

# Intro to IceTray

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# IceTray : The Definitive Guide

Documentation is built nightly:

<http://software.icecube.wisc.edu/documentation/projects/icetray/index.html>

If you see something, say something.

<http://code.icecube.wisc.edu/projects/icecube/newticket>

Please, please, please file a ticket if you find issues with IceTray documentation.

**We can't fix problems we don't know about.**

# The Ticketing System

<http://code.icecube.wisc.edu>

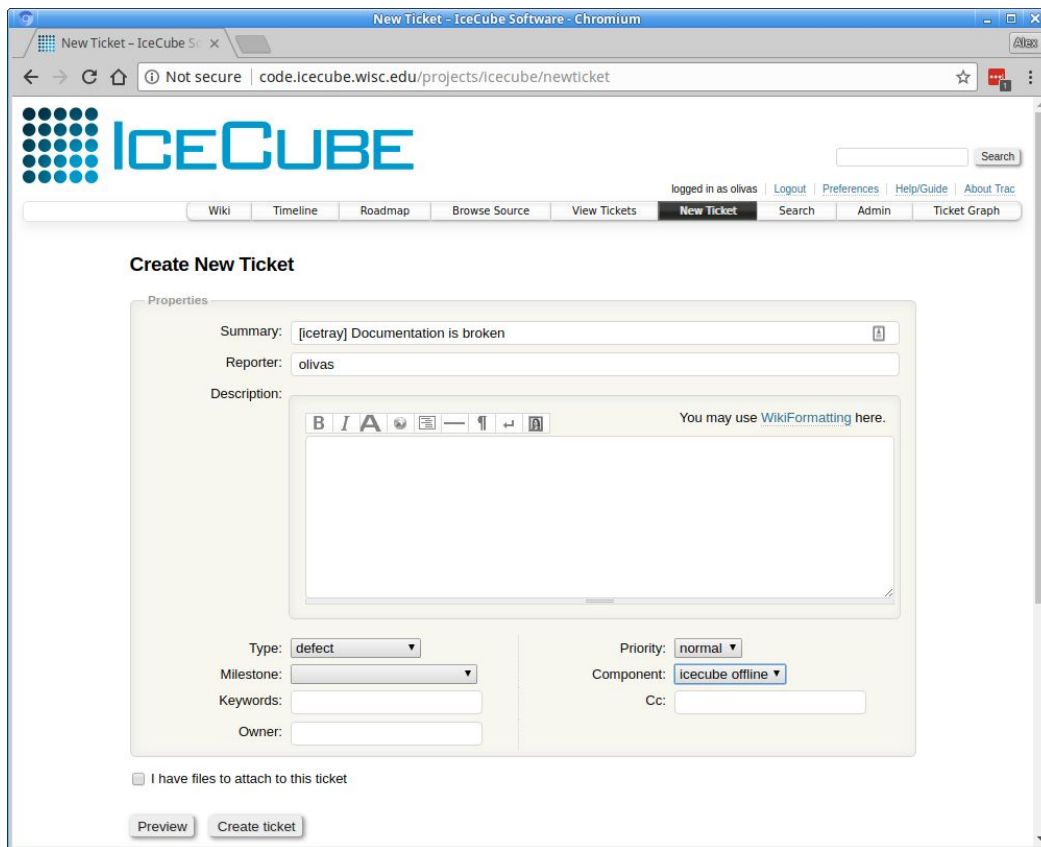
The screenshot shows the IceCube Trac system interface. The browser address bar displays 'code.icecube.wisc.edu/projects/icecube'. The page features the IceCube logo and a navigation menu with 'New Ticket' highlighted in an orange box. The main content area contains a welcome message, documentation links, and a 'General Trac Help' section.

Creating a new ticket is very easy.

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# The Ticketing System

<http://code.icecube.wisc.edu>



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "New Ticket - IceCube Software - Chromium" with the URL "code.icecube.wisc.edu/projects/icecube/newticket". The page features the IceCube logo and a navigation menu with options like "Wiki", "Timeline", "Roadmap", "Browse Source", "View Tickets", "New Ticket", "Search", "Admin", and "Ticket Graph". The "Create New Ticket" form is the central focus, containing the following fields and options:

- Summary:** [icetray] Documentation is broken
- Reporter:** olivas
- Description:** A text area with a rich text editor toolbar (bold, italic, align, link, unlink, list, ul, indent, outdent) and a note: "You may use WikiFormatting here."
- Type:** defect (dropdown menu)
- Priority:** normal (dropdown menu)
- Milestone:** (dropdown menu)
- Component:** icecube offline (dropdown menu)
- Keywords:** (text input field)
- Owner:** (text input field)
- Cc:** (text input field)

At the bottom of the form, there is a checkbox labeled "I have files to attach to this ticket" and two buttons: "Preview" and "Create ticket".

One and only one hard and fast rule:

**Do not submit tickets as 'icecube'**

Fill in the fields as best you can.

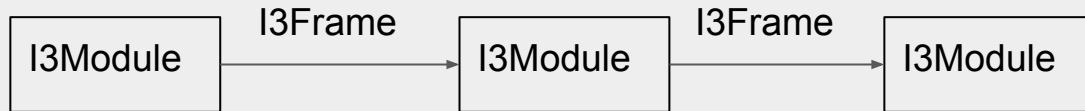
Convention: In the description, it's helpful, but not necessary, to start with the project name in square brackets.

