

# The HDF5\_BLS package and its user interface

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# Introduction

Welcome to the interactive UI tutorial. This book will guide you through the steps to create and use the UI effectively.

The `HDF5_BLS` package is a Python library for handling Brillouin light scattering (BLS) data and converting it into a standardized HDF5 format. The library provides functions to open raw data files, store their properties, convert them into a Power Spectral Density (PSD) and analyze the PSD with a standardized treatment protocol. The library is currently compatible with the following file formats:

- **\*.dat** files: spectra returned by the GHOST software or obtained using Time Domain measurements
- **\*.tif** files: an image format that can be used to export 2D detector images.
- **\*.npz** files: an arbitrary numpy array
- **\*.sif** files: image files obtained with Andor cameras

The package comes with a graphical user interface (GUI) that allows users to easily open, edit, and save data. This interface is the preferred way to use the package and the subject of this tutorial. The GUI is currently compatible with the following spectrometers:

- Tandem Fabry-Perot (TFP) spectrometers
- Angle-resolved VIPA (ar-VIPA) spectrometers



# Preamble: The project in a nutshell

## HDF5 file structure

### Basic file structure

This project aims at defining a standard for storing Brillouin Light Scattering measures and associated treatment in a HDF5 file.

HDF5 stands for "Hierarchical Data Format" and is a file format that allows the storage of data in a hierarchical structure. This structure allows to store data in a way that is both human and machine readable. The structure of the file is based on the following base structure, which corresponds to the structure of a file containing a single measure (*Measure*) where no parameters have been stored:

```
file.h5
+-- Brillouin (group)
|   +-- Measure (group)
|       |   +-- Measure (dataset)
```

The dimensionality of the dataset is free, there are therefore by design virtually no restrictions on the data that can be stored in this format.

In order to organize the measures, we impose a maximum of one measure per group. This condition will be implemented by the library as will be described later on.

### Meta-files

The Hierarchical Data Format (HDF5) finds its interest in storage for our community, of different measures. These result in "meta-files" where data corresponding to different experiments can be found. The organization of such a file will follow a structure similar to this one:

```
file.h5
+-- Brillouin (group)
|   +-- RWPE1 organoids (group)
|       |   +-- Morphogenesis day 1 (group)
|       |       |   +-- Sample 1 (group)
|       |       |       |   +-- Measure (dataset)
|       |       |       |   +-- Sample 2 (group)
|       |       |       |   +-- ...
|       |       |   +-- Morphogenesis day 2 (group)
|       |       |   +-- ...
|       +-- H6C7 organoids
|       ...
```

Although no rules are imposed on the way to organize the file, we however propose to associate a hierarchical level to an hyperparameter that has been varied for the experiment. In the given example:

- The first hierarchical level is associated to the cell strain that is observed

- The second hierarchical level is associated to the day of the experiment
- The third hierarchical level is associated to the sample that was measured

Note that the format does not impose any restriction on the names of the groups nor the measures. This choice allows you to create user-friendly files that can be opened with any software that can read HDF5 files (e.g. HDFView, HDFCompass, Fiji, H5Web, etc.).

## Attributes

**Storing the attributes of the data in its metadata** HDF5 file format allows the storage of attributes in the metadata of the groups and datasets. We therefore propose to store all the attributes concerning an experiment in the metadata of its parent group:

```
file.h5
+-- Brillouin (group)
|   +-- Measure (group) -> attributes of the measure
|   |   +-- Measure (dataset)
```

Being a hierarchical format, we also propose to store attributes hierarchically: all attributes of parent group apply to childre groups (if not redefined in children groups). Storing attributes in large files can therefore be done the following way:

```
file.h5
+-- Brillouin (group) -> attributes shared by Measure 0 and Measure 1
|   +-- Measure 0 (group) -> other attributes specific to Measure 0
|   |   +-- Measure (dataset)
|   +-- Measure 1 (group) -> other attributes specific to Measure 1
|   |   +-- Measure (dataset)
```

Note that the access to the whole list of attributes applying to a group or dataset will be possible with the HDF5\_BLS package (see [Wrapper.get\\_attributes](#)).

**Types of attributes** In an effort to avoid any incompatibility, we propose to store the values of the attributes as ascii-encoded text. The library will then convert the strings to the appropriate type (e.g. float, int, etc.).

## Organization of the attributes

**Prefix** We differentiate 4 types of attributes, that we differentiate using the following prefixes:

- **SPECTROMETER** - Attributes that are specific to the spectrometer used, such as the wavelength of the laser, the type of laser, the type of detector, etc. These attributes are recognized by the capital letter word "SPECTROMETER" in the name of the attribute.
- **MEASURE** - Attributes that are specific to the sample, such as the date of the measurement, the name of the sample, etc. These attributes are recognized by the capital letter word "MEASURE" in the name of the attribute.
- **FILEPROP** - Attributes that are specific to the original file format, such as the name of the file, the date of the file, the version of the file, the precision used on the storage of the data, etc. These attributes are recognized by the capital letter word "FILEPROP" in the name of the attribute.
- Attributes that are used inside the HDF5 file, such as the "Brillouin\_type" attribute. These attributes are the only ones without a prefix.



**Units** The name of the attributes contains the unit of the attribute if it has units, in the shape of an underscore followed by the unit in parenthesis. Some parameters that can be represented by a series of norms will also be defined in a given norm, such as the ISO8601 for dates. These norms are however not specified in the name of the attribute. Here are some examples of attributes:

- "SPECTROMETER.Detector\_Type" is the type of the detector used.
- "MEASURE.Sample" is the name of the sample.
- "MEASURE.Exposure\_(s)" is the exposure of the sample given in seconds
- "MEASURE.Date\_of\_measurement" is the date of the measurement, stored following the ISO8601 norm.
- "FILEPROP.Name" is the name of the file.

### Versioning and Nomenclature

To unify the name of attributes between laboratories, a spreadsheet is accessible, containing a list of attributes name, definition, unit and example. This spreadsheet will be updated as new attributes are added to the project and defined with a version number that will also be stored in the attributes of each data attributes (under FILEPROP.version).

This spreadsheet is the preferred way to define the attributes of the data and the HDF5\_BLS package is able to import the attributes from this spreadsheet to populate the attributes of the data in the file (see [Wrapper.import\\_properties\\_data](#)).

### Storing analysis and treatment processes

Analysis and treatment processes are stored in the "Process" attribute of the treatment groups. This attribute is a text file written as a CSV file. Each treatment step is stored as a new line in the file, with the following format:

```
"Step name or function", "Step description", "Step parameters"
```

For example:

```
"normalize", "Normalizing the data using the RMS of noise as the offset and highest peak
as intensity", "None"
"fit", "Fitting a Lorentzian to the anti-Stokes peak with initial parameters: shift and
linewidth, using a LDSM regression algorithm", "shift=5.143, linewidth=0.83"
"fit", "Fitting a Lorentzian to the Stokes peak with initial parameters: shift and
linewidth, using a LDSM regression algorithm", "shift=-5.143, linewidth=0.83"
```

When the treatment is performed from the HDF5\_BLS package, this attribute is automatically updated. However, when a custom treatment is performed, the user is responsible for updating this attribute.

This attribute if present and defined using functions internal to the HDF5\_BLS package, will allow the user to modify a treatment process.

### The BLS\_type attribute

To improve user-friendliness of the format for the BioBrillouin community, we propose to add a new attribute: *BLS\_type* to the groups and datasets of the file. This attribute will allow the user to quickly differentiate the content of the groups and datasets, and will also allow the automation of certain tasks.

For groups, this attribute can have the following values:

- "Calibration\_spectrum": the group contains a calibration spectrum.

- "Impulse\_response": the group contains an impulse response function.
- "Measure": the group contains a measure (value by default).
- "Root": used to specify that the group is a structure group that contains other groups.
- "Treatment": the group contains treated data derived from a PSD and frequency arrays located in its parent group.

For datasets, this attribute can have the following values:

- "Abscissa\_...": An abscissa array for the measures where the name is written after the underscore.
- "Frequency": a frequency array associated to the power spectral density
- "Linewidth": the dataset contains the values of the fitted linewidths.
- "Linewidth\_std": the dataset contains the standard deviation of the fitted linewidths.
- "PSD": a power spectral density array
- "Raw\_data": the raw data
- "Shift": the dataset contains the values of the fitted frequency shifts.
- "Shift\_std": the dataset contains the standard deviation of the fitted frequency shifts.

**Example of an abscissa dataset:** Let's consider a dataset consisting of 10x10 point mappings of cells in a grid of  $10\mu m$  by  $10\mu m$ . We can store the abscissa in two ways:

- We can store the abscissa as two 1D array of 10 elements each, for axis x and y for example. The array corresponding to the x axis will be stored in the dataset with the attribute "Brillouin\_type" set to "Abscissa\_0\_1". The array corresponding to the y axis will be stored in the dataset with the attribute "Brillouin\_type" set to "Abscissa\_1\_2".
- We can store the abscissa as a 2D array of 10x10 elements. This array will be stored in the dataset with the attribute "Brillouin\_type" set to "Abscissa\_0\_2".

A dedicated function is meant to do this step without the user having to worry about the attribute names. Examples of HDF5 files with mappings can be found in the repository under the "guides/Tutorial/examples" folder.

**Note:** The "Brillouin\_type" attribute is not mandatory, but it is highly recommended to use it to differentiate the content of the groups and datasets. If this parameter is not present, the library will assume that the group is a "Root" group if it contains groups and a "Measure" dataset if not.

## A base example

A single measure that has been treated, together with a calibration spectrum and an impulse response (both stored as a couple of Power Spectra Density and Frequency), will be stored in the following structure (the "Brillouin\_type" attribute is indicated in slanted text):

file.h5

```
+ Brillouin (group, Root)
|   + IRF (group, Impulse_response)
|   |   + PSD (dataset, PSD)
|   |   + Frequency (dataset, Frequency)
|   + Calibration Water (group, Calibration_spectrum)
|   |   + PSD (dataset, PSD)
|   |   + Frequency (dataset, Frequency)
|   + Measure (group, Measure)
```

		+ Raw measure (dataset, <i>Raw_data</i> )
		+ PSD (dataset, <i>PSD</i> )
		+ Frequency (dataset, <i>Frequency</i> )
		+ Treatment (dataset, <i>Treatment</i> )
		+ Shift (dataset, <i>Shift</i> )
		+ Linewidth (dataset, <i>Linewidth</i> )
		+ Shift_std (dataset, <i>Shift_std</i> )
		+ Linewidth_std (dataset, <i>Linewidth_std</i> )

Note: The name of the groups and datasets are left to the user, note that the Brillouin\_type attribute allows to unambiguously differentiate each group and dataset.

Other examples can be found in [appendix](#)

## A unified way to go from Measure to Results

This format is designed to unify the way to store data in the BioBrillouin Community. From there, we propose to unify the treatment and analysis of the data. The storage being independent from the analysis, we propose to create an intermediate step where a Power Spectral Density is obtained.

The treatment of any PSD being essentially the same: a fitting of one or several lineshapes that takes into account the response of the instrument to deconvolve its effect, we further propose to unify the analysis after obtaining the PSD. This results in the following pipeline for any BLS experiment

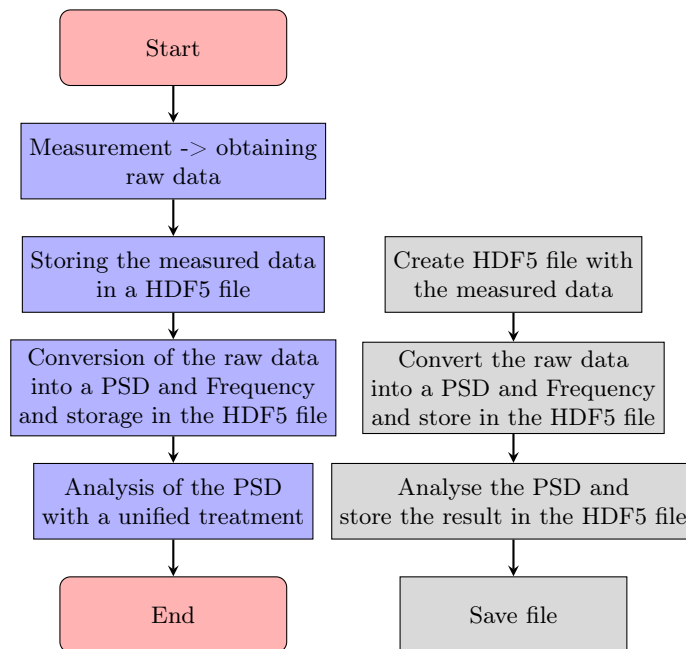


Figure 1: Flowchart of the pipeline



## Part I

# HDF5\_BLS package tutorial



# Chapter 1

## Installation

To install the package, you can either download the source code from the GitHub repository or use pip to install the package. We recommend using pip for users who do not intend on working on the package as it is the easiest way to install the package.

**Using pip** To install the package using pip, run the following command:

```
1 pip install HDF5_BLS
```

**Downloading the source code** The source code can be downloaded from the GitHub repository: [https://github.com/bio-brillouin/HDF5\\_BLS](https://github.com/bio-brillouin/HDF5_BLS). To download the source code, click on the green button "Code" and then click on the "Download ZIP" button. Once the download is complete, unzip the file and open a terminal in the folder where the code is stored. To install the package, run the following command:

```
1 pip install .
```

This will install the package and all its dependencies. To check if the package was installed correctly, run the following command:

```
1 python -c "import HDF5_BLS"
```

If the package was installed correctly, the command will not return any error.





## Chapter 2

# The Wrapper object

The `Wrapper` object is the main class of the package. Its role is to interface the HDF5 file and the code while ensuring a safe access to the data and a conservation of the structure of the file. This class is meant to do these four actions:

- Create a structure that is universal to the BioBrillouin community in a seamless manner.
- Allow the user to access the data and attributes of the file.
- Allow the user to add data to the file with attributes that are specific to the BioBrillouin community.
- Allow the user to add or modify attributes of the file.

To use this object, the user must first import it from the `HDF5_BLS` package:

```
1 from HDF5_BLS.wrapper import Wrapper
```

## 2.1 Initialization of the Wrapper object - creating or opening a HDF5 file

*IN A NUTSHELL:*

```
1 wrp = Wrapper(filepath = "path/to/file.h5")
```

"path/to/file.h5" is the path where you want to store the file or where the file is stored.

To initialize a `Wrapper` object after having imported the library, you can run the following command:

```
1 wrp = Wrapper()
```

This will create a new `Wrapper` object with no attributes or data with the following structure:

```
file.h5
+-- Brillouin (group)
```

By default, the attributes of the "Brillouin" group are the following:

```
file.h5
+-- Brillouin (group)
|   +-- Brillouin_type -> "Root"
|   +-- HDF5_BLS_version -> "0.1"
```

This file is stored temporarily in the library folder and is deleted when the Wrapper object is destroyed or when the file is stored elsewhere. It is therefore good practice to specify a non-temporary filepath to the file when creating a new Wrapper object, with the "filepath" parameter:

```
1 wrp = Wrapper(filepath = "path/to/file.h5")
```

Note that this works both for new files, and for files that already exist, in the latter case, the wrapper object applies to the file located at "path/to/file.h5".

