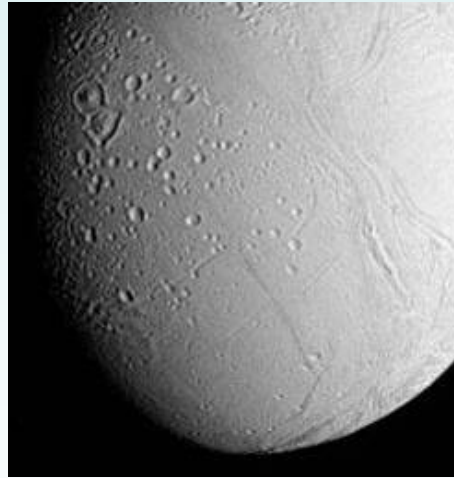


S08 First Targeted Enceladus Flyby

Enceladus: What we know on the eve of EN 003



**Bonnie J. Buratti, Rosaly Lopes, and
Amanda Hendrix**

“The SOST Leadership”

Feb 9, 2005 preview

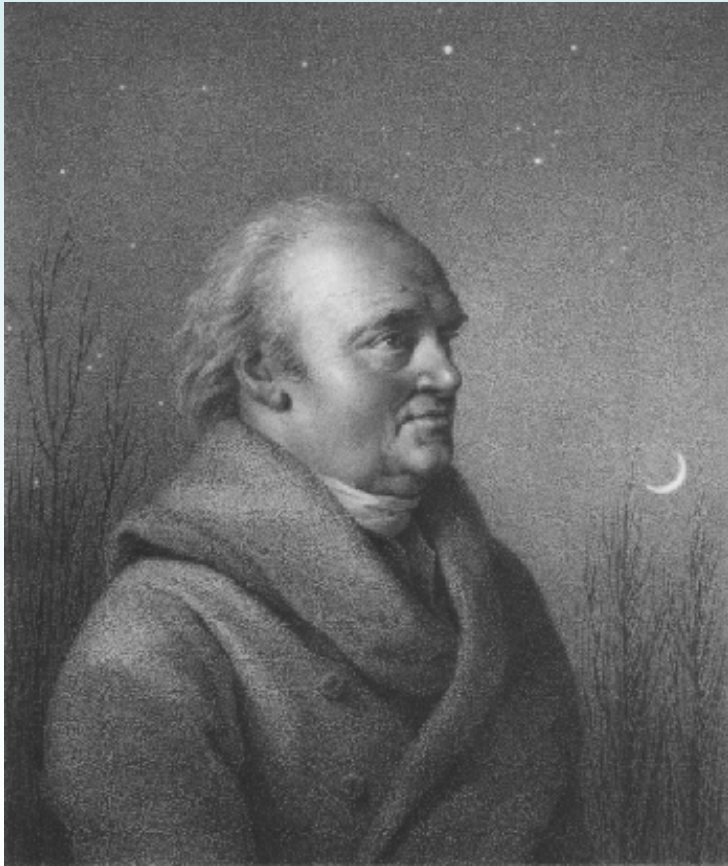
Properties of Enceladus

Distance from Saturn (10^3 km)	238
Period (days)	1.37
Radius (km)	249
i	0
e	0.004
Density (gm/cc)	1.2
Geometric albedo	1.0 (the highest of anything!)
Discovered	1789 (Herschel)
Composition	Water ice (R. Clark et al., 1983)

Outer Planet Satellites in Perspective



Discovery of Enceladus



William Herschel



*Herschel's telescope, built in 1783;
Enceladus was discovered during the
next ring plane crossing.*

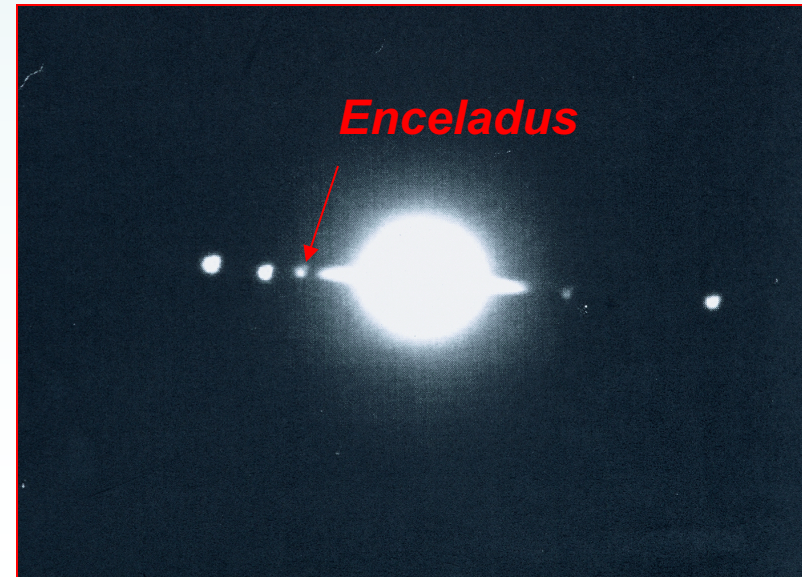
Enceladus during the last ring plane crossing (1997)

- **Ground based studies of Enceladus (and Mimas) are extremely difficult because of scattered light from Saturn.**
- **Most discoveries prior to Voyager, and between Voyager and Cassini, were made during ring plane crossings**

*Saturn and its five inner medium sized satellites during RPX (1997)
Image obtained on the Palomar 60-inch.*



*Mimas
From Voyager*



Key Questions

1. What is the composition of the surface? Are ammonia and other volatiles present (ammonia decreases the melting point dramatically: it is the only reasonable way to create liquid in the interior)? Are there any identifiable opaque materials (minerals, organics)?
2. Why is Enceladus so bright?
3. Is Enceladus currently active? If it is, what is the energy source?
4. How did the plains and grooves form? When were they formed (crater counts)? What are the main geological and geophysical processes?

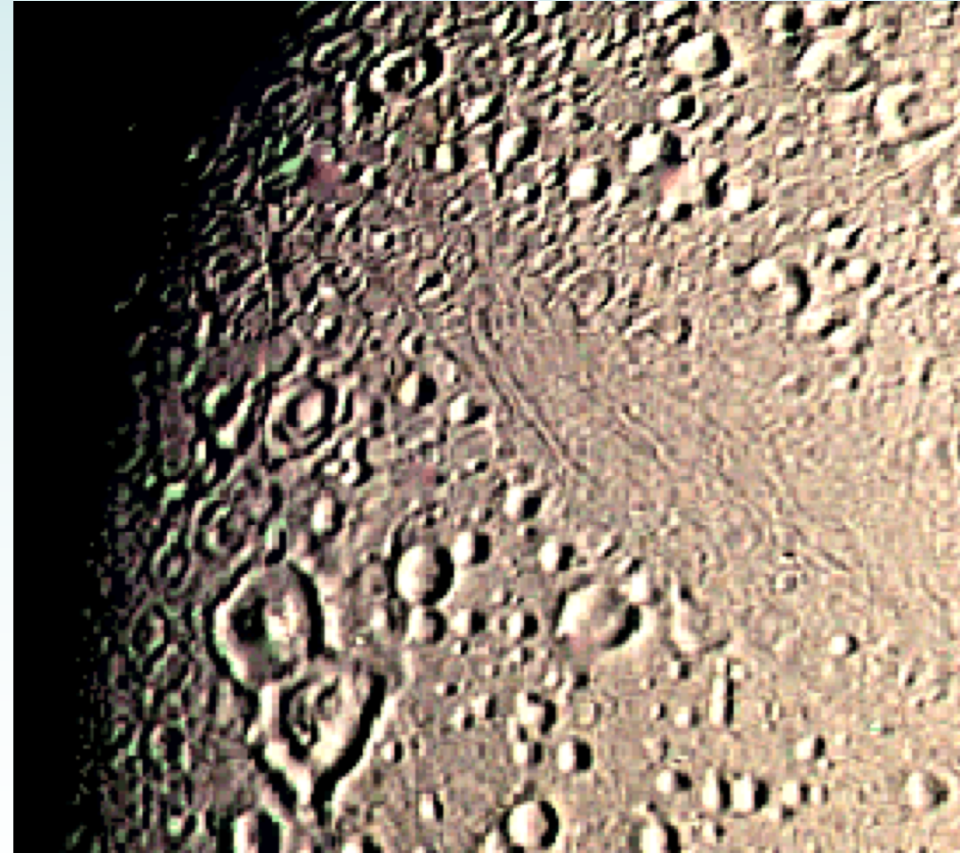
Key Questions, cont'd

5. What is the relationship between Enceladus and the E-Ring?
6. What is the particle environment around the satellite?
7. What is the satellite's dynamical history? Has its orbit been more eccentric in the past?
8. What is the interior structure of Enceladus?

The geologic history of Enceladus

Geophysical processes and things to notice:

Crater relaxation; large central peaks; subduction (note craters at edge of ridges); extensional faults; crater counts in plains; analogies to Ganymede, Titan, etc.

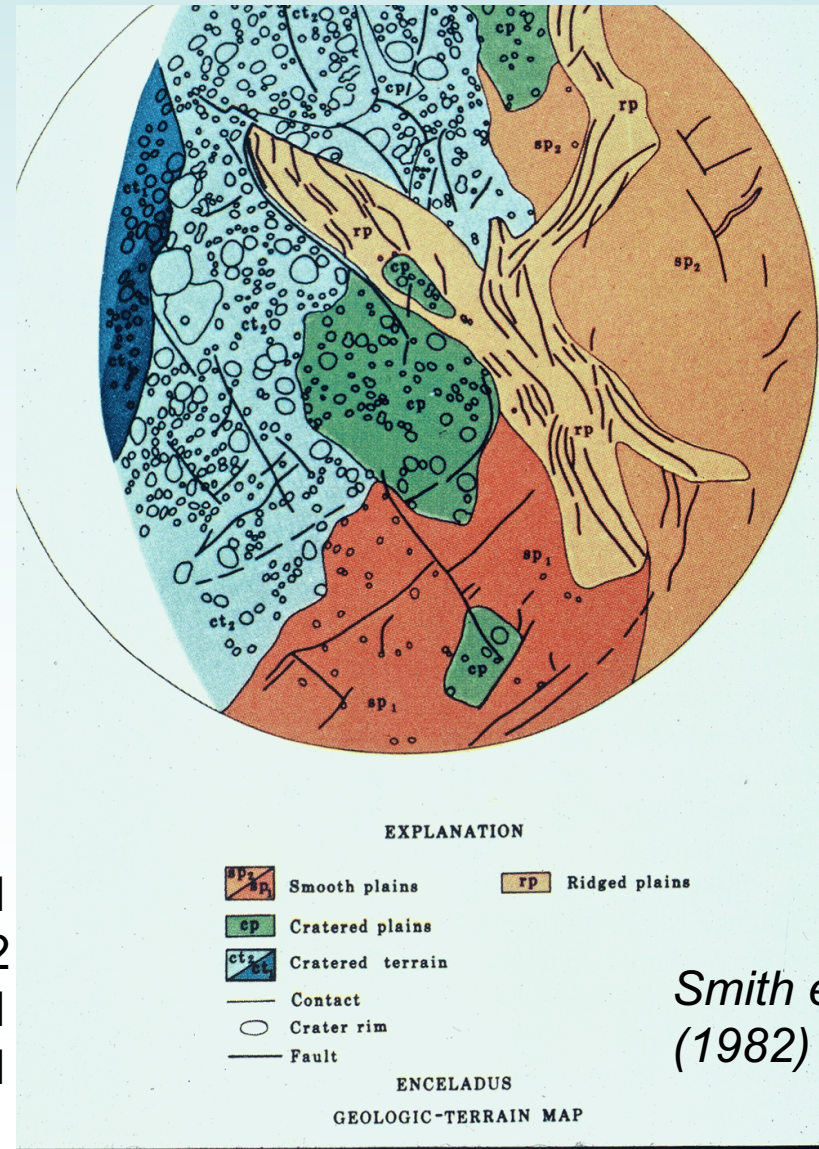


Geologic terrains of Enceladus and albedo



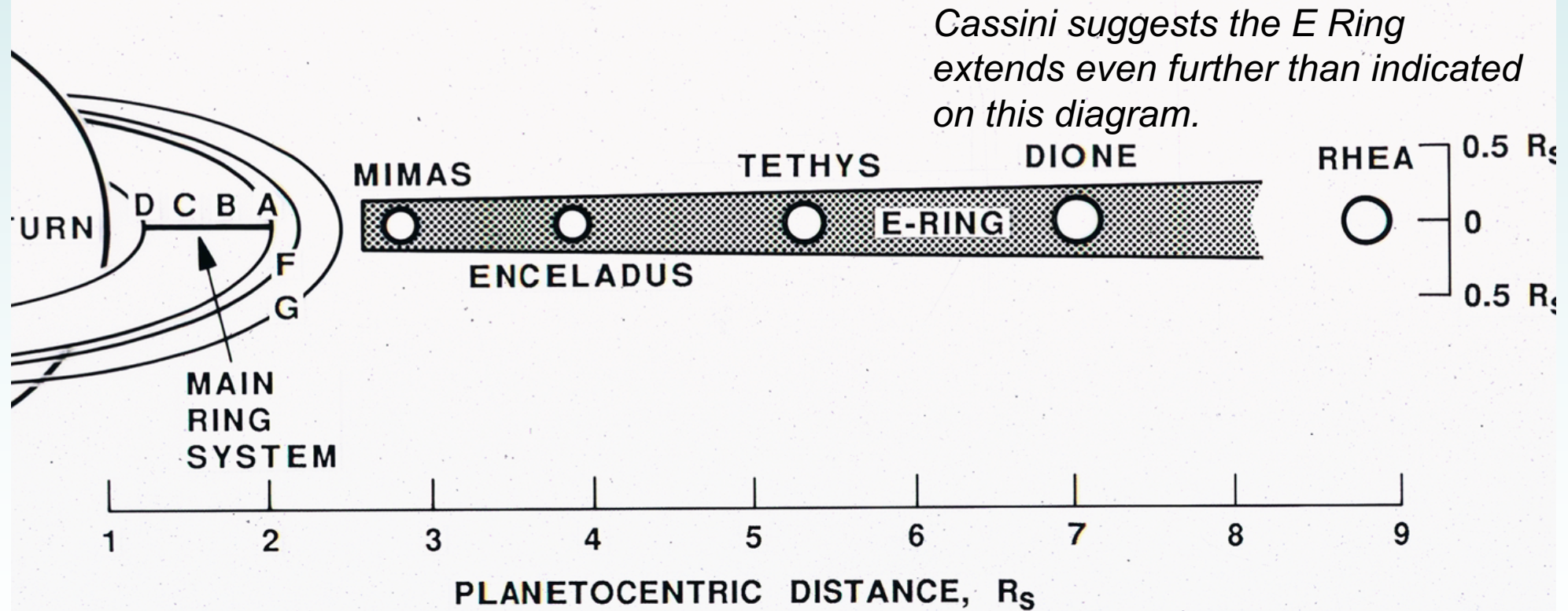
<i>Terrain</i>	<i>Age (BY)</i>	<i>B_o</i>
Smooth plains	<0.8	0.82 ± 0.01
Cratered terrain	~3.9	0.84 ± 0.02
Ridged plains	<0.8	0.84 ± 0.01
Cratered plains	~3.6	0.84 ± 0.01

Buratti (1988)

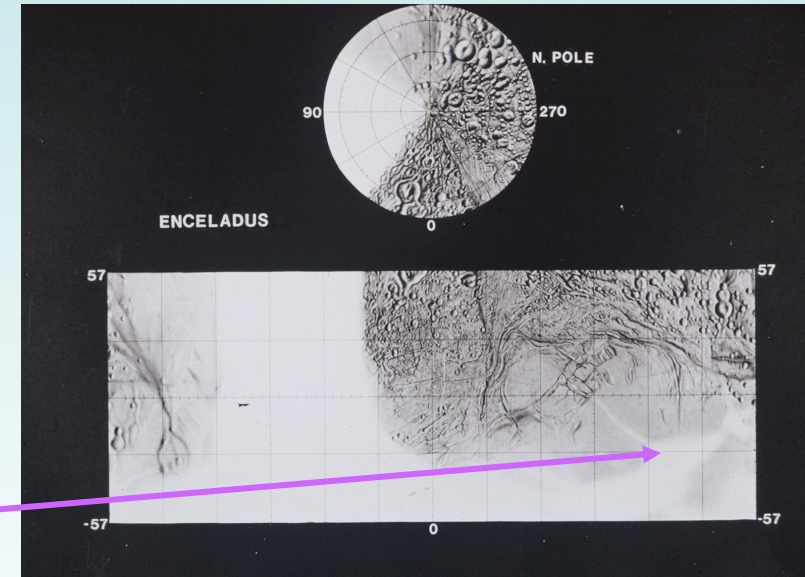
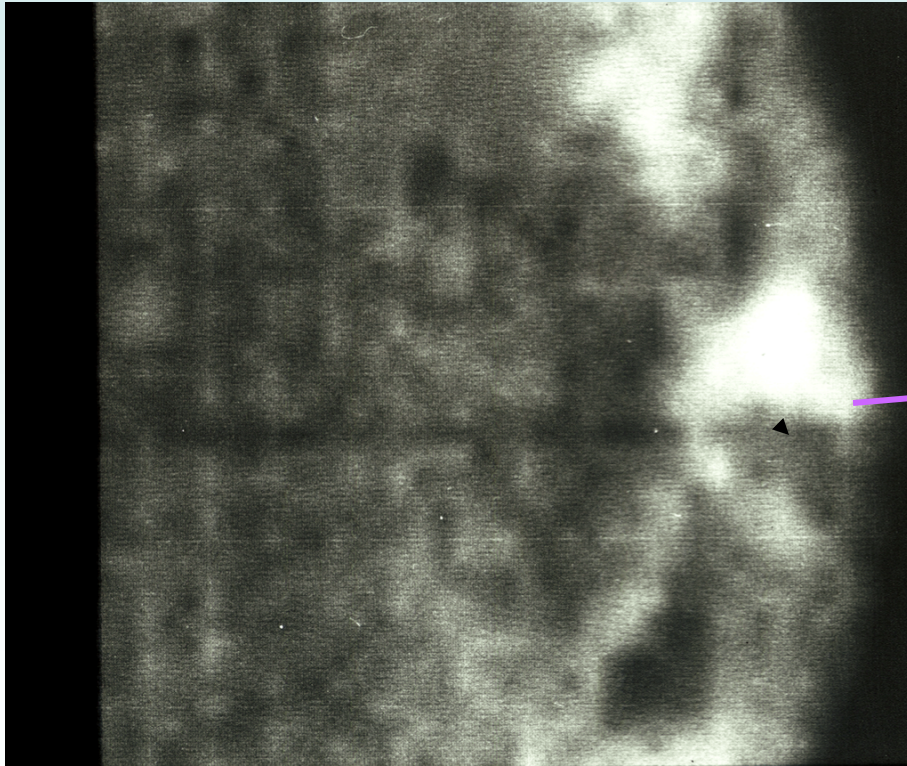


*Smith et al.
(1982)*

THE FIVE INNER MEDIUM SIZED SATELLITES OF SATURN



Enceladus and its environment



Do particles from the E-ring interact with the other satellites (cf. sulfur and sulfur dioxide from Io; exogenic particles on Iapetus)?

Is the feature above evidence for activity???
Is Enceladus the source of the E Ring?

Summary of Major Enceladus flybys

Rev	Date	Distance (km)
003	17 Feb 2005	1200
004	9 March 2005	500
005	29 March 2005	64,000
008	21 May 2005	93,000
011	14 July 2005	1000
028	8 Sept 2006	40,000
032	9 Nov 2006	94,000
047	28 June 2007	90,000
050	30 Sept 2007	88,000
061	12 March 2008	100
074	30 June 2008	99,000

(Table is based on the previous reference tour.)

Two people standing about 350 feet away



The closest Voyager flyby was 90,000 km



*The same people 3 feet away:
This analogy is equivalent to the
comparison of Voyager and
003 EN*

Enceladus as seen by Cassini so far



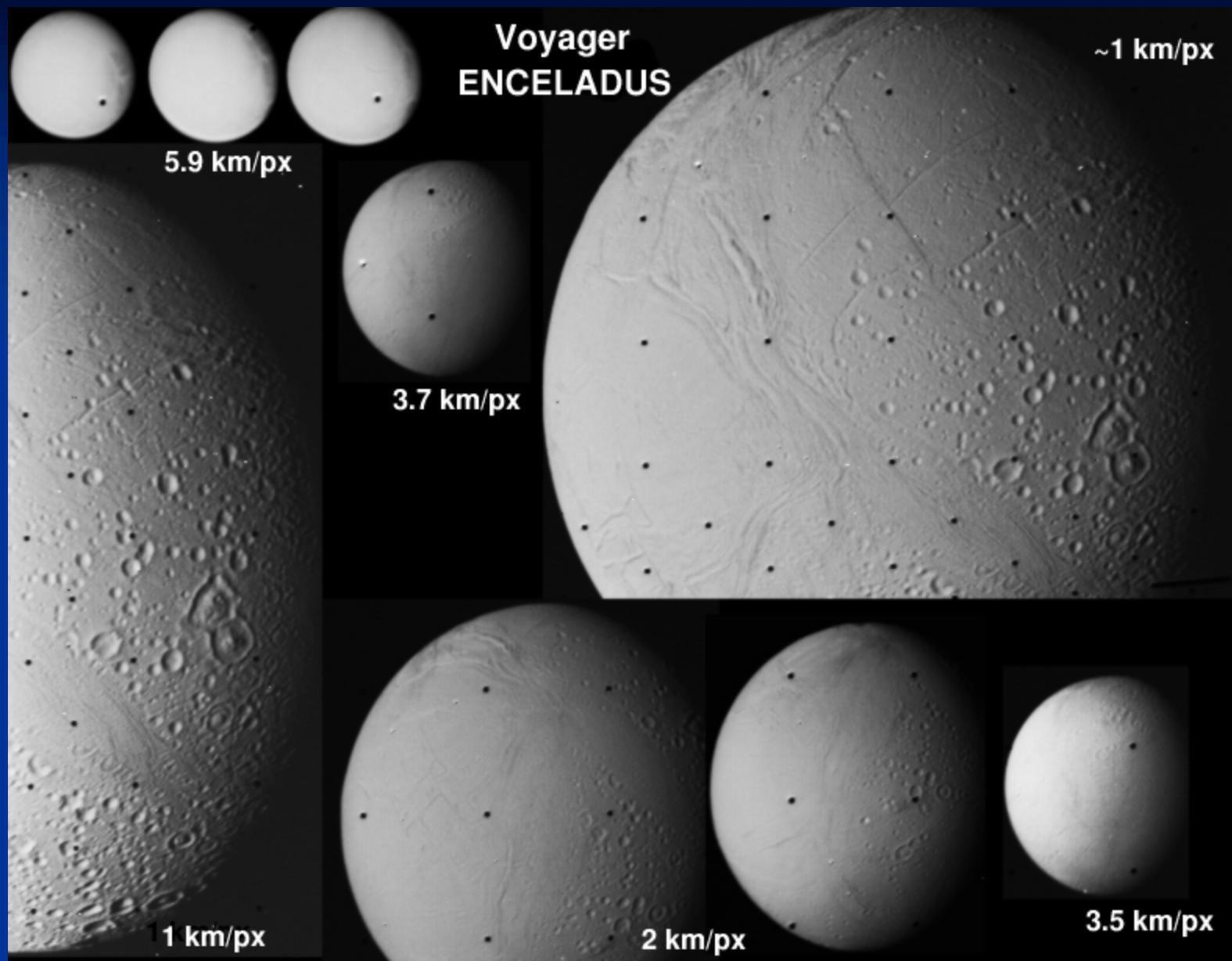
Enceladus 003 Flyby

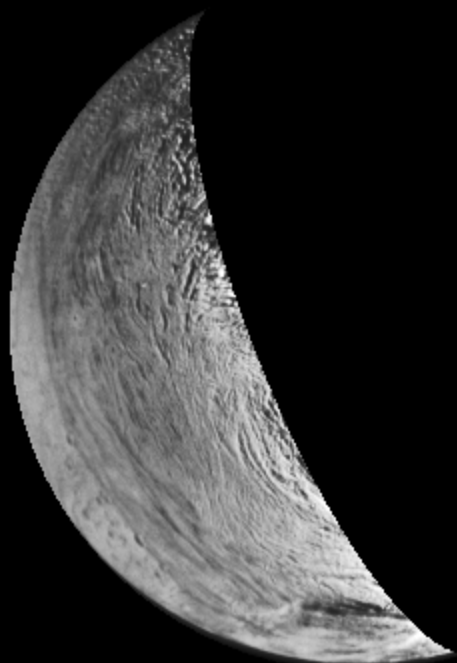
ISS OBSERVATIONS

Paul Helfenstein
Cornell University
9 February, 2005

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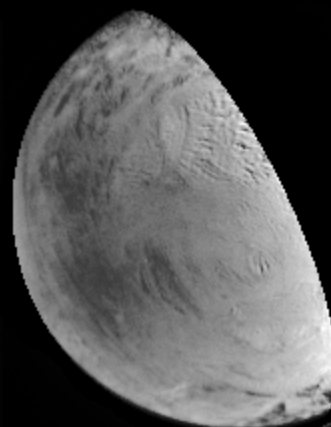
- Tilmann Denk (Freie Univ., Berlin)
- Thomas Roatsch (DLR)
- Peter Thomas (Cornell)
- Pam Smith (Cornell)
- Pauline Helfenstein (Cornell)
- Jon Proton (Cornell)
- Emma Birath (CICLOPS)
- Nicole Martin (CICLOPS)
- Ben Knowles (CICLOPS)





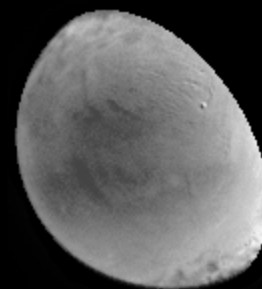
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 SOL: (-22.N, 194.3W)



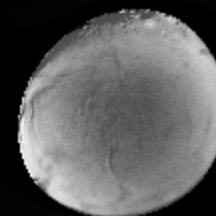
300 km

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 SC: (+4.9N, 85.0W)
 SOL: (-22.9N, 154.0W)



300 km

N1484506476
 Scale: 3.2 km/px
 Phase: 51.4
 SC: (+3.2N, 70.1W)
 SOL: (-22.9N, 115.7W)



300 km

N1477565247
 Scale: 4.6 km/px
 Phase: 33.5°
 SC: (+4.7N, 270.0W)
 SOL: (-23.6N, 251.5W)



300 km

ENCELADUS
Cassini ISS NAC
CL1-CL2 Filters

N1484577892
 Scale: 1.3 km/px
 Phase: 148.0
 SC: (-2.7N, 133.1W)
 SOL: (-22.9N, 332.8W)

E3 SCIENCE OBJECTIVES: OBSERVATION NAMING CONVENTION

- Surface Geological Features (GEOLOG, REGMAP)
- Geodesy, Topography, Geomorphology (LIMTOPO, STEREO, MORPH)
- Photometric/Polarization Properties (PHOTOM, HIPHASE, LOPHASE, ZEROPHASE, OPPSURG, PHOTPOL)
- Color Variations (GLOCOL, ROTCOLOR, COLOR, LONPHA)
- Eruptive Plume Searches (PLUME)

