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Using the Frames Subsystem

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What is the Power of Frames?

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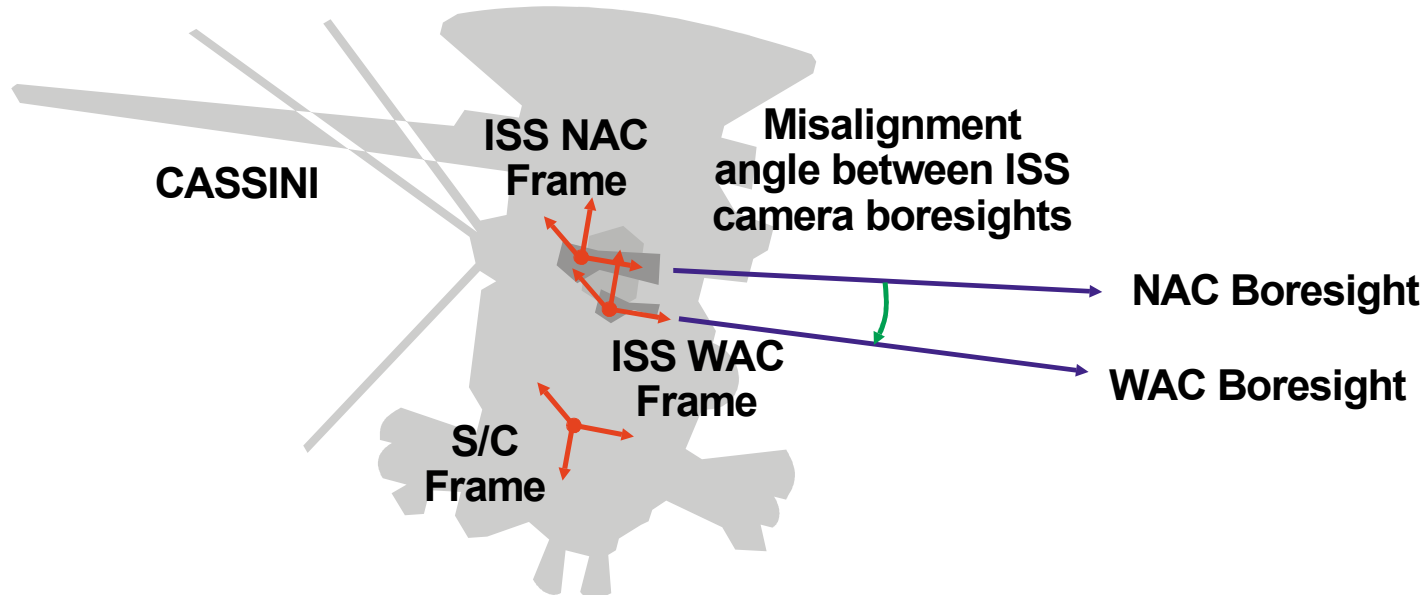
- The “power” of the Frames capability stems from the SPICE system’s ability to construct complex reference frame transformations with no programming effort required of you - the end user
 - But your selecting and loading the needed kernels is crucial
- The principal benefit from the Frames capability is obtained through the main SPK subsystem interfaces (SPKEZR and SPKPOS) and the Frames subsystem interfaces (SXFORM and PXFORM)
- The remaining pages illustrate typical use of frames
- Several **VERY IMPORTANT** usage issues are mentioned in the core Frames tutorial (fk.*); be sure to also read that.

