

# **Mission Automation for "A Train" Correlative Measurements**

*EOS Dynamic Replanning Using the Earth Phenomena  
Observing System*

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# Overview – Previous AIST Effort

- **Developed technologies for an automated mission manager that:**
  - Efficiently utilizes a complementary and cooperative suite of heterogeneous Earth-observing space-based pointable and taskable sensor platforms
  - Responds to significant events, providing enhanced understanding of ephemeral Earth phenomena that impact human life and property, e.g., hurricanes, volcanoes, biomass burning (e.g., forest fires)
  - Provides for long-term data gathering
- **Developed EPOS (Earth Phenomena Observing System) v1.0 – v3.0**
  - Moved from TRL 1/2 to TRL 3/4
  - EPOS 1.0
    - **Optimized dynamic replanning with potentially maneuvering satellites, few targets**
  - EPOS 2.0
    - **Optimized dynamic replanning with many coasting satellites/sensors (tested with up to 105), many targets, multiple targets (tested with up to 1450)**
  - EPOS 3.0
    - **Modeled existing EOS satellites (and satellites to be launched in the near future)**
    - **MODIS Cloud Mask data used as input by EPOS**

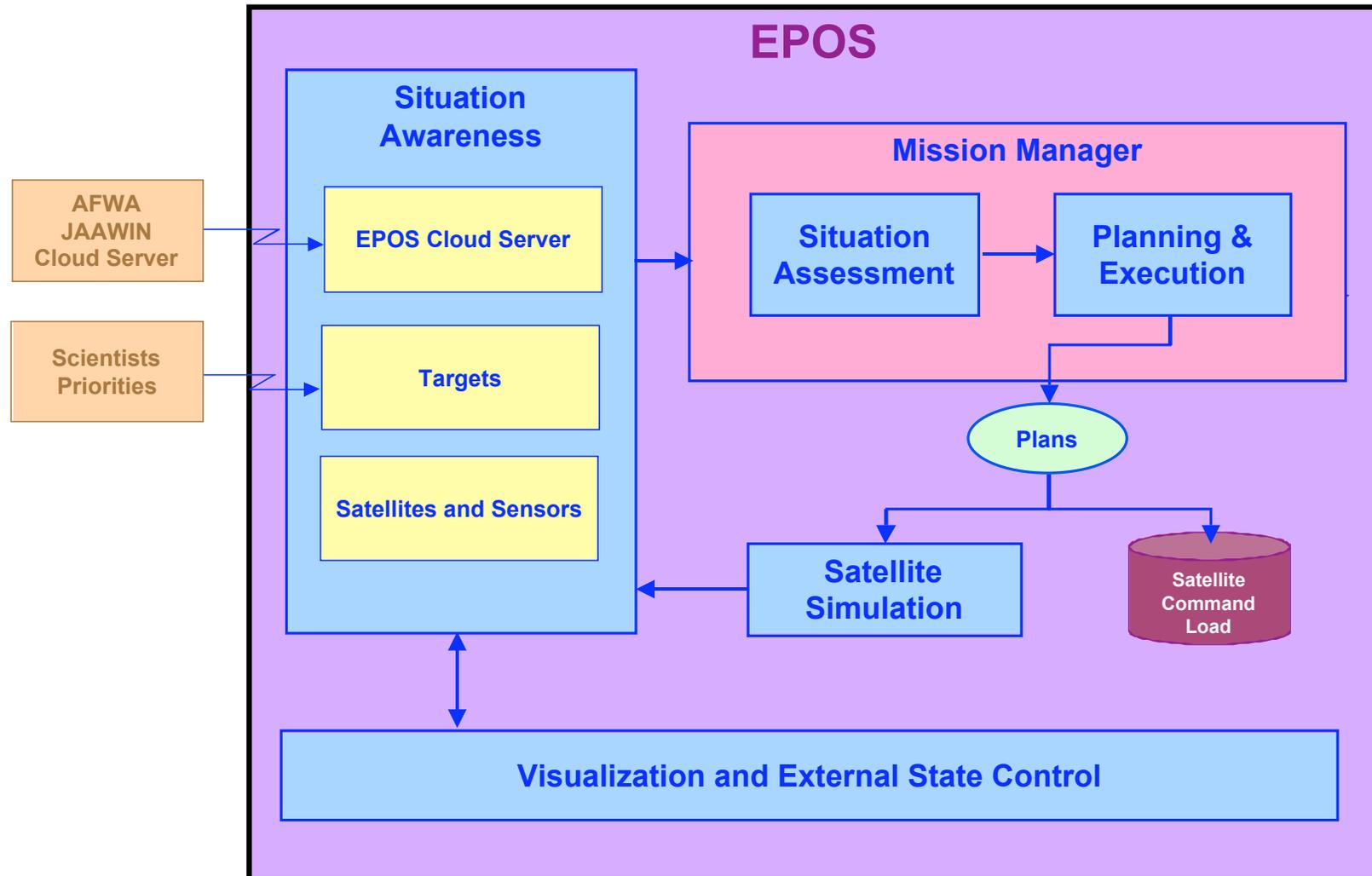
# Overview – Current AIST Effort

- **Objective**
  - Increase the value of science data gathered by a confederation of Earth observing satellites
    - **Change the non-interacting nature of a confederation to allow interactions among data gathering activities**
- **Approach**
  - Develop concepts of operation
  - Extend and enhance EPOS
    - **Situation awareness/assessment**
      - **Cloud coverage forecasts**
      - **Observation science value functions**
    - **Planning and execution – e.g.,**
      - **Science-optimized mode selection and sensor pointing for Aura’s HIRDLS and TES**
      - **Science-optimized sensor pointing for EO-1’s Hyperion**
  - Utilize optimization-based, hierarchical, real-time mission planning and control technology

# Draper AIST Technical Team

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- **Paul Goulart (on-leave)**
- **Stephan Kolitz**
- **Peter Scheidler**
- **Charles Strauss**

# EPOS 4.0 System Architecture



- **USAF Joint Army Air Force Weather Information Network (JAAWIN) data used for cloud state estimates and forecasts**

# Current Year Concept of Operations

## Single Sensor Dynamic Tasking – e.g., TES, HIRDLS

- **Inputs**

- Scientists' prioritized requests
- JAAWIN forecasts of cloud coverage

- **Situation Awareness**

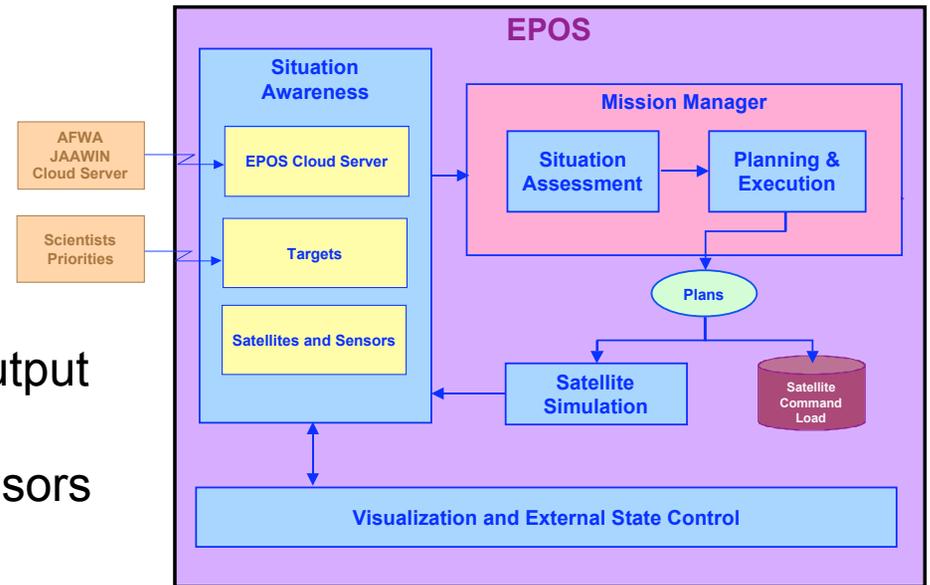
- Target, satellite and sensor model output fused with cloud forecasts to provide LOS/FOV value functions for the sensors

- **Situation Assessment**

- Instigates either time-based or event-based replanning appropriately

- **Planning / replanning**

- Optimization-based planning to maximize total science value gained from observations, e.g., cloud-free LOS/FOV to air column over volcanoes, urban areas, forest fires
- Execution is performed by creating appropriate sensor commands with sufficient lead time for uploading



