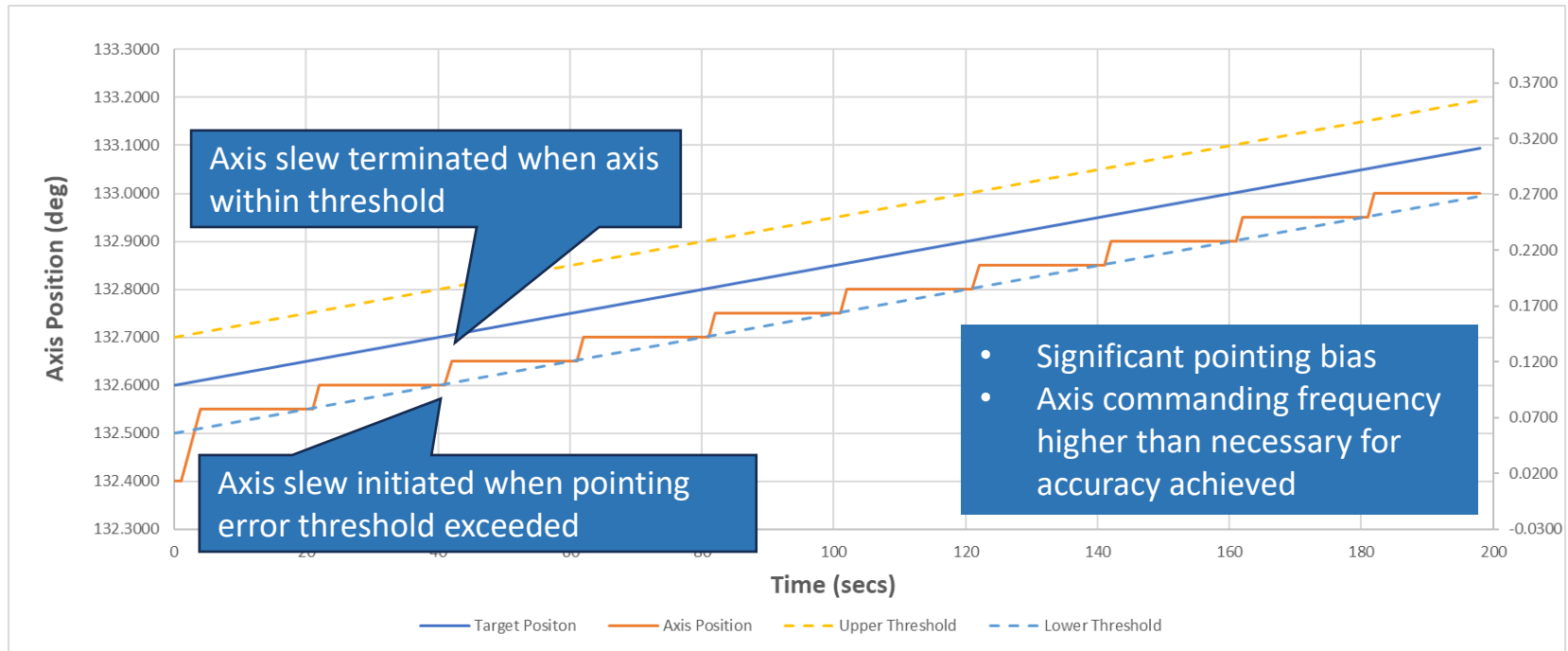


System 1 Tracking Modifications

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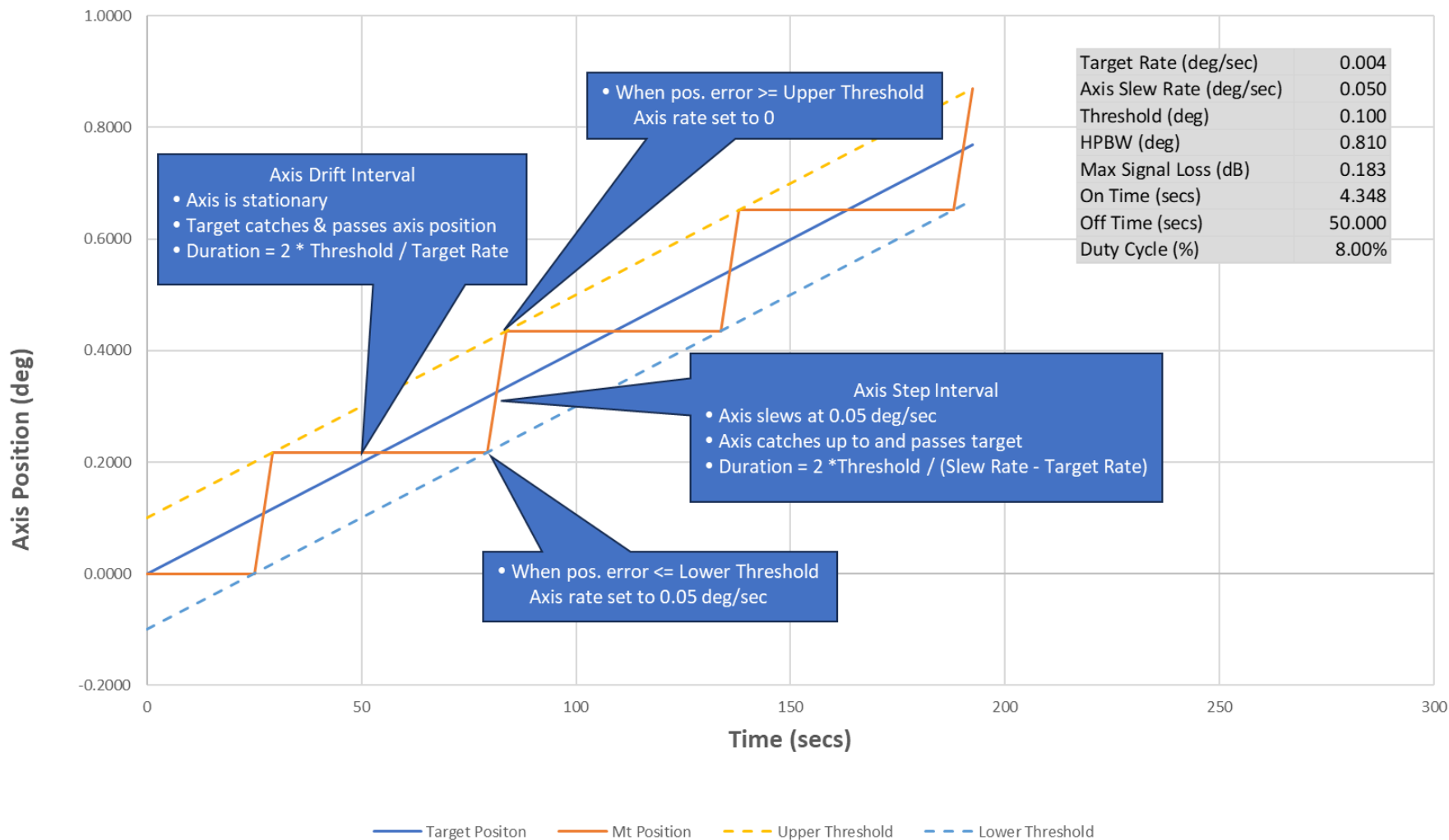
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- Current Tracking Approach
- Modified Tracking Approach
- Performance Analysis
 - Tracking Signal Loss
 - Target Rates
 - Step-Drift Interval
 - Signal Loss versus Step-Drift Interval Trade
- Plan



- Position data received 10 times/sec; Tracking Update loop runs once per second
- Tracking Threshold set to .1 deg for both axis
- Axis step rate: Azimuth: .1 deg/sec, Elevation: .05 deg/sec
- Tracking parms were not changed when moved from 12-bit encoders to 16-bit encoders
 - Increased encoder resolution does not materially affect commanding frequency

