

# Solar ecliptic coordinate system





## Overview

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In astronomy, the ecliptic coordinate system is a celestial coordinate system commonly used for representing the apparent positions, orbits, and pole orientations of Solar System objects. Because most planets (except Mercury) and many small Solar System bodies have orbits with only slight inclinations to the

The and the are slowly moving due to on the , therefore the of the primary direction, their intersection at the , is not quite fixed. A slow motion of Earth's axis, .

A of ecliptic coordinates is often used in calculations and simulations. It has its at the center of the (or at the of the ), its on the plane, and the x-axis toward the.

- • • , where the ecliptic latitude is  $\pm 90^\circ$  • .

Ecliptic longitude Ecliptic longitude or celestial longitude (symbols: heliocentric  $l$ , geocentric  $\lambda$ ) measures the angular distance of an object along.

Converting Cartesian vectors Conversion from ecliptic coordinates to equatorial coordinates Conversion from equatorial coordinates to ecliptic coordinates .

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### Description of Heliospheric Coordinate Systems

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### GeocentricSolarEcliptic -- sunpy 6.0.3 documentation

A coordinate or frame in the Geocentric Solar Ecliptic (GSE) system. The origin is the center of the Earth. The X-axis (0 degrees longitude and 0 degrees latitude) is aligned with the Earth-Sun line. The Z-axis (+90 degrees latitude) is aligned



with the component :



### Ecliptic coordinates

Thus the Sun's motion is simple when referred to the ecliptic; also the Moon and the planets move near to the ecliptic. So the ecliptic system is sometimes more useful than the equatorial system for solar-system objects. Exercise: The Moon's orbit is tilted at 5

### Solar Physics Coordinate Systems , Julian's blog

HEE ?????? Heliocentric Earth Ecliptic,???????,x  
????????????????????,z ??????????,xy ???????  
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### 3D visualization of solar wind ion data from the Chang

Selenocentric Solar Ecliptic coordinate system In order to visualize SWID data in the 3D space environment, we find that neither of the two coordinate systems used in the CE-1 SWID data, i.e., the GSE and MCC coordinate systems, are satisfactory here, so it



### Magnetic Coordinate Systems , Space Science Reviews

Examples of such coordinate systems include the geocentric solar ecliptic (GSE) and the geocentric solar magnetic (GSM) coordinate systems. The latter also contains the Earth's magnetic dipole field in one of the coordinate planes, making it especially suitable for working with solar wind-magnetosphere interaction processes.

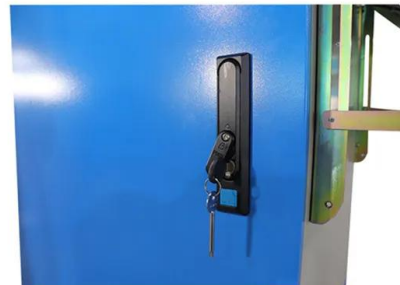


### GEOPHYSICAL COORDINATE TRANSFORMATIONS

**GEOCENTRIC SOLAR ECLIPTIC SYSTEM 3.4.1.**  
Definition The geocentric solar ecliptic system (GSE) has its X-axis pointing from the Earth towards the Sun and its Y-axis is chosen to be in the ecliptic plane pointing towards dusk (thus opposing planetary

### Heliospheric coordinate systems

This article gives an overview and reference to the most common coordinate systems currently used in space science. Geocentric Solar Ecliptic GSE (Hapgood, 1992) XY-plane: Earth mean ecliptic of date. +X-axis: vector Earth-Sun of date. Transform: T(HAE



### **6: The Celestial Sphere**

6.5: Ecliptic Coordinates Because most planets (except Mercury) and many small Solar System bodies have orbits with slight inclinations to the ecliptic, using the ecliptic coordinate system as the fundamental plane is convenient.



## Geocentric coordinate systems

2.1 Geocentric solar ecliptic (GSE) This system has its X axis towards the Sun and its Z axis perpendicular to the plane of the Earth's orbit around the Sun (positive North). This system is ...

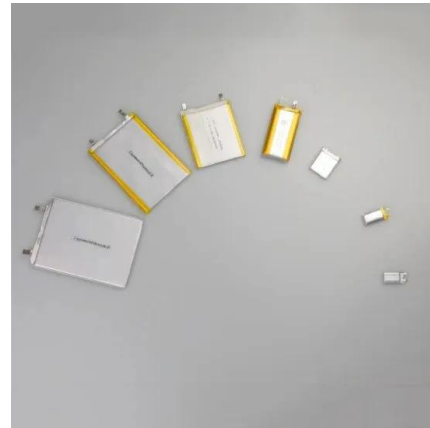


## **Jupiter's Coordinate System Transformations: A Guide for Future ...**

These coordinate systems are classified into equatorial coordinate systems, solar position-dependent coordinate in Hapgood requires a transformation to Geocentric Solar Ecliptic coordinates (GSE) and then to Geocentric Solar Magnetospheric be solved. To

## **Selections and Transformations of Coordinate Systems**

1.1.1 Selection of Standard Time  
In the TT system, the time is realized by atomic time. The earliest atomic clock, which used the period of atomic oscillation as the standard to measure time, was built in 1949. In 1967, International System of Units (SI) defined the base unit of time (a second) as the duration of 9,192,631,770 cycles of the radiation corresponding to the ...