# Progress Summary

- **Implemented access to JAAWIN cloud data**

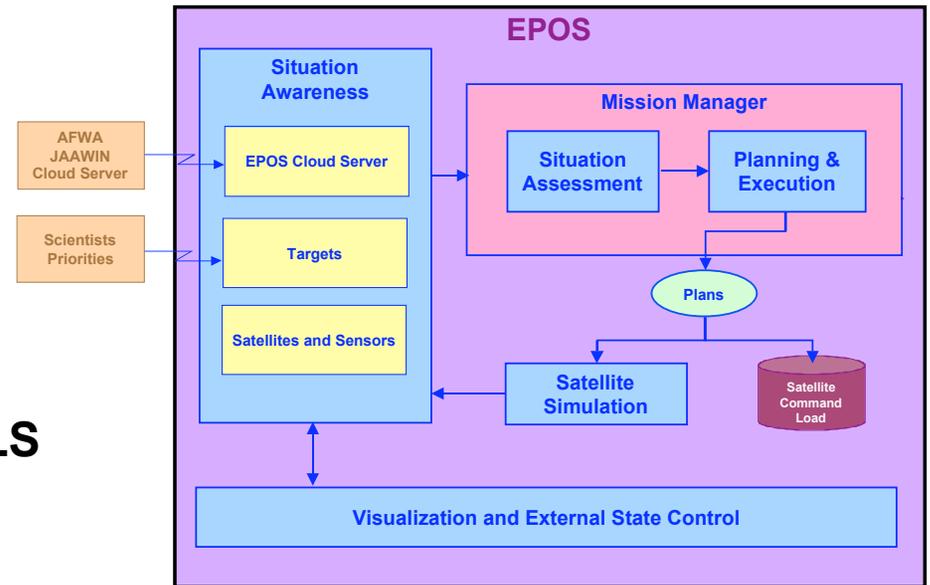
- Current estimate
- Forecasts

- **Developed and implemented HIRDLS and TES models**

- **Situation assessment**

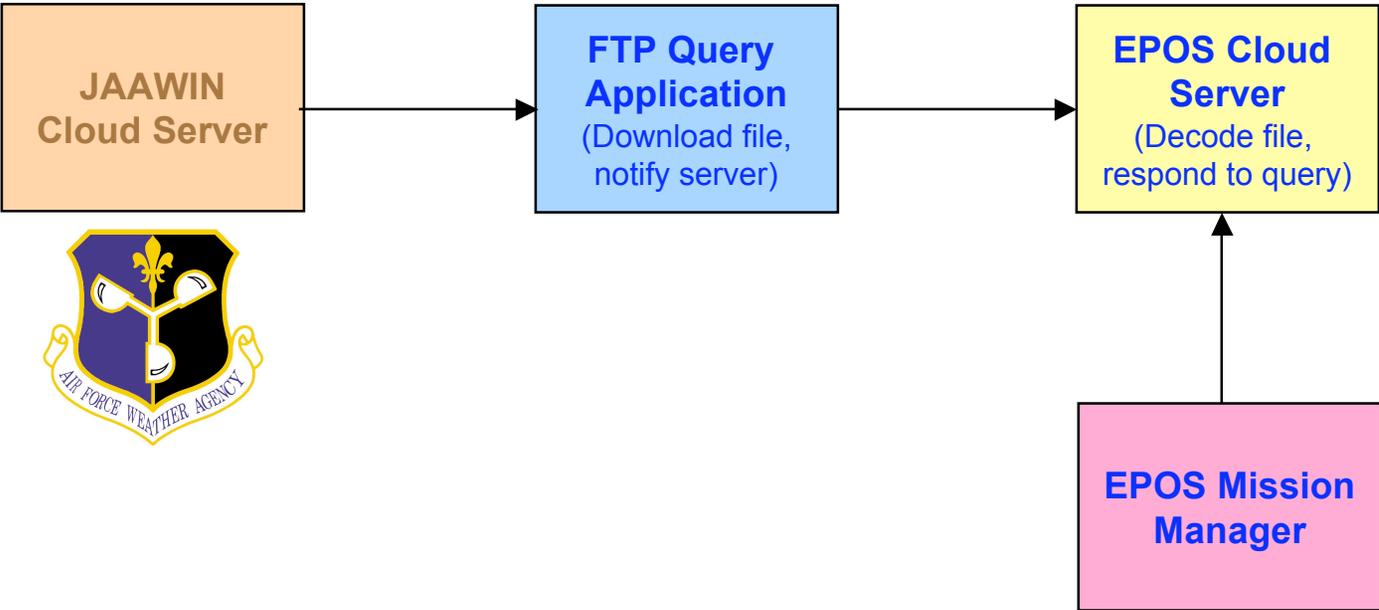
- Translated JAAWIN cloud data into use in EPOS Cloud Server for both off-nadir pointing and limb sounding
- Projects sensor LOS/FOV to targets through EPOS cloud model

- **Developed a formulation and initial implementation of an optimization-based planning and execution approach**



# JAAWIN Cloud Data

## Joint Army Air Force Weather Information Network

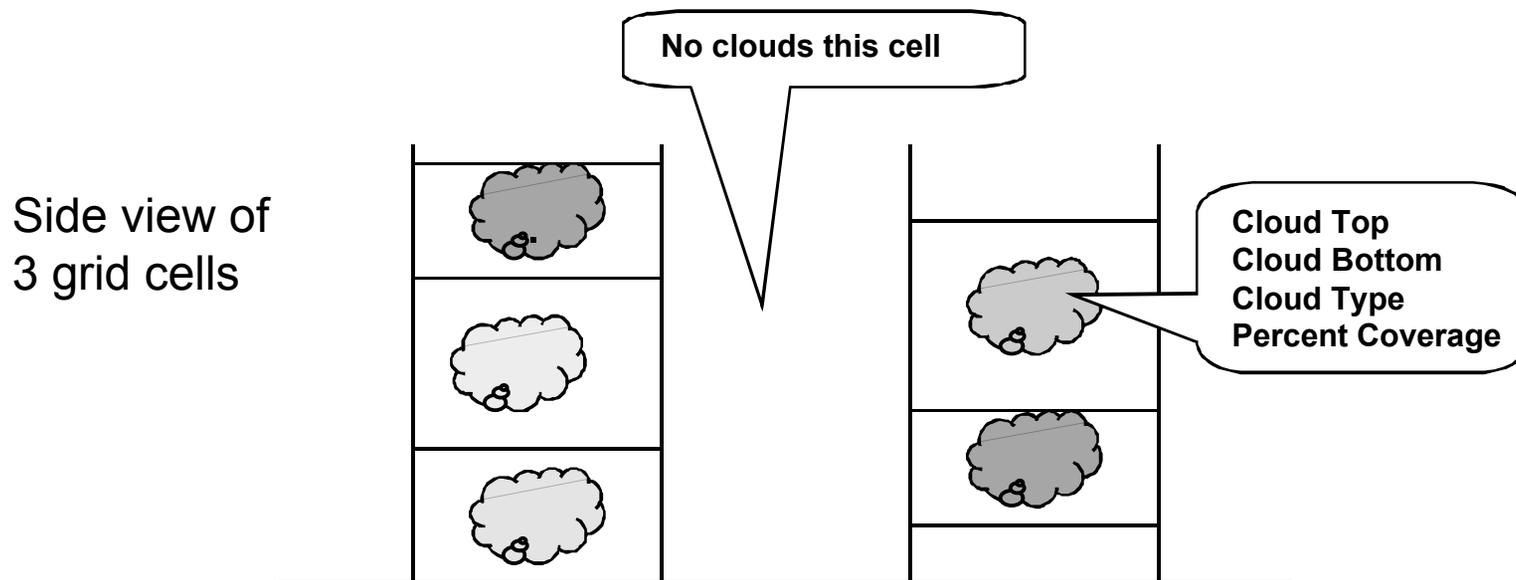


# JAAWIN Products

- **World Wide Merged Cloud Analysis**
  - Generated hourly by the Cloud Depiction and Forecast System II (CDFS II)
  - Cloud coverage derived from analysis of five geosynchronous and four polar orbiting satellite data sets
- **Forecasts**
  - Generated every six hours
  - Hourly for 30 hours
- **Data includes**
  - Total cloud cover
  - Up to four layers of cloud information
    - **Percent coverage, cloud type, cloud top, cloud base**

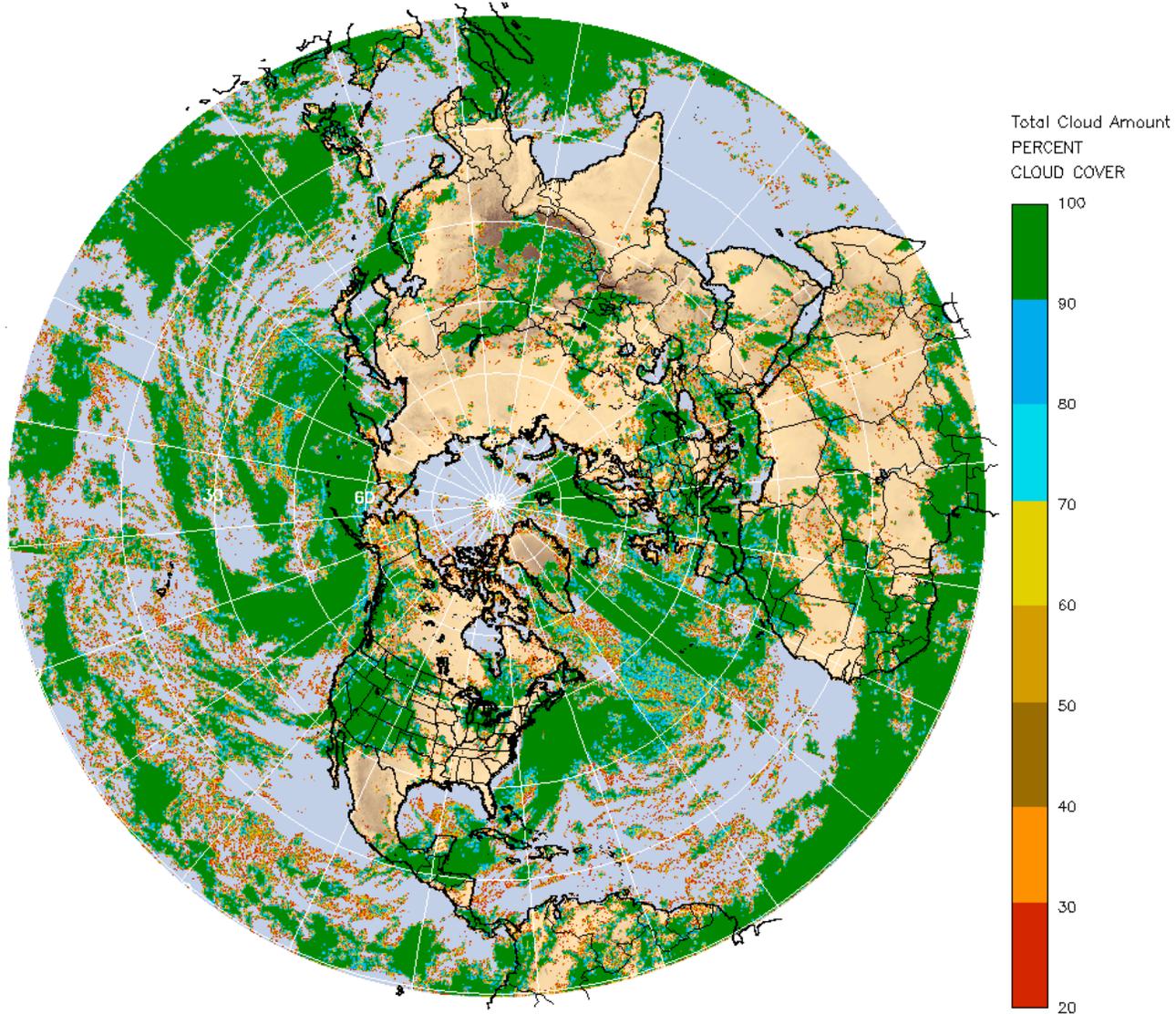
# JAAWIN Cloud Data

- **GRIB – Gridded Binary (meteorology format)**
- **Data is presented compressed in a polar stereographic grid**
- **One 1024 by 1024 grid for each hemisphere**
- **Each grid point ~24 km on a side (60° latitude)**
- **Files are ~22 mb each and download from the JAAWIN web site in 4 minutes using half a T1 line.**