In SPICE terminology: “reference frame” \neq “coordinate system”



Offset Between Instruments

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Compute the angular separation between the ISS Narrow Angle Camera and Wide Angle Camera boresights:

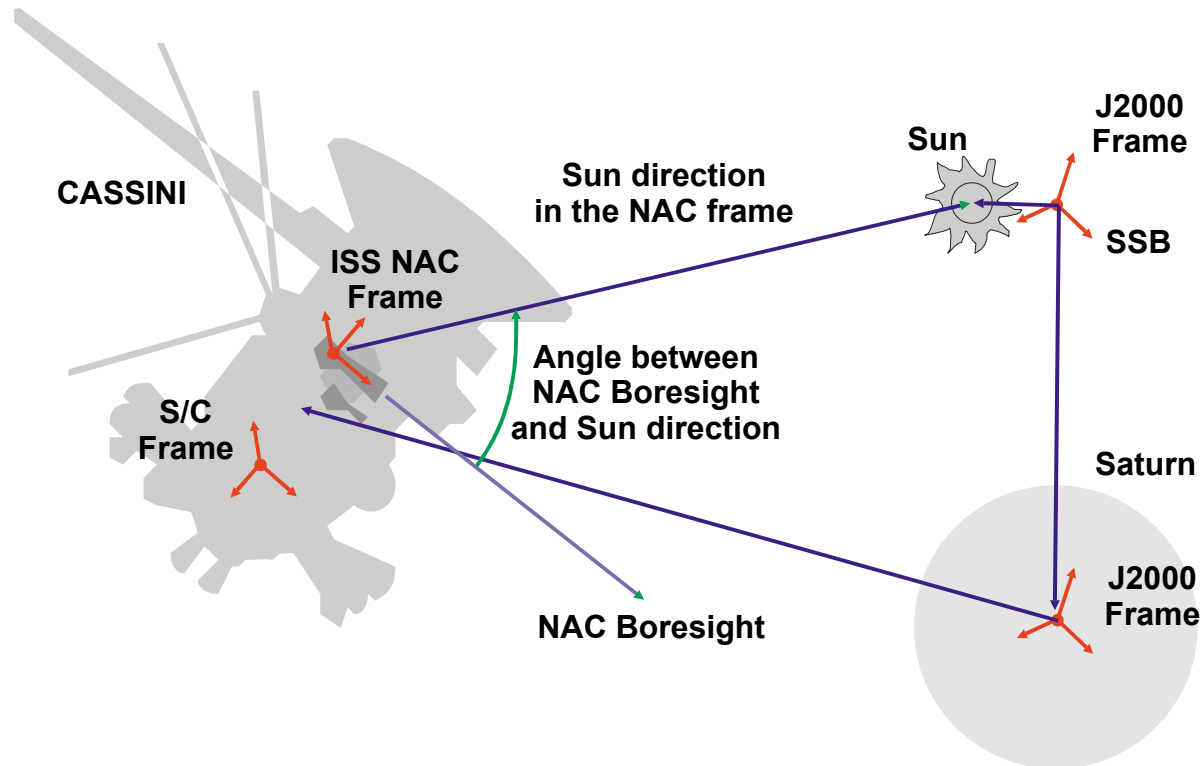
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C      Retrieve the matrix that transforms vectors from NAC to WAC frame
      CALL PXFORM( 'CASSINI_ISS_NAC', 'CASSINI_ISS_WAC', ET, MAT )
C      Transform NAC boresight to WAC frame and find separation angle
      CALL MXV ( MAT, NAC_BORESIGHT_nac, NAC_BORESIGHT_wac )
      ANGLE = VSEP( NAC_BORESIGHT_wac , WAC_BORESIGHT_wac )
  