Modified Tracking Approach: Step-Drift Tracking



Step-Drift Tracking : Az/El Boresite View

Step-Drift Sim Params

Tracking Threshold: 0.1

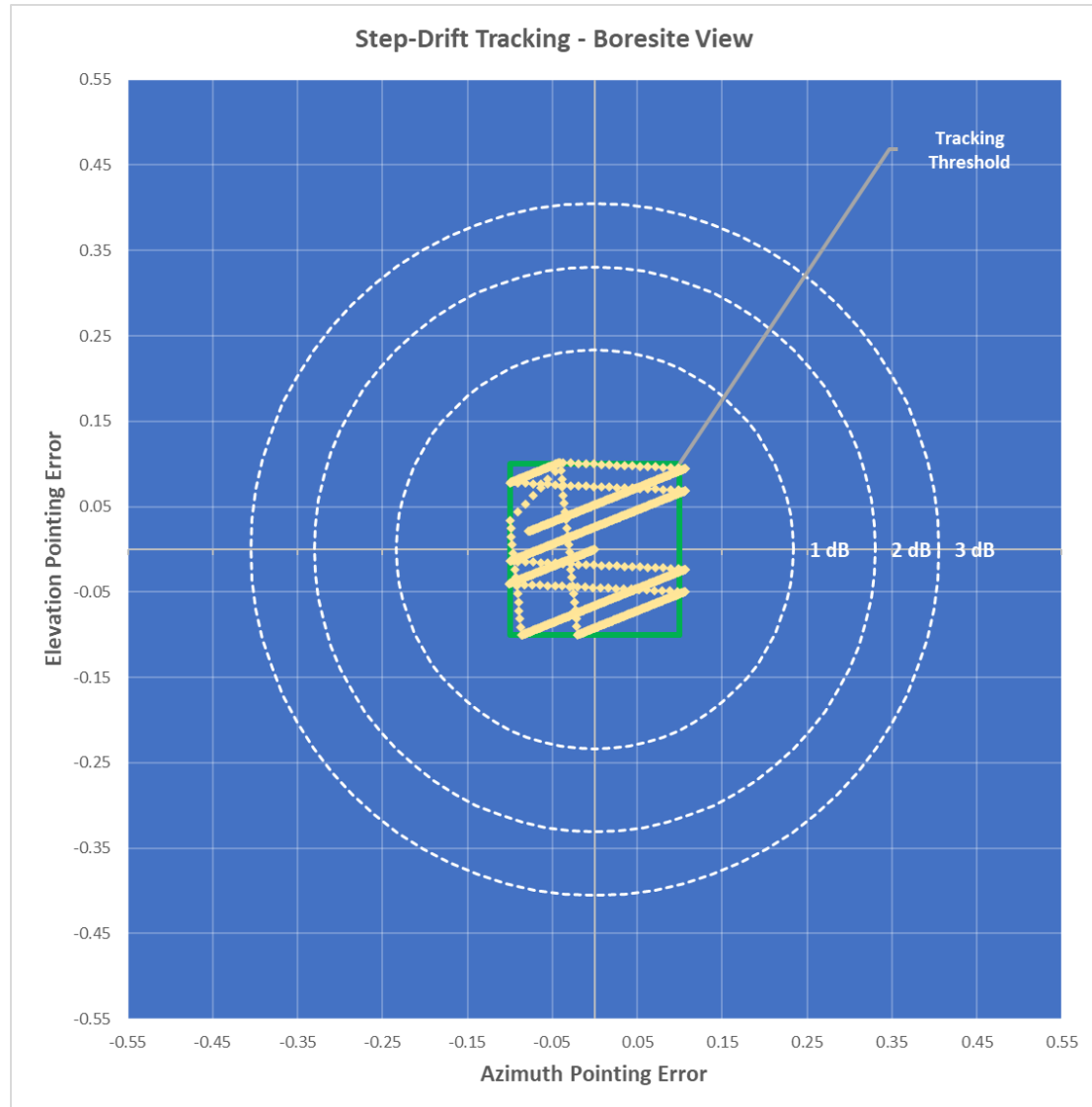
HPBW (1420 MHz): .81

Axis Step Rate: 0.05

Target Rate:

Az: 0.005

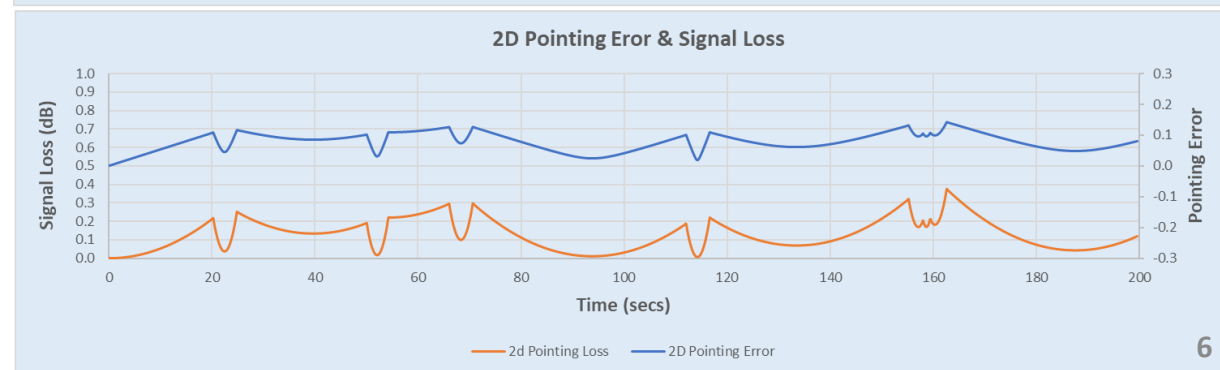
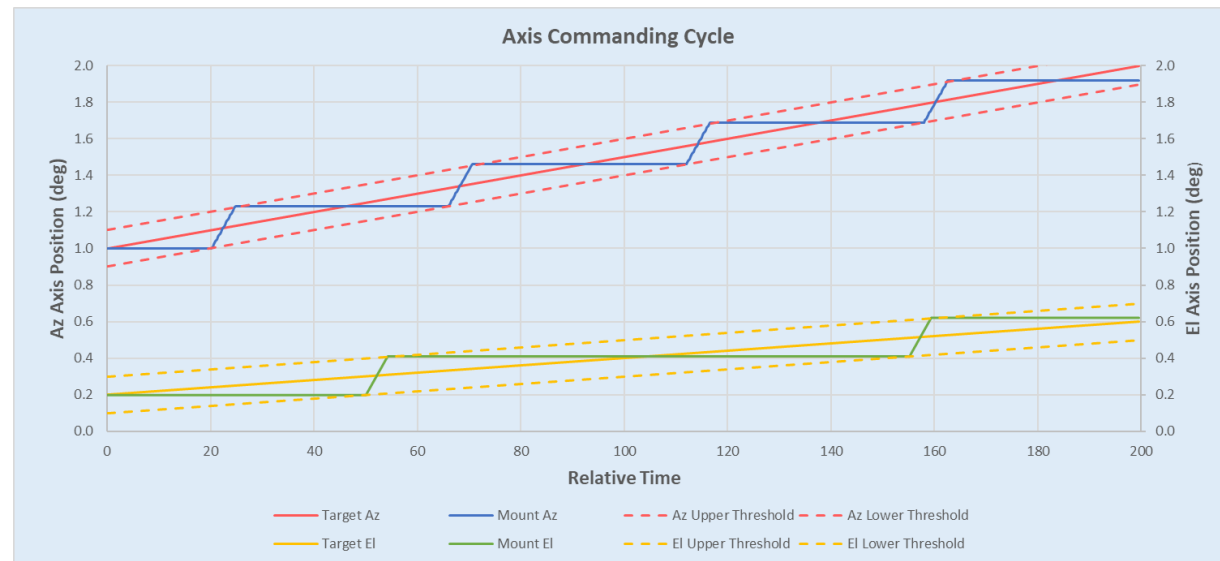
El: 0.002



- Tracking signal loss is function of off bore site pointing error and HPBW which is frequency dependent
- Off bore site pointing error derived from combination of Az and El pointing errors using Pythagorean equation
- Tracking signal loss = $12 * (\text{OffBoreSiteError} / \text{HPBW})^2$

Tracking Sim Inputs
Threshold: 0.1
Axis Step Rate: 0.05
Target Rate:
Az: 0.005
El: 0.002
HPBW: .81

