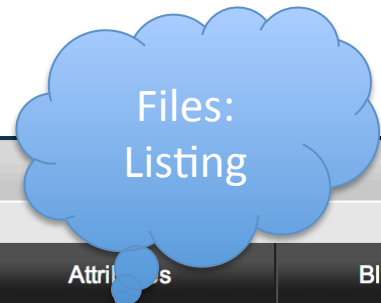
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File List

This page contains a list of HDF5 files available for editing.

Edit will allow you to change the name and other descriptive information relating to the file. **Delete** will delete that file and any links to groups/attributes/parameters attached to that file. Associated groups/attributes/parameters are **not** deleted from the database. Only the links between the deleted file and groups/attributes/parameters are deleted. **Copy** will create a new file that contains the same information as the file being copied. This is not a recursive copy. None of the groups/parameters/attributes linked to the file are copied. **New File** will create a new file. While it is possible to create a new file with the same name as an existing file, it is not recommended.

Search

Search for files with names or descriptions containing :

List of Available Files

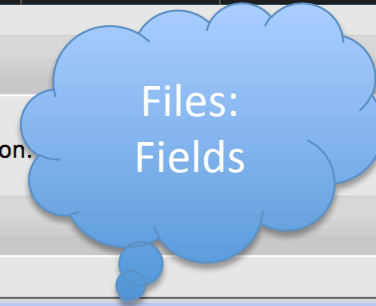
Name	Shortname	Title	Level	Description	Action
ATL01	ATL01	Reformatted Telemetry	1A	Decommutated and formatted to HDF5 time ordered telemetry	Edit Delete Copy
ATL06	ATL06	Antarctica Ice Sheet Elevation / Greenland Ice Sheet Elevation	3A	Surface elevations for each beam, along and across-track slopes calculated for beam pairs. All parameters are calculated for the same along-track increments for each beam and repeat.	Edit Delete Copy

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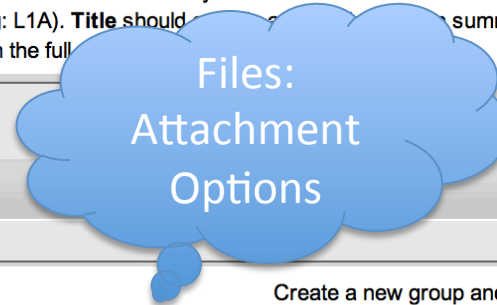
File Edit

This page displays the content of the selected file. **Save Changes** will save any changes made to the file information.



File Form

Name	Short Name	Level	Title
<input type="text" value="ATL06"/>	<input type="text" value="ATL06"/>	<input type="text" value="3A"/>	<input type="text" value="Antarctica Ice Sheet Elevation / Greenland Ice Sheet Elevation"/>
Description			
<input type="text" value="Surface elevations for each beam, along and across-track slopes calculated for beam pairs. All parameters are calculated for the same along-track increments for each beam and repeat."/>			
<p>Name should contain the project-specific identifier for the file. (eg: ATL01). Short name should contain the NASA-style shortname that identifies the file type. This may or may not be the same as the Name. (eg: ATL01). Level should contain the ECS level designation of the file. (eg: L1A). Title should contain a short summary summarizing the content and/or purpose of the file. (eg: Parsed, partially reformatted, time ordered telemetry.). Description should contain the full description of the file.</p>			



Actions

Attach group(s) named like <input type="text"/>	to this file. <input type="button" value="Attach Group(s)"/>	Create a new group and attach it to this file. <input type="button" value="New Group"/>
Attach <input type="text" value="parameter"/> named like <input type="text"/>	to group <input type="text" value="/"/>	on this file. <input type="button" value="Attach Item(s)"/>
Create a new parameter and attach to group <input type="text" value="/"/>		on this file. <input type="button" value="New Parameter"/>
Create a new attribute and attach to group <input type="text" value="/"/>		on this file. <input type="button" value="New Attribute"/>
Copy the content of block <input type="text"/>		to this file. <input type="button" value="Attach Block"/>

Content

- Disclosure triangles under group names within the Item column hide/show any attached attributes.



