

Bruce Maccabee
December 18 at 4:54pm

Graph of angular displacement relative to the center of the FOV. I assume the angular field of view is 0.75 deg so half the FOV (center to left edge) is 0.375 deg. On the vertical scale at the left 100 corresponds to 0.375 deg at the left side of the video image. The graph of V1, the leftward component of angular velocity, has a slope that corresponds to about 0.13 deg/sec = 0.0023 radians/sec and V2 after an abrupt turn to the left, corresponding to a brief acceleration, is about 0.35 deg/sec = 0.0061 rad/sec. The most rapid change in velocity occurred during about 3 frames (at 30 frames/sec) or 3 sec x (1/30 sec) = 0.1 sec so the average acceleration over this short time was about (0.0061 - 0.0023)/(0.1) = 0.038 rad/sec². Multiply radians by distance to get actual acceleration (component transverse to line of sight). At 1 nm = about 6000 ft, this angular acceleration is about 6000 ft x 0.038 rad/sec² = 230 ft/sec² = 7 "g" where "g" is the acceleration due to gravity at the earth's surface, 32 ft.sec². The line labelled L is the horizontal dimension (component perpendicular to the LOS) of the image. The length in the direction of travel depends upon the speed and the exposure time as well as upon the inherent length of the object/light. The sudden increase in length is evidence of high acceleration for a short time followed by a constant velocity, V2. NOTE 1) This is a preliminary evaluation NOTE 2 the actual speeds calculated by the method above depends on the assumed distance from the plane to the object. If the distance were other than 6000 ft then the acceleration would be other than 230 ft/sec².

Frames 2224 to 2249 of F18 Video

Relative Distance Traveled

Frame

0.375 deg

V2

V1

L

distance traveled based on center of screen

V1 = 0.13 deg/sec

V2 = 0.35 deg/sec

L = image length in pixels

0.77 sec

Like Comment Share

139.47% Doc: 1.05M/6.09M

Timeline

Graph

Tracer

2X

Video Group 1

black background

0:00:00:01 (29.97 fps)

Color Swatches

Properties Adjustments Libraries Info

8-bit

Doc: 1.05M/6.09M

Click and drag to interact with the 3D scene.

Layers Channels Paths

Kind

Normal Opacity

Graph

Tracer

2X

Video Group 1

1X Frames 2224 to 2249

Black Background

1
00:00:05,269 --> 00:00:01,969
there's been some discussion about how

2
00:00:08,660 --> 00:00:05,279
these infrared videos show impossibly

3
00:00:10,759 --> 00:00:08,670
high accelerations and g-forces this is

4
00:00:12,589 --> 00:00:10,769
the end of the nimitz video where the

5
00:00:15,980 --> 00:00:12,599
UFO shoots off and it looks like it

6
00:00:17,480 --> 00:00:15,990
accelerates very rapidly you can see

7
00:00:19,720 --> 00:00:17,490
here it's going slowly and then suddenly

8
00:00:23,929 --> 00:00:19,730
BAM it starts going really fast and

9
00:00:26,029 --> 00:00:23,939
someone pointed me to this analysis by a

10
00:00:28,970 --> 00:00:26,039
retired physics professor who calculates

11
00:00:32,420 --> 00:00:28,980
a massive g-force at this point in the

12
00:00:35,389 --> 00:00:32,430
graph where it goes from the v1 velocity

13
00:00:40,639 --> 00:00:35,399

1 to V to velocity 2 and you can see

14

00:00:42,350 --> 00:00:40,649

this here in the video where it the U of

15

00:00:43,940 --> 00:00:42,360

her suddenly jumps there and it speeds

16

00:00:47,600 --> 00:00:43,950

up and that corresponds to this point

17

00:00:50,750 --> 00:00:47,610

here so here it's going this velocity

18

00:00:53,060 --> 00:00:50,760

and here it's going at this velocity

19

00:00:54,470 --> 00:00:53,070

with this sudden jump in the middle and

20

00:00:57,380 --> 00:00:54,480

the impossible g-forces

21

00:00:59,450 --> 00:00:57,390

however he misses the fact that this

22

00:01:02,180 --> 00:00:59,460

coincides with a change in the zoom

23

00:01:06,469 --> 00:01:02,190

level from one point zero to two point

24

00:01:09,170 --> 00:01:06,479

zero and to get it that means that to

25

00:01:11,030 --> 00:01:09,180

get an accurate track of the object we

26

00:01:14,270 --> 00:01:11,040

need to shrink down the second half of

27

00:01:18,289 --> 00:01:14,280

the video by 50% so I've done that here

28

00:01:19,580 --> 00:01:18,299

and now if you look at the motion of the

29

00:01:22,670 --> 00:01:19,590

object you can see there really isn't

30

00:01:26,330 --> 00:01:22,680

any speed up at all the object in fact