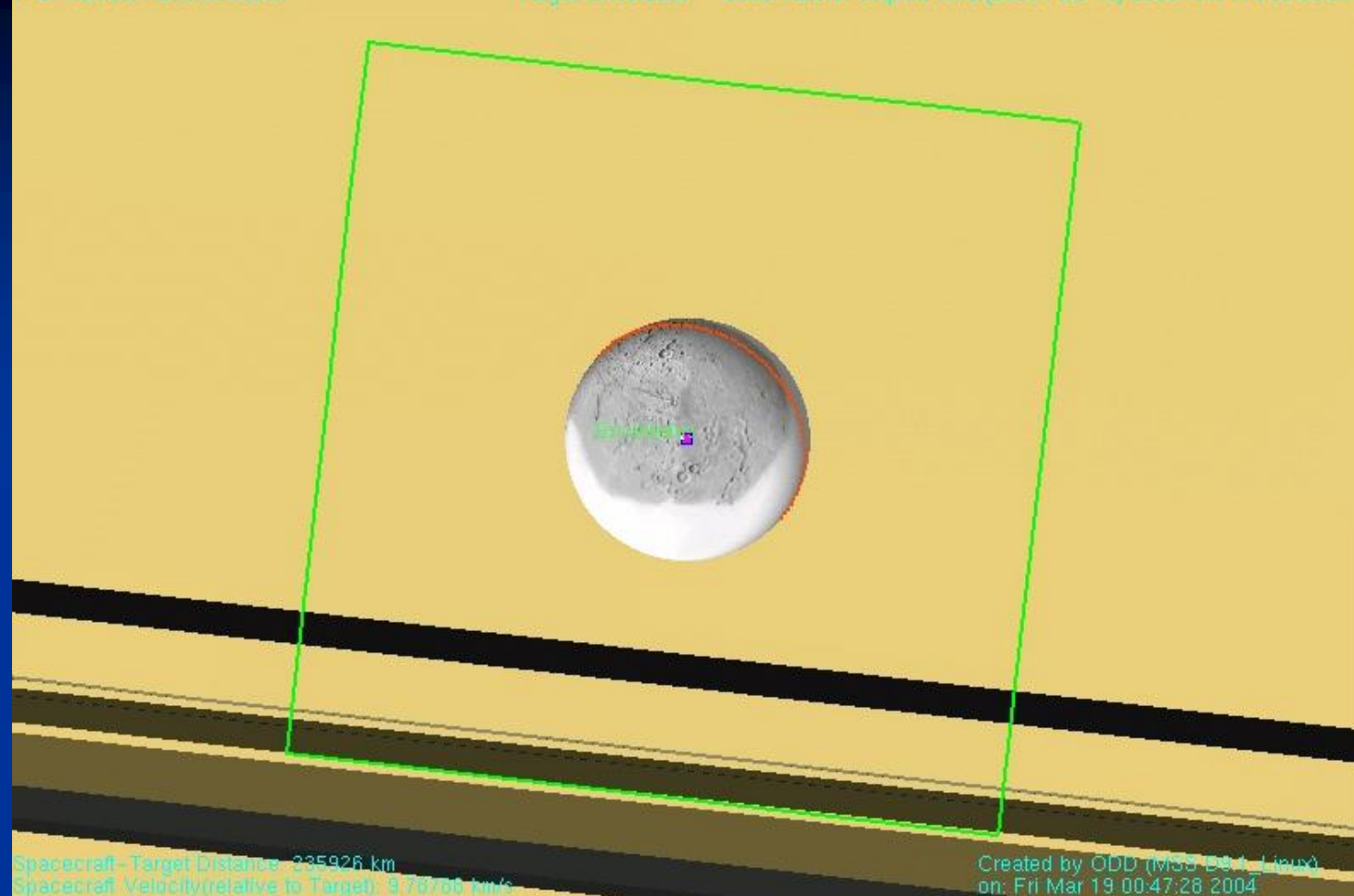
E03 ENCELADUS: ISS REQUESTS

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ISS_003EN_GEOLOG003_PRIME	2005-047T16:29:00	000T00:30:00		
ISS_003EN_LIMTOP004_PRIME	2005-048T02:15:29	000T00:50:00	GMB_E003_Enceladus	-000T01:15:00
ISS_003EN_ENCDUST001_CDA	2005-048T03:05:29	000T00:55:00	GMB_E003_Enceladus	-000T00:25:00
ISS_003EN_PLUME001_PRIME	2005-048T11:30:29	000T01:14:26	GMB_E003_Enceladus	+000T08:00:00
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1. C-Kernels Reconstruction

Target: Enceladus

Observation/Footprint Time: (2005 FEB 18) 2005-047T14:05:03.54



ISS_003EN_GEOLOG001_PRIME

START: 2005-047T13:55:00 DUR: 00:40:00

ISS_NAC to Enceladus, +X to NSP

Est. DATA VOL: 25.166 Mb

RANGE: 242953 km Scale: 1.4 km/px

Phase Angle: 27.9

Subspacecraft Point: (-1N, 174W)

IMAGES

NAC CL1-CL2 (2x2 SUM)

NAC CL1-UV3 (2x2 SUM)

NAC CL1-IR1

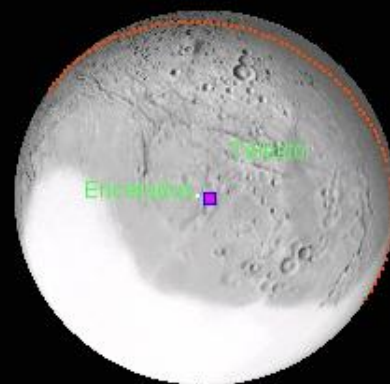
NAC CL1-IR3

NAC P0-,P60-,P120-GRN

1. C-Kernels Reconstruction

Target: Enceladus

Observation/Footprint Time:(2005 FEB 16) 2005-047T15:59:03.54



Spacecraft-Target Distance: 188811 km

Spacecraft Velocity (relative to Target): 6.75189 km/s

Created by ODD (MSS D9.1_Linux)

on: Thu Mar 18 23:11:52 2004

ISS_003EN_GEOLOG002_PRIME

Start: 2005-047T15:49:00 Dur: 00:40:00

ISS_NAC to Enceladus, +X to NSP

Est. Data Volume: 25.166 Mb

Range: 193639 km Scale: 1.1 km/px

Phase Angle: 23.7

Subspacecraft point: (-1N, 203W)

IMAGES

NAC CL1_UV3

NAC CL1_IR1

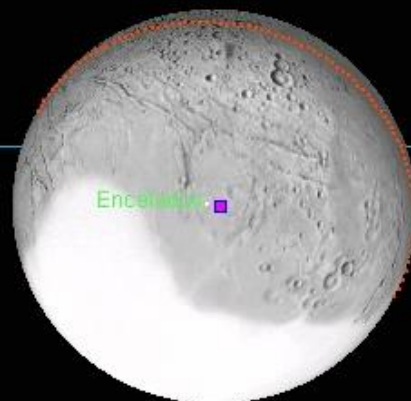
NAC CL1_IR3

NAC P0_, P60_, P120_GRN

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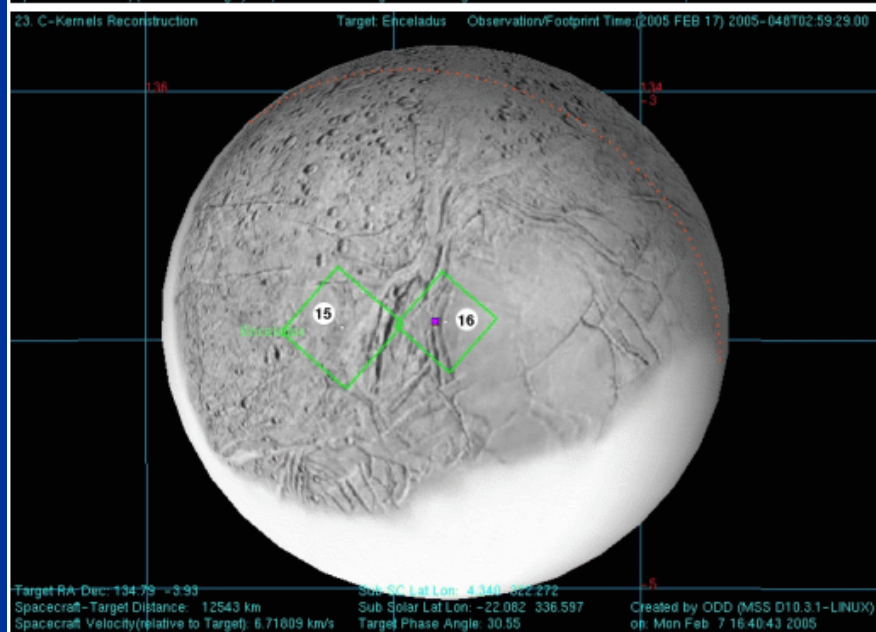
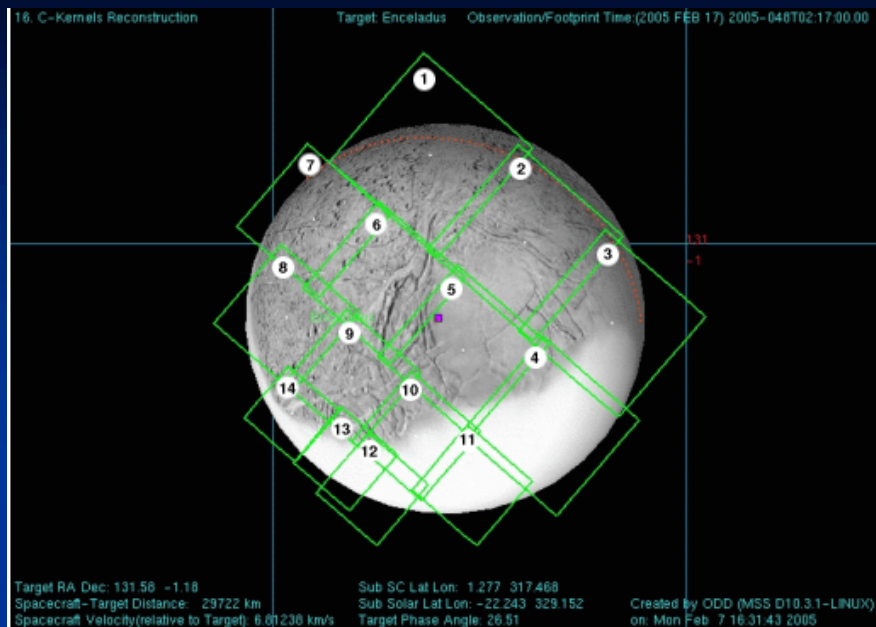
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Est. Data Vol.: 25.1658 Mb
Range: 182327 km Scale: 1.3 km/px
Phase Angle: 22.6
Subspacecraft point: (-1N, 214W)

IMAGES

NAC CLR_UV3
NAC CLR_IR1
NAC CLR_IR3
NAC P0_, P60_, P120_GRN



ISS_003EN_LIMTOP004_PRIME

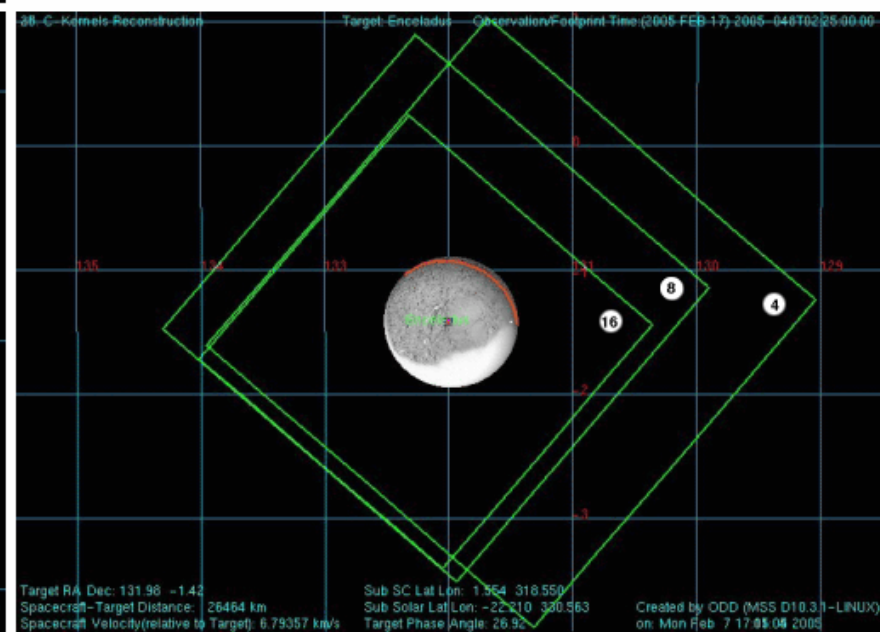
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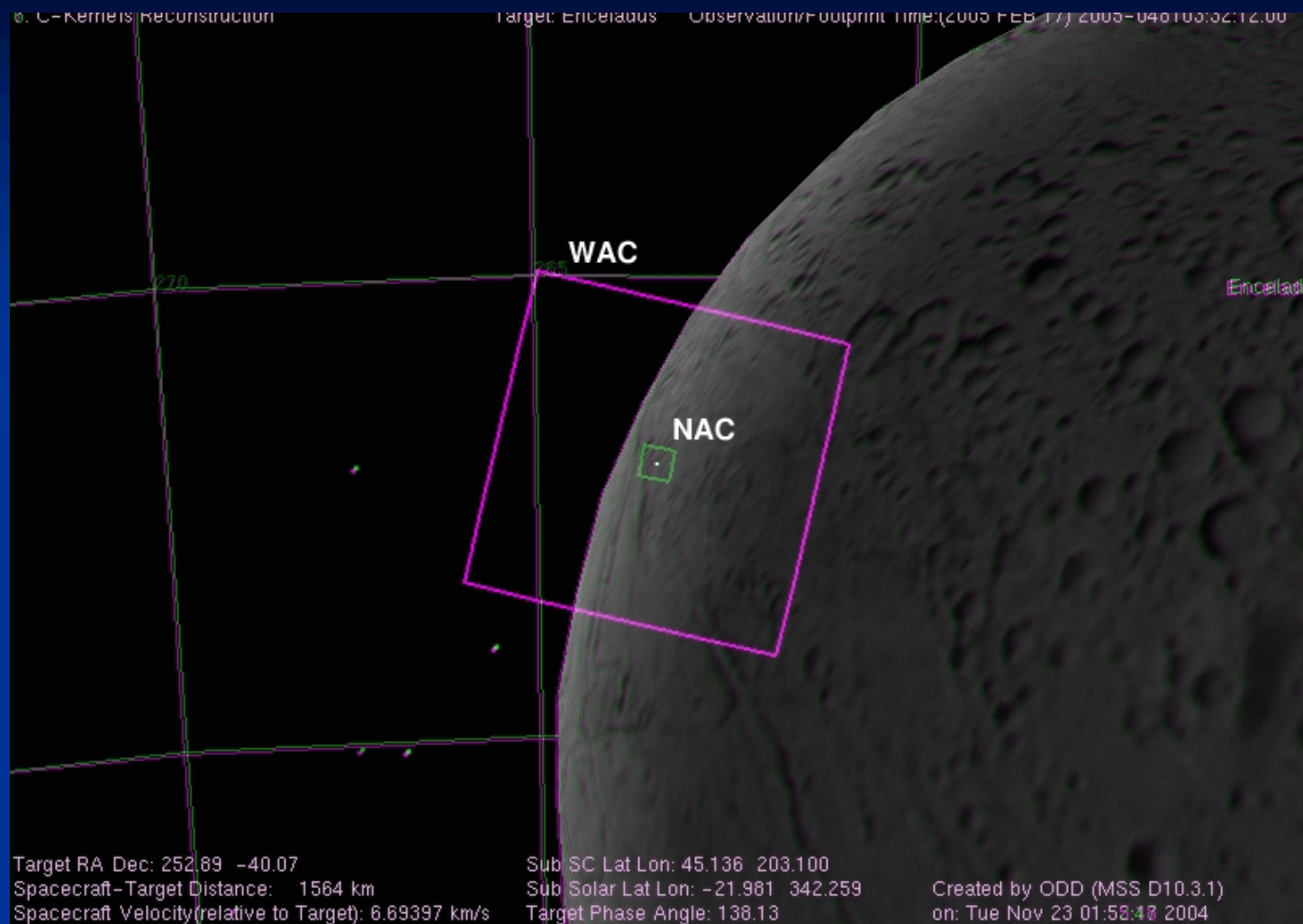
NAC to Enceladus, -X to RA/DEC (198/-47) Est. Data Volume: 88.0804 Mb

Range: 30341 km to 10146 km Scale: 175 m/px to 50 m/px

Phase Angle: 26.4 to 32.1 Subspacecraft Point: (1N, 315W) to (6N, 320W)

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3	00:02:04	NAC CL1_CL2		11	00:02:04	NAC CL1_CL2
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6	00:02:25	NAC CL1_CL2		14	00:02:04	NAC CL1_CL2
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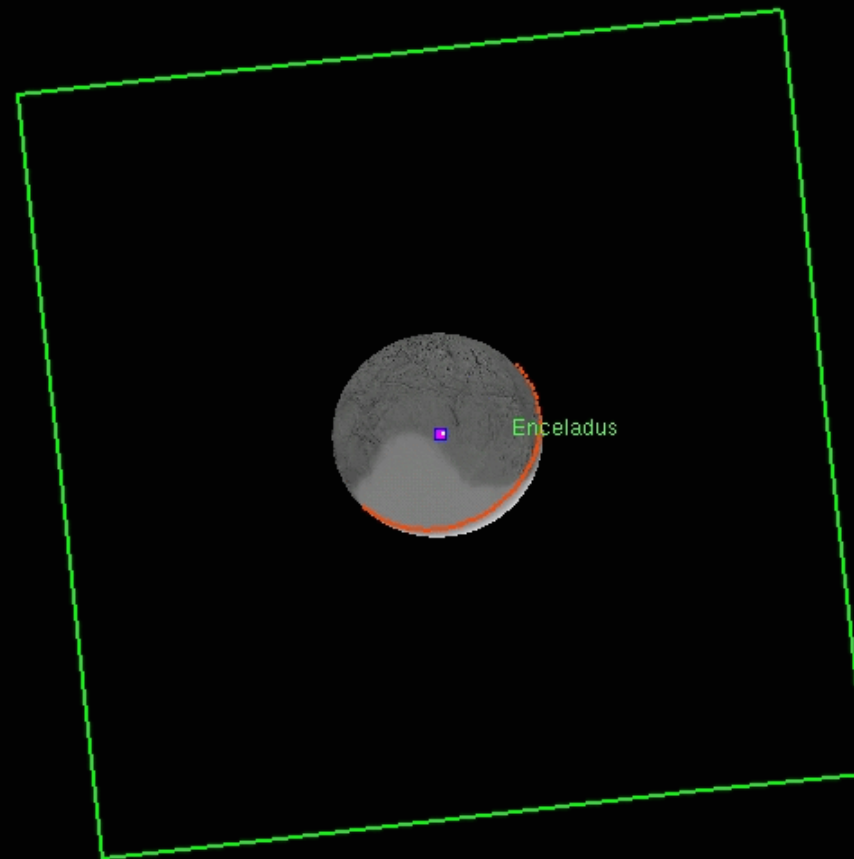
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Range: 1566 km Scale: 9m/px (NAC), 90m/px (WAC)
Phase Angle: 138.4
Subspacecraft Point: (48N, 203W)

IMAGES

Eight (8) BOTSIM's CL1_CL2
One (1) WAC CL1_CL2

1. C-Kernels Reconstruction

Target: Enceladus Observation/Footprint Time: (2005 FEB 17) 2005-048T11:50:37.55



Spacecraft-Target Distance: 301443 km
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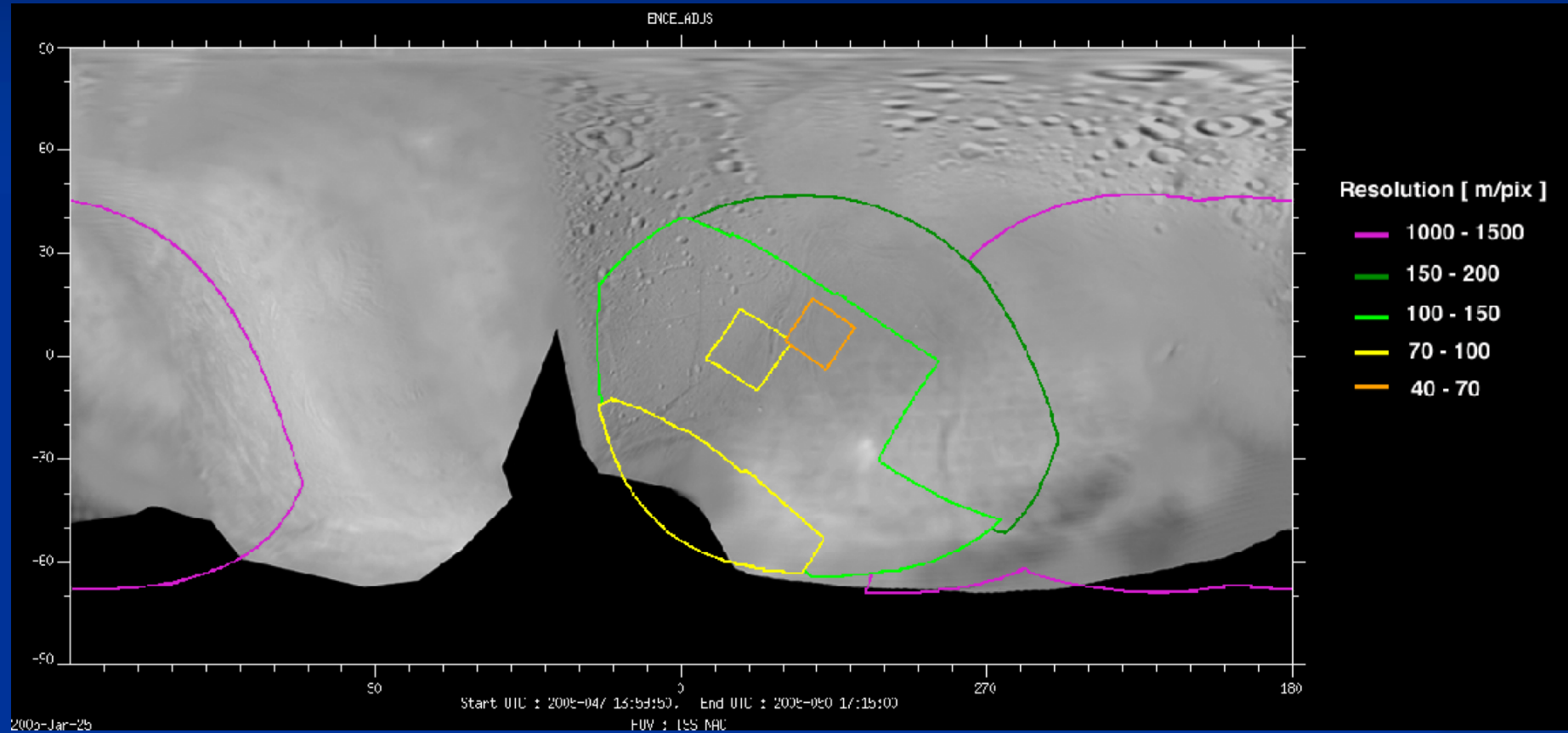
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Range: 282606km to 349285km Scale: 1.6 km/px to 2.0 km/px
Phase Angle: 153.9 to 152.0
Subspacecraft Point: (1N, 234W) to (1N, 244W)

IMAGES

Set 1: Nominal surface exposure
NAC CL1_UV3, CL1_IR1, CL1_IR3
+ NAC GRN Polarizers
Set 2: Above filters for I/F = 0.005
Set 3: Above filters for I/F = 0.05
Set 4: Above filters for I/F = 0.10
Set 5: NAC CL1_CL2 (3 frames)
1s, 10s, 100s exposures

Summary of E3 Flyby Coverage



UVIS Science at Enceladus

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9 February 2005

UVIS Science at Enceladus

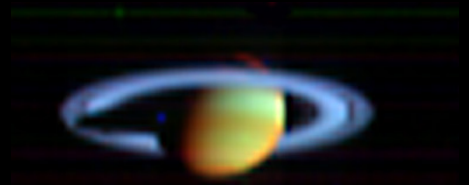
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Cassini

VIMS

S08 Enceladus



VIMS

Visual and Infrared Mapping Spectrometer

- 0.35 to 5.2 microns in 352 wavelengths
- IFOV: 0.5 x 0.5 mrad (standard)
- High resolution IR: 0.5 x 0.25 mrad
- High resolution VIS: 0.17 x 0.17 mrad
- Images up to 64 x 64 pixels square.

VIMS Enceladus Science

Identification of minerals and other materials
on the surface.

Mapping the abundance, and grain sizes of
surficial materials.