Item	Name	Datatype	Max Dims	Description / Default Value	
Group ►	/				<input type="checkbox"/>
	The root group. (Base group of each file. This group should never be deleted. A root group is automatically inserted into every file created.)				
Group ►	/combined_photon_correction				<input type="checkbox"/>
	Contains parameters relating to the combined photon correction.				
DATASET	tot_corr	DOUBLE	unlimited x 6	total correction to the mean elevation	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATASET	tot_corr_sigma	DOUBLE	unlimited x 6	Estimated error in tot_corr	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATASET	tot_le_corr	DOUBLE	unlimited x 6	total correction to the leading-edge elevation	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATASET	tot_le_corr_sigma	DOUBLE	unlimited x 6	Estimated error in tot_LE_corr	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATASET	tot_md_corr	DOUBLE	unlimited x 6	total correction to the median elevation	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATASET	tot_md_corr_sigma	DOUBLE	unlimited x 6	Estimated error in tot_md_corr	<input type="checkbox"/>
Group ►	/dem				<input type="checkbox"/>
	Digital elevation model parameters				
DATASET	dem_elev	DOUBLE	unlimited x 6	Digital Elevation Model Value at the location	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATASET	dem_src	INTEGER	unlimited x 6	Flag to specify who the source provider was for the high resolution DEM	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATASET	gd_ht	DOUBLE	unlimited x 6	The height of the geoid above the ellipsoid	<input type="checkbox"/>
Group ►	/first_photon_bias				<input type="checkbox"/>
	Contains parameters related to first photon bias.				
DATASET	ppb_corr	DOUBLE	unlimited x 6	Estimated first-photon bias correction to mean segment elevation	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATASET	ppb_corr_sigma	DOUBLE	unlimited x 6	Estimated error in ppb_corr	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATASET	ppb_le_corr	DOUBLE	unlimited x 6	Estimated first-photon bias correction to leading-edge segment elevation	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATASET	ppb_le_corr_sigma	DOUBLE	unlimited x 6	Estimated error in ppb_LE_corr	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATASET	ppb_md_corr	DOUBLE	unlimited x 6	Estimated first-photon bias correction to median segment elevation	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATASET	ppb_md_corr_sigma	DOUBLE	unlimited x 6	Estimated error in ppb_md_corr	<input type="checkbox"/>
Group ►	/fit_parameters				<input type="checkbox"/>
	Contains parameters related to fit.				
DATASET	dz_fit_dx	INTEGER	unlimited x 6	along-track slope from along-track segment fit	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATASET	dz_fit_dy	DOUBLE	unlimited x 6	Across track slope from segment fits means to weak and strong beam, same slope is report for both laser beams in a pair	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATASET	elevation_fit_quality_flag	INTEGER	unlimited x 6	Flag describing the success/failure of the along-track fit. 0=success; 1=failure of the along-track fit.	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATASET	n_fit_photons	INTEGER	unlimited x 6	Number of photons used in determining z_fit.	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATASET	refl_pw_est	DOUBLE	unlimited x 6	Reflected Pulse width estimate	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATASET	sigma_z_fit	DOUBLE	unlimited x 6	Propagated error due to photon-elevation sampling error	<input type="checkbox"/>
DATASET	z_expected_rms	DOUBLE	unlimited x 6	Expected RMS misfit between photon elevations and along-track segment fit	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Group List

This page contains a list of groups available for inclusion within a HDF5 file.

Edit will allow you to change the name and/or description of the group. These changes will be reflected in all products containing that group. **Delete** will delete all occurrences of that group, attributes/parameters contained within that group from all files. The root group (/) should **NEVER** be deleted. **Copy** will create a new group that contains the same information as the group, recursive copy. None of the parameters/attributes attached to the group are copied. **New Group** creates a new group. While it is possible to create a new group with the same name as an existing group, it is not recommended due to potential confusion when attaching groups to files.

All groups should be full group paths, starting with the slash (/) character.



