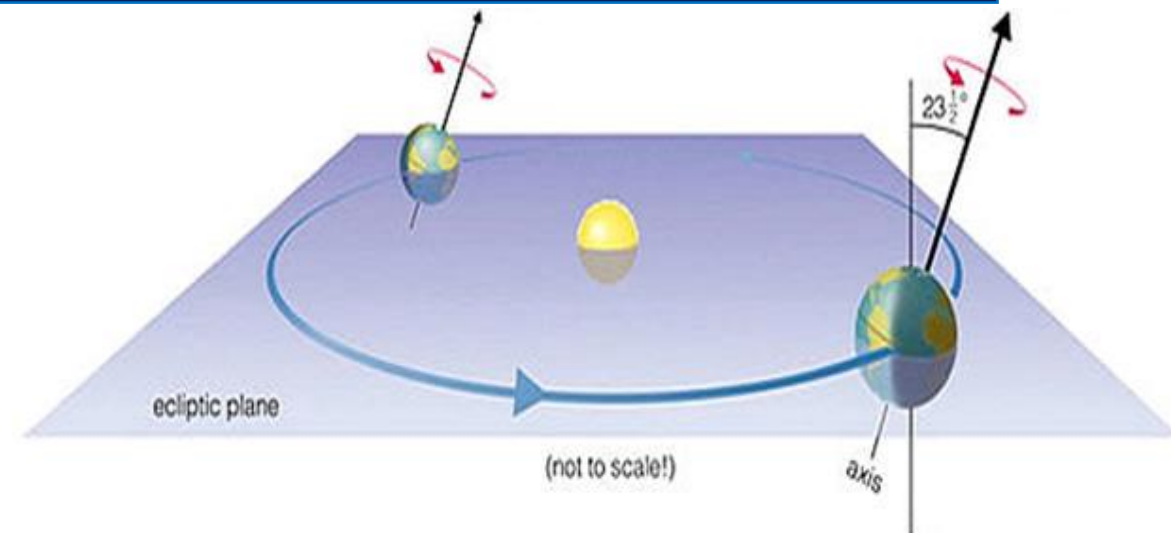
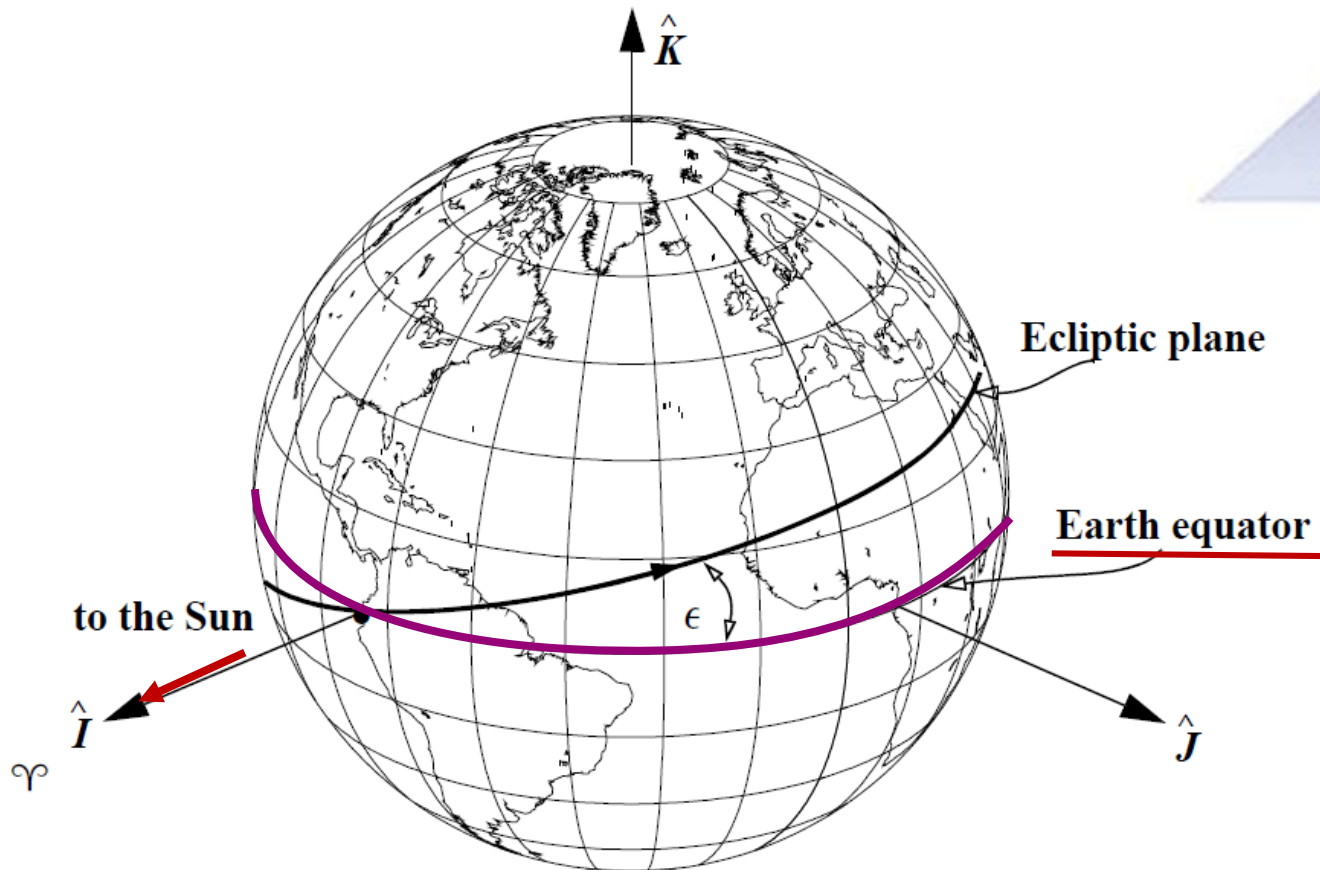


