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# **CALCEPH - Python language**

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This manual documents how to install and use the CALCEPH Library using the Python interface.

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**CHAPTER  
ONE**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The CALCEPH Library is designed to access the binary planetary ephemeris files, such INPOPxx and JPL DExxx ephemeris files, (called 'original JPL binary' or 'INPOP 2.0 or 3.0 binary' ephemeris files in the next sections) and the SPICE kernel files (called 'SPICE' ephemeris files in the next sections). At the moment, supported SPICE files are :

- text Planetary Constants Kernel (KPL/PCK) files
- binary PCK (DAF/PCK) files.
- binary SPK (DAF/SPK) files containing segments of type 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 102, 103 and 120.
- meta kernel (KPL/MK) files.
- frame kernel (KPL/FK) files. Only a basic support is provided.

This library provides a C interface and, optionally, the Fortran 77 or 2003, Python and Octave/Matlab interfaces, to be called by the application.

This library could access to the following ephemeris

- INPOP06 or later
- DE200
- DE403 or later
- EPM2011 or later

Although computers have different endianess (order in which integers are stored as bytes in computer memory), the library could handle the binary ephemeris files with any endianess. This library automatically swaps the bytes when it performs read operations on the ephemeris file.

The internal format of the original JPL binary planetary ephemeris files is described in the paper :

- David Hoffman : 1998, A Set of C Utility Programs for Processing JPL Ephemeris Data, <ftp://ssd.jpl.nasa.gov/pub/eph/export/C-versions/hoffman/EphemUtilVer0.1.tar>

The 'INPOP 2.0 binary' file format for planetary ephemeris files is described in the paper :

- M. Gastineau, J. Laskar, A. Fienga, H. Manche : 2012, INPOP binary ephemeris file format - version 2.0 [http://www.imcce.fr/inpop/inpop\\_file\\_format\\_2\\_0.pdf](http://www.imcce.fr/inpop/inpop_file_format_2_0.pdf)

The 'INPOP 3.0 binary' file format for planetary ephemeris files is described in the paper :

- M. Gastineau, J. Laskar, A. Fienga, H. Manche : 2017, INPOP binary ephemeris file format - version 3.0 [http://www.imcce.fr/inpop/inpop\\_file\\_format\\_3\\_0.pdf](http://www.imcce.fr/inpop/inpop_file_format_3_0.pdf)



**INSTALLATION**

## 2.1 Quick instructions for installing on a Unix-like system (Linux, Mac OS X, BSD, Cygwin, ...)

Here are the quick steps needed to install the library on Unix systems. In the following instructions, you must replace `/home/mylogin/mydir` by the directory location where you want to install calceph.

If you use the python interface of the library and the **pip** package management system, the steps are :

- Install the requirements

```
pip install Cython setuptools numpy
```

- Install the library

```
pip install calcephpy
```

If you use the python interface of the library, it requires that the packages cython, setuptools and numpy are already installed and the steps are :

```
tar xzf calceph-3.4.6.tar.gz
cd calceph-3.4.6
./configure --enable-python=yes --enable-python-package-user=yes
  ↪--prefix=/home/mylogin/mydir
make check && make install
```

If you use the gcc and gfortran compilers, the steps are :

```
tar xzf calceph-3.4.6.tar.gz
cd calceph-3.4.6
./configure --disable-shared CC=gcc FC=gfortran --prefix=/home/mylogin/
  ↪mydir
make check && make install
```

If you use the Intel c++ and fortran compilers, the steps are :

```
tar xzf calceph-3.4.6.tar.gz
cd calceph-3.4.6
./configure --disable-shared CC=icc FC=ifort --prefix=/home/mylogin/mydir
make check && make install
```

## 2.2 Detailed instructions for installing on a Unix-like system (Linux, Mac OS X, BSD, Cygwin, ...)

You need a C compiler, such as gcc.

A fortran compiler, compliant with the ANSI Fortran 77 specifications, is required to compile the fortran-77/90/95 interface of the library.

A fortran compiler, compliant with the Fortran 2003 specifications, is required to compile the fortran-2003 interface of the library.

A python interpreter, compliant at least with the Python 2.6 or Python 3.0 specifications, and the package Cython, setuptools and numpy are required to compile the python interface of the library.

And you need a standard Unix *make* program, plus some other standard Unix utility programs.

Here are the detailed steps needed to install the library on Unix systems:

- tar xzf calceph-3.4.6.tar.gz
- cd calceph-3.4.6
- ./configure

Running *configure* might take a while. While running, it prints some messages telling which features it is checking for.

*configure* recognizes the following options to control how it operates.

- --enable-fortran={yes|no}  
Enable or disable the fortran-77 and fortran-2003 interface. The default is *yes*.
- --enable-python={yes|no}  
Enable or disable the python interface. The default is *no*.
- --enable-python-package-system={yes|no}  
Enable or disable the installation of the python package to the system site-packages directory (e.g., /usr/lib/python3.4/sites-packages/) . The default is *no*.
- --enable-python-package-user={yes|no}  
Enable or disable the installation of the python package to the user site-packages directory (e.g., ~/local/lib/python3.4/site-packages/) . The default is *no*.
- --enable-thread={yes|no}  
Enable or disable the thread-safe version of the functions `calcephpy.CalcephBin.sopen()` and `calcephpy.CalcephBin.scompute()`, ... and concurrent access to the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute()`, .... The default is *no*.
- --disable-shared  
Disable shared library.
- --disable-static  
Disable static library.
- --help  
Print a summary of all of the options to *configure*, and exit.
- --prefix=dir  
Use *dir* as the installation prefix. See the command *make install* for the installation names.

The default compilers could be changed using the variable CC for C compiler, FC for the Fortran compiler and PYTHON for the python interpreter. The default compiler flags could be changed using the variable CFLAGS for C compiler and FCFLAGS for the Fortran compiler.

If `--enable-python=yes`, we recommend to set `--enable-python-package-user=yes` ( or `--enable-python-package-system=yes` if you have administrative right on the system directory) in order to that the python interpreter finds the CALCEPH python package.

- `make`

This compiles the CALCEPH Library in the working directory.

- `make check`

This will make sure that the CALCEPH Library was built correctly.

If you get error messages, please report them to [inpop.imcce@obspm.fr](mailto:inpop.imcce@obspm.fr) (see *Reporting bugs*, for information on what to include in useful bug reports).

- `make install`

This will copy the files `calceph.h`, `calceph.mod` and `f90calceph.h` to the directory **/usr/local/include**, the file `libcalceph.a`, `libcalceph.so` to the directory **/usr/local/lib**, and the documentations files to the directory **/usr/local/doc/calceph/** (or if you passed the `--prefix` option to `configure`, using the prefix directory given as argument to `--prefix` instead of **/usr/local**). Note: you need write permissions on these directories.

If the python interface is enabled and `enable-python-package-system=yes` or `enable-python-package-user=yes`, the python package will be copied to system or user python site-package.

- If you want to enable the mex interface

- If you don't install in a standard path, add `dir/lib` to the environment variables **LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH** or **DYLD\_LIBRARY\_PATH**.
- Add the path `/usr/local/libexec/calceph/mex` to the environment variable **MATLABPATH**
- If you use Matlab, start Matlab and execute the following command in order to compile the Mex interface:

```
calceph_compilemex()
```

- If you use Octave, start Octave and execute the following command in order to compile the Mex interface:

```
addpath('/usr/local/libexec/calceph/mex')
calceph_compilemex()
```

## 2.2.1 Other *make* Targets

There are some other useful make targets:

- *clean*

Delete all object files and archive files, but not the configuration files.

- *distclean*

Delete all files not included in the distribution.

- *installnodoc*

Same as *install*, except that the documentation is not installed.

- *uninstall*

Delete all files copied by `make install`.

## 2.3 Installation on Windows system

### 2.3.1 Using the Microsoft Visual C++ compiler

You need the Microsoft Visual C++ compiler, such as `cl.exe`, and the Universal CRT SDK or a Windows SDK. A fortran compiler, compliant with the ANSI Fortran 77 specifications, is required to compile the fortran-77/90/95 interface of the library. A fortran compiler, compliant with the Fortran 2003 specifications, is required to compile the fortran-2003 interface of the library.

The "Universal CRT (C runtime) SDK" or a "Windows SDK" are now provided with the Microsoft Visual Studio. You should verify that "Universal CRT (C runtime) SDK" or a "Windows SDK" is selected in the "Visual Studio Installer".

If you use the python interface of the library and the `pip` package management system, the steps are :

- Execute the script '`vcvars32.bat`' or `vcvars64.bat`' depending on the Windows version.

These scripts are located in the directory

"**C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio...**"

They are usually located in

"**C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio\2017\Community\VC\Auxiliary\Build**"

or

"**C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio 14.0\VC**".

Depending on your Python version, the Microsoft Visual C++ compiler must be the same version of the compiler that was used to build Python itself should be used.

- Install the requirements

```
pip install Cython setuptools numpy
```

- Install the library

```
pip install calcephpy
```

If you use the C, Fortran, or mex interface, the steps are :

- Expand the file `calceph-3.4.6.tar.gz`
- Execute the command :`cmd .exe` from the menu *Start / Execute...*

This will open a console window

- `cd dir\calceph-3.4.6`

Go to the directory `dir` where CALCEPH Library has been expanded.

- `nmake /f Makefile.vc`

This compiles CALCEPH Library in the working directory. This command line accepts several options :

– `CC= xx`

specifies the name of the C compiler. The default value is `cl.exe`

– `FC= xx`

specifies the name of the Fortran compiler. The default value is *gfortran.exe*

- F77FUNC= *naming*

specifies the naming convention of the fortran 77 compiler.

The possible value are: x, X, x##\_, X##\_.

- ENABLEF2003={0|1}

specifies if it must compile the fortran 2003 interface. The default value is 0.

- ENABLEF77={0|1}

specifies if it must compile the fortran 77/90/95 interface. The default value is 0.

- nmake /f Makefile.vc check

This will make sure that the CALCEPH Library was built correctly.

If you get error messages, please report them to [inpop.imcce@obspm.fr](mailto:inpop.imcce@obspm.fr) (see *Reporting bugs*, for information on what to include in useful bug reports).

This command line accepts several options :

- CC= *xx*

specifies the name of the C compiler. The default value is *cl.exe*

- FC= *xx*

specifies the name of the Fortran compiler. The default value is *gfortran.exe*

- F77FUNC= *naming*

specifies the naming convention of the fortran 77 compiler.

The possible value are: x, X, x##\_, X##\_.

- ENABLEF2003={0|1}

specifies if it must compile the fortran 2003 interface. The default value is 0.

- ENABLEF77={0|1}

specifies if it must compile the fortran 77/90/95 interface. The default value is 0.

- nmake /f Makefile.vc install DESTDIR= *dir*

This will copy the file *calceph.h*, *calceph.mod* and *f90calceph.h* to the directory *dir*, the file *libcalceph.lib* to the directory *dir \lib*, the documentation files to the directory *dir \doc*. Note: you need write permissions on these directories.

This command line accepts several options :

- CC= *xx*

specifies the name of the C compiler. The default value is *cl.exe*

- FC= *xx*

specifies the name of the Fortran compiler. The default value is *gfortran.exe*

- F77FUNC= *naming*

specifies the naming convention of the fortran 77 compiler.

The possible value are: x, X, x##\_, X##\_.

- ENABLEF2003={0|1}

specifies if it must compile the fortran 2003 interface. The default value is 0.

- ENABLEF77={0|1}

specifies if it must compile the fortran 77/90/95 interface. The default value is 0.

- If you want to enable the mex interface

- If you don't install in a standard path, add *dir \lib* to the environment variables **LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH** or **DYLD\_LIBRARY\_PATH**.

- Add the path *dir \libexec\calceph\mex* to the environment variable **MATLABPATH**

- Start Matlab or Octave and execute the following command in order to compile the Mex interface:

```
addpath('dir \libexec\calceph\mex')
calceph_compilemex()
```

### 2.3.2 Using the MinGW

You need a C compiler, such as gcc.exe.

