

# FLIGHT SUMMARY REPORT

**Flight Number:** 95-198  
**Calendar/Julian Date:** 27 September 1995 • 270  
**Sensor Package:** Modis Airborne Simulator (MAS)  
Radiation Measurement System (RAMS)  
Cloud Lidar System (CLS)  
Video Imaging System (VIS)  
**Area(s) Covered:** Gulf of Mexico

**Investigator(s):** Valero, Scripps

**Aircraft #:** 708

## SENSOR DATA

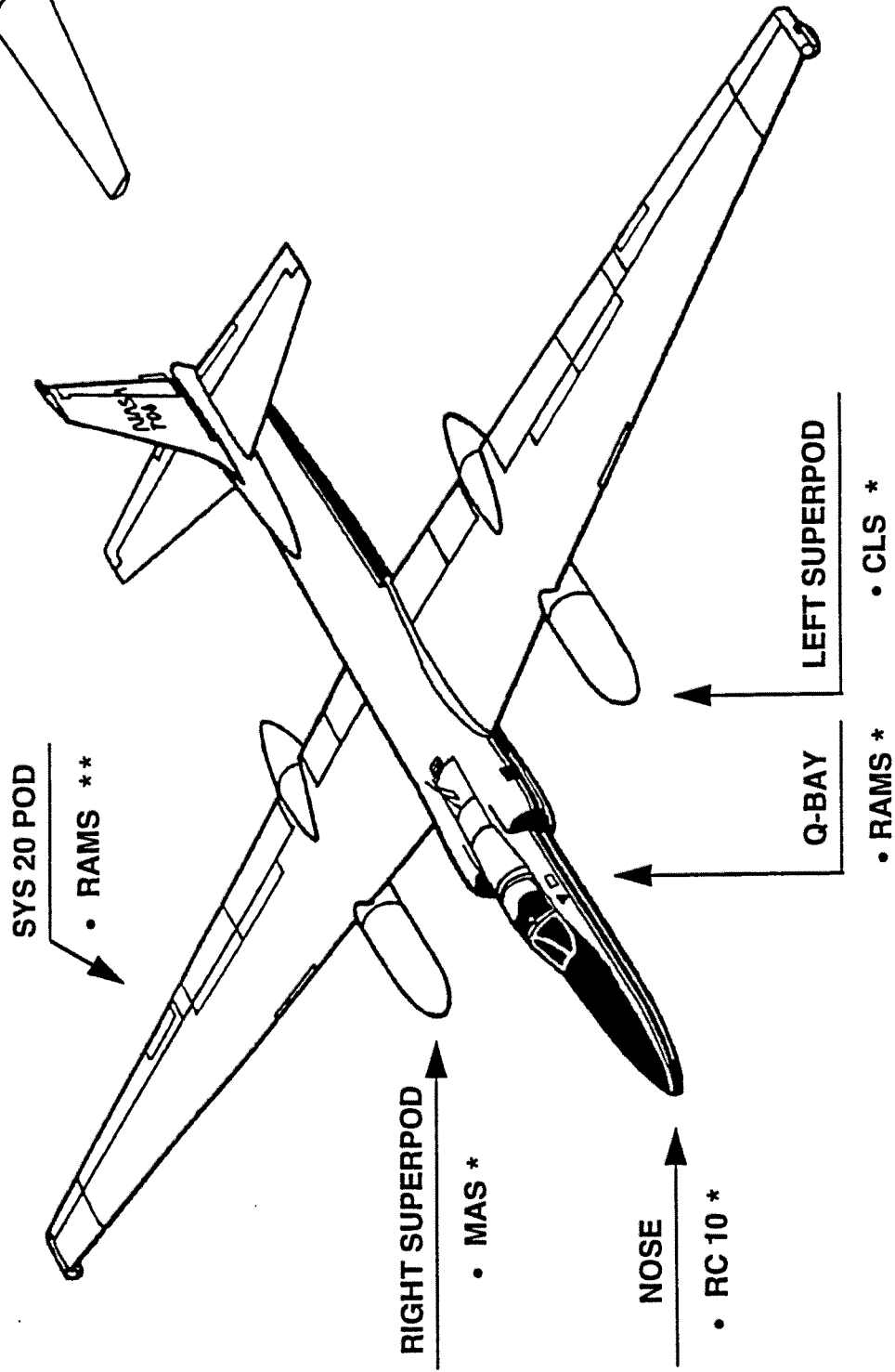
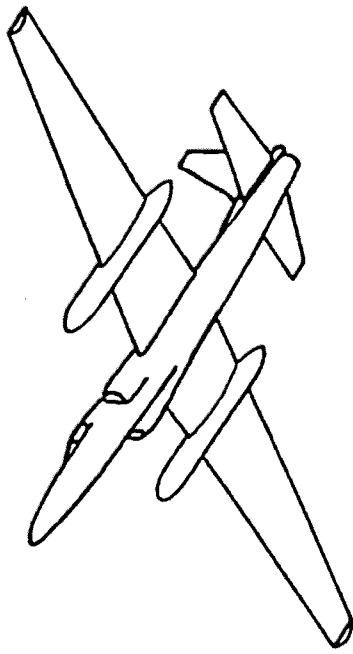
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# ARESE CONFIGURATION

