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Instrument Kernel IK

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Purpose

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- **The Instrument Kernel serves as a repository for instrument specific information that may be useful within the SPICE context.**
 - **Always included:**
 - » **Specifications for an instrument's field-of-view (FOV) size, shape, and orientation**
 - **Other possibilities:**
 - » **Internal instrument timing parameters and other data relating to SPICE computations might also be placed in an I-kernel**
 - » **Instrument geometric calibration data**
 - » **Instrument detector geometric parameters**
 - » **Instrument optical distortion parameters**
- **Note: instrument mounting alignment data are specified in a mission's Frames Kernel (FK)**
 - **Wasn't true for some of the earliest missions that used SPICE**



I-Kernel Structure

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- An I-Kernel is a SPICE text kernel. The format and structure of a typical I-Kernel is shown below.

```
KPL/IK
```

```
Comments describing the keywords and values  
to follow, as well as any other pertinent  
information.
```

```
\begindata  
  Keyword = Value(s) Assignment  
  Keyword = Value(s) Assignment
```

```
\begintext
```

```
More descriptive comments.
```

```
\begindata  
  Keyword = Value(s) Assignment  
\begintext
```

```
More descriptive comments.
```

```
etc ...
```



I-Kernel Contents (1)

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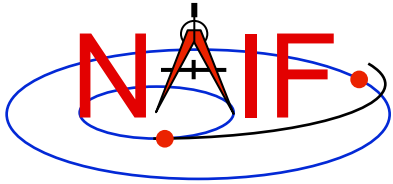
- **Examples of IK keywords, with descriptions:**
 - INS-94031_FOCAL_LENGTH MGS MOC NA focal length
 - INS-41220_IFOV MEX HRSC SRC pixel angular size
 - INS-41130_NUMBER_OF_SECTORS MEX ASPERA NPI number of sectors
- **In general SPICE does not require any specific keywords to be present in an IK**
 - One exception is a set of keywords defining an instrument's FOV, if the SPICE Toolkit's GETFOV routine is planned to be used to retrieve the FOV attributes
 - » Keywords required by GETFOV will be covered later in this tutorial
- **The requirements on keywords in an IK are the following:**
 - Keywords must begin with INS[#], where [#] is replaced with the NAIF instrument ID code (which is a negative number)
 - The total length of the keyword must be less than or equal to 32 characters
 - Keywords are case-sensitive (Keyword != KEYWORD)



I-Kernel Contents (2)

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- **IKs should contain extensive comments regarding:**
 - Instrument overview
 - Reference source(s) for the data included in the IK
 - Names/IDs assigned to the instrument and its parts
 - Explanation of each keyword included in the file
 - Description of the FOV and detector layout
 - Where appropriate, descriptions of the algorithms in which parameters provided in the IK are used, and even fragments of source code implementing these algorithms
 - » For example optical distortion models or timing algorithms
- **These comments exist primarily to assist users in integrating I-Kernel data into their applications**
 - One needs to know the keyword name to get its value(s) from the IK data
 - One needs to know what each value means in order to use it properly



I-Kernel Interface Routines

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- As with any SPICE kernel, an IK is loaded using FURNISH

```
CALL FURNISH ( 'ik_file_name.ti' )      { Better yet, use a FURNISH kernel }
```

- By knowing the name and type (DP, integer, or character) of a keyword of interest, the value(s) associated with that keyword can be retrieved using G*POOL routines

```
CALL GDPOOL ( NAME, START, ROOM, N, VALUES, FOUND ) for DP values
```

```
CALL GIPOOL ( NAME, START, ROOM, N, VALUES, FOUND ) for integer values
```

```
CALL GCPOOL ( NAME, START, ROOM, N, VALUES, FOUND ) for character string values
```

- When an instrument's FOV is defined in the IK using a special set of keywords discussed later in this tutorial, the FOV shape, reference frame, boresight vector, and boundary vectors can be retrieved by calling the GETFOV routine

```
CALL GETFOV ( INSTID, ROOM, SHAPE, FRAME, BSIGHT, N, BOUNDS )
```

FORTRAN examples are shown



FOV Definition Keywords (1)

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- The following keywords defining FOV attributes for the instrument with NAIF ID (#) must be present in the IK if the SPICE Toolkit's GETFOV module will be used
 - Keyword defining shape of the FOV

`INS#_FOV_SHAPE` = 'CIRCLE' or 'ELLIPSE' or
'RECTANGLE' or 'POLYGON'

- Keyword defining reference frame in which the boresight vector and FOV boundary vectors are specified

`INS#_FOV_FRAME` = 'frame name'

- Keyword defining the boresight vector

`INS#_BORESIGHT` = (X, Y, Z)

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FOV Definition Keywords (2)

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- Keyword(s) defining FOV boundary vectors, provided in either of two ways

1) By specifying boundary vectors explicitly

```
INS#_FOV_CLASS_SPEC          = 'CORNERS'  
INS#_FOV_BOUNDARY_CORNERS = ( X(1), Y(1), Z(1),  
                               ...      ...      ...  
                               X(n), Y(n), Z(n) )
```

where the `FOV_BOUNDARY_CORNERS` keyword provides an array of vectors \vec{s} that point to the "corners" of the instrument field of view.

