

ICON FUV Science Level 1 Data

This document describes the data product for ICON FUV Level 1 FUV-A Limb Image File, which is in NetCDF4 format.

The ICON Far UltraViolet (FUV) imager contributes to the ICON science objectives by providing remote sensing measurements of the daytime and nighttime atmosphere/ ionosphere. During sunlit atmospheric conditions, ICON FUV images the limb altitude profile in the shortwave (SW) band at 135.6 nm and the longwave (LW) band at 157 nm perpendicular to the satellite motion to retrieve the atmospheric O/N₂ ratio. In conditions of atmospheric darkness, ICON FUV measures the 135.6 nm recombination emission of O⁺ ions used to compute the nighttime ionospheric altitude distribution.

The ICON Far Ultra-Violet (FUV) imager is a Czerny–Turner design Spectrographic Imager with two exit slits and corresponding back imager cameras that produce two independent images in separate wavelength bands on two detectors. For this science product, the 18x24 degree FOV is divided and co-added to produce 6 high sensitivity profiles with each nominally 12 second integration. These inform daytime and nighttime retrievals of the ionospheric composition and density (See Stephan et al and Kamalabadi et al, noted in the acknowledgements section of this file). Pointing and geolocation information are available in the FUV ancillary data also available at <https://icon.ssl.berkeley.edu>

This particular product used the Time Delay Integration technique to map the limb emissions to an orbit-related latitude-longitude grid as described in

* TDI: C. Wilkins: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-017-0410-4>

More details about the mission, data products, responsibility, and data use can be found at the end of this document.

Each FUV Level-1 file contains global attributes explaining the major properties of the file and variables. This is an example from one file.

0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT This is a data product from the NASA Ionospheric Connection Explorer mission, an Explorer launched at 21:59:45 EDT on October 10, 2019, from Cape Canaveral AFB in the USA. Guidelines for the use of this product are described in the ICON Rules of the Road (<http://icon.ssl.berkeley.edu/Data>).

1 ADID_REF NASA Contract > NNG12F45C

2 CALIBRATION_FILE See calibration files in general attribute fields FLATFIELD_CORRECTION, BACKGROUND_CORRECTION, RAYLEIGH_CONVERSION

3 CONVENTIONS SPDF ISTEP/IACF Modified for NetCDF (v0.8)

4 DATA_LEVEL L1

5 DATA_TYPE APIDxE3 > ICON Application ID 0xE3: FUV Science Level 0.5 Data > FUV Science Level 1 Data

6 DATA_REVISION 0

7 DATA_VERSION 2.00000

8 DATA_VERSION_MAJOR 2

9 DATE_END 2020-07-01T22:48:08 UTC

10 DATE_START 2020-07-01T00:00:05 UTC

11 DATE_STOP 2020-07-01T22:48:08 UTC

12 DESCRIPTION ICON FUV Level 1 FUV-A Limb Image File

13 DESCRIPTOR FUV-A > ICON FUV-A L1 Science Limb Image File

14 DISCIPLINE Space Physics > Ionospheric Science

15 FILE ICON_L1_FUV_SLI_20200701_v02r000.NC

16 FILE_DATE Sun Aug 9 05:35:38 2020

17 GENERATED_BY ICON SDC > ICON FUV L1 Processor v1, Tori Fae (tfae@paradigm.ssl.berkeley.edu) and Harald Frey (hfrey@ssl.berkeley.edu)

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19 HISTORY Version 2, Created by ICON FUV L1 processing with `icn_fuv_create_swi_structure.pro` Fri Sep 18 12:06:56 2020

MODIFICATION HISTORY:

Written by: Harald Frey, Date: January 19, 2017, Version v01
2019-12-01 some updates
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2020-08-17 new attributes
20 HTTP_LINK <http://icon.ssl.berkeley.edu>
21 INSTRUMENT FUV-A
22 INSTRUMENT_TYPE Imagers (Space)
23 LINK_TEXT All ICON information and data can be found at the ICON web page icon.ssl.berkeley.edu
24 LINK_TITLE ICON Website
25 LOGICAL_FILE_ID ICON_L1_FUV_SLI_20200701_v02r000
26 LOGICAL_SOURCE ICON_L0P_FUV-A_Science-TDI0_2020-07-01
27 LOGICAL_SOURCE_DESCRIPTION ICON FUV-A Level 1 Science Limb Image File
28 MISSION_GROUP Ionospheric Investigations
29 MODS See history
30 PARENTS Names of the Level-0 files for this product
31 PI_AFFILIATION UC Berkeley > SSL
32 PI_NAME T. J. Immel
33 PROJECT NASA > ICON
34 RULES_OF_USE Public Data for Scientific Use
35 SOFTWARE_VERSION ICON SDC > ICON FUV L1 Processor v1.0
36 SOURCE_NAME ICON > Ionospheric Connection Explorer
37 SPACECRAFT_ID NASA > ICON - 493
38 TEXT ICON explores the boundary between Earth and space - the ionosphere - to understand the physical connection between our world and the immediate space environment around us. Visit '<http://icon.ssl.berkeley.edu>' for more details.
39 TIME_RESOLUTION 12000 milliseconds
40 TITLE ICON FUV Level 1 FUV-A Limb Image File
41 EPOCH0 1970-01-01/00:00:00
42 FILE_NAMING_CONVENTION source_datatype_descriptor
43 PROCESS_LEVEL L1
44 SAMPLE_TIME 12
45 SAMPLE_UNIT Seconds
46 SATELLITE_ID ICON
47 TEXT_SUPPLEMENT Explanation of global attributes
48 FLATFIELD_CORRECTION File names for flatfield correction
49 BACKGROUND_CORRECTION saa_files_2020-183
50 RAYLEIGH_CONVERSION Values for Rayleigh conversion

Use of this product for analysis depends on the combined use of the ancillary FUV data product which contains geopositioning data and instrument pointing details.

History

Version 5 Created by ICON FUV L1 processing with `icn_fuv_create_swi_structure.pro` Wed Apr 20 10:31:49 2022

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2020-08-17 new attributes
2020-10-22 MCP sensitivity loss corrected
2021-06-08 major update on background and flatfield
2022-02-20 major update on background, calibration, day cleanup

Dimensions

NetCDF files contain **variables** and the **dimensions** over which those variables are defined. First, the dimensions are defined, then all variables in the file are described.

The dimensions used by the variables in this file are given below, along with nominal sizes. Note that the size may vary from file to file. For example, the "Epoch" dimension, which describes the number of time samples contained in this file, will have a varying size.

Dimension Name	Nominal Size
Epoch	2379
Rows	256
Columns	256

Variables

Variables in this file are listed below. First, "data" variables are described, followed by the "support_data" variables, and finally the "metadata" variables. The variables classified as "ignore_data" are not shown.

data

Variable Name	Description	Units	Dimensions
ICON_L1_FUVA_Limb_Raw	FUVA SW channel raw CCD count limb image Raw limb image	counts	Epoch, Rows, Columns
ICON_L1_FUVA_Limb_IMG	FUVA SW channel calibrated limb image Calibrated limb image	Rayleigh	Epoch, Rows, Columns
ICON_L1_FUVA_Limb_Error	FUVA SW channel calibrated limb image error Calibrated limb image error. Statistical 1-sigma error values associated with the mapped image.	Rayleigh	Epoch, Rows, Columns
ICON_L1_FUVA_LIMB_BKG	FUVA SW channel calibrated limb image background Calibrated limb image bkg	Rayleigh	Epoch, Rows

support_data

Variable Name	Description	Units	Dimensions
Epoch	Epoch Center time of the exposure, milliseconds after 1970-01-01/00:00:00 UT	milliseconds	Epoch
ICON_L1_FUVA_SWI_Start_Times	Start time Start time of the exposure, UT		Epoch
ICON_L1_FUVA_SWI_Stop_Times	Stop time Stop time of the exposure, UT		Epoch
ICON_L1_FUVA_SWI_Center_Times	Center time Center time of the exposure, UT		Epoch
ICON_L1_FUVA_SWI_Integration_Time	Time Integration time for integration in seconds	seconds	Epoch
ICON_L1_FUVA_SWI_Chain_ID	Number Chain ID for integration in seconds	number	Epoch

