

Notes and Errata Regarding New MSL SAM Releases and PDS3 to PDS4 Migration

PDS Geosciences Node

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These notes apply to Mars Science Laboratory (MSL) Sample Analysis at Mars (SAM) archives at the PDS Geosciences Node. All MSL data sets were originally archived under the PDS3 standard.

Notes on New Releases

Beginning with PDS Release 35, March 15, 2024, new SAM data products are archived under the PDS4 standard. The older data products are planned to be migrated in 2024, but for now these data directories remain unaltered (see “Notes on Migrated Data” below).

No files have been removed from the PDS3 archive volume. The only change is the addition of PDS4 labels and documentation files. New SAM data products include both PDS3 and PDS4 labels.

Instead of the data sets and archive volumes in PDS3, products in PDS4 are organized into collections and bundles. A collection is a set of related products, which may be data products, document products, browse products, miscellaneous products, etc. A bundle is a set of related collections.

One PDS4 bundle has been defined for SAM. The SAM bundle has four data collections, two document collections, a calibration collection, and a miscellaneous collection that holds the PDS3 index tables. The tables below show the correspondence between the PDS3 volume and PDS4 bundle and PDS3 product types and PDS4 collections, respectively.

MSL SAM PDS4 Bundles and Corresponding PDS3 Volume and Data Sets

Archive	PDS4 Bundle	PDS3 Volume	PDS3 Data Set ID
MSL SAM Reduced Data	urn:nasa:pds:msl_sam	mslsam_1xxx	MSL-M-SAM-2-RDR-L0-V1.0 MSL-M-SAM-3-RDR-L1A-V1.0 MSL-M-SAM-4-RDR-L1B-V1.0 MSL-M-SAM-5-RDR-L2-V1.0

MSL SAM PDS4 Data Collections and Corresponding PDS3 Product Types

PDS4 Collection	PDS4 Collection ID	PDS3 Product Type
MSL SAM level 0 data	data_level0	MSL SAM RDR level 0
MSL SAM level 1a data	data_level1a	MSL SAM RDR level 1a
MSL SAM level 1b data	data_level1b	MSL SAM RDR level 1b

MSL SAM level 2 data	data_level2	MSL SAM RDR level 2
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A bundle is identified by a file named **bundle_*.xml** in the root directory of a bundle; it describes the bundle and lists the collections that belong to it. A collection is identified by a file named **collection_*.xml** in a subdirectory. The file **collection_*_inventory.csv** is a list of the products that belong to the collection.

Every product, collection, and bundle in PDS4 has a Logical Identifier (LID) which is guaranteed to be unique throughout PDS. The LID is defined in the PDS4 label using the tag **<logical_identifier>**. For data products, the LID is analogous to PRODUCT_ID in a PDS3 label.

Not every PDS3 directory has a PDS4 counterpart. The PDS3 data, calib, catalog, document, and index directories have been made into collections, but no PDS4 labels have been provided for **aareadme.txt**, **voldesc.cat**, and **errata.txt** in the volume root directories. Errata.txt has been replaced by a release notes file (in the document collection), which will be updated with each release. Note that the SIS documents in the document directory refer to the PDS3 datasets.

Notes on Migrated Data

The data products in the PDS3 SAM archives at the Geosciences Node are already PDS4-compliant, so there will be no need to alter the data files when the older data are migrated. In the data directories, the metadata in PDS3 labels will be copied to PDS4 labels, so that each data product will have both a PDS3 and a PDS4 label.

Document Change Log

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