

Overview of Rev 88 and 91  
Enceladus flybys (E5 and E6): into  
the plume and over the South Pole



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# XM Enceladus Flyby Summary

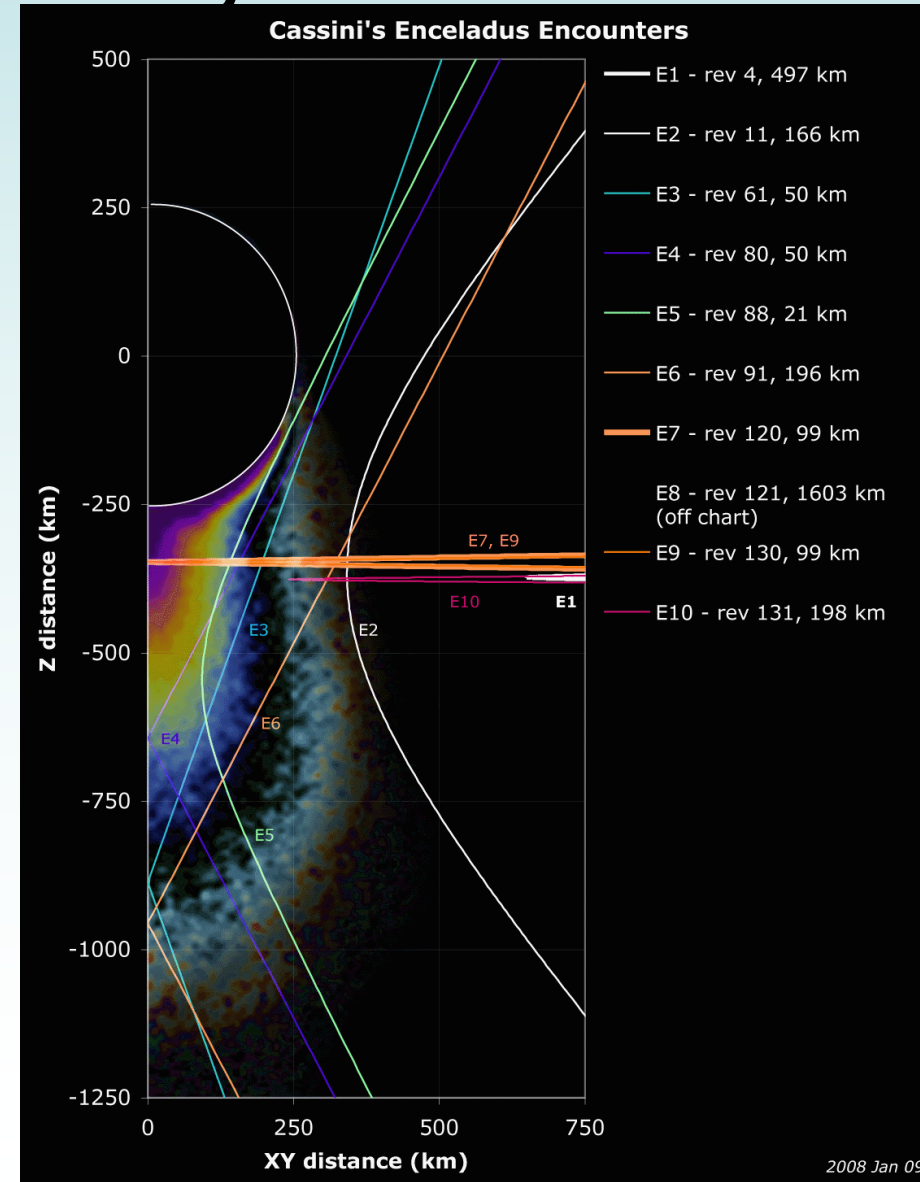
Date	rev	Speed km/s	Altitude (km)	Orbit Inclination	C/A science emphasis
12-Mar-2008	61	14.3	50	High	Plume sampling <b>E3</b>
11-Aug-2008	80	17.7	50	High	S. pole remote sensing <b>E4</b>
<b>9-Oct-2008</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Plume sampling E5</b>
<b>31-Oct-2008</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>S. pole remote sensing E6</b>
2-Nov-2009	120	7.7	96	Low	Plume sampling <b>E7</b>
21-Nov-2009	121	7.7	1560	Low	S. pole remote sensing <b>E8</b>
28-Apr-2010	130	6.5	96	Low	S. pole gravity <b>E9</b>
18-May-2010	131	7	246	Low	Plume solar occultation <b>E10</b>

Adapted from John Spencer

***Note: The Rev 91 flyby (E6) is not targeted.***

# Trajectory

- Rev 88 involves a passage into the plume to optimize MAPS objectives
- Rev 91 involves a passage over the south pole to investigate the nature and variability of the active areas with ORS instruments

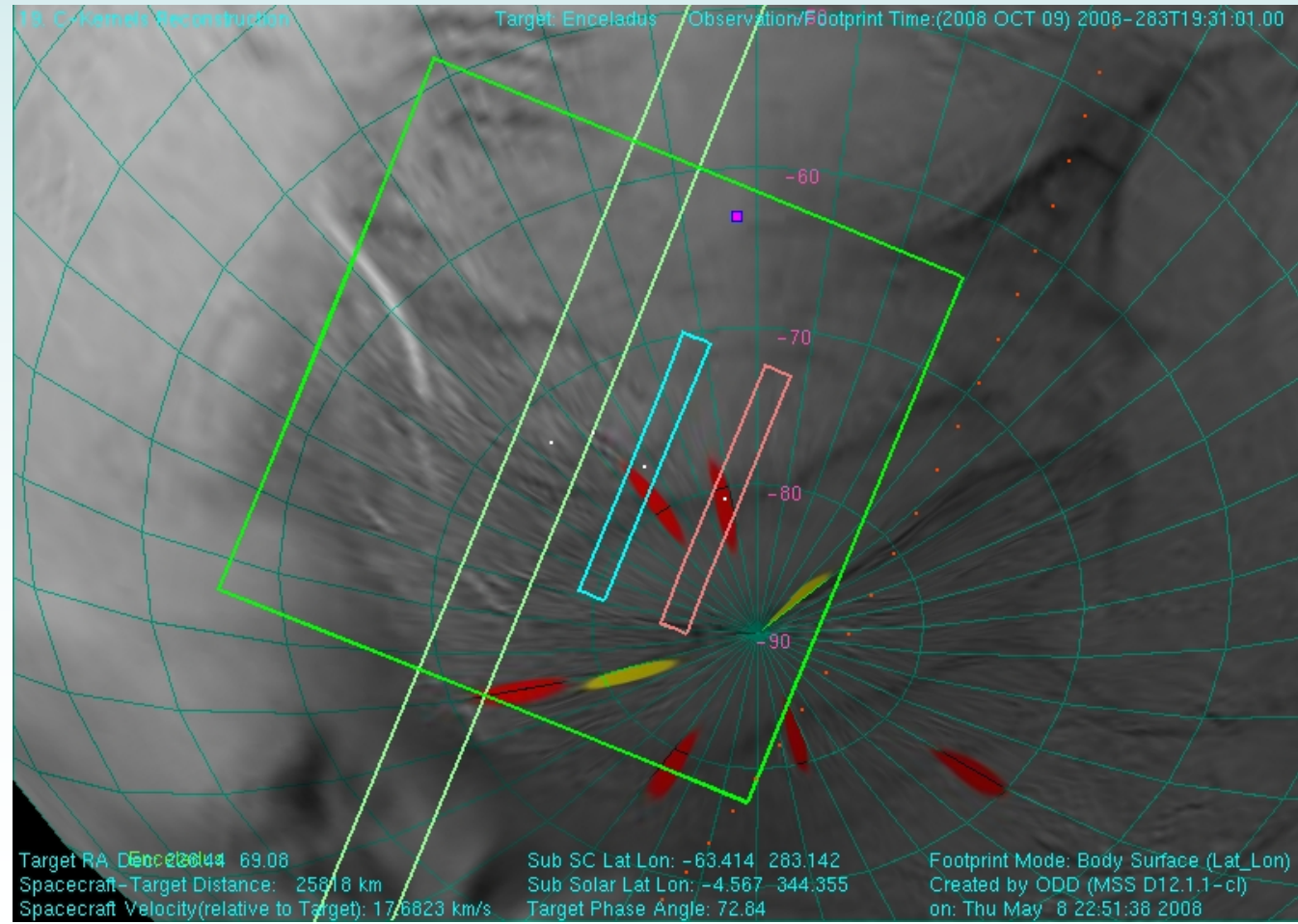


# Main scientific objectives (E5)

- Radar scatterometry to determine cm-scale roughness and radiometry to understand the energy balance
- VIMS compositional mapping to determine the identity of volatiles, organics, and minerals, and place them within a geologic context
- **MAPS examination of the particle environment at ~20 km from the surface to determine the nature of the material coming from the plumes, its relationship to the E-ring, and the mechanism for its release**
- CIRS observations of the warm-up after solar eclipse to determine the heat capacity and textural properties of the regolith
- ISS global and regional imaging to determine global geology, context for other observations, and possible changes
- Search for variability in the plumes and particle environment

# Main scientific objectives (E6)

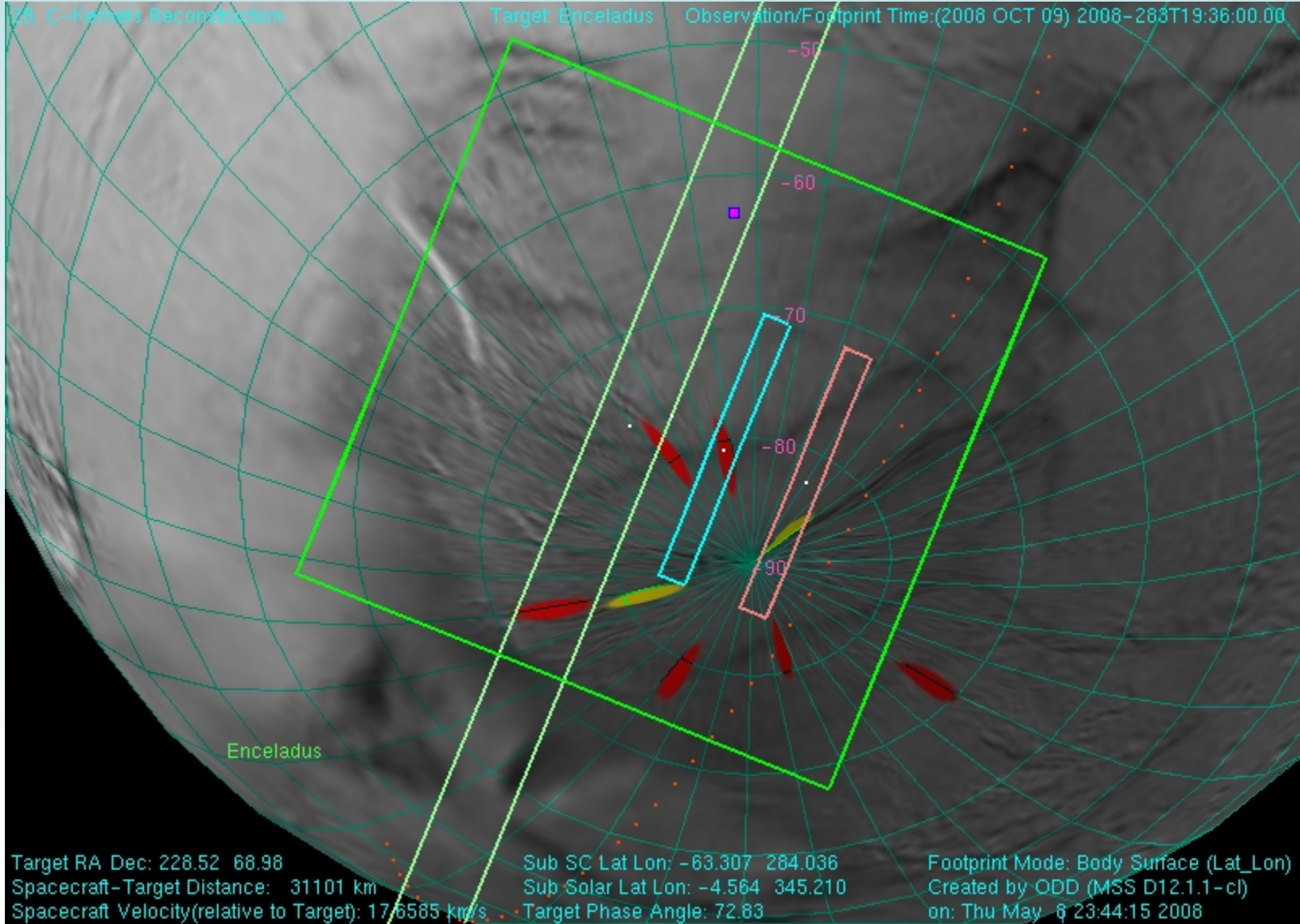
- Radar scatterometry to determine cm-scale roughness and radiometry to understand the energy balance
- **VIMS compositional mapping to determine the identity of volatiles, organics, and minerals, and place them within a geologic context; determination of upper limits on the temperature of the plumes**
- **MAPS examination of the particle environment at ~200 km from the surface to determine the nature of the material coming from the surface, its relationship to the E-ring, the mechanism for its expulsion, and the size distribution of the particles with distance from the vent.**
- **ISS meter-scale imaging of the tiger stripes to determine their nature and the mechanism for plume activity; global and regional mapping to determine the geologic history of Enceladus including the existence of possible remnant tiger stripes**
- **CIRS observations of the warm-up after solar eclipse to determine the heat capacity and textural properties of the regolith; observations of hot spots to determine their temperature and detection of any changes from the previous flyby**
- Search for variability in the plumes and particle environment



28 C-Hemels Reconstruction

Target Enceladus

Observation/Footprint Time:(2008 OCT 09) 2008-283T19:36:00.00



Target RA Dec: 228.52 68.98  
Spacecraft-Target Distance: 31101 km  
Spacecraft Velocity(relative to Target): 17.6585 km/s

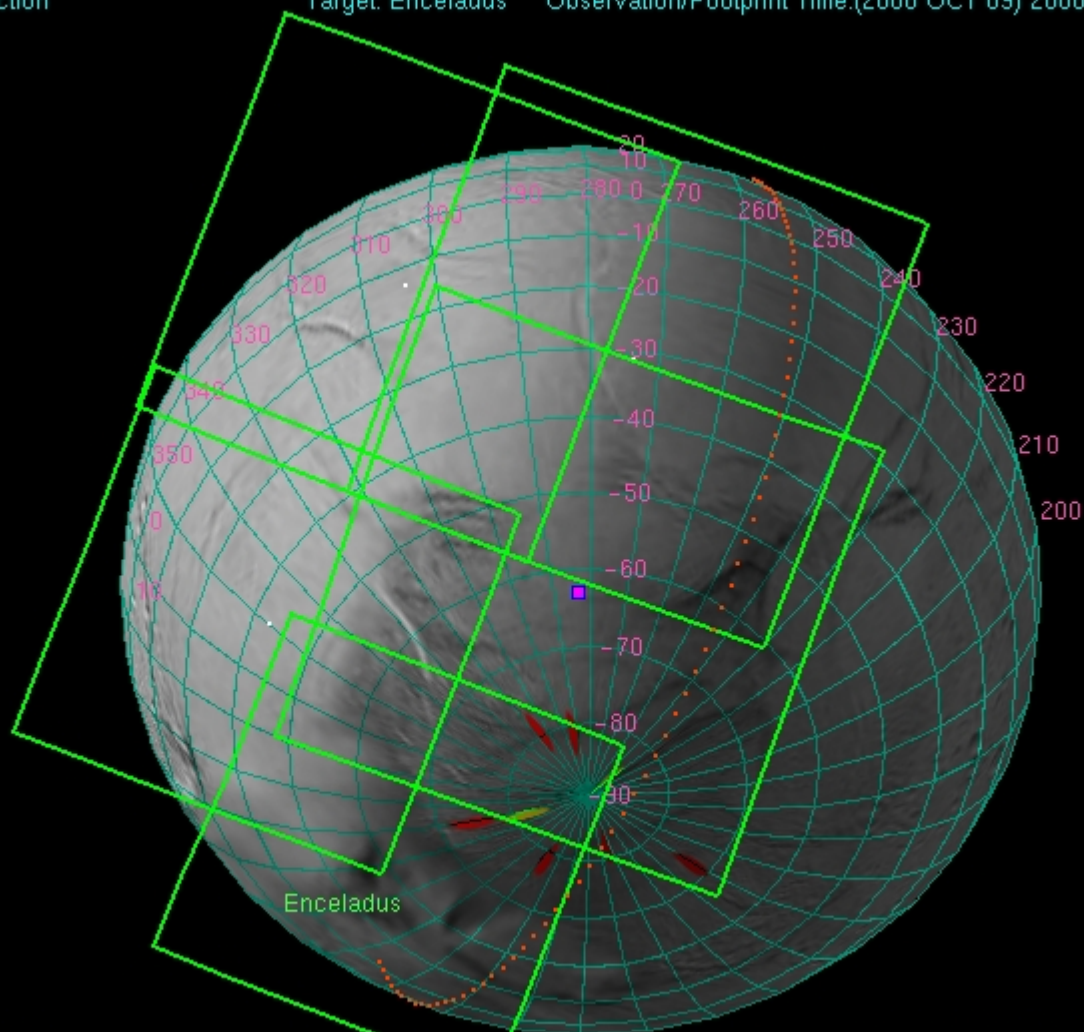
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Sub Solar Lat Lon: -4.564 345.210  
Target Phase Angle: 72.83

Footprint Mode: Body Surface (Lat\_Lon)  
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10. C-Kernels Reconstruction

Target: Enceladus

Observation/Footprint Time:(2008 OCT 09) 2008-283T19:37:47.00



Target RA Dec: 228.96 68.97

Spacecraft-Target Distance: 32993 km

Spacecraft Velocity(relative to Target): 17.6471 km/s

Sub SC Lat Lon: -63.294 284.020

Sub Solar Lat Lon: -4.563 345.516

Target Phase Angle: 72.97

Footprint Mode: Body Surface (Lat\_Lon)

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# Rev. 88, 91 CIRS Enceladus Preview

