INTRODUCTION

The technical literature described in this continuing bibliography may be helpful to researchers in numerous disciplines such as agriculture and forestry, geography and cartography, geology and mining, oceanography and fishing, environmental control, and many others. Until recently it was impossible for anyone to examine more than a minute fraction of the Earth's surface continuously. Now vast areas can be observed synoptically, and changes noted in both the Earth's lands and waters, by sensing instrumentation on orbiting spacecraft or on aircraft.

This literature survey lists 500 reports, articles, and other documents announced between April 1 and June 30, 1988 in Scientific and Technical Aerospace Reports (STAR), and International Aerospace Abstracts (IAA).

The coverage includes documents related to the identification and evaluation by means of sensors in spacecraft and aircraft of vegetation, minerals, and other natural resources, and the techniques and potentialities of surveying and keeping up-to-date inventories of such riches. It encompasses studies of such natural phenomena as earthquakes, volcanoes, ocean currents, and magnetic fields; and such cultural phenomena as cities, transportation networks, and irrigation systems. Descriptions of the components and use of remote sensing and geophysical instrumentation, their subsystems, observational procedures, signature and analyses and interpretive techniques for gathering data are also included. All reports generated under NASA's Earth Resources Survey Program for the time period covered in this bibliography are also included. The bibliography does not contain citations to documents dealing mainly with satellites or satellite equipment used in navigation or communication systems, nor with instrumentation not used aboard aerospace vehicles.

The selected items are grouped in nine categories. These are listed in the Table of Contents with notes regarding the scope of each category. These categories were especially chosen for this publication, and differ from those found in STAR and IAA.

Each entry consists of a standard bibliographic citation accompanied by an abstract. The citations include the original accession numbers from the respective announcement journals. Under each of the nine categories, the entries are presented in one of two groups that appear in the following order:

- IAA entries identified by accession number series A88-10,000 in ascending accession number order;
- STAR entries identified by accession number series N88-10,000 in ascending accession number order.

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Wetlands in a portion of the Savannah River swamp forest, the Steel Creek Delta, were mapped using April 26, 1985 high-resolution aircraft multispectral scanner (MSS) data. Due to the complex spectral characteristics of the wetland vegetation, it was necessary to implement several techniques in the classification of the MSS imagery of the Steel Creek Delta. In particular, when performing unsupervised classification, an iterative cluster busting technique was used which simplified the cluster labeling process. In addition to the MSS data, light detecting and ranging (LIDAR) data were acquired by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) personnel along two flightlines over the Steel Creek Delta. These data were registered with the wetland classification map and correlated. Statistical analyses demonstrated that the laser derived canopy height information was significantly correlated with the Steel Creek Delta wetland classes encountered along the profiling transect of the LiDAR data.
A Continuation Bibliography (Issue 58)

A88-21013
AN EVALUATION OF THE USE OF TM DIGITAL DATA FOR UPDATING THE LAND COVER COMPONENT OF THE SCS 1987 MULTIRESOURCE INVENTORY OF NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey USDA Soil Conservation Service (SCS) and the Cook College Remote Sensing Center have been jointly involved in an evaluation of the use of remote sensing data to acquire land cover information for the National Resource Inventory (NDI) update in 1987. NRI data was first collected in 1982 through intensive field survey of primary sampling units (PSUs). At that time, the PSU locations were recorded on county soil survey atlas sheets. The process of relocating selected PSUs from these maps and acquiring field data in 1987 using traditional techniques promises to be extremely time consuming and expensive. This paper provides an overview of: (1) the derivation of land cover information from TM digital data for a study area in New Jersey, and (2) the process used to determine the UTM coordinates of the PSUs used in the 1982 NRI, and (3) an evaluation of the accuracy of the classification map produced and a comparison of the results with land cover information collected by the SCS in the 1982 NRI.

A88-21015
MULTISPECTRAL VIDEO SURVEY OF A NORTHERN ONTARIO FOREST

Multispectral video imaging can provide quick and low cost means for forest surveys. This paper describes the initial use of multispectral aerial video data in a forest survey in Northern Ontario. Field reconnaissance and preliminary visual and digital image analysis indicate that multispectral video, at low altitudes, is capable of discriminating major tree species, assessing forest regeneration, site wetness and detecting forest changes. The potential value of video imaging exists in the updating of data bases such as, forest inventory maps and GIS data bases, which could provide timely information on forest resources to assist decision making. Limitations of the video system are also presented.

A88-21016
MID-INFRARED (1.45 TO 2.0 MICRONS) VIDEO - A POTENTIAL AID IN WILDFIRE MOP-UP OPERATIONS

This paper demonstrates the applicability of a black-and-white visible-infrared sensitive video camera, filtered to record radiation in the 1.45 to 2.0 micron midinfrared spectral region, to detect hot spots within the perimeter of a wildfire. Imagery of a burned rangeland area obtained at an altitude of 900 m showed that hot spots (smoldering logs) could be clearly delineated from other landscape features. Midinfrared video imagery should be useful to detect hot spots at temperatures as low as 900 K. Real-time 'live' imagery can be viewed on a monitor in an aircraft allowing hot spots to be immediately detected.

A88-21017
DIFFICULTIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OBTAINING VERY LARGE SCALE 70 MM AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FOR RANGELAND MONITORING

Very large scale (larger than 1:1000 scale) 70 mm aerial photography has been used for rangeland inventory. A combination of a skilled pilot, photographer, and special 70 mm camera is required, however, to obtain good stereoscopic coverage. An unsuccessful attempt was made in acquiring very large scale stereoscopic color and color infrared photography for rangeland monitoring plots in northeastern Oregon. A fixed-wing aircraft was the platform for rapid recycling 70 mm Mauer cameras. This paper will discuss the problems encountered and recommendations for operationally obtaining very large scale 70 mm aerial photography.

A88-21020
VALIDATING REGIONAL DIFFERENCES IN MODELLLED SATELLITE MICROWAVE SIGNATURES

A three-part microwave T(B) brightness temperature model was tested for applicability in regions of differing climatic and vegetation regime. Model parameters were limited to vegetation in the form of the normalized vegetation index (NDVI) and climatically modeled soil moisture. The T(B) model was calibrated for two climatically contrasting areas and subsequently validated on different test sites of similar climatic character. Vegetative characteristics in the form
of the mean NDVI was used to partition and lump data from different test sites. Good agreement was realized between estimated T(8) and Nimbus-7 SMMR T(8) at the 6.6 GHz horizontal channel.

A88-21028* Illinois Natural History Survey, Champaign.

ESTIMATING FOREST PRODUCTIVITY IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS USING LANDSAT THEMATIC MAPPER DATA AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES

A88-21029 THE USE OF DIGITAL LANDSAT DATA FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ON THE WARM SPRINGS INDIAN RESERVATION OF OREGON

A88-21031 DEFINITION OF FOREST STAND CHARACTERISTICS BASED ON MULTI-INCIDENCE ANGLE SIR-B DATA

Digital L-band HH-polarized SIR-B data obtained at multiple incidence angles on test sites throughout the world during the Shuttle Mission 41-G in October 1984 were analyzed in relation to reference data obtained for individual forest stands. It is shown that the SIR-B data can be correlated with several of the forest stand characteristics including age, cords per acre, and biomass. Incidence angle controlled to a large extent the characteristics of the data and the type of information that could be obtained. In some instances, statistically significant relationships were obtained between the relative radar backscatter and forest stand characteristics, particularly age. Computer classification of the SIR-B data, using per-point and contextual classification algorithms, yielded overall classification accuracy of 56 percent and 78 percent, respectively. I.S.


CHARACTERIZATION OF VEGETATION WITH COMBINED THEMATIC MAPPER (TM) AND SHUTTLE IMAGING RADAR (STAR) DATA

A88-21033* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Earth Resources Lab., Bay St. Louis, Miss.

PARAMETRIC ANALYSIS OF SYNTHETIC APERTURE RADAR DATA FOR CHARACTERIZATION OF DECIDUOUS FOREST STANDS

The SAR sensor parameters that affect the estimation of deciduous forest stand characteristics were examined using data sets for the Gulf Coastal Plain region, acquired by the NASA/JPL multipolarization airborne SAR. In the regression analysis, the mean digital-number values of the three polarization data are used as the independent variables to estimate the average tree height (HT), basal area (BA), and total-tree biomass (TBM). The following results were obtained: in the case of simple regression using 28 plots, vertical-vertical (VV) polarization yielded the largest correlation coefficients (r) in estimating HT, BA, and TBM: (2) in the case of multiple regression, the horizontal-horizontal (HH) and HV polarization combination yielded the largest r value in estimating HT, while the VH and HH polarization combination yielded the largest r values in estimating BA and TBM. With the addition of a third polarization, the increase in r values is insignificant. I.S.

A88-21035 RADAR FLOOD INUNDATION MAPPING OF UPPER BENUE TROUGH, NIGERIA

A88-21040 EVALUATION OF THEMATIC MAPPER DATA FOR MAPPING TIDAL WETLANDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The utility of Landsat Thematic Mapper data analysis as a technique for preparing a vegetation map and inventory is evaluated by testing its capability to discriminate tidal plant associations on the Santee Delta, South Carolina. The methodology used is discussed, as it is shown that the repeatable and reliable nature of Thematic Mapper image processing offers an alternative to conventional methods of tidal wetland mapping. V.L.

A88-21046 AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PHOTOGRAMMETRY AND REMOTE SENSING AND ACSM, ANNUAL CONVENTION, BALTIMORE, MD, MAR. 29-APR. 3, 1987, TECHNICAL PAPERS. VOLUME 2 - PHOTOGRAMMETRY
Convenion sponsored by the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and ACSM. Falls Church, VA. American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and ACSM, 1987, 394 p. For individual items see A88-21047 to A88-21053.

The conference presents papers on practical photogrammetric procedures for large-scale forest inventories, a satellite image mosaic of Illinois, computer-assisted color generation for thematic mapping, and a comparison of the gridded finite element and the polynomial interpolations for geometric rectification and mosaicking of thematic mapper data. The conference papers include spatial accuracy specification for large-scale topographic maps, geographical position plotting by photointerpreters from Space Shuttle large format camera photography, parallax bar heighting accuracy of large format camera photography, and terrain analyst work station demonstrations. Consideration is also given to a numerical photogrammetric model for software applications, classification
quality assessment for object identification systems, and an expert system for the computer-assisted analysis of radar imagery. K.K.

A88-21065
DETECTING SUBPIXEL WOODY FEATURES USING SIMULATED MULTISPECTRAL AND PANCHROMATIC SPOT IMAGERY
refs
A method for detecting small woody features in digital imagery was developed and automated. Simulated SPOT imagery of an agricultural area, containing numerous linear woody features, was used to test the method. The results indicate that the method found significantly more woody vegetation than a standard multispectral classification found. Interference from subpixel nonwoody features and from soil moisture decreased classification accuracy. Further testing is necessary to determine an optimal set of computation parameters. Author

A88-21351
REMOTE SENSING SCIENCE APPLICATIONS IN ARID ENVIRONMENTS
refs
Remote sensing in aridland/rangeland regions has developed to meet the need for low cost management information over large expanses of land. Applications include rangeland management, watershed analysis, antidesertification, wildlife habitat management, mine waste reclamation, management of the arid land-irrigated agriculture interface, and outdoor recreation. Unique remote sensing problems in arid regions are related to sparse vegetation, multiple species, and considerable bare ground. Thus spectral interpretations must consider: multiple intermingled green and senescent species; considerable bare ground which includes cryptogamic soil crusts and powdery, endurated, or salinized surfaces; standing dead vegetation; litter; and shadows. Pixel modeling will be required in these heterogeneous environments. In particular, the lack of greenness tends to preclude the application of vegetation indices based on infrared/visible ratios. New interpretation approaches to scene understanding, such as those included in this issue, should lead to useful procedures for aridlands. Author

A88-21352
SPECTRAL CHARACTERISTICS OF SELECTED SOILS AND VEGETATION IN NORTHERN NEVADA AND THEIR DISCRIMINATION USING BAND RATIO TECHNIQUES
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A88-21353
AERIAL AND GROUND SPECTRAL CHARACTERISTICS OF RANGELAND PLANT COMMUNITIES IN NEVADA
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Visible and near infrared spectral reflectance values were recorded from Nevada rangeland plant communities using both low flying aircraft and ground measurement approaches. The individual spectrum values, four-band signatures and infrared/red scatterplots were used to compare 5 x 5 m aerial pixels with data from various ground components. Results show that vegetation and soil do not account for the integrated aerial spectra. The composite ground signatures indicate that spectroscopically dark components exist in rangeland plant communities which decrease the brightness of a scene measured from the air. Shadow and litter are presumed to be the primary sources of spectral darkening. An estimate of the overall signature of the shadow/litter component was calculated. Author

A88-21354*
National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.
SURFACE ANISOTROPY AND HEMISPHERIC REFLECTANCE FOR A SEMIARID ECOSYSTEM
ELIZABETH M. MIDDLETON, DONALD W. DEERING (NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD), and SURAIYA P. AHMAD (Science Applications Research, Lanham, MD) Remote Sensing of Environment (ISSN 0034-4257), vol. 23, Nov. 1987, p. 193-212. NASA-supported research.
refs
A88-21355
SUHITABILITY OF SPECTRAL INDICES FOR EVALUATING VEGETATION CHARACTERISTICS ON ARID RANGLANDS
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A88-21356*
National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.
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Time-series observations by two spaceborne sensors over three desert regions, the Kalahari (in southern Africa) and the Great Victoria Desert and the Great Sandy Desert (in western Australia), are presented. The observations are by the Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer on board the NOAA-7 satellite from April 1982 to December 1984, and by the Scanning Multichannel Microwave Radiometer on board the Nimbus-7 satellite from January 1979 to February 1985. The objective was to compare and contrast seasonal and interannual variation of vegetation over these three deserts using the normalized difference vegetation index and the 37 GHz brightness temperature. The seasonal variation from both sensors was found to be most pronounced over the Kalahari, followed by the Great Sandy Desert and the Great Victoria Desert. The normalized difference vegetation index was roughly identical over the two Australian deserts and was significantly higher for the Kalahari. There was no consistent change from both sensors over the two Australian deserts, but a consistent decrease from 1979 to 1984 over the Kalahari was found in the 37 GHz microwave data. Author

A88-21357*
National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.
SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING OF DROUGHT CONDITIONS
refs
Multitemporal satellite data have application in the detection and quantification of drought through the ability of these data to estimate the photosynthetic capacity of the terrestrial surface and record microwave surface brightness at the 37 GHz frequency. With proper calibration and registration, comparisons can be made between and among years for specific months using the photosynthetic capacity and the 37 GHz microwave surface brightness for selected time periods or growing seasons. This technology has application in identifying and quantifying areas experiencing drought. Author

AIRCRAFT AND SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING OF DESERT SOILS AND LANDSCAPES
G. W. PETERSEN, K. F. CONNORS, D. A. MILLER, R. L. DAY,

Remote sensing data on desert soils and landscapes, obtained by the Landsat TM, Heat Capacity Mapping Mission (HCMM), Simulated SPOT, and Thermal IR Multispectral Scanner (TIMS) aboard an aircraft, are discussed together with the analytical techniques used in the studies. The TM data for southwestern Nevada were used to discriminate among the alluvial fan deposits with different degrees of desert pavement and varnish, and different vegetation cover. Thermal-IR data acquired from the HCMM satellite were used to map the spatial distribution of diurnal surface temperatures and to estimate mean annual soil temperatures in central Utah. Simulated SPOT data for northwestern New Mexico identified geomorphic features, such as differences in eolian sand cover and fluvial incision, while the TIMS data depicted surface geologic features of the Saline Valley in California. I.S.

A88-21359* California Univ., Berkeley

DISCRIMINATING SEMIARID VEGETATION USING AIRBORNE IMAGING SPECTROMETER DATA - A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

RANDALL W. THOMAS (California, University, Berkeley) and SUSAN L. USTIN (California, University, Berkeley and Davis) Remote Sensing of Environment (ISSN 0034-4257), vol. 23, Nov. 1987, p. 273-290. refs (Contract NAS7-918)

A preliminary assessment was made of Airborne Imaging Spectrometer (AIS) data for discriminating and characterizing vegetation in a semiarid environment. May and October AIS data sets were acquired over a large alluvial fan in eastern California, on which were found Great Basin desert shrub communities. Maximum likelihood classification of a principal components representation of the May AIS data enabled discrimination of subtle spatial detail in images relating to vegetation and soil characteristics. The spatial patterns in the May AIS classification were, however, too detailed for complete interpretation with existing ground data. A similar analysis of the October AIS data yielded poor results. Comparison of AIS results with a similar analysis of May Landsat Thematic Mapper data showed that the May AIS data contained approximately three to four times as much spectrally coherent information. When only two shortwave infrared TM bands were used, results were similar to those from AIS data acquired in October. Author

A88-21360 NEAR-REAL-TIME VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR RANGELAND ASSESSMENT


This paper reviews the current capability of video imagery for rangeland management assessment. Three video systems are described and evaluated: (1) a black-and-white four-band system with visible/near-infrared (0.4-1.1 microns) sensitivity, (2) a selectable three-band color system, and (3) a black-and-white monoband system with midinfrared (1.45-2.0 microns) sensitivity. These systems have provided near-real-time imagery that could be useful to detect differences among many variables such as plant species, phyтомass levels, fertilized and drought-stressed grass, heavy grazing, and burned areas. The computer compatibility of video imagery also has been demonstrated. Finally, results have shown that video systems may have considerable application to integrate the above-listed variables for rangeland resource management assessment. Author

A88-21361 SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING OF AUSTRALIAN RANGELANDS


The nature of the soil and vegetation of the Australian landscape and the pattern and dynamics of pastoral land use are discussed along with the application of Landsat MSS and NOAA AVHRR data for the assessment and monitoring of these characteristics. Most current applications are directed towards obtaining quantitative, rather than qualitative, assessment and monitoring of rangelands; information related to land degradation is of greatest interest. A key to the successful application of either of the two satellite systems depends on the models developed to relate the spectral data to the ecological variables or parameters of interest. It is noted that the NOAA AVHRR data can replace Landsat MSS data in providing cost-effective information concerning pasture productivity but not land degradation, where the higher spatial resolution of the Landsat MSS is required. I.S.

A88-21362 DETECTION OF YEARLY COVER CHANGE WITH LANDSAT MSS ON PASTORAL LANDSCAPES IN CENTRAL AUSTRALIA


This paper outlines the use of Landsat MSS for cover monitoring on sparsely vegetated landscapes grazed by cattle in central Australia. For important pastoral landscapes, a 5/7 ratio based on absolute reflectance was found to be linearly related to total plant cover, with correlation coefficients varying from 0.90 to 0.98. The strength of this relationship was notable in that the predictive regressions used data from Landsats 2, 3, and 4 and had sun angles varying from 32 to 46 deg. Prediction of cover change on some landscapes was difficult because response to rainfall was confined in limited locations, or occurred at a subpixel level. Yearly or twice yearly cover measurement at a regional level is now feasible, but implementation depends on successfully blending the technology in the decision making processes of government agencies and pastoral managers. This blending will determine whether the coarser scale NOAA imagery will be more cost-effective than Landsat MSS, considering the scale at which decisions are taken. Author

A88-21363 THE USE OF SPECTRAL AND SPATIAL VARIABILITY TO MONITOR COVER CHANGE ON INERT LANDSCAPES


In a study aimed at developing methods of monitoring and landscapes used for pastoralism in central Australia, a group of sites were identified that showed little change on Landsat MSS during the 1980-1984 period, rainfall of 30-220 mm, which produced visible plant response at ground level. This seems due to growth responses being hidden at a subpixel level or confined in limited locations, or occurred at a subpixel level. Yearly or twice yearly cover measurement at a regional level is now feasible, but implementation depends on successfully blending the technology in the decision making processes of government agencies and pastoral managers. This blending will determine whether the coarser scale NOAA imagery will be more cost-effective than Landsat MSS, considering the scale at which decisions are taken. Author

A88-21364 REFLECTANCE MODELING OF SEMIARID WOODLANDS


Semi-arid woodlands present a complex problem for quantitative assessment with remotely sensed data. Vegetation is sparse and unevenly distributed, with trees obscuring and shadowing both understory and bare soil. Reflectance modeling and calibration were tested using low-level aerial radiometry and photography. Modified forms of two proposed models were fitted to the data and estimates of the cover of each landscape component were calculated using two multivariate calibration methods. Author

A88-21365
SPECTRAL ASSESSMENT OF INDICATORS OF RANGE DÉGRADATION IN THE BOTSWANA HARDVELD ENVIRONMENT
SUSAN RINGROSE (University of Botswana, Gabarone) and WILMA MATHESON (Gabarone Secondary School, Botswana) Remote Sensing of Environment (ISSN 0034-4257), vol. 23, Nov. 1987, p. 379-396. Research supported by the University of Botswana and Canadian International Development Agency. refs

The literature suggests that two different approaches have been applied to problems of rangeland monitoring using MSS data. These are referred to as the near infrared over red ratio which has been successfully applied to areas of relatively dense vegetation in the humid zone, and the darkening effect which is applicable in the sparsely vegetated semi-arid zone. Data from Botswana suggests that neither of these is singularly appropriate in the savanna woodland zone of southern Africa. In the Botswana hardveld, the measured vegetation cover consists of green vegetation which generally occupies less than 50 percent of the cover in a given area. The soil component is dominant. This, in addition to other vegetation components which produce a darkening effect, results in high reflectance values in the red and infrared parts of the spectrum for areas with a low vegetation cover, and low reflectance values in both wavebands for areas with a high vegetation cover. In savanna woodland environments, which contains elements of both the near infrared to red ratio and the darkening approach, the most suitable indicators of range condition and degrees of desertification can be obtained by directly applying spectral ranges from the red band. The range of values used is heavily ecosystem, therefore soil-type-dependent, and is referred to as the savanna woodland model. Author

A88-21501
MODELLING RADAR BACKSCATTER FROM VEGETATION

Two types of model which relate radar backscatter from vegetated areas to system and target parameters have been studied. This paper contains the results of that analysis presented in a form suitable for comparison with measured backscatter and plant data. Author

A88-22517
PRELIMINARY SPOT RESULTS IN LORRAINE RELATED TO PERMANENT GRASSLANDS (PREMIERS RESULTATS SPOT EN LORRAINE RELATIFS AUX PRAIRIES PERMANENTES)

Three SPOT scenes have been obtained in the southwest part of the Lorraine region in 1986. Nearly simultaneous observations and measurements from 38 test areas have made possible the characterization of seasonal spectral behavior for different grasslands. Comparison of this data with radiance data from various SPOT channels has led to the classification of eight grassland types corresponding to specific ecological conditions and agricultural types. This classification is used to produce grassland maps. It is noted that satellite data can also be used to evaluate the instantaneous airborne chlorophyll phytomass. R.R.

A88-22353
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS FOR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: A COMPENDIUM
WILLIAM J. RIPPLE, ED. (Oregon State University, Corvallis) Falls Church, VA, American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, 1987, 293 p. No individual items are abstracted in this volume.

An introduction is given to the techniques and functional capabilities of geographic information systems. Recent information on the use of geographic information systems for a variety of resource management applications is compiled. An overview is provided on the nature of geographic information systems. A detailed description of the techniques required to create a computerized spatial database is presented. The capabilities of computer-based geographic information systems are reviewed on a function-by-function basis. The applications of geographic information systems in the management of water, soil, and vegetation resources and in land suitability studies, urban studies, and global studies are considered. C.D.

A88-23548
MULTI-BAND SCATTEROMETER DATA ANALYSIS OF FORESTS

The airborne multiband scatterometer DUTSCAT promises to become a useful tool for research in the field of active microwave remote sensing. The system can measure accurate sigma(0) values in six frequency bands simultaneously at a selected incidence angle and polarization. An evaluation of the use of this system for research in forestry, in particular the problems related to probing thick vegetation canopies, is given. The system can acquire information on the vertical distribution of backscattering. Through inversion of a multilayer model, sigma(0) values of forests can be divided in contributions from a number of arbitrarily chosen layers (three or four). A simple and accurate new approach for the computation of sigma(0) values for forests (or other thick vegetation covers) from scatterometer data is given and compared with the less accurate 'standard' way of processing used for other types of targets. Author

A88-23549
THE DUT AIRBORNE SCATTEROMETER
PAUL SNOEIJ and PETER J. F. SWART (Delft, Technische Hogeschool, Netherlands) International Journal of Remote Sensing (ISSN 0143-1161), vol. 8, no. 8, Nov. 1987, p. 1709-1716. Research supported by the Netherlands Remote Sensing Board. refs

An airborne scatterometer system operating at six frequencies simultaneously between 1 and 18 GHz has been developed for the measurement of the microwave scattering of vegetation, forests, sea, and other targets. After a description of the instrument, some C- and L-band results are presented. Author

A88-23764
CANOPY REFLECTANCE OF SEVEN RANGELAND PLANT SPECIES WITH VARIABLE LEAF PUBESCENCE

Spectroradiometric canopy light reflectance measurements were used to distinguish among seven rangeland weed species with various amounts of leaf pubescence. The results showed that increased reflectance in the visible wavelengths distinguished dense from sparse and nonpubescent species. Water content and plant height were the most important field variable effects for distinguishing nonpubescent from sparsely and densely pubescent
species. This information should be significant in the use of remote sensing imagery for mapping plant communities and identifying plant species in rangeland environments. C.D.

