

SWA PAS Calibration Tables Conversion to Physical Values and Moments Calculations

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1 Reference frames and bins allocation

Figure 1 shows the Elevation and angle angles and bins in the PAS frame. Figure 2 shows the same in the spacecraft frame. Note the the solar orbiter frame corresponds to the RTN Heliocentric frame most of the time.

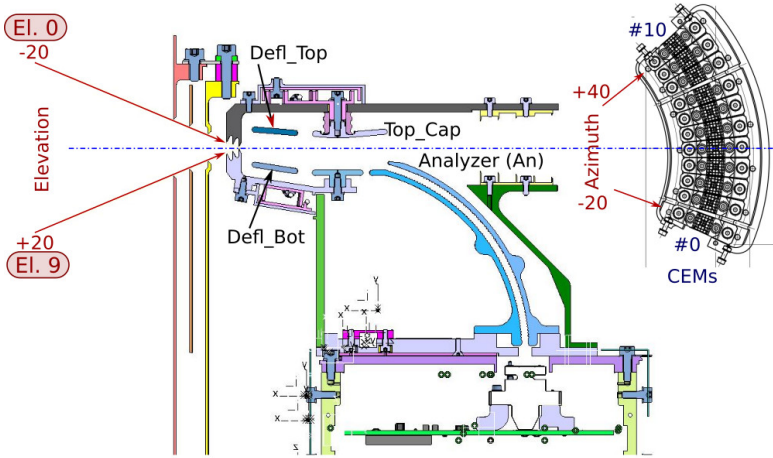


Figure 1: Elevation and azimuth bins and angles in the PAS analyzer frame. The CEMs plane is shown from the Analyzer.

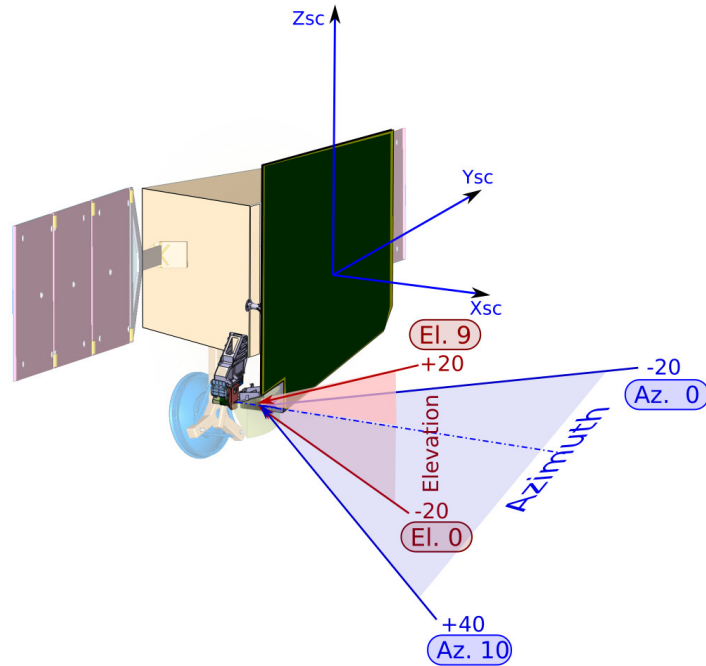


Figure 2: Elevation and azimuth bins in the Solar Orbiter frame.

2 Onboard Moments Decoding

The decode TM moments values to physical values use rules as follows:

Telemetry Density: NT (integer value)

$$N = \text{float}(N)/10.0 \quad [\text{cm}^{-3}]$$

Telemetry V: VT (integer value)

$$V_x = \text{float}(VT_x) \quad [\text{km/s}]$$

$$V_y = \text{float}(VT_y) - 2000.0 \quad [\text{km/s}]$$

$$V_z = \text{float}(VT_z) - 2000.0 \quad [\text{km/s}]$$

Telemetry Pressure tensor: PT (integer value)

$$P = 2.0^{(Pe-15)} * (1.0 + Pf/1024.0) * 1.0e17/65504.0 \quad [(\text{cm}^{-1}) * (\text{s}^{-2})]$$

$$\text{here } Pe = PT / 1024$$

$$\text{here } Pf = (\text{float})PT/1024.0 - (\text{float})Pe$$

Note, that P is the pressure of particles of mass 1 (pressure of particles of mass 1 of number density expressed in cm^{-3} and thermal velocity expressed in $\text{cm} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$). Thus to get a physical value (like $J \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$) we have to multiply this value to proton mass and to N.