# IceTray : A Very Brief Introduction

## I3Tray

**IceTray is the framework whose responsibility is to manage interactions between user-defined I3Modules, passing I3Frames from module to module.**

- I3Frame - Data Container
- I3Module - Take data out of the frame, process, add data to the frame.



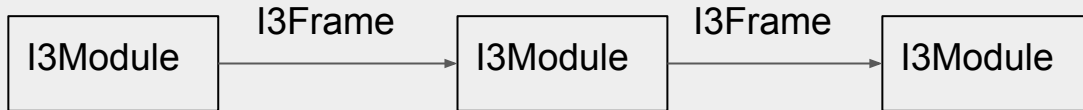
# IceTray : The I3Frame and I3Module

## I3Tray

**I3Frame - Dictionary with string keys and "frame objects" values.**

\*Trivia : Unlike true python dictionaries, which can store objects of any type, I3Frames can only contain objects which inherit from I3FrameObject. Driven by C++ design.

\*Trivia : I3Frame is actually a C++ class which manages `map<string, shared_ptr<I3FrameObject>>`



Nearly all I3FrameObjects are collected in three projects: dataclasses, simclasses, reclasses.

- dataclasses - <http://software.icecube.wisc.edu/documentation/projects/dataclasses/index.html>
- simclasses - <http://software.icecube.wisc.edu/documentation/projects/simclasses/index.html>
- reclasses - <http://software.icecube.wisc.edu/documentation/projects/reclasses/index.html>

# IceTray : I3FrameObjects

```
Terminal - IPython: fresh_trunk/build
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[ 9:00AM ] [ olivas@finn:~/icecube/combo/fresh_trunk/build ]
$ ipython
Python 2.7.12 (default, Dec 4 2017, 14:50:18)
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

IPython 5.5.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python.
?      -> Introduction and overview of IPython's features.
%quickref -> Quick reference.
help    -> Python's own help system.
object? -> Details about 'object', use 'object??' for extra details.

In [1]: from icecube import icetray, dataclasses

In [2]: frame = icetray.I3Frame()

In [3]: frame['my_tree'] = dataclasses.I3MCTree()

In [4]: frame['not_a_frame_object'] = [1,2,3]

ArgumentError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-4-158b928ffc76> in <module>()
----> 1 frame['not_a_frame_object'] = [1,2,3]

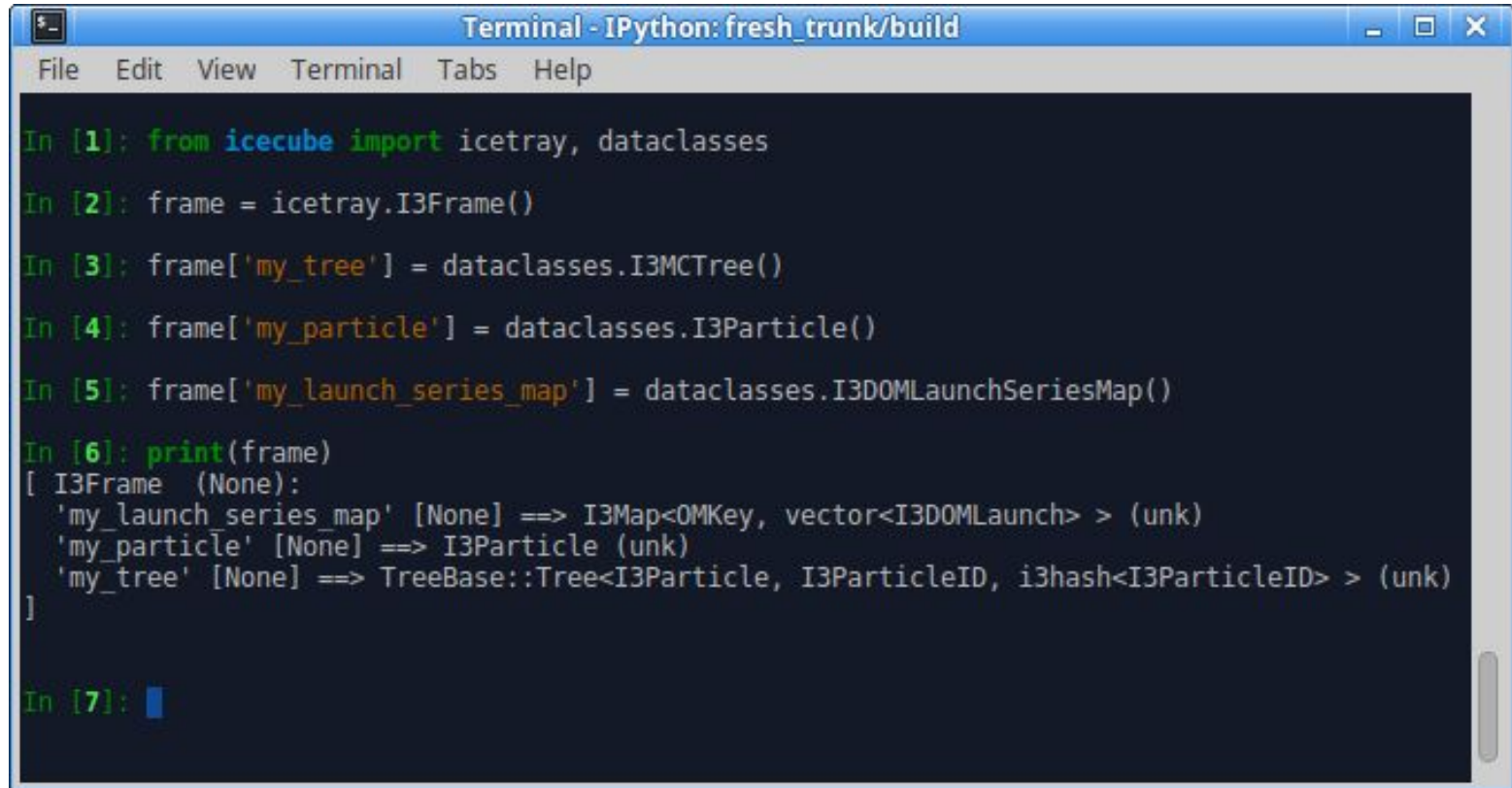
ArgumentError: Python argument types in
  I3Frame._setitem_(I3Frame, str, list)
did not match C++ signature:
  _setitem_(I3Frame {lvalue}, std::__cxx11::basic_string<char, std::char_traits<char>, std::allocator<char> >, boost::shared_ptr<I3FrameObject const>)

In [5]:
```