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Angular Constraints

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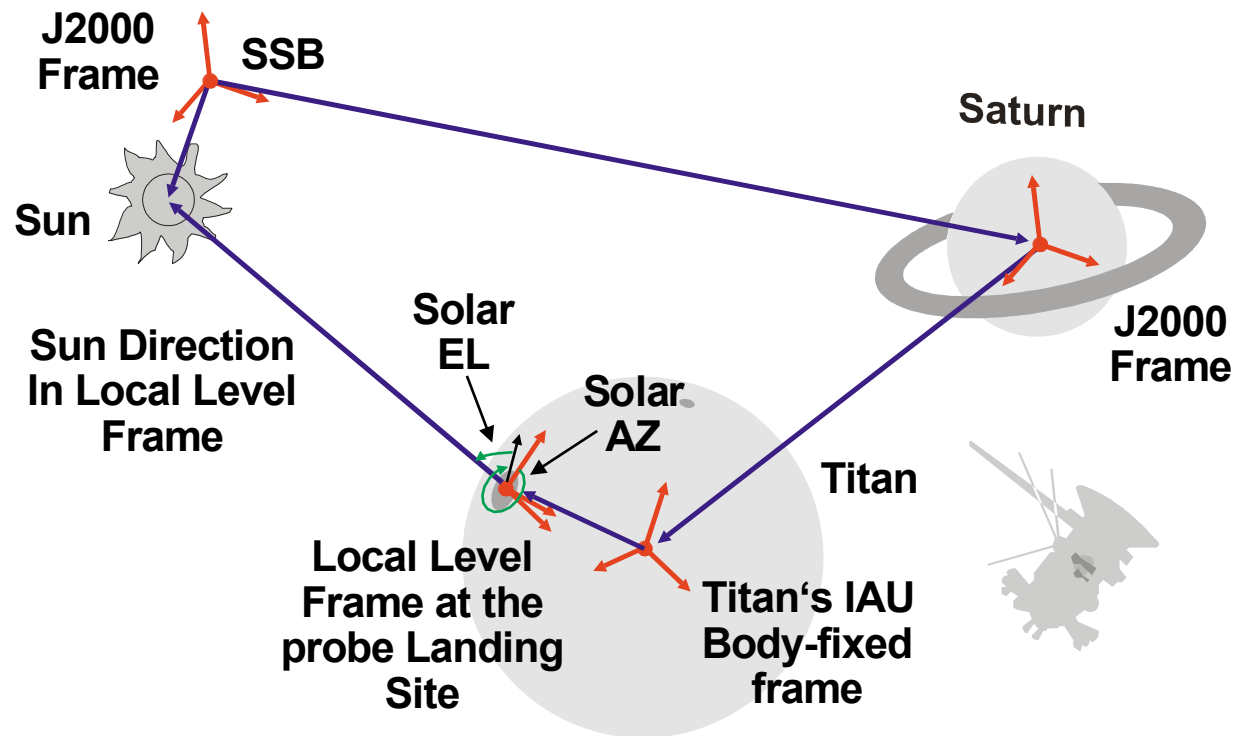
Check whether the angle between camera boresight and direction to Sun is within allowed range:

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CALL SPKPOS( 'SUN', ET, 'CASSINI_ISS_NAC', 'LT+S', 'CASSINI', SUNVEC, LT )
ANGLE = VSEP( NAC_BORESIGHT_nac, SUNVEC )
IF ( ANGLE .LE. CONSTRAINT ) WRITE(*,*) 'WE ARE IN TROUBLE!'
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Angles at the Surface