## **Right Ascension, Declination , Celestial Sphere**

The ecliptic coordinate system is especially valuable for locating and tracking objects within the Solar System because it aligns with their orbital paths. It is widely used in observational astronomy, spacecraft navigation, and calculating phenomena such as planetary conjunctions and eclipses .



### 3D visualization of solar wind ion data from the Chang

1. The introduction of the Selenocentric Solar Ecliptic (SSE) coordinate system, which is chosen for the purpose of visualization of SWID data in 3D space. 2. A summary of ...



### Transformation from Solar Ecliptic Coordinates to a Magnetic ...

Transformation from Solar Ecliptic Coordinates to a Magnetic Cloud Coordinate System, where the Cloud Axis is the New X-axis The figure shows the steps necessary to transform from a spacecraft- centered orthogonal Geocentric Solar Ecliptic coordinate in

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### Celestial Coordinates

The ecliptic coordinate system is convenient when dealing with objects in the solar system: they are concentrated towards the ecliptic equator: If you zoom in, you can see that the major planets lie slightly above or below the ecliptic equator, because their orbits around the Sun are inclined slightly with respect to the Earth's.



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Ecliptic Coordinates The ecliptic coordinate system is based on the apparent Solar orbit, and is the natural system for Solar System studies. The equator (the ecliptic) is the plane of the terrestrial orbit, projected onto the celestial sphere. The poles are projections of



Geocentric coordinate systems

The following coordinate systems at the centre of the Earth. 1. Systems based on the Earth's rotation axis 1.1 Geographic (GEO) 2.1 Geocentric solar ecliptic (GSE) This system has its X axis towards the Sun and its Z axis perpendicular to the plane of the

Celestial coordinate system

There are two versions: the geocentric ecliptic coordinates centred on the Earth, and heliocentric ecliptic coordinates centred on the centre of mass of the solar system. The geocentric ecliptic system was the principal coordinate system for ancient astronomy and is still useful for computing the apparent motions of the Sun, Moon, and planets.



Standard 20ft containers



Standard 40ft containers

**Background: Coordinate systems and transformations**

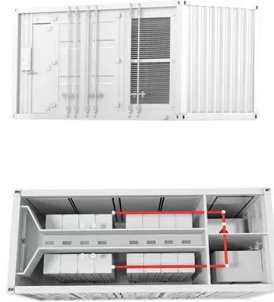
Calculation of transformation matrices to and from other coordinate systems. Geocentric Solar Ecliptic System The Geocentric Solar Ecliptic System (GSE) has its X-axis pointing from the Earth towards the sun and its Y-axis is chosen to be in the ecliptic plane pointing towards dusk (thus opposing planetary motion).





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### **STEREO**

Note that the various ecliptic coordinate systems can differ in how precession is handled. Ecliptic coordinates can either be referenced to the J2000 epoch, or precessed to the epoch of date. We follow the conventions of Fränz and Harper (2002) in ...

### GSW coordinate system , Tsyganenko N. A.

The Geocentric Solar Wind (GSW) coordinate system takes into account the actual direction of the solar wind at the Earth's location. The GSW system differs from the standard GSM only in that its X X X-axis is directed anti-parallel to the observed solar wind flow, rather than to Sun's center, which more accurately takes into account the aberration effect.



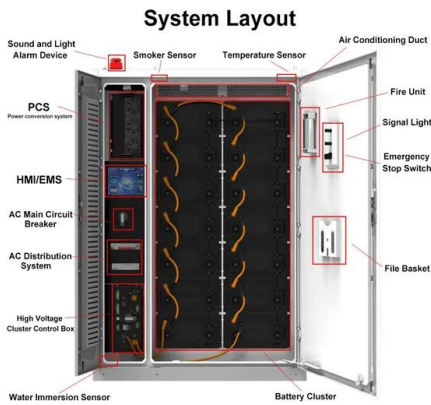
### **PDS: Data Set Information**

Selenocentric Solar Ecliptic (SSE): The SSE coordinate system has its X-axis along the instantaneous Moon-Sun line, positive towards the Sun. The Z-axis is parallel to the upward normal to the Earth's ecliptic plane, and Y completes the right-handed set.



## Celestial Coordinates II

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### [ecliptic coordinate system](#)

The ecliptic coordinate system is a celestial coordinate system based on the ecliptic, the Sun's path around the celestial sphere as seen from Earth. Typically, spherical coordinates analogous to latitude and longitude are used: ecliptic latitude. ecliptic longitude.

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