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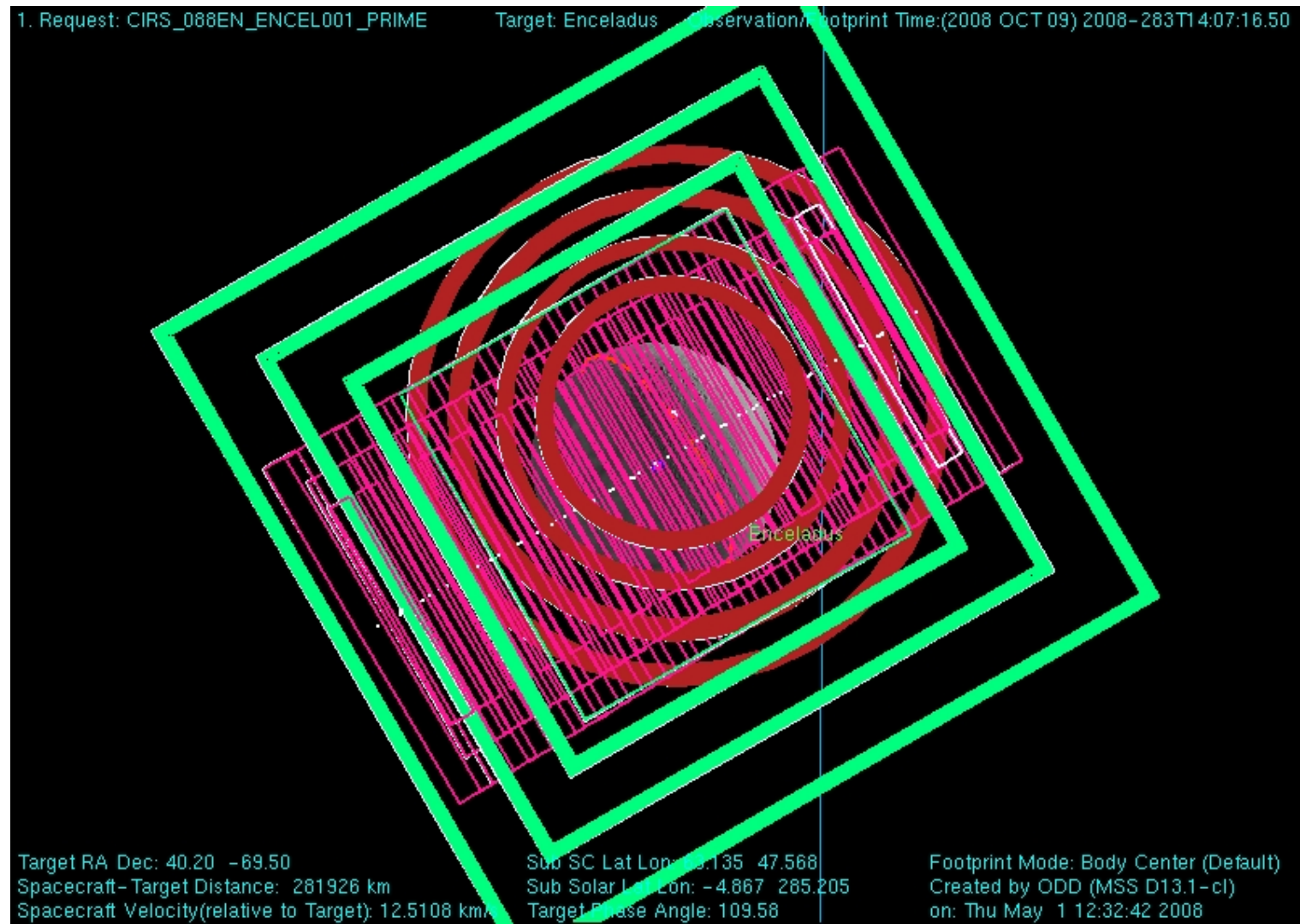
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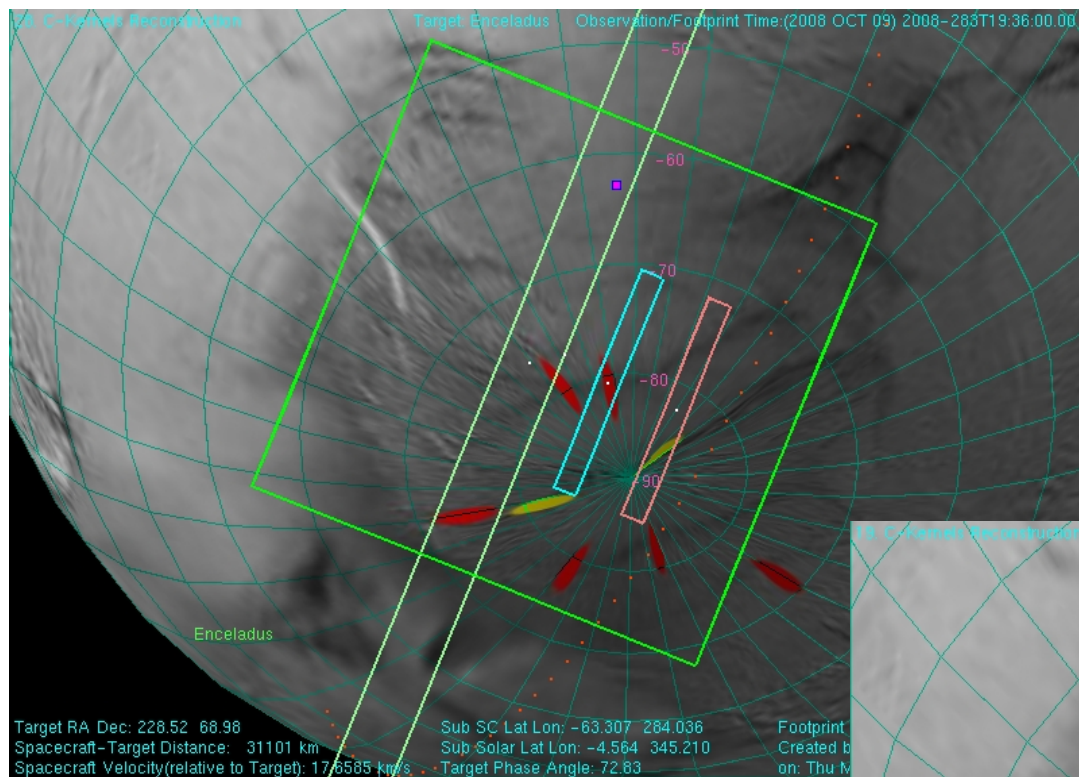
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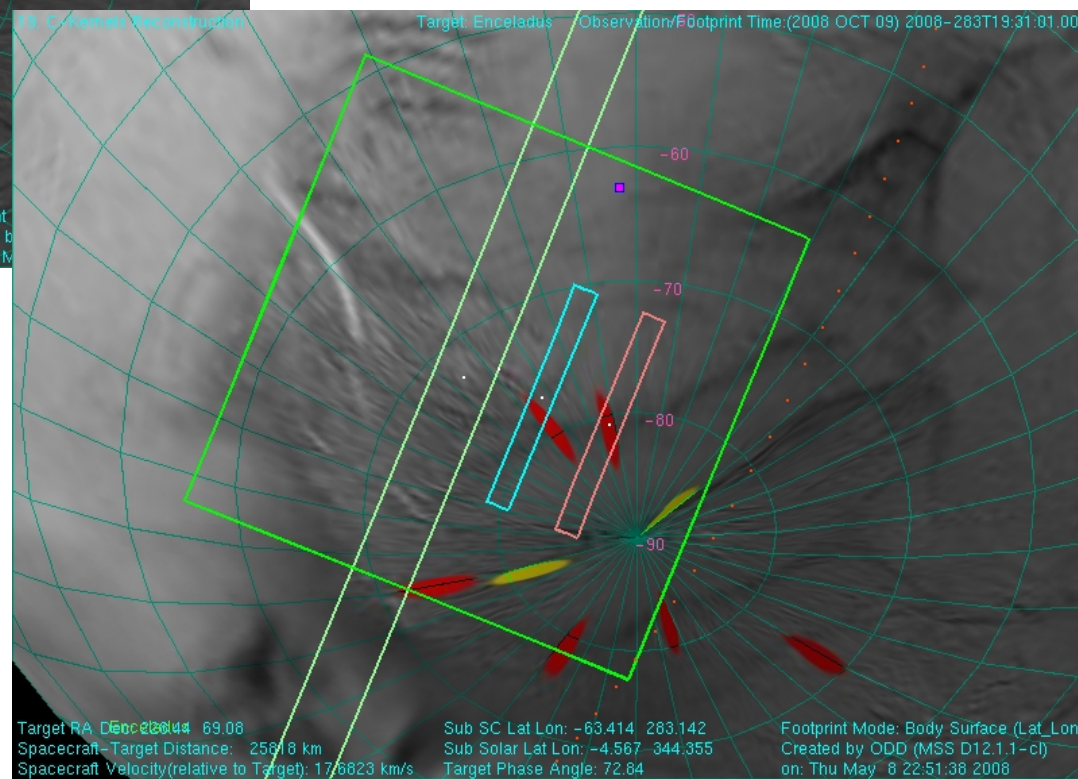
- Successive FP1 stares, FP3 scans, NAC stares



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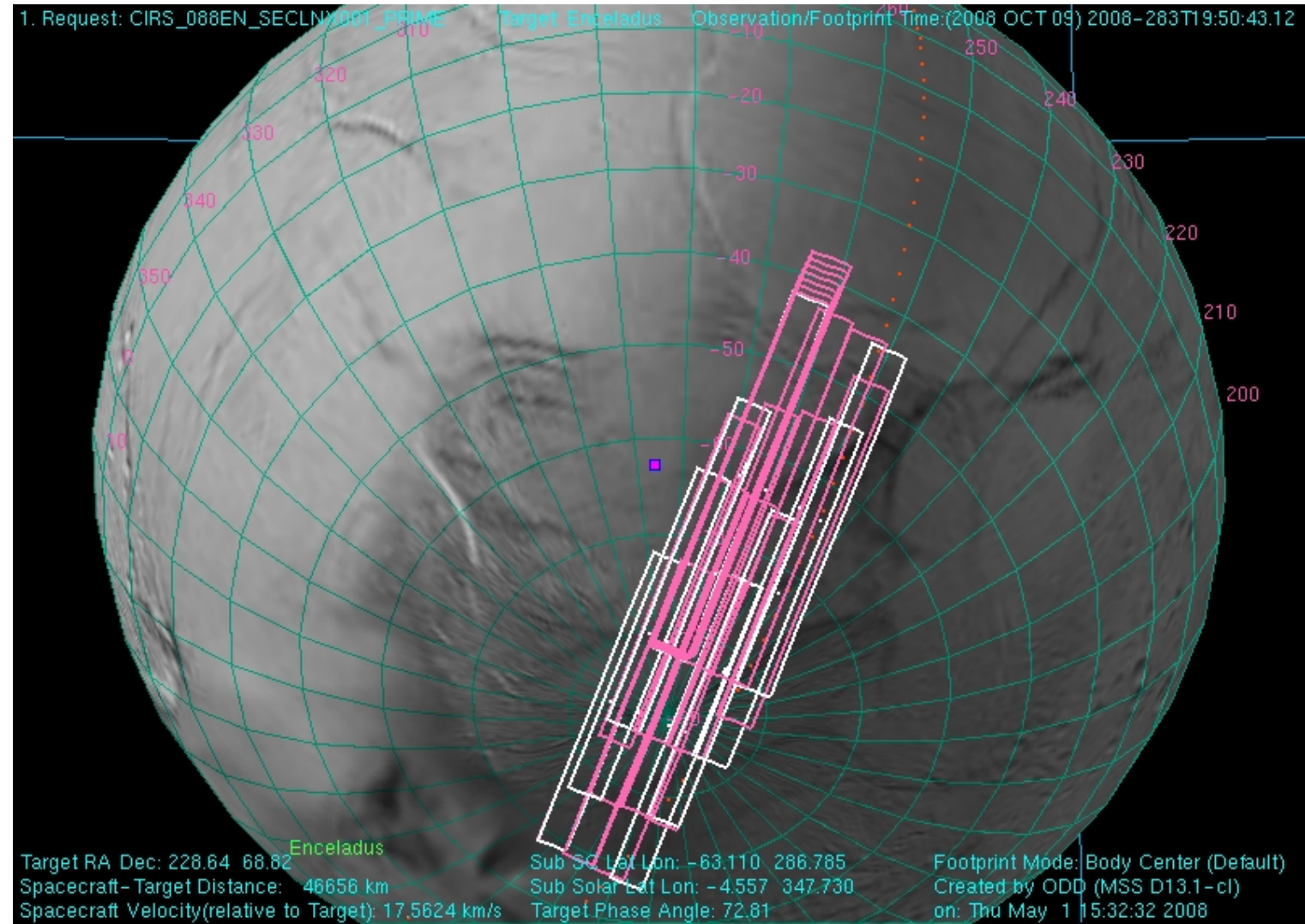


- 19:31 - 19:36
- FP3, FP4 on plume source III, Damascus Sulcus
- 7.5 - 9.0 km resolution



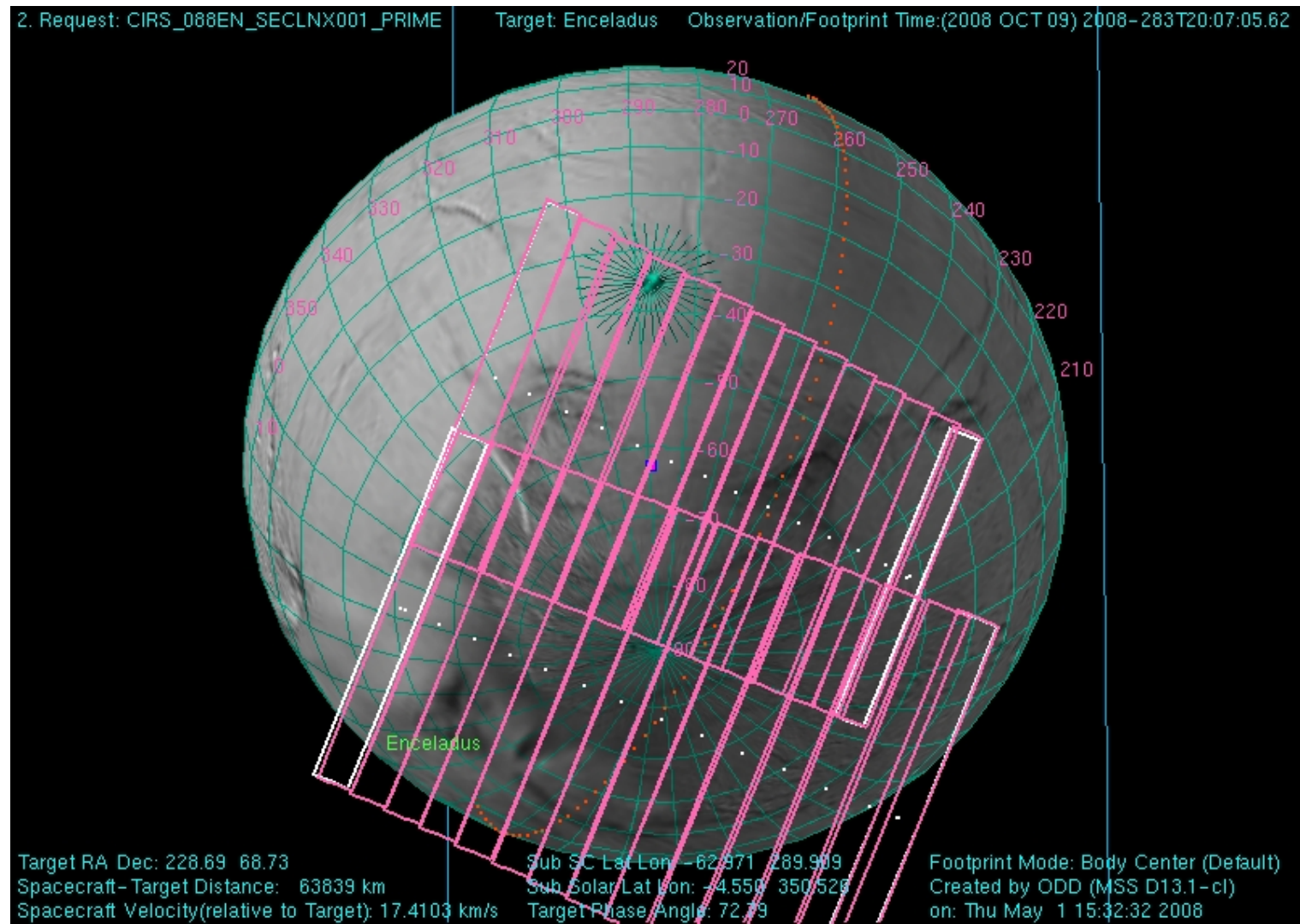
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- Eclipse disappearance: 19:52
- 19:50 - 20:06: “Super-resolution” dither of Damascus and Baghdad



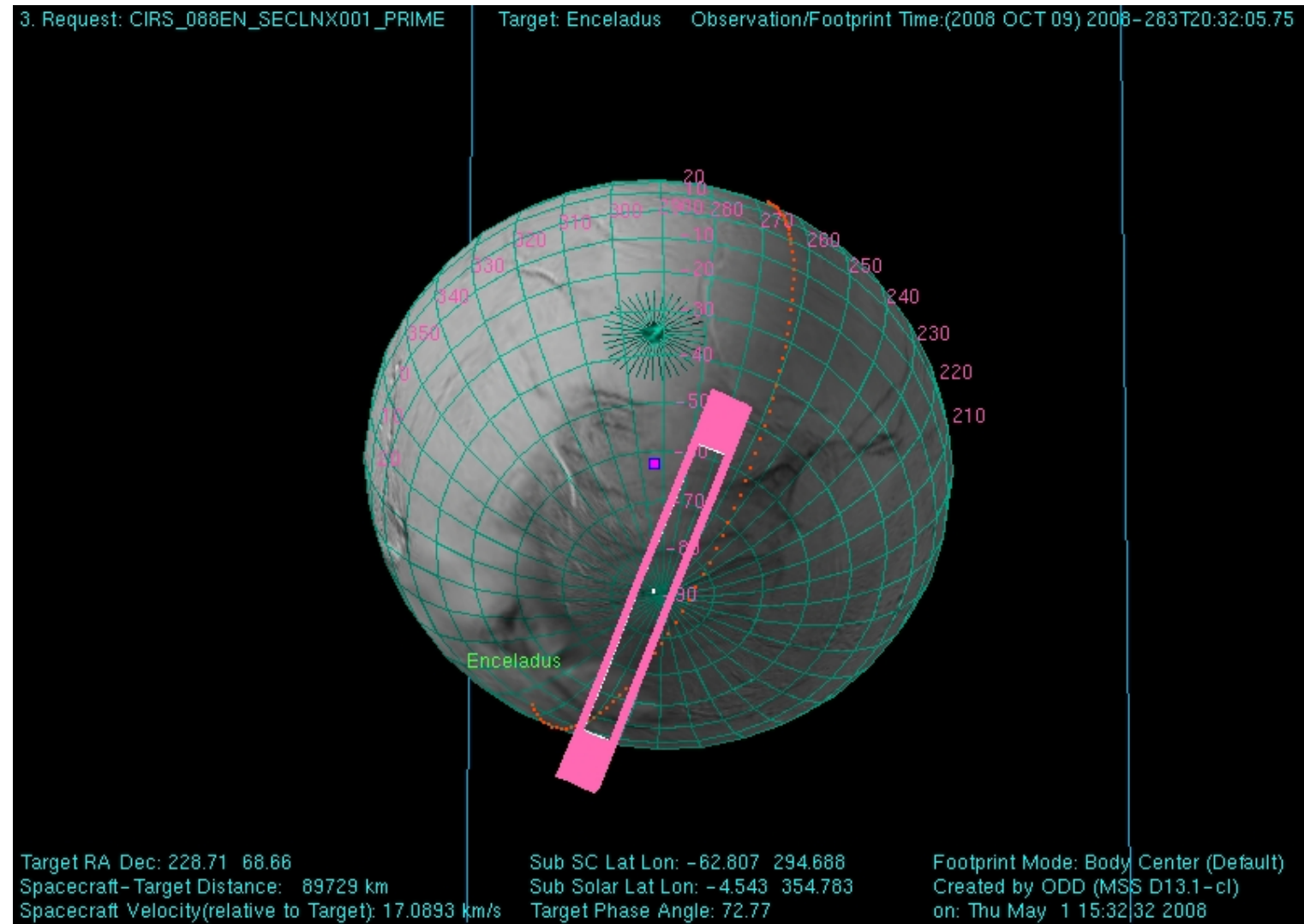
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- 20:07- 20:31 2-swath scan of south pole at 6  $\mu$ rad/sec
  - Fill in gaps in spatial coverage, look for time variability
  - 18 - 26 km resolution



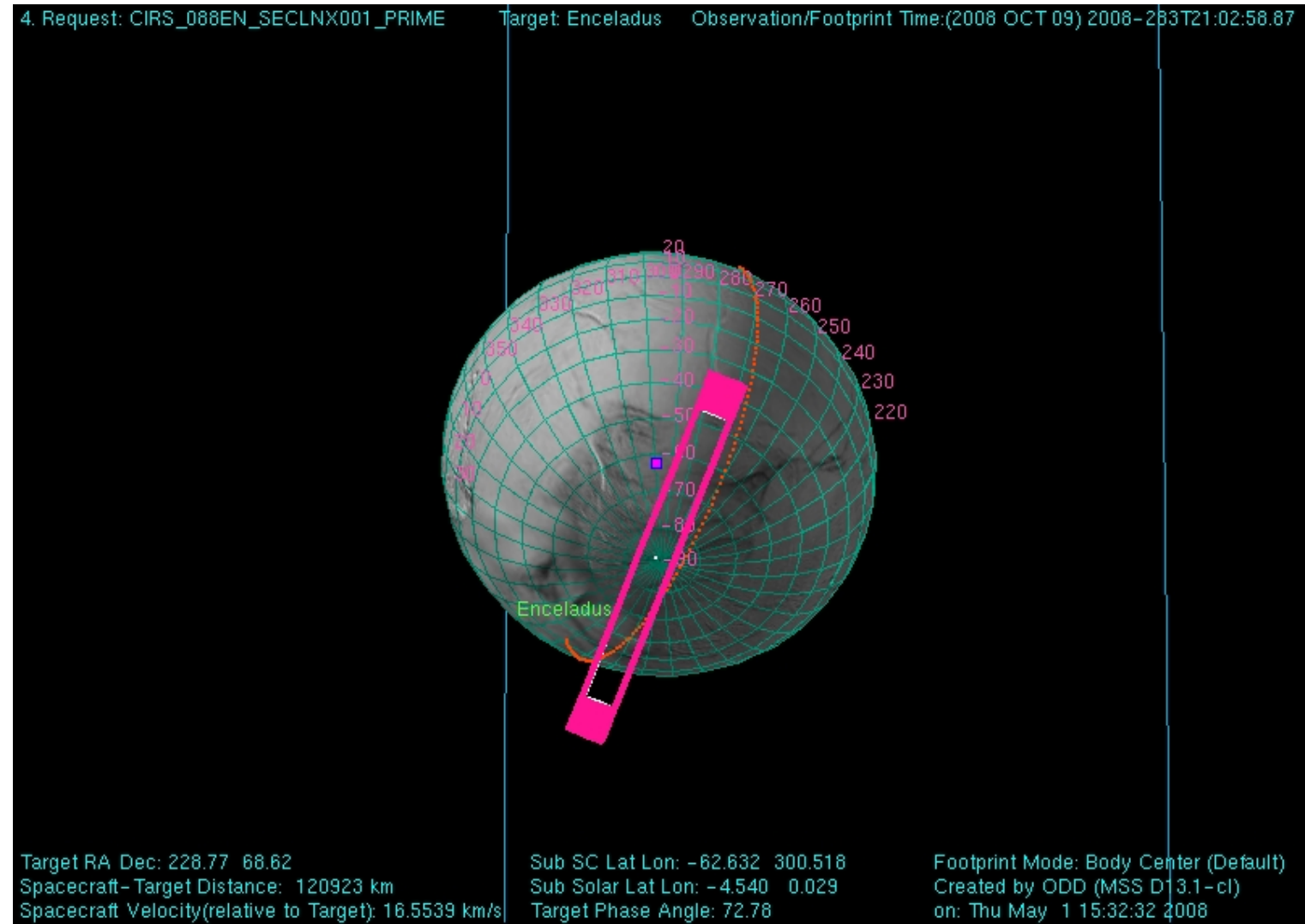
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- 20:31-21:02 29-minute stare with FP4 at 88 S, 0 W
- Transition back to wheels occurs during this stare