## 2.2 Adding data to the HDF5 file using the Wrapper object

### IN A NUTSHELL:

- With the `add_dictionary` method

```
1 wrp = Wrapper()
2 dic = {"Raw_data": {"Name": "Wonderful measure 019",
3                     "Data": np.random.random((100, 100))},
4        "PSD": {"Name": "PSD extracted blabla",
5                "Data": np.random.random((100, 100))},
6        "Frequency": {"Name": "The Frequency",
7                      "Data": np.random.random((100))},
8        "Abscissa_t": {"Name": "Time (s)",
9                       "Data": np.random.random((100)),
10                      "Unit": "s",
11                      "Dim_start": "0",
12                      "Dim_end": "1"}}
13 wrp.add_dictionary(dic,
14                    parent_group = "Brillouin",
15                    name = "Data_0",
16                    brillouin_type = "Measure",
17                    overwrite = False)
```

- With specific methods for each type of data:

- `add_raw_data`: To add raw data to a group

```
1 wrp = Wrapper()
2 data = np.random.random((10, 10, 512)) # The raw data that you
3     want to add
4 wrp.add_raw_data(data,
5                 parent_group = "Brillouin/Data_0",
6                 name = "Raw_data")
```

- `add_PSD`: To add a PSD to a group

```
1 wrp = Wrapper()
2 data = np.random.random((10, 10, 512)) # The PSD that you want to
3     add
4 wrp.add_PSD(data,
5             parent_group = "Brillouin/Data_0",
6             name = "PSD")
```

- `add_frequency`: To add a frequency axis to a group

```

1 wrp = Wrapper()
2 data = np.random.random((512)) # The frequency axis that you want
  to add
3 wrp.add_frequency(data,
4                     parent_group = "Brillouin/Data_0",
5                     name = "Frequency")

```

- `add_abscissa`: To add an abscissa to a group

```

1 wrp = Wrapper()
2 data = np.random.random((10, 10)) # The abscissa that you want to
  add
3 wrp.add_abscissa(data,
4                  parent_group = "Brillouin/Data_0",
5                  name = "x and y",
6                  unit = "microns",
7                  dimension_PSD_start = 0,
8                  dimension_PSD_end = 1)

```

- `add_treated_data`: To add a shift, linewidth and their respective standard deviations to a dedicated "Treatment" group

```

1 wrp = Wrapper()
2 shift = np.random.random((10, 10)) # The shift array to add
3 linewidth = np.random.random((10, 10)) # The linewidth array to
  add
4 shift_std = np.random.random((10, 10)) # The shift standard
  deviation array to add
5 linewidth_std = np.random.random((10, 10)) # The linewidth
  standard deviation array to add
6 wrp.add_treated_data(shift = shift,
7                      linewidth = linewidth,
8                      shift_std = shift_std,
9                      linewidth_std = linewidth_std,
10                     parent_group = "Brillouin/Data_0",
11                     name_group = "NnMF - 5GHz")

```

Adding datasets to the HDF5 file through the HDF5\_BLS package is always handled by the `Wrapper.add_dictionnary` method. This method is complex and not user-friendly. There are therefore other derived methods that are meant to simplify the process of adding data to the HDF5 file, specific to each type of data.

In this tutorial, we present only the derived methods that are specific to each type of data. To get a better understanding on how to use the `add_dictionnary` method, please refer to the [developper guide section](#).

To add a single dataset to a group, we first need to specify the type of dataset we want to add, following the ones presented in [preamble](#):

- "Abscissa\_...": An abscissa array for the measures (time, position, ...)
- "Frequency": A Frequency dataset associated to the PSD dataset
- "PSD": A Power Spectral Density dataset
- "Raw\_data": A dataset that is not yet a PSD (for example the measure coming out of a VIPA spectrometer)
- "Shift": A shift array
- "Shift\_std": The standard deviation of the shift array

- "Linewidth": A linewidth array
- "Linewidth\_std": The standard deviation of the linewidth array

From there, 5 functions are available to add the dataset to the HDF5 file:

- `add_raw_data`: To add raw data to a group
- `add_PSD`: To add a PSD to a group
- `add_frequency`: To add a frequency axis to a group
- `add_abscissa`: To add an abscissa to a group
- `add_treated_data`: To add a shift, linewidth and their respective standard deviations to a dedicated "Treatment" group

We have decided to separate the addition of a PSD and a Frequency array as in some setups, the Frequency array can be common to a range of experiments, like when a TFP is used.

All these functions have the same approach to the process of adding a dataset to a group:

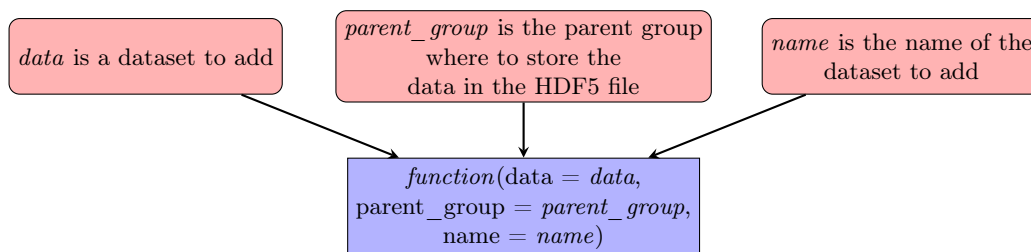


Figure 2.1: Flowchart of the `get_attributes` method

This approach totally explains the definition of `add_raw_data`, `add_PSD` and `add_frequency` methods. We'll see later how this logic had to be modified to add abscissa and treated data.

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**Example** Let's consider the following example: we have just initialized a wrapper object and want to add a spectrum obtained from our spectrometer. We have already converted this spectrum to a numpy array, and named it `data`. Now we want to add this data in a group called "Water spectrum" in the root group of the HDF5 file and call this raw data "Measure of the year". Then we will write:

```

1 wrp.add_raw_data(data = data,
2                   parent_group = "Brillouin/Water spectrum",
3                   name = "Measure of the year")

```

Now let's say that we have analyzed this spectrum and obtained a PSD (stored in the variable "psd") and frequency array (stored in the variable "freq"). We want to add these two arrays in the same group, and call them "PSD" and "Frequency" respectively. We will write:

```

1 wrp.add_PSD(data = psd,
2              parent_group = "Brillouin/Water spectrum",
3              name = "PSD")
4 wrp.add_frequency(freq,
5                    parent_group = "Brillouin/Water spectrum",
6                    name = "Frequency")

```

---

Now for adding abscissa and treated data, we need to improve our approach. For abscissa, we need to be able to specify the dimension of the PSD and treated arrays to which the abscissa corresponds to and the unit of the axis. For treated data, we need to add more than just one dataset to the group.

Let's look at the flowchart describing how to use the `add_abscissa` method:

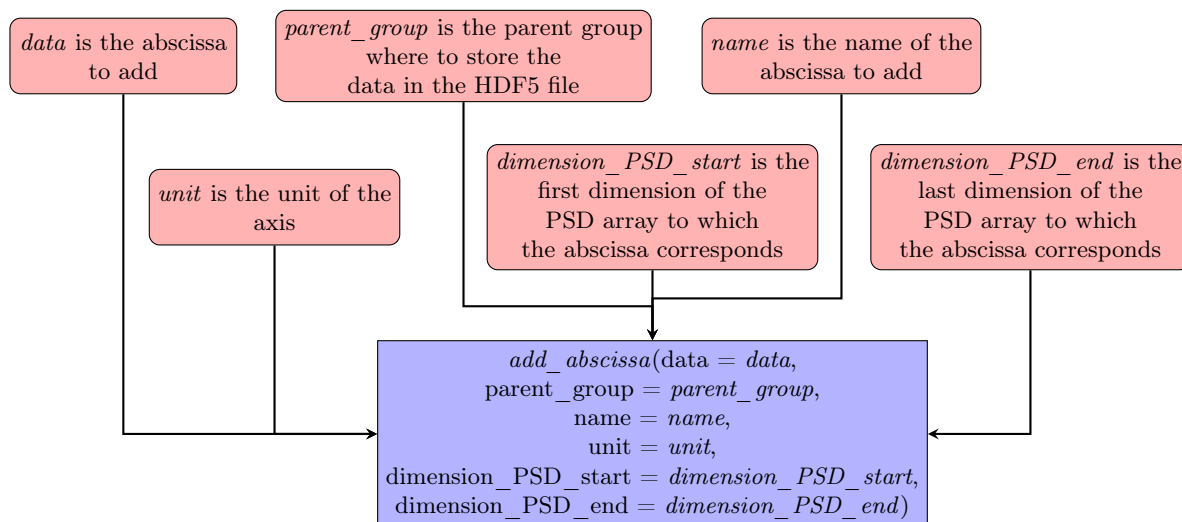


Figure 2.2: Flowchart of the `add_abscissa` method

**Example** Let's consider the following example: we have just initialized a wrapper object and want to add an abscissa axis corresponding to our measures that have been stored in the group "Brillouin/Temp". Say that this abscissa axis corresponds to temperature values, from 35 to 40 degrees and that there are 10 points in the axis. We will therefore call this abscissa axis "Temperature". We will write:

```

1 wrp.add_abscissa(data = np.linspace(35, 40, 10),
2                  parent_group = "Brillouin/Temp",
3                  name = "Temperature",
4                  unit = "C",
5                  dim_start = 0,
6                  dim_end = 1)

```

Of course if you want to import saved values for this axis, you can also specify them directly in the function call:

```

1 wrp.add_abscissa(data = data,
2                  parent_group = "Brillouin/Temp",
3                  name = "Temperature",
4                  unit = "C",
5                  dim_start = 0,
6                  dim_end = 1)

```

Now, for adding treated data (that is the shift, linewidth and their standard deviations), the flowchart of the `add_treated_data` method becomes:

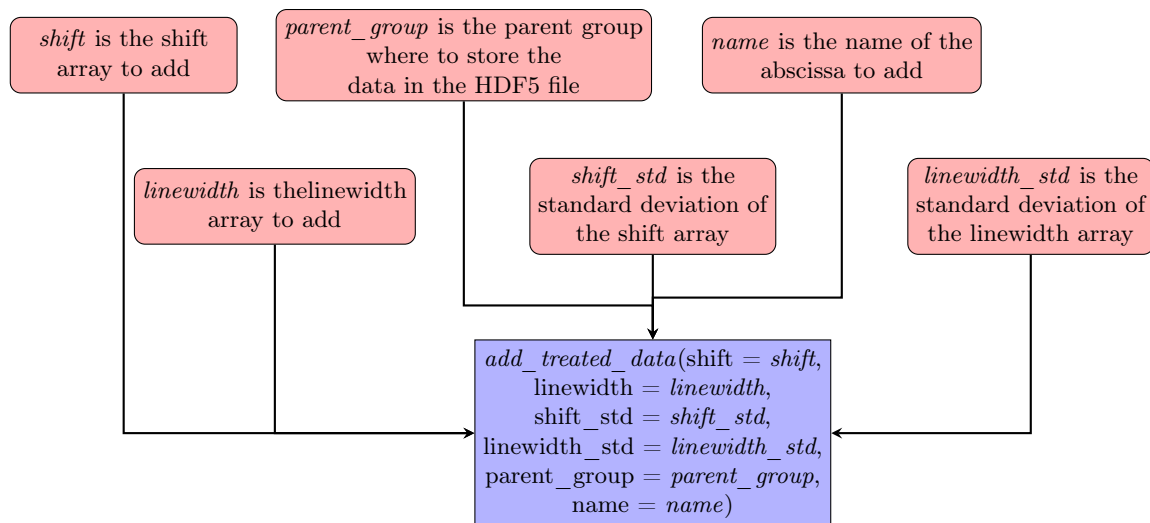


Figure 2.3: Flowchart of the add\_abscissa method

**Example** Let's consider the following example: we have treated our data and have obtained a shift array (shift), a linewidth array (linewidth) and their standard deviations (shift\_std and linewidth\_std). We want to add these arrays in the same group as the PSD, that is the group "Test". The treated data are stored in a separate group nested in the "Test" group by the choices made while building the structure of the file. This is so the name of the treatment group can be chosen freely. Let's say that in this case, we have performed a non-negative matrix factorization (NnMF) on the data, and extracted the shift values closest to 5GHz. We will therefore call this treatment "NnMF - 5GHz". We will write:

```

1 wrp.add_treated_data(shift = shift,
2                       linewidth = linewidth,
3                       shift_std = shift_std,
4                       linewidth_std = linewidth_std,
5                       parent_group = "Brillouin/Test",
6                       name_group = "NnMF - 5GHz")

```

## 2.3 Import or combine HDF5 files using the Wrapper object

### IN A NUTSHELL:

There are two ways to import a HDF5 file into another HDF5 file using the Wrapper object:

- **Importing:** In that case, the HDF5 file that is imported is added to the current file in a new group with name the name of the added file. This is done using the `add_hdf5` method:

```

1 wrp = Wrapper()
2 wrp.add_hdf5(filepath = "path/to/file.h5", parent_group = "
  Brillouin")

```

- **Combining:** We can also combine two HDF5 files into a single one. This means that we create a new HDF5 file where all the groups under the "Brillouin" group of the two files will be stored under the "Brillouin" group of the resulting file. This is done using the `__add__` dunder method, or simply with the "+" operator:

```

1 wrp1 = Wrapper()
2 wrp2 = Wrapper()
3 wrp = wrp1 + wrp2

```

Creating a new HDF5 file based on two existing ones can be done one of two ways depending on the desired end result.

- The `__add__` dunder method. If we want to combine two HDF5 files into a single one "plainly", for example if we are generating a new HDF5 after each measure, with this structure:

```

20250214_HVEC_03.h5
+-- Brillouin (group)
|   +-- 20250214_HVEC_02
|       |   +-- Measure (dataset)

```

and we already have a HDF5 file containing the data of the previous experiment:

```

20250214_HVEC.h5
+-- Brillouin (group)
|   +-- 20250214_HVEC_01
|       |   +-- Measure (dataset)
|   +-- 20250214_HVEC_02
|       |   +-- Measure (dataset)

```

We can simply add the first HDF5 file to the second one with:

```

1 wrp1 = Wrapper(filepath = ".../20250214_HVEC.h5")
2 wrp2 = Wrapper(filepath = ".../20250214_HVEC_02.h5")
3 wrp = wrp1 + wrp2

```

This will create a new HDF5 file with the following structure:

```

20250214_HVEC.h5
+-- Brillouin (group)
|   +-- 20250214_HVEC_01
|       |   +-- Measure (dataset)
|   +-- 20250214_HVEC_02
|       |   +-- Measure (dataset)
|   +-- 20250214_HVEC_03
|       |   +-- Measure (dataset)

```

**WARNING:** The new file is a temporary file, it would therefore be interesting to save it after the addition of the two files with:

```

1 wrp.save_as_hdf5(filepath = wrp1.filepath)

```

Note that from there, `wrp1` and `wrp` will be the same as the wrapper does not store any data in memory but just acts as an access facilitator to the file.

- The `add_hdf5` method. If we want to import the HDF5 as a new group, for example if we have this HDF5 file containing the data of a cell study:

```
Neuronal_cell_study.h5
+-- Brillouin (group)
|   +-- Neuronal (group)
|   |   +-- GT 1-7 (group)
|   |   |   +-- ...
|   |   +-- L-fibroblast (group)
|   |   |   +-- ...
|   +-- Skeletal (group)
|   |   +-- ...
```

And we want to import data done on another neuronal cell line, say "MOV", that have been stored in the following HDF5 file:

```
MOV.h5
+-- Brillouin (group)
|   +-- MOV (group)
|   |   +-- ...
```

We can simply add the second HDF5 file to the first one by specifying the path to the second file in the `Wrapper.add_hdf5` method:

```
1 wrp1 = Wrapper(filepath = ".../Neuronal_cell_study.h5")
2 wrp1.add_hdf5(filepath = ".../MOV.h5", parent_group = "Brillouin/Neuronal")
```

This will create a new HDF5 file with the following structure:

```
Neuronal_cell_study.h5
+-- Brillouin (group)
|   +-- Neuronal (group)
|   |   +-- GT 1-7 (group)
|   |   |   +-- ...
|   |   +-- L-fibroblast (group)
|   |   |   +-- ...
|   |   +-- MOV (group)
|   |   |   +-- ...
|   +-- Skeletal (group)
|   |   +-- ...
```



## Part II

# HDF5\_BLS GUI tutorial



# Chapter 1

## GUI quick start guide

To get started, you need to install the repository. Follow the instructions below:

- Step 1: Make sure you have Python 3.10 or higher installed. You can download Python at [this link](#).
- Step 2: Clone the repository at [this link](#).
- Step 3: Create a virtual environment and install the requirements. To do so, open a terminal, navigate to the repository folder and install the requirements. For windows users, you can open the terminal into the cloned and extracted repository (shift+left click over the folder -> Open in terminal) and use the following command:

```
1 python -m venv venv
2 .\venv\Scripts\activate
3 pip install -r requirements.txt
```

For Mac users, you can navigate to the repository, make sure you can view the path bar at the bottom of Finder (if not, check View/Show Path Bar in the menu bar), then press control and left click on the folder and select "Open in Terminal". Then, use the following command:

```
1 python -m venv venv
2 source venv/bin/activate
3 pip install -r requirements.txt
```

For Linux users, you can navigate to the repository, open a terminal in the folder and use the same command as for Mac users.