A88-23765* Delaware Univ., Newark. QUANTIFICATION OF BIOMASS OF THE MARSH GRASS SPARTINA ALTENIFLORA LOISEL USING LANDSAT THEMATIC MAPPER IMAGERY M. F. GROSS, V. KLEMAS (Delaware, University, Newark), M. A. HARDISKY (Scranton, University, PA), and P. L. WOLF (Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA) Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing (ISSN 0099-1112), vol. 53, Nov. 1987, p. 1577-1583. Research supported by the University of Delaware. refs (Contract NAG-374; NOAA-NA-85AADS033; NSF DAR-80-17836)

A88-23766* Purdue Univ., West Lafayette, Ind. INTEGRATING SPHERE TRANSMISSOMETER FOR FIELD MEASUREMENT OF LEAF TRANSMITTANCE V. C. VANDERBILT, D. P. DEWITT, and B. F. ROBINSON (Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN) Optical Engineering (ISSN 0091-3286), vol. 26, Dec. 1987, p. 1191-1196. refs (Contract NAS9-14016)

A Simple field-rated transmissometer is described for rapidly determining the normal hemispherical transmittance T(0 deg, 2 pi) of leaves measured in situ in the four Landsat wavelength bands. The transmissometer requires direct solar illumination of the leaf sample. It collects the transmitted light with an integrating sphere and measures the collected light using a commercially available radiometer. The transmittances determined by the transmissometer are comparable with those measured by a laboratory spectrophotometer with an integrating sphere attachment. Author

A88-24510 AN APPLICATION OF DIVERGENCE MEASUREMENT USING TRANSFORMED VIDEO DATA PAUL MAUSEL and WILLIAM KRAMBER (Indiana State University, Terre Haute) Geocarto International (ISSN 1010-6049), vol. 2, Dec. 1987, p. 3-10. refs

Multispectral aerial video data (0.42-0.43 microns, 0.52-0.55 microns, 0.64-0.67 microns, and 0.85-0.89 microns) with a 0.13 meter resolution were collected over test plots of cotton, sorghum, cantaloupe, soil, pigweed, and johnson-grass on May 31 and July 24, 1983, near Weslaco, Texas. These data were transformed into four principal component (PC) bands for each date and used to classify the six features. The classification accuracy of individual features and associated omission/commission errors were determined. Classification accuracy characteristics associated with different numbers of PC bands were analyzed using divergence measurements derived from class training statistics. Evaluation of PC transformed data divergence indicated that: (1) divergence identified the same number and type of PC bands needed for successful feature discrimination as was determined through classification, (2) correlations between omission/commission misclassification errors and divergence values averaged 0.92 for all classifications conducted, and (3) correlations between classification accuracy and divergence averaged 0.85 for all classifications conducted. Divergence measurements derived from transformed data are potentially valuable as a guide for feature selection in classification. Author

A88-24513* South Carolina Univ., Columbia. CORRELATION BETWEEN AIRCRAFT MSS AND LIDAR REMOTELY SENSED DATA ON A FORESTED WETLAND JOHN R. JENSEN (South Carolina, University, Columbia), MICHAEL E. HODGSON (Colorado, University, Boulder), HALKARD E. MACKEX, JR. (Savannah River Laboratory, Aiken, SC), and WILLIAM KRABILL (NASA, Wallops Flight Center, Wallops Island, VA) Geocarto International (ISSN 1010-6049), vol. 2, Dec. 1987, p. 39-54. refs (Contract DE-AC09-76SR-00001)

Inland wetland in a portion of the Savannah River swamp forest were mapped with an overall accuracy of 88.5 percent on April 26,1985 using high resolution aircraft Daedalus AADS-1268 MSS data. In addition, data were acquired using a NASA sensor system flown along two flight lines over the Steel Creek Delta. The data were georeferenced with in situ vegetation height measurements. The data were registered to the wetland classification map and correlated. Statistical analyses demonstrated that the laser derived canopy height information was significantly associated with the Steel Creek Delta wetland classes encountered along the transect (an F-value of 58.46 at the 0.0001 level of confidence). The relationship between vegetation height and vegetation type was then used to produce a three-dimensional model of the landscape which can be of value when computing biomass or canopy density in this forested wetland environment. Author


Landsat MSS data were analyzed in conjunction with an amount of ancillary data to identify forest cover types. Computer analysis of data, as complemented by ground truths, evince that the study area is covered by evergreen forest (hill evergreen), mixed deciduous forest, mixed deciduous/evergreen forest, dry dipterocarp forest, scrub forest and fallow agricultural land, respectively. Higher spectral reflectance (78 percent) was observed for evergreen forest as compared to only 65 percent for dry dipterocarp forest in the infrared wavelength (MSS band 7). Landsat MSS band 7 was found excellent for discrimination of different types of forest cover in the study area. Total forest coverage was obtained 63 percent (188 sq km) as compared to 68.3 percent in 1982. The classification accuracy of the Landsat MSS data was found to be 82 percent, with less than 20 percent omission and commission errors. Author


The roles of leaf anatomy, moisture and pigment content, and number of leaf layers on spectral reflectance in healthy, pollution-stressed, and water-stressed conifer needles were examined experimentally. Jeffrey pine (Pinus jeffreyi) and giant sequoia (Sequoiadendron gigantea) were exposed to ozone and acid mist treatments in fumigation chambers; red pine (Pinus resinosa) needles were artificially dried. Infrared reflectance from stacked needles rose with free water loss. In an air-drying experiment, cell volume reductions induced by loss of turgor caused near-infrared reflectance (TM band 4) to drop after most free water was lost. Under acid mist fumigation, stunting of tissue development similarly reduced band 4 reflectance. Both artificial drying and pollutant fumigation caused a blue shift of the red edge of spectral reflectance curves in conifers, attributable to chlorophyll denaturation. Thematic mapper band ratio 4/3 fell and 5/4 rose similarly reduced band 4 reflectance. Both artificial drying and pollutant fumigation caused a blue shift of the red edge of spectral reflectance curves in conifers, attributable to chlorophyll denaturation. Thematic mapper band ratio 4/3 fell and 5/4 rose similarly reduced band 4 reflectance. Both artificial drying and pollutant fumigation caused a blue shift of the red edge of spectral reflectance curves in conifers, attributable to chlorophyll denaturation. Thematic mapper band ratio 4/3 fell and 5/4 rose similarly reduced band 4 reflectance. Both artificial drying and pollutant fumigation caused a blue shift of the red edge of spectral reflectance curves in conifers, attributable to chlorophyll denaturation. Thematic mapper band ratio 4/3 fell and 5/4 rose similarly reduced band 4 reflectance. Both artificial drying and pollutant fumigation caused a blue shift of the red edge of spectral reflectance curves in conifers, attributable to chlorophyll denaturation. Thematic mapper band ratio 4/3 fell and 5/4 rose similarly reduced band 4 reflectance. Both artificial drying and pollutant fumigation caused a blue shift of the red edge of spectral reflectance curves in conifers, attributable to chlorophyll denaturation. Thematic mapper band ratio 4/3 fell and 5/4 rose similarly reduced band 4 reflectance. Both artificial drying and pollutant fumigation caused a blue shift of the red edge of spectral reflectance curves in conifers, attributable to chlorophyll denaturation.
MEASUREMENTS OF THE BACKSCATTER AND ATTENUATION PROPERTIES OF FOREST STANDS AT X-, C- AND L-BAND

The new airborne multiband scatterometer (DUETSCAT) promises to be a useful tool for research in the field of active microwave remote sensing. An evaluation of the use of this system for research in forestry is given. Besides accurate values of the differential scattering coefficient (DSC), the system can acquire information on the vertical distribution of backscattering. Through inversion of the multi-level model, DSC can be divided into contributions from a number of layers (three or four). An experiment with large corner reflectors placed on the forest floor was conducted in an effort to gain more insight into the attenuating properties of the forest canopy. The measurements of attenuation properties together with the division of the DSC into contributions from several layers simplify the model-construction effort considerably. Author

DIFFERENCES IN VEGETATION INDICES FOR SIMULATED LANDSAT-5 MSS AND TM, NOAA-9 AVHRR, AND SPOT-1 SENSOR SYSTEMS

The effects of the different wavelength bands of the Landsat-5 MSS and TM, NOAA-9 AVHRR, and SPOT-1 sensors on two vegetation indices (the normalized difference, and the near IR to red ratio) are evaluated. It is shown how NOAA-9 AVHRR data can be used to estimate vegetation indices for the Landsat-5 MSS and TM, and SPOT-1 systems. Agronomic and spectral reflectance measurements of corn canopies were acquired and the reflectance factor data were averaged into 10-nm bands over the 400-2400 nm wavelength interval. Variability in the near IR to red ratio between the four sensor systems was greatest during midseason when maximum amounts of green vegetation were present. K.K.

A CANOPY REFLECTANCE MODEL BASED ON AN ANALYTICAL SOLUTION TO THE MULTIPLE SCATTERING EQUATION

An approximation to the radiative transfer equation for solar radiation in relatively full, homogeneous plant canopies is presented and solved analytically for solar zenith angles less than 60 deg. The model predicts reflectance at any depth in the canopy and in any direction and may be inverted with bidirectional reflectance measurements. The model was fit to data at two sun angles and two wavebands (visible and NIR) to within the assumed errors on the reflectance data. The calculated albedos are insensitive to achievable measurement errors. Some of the parameter values themselves found by the inversion agree reasonably well with independent measurements, but the uncertainties introduced by the data noise are rather large. However, the agreement is good enough to demonstrate that the model is physically realistic. Author

OPERATIONAL INTERPRETATION OF AVHRR VEGETATION INDICES FOR WORLD CROP INFORMATION

The Foreign Crop Condition Assessment Division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture analyzes satellite images and supporting information to monitor and assess crop condition in selected countries. Available to the analysts is a potentially useful database, containing a continually supplemented archive of vegetation index numbers (VINs) derived from the AVHRR satellite data. Each VIN is calculated as the average vegetation index of a geographically referenced cell of AVHRR pixels. This study has found that, despite the preponderance of mixed pixels, useful crop information can be reliably and efficiently derived from the database, and that its operational use will improve crop assessment. Author

DIFFERENCES IN VEGETATION INDICES FOR SIMULATED LANDSAT-5 MSS AND TM, NOAA-9 AVHRR, AND SPOT-1 SENSOR SYSTEMS

The utility of Landsat TM data for forestry applications under Lake States conditions is assessed. Two study sites in Wisconsin with distinctly different forest character were analyzed via visual and computer-assisted interpretation techniques. Highly accurate hardwood versus softwood and upland versus lowland forest type separations were made, and further specification was shown to be possible. The results suggest that TM data can provide better forest type mapping and condition assessment information than MSS data and may, in effect, be more widely used in forestry applications. K.K.

POLARIZED AND NON-POLARIZED LEAF REFLECTANCES OF COLEUS BLUMEI
LOIS GRANT, C.S. T. DAUGHTRY (Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN), and V.C. VANDERBILT (NASA, Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA; Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN) Environmental and Experimental Botany (ISSN 0099-4742), vol. 27, no. 2, 1987, p. 139-145. refs (Contract NAG5-269)

A polarization photometer has been used to measure the reflectance of three variegated portions of Coleus blumiei, Benth. in five wavelength bands of the visible and near-infrared spectrum. The polarized component of the reflectance factor was found to be independent of wavelength, indicating that the polarized reflectance arises from the leaf surface. It is suggested that differences in the polarized component result from variations in surface features. The nonpolarized component of the reflectance factor is shown to be related to the internal leaf structure. The variation of the degree of polarization with wavelength was found to be greatest in the regions of the spectrum where absorption occurs. R.R.

USE OF MICROWAVE RADIOMETRY FOR MEASURING THE BIOMETRIC CHARACTERISTICS OF VEGETATION COVER [PRIMENENIE SVCH-RADIOMETRICHESKOGO METODA DLI OPREDENENIA BIOMETRICHESKIKH KHAHRAKTERISTIK RASTITELEI NVYKH POKROVOV]

This paper examines the possibilities of using microwave radiometry for determining biometric characteristics of vegetation from spectra of water surfaces and water-logged soils. The attenuation characteristics of microwave radiation due to vegetation are analyzed together with the accuracy of measurements. The
method is applied to determine the values of above-water phytomass for rice and reed from data obtained by an airborne microwave radiometer.

I.S.

A88-27208 THE EMISSIVITY OF THE VEGETATION-SOIL SYSTEM [KOEFTISIENT ISLUCHENNIIA SISTEMY POCHVA-RASTITEL'NOSTI]

The relationships between physical parameters of the vegetation-soil system and its IR emissivity are investigated, and the factors which determine the difference between the true and the apparent temperature of the vegetation-soil system are considered. Using an opaque-medium model, the changes of emissivity were determined as a function of the viewing angle, the leaf-area index, and the leaf-surface orientation. In connection with the difference between the true and the apparent temperature of the vegetation-soil system, it is concluded that complicated canopy structure and the scattered radiation of the atmosphere usually make the difference equal to 1 K or less provided the percent coverage is over 60%. I.S.

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STRUCTURE AND GROWTH OF THE MIXING LAYER OVER THE AMAZONIAN RAIN FOREST
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The structure and growth of the atmospheric mixed layer over the Amazonian rain forest were examined using measurements obtained during the NASA Amazon Boundary Layer Experiment. Measurements of temperature, moisture, and horizontal wind were carried out in and above the mixed layer by means of a tethered balloon, rawinsonde, and aircraft; fluxes of sensible and latent heat were measured at the top of the canopy. It was found that the mixing layer grows rapidly, at 5-6 cm/sec, soon after sunrise to a mean maximum height of 1200 m by 1300 LT; during undisturbed conditions, mixed layer heights of 1000 are common to a mean maximum height of 1200 m by 1300 LT; during simple mixed layer model was applied to show how fluxes of mixed layer structure or depth were found over large distances. A

A88-27805 SPECTRAL AND BOTANICAL CLASSIFICATION OF GRASSLANDS - AUXOIS EXAMPLE

Botanical observations made in the field and in situ reflectance measurements made over Auxois in Burgundy were obtained. Principal components analysis of the reflectance data showed that the most important wavelengths for spectral classification of grasslands are: 550, 675, 850, and 1100 nm, while the most important period is mid-April at the beginning of plant growth. Factorial analysis of botanical data is used to define grasslands associations, which are in turn transformed into agroecological units which may be spectrally characterized. C.D.

A88-27806 COMPARATIVE STUDY OF TEMPERATURE DATA FROM NOAA7-AVHRR AND WMO - AN INTERPRETATION THROUGH THE USE OF A SOIL-VEGETATION MODEL

NOAA7-AVHRR IR images on clear days of various seasons are used to derive surface temperatures over France. These temperatures are then compared to the shelter-height temperatures collected at the WMO standard meteorological stations during the time of satellite overpass. The difference between the two temperatures varies both with season and latitude. To analyze those results, a model of the soil-vegetation interface, forced by a reconstruction of the surface fluxes derived from the WMO data, is used. The model simulates reasonably well the seasonal trends in the difference between satellite surface temperature and surface-air temperature, and provides a physical interpretation of the latitudinal variation in summer as resulting from a north-south gradient in the soil moisture conditions. Author

A88-27807* Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, N. J.
DETERMINATION OF VEGETATED FRACTION OF SURFACE FROM SATELLITE MEASUREMENTS

One input to the ground hydrology component of general circulation models is the fraction of gridbox covered (i.e., shaded) by vegetation. The FV is needed in order to specify the partitioning of evaporation between vegetated and nonvegetated surfaces. Satellite data could provide global and seasonally varying specification of FV. In this work, FV is derived from Landsat data for a site in western Kenya; the accuracy of the estimate is evaluated and then compared to the accuracy requirements of a ground hydrology model. Results show that the accuracy of Landsat...
estimation of FV is + or - 5 percent and that transpiration, evaporation from bare soil and the seasonality of evapotranspiration are strongly dependent on FV.

**A88-27808**

**MONITORING OF GLOBAL VEGETATION DYNAMICS FOR ASSESSMENT OF PRIMARY PRODUCTIVITY USING NOAA ADVANCED VERY HIGH RESOLUTION RADIOMETER**


**A88-27809**

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**ESTIMATION OF BIOPHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF FOREST CANOPIES USING C-BAND MICROWAVE DATA**

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A scatterometer ranging experiment is described in which C-band data and boreosight photography were collected using a helicopter so as to provide a capability to study scattering processes in forest canopies in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota. An inversion scheme is used to determine C-band volume extinction and scattering coefficients for high density aspen sites. Analysis of data through the season indicates that VV, HH, and VH volume extinction coefficients change during the year and are presumably affected by the emergence and senescence of leaves. A linear relationship was observed between $\sigma_0(0)$ (VV) and leaf area index for low and medium density aspen sites, but a large decrease occurred in $\sigma_0(0)$ for both high density sites. Calculations using the Fung disk model, which accounts only for reflection, show that a factor of two or three indicating that scattering by branches and soil background may be important at C-band. Author

**A88-27810**

**A NEW STRATEGY FOR VEGETATION MAPPING WITH THE AIRBUS LANDSAT MSS**


The use of almost orthographic scale-related vegetation-enhanced Landsat MSS imagery to facilitate stratification and make it more objective is demonstrated. The digital enhancement of the imagery by principal component analysis, display in Munsell color space, and filtering for scale-related product is described. An application to plant communities in the Transvaal is discussed. C.D.

**A88-27811**

**PRELIMINARY STUDY OF THE CHARACTERIZATION OF THE RIVERINE FORESTS OF THE GARONNE USING LANDSAT MSS AND TM DATA (ETUDE PRELIMINARE A LA CARACTERISATION DES FORÊTS RIVERAINES DU FLEUVÉ GARONNE À L'AIDE DE DONNEES LANDSAT MSS ET TM)**


**A88-27817**

National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

**TECHNIQUES OF GROUND-TRUTH MEASUREMENTS OF DESERT-SCRUB STRUCTURE**


Inversion of remote sensing data taken over a desert scrub surface in Texas with a multidirectionally viewing field radiometer, PARABOLA, yields the value of 0.12 for the protrusion parameter, $s$, (the projection on a vertical plane of plants per unit area) if isotropy (Lambert law) is assumed for the underlying soil. However, a significantly higher value of $s$, in the range 0.15 to 0.20, can be inferred if the soil is assumed anisotropic. It is concluded that in remote sensing of sparse vegetation, it is important to know the reflectance characteristics of the underlying soil. Other techniques that can be used to infer desert scrub vegetation structure include various photographic techniques, and measurements of reflected radiance from zenith for a range of solar elevation angles on a clear day.

**A88-27818**

**ESTIMATION OF EVAPOTRANSPIRATION IN THE SAHELIAN ZONE BY USE OF METEOSAT AND NOAA AVHRR DATA**


Using data collected by the Meteosat and NOAA satellites and ground data during the years 1983 to 1985, a simplified relationship has been established between surface temperature and the hydraulic characteristics of the soil in the Sahelian area (Senegal), which led to the elaboration of a regional map of evapotranspiration. In order to achieve this result, satellite data were processed and confronted to ground data during three rainy seasons. This paper deals with the data processing, the extraction of the physical parameters of the surface, and the processing of ground data through models. It is followed by the analysis of the results together with a discussion about the limits of the method.

**A88-27819**

Maryland Univ., College Park.

**EVALUATING NORTH AMERICAN NET PRIMARY PRODUCTIVITY WITH SATELLITE OBSERVATIONS**


(Contract NCC5-26)

An ecological model is developed to estimate annual net primary productivity (NPP) in 12 North American biomes. The model combines existing models which address canopy photosynthesis in response to light, temperature, and moisture availability, and account for respiration. Climate data, solar radiation data, and spectral vegetation index data are utilized. Estimates of NPP from...
the model compare well with data in the literature, but a systematic error is suspected. Difficulties encountered in specifying certain model parameters are discussed as possible sources of this error. The results of this study suggest the promise of remotely sensed measurements for macroscale evaluation and modeling of NPP.

C.D.

A88-27820
ANALYZING LONG-TERM CHANGES IN VEGETATION WITH GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM AND REMOTELY SENSED DATA

A88-27821
COMPREHENSIVE STUDIES OF THE DYNAMICS OF GEOSYSTEMS WITH THE USE OF REMOTE SENSING TECHNIQUES

A research program on changes occurring within geosystems, part of the Interkosmos program, is described. The results of previous studies of geosystems under anthropogenic stress within the framework of the Interkosmos program are reviewed. Multifactor characteristics of soil and crops obtained in completed studies on agricultural geosystems are discussed.

C.D.

A88-27835
X-BAND FEATURES OF CANOPY COVER - AN UP TO DATE SUMMARY OF ACTIVE AND PASSIVE MEASUREMENTS

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CHARACTERIZING FOREST STANDS WITH MULTI-INCIENCE ANGLE AND MULTI-POLARIZED SAR DATA

The potential for using HH-polarized L-band SAR data obtained at different incidence angles from satellite altitudes to identify and map different forest cover types and stand density classes is studied. Reasonably accurate results are obtained if the speckle characteristics of the data are suppressed by low-pass spatial filters and a contextual classification algorithm. Multipolarized L-band SAR data obtained from aircraft altitudes over the same test site are also analyzed to assess the relationships between polarization and forest stand characteristics. It is found that incidence angle controls, to a very large extent, the characteristics of the data and the type of information that can be obtained from L-band, HH-polarized satellite SAR data. Cross-polarization of L-band SAR data enhances and differentiates various forest stand characteristics which cannot be defined using only the like-polarized data, and vice-versa.

C.D.

A88-28010
MEASUREMENT OF CANOPY INTERCEPTION OF SOLAR RADIATION BY STANDS OF TREES IN SPARSELY WOODED SAVANNA

A88-28011* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.
DETERMINING THE RATE OF FOREST CONVERSION IN MATO GROSSO, BRAZIL, USING LANDSAT MSS AND AVHRR DATA
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AVHRR-LAC thermal data and Landsat MSS and TM spectral data were used to estimate the rate of forest clearing in Mato Grosso, Brazil, between 1981 and 1984. The Brazilian state was stratified into forest and nonforest. A list sampling procedure was used in the forest stratum to select Landsat MSS scenes for processing based on estimates of fire activity in the scenes. Fire activity in 1984 was estimated using AVHRR-LAC thermal data. State-wide estimates of forest conversion indicate that between 1981 and 1984, 353,866 ha + or - 77,000 ha (0.4 percent of the state area) were converted per year. No evidence of reforestation was found in this digital sample. The relationship between forest clearing rate (based on MSS-TM analysis) and fire activity (estimated using AVHRR data) was noisy (R-squared = 0.41). The results suggest that AVHRR data may be put to better use as a stratification tool than as a subsidiary variable in list sampling.

Author

A88-28012* Michigan State Univ., East Lansing.
EVALUATION OF SEVERAL CLASSIFICATION SCHEMES FOR MAPPING FOREST COVER TYPES IN MICHIGAN

Landsat MSS data were evaluated for mapping forest cover types in the northern Lower Peninsula of Michigan. The study examined seasonal variations, interpretation procedures and vegetation composition and their effect on overall classification accuracy and ability to identify individual pine species. Photographic images were used for visual interpretations while digital analysis was performed using a common (ERDAS) microcomputer image processing system. The classification schemes were evaluated using contingency tables and were ranked using the KAPPA statistic. The various classification schemes were ranked differentially according to study site location. Visual interpretation procedures ranked best, or least accurate, depending on the spatial distribution and complexity of the forest cover. Supervised classification techniques were more accurate than unsupervised clustering over all sites and seasons. Maximum likelihood classification of June data was superior to any digital classification technique of February data. The study indicates that classification accuracy is more dependent on the composition and distribution of forests in the northern lower Peninsula of Michigan than on the selection of a particular classification scheme.

Author

A88-28015
MAPPING NOAA-AVHRR IMAGERY USING EQUAL-AREA RADIAL PROJECTIONS

The advantages of registering NOAA-AVHRR imagery to the world graticule of latitude and longitude using equal area radial
projections are discussed and are illustrated with normalized difference vegetation index imagery. It is noted that the practical advantages of the rectilinear graticule provided by radial projections are complemented by the egalitarian representation of the earth's surface that only an equal-area map can provide. The Peters (1982) map radial construction is shown to be well suited to provoke the base map array for products such as the Global Vegetation Index because it can be remapped to any other preferred radial construction with no data duplication and with minimal data redundancy.

R.R.


An empirical relationship has been determined between the difference of vertically and horizontally polarized brightness temperatures noted at the 37 GHz frequency of the Nimbus-7 SMMR and primary productivity over hot arid and semiarid regions of Africa and Australia. This empirical relationship is applied to estimate the primary productivity over the Thar Desert between 1979 and 1985, giving an average value of 0.271 kg/sq m per yr. The spatial variability of the productivity values is found to be quite significant, with a standard deviation about the mean of 0.08 kg/sq m per yr.