Groups :
List

Search

Search for groups with names or descriptions containing :

List of Available Groups

Name	Description	Action
/	The root group. (Base group of each file. This group should never be deleted. A root group is automatically inserted into every file created.)	Edit Delete Copy
/combined_photon_correction	Contains parameters relating to the combined photon correction.	Edit Delete Copy
/dem	Digital elevation model parameters	Edit Delete Copy
/first_photon_bias	Contains parameters related to first photon bias.	Edit Delete Copy
/fit_parameters	Contains parameters related to fit.	Edit Delete Copy
/forward_scattering	Contains parameters related to forward scattering.	Edit Delete Copy
/geolocation	Contains parameters related to geolocation.	Edit Delete Copy
/geolocation	Contains parameters related to geolocation.	Edit Delete Copy
/LRSfstmHK	Contains parameters relating to the Failsafe Housekeeping Packet. The (Failsafe mode) Housekeeping Packet provides all LRS health and safety data during Failsafe Mode. It is reported and normally stored at a 1 Hz rate.	Edit Delete Copy
/LRSfstmRTDP	Contains parameters relating to the Failsafe Real Time Memory Dump Packet. The (Failsafe mode) Real Time Memory Dump Packet provides the contents of an LRS memory block (formatted and tagged for the real time telemetry stream) during Failsafe Mode. It is reported when commanded by a Failsafe Dump Memory Command, at which time it will be bursted at 50 Hz and buffered in the MEB.	Edit Delete Copy
/LRSfstmSSRDP	Contains parameters relating to the Failsafe SSR Memory Dump Packet. The (Failsafe mode) Solid State Recorder (SSR) Memory Dump Packet provides the contents of an LRS memory block (formatted and tagged for the stored telemetry stream) during Failsafe Mode. It is reported when commanded by a Failsafe Dump Memory Command (LRSfscmDPMEM), at which time it will be bursted at 50 Hz and forwarded by the MEB to the SSR.	Edit Delete Copy
/LRStmCONFIG	The (Application Mode) Configuration Data Packet contains data about the LRS internal	Edit Delete Copy

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Parameter List

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Parameters:
List

Search

Search for parameters with names or descriptions containing :

List of Available Parameters

Name	Parameter Type	Data Type	Dims	Long Name	Units	Description	Action
address_of_command_buffer	DATASET	INTEGER	unlimited	Address of Command Buffer	counts	Address of Command Buffer - The 32-bit value is a copy of the LRS FPGA register contents. It is included to provide diagnostic information for debugging and maintenance activities, and are fully defined in ICESat-2 ATLAS LRS FPGA Specification.	Edit Delete Copy
address_of_housekeeping_data_storage	DATASET	INTEGER	unlimited	Address of Housekeeping Data Storage	counts	Address of Housekeeping Data Storage - The 32-bit value is a copy of the LRS FPGA register contents. It is included to provide diagnostic information for debugging and maintenance activities, and are fully defined in ICESat-2 ATLAS LRS FPGA Specification.	Edit Delete Copy
address_of_laser_dark_calibration_section	DATASET	INTEGER	unlimited	Address of Laser Dark Calibration Section	counts	Address of Laser Dark Calibration Section - The 32-bit value is a copy of the LRS FPGA register contents. It is included to provide diagnostic information for debugging and maintenance activities, and are fully defined in ICESat-2 ATLAS LRS FPGA Specification.	Edit Delete Copy
address_of_laser_side_dsp_storage	DATASET	INTEGER	unlimited	Address of Laser Side DSP Storage	counts	Address of Laser Side DSP Storage - The 32-bit value is a copy of the LRS FPGA register contents. It is included to provide diagnostic information for debugging and maintenance activities, and are fully defined in ICESat-2 ATLAS	Edit Delete Copy

Parameter Form

Name	Parameter Type	Data type	Unsigned	Byte Order	String Len
<input type="text" value="tot_corr"/>	<input type="text" value="DATASET"/>	<input type="text" value="DOUBLE"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="NATIVE"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>

Name should contain a unique identifier that corresponds with project naming conventions. (eg: delta_time). **Datatype/Unsigned** and **Byte Order** describe the file storage of the parameter. **String Len** is only required if **Datatype** is string.

Rank	Max Dimensions	Storage Layout	Chunk Size	Gzip and Level
<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="unlimited x 6"/>	<input type="text" value="CHUNKED"/>	<input type="text" value="10000 x 6"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="text" value="6"/>

Rank identifies the number of dimensions for the parameter. **Max Dimensions** defines the maximum size of the dimensions. Separate dimension sizes with 'x'. Use 'unlimited' to specify an unknown size. (example: 'unlimited x 10'). The number of sizes specified in **Max Dimensions** must correspond to the number identified in **Rank**. **Storage Layout** determines if the parameter will be chunked or contiguous. Since gzip requires chunked data, 'CHUNKED' is recommended. **Chunk size** defines the chunk size of the chunked data. It must be specified in the same manner as **Max Dimensions**. (Example: '10000 x 10'). Storage Layout, Chunk Size and Gzip are irrelevant if the Parameter type is ANCILLARY.