- Step 4: Run the HDF5\_BLS\_GUI/main.py file with

```
1 python HDF5\_BLS\_GUI/main.py
```

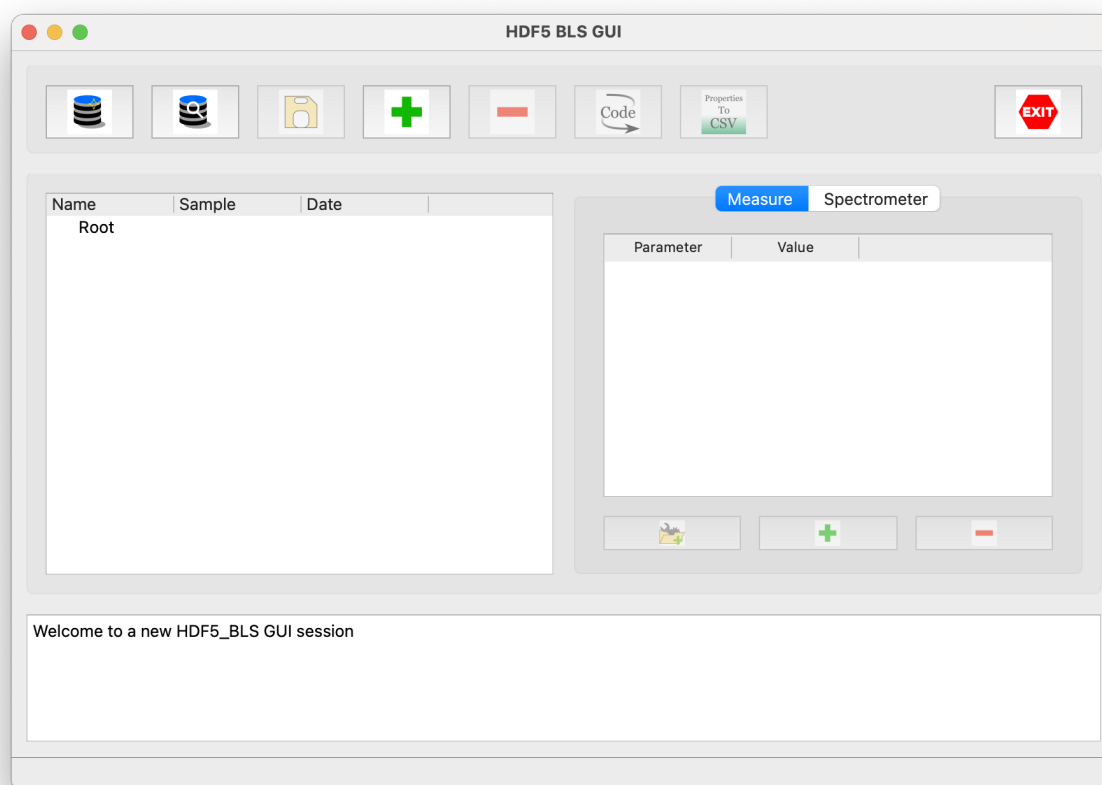


## Chapter 2

# First Steps

### 2.1 Creating a new file

After running all these steps, you should see the following window:



You can then drag and drop your data into the left pannel and structure it as you wish.

You can also add properties to your data in the form of a standard CSV file which model can be found in the **spreadsheets** folder of the repository. To add a new property file to your measure, select your measure on the left pannel and drag and drop your property file to the right pannel from a file viewer.

Note that you can add property to a group of data. In that case, the property apply to all its elements.



# Part III

## Development Guide





# Chapter 1

## Wrapper

### 1.1 A little tour of the class

The "Wrapper" class is the main class of the package. Its role is to interface the file and the software while ensuring a user-friendly access to the data and a conservation of the structure of the file. This class is meant to do these four actions:

1. Creates a structure that is universal to the BioBrillouin community in a seamless manner.
2. Allow the user to access the data and attributes of the file.
3. Allow the user to add data to the file with attributes that are specific to the BioBrillouin community.
4. Allow the user to add or modify attributes of the file.

**Memory management:** HDF5 files are notorious for being heavy. Storing a whole HDF5 file in flash memory is therefore generally a bad idea. As such, the "Wrapper" class works by accessing a file on the disk. By default this file is a temporary file stored in the project's directory. The class is however designed to work on existing HDF5 files stored in permanent locations.

**Private attributes:** At initialization:

- **self.filepath:** The path to the HDF5 file. By default, the path to the temporary file is used.
- **self.save:** A boolean that indicates whether the file has been saved or is still in the temporary file.

**Dunders:** The "Wrapper" class has the following dunder methods that are described in the following sections:

- `Wrapper.__init__ -> Wrapper()`: The method that initializes the object
- `Wrapper.__getitem__ -> Wrapper[key]`: The preferred method to access an element located at a given path, it allows to access an element by placing its path in the brackets of the "Wrapper" object.
- `Wrapper.__add__ -> Wrapper + Wrapper`: A magic command to merge two wrappers together. It merges the contents of the "Brillouin" group.

**Main Methods:** The "Wrapper" class has a number of methods that will be described in the following sections. The construction of the object has been done with a bottleneck strategy, where the critical interactions with the file are done with these methods:

- `add_hdf5`: A method to populate the file from a HDF5 file.
- `add_dictionary`: A method to populate the file from a dictionary.
- `create_group`: A method to create a new group inside the HDF5 file.
- `delete_element`: A method to delete a dataset or group in the HDF5 file.
- `get_attributes`: A method to extract the attributes of a group or dataset.
- `get_structure`: A method to extract the structure of the file.
- `save_as_hdf5`: A method to save the file to a desired location.
- `set_attributes_data`: A method to set the attributes of a group or dataset.

**Derived Methods:** To simplify however the creation and use of the file, these other methods also exist:

- `add_abscissa`: A method to add an abscissa array to the file.
- `add_frequency`: A method to add a frequency array to the file.
- `add_psd`: A method to add a PSD to the file.
- `add_raw_data`: A method to add raw data to the file.
- `add_treated_data`: A method to add a shift, linewidth and their respective standard deviations to the file.
- `import_properties_data`: A method to import the attributes of a dataset or group from a spreadsheet.
- `update_property`: A method to update the attributes of a dataset or group.

**Console specific Methods:** Additionnaly, the "Wrapper" class has a few methods specifically to interact with the file from a terminal:

- `print_structure`: A method to print a tree view of the file in the terminal.
- `print_metadata`: A method to print all the attributes of a dataset or group at a given path in the terminal.

## 1.2 Dunder methods of the Wrapper class

### 1.2.1 `Wrapper.__init__` -> `Wrapper()`

This magic command allows the user to initialize the wrapper. This dunder method is called with the following syntax:

```
1 wrp = Wrapper(filepath)
```

**Attributes:**

- **filepath:** *optional, default None* The path to the HDF5 file. By default, a temporary file is created in the project's directory.

This method is called automatically when the "Wrapper" object is created. If it has to create a HDF5 file, it automatically creates the following structure:

```
file.h5
+-- Brillouin (group)
```

By default, the attributes of the "Brillouin" group are the following:

```
file.h5
+-- Brillouin (group)
|   +-- Brillouin_type -> "Root"
|   +-- HDF5_BLS_version -> "1.0" # The version of the package
```

If the file already exists, the wrapper object just stores the path to the file and does not overwrite it.

**1.2.2 Wrapper.\_\_getitem\_\_ -> Wrapper[key]**

This magic command allows the user to access an element located at a given path. This dunder method is called with the following syntax:

```
1 wrp["Brillouin/Measure/PSD"]
```

Of course, the path can be changed.

If the path leads to a group, the entire group is returned as a closed group. If the path leads to a dataset, the dataset is returned as a numpy array.

**Attributes:**

- **path:** The path to the element to access in the form "Brillouin/Measure/PSD".

**Raises:**

- **WrapperError\_StructureError:** Raises an error if the path does not lead to a valid element in the file.

**1.2.3 Wrapper.\_\_add\_\_ -> Wrapper + Wrapper**

This magic command allows the user to add two wrappers together. This dunder method is called with the following syntax:

```
1 new_wrapper = wrp1 + wrp2
```

In this example, wrp1 and wrp2 are two wrappers that are added together. The resulting wrapper is stored in the variable new\_wrapper. The addition of the two wrappers is done by adding the elements stored in the "Brillouin" group of both wrappers. The addition is possible only if the two wrappers have the same "HDF5\_BLS\_version" attribute. If the two wrappers have different "HDF5\_BLS\_version" attributes, the addition is not possible and an error is raised.

If you prefer to add a second wrapper to a dedicated group of the first wrapper, please use the [Wrapper.add\\_hdf5](#) method.

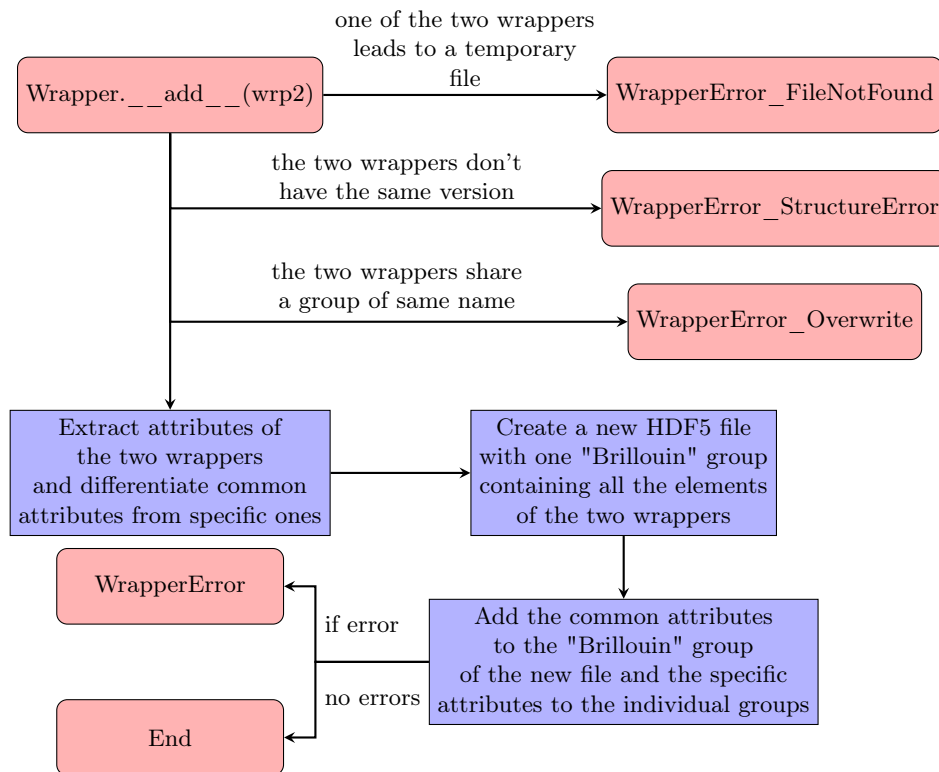
The addition of the two wrappers also affects the addition of attributes. Common attributes to all the groups will be set to the root group whereas attributes specific to each file will be set to their respective groups. Access to attributes is guaranteed by the [Wrapper.get\\_attributes](#) method.

**Attributes:**

- **wrp2**: A wrapper to add to the current wrapper wrp1

**Raises:**

- **WrapperError\_FileNotFound**: If one of the two wrappers leads to a temporary file.
- **WrapperError\_StructureError**: If the two wrappers don't have the same version.
- **WrapperError\_Overwrite**: If the two wrappers share a group of same name.
- **WrapperError**: If an error occurred while adding the data.

Figure 1.1: Flowchart of the `__add__` method

## 1.3 Principal methods of the Wrapper class

### 1.3.1 Wrapper.add\_hdf5

This method allows the user to add an HDF5 file to the file under a specific group. The group is created if it does not exist. The attributes of the HDF5 file are only added to the created group if they are different from the parent's attribute.

```
1 def add_hdf5(self, filepath, parent_group = None, overwrite = False):
```

**Attributes:**

- **filepath**: The path to the HDF5 file to add.
- **parent\_group** (*optional, default None*): The parent group where to store the data of the HDF5 file, by default the parent group is the top group "Brillouin". The format of this group should be "Brillouin/Measure/...".
- **overwrite** (*optional, default False*): If True, the group of same name than the HDF5 file that is added is overwritten. If False, only new attributes are added to the existing ones.

**Returns:** Nothing

**Raises:**

- **WrapperError\_FileNotFound**: Raises an error if the filepath of the HDF5 file does not exist.
- **WrapperError\_StructureError**: Raises an error if the parent group does not exist in the HDF5 file.
- **WrapperError\_Overwrite**: Raises an error if the file name already exists in the selected group.
- **WrapperError**: Raises an error if the addition of the HDF5 file failed.