I3MCTree "is-a" (i.e. inherits from) I3FrameObject, found in dataclasses.

A list of numbers is not an I3FrameObject.

# IceTray : I3FrameObjects

A terminal window titled "Terminal - IPython: fresh\_trunk/build" with a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Terminal, Tabs, Help). The terminal shows a series of IPython commands and their output. The commands create an I3Frame object and populate it with dataclasses. The output shows the object's structure with keys 'my\_launch\_series\_map', 'my\_particle', and 'my\_tree' and their corresponding dataclass instances.

```
Terminal - IPython: fresh_trunk/build
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In [1]: from icecube import icetray, dataclasses

In [2]: frame = icetray.I3Frame()

In [3]: frame['my_tree'] = dataclasses.I3MCTree()

In [4]: frame['my_particle'] = dataclasses.I3Particle()

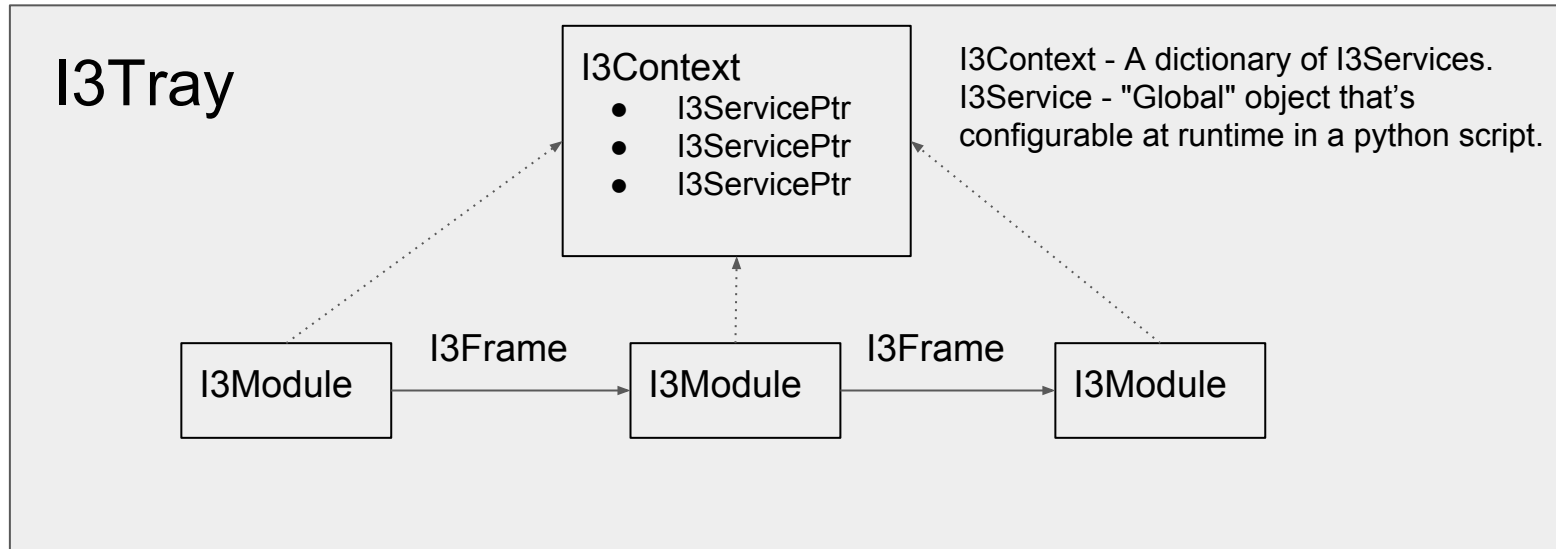
In [5]: frame['my_launch_series_map'] = dataclasses.I3DOMLaunchSeriesMap()

In [6]: print(frame)
[ I3Frame (None):
  'my_launch_series_map' [None] ==> I3Map<OMKey, vector<I3DOMLaunch> > (unk)
  'my_particle' [None] ==> I3Particle (unk)
  'my_tree' [None] ==> TreeBase::Tree<I3Particle, I3ParticleID, i3hash<I3ParticleID> > (unk)
]

In [7]: █
```