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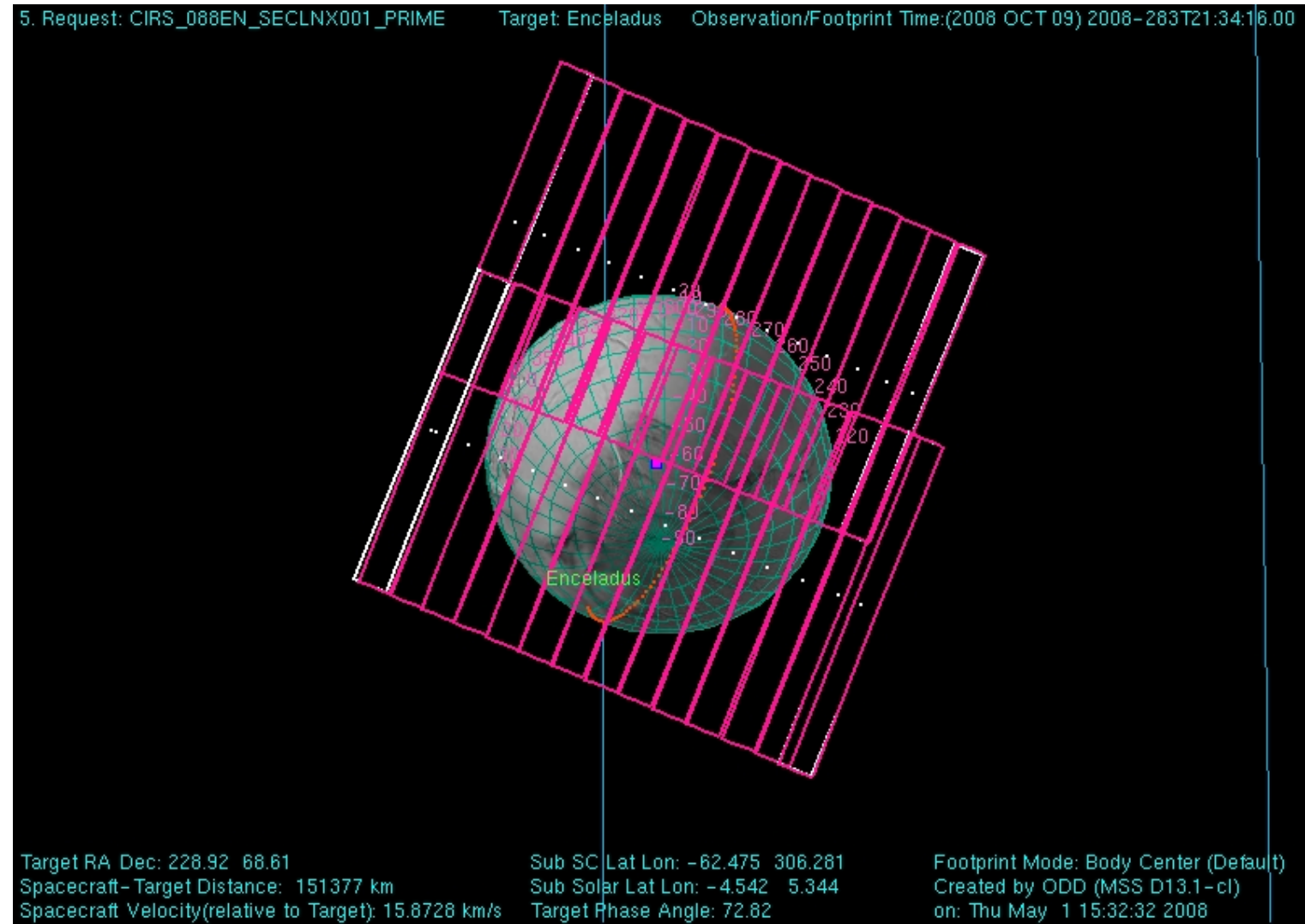
- 21:03 - 21:33 30-minute stare with FP3 at 88 S, 0 W
- NAC support image at 21:20





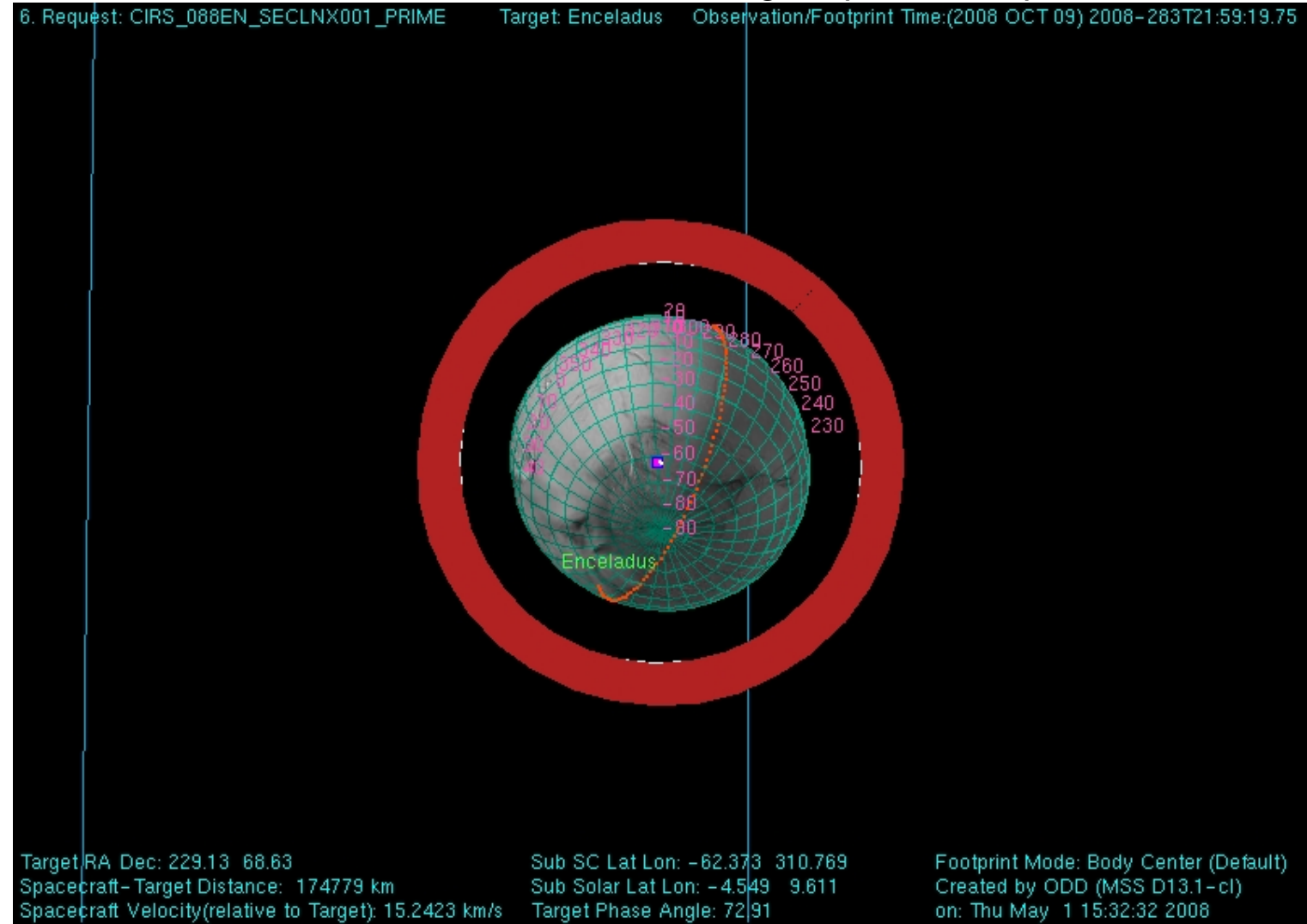
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- 21:35 - 22:00: FP3 global map
- 47 km resolution



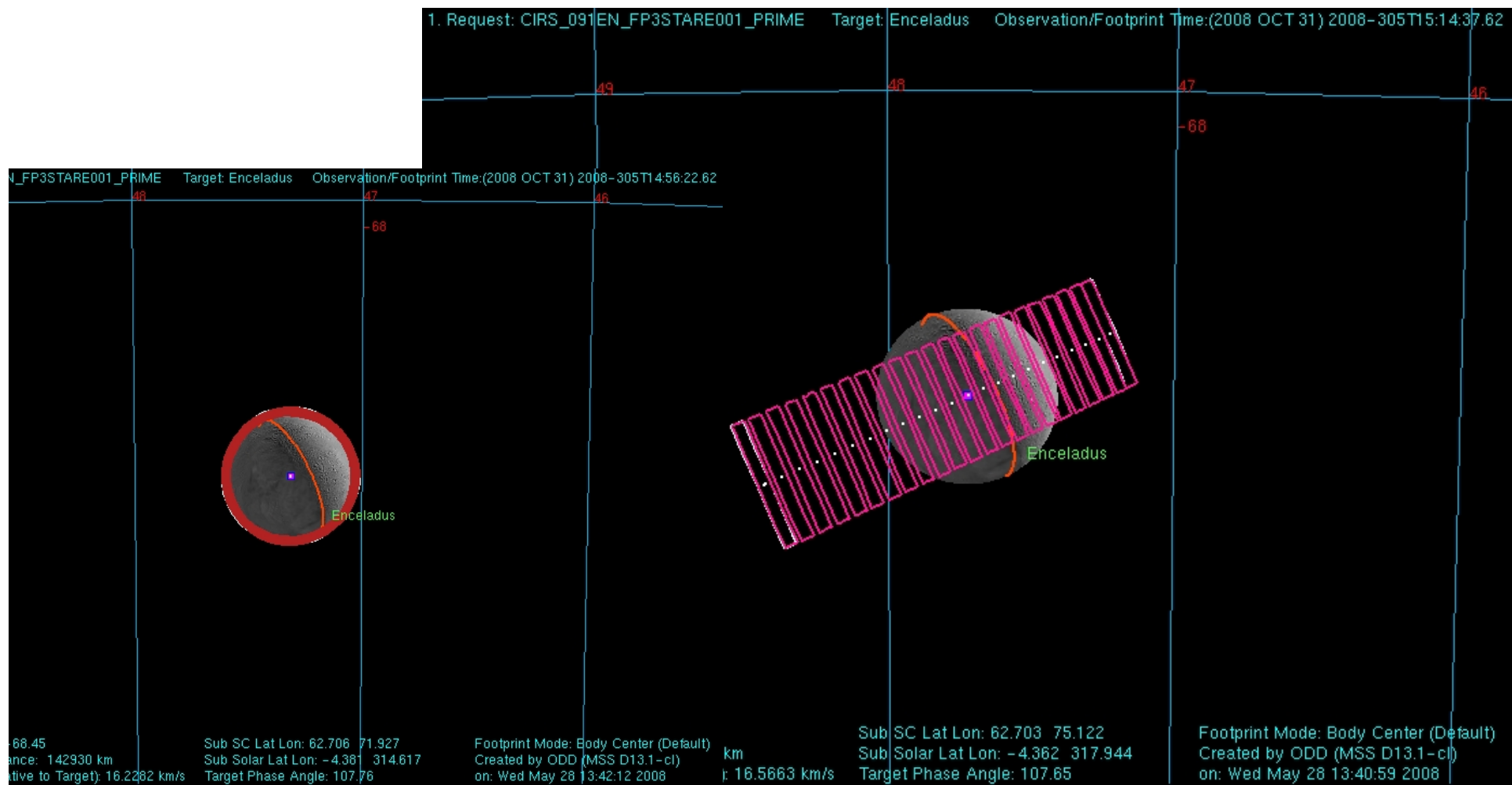
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- 21:59 - 22:40: FP1 stare centered on Enceladus, for eclipse reappearance (at 22:23)
  - WAC support image at 22:35
- 22:40 - 23:09: NAC to Enceladus for other ORS
- 23:12 - 00:05; FP1 stare centered on Enceladus, for remaining eclipse warmup
  - WAC support image at 23:40



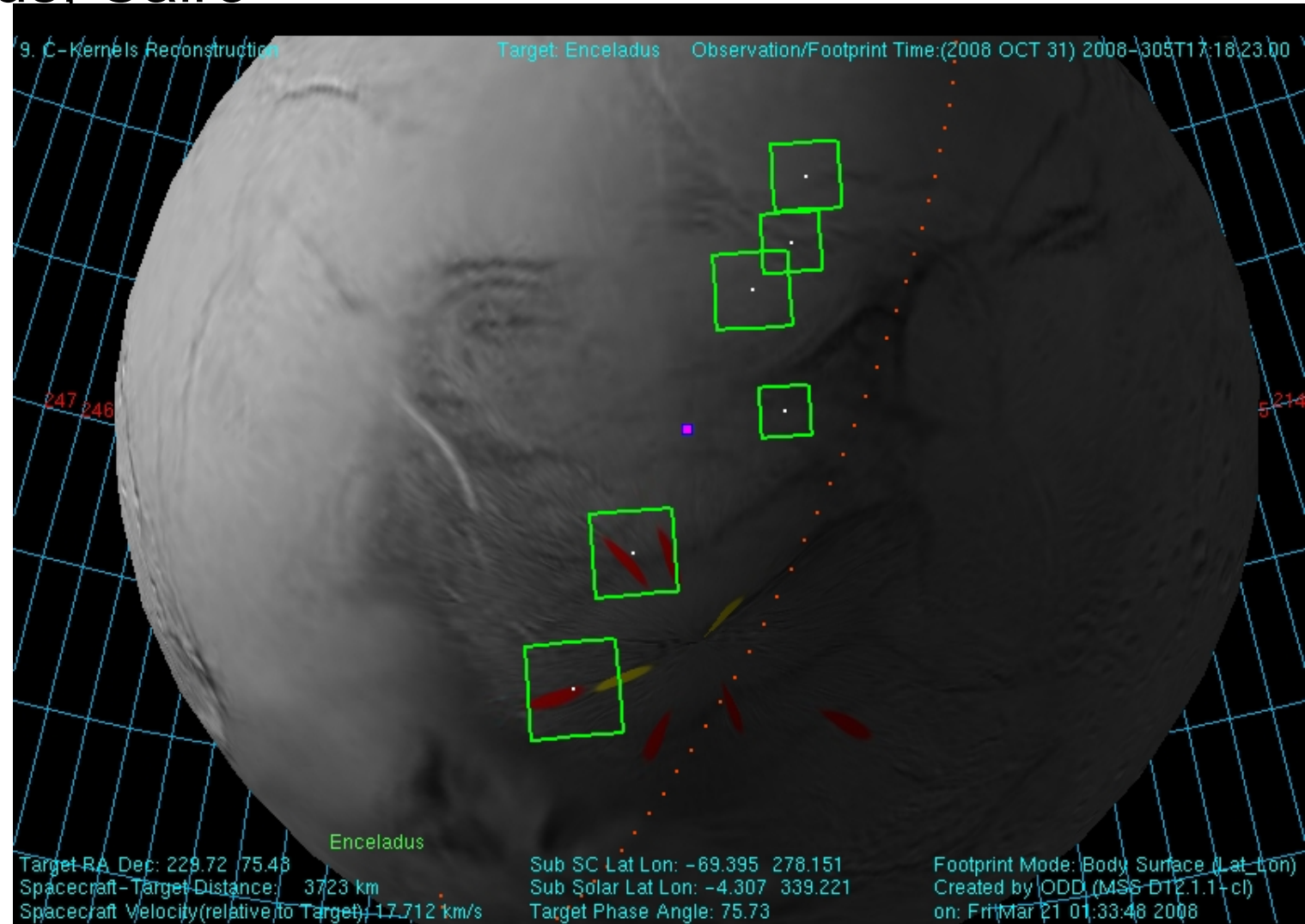
# CIRS\_091EN\_FP3STARE001\_PRIME: Rev 91 Approach

- 13:15 - 16:03
- Series of FP1 stares, FP3 stares, FP3 scans



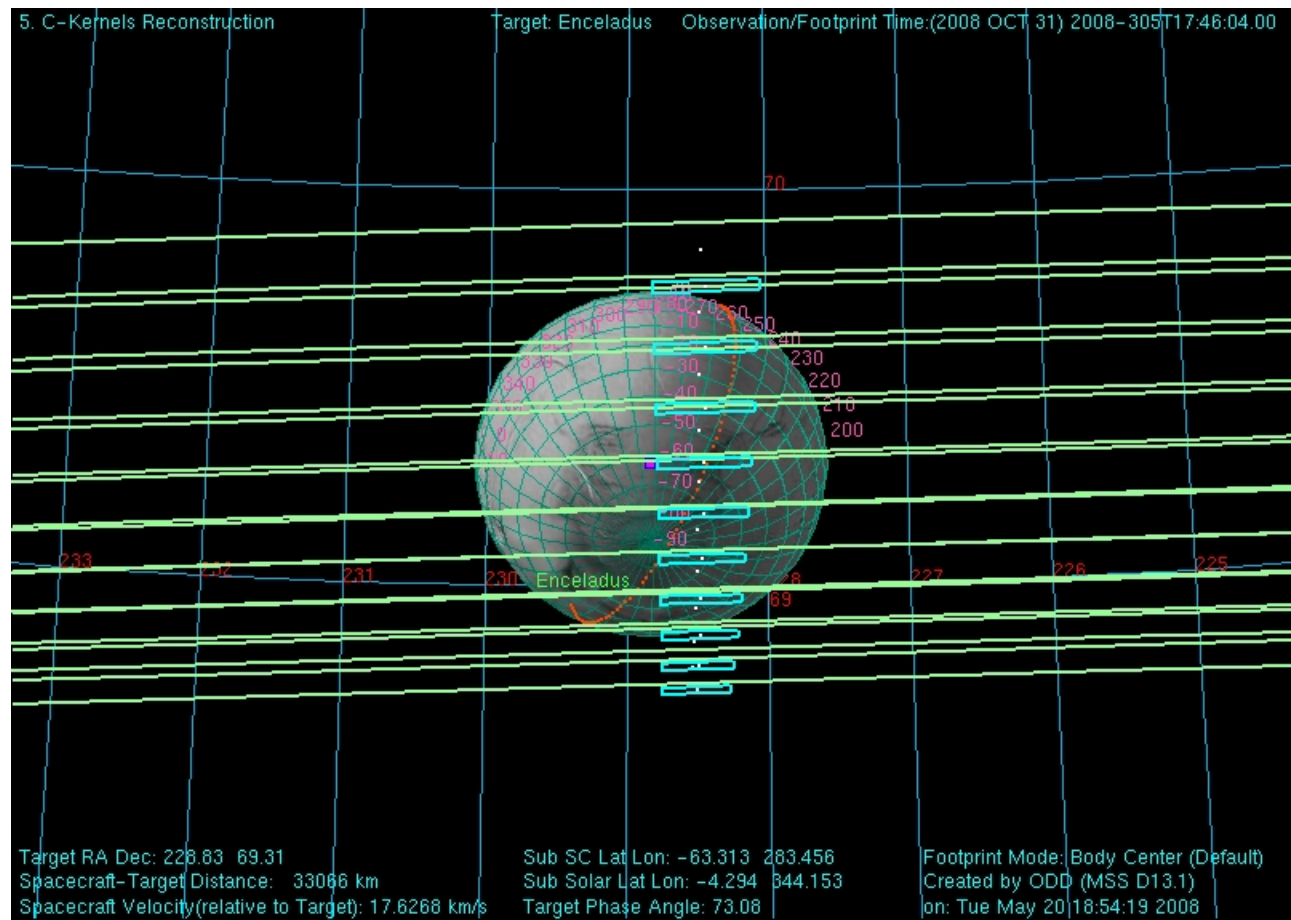
# ISS\_091EN\_ENCELCA001 Riders

- “Skeet shoot”
- FP3 on Damascus, Cairo



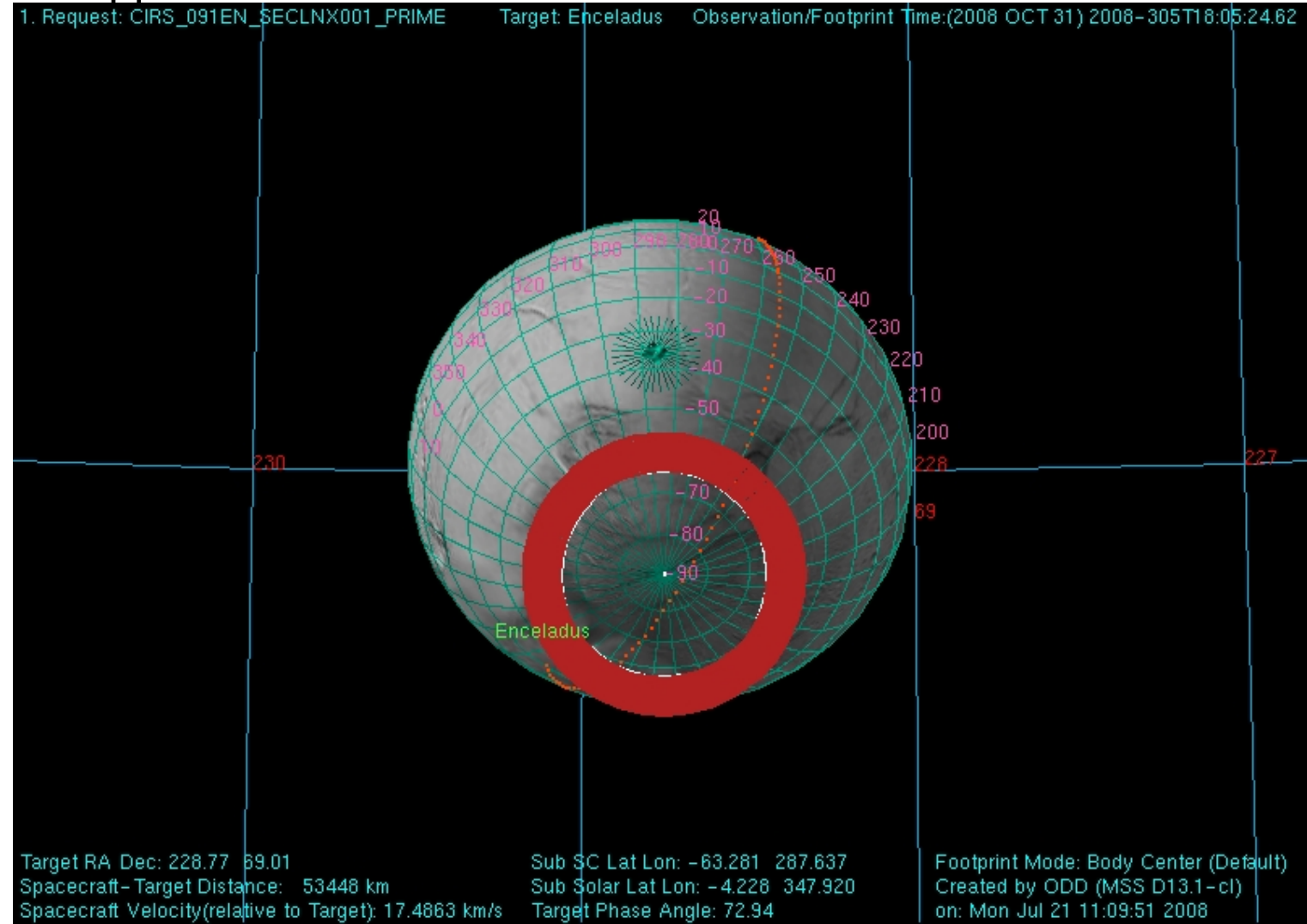
# UVIS\_091EN\_ICYMAP002 Rider

- 17:45 - 18:05
- Positioned for “gap fill” in high-resolution FP3 mapping of the south polar region