R.R.


Recent research on the remote sensing of forest leaf and canopy biochemical contents suggests that the shortwave IR region contains this information; laboratory analyses of dry ground leaves have yielded reliable predictive relationships between both leaf nitrogen and lignin with near-IR spectra. Attention is given to the application of these laboratory techniques to a limited set of spectra from fresh, whole leaves of conifer species. The analysis of Airborne Imaging Spectrometer data reveals that total water content differences of vertically and horizontally polarized brightness SMMR and primary productivity over hot arid and semiarid regions 


Visible IR Intelligent Spectrometer (VIRIS) reflectance data have been found to have similar features that are related to air-pollution-induced forest decline and visible damage in both the red spruce of Vermont and the Norway spruce of Baden-Wuerttemberg; the similarity suggests a common source of damage. Spectra of both species include a 5-nm blueshifting of the red-edge inflection point, while pigment data for both species indicate a loss of total chlorophylls. The blue shift of the chlorophyll absorption maximum, as well as the increased red radiance and decreased near-IR radiance of the damaged spruce, may be used to delineate and map damage areas.

O.C.

A88-28272* Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitaet, Munich (West Germany). PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF AIRBORNE IMAGING SPECTRUMETER AND AIRBORNE THEMATIC MAPPER DATA ACQUIRED FOR FOREST DECLINE AREAS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY KARIN HERRMANN, ULRICH AMMER (Muenchen, Universitaet, Munich, Federal Republic of Germany), BARRETT ROCK (New Hampshire, University, Durham), and HELEN N. PALEY (California Institute of Technology, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena) Remote Sensing of Environment (ISSN 0034-4257), vol. 24, Feb. 1988, p. 129-149. DFVLR-supported research. refs

This study evaluated the utility of data collected from the high spatial resolution airborne imaging spectrometer (AIS-2, tree mode, spectral range 0.8-2.2 microns) and the broad-band Daedalus airborne thematic mapper (ATM, spectral range 0.42-13.0 micron) in assessing forest decline damage at a predominantly Scotch pine forest in the FRG. Analysis of spectral radiance values from the ATM and raw digital number values from AIS-2 showed that higher reflectance in the near infrared was characteristic of high damage (heavy chlorosis, limited needle loss) in Scotch pine canopies. A classification image of a portion of the AIS-2 flight line agreed very well with a damage assessment map produced by standard aerial photointerpretation techniques.

Author

A88-28682* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex. THE USE OF A HELICOPTER MOUNTED RANGING SCATTEROMETER FOR ESTIMATION OF EXTINCTION AND BACKSCATTERING PROPERTIES OF FOREST CANOPIES-I: EXPERIMENTAL APPROACH AND CALIBRATION DAVID E. PITTS, GAUTAM D. BADHWAR (NASA, Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX), EDDIE REYNA (Lockheed Engineering and Management Services Co., Inc., Houston, TX), FAWWAZ T. ULABY (Michigan, University, Ann Arbor), and DAVID R. BRUNFELDT (Applied Microwave Corp., Lawrence, KS) IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing (ISSN 0196-2892), vol. 26, March 1988, p. 140-143. refs

A helicopter-borne C-band scatterometer with the capability of collecting the backscattered power as a function of range is described. This instrument was repeatedly flown from May to September 1984 to study the microwave properties of forest canopies of aspen and black spruce in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota. The characteristics of the instrument, its calibration, the data collection, and preprocessing, are described.

I.E.

A88-28683* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, Tex. THE USE OF A HELICOPTER MOUNTED RANGING SCATTEROMETER FOR ESTIMATION OF EXTINCTION AND BACKSCATTERING PROPERTIES OF FOREST CANOPIES-II: EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS FOR HIGH-DENSITY ASPEN DAVID E. PITTS, GAUTAM D. BADHWAR (NASA, Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX), and EDDIE REYNA (Lockheed Engineering and Management Services Co., Inc., Houston, TX) IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing (ISSN 0196-2892), vol. 26, March 1988, p. 144-152. refs

An analytic expression is derived that describes the backscatter power from a semi-infinite plane parallel homogeneous canopy as a function of distance from an airborne radar. This model is fitted to observed data for a high-density aspen canopy by a modification of a technique developed by Tyapkin (1960). This inversion of the model provides unbiased estimates of the canopy extinction and backscattering parameters. An active radar calibrator located underneath the canopy provides an independent method of determining the volume extinction coefficient. The results reported indicate that the coefficients change throughout the year. A comparison of these coefficients with Eom and Funk's (1984) disk model, using measured canopy properties, shows that at C-band frequency, only a part of the scattering and absorption can be attributed to the canopy leaves.

I.E.
A88-28705* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif. 

ABOVEGROUND BIOMASS, SURFACE AREA, AND PRODUCTION RELATIONS OF RED FIR (ABIES MAGNIFICA) AND WHITE FIR (A. CONCOLOR)

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(A) A88-29277 AIRCRAFT MSS DATA REGISTRATION AND VEGETATION CLASSIFICATION FOR WETLAND CHANGE DETECTION


Portions of the Savannah River floodplain swamp were evaluated for vegetation change using high resolution (5.6 m) aircraft multispectral scanner (MSS) data. Image distortion from aircraft movement prevented precise image-to-image registration in some areas. However, when small scenes were used (200-250 ha), a first-order linear transformation provided registration accuracies of less than or equal to one pixel. A larger area was registered using a piecewise linear method. Five major wetland classes were identified and evaluated for change. Phenological differences and the variable distribution of vegetation limited wetland type discrimination. Using unsupervised methods and ground-collected vegetation data, overall classification accuracies ranged from 84 percent to 87 percent for each scene. Results suggest that high-resolution aircraft MSS data can be precisely registered, if small areas are used, and that wetland vegetation change can be accurately detected and monitored. Author

A88-29278 LANDSAT IMAGERY FOR MAPPING SALINE SOILS AND WET LANDS IN NORTH-WEST INDIA


A88-29280 FORECASTING PATTERNS OF SOIL EROSION IN ARID LANDS FROM LANDSAT MSS DATA


A model for forecasting large-scale patterns of soil erosion and deposition from Landsat MSS data in arid grazing lands is described. The model is based on the erosion cell mosaic approach and exploits the high degree of temporal and spatial autocorrelation in the erosion process on flat alluvial plains. Testing of the model against observed change indicates that it is reasonably accurate as long as the underlying pattern series is obtained from imagery in which there is sufficient vegetation cover for the soil stability index to be a sensitive indicator of the state of the landscape. B.J.


SHUTTLE IMAGING RADAR A ANALYSIS OF LAND USE IN AMAZONIA

THOMAS A. STONE (Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA) and GEORGE M. WOODWELL (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, MA) International Journal of Remote Sensing (ISSN 0143-1161), vol. 9, Jan. 1988, p. 95-105. NASA-DOE-supported research. refs

Over large areas in the tropics, satellite imagery is the principal source of data on the area, current stature, and extent of disturbance of the forests. The information from imagery that covers large areas at low resolution is greatly enhanced when different types of imagery can be compared. The paper presents a comparison of data from Landsat MSS and from the Shuttle Imaging Radar (SIR-A) L band HH polarization data for sites in the Amazon Basin. Results indicate that SIR-A backscatter from the undisturbed forest was lower than that from some disturbed areas and from flooded forests and that SIR-A brightness, increases nonlinearly with the Landsat normalized difference vegetation index. It is hypothesized that the brightest radar return in southern Amazonia are from newly cleared forests that are littered with standing and fallen tree boles that function as corner reflectors; and that backscatter will diminish from disturbed areas over time as fields are burned repeatedly. Author
closable are described. Consideration is given to the applicability of ocular estimation, the comparison method, the use of stereograms or dot grids, plane-table surveying, and the Klier (1969) method based on the Bitterlich principle for crown closure measurement. The use of remote sensing data to estimate crown closure in the interior of Alaska is examined. The difficulties involved in estimating from the images, and various procedures for alleviating these problems, such as the use of the Caylor method, are discussed.

A88-30087
ADAPTIVE COMPUTER-AIDED SYSTEM FOR CROP INVENTORY ACCORDING TO SPACE PHOTOGRAPHS
[ADAPTIVNAIA AVTOMATIZIROVANNAA SISTEMA INVENTARIZATSII SEL'SKOHKOZIASTVENNYKH KULTUR]
PO KOSMICHESKIM SNIMKAM
V. V. ASMU, V. VADAS, A. B. KARASEV, and L. KECHKEMETI (Gosudarstvennyi Nauchno-Issledovatel'skiy Tsentr Izucheniya Prirodnykh Resursov, Moscow, USSR; Orszagos Meteorollogiai Szolgagal, Budapest, Hungary) Issledovanie Zemli iz Kosmosa (ISSN 0205-9614), Nov.-Dec. 1987, p. 79-88. In Russian. refs

A88-30439
CALCULATION OF CANOPY BIDIRECTIONAL REFLECTANCE USING THE MONTE CARLO METHOD

ASSESSING FOREST DAMAGE IN HIGH-ELEVATION CONIFEROUS FORESTS IN VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE USING THETMATIC MAPPER DATA
JAMES E. VOGELMANN and BARRETT N. ROCK (California Institute of Technology, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena) Remote Sensing of Environment (ISSN 0034-4257), vol. 24, March 1988, p. 227-246. refs

This study evaluates the potential of measuring/mapping forest damage in spruce-fir forests in the Green Mountains of Vermont and White Mountains of New Hampshire using Landsat Thematic Mapper (TM) data. The TM 1.65/0.83-micron (TM5/4) and 2.22/0.83-micron (TM7/4) band ratios were found to correlate well with ground-based measurements of forest damage (a measure of percentage forest loss) at 11 spruce-fir stands located on Camels Hump, a mountain in northern Vermont. Images using 0.56 and 1.65-micron bands with 1.65/0.83-micron band ratios indicated locations of heavy conifer forest damage. Both 1.65/0.83 and 2.22/0.83-micron band ratios were used to quantify levels of conifer forest damage among individual mountains throughout many of the Green and White Mountains. Damage was found to be consistently higher for the Green than the White Mountains.

A88-30441* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.
ESTIMATING FOREST BIOMASS AND VOLUME USING AIRBORNE LASER DATA

An airborne pulsed laser system was used to obtain canopy height data over a southern pine forest in Georgia in order to predict ground-measured forest biomass and timber volume. Although biomass and volume estimates obtained from the laser data were more variable than were the corresponding ground measurements site by site, the present models are found to predict mean total tree volume within 2.6 percent of the ground value, and mean biomass within 2.0 percent. The results indicate that species stratification did not consistently improve regression relationships for four southern pine species.

R.R.

A88-30444* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.
RELATIVE SENSITIVITY OF NORMALIZED DIFFERENCE VEGETATION INDEX (NDVI) AND MICROWAVE POLARIZATION DIFFERENCE INDEX (MPDI) FOR VEGETATION AND DESERTIFICATION MONITORTING

A simple equation relating the Microwave Polarization Difference Index (MPDI) and the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) is proposed which represents well data obtained from Nimbus 7/SMMR at 37 GHz and NOAA/AVHRR Channels 1 and 2. It is found that there is a limit, which is characteristic of a particular type of cover for which both indices are equally sensitive to the variation of vegetation, and below which MPDI is more efficient than NDVI. The results provide insight into the relationship between water content and chlorophyll absorption at pixel size scales.

A88-30446* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.
ESTIMATING SURFACE SOIL MOISTURE FROM SATELLITE MICROWAVE MEASUREMENTS AND A SATELLITE DERIVED VEGETATION INDEX
MANNFRED OWE, ALFRED CHANG (NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD), and ROBERT E. GOLUS (Science Applications Research, Lanham, MD) Remote Sensing of Environment (ISSN 0034-4257), vol. 24, March 1988, p. 331-345. refs

Normalized 18-GHz microwave brightness temperatures, T(B), and a vegetation index determined from satellite radiometer data are combined with climatically modeled surface moisture estimates to constrain a simple physically based soil moisture model. It is found that the normalized T(B) values correlated well with soil moisture when the data were segregated by vegetation index range, but less so when all the data were combined. By using the vegetation index parameter, the model is shown to account for about 70 percent of the variability in modeled surface soil moisture.

RELATING SEASONAL PATTERNS OF THE AVHRR VEGETATION INDEX TO SIMULATED PHOTOSYNTHESES AND TRANSPARATION OF FORESTS IN DIFFERENT CLIMATES

Weekly AVHRR Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) values for 1983-1984 for seven sites of diverse climate in North America were correlated with results of an ecosystem simulation model of a hypothetical forest stand for the corresponding period at each site. The tendency of raw NDVI data to overpredict photosynthesis and transpiration on water limited sites was shown to be partially corrected by using an aridity index of annual radiation/annual precipitation. The results suggest that estimates of vegetation productivity using the global vegetation index are over- and under-estimated depending on unsampled local area coverage. NDVI data can be tested against forest photosynthesis, transpiration and aboveground net primary production data measured at shorter time intervals.

R.R.

A88-30448* San Diego State Univ., Calif.
ESTIMATING OF WHEAT CANOPY RESISTANCE USING COMBINED REMOTELY SENSED SPECTRAL REFLECTANCE AND THERMAL OBSERVATIONS

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RADIANCE IN INDICES USED TO ESTIMATE GLAI
EVALUATION OF MIDDLE AND THERMAL INFRARED

A88-32658* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

MICROWAVE VEGETATION INDEX - A NEW LONG-TERM GLOBAL DATA SET FOR BIOSPHERIC STUDIES

A88-32660 SIMULATION OF SOLAR ZENITH ANGLE EFFECT ON GLOBAL VEGETATION INDEX (GVI) DATA

(Author)

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The effect of solar zenith angle on the normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI) derived from the AVHRR channel 1 (red) and channel 2 (near-IR) data is studied. Four classes of surface-cover types (high, moderate, and low vegetation densities and bare soil) are considered. For each class, the NDVI was simulated for solar zenith angles up to 90 deg. The results reveal that the NDVI for bare soil remains constant for solar zenith angles up to about 60 deg, then decreases for solar zenith angles above this. The NDVI's for high, moderate, and low green-leaf vegetation densities remain constant up to a solar zenith angle of 30 deg. In the case of larger solar zenith angles, these NDVIs decrease significantly.

K.K.

A88-32661 VEGETATIVE AND OPTICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF FOUR-ROW CROP CANOPIES

The row crop canopies of cotton, soybeans, grain sorghum, and sunflower were characterized on the basis of plant height, ground cover, leaf area index, leaf overlap index, foliage density, and leaf angle. It was found that, in all crops, plant height was highly correlated with ground cover and leaf area index, and leaf area index was highly correlated with leaf overlap index. Increasing the leaf area increased the radiation scattering coefficient value for band TM 4 while the band TM 3 coefficient value stayed the same.

K.K.

A88-32662 RADIOMETRIC LEAF AREA INDEX

The geometrical structure of a vegetation canopy determines the amount of foliage presented to a sensor and the form of the relationship between reflectance and vegetation amount. The aim of this study was to develop a practical measure of vegetation amount that was sensitive to canopy geometry. This measure was termed the radiometric leaf area index (RLAI) and comprised measurements of leaf area index (LAI), leaf inclination or curvature and the area of the canopy visible to the sensor. RLAI, evaluated on simulated and laboratory-derived data, was sensitive to canopy geometry but, like LAI, suffered from a high measurement error. Primarily as a result of error in these data sets reflectance was similarly correlated to both RLAI and LAI and therefore RLAI offered no advantage over LAI for the measurement of vegetation amount. It was concluded that future formulations of RLAI should be more complex and accurate.

Author

A88-32663 EVALUATION OF MIDDLE AND THERMAL INFRARED RADIANCE IN INDICES USED TO ESTIMATE GLAI


The remote sensing of agricultural crops has concentrated on the use of red and near-infrared radiance. The increasing availability of middle and thermal infrared radiance data has opened up a new source of spectral information. In grassland areas middle and thermal infrared radiance are usually negatively related to green leaf area index (GLAI). These data can be used in vegetation indices (in addition to red and near-infrared radiance data) to model the GLAI-radiance relationship empirically. The accuracy of GLAI estimation was significantly increased using such indices rather than a red/near-infrared based index. These increases were masked when applying a methodology to allow for sampling error and it is suggested that this was due to this section of the methodology rather than insufficient spectral information from the middle and thermal infrared wavebands.

Author

A88-32664 CROP CANOPY SPECTRAL REFLECTANCE

A simple model based on the Kubelka-Munk theory of scattering is used to describe a relationship between reflection ratios in two contrasting wavebands and fractional light absorption by a canopy. The analysis reveals that while the relationship between ratio and vegetation is curvilinear, it varies linearly with the fraction of photosynthetically active radiation absorbed by vegetation.

Author

A88-32665 LARGE AREA CROP CLASSIFICATION IN NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA, USING LANDSAT DATA

The design requirements for a broad-band red and near infrared radiometer for monitoring vegetation from a light aircraft are discussed and an instrument which incorporates these characteristics, called an integrated camera and radiometer (ICAR), is described. It consists of two downward-looking, spectral radiometers and a solar radiometer coupled with a 35 mm camera and a data-logger in a convenient payload for mounting in a light aircraft. The distinctive features of the ICAR are the synchronization of the camera and radiometers, the equivalence of their fields of view and the integral microcomputer which controls the instrument and acts as a programmable data-logger. The simultaneous aerial photographs are used to locate the data geographically, to select the fields of view which are of the desired target, to interpret the radiometer data, and to act as a record of the terrain conditions for visual interpretation. ICAR data are compared with data from an Exotech 100BX radiometer mounted in an aircraft and also with satellite imaging radiometer data for the same locations.

Author

MONTE CARLO METHOD CALCULATION OF SPECTRAL BRIGHTNESS COEFFICIENT OF VEGETATION COVER AS FUNCTION OF ILLUMINATION CONDITIONS Abstract Only

YU. K. ROSS and A. L. MARSHAK In its JPRS Report: Science and Technology, USSR: Space p 133 24 Nov. 1987 Transl. into ENGLISH from Issledovaniye Zemli iz Kosmosa (Moscow,
The applicability of photos for forest inventories was investigated. The pictures were taken with a metric camera in space, and are comparable with LANDSAT data in many respects. The characteristics of the SpaceLab pictures and their information content with respect to large area inventories are discussed. The results demonstrate the applicability for forest inventories. The different data processing possibilities, and the availability of the data are discussed.

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We show from experimental data and by modeling that the hot spot angular reflectance signature carries information about plant stand architecture that is often more distinctive for different plant species than their spectral signatures.

Author

N88-19801# Instituto de Pesquisas Espaciais, Sao Jose dos Campos (Brazil).
CROP FORECASTING IN BRAZIL: A SHORT HISTORY OF PRODUCTIVITY MODELS [PREVISAO DE SAFRAS NO BRASIL: UM BREVE HISTORICO DOS MODELOS DE PRODUTIVIDADE]
FAUSTO C. DEALMEIDA and LEONARDO D. DEABREUSA Apr. 1987 15 p In PORTUGUESE; ENGLISH summary (INPE-4150-PRE/1056) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01
CROP forecasting is of fundamental importance to economic planning and in the commercial exchanges between Brazil and other countries. However, in Brazil this activity is still developing, especially when compared to such efforts in the United States, Canada, and Europe. A brief review of research done in the area of crop yield modeling is presented. Author

N88-19802# Instituto de Pesquisas Espaciais, Sao Jose dos Campos (Brazil).
REPORT OF THE PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE: REMOTE SENSING IN VILLAGE FORESTRY
A report on and an evaluation of INPE personnel participation in the International Training Course: Remote Sensing and Village Forestry are presented. The course took place from May 7 to June 3 1987 in West Germany, and was conducted by the Deutsche Stiftung fur International Entwicklung (DSE) in cooperation with the FAO of the UN and the Bavarian State Forest Service. Author

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The mangrove forests of Guanabara Bay (Rio de Janeiro State) were mapped using remote sensing techniques. The materials used were MSS-LANDSAT imagery and aerial photography. The following techniques of image processing were used to enhance the imagery: atmospheric and radiometric corrections, scaling, rationing, and contrast stretch. In addition, the usual photointerpretation procedures were used. The Interactive Multispectral Image Analysis System (Image-100) from INPE was used for digital classification (maximum likelihood classifier - MAXVER). Detailed field work was done to check the preliminary classifications. Finally, the importance of integrating various remote sensing techniques in the study of coastal ecosystems such as mangroves using orbital data is emphasized. Author

N88-19807# Instituto de Pesquisas Espaciais, Sao Jose dos Campos (Brazil).
REPORT ON PHASE 1 OF THE PROJECT ESTIMATE DEVELOPMENT OF A MODEL FOR YIELD ESTIMATION OF SUGAR CANE BASED ON LANDSAT AND AGROMET DATA [RELATORIO DA FASE 1 DO PROJETO ESTIMA DESENVOLVIMENTO DE UM MODELO PARA ESTIMATIVA DA PRODUTIVIDADE AGRICOLA DA CANA-DE-ACUCAR BASEADO EM DADOS LANDSAT E AGROMETEOLOGICOS]
BERNARDO FRIEDRICH T RUDORFF and GETULIO TEIXEIRA BATISTA Feb. 1988 133 p In PORTUGUESE; ENGLISH summary Sponsored by Fundo de Incentivo a Pesquisa Tecnico-Cientifica (FIPEC) (INPE-4466-RPE/560) Avail: NTIS HC A07/MF A01
The objective was the development of a model for sugar cane (Saccharum officinarum) yield estimation in a test site corresponding to the sugar cane crop production area of an industrial plant, based on LANDSAT and Agromet data. Information on agricultural production system of the Barra Grande Plant located at the municipal area of Lençóis Paulista, Sao Paulo State, for the crop year of 1983/84, 1984/85, and 1985/86 was obtained. Initially, the spectral response of the main varieties at different stages (number of harvesting cuts) was analyzed based on LANDSAT MSS data. The correlation between LANDSAT MSS and actual yield, estimated at the plant was investigated for the main planted varieties and development stages. Afterwards, a representative sample of the production system taking into account different varieties and growth stages was selected for each crop year. Digital counts of the LANDSAT imagery analyzed were extracted using an image processing laboratory implemented at INPE. Vegetation indices based on the digital counts of the sugar cane selected fields were computed and correlated to the actual observed at the plant. The yield variation explained by the vegetation index was 41 percent. Estimated yield based on an Agromet model was correlated to the actual yield as well, and 57 percent of yield variation was explained by this model. When the vegetation index and the Agromet data were jointly correlated to the actual yield, 72 percent of the yield variation explanation resulted. This result is as accurate as the yield estimation done at the field level for the plant operation management purposes. Author

The research topics undertaken were primarily selected to further the understanding of fundamental relationships between electromagnetic energy measured from Earth orbiting satellites and terrestrial features, principally vegetation. Vegetation is an essential component in the soil formation process and the major factor in protecting and holding soil in place. Vegetation plays key roles in hydrological and nutrient cycles. Awareness of improvement or deterioration in the capacity of vegetation and the trends that those changes may indicate are, therefore, critical detections to make. A study of the relationships requires consideration of the various portions of the electromagnetic spectrum; characteristics of detector system; synergism that may be achieved by merging data from two or more detector systems or multiple dates of data; and vegetational characteristics. The vegetation of Oregon is sufficiently diverse as to provide ample opportunity to investigate the relationships suggested above several vegetation types. B.G.
A VARIATION OF THE ISODATA ALGORITHM FOR APPLICATION TO AGRICULTURAL TARGETS (UMA VARIANTE DO ALGORITMO ISODATA PARA APLICACAO EM ALVOS AGRICOLAS)

LEONARDO SANTANABINS and FLAVIO ROBERTO DIASVELASCO Nov. 1987 17 p In PORTUGUESE; ENGLISH summary Presented at the 2nd Latin-American Symposium on Remote Sensing, Bogota, Colombia, 16-21 Nov. 1987 (INPE-4436-PRE/1235) Avail: NTIS HC A02/IMF A01 - CSL 08M

The fundamental objectives are to test the feasibility of delineating the lateral boundary between frozen and thawed condition in the surface layer of soil from orbital microwave radiometry and secondly to examine the sensitivity of general circulation models to an explicit parameterization of the boundary condition. Physical models were developed to relate emissivity to scene properties and a simulation package was developed to predict brightness temperature as a function of emissivity and physical temperature in order to address issues of heterogeneity, scaling, and scene dynamics. Radiative transfer models were developed for both bare soil surfaces and those obscured by an intervening layer of vegetation or snow. These models relate the emissivity to the physical properties of the soil and to those of the snow or vegetation cover. A SMMR simulation package was developed to evaluate the adequacy of the emission models and the limiting effects of scaling for realistic scenarios incorporating spatially heterogeneous scenes with dynamic moisture and temperature gradients at the pixel scale. B.S.
**02 ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**


**A88-21044**

AUTOMATED ROAD NETWORK EXTRACTION FROM LANDSAT TM IMAGERY


In this paper a sequential line extraction method for identifying road networks on high resolution digital satellite images is described. The method considers line following as graph searching and an 'acuteness operator' is proposed to obtain the magnitude and direction of local line likeness. The graph searching starts at the most prominent locations within lines and uses an heuristic depth-first search to trace lines. The method has been successfully applied to road network extraction from Landsat TM images. The methodology and some experimental results are reported in this paper. Author

**A88-21060**

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AN AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR TERRAIN DATABASE CONSTRUCTION


An automated Terrain Database Preparation System (TDPS) for the construction and editing of terrain databases used in computerized war gaming simulation exercises has been developed. The TDPS system operates under the TAE executive, and it integrates VICAR/IBIS image processing and Geographic Information System software with CAD/CAM data capture and editing capabilities. The terrain database includes such features as roads, rivers, vegetation, and terrain roughness. R.R.