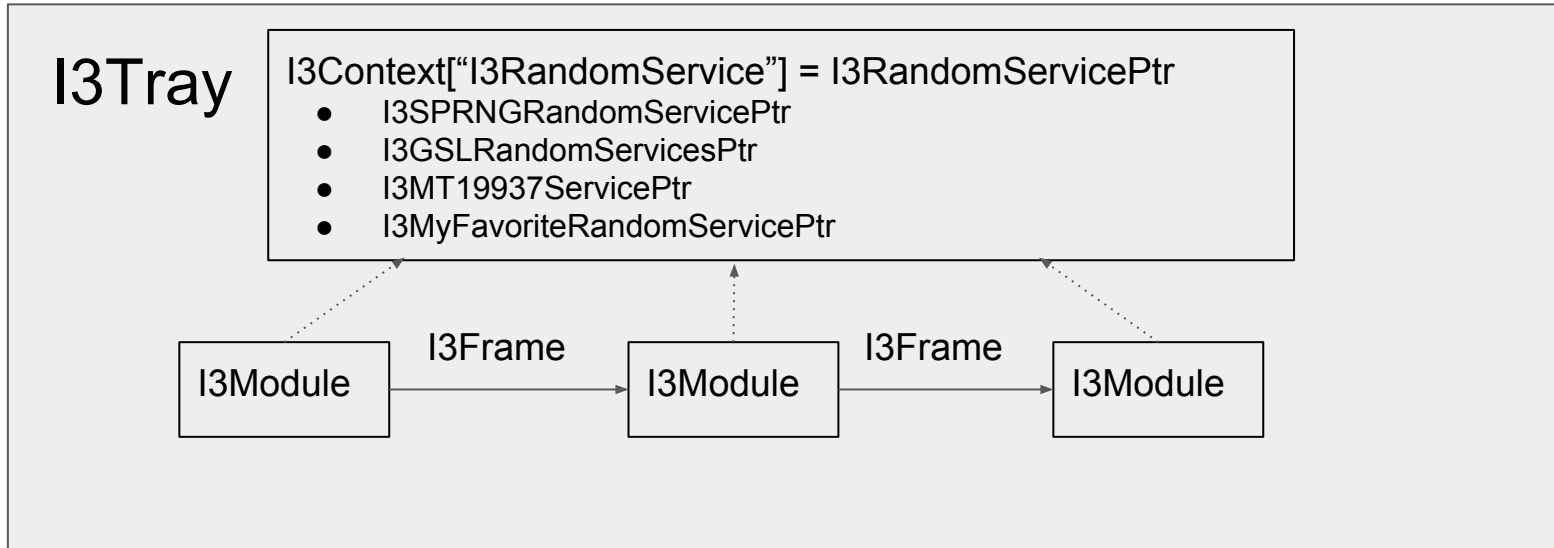
# IceTray : I3Context and I3Services



When to use a proper I3Service stored in the I3Context?

- "Global" object used by several (**lots**) I3Modules

# IceTray : RNG Service Example



User can choose any random service they want at runtime and no downstream module needs to change.

# IceTray : The Frame-Stream-Stop Model

Frames come in different flavors

## I3Frame Types

I3Frame::TrayInfo

I3Frame::Geometry

I3Frame::Calibration

I3Frame::DetectorStatus

I3Frame::Physics

I3Frame::DAQ

## I3Module 'Stops'

Stops are methods that correspond to a frame type.

