

FLIGHT SUMMARY REPORT

Flight Number: 94-023
Calendar/Julian Date: 11 January 1994 • 11
Sensor Package: Wild-Heerbrug RC-10
Modis Airborne Simulator (MAS)
Large Area Collectors (LACs)
Area(s) Covered: Central California

Investigator(s): Pilot Proficiency

Aircraft #: 706

SENSOR DATA

Accession #:	04655	-----	-----
Sensor ID #:	076	108	100
Sensor Type:	RC-10	MAS	LACs
Focal Length:	12" 304.89 mm	-----	-----
Film Type:	Aerochrome IR SO-060	-----	-----
Filtration:	Wratten 12	-----	-----
Spectral Band:	510-900 nm	-----	-----
f Stop:	11	-----	-----
Shutter Speed:	1/250	-----	-----
# of Frames:	49	-----	-----
% Overlap:	60	-----	-----
Quality:	Good	Excellent	-----
Remarks:	Excessive emulsion scratches throughout data; camera clock offset 3.7 seconds from navigation data		

Airborne Science and Applications Program

The Airborne Science and Applications Program (ASAP) is supported by three ER-2 high altitude Earth Resources Survey aircraft. These aircraft are operated by the High Altitude Missions Branch at NASA-Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, California. The ER-2s are used as readily deployable high altitude sensor platforms to collect remote sensing and *in situ* data on earth resources, celestial phenomena, atmospheric dynamics, and oceanic processes. Additionally, these aircraft are used for electronic sensor research and development and satellite investigative support.

The ER-2s are flown from various deployment sites in support of scientific research sponsored by NASA and other federal, state, university, and industry investigators. Data are collected from deployment sites in Kansas, Texas, Virginia, Florida, and Alaska. Cooperative international scientific projects have deployed the aircraft to sites in Great Britain, Australia, Chile, and Norway.

Photographic and digital imaging sensors are flown aboard the ER-2s in support of research objectives defined by the sponsoring investigators. High resolution mapping cameras and digital multispectral imaging sensors are utilized in a variety of configurations in the ER-2s' four pressurized experiment compartments. The following provides a description of the digital multispectral sensor(s) and camera(s) used for data collection during this flight.

Modis Airborne Simulator

The Modis Airborne Simulator (MAS) is a modified Daedalus multispectral scanner. It records up to twelve 8-bit channels, which can be selected from an array of fifty available spectral bands. The band selection is made prior to flight and the instrument is hard-wired to that configuration. Channel 1 is used to store additional bits which provide 10-bit resolution for Channels 9 through 12. The band configuration for this flight is as follows:

<u>Data System Channel</u>	<u>MAS Channel</u>	<u>Band edges μm</u>
1	---	LSBs for Channels 9-12
2	1	0.529 - 0.572
3	2	0.635 - 0.688
4	3	0.688 - 0.729
5	4	0.729 - 0.769
6	7	0.852 - 0.893
7	39	4.875 - 5.025
8	40	5.025 - 5.175
9*	31	3.659 - 3.810
10*	45	10.791 - 11.239
11*	47	12.539 - 12.986
12*	46	11.799 - 12.246

*10-bit resolution

Sensor/Aircraft Parameters:

Spectral Channels:	50
Output Channels:	Seven 8-bit and four 10-bit
IFOV:	2.5 mrad
Ground Resolution:	163 feet (50 meters at 65,000 feet)
Total Scan Angle:	85.92°

Pixels/Scan Line: 716
Scan Rate: 6.25 scans/second
Ground Speed: 400 kts (206 m/second)
Roll Correction: Plus or minus 3.5 degrees (approx.)

Large Area Collectors

The Large Area Collectors (LACs) are flown on NASA high altitude ER-2s in support of the NASA-Johnson Space Center Cosmic Dust Program. The LACs are used to collect comparatively unaltered cosmic dust from the stratosphere at ER-2 flight altitudes of 65,000 feet or higher. Sufficient quantities of extraterrestrial materials are collected to allow chemical and mineralogical compositions of individual particles to be determined. Study of these materials whose sources may be comets, asteroid collisions, planetary impacts, and meteorite ablation provide valuable information about the origin and history of the solar system.

Additional information regarding the Large Area Collectors may be obtained from Michael E. Zolensky, NASA-Johnson Space Center, SN2, Houston, Texas 77058 (Telephone: 713-483-5128).

Camera Systems

Various camera systems and films are used for photographic data collection. Film types include high definition color infrared, natural color, and black and white emulsions. Available photographic systems are as follows:

- Wild-Heerbrug RC-10 metric mapping camera
 - 9 x 9 inch film format
 - 6 inch focal length lens provides area coverage of 16 x 16 nautical miles from 65,000 feet
 - 12 inch focal length lens provides area coverage of 8 x 8 nautical miles from 65,000 feet
- Hycon HR-732 large scale mapping camera
 - 9 x 18 inch film format
 - 24 inch focal length lens provides area coverage of 4 x 8 nautical miles from 65,000 feet
- IRIS II Panoramic camera
 - 4.5 x 34.7 inch film format
 - 24 inch focal length lens
 - 90 degree field of view provides area coverage of 2 x 21.4 nautical miles from 65,000 feet

The U.S. Geological Survey's EROS Data Center at Sioux Falls, South Dakota serves as the archive and product distribution facility for NASA-Ames aircraft acquired photographic and digital imagery. For information regarding photography and digital data (including areas of coverage, products, and product costs) contact EROS Data Center, Customer Services, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57198 (Telephone: 605-594-6151).