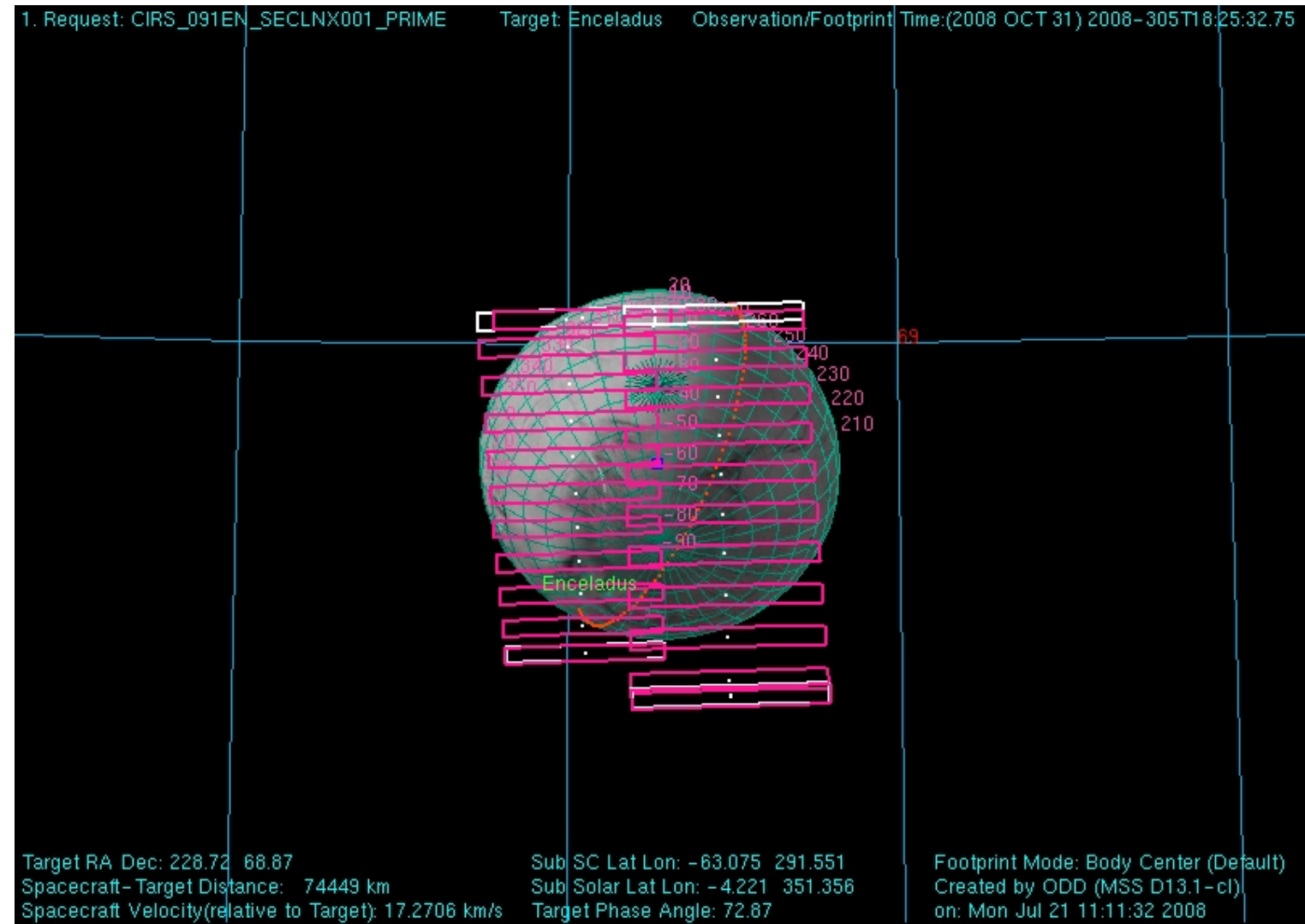
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- 18:04 - 18:24: FP1 stare at south pole for total south polar heat flow
  - Eclipse disappearance at 18:05



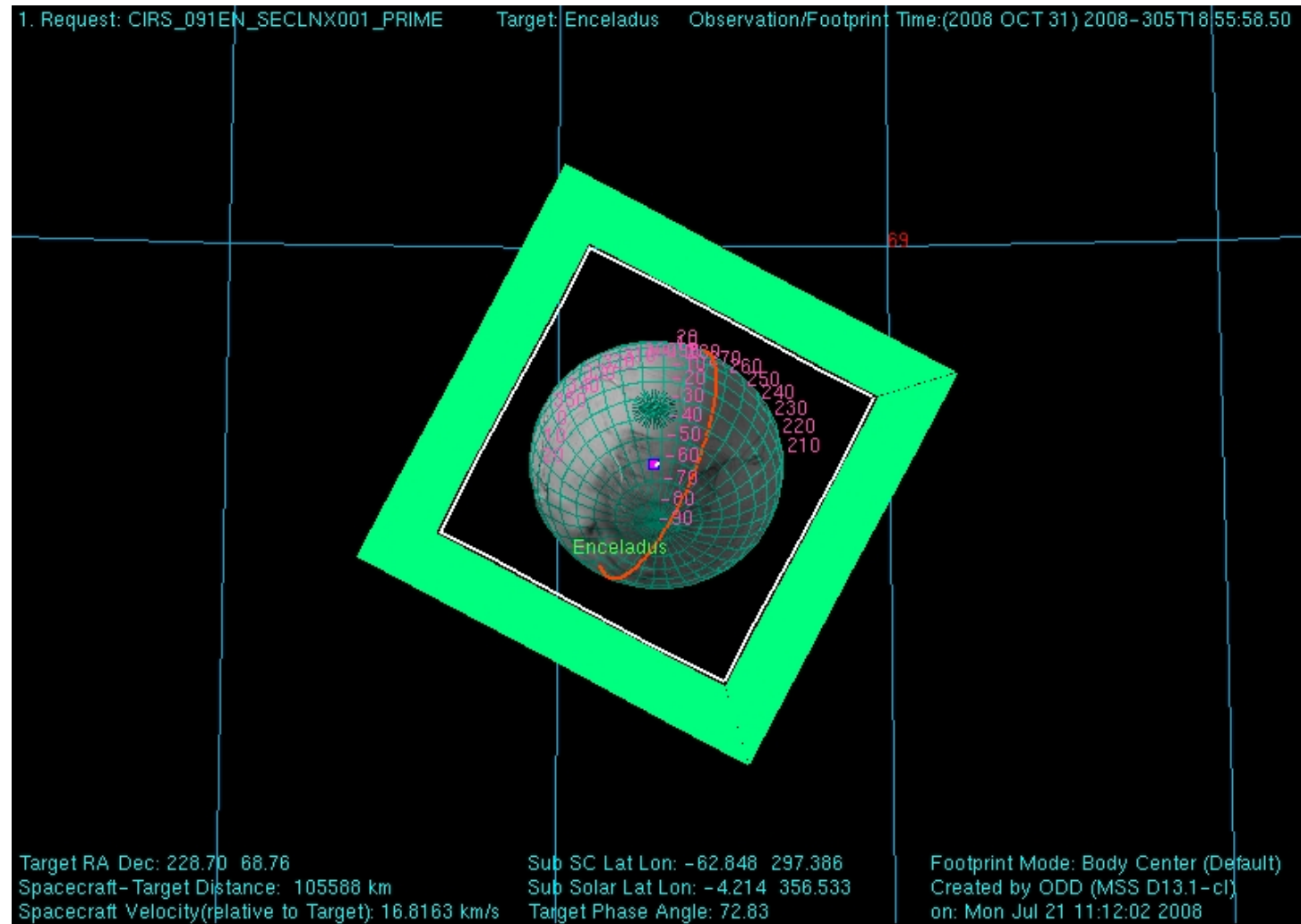
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- 18:24 - 19:04: FP3 global map, 12  $\mu$ rad/sec



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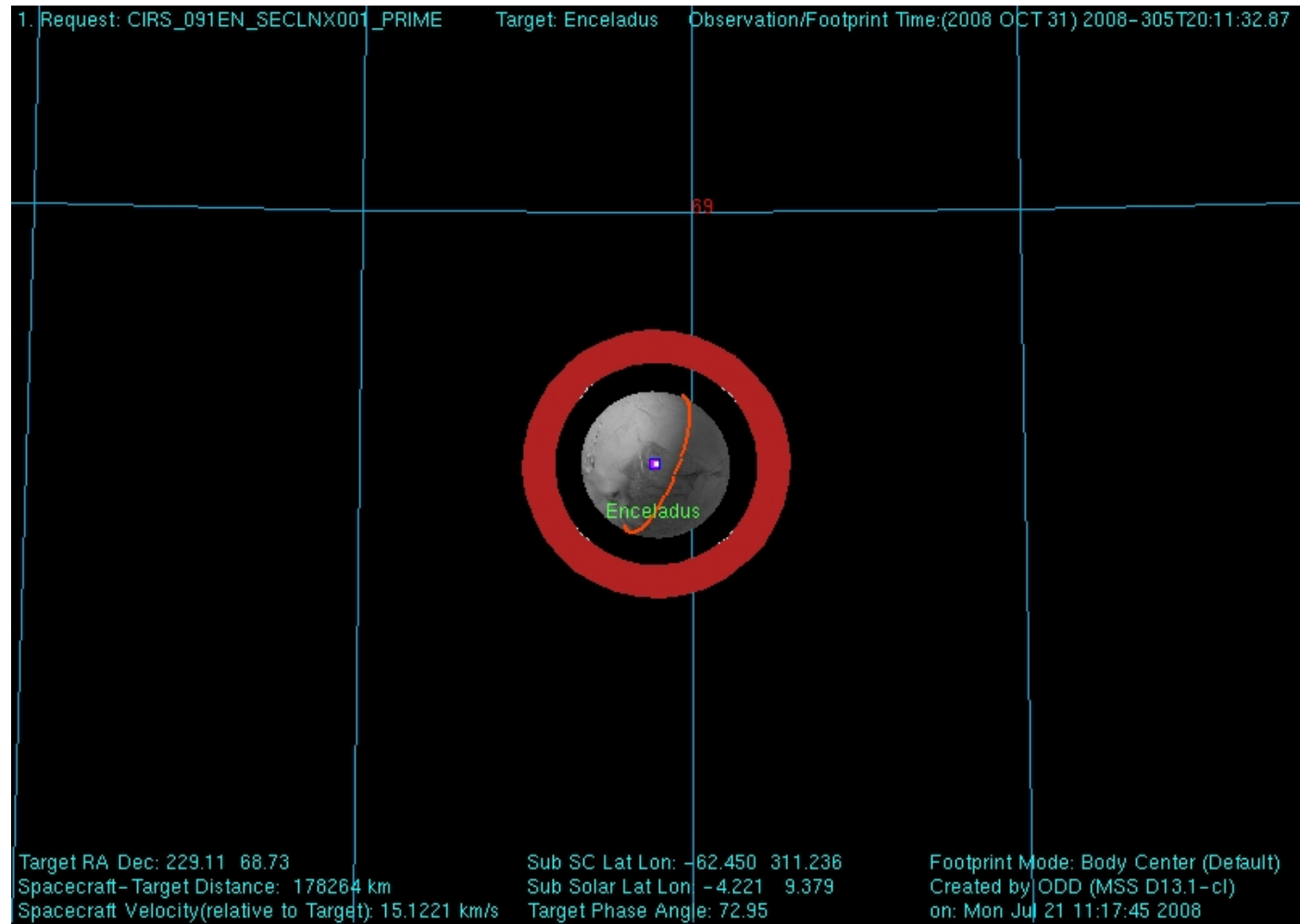
- 19:04 - 19:44 FP3 stare at S. Pole
- Include secondary axis turn to NEG\_X to Sun





# CIRS\_091EN\_SECLNX001

- 19:44 - 20:14 Pair of global FP3/FP4 scans
- 20:14 - 21:14 FP1 stare at disk center for eclipse reappearance (at 20:37)



# Enceladus Rev 88 and 91 UVIS Goals and Observations

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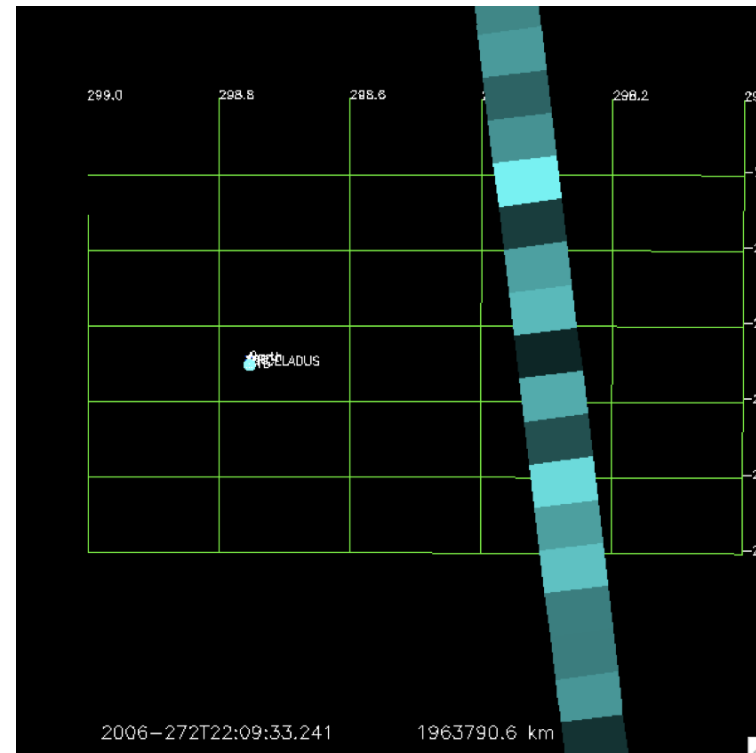
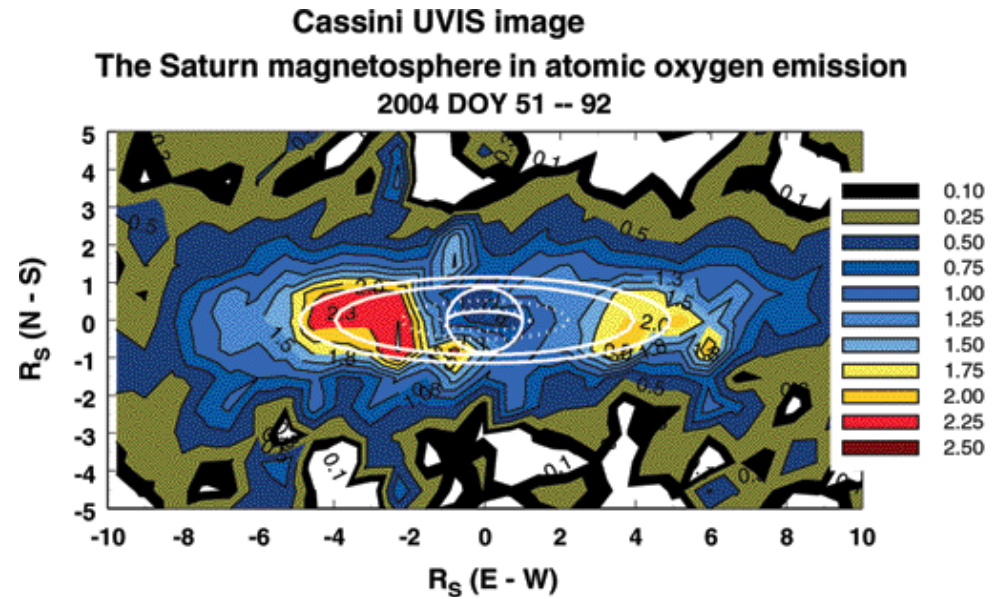
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# UVIS Objectives

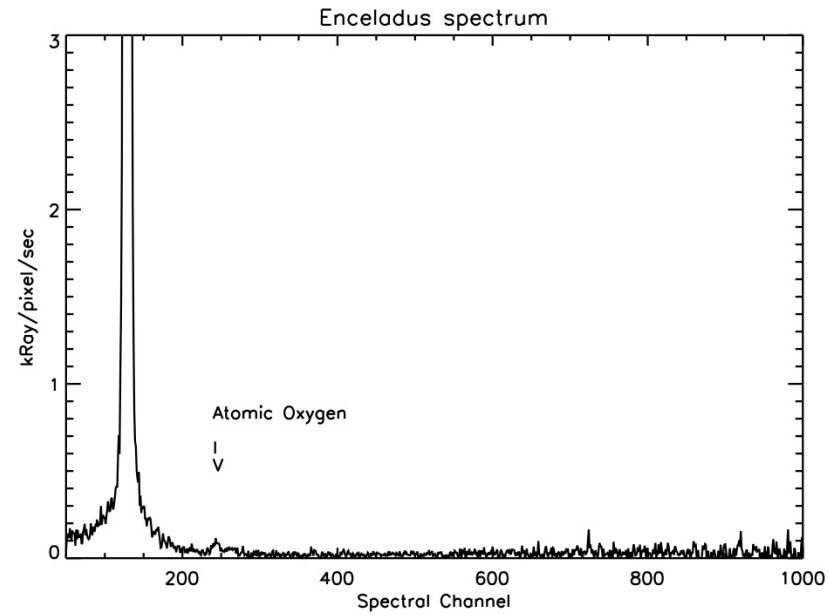
- UVIS has two goals for these Enceladus flybys
  - Map the state of the volatiles in the near vicinity of Enceladus (oxygen emissions)
    - **Rev 88**, ICYLIMB, -2 hr to -1 hr, bracketed by two ICYATM's at -12 hr and + 5 hr
    - **Rev 91**, three ICYATMs at -8 hr, +5 hr, and +21 hr
  - Map the surface reflectivity at ultraviolet wavelengths to characterize new / old terrain via grain size
    - **Rev 91**, ICYMAP at +30 min

# Enceladus Observation Suite - Volatiles

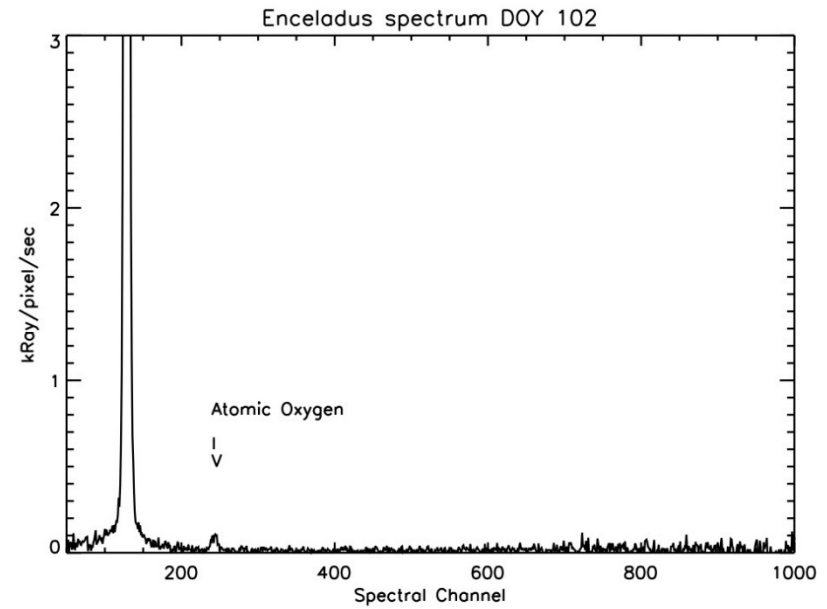
- System scans show variable atomic oxygen in Saturn's system
- Localized scans across Enceladus give higher resolution picture of the distribution of oxygen
- Link to highest resolution to characterize the eruptive state
- Execute *routinely* to monitor Enceladus' activity *remotely*
- High resolution limb scans