**A88-21071**

LAND COVER CHANGE DETECTION WITH LANDSAT MSS AND TM DATA IN THE KITCHENER-WATERLOO AREA, CANADA


**A88-21073**

MICHIGAN STATE UNIV., EAST LANSING

LAND COVER CHANGE DETECTION USING A GIS-GUIDED, FEATURE-BASED CLASSIFICATION OF LANDSAT THEMATIC MAPPER DATA


Landsat TM data were combined with land cover and planimetric data layers contained in the State of Michigan's geographic information system (GIS) to identify changes in forestlands, specifically new oillgas wells. A GIS-guided feature-based classification method was developed. The regions extracted by the best image band/operator combination were studied using a set of rules based on the characteristics of the GIS oil/gas pads. K.K.

**A88-24511**

USING REMOTELY SENSED DATA FOR CENSUS SURVEYS AND POPULATION ESTIMATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - EXAMPLES FROM NIGERIA

PETER O. ADENIYI (Lagos, University, Nigeria) Geocarto International (ISSN 1010-6049), vol. 2, Dec. 1987, p. 11-31. Research supported by the International Development Research Centre. refs

The conduct of conventional census surveys in most developing countries and the rational use of the results obtained have been impaired largely by the lack of basic infrastructures. These infrastructures include up-to-date administrative and topographic maps, settlement and land use information and geographically referenced enumeration areas (EAs). Using examples from Nigeria, this paper demonstrates how remotely sensed data can be used to acquire some of the basic data requirements for census surveys and to estimate population. The result obtained shows that visual identification of settlements on Landsat MSS and TM is more accurate and economical than equivalent digital classification techniques. Black and white aerial photographs were used to estimate the population of a model town and to establish EAs. The population estimation method employed can be used to obtain intercensal population estimates for the rapidly growing central places, while the established EAs for the study area have created a permanent base for future census surveys and census cross-validation, population estimation and other social surveys. Author

**A88-24512**

A STUDY ON THE UTILIZATION OF SIR-A DATA FOR POPULATION ESTIMATION IN THE EASTERN PART OF SPAIN


In this work a study has been carried out in order to estimate population on a strip of land of 100 km length and 50 km width, placed in the Eastern part of Spain. Use has been made of an SIR-A image obtained from the Columbia Shuttle on November 1981 and referred to the mentioned area. It is shown the difficulty of estimating population in coast nuclei due to the large number of touristic buildings which deceive the population census. Nuclei with less than 2000 people may be identified in many cases but it is hardly difficult to estimate their surface. With the remaining nuclei a twofold classification has been carried out according to the number of people. The surfaces of semurban nuclei (of less than 10,000 people) show a dependency on the number of people between three and four times below that for urban nuclei (of more than 20,000 people). Author

**A88-27265**

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problems encountered in the definition of relevant parameters which can describe heterogeneous media as a whole are discussed. A procedure to extend the definition of parameters from local to regional scales via inversion of appropriate models is tentatively proposed. The adequacy of these models for describing physical processes at the earth/atmosphere interface as observed with satellite systems is addressed. C.D.

A88-28014
IDENTIFICATION AND MEASUREMENT OF THE AREAL EXTENT OF SETTLEMENTS FROM LANDSAT - AN EXPLORATION INTO THE NIGERIAN CASE

A88-28003
REMOTE SENSING AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM TECHNIQUES FOR AQUATIC RESOURCE EVALUATION
R. WELCH, M. MADDEN REMILLARD (Georgia, University, Atlanta), and R. B. SLACK (EPA, Atlanta, GA) Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing (ISSN 0099-1112), vol. 54, Feb. 1988, p. 177-185. Research supported by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and Lockheed Engineering and Management Services Co. refs (Contract EPA-5R-1301-NAEX)

A88-28006
LAND-COVER MONITORING WITH SPOT FOR LANDFILL INVESTIGATIONS
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As an extension of an airphoto-based inventory of active and inactive waste storage and disposal sites in a New York county, SPOT satellite images were evaluated to determine their capability for monitoring land-cover changes that could be significant in landfill investigations. A panchromatic and a multispectral image of 25 1.5- by 1.5-km sites were displayed and minimally enhanced (contrast stretched and enlarged) on a digital image processing system, where the imaged test sites were compared visually to the most recent 1:24,000-scale U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps. Significant changes - disturbed, reclaimed, and developed land; recently exposed soil; ponded water; and new or removed structures - were interpreted and delineated, based only on the images and maps. Airphoto and field (helicopter) verification found the accuracy of SPOT interpretations to be approximately 95 percent. SPOT images are judged to be a cost-effective tool for county or regional monitoring programs. Author

A88-28684* California Univ., Santa Barbara.
REQUIREMENTS AND PRINCIPLES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE-SCALE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

This paper provides a brief survey of the history, structure and functions of 'traditional' geographic information systems (GIS), and then suggests a set of requirements that large-scale GIS should satisfy, together with a set of principles for their satisfaction. These principles, which include the systematic application of techniques from several subfields of computer science to the design and implementation of GIS and the integration of techniques from computer vision and image processing into standard GIS technology, are discussed in some detail. In particular, the paper provides a detailed discussion of questions relating to appropriate data models, data structures and computational procedures for the efficient storage, retrieval and analysis of spatially-indexed data. Author

A88-29427
METHODS FOR PROCESSING RADIO-PHYSICAL MEASUREMENT DATA IN STUDIES OF THE ENVIRONMENT
(METODY OBRABOTKI DANNYKH RADIOFIZICHESKOGO ISSLEDOVANIIA OKRUIZHAIUSCHCHEI SREDY)
NEON ALEKSANDROVICH ARMAND, VLADIMIR FEDOROVICH KRAPIVIN, and FERDINAND ANUSHAVANO MKRTHIAN Moscow, Izdatel'stvo Nauka, 1987, 272 p. In Russian. refs

Airborne and satellite-borne microwave-radiometer monitoring of the environment is described. Attention is given to methods for the sorting, classification, and thematic processing of microwave remote-sensing data using different types of computers. Problems connected with the detection and spatial-temporal identification of anomalous formations on land and ocean surfaces are examined. Particular emphasis is placed on the monitoring of water systems and biogeochemical fields.

B.J.

A88-31103
ABSOLUTE INFRARED INTENSITIES FOR F-113 AND F-114 AND AN ASSESSMENT OF THEIR GREENHOUSE WARMING POTENTIAL RELATIVE TO OTHER CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS

The literature concerning the 'greenhouse' warming potentials of chlorofluorocarbons F-11, F-12, F-22, F-113, F-114, F-134a, and F-142b is reviewed. Additionally, infrared intensities are reported for each of the fundamental absorption bands of F-113 (CF2CFCF2Cl) and F-114 (CF2CFCF2Cl) in the region between 8 and 20 microns. The total intensities measured for this region were 4905/sq cm/atm for F-113 and 6064/sq cm/atm for F-114, compared to a total intensity of 3404/sq cm/atm for F-12 (CF2C12) in the same region. On the basis of these infrared intensities and the atmospheric lifetimes of F-113 and F-114 relative to F-12, and on a per unit mass basis, F-113 and F-114 are about 0.8 and 1.9 times as effective, respectively, as F-12 in the 'greenhouse' warming of the earth.
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A88-32659*  Maryland Univ., College Park.
SELECTING THE SPATIAL RESOLUTION OF SATELLITE SENSORS REQUIRED FOR GLOBAL MONITORING OF LAND TRANSFORMATIONS
The paper provides preliminary evidence for the spatial resolutions required to monitor land transformations at broad scales. This is obtained from simulations of imagery at various spatial resolutions between 125 and 4000 m derived from Landsat MSS imagery. Consideration is given to the various types of spatial images detectable by remotely-sensed systems, as well as to the difficulties associated in disentangling permanent land transformations from shorter term changes such as phenological and interannual changes.

K.K.

N88-15278*  Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.
CHIN-HWA LEE and HSI-JIAN LEE Sep. 1986 40 p (Contract MIPR-HM0050-6-357) (AD-A186010; NPS-82-87-001) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 08B
This paper concerns the design of a computer vision system for change detection. Here, change detection is defined as figuring out the differences between an object model and the newly sensed image. The target objects are confined to the cultural features, such as roads and buildings. We divide the task into two modules: model verification and image interpretation. In this report, the verification stage will be discussed in detail. In general there exists a lot of domain specific heuristics to judge the status of changes. For example, to verify the existence of a building, we can check its shape, size, height, surface direction, and surface material, etc. The expert system approach is a natural approach which can code all information together. While different photo interpreters and field specialists may have different viewpoints about the status of an object, expert systems can be modified easily to reflect a particular viewpoint.

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N88-17119*  Pacific Northwest Labs., Richland, Wash.
USER'S GUIDE TO A DATA BASE OF CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROJECTS IN THE US-CANADIAN TRANSBOUNDARY REGION
This document describes how to use a data base of current transboundary region environmental monitoring projects. The data base was prepared from data provided by Glantz et al. (1986) and Concord Scientific Corporation (1985), and contains information on 226 projects with monitoring stations located within 400 km (250 mi) of the US-Canadian border. The data base is designed for use with the dBASE III PLUS data management systems on IBM-compatible personal computers. Data-base searches are best accomplished using an accompanying command file called RETRIEVE or the dBASE command LIST. The user must carefully select the substrings on which the search is to be based. Example search requests and subsequent output are presented to illustrate substring selections and applications of the data base.

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A88-18079*  National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Silver Spring, Md. Air Resources Lab.
METEOROLOGICAL AND AEROSOL MEASUREMENTS FROM THE NOAA WP-3D AIRCRAFT DURING WATOX-86, JANUARY 4-9, 1986
On January 4, 6, 8, and 9, 1986, NOAA WP-3D research flights were conducted over the Western Atlantic Ocean, two to three hundred km off the coast of North America. Flights were made perpendicular to NW airflow to establish the flux of gas and aerosol emissions from the east coast of North America. The following data is presented for each flight: a horizontal projection of the flight track on a latitude-longitude grid; the relevant synoptic situation; air-parcel back-trajectories; a flight log; vertical cross sections of condensation nuclei (CN) and aerosol scattering extinction (b sub sp); and representative aerosol size distributions.

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Includes mapping and topography.

A88-21054
AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PHOTOGRAMMETRY AND REMOTE SENSING and ACSM, ANNUAL CONVENTION, BALTIMORE, MD, MAR. 29-APR. 3, 1987, TECHNICAL PAPERS. VOLUME 3 - SURVEYING
Convention sponsored by the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and ACSM. Falls Church, VA, American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and ACSM, 1987, 327 p For individual items see A88-21055 to A88-21057.
Recent advances in surveying technology and data processing are discussed in reviews and reports. Topics addressed include survey networks; control survey; marine surveying and mapping; multipurpose cadaster and global positioning systems; surveying evidence, standards, and instrumentation; and surveying water boundaries. Consideration is given to simultaneous determination of astronomic position and azimuth from observations of zenith distances and horizontal directions, trigonometric leveling using electronic distance measurement, GPS survey techniques for deformation analysis, electronic theodolites and tacheometers, and high-speed cm-accuracy GPS surveys.

T.K.

A88-21055
SIMULTANEOUS DETERMINATION OF ASTRONOMIC POSITION AND AZIMUTH FROM OBSERVATIONS OF ZENITH DISTANCES AND HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONS
DAVID J. LEHMAN (DMA, Fort Clayton, Panama) IN: American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and ACSM, Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, Mar. 29-Apr. 3, 1987, Technical...

A88-21057
GPS SURVEY TECHNIQUES FOR DEFORMATION ANALYSIS

The use of three-dimensional positioning data from the Navstar GPS satellite network in monitoring the deformation of topographical features or manmade structures is discussed and demonstrated. The design and operation of GPS are reviewed; the receivers used in the present test surveys are described; and the operation and data-processing methods employed are explained in detail. Results for a high-pressure gas pipeline (interstation baselines of 10-800 m) and a mountain slide area near a hydroelectric facility (1-3 km) are presented in tables and graphs and compared with conventional survey data. In the pipeline survey, the 95-percent-confidence ellipses with GPS (5-20 mm) were acceptably close to those for conventional methods (3-6 mm). T.K.

A88-21058
AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PHOTOGRA TY AND REMOTE SENSING AND ACSM, ANNUAL CONVENTION, BALTIMORE, MD. MAR. 29-APR. 3, 1987, TECHNICAL PAPERS. VOLUME 4 - CARTOGRAPHY
Convention sponsored by the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and ACSM. Falls Church, VA, American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and ACSM, 1987, 260 p. For individual items see A88-21059 to A88-21061.

Cartographic applications of photogrammetry and remote sensing are discussed in reviews and reports of recent investigations. Sections are devoted to general cartography, digital cartography, education, and digital terrain and elevation modeling. Consideration is given to the perception of three-dimensional cartographic representations, presentation-quality exploration-geology maps, hypography in digital line graph format, graphic syntax and expert systems for map design, micro-based CAD systems in surveying and mapping education, standards for digital elevation models, and digital terrain analysis employing X-Y-Z point vectors as input data. T.K.

A88-24289
GEODETIC APPLICATION OF THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM

The Global Positioning System (GPS) can presently be used for geodesy and geophysics. The French Institut Geographique National (IGNF) has developed its own software (named GDVS) for processing GPS data. The basic capabilities of this software are described. In this paper, the more important observing campaigns related to geophysics and oceanography (terrestrial reference frame, tide gauge connections, local and regional deformation networks) are reviewed and plans for the future are given.

A88-25224
ON THE ACCURACY OF MARINE GRAVITY MEASUREMENTS

The accuracy of Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory’s global marine gravity data bank has been assessed by examining the crossover errors (COEs) at intersecting ship tracks. More than 63,000 COEs were found, having a standard deviation of 22.43 mGal. The COEs are used to find and remove linear drifts and DC shifts present in the data set. This adjustment reduces the standard deviation to 13.96 mGal. COEs generally decrease with latitude, which is attributed to uncertainties in the Eotvos correction. High COEs occur in areas of high gravity gradients. These two features point to poor navigation as the principal source of error in marine gravity surveys. COEs have generally been decreasing during the last two decades, reflecting improvements in instrumentation and quality of navigation. A comparison of the shipboard gravity data to Seasat-derived gravity data revealed a 9-mGal bias in the terrestrial data, which probably reflects uncertainties in the choice of reference field. The adjusted data set was used to generate a gravimetric geoid for the NW Atlantic Ocean. By removing this geoid from the Seasat sea surface heights, a residual ‘geoid’ was obtained. A special feature of this map is an elongate ENE trend that appears to correlate with the edge of the Gulf Stream. Author

A88-25225* Bologna Univ. (Italy), MANTLE RHEOLOGY AND SATELLITE SIGNATURES FROM PRESENT-DAY GLACIAL FORCINGS
ROBERTO SABADINI (Bologna, Universita, Italy), DAVID A. YUEN (Minnesota, University, Minneapolis), and PAOLO GASPERINI (Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica, Rome, Italy) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 93, Jan. 10, 1988, p. 437-447. refs (Contact CNR-PSN-86060; NAGS-770; NSF EAR-89-11200)

Changes in the long-wavelength region of the earth’s gravity field resulting from both present-day glacial discharges and the possible growth of the Antarctic ice sheet are considered. Significant differences in the responses between the Maxwell and Burger body rheologies are found for time spans of less than 100 years. The quantitative model for predicting the secular variations of the gravitational potential, and means for incorporating glacial forcings, are described. Results are given for the excitation of the degree two harmonics. It is suggested that detailed satellite monitoring of present-day ice movements in conjunction with geodetic satellite missions may provide a reasonable alternative for the estimation of deep mantle viscosity. R.R.

A88-25850 ON DIFFERENTIAL SCALE CHANGES AND THE SATELLITE DOPPLER SYSTEM Z-SHIFT
TOMAS SOLER (NOAA, National Geodetic Survey, Rockville, MD) and BOUDEWIJN H. W. VAN GELDER (Delft, Technische Hogeschool, Netherlands) Geophysical Journal (ISSN 0016-8009), vol. 91, Dec. 1987, p. 639-656. refs

General differential transformation equations are reviewed and a comparison is made between scaling methods and their effects on geodetic heights. Particular attention is given to the z-shift of the Doppler-derived satellite system. It is concluded that proper adoption of a global reference scale is necessary for a complete interrelation between different geodetic and/or geophysical products to be rigorously ascertained. K.K.

A88-26347 THE DOWNWARD CONTINUATION OF AERIAL GRAVIMETRIC DATA WITHOUT DENSITY HYPOTHESIS
CHRISTOPHER JEKEL (USAF, Geophysics Laboratory, Hanscom AFB, MA) Bulletin Geodesique (ISSN 0007-4632), vol. 61, no. 4, 1987, p. 319-329. refs

A method for determining the gravity disturbance on the earth’s surface given its vertical gradient everywhere at some fixed aircraft altitude is presented. It is assumed that the earth’s surface has a nontrivial shape corresponding to the actual topography, which is itself assumed to be a known and well defined, differentiable function of two spatial variables. Although the method requires terrestrial observations, it does not require the specification of density information. R.R.
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A88-27299
A METHOD FOR THE ESTIMATE OF BROADBAND DIRECTIONAL SURFACE ALBEDO FROM A GEOSTATIONARY SATELLITE
Surface albedo can be inferred from geostationary satellite measurements as long as the effects due to the atmosphere, the spectral response of the sensor, and the angular anisotropy of the reflected field are corrected. In this paper, a method which includes ad hoc correction procedures for the three categories of effects is developed. An application of the method is conducted over the Sahara and the African Sahel using Meteosat radiances together with auxiliary data derived from other satellites (Tros-N and Nimbus-7) and standard meteorological observations. The surface albedo maps are estimated over this region, at a spatial resolution compatible with one used in climate models, for two days representative of the dry and the wet seasons, respectively. The observed seasonal surface albedo change and the relationships between the surface and the planetary albedos are discussed in order to examine the validity of the method and the correction procedures.

A88-27465
AN INVESTIGATION OF SMALL-OFFSET FRACTURE ZONE GEOMETRIC WAVEFORMS
(Contract NSF OCE-86-14512)
Approximately 1,500 geoid cross sections across 15 small-offset South Atlantic fracture zones (FZs) are compiled from Seasat altimeter data and organized according to crustal age; these profiles provide a basis for the comparison of the different FZs, and the evolution of each over geological time. An empirical orthogonal function decomposition is used to investigate the dependence of profile shape and amplitude on crustal age. The geoid cross sections are found to be coherent in form down the length of each FZ, and possess amplitudes that are inversely related to the relative spreading rate at the time of formation. This observation is consistent with a simple model in which the active portion of a fracture zone (the transform fault) remains a fixed spatial length, yielding a variable age offset across the FZ.

N88-15291 Deutsche Geoaetische Kommission, Munich (West Germany).
OBSERVATIONS OF EARTH TIDES BY THE GERMAN GEOAETIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE, DIVISION 1, IN THE PERIOD 1979-1985 AT THE BERCHTESGADEN AND WETTZEI STATIONS [ERDGEZEITENBEOBUCHTEN DES DEUTSCHEN GEOAETISCHEN FORSCHUNGENSINSTITUTS, ABT. 1, IM ZEITRAUM 1979-1985 AUF DEN STATIONEN BERCHTESGADEN UND WETTZEI]
HARALD SCHMITZ-HUEBSCH 1986 79 p In GERMAN; ENGLISH summary Original contains color illustrations (SER-B-280; ISBN-3-7696-8565-2; ISSN-0065-5317; ETN-88-90804) Avail: Issuing Activity
Temporal variations of the gravity vector were observed, using a gravity meter and a vertical pendulum of 30 m length in a salt mine in Berchtesgaden (West Germany) and 2 borehole-tiltmeters at the satellite observation station in Wetzell (West Germany). A comparison between both stations shows that the Earth tide parameters depend on the geological structure. The amplitude factors of the partial tide M2 obtained from the pearl gneiss at Wettzell are lower by 18 percent in N-S direction and 4 percent in E-W direction than those derived from the softer clay anhydrite mixture at Berchtesgaden. For both stations stable preferential directions of the long-term drift can be given; they are consistent with the direction obtained from tectonic model computations and with the direction of the Central European stress field.

SPACE APPLICATIONS IN GEOGRAPHY
Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01
As the Earth's surface is being photographed from the Salyut-7 station, a survey of the Earth is being conducted by artificial Earth satellites, flying laboratories, and helicopters, and ground based observation points are helping out. These things help in the development of the science that studies the surface of the Earth, geography. Geographers have strived in recent years to replace graphic descriptions with quantitative values obtained by means and methods used by the precise sciences, primarily physics and chemistry. The addition of space based techniques to science's arsenal for studying the Earth's surface has made it possible for geographers to obtain an image of whatever natural or economic conditions they are studying that is measured within an extremely wide range of electromagnetic waves, including not only the entire visible-optical range, but also those far beyond it, those encompassing thermal and radio emission. The effects of these techniques on the development of geography is examined.

METHOD FOR JOINT ADJUSTMENT OF SATELLITE AND SURFACE GEOETIC NETWORKS Abstract Only
B. M. KLENITSKIY, K. K. NASRETDINOV, and M. M. KHOTIN In its JPRS Report: Science and Technology. USSR: Space p 125 24 Nov. 1987 Transl. into ENGLISH from Geodezya i Kartografiya (Moscow, USSR), no. 5, May 1987 p 12-15
Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01
The purpose of joint adjustment of satellite and surface geodetic networks constructed in different coordinate systems is to obtain adjusted coordinates of stations in each network, taking into account the results of adjustments of other networks and transformation elements in such a way that the adopted coordinate systems are not changed. An effort was made to develop an adjustment method which takes maximum advantage of newly available methods for processing measurements of extensive geodetic networks with minimum need for additional software. The proposed algorithm is readily integrated with traditional schemes for adjustment of such networks, such as the Pranis-Pranevich method, with solution of normal equations by the successive exclusions of unknowns. In comparison with the known method

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for integrating solutions, based on summing of the weighting matrices of individual networks, the new method does not require a procedure for obtaining a weighting matrix for the initial station of the surface geodetic network because it is based on the summing of correlation matrices.

Author


NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR USING GRAVITY DATA IN DEVELOPING GEODETIC COORDINATE SYSTEMS Abstract Only

L. P. PELLINEN In its JPRS Report: Science and Technology, USSR: Space p 136 24 Nov. 1987 Transl. into ENGLISH from Geodeziya i Kartografiya (Moscow, USSR), no. 3, Mar. 1987 p 10-13 Original language document was announced in IAA as A87-42939

Avail: NTIS HC A08/MF A01

Radio altimeter observations from GEOS-3 and Seasat as well as laser tracking observations of Lageos have opened new possibilities for the realization of geodetic coordinate system by the joint processing of ground measurements and satellite observations. A method is proposed for the processing of geodetic data which makes it possible to use height anomalies that are completely free of the indirect effect of geodetic coordinate errors.

Author

N88-15279# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.


The Goddard VLBI group reports the results of analyzing Mark III data sets from fixed observatories through the end of 1986 and available to the Crustal Dynamics Project. All full-day data from POLARIS/IRIS are included. The mobile VLBI sites at Platteville (Colorado), Penticton (British Columbia), and Yellowknife (Northwest Territories) are also included since these occupations bear on the study of plate stability. Two large solutions, GLB121 and GLB122, were used to obtain Earth rotation parameters and baseline evolutions, respectively. Radio source positions were estimated globally while nutation offsets were estimated from each data set. The results include 25 sites and 108 baselines. Author

N88-15280# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.


The Goddard VLBI group reports the results of analyzing 101 Mark III data sets acquired from mobile observing sites through the end of 1986 and available to the Crustal Dynamics Project. The fixed VLBI observations at Hat Creek, Ft. Davis, Mojave, and OVRO are included as they participate heavily in the mobile schedules. One large solution GLB171 was used to obtain baseline length and transverse evolutions. Radio source positions were estimated globally, while nutation offsets were estimated from each data set. The results include 28 mobile sites.

Author

N88-18054# Nova Univ., Dania, Fla.


Rigorous weighting of geoidal observations along profiles, such as encountered, for example, in satellite altimetry, would be a task exceedingly demanding in terms of computer run-time. A profile with m observation points would require an inversion of an (m x m) variance-covariance matrix, whose entries are correlated and depend almost entirely on the geoidal covariance function. However, if the observations are uniformly distributed, a slight modification of this function can greatly facilitate the formation of the weight matrix of observations, which subsequently enters the least-squares adjustment process. In the suggested method this matrix is five-diagonal. Its six distinct entries are known beforehand for any number of observations.