Sim Results
Commanding Interval
Az: 44.4 secs
El: 104.2 secs
Pointing Error
Mean: .08 deg
Max: .14 deg
Signal Loss
Mean: .13 dB
Max: .373 dB



Target Rates

- Targets outside of solar system move relative to a point on Earth's surface at sidereal rate due to earth rotation

Azimuth Rates (deg/sec)

Elevation	Azimuth												
	0	30	60	90	120	150	180	210	240	270	300	330	360
88	-0.0911	-0.0785	-0.0443	0.0026	0.0494	0.0837	0.0963	0.0837	0.0494	0.0026	-0.0443	-0.0785	-0.0911
85	-0.0348	-0.0298	-0.0161	0.0026	0.0213	0.0350	0.0400	0.0350	0.0213	0.0026	-0.0161	-0.0298	-0.0348
80	-0.0160	-0.0135	-0.0067	0.0026	0.0119	0.0187	0.0212	0.0187	0.0119	0.0026	-0.0067	-0.0135	-0.0160
75	-0.0096	-0.0080	-0.0035	0.0026	0.0087	0.0132	0.0148	0.0132	0.0087	0.0026	-0.0035	-0.0080	-0.0096
60	-0.0031	-0.0023	-0.0002	0.0026	0.0054	0.0075	0.0083	0.0075	0.0054	0.0026	-0.0002	-0.0023	-0.0031
45	-0.0007	-0.0002	0.0010	0.0026	0.0042	0.0054	0.0059	0.0054	0.0042	0.0026	0.0010	-0.0002	-0.0007
30	0.0007	0.0010	0.0017	0.0026	0.0035	0.0042	0.0045	0.0042	0.0035	0.0026	0.0017	0.0010	0.0007
15	0.0017	0.0018	0.0022	0.0026	0.0030	0.0034	0.0035	0.0034	0.0030	0.0026	0.0022	0.0018	0.0017
0	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026	0.0026

Min Az Rate 0.0002 Max Az Rate 0.0963 Max Az Rate 0.0400 Below 85 degrees elevation

Elevation Rates (deg/sec)