# Comparative spectra

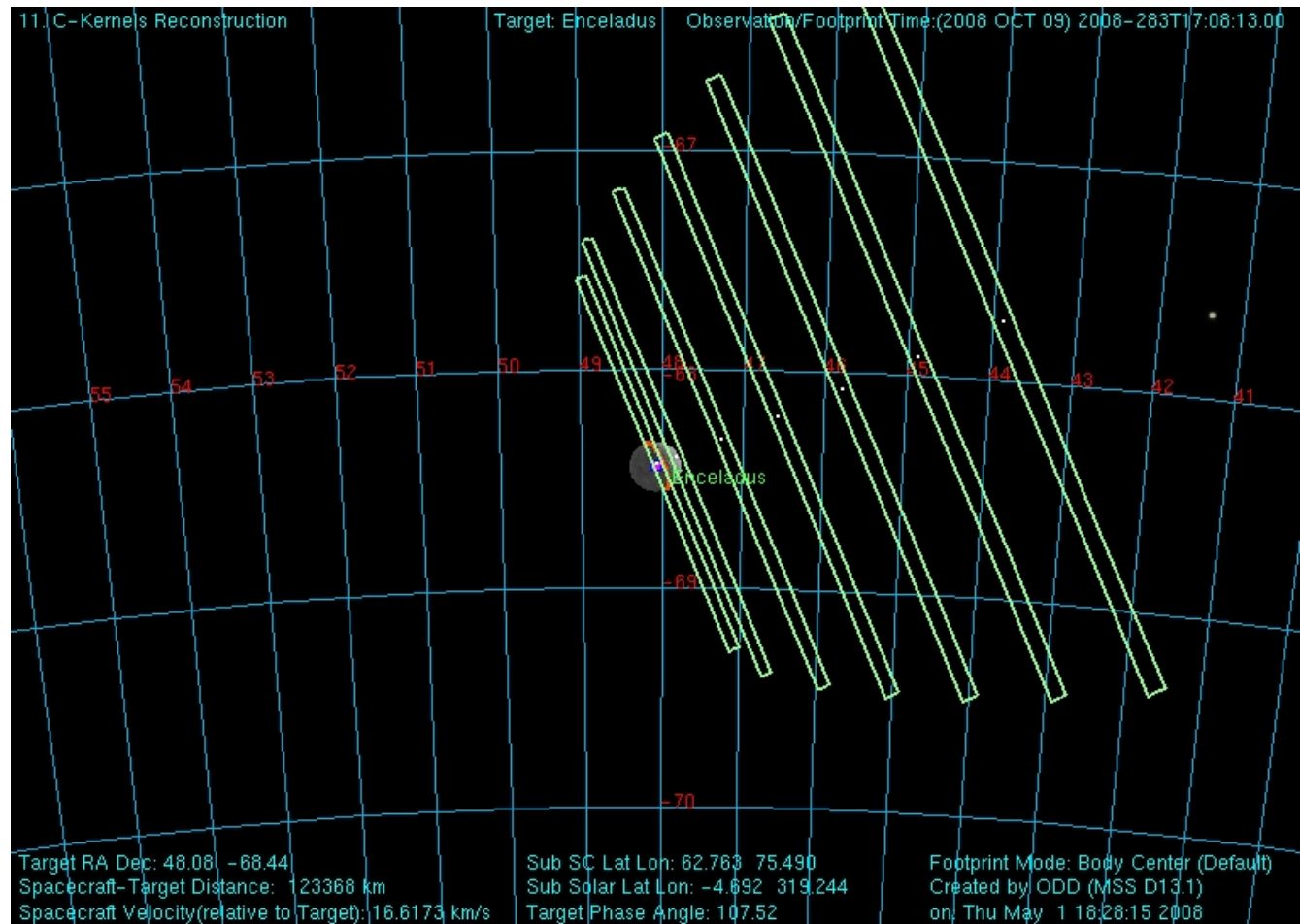


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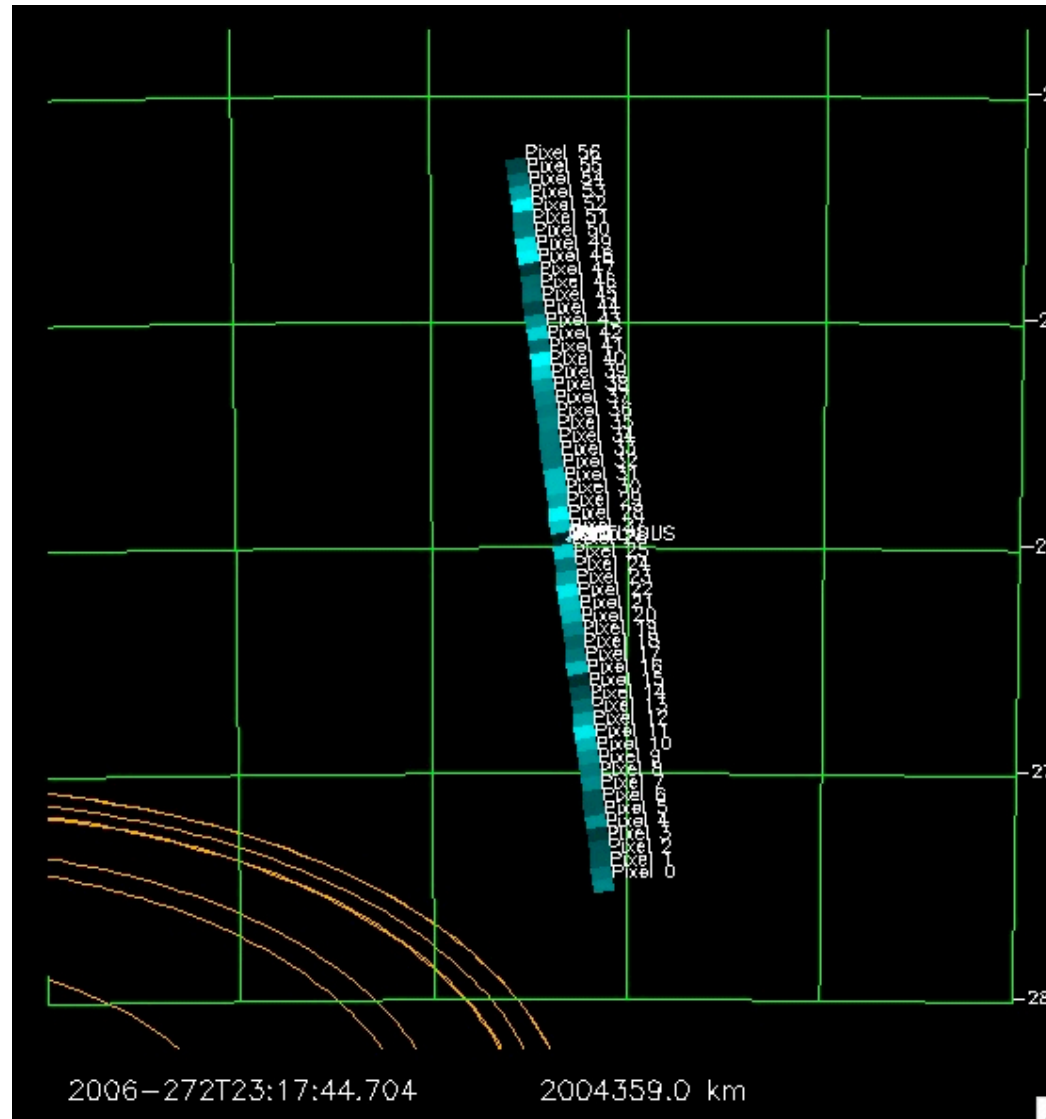
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# Rev 88 - Volatiles

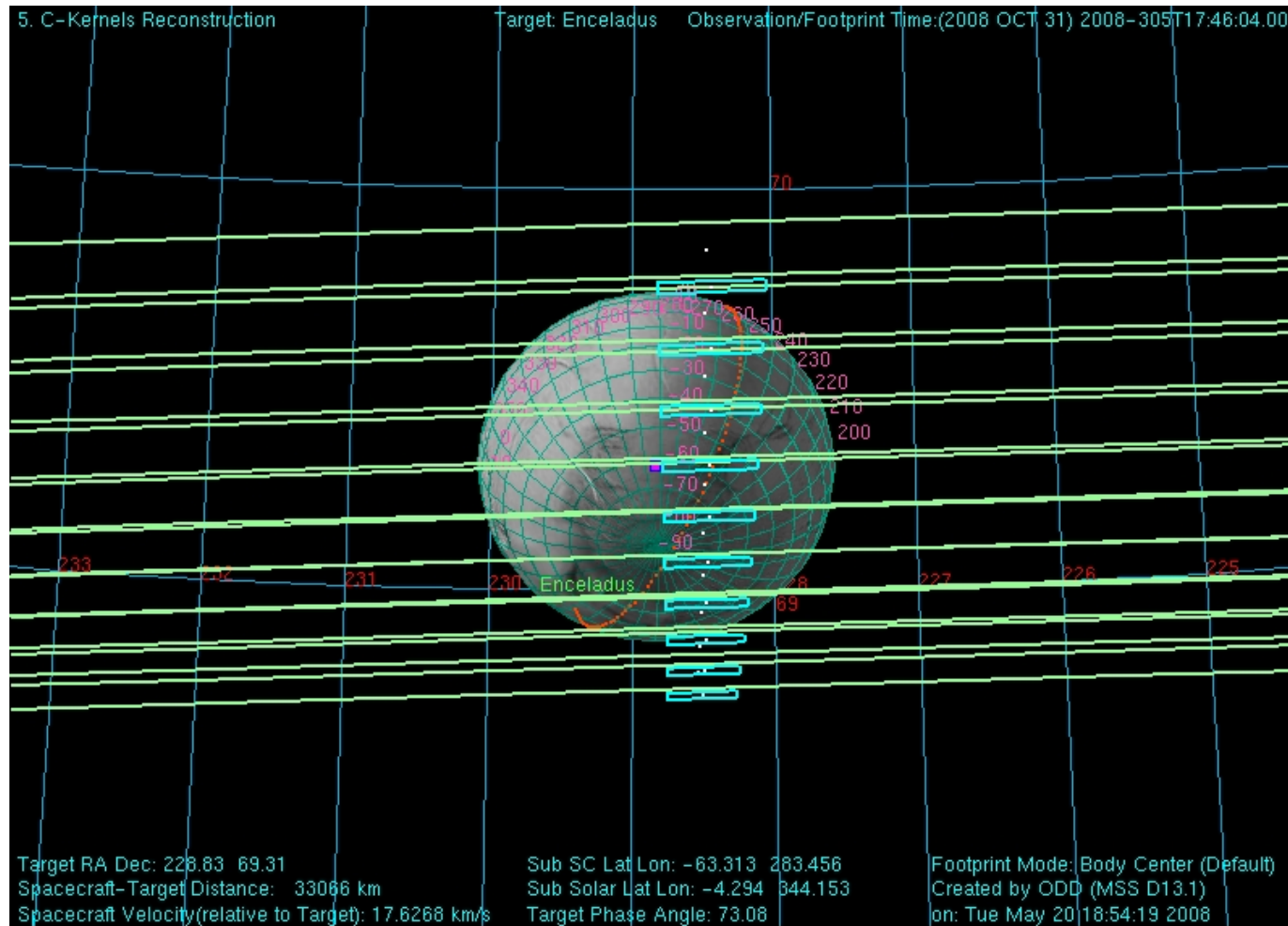


- Limb scan to look for volatiles

# Enceladus Volatiles - ICYATM



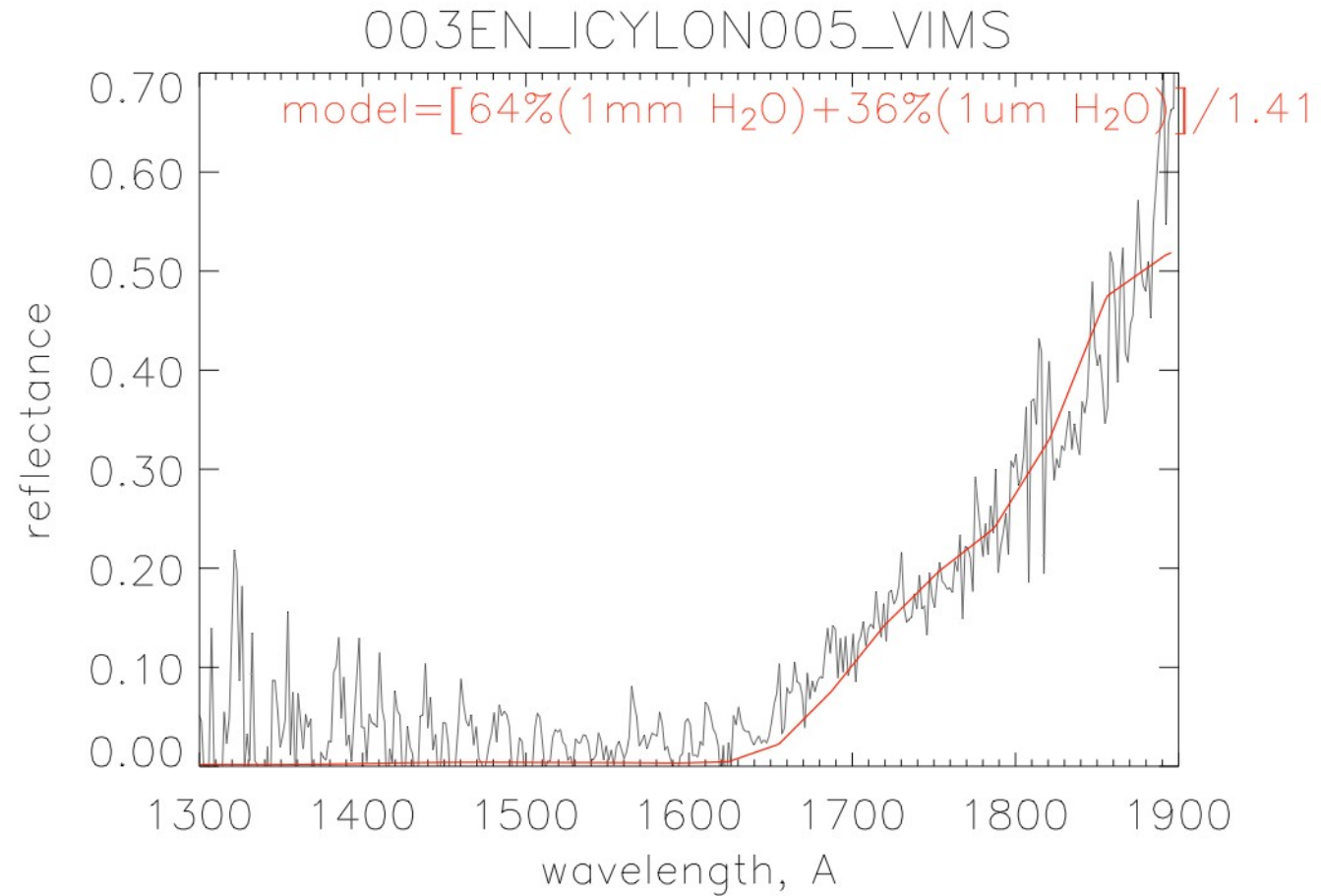
# Rev 91 Surface Reflectivity



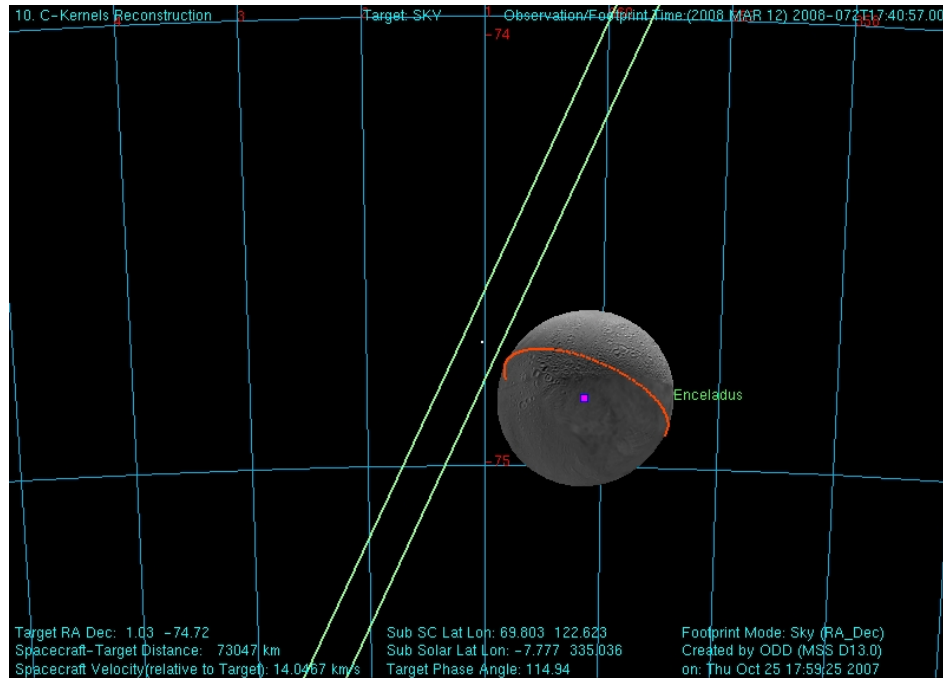
- ICYMAP of southern hemisphere



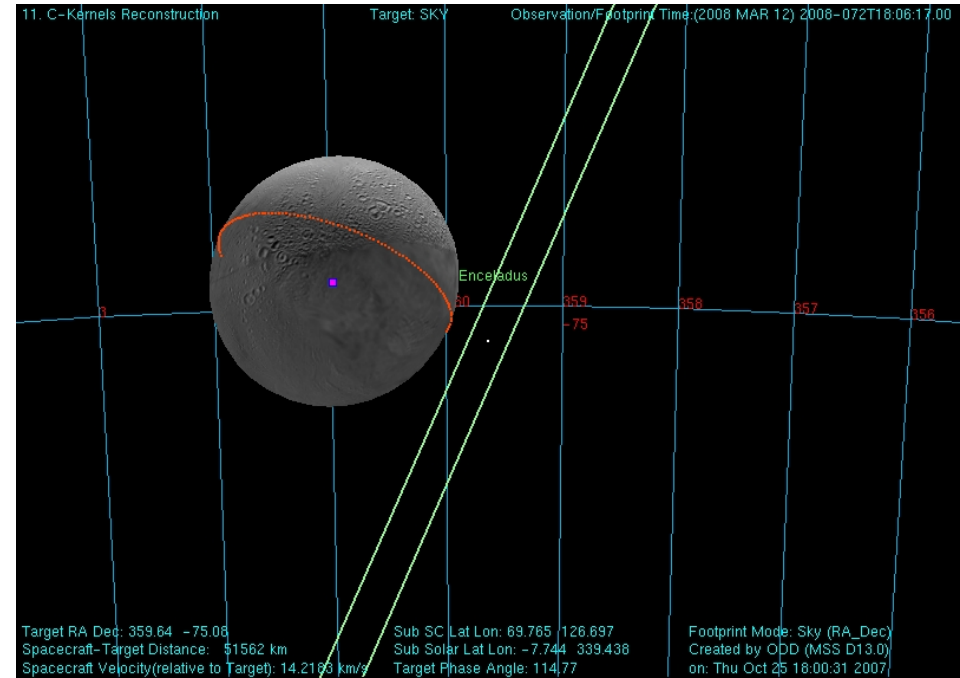
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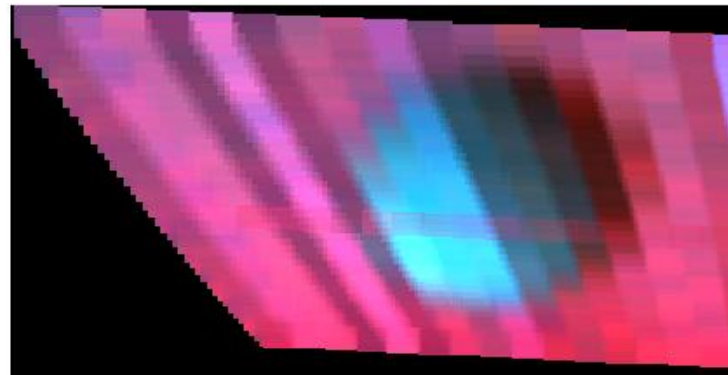
# ICYMAP Example



Start of scan



End of scan



# VIMS

## Visual and Infrared Mapping Spectrometer

- Rev 91: VIMS has prime observations that are point and stare at -5 hours and + 4 hours when Enceladus is small.
- Rev 120: has one prime at +4 hours when Enceladus is small.
- VIMS will ride on other ORS observations doing compositional work during these fly-bys, and will search for hot spots  $>140\text{K}$ .
- VIMS will look for confirmation of weak spectral features such as those due to organics,  $\text{CO}_2$ , ammonia, and other compounds.
- VIMS will also use ice spectral features to determine approximate temperatures less than  $140\text{K}$ .
- VIMS will study phase properties and albedo.