A fortran compiler, compliant with the ANSI Fortran 77 specifications, is required to compile the fortran-77/90/95 interface of the library.

A fortran compiler, such as gfortran.exe, compliant with the Fortran 2003 specifications, is required to compile the fortran-2003 interface of the library.

A python interpreter, compliant at least with the Python 2.6 or Python 3.0 specifications, and the package Cython, setuptools and numpy are required to compile the python interface of the library.

If you use the python interface of the library and the **pip** package management system, the steps are :

- Install the requirements

```
pip install Cython setuptools numpy
```

- Install the library

```
pip install calcephpy
```

If you use the C, Fortran, or mex interface, the steps are :

- Expand the file calceph-3.4.6.tar.gz
- Execute the command *MinGW Shell* from the menu *Start*.

This will open a MinGW Shell console window.

- cd *dir\calceph-3.4.6*

Go to the directory *dir* where CALCEPH Library has been expanded.

- make -f Makefile.mingw

This compiles CALCEPH Library in the working directory.

This command line accepts several options :

- CC= xx

specifies the name of the C compiler. The default value is *gcc.exe*

- FC= xx

specifies the name of the Fortran compiler. The default value is *gfortran.exe*

- PYTHON= xx

specifies the name of the Python interpreter. The default value is *python.exe*

- F77FUNC= naming

specifies the naming convention of the fortran 77 compiler.

The possible value are: x, X, x##\_, X##\_.

- ENABLEF2003={0|1}

specifies if it must compile the fortran 2003 interface. The default value is 0.

- ENABLEF77={0|1}

specifies if it must compile the fortran 77/90/95 interface. The default value is 0.

- ENABLEPYTHON={0|1}

specifies if it must compile the python interface. The default value is 0.

- make -f Makefile.mingw check

This will make sure that the CALCEPH Library was built correctly.

If you get error messages, please report them to [inpop.imcce@obspm.fr](mailto:inpop.imcce@obspm.fr) (see *Reporting bugs* , for information on what to include in useful bug reports).

This command line accepts several options :

- CC= xx

specifies the name of the C compiler. The default value is *gcc.exe*

- FC= xx

specifies the name of the Fortran compiler. The default value is *gfortran.exe*

- PYTHON= xx

specifies the name of the Python interpreter. The default value is *python.exe*

- F77FUNC= naming

specifies the naming convention of the fortran 77 compiler.

The possible value are: x, X, x##\_, X##\_.

- ENABLEF2003={0|1}

specifies if it must compile the fortran 2003 interface. The default value is 0.

- ENABLEF77={0|1}

specifies if it must compile the fortran 77/90/95 interface. The default value is 0.

- ENABLEPYTHON={0|1}

specifies if it must compile the python interface. The default value is 0.

- make -f Makefile.mingw install DESTDIR= *dir*

This will copy the file *calceph.h*, *calceph.mod* and *f90calceph.h* to the directory *dir*, the file *libcalceph.lib* to the directory *dir\lib*, the documentation files to the directory *dir\doc*.

If `ENABLEPYTHON=1`, the installation will copy the of the CALCEPH python package to the system python site package (e.g., `C:\Python27\Lib\sites-packages\`) in order to that the python interpreter finds the CALCEPH module.

Note: you need write permissions on these directories.

This command line accepts several options :

- `CC= xx`

specifies the name of the C compiler. The default value is `gcc.exe`

- `FC= xx`

specifies the name of the Fortran compiler. The default value is `gfortran.exe`

- `PYTHON= xx`

specifies the name of the Python interpreter. The default value is `python.exe`

- `F77FUNC= naming`

specifies the naming convention of the fortran 77 compiler.

The possible value are: `x`, `X`, `x##_`, `X##_`.

- `ENABLEF2003={0|1}`

specifies if it must compile the fortran 2003 interface. The default value is 0.

- `ENABLEF77={0|1}`

specifies if it must compile the fortran 77/90/95 interface. The default value is 0.

- `ENABLEPYTHON={0|1}`

specifies if it must compile the python interface. The defaut value is 0.

- If you want to enable the mex interface

- If you don't install in a standard path, add `dir \lib` to the environment variables **LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH** or **DYLD\_LIBRARY\_PATH**.

- Add the path `dir \libexec\calceph\mex` to the environment variable **MATLABPATH**

- Start Matlab or Octave and execute the following command in order to compile the Mex interface:

```
addpath('dir \libexec\calceph\mex')
calceph_compilemex()
```

## LIBRARY INTERFACE

### 3.1 A simple example program

The following example program shows the typical usage of the Python interface.

Other examples using the Python interface can be found in the directory *examples* of the library sources.

```
from calcephpy import *
peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
AU = peph.getconstant("AU")
jd0 = 2451542
dt = 0.5
PV = peph.compute_unit(jd0, dt, NaifId.MOON, NaifId.EARTH,
                       Constants.UNIT_KM+Constants.UNIT_SEC+Constants.USE_NAIFID)
print(PV)
peph.close()
```

### 3.2 Modules

It is designed to work with Python interpreters compliant with the Python 2.6 or later and Python 3.0 or later.

All declarations needed to use CALCEPH Library are collected in the module `calcephpy`. You should import this module:

```
from calcephpy import *
```

If you receive the following message `ImportError: No module named calcephpy` and if the configuration option `enable-python-package-system` and `enable-python-package-user` was not set, the environment variable `PYTHONPATH` should be set to the right location of the CALCEPH python package ( e.g., `PYTHONPATH=/usr/local/lib64/python3.4/site-packages:$PYTHONPATH` ) in your shell initialization file (e.g., `~/.bash_login` or `~/.profile`), in order that the python interpreter finds the CALCEPH python package.

Relative to C or Fortran interface, the prefixes `calceph_`, `CALCEPH_`, `NAIFID_` are deleted for the naming convention of the functions, constants and NAIF identification numbers.

## 3.3 Types

### `calcephpy.CalcephBin`

This type contains all information to access an ephemeris file.

### `calcephpy.NaifId`

This type contains the NAIF identification numbers.

### `calcephpy.Constants`

This type contains all constants defined in the library, except the NAIF identification numbers.

## 3.4 Constants

The following constants are defined in the class **Constants** (or *calcephpy.Constants*).

### **VERSION\_MAJOR**

This integer constant defines the major revision of this library. It can be used to distinguish different releases of this library.

### **VERSION\_MINOR**

This integer constant defines the minor revision of this library. It can be used to distinguish different releases of this library.

### **VERSION\_PATCH**

This integer constant defines the patch level revision of this library. It can be used to distinguish different releases of this library.

### **VERSION\_STRING**

This string is the version of the library, which can be compared to the result of `calceph_getversion` to check at run time if the header file and library used match:

Note: Obtaining different strings is not necessarily an error, as in general, a program compiled with some old CALCEPH version can be dynamically linked with a newer CALCEPH library version (if allowed by the operating system).

### **ASTEROID**

This integer defines the offset value for the asteroids that must be used as target or center for the computation functions, such as `calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute()`.

The following constants specify in which units are expressed the output of the computation functions, such as `calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute_unit()`:

### **UNIT\_AU**

This integer defines that the unit of the positions and velocities is expressed in astronomical unit.

### **UNIT\_KM**

This integer defines that the unit of the positions and velocities is expressed in kilometer.

### **UNIT\_DAY**

This integer defines that the unit of the velocities or the quantity TT-TDB or TCG-TCB is expressed in day (one day=86400 seconds).

### **UNIT\_SEC**

This integer defines that the unit of the velocities or the quantity TT-TDB or TCG-TCB is expressed in second.

**UNIT\_RAD**

This integer defines that the unit of the angles is expressed in radian.

**OUTPUT\_EULERANGLES**

This integer defines that the output array contains the euler angles.

**OUTPUT\_NUTATIONANGLES**

This integer defines that the output array contains the nutation angles.

**USE\_NAIFID**

This integer defines that the NAIF identification numbers are used as target or center for the computation functions, such as `calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute_unit()`.



## MULTIPLE FILE ACCESS FUNCTIONS

The following group of functions should be the preferred method to access to the library. They allow to access to multiple ephemeris files at the same time, even by multiple threads.

When an error occurs, these functions execute error handlers according to the behavior defined by the function `calcephpy.seterrorhandler()`.

### 4.1 Thread notes

If the standard I/O functions such as **fread** are not reentrant then the CALCEPH I/O functions using them will not be reentrant either.

It's not safe for two threads to call the functions with the same object of type `CalcephBin` if and only if the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.isthreadsafe()` returns a non-zero value. A previous call to the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.prefetch()` is required for the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.isthreadsafe()` to return a non-zero value.

It's safe for two threads to access simultaneously to the same ephemeris file with two different objects of type `CalcephBin`. In this case, each thread must open the same file.

### 4.2 Usage

The following examples, that can be found in the directory *examples* of the library sources, show the typical usage of this group of functions.

The example in Python language is `pymultiple.py`.

### 4.3 Functions

#### 4.3.1 `calcephpy.CalcephBin.open`

`calcephpy.CalcephBin.open(filename) → eph`

**Parameters** `filename` (`str`) -- pathname of the file

**Returns** ephemeris descriptor

**Return type** `calcephpy.CalcephBin`

This function opens the file whose pathname is the string pointed to by filename, reads the two header blocks of this file and returns an ephemeris descriptor associated to it. This file must be compliant to the format specified by the 'original JPL binary' , 'INPOP 2.0 binary' or 'SPICE' ephemeris file. At the moment, supported SPICE files are the following :

- text Planetary Constants Kernel (KPL/PCK) files
- binary PCK (DAF/PCK) files.
- binary SPK (DAF/SPK) files containing segments of type 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 102, 103 and 120.
- meta kernel (KPL/MK) files.
- frame kernel (KPL/FK) files. Only a basic support is provided.

Just after the call of `calcephpy.CalcephBin.open()`, the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.prefetch()` should be called to accelerate future computations.

The function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.close()` must be called to free allocated memory by this function.

The following example opens the ephemeris file example1.dat

```
from calcephpy import *
peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
# ... computation ...
peph.close()
```

### 4.3.2 `calcephpy.CalcephBin.open`

`calcephpy.CalcephBin.open(array_filename)` → eph

**Parameters** `array_filename` (`list`) -- array of pathname of the files

**Returns** ephemeris descriptor

**Return type** `calcephpy.CalcephBin`

This function opens n files whose pathnames are the string pointed to by array\_filename, reads the header blocks of these files and returns an ephemeris descriptor associated to them.

These files must have the same type (e.g., all files are SPICE files or original JPL files). This file must be compliant to the format specified by the 'original JPL binary' , 'INPOP 2.0 or 3.0 binary' or 'SPICE' ephemeris file. At the moment, supported SPICE files are the following :

- text Planetary Constants Kernel (KPL/PCK) files
- binary PCK (DAF/PCK) files.
- binary SPK (DAF/SPK) files containing segments of type 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 102, 103 and 120.
- meta kernel (KPL/MK) files.
- frame kernel (KPL/FK) files. Only a basic support is provided.

Just after the call of `calcephpy.CalcephBin.open()`, the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.prefetch()` should be called to accelerate future computations.

The function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.close()` must be called to free allocated memory by this function.

The following example opens the ephemeris file example1.bsp and example1.tpc

```
from calcephpy import CalcephBin
peph = CalcephBin.open(['example1.bsp', 'example1.tpc'])

# ... computation ...

peph.close()
```

### 4.3.3 calcephpy.CalcephBin.prefetch

```
calcephpy.CalcephBin.prefetch()
```

This function prefetches to the main memory all files associated to the ephemeris descriptor. This prefetching operation will accelerate the further computations performed with `calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute()`, `calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute_unit()`, `calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute_order()`, `calcephpy.CalcephBin.orient_unit()`, ... .

It requires that the file is smaller than the main memory. If multiple threads (e.g. threads of openMP or Posix Pthreads) prefetch the data for the same ephemeris file, the used memory will remain the same as if the prefetch operation was done by a single thread if and if the endianess of the file is the same as the computer and if the operating system, such as Linux, MacOS X other unix, supports the function mmap.