ATMOSPHERIC RADIATION MEASUREMENTS ENHANCED SHORTWAVE EXPERIMENT

AIRCRAFT 708

LOCATION BERGSTROM



## 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.

### Cloud Lidar System

The Cloud Lidar System (CLS) is flown on the ER-2 to conduct cloud radiation and severe storm field experiments. Designed to operate at high altitudes in order to obtain measurements above the highest clouds, the instrument provides the true height of cloud boundaries and the density structure of less dense clouds. The height structure of cirrus, cloud top density and multiple cloud layers may also be profiled. System specifications are as follows:

#### Transmitter

Laser Type:	Nd:YAG I,II
Wavelength:	1064, 532 nm
Pulse Energy:	90, 30 mJ
PRF:	10 Hz
Beamwidth:	1 mrad
Data Acquisition:	Measurements at 20m intervals at 200 m/sec aircraft speed

#### Receiver

Diameter:	0.15 m
Beamwidth:	1.4 mrad
Polarization:	v & h

#### Data System

Range Resolution:	7.5 m
Number of Channels:	4
Samples per Channel:	3310
Record Capacity:	8 hours

For additional information regarding this instrument contact Dr. James Spinhirne, NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center, Code 917, Greenbelt, MD 20771.

## Modis Airborne Simulator

The Modis Airborne Simulator (MAS) is a modified Daedalus multispectral scanner configured to replicate the capabilities of the Moderate-Resolution Imaging Spectrometer (MODIS), an instrument to be orbited on an EOS platform. MODIS is designed for the measurement of biological and physical processes and atmospheric temperature. The Modis Airborne Simulator records fifty 12-bit channels of multispectral data and is configured as follows:

Spectral Channel	Band center (µm )	Bandwidth (µm )	Spectral Range
1	0.549	0.044	0.527-0.571
2	0.658	0.053	0.631-0.684
3	0.704	0.042	0.683-0.725
4	0.745	0.041	0.725-0.766
5	0.786	0.041	0.765-0.807
6	0.827	0.042	0.806-0.848
7	0.869	0.042	0.848-0.891
8	0.909	0.033	0.893-0.926
9	0.947	0.046	0.924-0.970
10	1.608	0.053	1.582-1.635
11	1.670	0.052	1.644-1.695
12	1.723	0.05	1.698-1.748
13	1.775	0.05	1.750-1.800
14	1.825	0.046	1.802-1.849
15	1.88	0.045	1.856-1.901
16	1.93	0.45	1.909-1.954
17	1.98	0.048	1.955-2.003
18	2.03	0.048	2.005-2.053
19	2.08	0.047	2.056-2.103
20	2.128	0.047	2.105-2.152
21	2.177	0.047	2.154-2.201
22	2.227	0.047	2.203-2.250
23	2.276	0.047	2.253-2.300
24	2.326	0.047	2.303-2.350
25	2.375	0.047	2.351-2.398

Spectral Channel	Band center (µm )	Bandwidth (µm )	Spectral Range
26	2.958	0.136	2.889-3.026
27	3.119	0.123	3.058-3.181
28	3.265	0.146	3.192-3.338
29	3.437	0.142	3.366-3.509
30	3.565	0.144	3.493-3.637
31	3.747	0.138	3.668-3.816
32	3.893	0.156	3.815-3.971
33	4.064	0.143	3.992-4.135
34	4.156	0.065	4.124-4.189
35	4.389	0.113	4.332-4.446
36	4.514	0.140	4.444-4.584
37	4.647	0.144	4.575-4.720
38	4.823	0.179	4.734-4.913
39	4.992	0.145	4.919-5.064
40	5.139	0.122	5.078-5.120
41	5.275	0.124	5.214-5.337
42	8.557	0.396	8.359-8.755
43	9.711	0.509	9.457-9.966
44	10.473	0.441	10.252-10.693
45	10.976	0.439	10.757-11.196
46	11.929	0.421	11.719-12.140
47	12.822	0.376	12.634-13.010
48	13.190	0.447	12.966-13.413
49	13.661	0.587	13.368-13.954
50	14.155	0.395	13.957-14.352

### Sensor/Aircraft Parameters:

Spectral Bands: 50 (digitized to 16-bit resolution)  
 IFOV: 2.5 mrad  
 Ground Resolution: 163 feet (50 meter at 65,000 feet)  
 Swath Width: 22.9 mi/19.9 nmi (36 km)  
 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.)

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.