I3Module::Geometry

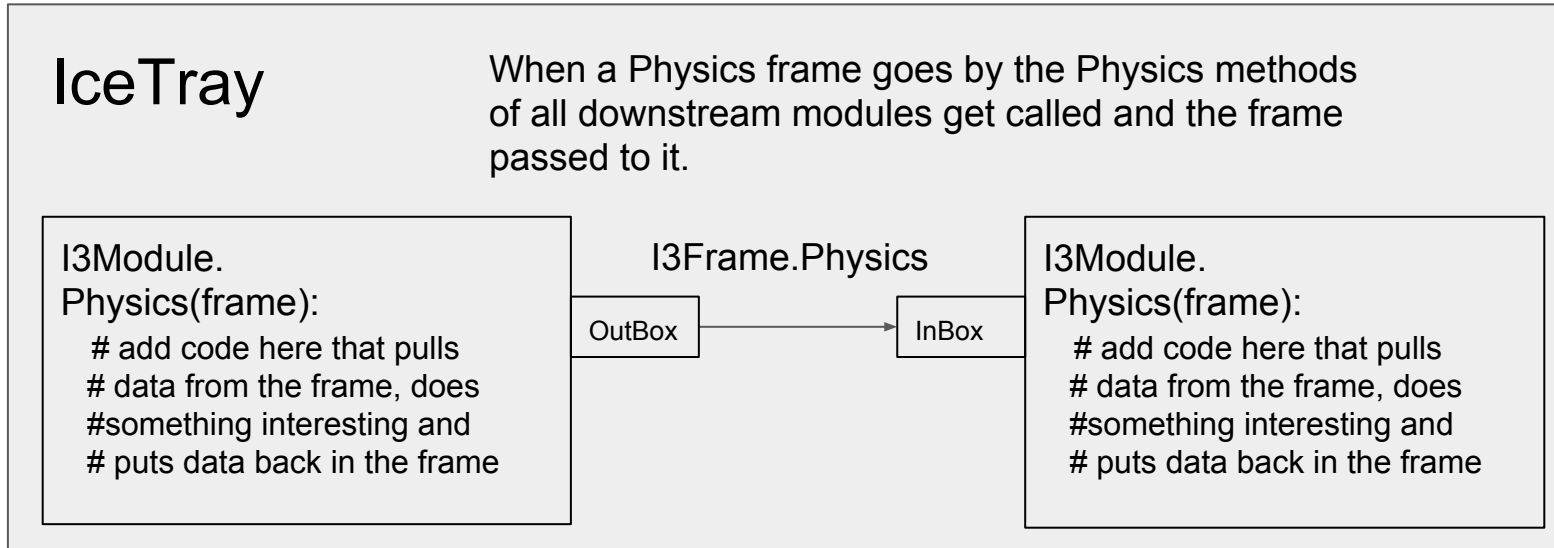
I3Module::Calibration

I3Module::DetectorStatus

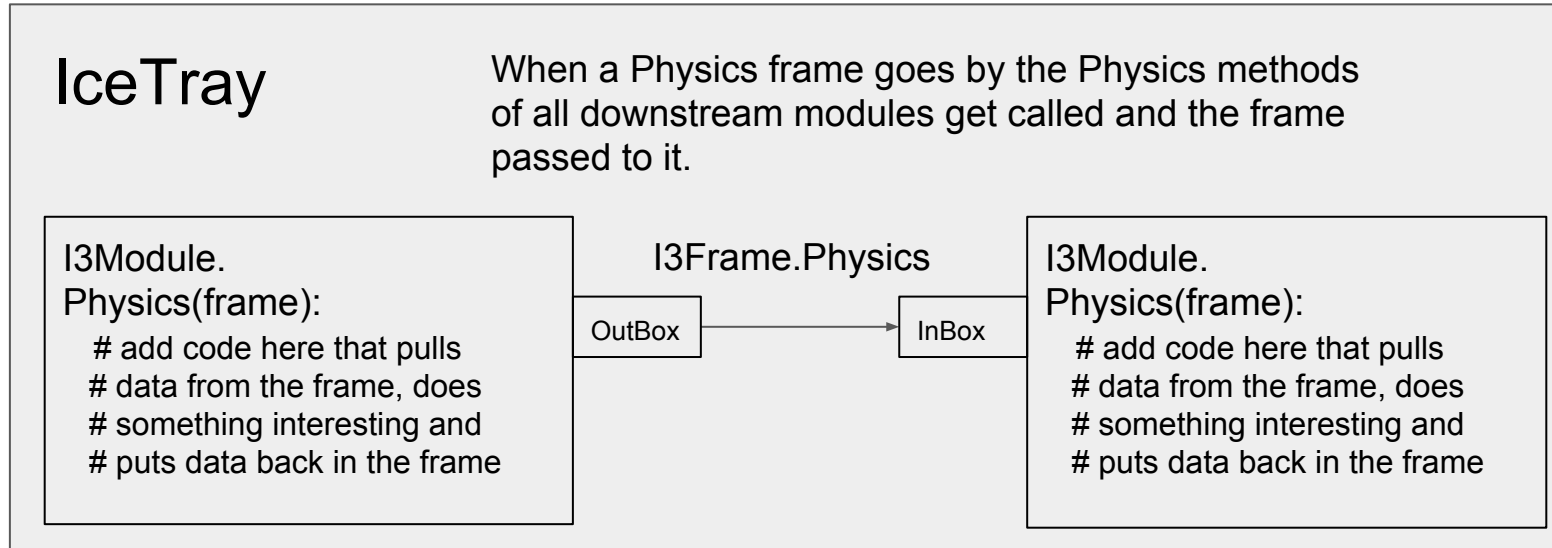
I3Module::Physics

I3Module::DAQ

# IceTray : The Frame-Stream-Stop Model



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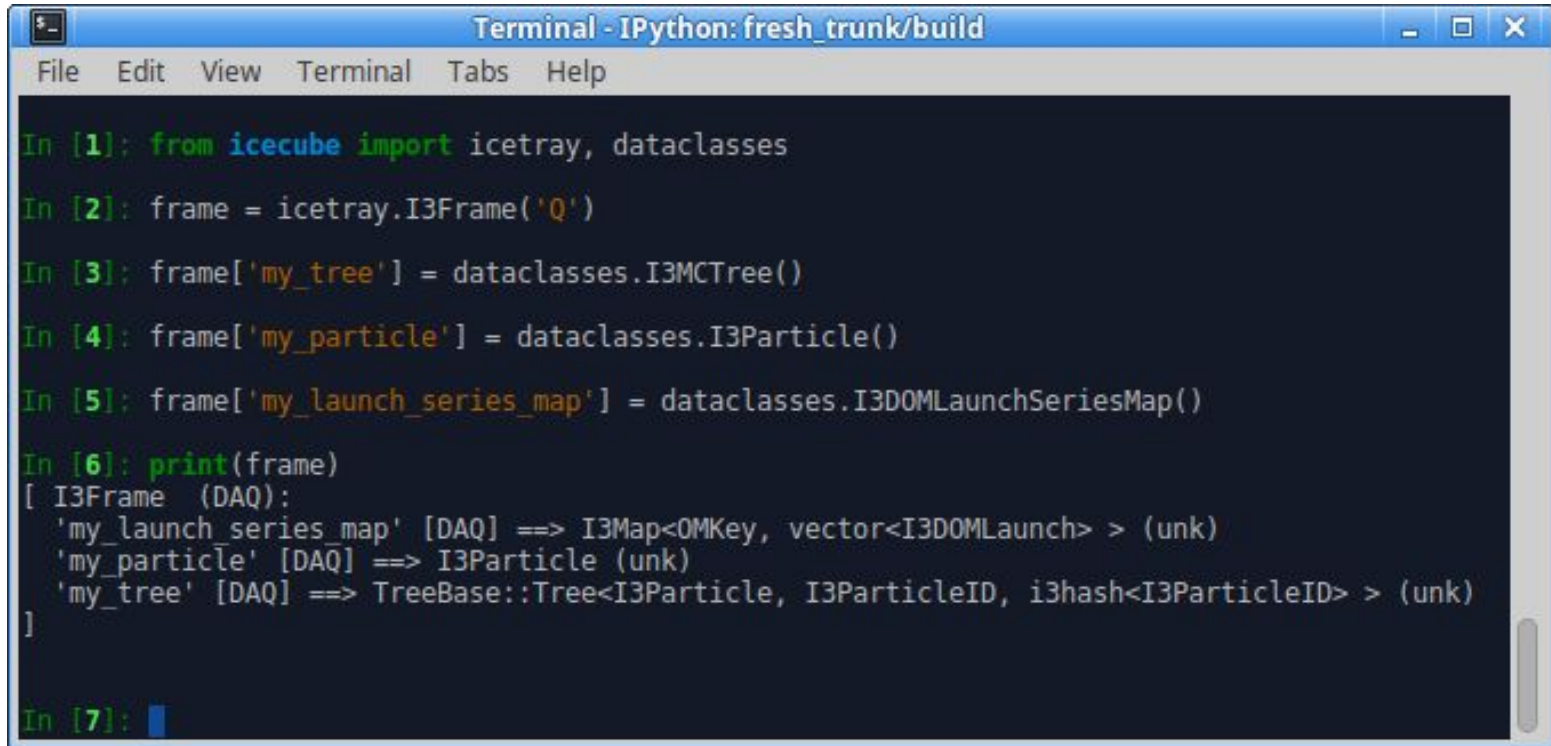
Frame Hierarchy - Generally expected in this order: **GCDQP**

Frame Mixing - Example: All objects from G, C, D, Q are accessible from P-frames.

Frame Packets - **QPPPP** P-frames following Q-frame "belong" to the Q-frame.

I3PacketModule - Allows you to process a vector of frames (i.e. "packet").

# IceTray : Creating Typed Frames



```
Terminal - IPython: fresh_trunk/build
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In [1]: from icecube import icetray, dataclasses
In [2]: frame = icetray.I3Frame('Q')
In [3]: frame['my_tree'] = dataclasses.I3MCTree()
In [4]: frame['my_particle'] = dataclasses.I3Particle()
In [5]: frame['my_launch_series_map'] = dataclasses.I3DOMLaunchSeriesMap()
In [6]: print(frame)
[ I3Frame (DAQ):
  'my_launch_series_map' [DAQ] ==> I3Map<OMKey, vector<I3DOMLaunch> > (unk)
  'my_particle' [DAQ] ==> I3Particle (unk)
  'my_tree' [DAQ] ==> TreeBase::Tree<I3Particle, I3ParticleID, i3hash<I3ParticleID> > (unk)
]

In [7]:
```

# IceTray : Tray Segments

Segments can contain multiple I3Modules to help bundle code together.

Let's use a segment:

```
from icecube import payload_parsing
tray.Add(payload_parsing.I3DOMLaunchExtractor)
```

Writing a segment:

```
from icecube import icetray
@icetray.traysegment
def MySegment(tray, name, arg1, If = lambda f:True, **kwargs):