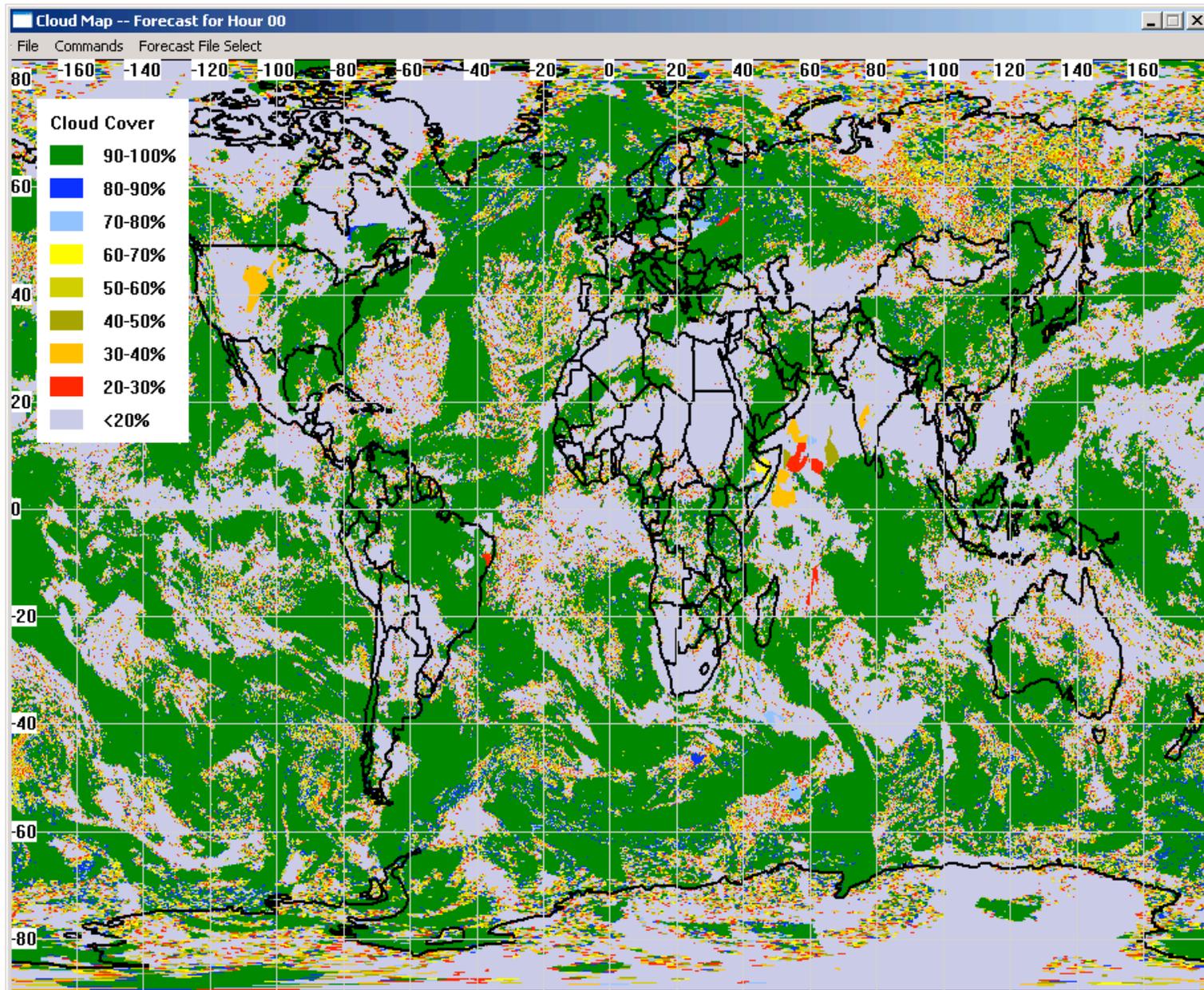


# Visualized JAAWIN Cloud Data

TOTAL CLOUD AMOUNT WITH COLOR  
COLORS REPRESENT TOTAL CLOUD PERCENT  
CDFSII ANALYSIS VALID 21Z 18 02 2004 Mesh: 16 zoom ratio = 1:0.80



# Latitude/Longitude View of Cloud Data



# Sensor Modeling

- **For selected EOS sensors (HIRDLS, TES,...)**
  - Develop realistic software model of line of sight and field of view
  - Account for
    - **Satellite motion**
    - **Sensor mode + any commandable parameters**
    - **Time mode is initiated**
- **Optimized sensor tasking**
  - Assumption: cloud density along LOS/FOV affects science value
  - Sensor tasking decisions
    - **When should mode transitions occur?**
    - **What values for mode parameters?**
  - Objective is to maximize total science value

# HIRDLS Observing Modes

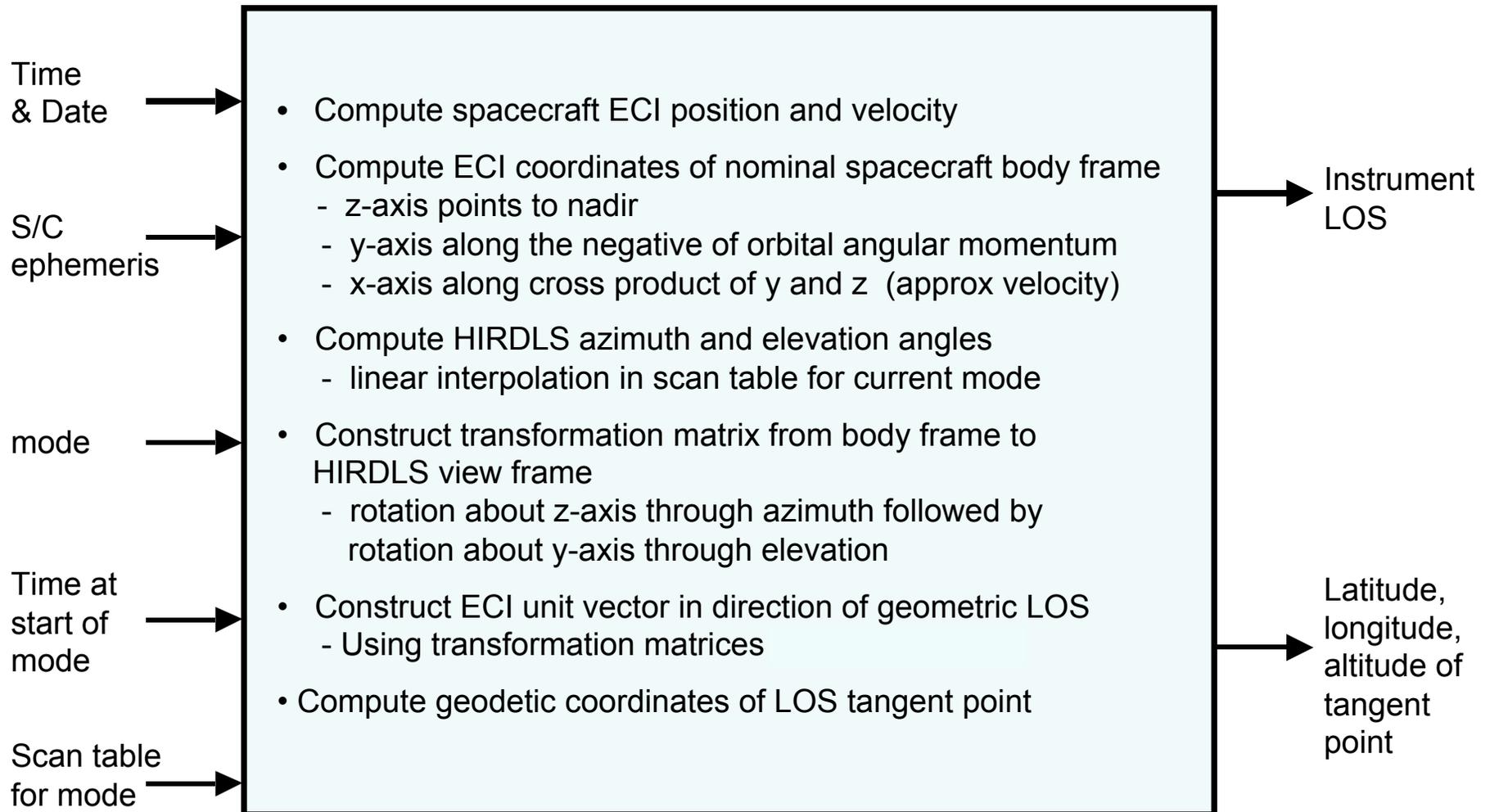
- **Each HIRDLS mode is a fixed scan pattern**
  - Scan patterns are modeled by sequences of azimuth and elevation
- **Global Observing Mode**
  - 6 vertical scans, at azimuths which correspond to 5 deg separation in the cross-track direction
  - Each vertical scan covers about 3 deg of elevation and takes approximately 10 seconds
  - Inflight calibration is included in the scan
  - Each instance requires approximately 66 seconds total
- **Alternative Global Observing Mode, Fine Horizontal Spacing Modes, Gravity Wave Mode, ...**
  - Each is programmed as a fixed scan in azimuth and elevation
- **Selected Targets Mode**
  - Elevation scan over a fixed geographic location (e.g., volcano)

[\[Source: ATBD-HIR-02, p. 11\]](#)

# Primary References: HIRDLS

- HIRDLS: High Resolution Dynamics Limb Sounder, Algorithm Theoretical Basis Document, ATBD-HIR-01/SW-HIR-168, 10/4/1999, <http://www.atm.ox.ac.uk/user/wells/atbd.html>
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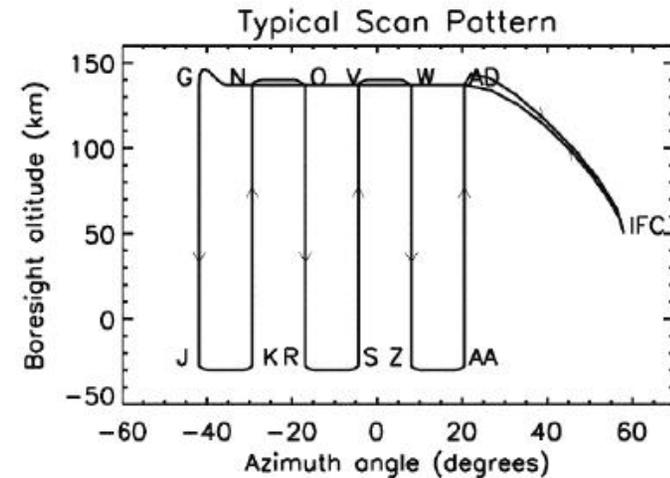
# Functional Description of HIRDLS Model