Earth centered Inertial Coordinate Systems



Orbits in Three Dimensions

- True classical element set

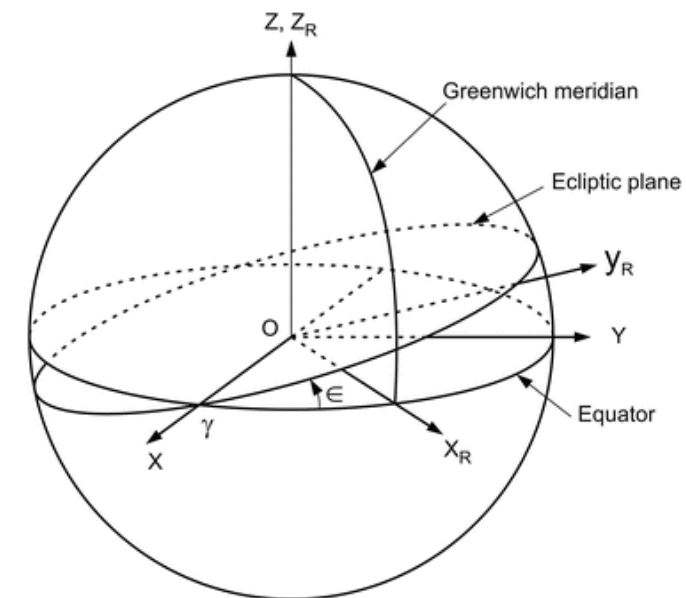
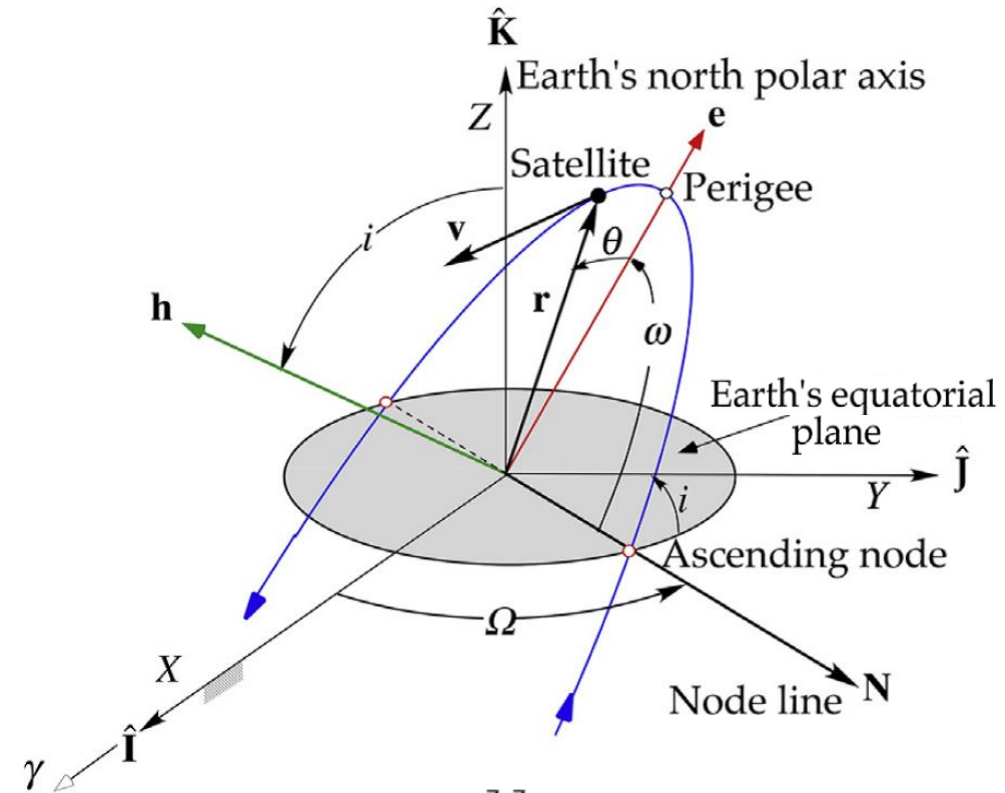
$$\mathbf{X} = [a \ e \ i \ \Omega \ \omega \ t]^T$$

- Modified classical element set

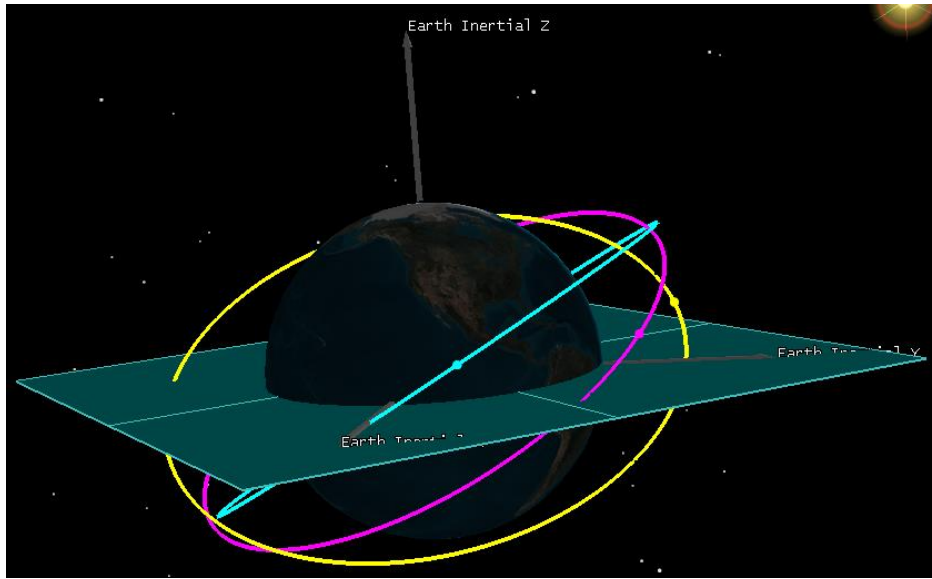
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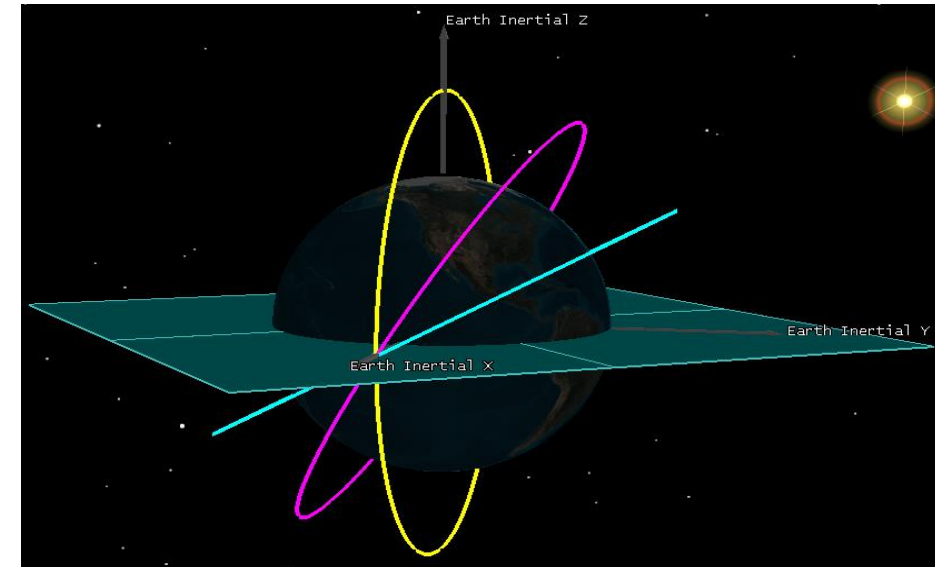
$$\mathbf{X} = [a \ e \ i \ \Omega \ \omega \ M]^T$$



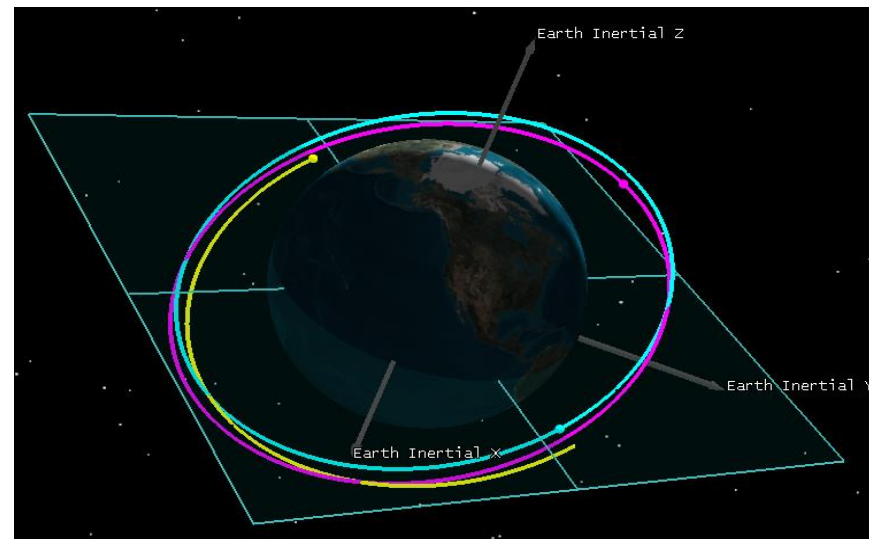
Orbits in Three Dimensions



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Inclination



Argument of perigee

Orbits in Three Dimensions

- How to calculate orbital elements in terms of Cartesian coordinates?