### 4.3.4 calcephpy.CalcephBin.isthreadsafe

```
calcephpy.CalcephBin.isthreadsafe()
```

This function returns 1 if multiple threads can access the same ephemeris descriptor, otherwise 0.

A previous call to the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.prefetch()` is required, and the library should be compiled with `--enable-thread=yes` on Unix-like operating system, for the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.isthreadsafe()` to return a non-zero value.

If this function returns 1, severals threads may use the same ephemeris descriptor for the computational functions `calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute()`, .... It allows to use the same object for parallel loops.

### 4.3.5 calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute

```
calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute(JD0, time, target, center) → PV
```

#### Parameters

- **JD0** (*float/list/numpy.ndarray*) -- Integer part of the Julian date
- **time** (*float/list/numpy.ndarray*) -- Fraction part of the Julian date
- **target** (*int*) -- The body or reference point whose coordinates are required (see the list, below).
- **center** (*int*) -- The origin of the coordinate system (see the list, below). If *target* is 14, 15, 16 or 17 (nutation, libration, TT-TDB or TCG-TCB), *center* must be 0.

**Returns** Depending on the target value, an array to receive the cartesian position (x,y,z) and the velocity (xdot, ydot, zdot), or a time scale transformation value, or the angles of the librations of the Moon and their derivatives, or the nutation angles and their derivatives.

**Return type** list

This function reads, if needed, in the ephemeris file *self* and interpolates a single object, usually the position and velocity of one body (*target*) relative to another (*center*) for the time *JD0+time* and stores the results to *PV*. The ephemeris file *self* must have been previously opened with the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.open()`.

The returned array *PV* has the following properties

- If the target is *TT-TDB*, only the first element of this array will get the result. The time scale transformation TT-TDB is expressed in seconds.
- If the target is *TCG-TCB*, only the first element of this array will get the result. The time scale transformation TCG-TCB is expressed in seconds.
- If the target is *Librations*, the array contains the angles of the librations of the Moon and their derivatives. The angles of the librations of the Moon are expressed in radians and their derivatives are expressed in radians per day.
- If the target is *Nutations*, the array contains the nutation angles and their derivatives. The nutation angles are expressed in radians and their derivatives are expressed in radians per day.
- Otherwise the returned values is the cartesian position (x,y,z), expressed in Astronomical Unit (au), and the velocity (xdot, ydot, zdot), expressed in Astronomical Unit per day (au/day).

If *JD0* and *time* are list or NumPy's array (1D) of double-precision floating-point values, the returned array *PV* is a list of 6 arrays. Each array contain a single component of position or velocity (e.g., *PV[0]* contains the coordinate X, *PV[1]* contains the coordinate Y, ...).

To get the best numerical precision for the interpolation, the time is splitted in two floating-point numbers. The argument *JD0* should be an integer and *time* should be a fraction of the day. But you may call this function with *time=0* and *JD0*, the desired time, if you don't take care about numerical precision.

The possible values for *target* and *center* are :

| value                              | meaning                 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1                                  | Mercury Barycenter      |
| 2                                  | Venus Barycenter        |
| 3                                  | Earth                   |
| 4                                  | Mars Barycenter         |
| 5                                  | Jupiter Barycenter      |
| 6                                  | Saturn Barycenter       |
| 7                                  | Uranus Barycenter       |
| 8                                  | Neptune Barycenter      |
| 9                                  | Pluto Barycenter        |
| 10                                 | Moon                    |
| 11                                 | Sun                     |
| 12                                 | Solar System barycenter |
| 13                                 | Earth-moon barycenter   |
| 14                                 | Nutation angles         |
| 15                                 | Librations              |
| 16                                 | TT-TDB                  |
| 17                                 | TCG-TCB                 |
| asteroid number + CALCEPH_ASTEROID | asteroid                |

These accepted values by this function are the same as the value for the JPL function *PLEPH*, except for the values *TT-TDB*, *TCG-TCB* and asteroids.

For example, the value "CALCEPH\_ASTEROID+4" for target or center specifies the asteroid Vesta.

The following example prints the heliocentric coordinates of Mars at time=2442457.5 and at 2442457.9

```

from calcephpy import *

def printcoord(PV,name):
    print('{0} :{1}\n'.format(name,PV))

jd0=2442457
dt1=0.5E0
dt2=0.9E0

peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")

PV1 = peph.compute(jd0, dt1, 4, 11)
printcoord(PV1,"heliocentric coordinates of Mars")

PV2 = peph.compute(jd0, dt2, 4, 11)
printcoord(PV2,"heliocentric coordinates of Mars")

peph.close()

```

## 4.3.6 calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute\_unit

`calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute_unit(JD0, time, target, center, unit)` → PV

### Parameters

- **JD0** (*float/list/numpy.ndarray*) -- Integer part of the Julian date
- **time** (*float/list/numpy.ndarray*) -- Fraction part of the Julian date
- **target** (*int*) -- The body or reference point whose coordinates are required. The numbering system depends on the parameter unit.
- **center** (*int*) -- The origin of the coordinate system. The numbering system depends on the parameter unit.
- **unit** (*int*) --

The units of PV.

This integer is a sum of some unit constants (CALCEPH\_UNIT\_???) and/or the constant `USE_NAIFID`.

If the unit contains `USE_NAIFID`, the NAIF identification numbering system is used for the target and the center (*NAIF identification numbers* for the list).

If the unit doesnot contain `USE_NAIFID`, the old number system is used for the target and the center (see the list in the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute()`).

**Returns** Depending on the target value, an array to receive the cartesian position (x,y,z) and the velocity (xdot, ydot, zdot), or a time scale transformation value, or the angles of the librations of the Moon and their derivatives, or the nutation angles and their derivatives.

### Return type

This function is similar to the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute()`, except that the units of the output are specified.

This function reads, if needed, in the ephemeris file *self* and interpolates a single object, usually the position and velocity of one body (*target*) relative to another (*center*) for the time *JD0+time* and stores the results to *PV*. The ephemeris file *self* must have been previously opened with the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.open()`. The output values are expressed in the units specified by *unit*.

This function checks the units if invalid combinations of units are given to the function.

The returned array *PV* has the following properties

- If the target is the time scale transformation TT-TDB, only the first element of this array will get the result.
- If the target is the time scale transformation *TCG-TCB*, only the first element of this array will get the result.
- If the target is *Librations*, the array contains the angles of the librations of the Moon and their derivatives.
- If the target is *Nutations*, the array contains the nutation angles and their derivatives.
- Otherwise the returned value is the cartesian position (x,y,z) and the velocity (xdot, ydot, zdot).

If *JD0* and *time* are list or NumPy's array (1D) of double-precision floating-point values, the returned array *PV* is a list of 6 arrays. Each array contain a single component of position or velocity (e.g., *PV*[0] contains the coordinate X, *PV*[1] contains the coordinate Y, ...).

The values stored in the array *PV* are expressed in the following units

- The position and velocity are expressed in Astronomical Unit (au) if unit contains *UNIT\_AU*.
- The position and velocity are expressed in kilometers if unit contains *UNIT\_KM*.
- The velocity, TT-TDB, TCG-TCB, the derivatives of the angles of the nutation, or the derivatives of the librations of the Moon or are expressed in days if unit contains *UNIT\_DAY*.
- The velocity, TT-TDB, TCG-TCB, the derivatives of the angles of the nutation, or the derivatives of the librations of the Moon are expressed in seconds if unit contains *UNIT\_SEC*.
- The angles of the librations of the Moon or the nutation angles are expressed in radians if unit contains *UNIT\_RAD*.

For example, to get the position and velocities expressed in kilometers and kilometers/seconds, the unit must be set to *UNIT\_KM* + *UNIT\_SEC*.

The following example prints the heliocentric coordinates of Mars at time=2442457.5

```
from calcephy import *

def printcoord(PV,name):
    print ('{0} :{1}\n'.format(name,PV))

jd0=2442457
dt=0.5E0

peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")

PV1 = peph.compute_unit(jd0, dt, 4, 11, Constants.UNIT_KM+Constants.UNIT_SEC)
printcoord(PV1,"heliocentric coordinates of Mars")

PV2 = peph.compute_unit(jd0, dt, NaifId.MARS_BARYCENTER, NaifId.SUN,
                        Constants.UNIT_KM+Constants.UNIT_SEC+Constants.USE_NAIFID)
printcoord(PV2,"heliocentric coordinates of Mars")

peph.close()
```

### 4.3.7 calcephpy.CalcephBin.orient\_unit

`calcephpy.CalcephBin.orient_unit(JD0, time, target, unit)` → PV

#### Parameters

- `JD0` (*float/list/*`numpy.ndarray`) -- Integer part of the Julian date
- `time` (*float/list/*`numpy.ndarray`) -- Fraction part of the Julian date
- `target` (*int*) -- The body whose orientations are requested. The numbering system depends on the parameter unit.
- `unit` (*int*) --

The units of PV.

This integer is a sum of some unit constants (CALCEPH\_UNIT\_???) and/or the constant `USE_NAIFID`.

If the unit contains `USE_NAIFID`, the NAIF identification numbering system is used for the target (*NAIF identification numbers* for the list).

If the unit does not contain `USE_NAIFID`, the old number system is used for the target (see the list in the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute()`).

**Returns** An array to receive the euler angles, or nutation angles, and their derivatives for the orientation of the body.

#### Return type

This function reads, if needed, in the ephemeris file *self* and interpolates the orientation of a single body (*target*) for the time *JD0+time* and stores the results to *PV*. The ephemeris file *self* must have been previously opened with the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.open()`. The output values are expressed in the units specified by *unit*.

This function checks the units if invalid combinations of units are given to the function.

The returned array *PV* has the following properties

- If *unit* contains `OUTPUT_NUTATIONANGLES`, the array contains the nutation angles and their derivatives for the orientation of the body. At the present moment, only the nutation for the earth are supported in the original DE files.
- If *unit* contains `OUTPUT_EULERANGLES`, or doesnot contain `OUTPUT_NUTATIONANGLES`, the array contains the euler angles and their derivatives for the orientation of the body.

If *JD0* and *time* are list or NumPy's array (1D) of double-precision floating-point values, the returned array *PV* is a list of 6 arrays. Each array contain a single component of orientation.

The values stored in the array *PV* are expressed in the following units

- The derivatives of the angles are expressed in days if unit contains `UNIT_DAY`.
- The derivatives of the angles are expressed in seconds if unit contains `UNIT_SEC`.
- The angles and their derivatives are expressed in radians if unit contains `UNIT_RAD`.

For example, to get the nutation angles of the Earth and their derivatives expressed in radian and radian/seconds using the NAIF identification numbering system, the target must be set to NAIFID\_EARTH and the unit must be set to `OUTPUT_NUTATIONANGLES + UNIT_RAD + UNIT_SEC`.

The following example prints the angles of libration of the Moon at time=2442457.5

```
from calcephpy import *
jd0=2442457
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```
dt=0.5E0

peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")

PV = peph.orient_unit(jd0, dt, NaifId.MOON,
                      Constants.USE_NAIFID+Constants.UNIT_RAD+Constants.UNIT_SEC)
print(PV)

peph.close()
```

### 4.3.8 calcephpy.CalcephBin.rotangmom\_unit

`calcephpy.CalcephBin.rotangmom_unit(JD0, time, target, unit) → PV`

#### Parameters

- **JD0** (*float*) -- Integer part of the Julian date
- **time** (*float*) -- Fraction part of the Julian date
- **target** (*int*) -- The body whose orientations are requested. The numbering system depends on the parameter unit.
- **unit** (*int*) --

The units of PV.

This integer is a sum of some unit constants (CALCEPH\_UNIT\_???) and/or the constant *USE\_NAIFID*.

If the unit contains *USE\_NAIFID*, the NAIF identification numbering system is used for the target (*NAIF identification numbers* for the list).

If the unit does not contain *USE\_NAIFID*, the old number system is used for the target (see the list in the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute()`).

**Returns** An array to receive the angular momentum due to its rotation, divided by the product of the mass and of the square of the radius, and the derivatives, of the body.