Grain-Size Mapping

Reflectance from 0.35 to 5.2 microns

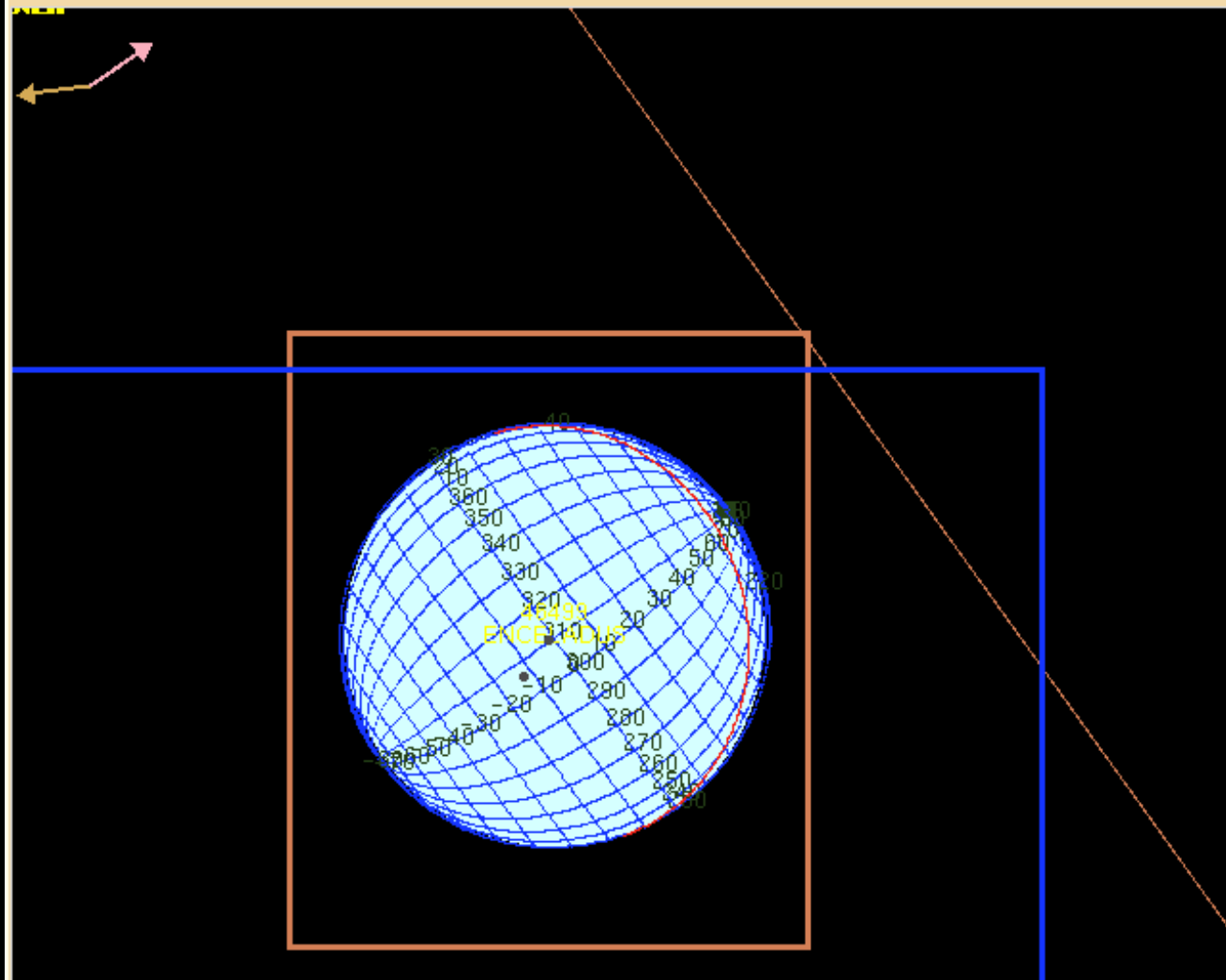
Phase function

surface microstructure

Bond albedo

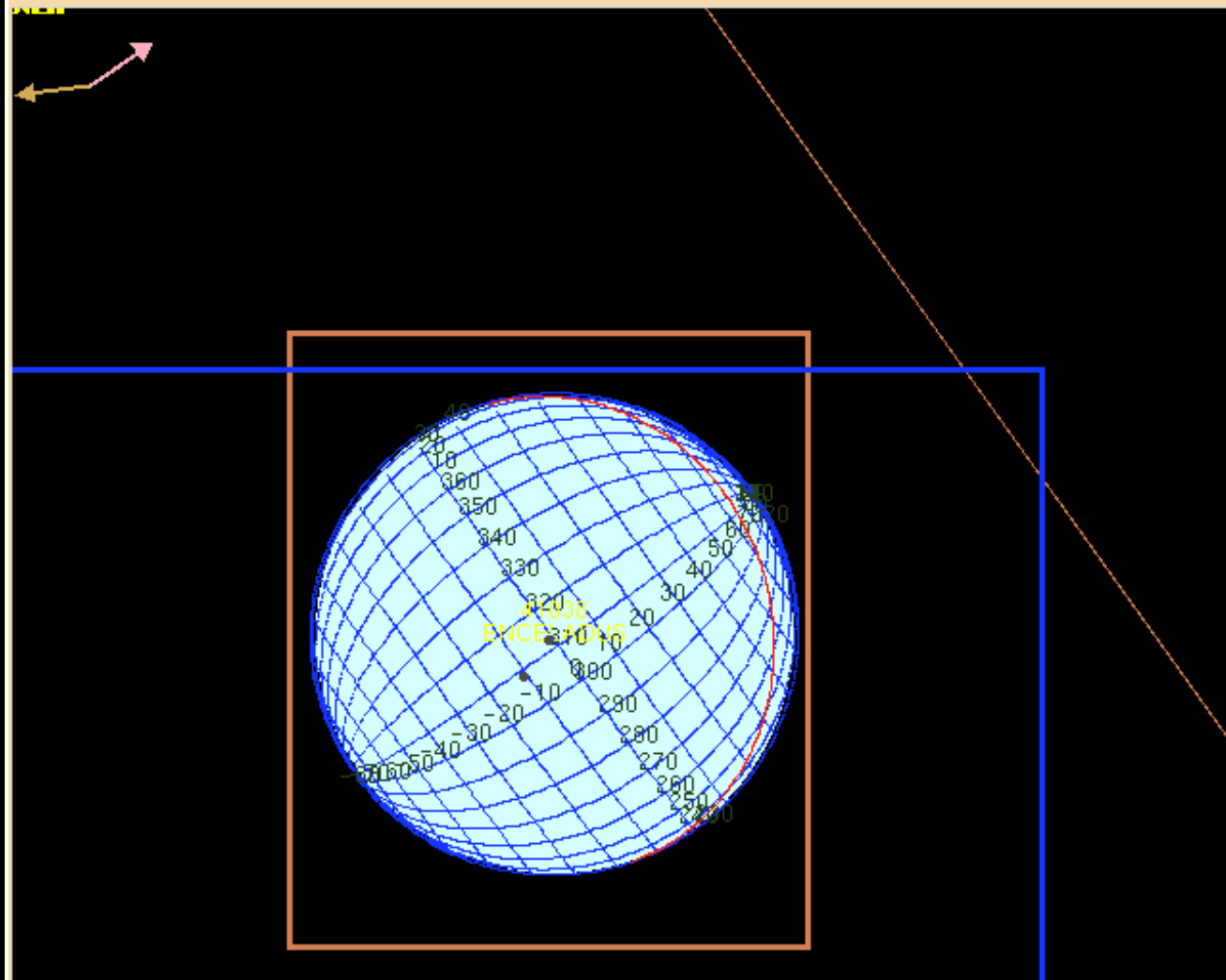
Temperatures > 120K

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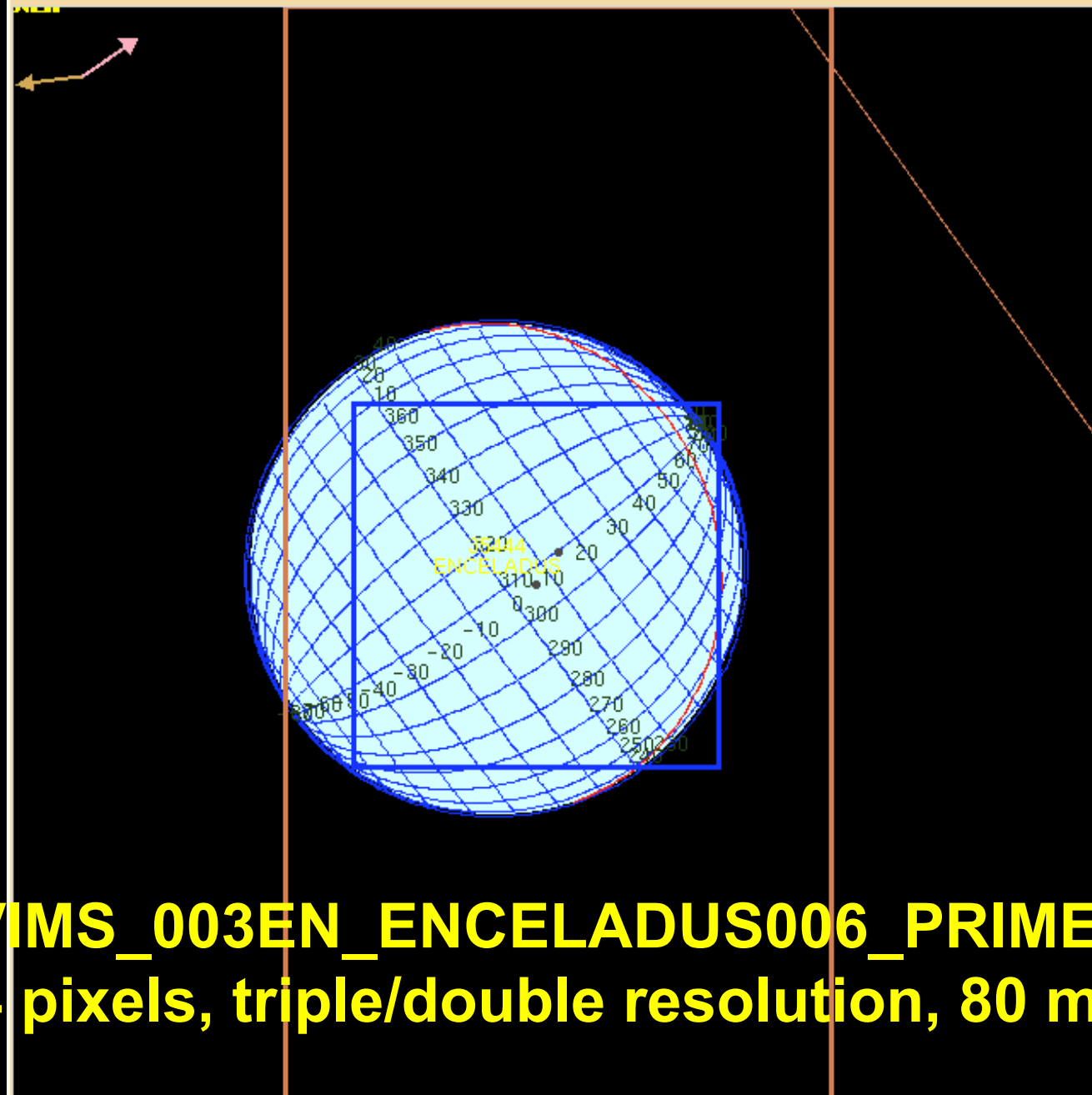
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32x54 pixels, std/double resolution, 160 ms/px IR

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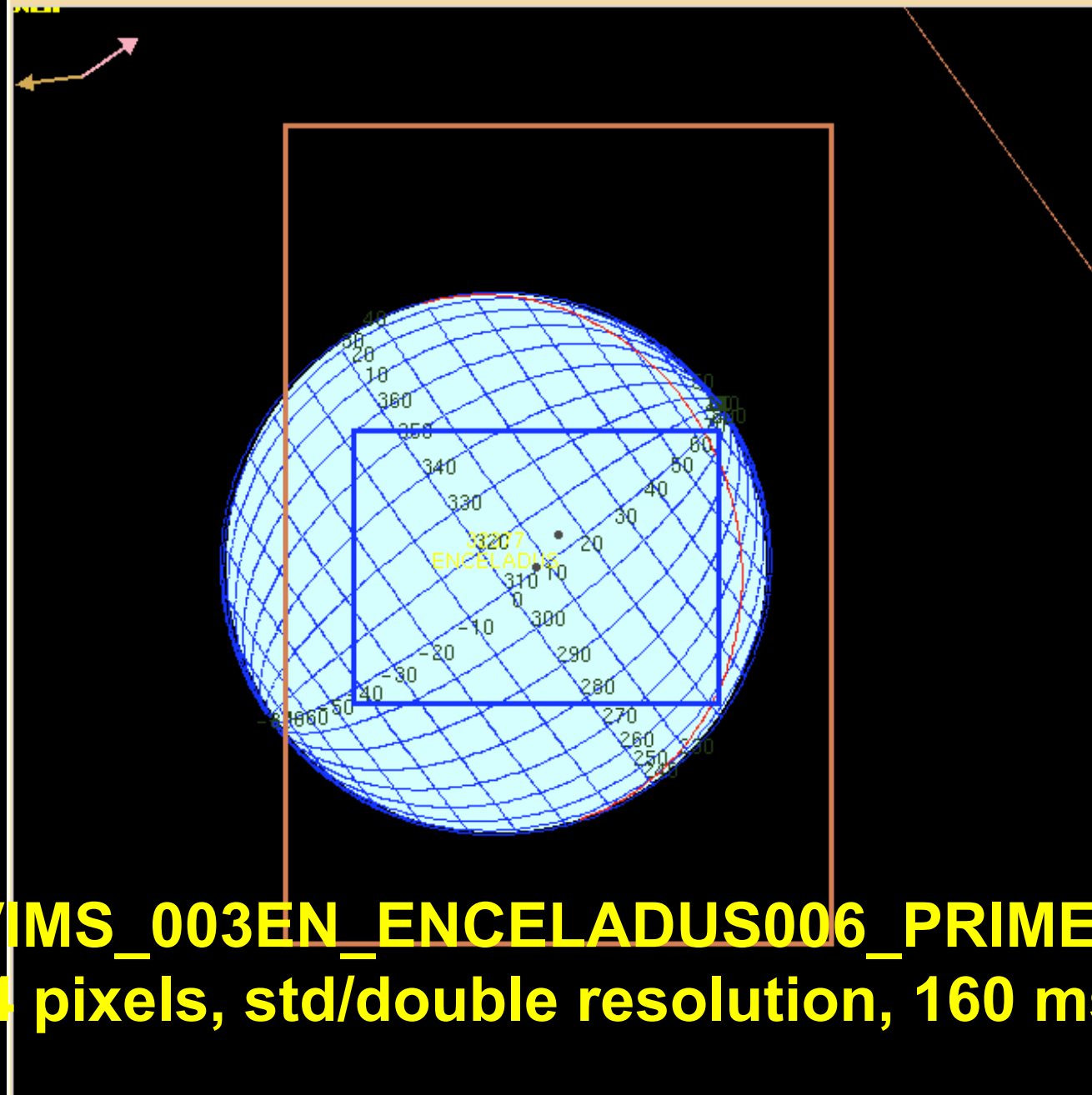


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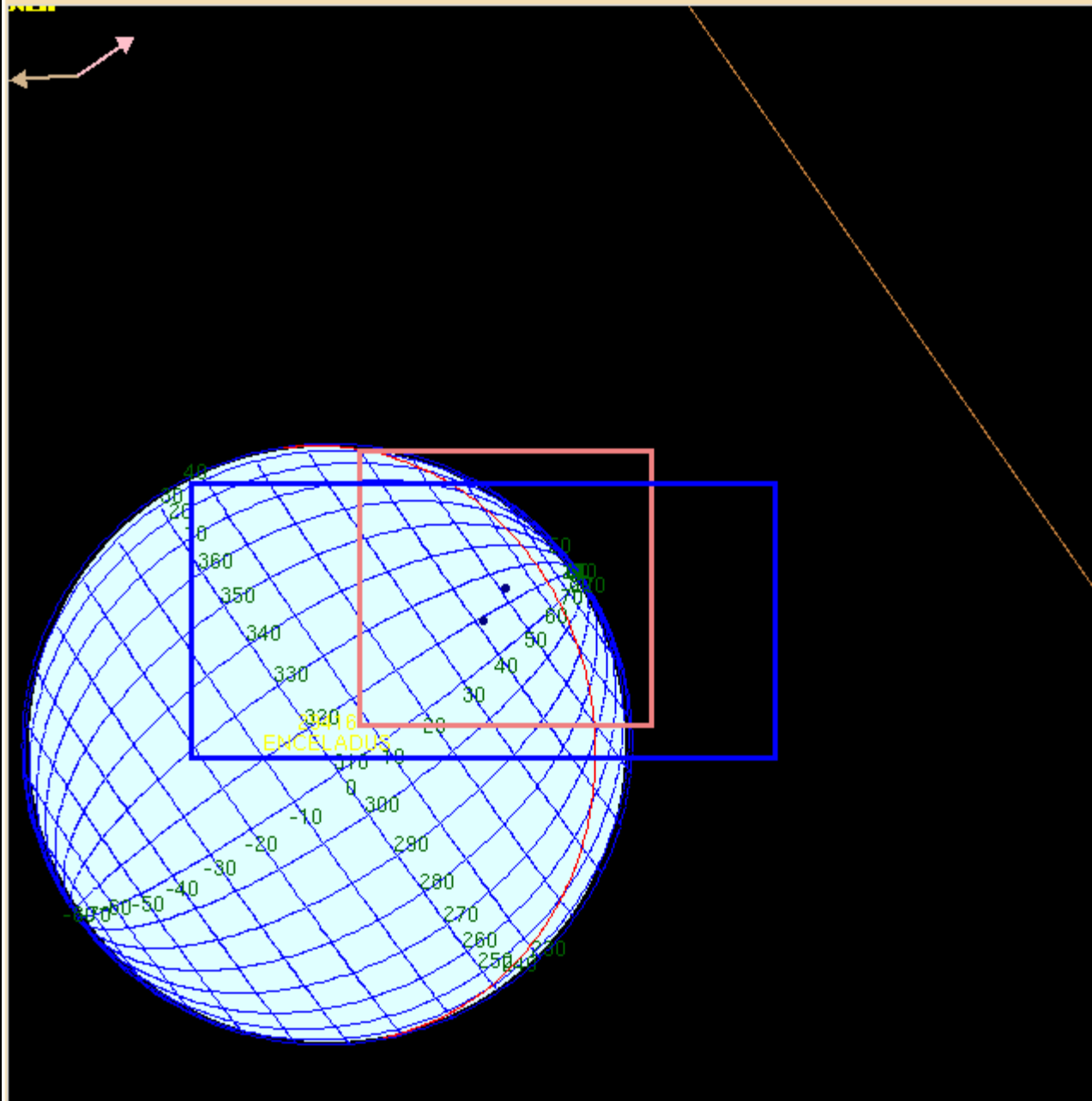
IR RA/DEC(0.000,0.000)

VIS RA/DEC(0.000,0.000)

VIMS ISS Rider up to closest approach 048T2:15

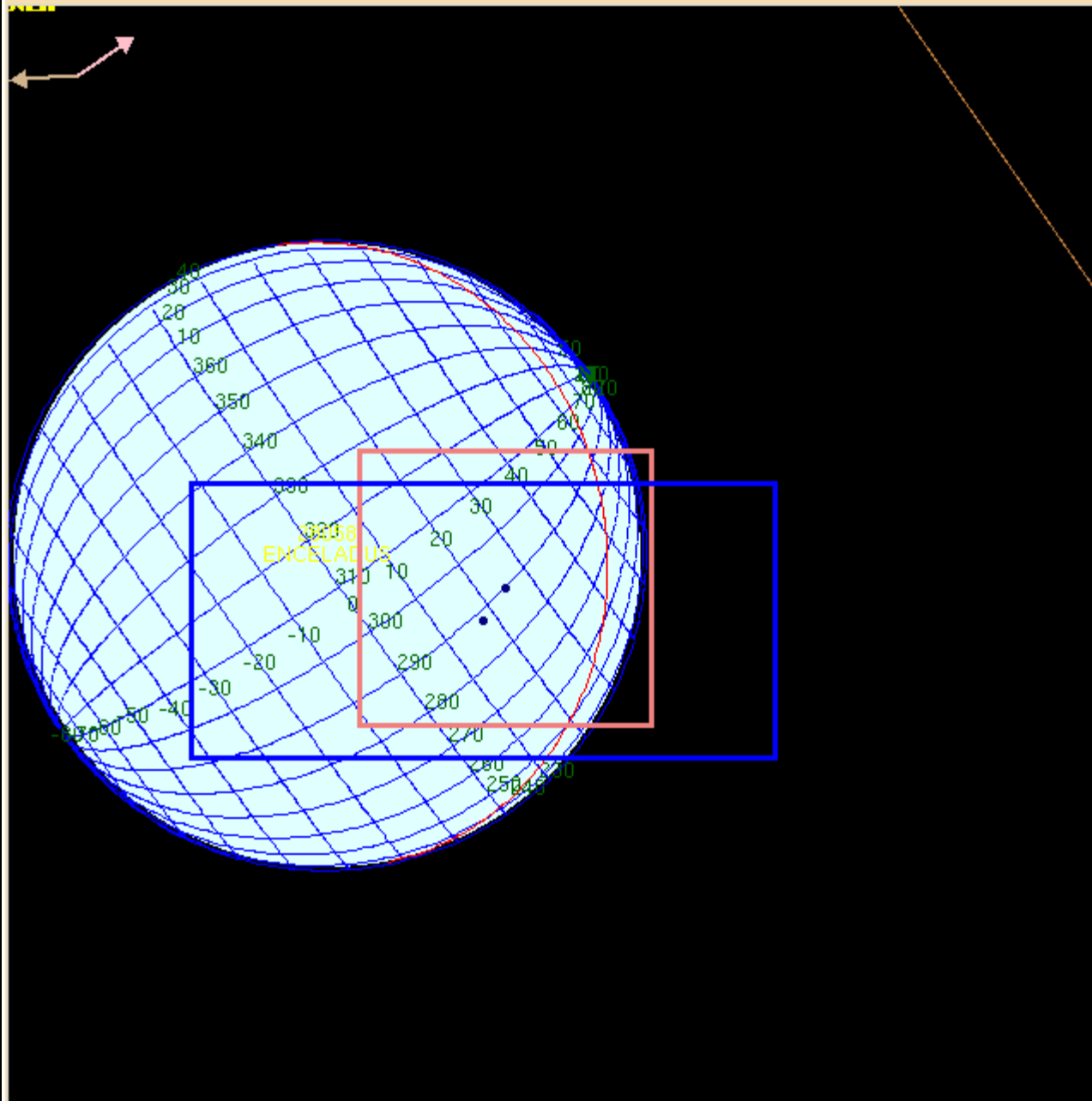
- **16 frames 16x34 pixels (some 22x44, 20x38), all double resolution IR.**
- **160 ms /pixel (IR)**
- **About 9,000 spectra from this observation set.**
- **Up to 5x10 km pixel IR, 3.6 km/pixel
vis**

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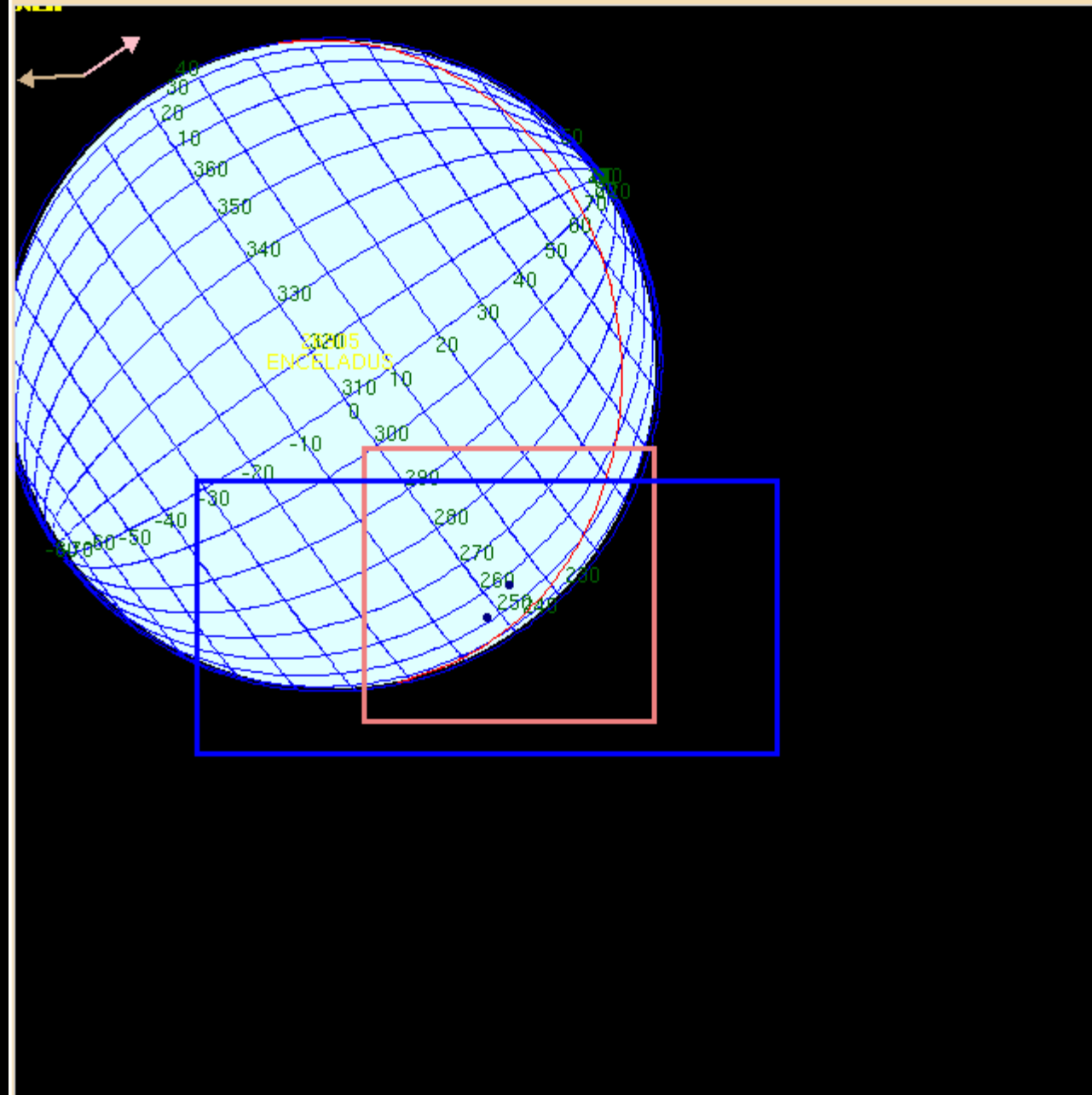
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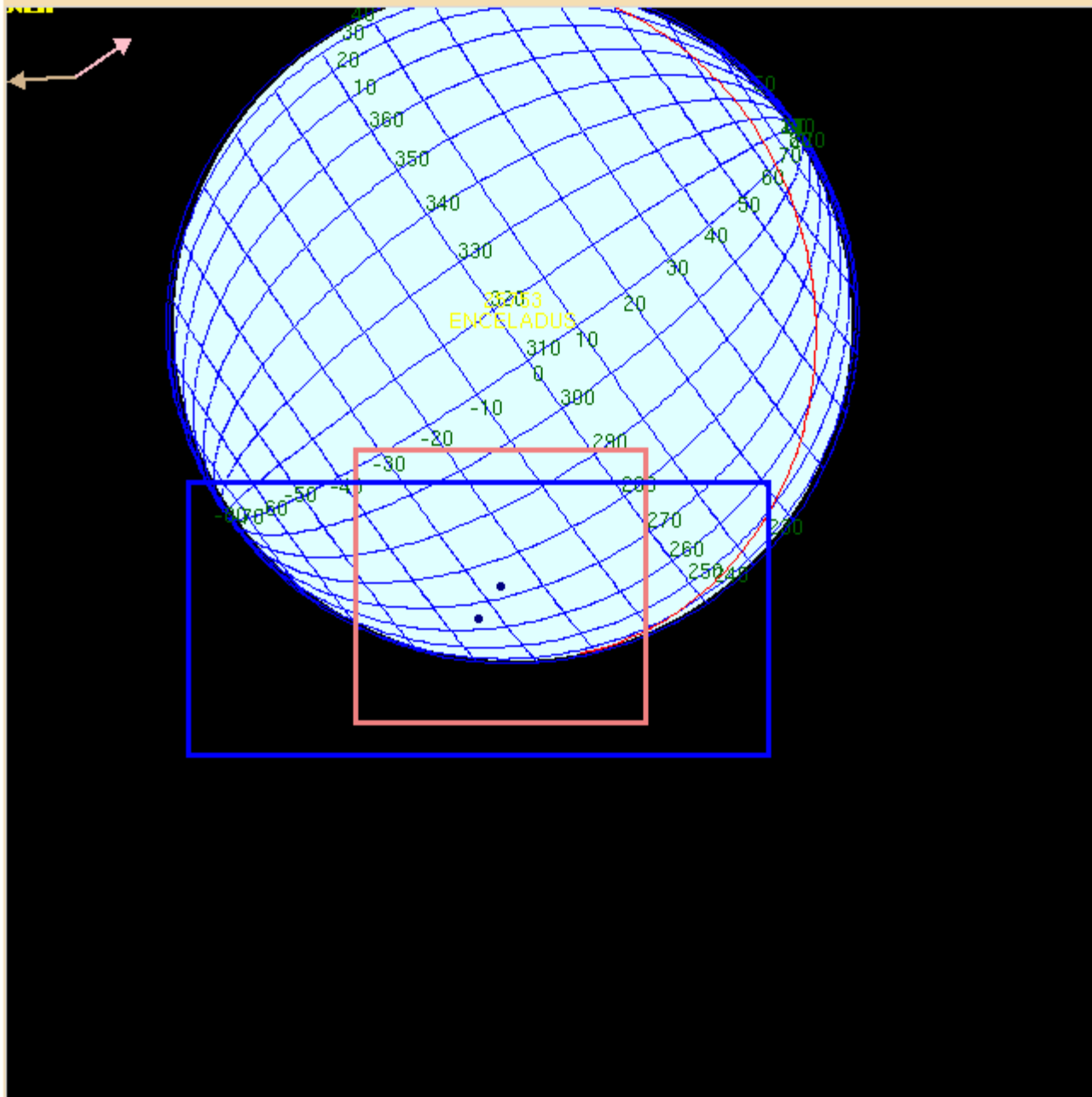
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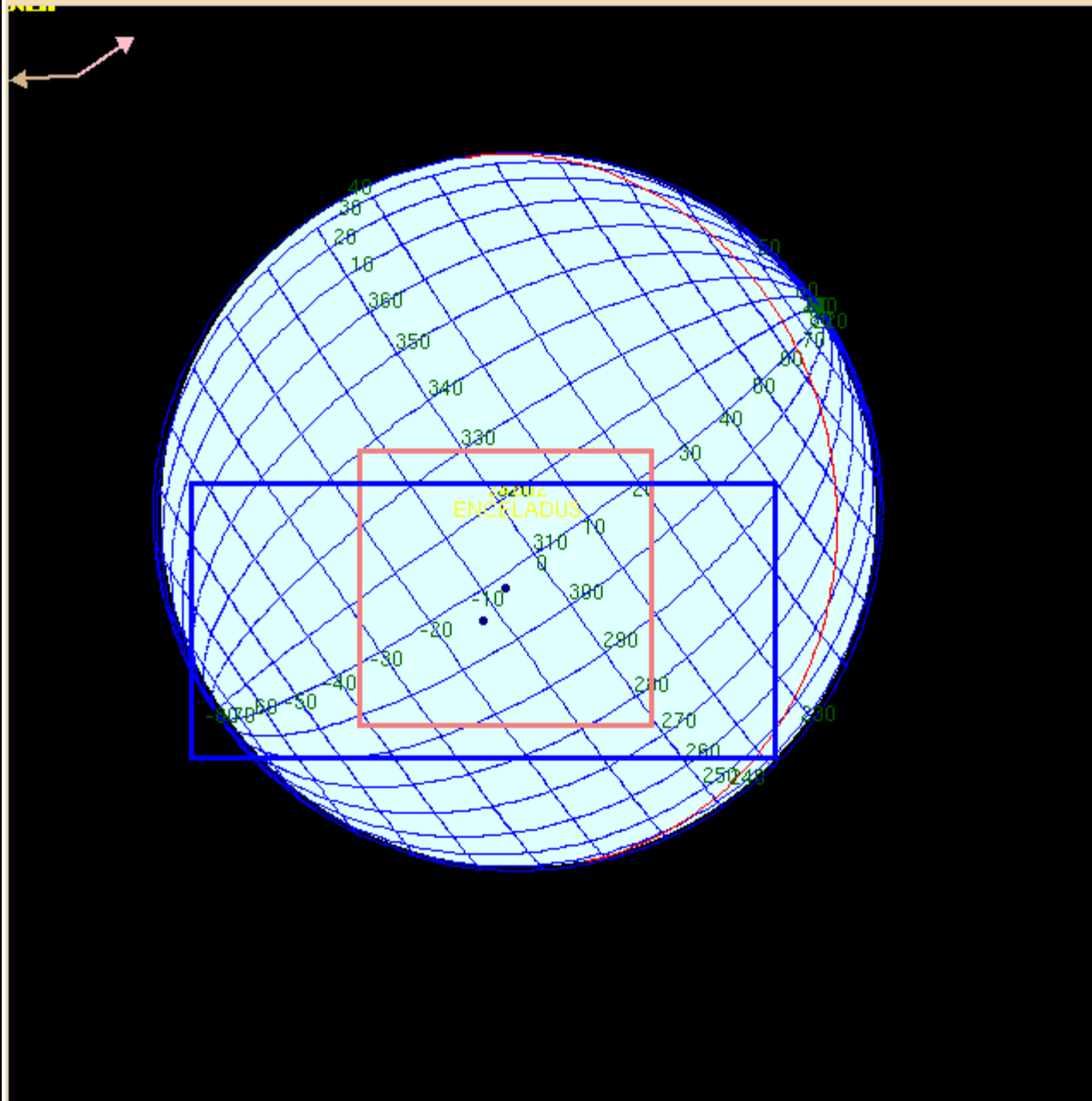