($\mathbf{r} = [X \ Y \ Z]^T$, $\mathbf{v} = [v_X \ v_Y \ v_Z]^T$ are given, orbital elements?)

$$\mathbf{X} = \boldsymbol{\alpha} = [a \ e \ i \ \Omega \ \omega \ \theta]^T$$

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Shape Orientation $\text{Position, Reference time}$

$\theta \equiv M \equiv t$

$$1. \ r = \sqrt{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}} = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2}$$

$$v = \sqrt{\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{v}} = \sqrt{v_X^2 + v_Y^2 + v_Z^2}$$

$$v_r = \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{v} / r = (Xv_X + Yv_Y + Zv_Z) / r$$

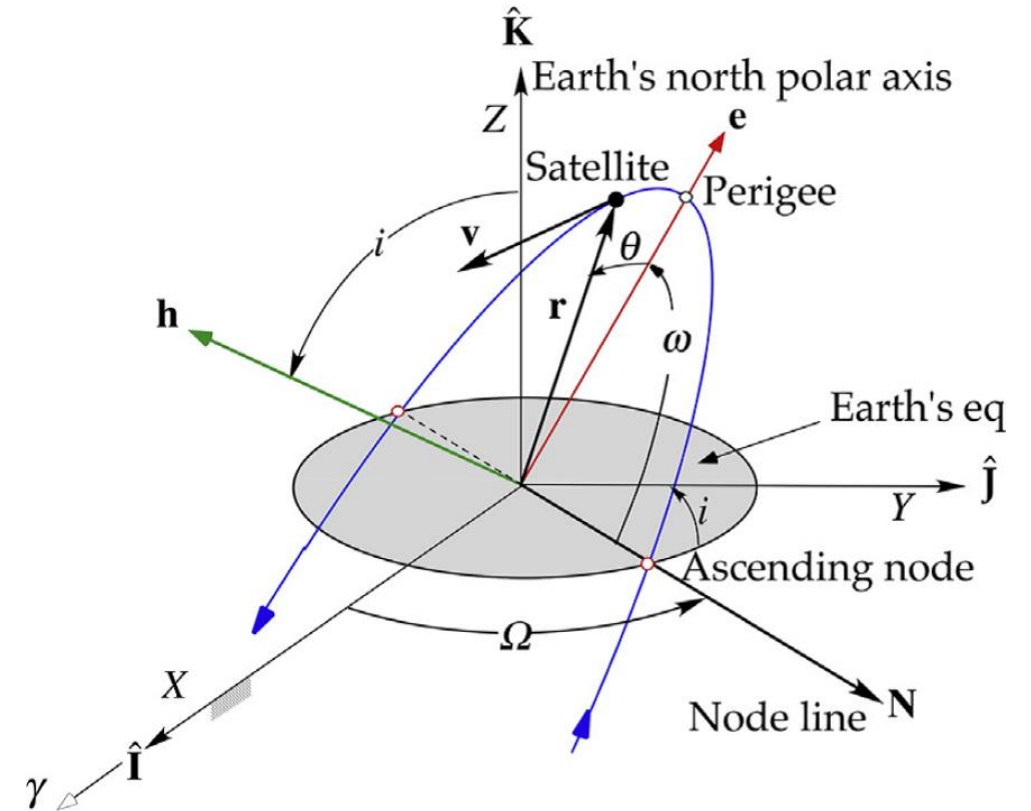
Orbits in Three Dimensions

$$2. \mathbf{h} = \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{v} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ X & Y & Z \\ v_X & v_Y & v_Z \end{vmatrix}, \quad h = \sqrt{\mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{h}}$$

$$\frac{v^2}{2} - \frac{\mu}{r} = -\frac{\mu}{2a} \rightarrow a = \frac{\mu}{\frac{2\mu}{r} - v^2}$$

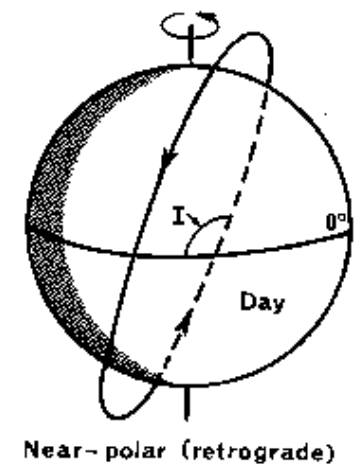
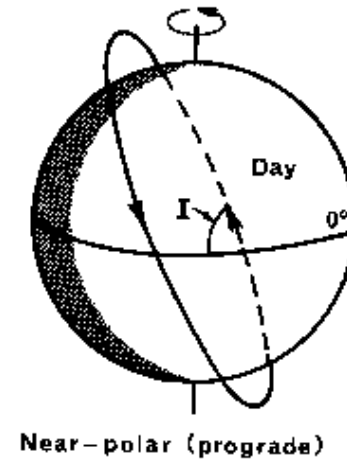
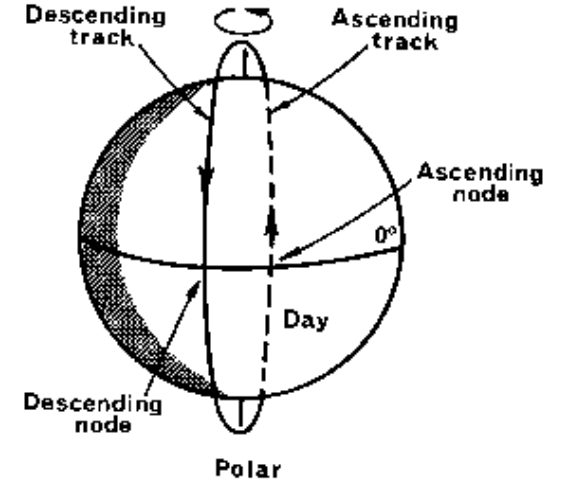
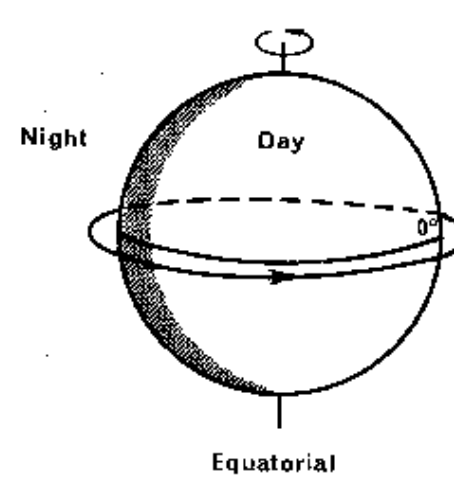
$$3. \mathbf{e} = \frac{1}{\mu} \left[\left(v^2 - \frac{\mu}{r} \right) \mathbf{r} - r v_r \mathbf{v} \right] \rightarrow e = \sqrt{\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{e}}$$

$$4. i = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{h_z}{h} \right)$$



Orbits in Three Dimensions

- Equatorial Orbits: $i \approx 0^\circ$
 - GEO
- Prograde/Direct Orbits: $0 < i < 90^\circ$
- Polar Orbits: $i \approx 90^\circ$
- Retrograde Orbits: $90^\circ < i < 180^\circ$