Author

N88-18055# Vexcel Corp., Boulder, Colo.


The real-time automated registration of multi-sensor imagery begins with the generation of control information. A specific application may require the registration of newly acquired data to an existing spatial database (absolute registration), or to other images of a series (relative registration). This study examines the feasibility and upper-level design of a system capable of providing the control information required for a range of image registration tasks and image types. In general, the control generator we suggest will be guided by a spatial database maintaining information about the feature content of the area of interest. A rule based query generator will extract candidate ground control optimized for the particular image type and geometry at hand. GRA

N88-18993# Institut fuer Angwandte Geodaesie, Frankfurt am Main (West Germany).

REPORTS ON CARTOGRAPHY AND GEODESY. SERIES 1, REPORT 98 [NACHRICHTEN AUS DEM KARTEN- UND VERMESSUNGSWESEN, REIHE 1: HEFT 98] 1987 105 p in GERMAN; ENGLISH summary (ISSN-0379-6566; ETN-89-91098) Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01

The significance of orientation unknowns in station and net adjustments was treated. The application of Global Positioning System time receivers to the fundamental station Wetttzell is presented. The datum problem of global networks, determined by satellite techniques, was investigated.

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N88-19037# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.


This document represents a catalog of site information for the Crustal Dynamics Project. It contains information on and descriptions of those sites used by the Project as observing stations for making the precise geodetic measurements necessary for studies of the Earth's crustal movements and deformation.

Author

N88-19844# European Space Agency, Paris (France).


The NASA geodynamics program; spaceborne magnetometry; spaceborne gravity gradiometry (characterizing the data type); terrestrial gravity data and comparisons with satellite data; GRADIO three-axis electrostatic accelerometers; gravimeter accommodation on board a drag-free satellite; gravimeter mission spectral analysis and simulation studies; and an opto-electronic
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Examples of specific geologic features of the Appalachian Valley and Ridge Province that are strongly expressed on SLAR images are presented. The topographically expressed geologic features, identified by tonal and textural patterns, include faults, folds, fractures, cross-strike structural discontinuities, and giant rockslides. It is noted, however, that complex geologic features can be suggested by artifacts inherent in SLAR images and image mosaics, requiring field verification. V.L.

A88-21036
APPLICATION OF DATA FROM THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY’S SIDE-LookING AIRBORNE RADAR PROGRAM

Since the U.S. Geological Survey began its side-looking airborne radar (SLAR) acquisition program in 1980, high quality data have been collected for more than 2 million sq km. The special attributes of SLAR, especially selective relief enhancement, have resulted in significant contributions to geology, hydrology, geography, and cartography. The almost complete SLAR coverage of the Appalachians has greatly improved understanding of the complex structural relationships and may aid in location of additional natural gas deposits. Potentially hazardous, previously unmapped rockslide areas have been identified on SLAR mosaics. The radar has been used in upgrading structural mapping in the Adirondacks. The data have also been used in hydrologic studies for hazardous waste disposal, mapping marine terraces, in merges with other data sets to increase interpretability, and in investigations of mineral potential of ancient basins. Author

A88-21043
GEOBOTANICAL DETECTION OF LINEAR FEATURES IN THE SILVER MINE AREA OF SOUTHEASTERN MISSOURI

An evaluation of Landsat-4 TM digital data has revealed the presence of several linear features in the Silver Mine area of southeastern Missouri. The most prominent linear feature trends approximately N 24 deg E and is believed to be a vegetative expression of a previously mapped shear zone. This feature appears in stretched TM Band 6 (2.08-2.35 microns) data but is most clearly delineated using a band ratio involving Bands 6 and 4 (0.76-0.90 microns). Interpretation of black and white, color, and color infrared aerial photography as well as SIR-B data has provided no additional evidence for the existence of the feature. However, the results of reconnaissance sampling of vegetation indicate that the feature is identifiable on the TM imagery because it is probably related to canopy areas having a higher leaf moisture content. The geobotanical detection and identification of linear features utilizing TM data may prove as an important aid to future exploration in this area, and may provide further insight into the location of tin, tungsten, lead, and zinc mineralization. Author

A88-21045*
National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

ENGIMA OF A THERMAL ANOMALY - A TM/AVHRR STUDY OF THE VOLCANIC ARABIAN HIGHLANDS

Discovery of a large thermal anomaly in the western Arabian highlands on Landsat TM imagery is reported. The anomaly, 15 C warmer than surroundings, forms a 2-km-wide arc around the southern flank of Jebel Chada, a volcano active in 1256 AD. It is recorded by AVHRR imagery as well, despite the 1.1-km spatial resolution of this sensor. Air photos and geologic maps show no bedrock unit that corresponds to the anomaly. Digital techniques were applied to the TM and AVHRR data, including contrast enhancement, density slicing, principal components analysis, and construction of multiband composite images. It is concluded that the anomaly results from a thin cover of volcanic ash or cinder that is optically indistinguishable from underlying basalt, rather than from internal (volcanic or hydrologic) heat sources. Author

A88-22616
CONTRIBUTION OF SPOT IMAGES TO THE GEOLOGICAL MAPPING OF ARID COUNTRIES - EXAMPLE OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (APPORT DE L’IMAGERIE SPOT A LA CARTOGRAPHIE GEOLOGIQUE EN PAYS ARIDE - EXEMPLE DE LA REPUBLIQUE ARABE DU YEMEN)

A88-24781
THE SPACE METAL: ALL ABOUT TITANIUM [KOSMICHESKII METALL VSE O TITANE]
LEONID BORISOVICH ZUBKOV Moscow, Izdatel'stvo Nauka, 1987, 128 p. In Russian. refs

The history of the discovery and study of titanium, its occurrence in space and on earth, and its applications are discussed in a popular manner. Attention is given to the physicochemical properties of titanium and titanium alloys, geochemistry and mineralogy of titanium, main titanium deposits, titanium mining and concentration of titanium ores, and titanium alloys. The properties and applications of titanium alloys are discussed with particular reference to titanium-based alloys with aluminum, iron, copper, manganese, molybdenum, chromium, and other metals. V.L.

A88-25045
EVALUATION OF THE JUAN FERNANDEZ MICROPLATE DURING THE LAST THREE MILLION YEARS

Magnetic and SEABEAM bathymetric data obtained during the ‘Thomas Washington’ survey of the area north of the Antarctic-Nazca-Pacific triple junction at 35 deg S have confirmed the existence of the Juan Fernandez microplate. An analysis is presently conducted of the magnetic anomaly data. The origin of the microplate lies at about 2 million years ago, when the western boundary began to accrete. The evolution of the microplate corresponds to a transfer of accretion from the eastern boundary to the western axis. O.C.

A88-25217*# Arizona State Univ., Tempe.

TALEMZANE - ALGERIAN IMPACT CRATER DETECTED ON SIR-A ORBITAL IMAGING RADAR

In November, 1981, NASA’s first Shuttle Imaging Radar mission (SIR-A) began producing maplike photographic strips of Earth
scenes from orbital altitude. A Saharan radar image acquired over Algeria clearly delineates two sedimentary basins, Erg Occidental and Erg Oriental, separated by an elongated zone of exposed bedrock, the M'Zab Chebka. At the NE margin of the Chebka, rimrocks, slopes, and ejecta deposits of Talezmene meteorite impact crater appear as a distinct two km wide radar-bright ring. This unique circle of strong radar backscatter distinguishes the solitary impact structure from numerous dayas (similarly appearing karstic depressions) which characterize the region. The crater is prominent on radar, but is obscure on optically obtained satellite and aircraft images, as are partly buried fluvial drainage systems and fault-block traces developed in bedrocks of the Chebka. Radar detection of an annular drainage system indicates possible presence of a ring graben at the crater. Brightest radar signals on the image are cultural features at recently developed gas fields near Hassi er R'Mel. 

Author

A88-25448

GEOSTRUCTURAL EVOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN ALPS - LINEAMENTS TRENDS DETECTED ON LANDSAT IMAGES


The plutonic body of Mount Adamello in the central part of the Southern Calcareous Alps seems to have played a very important role in driving and controlling forces and regmatic events, since Upper Oligocene at the height of Alpine orogenesis. The intrusion is confined by the main tectonic alpine lineaments and is contiguous to the Austroalpine domain. This makes the area a rigid mechanical impediment to the advancing Adriatic microplate from whose movements different domains of lineaments originate, some of which have been recorded in recent studies on neotectonics. Stress fields that are still present have been suggested in this paper by using digitally enhanced Landsat data to analyze lineaments.

Author

A88-25551

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SUBSURFACE RADAR SOUNDING OF NATURAL OBJECTS [OSOBOENNOSTI PODPOVERKHNOSTNOGO RADIOLOKATSIONNOGO ZONDIROVANIIA PIRRODYNKH O'BEKTOV]


The features characterizing the subsurface radar sounding of natural objects are examined with reference to the spaceborne (e.g., Cosmos-1500) sideloooking-radar sounding of desert areas. Three important characteristics are identified: (1) an angle of inclination of more than 90 deg with respect to the surface. It is noted that the presence of a ring graben at the crater. Brightest radar signals on the image are cultural features at recently developed gas fields near Hassi er R'Mel. 

Author

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GEOLOGICAL AND VEGETATIONAL APPLICATIONS OF SHUTTLE IMAGING RADAR-B, MINERAL COUNTY, NEVADA


An algorithm was developed to automatically calculate absorption band parameters for the strongest absorption feature in each pixel of data from three airborne imaging spectrometer flightlines from which vertical stripping had been removed and normalized. These parameters (band position, depth, and bandwidth) were mapped onto an intensity/hue/saturation color system in order to produce a single-color image summarizing absorption-band information. The image was then used to map areas of potential alteration on the basis of the predicted relationships between the color image and mineral absorption band. Areas of quartz-sericite-pyrite alteration were identified. O.C.

A88-26287

USE OF AIRBORNE IMAGING SPECTROMETER DATA TO MAP MINERALS ASSOCIATED WITH HYDROTHERMALLY ALTERED ROCKS IN THE NORTHERN GRAPEVINE MOUNTAINS, NEVADA, AND CALIFORNIA

FRED A. KRUSE (USGS, Denver, CO) Remote Sensing of Environment (ISSN 0034-4257), vol. 24, Feb. 1988, p. 31-51. Research supported by USGS, Colorado School of Mines and ASPRS. refs

A88-26708

TECHNIQUES OF GEOMORPHOMETRIC MAPPING ON THE BASIS OF SPACE PHOTOGRAPHS [TEKHOLOGIIIA SOSTAVLENIYA GEOMORFOLOGICHESKIH KART PO MATERIALAM KOSMOGRAFIJSKH S'EMOK]

S. A. SLADKEPOVTVSEV (Moskovskii Institut inzhenerov Geodezii, Aerofotos'emi i Kartografi, Moscow, USSR) Geodeziia i Aerofotos'emiak (ISSN 0536-101X), no. 4, 1987, p. 54-61. In Russian. refs

A plan for the organization of geomorphological-mapping work using space photographic data is described. Particular emphasis is placed on the selection of the mapping principles, the selection and evaluation of space photographs, photointerpretation, and the organization of field work.

B.J.

A88-28024

PROBLEMS IN GEOLOGIC AND GEOMORPHIC INTERPRETATION AND GEOMETRIC MODELING OF RADAR IMAGES USING A DIGITAL TERRAIN MODEL [PROBLEMES D'INTERPRETATION GEOMORPHOLOGIQUE ET GEODETIQUE ET MODELISATION GEOMETRIQUE D'IMAGES RADAR A PARTIR D'UN MODELE NUMERIQUE DE TERRAIN]


Radar image models of the Sainte-Victoire mountain in southern France have been constructed using a digital terrain model in order to assess the efficiency of speckle filtering and to point out difficulties in interpretation. The images reveal the presence of artifacts which yield false escarpments. While speckle filtering produces less grainy images, the process results in the disappearance of many surface features. It is noted that the smoothing effect of speckle filtering aids in geomorphologic interpretation.

R.R.
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A88-29268* Nevada Univ., Reno.
DISCRIMINATION OF HYDROTHERMAL ALTERATION MINERAL ASSEMBLAGES AT VIRGINIA CITY, NEVADA, USING THE AIRBORNE IMAGING SPECTROMETER

The purpose of this study is to use airborne imaging spectrometer data to discriminate hydrothermal alteration mineral assemblages associated with silver and gold mineralization at Virginia City, NV. The data is corrected for vertical striping and sample gradients, and converted to flat-field logarithmic residuals.

Log residual spectra from areas known to be altered are compared to field spectra for kaolinitic, illitic, sericitic, and propylitic alteration types. The areal distributions of these alteration types are estimated using a spectral matching technique. Both visual examination of spectra and the matching techniques are effective in distinguishing kaolinitic, illitic, and propylitic alteration types from other each. However, illitic and sericitic alteration cannot be separated using these techniques because the spectra of illitic and sericitic are very similar. A principal components analysis of 14 channels in the 2.14-2.38 micron wavelength region is also successful in discriminating and mapping illitic, kaolinitic, and propylitic alteration types.

Author

A88-29269* Nevada Univ., Reno.
COMPARISON OF TECHNIQUES FOR DISCRIMINATING HYDROTHERMAL ALTERATION MINERALS WITH AIRBORNE IMAGING SPECTROMETER DATA

Hydrothermal alteration mineralogy in the Tybo mining district of Nevada has been mapped on the basis of high spectral and spatial resolution airborne imaging spectrometer (AIS) data, using band ratios, principal component analysis, and a signature-matching algorithm to delineate the alteration zones and limestone foundations. The signature-matching algorithm is found to be the most effective method of discriminating alteration minerals, and is noted to be able to identify mineralogy by matching AIS image spectra with library reference spectra. AIS bands in the 2048-2337-nm portion of the spectrum accounted for the greatest amount of variance.

Author

A88-29273* Brown Univ., Providence, R. I.
EXPLORATION OF CRUSTAL/MANTLE MATERIAL FOR THE EARTH AND MOON USING REFLECTANCE SPECTROSCOPY

Near-infrared reflectance spectra have been acquired (1) for Moses Rock diatreme in SE Utah using an airborne imaging spectrometer (AIS) and (2) for small areas in and around the large lunar impact crater Copernicus using a spectrometer on earth-based telescopes. The high spectral resolution and precision of the AIS data and several mineral components of surface material to be identified and analyzed in a spatial context. The derived mineralogical information is used to address specific geological problems. For the terrestrial study the distribution of the measured abundance of mantle derived ultramafic microbreccia across Moses Rock dike indicates that flow stabilized into a few channels during the violent eruption. For the lunar study the variety of rock types identified in crustal material of deep-seated origin is distinct from the dominant rock types sampled from the upper lunar crust and suggests a complex crustal evolution.

Author

A88-29281 COMPARISON OF LANDSAT MSS AND SIR-A DATA FOR GEOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS IN PAKISTAN

The laws governing the distribution of petrogenic and rare elements in volcanic rocks from different regions of the USSR are examined on the basis of the geochemical characteristics of volcanic and basaltic rocks from the Baikal region, the trends in the basaltoid series and the rare-element clarkes in these rocks as well as to the types of alkaline basaltoids of the Russian platform. Special consideration is given to the geochemical characteristics and the formation conditions of the volcanic associations of the Maimecha-Kotui and the Baikal regions, the trends of the magmatic differentiation of the alkaline basaltic rocks of the Kuznecki Alatau region, and the geochemistry and genesis of the youngest volcanites in the Caucasus region. The petrochemical differentiation of the alkaline-basaltic continental series is presented.

Author

A88-29489 LANDSAT DETERMINED GEOGRAPHIC CHANGE

Geomorphic changes in the Yukon River Delta occurring over a thirty-five year span have been detected through comparison of a recent Landsat image with earlier maps compiled from aerial photography. Island formation or growth and channel migration were found to have taken place with a calculated location precision of around 200 m. Geographic control of the Landsat image was established through digitization of surveyed control points used for control of aerial photography for mapping. Tide stage considerations were found to be useful in these low-lying areas, even though the astronomical tide range here is relatively small.

Author

A88-30079 THE USE OF METEOR-PRIRODA SPACE PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE COMPILATION OF SMALL-SCALE AND MEDIUM-Scale TECTONIC AND GEOLOGICAL MAPS [ISPOL'ZOVANIE KOSMICHESKIIX SNIMKOV SISTEMY "METEOR-PRIRODA" PRI SOSTAVLENNII TEKTONICHESKIH I GEOLOGICHESKIH KART MEL'KIKHI I SREDNIKH MACHINS]

In Russian. No individual items are abstracted in this volume.

A88-30081 INVESTIGATION OF THE FOCI OF POWERFUL EARTHQUAKES AND SEISMICALLY HAZARDOUS AREAS ON SPACE PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE BAIKAL-ALDAN REGION [IZUCHENIE OCHAGOV SIL'NYKH ZEMLETRASENII I SEISMOOPASNYKH ZON PO KOSMICHESKIM SNIMKAM V BAIKALO- ALDANSKOM REGLONE]
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A88-31125* IDENTIFICATION AND SPECTRAL CHARACTERISTICS OF HYDROTHERMAL ALTERATION ON LANDSAT TM IMAGERY OF NORTH CHILE
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Mineralization, and Economics of the Pacific Rim, Broadbeach, Australia, Aug. 26-29, 1987, Paper. 4 p. (Contract NASW-4066)

This study examines the application of Landsat TM data to the identification of hydrothermal alteration in the and terrain of the El Salvador region of north Chile. Numerical reflectance values were extracted from the digital Landsat TM data for a variety of rock surfaces, including four parts of the El Salvador gossan, for each of six spectral bands. These reflectance values were analyzed statistically in order to select the three spectral bands, combined as a color composite image, that are most efficient in discriminating different varieties of alteration and for general geological interpretation. The most cost effective composite image for this area is a combination of bands 1, 4 and 7 as the blue, green and red components respectively, with simple contrast enhancement. This image is superior to some much more expensive enhancement techniques and allows unambiguous identification of areas of hydrothermal alteration larger than about 50 m. The display includes a practical guide to the use of Landsat TM imagery for volcanic gold exploration.

Author

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The deformation of a part of the tectonically active Krafla fissure swarms in Iceland was studied using the aerophotogrammetric method. Measurement of the image coordinates, calibration of the plotter, and the correction software are described. The determination of object coordinates and displacement vectors is explained. The aerotriangulation shows a 10 cm accuracy of the coordinates, suitable for the deformation analysis of phases with strong rifting. The vertical movement analysis requires a critical evaluation. Software improvements and the use of artificial covariance matrices are necessary. The mathematical model of bundle block adjustment has to be improved regarding self-calibration and image coordinate weighting. ESA


During satellite overflights of seismically active regions of the Earth, special equipment is recording bursts of electromagnetic radiation in the Earth's ionosphere and magnetosphere. These bursts frequently not only accompany a seismic shock, but also precede it. How these bursts can be used to predict earthquakes is addressed. Author


The geological structural characteristics of the Onega-Ladoga isthmus as interpreted from space imagery is considered. Fault systems and ring structures were identified. This information along with available geological and geophysical data makes it possible to recognize signs of explosive magmatism and to predict the occurrence of bauxites and other minerals. Author


USE OF SPACE PHOTOGRAPHS FOR GEOMORPHOLOGICAL STUDIES IN SOUTHWESTERN TAJIKISTAN V. P. LOZIYEV and M. S. SAIDOV In its JPRS Report: Science and Technology. USSR: Space p 129 24 Nov. 1987 Transl. into ENGLISH from Issledovaniye Zemli iz Kosmosa (Moscow, USSR), no. 2, Mar. - Apr. 1987 p 73-80 Original language document was announced in IAA as A87-48186 Avail: NTIS HC A08/MF A01

Since 1977, complex studies of natural resources in Tajikistan have been performed based on space survey materials, space photographs of varying levels of generalization obtained onboard the Salyut manned spacecraft and the Cosmos automatic spacecraft. The results of these studies have shown that the materials of space photographic surveys can be successfully used for geomorphological mapping. The materials can be used in many cases to reproduce relief forms which have been destroyed by human economic activity and recognize buried elements which determine the lithologic and structural characteristics of sedimentary basins. The quality of transparency of the photographs allows determination of certain deep structural elements not observed by visual mapping. A table illustrates the relationship of recent tectonic movement and development of epiplateform relief in the area.

Author


It is demonstrated that, in Central Asia, young faults observed by space photographs can be reliably interpreted as paleoseismodislocations. Such faults are characterized by their manifestations as scarps and the presence of displacements of river beds or deluvial/proluvial cones.

Author


A study of many mining regions of Eastern Yakutia has shown that most of them coincide with areas of granitoids, associated with circular formations produced by endogenous structure forming factors. The method of locating these formations from space photographs is simple, involving a search for concentric sectors of divides and valleys, arch shaped image elements associated with circular formations or are associated with radially concentric cracks at latitudinal and diagonal directions are found to be ore controlling characteristics. The space photographs agree with, but are more diagnostic than, structural geomorphological constructions in locating ore zones. Author


THREE-DIMENSIONAL TRANSIENT ELECTROMAGNETIC MODELING FOR EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICS Ph.D. Thesis

Gregory Alex Newman, 1987

The three-dimensional (3-D) electromagnetic scattering problem is first formulated in the frequency domain in terms of an electric-field volume-integral equation. Three-dimensional responses are then Fourier-transformed with sine and cosine digital filters. The digital-filter technique is applied to a sparsely sampled frequency sounding, which is replaced by a cubic-spline interpolating function prior to convolution with the digital filters. A 3-D solution is used to study the galvanic response of a 3-D conductor energized by a large rectangular loop. In addition, the solution is applied to the central-loop sounding method for 3-D structural interpretation with layered-earth models and horizontal-field measurements. An integral-equation solution for the transient electromagnetic (TEM) scattering of prisms in layered half-spaces is formulated to provide meaningful results when the prisms are in highly resistive layers. The solution provides meaningful results over a wide range of layered-host resistivities, including that of free space. The solution is used to investigate the effect of conductive overburden on 3-D TEM responses and the lateral resolution of two conductors for the fixed-loop and central-loop configurations.

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GEOLOGICAL EVOLUTION AND ANALYSIS OF CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED GAS HYDRATE LOCALITIES. VOLUME 10: BASIN ANALYSIS, FORMATION AND STABILITY OF GAS HYDRATES OF THE ALEUTIAN TRENCH AND THE BERING SEA

J. Krason and M. Ciesnik, Jan. 1987

Four major areas with inferred gas hydrates are the subject of this study. Two of these areas, the Navarin and the Norton Basins, are located within the Bering Sea shelf, whereas the remaining areas of the Atka Basin in the central Aleutian Trench system and the eastern Aleutian Trench represent a huge region of the Aleutian Trench-Arc system. All four areas are geologically diverse and complex. Particularly the structural features of the accretionary wedge north of the Aleutian Trench still remain the subjects of scientific debates. Prior to this study, suggested presence of the gas hydrates in the four areas was based on seismic evidence, i.e., presence of bottom simulating reflectors (BSRs). Although the disclosure of the BSRs is often difficult, particularly under the structural conditions of the Navarin and Norton basins, it can be concluded that the identified BSRs are mostly represented by relatively weak and discontinuous reflectors. Under thermal and pressure conditions favorable for gas hydrate formation, the relative scarcity of the BSRs can be attributed to insufficient gas supply to the potential gas hydrate zone. Hydrocarbon gas in sediment may have biogenic, thermogenic or mixed origin. In the four studied areas, basin analysis revealed limited biogenic hydrocarbon generation. The migration of the thermogenically derived gases is probably diminished considerably due to the widespread diagenetic processes in diatomaceous strata. The latter processes resulted in the formation of the diagenetic horizons. The identified gas hydrate-related BSRs seem to be located in the areas of increased biogenic methanogenesis and faults acting as the pathways for thermogenic hydrocarbons.

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structural settings, geomorphology, geological history, stratigraphy, and physical properties. It provides the necessary regional and geological background for more in-depth research of the area. Detailed discussion of bottom simulating acoustic reflectors, sediment acoustic properties, and distribution of hydrates within the sediments are also included in this report. The formation and stabilization of gas hydrates in sediments are considered in terms of phase relations, nucleation, and crystallization constraints, gas solubility, pore fluid chemistry, inorganic diagenesis, and sediment organic content. Together with a depositional analysis of the area, this report gives a better understanding of the thermal evolution of the locality. It should lead to an assessment of the potential for both biogenic and thermogenic hydrocarbon generation.

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05 OCEANOGRAPHY AND MARINE RESOURCES

Includes sea-surface temperature, ocean bottom surveying imagery, drift rates, sea ice and icebergs, sea state, fish location.

A88-20942# MEASURING OCEAN WAVES FROM SPACE

ROBERT C. BEAL (Johns Hopkins University, Laurel, MD) Aerospace America (ISSN 0740-722X), vol. 26, Jan. 1988, p. 34-36, 38.