#### Return type list

This function reads, if needed, in the ephemeris file *self* and interpolates the angular momentum vector due to the rotation of the body, divided by the product of the mass *m* and of the square of the radius *R*, of a single body (*target*) for the time *JD0+time* and stores the results to *PV*. The ephemeris file *self* must have been previously opened with the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.open()`. The angular momentum *L*, due to the rotation of the body, is defined as the product of the inertia matrix *I* by the angular velocity vector *ω*. So the returned value is  $L/(mR^2) = (I\omega)/(mR^2)$ . The output values are expressed in the units specified by *unit*.

This function checks the units if invalid combinations of units are given to the function.

The values stored in the array *PV* are expressed in the following units

- The angular momentum and its derivative are expressed in days if unit contains *UNIT\_DAY*.
- The angular momentum and its derivative are expressed in seconds if unit contains *UNIT\_SEC*.

The following example prints the angular momentum, due to its rotation, for the Earth at time=2451419.5

```
from calcephpy import *
jd0=2451419
```

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```
dt=0.5E0

peph = CalcephBin.open("example2_rotangmom.dat")

G = peph.rotangmom_unit(jd0, dt, NaifId.EARTH,
                        Constants.USE_NAIFID+Constants.UNIT_SEC)
print(G)

peph.close()
```

### 4.3.9 calcephy.CalcephBin.compute\_order

`calcephy.CalcephBin.compute_order(JD0, time, target, center, unit, order) → PVAJ`

#### Parameters

- **JD0** (*float/list/numpy.ndarray*) -- Integer part of the Julian date
- **time** (*float/list/numpy.ndarray*) -- Fraction part of the Julian date
- **target** (*int*) -- The body or reference point whose coordinates are required. The numbering system depends on the parameter unit.
- **center** (*int*) -- The origin of the coordinate system. The numbering system depends on the parameter unit.
- **unit** (*int*) --

The units of PVAJ.

This integer is a sum of some unit constants (CALCEPH\_UNIT\_???) and/or the constant *USE\_NAIFID*.

If the unit contains *USE\_NAIFID*, the NAIF identification numbering system is used for the target and the center (*NAIF identification numbers* for the list).

If the unit doesnot contain *USE\_NAIFID*, the old number system is used for the target and the center (see the list in the function `calcephy.CalcephBin.compute()`).

- **order** (*int*) -- The order of derivatives
  - = 0 , only the position is computed. The first three numbers of PVAJ are valid for the results.
  - = 1 , only the position and velocity are computed. The first six numbers of PVAJ are valid for the results.
  - = 2 , only the position, velocity and acceleration are computed. The first nine numbers of PVAJ are valid for the results.
  - = 3 , the position, velocity and acceleration and jerk are computed. The first twelve numbers of PVAJ are valid for the results.

If order equals to 1, the behavior of `calcephy.CalcephBin.compute_order()` is the same as `calcephy.CalcephBin.compute_unit()`.

**Returns** Depending on the target value, an array to receive the cartesian position (x,y,z), the velocity (xdot, ydot, zdot), the acceleration and the jerk, or a time scale transformation value, or the angles of the librations of the Moon and their successive derivatives, or the nutation angles and their successive derivatives.

**Return type** list

This function is similar to the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute_unit()`, except that the order of the computed derivatives is specified.

This function reads, if needed, in the ephemeris file *self* and interpolates a single object, usually the position and their derivatives of one body (*target*) relative to another (*center*) for the time *JD0+time* and stores the results to *PVAJ*. The ephemeris file *self* must have been previously opened with the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.open()`. The order of the derivatives are specified by *order*. The output values are expressed in the units specified by *unit*.

The returned array *PVAJ* has the following properties

- If the target is the time scale transformation TT-TDB, only the first elements of each component will get the result.
- If the target is the time scale transformation TCG-TCB, only the first elements of each component will get the result.
- If the target is *Librations*, the array contains the angles of the librations of the Moon and their successive derivatives.
- If the target is *Nutations*, the array contains the nutation angles and their successive derivatives.
- Otherwise the returned value is the cartesian position (x,y,z), the velocity (xdot, ydot, zdot), the jerk and the acceleration.

The returned array *PVAJ* must be large enough to store the results.

- *PVAJ[1:3]* contain the position (x,y,z) and is always valid.
- *PVAJ[4:6]* contain the velocity ( $dx/dt, dy/dt, dz/dt$ ) and is only valid if *order* is greater or equal to 1.
- *PVAJ[7:9]* contain the acceleration ( $d^2x/dt^2, d^2y/dt^2, d^2z/dt^2$ ) and is only valid if *order* is greater or equal to 2.
- *PVAJ[10:12]* contain the jerk ( $d^3x/dt^3, d^3y/dt^3, d^3z/dt^3$ ) and is only valid if *order* is equal to 3.

If *JD0* and *time* are list or NumPy's array (1D) of double-precision floating-point values, the returned array *PVAJ* is a list of  $3*(\text{order}+1)$  arrays. Each array contain a single component of position, velocity ... (e.g., *PV[0]* contains the coordinate X, *PV[1]* contains the coordinate Y, ...).

The values stored in the array *PVAJ* are expressed in the following units

- The position, velocity, acceleration and jerk are expressed in Astronomical Unit (au) if unit contains `UNIT_AU`.
- The position, velocity, acceleration and jerk are expressed in kilometers if unit contains `UNIT_KM`.
- The velocity, acceleration, jerk, TT-TDB, TCG-TCB or the derivatives of the angles of the librations of the Moon are expressed in days if unit contains `UNIT_DAY`.
- The velocity, acceleration, jerk, TT-TDB, TCG-TCB or the derivatives of the angles of the librations of the Moon are expressed in seconds if unit contains `UNIT_SEC`.
- The angles of the librations of the Moon are expressed in radians if unit contains `UNIT_RAD`.

For example, to get the positions, velocities, accelerations and jerks expressed in kilometers and kilometers/seconds, the unit must be set to `UNIT_KM + UNIT_SEC`.

This function checks the units if invalid combinations of units are given to the function.

The following example prints the heliocentric coordinates of Mars at time=2442457.5

```
from calcephpy import *
jd0=2442457
dt=0.5E0
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```

peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")

# compute only the heliocentric position of Mars in km
P = peph.compute_order(jd0, dt, NaifId.MARS_BARYCENTER, NaifId.SUN,
                       Constants.UNIT_KM+Constants.UNIT_SEC+Constants.USE_NAIFID, 0)
print(P)

# compute positions, velocities, accelerations and jerks of Mars in km and seconds
PVAJ = peph.compute_order(jd0, dt, NaifId.MARS_BARYCENTER, NaifId.SUN,
                           Constants.UNIT_KM+Constants.UNIT_SEC+Constants.USE_NAIFID, 3)
print(PVAJ)

peph.close()

```

### 4.3.10 calcephpy.CalcephBin.orient\_order

`calcephpy.CalcephBin.orient_order(JD0, time, target, unit, order) → PVAJ`

#### Parameters

- **JD0** (*float/list/numpy.ndarray*) -- Integer part of the Julian date
- **time** (*float/list/numpy.ndarray*) -- Fraction part of the Julian date
- **target** (*int*) -- The body whose orientations are requested. The numbering system depends on the parameter unit.
- **unit** (*int*) --

The units of PV.

This integer is a sum of some unit constants (CALCEPH\_UNIT\_???) and/or the constant *USE\_NAIFID*.

If the unit contains *USE\_NAIFID*, the NAIF identification numbering system is used for the target (*NAIF identification numbers* for the list).

If the unit does not contain *USE\_NAIFID*, the old number system is used for the target (see the list in the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute()`).

- **order** (*int*) -- The order of derivatives.
  - = 0 , only the angles is computed. The first three numbers of PVAJ are valid for the results.
  - = 1 , only the angles and the first derivative are computed. The first six numbers of PVAJ are valid for the results.
  - = 2 , only the angles and the first and second derivatives are computed. The first nine numbers of PVAJ are valid for the results.
  - = 3 , the angles and the first, second and third derivatives are computed. The first twelve numbers of PVAJ are valid for the results.

If order equals to 1, the behavior of `calcephpy.CalcephBin.orient_order()` is the same as `calcephpy.CalcephBin.orient_unit()`.

**Returns** An array to receive the euler angles, or nutation angles, and their derivatives for the orientation of the body.

**Return type** list

This function is similar to the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.orient_unit()`, except that the order of the computed derivatives is specified.

This function reads, if needed, in the ephemeris file *self* and interpolates the orientation of a single body (*target*) for the time *JD0+time* and stores the results to *PVAJ*. The order of the derivatives are specified by *order*. The ephemeris file *self* must have been previously opened with the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.open()`. The output values are expressed in the units specified by *unit*.

This function checks the units if invalid combinations of units are given to the function.

The returned array *PVAJ* has the following properties

- If *unit* contains `OUTPUT_NUTATIONANGLES`, the array contains the nutation angles and their successive derivatives for the orientation of the body. At the present moment, only the nutation for the earth are supported in the original DE files.
- If *unit* contains `OUTPUT_EULERANGLES`, or doesnot contain `OUTPUT_NUTATIONANGLES`, the array contains the euler angles and their successive derivatives for the orientation of the body.

The returned array *PVAJ* must be large enough to store the results.

- *PVAJ[1:3]* contain the angles and is always valid.
- *PVAJ[4:6]* contain the first derivative and is only valid if *order* is greater or equal to 1.
- *PVAJ[7:9]* contain the second derivative and is only valid if *order* is greater or equal to 2.
- *PVAJ[10:12]* contain the third derivative and is only valid if *order* is equal to 3.

If *JD0* and *time* are list or NumPy's array (1D) of double-precision floating-point values, the returned array *PVAJ* is a list of 3\*(*order*+1) arrays. Each array contain a single component of the orientation.

The values stored in the array *PVAJ* are expressed in the following units

- The derivatives of the angles are expressed in days if unit contains `UNIT_DAY`.
- The derivatives of the angles are expressed in seconds if unit contains `UNIT_SEC`.
- The angles and their derivatives are expressed in radians if unit contains `UNIT_RAD`.

The following example prints only the angles of libration of the Moon at time=2442457.5

```
from calcephpy import *
jd0=2442457
dt=0.5E0
peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
P = peph.orient_order(jd0, dt, NaifId.MOON,
                      Constants.USE_NAIFID+Constants.UNIT_RAD+Constants.UNIT_SEC, 0)
print (P)
peph.close()
```

### 4.3.11 `calcephpy.CalcephBin.rotangmom_order`

`calcephpy.CalcephBin.rotangmom_order(JD0, time, target, unit, order)` → PVAJ

#### Parameters

- **JD0** (*float*) -- Integer part of the Julian date
- **time** (*float*) -- Fraction part of the Julian date
- **target** (*int*) -- The body whose orientations are requested. The numbering system depends on the parameter unit.
- **unit** (*int*) --  
The units of PV.  
This integer is a sum of some unit constants (CALCEPH\_UNIT\_???) and/or the constant *USE\_NAIFID*.  
If the unit contains *USE\_NAIFID*, the NAIF identification numbering system is used for the target (*NAIF identification numbers* for the list).  
If the unit does not contain *USE\_NAIFID*, the old number system is used for the target (see the list in the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute()`).
- **order** (*int*) -- The order of derivatives.
  - = 0 , only the angular momentum is computed. The first three numbers of PVAJ are valid for the results.
  - = 1 , only the angular momentum and the first derivative are computed. The first six numbers of PVAJ are valid for the results.
  - = 2 , only the angular momentum and the first and second derivatives are computed. The first nine numbers of PVAJ are valid for the results.
  - = 3 , the angular momentum and the first, second and third derivatives are computed. The first twelve numbers of PVAJ are valid for the results.

If `order` equals to 1, the behavior of `calcephpy.CalcephBin.rotangmom_order()` is the same as `calcephpy.CalcephBin.rotangmom_unit()`.

**Returns** An array to receive the angular momentum due to its rotation, divided by the product of the mass and of the square of the radius, and their different order of the derivatives, of the body.

#### Return type list

This function is similar to the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.orient_unit()`, except that the order of the computed derivatives is specified.

This function reads, if needed, in the ephemeris file *self* and interpolates the angular momentum vector due to the rotation of the body, divided by the product of the mass *m* and of the square of the radius *R*, of a single body (*target*) for the time *JD0+time* and stores the results to *PVAJ*. The angular momentum *L* , due to the rotation of the body, is defined as the product of the inertia matrix *I* by the angular velocity vector *ω*. So the returned value is  $L/(mR^2) = (I\omega)/(mR^2)$  The order of the derivatives are specified by *order*. The ephemeris file *self* must have been previously opened with the function `calcephpy.CalcephBin.open()`. The output values are expressed in the units specified by *unit*.

This function checks the units if invalid combinations of units are given to the function.

The returned array *PVAJ* must be large enough to store the results.

- `PVAJ[1:3]` contain the angular momentum and is always valid.

- PVAJ[4:6] contain the first derivative and is only valid if *order* is greater or equal to 1.
- PVAJ[7:9] contain the second derivative and is only valid if *order* is greater or equal to 2.
- PVAJ[10:12] contain the third derivative and is only valid if *order* is equal to 3.

The values stored in the array *PVAJ* are expressed in the following units

- The angular momentum and its derivatives are expressed in days if unit contains *UNIT\_DAY*.
- The angular momentum and its derivatives are expressed in seconds if unit contains *UNIT\_SEC*.

The following example prints only the angular momentum, due to its rotation, of the Earth at time=2451419.5