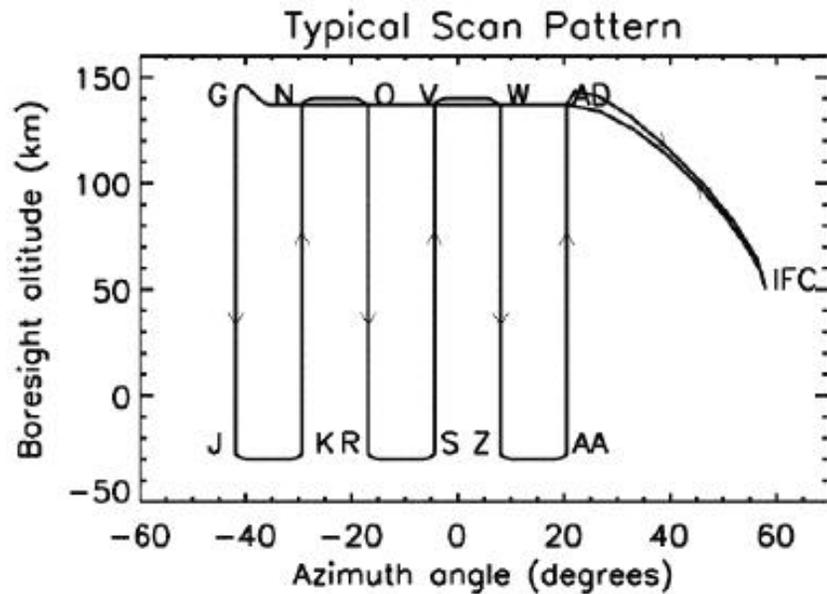
# HIRDLS: A Representative Mode

Taken from ATBD-HIR-01, pp. 6-7

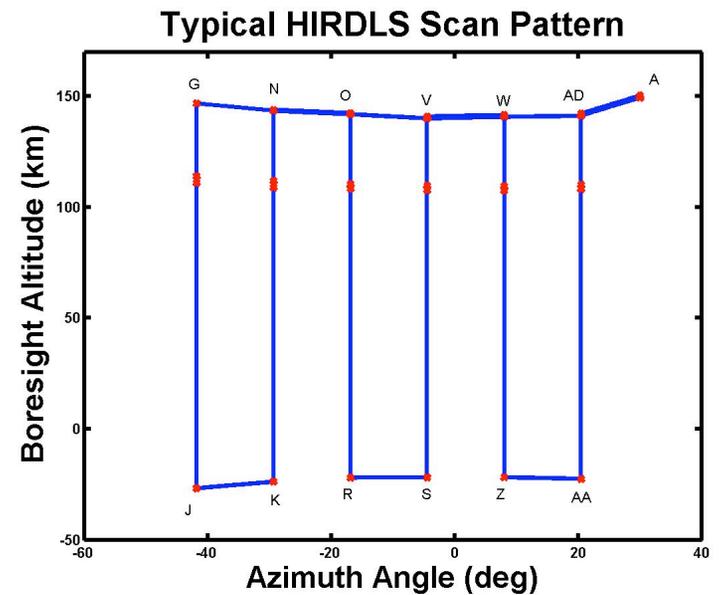
	Elevation shaft angle (deg)			Azimuth shaft angle (deg)	Time (s)	Tangent point height (km)	
	Low	Nominal	High				
A	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	0.00	N/A	Start at IFC view
B	-1.64	-1.11	-0.53	10.25	1.87	137.0	Azimuth scan at space view elevation
C	-1.62	-1.10	-0.52	4.02	2.16	137.0	
D	-1.61	-1.09	-0.52	-2.21	2.44	137.0	
E	-1.63	-1.11	-0.53	-8.44	2.79	137.0	
F	-1.67	-1.13	-0.54	-14.67	3.23	137.0	
G	-1.72	-1.17	-0.56	-20.90	4.31	137.0	Elevation scan 1 (down)
H	-1.37	-0.83	-0.23	-20.90	5.31	105.4	
I	-1.34	-0.80	-0.20	-20.90	5.41	103.0	
J	0.03	0.53	1.09	-20.90	13.15	-27.0	
K	0.03	0.51	1.05	-14.67	14.15	-27.0	Elevation scan 2 (up)
L	-1.30	-0.77	-0.20	-14.67	21.89	103.0	
M	-1.32	-0.80	-0.22	-14.67	21.99	105.4	
N	-1.67	-1.13	-0.54	-14.67	23.00	137.0	
O	-1.63	-1.11	-0.53	-8.44	23.99	137.0	Elevation scan 3 (down)
P	-1.29	-0.78	-0.21	-8.44	24.99	105.4	
Q	-1.27	-0.76	-0.19	-8.44	25.09	103.0	
R	0.03	0.50	1.03	-8.44	32.83	-27.0	
S	0.03	0.50	1.01	-2.21	33.83	-27.0	Elevation scan 4 (up)
T	-1.25	-0.75	-0.19	-2.21	41.57	103.0	
U	-1.28	-0.77	-0.21	-2.21	41.67	105.4	
V	-1.61	-1.09	-0.52	-2.21	42.67	137.0	
W	-1.62	-1.10	-0.52	4.02	43.67	137.0	Elevation scan 5 (down)
X	-1.28	-0.77	-0.21	4.02	44.67	105.4	
Y	-1.26	-0.75	-0.19	4.02	44.77	103.0	
Z	0.03	0.50	1.02	4.02	52.51	-27.0	
AA	0.03	0.50	1.03	10.25	53.51	-27.0	Elevation scan 6 (up)
AB	-1.27	-0.76	-0.19	10.25	61.24	103.0	
AC	-1.30	-0.78	-0.22	10.25	61.34	105.4	
AD	-1.64	-1.11	-0.53	10.25	62.34	137.0	
AE	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	64.78	N/A	Dwell at IFC view
A	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	65.28	N/A	



# HIRDLS Model Comparison

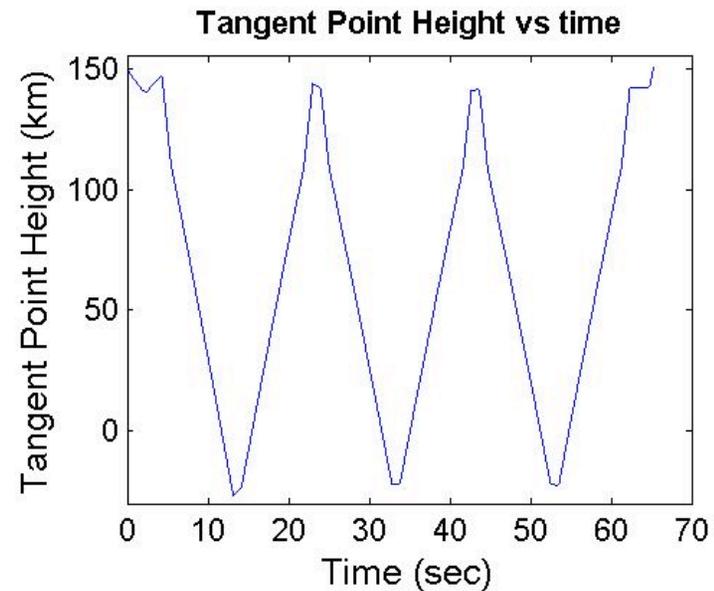
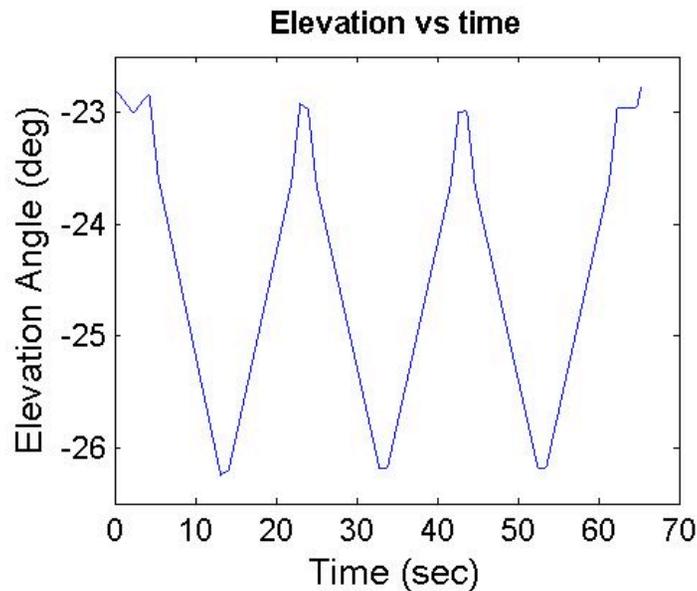
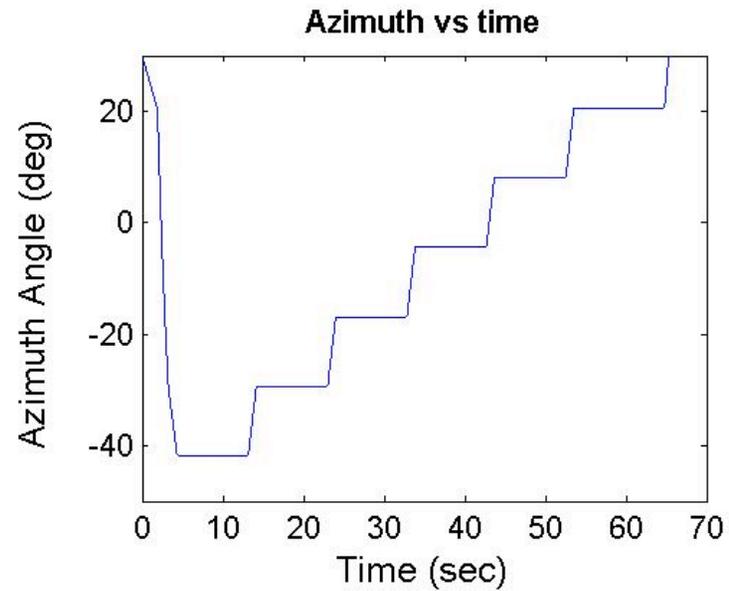
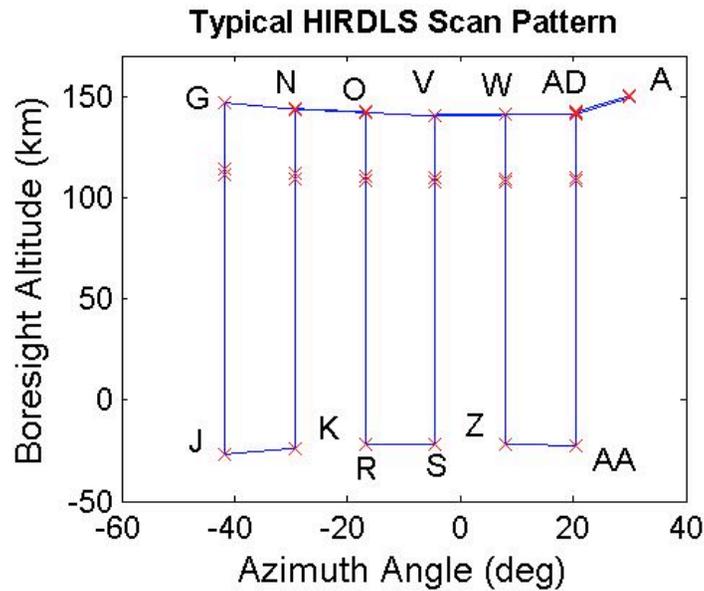


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Generated by HIRDLS model (MATLAB)

# HIRDLS Model Results



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# TES Observing Modes

- **TES operates in two primary modes**
  - **Global Survey Mode**
    - **Generates TES standard products.**
    - **Makes continuous sets of nadir and limb observations (plus calibrations) on a 1-day-on, 1-day-off cycle (16 orbits each)**
  - **Special Observation Modes**
    - **During the “off” days, TES is not actually powered down. These are the times for making extensive calibrations and for the Special Product modes**
      - **E.g., observations of volcanoes, biomass burning, pollution events, and intercomparisons**
    - **Sensor is pointable in this mode within 45° of nadir (cross-track and in-track)**
    - **Almost everywhere on Earth can be reached some time during a 16 day interval**

# TES Global Survey Mode

[Source: Beer et. al., Applied Optics 40(15), 20 May 2001, p. 2364]

- **TES obtains its data using sequences of 2 nadir observations (4 sec each), 3 limb observations (16 sec each), and 3 calibration periods (4 sec each)**
  - Each sequence requires 81.2 seconds (including slews)
  - Basic sequence is repeated continuously for 16 orbits
- **The pairs of nadir observations in each sequence are co-located and the limb observations correspond geographically to nadir observations made 437 seconds earlier**
  - This data will be combined into ‘observation sets’ containing collocated limb and nadir observations
  - Each observation set will then be analyzed as a unit [ATBD-TES-01, p. 5]

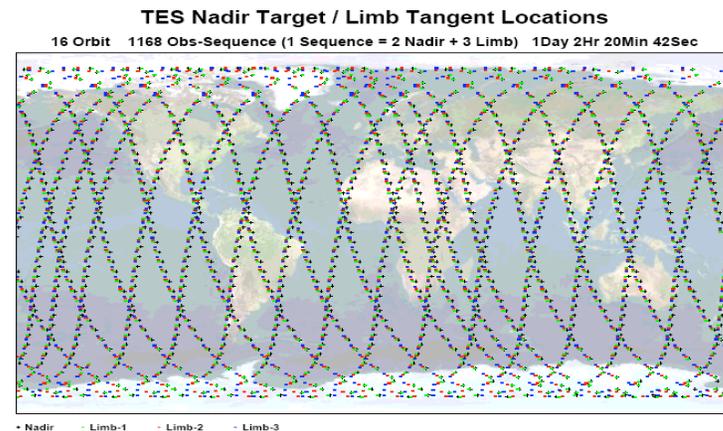
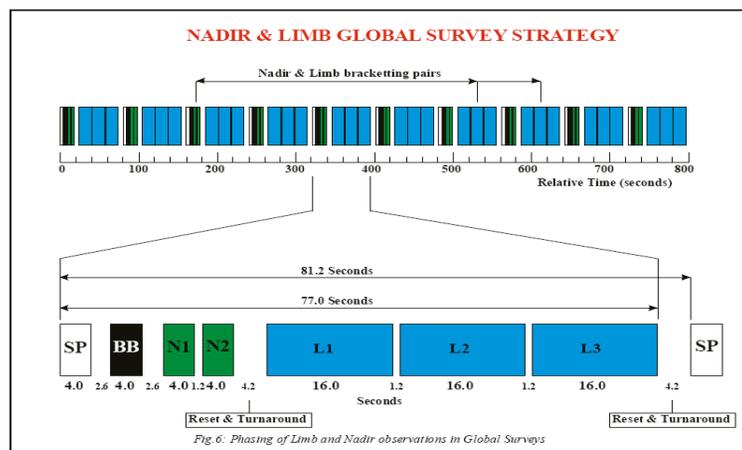


Figure 1-1. TES ground locations of nadir ground targets and limb tangents for a global survey period of 16 orbits.