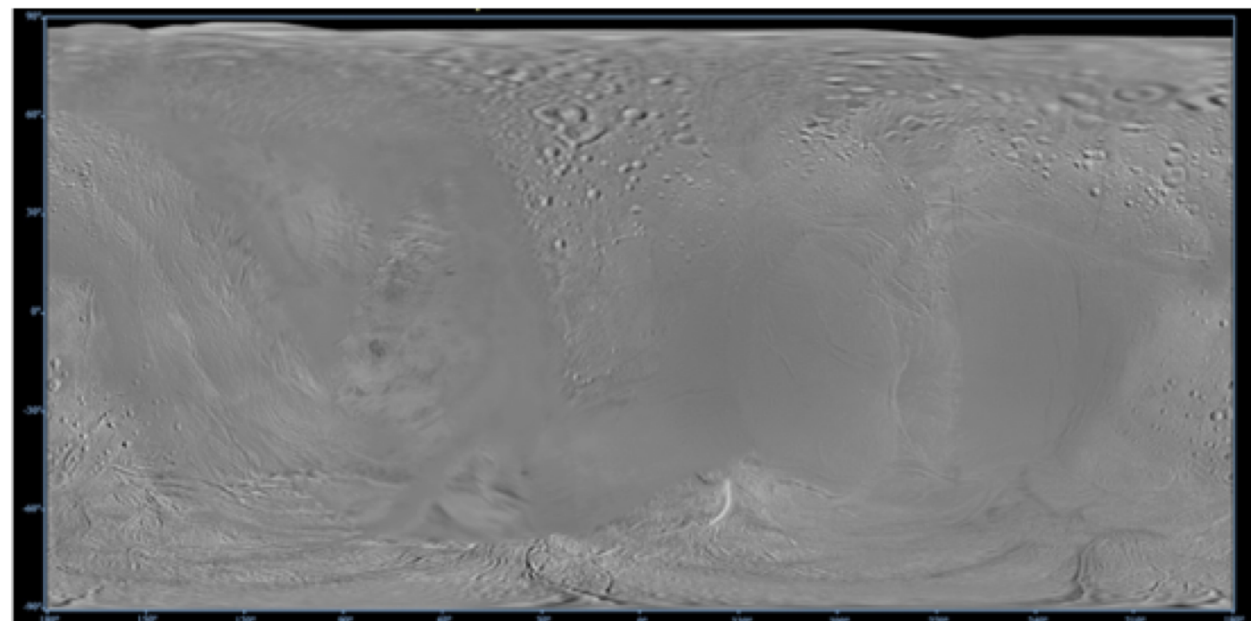
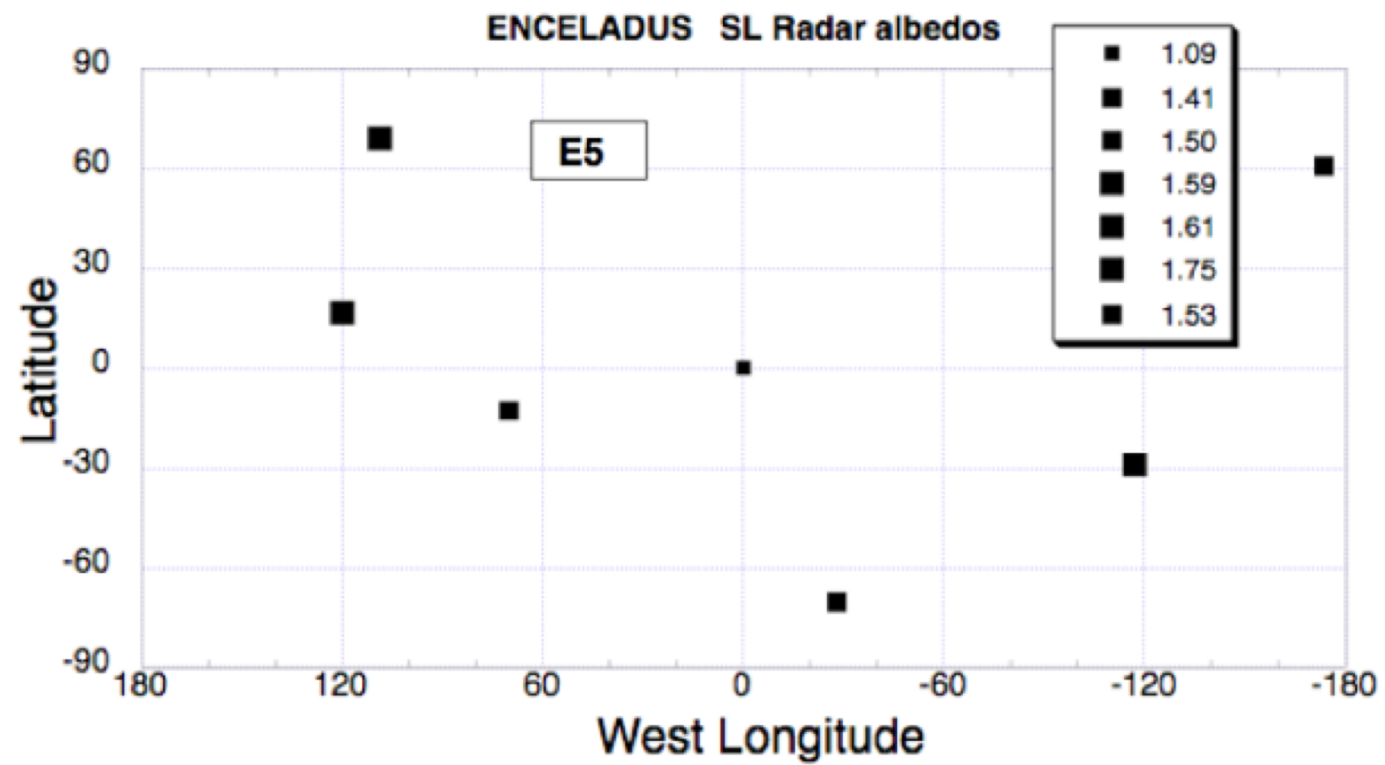
# Enceladus 5 RADAR Preview

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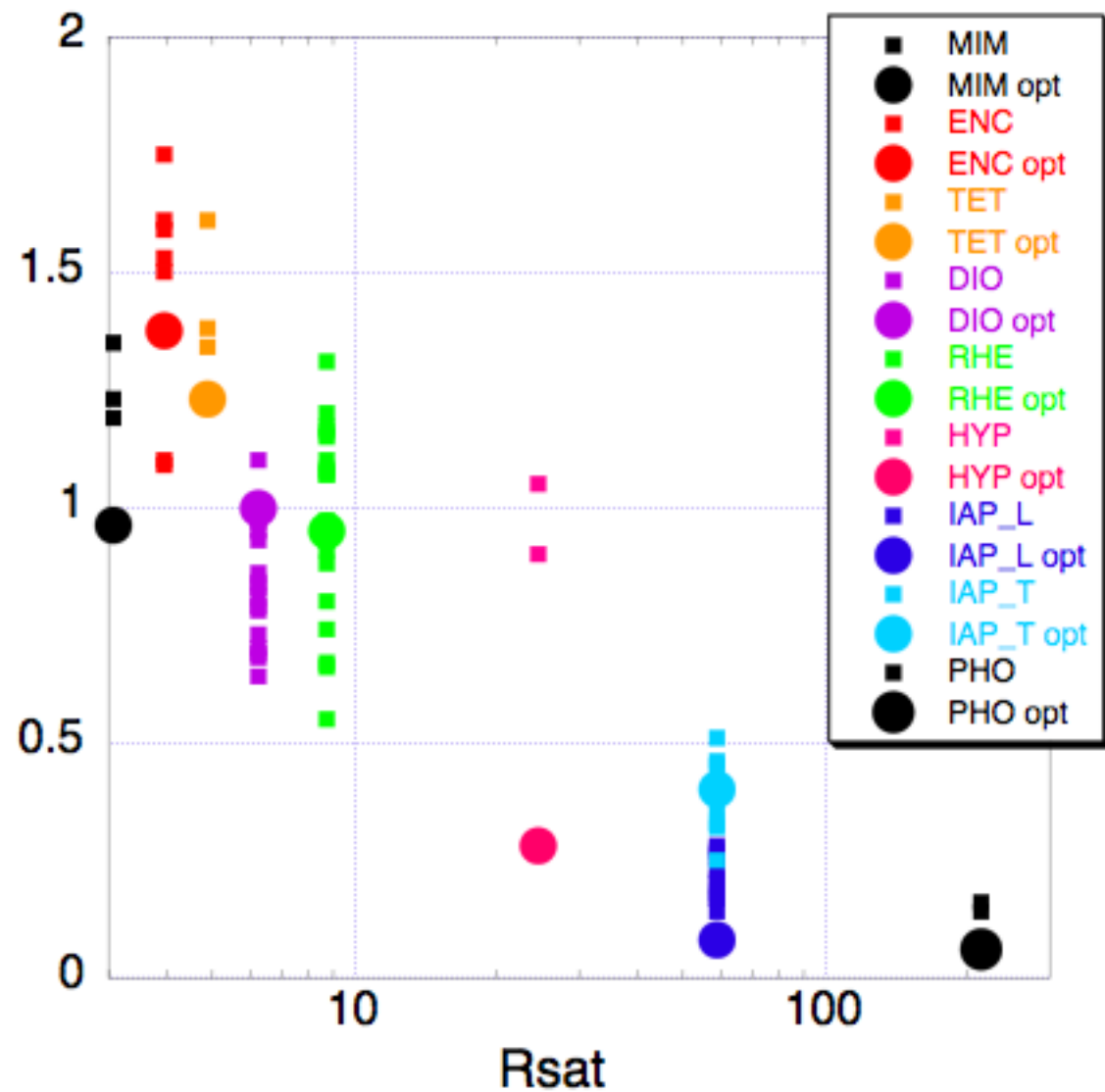
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# Radar SL-2 Albedos and Optical Geometric Albedos

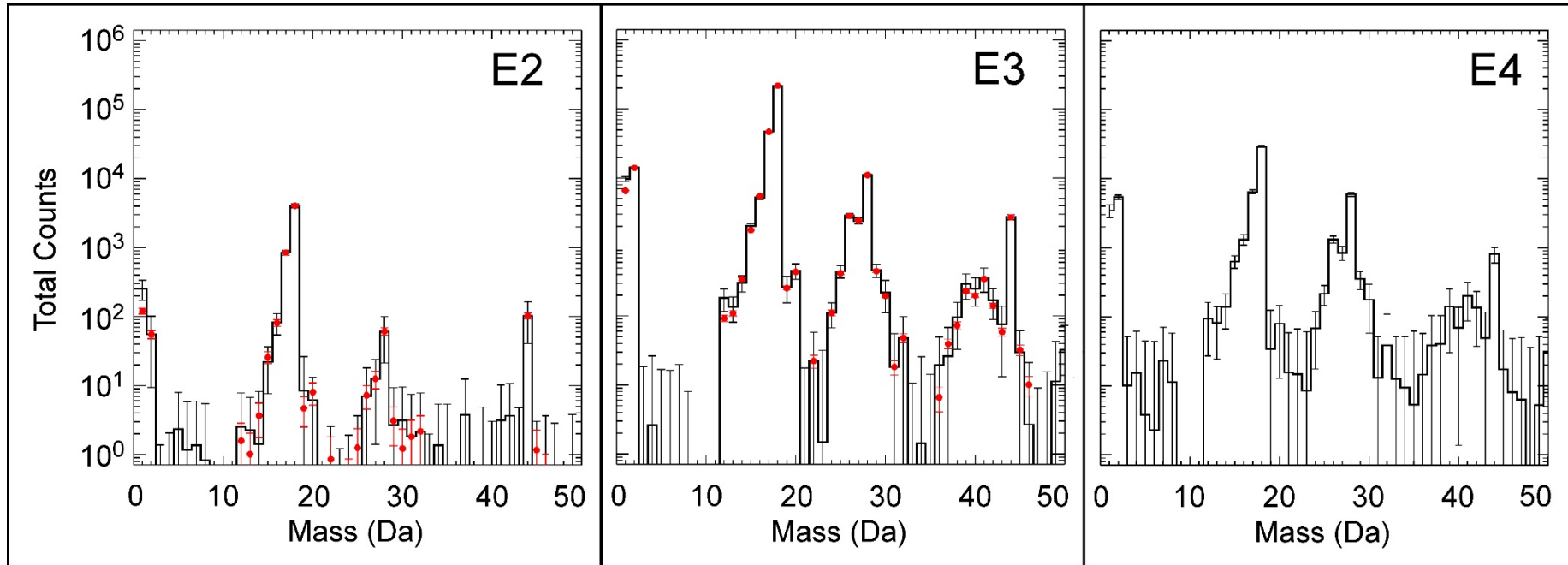


# INMS Preview of E5, E6 Encounters

9/30/08

Brian Magee

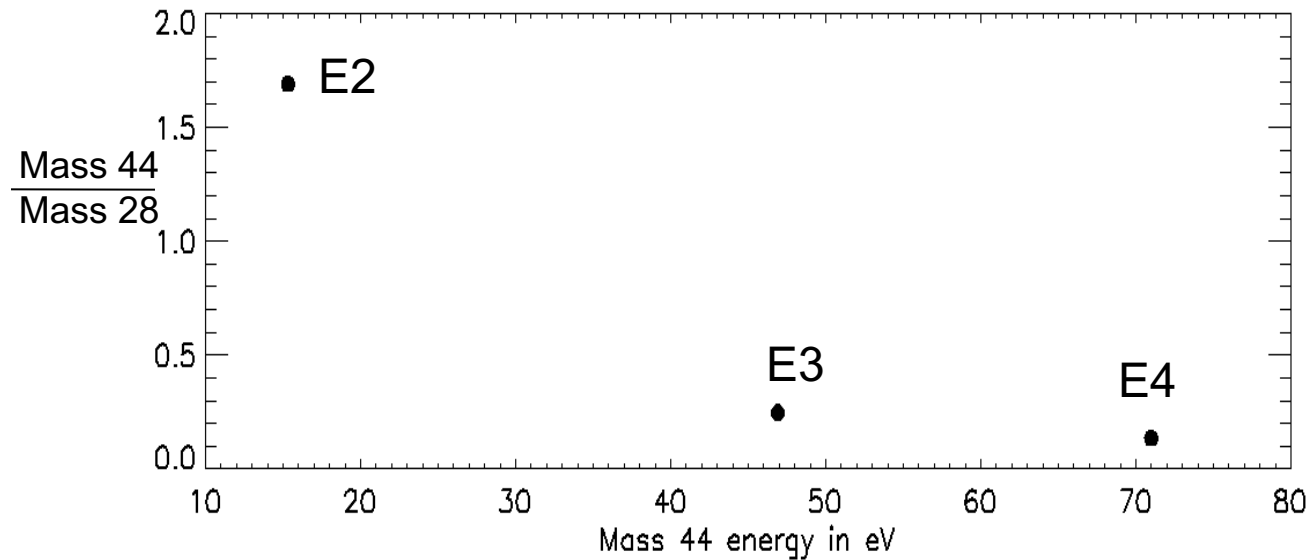
# Previous Measurements: E2 to E4



- Histograms depict the summed signal for each encounter above background
- E2- poor pointing, poor sampling, high altitude
- E3- good pointing, sampling and altitude
- E4- dismal pointing, good sampling and altitude
  - Pointing precludes meaningful density calculation, however the unexpectedly strong signal can benefit composition analysis

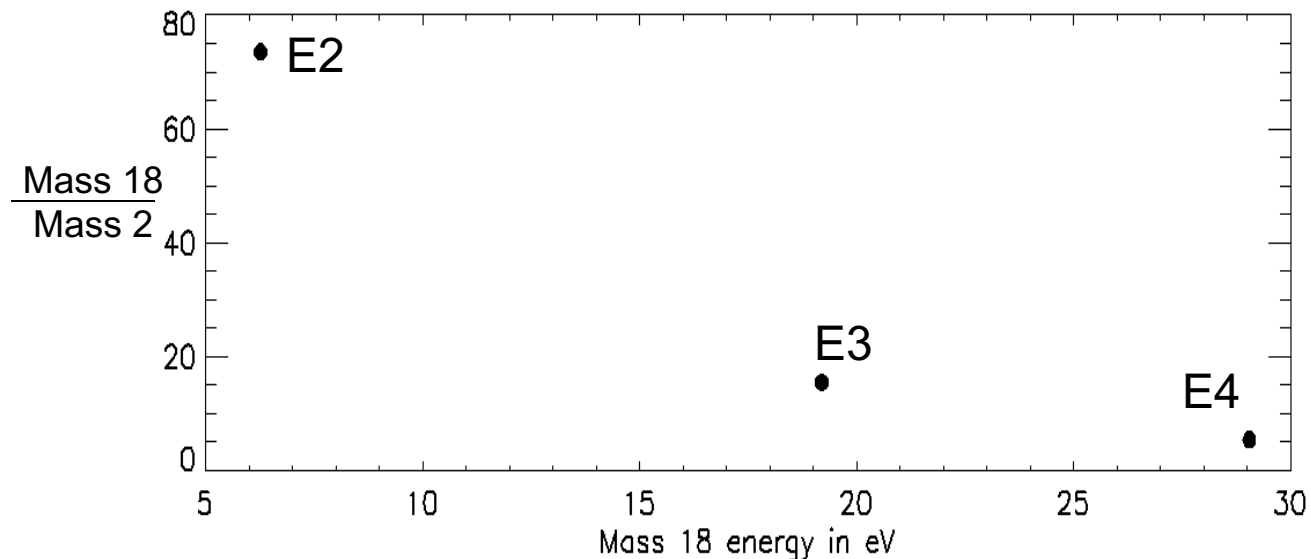


# Impact Dissociation of High Energy Particles



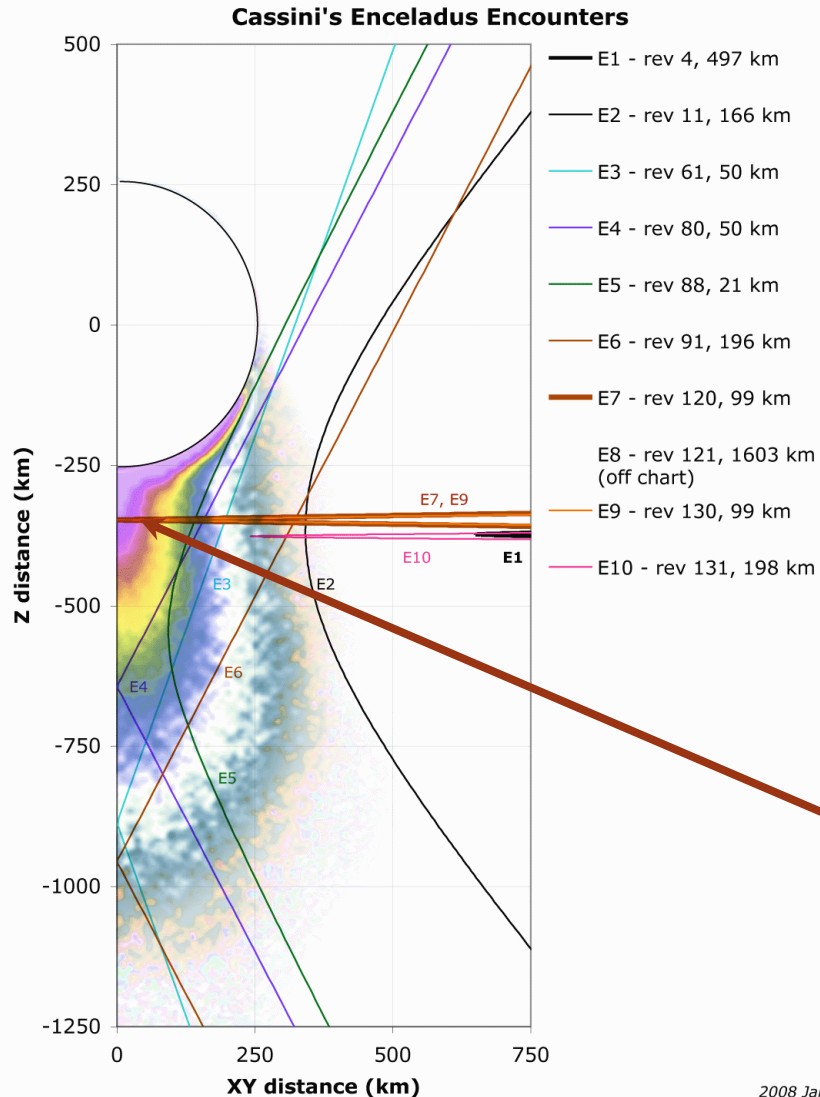
There appears to be a trend of increasing CO vs. CO<sub>2</sub> with speed (energy) of the spacecraft relative to Enceladus.

This trend also appears with an increase in H<sub>2</sub> relative to H<sub>2</sub>O.



E5 encounter is set to have a similar speed as E4, so this phenomena can be compared. Neutral Beam observations should not be affected in this way.

# Observation Geometry



- Closest targeted flybys for Cassini
  - E3 on rev 61 (done)
  - E4 on rev 80 (50 km)
  - E5 on rev 88 (21 km)
- Deepest plume penetrations by Cassini
  - E7 on rev 120
  - E9 on rev 130

# E5, E6 Preview

- E5
  - Optimal pointing for E5 coupled with trajectory relative to the plume source should provide the highest signal and best composition results to date.
  - INMS will forego ion measurements to rather perform neutral beam measurements. The aim is to measure neutrals without the 'wall effects' of the closed-source antechamber. Neutral beam measurements have lower sensitivity so results may be limited by low signal-to-noise.
- E6
  - Low INMS expectations due to high altitude and poor pointing. However, E4 provided unexpected returns and plume signal can be detected far from the source so useful data is still a possibility.