**Flowchart:** The function's logic is represented in the following flowchart:

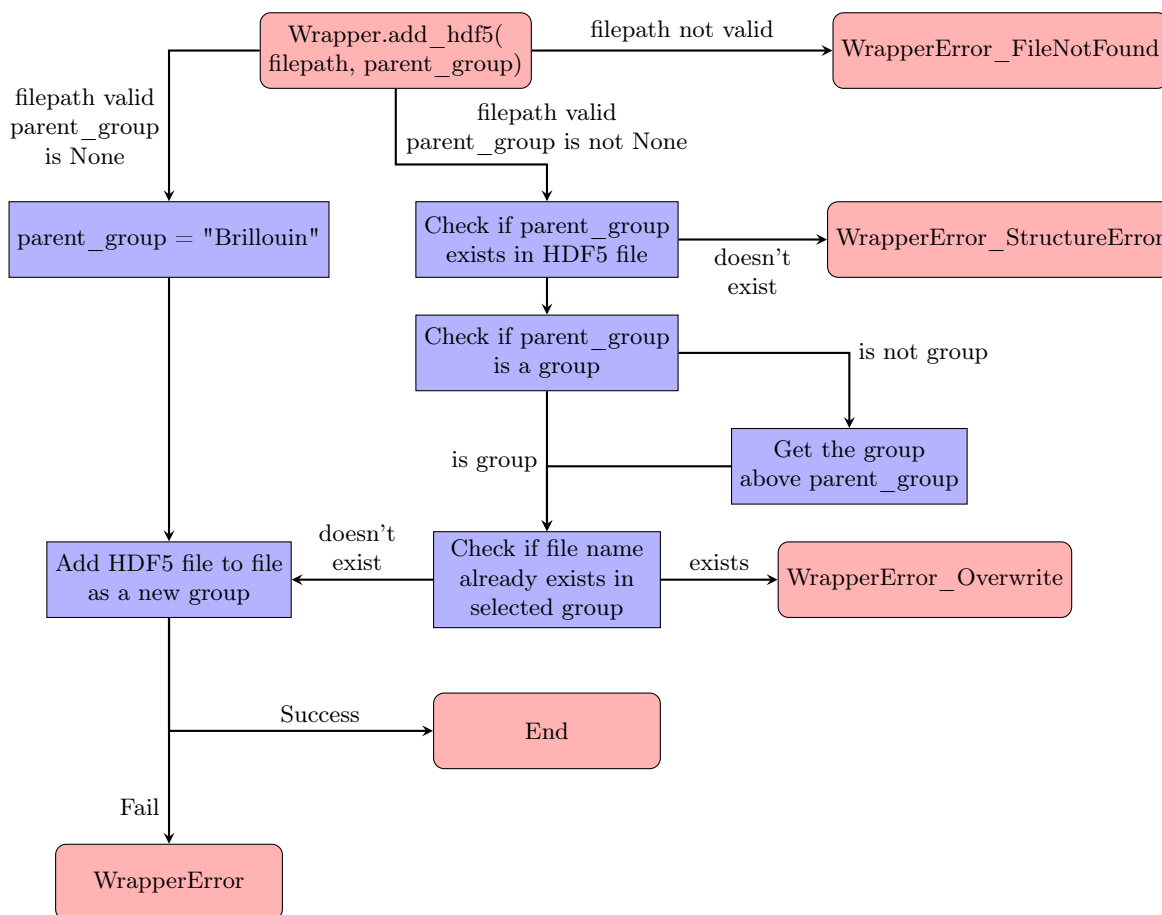


Figure 1.2: Flowchart of the add\_hdf5 method

### 1.3.2 Wrapper.add\_dictionary

This method is the preferred way to add data to the wrapper. It allows the user to create a dictionary with the data and the attributes of the data he wants to add to the file.

```
1 def add_dictionary(self, dic, parent_group = None, name_group = None,
    brillouin_type = "Measure", overwrite = False):
```

#### Attributes:

- **dic**: The dictionary to add to the wrapper. This dictionary has a preferred nomenclature for its keys that will allow the addition of the data with specific attributes to our file format. These keys are identical to the Brillouin\_types for dataset defined in [preamble](#). Each element of the dictionary is another dictionary with the following keys:
  - "Name": The name of the dataset that will be stored. This can be any name that the user wants and find useful.
  - "Data": The array that will be stored
  - "Unit": *Specific to "Abscissa\_..." keys*. The unit of the abscissa
  - "Dim\_start": *Specific to "Abscissa\_..." keys*. The first dimension to which the abscissa corresponds.
  - "Dim\_end": *Specific to "Abscissa\_..." keys*. The last dimension (excluded) to which the abscissa corresponds
- **parent\_group** (*optional, default None*): The parent group where to store the data of the HDF5 file, by default the parent group is the top group "Brillouin". The format of this group should be "Brillouin/Measure/..."
- **name\_group** (*optional, default None*): The name of the group where the elements of the dictionary are stored. If None, the name is set to "Data\_i" where "i" is an integer that ensures that the name is unique. If the name already corresponds to a group, then the elements of the dictionary are added in this group unless elements with same name already exist in the group or adding an element would result in more than one raw data in this group.
- **brillouin\_type** (*optional, default "Measure"*): The type of the group that will store the elements of the dictionary. The possible values are the ones attributed to groups, defined earlier on in the [preamble](#)

Here are typical examples of a dictionary passed as attribute:

```
1 dic_raw = {
2     "Raw_data": {
3         "Name": "Raw water spectrum",
4         "Data": np.array([...])
5     } # a dictionary with a raw data array straight from the spectrometer - for
        example if you want to do the whole anylisis process with the library.
6
7     dic_treated = {
8         "Raw_data": {
9             "Name": "Raw water spectrum",
10            "Data": np.array([...])
11        }
12        "PSD": {
13            "Name": "PSD water TFP",
14            "Data": np.array([...])
15        }
16        "Frequency": {
17            "Name": "Frequency",
18            "Data": np.array([...])
19        }
20        "Shift": {
21            "Name": "Shift",
```

```

19         "Data": np.array([...])}
20     "Linewidth": {
21         "Name": "Shift",
22         "Data": np.array([...])}
23     "Abscissa_x": {
24         "Name": "x",
25         "Data": np.array([...]),
26         "Unit": "microns",
27         "Dim_start": 0,
28         "Dim_end": 1}
29     "Abscissa_y": {
30         "Name": "y",
31         "Data": np.array([...]),
32         "Unit": "microns",
33         "Dim_start": 1,
34         "Dim_end": 2}
35 } # a dictionary of measures analyzed by a custom treatment - for example if
    you have your own data and just want to send them following the library's
    format.

```

**Returns:** Nothing

**Raises:**

- **WrapperError\_StructureError:** Raises an error if the parent group does not exist in the HDF5 file.
- **WrapperError\_Overwrite:** Raises an error if the group already exists in the parent group.
- **WrapperError\_ArgumentType:** Raises an error if arguments given to the function do not match the expected type.
- **WrapperError\_AttributeError:** Raises an error if arguments given to the function do not match the expected type.

**Flowchart:** The function's logic is represented in the following flowchart:

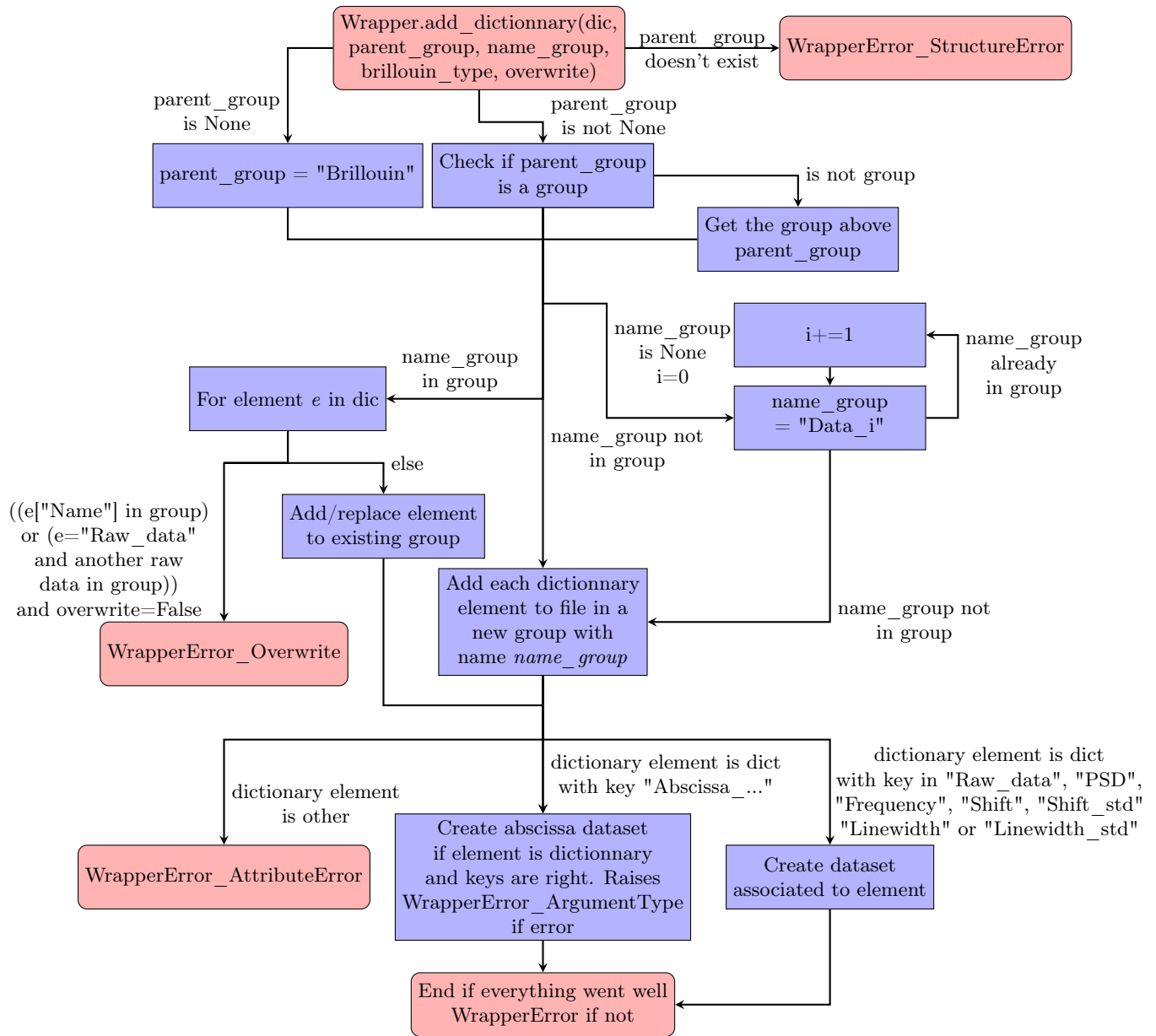


Figure 1.3: Flowchart of the add\_dictionary method

### 1.3.3 Wrapper.create\_group

This method allows the user to create a new group inside the HDF5 file. This is done by verifying that no overwriting occurs and that the parent group exists.

```
1 def create_group(self, name, parent_group = None):
```

**Attributes:**

- **name:** The name of the group to create.
- **parent\_group** (*optional, default None*): The parent group where to store the data of the HDF5 file, by default the parent group is the top group "Brillouin". The format of this group should be "Brillouin/Measure/...".



- **brillouin\_type** (*optional, default "Root"*): The type of the group that has been created. By default "Root". The possible values are listed in [preamble](#)
- **overwrite** (*optional, default False*): If True, if a group of the same name already exists in the selected parent group, all its elements will be deleted.

**Returns:** Nothing

**Raises:**

- **WrapperError\_Overwrite**: Raises an error if the group name already exists at the selected parent path.
- **WrapperError\_StructureError**: Raises an error if the parent group does not exist in the HDF5 file.

**Flowchart:** The function's logic is represented in the following flowchart:

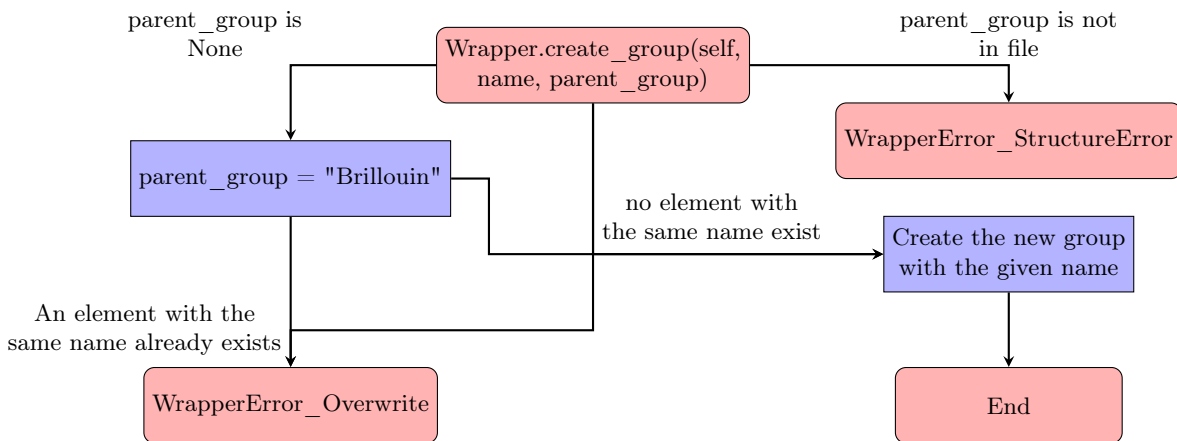


Figure 1.4: Flowchart of the create\_group method

#### 1.3.4 Wrapper.delete\_element

This method allows the user to delete a dataset or group in the HDF5 file.

```
1 def delete_element(self, path = None):
```

**Attributes:**

- **path** (*optional, default None*): The path to the group or dataset we want to delete in the form "Brillouin/Measure/PSD". If None, the whole file is deleted.

**Raises:**

- **WrapperError\_StructureError**: If the path does not lead to a valid element in the file.
- **WrapperError**: If there are errors in the deleting process.

**Flowchart:** The function's logic is represented in the following flowchart:

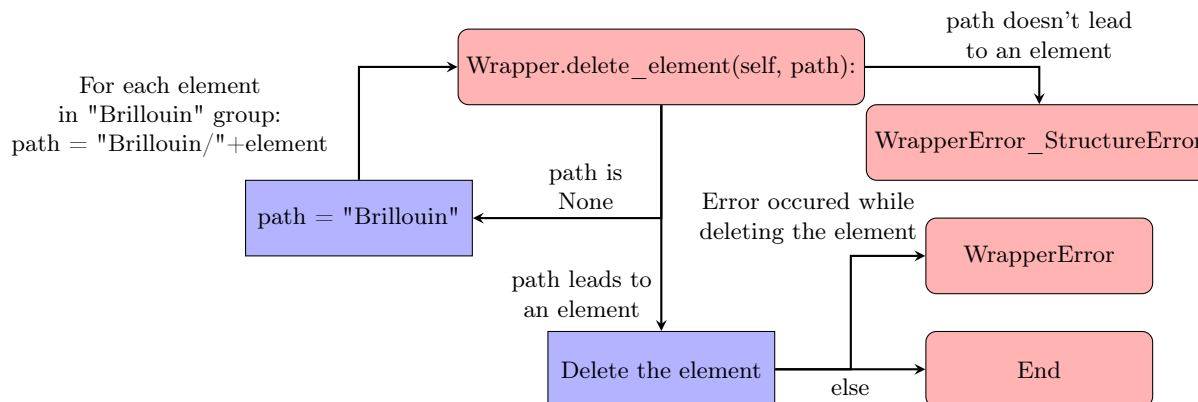


Figure 1.5: Flowchart of the delete\_element method

### 1.3.5 Wrapper.get\_attributes

This method allows the user to extract all the attributes of a dataset or group in a hierarchical way. This means that this method opens the file, goes from the root to the selected group, and extracts all the attributes associated to the groups along the way. The function returns a dictionary, where the keys are the names of the attributes and the values are their values.

```
1 def get_attributes(self, path = None):
```

#### Attributes:

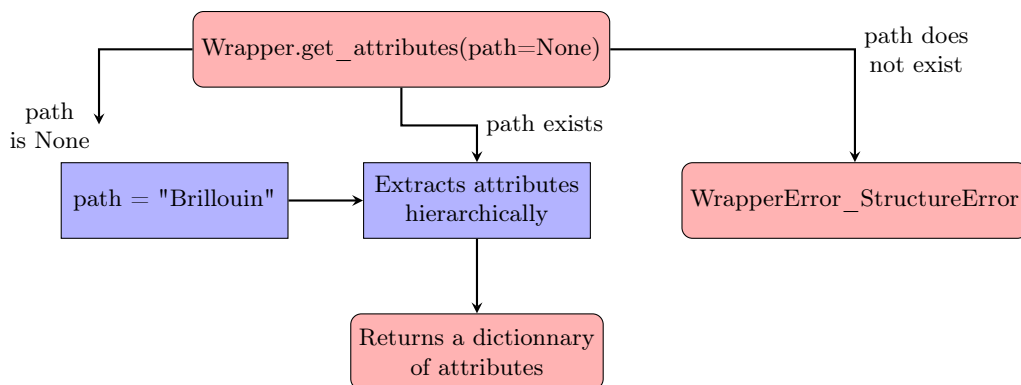
- **path** (*optional, default None*): The path to the group or dataset which attributes we want to extract in the format "Brillouin/Measure/PSD". If None, the attributes of the root group are returned.

**Returns:** A dictionary containing the attributes of the selected group or dataset where the keys are the names of the attributes and the values are their values. The keys of the attributes are listed in the spreadsheet located in the spreadsheets folder of the project.