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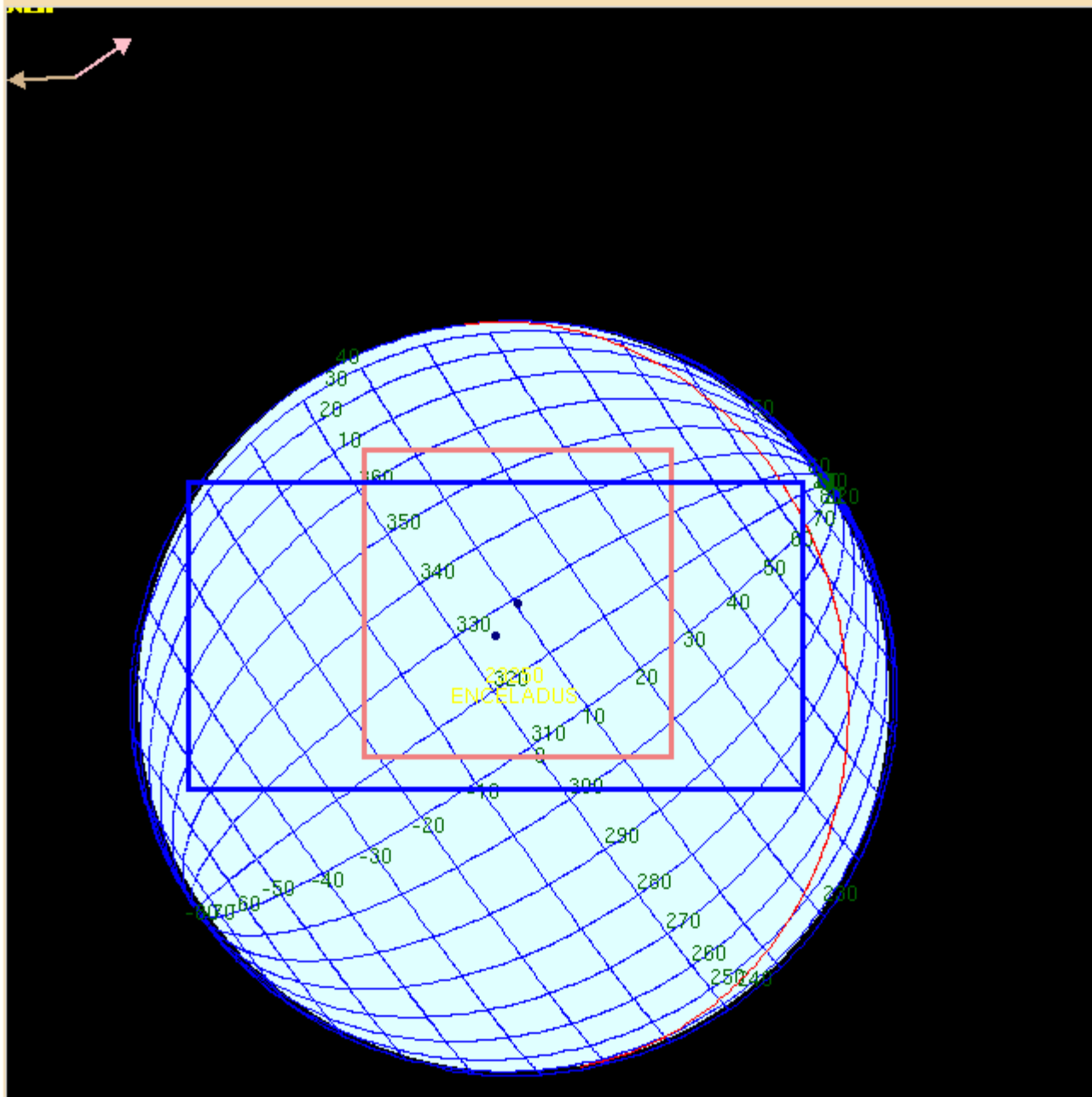
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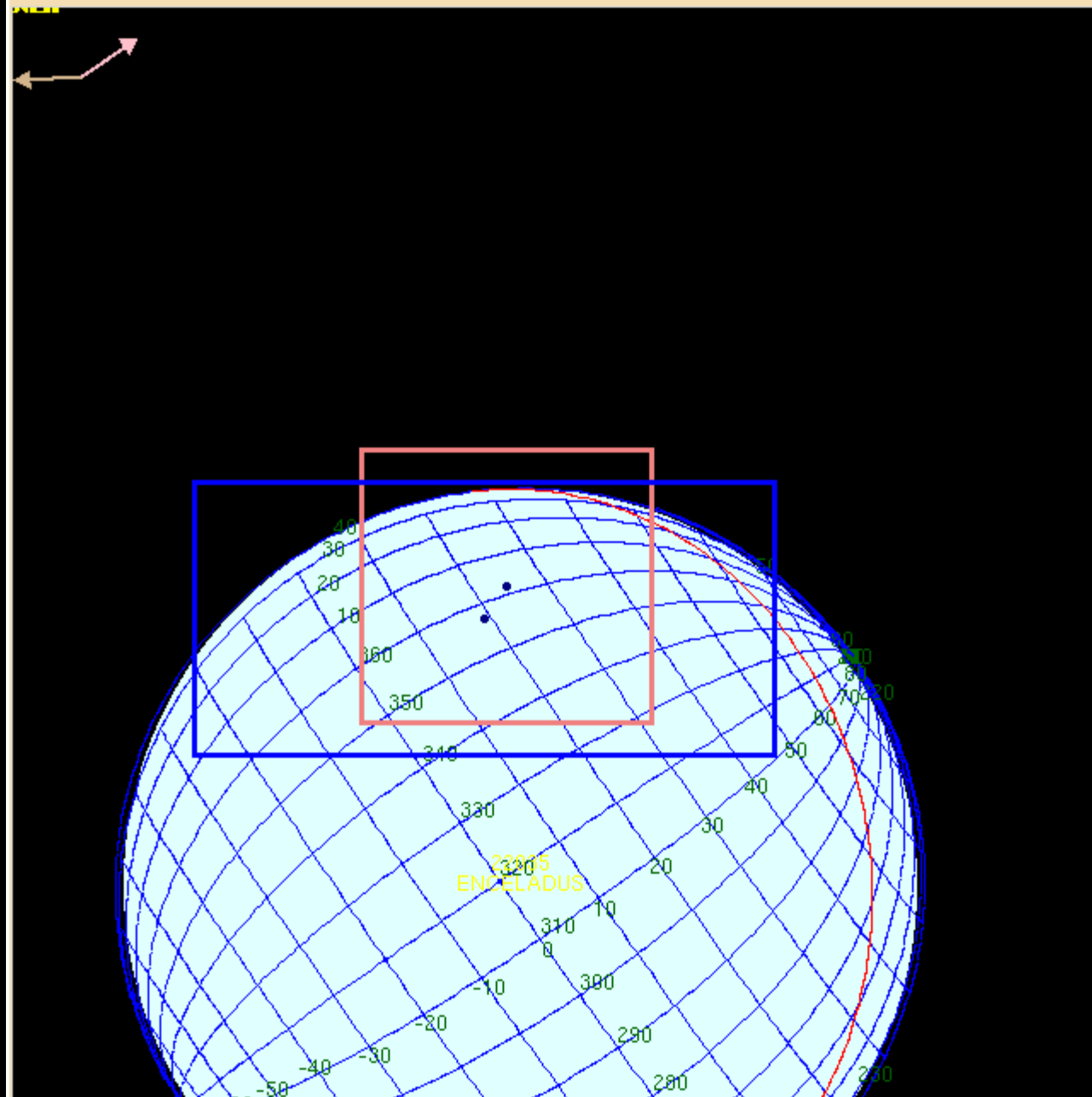


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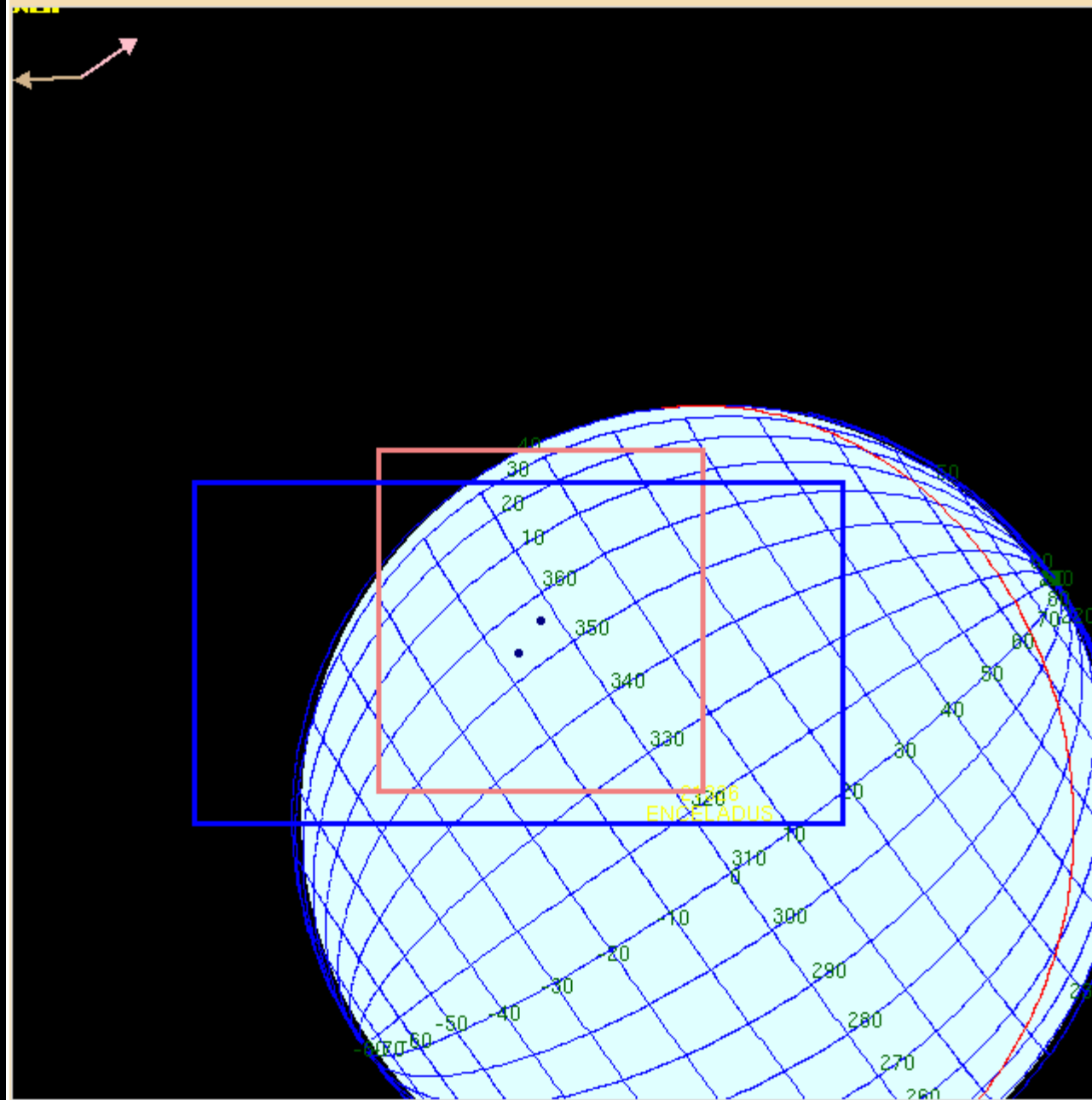


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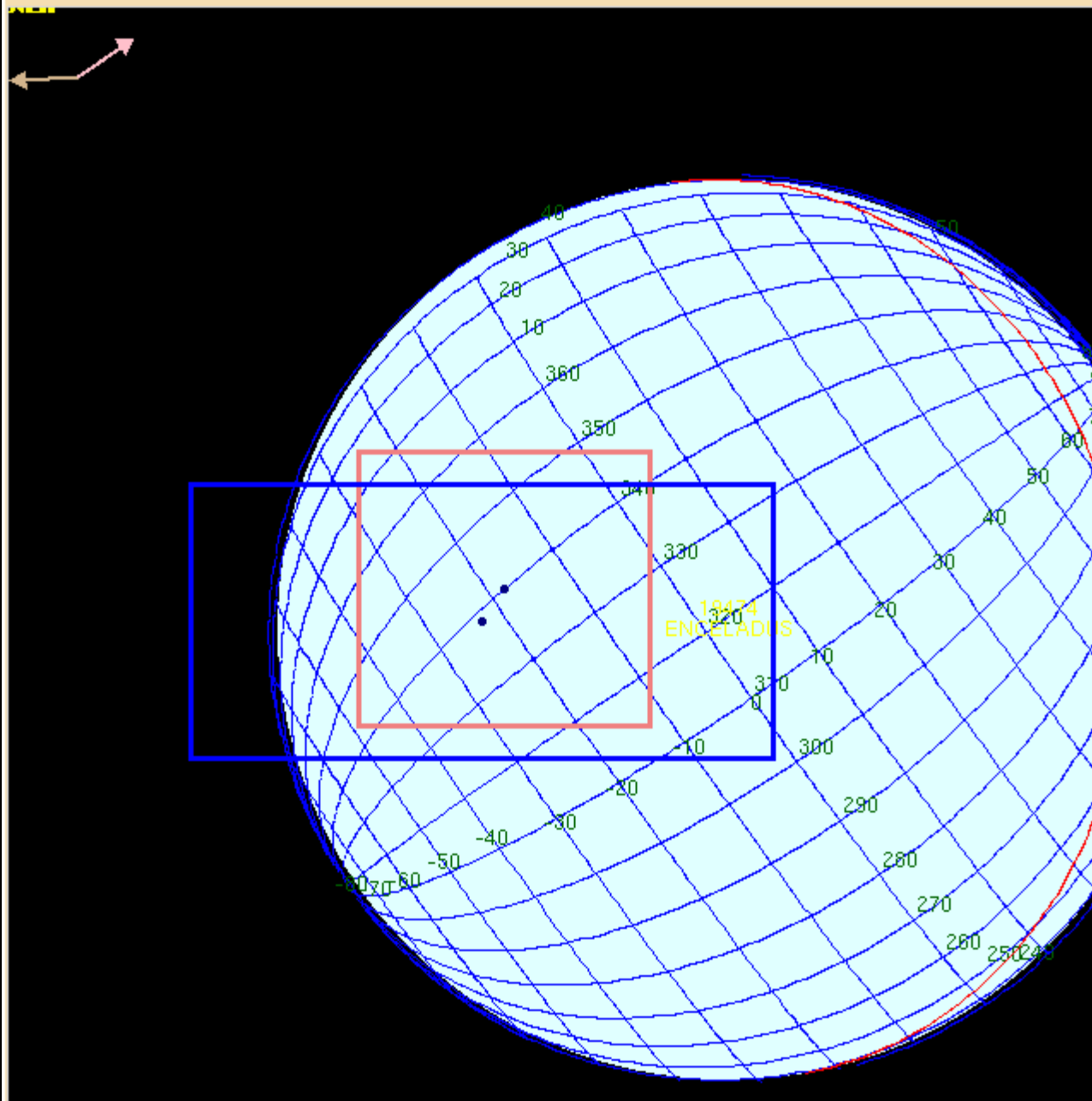
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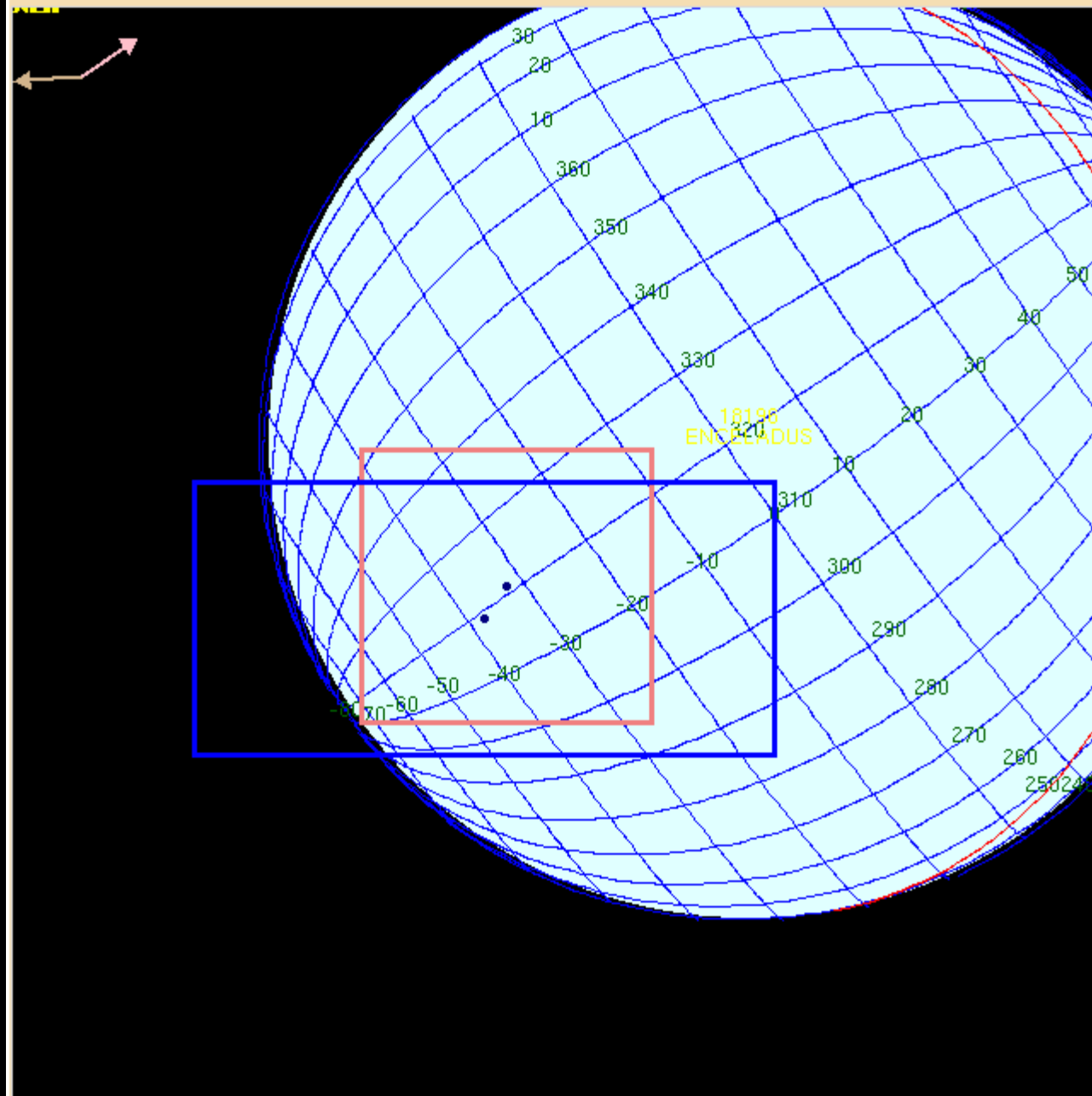


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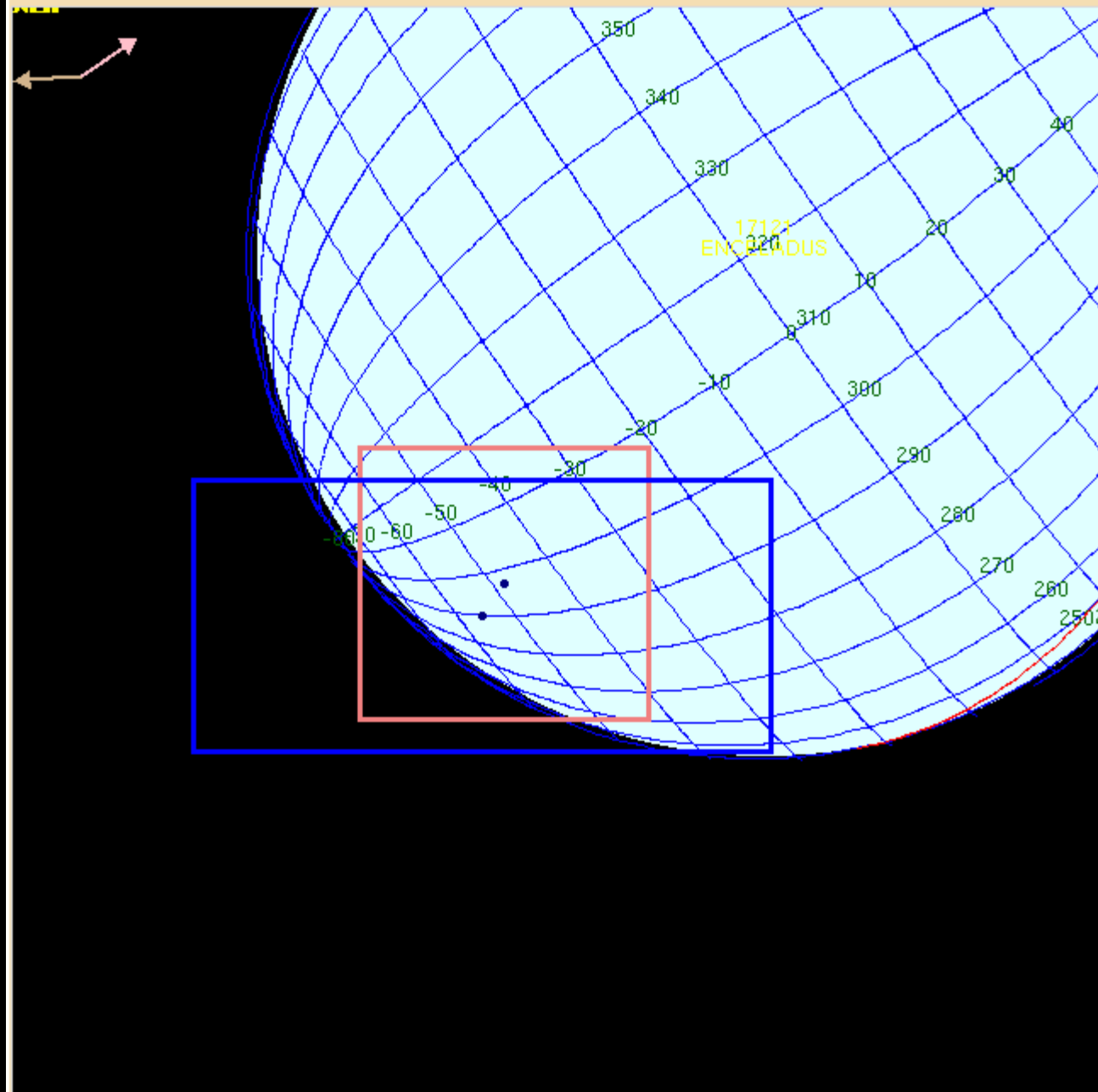