Note: Use of the `INS#_FOV_CLASS_SPEC` keyword is optional when explicit boundary vectors are provided.

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FOV Definition Keywords (3)

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2) By providing half angular extents of the FOV (possible only for circular, elliptical or rectangular FOVs)

```
INS#_FOV_CLASS_SPEC           = 'ANGLES'  
INS#_FOV_REF_VECTOR           = ( X, Y, Z )  
INS#_FOV_REF_ANGLE           = halfangle1  
INS#_FOV_CROSS_ANGLE         = halfangle2  
INS#_FOV_ANGLE_UNITS         = 'DEGREES' or  
                               'RADIANS' or ...
```

where the `FOV_REF_VECTOR` keyword specifies a reference vector that, together with the boresight vector, define the plane in which the half angle given in the `FOV_REF_ANGLE` keyword is measured. The other half angle given in the `FOV_CROSS_ANGLE` keyword is measured in the plane normal to this plane and containing the boresight vector.



FOV Definition Keywords (4)

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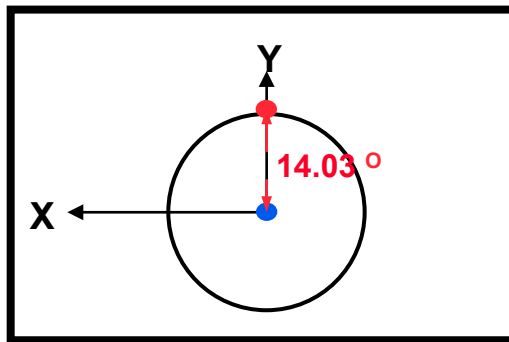
- **When explicit boundary vectors are provided, they must be listed in either clockwise or counter-clockwise order, not randomly**
- **Neither the boresight nor reference vector has to be co-aligned with one of the FOV frame's axes**
 - But for convenience, each is frequently defined to be along one of the FOV axes
- **Neither the boresight nor corner nor reference vector has to be a unit vector**
 - But these frequently are defined as unit vectors
- **When a FOV is specified using the half angular extents method, the boresight and reference vectors have to be linearly independent but they don't have to be perpendicular**
 - But for convenience the reference vector is usually picked to be normal to the boresight vector
- **Half angular extents for a rectangular FOV specify the angles between the boresight and the FOV sides, i.e. they are for the middle of the FOV**
- **The next several pages show examples of FOV definitions**