```
from calcephpy import *
jd0=2451419
dt=0.5E0
peph = CalcephBin.open("example2_rotangmom.dat")
G = peph.rotangmom_order(jd0, dt, NaifId.EARTH,
                           Constants.USE_NAIFID+Constants.UNIT_SEC, 0)
print(G)
peph.close()
```

#### 4.3.12 **calcephpy.CalcephBin.getconstant**

`calcephpy.CalcephBin.getconstant(name) → value`

**Parameters** `name` (*str*) -- name of the constant

**Returns** first value of the constant

**Return type** float

This function returns the value associated to the constant *name* in the header of the ephemeris file *self*. Only the first value is returned if multiple values are associated to a constant, such as a list of values.

This function is the same function as `calcephpy.CalcephBin.getconstantsd()`.

The following example prints the value of the astronomical unit stored in the ephemeris file

```
from calcephpy import *
peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
AU = peph.getconstant("AU")
print(AU)
peph.close()
```

### 4.3.13 calcephpy.CalcephBin.getconstantsd

`calcephpy.CalcephBin.getconstantsd(name) → value`

**Parameters** `name` (`str`) -- name of the constant

**Returns** first value of the constant

**Return type** float

This function returns, as a floating-point number, the value associated to the constant `name` in the header of the ephemeris file `self`. Only the first value is returned if multiple values are associated to a constant, such as a list of values. The value must be a floating-point or integer number, otherwise an error is reported.

This function is the same function as `calcephpy.CalcephBin.getconstant()`.

The following example prints the value of the astronomical unit stored in the ephemeris file

```
from calcephpy import *
peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
AU = peph.getconstantsd("AU")
print(AU)
peph.close()
```

### 4.3.14 calcephpy.CalcephBin.getconstantvd

`calcephpy.CalcephBin.getconstantvd(name) → arrayvalue`

**Parameters** `name` (`str`) -- name of the constant

**Returns** array of values for the constant

**Return type** list

This function returns, as floating-point numbers, all values associated to the constant `name` in the header of the ephemeris file `self`.

The values must be floating-point or integer numbers, otherwise an error is reported.

The following example prints the body radii of the earth stored in the ephemeris file

```
from calcephpy import *
peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
radii = peph.getconstantvd("BODY399_RADII")
print(radii)
peph.close()
```

### 4.3.15 calcephpy.CalcephBin.getconstantss

`calcephpy.CalcephBin.getconstantss(name) → value`

**Parameters** `name` (`str`) -- name of the constant

**Returns** first value of the constant

**Return type** str

This function returns, as a string of character, the value associated to the constant *name* in the header of the ephemeris file *self*. Only the first value is returned if multiple values are associated to a constant, such as a list of values. The value must be a string, otherwise an error is reported.

The following example prints the value of the unit stored in the ephemeris file

```
from calcephpy import *

peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
UNIT = peph.getconstantss("UNIT")
print(UNIT)
peph.close()
```

### 4.3.16 calcephpy.CalcephBin.getconstants

calcephpy.CalcephBin.**getconstants**(*name*) → arrayvalue

**Parameters** **name** (*str*) -- name of the constant

**Returns** array of values for the constant

**Return type** list

This function returns, as strings of characters, all values associated to the constant *name* in the header of the ephemeris file *self*.

The values must be strings, otherwise an error is reported.

The following example prints the units of the mission stored in the ephemeris file

```
from calcephpy import *

peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
mission_units = peph.getconstants("MISSION_UNITS")
print(mission_units)
peph.close()
```

### 4.3.17 calcephpy.CalcephBin.getconstantcount

calcephpy.CalcephBin.**getconstantcount**()

**Returns** number of constants

**Return type** int

This function returns the number of constants available in the header of the ephemeris file *self*.

The following example prints the number of available constants stored in the ephemeris file

```
from calcephpy import *

peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
n = peph.getconstantcount()
print("number of constants", n)
peph.close()
```

### 4.3.18 calcephpy.CalcephBin.getconstantindex

`calcephpy.CalcephBin.getconstantindex(index) → name, value`

**Parameters** `index (int)` -- index of the constant, between 1 and `calcephpy.CalcephBin.getconstantcount ()`

**Returns** name of the constant, first value of the constant

**Return type** str, float

This function returns the name and its value of the constant available at the specified index in the header of the ephemeris file `self`. The value of `index` must be between 1 and `calcephpy.CalcephBin.getconstantcount ()`.

Only the first value is returned if multiple values are associated to a constant, such as a list of values.

The following example displays the name of the constants, stored in the ephemeris file, and their values

```
from calcephpy import *
peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
n = peph.getconstantcount()
for j in range(1, n+1):
    name, value = peph.getconstantindex(j)
    print(name, value)
peph.close()
```

### 4.3.19 calcephpy.CalcephBin.getfileversion

`calcephpy.CalcephBin.getfileversion()`

**Returns** version of the ephemeris file

**Return type** str

This function returns the version of the ephemeris file, as a string. For example, the argument version will contain 'INPOP10B', 'EPM2017' or 'DE405', ... .

If the file is an original JPL binary planetary ephemeris, then the version of the file can always be determined. If the file is a spice kernel, the version of the file is retrieved from the constant `INPOP_PCK_VERSION`, `EPM_PCK_VERSION`, or `PCK_VERSION`.

The following example prints the version of the ephemeris file.

```
from calcephpy import *
peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
version = peph.getfileversion()
print(version)
peph.close()
```

### 4.3.20 calcephpy.CalcephBin.gettimescale

```
calcephpy.CalcephBin.gettimescale()
```

**Returns** time scale of the ephemeris file

**Return type** int

This function returns the timescale of the ephemeris file *self* :

- 1 if the quantities of all bodies are expressed in the TDB time scale.
- 2 if the quantities of all bodies are expressed in the TCB time scale.

The following example prints the time scale available in the ephemeris file

```
from calcephpy import *
peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
timescale = peph.gettimescale()
print(timescale)
peph.close()
```

### 4.3.21 calcephpy.CalcephBin.gettimespan

```
calcephpy.CalcephBin.gettimespan() → firsttime, lasttime, continuous
```

**Returns** first and last available time, availability of the quantities of the bodies over the time span

**Return type** float, float, int

This function returns the first and last time available in the ephemeris file *self*. The Julian date for the first and last time are expressed in the time scale returned by `calcephpy.CalcephBin.gettimescale()`.

It returns the following value in the parameter *continuous* :

- 1 if the quantities of all bodies are available for any time between the first and last time.
- 2 if the quantities of some bodies are available on discontinuous time intervals between the first and last time.
- 3 if the quantities of each body are available on a continuous time interval between the first and last time, but not available for any time between the first and last time.

The following example prints the first and last time available in the ephemeris file

```
from calcephpy import *
peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
firsttime, lasttime, continuous = peph.gettimespan()
print(firsttime, lasttime, continuous)
peph.close()
```

### 4.3.22 calcephpy.CalcephBin.getpositionrecordcount

`calcephpy.CalcephBin.getpositionrecordcount()`

**Returns** number of position's records

**Return type** int

This function returns the number of position's records available in the ephemeris file *self*. Usually, the number of records is equal to the number of bodies in the ephemeris file if the timespan is continuous. If the timespan is discontinuous for the target and center bodies, then each different timespan is counted as a different record. If the ephemeris file contain timescale transformations' records, such as *TT-TDB* or *TCG-TCB*, then these records are included in the returned value.

The following example prints the number of position's records available in the ephemeris file

```
from calcephpy import *
peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
n = peph.getpositionrecordcount()
print("number of position's record", n)
peph.close()
```

### 4.3.23 calcephpy.CalcephBin.getpositionrecordindex

`calcephpy.CalcephBin.getpositionrecordindex(index)` → target, center, firsttime, lasttime, frame

**Parameters** `index` (int) -- index of the position's record, between 1 and `calcephpy.CalcephBin.getpositionrecordcount()`

**Returns**

`target` : the target body  
`center` : the origin body  
`firsttime` : julian date of the first time  
`lasttime` : julian date of the last time  
`frame` : reference frame (see the list, below)

**Return type** int, int, float, float, int

This function returns the target and origin bodies, the first and last time, and the reference frame available at the specified index for the position's records of the ephemeris file *self*. The NAIF identification numbering system is used for the target and center integers (*NAIF identification numbers* for the list). The Julian date for the first and last time are expressed in the time scale returned by `calcephpy.CalcephBin.gettimescale()`.

It returns the following value in the parameter `frame` :

| value | Name |
|-------|------|
| 1     | ICRF |

The following example displays the position's records stored in the ephemeris file.

```
from calcephpy import *

peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
n = peph.getpositionrecordcount()
for j in range(1, n+1):
    itarget, icerter, firsttime, lasttime, iframe = peph.getpositionrecordindex(j)
    print(itarget, icerter, firsttime, lasttime, iframe)

peph.close()
```

### 4.3.24 calcephpy.CalcephBin.getorientrecordcount

calcephpy.CalcephBin.**getorientrecordcount**()

**Returns** number of orientation's records

**Return type** int

This function returns the number of orientation's records available in the ephemeris file *self*. Usually, the number of records is equal to the number of bodies in the ephemeris file if the timespan is continuous. If the timespan is discontinuous for the target body, then each different timespan is counted as a different record.

The following example prints the number of orientation's records available in the ephemeris file

```
from calcephpy import *

peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
n = peph.getorientrecordcount()
print("number of orientation's record", n)
peph.close()
```

### 4.3.25 calcephpy.CalcephBin.getorientrecordindex

calcephpy.CalcephBin.**getorientrecordindex**(*index*) → target, firsttime, lasttime, frame

**Parameters** **index** (int) -- index of the orientation's record, between 1 and *calcephpy.CalcephBin.getorientrecordcount()*

**Returns**

**target** : the target body  
**center** : the origin body  
**firsttime** : julian date of the first time  
**lasttime** : julian date of the last time  
**frame** : reference frame (see the list, below)

**Return type** int, float, float, int

This function returns the target body, the first and last time, and the reference frame available at the specified index for the orientation's records of the ephemeris file *self*. The NAIF identification numbering system is used for the target body ([NAIF identification numbers](#) for the list). The Julian date for the first and last time are expressed in the time scale returned by *calcephpy.CalcephBin.gettimescale()*.

It returns the following value in the parameter *frame* :

| value | Name |
|-------|------|
| 1     | ICRF |

The following example displays the orientation's records stored in the ephemeris file.