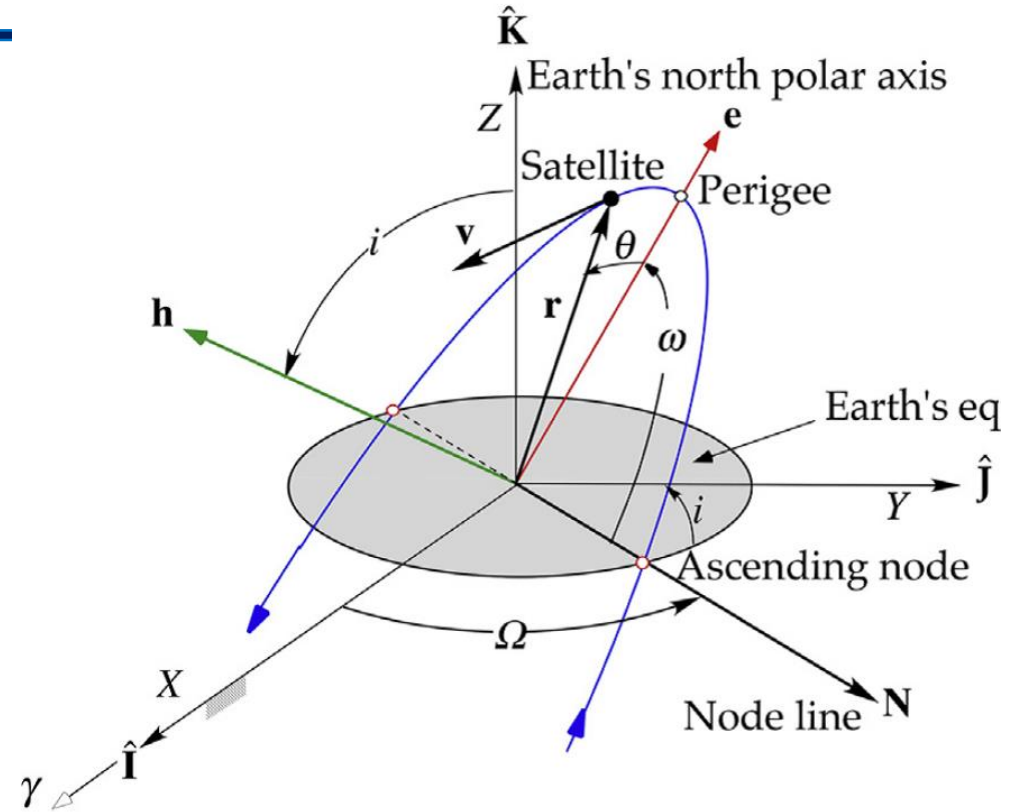


Orbits in Three Dimensions

$$5. \mathbf{N} = \hat{\mathbf{K}} \times \mathbf{h} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{i}} & \hat{\mathbf{j}} & \hat{\mathbf{k}} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ h_x & h_y & h_z \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{N} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{I}} = N \cos \Omega \quad \text{where} \quad N = \sqrt{\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{N}}$$

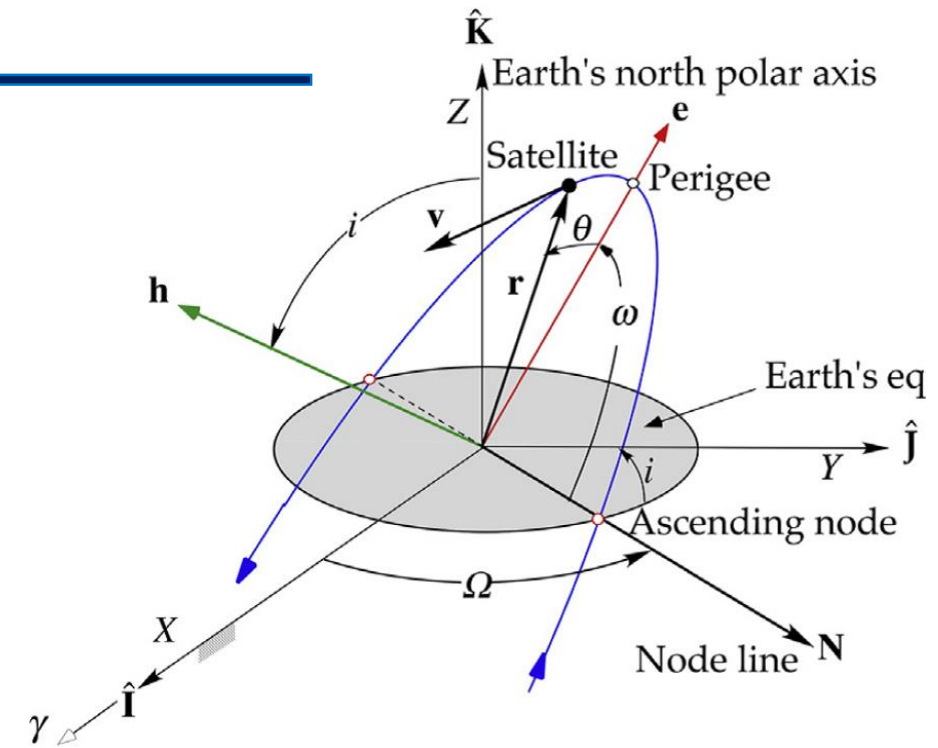
$$\Omega = \begin{cases} \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{N_x}{N}\right) & (N_y \geq 0) \\ 360^\circ - \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{N_x}{N}\right) & (N_y < 0) \end{cases}$$



Orbits in Three Dimensions

$$6. \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{e} = Ne \cos \omega \rightarrow \omega = \begin{cases} \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{e}}{Ne}\right) & e_z \geq 0 \\ 360^\circ - \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{e}}{Ne}\right) & e_z < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$7. \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{e} = re \cos \theta \rightarrow \theta = \begin{cases} \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{e \cdot r}\right) & v_r \geq 0 \\ 360^\circ - \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{e \cdot r}\right) & v_r < 0 \end{cases}$$



Special Cases

Equatorial orbits ($i = 0$)

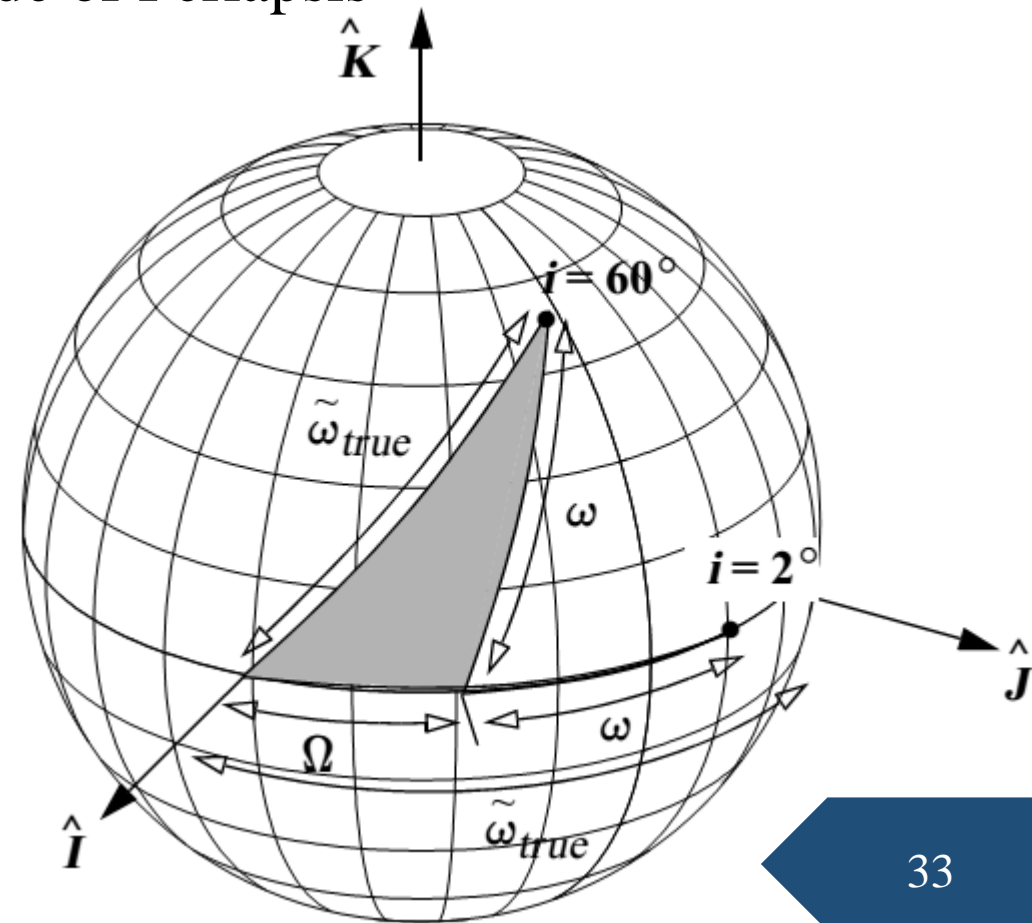
Ω is undefined in this case \longrightarrow True Longitude of Periapsis