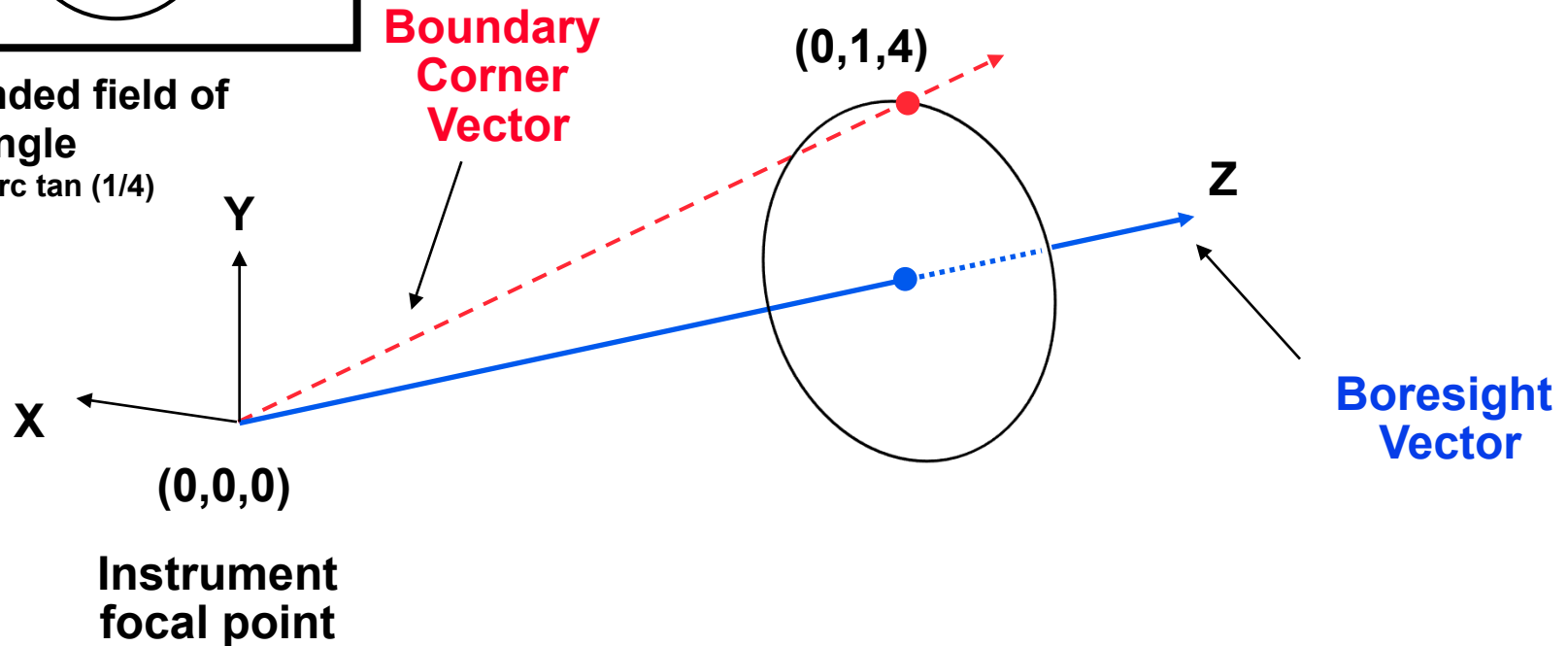
Circular Field of View

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Consider an instrument with a circular field of view.



Subtended field of view angle
 $14.03 = \arctan(1/4)$





Circular FOV Definition

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The following sets of keywords and values describe this circular field of view:

Specifying boundary vectors explicitly:

```
INS-11111_FOV_SHAPE           = 'CIRCLE'  
INS-11111_FOV_FRAME          = 'FRAME_FOR_INS-11111'  
INS-11111_BORESIGHT          = ( 0.0  0.0  1.0 )  
INS-11111_FOV_BOUNDARY_CORNERS = ( 0.0  1.0  4.0 )
```

Specifying half angular extents of the FOV:

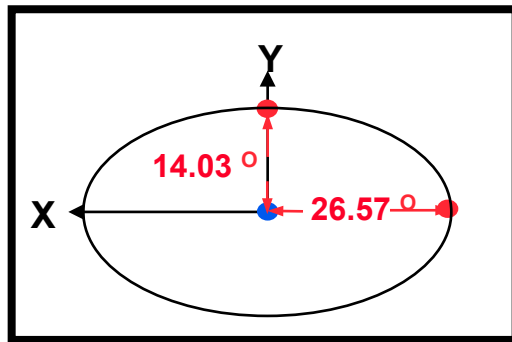
```
INS-11111_FOV_SHAPE           = 'CIRCLE'  
INS-11111_FOV_FRAME          = 'FRAME_FOR_INS-11111'  
INS-11111_BORESIGHT          = ( 0.0  0.0  1.0 )  
INS-11111_FOV_CLASS_SPEC     = 'ANGLES'  
INS-11111_FOV_REF_VECTOR     = ( 0.0  1.0  0.0 )  
INS-11111_FOV_REF_ANGLE      = 14.03624347  
INS-11111_FOV_ANGLE_UNITS    = 'DEGREES'
```