During the coming decade, several nations will monitor various properties of the ocean surface with active radars in space. The Europeans will launch ERS-1, the Japanese will launch JERS-1, the U.S. will launch TOPEX and possibly NROSS, and the Canadians will launch Radarsat. NASA is planning two SIR-C flights in the early 1990's; these flights are expected to demonstrate the potential of SAR for the validation and refinement of ocean wave models over global scales. Attention is given to the Spectrasat concept, involving a low-altitude, free-flying SAR with a three-year orbital lifetime using active drag compensation combined with a small spacecraft frontal cross section. Another approach is the addition of an off-nadir ROWS (radar ocean wave spectrometer) to one of the planned higher-altitude missions. B.J.

A88-20978 NORTH ATLANTIC THERMOHALINE CIRCULATION DURING THE PAST 20,000 YEARS LINKED TO HIGH-LATITUDE SURFACE TEMPERATURE

EDWARD A. BOYLE (MIT, Cambridge, MA) and LLOYD KEIGWIN (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, MA) Nature (ISSN 0028-0836), vol. 330, Nov. 5, 1987, p. 35-40. NSF-supported research. refs

A88-21003 REMOTE SENSING OF CHESAPEAKE BAY WATER QUALITY REQUIRED FOR HEALTHY OYSTER BDDS


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SATELLITE MAPS OF ANTARCTIC TOTAL OZONE

ARLIN J. KRUEGER (NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD) AIAA, Aerospace Sciences Meeting, 26th, Reno, NV, Jan. 11-14, 1988. 5 p. refs (AIAA PAPER 88-0210)

Satellite remote sensing techniques for ozone have made it possible to observe the detailed, daily horizontal structure of atmospheric ozone at all locations where sunlight is present. The Antarctic ozone 'hole' has been observed with the Total Ozone Mapping Spectrometer (TOMS) instrument since launch of Nimbus 7 in 1978. This feature is a continental-size ozone minimum found in the Antarctic winter and spring seasons which has generally deepened in recent years to levels in 1985 and 1987 far below the lowest values ever observed elsewhere. The minimum appears to be produced by atmospheric circulations, but the deepening almost certainly involves chemistry which is unique to cold, dark conditions. Author

A88-22911 THE WESTERN EQUATORIAL PACIFIC OCEAN CIRCULATION STUDY

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A88-22947
SEA RETURN AT C AND KU BANDS
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The effect of surface oil on C and Ku fan beam Doppler airborne scatterometers used for measuring sea clutter return is investigated with reference to recently published results (Singh et al., 1986) obtained in flights over crude oil artificial spills. It is demonstrated that, in the Ku band, the mechanism of sea clutter is due to the second-order Bragg term.

V.L.

A88-23544
AN APPROXIMATE MODEL FOR THE MICROWAVE BRIGHTNESS TEMPERATURE OF THE SEA
A modified two-scale model is proposed for scattering and emissivity calculations for certain classes of random rough surfaces. It is based on an approach by Burrows (1973) and by Brown (1978) but it has been extended to bistatic scattering by lossy dielectric surfaces, and it incorporates modified Fresnel reflection coefficients and a simple correction for multiple-scattering effects. The method is shown to be applicable to the ocean surface for light and moderate winds. A contracted form of the radiative-transfer equation is proposed and the included Wentzel correction for surface scattering is discussed. This could lead to a method that could be both simple and accurate enough for real-time inversion algorithms in microwave remote sensing.

A88-23545
REMOTE SENSING OF WAVE PATTERNS WITH OCEANOGRAPHIC IMPLICATIONS
First, a general review is presented of wave-current interaction processes (for horizontal shears) and their effect on radar backscatter and radar imagery (SAR/RAR). Then numerical results on the refraction of wave energy trajectories by complex bottom topography (finite depth) and a linear shear current are presented. For deep water, the wave-energy trajectories are given for mesoscale currents (e.g. eddies and double-vortex configurations). The focusing of wave energy by variable currents found here should have important influence on the spatial scale of wind stress over the ocean, and on optical and acoustic properties of the upper layer of the ocean.

A88-23546*
Jet Propulsion Lab., California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena.
WIND-FETCH DEPENDENCE OF SEASAT SCATTEROMETER MEASUREMENTS
This work is focused on the effects of large-scale wind-generated gravity waves on scatterometer wind-measurement accuracy. Theoretical and experimental evidence of the important role played by the degree of wind-wave coupling in surface geometry and therefore in microwave signatures is presented. Seasat scatterometer wind-measurement errors are analyzed, and an error bias is found to be related to the degree of wind-wave development. Attention is focused on a dynamic measure of wind-wave development that characterizes the rate of energy transfer from the mean wind to the energy-carrying portion of the wave spectrum. An explanation of the bias is suggested based on the consideration of an additional component of surface scattering caused by electromagnetic-wave diffraction at the crests of individual, sufficiently steep wavelets.

Author

A88-23547
INTERPRETATION OF SEASAT RADAR-ALTIMETER DATA OVER SEA ICE USING NEAR-SIMULTANEOUS SAR IMAGERY
The backscatter properties of Seasat altimeter data in the Beaufort Sea on October 3, 1976 show distinct zones, which are interpreted in terms of geophysical characteristics. An overlapping near-simultaneous synthetic-aperture radar image shows regions of open water, new ice, and multi-year sea ice which correspond to the different zones. It is found that the altimeter signal is sensitive to the ocean-ice boundary and that it indicates the ice type. The pulse-echo waveforms also suggest that several scattering components are present in the returned power over sea ice.

Author

A88-23762
POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS OF DIGITAL IMAGE ANALYSIS SYSTEMS FOR DISPLAYING SATELLITE ALTIMETRY DATA
ROSTOM YAZDANI, NIKOLAOS CHRISTOU, and EUGENE DERENYI (New Brunswick, University, Fredericton, Canada) Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing (ISSN 0099-1112), vol. 53, Nov. 1987, p. 1545-1548. Research supported by the Department of Supply and Services. refs
DIPIX ARIES II and Perceptron EASI/PACE digital image analysis systems were used for displaying geodetic and sea-surface heights. These data sets were transferred to image files for display. Black-and-white and color density slicing, and enhanced color display techniques were employed to better visualize these surfaces. An analytical relief shading program was developed to make the small local undulations in height visible. The shape and orientation of the various surfaces were compared by a differencing program specifically written for this purpose. The processing and display techniques employed offered additional capabilities in examining and interpreting the displayed surfaces. They also offered better discrimination of certain features which were not discernible from the conventional contour displays.

Author

A88-23988#
A MULTI-FREQUENCY-MULTI-NADIR-ANGLE PUSHBROOM-RADIOMETER FOR OIL SPILL DETECTION AND MAPPING (ON THE SURFACE OF THE SEA)
Scanning single-frequency radiometers have been used in the past to measure the thickness of oil layers. The proposed radiometer includes two improvements to the present systems. One is the use of the pushbroom concept where the scanning antenna is replaced by a multifield antenna and the other improvement is the observation of the oil spill at two different angles to the surface. Since the differences in the radiometric temperatures of the water and the oil are a function of the observation angle the temperatures measured at different
provide information about the oil type. The described system works simultaneously at two different frequencies to measure oil layers with thicknesses between 0.1 and 2.5 mm. So that both frequency channels simultaneously illuminate the same spots on the surface of the water dual-frequency horns are used. Author

A88-24456
A SYNOPSIS OF THE LABRADOR CURRENT INFERRED FROM ICE-FLOE MOVEMENT IN NOAA SATELLITE IMAGERY

JOSEF CHERNIAWSKY and PAUL H. LEBLOND (British Columbia, University, Vancouver, Canada) Atmosphere - Ocean (ISSN 0705-5900), vol. 25, Dec. 1987, p. 402-415. Research supported by the Canadian Federal Panel on Energy Research and Development. refs

Ice floes along the Labrador Coast were tracked using visible NOAA satellite images on two consecutive days (26 and 27 April, 1984) when the ice-pack extended beyond the Labrador Current, and winds were weak. The resulting 'snapshot' of the velocity field reveals strong topographic steering of the Labrador Current, such that the current speed and width in different areas are dependent on the steepness of the continental slope, and the current deflects into and out of Hopedale Saddle. Between 55 and 56 deg N, the main core of the current is 80-90 km wide, with speeds of 30-55 cm/s. This overall circulation pattern is in good agreement with historical water mass analyses over the shelf and slope, and with estimates of the speed of the Labrador Current obtained by other methods. Author

A88-24457
THE BAROCLINIC CIRCULATION IN HUDSON STRAIT

JOSEF CHERNIAWSKY and PAUL H. LEBLOND (British Columbia, University, Vancouver, Canada) Atmosphere - Ocean (ISSN 0705-5900), vol. 25, Dec. 1987, p. 416-426. NSERC-supported research. refs

Results on the flow of semigeostrophic currents around indented coastlines are used to model the baroclinic circulation in the mouth of the Hudson Strait. A realistic representation of the circulation is achieved by expanding the basic T-junction model to include the sharp northern tip of Labrador, the southwestern tip of Baffin Island, and part of Ungava Bay. It is found that the mouth of the Hudson does not form a significant obstacle to baroclinic flows in and out of it, indicating the new recirculation noted by LeBlond et al. (1981) cannot be due to the effects of the geometry of the coastline on the baroclinic part of the flow. It is suggested that bathymetric influences on the barotropic component may contribute to this recirculation. R.R.

A88-24458
GEOSAT ALTIMETER OBSERVATIONS OF KELVIN WAVES AND THE 1986-87 EL NINO

LAURY MILLER, ROBERT E. CHENEY, and BRUCE C. DOUGLAS (NOAA, National Ocean Service, Rockville, MD) Science (ISSN 0036-8075), vol. 239, Jan. 1, 1988, p. 52-54. refs

Two years of Geosat altimeter observations are used to investigate the response of sea level to anomalous westerly wind bursts in the tropical Pacific Ocean before and during the 1986-87 El Nino. Sea level time series along the equator show examples of both positive and negative anomalies of 10-centimeter amplitude and 2- to 4-week time scale propagating across the Pacific with phase speeds of 2.4 to 2.8 meters per second, suggesting downwelling and upwelling Kelvin waves, respectively. A comparison of island wind observations with sea level indicates one instance (May 1986) in which a positive sea level anomaly can be related to westerly winds caused by a cross-equatorial cyclone pair in the western Pacific. This episode was followed by additional wind bursts later in the year, and finally by sustained westerlies in the western Pacific during November-December 1986, at the height of El Nino. The Geosat observations reveal the sea level response to these meteorological events and provide a synoptic description of the El Nino oceanographic phenomenon. Author

A88-24654
FEATURES OF HYDROLOGICAL ANOMALIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEARCH FOR DEEP-WATER POLYMETALLIC SULFIDES [OSOBEONNOSTI GIDROLOGICHESKIH ANOMALIY V SVIAZI S POISKAMI GLUBOKOVODNYX VODNYX MASS MIROVOGO OKEANA V KONNOSTI S POLMETAL'NYKH SUL'FIDOV]


...Data from the Eastern Pacific are used in an effort to develop a model for the structure and evolution of hydrological anomalies (HA) connected with active hydrothermal sources on the ocean bottom. Two types of HAs are identified: (1) an extended plume type whose roots are connected with the emergence of the source on the ocean bottom and (2) a successive 'free' eddy type with different time intervals between eddies. B.J.

A88-24655
SURFACE TEMPERATURE VARIATIONS OF THE WORLD OCEAN IN THE EOCENE [IZMENENIE TEMPERATUR POVERKHNOSTNYKH VODNYKH MASS MIROVOGO OKEANA V EOCENE]


A88-24933
SYNTHETIC APERTURE RADAR IMAGERY OF RANGE TRAVELING OCEAN WAVES


In synthetic-aperture radar (SAR) imagery of ocean waves, an image modulation by radar foreshortening exists in addition to backscatter radar cross sections. The foreshortening effect is due to surface-height differences making sections of a rough surface fall into different range bins than they would if the surface were flat. Since the degree of this modulation changes according to the local wave height, the effect can also produce the image pattern corresponding to the wave field. The effect depends on the time of day and winds. The time of day and winds may become an important mechanism for the interpretation of the images formed by SAR with small look angles. I.E.

A88-24934
STANFORD UNIV., CALIF. OBSERVATION OF SEA-ICE DYNAMICS USING SYNTHETIC APERTURE RADAR IMAGES: AUTOMATED ANALYSIS


The European Space Agency's ERS-1 satellite, as well as others planned to follow, is expected to carry synthetic-aperture radars (SARs) over the polar regions beginning in 1989. A key

The European Space Agency's ERS-1 satellite, as well as others planned to follow, is expected to carry synthetic-aperture radars (SARs) over the polar regions beginning in 1989. A key
component in utilization of these SAR data is an automated scheme for extracting the sea-ice velocity field from a time sequence of SAR images of the same geographical region. Two techniques for automated sea-ice tracking, image pyramid area correlation (hierarchical correlation) and feature tracking, are described. Each technique is applied to a pair of Seasat SAR sea-ice images. The results compare well with each other and with manually tracked estimates of the ice velocity. The advantages and disadvantages of these automated methods are pointed out. Using these ice velocity field estimates it is possible to construct one sea-ice velocity field from the other member of the pair. Comparing the reconstructed image with the observed image, errors in the estimated velocity field can be recognized and a useful probable error display created automatically to accompany ice velocity estimates. It is suggested that this error display may be useful in segmenting the sea ice observed into regions that move as rigid plates of significant ice velocity shear and distortion.

A88-25289
SIZE DISTRIBUTIONS OF SEA-SOURCE Aerosol particles - A PHYSICAL EXPLANATION OF OBSERVED NEARSHORE VERSUS OPEN-SEA DIFFERENCES
H. SIEVERING (Colorado, University, Denver; NOAA, Environmental Research Laboratories, Boulder, CO), J. BOATMAN, L. GUNTER, D. WELLMAN (NOAA, Environmental Research Laboratories, Boulder, CO), H. HORVATH (NOAA, Environmental Research Laboratories, Boulder, CO; Wien, Universitaet, Vienna, Austria) et al. Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 92, Dec. 20, 1987, p. 14850-14860. NOAA-supported research. refs Log-normal size distribution fits to aerosol probe data collected by the NOAA's King Air aircraft were obtained by a new computer fitting routine. The average fit to western Atlantic nearshore data and open-sea data showed a marked difference in the volume geometric mean diameter (VGMD) of the coarse-particle sea-salt mode. Analysis of seven separate near-shore flights during offshore flow showed the average VGMD to be 8.1 microns, with a geometric median standard deviation sigma(g) of 2.1. Six separate open-sea flights showed the average VGMD to be 5.6 microns, with a sigma(g) of 1.7. It is shown that atmospheric state conditions, near-shore versus open sea, could not have caused the significant difference between the nearshore and open-sea VGMD values. It is demonstrated that sea-derived aerosol size distributions nearshore may often be expected to have more large aerosol particles present than sea-derived aerosol distributions over the open sea.

A88-25445
SATELLITE-DERIVED COLOR-TEMPERATURE RELATIONSHIP IN THE ALBORAN SEA
ROBERT A. ARNONE (U.S. Navy, Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity, Bay Saint Louis, MS) Remote Sensing of Environment (ISSN 0034-4257), vol. 23, Dec. 1987, p. 417-437. Navy-supported research. refs Improved understanding of biooptical responses to physical and chemical processes in the ocean can be obtained through the analyses of ocean color-temperature relationships using satellite data. These data can be used to trace the mixing of water masses along frontal zones and to suggest patterns of subsurface and horizontal advection. To illustrate this concept, the ocean color and sea surface temperature relationships in the Alboran Sea are derived from CZCS color and AVHRR sea-surface temperature (SST) data. Near-coincident (2.5 h) images are registered and converted into quantitative estimates of biooptical properties and SST. Water masses are classified based on unsupervised clustering analyses of these parameters. The classes appear to describe sequences of phytoplankton populations distributed along the Alboran Sea front and gyre. The color-SST signature is shown to provide a method to assess mixing between water masses. The water-mass classifications also appear to be associated with different biological and physical processes.

A88-25726
EL NIÑO EVENTS AND THEIR RELATION TO THE SOUTHERN Oscillation - 1925-1986
CLARA DESER and JOHN M. WALLACE (Washington, University, Seattle) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 92, Dec. 15, 1987, p. 14189-14196. refs (Contract NSF ATM-83-18853) Relationships among sea surface temperatures (SSTs) at the coast of Peru and offshore, river discharge in northern Peru, and sea level pressure at Darwin, Australia, during the period 1925-1986 are investigated using time series plots, frequency distributions, and a simple statistical analysis. It is shown that SSTs undergo a larger seasonal cycle offshore than at the coast, exhibit more interannual variability during the warm than the cool season, are positively skewed during much of the year, and exhibit greatest month-to-month persistence during the cool season. Many, but not all, episodes of above normal coastal SSTs are accompanied by enhanced river discharge in northern Peru. Comparison of the Darwin pressure and coastal SST records during the past 60 years shows that El Nino episodes (episodes of above normal SSTs along the coast of Peru) have occurred both in advance of and subsequent to major negative swings of the Southern Oscillation (and associated climatic changes in the central equatorial Pacific). In addition, El Nino events and negative swings of the Southern Oscillation have occurred separately. Hence El Nino and the Southern Oscillation are more loosely coupled than other studies would imply.

A88-25727
LONGITUDINAL VARIATIONS IN TROPICAL TROPOPAUSE PROPERTIES IN RELATION TO TROPICAL CONVECTION AND EL NIÑO-SOUTHERN OSCILLATION EVENTS
K. S. GAGE and G. C. REID (NOAA, Aeronomy Laboratory, Boulder, CO) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 92, Dec. 15, 1987, p. 14197-14203. refs The longitudinal variations in tropical tropopause properties that might be expected to accompany a zonally nonuniform distribution of convection in the equatorial zone were investigated, analyzing over 30 years of radiosonde temperature soundings from six tropical Pacific stations to obtain tropopause height and potential temperature. Both these parameters show a clear year-to-year variation in response to changes in tropical convection associated with El Nino-Southern Oscillation events, with the tropopause potential temperature being particularly sensitive to the longitude of major convective activity. It was found that the sense of the tropopause potential temperature difference between these two stations, Koror and Majuro, was consistent with the hypothesis that systematic increases in tropical tropopause temperature occur away from major centers of convection, provided the centers of active convection are found to the west of the station network during non-El Nino years and to the east of it during El Nino years.

A88-25728
RESEARCH AND DATA SYSTEMS, INC., Lanham, Md.
REMOTE SENSING OF WATER VAPOR CONVERGENCE,
DEEP CONVECTION, AND PRECIPITATION OVER THE TROPICAL PACIFIC OCEAN DURING THE 1982-1983 EL NIÑO
PHILIP E. ARDANUY (Research and Data Systems Corp., Lanham, MD), PRABHAKARA CUDDAPAH, and H. LEE KYLE (NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 92, Dec. 15, 1987, p. 14204-14216. refs Using data collected by SMMR on board the Nimbus 7 satellite, estimates of atmospheric water vapor were obtained over the tropical Pacific Ocean during the 1982-1983 El Nino. A parameterization that physically relates the synoptic and convective scales was employed, making it possible to explicitly separate convective elements and rain cells for poorly resolvable measurements. The derived water vapor flux convergences were analyzed during the El Nino episode to map the inferred deep convection and estimated rainfall over regions impacted by the event, and the inferred monthly rainfall amounts were compared...
with observations for 14 island and coastal stations in the Pacific Ocean.

A88-25729
SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE, LOW-LEVEL MOISTURE, AND CONVECTION IN THE TROPICAL PACIFIC, 1982-1985
NOAA-supported research.

The relationships between sea surface temperature (SST), low-level precipitable water (LLPW), and deep convection in the tropical Pacific are examined for the January 1982 through December 1985 period, using partially or wholly satellite-derived data, and these relationships are compared for El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) and non-ENSO years. Monthly means of LLPW and highly reflective clouds (HRCs) were computed from daily data to correspond to the averaging period of SST. Maxima and minima of the three variables were found to be offset in both time and space; in the eastern equatorial Pacific, increases of SST and LLPW were found to precede the rise of HRC by one or two months. Variability of all these parameters in the eastern Pacific was dominated by the 1982-1983 ENSO and the seasonal cycle, whereas in the western and the central Pacific, the seasonal cycle of all parameters was weak.

I.S.

A88-25731
AN INVESTIGATION OF THE EL NINO-SOUTHERN OSCILLATION CYCLE WITH STATISTICAL MODELS. I - PREDICTOR FIELD CHARACTERISTICS. II - MODEL RESULTS
NICHOLAS E GRAHAM, JOEL MICHAELSEN (California, University, Santa Barbara), and TIM P. BARNETT (California, University, San Diego) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 92, Dec. 15, 1987, p. 14251-14289.
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A combination of extended empirical orthogonal function (EEOF) analysis and canonical correlation analysis (CCA) was used to construct two sets of linear models for predicting equatorial Pacific sea surface temperatures (SSTs) from the Indo-Pacific trade wind field and the near-global sea level pressure (SLP) field. The EEOF analysis was used to compress and reexpress the predictor fields; it made it possible to predict temporal evolution of dominant modes in these fields. The CCA was used to calculate the SST forecast models and to highlight those aspects of the predictor fields that provide the observed model skill. The method was also applied in an analysis of the contemporaneous covariance between the two predictor fields. The details of model construction and the forecast modeling results are presented. The results provide insights into the development of anomalies in the trade and SLP fields through the El Nino Southern Oscillation period.

I.S.

A88-25732
REMOTE FORCING OF SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE IN THE EL NINO REGION
(NASA Grant NAG-83-18953)

The relationship between oceanic Kelvin waves forced over the western equatorial Pacific and seasonal and nonseasonal sea surface temperature (SST) variability at the South American coast is investigated using harmonic dial analysis and lag correlation statistics. The seasonal cycle of coastal SST is adequately described by the first two harmonics and is very regular in both El Nino and non-Nino years. In contrast, the seasonal cycle of zonal wind over the western equatorial Pacific varies from year to year and is dominated by years of large negative swings of the Southern Oscillation index. Hence it seems unlikely that the winds over the western equatorial Pacific contribute strongly to the seasonal cycle of coastal SST. For nonseasonal variability the winds with periods shorter than 15 months precede fluctuations in coastal SST by two to four months, consistent with the remote forcing hypothesis, while for the lower frequencies the SST leads the winds by two to three months, similar to El Nino composite zonal winds of Rasmussen and Carpenter (1982). Author

A88-25733
A HEAT BUDGET FOR THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SHELF DURING CODE 2
(Contract NSF OCE-84-17769)

The heat budget for the northern California shelf was investigated using moored current, water temperature, and meteorological observations made in the summer of 1982 during the second phase of the Coastal Ocean Dynamics Experiment (CODE 2). Two modes of alongshore heat flux variability were observed. The dominant mode, characterized by large equatorward heat fluxes over the outer shelf during the early part of the upwelling season, is associated with strong vertical shears in alongshore velocity in the vicinity of the upwelling front, which results in equatorward flow of the warm surface water relative to the colder deep water. The second mode, concentrated over the inner half of the shelf, is related to the wind such that poleward heat fluxes occur in the northern portion of the volume during periods of weak winds.

I.S.

A88-25734
THE ICE THICKNESS DISTRIBUTION ACROSS THE ATLANTIC SECTOR OF THE ANTARCTIC OCEAN IN MIDWINTER
(NERC-supported research).

The degree of correlation between two seasonal climate events, namely, the frequency of tropical cyclones in the North Atlantic and the Indian summer monsoon precipitation, was determined using data available for two time series for the Indian monsoon (1871-1986 and 1875-1984) and for the tropical cyclones between the years of 1971 and 1985. Using several analytical methods to show the simultaneity of the climate events in these two regions separated by about 180 deg longitude, it is demonstrated that the events correlate with a significance greater than 99.75 percent and that there is little chance that this correlation is due to random events. Noting a correlation between the two climatic events and the presence of reported volcanic aerosols in the stratosphere, it is hypothesized that the causal element of the observed simultaneity of the Atlantic Ocean tropical cyclones and the Indian monsoons is the presence of low-latitude volcanic aerosols.

I.S.

A88-25737
ON THE PARAMETERIZATION OF IRRADIANCE FOR OPEN OCEAN PHOTOPROCESSES
(Navy-supported research.)

Using data on downwelling spectral radiance taken in the eastern North Pacific Ocean during the Optical Dynamics Experiment in the fall of 1982, vertical profiles were constructed for downwelling irradiance of visible energy (400-700nm) and photosynthetic available radiation (PAR). The profiles, which
indicate that the attenuation of visible energy and PAR are primarily dependent upon chlorophyll pigment concentration and depth, did not agree with the results of commonly used parameterization methods for radiant fluxes and their attenuation. Therefore, a new parameterization method was developed for the estimation of open ocean in situ radiant fluxes, which produced results that agreed with the observations. The method assumes that chlorophyll pigments and pure seawater control the attenuation of spectral irradiance and that the downwelling radiant fluxes just beneath the sea surface are directly proportional to the incident solar flux.

I.S.