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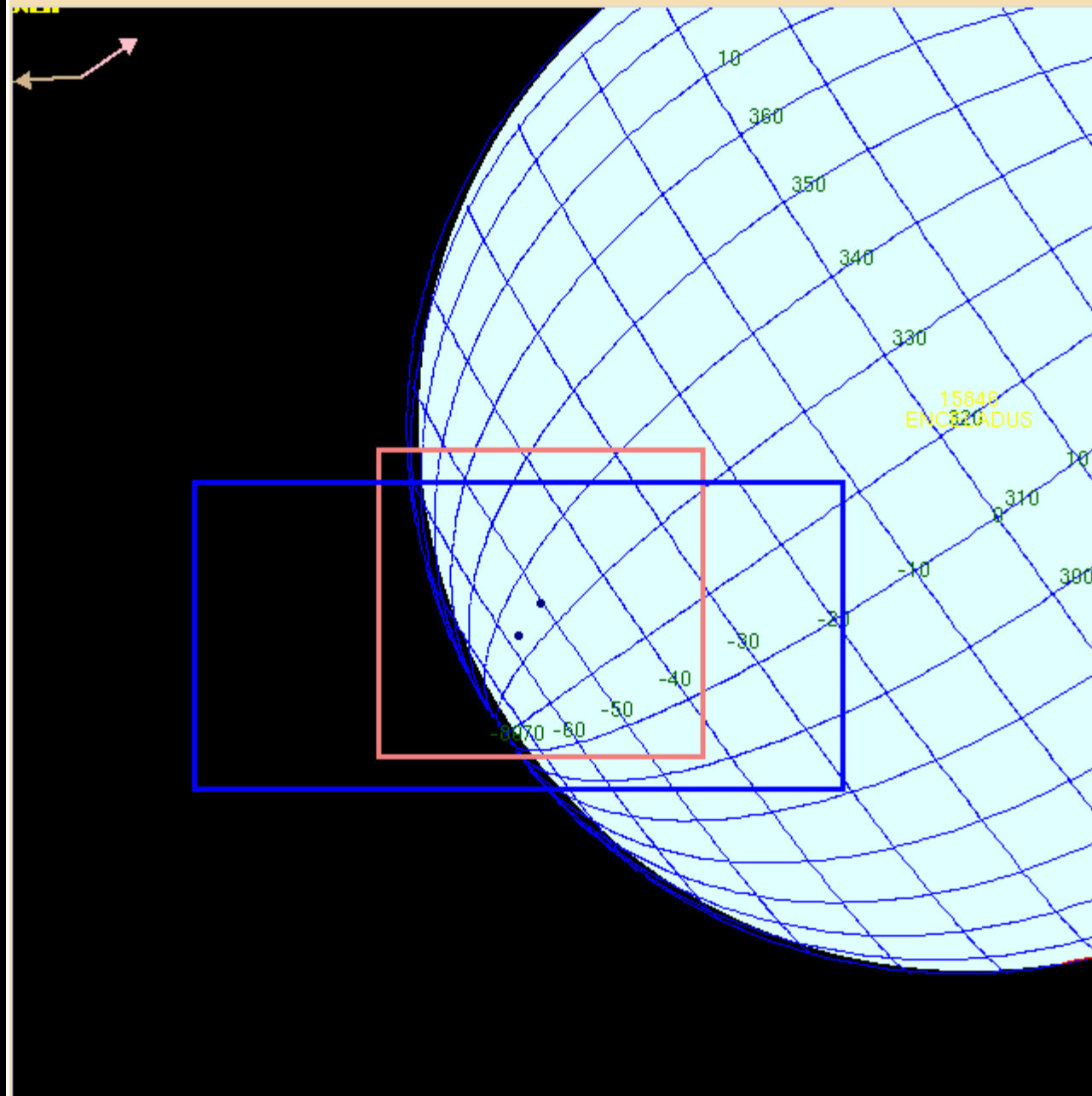
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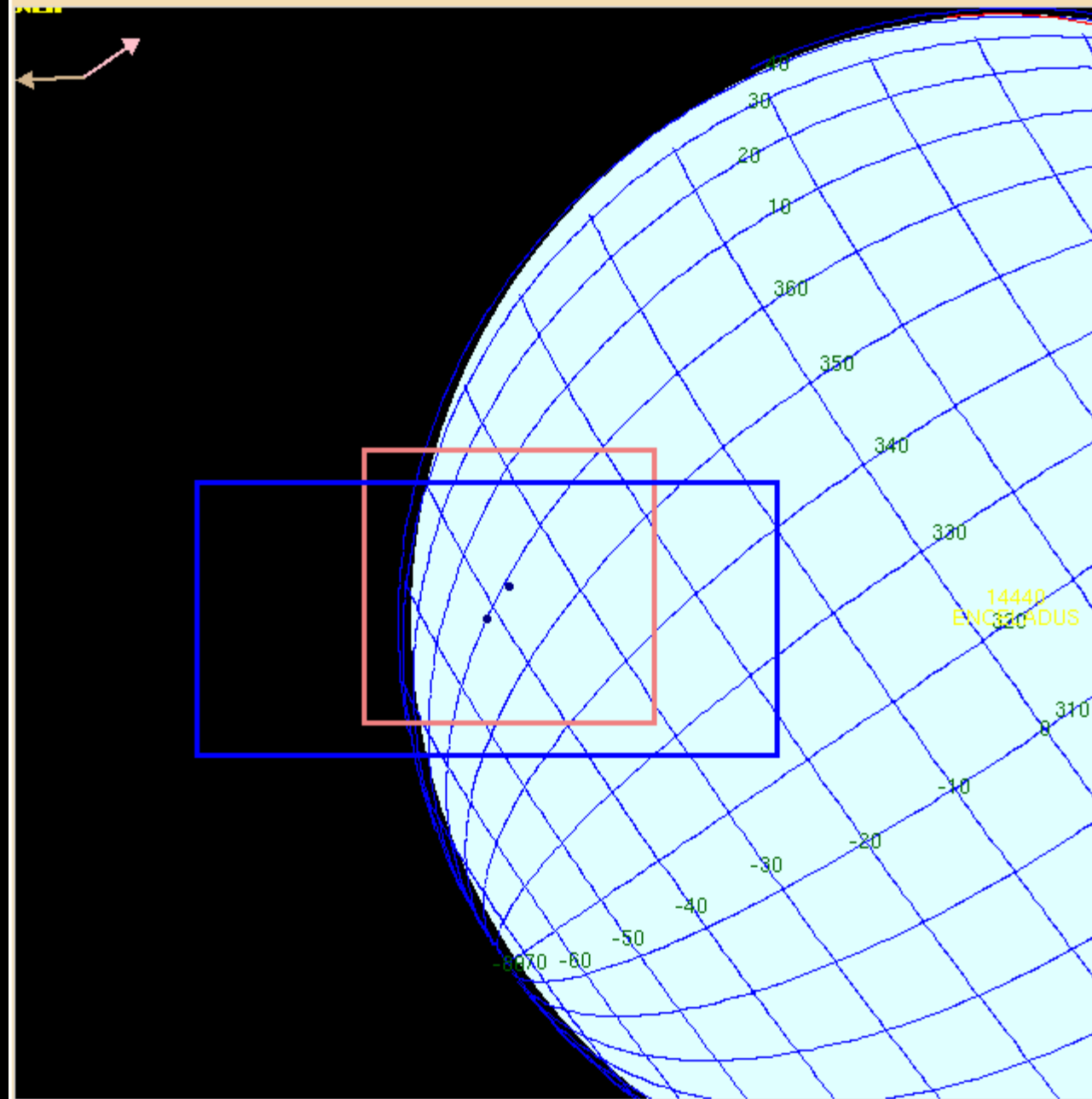
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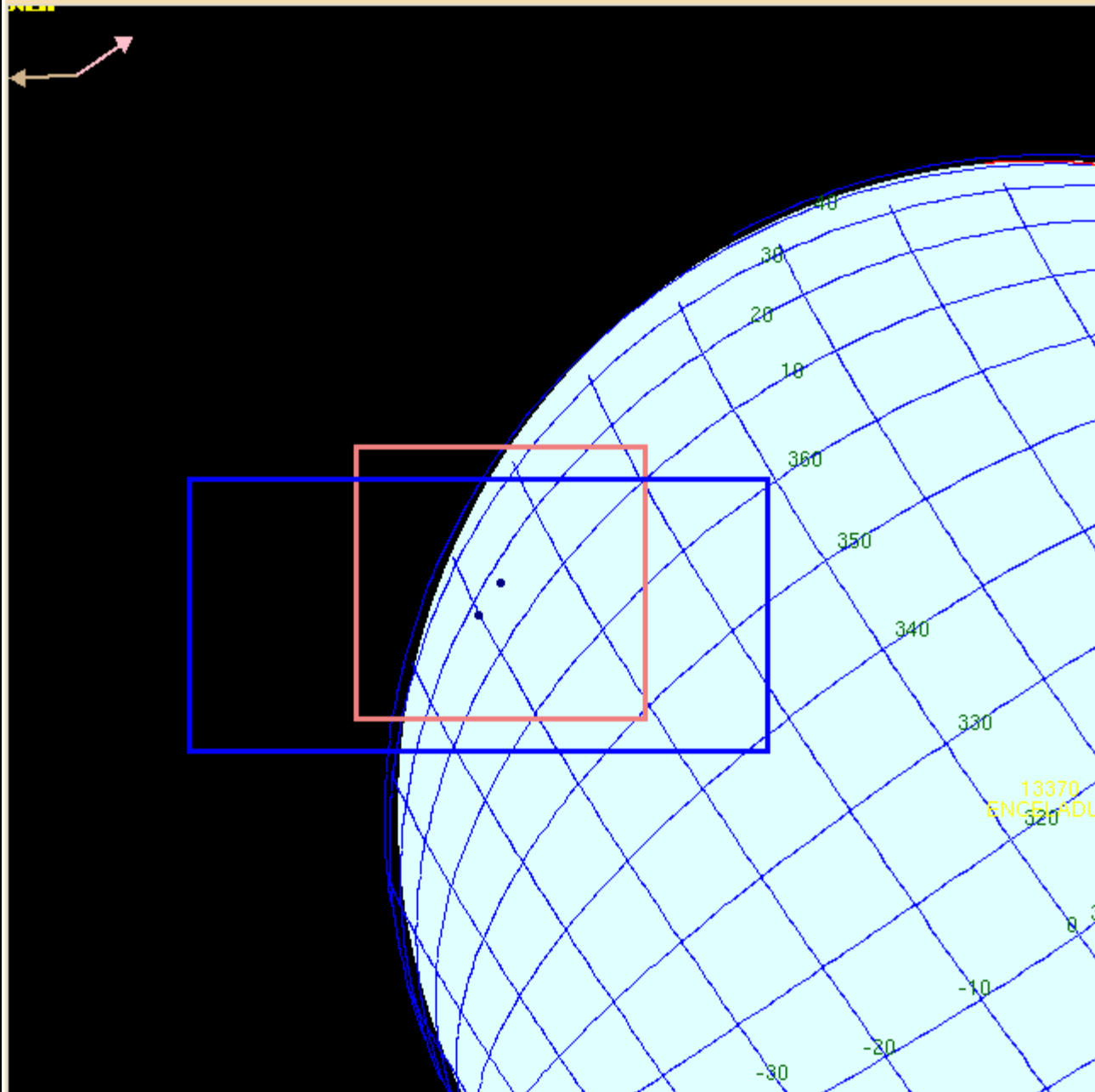


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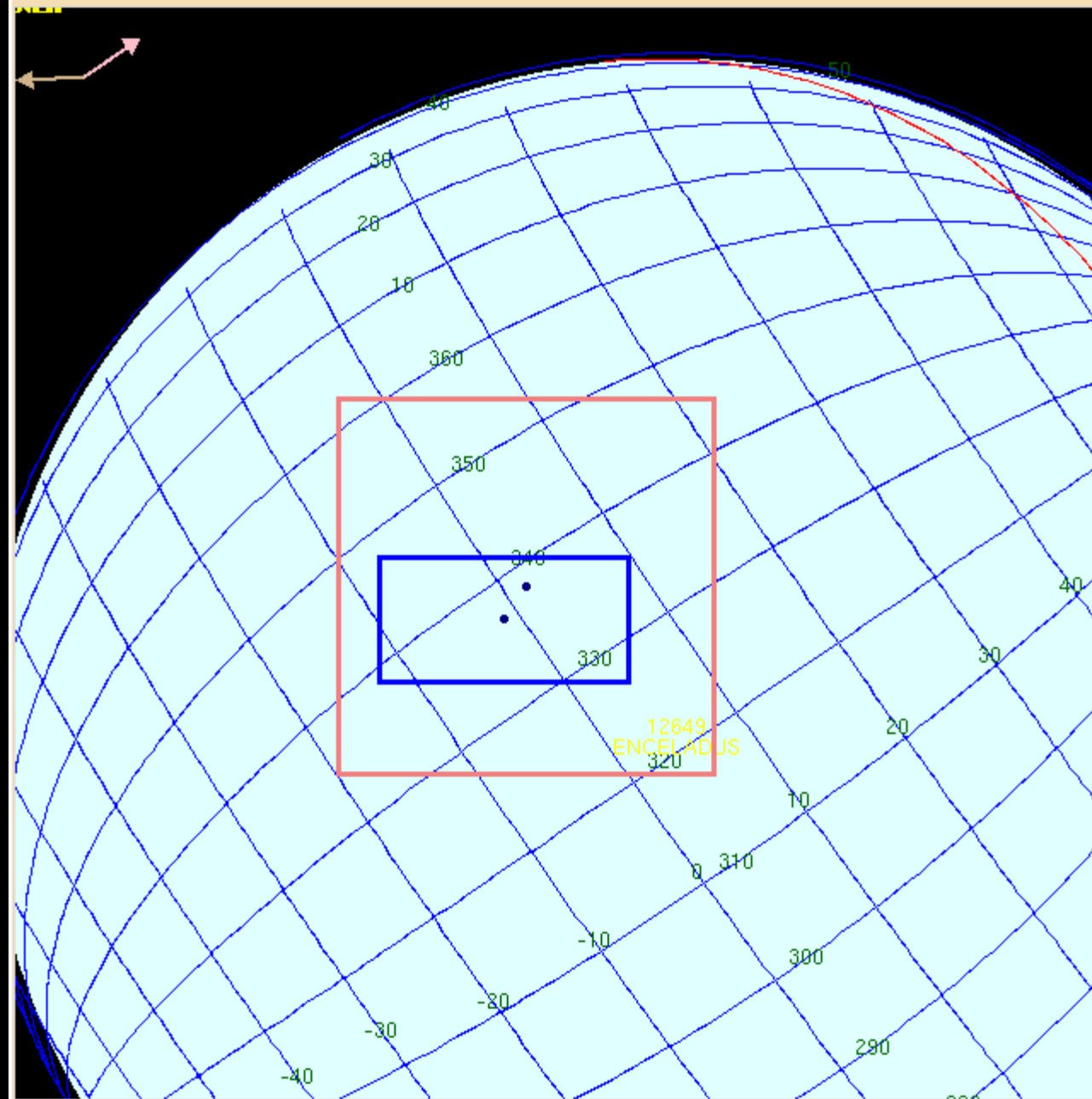
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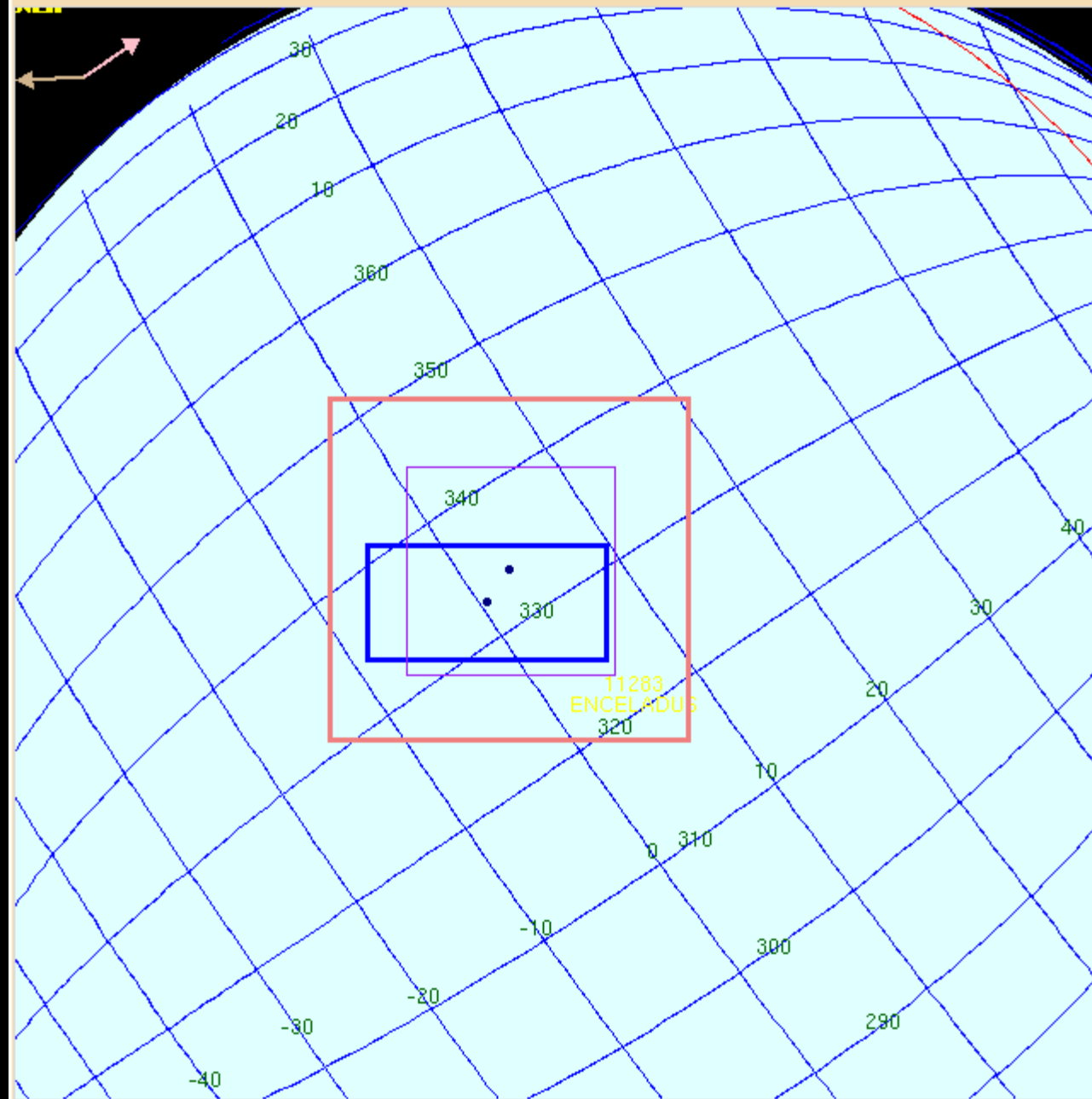
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CIRS Enceladus Preview: Rev 3

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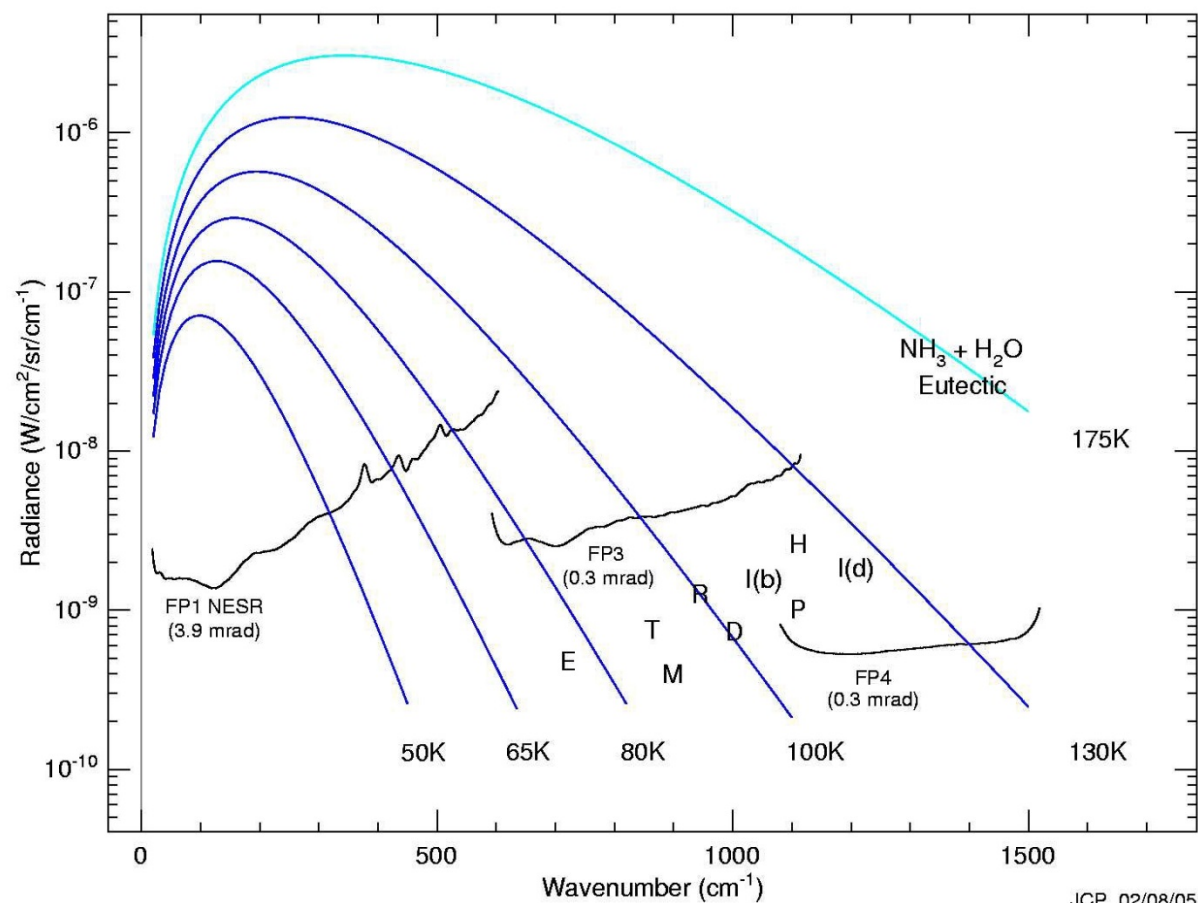
J. Pearl, J. Spencer, M. Segura

9 Feb. 2005

CIRS Objectives for 003EN

- Map surface temperature; determine thermal inertia.
- If active sources are present, determine spatial distribution and energy output.
- Search for spectral signatures on surface and in plumes to determine composition.

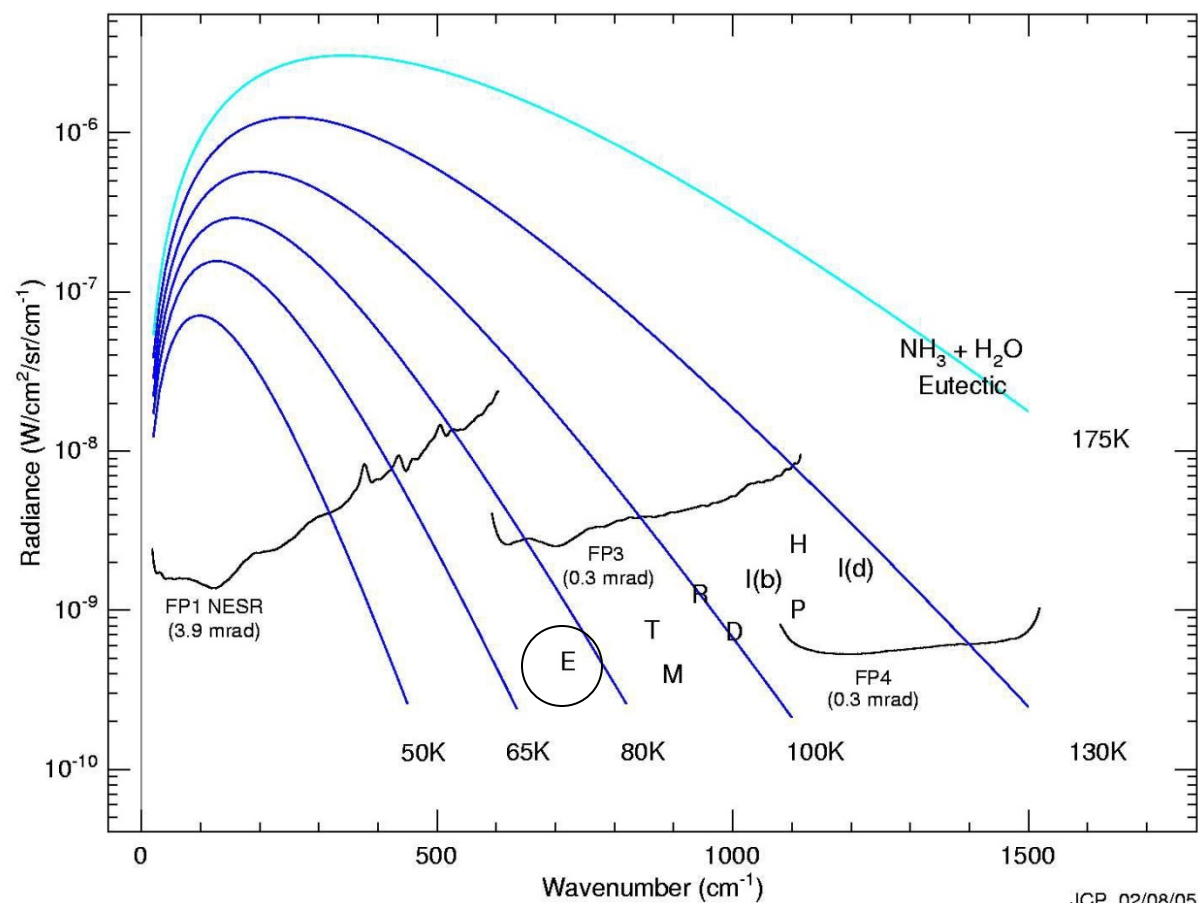
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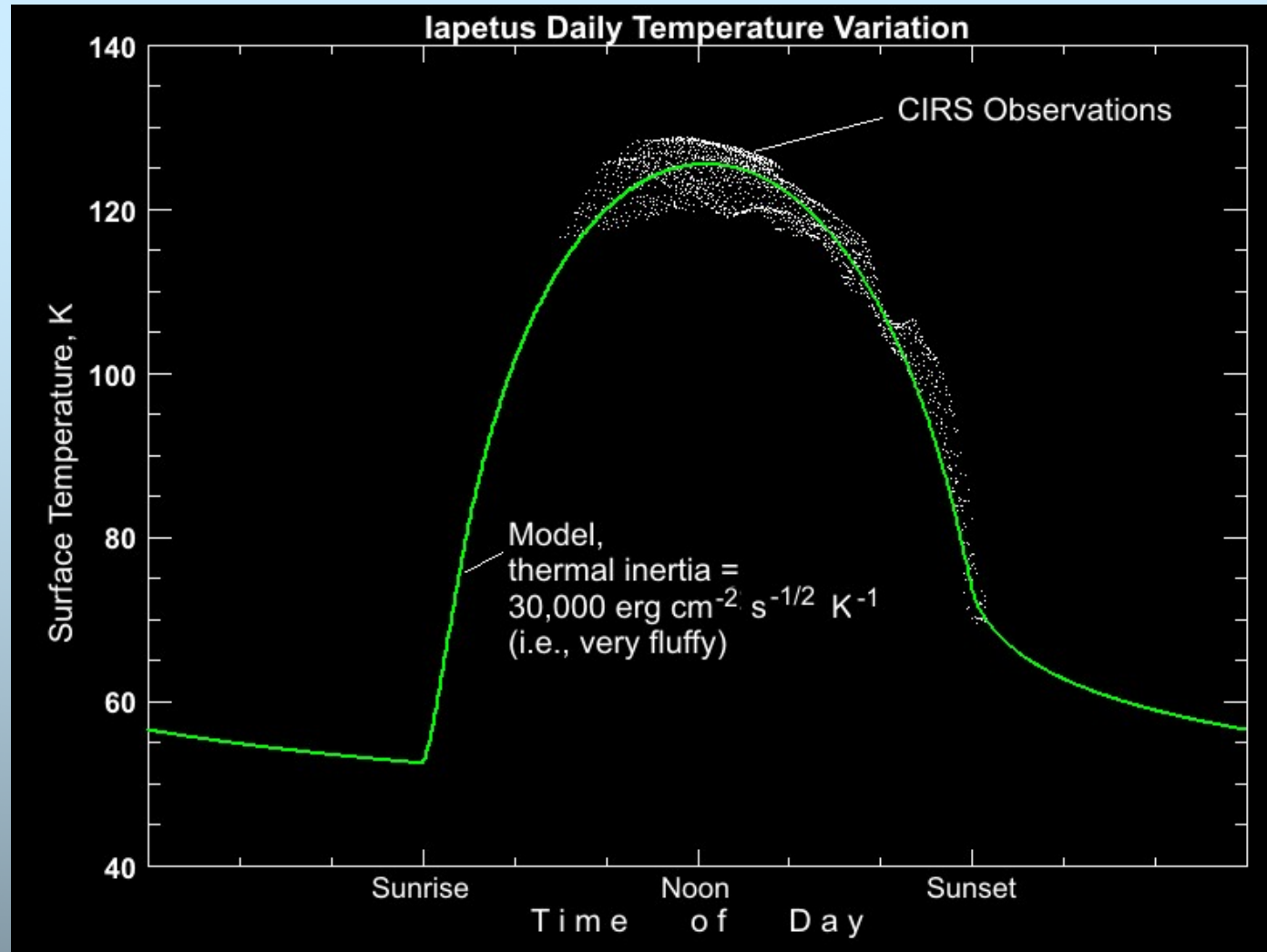
Cold Enceladus

- Enceladus is highly reflective, and therefore absorbs little solar energy.
- As a consequence, Enceladus is the coldest of the Saturnian satellites, never warmer than 75K at noon.

CIRS Detection Capabilities



Thermal Inertia (Iapetus)

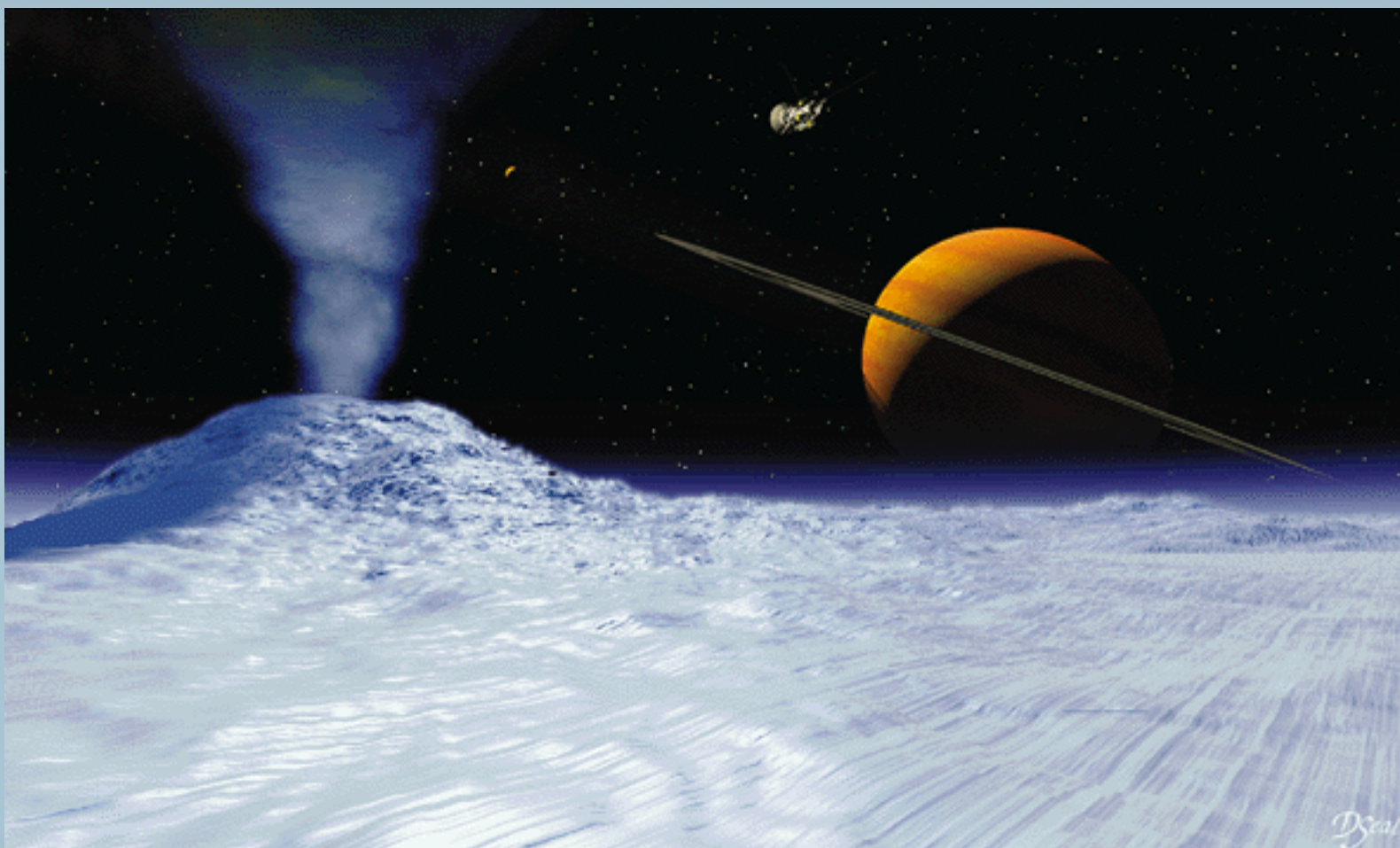


Enceladus: Source of the E-Ring?