#### Raises:

- **WrapperError\_StructureError**: Raises an error if the path does not lead to a valid element in the file.

**Flowchart:** The function's logic is represented in the following flowchart:

Figure 1.6: Flowchart of the `get_attributes` method

### 1.3.6 `Wrapper.get_structure`

This method allows the user to extract the structure in the form of a dictionary. This dictionary is composed of all the elements of the file and their "Brillouin\_type" attribute, in the form of a JSON file or dictionary similar to this one:

```
{'Brillouin': {'Brillouin_type': 'Root',
  'M1': {'Brillouin_type': 'Root',
    'Measure': {'Brillouin_type': 'Measure',
      'Raw_data': {'Brillouin_type': 'Raw_data'}}
  }
}
```

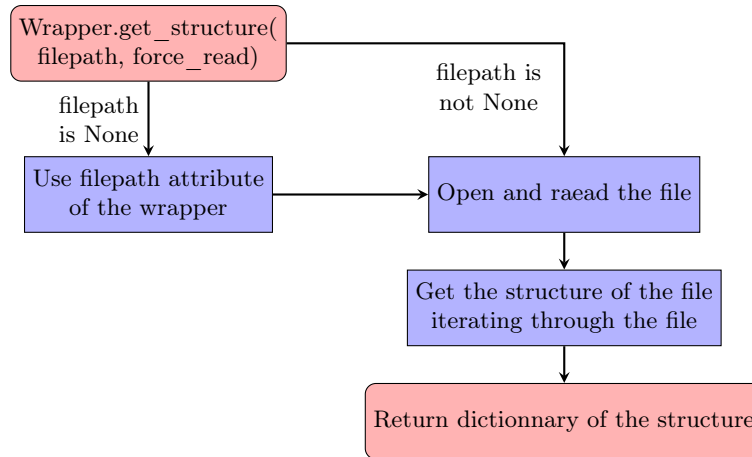
```
1 def get_structure(self, filepath = None):
```

#### Attributes:

- **filepath** (*optional, default None*): The filepath to a HDF5 file. If None, the file of the wrapper is used.

**Returns:** A dictionary representing the structure of the file as detailed [before](#)

**Flowchart:** The function's logic is represented in the following flowchart:

Figure 1.7: Flowchart of the `get_structure` method

### 1.3.7 Wrapper.save\_as\_hdf5

This method allows the user to save the file to a specified location.

```
1 def save_as_hdf5(self, filepath = None, remove_old_file = True):
```

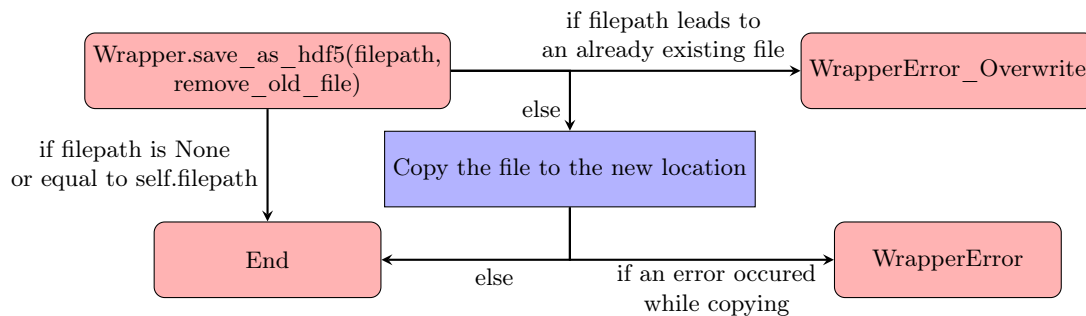
#### Attributes:

- **filepath** (*optional, default None*): The filepath to the HDF5 file to save to.
- **remove\_old\_file** (*optional, default True*): A boolean that indicates whether the old file should be removed or not.

#### Raises:

- **WrapperError\_Overwrite**: If the file already exists.
- **WrapperError**: If an error occurred while saving the file.

**Flowchart:** The function's logic is represented in the following flowchart:

Figure 1.8: Flowchart of the `save_as_hdf5` method

### 1.3.8 Wrapper.set\_attributes\_data

This method allows the user to update the attributes of the wrapper with the values of a dictionary. This is the preferred way to update the attributes of a group or dataset of the HDF5 file.

```
1 def set_attributes_data(self, properties, path = None, overwrite = False):
```

#### Attributes:

- **properties**: A dictionary of the property(ies) to be updated.
- **path** (*optional, default None*): The path to the group or dataset whose metadata we want to update. If None, the metadata of the root group are updated.
- **overwrite** (*optional, default False*): If True, the attributes of the selected group or dataset are overwritten. If False, only new attributes are added to the existing ones.

#### Raises:

- **WrapperError**: If an error occurred while updating the metadata in the HDF5 file

**Flowchart:** The function's logic is represented in the following flowchart:

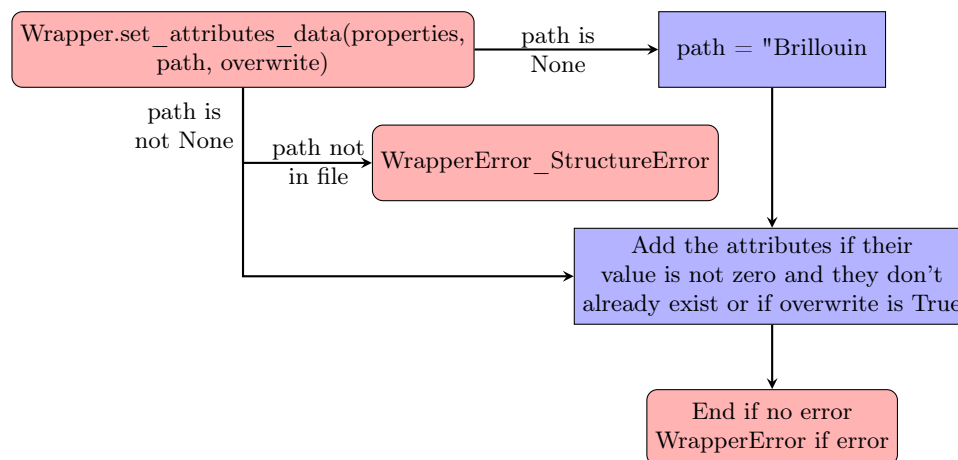


Figure 1.9: Flowchart of the set\_attributes\_data method

## 1.4 Derived methods of the Wrapper class

### 1.4.1 Wrapper.add\_abcissa

This method allows the user to add an abscissa to the HDF5 file. It adds the data by calling the [Wrapper.add\\_dictionary](#) method.

```
1 def add_abcissa(self, data, parent_group=None, name=None, unit = "1" ,
    dim_start = 0, dim_end = None, overwrite = False):
```

**Attributes:**

- **data**: The abscissa array to add to the wrapper.
- **parent\_group**: The path to the group or dataset whose the raw data will be added in the form "Brillouin/Measure/...".
- **name** (*optional, default None*): The name that will be given to the dataset. If None, the name is set to "Raw data".
- **unit** (*optional, default "1"*): The unit of the abscissa (e.g. "microns").
- **dim\_start** (*optional, default 0*): The first dimension of the abscissa.
- **dim\_end** (*optional, default None*): The last dimension of the abscissa. If None, the abscissa is considered to be a vector.
- **overwrite** (*optional, default False*): If True, the attributes of the selected group or dataset are overwritten if they exist in the file.

**Raises:**

- All the errors of the [Wrapper.add\\_dictionary](#) method.

**1.4.2 Wrapper.add\_frequency**

This method allows the user to add a frequency array to the HDF5 file. It adds the data by calling the [Wrapper.add\\_dictionary](#) method. By default, the frequency array is stored in "GHz". Note however that this will just affect the presentation of the results and not the process itself.

```
1 def add_frequency(self, data, parent_group, name = None, overwrite = False):
```

**Attributes:**

- **data**: The frequency array to add to the wrapper.
- **parent\_group**: The path to the group or dataset where the frequency will be added in the form "Brillouin/Measure/...".
- **name** (*optional, default None*): The name that will be given to the dataset. If None, the name is set to "Frequency".
- **overwrite** (*optional, default False*): If True, the attributes of the selected group or dataset are overwritten if they exist in the file.

**Raises:**

- **WrapperError\_StructureError**: If the parent group does not exist in the HDF5 file.
- All the errors of the [Wrapper.add\\_dictionary](#) method.

**1.4.3 Wrapper.add\_psd**

This method allows the user to add a Power Spectral Density array to the HDF5 file. It adds the data by calling the [Wrapper.add\\_dictionary](#) method.

```
1 def add_PSD(self, data, parent_group, name = None, overwrite = False):
```

**Attributes:**

- **data**: The PSD array to add to the wrapper.
- **parent\_group**: The path to the group or dataset where the frequency will be added in the form "Brillouin/Measure/...".
- **name** (*optional, default None*): The name that will be given to the dataset. If None, the name is set to "PSD".
- **overwrite** (*optional, default False*): If True, the attributes of the selected group or dataset are overwritten if they exist in the file.

**Raises:**

- **WrapperError\_StructureError**: If the parent group does not exist in the HDF5 file.
- All the errors of the [Wrapper.add\\_dictionary](#) method.

**1.4.4 Wrapper.add\_raw\_data**

This method allows the user to add raw data to the HDF5 file. It adds the data by calling the [Wrapper.add\\_dictionary](#) method.

```
1 def add_raw_data(self, data, parent_group, name = None, overwrite = False):
```

**Attributes:**

- **data**: The data to add to the wrapper.
- **parent\_group**: The path to the group or dataset whose the raw data will be added in the form "Brillouin/Measure/...".
- **name** (*optional, default None*): The name that will be given to the dataset. If None, the name is set to "Raw data".
- **overwrite** (*optional, default False*): If True, the attributes of the selected group or dataset are overwritten if they exist in the file.

**Raises:**

- **WrapperError\_StructureError**: If the parent group does not exist in the HDF5 file.
- All the errors of the [Wrapper.add\\_dictionary](#) method.

**1.4.5 Wrapper.add\_treated\_data**

This method allows the user to add raw data to the HDF5 file. It adds the data by calling the [Wrapper.add\\_dictionary](#) method.

```
1 def add_raw_data(self, data, parent_group, name = None, overwrite = False):
```

**Attributes:**

- **data**: The data to add to the wrapper.
- **parent\_group**: The path to the group or dataset whose the raw data will be added in the form "Brillouin/Measure/...".
- **name** (*optional, default None*): The name that will be given to the dataset. If None, the name is set to "Raw data".
- **overwrite** (*optional, default False*): If True, the attributes of the selected group or dataset are overwritten if they exist in the file.

**Raises:**

- **WrapperError\_StructureError**: If the parent group does not exist in the HDF5 file.
- All the errors of the [Wrapper.add\\_dictionary](#) method.

**1.4.6 Wrapper.import\_properties\_data**

This method allows the user to import data from a CSV, XLS or XLSX file to a dataset or group of the HDF5 file. It reads the data from the file and updates the metadata by calling the [Wrapper.set\\_attributes\\_data](#) method.

```
1 def import_properties_data(self, filepath, path = None, overwrite = False):
```

**Attributes:**

- **filepath**: The filepath to the file containing the updated properties.
- **path** (*optional, default None*): The path to the group or dataset whose metadata we want to update in the form: "Brillouin/Measure". If None, the metadata of the root group are updated.
- **overwrite** (*optional, default False*): If True, the attributes of the selected group or dataset are overwritten. If False, only new attributes are added to the existing ones.

**Raises:**

- **WrapperError\_FileNotFound**: If the file with the properties is not found or not valid.
- All the errors of the [Wrapper.set\\_attributes\\_data](#) method.

**Flowchart:** The function's logic is represented in the following flowchart:

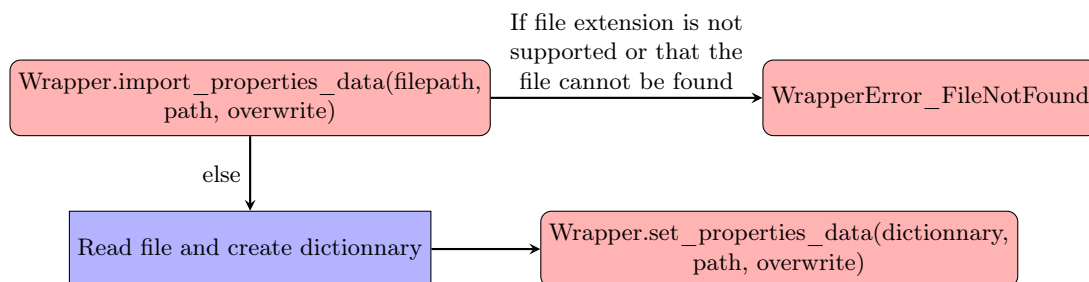


Figure 1.10: Flowchart of the import\_properties\_data method



### 1.4.7 Wrapper.update\_property

This method allows the user to update one attribute of the wrapper. This method is based on the [Wrapper.set\\_attributes\\_data](#) method.

```
1 def update_property(self, name, value, path = None):
```

#### Attributes:

- **name:** The name of the attribute to update.
- **value:** The new value of the attribute.
- **path** (*optional, default None*): The path to the group or dataset whose metadata we want to update in the form: "Brillouin/Measure". If None, the metadata of the root group are updated.

#### Raises:

- All the errors of the [Wrapper.set\\_attributes\\_data](#) method.

**Flowchart:** The function's logic is represented in the following flowchart:

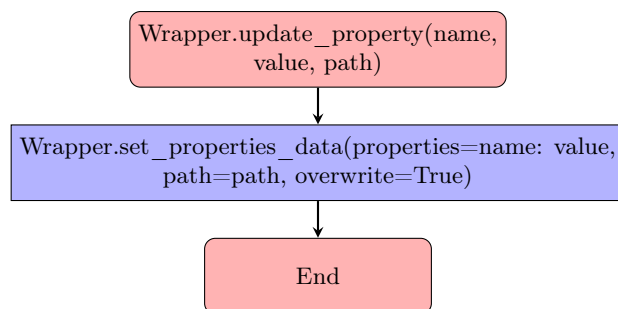


Figure 1.11: Flowchart of the `import_properties_data` method

## 1.5 Console-specific methods of the Wrapper class

### 1.5.1 Wrapper.print\_structure

This method allows the user to print in the console the structure of the file.

```
1 def print_structure(self, lvl = 0):
```

#### Attributes:

- **lvl** (*optional, default 0*): This parameter is used by the function to display the tree of the file recursively. It is not meant to be used by the user.

### 1.5.2 Wrapper.print\_metadata

This method allows the user to print in the console all the attributes that apply to a dataset or group.

```
1 def print_metadata(self, path = None, lvl=0):
```

#### Attributes:

- **path** (*optional, default None*): The path to the group or dataset which attributes we want to extract in the format "Brillouin/Measure/PSD". If None, the attributes of the root group are displayed.



