



## STAR Atmospheric Composition Product Training

**Featuring Aerosol, Fire, and Trace Gas Satellite Products from ABI, VIIRS, TROPOMI & TEMPO**



### Python Short Demo: Calculate Latitude and Longitude from GOES Imager Projection (ABI Fixed Grid) Information

This Python function can be used to calculate latitude and longitude from the [GOES Imager Projection](#) information in any ABI L1b or L2 data file.

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# Calculate latitude and longitude from GOES ABI fixed grid projection data
# GOES ABI fixed grid projection is a map projection relative to the GOES satellite
# Units: latitude in °N (°S < 0), longitude in °E (°W < 0)
# See GOES-R Product User Guide (PUG) Volume 5 (L2 products) Section 4.2.8 for details & example of calculations
# "file_id" is an ABI L1b or L2 .nc file opened using the netCDF4 library

def calculate_degrees(file_id):

    # Read in GOES ABI fixed grid projection variables and constants
    x_coordinate_1d = file_id.variables['x'][:] # E/W scanning angle in radians
    y_coordinate_1d = file_id.variables['y'][:] # N/S elevation angle in radians
    projection_info = file_id.variables['goes_imager_projection']
    lon_origin = projection_info.longitude_of_projection_origin
    H = projection_info.perspective_point_height+projection_info.semi_major_axis
    r_eq = projection_info.semi_major_axis
    r_pol = projection_info.semi_minor_axis

    # Create 2D coordinate matrices from 1D coordinate vectors
    x_coordinate_2d, y_coordinate_2d = np.meshgrid(x_coordinate_1d, y_coordinate_1d)

    # Equations to calculate latitude and longitude
    lambda_0 = (lon_origin*np.pi)/180.0
    a_var = np.power(np.sin(x_coordinate_2d),2.0) +
    (np.power(np.cos(x_coordinate_2d),2.0)*(np.power(np.cos(y_coordinate_2d),2.0)+(((r_eq*r_eq)/
    (r_pol*r_pol))*np.power(np.sin(y_coordinate_2d),2.0))))
    b_var = -2.0*H*np.cos(x_coordinate_2d)*np.cos(y_coordinate_2d)
    c_var = (H**2.0)-(r_eq**2.0)
    r_s = (-1.0*b_var - np.sqrt((b_var**2)-(4.0*a_var*c_var)))/(2.0*a_var)
    s_x = r_s*np.cos(x_coordinate_2d)*np.cos(y_coordinate_2d)
    s_y = - r_s*np.sin(x_coordinate_2d)
    s_z = r_s*np.cos(x_coordinate_2d)*np.sin(y_coordinate_2d)

    # Ignore numpy errors for sqrt of negative number; occurs for GOES-16 ABI CONUS sector data
    np.seterr(all='ignore')

    abi_lat = (180.0/np.pi)*(np.arctan(((r_eq*r_eq)/(r_pol*r_pol))*((s_z/np.sqrt(((H-s_x)*(H-s_x))+(s_y*s_y))))))
    abi_lon = (lambda_0 - np.arctan(s_y/(H-s_x)))*(180.0/np.pi)

    return abi_lat, abi_lon
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**Demonstration of how to use the function:** The user enters the "directory\_path" (directory where the ABI file is located) and "file\_name" (name of ABI file) parameter variables. In this example, the directory is assumed to be the current working directory (cwd), [set using the pathlib module](#), and the ABI file is a GOES-17 ABI Mesoscale 1 sector FDC (fire/hot spot characterization) file for Aug 17, 2021 (Julian day 229) at 14:00 UTC.

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# Import Python packages

# Library to work with netCDF files
from netCDF4 import Dataset

# Library to perform array operations
import numpy as np

# Module to set filesystem paths appropriate for user's operating system
from pathlib import Path

# Open an ABI netCDF4 data file

# Enter directory and file name for ABI data file
directory_path = Path.cwd() # Current working directory
file_name = 'OR_ABI-L2-FDCM1-M6_G17_s20212291400255_e20212291400312_c20212291400457.nc'
file_path = directory_path / file_name

# Open the file using the netCDF4 library
file_id = Dataset(file_path)

# Print arrays of calculated latitude and longitude

# Call function to calculate latitude and longitude from GOES ABI fixed grid projection data
abi_lat, abi_lon = calculate_degrees(file_id)

# Print latitude array
print(abi_lat)

# Print max and min of latitude data to check data range
print('The maximum latitude value is', np.max(abi_lat), 'degrees')
print('The minimum latitude value is', np.min(abi_lat), 'degrees')

# Print longitude array
print(abi_lon)

# Print max and min of longitude data to check data range
print('The maximum longitude value is', np.max(abi_lon), 'degrees')
print('The minimum longitude value is', np.min(abi_lon), 'degrees')

[[49.4893684387207 49.49054718017578 49.491451263427734 ...
  50.358699798583984 50.36152267456055 50.363651275634766]
 [49.45414352416992 49.45476531982422 49.455787658691406 ...
  50.32088088989258 50.32374572753906 50.325984954833984]
 [49.418357849121094 49.419395446777344 49.42030715942383 ...
  50.28329849243164 50.28595733642578 50.28821563720703]
 ...
 [35.06407928466797 35.06440734863281 35.064842224121094 ...
  35.404842376708984 35.40587615966797 35.40659713745117]
 [35.03932189941406 35.039669036865234 35.04008483886719 ...
  35.379573822021484 35.380611419677734 35.381465911865234]
 [35.01442337036133 35.014862060546875 35.01518630981445 ...
  35.354244232177734 35.355262756347656 35.356136322021484]]
The maximum latitude value is 50.36365 degrees
The minimum latitude value is 35.014423 degrees

[[[-124.71633 -124.6854 -124.65459 ... -107.962685 -107.92437
  -107.88682 ]
 [-124.72633 -124.69568 -124.66485 ... -107.991325 -107.95301
  -107.915375]
 [-124.73658 -124.70576 -124.67501 ... -108.019646 -107.98162
  -107.94401 ]
 ...
 [-127.58433 -127.561066 -127.53775 ... -115.499535 -115.47376
  -115.44823 ]
 [-127.58766 -127.564384 -127.54109 ... -115.507774 -115.48201
  -115.456375]
 [-127.591034 -127.56774 -127.54448 ... -115.51607 -115.49032
  -115.464676]]]
The maximum longitude value is -107.88682 degrees
The minimum longitude value is -127.591034 degrees

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