```
from calcephpy import *

peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
n = peph.getorientrecordcount()
for j in range(1, n+1):
    itarget, firsttime, lasttime, iframe = peph.getorientrecordindex(j)
    print(itarget, firsttime, lasttime, iframe)

peph.close()
```

### 4.3.26 calcephpy.CalcephBin.close

calcephpy.CalcephBin.**close**()

This function closes the access associated to the ephemeris descriptor and frees allocated memory for it.



## ERROR FUNCTIONS

The following group of functions defines the behavior of the library when errors occur during the execution.

### 5.1 Usage

The following examples, that can be found in the directory *examples* of the library sources, show the typical usage of this group of functions.

The example in Python language is `pyerror.py`.

The following example shows how to stop the execution on the error.

```
from calcephpy import *

#set the error handler to stop on error
seterrorhandler(2, 0);

# open the ephemeris file
peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
```

The following example shows how to define a custom error handler function.

```
from calcephpy import *

#-----
# custom error handler
#-----
def myhandler(msg):
    print("The calceph calls the function myhandler");
    print("The message contains {} characters\n".format(len(msg)))
    print("The error message is :")
    print("-----")
    print(msg)
    print("-----")
    print("The error handler returns")

# set the error handler to use my own callback
seterrorhandler(3, myhandler)

# open the ephemeris file
peph = CalcephBin.open("example1.dat")
```

## 5.2 calcephy.seterrorhandler

`calcephy.seterrorhandler(typehandler, userfunc)`

### Parameters

- **typehandler** (*int*) -- type of handler
- **userfunc** (*function*) -- user function

This function defines the behavior of the library when an error occurs during the execution of the library's functions. This function should be (not mandatory) called before any other functions of the library. The behavior depends on the value of *typehandler*.

The possible values for *typehandler* are :

| value | meaning   |
|-------|---|
| 1     | <p>The library displays a message and continues the execution.</p> <p>The functions return an error code. The python and Octave/Matlab interfaces raise an exception.</p> <p>This is the default behavior of the library.</p> |
| 2     | <p>The library displays a message and terminates the execution with a system call to the function <i>exit</i>.</p>  |
| 3     | <p>The library calls the user function <i>userfunc</i> with the message.</p>  |

If the function is called with 1 or 2 for *typehandler*, the parameter *userfunc* must be set to 0.

The function *userfunc* must be defined as

```
def userfunc (msg)
# parameter msg is of type str
```

## MISCELLANEOUS FUNCTIONS

### 6.1 calcephpy.getversion\_str

`calcephpy.getversion_str()`

**Returns** version of the library

**Return type** str

This function returns the version of the CALCEPH Library, as a string.