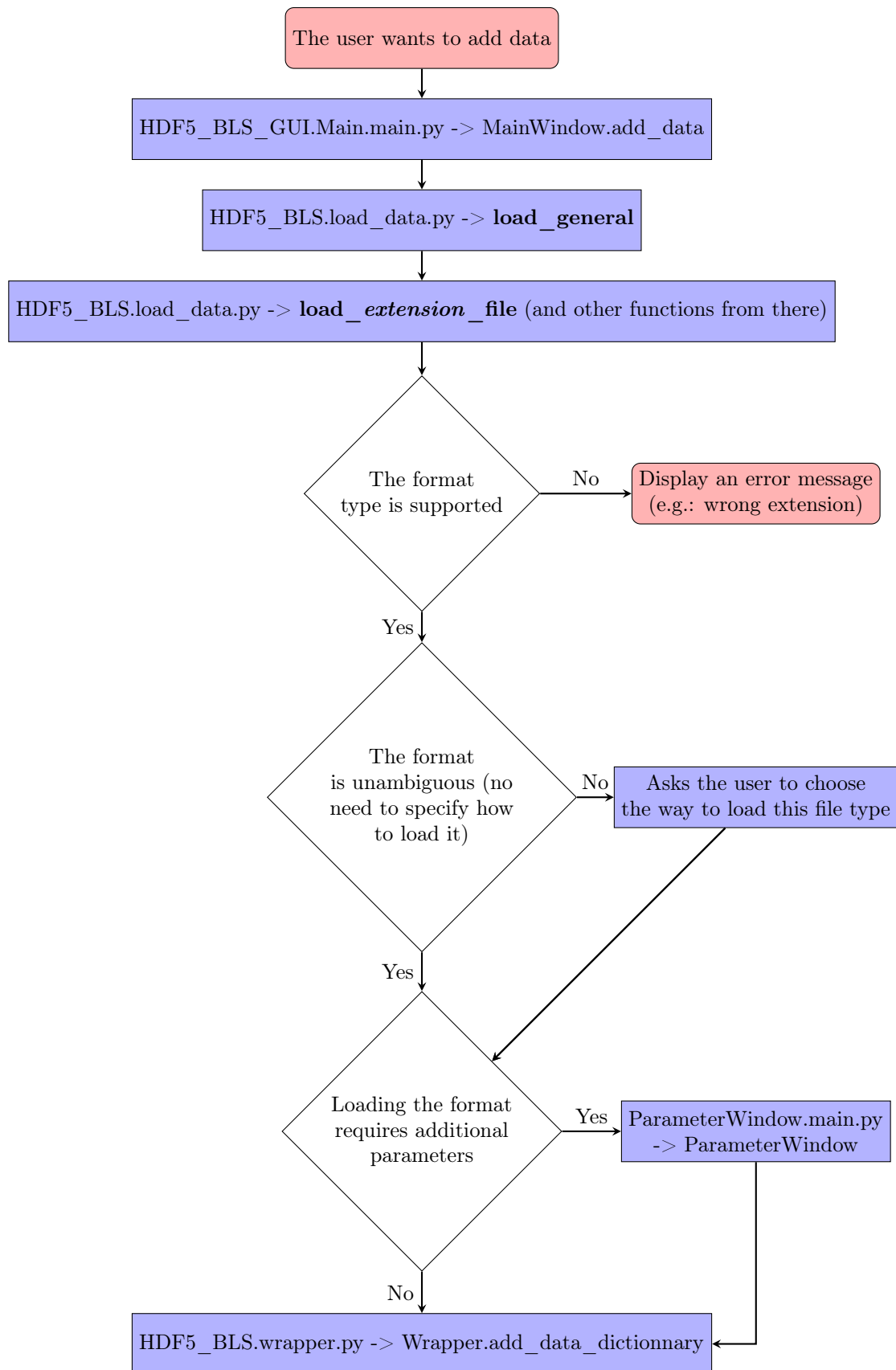
## Chapter 2

### Load data

Are you using a format that is already supported by the `HDF5_BLS` package?

- Yes but it doesn't work with my data.
- Yes but I would like to improve the code.
- No, I would like to add support for my data.

In any of these situations, the pipeline to load the data is fixed. Here we schematize this pipeline as a call graph:



In order to allow other formats to be used or other techniques to be applied to load files from the same format, the two functions that will be modified are:

- **load\_general**: This function acts as a switch to launch different functions depending on the extension of the file and the way the file is loaded.
- **load\_extension\_file**: This function is specific to a file extension and is called by **load\_general** to load the file. It itself act as a switch to launch different functions from the **HDF5\_BLS.load\_formats.load\_extension.py**.

## 2.1 Adding a user-specific function to an already supported format

You are in the situation where you are using a format that is already supported by the **HDF5\_BLS** package (for example ".dat") but that doesn't work with your data.

Here are the steps to follow:

1. Locate the python file that handles your data format in the **load\_formats** folder of the **HDF5\_BLS** package. The name of the file should correspond to the name of the format you are using (for example "load\_dat.py" if you are using ".dat" files).
2. Add the function that will load your data to the file. The function should have the following signature:

```
1 def load_dat_Wien(filepath, parameters = None):
```

In the case where you don't need to load the data with parameters, the function should have the following signature:

```
1 def load_dat_Wien(filepath):
```

3. Write the code that will load your data. Your function should return a dictionary with at least two keys: "Data" and "Attributes". The "Data" key should contain the data you are loading and the "Attributes" key should contain the attributes of the file. You can also add abscissa to your data if you want to, in that case, add the key "Abscissa\_name" where *name* is the name you want to give to the abscissa (for example "Abscissa\_Time").
4. Go to the **load\_data.py** file in the **HDF5\_BLS** package and locate the function dedicated to the format you are using (for example "load\_dat\_file" if you are using ".dat" files)
5. Make sure that you are importing the function you just created:

```
1 from HDF5_BLS.load_formats.load_dat import load_dat_Wien
```

6. Then, define an identifier for your function (for example "Wien") and either create or add your identifier to the if-else statement. Don't forget to add your identifier to the "creator\_list" list in the "else" statement:

```
1 if creator == "GHOST": return load_dat_GHOST(filepath)
2 ...
3 elif creator == "Wien": return load_dat_Wien(filepath)
4 else:
5     creator_list = ["GHOST", "TimeDomain", "Wien"]
6     raise LoadError_creator(f"Unsupported creator {creator}, accepted values
    are: {'', '.join(creator_list)}", creator_list)
```

7. Add a test to the function in the "tests/load\_data\_test.py" file with a test file placed in the "tests/test\_data" folder. This test is important as they are run automatically when the package is pushed to GitHub (ie: it makes my life easier i.

8. You can now use your data format with the `HDF5_BLS` package, and in particular, the GUI. You are invited to push your code to GitHub and create a pull request to the main repository :)

## 2.2 Improving an already supported function

You are in the situation where you want to improve a load function of the `HDF5_BLS` package (for example `".dat"`).

Here are the steps to follow:

1. Locate the python file that handles your data format in the `load_formats` folder of the `HDF5_BLS` package. The name of the file should correspond to the name of the format you are using (for example `"load_dat.py"` if you are using `".dat"` files).
2. Locate the function that loads your data. The function should have a name similar to (might not have parameters):

```
1 def load_dat_Wien(filepath, parameters = None):
```

3. Update the code. One good measure is to duplicate the function and comment one of the two versions. Then, write your code and run the tests. If the tests fail, you can always go back to the previous version. Note that if the test fails, the code cannot be pushed to GitHub.
4. If everything is sound, you can now use your new function with the `HDF5_BLS` package. You are invited to push your code to GitHub and create a pull request to the main repository :)
5. Note: If you want to improve the loading of the data to the hdf5 file (chunking for example), please contact the maintainer directly.

## 2.3 Adding a function to a new format

You are in the situation where you are using a new format that is not supported by the `HDF5_BLS` package.

Here are the steps to follow:

1. Navigate to the `load_formats` folder of the `HDF5_BLS` package.
2. Create a new python file with the name of the format you are using (for example `"load_unicorn.py"` if you are using `".unicorn"` files).
3. Add the function that will load your data to the file. The function should have the following signature:

```
1 def load_unicorn_Wien(filepath, parameters = None):
```

In the case where you don't need to load the data with parameters, the function should have the following signature:

```
1 def load_dat_Wien(filepath):
```

4. Write the code that will load your data. Your function should return a dictionary with at least two keys: `"Data"` and `"Attributes"`. The `"Data"` key should contain the data you are loading and the `"Attributes"` key should contain the attributes of the file. You can also add abscissa to your data if you want to, in that case, add the key `"Abscissa_name"` where *name* is the name you want to give to the abscissa (for example `"Abscissa_Time"`).

5. Go to the `load_data.py` file in the `HDF5_BLS` package and create the function dedicated to the format you are using (for example `"load_unicorn_file"` if you are using `".unicorn"` files)
6. Make sure that you are importing the function you just created:

```
1 from HDF5_BLS.load_formats.load_unicorn import load_unicorn_Wien
```

7. Add a test to the function in the `"tests/load_data_test.py"` file with a test file placed in the `"tests/test_data"` folder. This test is important as they are run automatically when the package is pushed to GitHub (ie: it makes my life easier i.
8. You can now use your data format with the `HDF5_BLS` package, and in particular, the GUI. You are invited to push your code to GitHub and create a pull request to the main repository :)





## Chapter 3

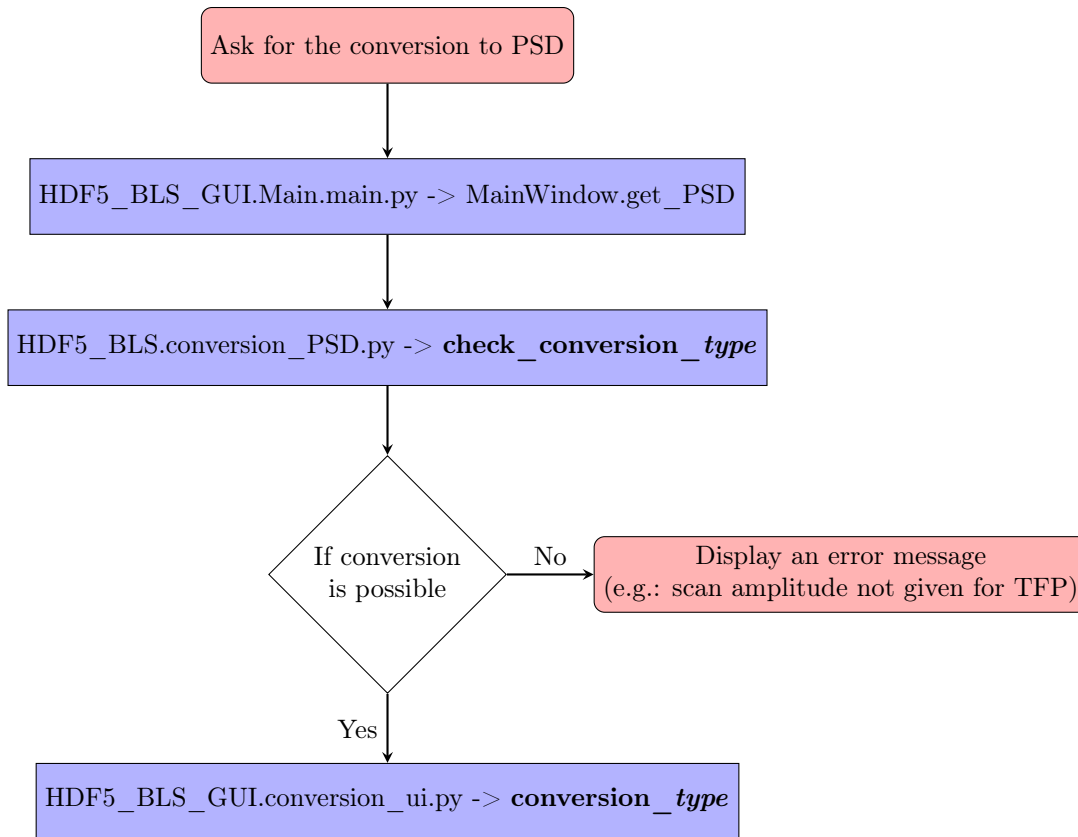
# Treat data

What is the format of your data?

- I just have raw data coming from the spectrometer
- I have a Spectral Power Density together with a frequency vector
- I want to define a new treatment function

### 3.1 Treat data to obtain a Power Spectral Density and a frequency vector

This is a call graph of the functions that are used when asking for a conversion to a PSD. The functions that we will develop have names in bold font. The functions have a fixed nomenclature that we will detail later on, based on the type of spectrometer being used. For this call graph, we will call our spectrometer: *type*:



To add a routine to convert raw data into a PSD, we'll therefore need to implement the two following functions:

#### **HDF5\_BLS.conversion\_PSD.check\_conversion\_type**

- **Parameters:**

- `wrp`: the wrapper associated to the main h5 file. You should always use the parent file as some properties might be inherited.
- `path`: the path to the data we want to treat in the form "Data/Data\_0/..."

- **Returns:**

- A boolean: True if the conversion is possible, False otherwise.  
Depending on the type of spectrometer, the conditions for conversion might be different. In some cases, like for Time Domain experiments, the conversion to PSD will require the user to enter parameters by hand, in other cases, like for TFP, the conversion can only be performed if the scan amplitude is given. The goal of this function is to block any further processing if the conversion is not possible, if the conversion is possible with arguments that are meant to be entered afterwards, it should return True.

Here is an example of the function `check_conversion_ar_BLS_VIPA`:

```

1 def check_conversion_ar_BLS_VIPA(wrapper , path):
2     attributes = wrapper.get_attributes_path(path)
3     if "TREAT.Center" in attributes.keys():
4         return True
5     else:
6         return False

```

**HDF5\_BLS\_GUI.conversion\_ui.conversion\_type :**

- **Parameters:**

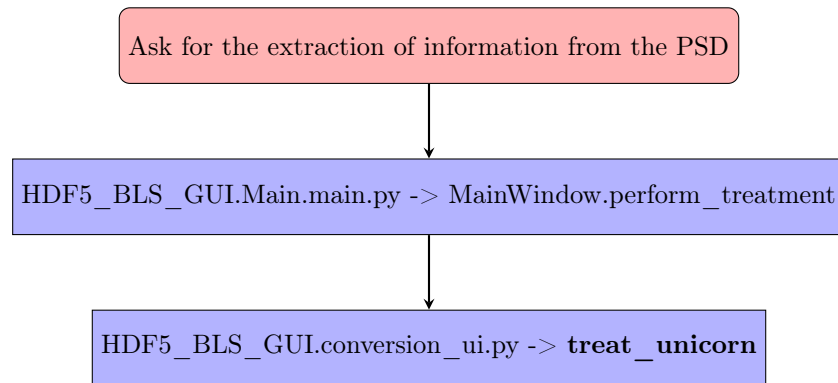
- parent: the parent GUI window. This is useful when you want to open other windows to ask the user for some parameters.
- wrp: the wrapper associated to the main h5 file. You should always use the parent file as some properties might be inherited.
- path: the path to the data we want to treat in the form "Data/Data\_0/..."

- **Returns:**

- A dictionary with the following keys:
  - \* "PSD": the PSD dataset
  - \* "Frequency": the frequency dataset
  - \* "Process": a text describing the process of converting the raw data into a PSD. This text is meant to inform the user of the process of converting the data into a PSD.

## 3.2 Treat data to extract information from a Power Spectral Density

This is a call graph of the functions that are used when asking treat a PSD and frequency. The functions that we will develop have names in bold font. The functions have a fixed nomenclature that we will detail later on, based on the type of spectrometer being used. For this call graph, we will call our spectrometer: *unicorn*:



To add a routine to extract information from our PSD, we'll therefore need to implement the following functions:

- *HDF5\_BLS\_GUI.conversion\_ui.treat\_unicorn*: This function will be used to allow the user to perform a treatment on its data. This function will open a GUI window in the form of a dialog to allow the user to select the parameters of the treatment. Note that this function will not return anything.

For GUI compatibility, the function must be called *treat\_type*, where "type" is the type of the spectrometer being used, and placed in the "HDF5\_BLS\_GUI/treat\_ui.py" file. For example if your spectrometer type is "Unicorn", add the following function:

```
1 def treat_unicorn
```

This function must have the following parameters:

- parent: the parent GUI window

- wrp: the wrapper associated to the main h5 file
- path: the path to the data we want to treat in the form "Data/Data/..."

```
1 def treat_unicorn(parent, wrp, path):
```

From there, there are no guidelines to define your function. The GUI comes however with a few windows that can be inherited from to make the development of custom treatment processes easier. You can find an example of how it was done for the "TFP" treatment in the [appendix](#).