# Primary References: TES

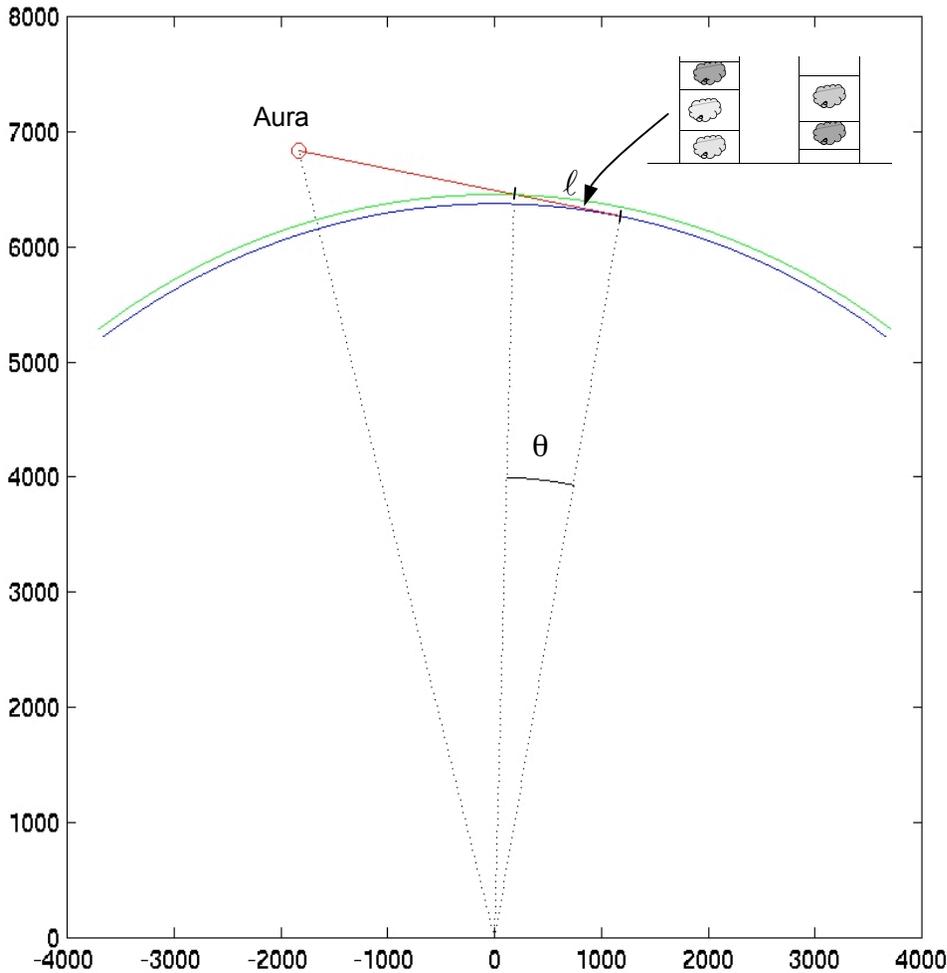
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# TES LOS Modeling

- **Model TES global survey as a scan in latitude and longitude**
  - Consistent with planned operations
    - **Global surveys are triggered by the time of crossing of the Southern Apex, so observations are made at the same latitudes during each orbit**
  - TES observation planning combines techniques used in EPOS 3.0 and those being developed currently
    - **Select special observation mode (with specified target)**
    - **Or default to global survey mode (with its default targets)**

# Limb Sounding Through Clouds

# View of Limb through Atmosphere



$h$  = height of cloud layers  $\leq 20$  km

$r_e$  = earth radius = 6378 km

$$\cos \theta = \frac{r_e}{r_e + h}$$

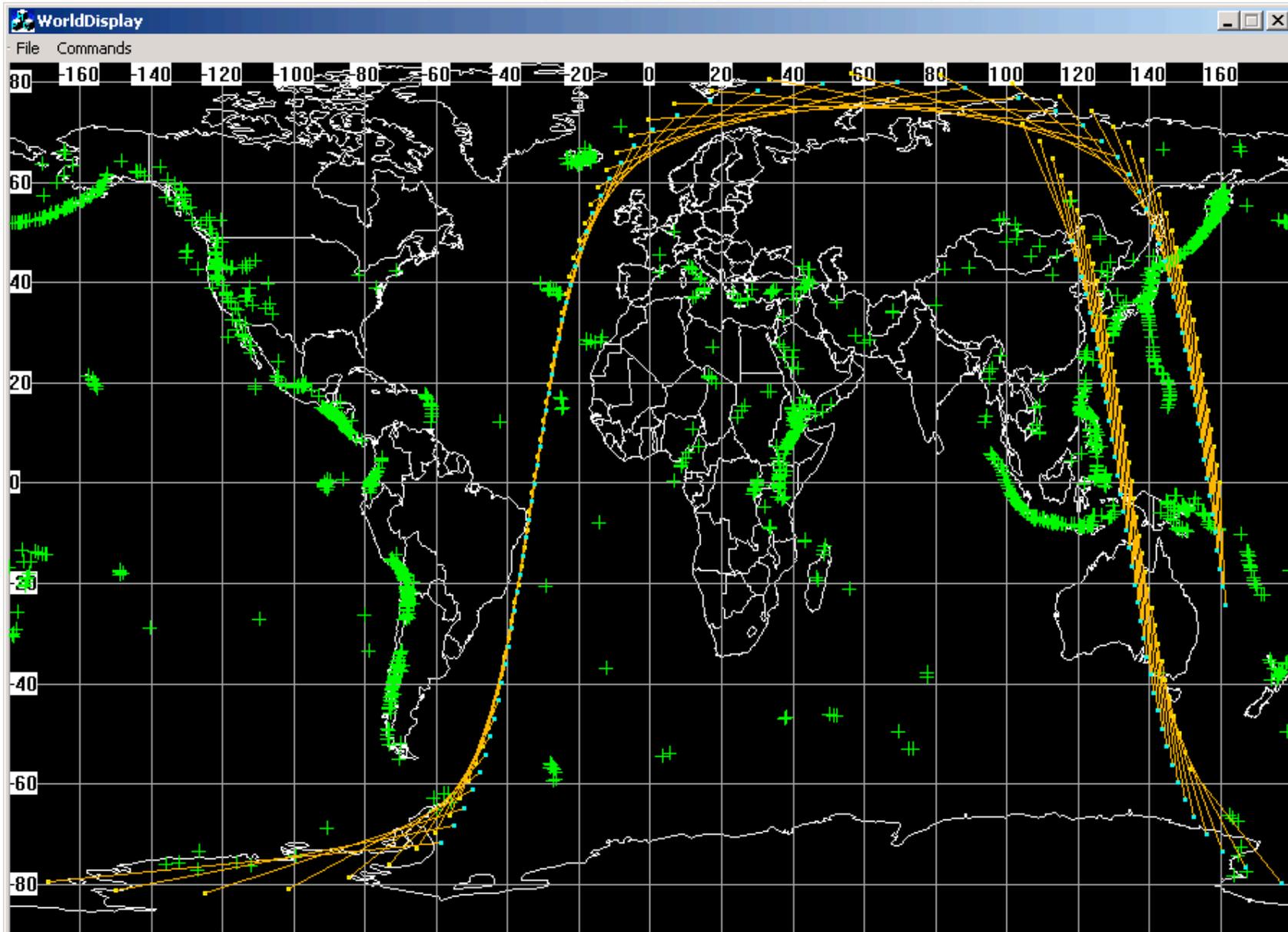
$$1 - \theta^2 \approx 1 - \frac{h}{r_e}$$