# Enceladus 5 & 6 Preview: RPWS

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3 October 2008

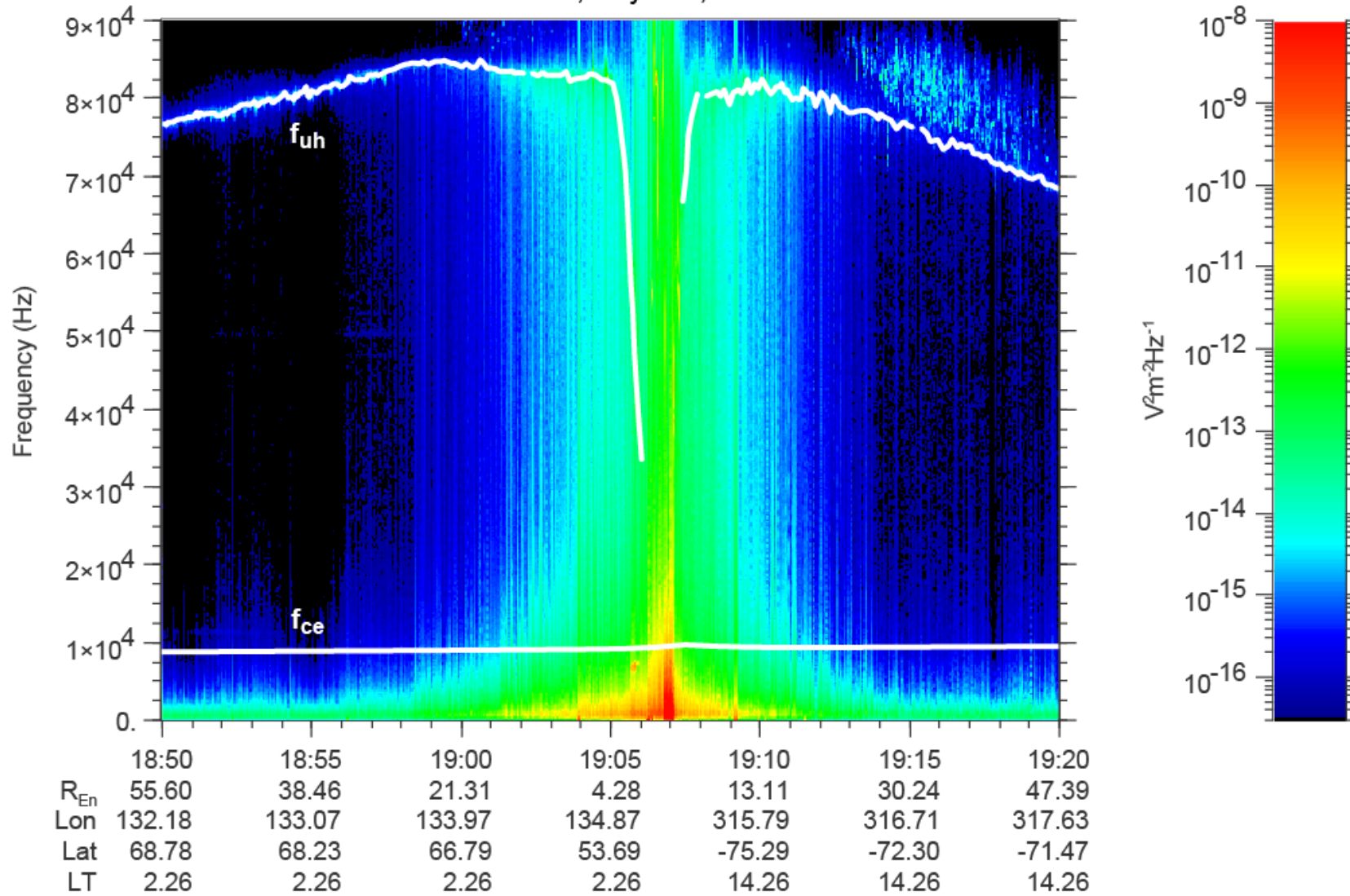
# RPWS Science Questions

- Is there evidence for local ionization (other than charge exchange) in the plumes?
- What is the flux and size distribution of dust from the geysers?
- How does Enceladus interact with its magnetospheric environment?

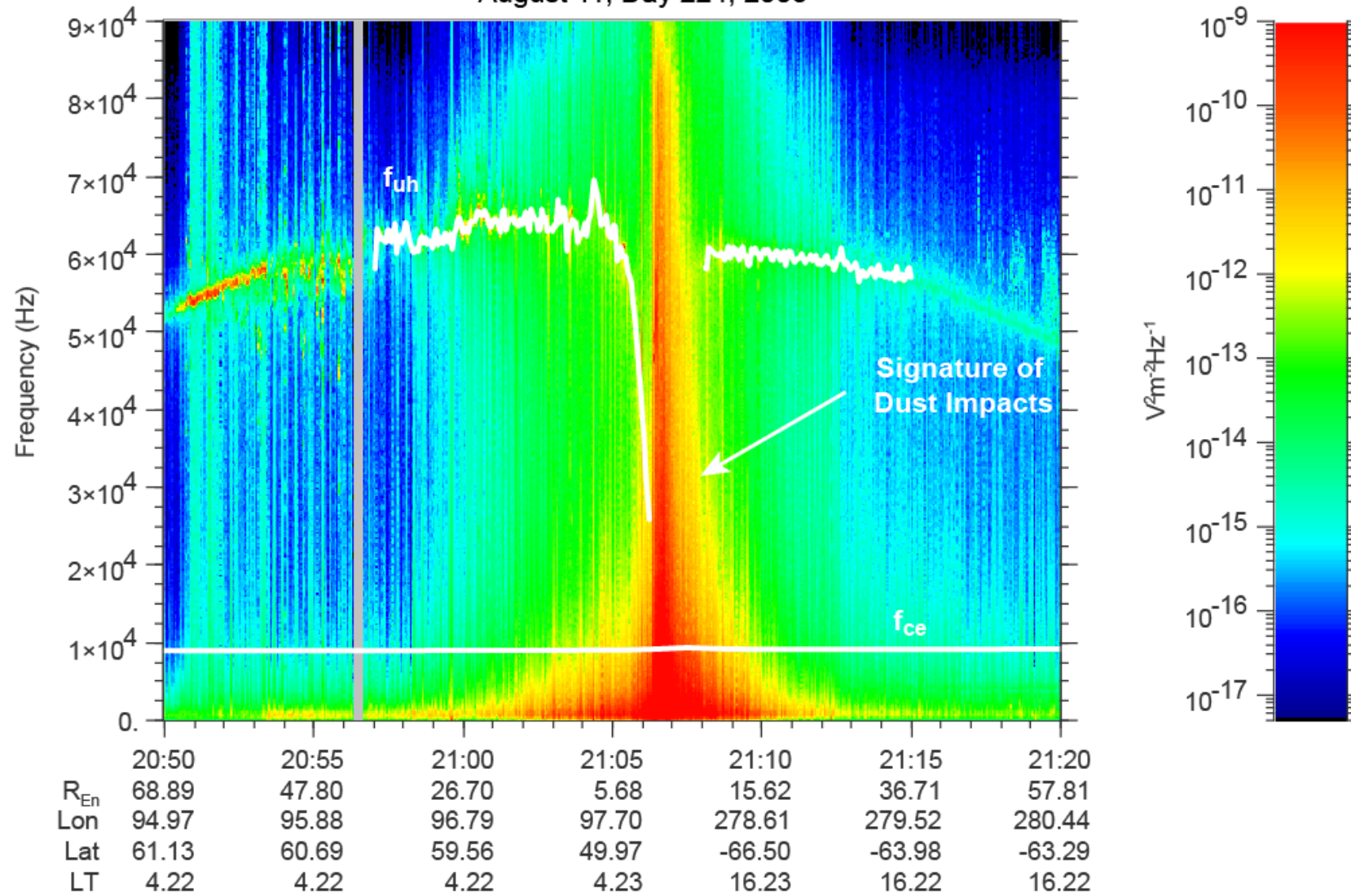
# RPWS Measurement Objectives

- Measure the thermal plasma environment
  - Electron density from the upper hybrid resonance frequency
  - Electron density and temperature from Langmuir probe measurements (along with other diagnostics)
- Measure plasma waves associated with the magnetospheric interaction with Enceladus
- Measure the flux of micron-sized particles associated with Enceladus and its geysers

Orbit 61 Enceladus Flyby  
 March 12, Day 072, 2008



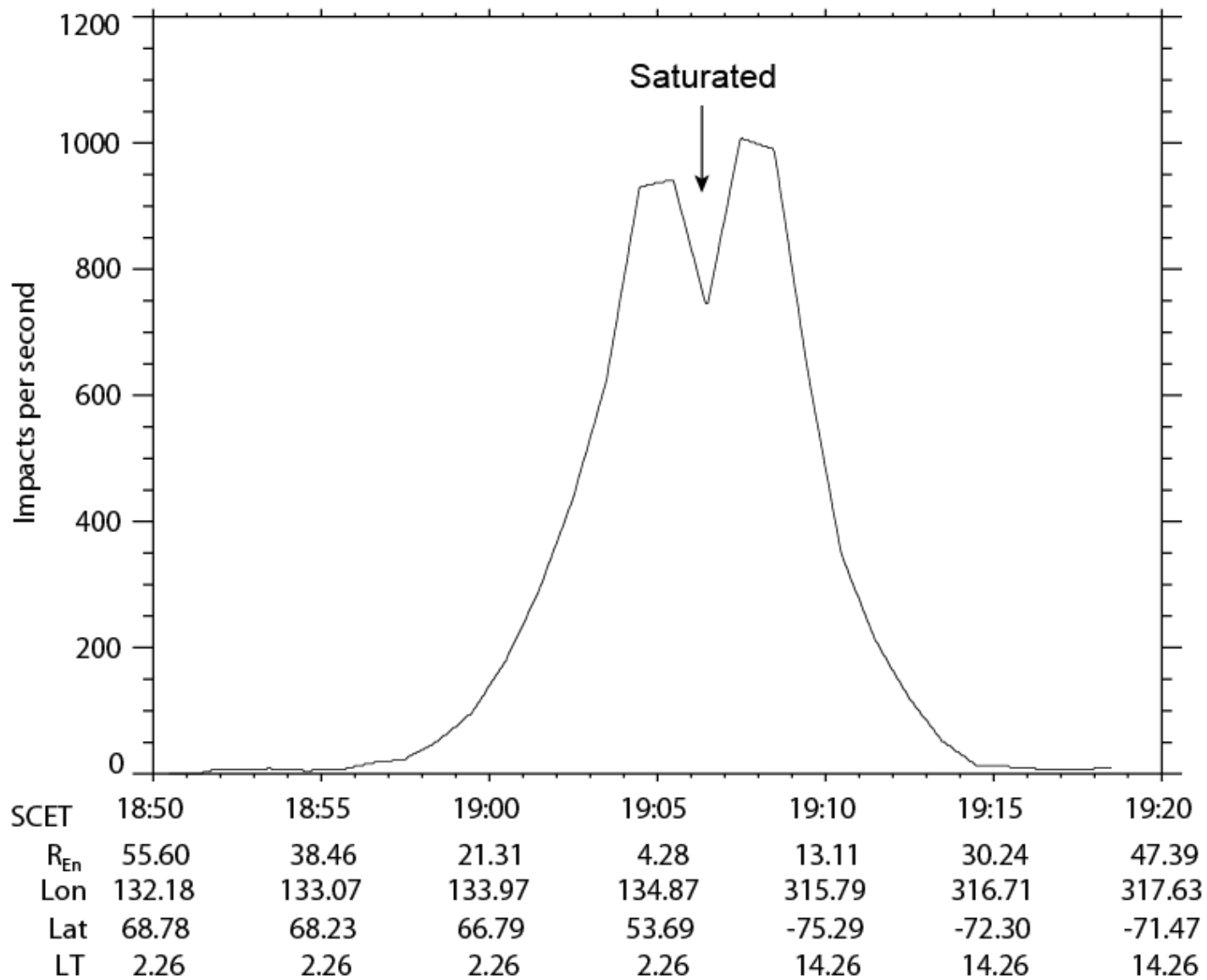
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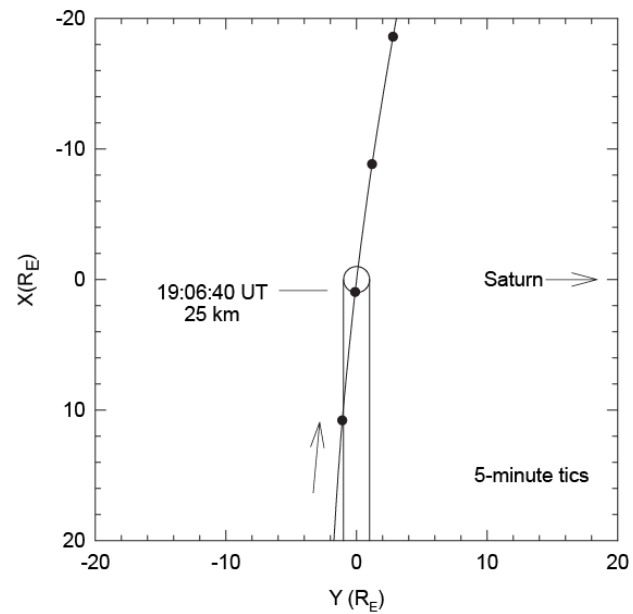


# Orbit 61 Enceladus 3

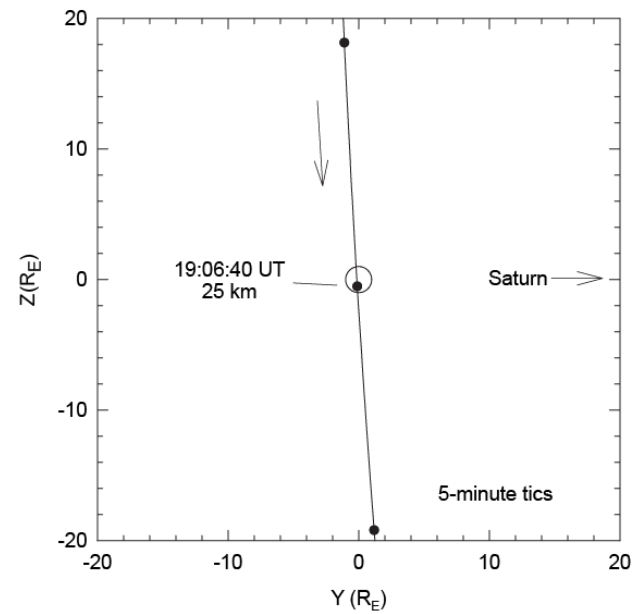
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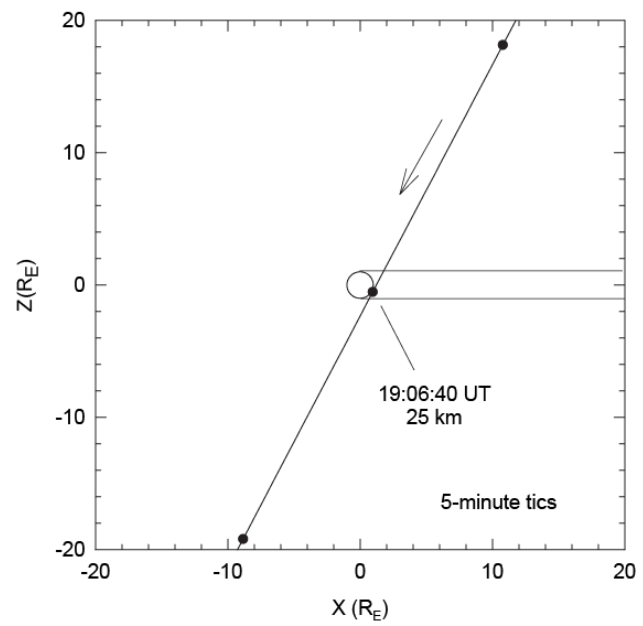
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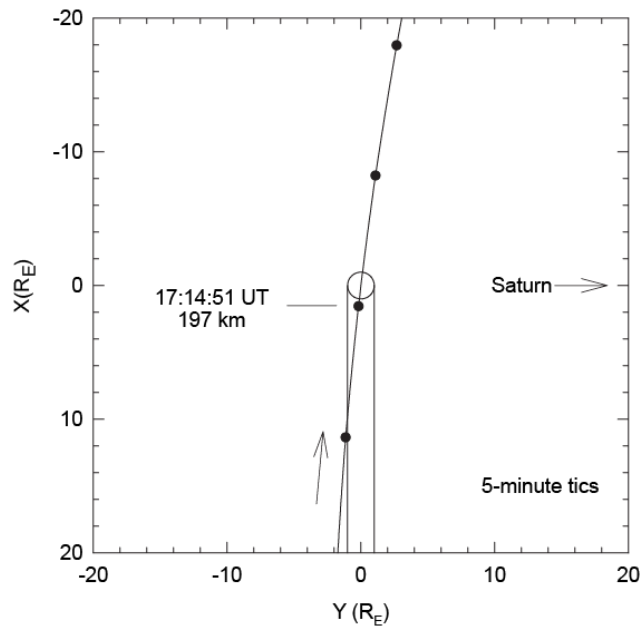
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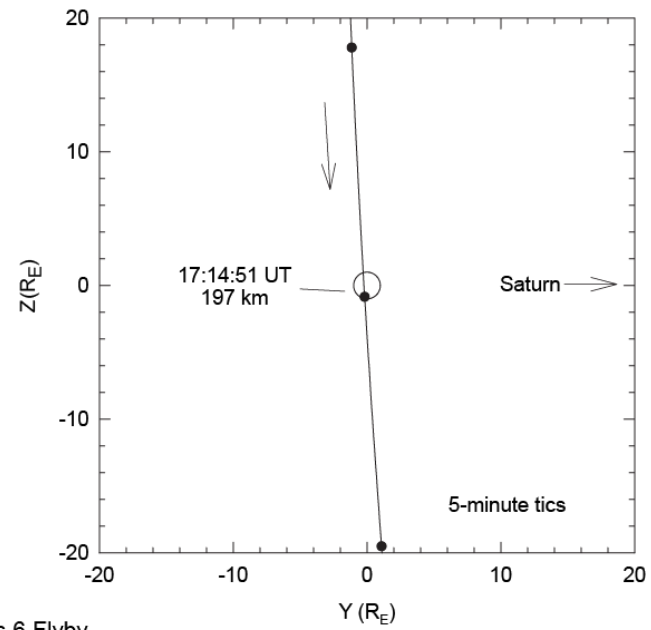
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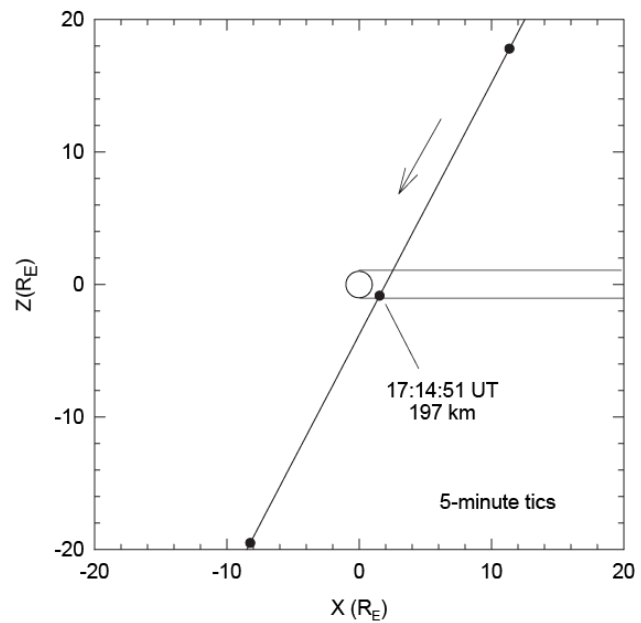
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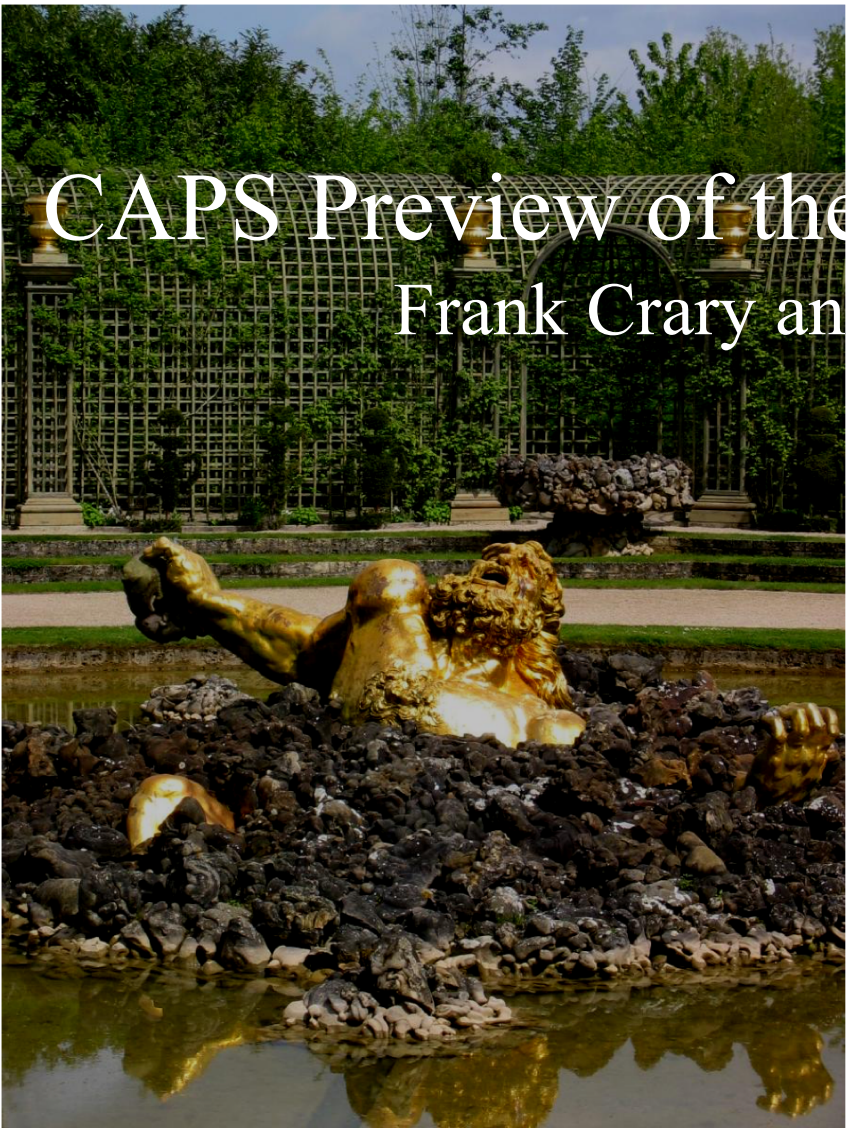