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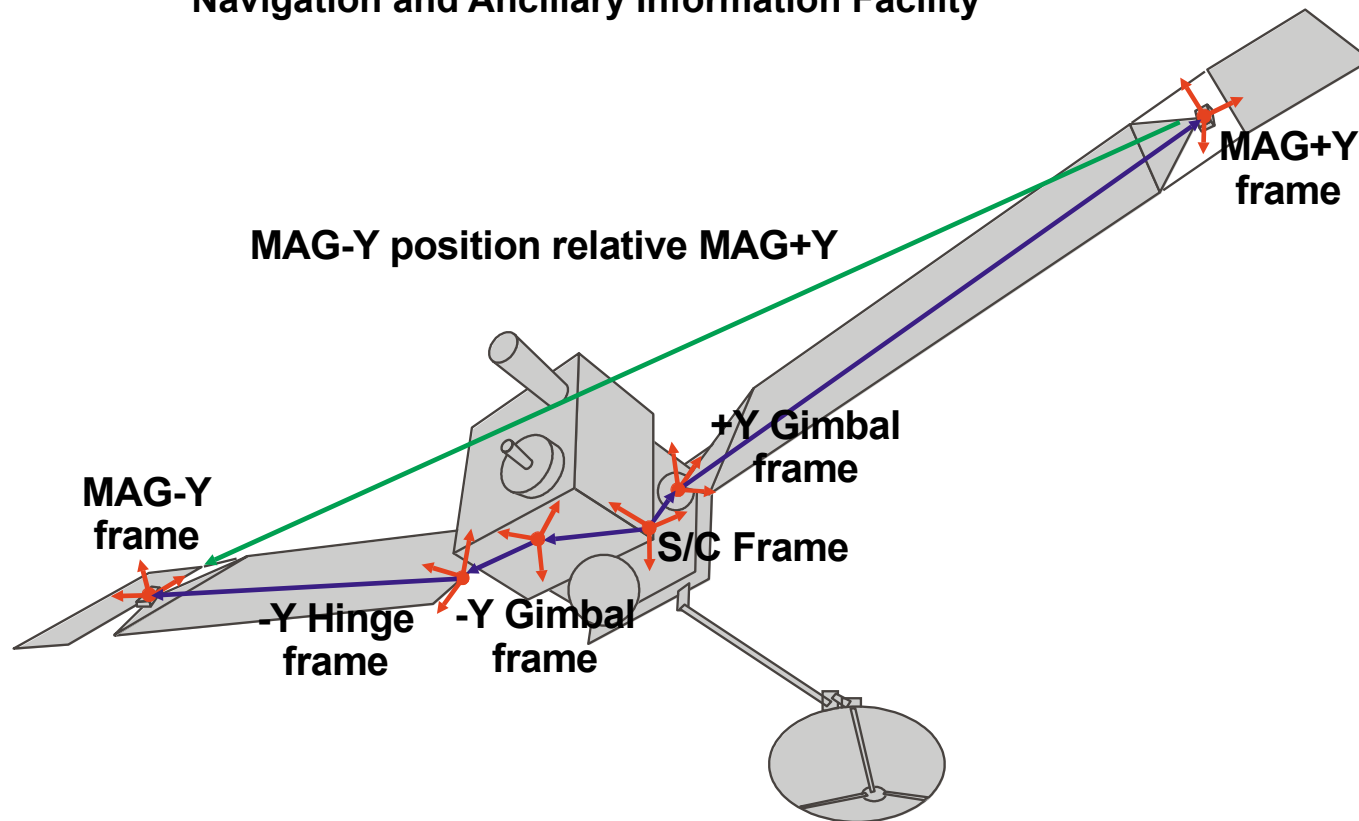
Compute solar azimuth and elevation at the Huygens probe landing site

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CALL SPKPOS('SUN',ET,'HUYGENS_LOCAL_LEVEL','LT+S','HUYGENS_PROBE',SUNVEC,LT)
CALL RECLAT(SUNVEC,R,AZIMUTH,ELEVATION)
ELEVATION = -ELEVATION
IF (AZIMUTH.LT.0.D0) THEN
    AZIMUTH = AZIMUTH + TWOPI()
ENDIF
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Relative Position of Sensors

