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Subject: Re: plotting missing values

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Wed, 04 Dec 2013 16:58:23 GMT

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Hello,

On 12/04/13 11:22, David Fanning wrote:

> Paul van Delst writes:

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>>> I'd have to have a look. Can you send me a file of the type you think  
>>> doesn't work well with the software? I'll have a look and see how much  
>>> time I think it will take to make the software compatible with the file.

>>

>> Done.

>

> The netCDF4 file you sent me can be browsed with the H5\_Browser supplied  
> with IDL. If the good folks at ExelisVis would give me the code for that  
> browser, I'd fix it so that it worked more intuitively. ;-)

>

> So, I guess the question is, do we need a better HDF5/netCDF4 browser or  
> do we just need a better way to get at the data in these files? I  
> haven't yet looked at Mike Galloy's routines, but these are generally  
> extremely reliable for these kinds of things.

Based on the to-and-fro about HDF5, I tried the following:

```
IDL> result=h5_parse('amsua_metop-a.SpcCoeff.nc',/read_data)
```

and bugger me if it didn't work, making all the groups accessible:

```
IDL> help, result
```

```
** Structure <1e95a58>, 14 tags, length=33952, data length=33548, refs=1:
```

```
_NAME      STRING  'amsua_metop-a.SpcCoeff.nc'  
_ICONTYPE  STRING  'hdf'  
_TYPE      STRING  'GROUP'  
_FILE      STRING  'amsua_metop-a.SpcCoeff.nc'  
_PATH      STRING  '/'  
_COMMENT   STRING  ''  
SPCCOEFF   STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
WRITE_MODULE_HISTORY  
           STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
CREATION_DATE_AND_TIME  
           STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
RELEASE    STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
VERSION    STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
TITLE      STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
HISTORY    STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
COMMENT    STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
```

IDL> help, result.spccoeff

\*\* Structure <208a1e8>, 19 tags, length=33032, data length=32628, refs=2:

```
_NAME      STRING  'spccoeff'  
_ICONTYPE  STRING  ""  
_TYPE      STRING  'GROUP'  
_FILE      STRING  'amsua_metop-a.SpcCoeff.nc'  
_PATH      STRING  '/'  
_COMMENT   STRING  ""  
BAND_C1    STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
BAND_C2    STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
CHANNEL_FLAG STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
COSMIC_BACKGROUND_RADIANCE  
    STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
FREQUENCY  STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
PLANCK_C1  STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
PLANCK_C2  STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
SENSOR_CHANNEL STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
SOLAR_IRRADIANCE  
    STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
WAVENUMBER STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
ACCOEFF    STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
N_CHANNELS  STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
SENSORINFO  STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
```

IDL> help, result.spccoeff.accoeff

\*\* Structure <1d538e8>, 13 tags, length=14608, data length=14424, refs=2:

```
_NAME      STRING  'accoeff'  
_ICONTYPE  STRING  ""  
_TYPE      STRING  'GROUP'  
_FILE      STRING  'amsua_metop-a.SpcCoeff.nc'  
_PATH      STRING  '/spccoeff'  
_COMMENT   STRING  ""  
A_EARTH    STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
A_PLATFORM STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
A_SPACE    STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
SENSOR_CHANNEL STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
N_CHANNELS  STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
N_FOVS     STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]  
SENSORINFO  STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
```

IDL> help, result.spccoeff.accoeff.sensorinfo

\*\* Structure <1e82768>, 20 tags, length=9976, data length=9876, refs=2:

```
_NAME      STRING  'sensorinfo'  
_ICONTYPE  STRING  ""  
_TYPE      STRING  'GROUP'  
_FILE      STRING  'amsua_metop-a.SpcCoeff.nc'  
_PATH      STRING  '/spccoeff/accoeff'
```

```

_COMMENT    STRING  "
NOISE       STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
POLARIZATION_TYPE
            STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
SATELLITE_NAME STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
SENSOR_CHANNEL STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
SENSOR_ID   STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
SENSOR_NAME  STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
SENSOR_TYPE  STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
USE_FLAG     STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
WMO_SATELLITE_ID
            STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
WMO_SENSOR_ID STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
DL_STRLLEN   STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
N_CHANNELS   STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
N_FOVS       STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
SL_STRLLEN   STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]

```

And the data is there:

```

IDL> help, result.spccoeff.frequency
** Structure <1ea1388>, 18 tags, length=856, data length=848, refs=2:
_NAME      STRING  'Frequency'
_ICONTYPE   STRING  'binary'
_TYPE       STRING  'DATASET'
_FILE       STRING  'amsua_metop-a.SpcCoeff.nc'
_PATH       STRING  '/spccoeff'
_DATA       DOUBLE  Array[15]
_NDIMENSIONS LONG    1
_DIMENSIONS ULONG64  Array[1]
_NELEMENTS  ULONG64          15
_DATATYPE   STRING  'H5T_FLOAT'
_STORAGE_SIZE ULONG    8
_PRECISION  LONG    64
_SIGN       STRING  "
LONG_NAME   STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
DESCRIPTION STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
UNITS       STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
_FILLVALUE  STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]
DIMENSION_LIST STRUCT  -> <Anonymous> Array[1]

```

```

IDL> print, result.spccoeff.frequency._data
 23.800904   31.400728   50.300069   52.799890
 53.596155   54.400633   54.940002   55.499802
 57.290327   57.290327   57.290327   57.290327
 57.290327   57.290327   88.997000

```

Yay.

So I guess netcdf4 files are just hdf5 files with a fancier name?

cheers,

paulv

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