Non-circular Equatorial

$$\cos(\tilde{\omega}_{true}) = \frac{\hat{I} \cdot \vec{e}}{|\hat{I}| |\vec{e}|}$$

$$\text{IF } (e_J < 0) \text{ THEN } \tilde{\omega}_{true} = 360^\circ - \tilde{\omega}_{true}$$

$$\text{if } i \leq 5^\circ \Rightarrow \tilde{\omega} = \Omega + \omega$$



Special Cases

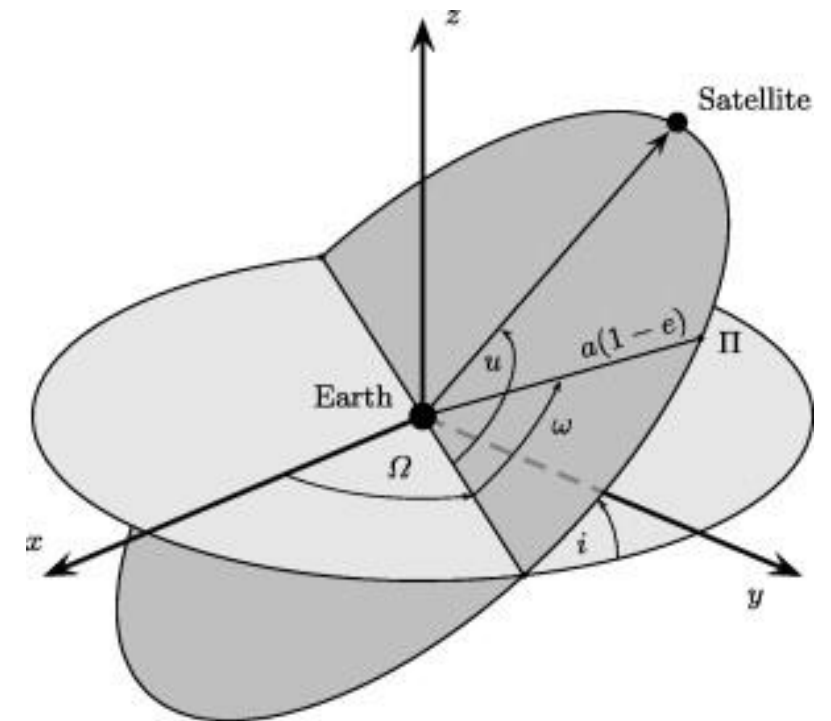
🌐 Circular orbits ($e = 0$)

ω is undefined \longrightarrow Argument of Latitude ($u = \omega + \theta$)

$$\cos(u) = \frac{\vec{n} \cdot \vec{r}}{|\vec{n}| |\vec{r}|}$$

IF ($r_K < 0$) THEN $u = 360^\circ - u$

mean argument of latitude: $u_M = \omega + M$



Special Cases

🌐 Circular and Equatorial Orbits ($e = 0, i = 0$)

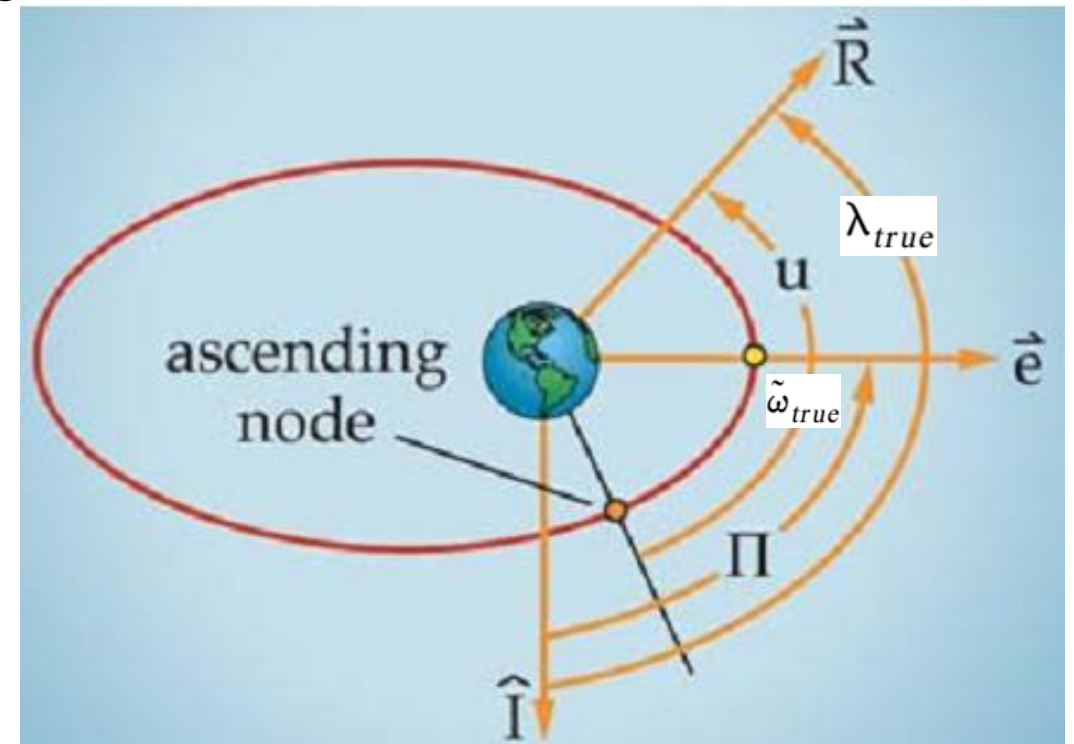
neither ω nor Ω are defined \longrightarrow True Longitude

$$\cos(\lambda_{true}) = \frac{\hat{I} \cdot \hat{r}}{|\hat{I}| |\hat{r}|}$$

$$\text{IF } (r_J < 0) \text{ THEN } \lambda_{true} = 360^\circ - \lambda_{true}$$