Elliptical Field of View

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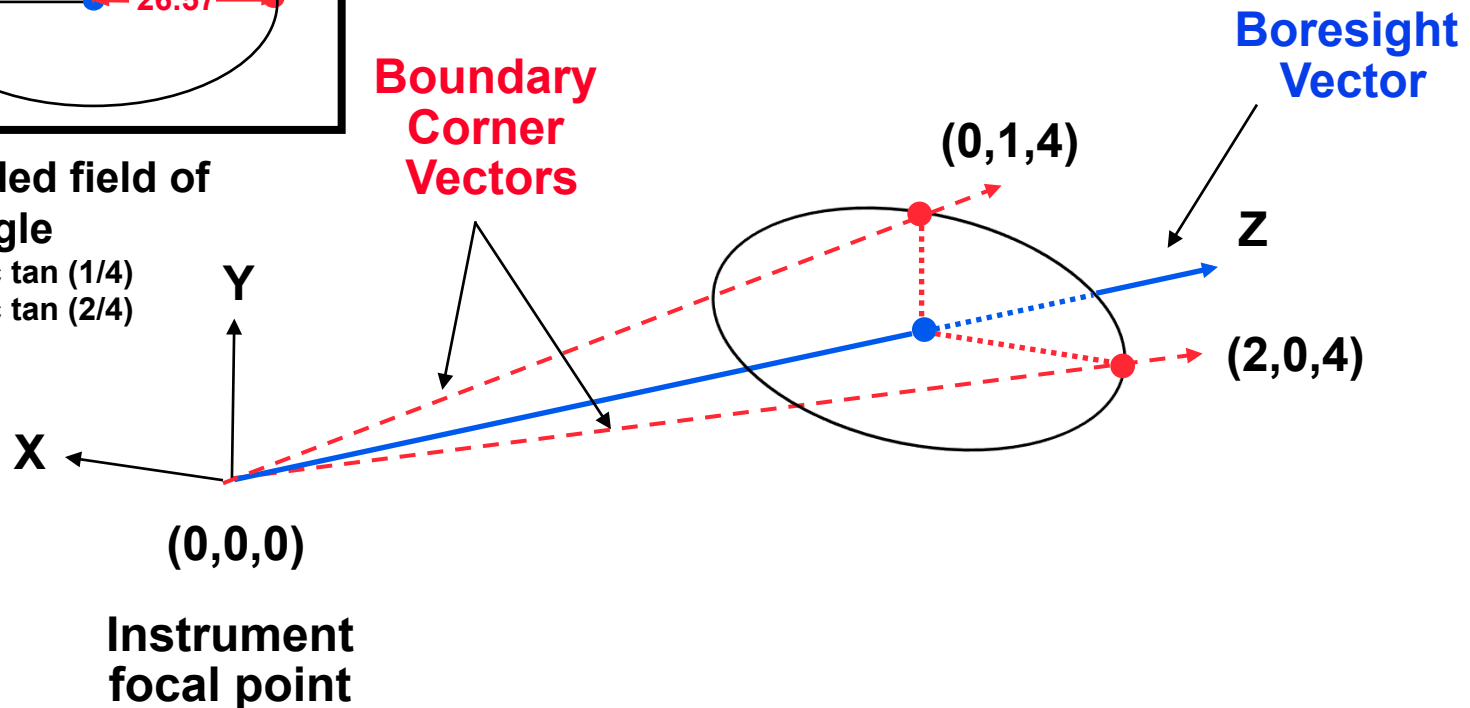
Consider an instrument with an elliptical field of view.



Subtended field of view angle

$$14.03 = \arctan(1/4)$$

$$26.57 = \arctan(2/4)$$





Elliptical FOV Definition

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The following sets of keywords and values describe this elliptical field of view:

Specifying boundary vectors explicitly:

```
INS-22222_FOV_SHAPE           = ' ELLIPSE '  
INS-22222_FOV_FRAME           = ' FRAME_FOR_INS-22222 '  
INS-22222_BORESIGHT           = ( 0.0  0.0  1.0 )  
INS-22222_FOV_BOUNDARY_CORNERS = ( 0.0  1.0  4.0  
                                   2.0  0.0  4.0 )
```

Specifying half angular extents of the FOV:

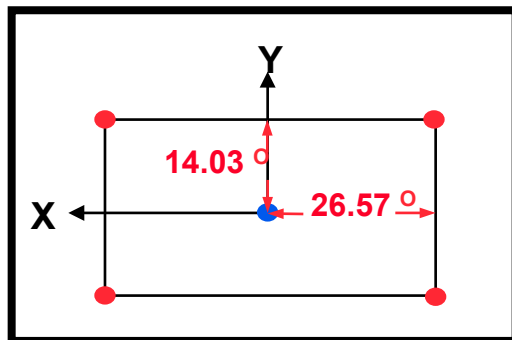
```
INS-22222_FOV_SHAPE           = ' ELLIPSE '  
INS-22222_FOV_FRAME           = ' FRAME_FOR_INS-22222 '  
INS-22222_BORESIGHT           = ( 0.0  0.0  1.0 )  
INS-22222_FOV_CLASS_SPEC      = ' ANGLES '  
INS-22222_FOV_REF_VECTOR      = ( 0.0  1.0  0.0 )  
INS-22222_FOV_REF_ANGLE       = 14.03624347  
INS-22222_FOV_CROSS_ANGLE     = 26.56505118  
INS-22222_FOV_ANGLE_UNITS     = ' DEGREES '
```