```
from calcephpy import *
print('version=' + getversion_str())
```



## NAIF IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

The following predefined values must be used as the target body and origin of the coordinate system with the functions `calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute_unit()`, `calcephpy.CalcephBin.orient_unit()`, `calcephpy.CalcephBin.compute_order()` or `calcephpy.CalcephBin.orient_order()` if and only if the value `USE_NAIFID` has been set in the parameter `unit`.

This list is already predefined in the class `NaifId` (*Types*) of the module `calcephpy` (*Modules*) for the Python 2/3 interface. Relative to C or Fortran interface, the prefix `NAIFID_` is deleted for the following numbers.

### 7.1 Sun and planetary barycenters

| Predefined Macros              | NAIF ID | Name                    |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| NAIFID_SOLAR_SYSTEM_BARYCENTER | 0       | Solar System Barycenter |
| NAIFID_MERCURY_BARYCENTER      | 1       | Mercury Barycenter      |
| NAIFID_VENUS_BARYCENTER        | 2       | Venus Barycenter        |
| NAIFID_EARTH_MOON_BARYCENTER   | 3       | Earth-Moon Barycenter   |
| NAIFID_MARS_BARYCENTER         | 4       | Mars Barycenter         |
| NAIFID_JUPITER_BARYCENTER      | 5       | Jupiter Barycenter      |
| NAIFID_SATURN_BARYCENTER       | 6       | Saturn Barycenter       |
| NAIFID_URANUS_BARYCENTER       | 7       | Uranus Barycenter       |
| NAIFID_NEPTUNE_BARYCENTER      | 8       | Neptune Barycenter      |
| NAIFID_PLUTO_BARYCENTER        | 9       | Pluto Barycenter        |
| NAIFID_SUN                     | 10      | Sun                     |

### 7.2 Coordinate Time ephemerides

| Predefined Macros   | NAIF ID    | Name   |
|---------------------|------------|--|
| NAIFID_TIME_CENTER  | 1000000000 | center ID for Coordinate Time ephemerides <sup>1</sup> |
| NAIFID_TIME_TTMTDB  | 1000000001 | Coordinate Time ephemeride TT-TDB <sup>2</sup>         |
| NAIFID_TIME_TCGMTCB | 1000000002 | Coordinate Time ephemeride TCG-TCB <sup>2</sup>        |

<sup>1</sup> These values must only be used as a center body.

<sup>2</sup> These values must only be used as a target body.

## 7.3 Planet centers and satellites

| Predefined Macros | NAIF ID | Name       |
|-------------------|---------|------------|
| NAIFID_MERCURY    | 199     | Mercury    |
|                   |         |            |
| NAIFID_VENUS      | 299     | Venus      |
|                   |         |            |
| NAIFID_EARTH      | 399     | Earth      |
| NAIFID_MOON       | 301     | Moon       |
|                   |         |            |
| NAIFID_MARS       | 499     | Mars       |
| NAIFID_PHOBOS     | 401     | Phobos     |
| NAIFID_DEIMOS     | 402     | Deimos     |
|                   |         |            |
| NAIFID_JUPITER    | 599     | Jupiter    |
| NAIFID_IO         | 501     | Io         |
| NAIFID_EUROPA     | 502     | Europa     |
| NAIFID_GANYMEDE   | 503     | Ganymede   |
| NAIFID_CALLISTO   | 504     | Callisto   |
| NAIFID_AMALTHEA   | 505     | Amalthea   |
| NAIFID_HIMALIA    | 506     | Himalia    |
| NAIFID_ELARA      | 507     | Elara      |
| NAIFID_PASIPHAE   | 508     | Pasiphae   |
| NAIFID_SINOPE     | 509     | Sinope     |
| NAIFID_LYSITHEA   | 510     | Lysithea   |
| NAIFID_CARME      | 511     | Carme      |
| NAIFID_ANANKE     | 512     | Ananke     |
| NAIFID_LEDRA      | 513     | Leda       |
| NAIFID_THEBE      | 514     | Thebe      |
| NAIFID_DRADESTEA  | 515     | Dradesta   |
| NAIFID_METIS      | 516     | Metis      |
| NAIFID_CALLIRRHOE | 517     | Callirrhoe |
| NAIFID_THEMESTO   | 518     | Themisto   |
| NAIFID_MAGACLITE  | 519     | Magaclite  |
| NAIFID_TAYGETE    | 520     | Taygete    |
| NAIFID_CHALDENE   | 521     | Chaldene   |
| NAIFID_HARPALYKE  | 522     | Harpalyke  |
| NAIFID_KALYKE     | 523     | Kalyke     |
| NAIFID_IOCASTE    | 524     | Iocaste    |
| NAIFID_ERINOME    | 525     | Erinome    |
| NAIFID_ISONOE     | 526     | Isonoe     |
| NAIFID_PRAXIDIKE  | 527     | Praxidike  |
| NAIFID_AUTONOE    | 528     | Autonoe    |
| NAIFID_THYONE     | 529     | Thyone     |
| NAIFID_HERMIPPE   | 530     | Hermippe   |
| NAIFID_AITNE      | 531     | Aitne      |
| NAIFID_EURYDOME   | 532     | Eurydome   |
| NAIFID_EUANTHE    | 533     | Euanthe    |
| NAIFID_EUPORIE    | 534     | Euporie    |
| NAIFID_ORTHOSIE   | 535     | Orthosie   |

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| Predefined Macros | NAIF ID | Name       |
|-------------------|---------|------------|
| NAIFID_SPONDE     | 536     | Sponde     |
| NAIFID_KALE       | 537     | Kale       |
| NAIFID_PASITHEE   | 538     | Pasithee   |
| NAIFID_HEGEMONE   | 539     | Hegemone   |
| NAIFID_MNEME      | 540     | Mneme      |
| NAIFID_AOEDAE     | 541     | Aoede      |
| NAIFID_THELXINOE  | 542     | Thelxinoe  |
| NAIFID_ARCHE      | 543     | Arche      |
| NAIFID_KALLICHORE | 544     | Kallichore |
| NAIFID_HELIKE     | 545     | Helike     |
| NAIFID_CARPO      | 546     | Carpo      |
| NAIFID_EUKELADE   | 547     | Eukelade   |
| NAIFID_CYLLENE    | 548     | Cyllene    |
| NAIFID_KORE       | 549     | Kore       |
| NAIFID_HERSE      | 550     | Herse      |
| NAIFID_DIA        | 553     | Dia        |
|                   |         |            |
| NAIFID_SATURN     | 699     | Saturn     |
| NAIFID_MIMAS      | 601     | Mimas      |
| NAIFID_ENCELADUS  | 602     | Enceladus  |
| NAIFID_TETHYS     | 603     | Tethys     |
| NAIFID_DIONE      | 604     | Dione      |
| NAIFID_RHEA       | 605     | Rhea       |
| NAIFID_TITAN      | 606     | Titan      |
| NAIFID_HYPERION   | 607     | Hyperion   |
| NAIFID_IAPETUS    | 608     | Iapetus    |
| NAIFID_PHOEBE     | 609     | Phoebe     |
| NAIFID_JANUS      | 610     | Janus      |
| NAIFID_EPIMETHEUS | 611     | Epimetheus |
| NAIFID_HELENE     | 612     | Helene     |
| NAIFID_TELESTO    | 613     | Telesto    |
| NAIFID_CALYPSO    | 614     | Calypso    |
| NAIFID_ATLAS      | 615     | Atlas      |
| NAIFID_PROMETHEUS | 616     | Prometheus |
| NAIFID_PANDORA    | 617     | Pandora    |
| NAIFID_PAN        | 618     | Pan        |
| NAIFID_YMIR       | 619     | Ymir       |
| NAIFID_PAALIAQ    | 620     | Paaliaq    |
| NAIFID_TARVOS     | 621     | Tarvos     |
| NAIFID_IJIRAQ     | 622     | Ijiraq     |
| NAIFID_SUTTUNGR   | 623     | Suttungr   |
| NAIFID_KIVIUQ     | 624     | Kiviuq     |
| NAIFID_MUNDILFARI | 625     | Mundilfari |
| NAIFID_ALBIORIX   | 626     | Albiorix   |
| NAIFID_SKATHI     | 627     | Skathi     |
| NAIFID_ERRIAPUS   | 628     | Erriapus   |
| NAIFID_SIARNAQ    | 629     | Siarnaq    |
| NAIFID_THRYMR     | 630     | Thrymr     |
| NAIFID_NARVI      | 631     | Narvi      |

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| NAIFID_METHONE    | 632     | Methone    |
| NAIFID_PALLENE    | 633     | Pallene    |
| NAIFID_POLYDEUCES | 634     | Polydeuces |
| NAIFID_DAPHNIS    | 635     | Daphnis    |
| NAIFID_AEGIR      | 636     | Aegir      |
| NAIFID_BEBHIONN   | 637     | Bebhionn   |
| NAIFID_BERGELMIR  | 638     | Bergelmir  |
| NAIFID_BESTLA     | 639     | Bestla     |
| NAIFID_FARBAUTI   | 640     | Farbauti   |
| NAIFID_FENRIR     | 641     | Fenrir     |
| NAIFID_FORNJOT    | 642     | Fornjot    |
| NAIFID_HATI       | 643     | Hati       |
| NAIFID_HYROKKIN   | 644     | Hyrokkin   |
| NAIFID_KARI       | 645     | Kari       |
| NAIFID_LOGE       | 646     | Loge       |
| NAIFID_SKOLL      | 647     | Skoll      |
| NAIFID_SURTUR     | 648     | Surtur     |
| NAIFID_ANTHE      | 649     | Anthe      |
| NAIFID_JARNSAXA   | 650     | Jarnsaxa   |
| NAIFID_GREIP      | 651     | Greip      |
| NAIFID_TARQEQ     | 652     | Tarqeq     |
| NAIFID_AEGAEON    | 653     | Aegaeon    |
|                   |         |            |
| NAIFID_URANUS     | 799     | Uranus     |
| NAIFID_ARIEL      | 701     | Ariel      |
| NAIFID_UMBRIEL    | 702     | Umbriel    |
| NAIFID_TITANIA    | 703     | Titania    |
| NAIFID_OBERON     | 704     | Oberon     |
| NAIFID_MIRANDA    | 705     | Miranda    |
| NAIFID_CORDELIA   | 706     | Cordelia   |
| NAIFID_OPHELIA    | 707     | Ophelia    |
| NAIFID_BIANCA     | 708     | Bianca     |
| NAIFID_CRESSIDA   | 709     | Cressida   |
| NAIFID_DESDEMONA  | 710     | Desdemona  |
| NAIFID_JULIET     | 711     | Juliet     |
| NAIFID_PORTIA     | 712     | Portia     |
| NAIFID_ROSALIND   | 713     | Rosalind   |
| NAIFID_BELINDA    | 714     | Belinda    |
| NAIFID_PUCK       | 715     | Puck       |
| NAIFID_CALIBAN    | 716     | Caliban    |
| NAIFID_SYCORAX    | 717     | Sycorax    |
| NAIFID_PROSPERO   | 718     | Prospero   |
| NAIFID_SETEBOS    | 719     | Setebos    |
| NAIFID_STEPHANO   | 720     | Stephano   |
| NAIFID_TRINCULO   | 721     | Trinculo   |
| NAIFID_FRANCISCO  | 722     | Francisco  |
| NAIFID_MARGARET   | 723     | Margaret   |
| NAIFID_FERDINAND  | 724     | Ferdinand  |
| NAIFID_PERDITA    | 725     | Perdita    |

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| Predefined Macros | NAIF ID | Name     |
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| NAIFID_MAB        | 726     | Mab      |
| NAIFID_CUPID      | 727     | Cupid    |
|                   |         |          |
| NAIFID_NEPTUNE    | 899     | Neptune  |
| NAIFID_TRITON     | 801     | Triton   |
| NAIFID_NEREID     | 802     | Nereid   |
| NAIFID_NAIAD      | 803     | Naiad    |
| NAIFID_THALASSA   | 804     | Thalassa |
| NAIFID_DESPINA    | 805     | Despina  |
| NAIFID_GALATEA    | 806     | Galatea  |
| NAIFID_LARISSA    | 807     | Larissa  |
| NAIFID_PROTEUS    | 808     | Proteus  |
| NAIFID_HALIMEDE   | 809     | Halimede |
| NAIFID_PSAMATHE   | 810     | Psamathe |
| NAIFID_SAO        | 811     | Sao      |
| NAIFID_LAOMEDEIA  | 812     | Laomedea |
| NAIFID_NESO       | 813     | Neso     |
|                   |         |          |
| NAIFID_PLUTO      | 999     | Pluto    |
| NAIFID_CHARON     | 901     | Charon   |
| NAIFID_NIX        | 902     | Nix      |
| NAIFID_HYDRA      | 903     | Hydra    |
| NAIFID_KERBEROS   | 904     | Kerberos |
| NAIFID_STYX       | 905     | Styx     |

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| Predefined Macros            | NAIF ID | Name                  |
|------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| NAIFID_AREN                  | 1000001 | Arend                 |
| NAIFID_AREN_RIGAUX           | 1000002 | Arend-Rigaux          |
| NAIFID_ASHBROOK_JACKSON      | 1000003 | Ashbrook-Jackson      |
| NAIFID_BOETHIN               | 1000004 | Boethin               |
| NAIFID_BORRELLY              | 1000005 | Borrelly              |
| NAIFID_BOWELL_SKIFF          | 1000006 | Bowell-Skiff          |
| NAIFID_BRADFIELD             | 1000007 | Bradfield             |
| NAIFID_BROOKS_2              | 1000008 | Brooks 2              |
| NAIFID_BRORSEN_METCALF       | 1000009 | Brorsen-Metcalf       |
| NAIFID_BUS                   | 1000010 | Bus                   |
| NAIFID_CHERNYKH              | 1000011 | Chernykh              |
| NAIFID_CHURYUMOV_GERASIMENKO | 1000012 | Churyumov-Gerasimenko |
| NAIFID_CIFFREO               | 1000013 | Ciffreo               |
| NAIFID_CLARK                 | 1000014 | Clark                 |
| NAIFID_COMAS_SOLA            | 1000015 | Comas Sola            |
| NAIFID_CROMMELIN             | 1000016 | Crommelin             |
| NAIFID_D_ARREST              | 1000017 | D'Arrest              |
| NAIFID_DANIEL                | 1000018 | Daniel                |
| NAIFID_DE_VICO_SWIFT         | 1000019 | De Vico-Swift         |

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| Predefined Macros              | NAIF ID | Name                    |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| NAIFID_DENNING_FUJIKAWA        | 1000020 | Denning-Fujikawa        |
| NAIFID_DU_TOIT_1               | 1000021 | Du Toit 1               |
| NAIFID_DU_TOIT_HARTLEY         | 1000022 | Du Toit-Hartley         |
| NAIFID_DUTOIT_NEUJMIN_DELPORTE | 1000023 | Dutoit-Neujmin-Delporte |
| NAIFID_DUBIAGO                 | 1000024 | Dubiago                 |
| NAIFID_ENCKE                   | 1000025 | Encke                   |
| NAIFID_FAYE                    | 1000026 | Faye                    |
| NAIFID_FINLAY                  | 1000027 | Finlay                  |
| NAIFID_FORBES                  | 1000028 | Forbes                  |
| NAIFID_GEHRELS_1               | 1000029 | Gehrels 1               |
| NAIFID_GEHRELS_2               | 1000030 | Gehrels 2               |
| NAIFID_GEHRELS_3               | 1000031 | Gehrels 3               |
| NAIFID_GIACOBINI_ZINNER        | 1000032 | Giacobini-Zinner        |
| NAIFID_GICLAS                  | 1000033 | Giclas                  |
| NAIFID_GRIGG_SKJELLERUP        | 1000034 | Grigg-Skjellerup        |
| NAIFID_GUNN                    | 1000035 | Gunn                    |
| NAIFID_HALLEY                  | 1000036 | Halley                  |
| NAIFID_HANEDA_CAMPOS           | 1000037 | Haneda-Campos           |
| NAIFID_HARRINGTON              | 1000038 | Harrington              |
| NAIFID_HARRINGTON_ABELL        | 1000039 | Harrington-Abell        |
| NAIFID_HARTLEY_1               | 1000040 | Hartley 1               |
| NAIFID_HARTLEY_2               | 1000041 | Hartley 2               |
| NAIFID_HARTLEY_IRAS            | 1000042 | Hartley-Iras            |
| NAIFID_HERSCHEL_RIGOLLET       | 1000043 | Herschel-Rigollet       |
| NAIFID HOLMES                  | 1000044 | Holmes                  |
| NAIFID_HONDA_MRKOS_PAJDUSAKOVA | 1000045 | Honda-Mrkos-Pajdusakova |
| NAIFID_HOWELL                  | 1000046 | Howell                  |
| NAIFID_IRAS                    | 1000047 | Iras                    |
| NAIFID_JACKSON_NEUJMIN         | 1000048 | Jackson-Neujmin         |
| NAIFID_JOHNSON                 | 1000049 | Johnson                 |
| NAIFID_KEARNS_KWEE             | 1000050 | Kearns-Kwee             |
| NAIFID_KLEMOLA                 | 1000051 | Klemola                 |
| NAIFID_KOHOUTEK                | 1000052 | Kohoutek                |
| NAIFID KOJIMA                  | 1000053 | Kojima                  |
| NAIFID_KOPFF                   | 1000054 | Kopff                   |
| NAIFID_KOWAL_1                 | 1000055 | Kowal 1                 |
| NAIFID_KOWAL_2                 | 1000056 | Kowal 2                 |
| NAIFID_KOWAL_MRKOS             | 1000057 | Kowal-Mrkos             |
| NAIFID_KOWAL_VAVROVA           | 1000058 | Kowal-Vavrova           |
| NAIFID_LONGMORE                | 1000059 | Longmore                |
| NAIFID_LOVAS_1                 | 1000060 | Lovas 1                 |
| NAIFID_MACHHOLZ                | 1000061 | Machholz                |
| NAIFID_MAURY                   | 1000062 | Maury                   |