$$\lambda_{true} \approx \Omega + \omega + \theta$$

$$\text{mean longitude: } \lambda_M = \Omega + \omega + M = \tilde{\omega} + M$$



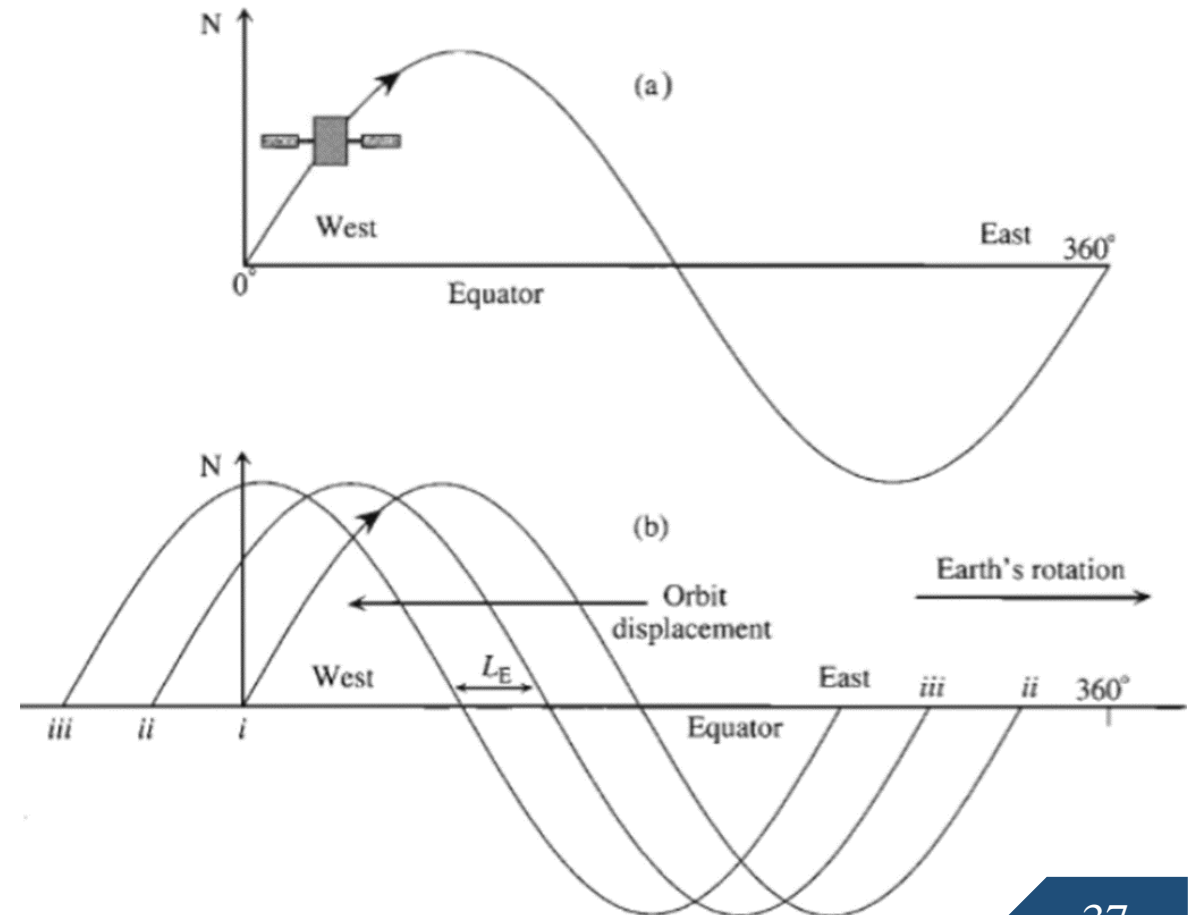
$$[\mathbf{v}]^{PCS} = \frac{\mu}{h} \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \theta \\ e + \cos \theta \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{v}]^{ECI} &= \mathbf{T}^{ECI-PCS} [\mathbf{v}]^{PCS} \\ &= (\mathbf{T}^{PCS-ECI})^T [\mathbf{v}]^{PCS} \end{aligned}$$

$$[\mathbf{v}]^{PCS} = \mathbf{T}^{PCS-ECI} [\mathbf{v}]^{ECI}$$

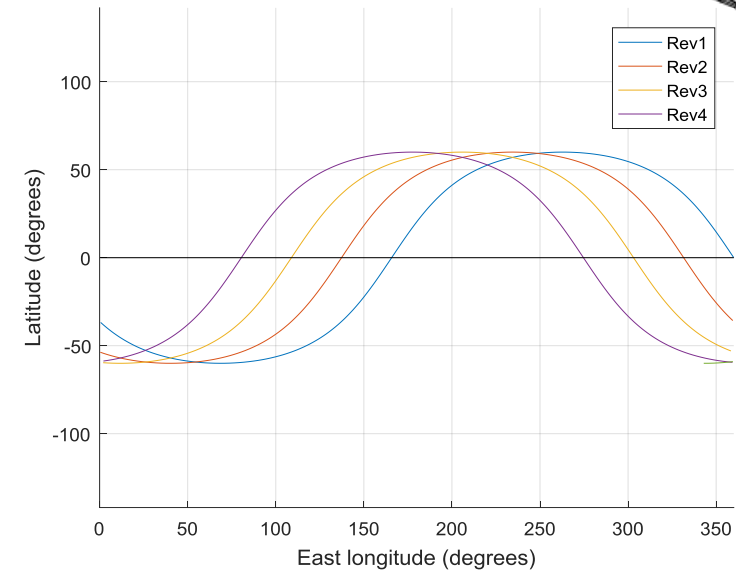
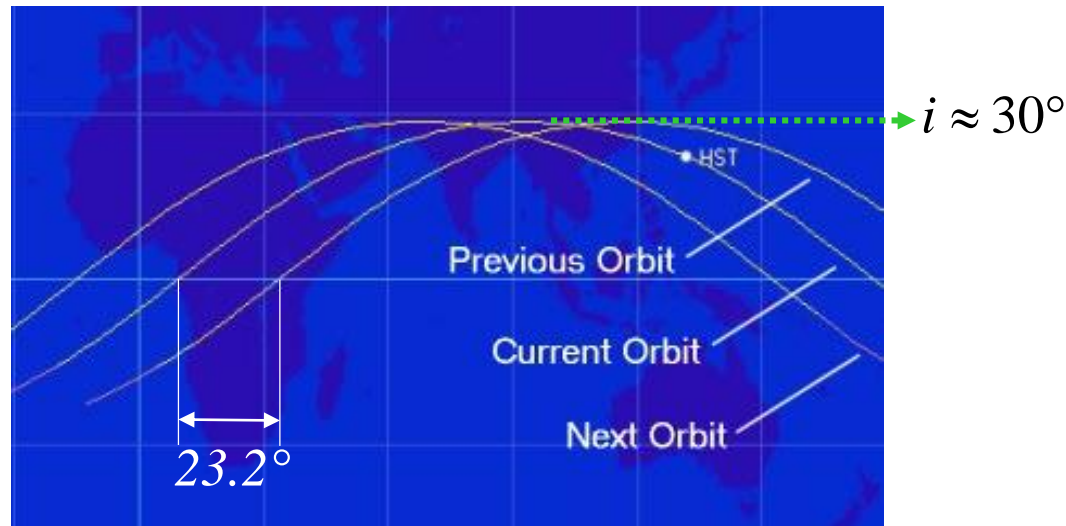
Ground Track


- Ground track (GT) or ground trace is the projection of the satellite's orbit onto the surface of the Earth.
- GT is a powerful tool for determining orbit position and location relative to a ground site.