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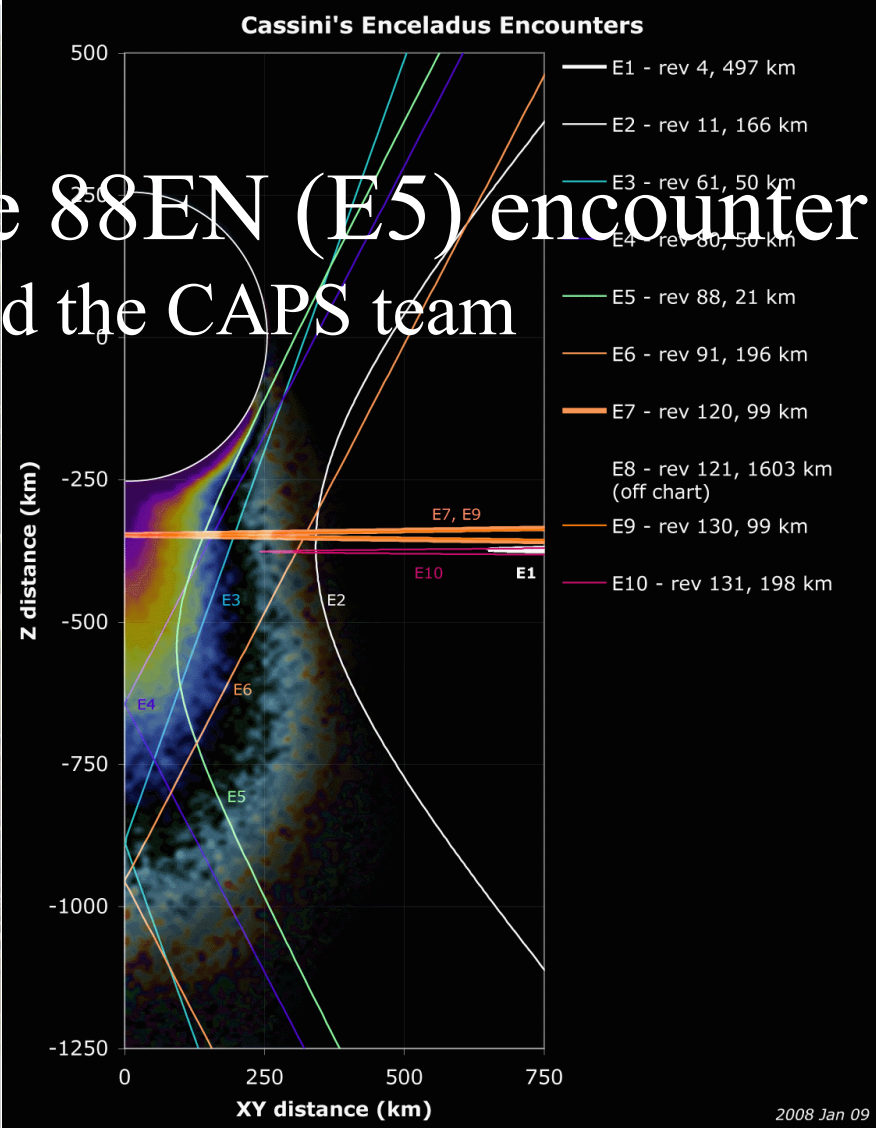
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# CAPS Preview of the 88<sup>EN</sup> (E5) encounter

Frank Crary and the CAPS team



**E5/E6 preview meeting  
3 October, 2008**

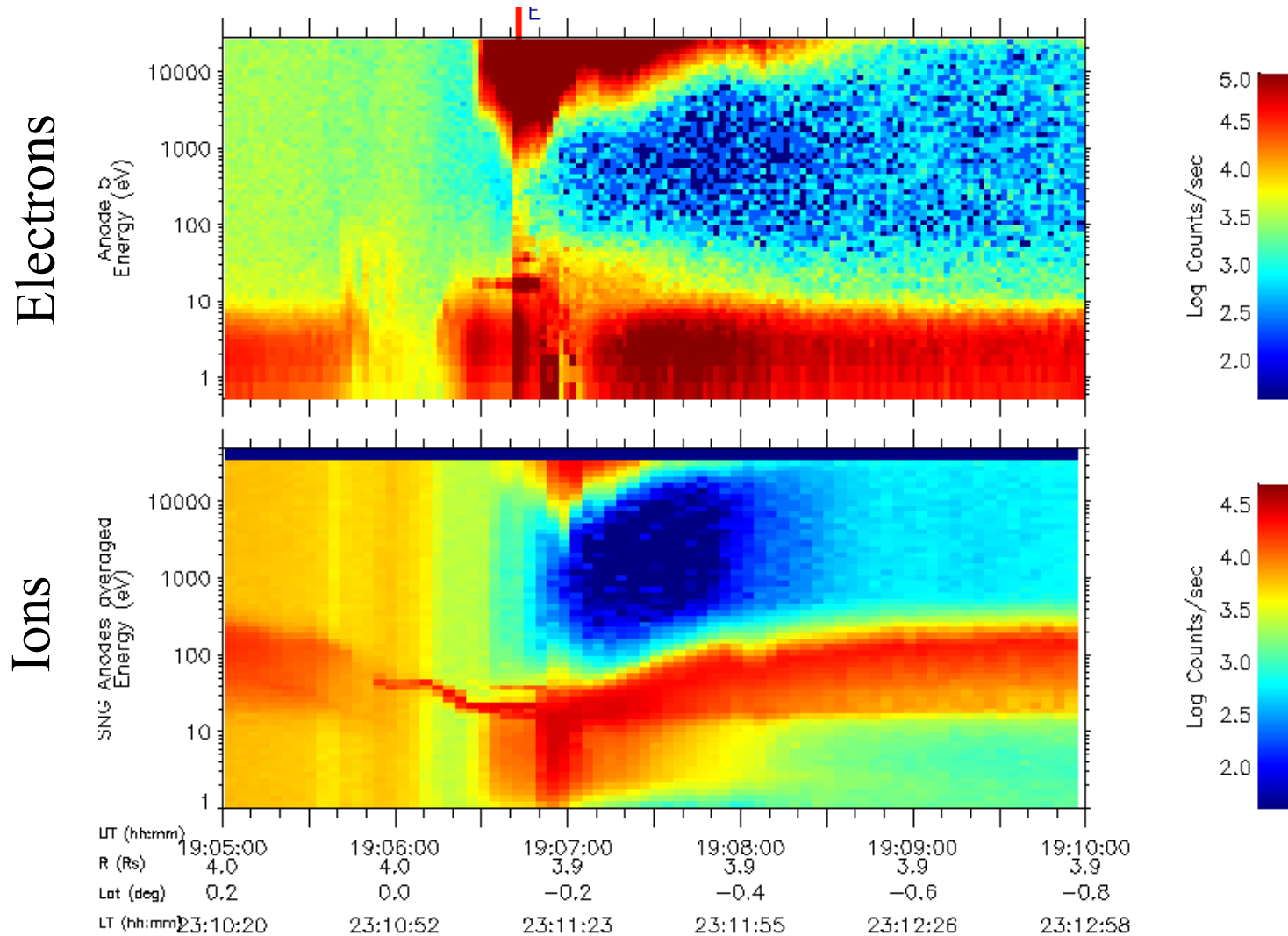


# CAPS Enceladus measurements

- Encounter is too fast for actuation ( $\sim 20$  s/ $R_E$ )
  - Full ACT sweep=204 s, minimum ( $28^\circ$ ) sweep=52 s
- Pointing put neutral ram & corotation in X-Z plane
  - Ion sensors viewed peak of unperturbed or stagnated flow
  - Ion sensors could not observe deflected to the sides
  - Electron data covers  $0^\circ$  to  $\sim 110^\circ$  pitch angle
- 4s (58 km) resolution ion data
- 2s (29 km) resolution for electrons
- On 88EN, IBS (high res. ion sensor) covering 1-67 eV
  - Will observe cold ionospheric population
  - Set tighter limits on degree of stagnation in flow



# CAPS overview spectrograms

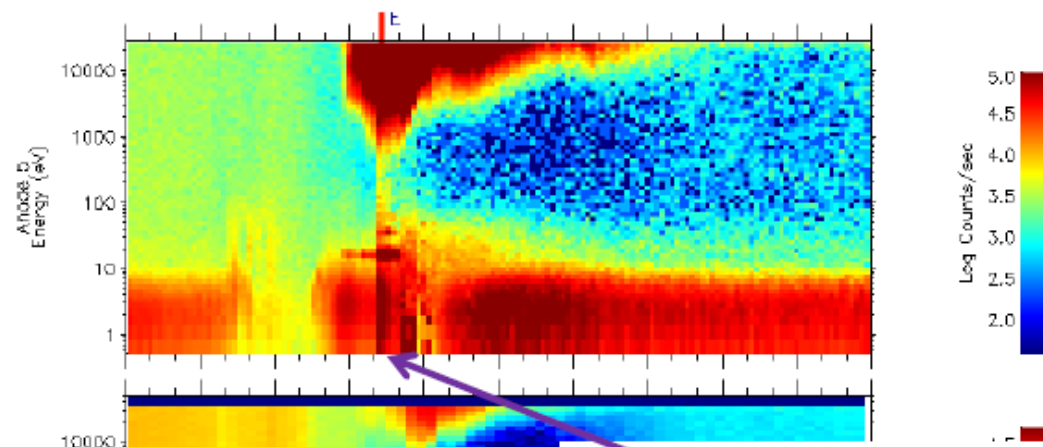




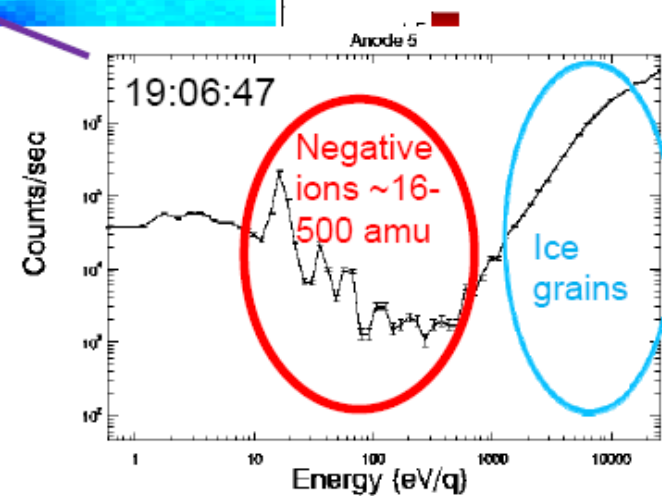
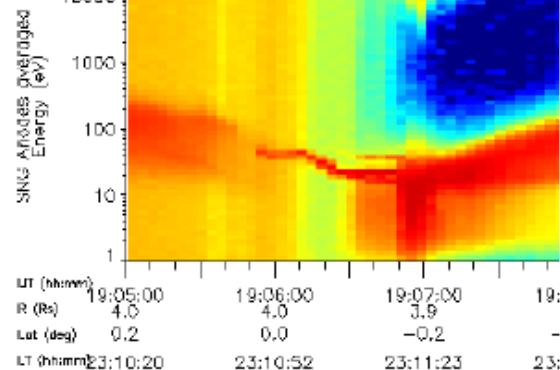
# Enceladus – actuator fixed

## Negative ions also seen at Earth, comets, Titan; Europa?

Electrons



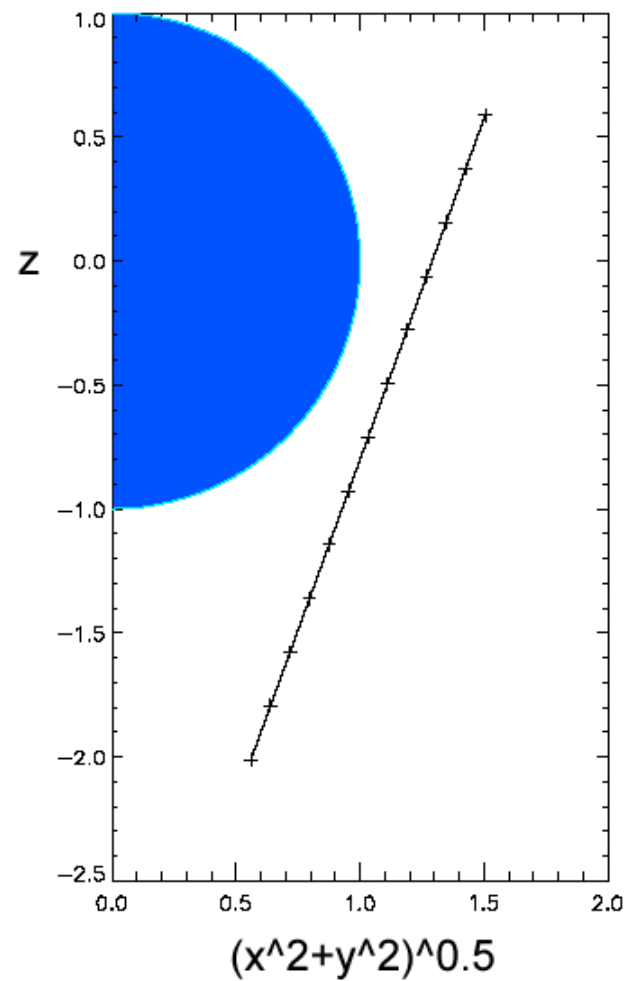
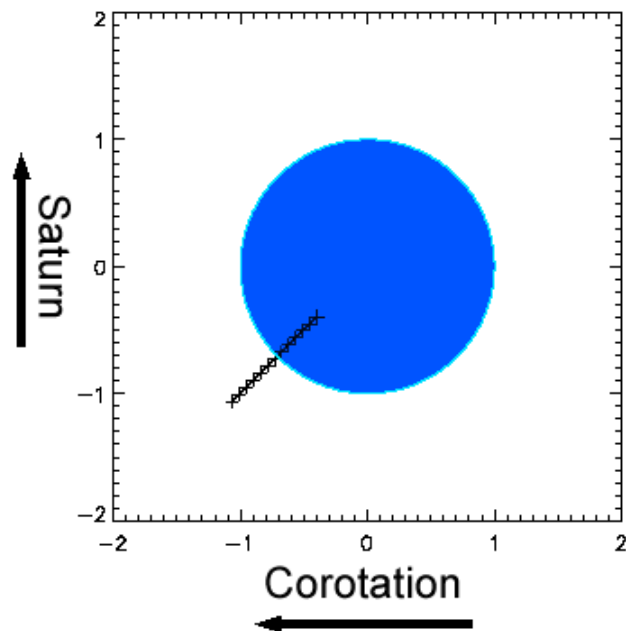
Positive ions





# Location of cold ionosphere

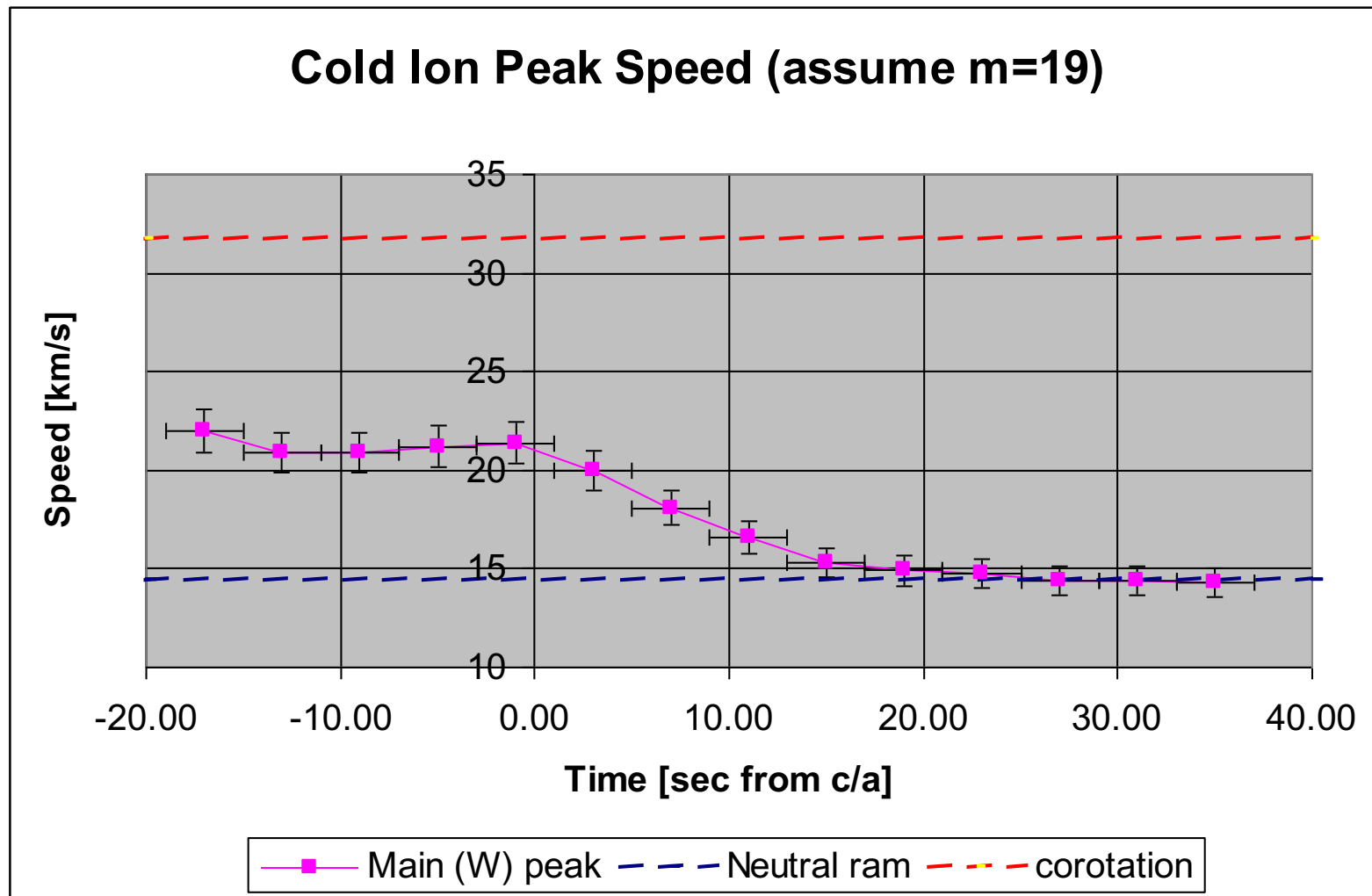
Cold Ionosphere  
19:05:53 to 19:06:45







# Inferred ion velocity





# Properties and implications of the ionosphere

- Densities of  $0.2 - 1.2 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- Energy corresponds to mass  $19 \pm 2 \text{ AMU}$ 
  - Less if flow is not completely stagnated
- Heavier ion present in south/near plume
  - Mass of  $35 \pm 5 \text{ AMU}$
- Negative ions with similar mass also observed
- Global ionosphere from sputtering in (nearly) stagnated flow
- Ions slowly flow out of (nearly) stagnated region & accelerate
- Cold  $\Rightarrow$  Pickup energy is low ( $< 2 \text{ eV}$ )
  - $\Rightarrow$  Near stagnated flow ( $< 5 \text{ km/s}$ , 20% corotation)
- Alfvén relation:  $|\Delta B| = |B \Delta v / v_A| \sim 40 \text{ nT}$ 
  - $\Delta v = 25 \text{ km/s}$ ,  $B = 330 \text{ nT}$ ,  $v_A = 208 \text{ km/s}$
  - $\sim 30 \text{ nT}$  reported by MAG
- Requires shielding of convection electric field
  - Implies  $> 30 \text{ kA}$  current system (per Alfvén wing)
  - Assuming  $1 R_E$  current system, more if current system is larger
- Current system extends beyond  $1.5 R_E$