### 3.3 Adding a new treatment function

To do

# Contact

For questions or suggestions, please contact the maintainer at:

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# Appendix





# Appendix A

## Examples of file structures

### A.1 A single measure with no treatment

In this first example, we want to store a single measure of a water sample.

The following structure represents the base structure of the file:

```
file.h5
+-- Data (group) -> Name = "Measure"
|   +-- Data_0 (group) -> Name = "Water"
|       +-- Raw_data (dataset)
```

Note that we have here added arrows and an example of the value of the "Name" attributes.

### A.2 A series of measures with no treatment

In this second example, we want to store a series of measures taken on three different samples: Water, Ethanol and Glycerol.

The following structure represents the base structure of the file:

```
file.h5
+-- Data (group) -> Name = "Measure"
|   +-- Data_0 (group) -> Name = "Water"
|       +-- Raw_data (dataset)
|   +-- Data_1 (group) -> Name = "Ethanol"
|       +-- Raw_data (dataset)
|   +-- Data_2 (group) -> Name = "Glycerol"
|       +-- Raw_data (dataset)
```

Note that we have here added arrows and an example of the value of the "Name" attributes.

### A.3 A series of series of measures with no treatment but with a calibration spectrum and an impulse response measure

In this third example, we want to store a series of two measures taken on two different samples: Water and Ethanol. We also want to store a calibration curve and an impulse response curve.

The following structure represents the base structure of the file:

```
file.h5
+-- Data (group) -> Name = "Measure"
|   +-- Data_0 (group) -> Name = "Impulse_Response"
```

```

| | +-- Raw_data (dataset)
| +-- Data_1 (group) -> Name = "Calibration"
| | +-- Raw_data (dataset)
| +-- Data_2 (group) -> Name = "Water"
| | +-- Data_0 (group) -> Name = "Water_01"
| | | +-- Raw_data (dataset)
| | +-- Data_1 (group) -> Name = "Water_02"
| | | +-- Raw_data (dataset)
| +-- Data_3 (group) -> Name = "Ethanol"
| | +-- Data_0 (group) -> Name = "Ethanol_01"
| | | +-- Raw_data (dataset)
| | +-- Data_1 (group) -> Name = "Ethanol_02"
| | | +-- Raw_data (dataset)

```

Note that we have here added arrows and an example of the value of the "Name" attributes.

## A.4 A single measure converted to a Power Spectrum Density

In this fourth example, we want to store a single measure of a water sample. This measure has been converted into a Power Spectrum Density.

The following structure represents the base structure of the file:

```

file.h5
+-- Data (group) -> Name = "Measure"
| +-- Data_0 (group) -> Name = "Water"
| | +-- Raw_data (dataset)
| | +-- PSD (dataset)
| | +-- Frequency (dataset)

```

Note that we have here added arrows and an example of the value of the "Name" attributes. In this case, all the steps of the conversion to PSD are stored in the "Data\_0" group. The nomenclature of the attribute(s) used to store the parameters of the treatment is not specified.

## A.5 Multiple measures converted to a Power Spectrum Density with a time-independent spectrometer

In this fifth example, we are in the situation where a time-independent spectrometer has been used to acquire multiple measures. In this case, the hierarchy of the file can be used to reduce the number of datasets, by considering that all the PSD share the same frequency axis.

The following structure represents the base structure of the file:

```

file.h5
+-- Data (group) -> Name = "Measure"
| +-- Frequency (dataset)
| +-- Data_0 (group) -> Name = "Sample_1"
| | +-- Raw_data (dataset)
| | +-- PSD (dataset)
| +-- Data_1 (group) -> Name = "Sample_2"
| | +-- Raw_data (dataset)
| | +-- PSD (dataset)

```

Note that we have here added arrows and an example of the value of the "Name" attributes.

## A.6 A single measure with a treatment

In this sixth example, we want to store a single measure of a water sample that has been treated.

The following structure represents the base structure of the file:

```
file.h5
+-- Data (group) -> Name = "Measure"
|   +-- Data_0 (group) -> Name = "Water"
|   |   +-- Raw_data (dataset)
|   |   +-- PSD (dataset)
|   |   +-- Frequency (dataset)
|   |   +-- Treat_0 (group) -> Name = "Treat_5GHz"
|   |   |   +-- Shift (dataset)
|   |   |   +-- Shift_std (dataset)
|   |   |   +-- Linewidth (dataset)
|   |   |   +-- Linewidth_std (dataset)
```

Note that we have here added arrows and an example of the value of the "Name" attributes. In this case, all the steps of the treatment are stored in the "Treat\_0" group. The nomenclature of the attribute(s) used to store the parameters of the treatment is not specified.

## A.7 A single measure with two distinct treatments

In this seventh example, we will store a single measure where two different treatments have been performed (for example a measure at an interface between two materials).

The following structure represents the base structure of the file:

```
file.h5
+-- Data (group) -> Name = "Measure"
|   +-- Data_0 (group) -> Name = "Water"
|   |   +-- Raw_data (dataset)
|   |   +-- PSD (dataset)
|   |   +-- Frequency (dataset)
|   |   +-- Treat_0 (group) -> Name = "Treat_5GHz"
|   |   |   +-- Shift (dataset)
|   |   |   +-- Shift_std (dataset)
|   |   |   +-- Linewidth (dataset)
|   |   |   +-- Linewidth_std (dataset)
|   |   +-- Treat_1 (group) -> Name = "Treat_10GHz"
|   |   |   +-- Shift (dataset)
|   |   |   +-- Shift_std (dataset)
|   |   |   +-- Linewidth (dataset)
|   |   |   +-- Linewidth_std (dataset)
```

Note that we have here added arrows and an example of the value of the "Name" attributes. In this case, all the steps of the treatment around 5GHz are stored in the "Treat\_0" group and the ones around 10GHz in the "Treat\_1" group. The nomenclature of the attribute(s) used to store the parameters of the treatment is not specified.

## A.8 A single mapping stored as a single measure

In this eighth example, we want to store a mapping of a sample. This mapping has been obtained with a spectrometer that returns an array of points for all the points mapped. To clarify this example, we will indicate the dimension of each dataset here between brackets.

The following structure represents the base structure of the file:

```

file.h5
+-- Data (group) -> Name = "Measure"
|   +-- Data_0 (group) -> Name = "Sample"
|   |   +-- Raw_data (dataset) [X, Y, M]
|   |   +-- PSD (dataset) [X, Y, N]
|   |   +-- Frequency (dataset) [N]
|   |   +-- Abscissa_0 (dataset) [X] -> Name = "x (mm)"
|   |   +-- Abscissa_1 (dataset) [Y] -> Name = "y (mm)"
|   |   +-- Treat_1 (group) -> Name = "Treat"
|   |   |   +-- Shift (dataset) [X, Y]
|   |   |   +-- Shift_std (dataset) [X, Y]
|   |   |   +-- Linewidth (dataset) [X, Y]
|   |   |   +-- Linewidth_std (dataset) [X, Y]

```

Note that we have here added arrows and an example of the value of the "Name" attributes.

## A.9 A series of mapping over the same field of view stored as a single measure

In this ninth example, we are in the situation where multiple mappings of same dimension have been obtained with a spectrometer that returns an array of points for all the points mapped. In this case, the hierarchy of the file can be used to reduce the number of datasets, by considering that all the PSD share the same frequency axis and the same field of view.

The following structure represents the base structure of the file:

```

file.h5
+-- Data (group) -> Name = "Measure"
|   +-- Abscissa_0 (dataset) [X] -> Name = "x (mm)"
|   +-- Abscissa_1 (dataset) [Y] -> Name = "y (mm)"
|   +-- Frequency (dataset) [N]
|   +-- Data_0 (group) -> Name = "Day_1"
|   |   +-- Raw_data (dataset) [X, Y, M]
|   |   +-- PSD (dataset) [X, Y, N]
|   |   +-- Treat_1 (group) -> Name = "Treat"
|   |   |   +-- Shift (dataset) [X, Y]
|   |   |   +-- Shift_std (dataset) [X, Y]
|   |   |   +-- Linewidth (dataset) [X, Y]
|   |   |   +-- Linewidth_std (dataset) [X, Y]
|   +-- Data_1 (group) -> Name = "Day_2"
|   |   +-- Raw_data (dataset) [X, Y, M]
|   |   +-- PSD (dataset) [X, Y, N]
|   |   +-- Treat_1 (group) -> Name = "Treat"
|   |   |   +-- Shift (dataset) [X, Y]
|   |   |   +-- Shift_std (dataset) [X, Y]
|   |   |   +-- Linewidth (dataset) [X, Y]
|   |   |   +-- Linewidth_std (dataset) [X, Y]

```

Note that we have here added arrows and an example of the value of the "Name" attributes.

## A.10 A series of mapping over the same field of view stored as multiple measures

In this tenth example, we are in the situation where multiple mappings of same dimension have been obtained with a spectrometer that can't return an array of points for all the points mapped, but returns them one by

one. Because it would be impractical to create groups for each point, we encourage users to compile their data into a single dataset, and refer to example 9.

## A.11 A series of mapping obtained with different spectrometers and with different field of view

In this eleventh example, we are in the situation where multiple mappings of different dimensions have been obtained with different spectrometers that all return an array of points for all the points mapped. In this case, the hierarchy of the file cannot be used to reduce the number of datasets, and each group will need its own abscissa and frequency datasets.

The following structure represents the base structure of the file:

```
file.h5
+-- Data (group) -> Name = "Measure"
|   +-- Data_0 (group) -> Name = "VIPA"
|   |   +-- Raw_data (dataset) [X, Y, M]
|   |   +-- PSD (dataset) [X, Y, N]
|   |   +-- Abscissa_0 (dataset) [X] -> Name = "x (mm)"
|   |   +-- Abscissa_1 (dataset) [Y] -> Name = "y (mm)"
|   |   +-- Frequency (dataset) [N]
|   |   +-- Treat_1 (group) -> Name = "Treat"
|   |   |   +-- Shift (dataset) [X, Y]
|   |   |   +-- Shift_std (dataset) [X, Y]
|   |   |   +-- Linewidth (dataset) [X, Y]
|   |   |   +-- Linewidth_std (dataset) [X, Y]
|   +-- Data_1 (group) -> Name = "TFP"
|   |   +-- Raw_data (dataset) [X, Y, M]
|   |   +-- PSD (dataset) [X, Y, N]
|   |   +-- Abscissa_0 (dataset) [X] -> Name = "x (mm)"
|   |   +-- Abscissa_1 (dataset) [Y] -> Name = "y (mm)"
|   |   +-- Frequency (dataset) [N]
|   |   +-- Treat_1 (group) -> Name = "Treat"
|   |   |   +-- Shift (dataset) [X, Y]
|   |   |   +-- Shift_std (dataset) [X, Y]
|   |   |   +-- Linewidth (dataset) [X, Y]
|   |   |   +-- Linewidth_std (dataset) [X, Y]
```

Note that we have here added arrows and an example of the value of the "Name" attributes.



## Appendix B

# Examples of treatment pipelines

### B.1 Treatment of a TFP spectrometer

We here present the code that was used to treat the data obtained from a TFP spectrometer. This code is meant to be used as an example of how to write a treatment function for the GUI compatibility.

1. We first extract all the PSDs and frequency arrays that are child of the element that has been selected. To do that, we need to go through all the higher layers of our wrapper until our data is found. This is done using the following code:

```
1 def get_paths_childs(wrp, path = "", frequency = None):
2     child, freq = [], []
3     if "Frequency" in wrp.data.keys():
4         frequency = path+"/Frequency"
5     for e in wrp.data.keys():
6         if isinstance(wrp.data[e], wrapper.Wrapper):
7             ce, fe = get_paths_childs(wrp.data[e], path+"/"+e, frequency=frequency)
8             child += ce
9             freq += fe
10    else:
11        if e == "Power Spectral Density":
12            freq.append(frequency)
13            child.append(path+"/"+e)
14    return child, freq
15
16 # Get the selected data wrapper and frequency array
17 wrp_temp = wrp
18 path_loc = path.split("/")[:-1]
19 if "Frequency" in wrp.data.keys(): frequency = wrp.data["Frequency"]
20 else: frequency = None
21 for e in path_loc:
22     if "Frequency" in wrp_temp.data[e].data.keys():
23         frequency = wrp_temp.data[e].data["Frequency"]
24     if isinstance(wrp_temp.data[e], wrapper.Wrapper):
25         wrp_temp = wrp_temp.data[e]
26
27 childs, frequency = get_paths_childs(wrp_temp, path)
```

2. From there we have a choice to make: either we treat each PSD individually or all at once, from some globally defined parameters. We therefore need to ask the user if he wants to treat all of them with the same parameters or each one individually. This is done using the following code:

```
1 # Display a dialog box to ask the user if he wants to treat all of them
  with the same parameters or each one individually
```

```

2 msgBox = QtWidgets.QMessageBox()
3 msgBox.setText(f"There are {len(childs)} PSD in the selected data. Do you
  want to treat all of them at once?")
4 msgBox.setStandardButtons(QtWidgets.QMessageBox.Yes | QtWidgets.QMessageBox.No | QtWidgets.
  QMessageBox.Cancel)
5 msgBox.setDefaultButton(QtWidgets.QMessageBox.Yes)
6 ret = msgBox.exec()
7 if ret == QtWidgets.QMessageBox.Yes:
8     # Treat all PSD at once
9 elif ret == QtWidgets.QMessageBox.No:
10    # Treat each PSD individually

```

3. In both cases, we will want to open a window to enter the parameters of the treatment. In the first case, where all the spectra are treated at once, we open the window with all the spectra as parameters. In the second case, where each spectrum is treated individually, we will have a "for" loop to open the window for each spectrum. This is done using the following code:

```

1 from ParameterCurve.main import TFP_treat
2
3 if ret == QtWidgets.QMessageBox.Yes:
4     dialog = TFP_treat(parent = parent, wrp_base = wrp, path_base = path,
5       path_curves = childs, path_frequency = frequency)
6     if dialog.exec_() == QtWidgets.QDialog.Accepted:
7         # Store all the treated values
8 elif ret == QtWidgets.QMessageBox.No:
9     for c,f in zip(childs, frequency):
10        dialog = TFP_treat(parent = parent, wrp_base = wrp, path_base = path,
11          path_curves = childs, path_frequency = frequency)
12        if dialog.exec_() == QtWidgets.QDialog.Accepted:
13            # Store the treated values

```

Note that here we are importing another GUI window from the `ParameterCurve` package. The definition of this GUI window is therefore the next step. Let's now look into this `TFP_treat` class.

4. Opening the "HDF5\_BLS\_GUI/ParameterCurve/main.py" file, we define the `TFP_treat` class as a daughter of the `ParameterCurve` class, which is a GUI window with 4 distinct elements:

- A combobox to select the curves to plot at the top left of the window.
- A combobox to select the function to apply at the top right of the window.
- A graph frame to display the curves at the bottom left of the window.
- A frame to display the parameters of the treatment at the bottom right of the window, together with buttons to apply the treatment and to close the window.

