Equatorial Coordinates Review

Ast 401/Phy 580
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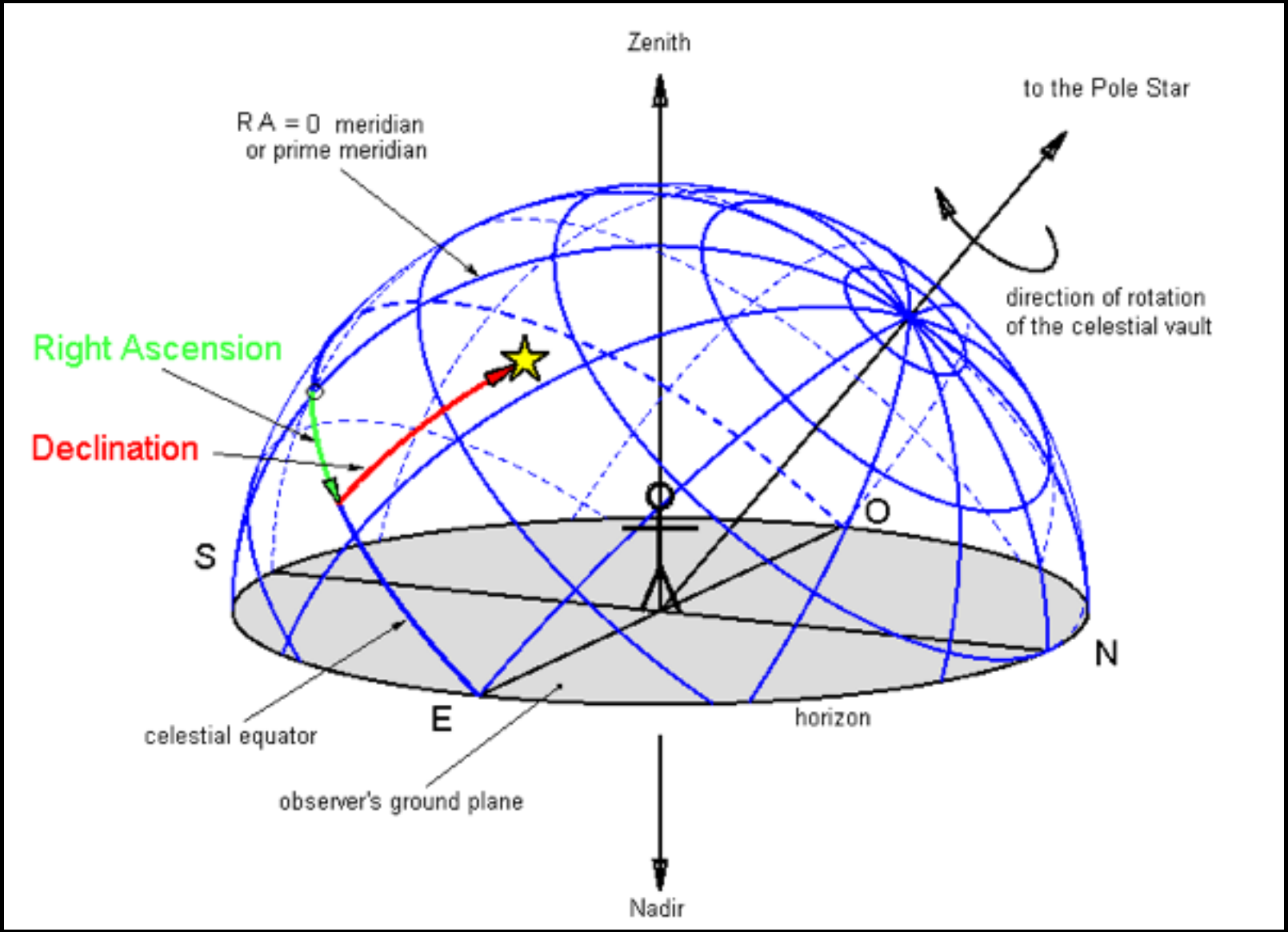

Hour Angle

Numerically it's the LST - RA.

Conceptually, it's the amount of time after a star has reached the meridian. If negative, it hasn't happened yet.

All stars at a given RA have the same hour angle at a given instant of time.

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Having probelems with RA, DEC, ETC?

COORDINATES, TIME, AND THE SKY

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