    # we can use arg1 or the dict of kwargs
    tray.Add("Dump", If=If)
```

# TriggerSim Segment

## TriggerSim Segment

The TriggerSim segment includes the following modules :

- SimpleMajorityTrigger
- ClusterTrigger
- CylinderTrigger
- SlowMonopoleTrigger
- I3GlobalTriggerSim
- I3Pruner
- I3TimeShifter

All of the above are added conditionally, with the exception of the I3GlobalTriggerSim, which is always included. The trigger modules : SimpleMajorityTrigger, ClusterTrigger, CylinderTrigger, and SlowMonopoleTrigger will only be added if there's a configuration in the GCD file. The I3Pruner and I3TimeShifter can be disabled via segment parameters, but it's not advised. You should really know what you're doing and the purpose they serve before disabling them.

## Parameters

- **tray** - Standard for segments.
- **name** - Standard for segments.
- **gcd\_file** - The GCD (I3File) that contains the trigger configuration. Note the segment figures out from the GCD file which trigger modules need to be loaded and configures them accordingly.
- **prune** (DEFAULT = True) - Whether to remove launches outside the readout windows. Nearly everyone will want to keep this set at True. It makes simulation look more like data.
- **time\_shift** (DEFAULT = True) - Whether to time shift time-like frame objects. Nearly everyone will want to keep this set at True. It makes simulation look more like data.
- **time\_shift\_args** (DEFAULT = dict()) - dict that's forwarded to the I3TimeShifter module. See below for more details.
- **filter\_mode** (DEFAULT = True) - Whether to filter frames that do not trigger.