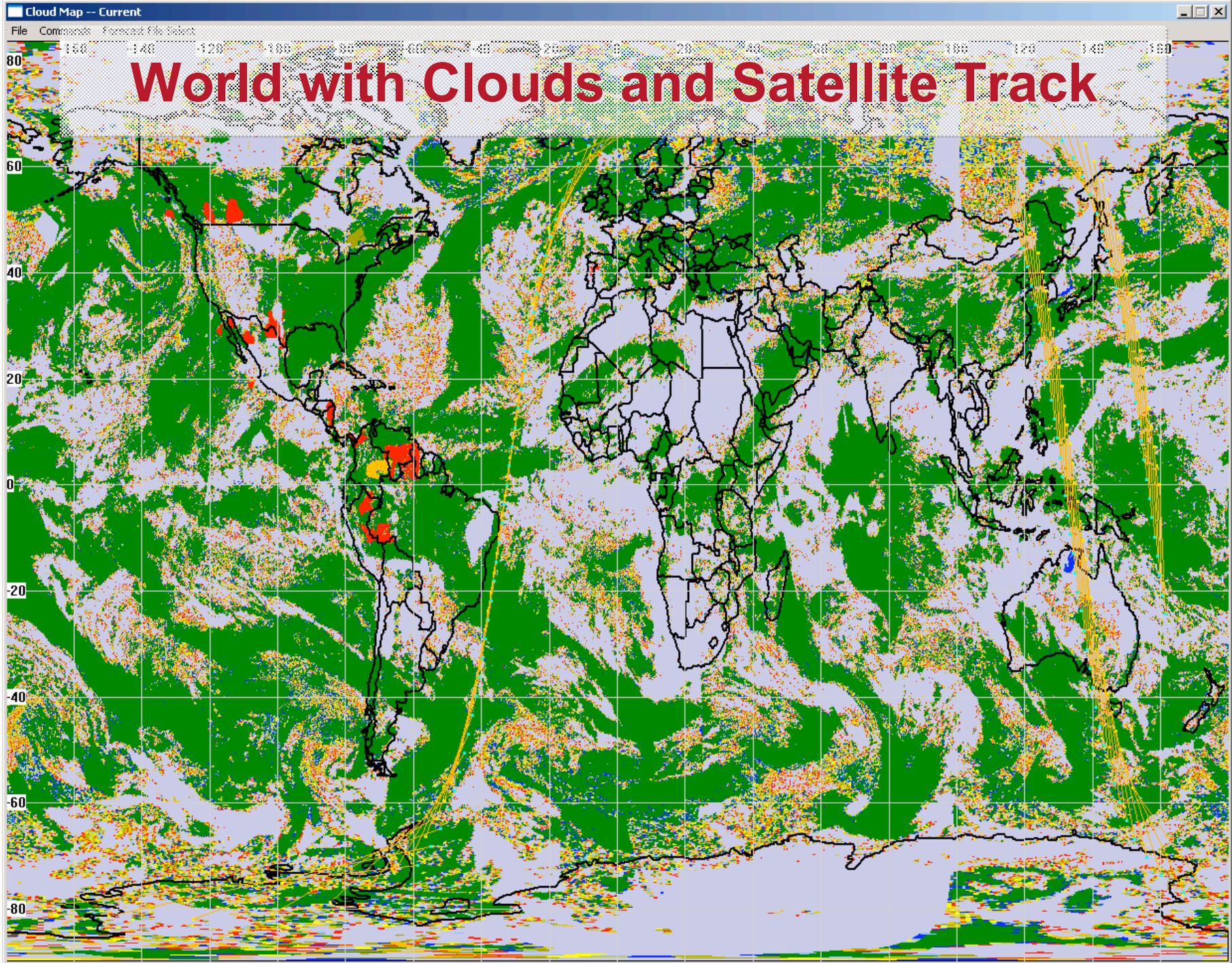
$$\theta \approx \sqrt{\frac{h}{r_e}}$$

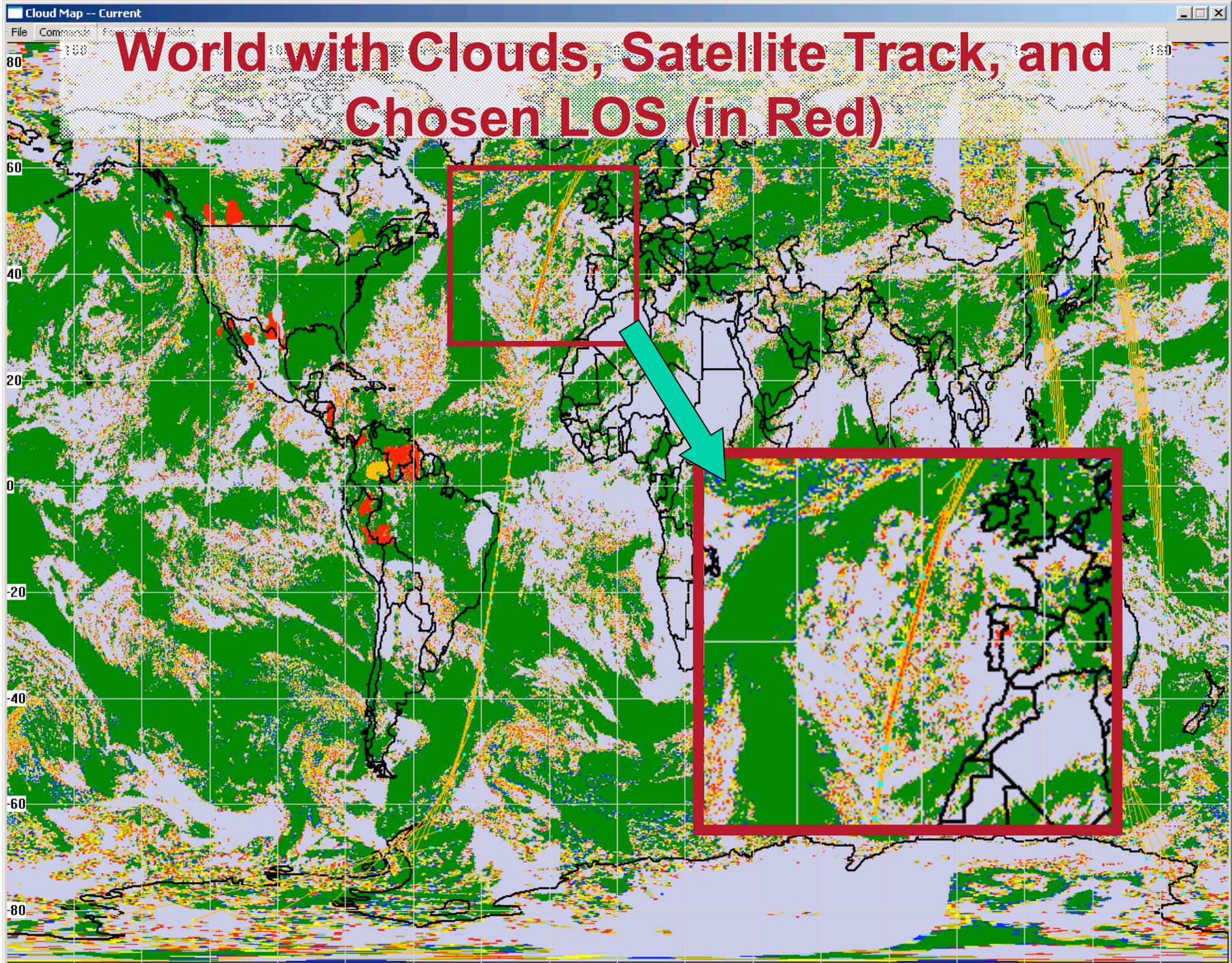
$$l \approx r_e \theta \approx \sqrt{hr_e} \approx 350 \text{ km}$$

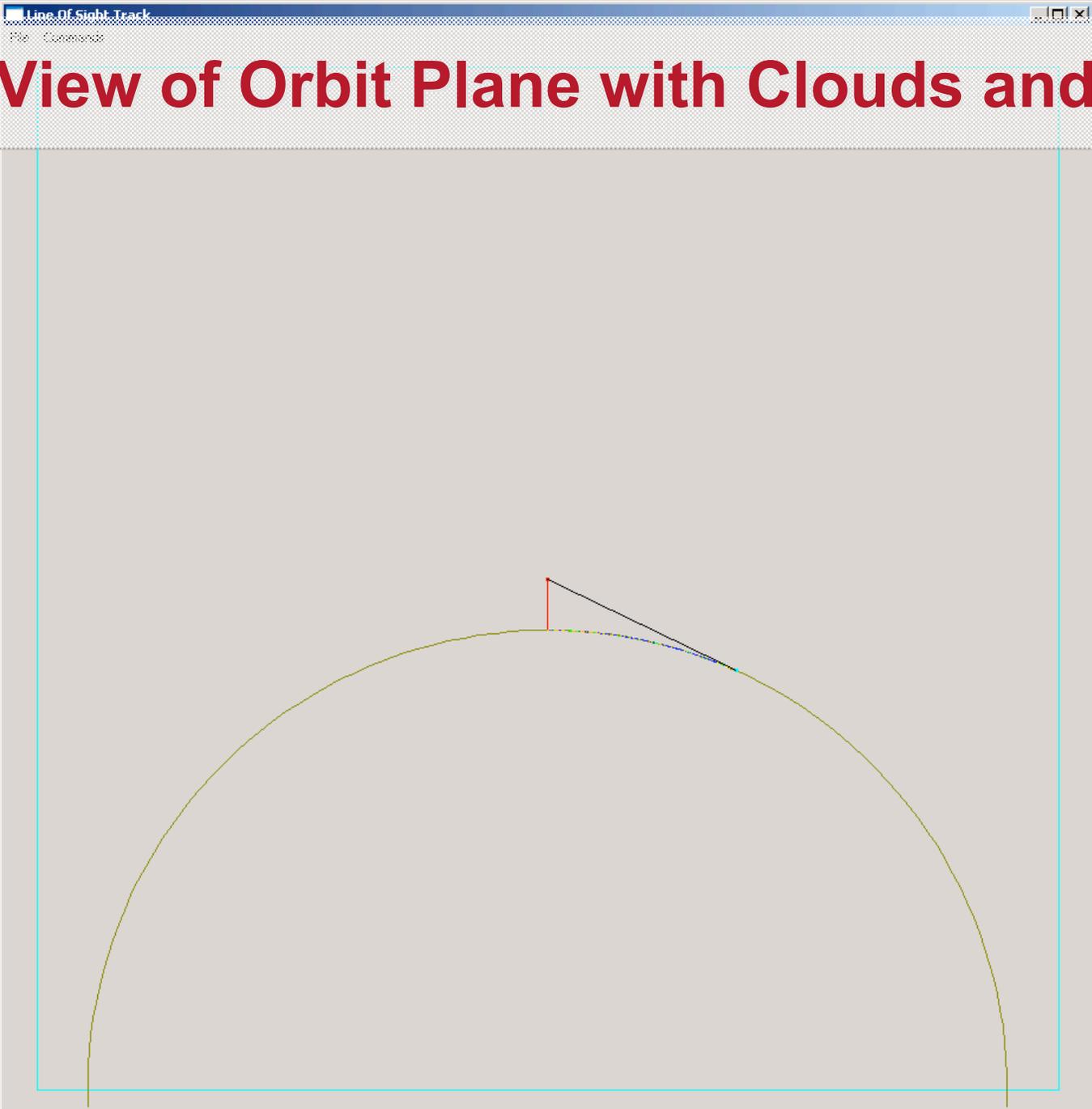
number of cloud cells LOS goes through at  $60^\circ$  latitude  $\approx 350/24 \approx 15$