Long Name (CF)	Standard Name (CF)	Units (CF)	Hertz	Source (CF)	Coordinates (CF)
<input type="text" value="tot_corr"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="meters"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Long Name (CF) should contain the descriptive name of the parameter (suitable for plot labels). **Standard Name (CF)** should identify an equivalent parameter as described in the CF standard_name table. **Units (CF)** Units should identify the units of the parameter with a UDUNITS-compliant label. **Hertz** should identify the data rate of the parameter. **Source (CF)** should identify the originating source of the parameter (Examples: ATLAS telemetry, L1A processing, etc). **Coordinates (CF)** identifies auxiliary coordinate variables, label variables, and alternate coordinate variables. All fields are optional. The CF Standard Names table is here: <http://cf-pcmdi.llnl.gov/documents/cf-standard-names>

Minimum Value (CF)	Maximum Value (CF)	Fill Value (CF)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Minimum Value (CF) should contain the the minimum valid value for the datatype. **Maximum Value (CF)** should contain the maximum valid value for the datatype. **Fill Value (CF)** should contain the value that indicates the parameter is not valid. All values should be respective to the parameter **Datatype** and **Datasize**. All fields are optional.

Flag Meanings (CF)	Flag Values (CF)	Flag Masks (CF)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

These fields are optional and only applicable to flag parameters. Three different combinations of **flag_values/flag_meanings/flag_masks** can be used to describe a flag in different ways. In general, the **flag_values** attribute is the same type as the variable to which it is attached, and contains a comma-separated list of the possible flag values. The **flag_meanings** attribute is a string whose value is a blank-separated list of descriptive words or phrases, one for each flag value. The **flag_masks** attribute is the same type as the variable to which it is attached, and contains a list of values matching unique bit fields. A flagged condition is identified by performing a bitwise AND of the variable value and each **flag_masks** value; a non-zero result indicates a true condition. For more information, see <http://cf-pcmdi.llnl.gov/documents/cf-conventions/1.6/cf-conventions.html#flags>.

Description (CF)
<input type="text" value="total correction to the mean elevation"/>

Description should contain the full description of the data and/or its content.

Parameters:
Fields



Parameters:
Trace

Trace

This parameter is linked in the following places...

Links

Base Type	Base	Parent Type	Parent	Child Type	Child
file	ATL06	group	/geolocation	parameter	delta_time
file	ATL01	group	/	parameter	delta_time
file	ATL02	group	/	parameter	delta_time

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List

Search

Search for attributes with names or default values containing :

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Name	Datatype	Dims	Default Values	Action
contributor_name	STRING	1		Edit Delete Copy
contributor_role	STRING	1		Edit Delete Copy
creator_email	STRING	1		Edit Delete Copy
featuretype	STRING	1	timeSeries	Edit Delete Copy
granuletimeduration	INTEGER	1	60	Edit Delete Copy
license	STRING	1		Edit Delete Copy
references	STRING	1		Edit Delete Copy
sciencemimetype	STRING	1	application/x-hdfeos	Edit Delete Copy
summary	STRING	1		Edit Delete Copy
title	STRING	1		Edit Delete Copy

► Disclosure triangles under group names within the Item column hide/show any attached attributes.

Item	Name	Datatype	Max Dims	Description / Default Value	
Group ►	/			The root group. (Base group of each file. This group should never be deleted. A root group is automatically inserted into every file created.)	
Group ▼	/METADATA				
Group ▼	/METADATA/COLLECTIONMETADATA				
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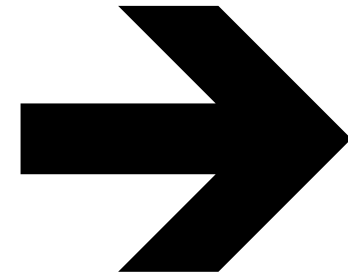
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Does It Work?

- Well, so far so good.