| NAIFID_NEUJMIN_1               | 1000063 | Neujmin 1               |
| NAIFID_NEUJMIN_2               | 1000064 | Neujmin 2               |
| NAIFID_NEUJMIN_3               | 1000065 | Neujmin 3               |
| NAIFID_OLBERS                  | 1000066 | Olbers                  |
| NAIFID_PETERS_HARTLEY          | 1000067 | Peters-Hartley          |
| NAIFID_PONS_BROOKS             | 1000068 | Pons-Brooks             |

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| Predefined Macros              | NAIF ID | Name                    |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| NAIFID_PONS_WINNECKE           | 1000069 | Pons-Winnecke           |
| NAIFID_REINMUTH_1              | 1000070 | Reinmuth 1              |
| NAIFID_REINMUTH_2              | 1000071 | Reinmuth 2              |
| NAIFID_RUSSELL_1               | 1000072 | Russell 1               |
| NAIFID_RUSSELL_2               | 1000073 | Russell 2               |
| NAIFID_RUSSELL_3               | 1000074 | Russell 3               |
| NAIFID_RUSSELL_4               | 1000075 | Russell 4               |
| NAIFID_SANGUIN                 | 1000076 | Sanguin                 |
| NAIFID_SCHAUMASSE              | 1000077 | Schaumasse              |
| NAIFID_SCHUSTER                | 1000078 | Schuster                |
| NAIFID_SCHWASSMANN_WACHMANN_1  | 1000079 | Schwassmann-Wachmann 1  |
| NAIFID_SCHWASSMANN_WACHMANN_2  | 1000080 | Schwassmann-Wachmann 2  |
| NAIFID_SCHWASSMANN_WACHMANN_3  | 1000081 | Schwassmann-Wachmann 3  |
| NAIFID_SHAJN_SCHALDACH         | 1000082 | Shajn-Schaldach         |
| NAIFID_SHOEMAKER_1             | 1000083 | Shoemaker 1             |
| NAIFID_SHOEMAKER_2             | 1000084 | Shoemaker 2             |
| NAIFID_SHOEMAKER_3             | 1000085 | Shoemaker 3             |
| NAIFID_SINGER_BREWSTER         | 1000086 | Singer-Brewster         |
| NAIFID_SLAUGHTER_BURNHAM       | 1000087 | Slaughter-Burnham       |
| NAIFID_SMIRNOVA_CHERNYKH       | 1000088 | Smirnova-Chernykh       |
| NAIFID_STEPHAN_OTERMA          | 1000089 | Stephan-Oterma          |
| NAIFID_SWIFT_GEHRELS           | 1000090 | Swift-Gehrels           |
| NAIFID_TAKAMIZAWA              | 1000091 | Takamizawa              |
| NAIFID_TAYLOR                  | 1000092 | Taylor                  |
| NAIFID_TEMPEL_1                | 1000093 | Tempel 1                |
| NAIFID_TEMPEL_2                | 1000094 | Tempel 2                |
| NAIFID_TEMPTEL_TUTTLE          | 1000095 | Tempel-Tuttle           |
| NAIFID_TRITTON                 | 1000096 | Tritton                 |
| NAIFID_TSUCHINSHAN_1           | 1000097 | Tsuchinshan 1           |
| NAIFID_TSUCHINSHAN_2           | 1000098 | Tsuchinshan 2           |
| NAIFID_TUTTLE                  | 1000099 | Tuttle                  |
| NAIFID_TUTTLE_GIACOBINI_KRESAK | 1000100 | Tuttle-Giacobini-Kresak |
| NAIFID_VAISALA_1               | 1000101 | Vaisala 1               |
| NAIFID_VAN_BIESBROECK          | 1000102 | Van Biesbroeck          |
| NAIFID_VAN_HOUTEN              | 1000103 | Van Houten              |
| NAIFID_WEST_KOHOUTEK_IKEMURA   | 1000104 | West-Kohoutek-Ikemura   |
| NAIFID_WHIPPLE                 | 1000105 | Whipple                 |
| NAIFID_WILD_1                  | 1000106 | Wild 1                  |
| NAIFID_WILD_2                  | 1000107 | Wild 2                  |
| NAIFID_WILD_3                  | 1000108 | Wild 3                  |
| NAIFID_WIRTANEN                | 1000109 | Wirtanen                |
| NAIFID_WOLF                    | 1000110 | Wolf                    |
| NAIFID_WOLF_HARRINGTON         | 1000111 | Wolf-Harrington         |
| NAIFID_LOVAS_2                 | 1000112 | Lovas 2                 |
| NAIFID_UARTA_NIIJIMA           | 1000113 | Urata-Niijima           |
| NAIFID_WISEMAN_SKIFF           | 1000114 | Wiseman-Skiff           |
| NAIFID_HELIN                   | 1000115 | Helin                   |
| NAIFID_MUELLER                 | 1000116 | Mueller                 |
| NAIFID_SHOEMAKER_HOLT_1        | 1000117 | Shoemaker-Holt 1        |

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| Predefined Macros           | NAIF ID | Name                 |
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| NAIFID_HELIN_ROMAN_CROCKETT | 1000118 | Helin-Roman-Crockett |
| NAIFID_HARTLEY_3            | 1000119 | Hartley 3            |
| NAIFID_PARKER_HARTLEY       | 1000120 | Parker-Hartley       |
| NAIFID_HELIN_ROMAN_ALU_1    | 1000121 | Helin-Roman-Alu 1    |
| NAIFID_WILD_4               | 1000122 | Wild 4               |
| NAIFID_MUELLER_2            | 1000123 | Mueller 2            |
| NAIFID_MUELLER_3            | 1000124 | Mueller 3            |
| NAIFID_SHOEMAKERLEVY_1      | 1000125 | Shoemaker-Levy 1     |
| NAIFID_SHOEMAKERLEVY_2      | 1000126 | Shoemaker-Levy 2     |
| NAIFID_HOLT_OLMSTEAD        | 1000127 | Holt-Olmstead        |
| NAIFID_METCALF_BREWINGTON   | 1000128 | Metcalf-Brewington   |
| NAIFIDLEVY                  | 1000129 | Levy                 |
| NAIFID_SHOEMAKERLEVY_9      | 1000130 | Shoemaker-Levy 9     |
| NAIFID_HYAKUTAKE            | 1000131 | Hyakutake            |
| NAIFID_HALE_BOPP            | 1000132 | Hale-Bopp            |
| NAIFID_SIDINGSPRING         | 1003228 | Siding Spring        |

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**CHAPTER  
EIGHT**

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## **RELEASE NOTES**

- **Version 3.4.6**

Fix a wrong error message about unsupported order for the segment 21.

Fix incorrect results for SPICE kernel files containing segments of type 21 with many records ( $\geq 100$ ) and improved the accuracy if segments of type 21 contain few records ( $< 100$ ).

- **Version 3.4.5**

Fix a random crash of calceph\_open\_array if one of the file is invalid.

f90calceph\_serrorhandler now ignores the parameter userfunc, instead of the requirement to set to 0, if the parameter type is 1 or 2. userfunc can be an empty function. It fixes compilation errors with gcc 10.1.

- **Version 3.4.4**

Fix a regression introduced in 3.4.3 (remove a recursion with SPICE kernel files).

- **Version 3.4.3**

Remove a recursion to read the segments of the SPICE kernel files. It reduces the usage of the stack.

Fix the installation of python package under Anaconda.

- **Version 3.4.2**

Add a missing makefile for windows system using the Visual C++ compiler.

Support SPICE kernels larger than 4GBytes.

- **Version 3.4.1**

Improve the execution time of calceph\_open and calceph\_open\_array if the spice kernels contains a large number of bodies.

Update config.sub and config.guess to support arm processors.

- **Version 3.4.0**

Add the function calceph\_isthreadsafe.

Multiple threads can now access the same ephemeris descriptor if the function calceph\_isthreadsafe returns 1.

Fortran and C examples (f2003parallel.f, cparallel.c), written using OpenMP, are available in the folder examples.

Fix an error if multiple SPICE kernels are loaded for the same objects over different time-span.

Fix the MinGW Makefiles if the variable MAKE contains spaces.

Support the segment 5 and 18 in the SPICE kernel file.

Support the euler angles for the orientation stored in a text PCK files (BODY...\_POLE\_RA, BODY...\_POLE\_DE, BODY...\_POLE\_PM, BODY...\_NUT\_PREC...).

Support the frame 17 (ECLIPJ2000) in the SPICE kernel file.

Add the utilities calceph\_queryposition and calceph\_queryorientation.

- **Version 3.3.1**

- Fix the installation with python 3.7.0 or later.
- Fix the installation with python and pip on Windows operating system.
- Add the missing file pythonapi/src/Makefile.mingw for the environment MinGW.

- **Version 3.3.0**

- Add the functions calceph\_getfileversion.
- Fix a regression to open some old JPL DE format files.
- Fix a compiler warning in the file util.c.
- Support the segments 8, 9, 17 and 21 in the SPICE kernel file.
- Check the validity of the number of constants in the original INPOP/DE files.
- For the Python interface, the functions compute??? and orient??? supports now a list or numpy's array for the time parameters.

- **Version 3.2.0**

- Fix the creation of the dynamic library with msys/mingw on Windows.
- Fix the returned value of the functions f90calceph\_getconstantvd and f90calceph\_getconstantsv.
- Fix a compilation warning with the GNU C compilers 8.0 or later.
- Support the original JPL files with TT-TDB or with a large number of constants.
- Support the IAU 1980 Nutation Angles of the JPL files.
- Add the NAIF identification numbers for DIA, KERBEROS, STYX and SIDING SPRING.
- Add the option installnodoc to the make command.

- **Version 3.1.0**

- Add the Mex interface compliant with Octave 4.0+ and Matlab 2017+.
- Add the functions calceph\_getconstantsd, calceph\_getconstantvd and calceph\_getconstantss and calceph\_getconstantsv.
- Fix a compilation problem with MinGW if the terminal cmd.exe is used.
- Fix a wrong function name open\_array instead of open in the documentation of the Python interface.
- Fix the return value of the functions calceph\_orient\_xxx when the unit CALCEPH\_UNIT\_RAD is not provided.
- The return value of the function calceph\_(s)getconstant(index) is the number of values associated to the constant.
- Display a better message for the unsupported old spice kernel (NAIF/DAF)

- **Version 3.0.0**

- Update the license CeCILL v2.0 to CeCILL v2.1.
- Fix a decode error for SPICE kernels with a big-endian format.
- Add the function calceph\_gettimescale and calceph\_gettimespan.
- Add the function calceph\_getpositionrecordcount and calceph\_getpositionrecordindex.
- Add the function calceph\_getorientrecordcount and calceph\_getorientrecordindex.
- Add the function calceph\_sgettimescale and calceph\_sgettimespan.
- Support INPOP file format 3.0 (add angular momentum due to the rotation in the binary file).
- Use sphinx-doc to produce the documentation.

- **Version 2.3.2**

- Fix the return value of the function calceph\_getconstant if the constant name "AU" or "EMRAT" is not available.
- Fix the documentation for the fortran interface of the function calceph\_prefetch.

Fix the return value of the function calceph\_orient\_unit if the frame SPICE kernel file is missing.

- **Version 2.3.1**

Fix the compilation warnings with the Pelles compiler.

Fix the compilation warnings with the C89 standard.

Fix the compilation warnings with the GNU C compilers.

Fix the documentation for the constant CALCEPH\_VERSION\_STRING.

- **Version 2.3.0**

Add the python interface compliant with python 2.6+ and python 3.

Add the preprocessor macro CALCEPH\_VERSION\_STRING.

Add the function calceph\_getversion\_str.

Add the function calceph\_compute\_order and calceph\_orient\_order.

Fix the return value of the functions calceph\_compute\_xxx when the reference frame is not available in the spice kernel files.

The function should produce an error and return 0 (before the function performed no computation but it returned 1).

- **Version 2.2.5**

Fix an incorrect result if CALCEPH\_UNIT\_DAY is provided to calceph\_compute\_unit and the target is TCG-TCB or TT-TDB.

Support the numerical constants declared without parenthesis in the text kernel files (.tpc).

Support the segment 1, 12 and 13 in the SPICE kernel file.

- **Version 2.2.4**

Update the version number of the dynamic library.

- **Version 2.2.3**

Add the predefined constants for calceph version in the fortran interface.

Fix the build chain if calceph is compiled from another folder.

- **Version 2.2.2**

Support the compilation in the standard C89.

- **Version 2.2.1**

Remove debug informations that are printed when errors occur in calceph\_?compute\_???.

Support the Portland compilers.

Fix the info documentation.

Report an error if no asteroid is available in an ephemeris file with the INPOP file format (instead of a crash).

- **Version 2.2.0**

Support the new segments 20, 102, 103 and 120 in the SPICE kernel file.

Support the NAIF identification numbers.

Add the functions calceph\_orient\_unit and calceph\_prefetch.

- **Version 2.1.0**

Fix a bug in calceph\_getconstant and calceph\_sgetconstant with an invalid name

Remove the null character in the name of the constant returned by the function  
(f90)calceph\_(s)getconstantindex when the Fortran interface is used.

- **Version 2.0.0**

Fix memory leaks in calceph\_open when errors occur.  
Support INPOP file format 2.0 (supports TCB ephemeris file and add asteroids in the binary file).  
Add the function calceph\_open\_array and calceph\_compute\_unit.  
Add the tools calceph\_inspector to show details about ephemeris file.  
Support SPICE kernel file (SPK with segment 2 or 3, text and binary PCK, meta kernel, basic frame kernel).  
Improve the performances.  
Correct the Fortran 2003 interface for calceph\_sgetconstantindex.  
Add the constant 17 to get TCG-TCB from TCB ephemeris file.

- **Version 1.2.0**

Change the licensing : triple licenses to support integration in BSD software.  
Remove explicit dependencies on the record size for DExxx.

- **Version 1.1.2**

Fix a compilation warning with oracle studio compiler 12.  
Fix a bug with gcc on solaris in 64 bit mode.  
Fix the copyright statements.

- **Version 1.1.1**

Fix a compilation error in util.h and a warning with the sun studio compilers.

- **Version 1.1.0**

Add the function calceph\_seterrorhandler for the custom error handlers.

- **Version 1.0.3**

Support the JPL ephemeris file DE423.

- **Version 1.0.2**

Fix memory leaks in the fortran-90 interface.

- **Version 1.0.1**

Support the large ephemeris files (>2GB) on 32-bit operating systems.  
Fix the documentation of the function f90calceph\_sopen.  
Fix an invalid open mode on Windows operating systems.  
Report accurately the I/O errors.

- **Version 1.0.0**

Initial release.

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CHAPTER  
NINE

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## REPORTING BUGS

If you think you have found a bug in the CALCEPH Library, first have a look on the CALCEPH Library web page <http://www.imcce.fr/inpop>, in which case you may find there a workaround for it. Otherwise, please investigate and report it. We have made this library available to you, and it seems very important for us, to ask you to report the bugs that you find.

There are a few things you should think about when you put your bug report together. You have to send us a test case that makes it possible for us to reproduce the bug. Include instructions on the way to run the test case.

You also have to explain what is wrong; if you get a crash, or if the results printed are incorrect and in that case, in what way.

Please include compiler version information in your bug report. This can be extracted using `cc -V` on some machines, or, if you're using gcc, `gcc -v`. Also, include the output from `uname -a` and the CALCEPH version.

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