
Subject: Re: WCS Coordinates not kept with WRITEFITS

Posted by [jeanh](#) on Thu, 10 Dec 2009 15:30:06 GMT

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Hi,

you are saving the header of your big file along with the data of your small file... it can not work. You would have to update the header information (sorry, I don't use fits files so I can't help you on this one). Mainly, the new coordinate of your top left (could be another corner) corner is needed, as the resolution and map info should be the same.

Jean

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Posted by [Bringfried Stecklum](#) on Thu, 10 Dec 2009 15:30:43 GMT

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Regards,

Bringfried

Subject: Re: WCS Coordinates not kept with WRITEFITS

Posted by [Laurence](#) on Tue, 15 Dec 2009 19:02:02 GMT

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On Dec 10, 3:30 pm, Bringfried Stecklum <steck...@tls-tautenburg.de>
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Thanks! In the meanwhile I used IRAF which works very well .

Laurence