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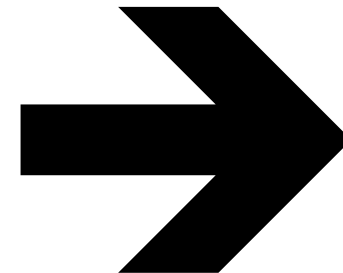
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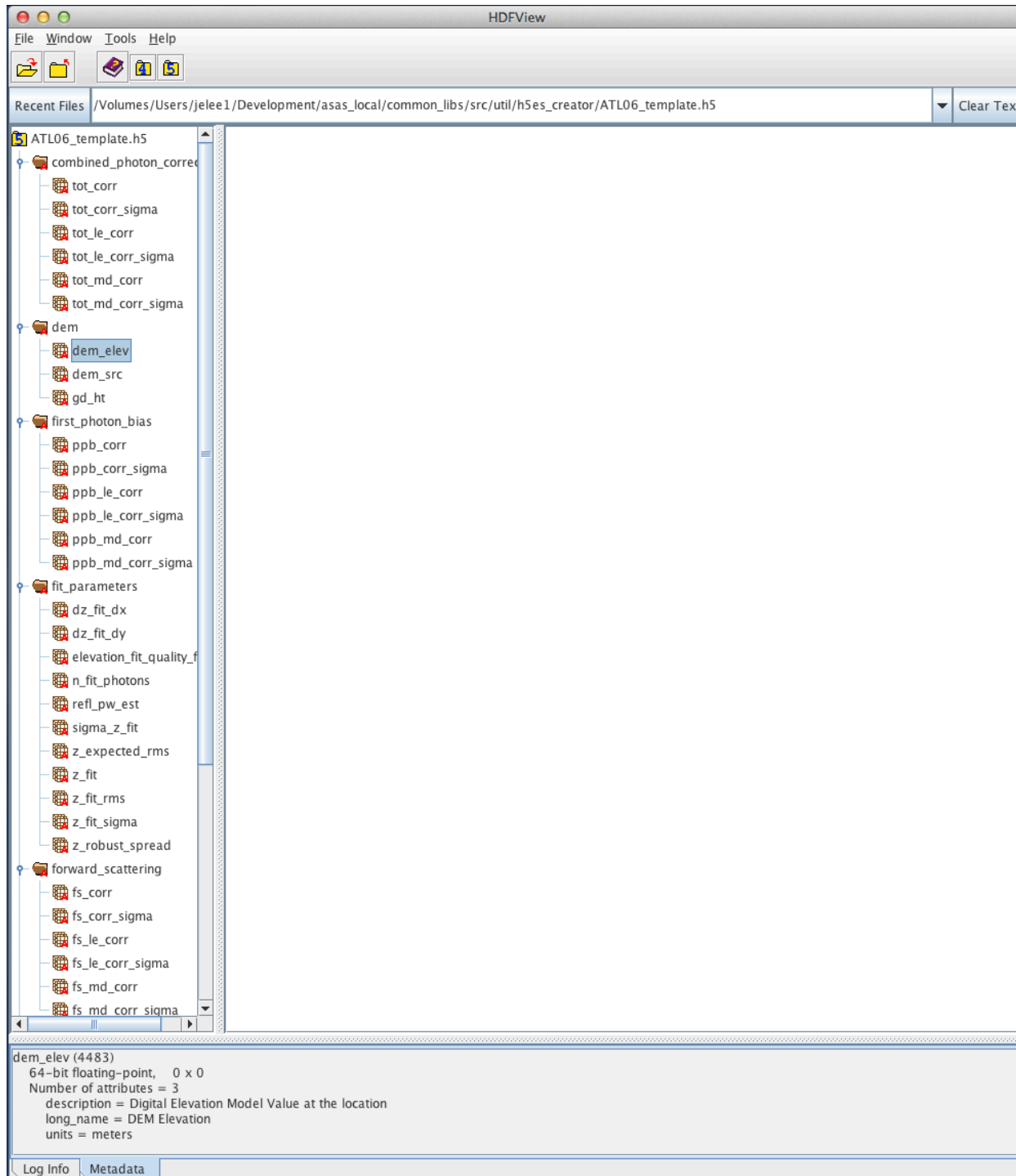


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