

Coordinate Systems

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In this appendix we summarize the relations between various coordinate systems of interest; these include:

Tower: HRMA Alignment Test System Tower at EKC (HATS measurements)

DPSAOsac: Double-pass raytraces to simulate HATS measurements

SAOsac: standard raytraces (e.g., XRCF conditions)
XRCF: coordinate system at the XRCF test facility

HRMA: HRMA-based coordinate system aligned with the standard AXAF co-

ordinate directions

Figure B.1 illustrates the different coordinate systems. Note that the XRCF coordinates differ from the standard HRMA/AXAF coordinate system by a flip of 180° about the X_{HRMA} axis, while the DPSAOsac coordinates differ from the standard SAOsac coordinates by a flip of 180° about the X_{SAOsac} axis (the Y_{HRMA} axis). Note also that we are primarily concerned here with the directions of the coordinate axes rather than the location of the coordinate origin.

The SAO/MST raytrace system, SAOsac, specifies rigid-body positioning in terms of the location and orientation of the body-center of the optic. The body-center "tilt" coordinates are azmis and elmis, where

azmis: positive rotation about an axis parallel to the SAOsac Y axis; positive rotation is right-hand-rule rotation with angle increasing from the +Z axis towards the +X axis. (X' axis is the new X axis after azmis rotation; Z' axis is the new Z axis after azmis rotation).

elmis: negative rotation about an axis parallel to SAOsac X' axis; positive rotation is right-hand-rule with angle increasing from the +Y axis towards the +Z' axis. Positive elmis rotation takes +Z' axis towards the +Y axis.

For completeness, the corresponding conventions for mirror element rotations in the HRMA and XRCF coordinates are

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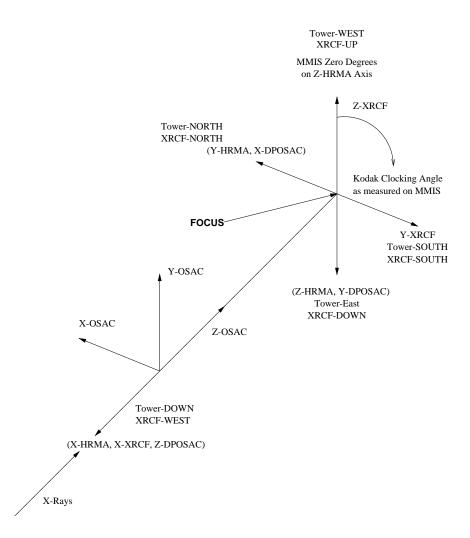


Figure B.1: Relations between HATS tower, XRCF, and SAOsac coordinates

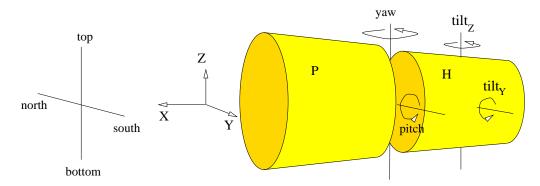


Figure B.2: Schematic of XRCF coordinate and rotation conventions

 θ_Y : positive rotation about an axis parallel to the HRMA +Y axis; positive rotation is right-hand-rule rotation with angle increasing from the +Z axis towards the +X axis.

 θ_Z : positive rotation about an axis parallel to the HRMA +Z axis; positive rotation is right-hand-rule rotation with angle increasing from the +X axis towards the +Y axis.

and

 $tilt_Y$: positive rotation about an axis parallel to the XRCF +Y axis; positive rotation is right-hand-rule rotation with angle increasing from the +Z axis towards the +X axis.

 $tilt_Z$: positive rotation about an axis parallel to the XRCF +Z axis; positive rotation is right-hand-rule rotation with angle increasing from the +X axis towards the +Y axis.

At the XRCF, the orientation of the HRMA as a whole was specified by *pitch* and *yaw*:

pitch: positive rotation about an axis parallel to the XRCF +Y axis. Positive rotation is right-hand-rule rotation with angle increasing from the +Z axis towards the +X axis.

yaw: positive rotation about an axis parallel to the XRCF +Z axis. Positive rotation is right-hand-rule rotation with angle increasing from the +X axis towards the +Y axis.

The raytrace simulations are always performed in the appropriate SAOsac coordinate system; the orientation of the HRMA relative to the source is given by bundle_el and bundle_az, the direction from the source towards HRMA. The relation between pitch, yaw, bundle_el, and bundle_az are summarized in Table B.1.

Table B.1: Relations between coordinate systems

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+bundle\_el_{SAOsac} = -bundle\_el_{DPSAOsac} = -pitch
+bundle\_az_{SAOsac} = -bundle\_az_{DPSAOsac} = -yaw
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The relations between coordinate directions are summarized in Table B.2.

Table B.2: Relations between coordinate systems