Rectangular Field of View

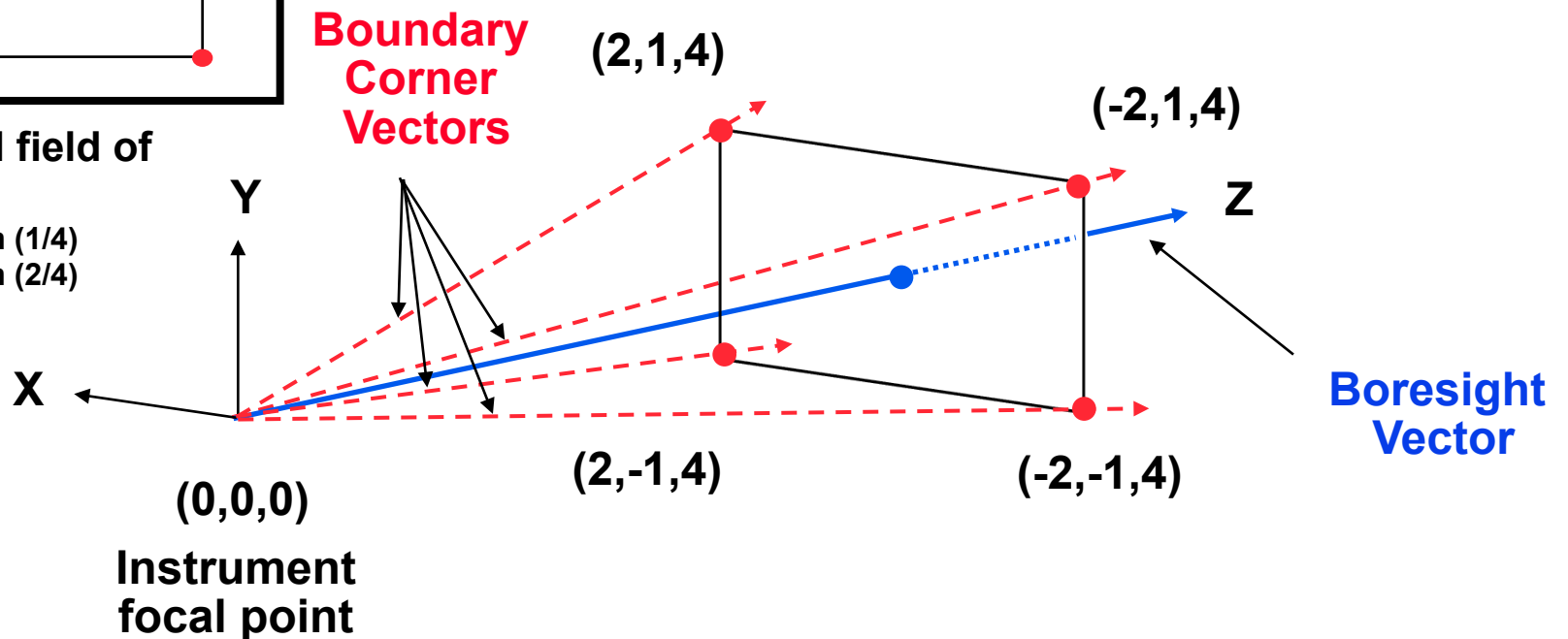
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Consider an instrument with a rectangular field of view.



Subtended field of view angle

$14.03 = \arctan(1/4)$
 $26.57 = \arctan(2/4)$





Rectangular FOV Definition

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The following sets of keywords and values describe this rectangular field of view:

Specifying boundary vectors explicitly:

```
INS-33333_FOV_SHAPE           = 'RECTANGLE'  
INS-33333_FOV_FRAME           = 'FRAME_FOR_INS-33333'  
INS-33333_BORESIGHT           = ( 0.0  0.0  1.0 )  
INS-33333_FOV_BOUNDARY_CORNERS = ( 2.0  1.0  4.0  
                                   -2.0  1.0  4.0  
                                   -2.0 -1.0  4.0  
                                   2.0 -1.0  4.0 )
```

Specifying half angular extents of the FOV:

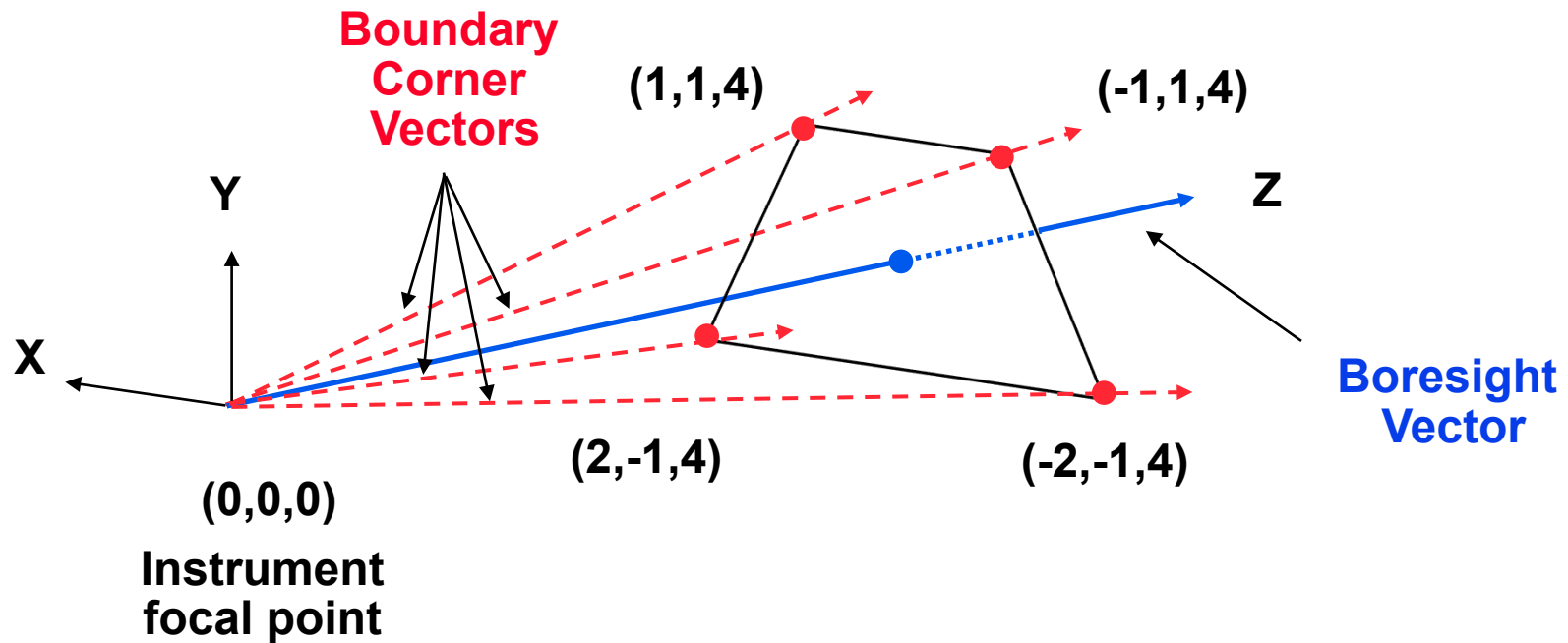
```
INS-33333_FOV_SHAPE           = 'RECTANGLE'  
INS-33333_FOV_FRAME           = 'FRAME_FOR_INS-33333'  
INS-33333_BORESIGHT           = ( 0.0  0.0  1.0 )  
INS-33333_FOV_CLASS_SPEC      = 'ANGLES'  
INS-33333_FOV_REF_VECTOR      = ( 0.0  1.0  0.0 )  
INS-33333_FOV_REF_ANGLE       = 14.03624347  
INS-33333_FOV_CROSS_ANGLE     = 26.56505118  
INS-33333_FOV_ANGLE_UNITS     = 'DEGREES'
```




Polygonal Fields of View

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Consider an instrument with a trapezoidal field of view.





Polygonal FOV Definition

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The following sets of keywords and values describe this polygonal field of view:

Specifying boundary vectors explicitly:

```
INS-44444_FOV_SHAPE           = 'POLYGON'  
INS-44444_FOV_FRAME           = 'FRAME_FOR_INS-44444'  
INS-44444_BORESIGHT           = ( 0.0  0.0  1.0 )  
INS-44444_FOV_BOUNDARY_CORNERS = ( 1.0  1.0  4.0  
                                   -1.0  1.0  4.0  
                                   -2.0 -1.0  4.0  
                                   2.0 -1.0  4.0 )
```

- A polygonal FOV cannot be specified using half angular extents.



