

Ancillary Data

This data set contains the Peter Thomas shape model for Saturn's satellite Epimetheus (Saturn XI,) based on optical data from the Cassini Imaging Science Subsystem (ISS) Narrow-Angle Camera (NAC) instrument. The current version of this data set contains the following shape model file:

Epimetheus_30k_plt.tab

This shape model file also has a detached label file, with a suffix of .xml, which describes the format and content. The shape model is in a plate model format and only represents the model shape, with no gravity or slope information.

Coordinate System

+X is Saturn-facing; + Y is opposite the direction of orbital motion; +Z is along the positive rotation axis. Because of orbital eccentricity, the x-axis deviates slightly from perfect Saturn alignment around the orbit; these small deviations are accounted for in the rotation model used, in addition to forced libration (Tiscareno et al. 2009).

The rotational model used in construction of this model is a binary kernel: epimetheus_081125_sat317_librating_-07.02.bpc prepared by M. S. Tiscareno, and available through the Navigation and Ancillary Information Facility (NAIF).

For information on using SPICE kernels, please see pck_req.asc - "PCK Required Reading", PCK required reading document, last revised on 2009 Apr 15 by B.V. Semenov.

Confidence Level Notes

Images used and their associated viewing geometries are listed in Table 1 below. Uncertainties in the shape model have been based on pixel scale and spatial density and solution residuals of control points.

Likely uncertainty of model radii for Epimetheus range from 0.15 to 0.3 km, portions of the south polar region are the most uncertain.

Limitations

The shape model is intended for global geometric, geologic, and geophysical studies. The morphology of small craters is not reliably included; some relatively large craters can show approximate measures such as depth/diameter. Regional slopes can be calculated to accuracies estimated by the listed uncertainties.

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Table 1. Cassini ISS Images used for Epimetheus shape model

Filter: filters used in each filter wheel. CL: clear; UV: ultraviolet; VIO: violet; BL: blue; GRN: green; MT: methane; RED: red; CB: methane continuum; IR: infrared; P: polarization. Details of filter bandpasses and use in Porco et al. (2004).

SC lat lon: Sub spacecraft position in degrees. Lon is West longitude where 90°W is the leading point.

Solar lat lon: sub solar position in degrees

Range: distance to object center from spacecraft, km

Noraz: image orientation of the projected object spin axis, degrees clockwise from up.

Samp: object center x-coordinate in image 0 is at left of image in pixels

Line: object center y-coordinate in image; 0 is at top of image in pixels

Phase: solar phase angle at center of image in degrees.

Images used in construction of model of EPIMETHEUS:

Image	filt	filt	S/C		Solar		range	noraz	samp	line	phase
			lat	lon	lat	lon					
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N1490836766_1	CL1	IR1	-0.55	204.24	-21.84	321.79	74407.0	19.75	510.80	158.30	115.20
N1490836833_1	P0	GRN	-0.54	204.43	-21.84	322.18	74721.2	19.74	511.00	245.30	115.38
N1490836866_1	P60	GRN	-0.54	204.52	-21.84	322.36	74878.1	19.79	507.80	290.00	115.47
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N1500072080_1	P120	GRN	34.44	223.59	-21.20	305.10	87868.4	233.28	557.60	542.00	95.22
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N1575363199_1	CL1	IR3	-40.18	97.76	-9.54	32.10	37919.0	180.23	474.60	565.10	65.33
N1575363431_1	P0	GRN	-40.10	98.41	-9.53	33.40	39346.9	180.47	473.10	561.00	64.83
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N1828122657_1	P120	GRN	3.53	228.16	25.30	209.09	35665.4	180.07	407.30	526.10	28.46
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N1864504259_1	CL1	GRN	75.95	70.26	27.03	195.59	23462.8	320.27	476.80	224.20	71.59
N1864504603_1	CL1	CL2	76.69	57.32	27.03	197.86	16683.5	306.55	465.70	110.70	73.51
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N1866366139_1	CL1	GRN	60.73	303.61	26.90	195.40	11182.7	28.93	645.70	556.50	75.02
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