Ground Track

- Revolution vs. pass
- Exploring orbital elements on ground tracks

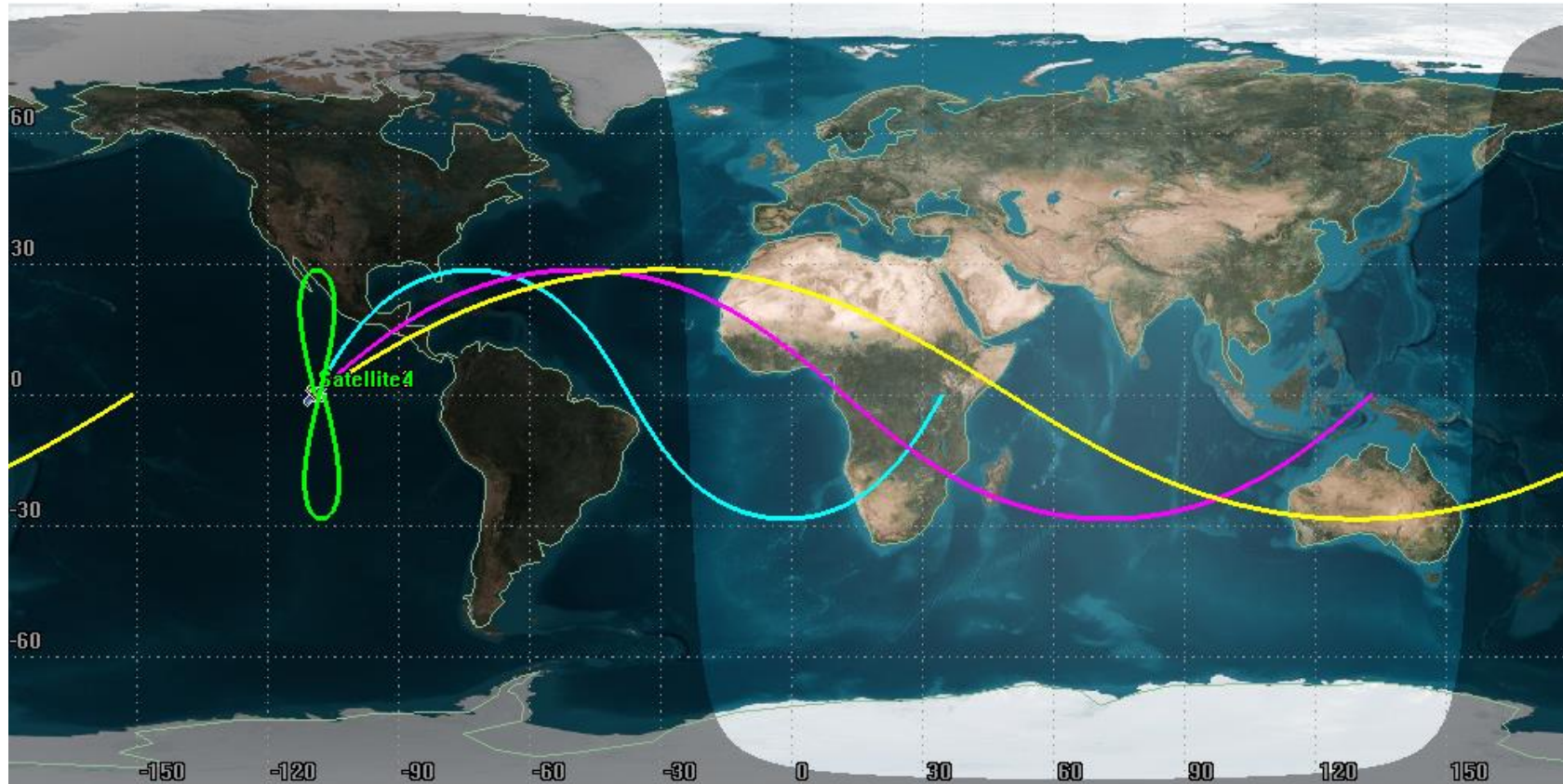


 Retrograde Orbit
(i=120 deg)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} T = \frac{23.2^\circ}{15.04^\circ / \text{hr}} = 1.54 \text{ hr (LEO)} \\ T = \frac{23.2^\circ}{(15.04 - \dot{\Omega})^\circ / \text{hr}} \end{array} \right. \quad \rightarrow \quad T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{a^3}{\mu}} \rightarrow a = 6770.3 \text{ km}$$

Ground Track

Effect of the semi-major axis



Yellow line: $a = 10000 \text{ km}$

Magenta line: $a = 20000 \text{ km}$

Cyan line: $a = 30000 \text{ km}$

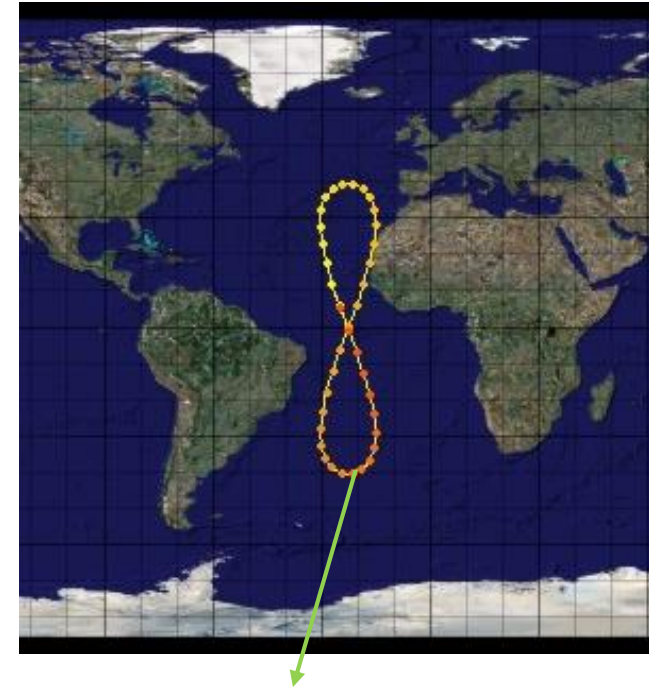
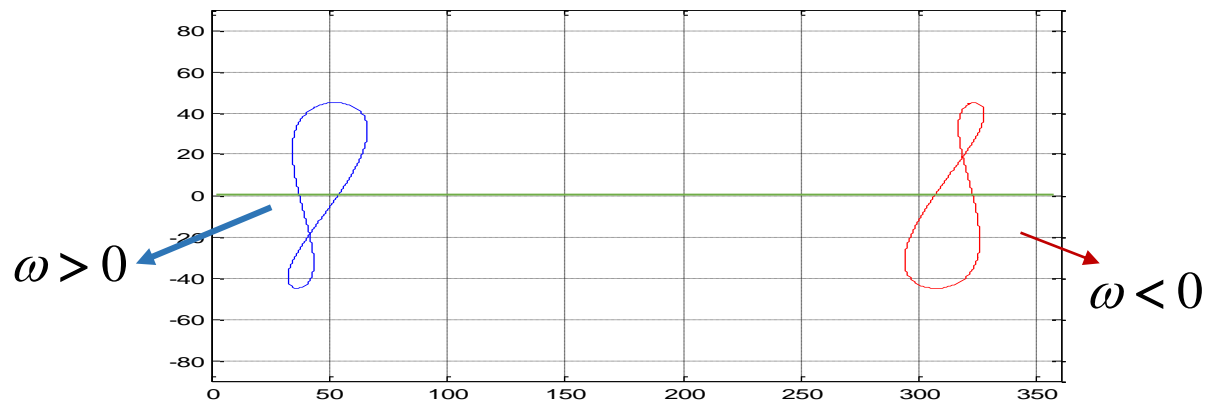
Green line: $a = 42000 \text{ km}$

Ground Track

- Geosynchronous orbits: Figure eight (8)
 - GEO: a single point on the Earth's equator