IK Utility Programs

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- **No IK utility programs are included in the Toolkit**
- **Two IK utility programs are provided on the NAIF website (<http://naif.jpl.nasa.gov/naif/utilities.html>)**
 - OPTIKS** displays field-of-view summary for all FOVs defined in a collection of IK files.
 - BINGO** converts IK files between UNIX and DOS text formats



Additional Information on IK

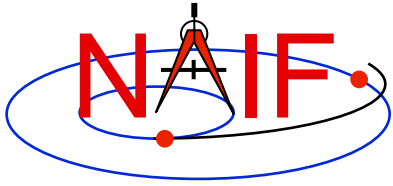
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- **The best way to learn more about IKs is to examine some found in the NAIF Node archives.**

- Start looking here:

- http://naif.jpl.nasa.gov/naif/data_archived.html

- **NAIF does not yet have an “I-Kernel Required Reading” document**
- **But information about IKs is available in other documents:**
 - header of the GETFOV routine
 - Kernel Required Reading
 - OPTIKS User’s Guide
 - Porting_kernels tutorial
 - NAIF IDs Tutorial
 - Frames Required Reading



Backup

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- **IK file example**
- **Computing angular extents from corner vectors returned by GETFOV**



Sample IK Data

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FOV definition from the Cassini MIMI IK (continued):

The Y component of one 'boundary corner' vector is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Y Component} &= 1.0 * \tan (7.50 \text{ degrees }) \\ &= 0.131652498 \end{aligned}$$

The boundary corner vector as displayed below is normalized to unit length:

\begindata

INS-82762_FOV_FRAME = 'CASSINI_MIMI_LEMMS1'

INS-82762_FOV_SHAPE = 'CIRCLE'

INS-82762_BORESIGHT = (

0.0000000000000000 0.0000000000000000 +1.0000000000000000

)

INS-82762_FOV_BOUNDARY_CORNERS = (

0.0000000000000000 +0.1305261922200500 +0.9914448613738100

)

\begintext



Circular FOV Angular Size

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The angular separation between the boundary corner vector and the boresight is the angular size.

FORTRAN EXAMPLE

```
C Retrieve FOV parameters.  
CALL GETFOV(-11111, 1, SHAPE, FRAME, BSGHT, N, BNDS)  
  
C Compute the angular size.  
ANGSIZ = VSEP( BSGHT, BNDS(1,1) )
```

C EXAMPLE

```
/* Define the string length parameter. */  
#define STRSIZ 80  
  
/* Retrieve the field of view parameters. */  
getfov_c(-11111, 1, STRSIZ, STRSIZ, shape, frame,  
        bsght, &n, bnds);  
  
/* Compute the angular separation. */  
angsiz = vsep_c( bsght, &(bnds[0][0]));
```




Elliptical FOV Angular Size - 1

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The angular sizes are the angular separations between the boresight and the boundary vectors.

FORTRAN EXAMPLE

```
C Retrieve the FOV parameters from the kernel pool.  
CALL GETFOV(-22222, 2, SHAPE, FRAME, BSGHT, N, BNDS)  
  
C Compute the angular separations.  
ANG1 = VSEP( BSGHT, BNDS(1,1) )  
ANG2 = VSEP( BSGHT, BNDS(1,2) )  
  
C The angle along the semi-major axis is the larger  
C of the two separations computed.  
LRGANG = MAX( ANG1, ANG2 )  
SMLANG = MIN( ANG1, ANG2 )
```