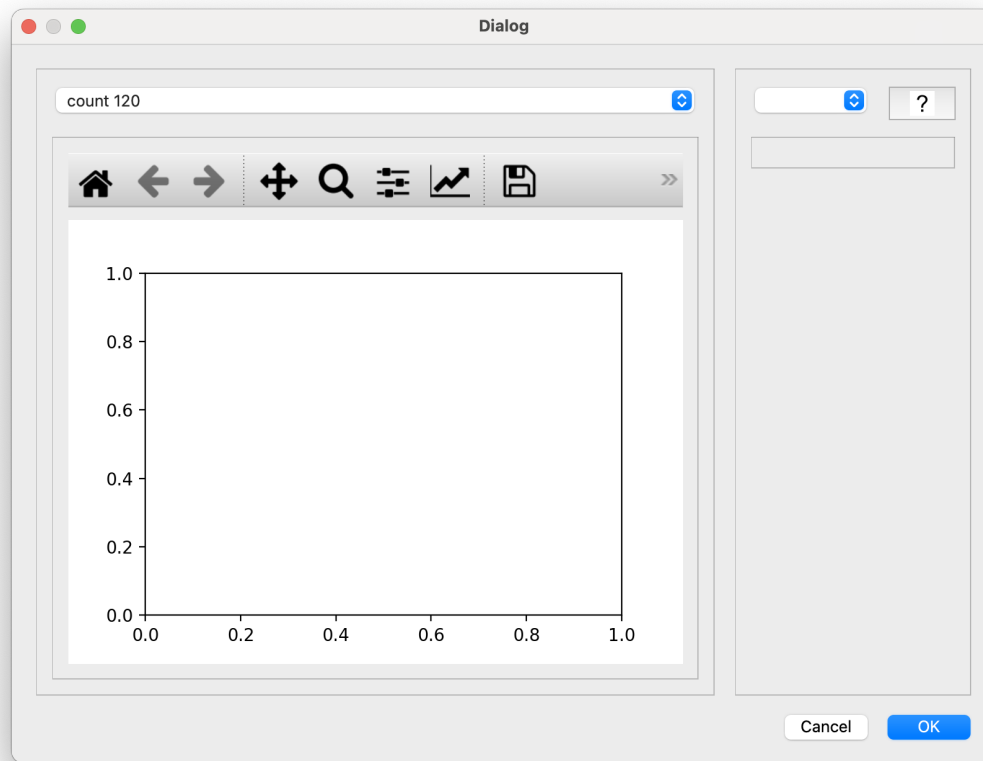
```

1 class TFP_treat(ParameterCurve):
2     def __init__(self, parent=None, wrp_base = None, path_base = None,
3       path_curves = None, path_frequency = None):
4         super().__init__(parent, wrp_base.get_child(path_base))

```

This initializes the `ParameterCurve` class with the wrapper corresponding to all the curves we are going to treat. Giving the class the path of the selected curves displays them by default in the combobox. Here is an image of a raw `ParameterCurve` window after this simple initialization:





5. We can now add functionalities to the GUI. First, we display the curve that we select in the combobox. To do so, we will call the `handle_data` function when the combobox is changed. This function will extract the data from the wrapper corresponding to the selected curve and plot it on the graph.

```

1  def __init__(self, parent=None, wrp_base = None, path_base = None,
2      path_curves = None, path_frequency = None, frequency = None):
3      super().__init__(parent, wrp_base.get_child(path_base))
4
5      if frequency is None:
6          self.path_curves = path_curves
7          self.path_frequency = path_frequency
8          self.path_frequency_unique = None
9      else:
10         self.path_curves = None
11         self.path_frequency = None
12         self.path_frequency_unique = frequency
13
14     # Initializes the graph
15     self.cb_curves.currentIndexChanged.connect(self.handle_data)

```

Note that we have also stored the paths to the frequencies associated to the curves in respectively the `path_frequency` and `path_curves` attributes. In the case where only one array is shown, then the path to the frequency array is stored in the `path_frequency_unique` attribute.

6. The `handle_data` function extracts the path associated to a value in the combobox and gets both the Power Spectral Density and the frequency array from the wrapper corresponding to the selected curve. It then plots the data on the graph.

```

1  def handle_data(self):

```

```

2 """
3 Plots the curve that is currently selected in the combobox. This function
  also defines self.data and updates the parameters.
4 """
5 # Extract the raw data from the wrapper corresponding to the selected curve
  in the combobox
6 wrp = self.wrapper
7
8 if len(self.combobox_curve_codes) > 1:
9     path = self.combobox_curve_codes[self.combobox_curve_names.index(self.
10     cb_curves.currentText())]
11     path = path[5:]
12
13 if type(path) == list:
14     for e in path:
15         wrp = wrp.data[e]
16 else:
17     wrp = wrp.data[path]
18
19 self.data = wrp.data["Power Spectral Density"]
20 if self.path_frequency is None:
21     self.frequency = wrp.get_child(self.path_frequency_unique)[: ]
22 else:
23     self.frequency = wrp.get_child(self.path_frequency[self.path_curves.
24     index(path+"/Power Spectral Density")])[: ]
25
26 # Plot the data
27 self.graph_canvas.axes.cla()
28
29 self.graph_canvas.axes.plot(self.frequency, self.data)
30 self.graph_canvas.axes.set_xlabel("Frequency Shift (GHz)")
31 self.graph_canvas.axes.set_ylabel("Intensity (AU)")
32 self.graph_canvas.draw()
33 self.update_parameters()

```

Note that the last line of this function is calling the function `update_parameters`. This function will update the list of parameters needed to run the treatment.

7. We can define the `update_parameters` function. This function will most likely be common to most treatments. Its goal is to inspect the "treat" module from the HDF5\_BLS package and extract the list of functions and parameters that are needed automatically. Then it displays the list of functions in the dedicated combobox and the list of parameters in the dedicated frame. If the nomenclature of the parameters and the definition of the treatment function follow a fixed nomenclature, this function automatically links the graph with the relevant parameters so that the graph becomes interactive. Further information about how to develop new treatment functions can be found in section [Adding a new treatment function](#). Out of curiosity, here is the detail of the code of this function:

```

1 def update_parameters(self):
2     def initialize_parameters(self, module):
3         functions = [func for func in getmembers(module, isfunction)]
4         function_names = [func[0] for func in functions]
5         functions = [func[1] for func in functions]
6
7     self.cb_functions.clear()
8     self.cb_functions.addItem(function_names)
9     self.cb_functions.setCurrentIndex(0)
10    self.cb_functions.currentIndexChanged.connect(lambda: self.
11        show_parameters_function(functions, function_names))
12
13    return functions, function_names
14
15    def setup_button_help_function(self, functions, function_names):
16    def show_help_function():

```

```

16         docstring = functions[function_names.index(self.function_name)].__doc__
17         or ""
18         msgBox = HelpFunction(self, self.function_name, docstring)
19         msgBox.exec_()
20
21 self.b_helpFunction.clicked.connect(show_help_function)
22
23 def onclick_x0(event = None):
24     if event.inaxes:
25         x = float(event.xdata) * 1e6//1
26         x = x/1e6
27         self.parameters["center_frequency"]["line_edit"].setText(str(x))
28
29 def onclick_linewidth(event = None):
30     if event.inaxes:
31         self.temp_linewidth = float(event.xdata)
32         self.graph_canvas.mpl_connect('motion_notify_event', on_drag)
33
34 def on_drag(event):
35     if event.inaxes and event.button == 1:
36         x1 = float(event.xdata)
37         linewidth = abs(x1 - self.temp_linewidth) * 1e6//1
38         linewidth = linewidth/1e6
39         self.parameters["linewidth"]["line_edit"].setText(str(linewidth))
40
41 # Define the module to be used
42 import HDF5_BLS.treat as module
43
44 # Extracts the functions and the function names from the module
45 self.functions, self.function_names = initialize_parameters(self, module)
46
47 # Sets the combobox with the functions
48 self.show_parameters_function(self.functions, self.function_names)
49
50 # Adds the models in the dedicated combobox.
51 Models = module.Models()
52 self.parameters["c_model"]["combobox"].addItem(Models.models.keys())
53
54 # Connects the QLineEdit widget to the onclick_x0 function
55 self.parameters["center_frequency"]["line_edit"].mousePressEvent = lambda
56     event: self.graph_canvas.mpl_connect('button_press_event', onclick_x0)
57
58 # Connects the QLineEdit widget to the onclick_linewidth function
59 self.parameters["linewidth"]["line_edit"].mousePressEvent = lambda event:
60     self.graph_canvas.mpl_connect('button_press_event', onclick_linewidth)
61
62 # Sets the help button to display the function's docstring
63 setup_button_help_function(self, self.functions, self.function_names)

```

Note that the last line of this function is calling the function `button_help_function`. This function is meant to display the docstring of the function in a dedicated window when the "Help" button is pressed on the interface.

8. The next step is to allow the user to apply the selected function with the parameters defined in the dedicated frame. To do so, we will setup a "Treat" button in the "setup\_apply\_button" function.

```

1 def setup_button_apply(self):
2     """
3     Creates the layout for the buttons to apply the function.
4     """
5     layout = qtw.QGridLayout(self.frame_confirmParam)
6
7     button_treat = qtw.QPushButton()
8     button_treat.setText("Treat")

```

```

9 button_treat.clicked.connect(self.apply_function)
10
11 layout.addWidget(button_treat, 0, 0, 1, 1)

```

Note that the button is connected to the `apply_function` function. This function returns the entered parameters of the treatment so that it can be performed.

9. The `apply_function` function is meant to read the parameters of the treatment and return an object that will allow the treatment on either one or multiple arrays. This function is developed as a switch between the different treatment functions that were defined in the dedicated combobox. Therefore its structure is the following:

```

1 def apply_function(self):
2     """
3     Creates the layout for the buttons to apply the function.
4     """
5     func = self.functions[self.function_names.index(self.function_name)]
6
7     if self.function_name == "unicorn":
8         # Extract the parameters proper to the "unicorn" treatment
9     elif self.function_name == "elf":
10        # Extract the parameters proper to the "elf" treatment

```

As a more concrete example, here is the code for the `fit_model_v0` treatment function:

```

1 def apply_function(self):
2     """
3     Extracts the parameters from the GUI and applies the treatment to the data.
4     """
5     func = self.functions[self.function_names.index(self.function_name)]
6
7     if self.function_name == "fit_model_v0":
8         # Extract the parameters of the function
9         dic = {}
10        try:
11            dic["center_frequency"] = float(self.parameters["center_frequency"]["line_edit"].text())
12            dic["linewidth"] = float(self.parameters["linewidth"]["line_edit"].text())
13            dic["normalize"] = not bool(self.parameters["normalize"]["checkbox"].text())
14            dic["c_model"] = str(self.parameters["c_model"]["combobox"].currentText())
15            dic["fit_S_and_AS"] = not bool(self.parameters["fit_S_and_AS"]["checkbox"].checkState())
16            dic["window_peak_find"] = float(self.parameters["window_peak_find"]["line_edit"].text())
17            dic["window_peak_fit"] = float(self.parameters["window_peak_fit"]["line_edit"].text())
18            dic["correct_elastic"] = not bool(self.parameters["correct_elastic"]["checkbox"].checkState())
19            IR_wndw = self.parameters["IR_wndw"]["line_edit"].text()
20            if IR_wndw == "None":
21                dic["IR_wndw"] = None
22            else:
23                dic["IR_wndw"] = IR_wndw.replace("(", "").replace(")", "").replace(" ", "")
24                dic["IR_wndw"] = tuple(map(float, dic["IR_wndw"].split(",")))
25
26            self.parameter_return["Parameters"] = dic
27            self.parameter_return["Function"] = func
28

```

```
29         QtWidgets.QMessageBox.information(self, "Treatment parameters stored", "The
           parameters for the treatment have been stored. You can now close the
           window to apply the treatment.")
30
31     except:
32         QtWidgets.QMessageBox.warning(self, "Error while retrieving parameters", "An
           error happened while retrieving the parameters")
```

Note that the parameters are stored in the "parameter\_return" dictionary. This dictionary is meant to be returned to the `treat_ui` module, which will then apply the treatment to the data.





## Appendix C

# Specification sheet of the project

1	Format
1.1	Simplicity
1.1.1	The format should be conceptually simple, unambiguous and easy to create and use.
1.1.1.1	<i>Storing a single measure should be easy and unambiguous.</i>
1.1.1.2	<i>Storing arguments associated with a measure should be easy and unambiguous. The arguments should have a predefined nomenclature.</i>
1.1.1.3	<i>Storing measures performed with changes of different hyper parameters should be easy and unambiguous.</i>
1.1.1.4	<i>Storing a PSD and Frequency arrays extracted from a measure should be easy and unambiguous.</i>
1.1.1.5	<i>Storing the result of a treatment should be easy and unambiguous.</i>
1.2	Universality
1.2.1	The format should be compatible with existing HDF5 softwares.
1.2.1.1	<i>Opening the file with an HDF5 viewer should give us access to a user-friendly hierarchical structure.</i>
1.2.2	The format should allow the storage of complementary datasets obtained with other modalities (e.g. Raman, NMR, fluorescence, etc.).
1.2.2.1	<i>The format should make a clear distinction between datasets related to BLS measurements and other datasets.</i>
1.2.2.2	<i>The format should allow user to store datasets related to other modalities with an arbitrary structure in the first description of the format.</i>
1.2.3	The format should be adapted for storing Brillouin spectra obtained with different techniques.
1.2.3.1	<i>The format should allow measures obtained with all techniques to be stored. This includes the storage of datasets with arbitrary dimensions, additional technique-specific datasets and additional technique-specific attributes.</i>
1.3	Expandability
1.3.1	The format should accommodate future needs
1.3.1.1	<i>The format should classify the data preferably by the hyper parameters that were varied for the experiment.</i>
2	Analysis and treatment
2.1	Power Spectral Density



2.1.1	It must be possible to obtain a Power Spectral Density.
2.1.1.1	<i>All relevant information and datasets for the obtention of the PSD should be in the same file at the moment of treatment.</i>
2.1.1.2	<i>All relevant information and datasets should be unambiguously and simply accessible.</i>
2.1.1.3	<i>The PSD and Frequency arrays should be stored unambiguously in the file so that we know which arrays and parameters were used to obtain them.</i>
2.1.1.4	<i>The process of obtaining the PSD should be documented in the file in a reusable way.</i>
2.1.2	It must be possible to create custom algorithms to extract the PSD and frequency.
2.1.2.1	<i>The function(s) extracting the PSD and frequency should have a fixed nomenclature for their name.</i>
2.1.2.2	<i>The function(s) extracting the PSD and frequency should all return the same type of data.</i>
2.1.2.3	<i>The function(s) extracting the PSD and frequency should all use the same type of documentation.</i>
2.1.2.4	<i>All function(s) extracting the PSD and frequency should be stored in the same module.</i>
2.1.2.5	<i>All function(s) extracting the PSD and frequency should also return the parameters they used to obtain the PSD and frequency, with which it is possible to reproduce the PSD and frequency.</i>
2.2	Extraction of peak information
2.2.1	<i>The PSD and Frequency datasets should allow for a unified way of extracting information, independent on the spectrometer used.</i>
2.2.1.1	<i>It should be unambiguous to assign a frequency axis to a PSD dataset based on the PSD and Frequency arrays.</i>
2.2.2	<i>The format should allow the user to extract information with different treatment and store all the results in the same file.</i>
2.2.2.1	<i>The treatments should have an identifier that can be incremented to allow the user to store different treatments.</i>
2.2.2.2	<i>Each new treatment should also store the parameters used to obtain the information in a way that the user can reproduce the information.</i>
3	Graphical User Interface
3.1	Simplicity
3.1.1	Interaction with files and attributes should be as intuitive as possible.
3.1.1.1	<i>Adding a file (attribute file or data file) to the format should be possible by dragging and dropping it in the GUI.</i>
3.1.1.2	<i>Changing a visible property of a dataset or group should be possible by left clicking on it and editing its value in the GUI.</i>
3.1.1.3	<i>A right click on a file or group should open a context menu with the action options to perform on the file or group.</i>
3.1.1.4	<i>It should be possible to perform the same action in the GUI by at least 2 redundant ways.</i>
3.1.1.5	<i>The GUI should be idiot proof and be able to flag all actions that might damage the file, make a treatment impossible, or induce any type of incompatibility.</i>