

Proposed structure for tools packages

[GRAND code reformatting]

Here we present a detailed list of classes that could compose the **tools** package in order to give detailed guidelines when it comes to implementation. Please take time to read it, think about it and improve it! This is an *alive* document that will be key in defining the best GRAND code. Note that using existing solutions (astropy or other standard libraries) is very welcome.

Class Position

Gives position of an object in space.

Attributes

- `[x, y, z]`
Position in the [ECEF referential](#) (defined for instance as 0: center of Earth, x towards Greenwich meridian, y in Equator plane and z towards geographic pole)

Methods

- `[x,y,z] = get_cartesian(posA, refA='ecef')`
returns Cartesian coordinates of object *posA* in referential *refA*. Default is ECEF referential. This applies throughout this doc (and the code).
- `[rho,theta,phi] = get_spherical (posA, refA='ecef')`
returns spherical coordinates of object *posA* in referential *refA*. Note: angles measured according to GRAND convention: *theta* wrt z axis and *phi* wrt x axis, sign follows trigonometric convention.
- `[lat, long, z] = get_geographic_coordinates(pos)`
returns geographic coordinates of *posA*. z is WGS84 (GPS) value at this (*lat, long*).

All these “get” methods should be associated with equivalent “create” methods:

- `pos = create_position(x, y, z, refA)`
- `pos = create_position(rho, theta, phi, refA)`
- `pos = create_position(lat, long, z)`

In addition:

- `h = get_height(posA)`
gets height above ground at the corresponding (*lat, long*) location.
- `h = get_altitude(posA)`
gets altitude above sea level at the corresponding (*lat, long*) location. Can differ from z.
- `u = get_Bfield(posA)`
returns the B field vector at location *posA*.

Class Vector

Defines a vector and proposes associated operations. In practice a vector can be defined as a position in one referential (and therefore class vector probably useless?) but this could make things clearer for end user.

Attributes:

- (posA, posB)
couple of positions defining the vector

Methods

- `[x y z] = get_cartesian(u, refA)`
returns Cartesian coordinates of vector *u* in referential *refA*.
- `[rho theta phi] = get_spherical(u, refA)`
returns spherical coordinates of vector *u* in referential *refA*. Note: angles measured according to GRAND convention: theta wrt **z** axis and phi wrt **x** axis, and sign follows trigonometric convention.
- `u = create_vector(posA, refA)`
creates vector linking origin of *refA* to position *posA*.
- `u = create_vector(posA, posB)`
creates vector linking position *posA* to position *posB*.
- `a = dot(u,v)`
scalar product

Class Referential

Attributes

- Origin (type = position)
- x, y and z base vectors (type = vector)

Methods

Define usual referentials:

- `ref = get_ecef()`
returns ECEF referential
- `ref = get_grand_ref(posA)`
returns [ENU referential](#) with origin=*posA* and following GRAND conventions (x=geographic North, y=West, z= vertical at location *posA*)
- `ref = get_zhaires_ref(posA)`
returns ENU referential with origin=*posA* and following ZHaireS conventions (x=geomagnetic North, y=West, z= vertical at location *posA*)
- `ref = get_coreas_ref(posA)`
returns ENU referential with origin=*posA* and following CoREAS conventions (x=East, y=North, z= vertical at location *posA*)

- `pos = get_origin(refA)`
returns origin of referential *refA*.
- `[vec, vec, vec] = get_base(refA)`
returns base vectors of referential *refA*.

Class Detector

Attributes

- `{..., posX, ...}`
List of antenna position at ground
- `{..., vecX,}`
Associated list of vectors normal to ground at antenna location. **Here we need to specify area over which slope is computed: 30m probably not enough. 200m?**

Warning: detector could in principle be infinite (or at list very large) for RETRO simulation... This may require specific handling.

- Iterator to access the position & slope lists.
- Antenna type (`type=string`), could prove useful in the long run (ie different antenna type → different antenna response).
- Antenna height (above ground). Identical for all antennas. Necessary for shadowing/signal attenuation computation.

Methods:

- `det = create_from_file("xxx.txt", refA)`
generates a detector object *det* from a file giving antenna positions in referential *refA*. Altitude and slopes may be computed on the fly from TURTLE library functions if not present in file.
- `det = create_from_parametrisation(step=1000, pattern="square", boundingbox={posA, posB, posC, posD})`
generates a parametric array inside *boundingbox* (infinite over the full Earth ground surface if not specified), following the specific *pattern* (square, hexagon, etc) and *step* size. TURTLE computes heights & slopes on the fly.
- `{..., posX, ...} = get_positions(det)`
returns antenna positions
- `{..., posX, ...} = get_slopes(det)`
- `det = select(parameters)`
returns a subdetector *det* composed of the antennas passing the *parameters* selection cut. These still have to be defined, but could typically be of the type "distance to shower axis < 2000m".

Class Shower

Attributes:

- list of particle IDs (following usual conventions)
- list of associated impulsions (type = vector)
- injection height (type = position): point of first interaction

Methods

- `E = get_energy(shower)`
computes (from impulsions) energies of particles contributing to the shower (ie all except muons & neutrinos) & sums them up.
- `u = get_direction(shower, refA)`
get direction of origin (propagation*-1) of *shower* in referential *refA*. Note: here we follow the (new) GRAND convention: receiver point of view, looking for the direction of origin of the shower.
- `posA, grammage = get_Xmax (shower, refA)`
computes (average/expected) value of X_{\max} (in g/cm^2) and actual position *posA* in *refA*. This assumes a specific atmospheric model (to be added in attributes?).