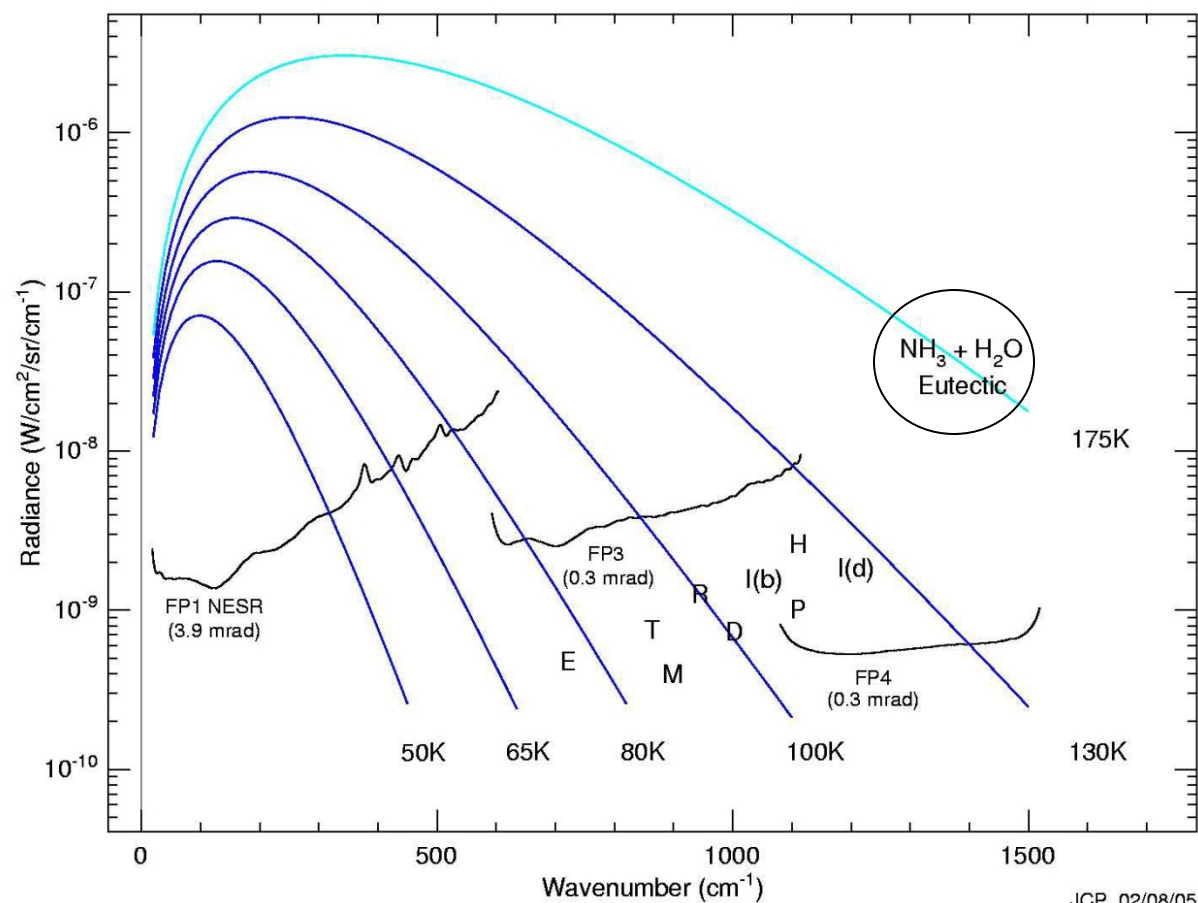
- Self-sustaining? Impacts, and confinement of particles by gravitational and electrostatic forces, maintain the ring.
- Endogenic? Eruptive activity provides ring material.

And if Enceladus IS Active?

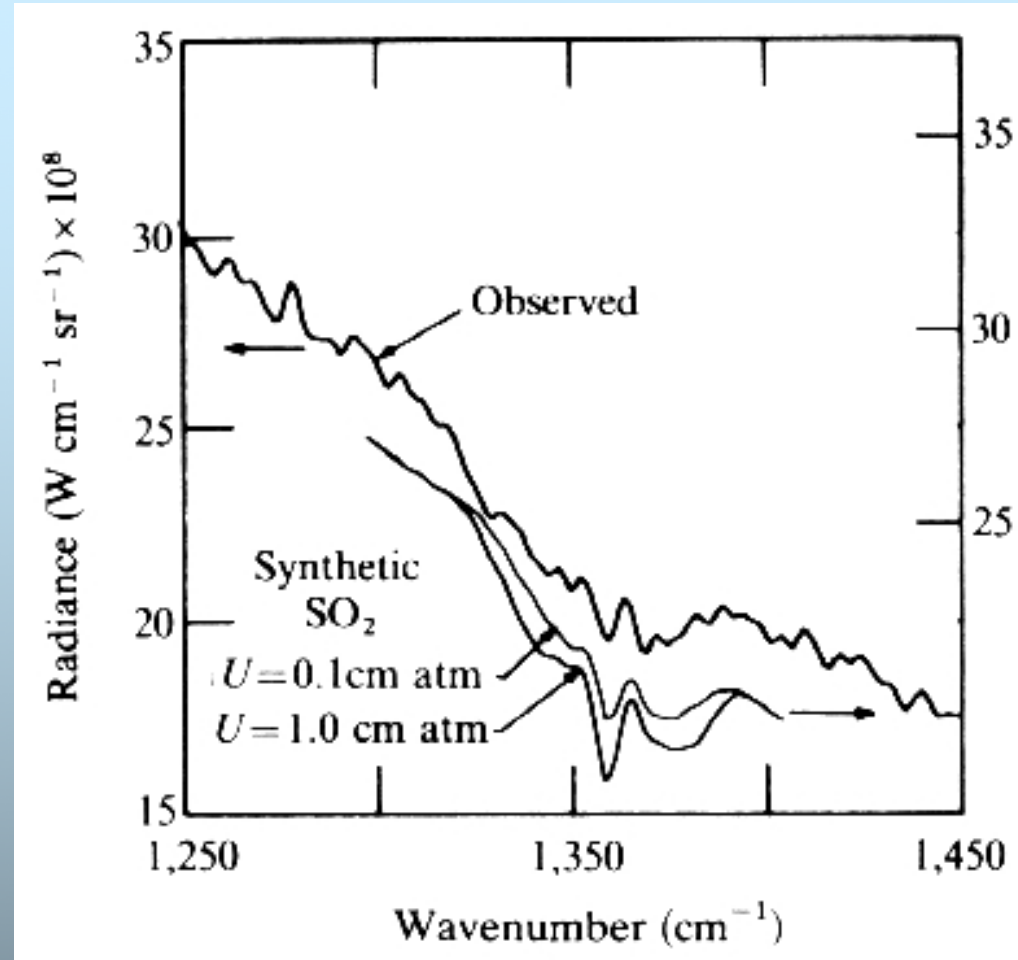
- Effusive ammonia-water solution may flood like “hot lava.”
- Violently erupting ammonia-water solution may produce plumes, particles for E-ring.



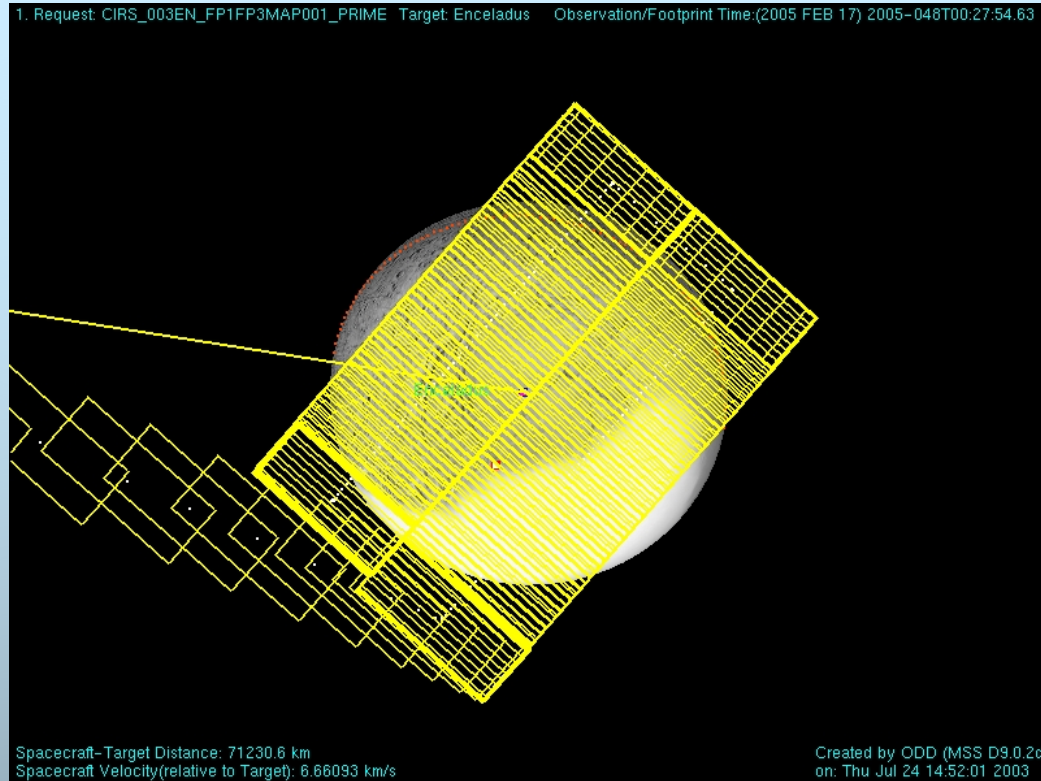
CIRS Detection Capabilities



Detecting Loki's Plume on Io



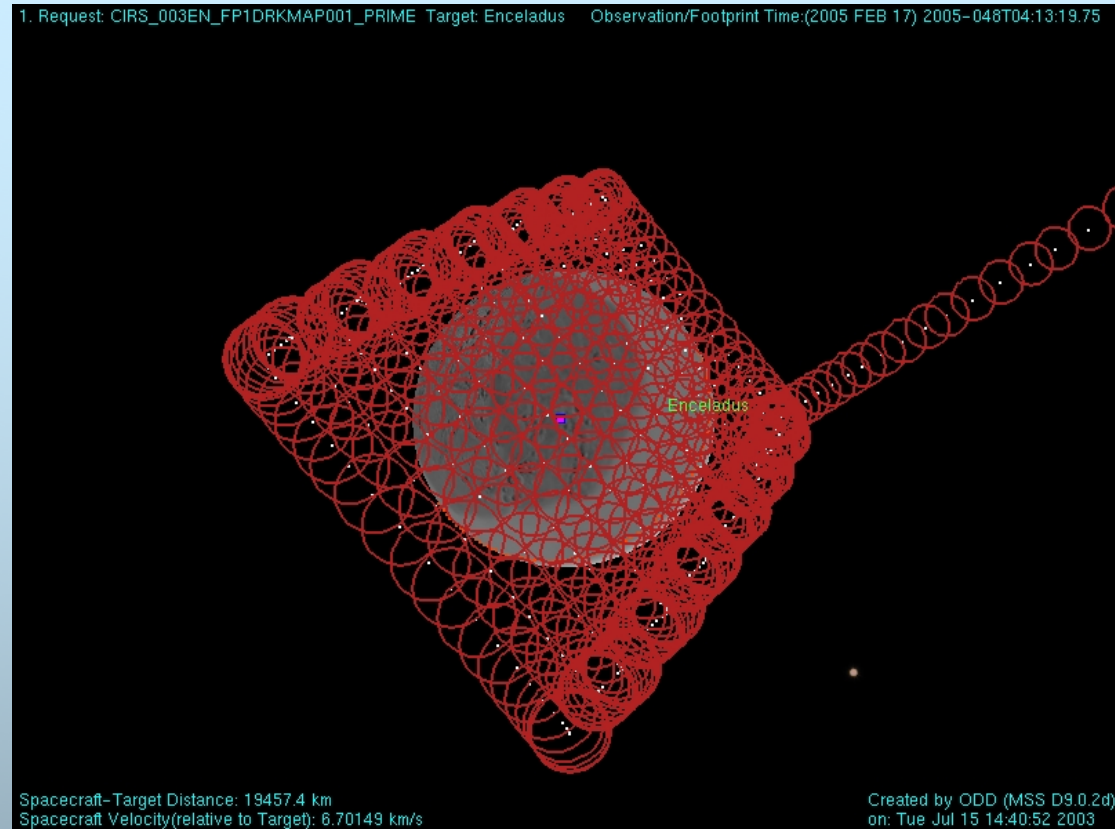
CIRS_003EN_FP1FP3MAP001



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Sub S/C=(0, 305),
LT=11.0
 $\phi=24^\circ$

Disk map to search for
“hot spots”

CIRS_003EN_FP1DRKMAP001



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Disk map for thermal
inertia determination;
search for passive
thermal anomalies.

Summary: CIRS

- Map surface temperature; determine thermal inertia.
- If active sources are present, determine spatial distribution and energy output.
- Search for spectral signatures on surface and in plumes to determine composition.

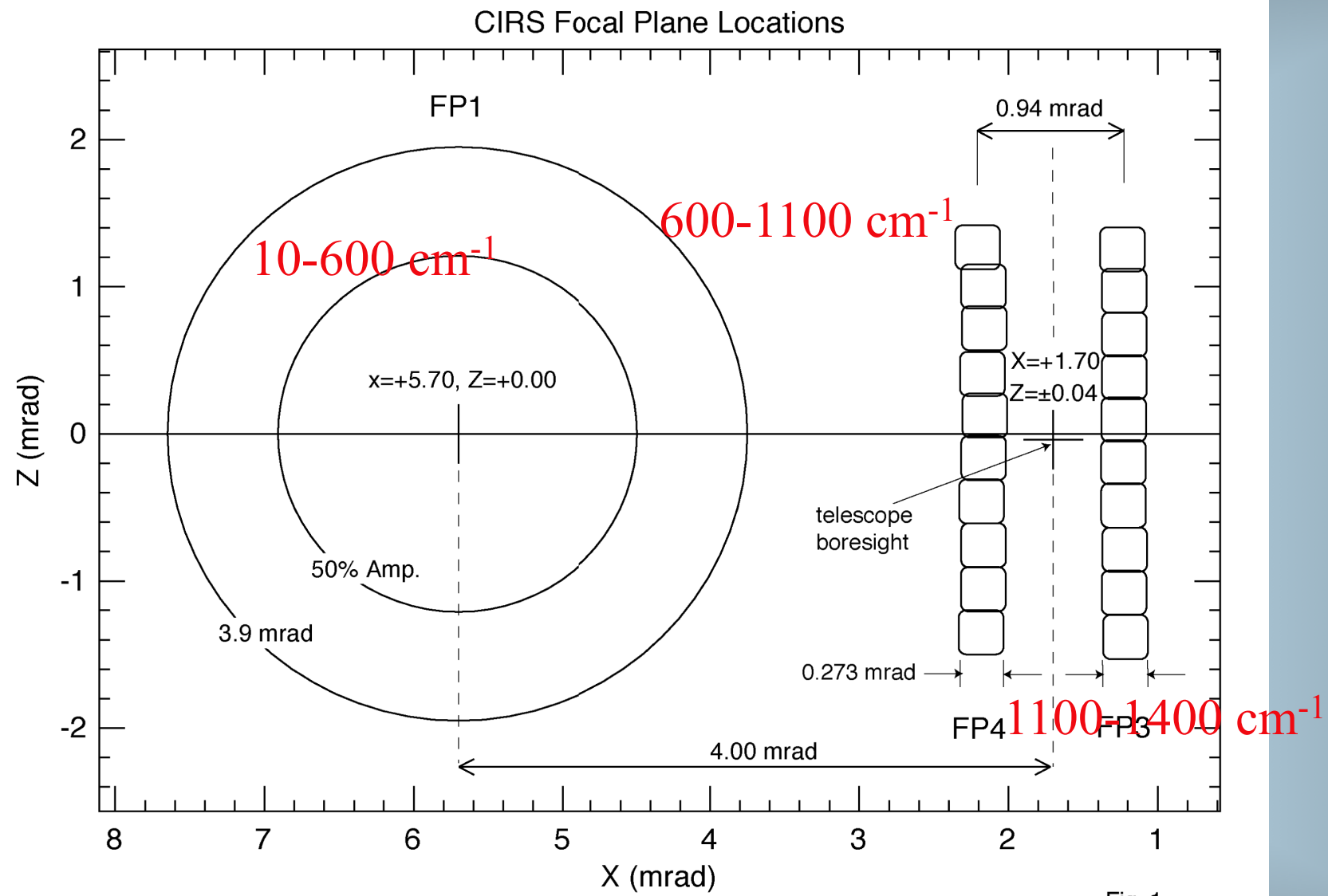


Fig. 1

Table 1: CIRS Instrument Characteristics

Telescope Diameter (cm):	50.8		
Interferometers:	<u>Far-IR</u>		<u>Mid-IR</u>
Type:	Polarizing		Michelson
Spectral range (cm ⁻¹):	10 - 600		600 -1400
Spectral range (μm):	17 - 1000		7 - 17
Spectral resolution (cm ⁻¹):	0.5 to 15.5		0.5 to 15.5
Integration time (sec):	2 to 50		2 to 50
FOCAL PLANES:	<u>FP1</u>		<u>FP3</u> <u>FP4</u>
Spectral range(cm ⁻¹)	10 - 600		600 - 1100 1100 - 1400
Detectors	Thermopile		PC HgCdTe PV HgCdTe
Pixels	2*		1 x 10 1 X 10
Pixel FOV (mrad)	3.9		0.273 0.273
Peak D*(cm Hz ^{1/2} W ⁻¹)	4 x 10 ⁹		2 x 10 ¹⁰ 5 x 10 ¹¹
Data Telemetry Rate (kbs)			2 & 4
Instrument Temperature (K)			170
Focal Planes 3 & 4 Temperature (K)			75 - 90
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* Single FOV, two polarizations

Preview of Cassini RADAR Observations of Enceladus

Steve Ostro

(for the Cassini RADAR Science and
Instrument Operations Teams)

