Subject: Plotting a trajectory against a mapped image Posted by steve on Tue, 12 Jul 2005 22:24:29 GMT

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Subject: Re: Plotting a trajectory against a mapped image Posted by Klemens Barfus on Wed, 13 Jul 2005 16:06:56 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Hi Steve,

I asked the distributor of IDL in Germany for exactly this feature one week ago. I wanted to plot three dimensional data of an atmospheric model with a map as a coordinate system for x and y coordinates. The T3D feature does not work - hopefully they will see thee need to add this feature.

What I did: I changed the coordinates to rectangular coordinates, but then you have to change all your terrain coordinates, too and the result depends on the size of the observed area...

If you some source code, send me an email.

Hope this helps,

Klemens

steve wrote:

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