To calculate the temperature from the pressure tensor use the formula as follows:

$$T[\text{eV}] = (P_{XX} + P_{YY} + P_{ZZ})/N \cdot 5.251 \cdot 10^{-13} \cdot (2/3)$$

3 L1 data conversion and moments calculation

Instrument sampling is expressed as a 3-D array as follows:

$$Count_{ie,iel,iaz}$$

Here:

ie is the energy index [0 .. 95]

iel is the elevation index [0 .. 8]

iaz is the azimuth index [0 .. 10]

Open the files from the PAS CALIBRATION RECORD indicated in Table 1.

Name	Dimensions	Description
PAS_PFM_V_full_array.txt	96x9x11	Velocity array
PAS_PFM_GF_array.txt	9x11	Geometrical factor for the real accumulation time
PAS_PFM_El_full_array	9x11	Elevation angles
PAS_PFM_CN_array.txt	96x9x11	Conversion factor
PAS_PFM_AZ_full_array	9x11	Azimuth angles
PAS_PFM_dEE_full_array	9x11	Energy resolution

Table 1: Full Calibration record set

Then do as follows:

1. Read velocities $V_{ie,iel,iaz}$ in km/s from the file PAS_PFM_V_full_array.txt
2. Read sin $SinElev_{iel,iaz}$ and cos $CosElev_{iel,iaz}$ of the elevation angles from the file PAS_PFM_El_full_array
3. Read sin $SinAz_{iel,iaz}$ and cos $CosAz_{iel,iaz}$ of the elevation angles from the file PAS_PFM_AZ_full_array
4. Make the arrays of Vx, Vy, and Vz in the SPACECRAFT frame for each energy, elevation, and azimuth as follows

$$\begin{aligned} VxarrSC(*,iel,iaz) &= -Varr * CosElArr(iel) * CosAzArr(iaz) \text{ [km/s]} \\ VyarrSC(*,iel,iaz) &= -Varr * CosElArr(iel) * SinAzArr(iaz) \\ VzarrSC(*,iel,iaz) &= -Varr * SinElArr(iel) \end{aligned}$$

5. Read the geometrical factor $GV_{iel,iaz}$ array from the file PAS_PFM_GF_array.txt and calculate the proton distribution function value in each Velocity point (see item 4) as follows:

$$DF_{ie,iel,iaz} = Count_{ie,iel,iaz} / (GV_{ie,iel,iaz} \cdot (V_{ie,iel,iaz}^4 \cdot 10^{20}))$$

To calculate the moments we do as follows:

1. Read conversion factor from the file PAS_PFM_CN_array.txt
2. Calculate partial density array (number density [cm^{-3}] in each velocity point) as follows:

$$\Delta n_{ie,iel,iaz} = Count_{ie,iel,iaz} \cdot CN_{ie,iel,iaz}$$

3. Calculate number density in [cm^{-3}] as follows:

$$n = \sum_{ie,iel,iaz} \Delta n_{ie,iel,iaz}$$

4. Calculate bulk velocity in **km/s** as follows (X component as example):

$$V_X = \left(\sum_{ie,iel,iaz} VxarrSC_{ie,iel,iaz} \cdot \Delta n_{ie,iel,iaz} \right) / n$$

5. Calculate pressure tensor in [J/cm^3] as follows (XY components as an example), here “m” is the particle mass [kg]:

$$P_{XY} = \sum_{ie,iel,iaz} (VxarrSC_{ie,iel,iaz} - V_X)(VyarrSC_{ie,iel,iaz} - V_Y) \Delta n_{ie,iel,iaz} \cdot m \cdot 10^6$$