IceCube triggering system applies four independent triggering algorithms.

It combines the results to generate a global trigger, removes launches outside the readout window, and shifts the time of the objects to make them look like data.

You can re-trigger your data the "standard" way with two lines in your script:

```
from icecube.trigger_sim import TriggerSim
...
tray.Add(TriggerSim, gcd_file = dataio.I3File(<path_to_GCD>)
```



# IceTray History Lesson

**From 2008 - Present...**

Why? Because lots of production scripts haven't been updated in more than 10 years.

\*Still lots of production scripts and segments that haven't been cleaned up in over 10 years.

# IceTray : Pre-2008

```
import sys
from I3Tray import *
load('libicetray')
load('libdataclasses')
load('libdataio')

tray = I3Tray()
tray.AddModule('I3Reader', 'reader') (('Filenamelist', sys.argv[1:]))
tray.AddModule('Dump', 'dumper')
tray.AddModule('TrashCan', 'can')
tray.Execute()
tray.Finish()
```

Very non-pythonic.

- Call 'load' explicitly.
- Odd AddModule signature.

# IceTray : Pre-2012

```
import sys
from I3Tray import *
from icecube import icetray, dataclasses, dataio, phys_service
```

Import IceCube projects the python way.

```
tray = I3Tray()
tray.AddService('I3GSLRandomServiceFactory', 'gsl', Seed=42)
tray.AddModule('I3Reader', 'reader', Filenamelist=sys.argv[1:])
tray.AddModule('Dump', 'dumper')
tray.AddModule('TrashCan', 'can')
tray.Execute()
tray.Finish()
```

Pythonic signature with keyword arguments.

~~Very non-pythonic.~~

- ~~• Call 'load' explicitly.~~
- ~~• Odd AddModule signature.~~

# IceTray : Post-2013

## Cleanups

- Just 'Add'
- Anonymous I3Modules - No need to include a name.
- No need to add “TrashCan” Module.
- Need to call “Finish” explicitly.

```
import sys
from I3Tray import *
from icecube import icetray, dataclasses, dataio, phys_service

tray = I3Tray()
tray.Add('I3GSLRandomServiceFactory', 'gsl', Seed=42)
tray.Add('I3Reader', Filenamelist=sys.argv[1:])
tray.Add('Dump')
tray.Execute()
```

# The Simplest IceTray Chain

I3InfiniteSource is a C++ module located in the dataio project.

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
from I3Tray import I3Tray
from icecube import dataio

tray = I3Tray()
tray.Add("I3InfiniteSource")
tray.Add("Dump")
tray.Execute(10)
```

# IceTray : Functions as IceTray Modules

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
from I3Tray import I3Tray
from icecube import icetray, dataio, dataclasses

def generator(frame):
    frame["tree"] = dataclasses.I3MCTree()

tray = I3Tray()
tray.Add("I3InfiniteSource")
tray.Add(generator, streams = [icetray.I3Frame.DAQ])
tray.Add("Dump")
tray.Execute(10)
```

# IceTray : Lambda as 'Modules'

Very simple filter.

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
from I3Tray import I3Tray
from icecube import icetray, dataio, dataclasses

def generator(frame):
    frame["tree"] = dataclasses.I3MCTree()

tray = I3Tray()
tray.Add("I3InfiniteSource")
tray.Add(generator, streams = [icetray.I3Frame.DAQ])
tray.Add(lambda frame : frame.Has("tree"), streams = [icetray.I3Frame.DAQ])
tray.Add("Dump")
tray.Execute(10)
```

If function returns True, the frame is passed to the next module.



# Tray Segments

Group several 'modules' and functions together to form something that can plug in to IceTray.

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
from I3Tray import I3Tray
from iccube import icetray, dataio, dataclasses

@icetray.traysegment
def GeneratorSegment(tray, name):
    def generator(frame):
        frame["tree"] = dataclasses.I3MCTree()

    tray.Add("I3InfiniteSource")
    tray.Add(generator, streams = [icetray.I3Frame.DAQ])
    tray.Add(lambda frame : frame.Has("tree"),
             streams = [icetray.I3Frame.DAQ])

tray = I3Tray()
tray.Add(GeneratorSegment)
tray.Add("Dump")
tray.Execute(10)
```



## I3Module : Post-Modern Classic - Pre-2017

```
class ExampleModule(icetray.I3Module):
    def __init__(self, context):
        icetray.I3Module.__init__(self, context)
        self.AddOutBox("OutBox")

    def Configure(self):
        pass
```

# I3Module : Post-Modern Classic - Post-2017

```
class ExampleModule(icetray.I3Module):  
    def __init__(self, context):  
        icetray.I3Module.__init__(self, context)
```

**This is now the simplest IceTray module that works, but does absolutely nothing useful.**

You don't have to implement a Configure method if it doesn't need one.

You don't have to explicitly add an OutBox anymore. The default works just fine for >99% of modules in production.

# I3Module :

Post-Modern Classic

Example of a fully-working icetray chain that does absolutely nothing.

The best we can say about this is that it will execute without throwing.

Simplest illustration of most concepts up to this point.

