
besl Documentation

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BESL is a general purpose library written in python for astronomical research by [Brian Svoboda](#). The modules available largely involve manipulating the data for the Bolocam Galactic Plane Survey (BGPS) and other Galactic plane surveys.

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besl

BGPS Peak Flux Extract

Extract peak values from BGPS maps

class `besl.bgps_peak_flux_extract.Dirs`

Object to hold directories for interactive path editing

`besl.bgps_peak_flux_extract.extract_peak_bgps_props(out_file='bgps_pk_extract')`

Extract peak flux and noise values from the BGPS maps in Jy/beam. Citation: Ginsburg et al. (2013).

out_file [string] output catalog file in CSV format

molcat_pk [pandas.DataFrame] Output catalog in a pandas DataFrame object

Coordinates

Routines for manipulating coordinates.

`besl.coord.dec2sexstr(deci, sfigs=1, hd='h', lead_psign=False)`

Convert decimal degree to a sexagesimal string of the form 'HH:MM:SS.S' by default.

sfigs [number] Number of significant figures after decimal in seconds

hd [string, ('h', 'd')] Hour or degree convention

lead_sign [Boolean] Whether to include the leading sign +/- in string

`besl.coord.eq2gal(ra, dec, epoch='2000')`

Convert equatorial coordinates in decimal degrees to Galactic.

ra : number **dec** : number **epoch** : string, default '2000'

glon : number glat : number

`besl.coord.gal2eq` (*glon, glat, epoch='2000'*)

Convert Galactic coordinates in decimal degrees to equatorial.

glon : number glat : number epoch : string, default '2000'

ra : number dec : number

`besl.coord.nearest_match_coords` (*needle, haystack, min_sep, nearest=True*)

Search within a radius for sources between a “needle” single (lon, lat) coordinate and a “haystack” list of coordinates in decimal degrees. Use sorted lists for best performance.

needle [array like] List or tuple of (lon, lat) in decimal degrees

haystack [numpy array] 2 x N list of coordinates in decimal degrees

min_sep [number] Minimum separation in arcseconds.

nearest [bool, default True] Return only the nearest match

min_index [number or np.array] Array index (or indices) of nearest object

min_dist [number or np.array] Distance (or distances) to nearest matched object

matchn [number] Number of matches within the minimum separation

`besl.coord.pd_eq2gal` (*df, labels, new_labels=['glon', 'glat'], epoch='2000'*)

Convert two coordinate columns of a pandas DataFrame from equatorial to Galactic coordinates, both in decimal degrees.

df : pd.DataFrame labels : list

Column names of df

new_labels : list, default 'glon' and 'glat' epoch : string, default '2000'

df [pd.DataFrame] With added columns

`besl.coord.pd_gal2eq` (*df, labels, new_labels=['ra', 'dec'], epoch='2000'*)

Convert two coordinate columns of a pandas DataFrame from Galactic to equatorial coordinates, both in decimal degrees.

df : pd.DataFrame labels : list

Column names of df

new_labels : list, default names 'ra' and 'dec' epoch : string, default '2000'

df [pd.DataFrame] With added columns

`besl.coord.sep` (*lat1, lon1, lat2, lon2, hd='d'*)

Calculate separation between two coordinates in decimal degrees. If using longitude in hours set parameter `hd` to “h”.

hd [string, ('h', 'd')] Hour or degree convention

`besl.coord.sep_coords` (*needle, haystack*)

Match a “needle” single (lon, lat) coordinate to a “haystack” list of coordinates in decimal degrees. Use sorted lists for best performance.

needle [array like] List or tuple of (lon, lat) in decimal degrees

haystack [numpy array] 2 x N list of coordinates in decimal degrees

sep [numpy array] Array of separations compared to original list in radians

`besl.coord.sexstr2dec (sexstr, sep=':', hd='h')`

Convert a sexagesimal string of delimited by a separator character, eg “+HH:MM:SS.S” with “:”, into a decimal float. Can also be a tuple of numbers.

sexstr [str, tuple] Sexagesimal coordinate in separated string or tuple of numbers

sep [string] Separator character between hours, minutes, and seconds

hd [string, ('h', 'd')] Hour or degree convention

Miscellaneous Functions

`besl.misc.logit ()`

Log IPython session to log file tagged by date and time: `ipython_log_YY-MM-DD_HH:MM.py`.

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