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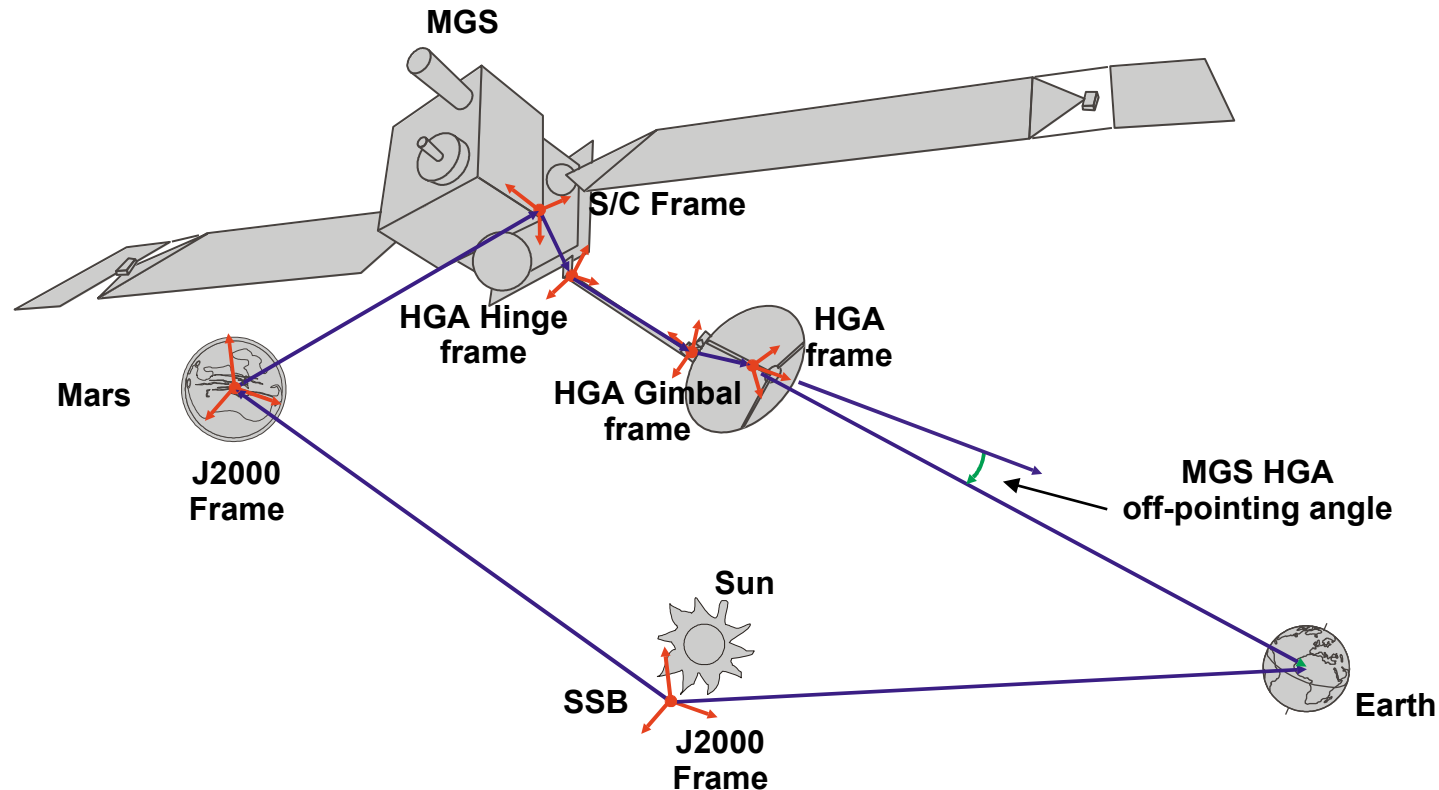
Find the position of one MGS MAG sensor with respect to the other in the MGS s/c frame. Also find the relative orientation of sensors:

```
CALL SPKEZR('MGS_MAG-Y', ET, 'MGS_SPACECRAFT', 'NONE', 'MGS_MAG+Y', STATE, LT)
CALL PXFORM('MGS_MAG+Y_SENSOR', 'MGS_MAG-Y_SENSOR', ET, MAT)
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Manipulators - 1

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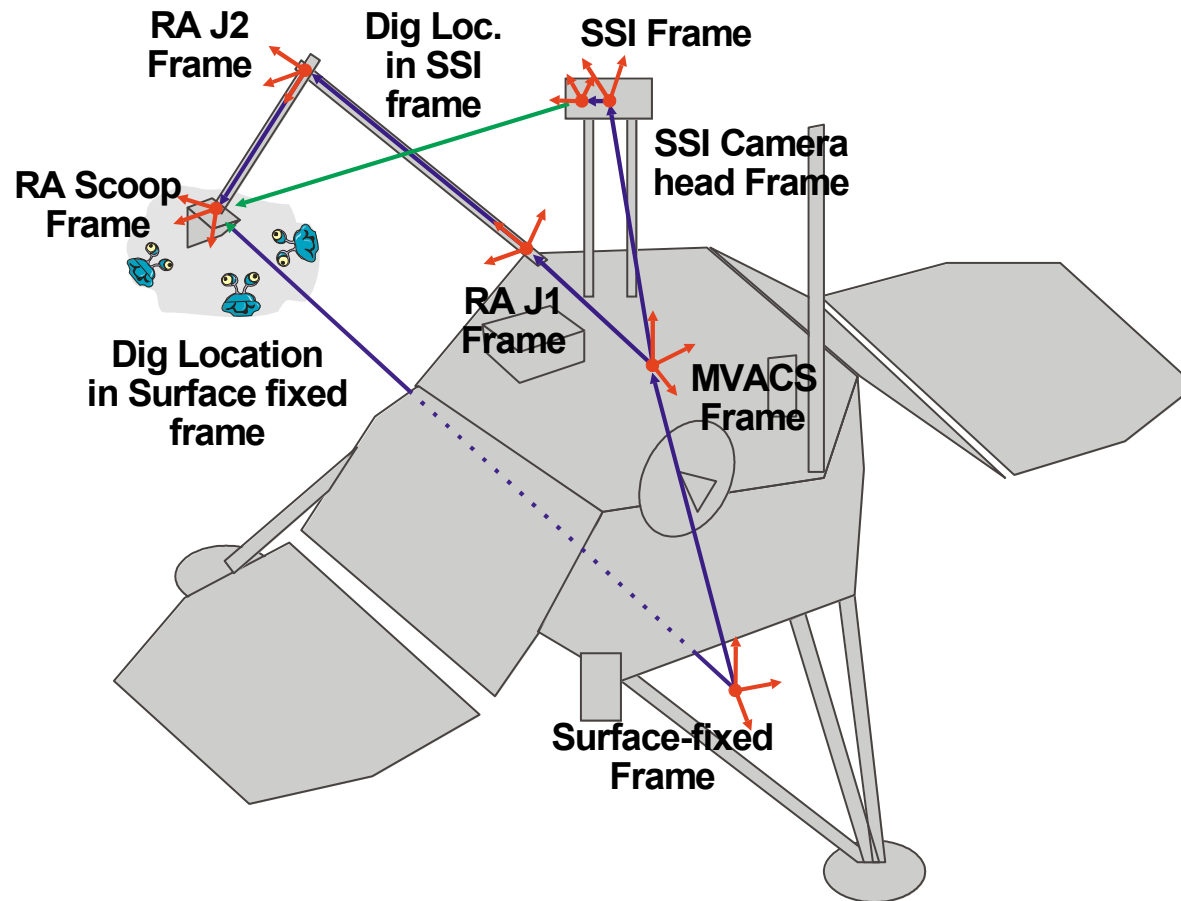
Compute the angle between the direction to Earth and the MGS HGA boresight:

```
CALL SPKEZR( 'EARTH', ET, 'MGS_HGA', 'LT+S', 'MGS', EARTH_STATE, LT )
ANGLE = VSEP( HGA_BORESIGHT, EARTH_STATE )
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Manipulators - 2

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Compute the dig location in MPL surface-fixed and camera left eye frames:

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CALL SPKEZR( 'MPL_RA_SCOOP', ET, 'MPL_SURFACE_FIXED', 'NONE', 'MPL_SURF', ST1, LT )
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CALL SPKEZR( 'MPL_RA_SCOOP', ET, 'MPL_SSI_LEFT', 'NONE', 'MPL_SSI', ST2, LT )
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Using Frames