
Subject: Re: change pixel scale
Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Sat, 26 May 2012 14:01:58 GMT
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Posted by [spasoklampanas](#) on Sat, 26 May 2012 14:34:42 GMT
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```

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writfits, 'Av_6_2mass.fits', image_Av_6, newhdr
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Posted by [wlandsman](#) on Sat, 26 May 2012 15:28:47 GMT
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Posted by [spasoklampanas](#) on Sat, 26 May 2012 15:56:23 GMT

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The cloud in the output image seems that it disappeared. No idea why. Could that be due to the difference of the input arrays? The dimensions are:

IMAGE_AV FLOAT = Array[2133, 1602]

IMAGE_AV_6 FLOAT = Array[250, 250]

IMAGE_HA FLOAT = Array[250, 250]

Once again, thanks a lot for your tips.

Subject: Re: change pixel scale
Posted by [Russell Ryan](#) on Sun, 27 May 2012 15:03:15 GMT
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There are several ways to skin this cat, and they depend on how careful you want to be. Before we get into those ways, you need to answer a few things about your images...

- (1) Do they both have WCS in the headers that you trust?
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If the answer to (1) is "no," then we need to fix that first.
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Good luck!
Russell

Subject: Re: change pixel scale
Posted by [spasoklampanas](#) on Mon, 28 May 2012 16:17:26 GMT
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Just to sound even more stupid now I got this error message:

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% HASTROM: ERROR - No overlap found between original and reference
images
% HASTROM: Be sure you have the right headers and the right equinoxes
% Compiled module: WRITEFITS.
```

The Galactic coordinates of the cloud are the same. On ds9 I put

the cursor at the centre of the cloud and on both cases the galactic latitude and longitude are the same. What is my mistake though?