A88-25738
MULTIYEAR SEA ICE FLOE DISTRIBUTION IN THE CANADIAN ARCTIC OCEAN

A88-26065
THE ROLE OF SYNOPTIC SCALE PROCESSES IN THE TRANSFER OF SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE ANOMALIES [O ROLI PROTSESSOV SINOPTICHESKOGO MASSHTABA V PERENOE ANOMALII TEMPERATURE POVERKHNOSTI OKEANA]

A88-26099
OBSERVATIONS OF OCEAN AND SEA BOTTOM RELIEF FROM SPACE [NABLJUDENIJA REL'EFA DNA MORE I OKEANOV IZ KOSMOSA]

Visual observations of the bottom relief of the open ocean made by cosmonauts aboard the Salyut-6 orbital station are analyzed. Under certain conditions, it is possible to study the bottom relief at a depth of 100 meters. It is shown that agitations of the ocean do not significantly affect the possibility of observing submerged objects and formations whose angular dimensions exceed the resolving power of the cosmonaut's visual system.

K.K.

A88-26131
SEA ICE AND SEA-SURFACE TEMPERATURES IN THE STRAIT OF FRAM ACCORDING TO NOAA-AVHRR DATA [GLACES DE MER ET TEMPERATURES DE SURFACE DE LA MER DANS LE DETROIT DE FRAM D'APRES LES DONNEES NOAA-AVHRR]

NOAA-AVHRR data obtained during the 1984 MIZEX experiment are used to study the sea ice and sea-surface temperatures in the Strait of Fram. The data reveal four types of ice formations: (1) fixed land ice; (2) rounded floes in the continuous and relatively uniform polar pack ice; (3) small concentrations of ice between the polar pack ice the sea ice; and (4) denser pack ice consisting of large floes encased in a matrix of small floes. The distribution of sea surface temperatures reveals eddy dynamics which can be explained by the shearing between the eastern Greenland current and the western Spitsbergen current, which run parallel to each other but in opposite directions.

I.S.

A88-26149
THE LEGAL PROBLEMS OF COMMERCIALIZATION OF SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING (PROBLEMY PRAWNE KOMERCIJALIZACJI TELEDETEKCJI SATELITARNEJ)
JERZY RZYMANEK (Instytut Prawa Miedzynarodowego, Warsaw, Poland) Postępy Astronautyki (ISSN 0373-5982), vol. 20, no. 1-2, 1987, p. 129-143. In Polish. refs

The advent of remote sensing commercialization is discussed with attention given to the launching of the SPOT-1 satellite and the establishment of a commercial responsible for interpreting its imagery. SPOT activity is examined within the framework of remote sensing principles approved by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

K.K.

A88-26346
DIGITIZED GLOBAL LAND-SEA MAP AND ACCESS SOFTWARE

A computer-efficient global data file, which contains digitized information that enables identification of a given latitude/longitude defined point as being over land or over water, was generated from a data base which defines the world's shoreline. The method used in the generation of this land-sea boundary data map and its data structure are discussed. The land-sea boundary map also includes information on islands and inland lakes. The resolution of this map is 5 x 5 arcmin or an equivalent of 9 km square surface blocks at the equator. The software to access this data base is structured to be easily transportable to different computers. This data base was used in the generation of the Seasat Geophysical Data Record to identify whether a spaceborne radar altimeter measurement was over-land or over-ocean.

Author

A88-26576
ON THE PROBLEM OF EVOLUTION OF OCEANIC WATER COMPOSITION IN THE PHANEROZOIC [K PROBLEME EVOLUIUTSII SOSTAVA OKEANICHESKOI VODY V PANEROZOEO]
V. M. KOVALEVICH (AN USSR, Institut Geologii i Geokhimii Gor'kikh Iskopаемых, Lvov, Ukrainian SSR) Geokhimia (ISSN 0016-7325), Nov. 1987, p. 1527-1536. In Russian. refs

Compositional changes undergone by oceanic waters during the Phanerozoic are examined on the basis of data published on the age-related changes during the Phanerozoic in the halogen salts of the sediments and brine of ancient basins, including the Eastern Siberian, Donor-Dornets, Eastern European, Preddobruzdn, Erewan, and Cis-Carpathian basins. It is shown that the evolution of halogenesis during the phanerozoic proceeded in parallel with evolutionary changes in the composition of the sedimentary earth crust, atmosphere, and oceanic water. It is suggested that the primary cause of the changes in the composition of ocean water was the change in the intensity of volcanism (and thus of CO2 generation). Related to the degree of volcanism are also changes in the ocean level, water temperature, climate, biogenic processes, the composition of the atmosphere, and the degree of erosion, which all contributed to the evolution of the ocean water composition.

I.S.

A88-26911# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.

AIRBORNE MEASUREMENTS OF SURFACE LAYER TURBULENCE OVER THE OCEAN DURING COLD AIR OUTBREAKS

The spectral characteristics of surface layer turbulence for the near-shore cloud street regions over the Atlantic Ocean were examined using 50-m level data of airborne measurements of
atmospheric turbulence spectra above the western Atlantic Ocean during cold air outbreaks. The present study, performed for the Mesoscale Air-Sea Exchange (MASEX) experiment, extends and completes the preliminary analyses of Chou and Yeh (1987). In the inertial subrange, a near 4/3 ratio was observed between velocity spectra normal to and those along the aircraft heading. A comparison of the turbulent kinetic energy budgets with those of Wyngaard and Cote (1971) and Caughey and Wyngaard (1979) data indicates that the turbulent kinetic energy in the surface layer is dissipated less in the MASEX data than in data obtained by the previous groups.

I.S.

A88-26923
ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE SOUTHERN OSCILLATION

The evolution of the Southern Oscillation (SO) is examined in the time domain for the post-1941 period by computing lagged cross correlations between sea level pressures at Darwin and sea level or surface pressures at selected stations. The dominant pattern reveals the two poles of the traditional standing oscillation or seesaw of the SO, with centers of opposite sign over Indonesia and the central South Pacific Ocean. There are significant phase variations within each center and clear indications that changes over the South Pacific lead the opposite changes in the Indonesian pole by one to two seasons. For the post-1950 period, the SO was dominated by a three-six year quasi-periodicity which leads to ambiguity in interpreting phase relationships. The importance of the tendency for changes over the South Pacific to lead the SO lies in the probable role of associated processes in setting up tropical SST anomalies, especially during the onset stage of El Nino events.

C.D.

A88-27010#
SATELLITE OBSERVATIONS OF A WESTERN BOUNDARY CURRENT IN THE BAY OF BENGAL

Satellite infrared observations of the Bay of Bengal during the latter part of February 1985 reveal the existence of two bands of warm water that resemble western boundary currents along the eastern coasts of India and Sri Lanka. Two recently formed elliptical warm core eddies, with a major axis of nearly 150 km, appear at longitude 90 deg E and latitude 19 deg N at the end of the axis of the current. Color infrared images of sea surface temperature photographs along the seaward coast of Nova Scotia during a single scene of the Landsat thematic mapper (TM) on April 22, 1985. The digital Landsat TM satellite data were computer analyzed to extract details in the near coastal circulation in the northern Gulf of Alaska. Enhancement techniques were applied to the visible and thermal IR bands. The features are evident only in the visible bands because of the ability of these bands to detect the distribution of sediments in the near surface. These eddies did not have a significant thermal signature. The sources of these sediments are the glacial streams found throughout the Gulf of Alaska coast. Eddies of this configuration and frequency have never been observed previously. However, the oceanographic and meteorological conditions are typical for this time of year. These eddies should be important to the cross-shelf mixing processes in the glacial streams found throughout the Gulf of Alaska coast.
the Alaska Coastal Current and are an indicator that the flow here can be unstable at certain times of the year.

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THE ONSET OF SPRING MELT IN FIRST-YEAR ICE REGIONS OF THE ARCTIC AS DETERMINED FROM SCANNING MULTICHANNEL MICROWAVE radiometer DATA FOR 1979 AND 1980

MARK R. ANDERSON (California, University, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 92, Nov. 15, 1987, p. 13153-13163. refs

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A88-27036

REMAINENT Magnetization OF THE OCEANIC UPPER MANTLE

JAFAR ARKANI-HAMED (Brock University, Saint Catharines, Canada) Geophysical Research Letters (ISSN 0094-8276), vol. 15, Jan. 1988, p. 48-51. refs

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The dynamics of Caspian Sea waters was investigated by analyzing a series of 16 scanner images (on 1:5,000,000 and 1:12,000,000 scale) obtained by the Meteor-30 satellite during the spring and summer of 1983 and 1984. The resulting maps show frontal zones and confluence fronts in the northern Caspian Sea, upwelling frontal zones off its eastern shore, mushroom-like currents, eddies, and internal waves. The interpretation of these phenomena depended on (1) contrasts resulting from varying concentrations of sea-water suspensions and (2) differences in sea-surface roughness.

I.S.

A88-27201

INTERPRETATION OF THE VISIBLE MANIFESTATIONS OF SEA WATER DYNAMICS FROM SPACE IMAGERS OF THE CASPIAN SEA [INTERPRETATSIIA VIDIMYKH PROJAVLJENII DINAMIKI VOD PO KOSMICHEM SNIMKAM KASPISOOGO MORIA]

V. I. KRAVTSOVA and V. V. TARAKANCHIKOV (Moskovskii Gosudarstvennyi Universitet, Moscow, USSR) Issledovanie Zemli iz Kosmosa (ISSN 0205-9614), Sept.-Oct. 1987, p. 3-13. In Russian. refs

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I.S.

A88-27202

INVESTIGATING THE NORTHERN CASPIAN SEA ICE REGIME FROM METEOROLOGICAL-SATELLITE DATA [IZUCHENIE LEDOVOGO REZIMA SEVERNOGO KASPIIA PO DANNYM METEOROLOGICHESKIH SPUTNIKOV ZEMLII]


The relationship between meridional shifts of the intertropical convergence zone (ITCZ) and anomalies in sea-surface temperature (SST) was investigated using Meteosat data on ITCZ position and on monthly averaged SSTs of a near-equatorial zone (between 2°S and 2°N) of the Atlantic Ocean obtained for the period between 1974 and 1984. Spectral analysis of these data disclosed the presence of an interannual variation in the behaviors of both the meridional ITCZ shifts and the ocean temperature anomalies. Both types of variations had a quasi-two-year cyclic pattern and were interrelated. It is suggested that this relationship can be utilized for estimating SST variability from data on ITCZ shifts.

I.S.

A88-27204

CALCULATIONS OF OCEAN-ATMOSPHERE RADIANCE ON THE BASIS OF REMOTE SENSING [RASCHETU IARKOSTI SISTEMY OKEAN-ATMOSFERA PRI DISTANTSIONNOM ZONDIROVANII]


Errors that can result from the use of well-known expressions for calculating the sea surface radiance using total radiance figures, obtained for the ocean-atmosphere system by remote sensing, are discussed, and some modifications for these formulas are suggested. The equation of Sobolev (1956) for atmospheric haze radiance is modified with due regard to different-surface albedos for direct and scattered light. In the equations for the radiance reflected from sea surface and that emerging from the sea, the surface reflection anisotropy and multiple scattering in the atmosphere are taken into account.

I.S.

A88-27205


Data on variations in microwave emission and of microwave scattering by the sea surface, induced by internal wave activity, were obtained with an experimental vessel for three Pacific Ocean zones of internal wave generation: the Nintoku Mountain (at a depth of 950 m), the Makarov Mountain (1300 m), and the Rampa shoal (85-90 m). Internal waves were registered by an automatic thermoprofilograph pulled in tow or by distributed temperature sensors. The intensity of microwave radiation from the sea surface was measured using a system which included two radiometers and a radiometer-scatterometer (operating at a 76-deg angle) installed on a hydrostabilized platform. Data showing relationships between variations of the emitted and scattered microwave radiation at different conditions of sea turbulance and wind speed at these locations are presented.

I.S.

A88-27209


The process of selecting optimal conditions for the observation of ocean surface features is discussed, using, as an example, the

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results of an analysis of a numerical model for the remote sensing of phytoplankton pigments and river-mud suspensions in the coastal zone. The effects of these two factors on the localization of eddies and internal ocean waves are demonstrated. The analysis takes into account the optical properties of the earth surface, the state of the atmosphere, and the instrumentation parameters.

A88-27210
THE EFFICIENCY OF POLARIZATION MEASUREMENTS IN PASSIVE REMOTE SENSING OF THE OCEAN IN THE VISIBLE SPECTRUM OBSERVED FROM COSMOS 1500 SATELLITES
P. A. NIKITIN, I. U. SPIRIDONOV, and N. B. TRAPEZNIKOVA
(National Research Institute of Oceanology, Moscow, USSR) ISSLEDOVANIE ZEMLI IS KOSMOSA (ISSN 0205-9614), Sept.-Oct. 1987, p. 66-74. In Russian. refs

The processes of spray droplet generation, transport, and evaporation in a wind tunnel were studied, as part of the Humidity Exchange Over the Sea (HEXOS) program experiments. In order to study separately the generation of droplets, their transport and deposition, an experimental setup was designed in which spray droplets were immersed in the water tank of a large air-sea interaction simulation tunnel. Numerical modeling was carried out using a subprogram of HEXOS, HEXIST, which focuses on the effects of spray droplet transport and evaporation. The governing equations of the program HEXIST are presented together with the results of the feasibility experiments. I.S.

A88-27213
COMPUTER-AIDED MAPPING OF ANTARCTIC SEA ICE USING ALONG-THE-COURSE RADIOMETRIC MEASUREMENTS ABOARD THE COSMOS-1500 SATELLITE
A. P. VASIL'KOV, T. V. KONDARRIN, and N. A. KROTOV (AN SSSR, Institut Oceanologii; Moskovskiiz Fiziko-Tehnicheskii Institut, Moscow, USSR) Issledovanie Zemli iz Kosmosa (ISSN 0205-9614), Sept.-Oct. 1987, p. 66-74. In Russian. refs

The paper presents a radiative transfer model for estimating downward longwave irradiance at the ocean surface from satellite radiance data. The model is based on the Morcrette et al. (1986) routine for global circulation models. Temperature and water vapor mixing ratio were obtained from NOAA Tiros operational vertical sounder data, while cloud parameters were retrieved from GOES visible and infrared spin scan radiometer data. Satellite-derived irradiances were compared to those measured in situ during the Mixed Layer Dynamic Experiment, with the results indicating a similarity between the estimated and the measured values, with the estimate errors corresponding to 5 to 8 percent of the measured ones. I.S.

A88-27492
SPRAY DROPLET GENERATION, TRANSPORT, AND EVAPORATION IN A WIND WAVE TUNNEL DURING THE HUMIDITY EXCHANGE OVER THE SEA EXPERIMENTS IN THE SIMULATION TUNNEL
PATRICE MESTAYER and CLAUDE LEFAUCONNIER (CNRS; Aix-Marseille II, Universite, Marseille, France) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 93, Jan. 15, 1988, p. 572-586. CNRS-NATO-Navy-supported research. refs

The processes of spray droplet generation, transport, and evaporation in a wind tunnel were studied, as part of the Humidity Exchange Over the Sea (HEXOS) program experiments. In order to study separately the generation of droplets, their transport and diffusion by turbulence, their evaporation, and their deposition, an experimental setup was designed in which spray droplets were generated by the bursting of bubbles produced by aeration devices immersed in the water tank of a large air-sea interaction simulation tunnel. Numerical modeling was carried out using a subprogram of HEXOS, HEXIST, which focuses on the effects of spray droplet transport and evaporation. The governing equations of the program HEXIST are presented together with the results of the feasibility experiments. I.S.

A88-27493
DOWNWARD LONGWAVE IRRADIANCE AT THE OCEAN SURFACE FROM SATELLITE DATA - METHODOLOGY AND IN SITU VALIDATION
ROBERT FROUIN, CATHERINE GAUTIER (California, University, La Jolla), and JEAN-JACQUES MORCETTE (National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, CO) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 93, Jan. 15, 1988, p. 597-619. refs
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A88-27494
THE NATAL PULSE - AN EXTREME TRANSIENT ON THE AGULHAS CURRENT

An analysis of satellite data collected over a period of nine years as well as historic hydrographic data show that the northern Agulhas Current is subject to large, intermittent, and solitary meanders. These transient events, collectively named the Natal pulse, progress downstream at consistent rates of 21 cm/s. Upon reaching the area where the shelf broadens, their rate of progression slackens to 5 cm/s. They are present in some stages of development at least 17 percent of the time, extend offshore by about 170 km on average, and show a continuous lateral growth on moving downstream. With few exceptions, the pulses are spawned as cold core, cyclonic, trapped lee eddies in the Natal Bight. They are held responsible for the intermittent coastal counter currents observed inshore of the Agulhas Current along the southern African coast and may play a crucial role in sediment distribution of the shelf. Author

A88-27495
MARINE BOUNDARY LAYER MODIFICATION ACROSS THE EDGE OF THE AGULHAS CURRENT
MARK JURY (Cape Town, University, Rondebosch, Republic of South Africa) and NANN WALKER (Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, National Research Institute for Oceanology, Stellenbosch, Republic of South Africa) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 93, Jan. 15, 1988, p. 647-654. refs

Aerial survey results are presented which show a modification of the lower atmosphere on crossing the edge of the Agulhas Current near 37 deg S, 20 deg E. Profiles of air temperature and dewpoint show increases in marine boundary layer heights of about 400 m, as sea surface temperatures rise suddenly from 18 to 24 C. Westerly winds increase across the NE-SW aligned sea surface temperature front by 7 m/s, in a sea breeze-like circulation. Surface latent and sensible heat fluxes to the atmosphere change from 100 W/sq m to 340 W/sq m on entering the Agulhas Current because of feedback processes between warmer sea surface temperatures, turbulence, and wind stress. The data sample is small and statistically limited, but the case study results indicate that the response of the lower atmosphere to the Agulhas Current is similar to that found over the Gulf Stream and other warm western boundary currents. Author

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SATELLITE OBSERVATION OF ATMOSPHERE AND SURFACE INTERACTION PARAMETERS
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Atmosphere and ocean surface parameters are being derived from weather satellite data acquired by the High Resolution Infrared Sounder and the Microwave Sounding Unit. In this paper, the global distribution and accuracy of the derived parameters are described, and the satellite-derived skin surface temperature is compared with available shelter temperature. Seasonal and interannual changes are examined to study the response time of large-scale atmospheric changes to changes in surface conditions. C.D.

A88-27837
RADAR ALTIMETER DATA QUALITY FLAGGING

The Seasat radar altimeter was designed to provide precise and accurate surface height measurements over the ocean. These data have been used in studies of the ocean geoid, tides, and currents. Several factors can affect the quality of the height measurements produced by the on-board processor. In particular, radar returns with time profiles which depart from a standard form can introduce significant errors. These arise over very calm seas, over rain cells or when sea ice or land are present within the altimeter footprint. Blunder point algorithms are used in the ground processing to flag outlying data points, but these fail to identify some of the anomalies that are observed. An alternative method for flagging poor quality data using a simple algorithm based on pulse shape is presented. It is demonstrated that the algorithm provides a sensitive means of editing altimeter ocean data. Furthermore, changes in surface type, such as transitions between open water and sea ice can be accurately located. Author

A88-27838
SWATH ALTIMETRY OF OCEANS AND TERRAIN

(Satellite ESA-6001/84/NL/Bl)

Satellite radar altimeters have demonstrated a wide range of scientific capabilities over oceans and ice, and have considerable potential over land and inland water. However, the universal adoption of the single-beam, pulse-limited mode of operation limits the spatial and temporal sampling achievable and makes the generation of surface elevation maps critically dependent on the accuracy of the satellite orbit reconstruction. Also, over topographic surfaces, the data can be difficult, sometimes impossible, to interpret. With the advent of the Columbus polar platform, previous limitations on the size and complexity of space instruments will not apply. What types of swath altimeter might take advantage of this possibility are considered, and it is concluded that both multifeed, large antenna instruments and an interferometric design could provide valuable advances. Ultimately, a scanning beam, phased array instrument could provide full global coverage with high spatial resolution. Author

A88-28850
MICROWAVE REMOTE SENSING OF ICE IN LAKE MELVILLE AND THE LABRADOR SEA


Results from a microwave remote-sensing experiment conducted in March 1982 on the pack ice and young ice of the Labrador Sea and the brash ice of Lake Melville are reported. The relationship of the microwave response to the ice types of this region and to specific features such as icebergs and icebreaker tracks is examined and characterized. Some aspects of wave propagation in pack ice are discussed along with radar contrast measurements of icebergs surrounded by pack ice giving the effect of incidence angle. C.D.

A88-29275
PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF RADIOMETRIC ACCURACIES FOR MOS-1 SENSORS


The radiometric characteristics of the sensors on the Japanese Marine Observation Satellite 1 (MOS-1) were assessed using prelaunch data and simulations, taking into account sea surface conditions, sun-glitter effects, and atmospheric effects. Specifically, input radiances for the MESSR and VTIIR instruments and
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brightness temperatures for the MSR instruments on the MOS-1 were estimated taking atmospheric effects into account. In addition, attention was also given to the effect of sun glitter on MESSR and VTR data, the effect due to rim darkening on VTR data, the emissivity change due to antenna rotation, and the sidelobe effect on MSR data.

B.J.

A88-29279
COMPARISON OF SUBMARINE RELIEF FEATURES ON A RADAR SATELLITE IMAGE AND ON A SKYLAB SATELLITE PHOTOGRAPH

Satellite imagery obtained by an optical sensor and that obtained by a SAR for a shallow ocean area showing submarine relief features are compared. A Skylab photograph and a Seasat radar image of the North American east coast (Nantucket Shoals) taken at different dates but at the same tidal phase and under comparable weather conditions are analyzed. It is found that both the radar imaging and the optical imaging are caused by roughness variations of the water surface due to tidal flow over submarine relief. It is concluded from the analysis of the densities in the blue, green, and red layers of the Skylab color film that specularly reflected sunlight at the rough ocean surface is the dominant imaging mechanism.

B.J.

A88-29283
ATMOSPHERIC CORRECTION OF THERMAL INFRARED IMAGES

A method for estimating SST from a single IR channel together with an atmospheric model is investigated. Based on a simulated atmospheric height profile, the precipitable water and transmittance can be calculated as a function of height from the known atmospheric pressure, temperature and relative humidity on the ground. An effective transmittance is used to correct the effect of off-nadir scanner angle. Various data from the Heat Capacity Observatory, Palisades, NY) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 93, Feb. 15, 1988, p. 1265-1280. NASA-supported research. refs

In order to determine if an environmental bias exists in the winds measured by the Seasat A satellite scatterometer (SASS), the SASS wind speed observations, U(s), colocated with the buoy wind speed data, U(b), were analyzed. There was a trend in the SASS wind speed error, U(b) - U(s), which was found to be related to the degree of the development of wind-generated gravity waves; this trend (estimated to be 0.5 m/sec per 100 km of the generalized wind fetch) is capable of introducing a well-pronounced environmental bias into the scatterometer-produced global distributions of wind.

I.S.

A88-29492
DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF ARCTIC LANDFORMS - AN ASSESSMENT OF REMOTELY Sensed DATA

The use of remote sensing data to monitor and analyze the arctic environment is examined. Landsat MSS, TM simulated, NS001, Seasat, and airborne radar are employed to investigate the Strand and Dune areas on the Arctic Coastal Plain in Alaska. The Strand area contains landforms associated with permafrost and the Dune area is dominated by eolian deposits consisting of large longitudinal dunes. The remote sensing data are compared to baseline geomorphic maps derived from aerial photography. It is observed that the multispectral data are better than the radar data for the detection and recognition of arctic landforms, and the NS001 data provided the highest spatial resolution and correlated well with the high-altitude aerial photography.

I.F.

A88-29706
MEASUREMENT OF GLOBAL OCEANIC WINDS FROM SEASAT-SMMR AND ITS COMPARISON WITH SEASAT-SASS AND ALT DERIVED WINDS
PREM C. PANDEY (California Institute of Technology, Jet
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A88-300089
CURRENT STATUS AND PROBLEMS OF SATELLITE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE OCEAN (REVIEW OF NON-SOVIET PUBLICATIONS) (SOVREMENNOE SOSTOYANIE I PROBLEMY SPUTNIKOVOY ISSLEDOVANII OKEANA /OBZOR ZARUBEZHENYKH RABOT/)
G. A. GRISHIN (AN USSR, Morskoi Gigroflizicheskii Institut, Sevastopol, Ukrainian SSR) Issledovanie Zemli iz Kosmosa (ISSN 0205-9614), Nov.-Dec. 1987, p. 94-110. In Russian. refs
The performance characteristics of cameras on existing satellites and those planned for future satellite systems are described. Examples are presented which illustrate the application of satellite data in oceanography. Attention is given to space programs for the study of the world ocean planned by developed countries for the next decade. Methodological, scientific, and organizational problems connected with satellite-borne ocean studies are examined.

B.J.