# World with Satellite Track

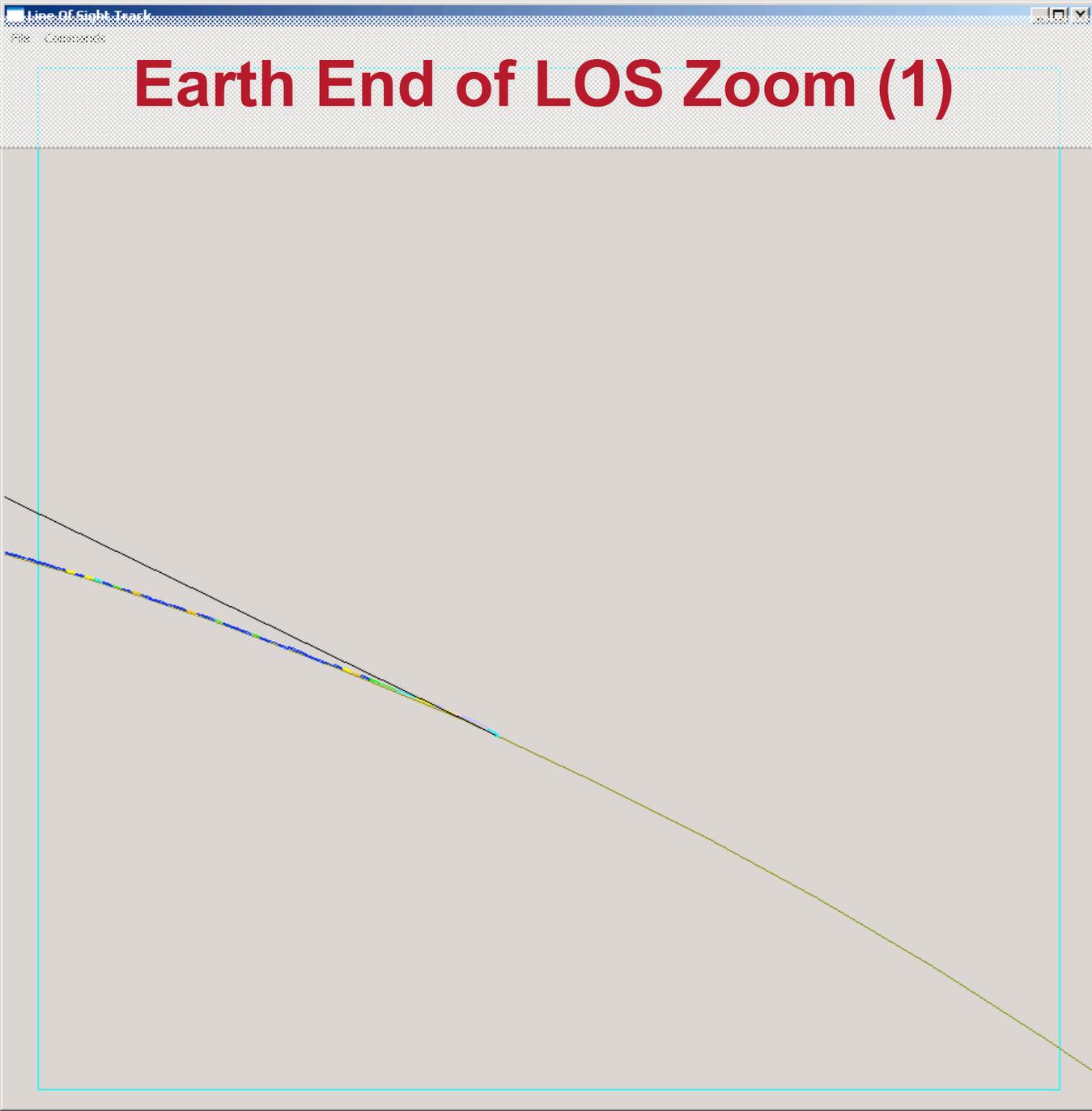




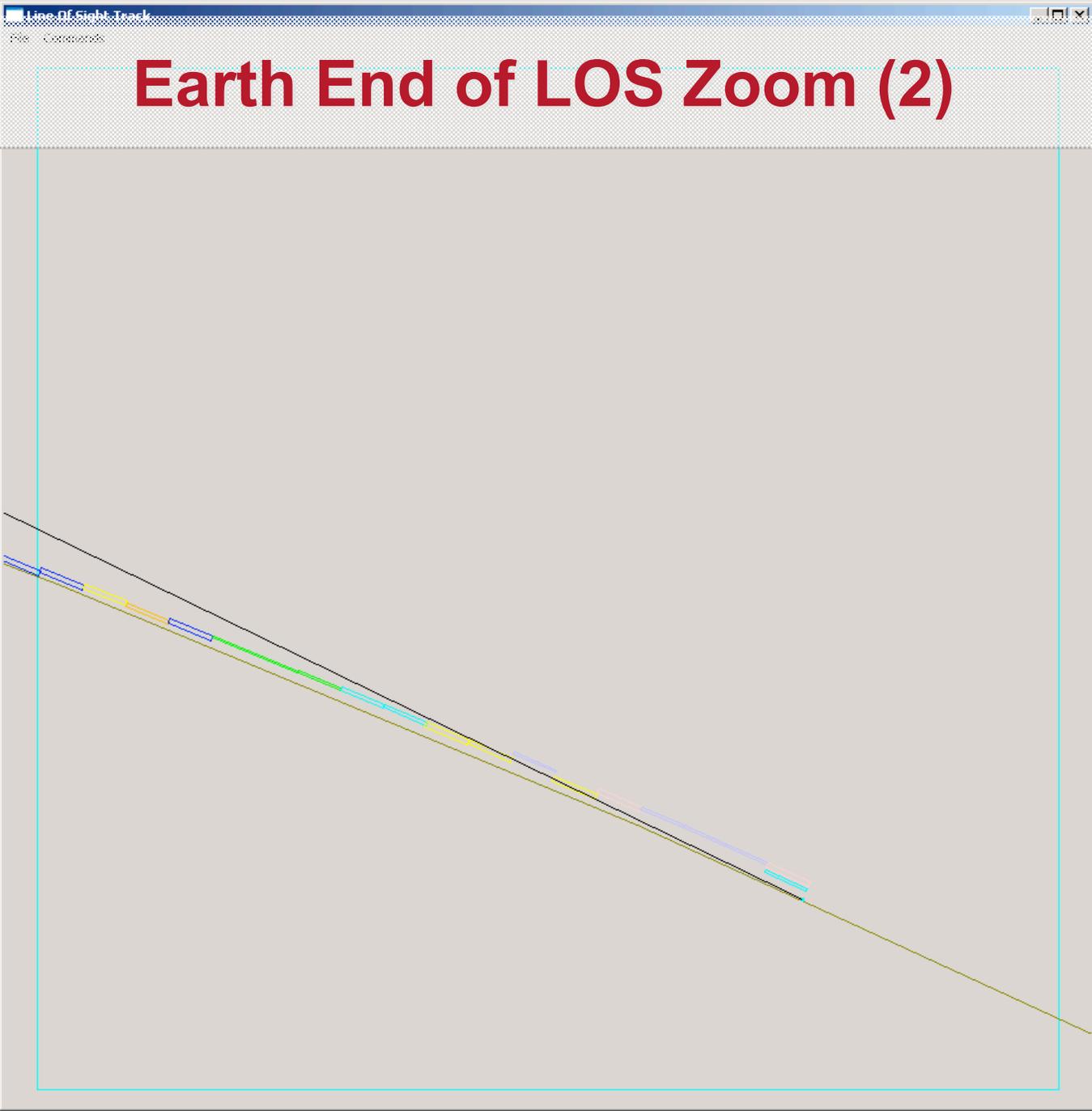




# Side View of Orbit Plane with Clouds and LOS



# Earth End of LOS Zoom (1)



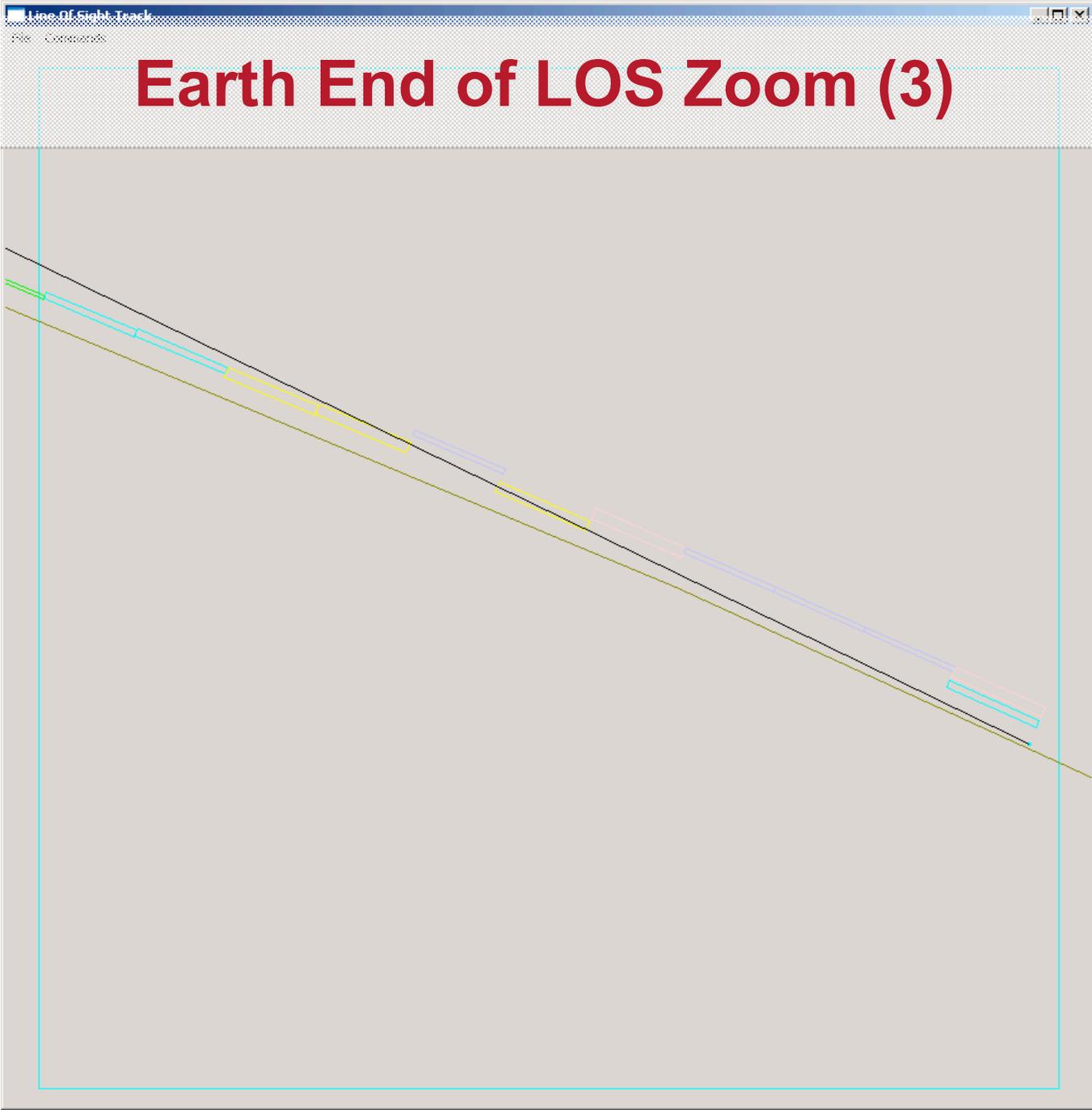
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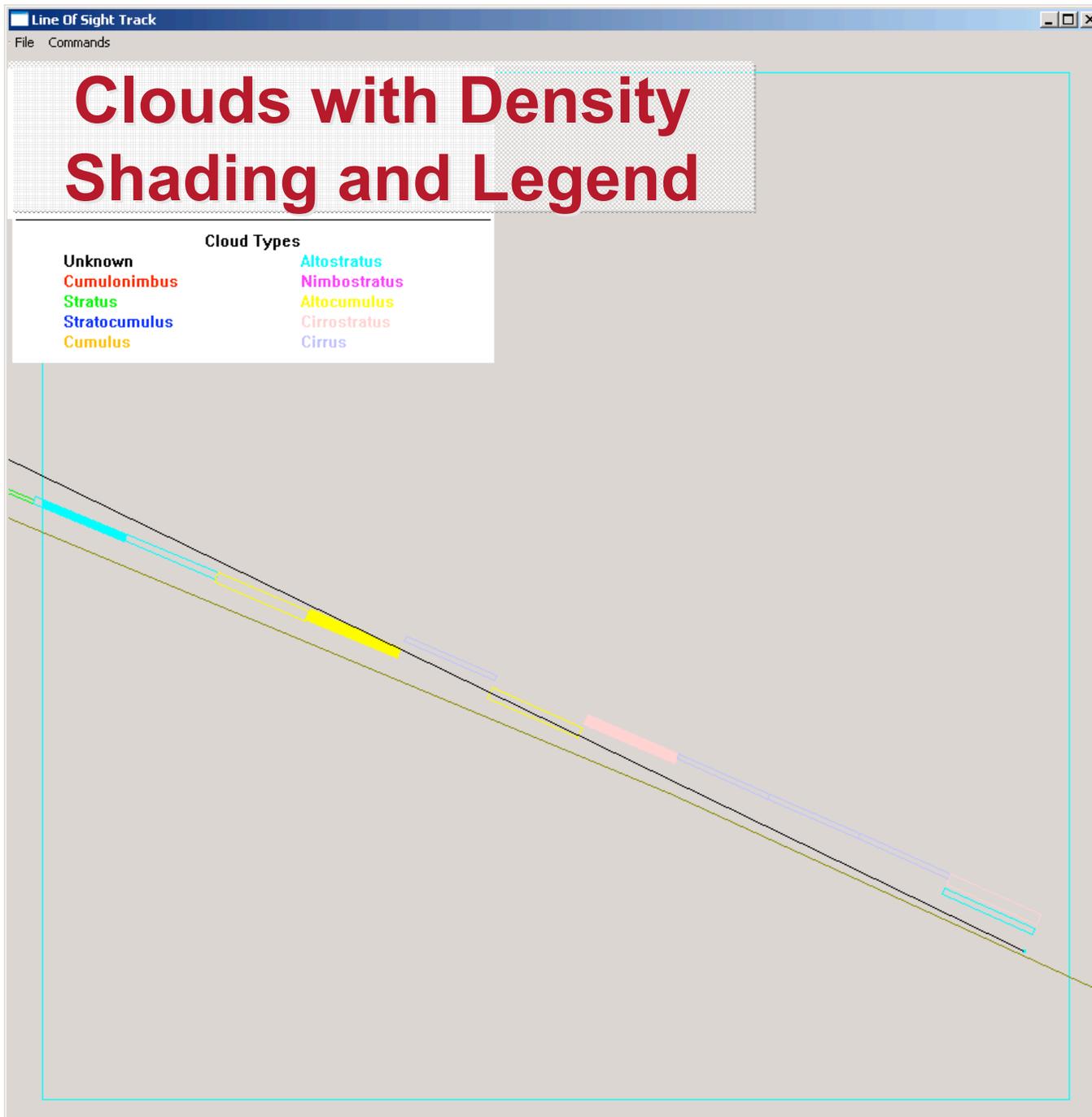
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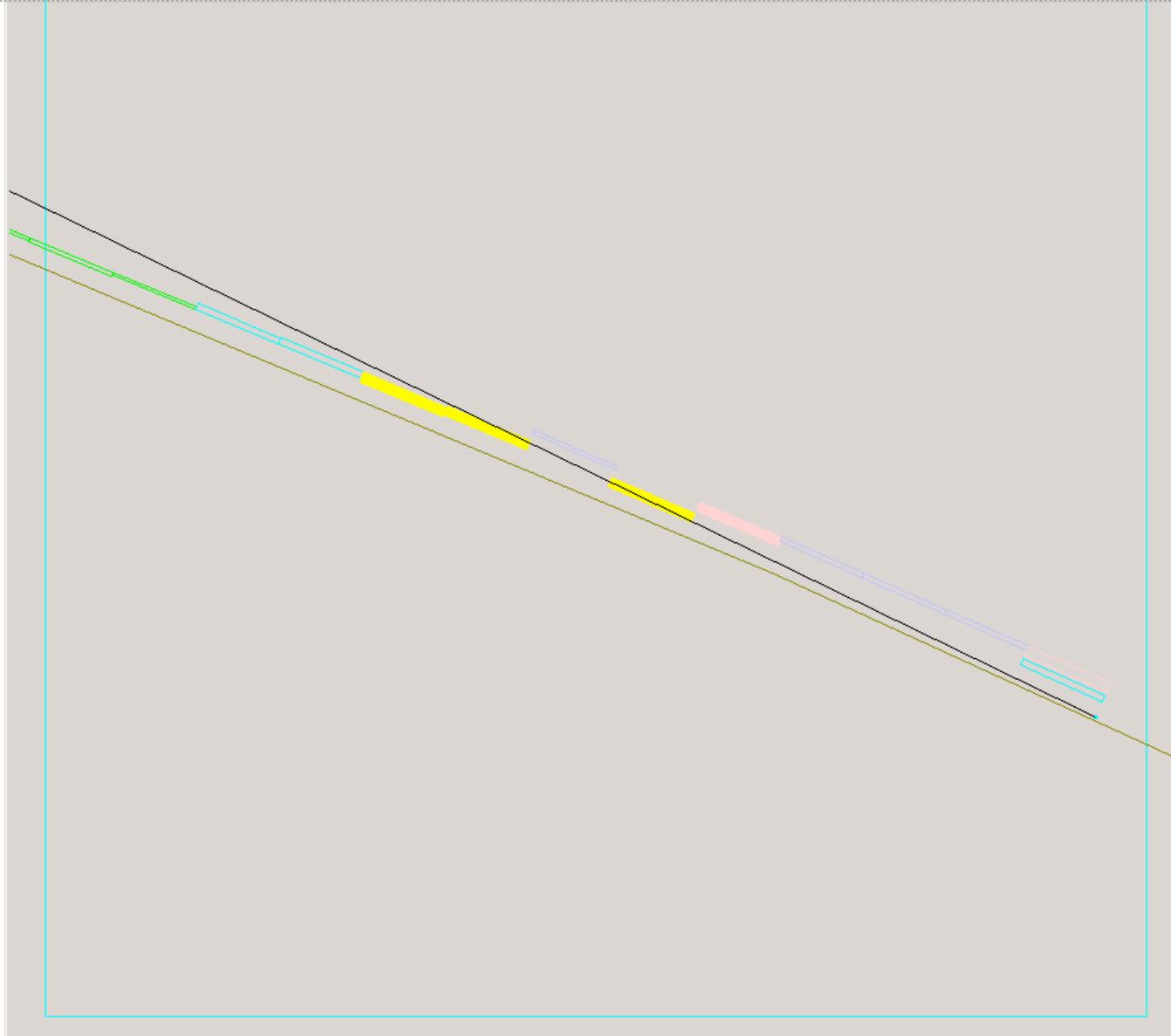