For specific information regarding flight documentation, sensor parameters, and areas of coverage contact the Aircraft Data Facility, NASA-Ames Research Center, Mail Stop 240-6, Moffett Field, California 94035-1000 (Telephone: 415-604-6252). Additional information regarding ER-2 acquired photographic and digital data is also available through the Aircraft Data Facility.

CAMERA FLIGHT LINE DATA

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Accession # 04655

Sensor # 076

Check Points	Frame Numbers	Time (GMT-hr, min, sec)		Altitude, MSL feet/meters	Cloud Cover/Remarks
		START	END		
A - B	0468-0485	19:38:50	19:47:01	50000/15200	Minor-40% scattered cumulus (frames 0468-0483); oblique (frame 0485)
B - C	0486-0516	19:47:29	20:01:52	65000/19800	10% cumulus (frame 0516)

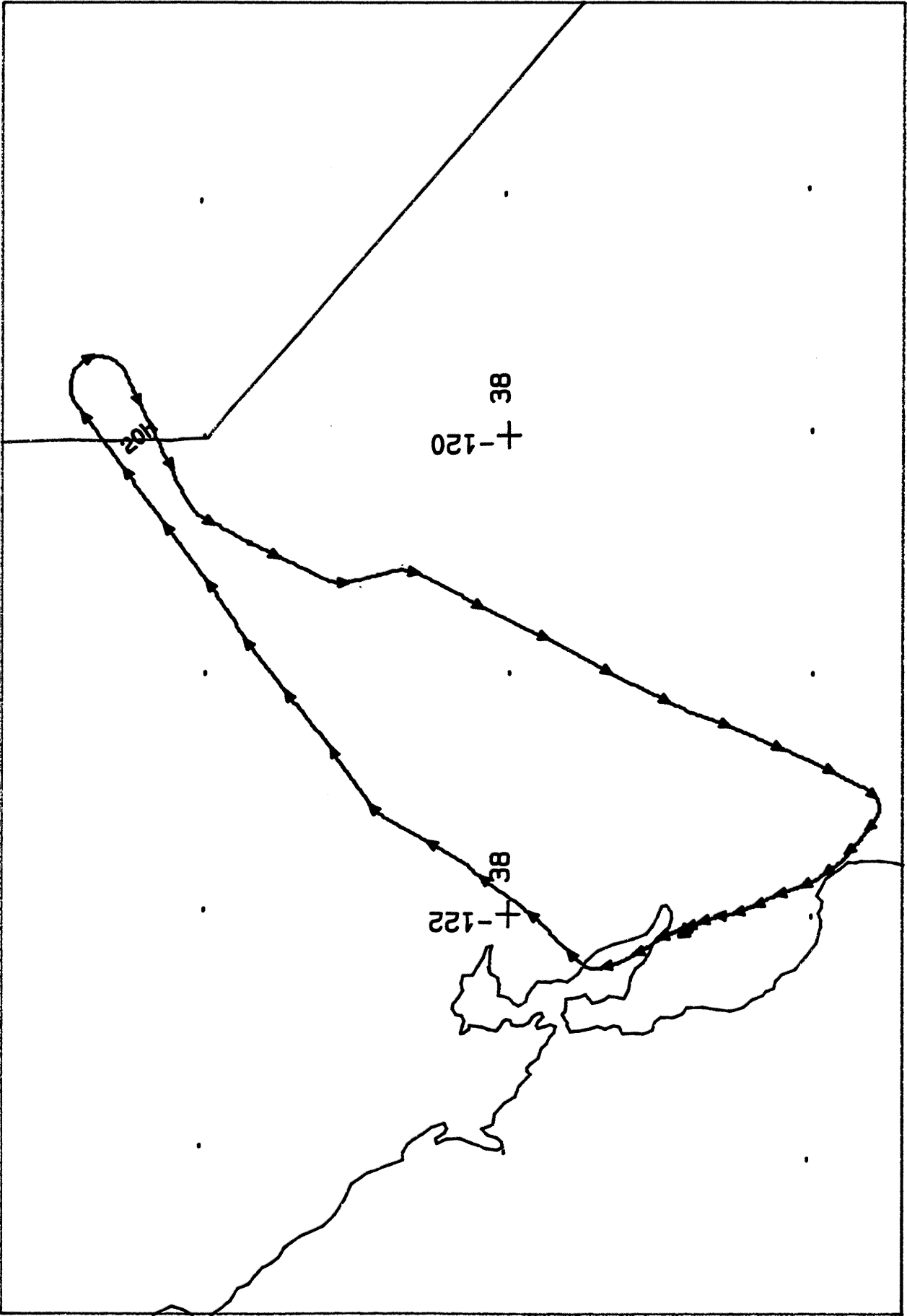
NOTE: FRAMES 0468-0495 ACQUIRED ON ASCENT