JPL, Feb. 9, 2005

The RADAR Instrument

- 13.78 GHz
- 2.176 cm
- 46 watts
- “SL” polarization

$$\sigma_0(\theta) \sim \cos^n \theta$$

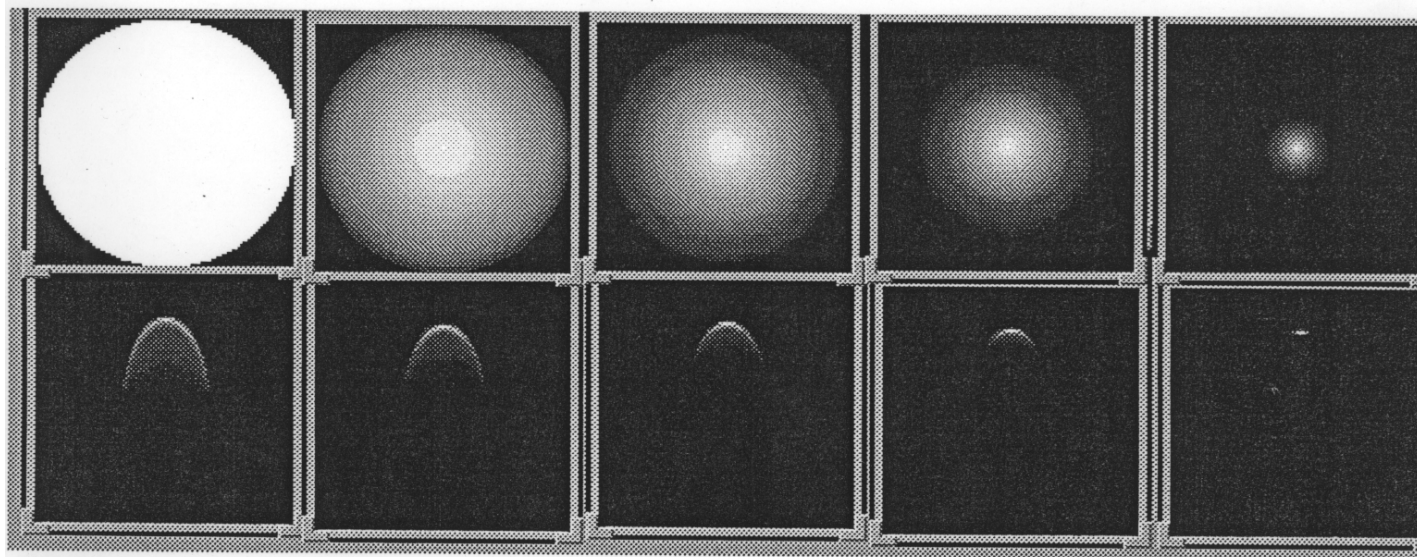
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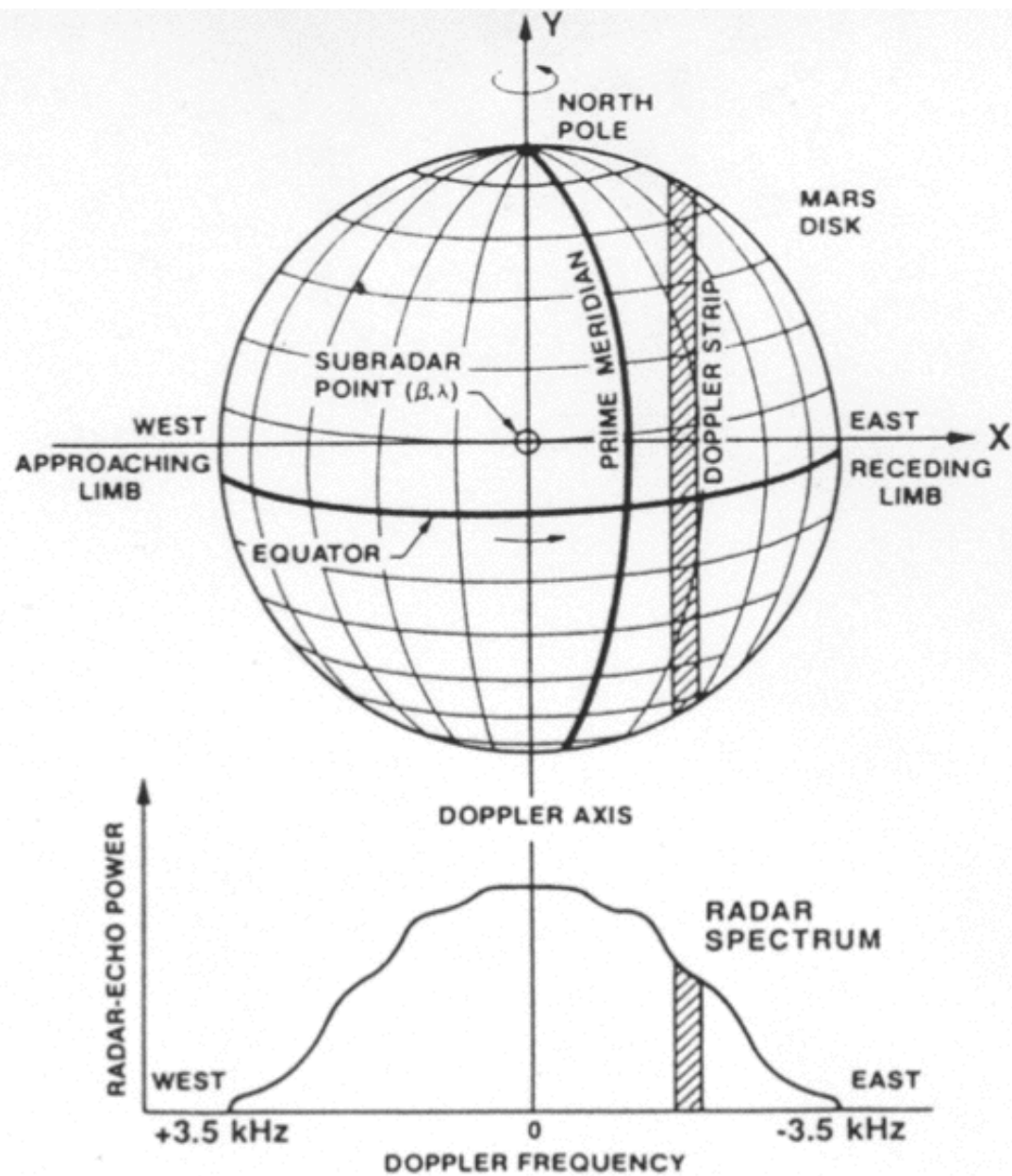
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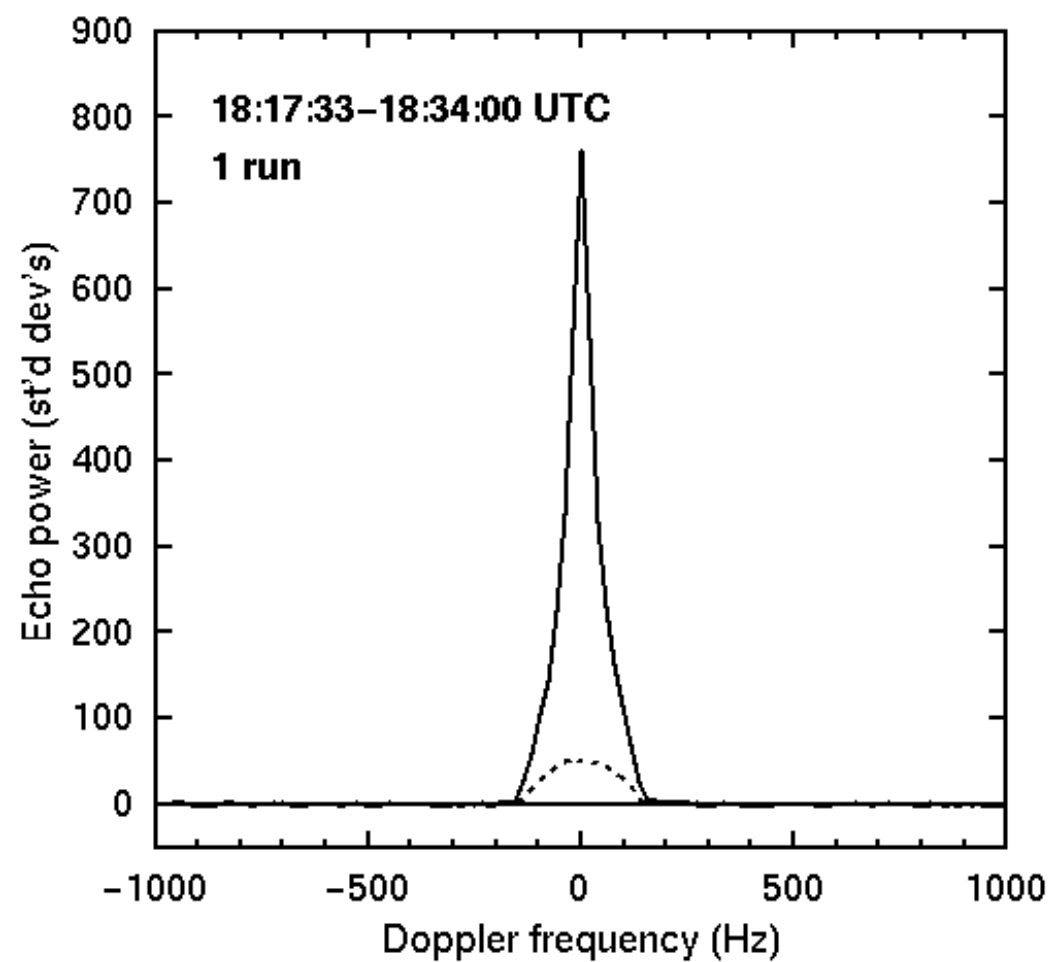
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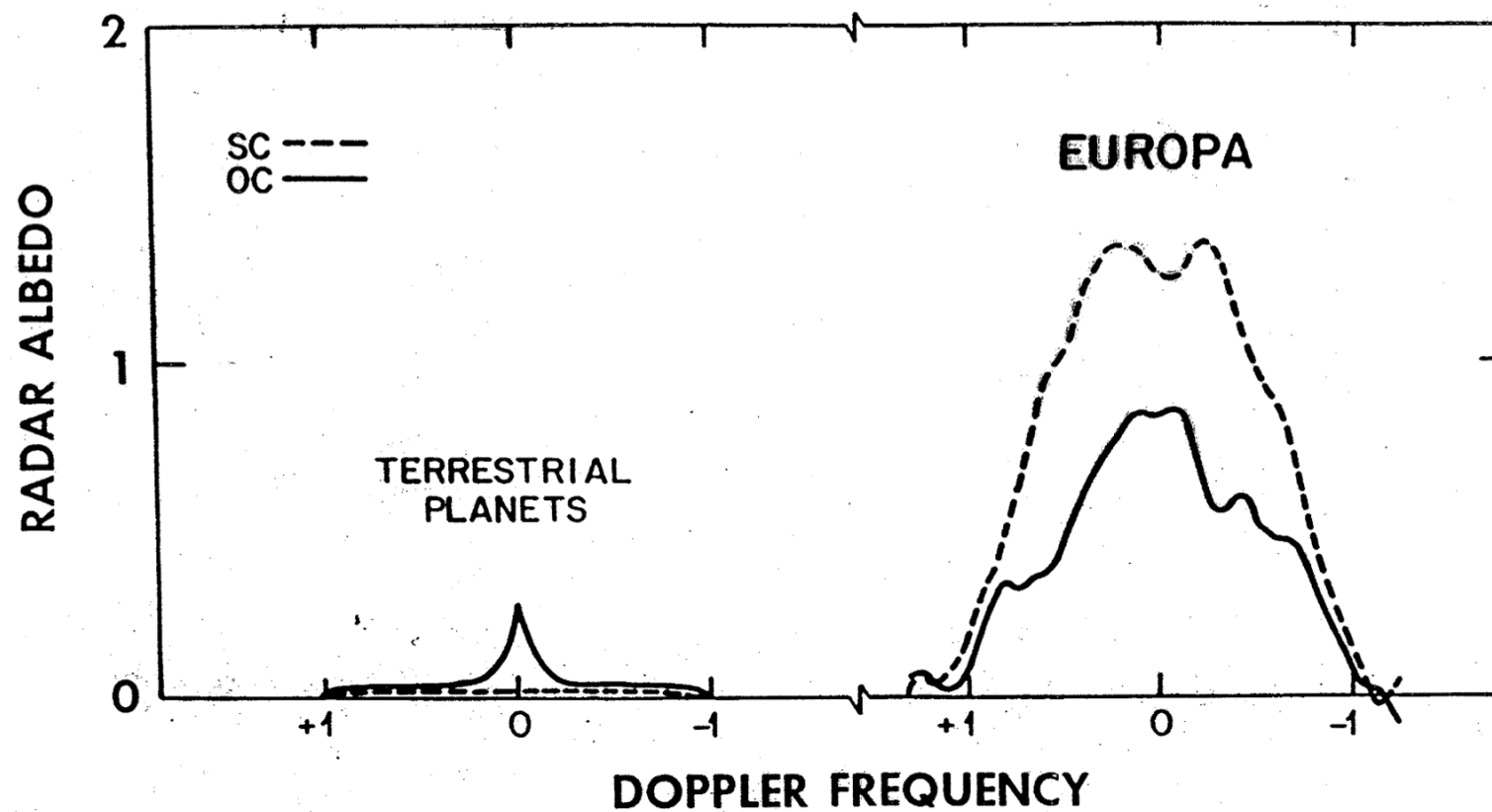
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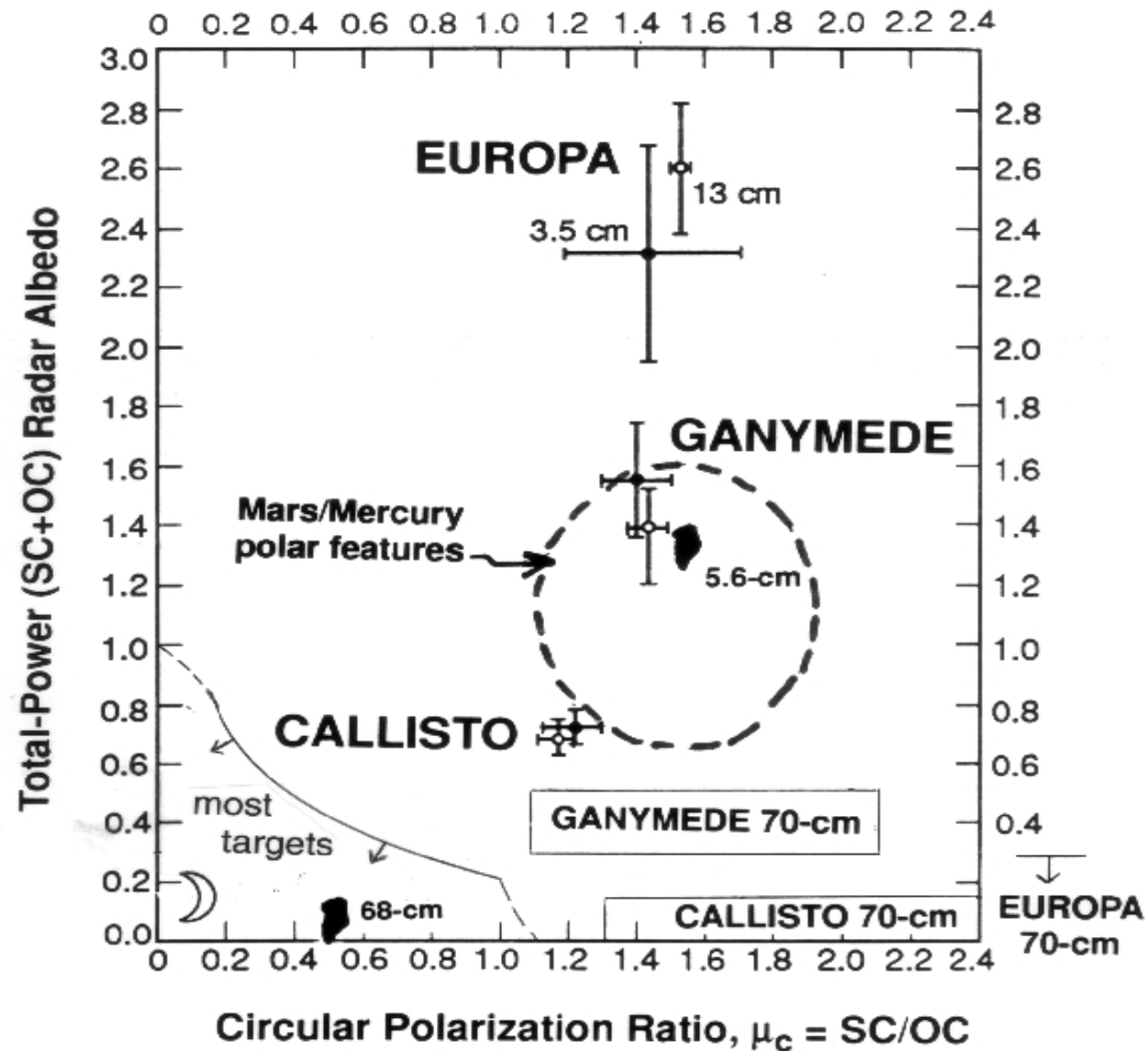


GOLDSTONE RADAR DETECTION OF MERCURY
1999 DECEMBER 3 (DOY 337)





RADAR PROPERTIES



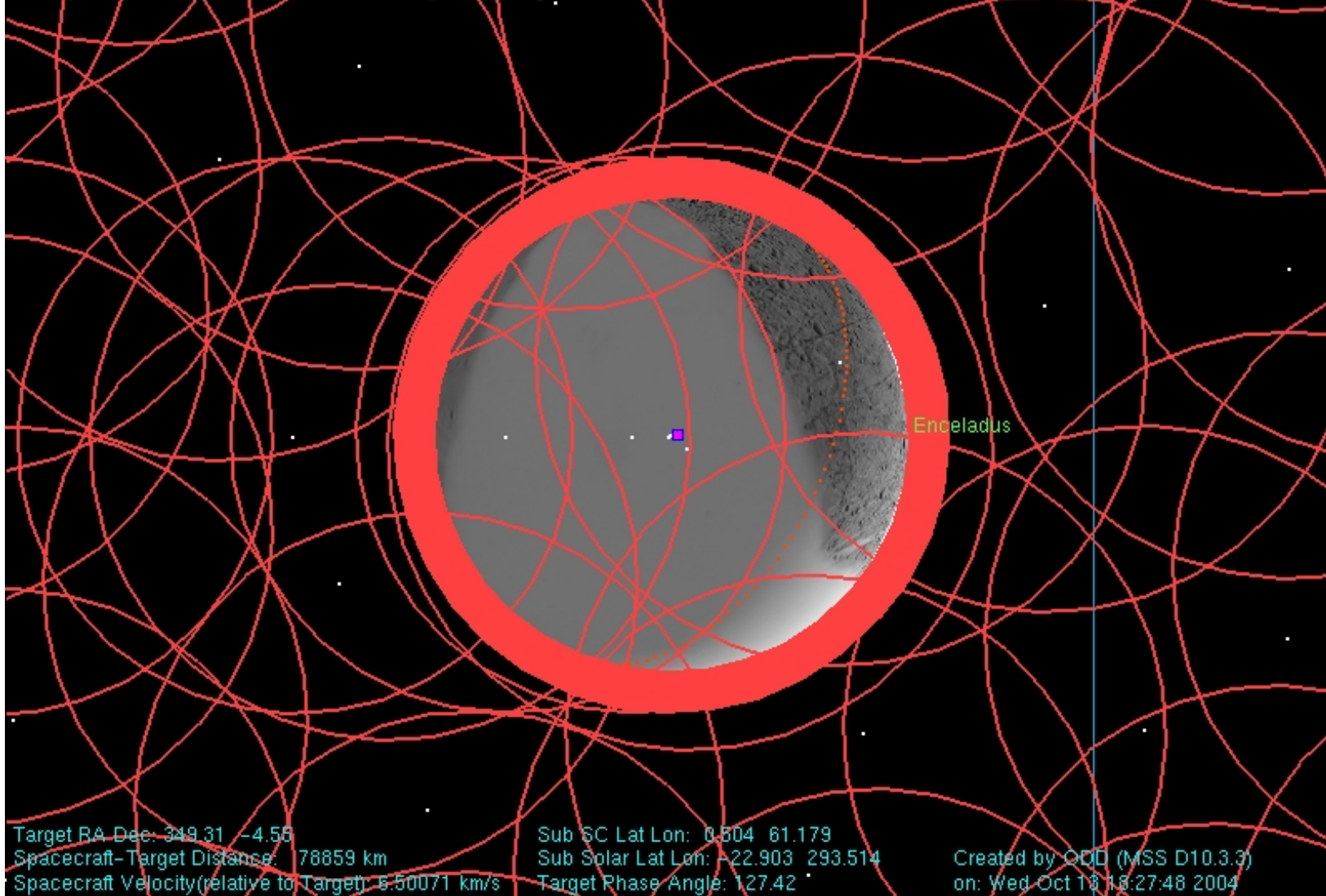
Total-Power Radar Albedos

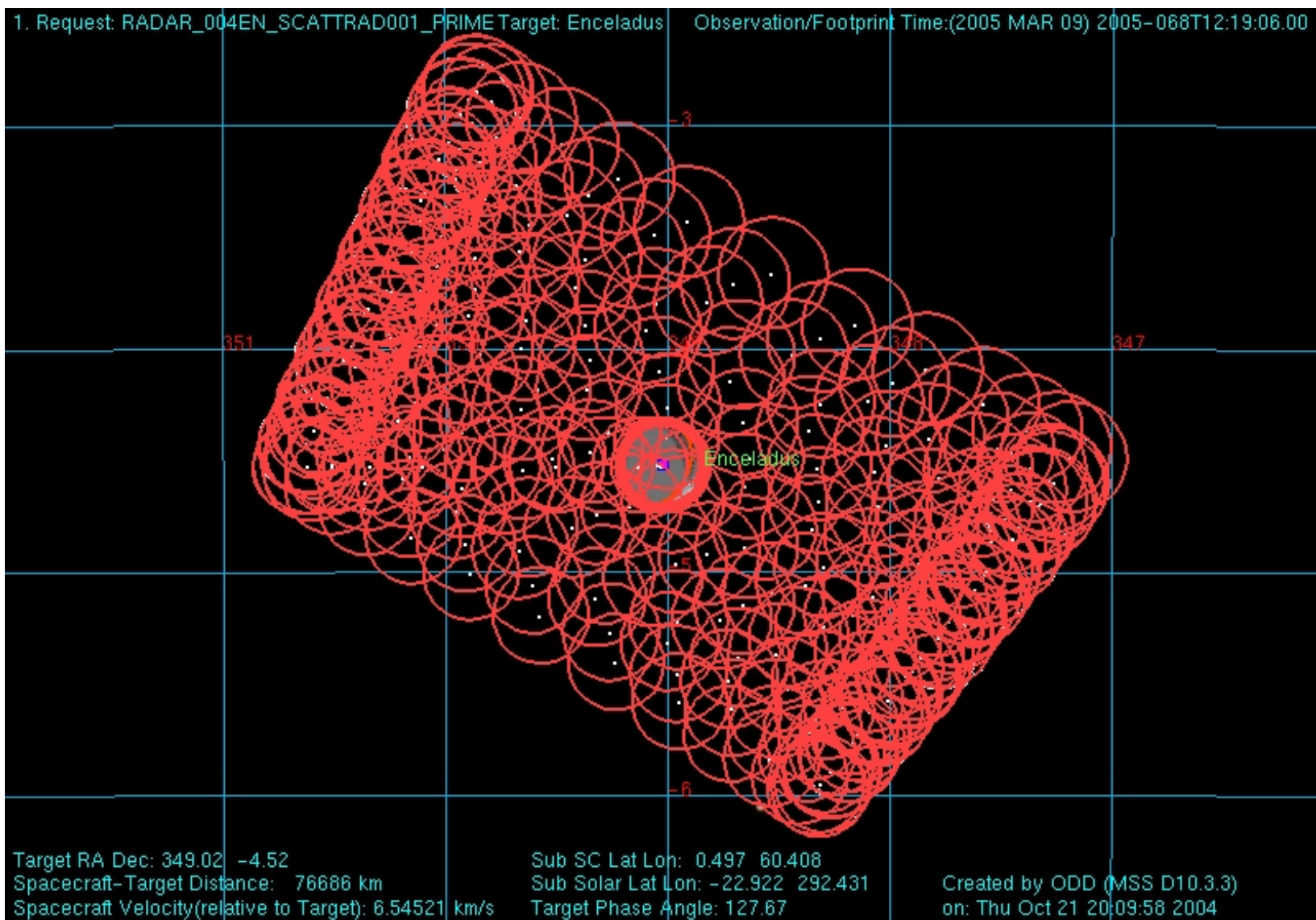
2.30	Europa
1.55	Ganymede
1.32	Rhea (Black and Campbell 2004, <i>BAAS</i> 36, 1123)
0.72	Callisto

0.28		PHOEBE
0.22	Titan	PHOEBE
0.17	Iapetus trailing	PHOEBE
0.17	NEA average and S MBAs	PHOEBE
0.16	C MBAs	PHOEBE
0.14		PHOEBE
0.13	Iapetus leading	
0.13	<u>smooth</u> ice sphere w/ 30% ammonia	
0.09	BGFPD MBAs	
0.08	Moon	
0.08	<u>smooth</u> ice sphere	
0.06	comets	
0.04	<u>smooth</u> sphere of complex organics	

	ENC3	ENC4		
Date	2005 Feb 17	2005 Mar 9		
E.Long, Lat	150,0 to 126,0	300,0 to 283,0		
Start-Stop	08:30 to 11:30 UT (C/A +5:00 to +8:00)	15:00 to 23:45 (C/A +3:00 to +5:00)		
Radiometry Duration	150 minutes	84 minutes		
Scatterometry Dur'n	40 minutes	36 minutes		
		<u> c </u>	<u> d </u>	<u> e </u>
		10 min	17 min	9 min
Detection Time	3 min	2 min	3 min	4 min
Distance, km	153,000	76,000	80,000	86,000
Beam/Diameter	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.1
Strategy	tone	chirp	tone	tone
(target-center stare)				

1. Request: RADAR_004EN_SCATRAD001_PRIME Target: Enceladus Observation/Footprint Time: (2005 MAR 09) 2005-068T12:24:44.50





Cassini RADAR Observations of “Icy Satellites”

Rhea	7
Enceladus	6
Dione	5 (first failed)
Mimas	4 (first failed)
Iapetus	3 (first was successful)
Tethys	2
Hyperion	2
<u>Phoebe</u>	<u>1 (successful)</u>



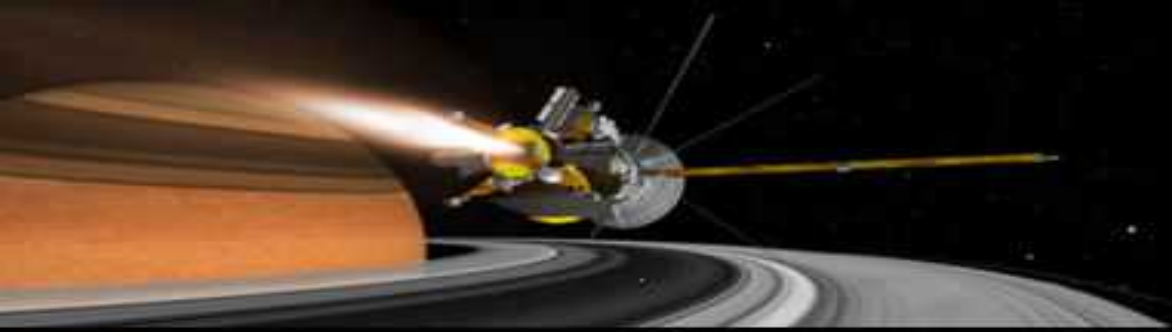
cosmic dust analyser

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CDA @ Enceladus 3: Science overview

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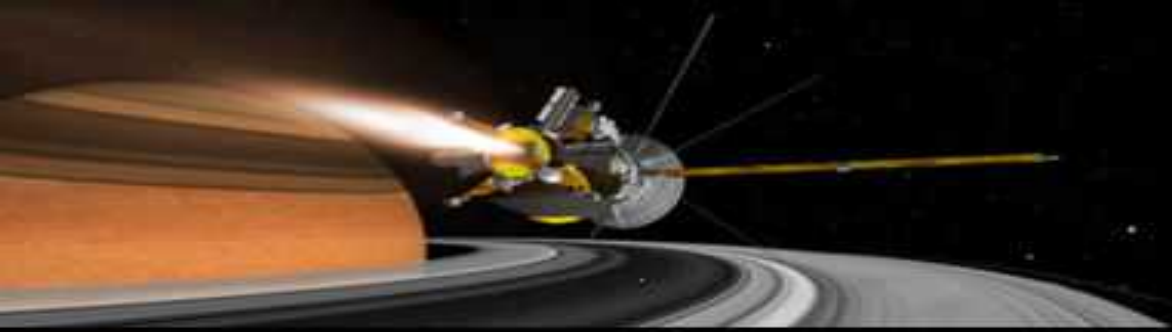
Scientific Background

- Enceladus is thought to be the main source of the E ring
 - ring particles produced by impact ejection:
 - micrometeoroids striking moon surface produce secondary dust particles
 - a few escape from the moon's gravity and replenish the ring (Horanyi et al., 1992)
 - mass distribution of fresh dust differs significantly from ring particle mass distribution



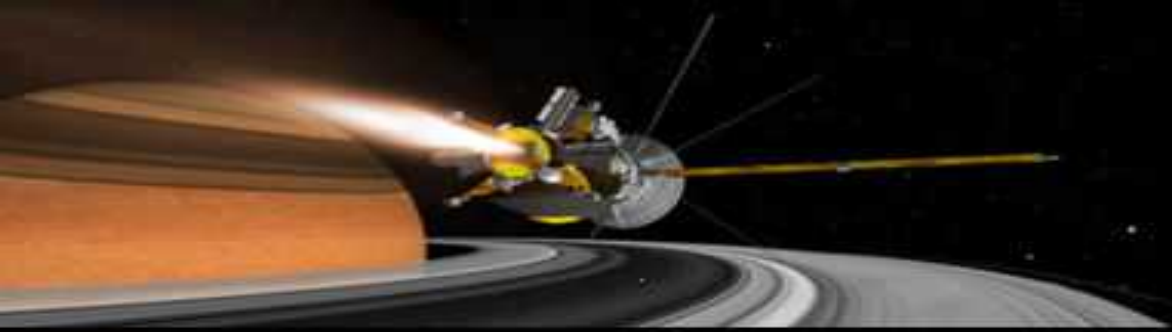
Objectives

- determine dust production rate of Enceladus
- determine mass distribution of fresh dust
- constrain source of primary meteoroid flux:
 - E ring itself
 - interplanetary particles
 - other
- elemental characterisation of Enceladus' surface



Main idea

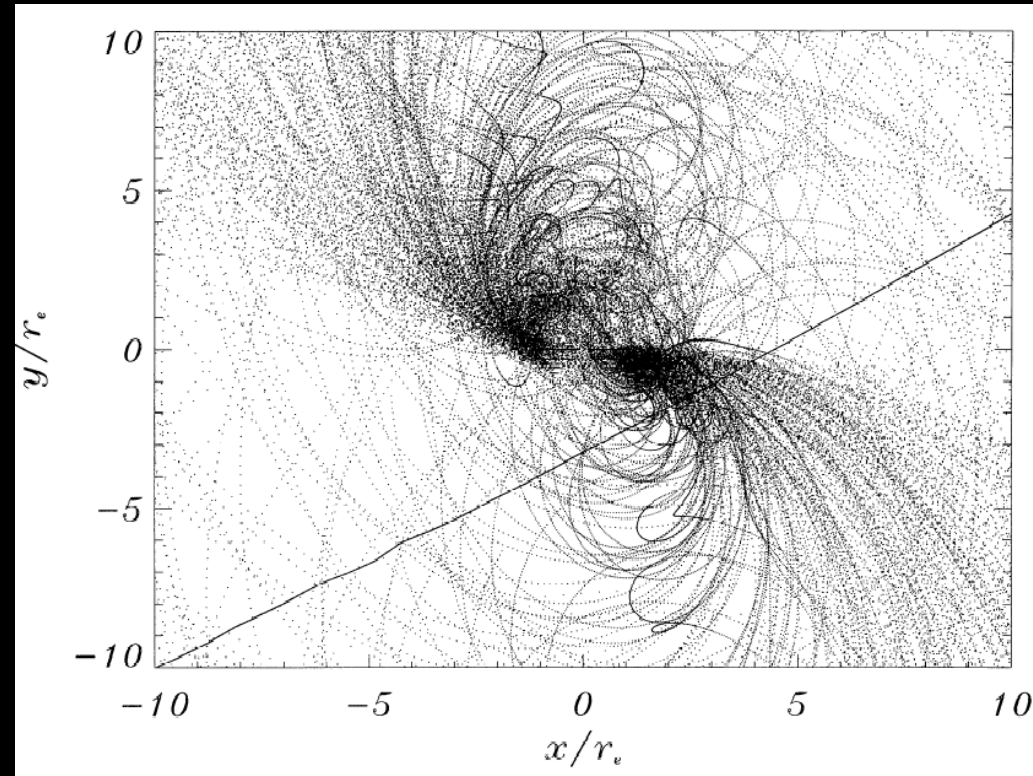
- most of the freshly produced dust remains gravitationally bound, i.e. is captured inside Enceladus' Hill sphere
- dust flux inside Hill sphere will be enhanced
- mass distribution measured inside Hill sphere is initial mass distribution of the ring



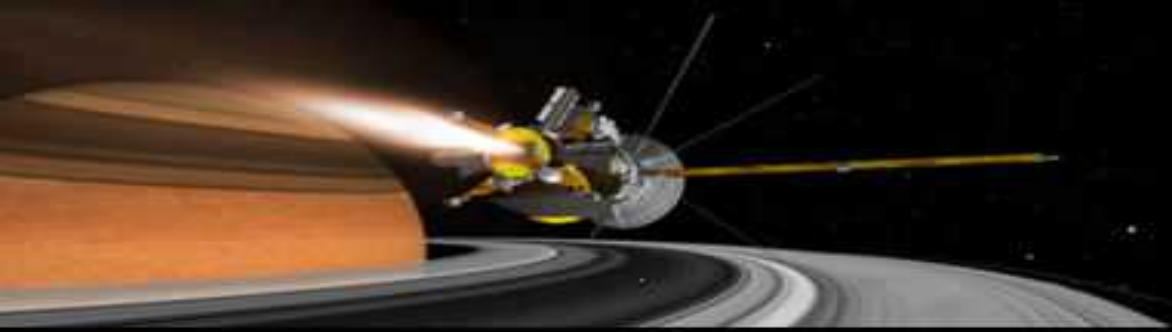
Spatial distribution of fresh dust

Spahn et al., JGR, 1999

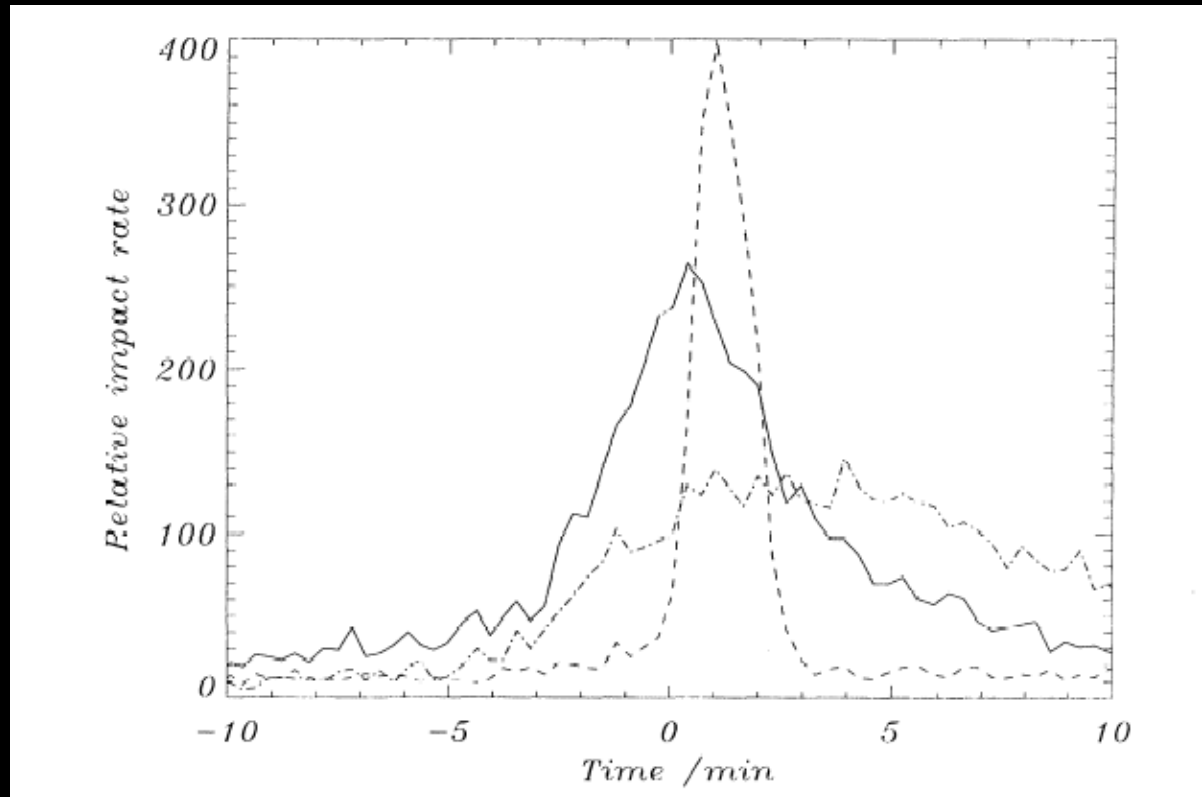
- particles are released preferably into Saturn/anti-Saturn direction
- peak rate after Enceladus c/a



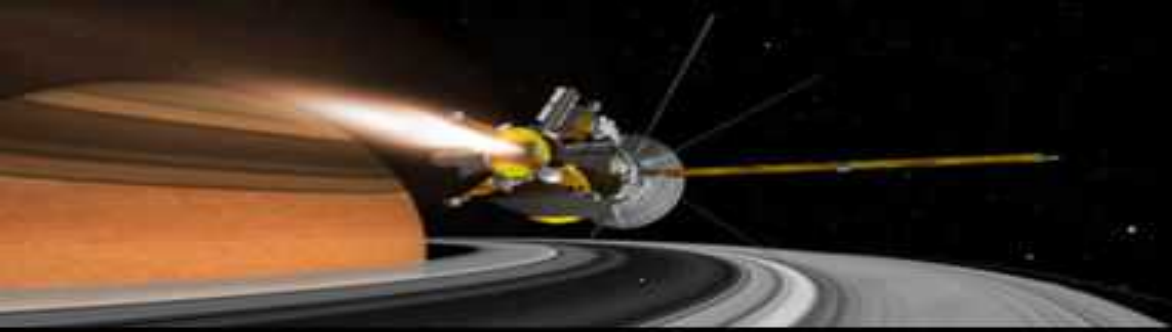
Simulation of “old” E4 flyby



Determination of impactor source



- rate as function of time constraints impactor source:
 - solid: isotropic
 - broken: E ring
 - dashed-dot: interplanetary



Caveat!