# Earth End of LOS Zoom (3)



# Clouds with Density Shading Zoom (1)



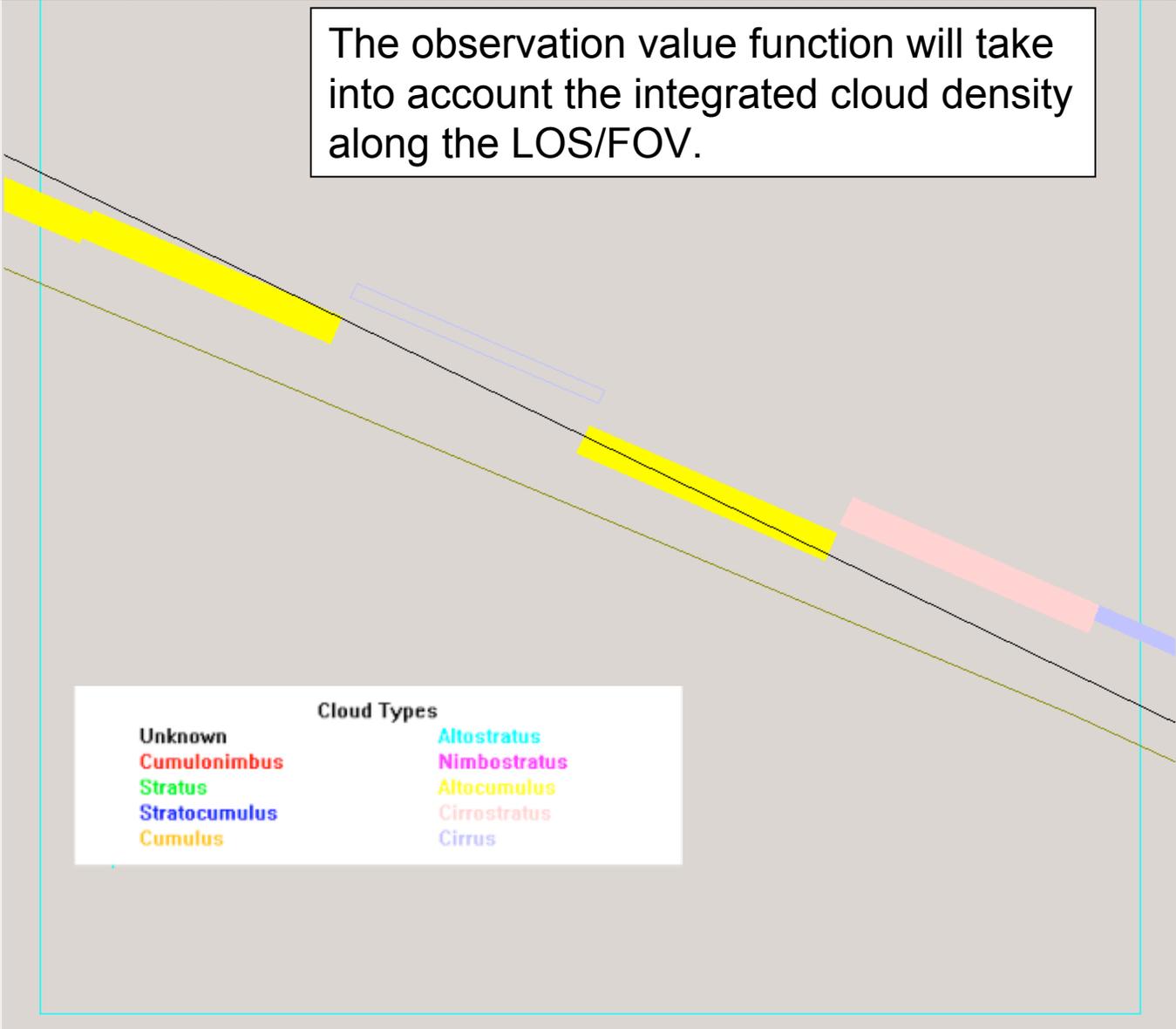
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# Clouds with Density Shading (2)

The observation value function will take into account the integrated cloud density along the LOS/FOV.



# Future Work

# Develop an Observation Plan for EO-1

- **EO-1 follows within 1 minute of Landsat-7**
- **Instrument of interest is Hyperion**
  - Hyperspectral imager
- **In discussions with EO-1 mission operators**
  - Use EPOS to select targets for Hyperion to observe
  - Can use Landsat-7 observations to simulate correlative observations

# Virtual Observatory

- **Generalization of single-sensor scenario**
- **Generalization with respect to inputs**
  - Science requests come in to the system as a *whole*, with many sensor resources at its disposal, *not* for a particular sensor
  - Requests are for *data products*, *not* specific sensor output
  - Must consider constraints on operational modes of *all relevant satellite* resources over planning period
- **Generalization with respect to planning and replanning – two possible modes**
  - EPOS used to provide schedule and “quality” (cloud state of observed targets) of available data products – no sensor retasking
  - EPOS used to schedule observations – sensor retasking

# Validation / Science Campaign

- **Inputs**
  - Validation / campaign requests are received and prioritized
    - **The prioritized requests are translated into an observation value function over the relevant set of sensors, sets of sensors, times and targets**
  - Constraints on operational modes of all observation resources (including Earth-based) over the planning period are specified
  - Cloud coverage forecasts
- **Planning / replanning**
  - The EPOS mission manager produces a schedule with appropriate multiple sensor observations of targets

# Summary

- Developed concepts of operations for utilizing EPOS
- Implemented access to JAAWIN cloud data
  - Current estimate
  - Forecasts
- Developed and implemented HIRDLS and TES models
- Translated JAAWIN cloud data into use in EPOS Cloud Server for both off-nadir pointing and limb sounding
- Discussions on applying EPOS to EO-1 observation planning