Variable Name	Description	Units	Dimensions
ICON_L1_FUVA_SWI_Quality_Flag	<p>Quality indicator (also quickly shows times when images are available)</p> <p>QUALITY_FLAG is an indicator of data quality =</p> <p>0 = No errors or quality conditions, LVLH 1 = No errors or quality conditions, R-LVLH 2 = Lunar calibration 3 = Insufficient high voltage 4 = Nadir calibration 5 = Zero wind calibration 6 = Bad pointing 7 = S/C attitude slew 8 = Conjugate observation 9 = Stellar calibration 10 = Unreliable background subtracted 17 = unspecified error condition</p>	number	Epoch
ICON_L1_FUV_Mode	<p>Data collection mode</p> <p>Data collection mode of FUV instrument</p> <p>1 = Dayside science 2 = Nightside science 3 = Calibration 4 = Nadir 5 = Conjugate 6 = Stars 7 = Ram 8 = Off Target 9 = Engineering 13 = Unknown</p>	number	Epoch
ICON_L1_FUVA_SWI_HV_PHOS	<p>HV of SW channel phosphor</p> <p>HV of phosphor screen</p>	Volt	Epoch
ICON_L1_FUVA_SWI_HV_MCP	<p>HV of SW channel MCP</p> <p>HV of MCP</p>	Volt	Epoch
ICON_L1_FUV_Turret	<p>FUV turret angle</p> <p>FUV turret angle in degrees with respect to nominal center position</p>	degree	Epoch
ICON_L1_FUVA_CCD_TEMP	<p>FUVA CCD temperature</p> <p>FUVA CCD temperature</p>	degree C	Epoch
ICON_L1_FUVA_Board_TEMP	<p>FUVA board temperature</p> <p>FUVA digital board temperature</p>	degree C	Epoch
ICON_L1_FUVA_HV_TEMP	<p>FUVA HVPS temperature</p> <p>FUVA HVPS temperature</p>	degree C	Epoch
ICON_L1_FUV_IMG_TEMP	<p>FUV imager enclosure temperature</p> <p>FUV imager enclosure temperature</p>	degree C	Epoch

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ICON_L1_FUV_OPT_TEMP	FUV optics bench temperature FUV optics temperature	degree C	Epoch
ICON_L1_FUV_Turret_TEMP	FUV turret temperature FUV turret temperature	degree C	Epoch
ICON_L1_FUV_Scan_TEMP	FUV scan mirror temperature FUV scan mirror temperature	degree C	Epoch

metadata

Variable Name	Description	Units	Dimensions
Rows	Row Number Vertical row numbers for images	number	Rows
Columns	Column Number Horizontal column numbers for images	number	Columns
ICON_L1_FUVA_Azimuth	Azimuth of FUVA channel with respect to spacecraft coordinates FUVA channel pointing azimuth	degree	Epoch
ICON_L1_FUVA_Elevation	Elevation of FUVA channel with respect to spacecraft coordinates FUVA channel pointing elevation	degree	Epoch
ICON_L1_FUVA_Roll	Roll of FUVA channel with respect to spacecraft coordinates FUVA channel pointing roll	degree	Epoch

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Responsibility for the mission science falls to the Principal Investigator, Dr. Thomas Immel at UC Berkeley: Immel, T.J., England, S.L., Mende, S.B. et al. Space Sci Rev (2018) 214: 13. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-017-0449-2>

Responsibility for the validation of the L1 data products falls to the instrument lead investigators/scientists.

* EUV: Dr. Eric Korpela : <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-017-0384-2>

* FUV: Dr. Harald Frey : <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-017-0386-0>

* MIGHTI: Dr. Christoph Englert : <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-017-0358-4>, and <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-017-0374-4>

* IVM: Dr. Roderick Heelis : <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-017-0383-3>

Responsibility for the validation of the L2 data products falls to those scientists responsible for those products.

* Daytime O and N2 profiles: Dr. Andrew Stephan : <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-018-0477-6>

* Daytime (EUV) O+ profiles: Dr. Andrew Stephan : <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-017-0385-1>

* Nighttime (FUV) O+ profiles: Dr. Farzad Kamalabadi : <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-018-0502-9>

* Neutral Wind profiles: Dr. Jonathan Makela : <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-017-0359-3>

* Neutral Temperature profiles: Dr. Christoph Englert : <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-017-0434-9>

* Ion Velocity Measurements : Dr. Russell Stoneback : <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-017-0383-3>

Responsibility for Level 4 products falls to those scientists responsible for those products.

* Hough Modes : Dr. Chihoko Yamashita : <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-017-0401-5>

* TIEGCM : Dr. Astrid Maute : <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-017-0330-3>

* SAMI3 : Dr. Joseph Huba : <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-017-0415-z>

Pre-production versions of all above papers are available on the ICON website.

<http://icon.ssl.berkeley.edu/Publications>

Overall validation of the products is overseen by the ICON Project Scientist, Dr. Scott England.

NASA oversight for all products is provided by the Mission Scientist, Dr. Jeffrey Klenzing.

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These data are openly available as described in the ICON Data Management Plan available on the ICON website (<http://icon.ssl.berkeley.edu/Data>).

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