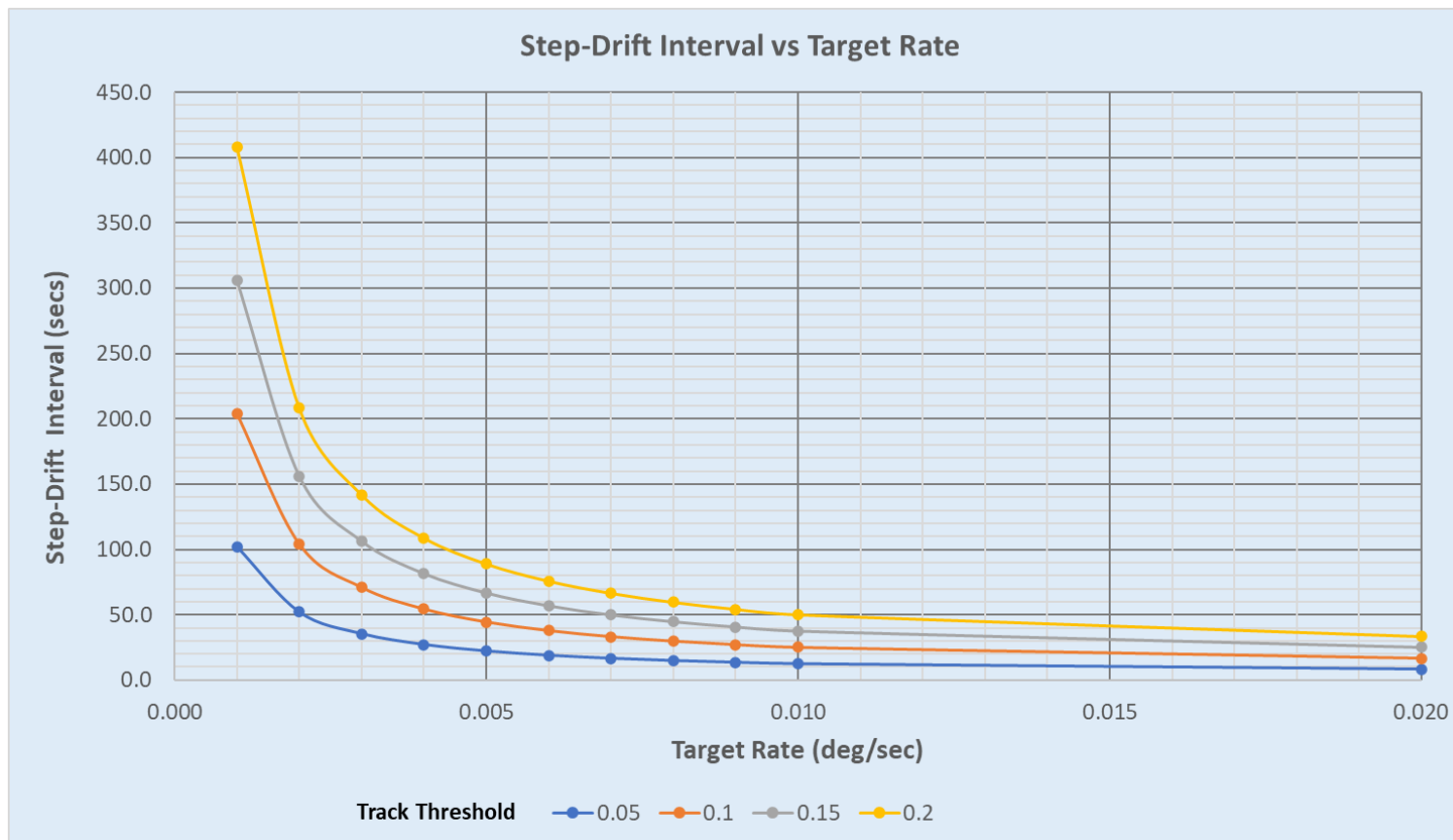
Elevation	Azimuth												
	0	30	60	90	120	150	180	210	240	270	300	330	360
90	0.00000	0.00164	0.00283	0.00327	0.00283	0.00164	0.00000	-0.00164	-0.00283	-0.00327	-0.00283	-0.00164	0.00000
75	0.00000	0.00164	0.00283	0.00327	0.00283	0.00164	0.00000	-0.00164	-0.00283	-0.00327	-0.00283	-0.00164	0.00000
60	0.00000	0.00164	0.00283	0.00327	0.00283	0.00164	0.00000	-0.00164	-0.00283	-0.00327	-0.00283	-0.00164	0.00000
45	0.00000	0.00164	0.00283	0.00327	0.00283	0.00164	0.00000	-0.00164	-0.00283	-0.00327	-0.00283	-0.00164	0.00000
30	0.00000	0.00164	0.00283	0.00327	0.00283	0.00164	0.00000	-0.00164	-0.00283	-0.00327	-0.00283	-0.00164	0.00000
15	0.00000	0.00164	0.00283	0.00327	0.00283	0.00164	0.00000	-0.00164	-0.00283	-0.00327	-0.00283	-0.00164	0.00000
0	0.00000	0.00164	0.00283	0.00327	0.00283	0.00164	0.00000	-0.00164	-0.00283	-0.00327	-0.00283	-0.00164	0.00000

