

# Planetary World Coordinate System in Astro<sup>o</sup>py

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# Planets : somewhere between Earth and Sky

## Geologists

- Remote Sensing, in situ observations
- Lon/lat angular, linear coordinates
- Open Geospatial Consortium
- Tiff, BigTiff, HDF5, ...
- Proj4, GDAL, geoJSON, rasterio, leaflet, openLayers, ...



## Astronomers

- ☆ Telescope, satellite observations
- ☆ Angular sky, topocentric coordinates
- ☆ International Astronomical Union, International Virtual Observatory Alliance
- ☆ FITS, WCS, ...
- ☆ WCSlib, Astropy, WCSTools, Aladin, ...



# From deep sky to planets : spheroidal bodies

Spheroidal coordinate representations:

- `BaseGeodeticRepresentation` provided with the equatorial radius and flattening assigned to `_equatorial_radius` and `_flattening` attributes -> NAIF geodetic coordinates
- `BaseBodycentricRepresentation` -> NAIF Planetocentric coordinates

Any custom spheroid can be described in a planetary body-fixed frame.

We have a tool to convert between different standard spheroids.



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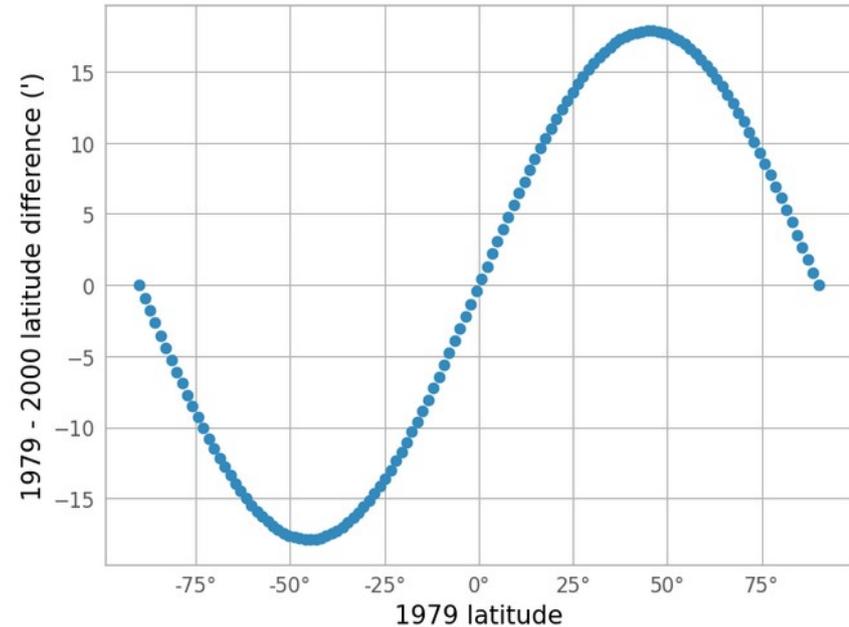
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```
class IAUMARS1979GeodeticRepresentation(BaseGeodeticRepresentation):
```

```
    _equatorial_radius = 3393400.0 * u.m  
    _flattening = 0.518650 * u.percent
```

```
class IAUMARS2000BodycentricRepresentation(BaseBodycentricRepresentation):
```

```
    _equatorial_radius = 3396190.0 * u.m  
    _flattening = 0.5886008 * u.percent
```



Vespa tutorial [surfaces astropy-planetary-coordinate-frames/bodyfixed-frame-conversions.ipynb](https://surfaces.astropy.org/planetary-coordinate-frames/bodyfixed-frame-conversions.ipynb)

# From deep sky to planets : WCS body-fixed frame

Astropy 6.0 ships WCSlib > 8.0:  
extends the auxiliary WCS structure  
to new planetary keywords.

- Similar to SunPy approach
- *Marmo et al. (2018)*,  
[10.1029/2018EA000388](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1029/2018EA000388)

WCS to/from body-fixed planetary  
reference frame conversion.

We have a tool for image cut-outs or  
feature selections by coordinates.

<b>A_RADIUS</b>	Semimajor axis of the ellipsoid.
<b>B_RADIUS</b>	Intermediate axis of the ellipsoid.
<b>C_RADIUS</b>	Semiminor axis of the ellipsoid.
<b>BLON_OBS</b>	Bodycentric longitude of the observer in the body-fixed reference frame of the target body.
<b>BLAT_OBS</b>	Bodycentric latitude of the observer in the body-fixed reference frame of the target body.
<b>BDIS_OBS</b>	Distance between the centre of the celestial body and the observer in meters.

Vespa tutorial surfaces [astropy-planetary-coordinate-frames/planetary-images-wcs.ipynb](https://github.com/astropy-planetary-coordinate-frames/planetary-images-wcs.ipynb)



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