Elliptical FOV Angular Size - 2

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C EXAMPLE

```
/* Define the string length parameter. */
#define STRSIZ      80

/* Retrieve the FOV parameters from the kernel pool. */
getfov_c(-22222, 2, STRSIZ, STRSIZ, shape, frame,
         bsght, &n, bnds);

/* Compute the angular separations. */
ang1 = vsep_c( bsght, &(bnds[0][0]));
ang2 = vsep_c( bsght, &(bnds[1][0]));

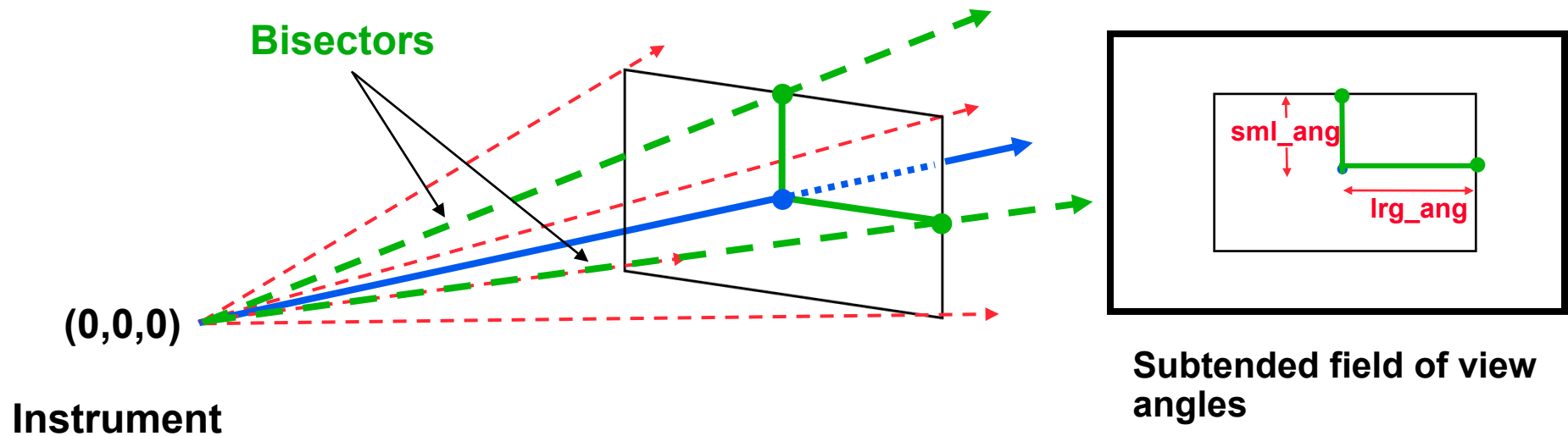
/* The angle along the semi-major axis is the larger of the
two separations computed. */
if ( ang1 > ang2 ) {
    lrgang = ang1; smlang = ang2; }
else {
    lrgang = ang2; smlang = ang1; }
```

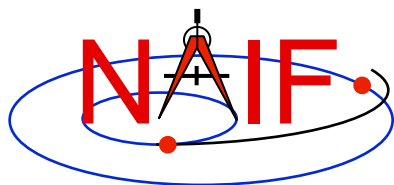


Rectangular FOV Angular Size - 1

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The angular extents of the FOV are computed by calculating the angle between the bisector of adjacent unit boundary vectors and the boresight.





Rectangular FOV Angular Size - 2

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FORTRAN EXAMPLE

```
C Retrieve FOV parameters from the kernel pool.
CALL GETFOV(-33333, 4, SHAPE, FRAME, BSGHT, N, BNDS)

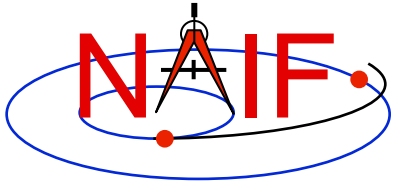
C Normalize the 3 boundary vectors
CALL UNORM(BNDS(1,1), UNTBND(1,1), MAG)
CALL UNORM(BNDS(1,2), UNTBND(1,2), MAG)
CALL UNORM(BNDS(1,3), UNTBND(1,3), MAG)

C Compute the averages.
CALL VADD(UNTBND(1,1), UNTBND(1,2), VEC1)
CALL VSCL(0.5, VEC1, VEC1)

CALL VADD(UNTBND(1,2), UNTBND(1,3), VEC2)
CALL VSCL(0.5, VEC2, VEC2)

C Compute the angular separations
ANG1 = VSEP( BSGHT, VEC1 )
ANG2 = VSEP( BSGHT, VEC2 )

C Separate the larger and smaller angles.
LRGANG = MAX( ANG1, ANG2)
SMLANG = MIN( ANG1, ANG2)
```



Rectangular FOV Angular Size - 3

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C EXAMPLE

```
/* Define the string length parameter. */
#define STRSIZ      80

/* Retrieve the FOV parameters from the kernel pool. */
getfov_c(-33333, 4, STRSIZ, STRSIZ, shape, frame,
         bsght, &n, bnds);

/* Normalize the 3 boundary vectors. */
unorm_c(&(bnds[0][0]), &(untbnd[0][0]), &mag);
unorm_c(&(bnds[1][0]), &(untbnd[1][0]), &mag);
unorm_c(&(bnds[2][0]), &(untbnd[2][0]), &mag);

/* Compute the averages */
vadd_c(&(untbnd[0][0]), &(untbnd[1][0]), vec1);
vscl_c(0.5, vec1, vec1);
vadd_c(&(untbnd[1][0]), &(untbnd[2][0]), vec2);
vscl_c(0.5, vec2, vec2);

/* Compute the angular separations. */
ang1 = vsep_c( bsght, vec1);
ang2 = vsep_c( bsght, vec2);

/* Separate the larger and smaller angles. */
if ( ang1 > ang2 ) {
    lrgang = ang1; smlang = ang2; }
else {
    lrgang = ang2; smlang = ang1; }
```