MAS SCANNER FLIGHT LINE DATA

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Check Points	A c t u a l t i m e b e g i n e n d	A c t u a l s c a n l i n e b e g i n e n d	A l t i t u d e f e e t / m e t e r	S c a n S p e e d (r p s)	t o t a l G o o d s c a n l i n e s	t o t a l I n t e r p o l a t e d s c a n l i n e s	t o t a l R e p e a t e d s c a n l i n e s
BC	19:47:79.0 20:01:79.0	10329 15675	65000/19812	6.25	5347	0	0
DE	20:05:75.0 20:08:72.0	16962 18249	65000/19812	6.25	1288	0	0
EF	20:09:76.0 20:13:73.0	18645 19932	65000/19812	6.25	1288	0	0
GH	20:16:70.0 20:21:76.0	21219 23001	65000/19812	6.25	1783	0	0

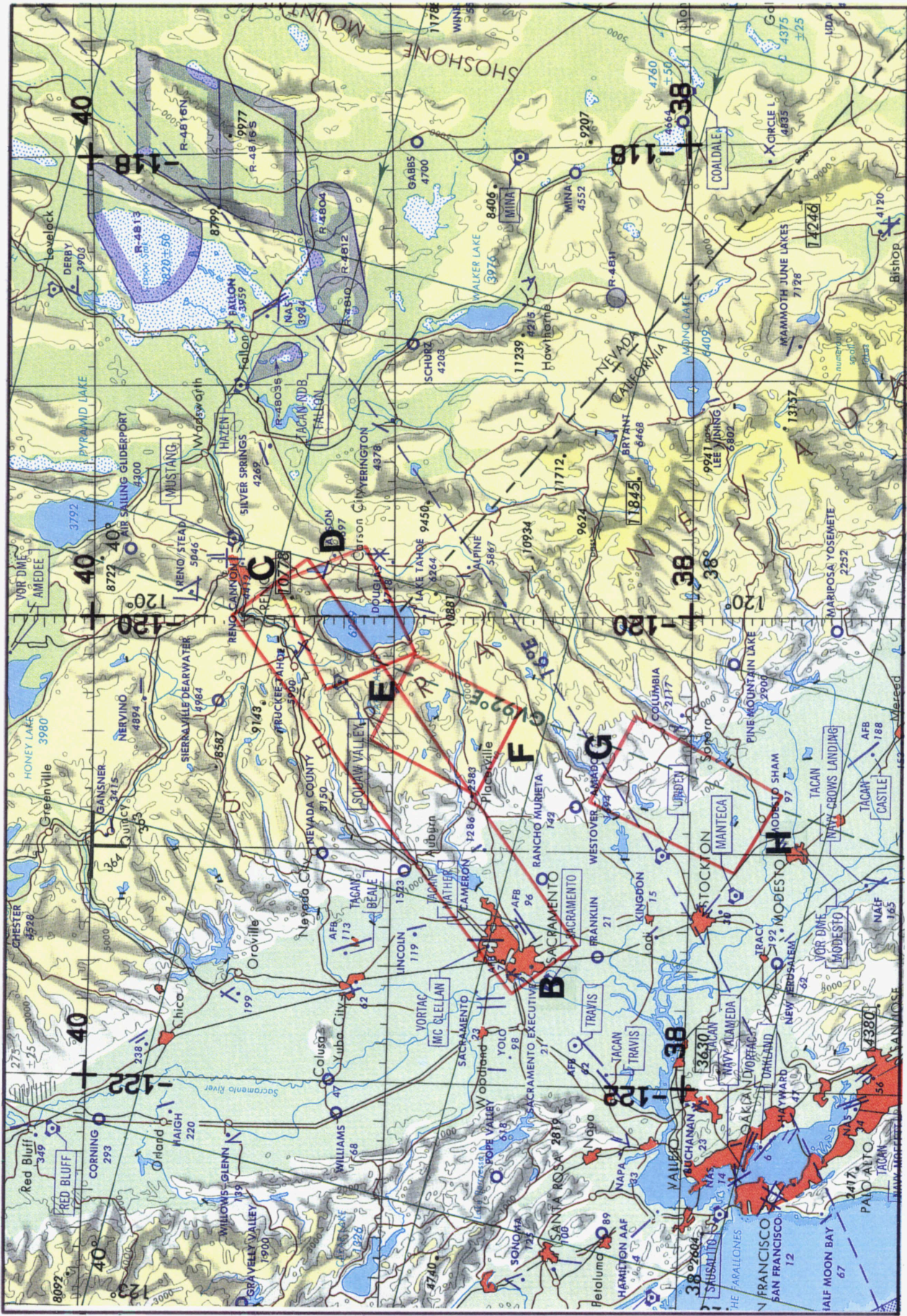


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