- Argument of perigee

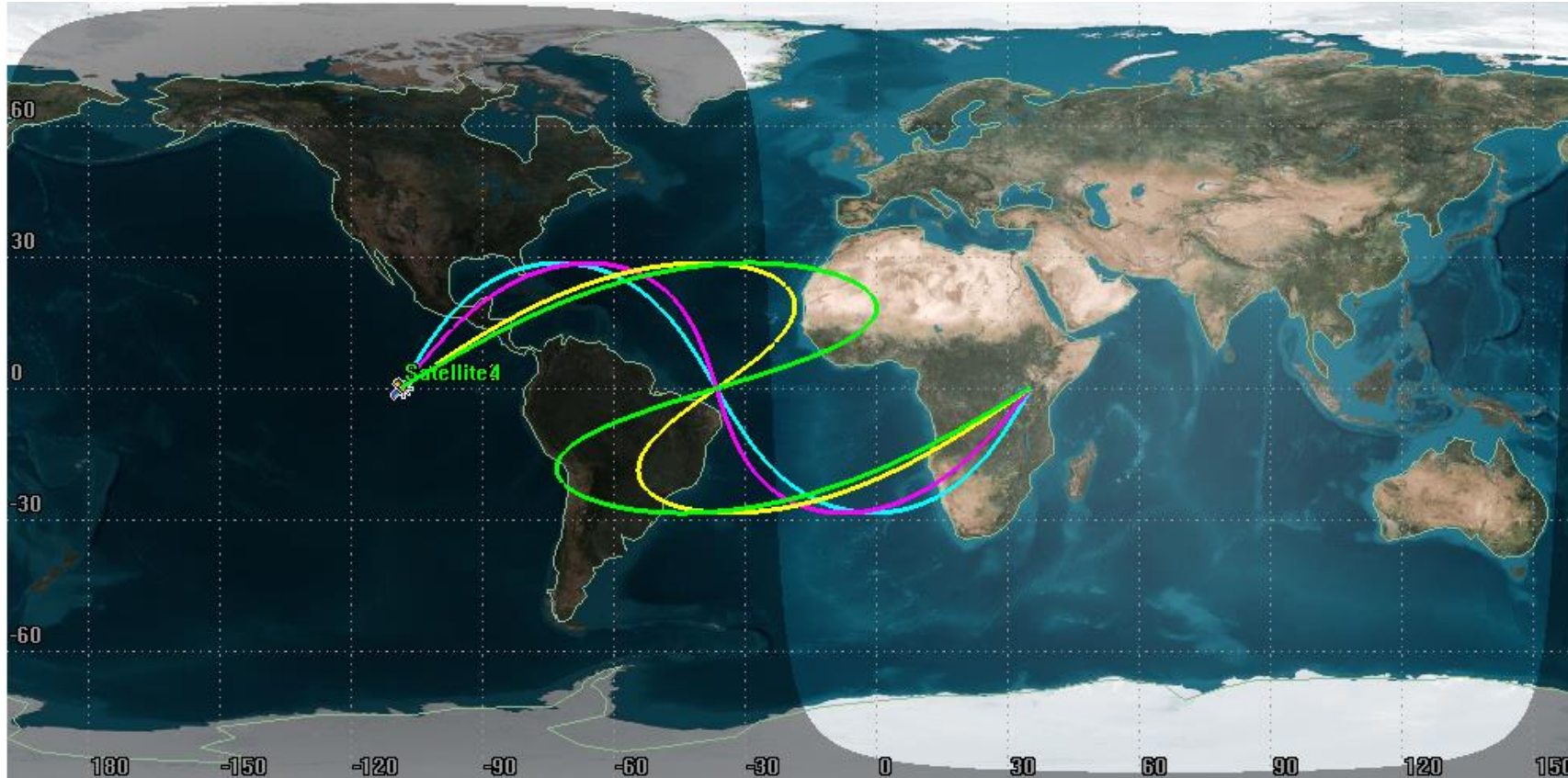
- Zero
- Non-zero



$$T = \frac{360^\circ - \delta\lambda}{15.04^\circ/hr}$$

Ground Track

Effect of the eccentricity



$e = 0$

$e = 0.1$

$e = 0.5$

$e = 0.7$

Earth-Centered/Earth-Fixed Frame

🌍 Earth-Centered/Earth-Fixed Frame (ECEF)

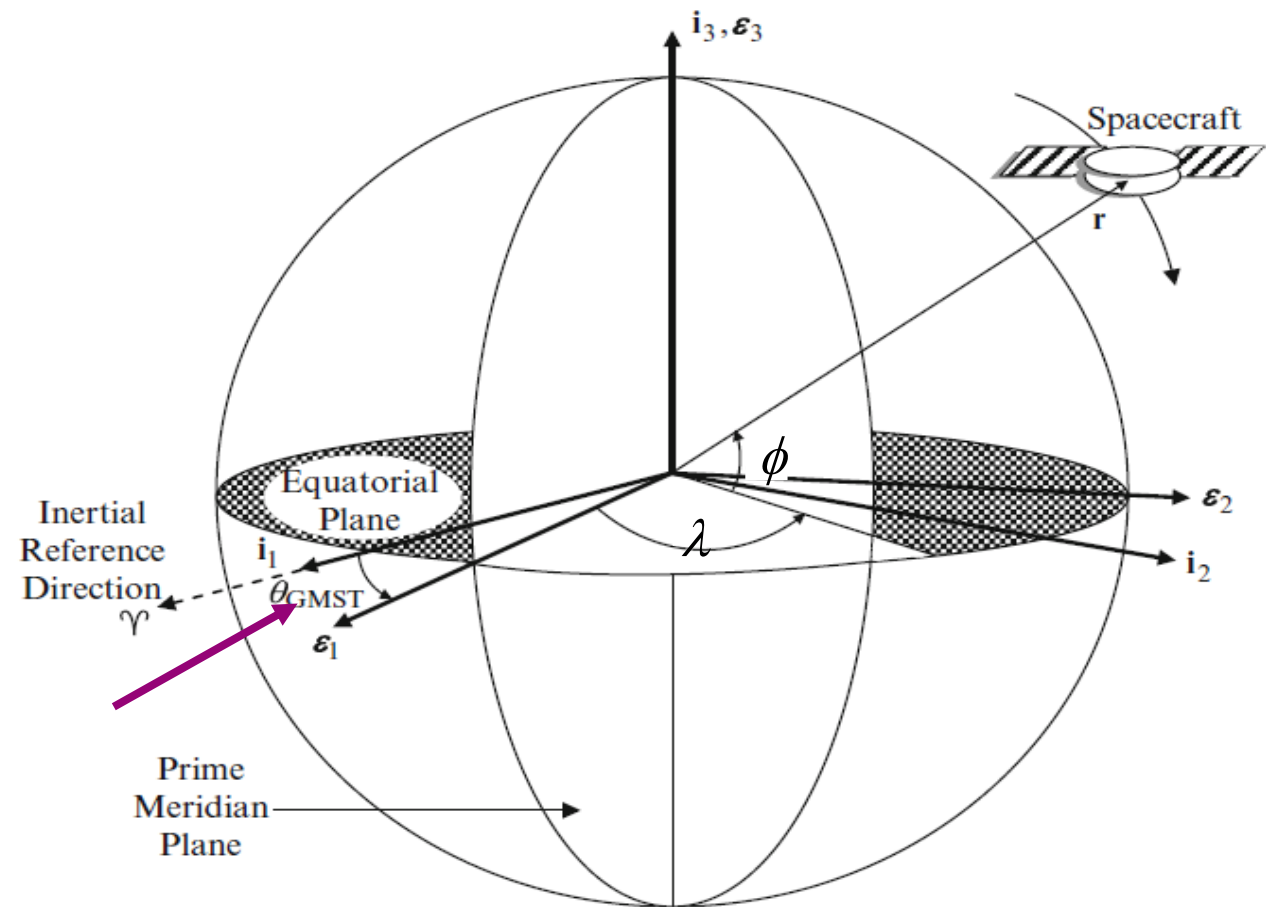
Origin: c.m. of the Earth,

Fundamental plane: Equatorial plane,

preferred direction: Greenwich meridian

Coordinates:

- Longitude (λ),
- Latitude (ϕ) ?!



Ground Track



How to plot?

$$[\mathbf{R}_3(\theta_{GMST})] = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_{GMST} & \sin \theta_{GMST} & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_{GMST} & \cos \theta_{GMST} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\theta_{GMST} \approx \omega_E (t - t_0)$$

$$[\mathbf{r}]^{ECEF} = [\mathbf{R}_3(\theta_{GMST})][\mathbf{r}]^{ECI}$$