Max El Rate 0.00327 Min El Rate 0.00000

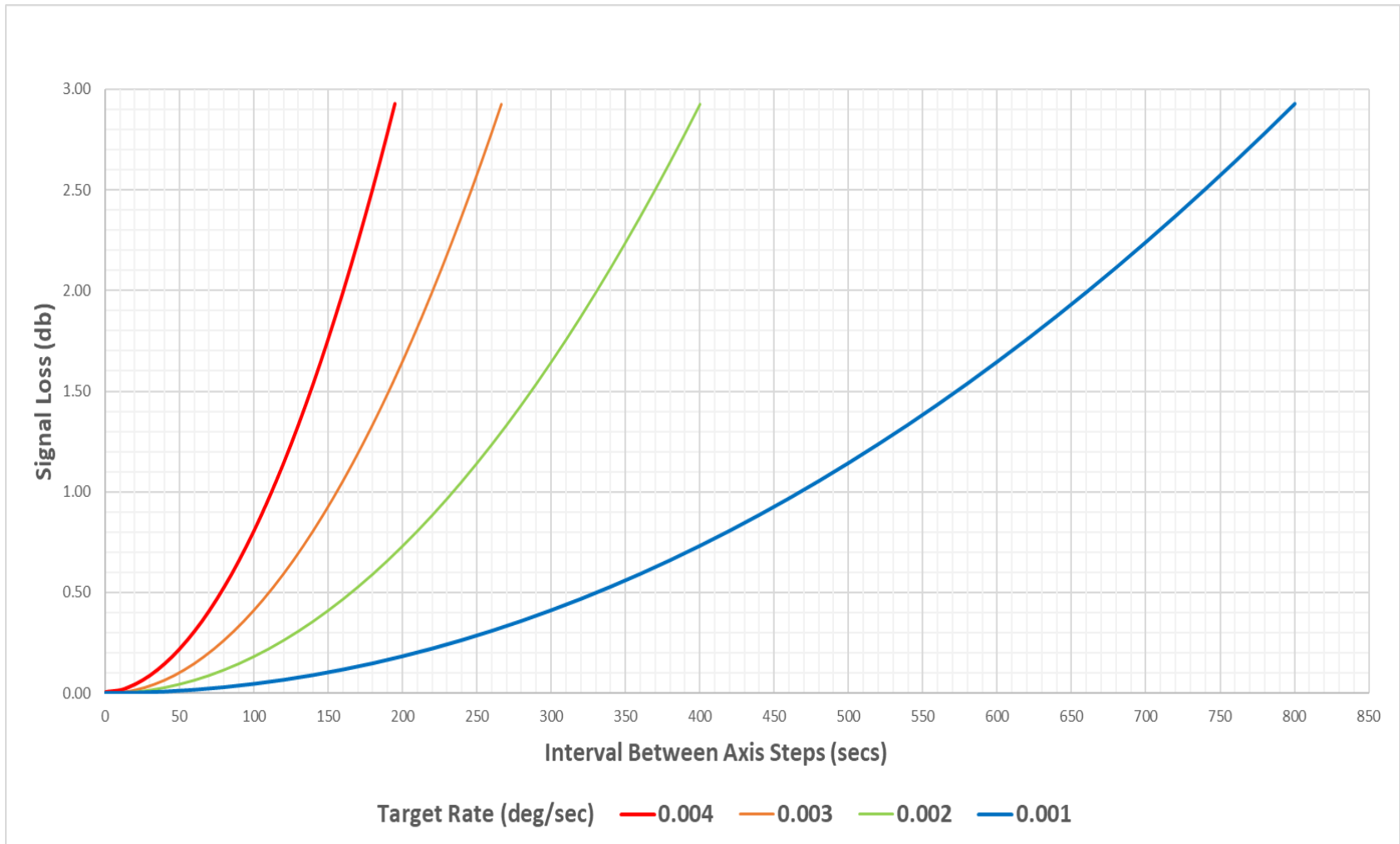
Axis Speed	
	> .01
	0.004 to 0.01
	0.002 to 0.004
	0.000 to 0.002

- Moon rate should be somewhat lower than sidereal due to orbital motion
- Planetary rates will be sidereal with varying offsets due to relative earth-planet motion

- Step-Drift Interval = Step Interval + Drift Interval
- Step Rate has minor effect on Step-Drift Interval
- Track Threshold and Target rate are primary factors in Step-Drift interval
 - Increasing track threshold increases Step-Drift interval
 - Increasing target rates decreases Step-Drift interval



Signal Loss is function of threshold which in turn determines Step-Drift Interval



- ✓ Prototype tracking algorithm modifications
- ✓ Test tracking algorithm prototype with mount simulator in Colorado Springs
- Test tracking algorithm prototype at site
- Integrate prototype algorithm into operational code
- Test modified operational code with mount simulator in Colorado Springs
- Test modified operational code at site