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
from I3Tray import I3Tray
from icecube import icetray, dataio, dataclasses

@icetray.traysegment
def GeneratorSegment(tray, name):
    def generator(frame):
        frame["tree"] = dataclasses.I3MCTree()

    tray.Add("I3InfiniteSource")
    tray.Add(generator, streams = [icetray.I3Frame.DAQ])
    tray.Add(lambda frame : frame.Has("tree"),
             streams = [icetray.I3Frame.DAQ])

class ExampleModule(icetray.I3Module):
    def __init__(self, context):
        icetray.I3Module.__init__(self, context)

tray = I3Tray()
tray.Add(GeneratorSegment)
tray.Add(ExampleModule)
tray.Add("Dump")
tray.Execute(10)
```

# I3Module: Parameters

Parameters defined with 'AddParameter' become keyword arguments when added to an I3Tray instance.

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
from I3Tray import I3Tray
from iccube import icetray

class ExampleModule(icetray.I3Module):
    def __init__(self, context):
        icetray.I3Module.__init__(self, context)
        self.default_param_value = 42
        self.AddParameter("SomeParam", "Docstring...", default_param_value)

    def Configure(self):
        self.some_param = self.GetParameter("SomeParam")
        if self.some_param != self.default_param_value:
            print("User changed SomeParam to %d" % self.some_param)

    def DAQ(self, frame):
        print("Running with SomeParam = %d" % self.some_param)
```

```
tray = I3Tray()
tray.Add(ExampleModule, some_param = 32)
```

# IceTray Services: Options

```
class ExampleModule(icetray.I3Module):
    def __init__(self, context):
        icetray.I3Module.__init__(self, context)
        self.AddParameter("RNG", "I3RandomService", None)

    def Configure(self):
        self.rng = self.GetParameter("RNG")
        if not self.rng:
            self.rng = self.context["I3RandomService"]
            if not self.rng:
                icetray.logging.log_fatal("No RNG found!!!")

    def DAQ(self, frame):
        random_number = self.rng.uniform(math.pi)
        frame["RandomNumber"] = dataclasses.I3Double(random_number)
        self.PushFrame(frame)
```

- 1) As a parameter.
- 2) From the context.

# IceTray Services

## Two Options

- 1) Parameter
- 2) Context

No need for service  
factories anymore

```
class ExampleModule(icetray.I3Module):
    def __init__(self, context):
        icetray.I3Module.__init__(self, context)
        self.AddParameter("RNG", "I3RandomService", None)

    def Configure(self):
        self.rng = self.GetParameter("RNG")
        if not self.rng:
            self.rng = self.context["I3RandomService"]
            if not self.rng:
                icetray.logging.log_fatal("No RNG found!!!")

    def DAQ(self, frame):
        random_number = self.rng.uniform(math.pi)
        frame["RandomNumber"] = dataclasses.I3Double(random_number)
        self.PushFrame(frame)
```

```
tray = I3Tray()
tray.context['I3RandomService'] = phys_services.I3GSLRandomService(42)
tray.Add(GeneratorSegment)
tray.Add(ExampleModule)
tray.Add('Dump')

tray.Execute(10)
```

**NOTE 1:** You still might see "service factories" in production scripts.

Old, complicated way to install a service in a context.



# IceTray Services

## Two Options

- 1) Parameter
- 2) Context

No need for service  
factories anymore

```
class ExampleModule(icetray.I3Module):
    def __init__(self, context):
        icetray.I3Module.__init__(self, context)
        self.AddParameter("RNG", "I3RandomService", None)

    def Configure(self):
        self.rng = self.GetParameter("RNG")
        if not self.rng:
            self.rng = self.context["I3RandomService"]
            if not self.rng:
                icetray.logging.log_fatal("No RNG found!!!")

    def DAQ(self, frame):
        random_number = self.rng.uniform(math.pi)
        frame["RandomNumber"] = dataclasses.I3Double(random_number)
        self.PushFrame(frame)
```

```
tray = I3Tray()
tray.context['I3RandomService'] = phys_services.I3GSLRandomService(42)
tray.Add(GeneratorSegment)
tray.Add(ExampleModule)
tray.Add('Dump')

tray.Execute(10)
```

**NOTE 2:** When writing post-modern classic I3Modules, DO NOT forget to "push the frame." Failure to push the frame effectively filters it from the stream.

# Services

## Two Options

- 1) Parameter
- 2) Context

```
class ExampleModule(icetray.I3Module):
    def __init__(self, context):
        icetray.I3Module.__init__(self, context)
        self.AddParameter("RNG", "I3RandomService", None)

    def Configure(self):
        self.rng = self.GetParameter("RNG")
        if not self.rng:
            self.rng = self.context["I3RandomService"]
            if not self.rng:
                icetray.logging.log_fatal("No RNG found!!!")

    def DAQ(self, frame):
        random_number = self.rng.uniform(math.pi)
        frame["RandomNumber"] = dataclasses.I3Double(random_number)
        self.PushFrame(frame)
```

Generate 10 frames.

Tack on an I3Writer  
to generate an I3File.

```
tray = I3Tray()
tray.context["I3RandomService"] = phys_services.I3GSLRandomService(42)
tray.Add(GeneratorSegment)
tray.Add(ExampleModule)
tray.Add("Dump")
tray.Add("I3Writer", filename = "bootcamp_example.i3.bz2")
tray.Execute(10)
```



# dataio-pyshovel Example

\$ dataio-pyshovel bootcamp\_example.i3.bz2