- E3 flyby is by no means optimal to meet our scientific objectives:
 - Cassini does not traverse through Hill sphere
 - pointing before Enceladus c/a not appropriate for observing bound dust
 - we did not perform enough measurements during ring plane crossings to understand the instrument performance in a dust-rich environment sufficiently

Enceladus Science Objectives

- UVIS Icy Satellite Science Objectives are to Investigate
 - Surface age and evolution
 - Surface composition and chemistry
 - Tenuous atmospheres / exospheres

Surface Age and Evolution

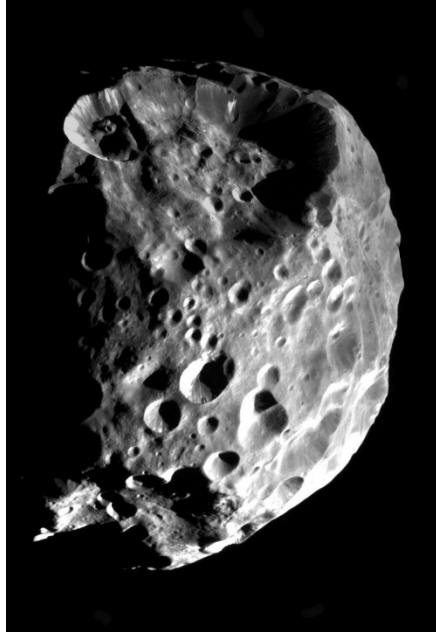
General

- The surface albedo of Saturn's icy satellites is affected by radiation and surface chemistry, and thus will vary with the amount of time a surface unit has been exposed to the magnetosphere's radiation and high energy particles. Leading / trailing side asymmetries are expected.
 - Also determined by nature of interactions (e.g. Ganymede radiation exposure affected by its own internal magnetic field)
- Moderate to high resolution global maps of the satellites orbiting in Saturn's magnetosphere will be used to analyze surface exposure, thus age. These global maps will be compared to Iapetus, Phoebe and Hyperion, which all orbit outside the magnetosphere.
- Surface microstructure will be investigated via the phase function. For example Voyager results on the albedo, color and photometric function properties of Enceladus show a degree of uniformity, regardless of surface age, that suggests the possibility of a thin ubiquitous layer of geologically fresh frost.

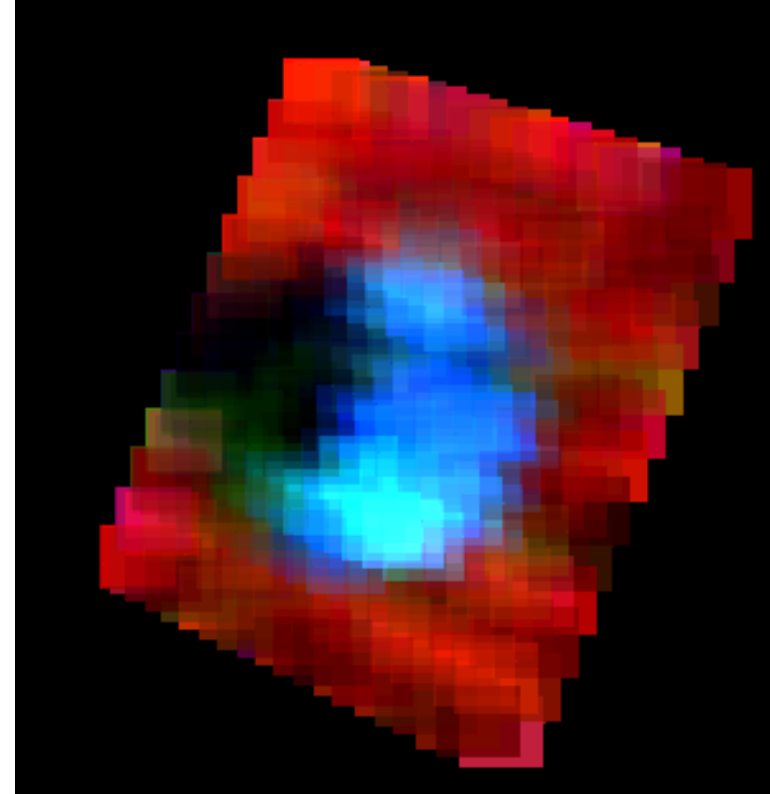
Enceladus

- Images of Enceladus suggest an extreme level of surface modification regionally. Regions of very young and very old terrain will be compared. UVIS [uv albedo](#) maps will be produced. We will look for uv albedo differences that correlate to geologic ages derived from the imaging data.
- Albedo and phase function should give us insight into Enceladus' interaction with Saturn's E ring.

Example: Phoebe UV Albedo Map



Similar geometry



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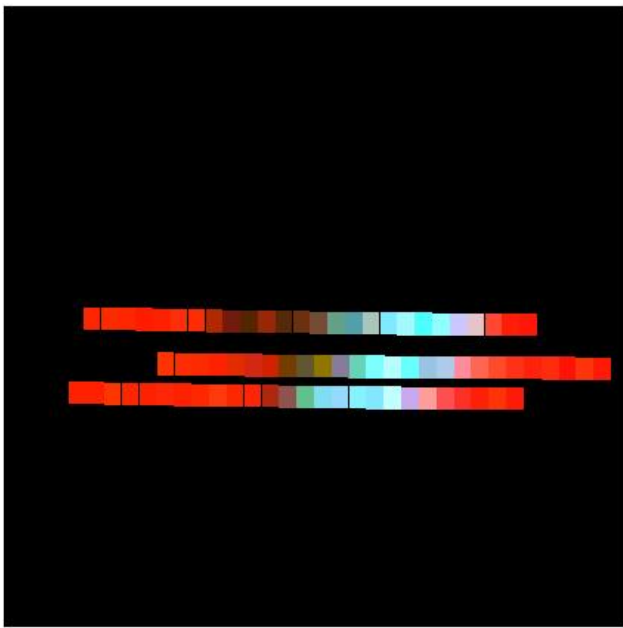
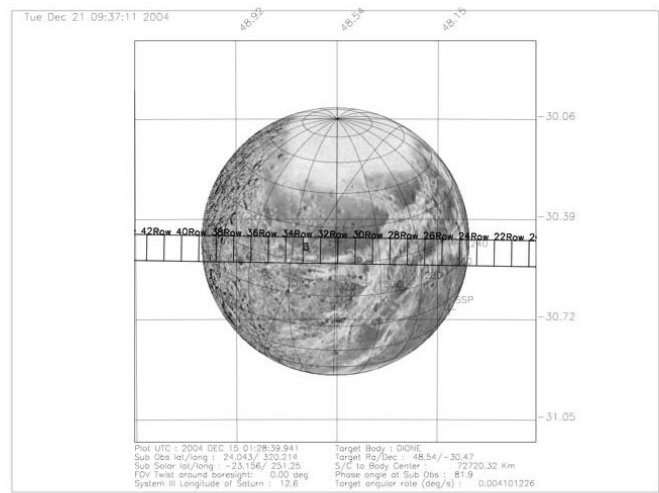
Range: 31,300 km

Phase angle: 83°

Lat/Long: 21°S , 349°W

Blue/green=reflected solar
Red=background Ly- α (IPH)

Dione REGMAP



Surface Composition and Chemistry

General

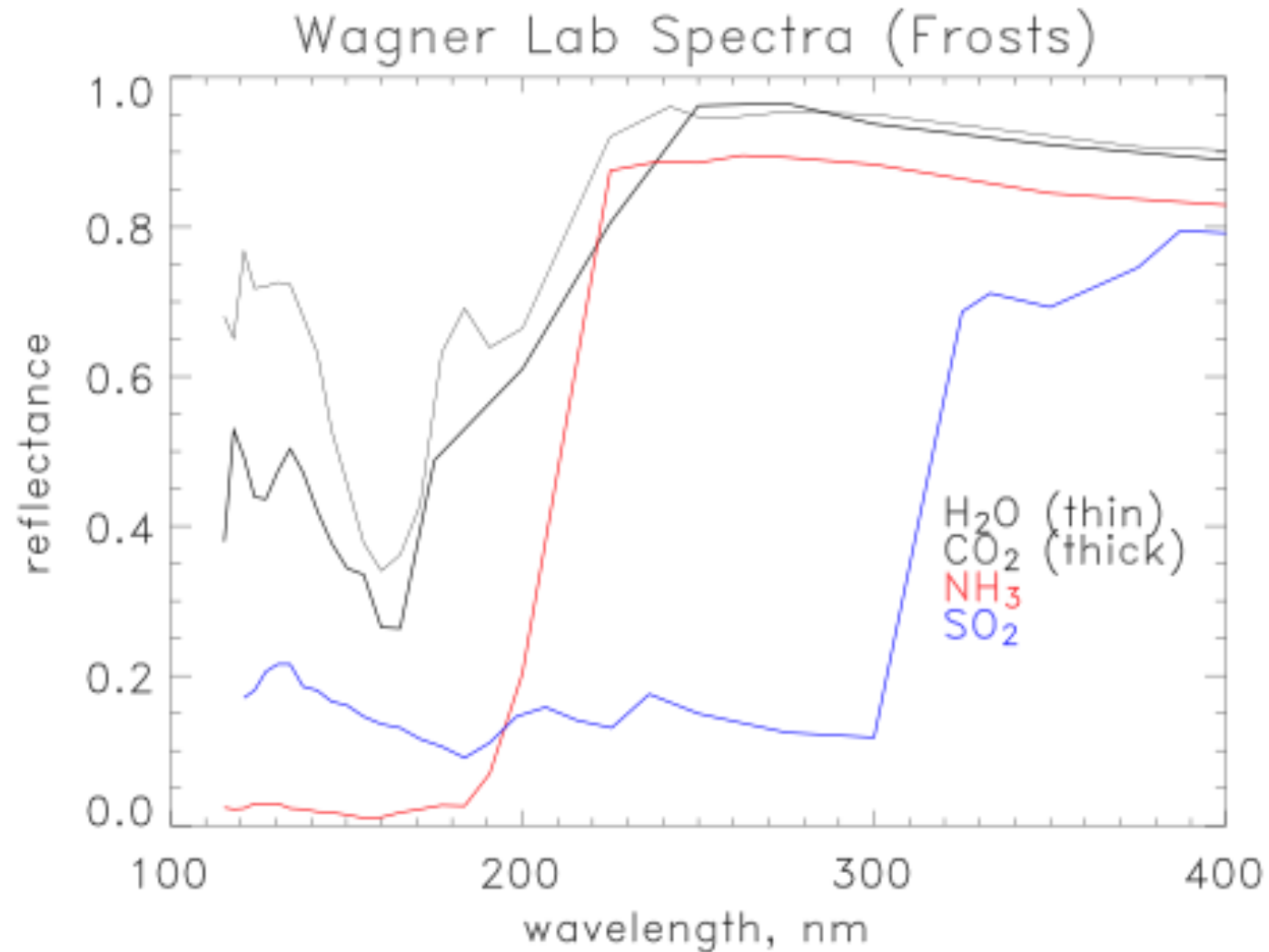
- Investigation of photolysis and radiolysis of water ice is currently a very active area of research, propelled by recent Galileo results, earth-based observations and laboratory work. UV radiation dissociates H_2O producing H, OH, H_2 , O, and O_2 . H and H_2 are quickly lost to thermal escape.
 - Surface composition and the existence of an atmosphere are affected by sputtering processes. Hydrogen peroxide was identified in the surface ice of Europa. Condensed O_2 has been detected at Ganymede. Spectral absorption suggestive of ozone has been detected by the Galileo UVS on Ganymede, and by HST on Ganymede, Rhea, and Dione. (Note however that these features are at longer uv wavelengths than the UVIS FUV channel.)
 - Cassini offers the opportunity to compare a suite of icy satellites even further from the sun than Jupiter's moons, in a different magnetospheric environment. Being able to compare surface ice oxygen chemistry at a variety of temperatures and radiation environments will help to investigate the process of evolution of surface composition.
- Theoretical and laboratory spectra of various ices are available (e.g. J. Wagner, G. Hansen, S. Warren) and can be compared to UVIS data to map surface composition. Water ice has been detected on all Saturnian satellites - we will show how the amount, distribution, and grain size varies.

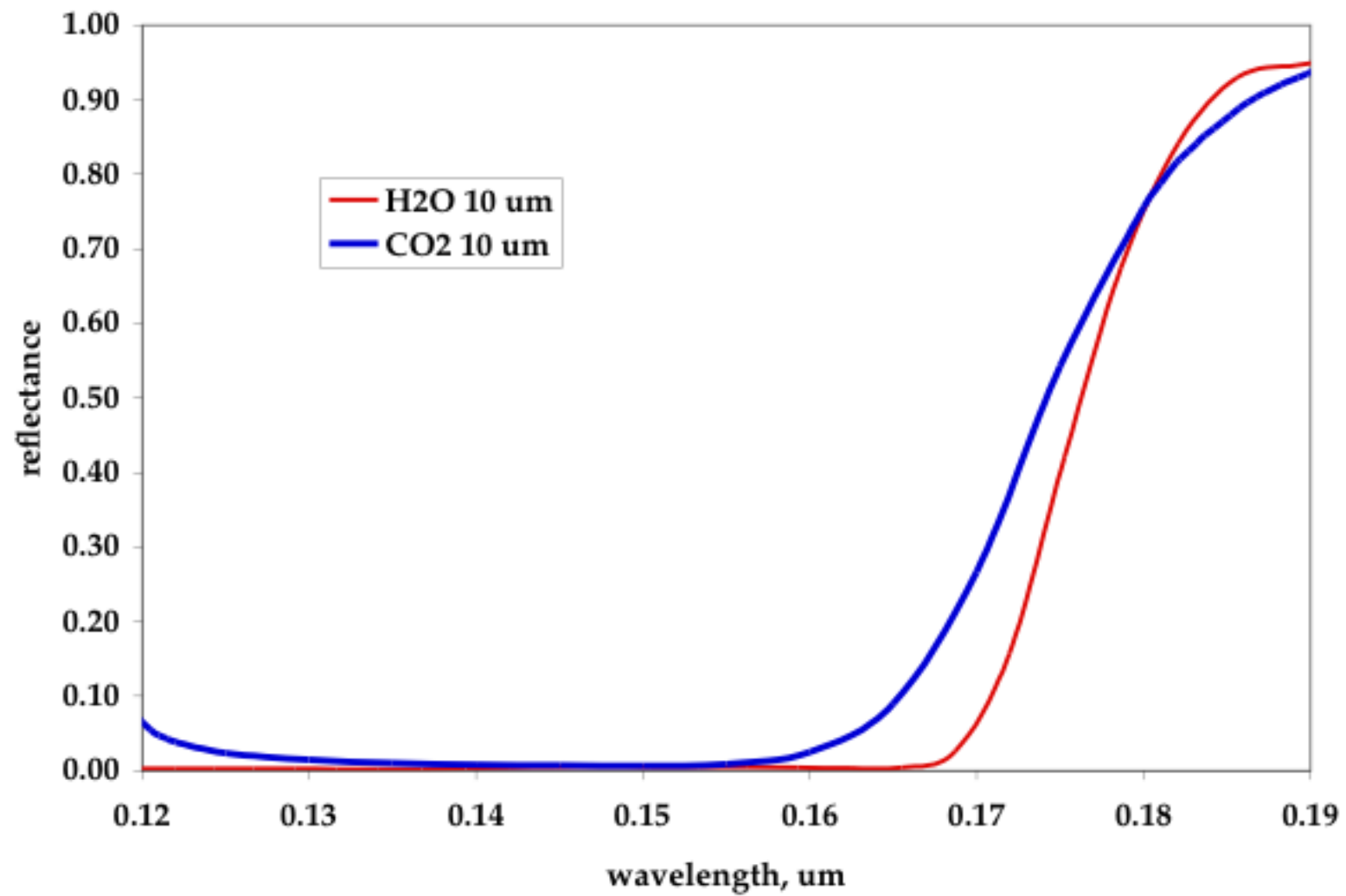
Enceladus

- Enceladus is known to have a predominantly water-ice surface. The water spectrum has a distinct upturn at FUV wavelengths, at a wavelength determined by the ice grain size. Predominant grain size will give us insight into surface modification processes.
- UVIS [reflectance spectra](#) are at shorter wavelengths than the Galileo UVS so we will be searching for somewhat different constituents. UVIS spectra may show evidence of CO_2 , ammonia, or other interesting species.

UV Spectra of Candidate Materials

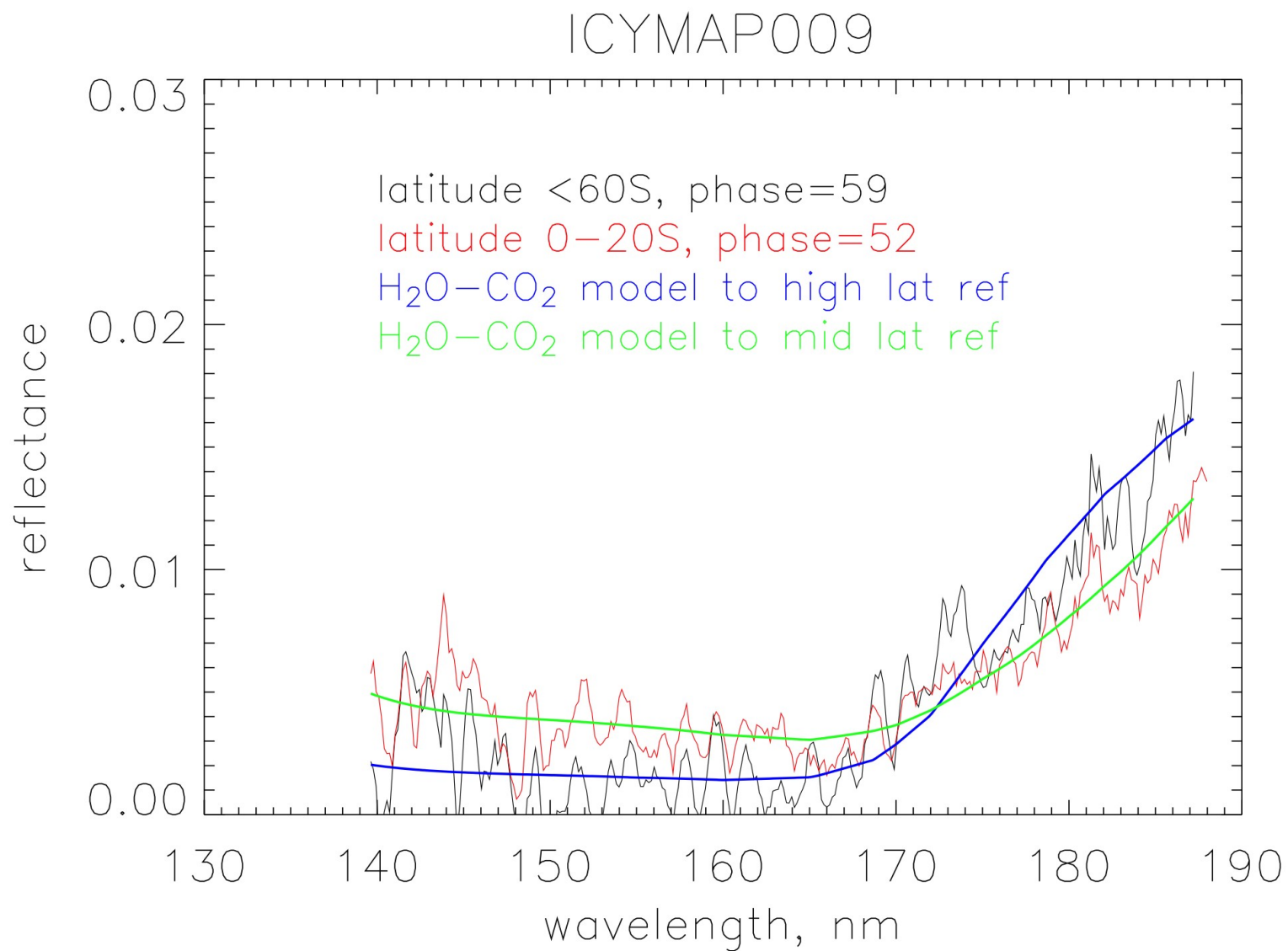
(Wagner, Hapke, Wells, 1987)



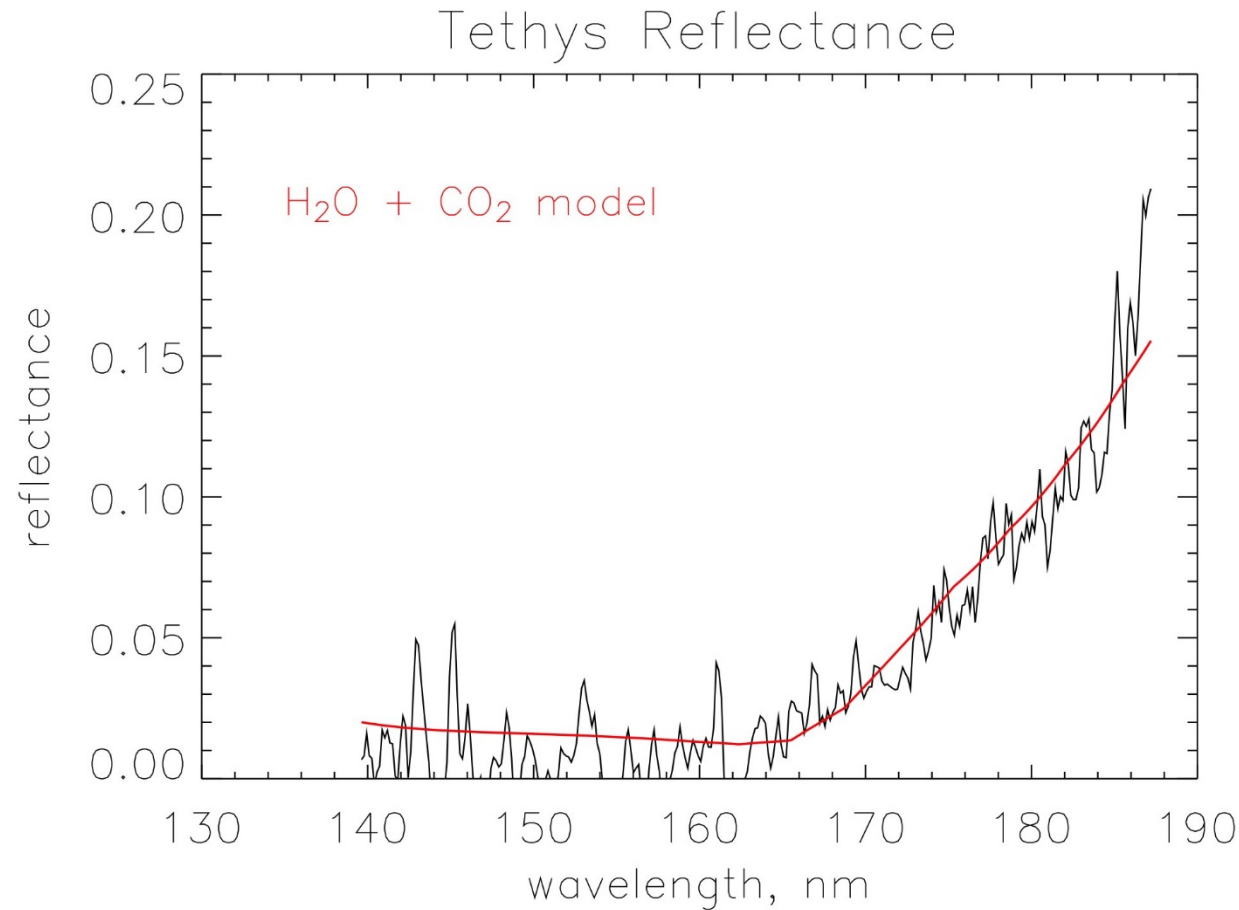


data from Gary Hansen

Phoebe's spectral variations with latitude



Tethys is $\sim 10\times$ brighter than Phoebe at similar phase angle



Need much more H₂O, less dark material to fit this
Tethys spectrum, compared to Phoebe

Model uses smaller H₂O grain size

$\alpha=50^\circ$

Tenuous Atmospheres / Exospheres

General

- Molecules are sputtered and sublimated from the surfaces of the icy satellites. Molecules sputtered from the surface are a source of neutrals in and influencing the magnetosphere. Determination of atmospheric density, and source and loss rates of atmospheric molecules feeds into models of the magnetospheric interaction. By determining the composition of these exospheres we may determine surface composition. Of particular interest are trace constituents such as NH_3 . For example, an ammonia-water ice composition has been proposed to explain the young geology on Enceladus. The existence of an atmosphere may be indicative of active surface processes, such as the volcanoes on Io or the geysers on Triton (sputtering models indicate that only Rhea has the potential to retain a sputtered atmosphere, thus detection of an atmosphere will lead us to suspect eruptive activity).

Enceladus

- Enceladus' position at the peak of Saturn's E ring has always been a "smoking gun" as a potential source of the E ring. Its regionally young geology is also a tantalizing reason to link potential active geologic phenomena to the E ring. Sputtering is not a likely source for a detectable oxygen atmosphere - theoretical yields suggest that this process is not sufficient to be an important source of volatiles.
- The UVIS [stellar occultation](#) will be analyzed for absorption features that could show the existence of a tenuous atmosphere, which would then be a strong indicator of eruptive activity
- UVIS spectra will be examined for emission features such as 130.4 and 135.6 nm (atomic and molecular oxygen), 149.3 nm (atomic nitrogen), etc.

Example: Europa Oxygen Features