### **Video Imaging System**

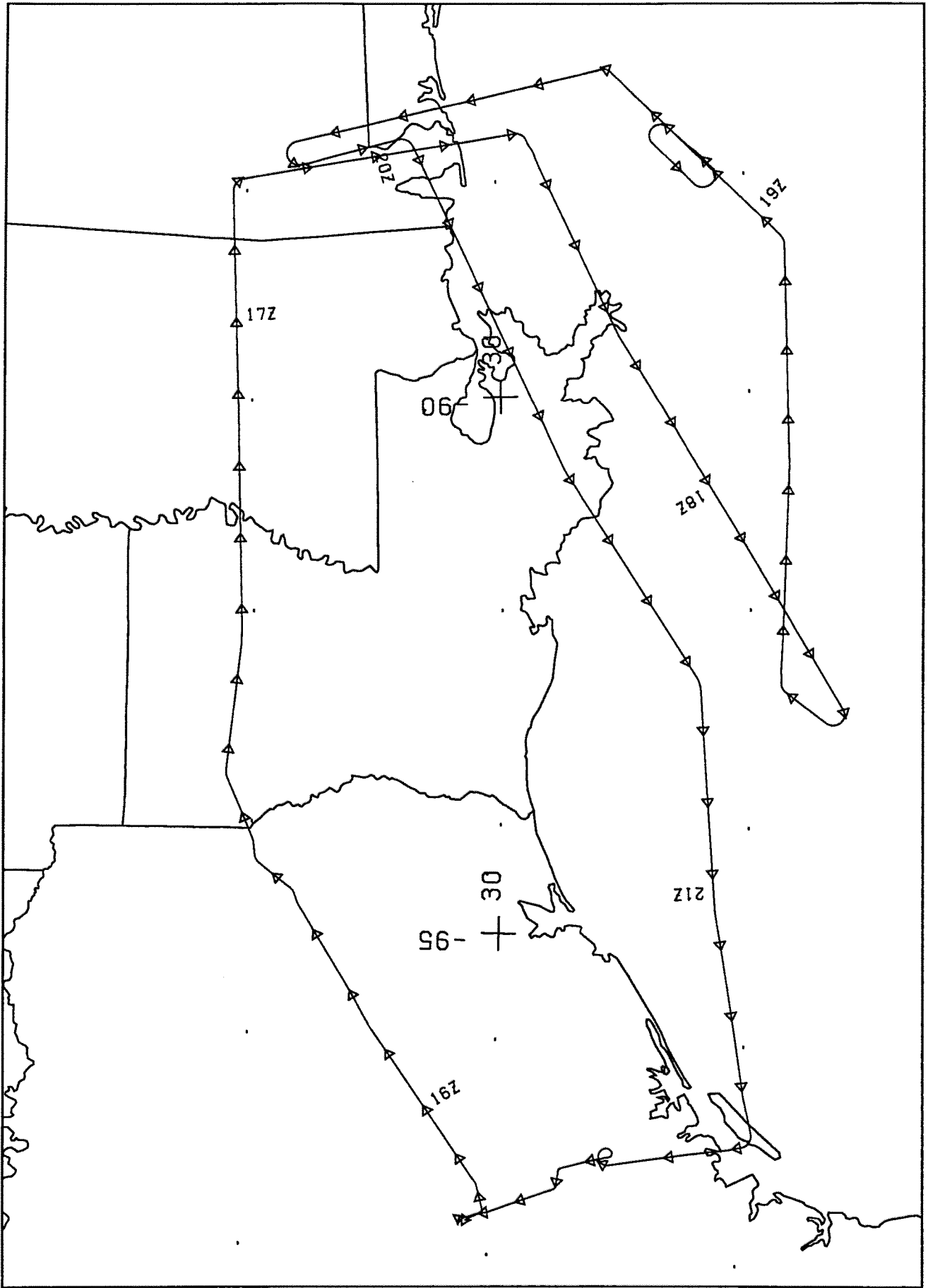
The Video Imaging System (VIS) is designed as a visual Line-of -Flight tracker, producing a flight record on standard or Super-VHS, with a selection of ground coverage and image recording intervals. The system consists of a Hitachi KP-C551 Color Camera, A Panasonic AG-6750A Time Lapse Video Recorder, DC/AC Inverter, Control Box, Pressure Suitcase, and a Installation Rack. The system may be configured to acquire natural color or black and white imagery. IRIG-B navigation data is also recorded in flight. The VIS is designed to be installed in either the Pod or Nose of the ER-2 aircraft, using a modified RC-10 Rack. Control circuitry is designed to operate the system using the same controls as the RC-10 camera.

### **Radiation Measurement System**

The Radiation Measurement System (RAMS) is an integrated system of several radiometers. The system provides airborne measurements to support analysis and theoretical calculations of cloud properties and radiation fields and to provide validation of satellite radiance measurements. The airborne instruments consist of the following:

1. an electrically calibrated pyroelectric radiometer for hemispherical, broad spectral bandpass, radiative flux measurements in the solar spectral region (0.26 to 2.6  $\mu\text{m}$ ). This radiometer has two detectors;
2. an IR net flux radiometer (rotating) radiometer covering the spectral range from 5 to 40  $\mu\text{m}$ ;
3. a narrow field-of-view, narrow spectral bandpass IR radiometer (2 channels in the 5 to 40  $\mu\text{m}$  region). This radiometer uses a liquid nitrogen cooled black body reference. This instrument provides upwelling infrared intensities above cloud; and
4. a total-direct-diffuse multichannel narrow spectral bandpass (about 5 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ ) flux radiometer. This radiometer is used for optical depth determinations and direct/diffuse ratios.

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