A88-300199
PRINCIPAL COMPONENT ANALYSIS OF SATELLITE PASSIVE MICROWAVE DATA OVER SEA ICE
D. A. ROTHROCK, DONALD R. THOMAS (Washington, University, Seattle), and ALAN S. THORNDIKE (University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 93, March 15, 1988, p. 2321-2332. refs (Contract N00014-81-K-0095; NSF DPP-86-17176)
Correlation, multiple regression, and principal component analyses of 10 channels of SMMR data for the Arctic are presented, showing correlations of greater than 0.8 for most of the channels. Three channels are shown to explain between 94.0 and 99.6 percent of the total variance. It is suggested that only the first two principal components contain variance, due to the mixture of surface types. It is shown that three-component mixtures of water, first-year ice, and multiyear ice can be resolved in two dimensions, and that the presence of other ice types makes determination of ice age ambiguous in some regions. The small variance in principal components 3-10 is due to variability in the pure type signatures.

R.R.

A88-300200
ICE BREAKUP - OBSERVATIONS OF THE ACOUSTIC SIGNAL
Observations of ambient sound beneath landfast ice in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago are described, and its evolution over the period June-August is interpreted in terms of ice cracking and disintegration. The data were recorded on six bands between 50 and 14,500 Hz for the period Apr. 2 to Aug. 7, 1986, in Delphin and Union Strait. The frequency dependence of the attenuation of sound in water allows separation of distant and local noise sources. In conjunction with satellite imagery and meteorological data, it is shown that strong signals in the acoustic time series are associated with major breakup events. The acoustic signal can provide predictive information about ice conditions and the approach of breakup.

Author

A88-300415'
M. Miami Univ., Coral Gables, Fla.
EXACT RAYLEIGH SCATTERING CALCULATIONS FOR USE WITH THE NIMBUS-7 COASTAL ZONE COLOR SCANNER
HOWARD R. GORDON, JAMES W. BROWN (Miami, University, Coral Gables, FL), and ROBERT H. EVANS (Miami, University, FL) Applied Optics (ISSN 0003-6935), vol. 27, March 1, 1988, p. 862-871. refs (Contract NAGW-273; NASS-29798)
The radiance reflected from a plane-parallel atmosphere and flat sea surface in the presence of aerosols has been determined with an exact multiple scattering code to improve the analysis of Nimbus-7 CZCS imagery. It is shown that the single scattering approximation normally used to compute this radiance can result in errors of up to 5 percent for small and moderate solar zenith angles. A scheme to include the effect of variations in the surface pressure in the exact computation of the Rayleigh radiance is
discussed. The results of an application of these computations to CZCS imagery suggest that accurate atmospheric corrections can be obtained for solar zenith angles at least as large as 65 deg.

R.R.

**A88-30445**

**EMISSIVITY OF PURE AND SEA WATERS FOR THE MODEL SEA SURFACE IN THE INFRARED REGION**


Emissivity of pure and sea waters for the model sea surface is tabulated as a function of the zenith angle of observed radiation (theta) and the surface wind speed in the infrared regions, 3.5-4.1 and 8-13 microns. The sea surface is simulated by many facets whose slopes are changed according to the isotropic Gaussian distribution with respect to surface wind. Emissivity is also computed for the plane surface condition. Computational results show that: (1) emissivity decreases slowly with the increase of theta, (2) little effect of the surface wind is noted on emissivity for theta equal to or less than 30 deg, whereas this effect greatly appears for theta equal to or greater than 70 deg, and (3) relative difference of emissivities between pure water and sea water is less than 0.1 percent within theta = 50 deg for wind speed less than 15 m/s. Finally, the corresponding apparent temperatures are also examined.

Author

**A88-30662**

**REMOTE SENSING OF THE SEA SURFACE**


An account is given of the operating principles of radar altimeter and radar spectrometer devices employed in the remote probing of the sea surface, as well as of the sea surface characteristics that influence the return signals. Attention is given to the application of these principles to various aspects of dynamic oceanography, including the measurement of surface currents, oceanic tides, and the spectrum of wind-generated waves. The estimation of surface wind-stress distributions, and the detection of small-scale surface-current features together with their interpretation in terms of current velocity gradients, are also undertaken by these methods.

O.C.

**A88-30836**

**GRAVITY FIELD MAPPING FROM SATELLITE ALTIMETRY, SEA-GRAVIMETRY AND BATHYMETRY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN**

D. ARABELOS (Salonika, University, Greece) and C. C. TSCHERNING (Geodaetisk Institut, Charlottenlund, Denmark) Geophysical Journal (ISSN 0952-4592), vol. 92, Feb. 1988, p. 195-206. refs

Data from the Eastern Mediterranean were used to show how different data types may improve the quality of a gravity field approximation; a detailed geoid was computed for the area. Available data types included bias-adjusted satellite altimetry, sea gravimetry, bathymetry and heights, and the spherical harmonic coefficient set OSU81. A trend analysis of the altimeter data revealed a tilt of 0.0026 m/km toward the east and 0.0067 m/km toward the north.

K.K.

**A88-31111**

**THE GENESIS OF ATLANTIC LOWS EXPERIMENT - THE PLANETARY-BOUNDARY LAYER SUBPROGRAM OF GALE**

SETHU RAMAN and ALLEN J. RIORDAN (North Carolina State University, Raleigh) American Meteorological Society, Bulletin (ISSN 0003-0007), vol. 69, Feb. 1988, p. 161-172. refs

The Genesis of Atlantic Lows Experiment (GALE), focused on intensive data-gathering effort along the mid-Atlantic coast of the United States from January 15 to March 15, 1986. Here, the general objectives and experimental layout are described with special emphasis on the planetary-boundary-layer (PBL) component of GALE. Instrumentation is described for buoys, ships, research aircraft, and towers. The networks of the cross-chain long range aid to navigation (LORAN) atmospheric sounding system (CLASS) and the portable automated mesonet (PAM II) are described and their impact on the operation of GALE is outlined. Special use of dual-Doppler radar to obtain detailed wind measurements in the PBL is discussed. Preliminary analyses for a selected observational period are given. Detailed observations of the offshore coastal front reveal direct mesoscale circulations imbedded in the frontal zone. Later in the period during an intense cold-air outbreak, sensible-heat and latent-heat fluxes over the coastal ocean each attain values of about 500 W/sq m. Coordinated aircraft operations are outlined for this case and a few early findings are given.

Author
An efficient algorithm has been devised to compute the crossovers in satellite altimetry. The significance of the crossovers is twofold: First, they are needed to perform the crossover adjustment to remove the orbit error. Secondly, they yield important insight into oceanic variability. Nevertheless, there is no published algorithm to make this very time consuming task easier, which is the goal of this report. The success of the algorithm is predicated on the ability to predict (by analytical means) the crossover coordinates to within 6 km and 1 sec of the true values. Hence, only one interpolation/extrapolation step on the data is needed to derive the crossover coordinates in contrast to the many interpolation/extrapolation operations usually needed to arrive at the same accuracy level if deprived of this information. 

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Sunlight stimulated fluorescence of marine phytoplankton and the transport of this signal to the top of the atmosphere as a method to map the distribution of phytoplankton in coastal areas of the sea from space were examined. Sun stimulated chlorophyll-a fluorescence at 685 nm is a generally detectable though small spectral feature in upward radiation spectra over the sea containing chlorophyll-a concentrations down to at least 1 mg/cum. Under typical coastal conditions very simple extraction algorithms give a linear dependence of chlorophyll fluorescence on chlorophyll concentration with a relatively low standard deviation. The primary productivity of marine algae is inversely related to in situ chlorophyll-a fluorescence. Suspended matter and Gelbstoff may induce problems.

N88-15295# GKSS-Forschungszentrum Geesthacht (West Germany).

THE USE OF CHLOROPHYLL FLUORESCENCE MEASUREMENTS FOR SEPARATING CONSTITUENTS OF SEA WATER, VOLUME 2: APPENDICES

Biophysical processes of chlorophyll-a fluorescence; Sun stimulated chlorophyll fluorescence within a day-cycle; the daily cycle of in vivo chlorophyll-a fluorescence stimulated by artificial light sources; the effect of short term illumination changes on the Sun stimulated fluorescence of phytoplankton; chlorophyll fluorescence within the visible spectrum; horizontal and seasonal variability of species composition and phytoplankton chlorophyll in the Baltic and North Seas; scales of horizontal variability of chlorophyll-a phytoplankton; the influence of exceptional phytoplankton blooms on remote sensing of chlorophyll; masking of chlorophyll fluorescence by the atmosphere; ground truth measurement for primary production, production capacity, and fluorescence; use of airborne laser fluorometer as ground truth for satellite data evaluation; factor analysis of multispectral radiance over coastal and open ocean water based on radiative transfer calculations; effect of environmental factors and species composition on chlorophyll fluorescence of phytoplankton; and variability of excitation, emission, and absorption spectra normalized to the chlorophyll concentration are discussed.

N88-15346# Royal Australian Navy Research Lab., Edgecliff.

THE OCEAN HEAT BUDGET

Methods are assembled for calculating the components of ocean heating/cooling from above, viz. short-wave radiation, albedo, longwave radiation, and evaporative and sensible heat exchange with the atmosphere. The aim is to secure the best possible balance between precision and simplicity, bearing in mind the inherent limitations of meteorological information. Much of the material comes from the literature, but a consolidation of the radiant heating input parameters and a simplification of the atmospheric heat exchange calculation are believed to be original developments.

N88-15348# World Climate Programme, Geneva (Switzerland).

WOCO CORE PROJECT 2 PLANNING MEETING: THE SOUTHERN OCEAN

The role of the Southern Ocean in transporting heat, salt and other properties; and the strong ocean-atmosphere interactions and consequent water mass transformations were discussed. The Antarctic circumpolar current; meridional fluxes; and air sea ice interactions were treated. Scientific objectives; observational programs; and modeling requirements of field studies were discussed.

N88-15352# Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, Calif.

ON ESTIMATING THE BASIN-SCALE OCEAN CIRCULATION FROM SATELLITE ALTIMETRY. PART 1: STRAIGHTFORWARD SPHERICAL HARMONIC EXPANSION
Final Technical Report

Direct estimation of the absolute dynamic topography from satellite altimetry has been confined to the largest scales (basically the basin-scale) owing to the fact that the signal-to-noise ratio is more unfavorable everywhere else. But even for the largest scales, the results are contaminated by the orbit error and geoid uncertainties. Recently a more accurate Earth gravity model (GEM-T1) became available, providing the opportunity to examine the whole question of direct estimation under a more critical limeligh. It is found that our knowledge of the Earth’s gravity field has indeed improved a great deal. However, it is not yet possible to claim definitively that our knowledge of the ocean circulation has improved through direct estimation. Yet, the improvement in the gravity model has come to the point that it is not longer possible to attribute the discrepancy at the basin scales between altimetric and hydrographic results as mostly due to geoid uncertainties. A substantial part of the difference must be due to other factors; i.e., the orbit error, or the uncertainty of the hydrographically derived dynamic topography.


LIMITING ACCURACY OF SCATTEROMETER DETERMINATION OF WIND SPEED OVER OCEAN FROM SATELLITE Abstract Only
G. N. KRISTOFOROV, A. S. ZAPEVALOV, and V. YE. SMOLOV In its JPRS Report: Science and Technology. USSR: Space p 127- 24 Nov. 1987 Translit into ENGLISH from issledovaniiye Zemli i Kosma (Moscow, USSR), no. 2, Mar.- Apr. 1987 p 57-65 Original language document was announced in IAA as A87-48184
Avail: NTIS HC A08/MF A01

Errors in determining wind velocities from scatterometer measurements are assessed, and it is shown that the highest accuracy of wind field determination is about + or - 1 m/s over the 4 to 17 m/s range. It is found that the velocity of weak winds cannot be accurately determined from remote measurements of sea ripple, while for velocities higher than 4 m/s the accuracy of scatterometer measurement is limited by a statistical spread of + or - 1 to 2 m/s.

N88-16152# Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitaet, Munich (West Germany). Inst. fuer Meteorologie.

VERTICAL SOUNCING OF TH AIR LAYER CLOSE TO A GLACIER ON MOUNT VERNAGFERNER IN THE OETZAL ALPS, TYROL (EXPERIMENT LUZIVER 1983)
[VERTIKALSONDIERUNGEN DER EISNAHEN LUFTSCHICHT ALPS, TYROL (EXPERIMENT LUZIVER 1983)]
MARKUS WEBER In its Research Work at the Meteorological...
The vertical profiles of wind, temperature, and moisture close to a glacier were measured between 300 and 2979 m using captive probes, pilot balloon ascensions, and mast measurements. Time-height wind velocity plots are explained. A distinct separation between glacier wind layer and cross wind is difficult using only the wind velocity profiles. Therefore, the equivalent-potential temperature isoline, obtained from mast measurements, is needed. The correlation between temperature gradients and glacier wind is explained. The range of the glacier wind in the foreland is discussed. The results show that the development of the glacier wind regime in the last decameter above the glacier is determined by the synoptic situation and the orography.

THEMATIC MAPPER RESEARCH IN THE EARTH SCIENCES:
SMALL SCALE PATCHES OF SUSPENDED MATTER AND PHYTOPLANKTON IN THE ELBE RIVER ESTUARY, GERMAN BIGHT AND TIDAL FLATS

A Thematic Mapper (TM) field experiment was followed by a data analysis to determine TM capabilities for analysis of suspended matter and phytoplankton. Factor analysis showed that suspended matter concentration, atmospheric scattering, and sea surface temperature can be retrieved as independent factors which determine the variation in the TM data over water areas. Spectral channels in the near infrared open the possibility of determining the Angstrom exponent better than for the coastal zone color scanner. The suspended matter distribution may then be calculated by the absolute radiance of channel 2 or 3 or the ratio of both. There is no indication of whether separation of chlorophyll is possible. The distribution of suspended matter and sea surface temperature can be observed with the expected fine structure. A good correlation between water depth and suspended matter distribution as found from ship data can now be analyzed for an entire area by the synoptic view of the TM scenes.

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The NIMBUS-7 Coastal Zone Color Scanner, and ERS-1 Ocean Color Monitor studies are recalled, and a pushbroom CCD imaging spectrometer is introduced. Ground pixel size is 300 m, swath width is 1071 km, and it has 8 spectral bands going from 0.4 to 1 micron. Studies on chlorophylls and yellow substances in sea water are mentioned.

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N88-16298# European Space Agency. European Space Research and Technology Center, ESTEC, Noordwijk (Netherlands). TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF FUTURE OCEAN COLOUR REMOTE SENSING M. RAST In ESA, Ocean Colour Workshop p 27-28 Jul. 1987 Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01 Performance requirements for a Polar Platform Ocean color sensor are given. Spatial resolution = 0.5 x 0.5 km; swath width is at least 1500 km; spectral bandwidth = 10 nm (nominal) 5 nm (goal); radiometric resolution = 12 bit; q spectral bands minimum (visi/visible/near infrared): global daily coverage; tilt mode to avoid sunlight; sensitivity sufficient for low reflecting targets (e.g., ocean surface at high latitude) in order to get data at low solar illumination conditions; and it is essential that the sensor is insensitive to polarization conditions of scattered light. ESA

N88-16299# Joint Research Centre of the European Communities, Ispra (Italy). STATUSES AND PROSPECTS OF THE JOINT RESEARCH COMMITTEE (JRC) WORK ON THE APPLICATION OF OCEAN COLOUR MONITORING FROM SPACE B. STURM, A. BECKERING, G. FRAYSSE, S. GALLIDEPARESEI, B. M. HENRY, G. MARACCI, L. NYKJAER, P. SCHLITTENHARDT, and S. TASSAN In ESA, Ocean Colour Workshop p 35-46 Jul. 1987 Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01 The status of activity on ocean color analysis is given. The main achievements are an operational software package for the evaluation of CZCS data and site specific interpretation algorithms for case 2-type water of the Northern Adriatic Sea which allow the elaboration of geometrically corrected maps of pigment and total suspended matter concentrations and of diffuse attenuation coefficient. Applying these techniques to an extensive archive of CZCS data from the Adriatic Sea, the ultimate goal is to assess remote sensing of anthropogenic pollutants; and to develop a methodology to predict the movement and dispersion of pollutants in estuarine and coastal zones. ESA

N88-16300# Institute of Ocean Sciences, Sidney (British Columbia). CANADIAN ACTIVITIES AND GOALS IN REMOTE SENSING OF OCEAN COLOUR AND FLUORESCENCE FROM SPACE J. F. R. GOWER In ESA, Ocean Colour Workshop p 41-48 Jul. 1987 Original contains color illustrations Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01 Uses of ocean color remote sensing in oceanography, fisheries research and management, coastal zone mapping, and bathymetry are described. The importance of this work, and the development of an airborne phytoplankton mapping technique based on solar-stimulated chlorophyll fluorescence, led to development of an imaging spectrometer as a prototype satellite sensor. Results from this instrument are shown. Examples of airborne hydrography with passive and active sensors are also presented. ESA

N88-16301# Geneva Univ. (Switzerland). Dept. de Géologie et de Paléontologie. RESEARCH IN SWITZERLAND ON OCEAN AND INLAND-WATER COLOUR MONITORING J.-M. JACQUET In ESA, Ocean Colour Workshop p 49-52 Jul. 1987 Original contains color illustrations Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01 Research in water color monitoring is reviewed. The development of algorithms addressing the complexity of inland waters is discussed. ESA

N88-16302# Deutsche Forschungs- und Versuchsanstalt fuer Luft- und Raumfahrt, Oberpfaffenhofen (West Germany). Inst. fuer Optoelektronik. FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY'S INTERESTS, ACTIVITIES AND GOALS IN REMOTE SENSING OF OCEAN COLOUR/FLUORESCENCE FROM SPACE H. VANDERPIEPEN In ESA, Ocean Colour Workshop p 53-58 Jul. 1987 Original contains color illustrations Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01 Scientific research on technical developments concerning natural fluorescence in context of with an ocean color monitor as payload on the polar platforms of the Columbus program are reviewed. Application programs, scientific and user communities, and government involvement in oceanography are described. ESA

N88-16303# Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales, Paris (France). FRENCH ACTIVITIES IN OCEAN COLOUR OBSERVATIONS J.-L. FELLIOUS and A. MOREL In ESA, Ocean Colour Workshop p 59-69 Jul. 1987 Original contains color illustrations Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01 The use of CZCS data as well as AVHRR and high resolution LANDSAT-TM and SPOT imagery in ocean color studies is reviewed. Main research programs and experiments are coordinated with international efforts such as TOGA, WOCE, and GOFs. Plans to fly a large-swath visible and near IR sensor (named Vegetation) on the remote sensing satellite SPOT-4 (mid-1992) for vegetation and ocean color monitoring are revealed. ESA

N88-16304# Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Venice (Italy). Lab. per lo Studio della Dinamica delle Grandi Masse. ITALIAN ACTIVITIES IN OCEAN COLOUR REMOTE SENSING R. FRASSETTO and L. PANTANI (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Florence, Italy) In ESA, Ocean Colour Workshop p 71-72 Jul. 1987 Original contains color illustrations Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01 The potential of ocean color remote sensing over coastal and offshore areas of Italy in providing valuable information for planning and decision making of public administrative agencies is demonstrated. The principal interest is in pollution monitoring, including thermal pollution near shore and in forecast of eutrophication. Technological research is directed to the development of instruments for in-situ or airborne measurements in air and water. User activity and interests in ocean color are described. ESA

N88-16305# Ministry of Transport and Waterways, The Hague (Netherlands). Tidal Waters Div. NATIONAL REMOTE SENSING PROGRAM (NRSP) OF THE NETHERLANDS D. SPITZER In ESA, Ocean Colour Workshop p 83-90 Jul. 1987 Sponsored by the Netherlands Remote Sensing Board, the National Aerospace Lab. and Netherlands Inst. for Sea Research Original contains color illustrations Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01 Structure and organization of remote sensing are outlined. Priorities and projects are mentioned with respect to operationalization, commercialization, applied and fundamental research, technology development, and infrastructure. Progress in remote sensing of ocean color is highlighted. Applications of the pushbroom airborne scanner CAESAR having spectral characteristic similar to the OCM, including the fluorescence channels, are emphasized. Underwater and low altitude radiometers were developed allowing an improved interpretation of the remotely sensed imagery. ESA

N88-16306# Southampton Univ. (England). Dept. of Oceanography. DEVELOPMENTS IN OCEAN COLOUR RESEARCH IN THE UNITED KINGDOM I. L. ROBINSON and P. M. HOLLIGAN (Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom, Plymouth, England) In ESA, Ocean Colour Workshop p 91-99 Jul. 1987 Original contains color illustrations Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01 Requirements for ocean color sensors are outlined. Coordinated programs for marine science, having an ocean color component, are mentioned. Details of the Ocean Fluxes study are given. ESA
The current system using technique was applied to the surface currents of the California. This technique, which uses enhanced pseudocolor gradient of Sea Surface Temperature (SST) patterns apparent developed by OHara (1987) which used unenhanced gray scale imagery, produced more current vectors than an earlier technique. Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR) was deployed and several Nansen stations occupied, providing a rare occasion of wide-spread quasisynoptic data coverage for the area. Satellite imagery is available from two sources and three satellite tracked drifting buoys were in the area. Data are used to form a broad scale description of oceanographic conditions for the period, with more detailed analysis possible in the area north-west of Australia. Comparisons are made with data from the Indian Ocean Expedition of early 1960s and other sources. The relation of surface thermal patterns to circulation is examined.

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The strong current shear in these areas may distort the surface thermohaline and baroclinic flow variability in the vicinity of the Hawaiian Ridge. GRA

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Remote sensing of chlorophyll-a is reviewed. Chlorophyll-a shows a Sun stimulated fluorescence peak at 685 nm wavelength. This spectral feature is detectable from airplanes at all chlorophyll-a concentrations at least down to a chlorophyll-a content of 1 g/m³, also in turbid coastal waters. For spacecraft applications, absorption by atmospheric gases for wavelengths above 685 nm forms a fluorescence channel to the shortwave part of the fluorescence line. The influence of nonchlorophyllous suspensions and of Gelbstoff on fluorescence is small. Fluorescence efficiency dependence on isolation is small at Sun elevations above 20 to 30 deg, the typical remote sensing conditions. Recommendations for a space application are listed.

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A technique is presented which uses an interactive computer program to estimate sea surface current velocities from the displacement of Sea-Surface Temperature (SST) patterns apparent in enhanced sequential infrared images obtained from the NOAA-6 Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR). This technique was applied to the surface currents of the California current system using IR image data from 27 and 28 April '1981. A technique, which uses enhanced pseudocolor gradient imagery, produced more current vectors than an earlier technique developed by O'Hara (1987) which used unenhanced gray scale imagery. The resultant surface vectors agree well in direction but underestimate velocities obtained from Doppler Acoustic Log (DAL) measurements taken during the same period. The two methods produced closest agreement of current velocities of less than 40 cm/sec and with satellite-derived velocities obtained with sequential 12 hour images rather than sequential 24 hour images. Satellite-derived velocities in the rapid flow area (larger than 40 cm/sec) showed poor correspondence to DAL-measured velocities. The strong current shear in these areas may distort the surface SST patterns making identification of features between images more difficult.

**GRA**

Royal Australian Navy Research Lab., Edgecliff. OCEANOGRAPHIC FEATURES OF THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST INDIAN OCEAN FOR JUNE 1983. We have studied volume scattering effects of snow-covered sea ice with a three-layer random medium model for microwave remote sensing. Strong fluctuation theory and biocalc approximation are applied to calculate the effective permittivities for snow and sea ice. Wave scattering theory, in conjunction with the distorted Born approximation, is then used to compute bistatic coefficients and backscattering cross sections. We also derived a general
mixing formula for discrete scatterers immersed in a host medium. The results are applicable to general multiphase mixtures, and the scattering ellipsoids of the different phases can have different sizes and arbitrary ellipticity distribution and axis orientation, i.e., the mixture may be isotropic or anisotropic. The Mueller matrix and polarization covariance matrix are described for polarimetric radar systems. Clutter is modeled by a layer of random permittivity, described by a three-dimensional correlation function, with variance, and horizontal and vertical correlation lengths. Study of the strong fluctuation theory for a bounded layer of random discrete scatterers is extended to include high-order co-polarized and cross-polarized second moments. We have derived the dyadic Green’s function for a two-layer anisotropic medium.

N88-17163

GKSS-Forschungszentrum Geesthacht (West Germany). Inst. fuer Physik.


A shipborne microwave system (X-band) for routine imaging of sea surface waves is presented. The applied measurement and analysis technique provides the asymmetric energy density spectra versus wavenumber components with a very high signal to noise ratio. Deviations of the wave energy from the dispersion shell give the amount and direction of near-surface current. The radar results agree well with those of other measurements. The image transfer function was investigated by measurements and computer simulations. The observed effects of antenna viewing direction, distance from the imaged scene, and average wave height were parameterized, providing a first step toward the development of a self-calibrating system.

N88-17164#

Kiel Univ. (West Germany). Inst. fuer Meereskunde.

HYDROGRAPHIC AND CURRENT MEASUREMENTS IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC OCEAN. DATA REPORT ON F.S. METEOR CRUISES 69/5 AND 69/6, OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER 1984


Hydrographic data and 1 year long records from 6 mooring sites in the NE Atlantic Ocean between 20 N and 41 N and east of 27 W were collected. Sections of temperature, salinity, and density by an in situ calibrated CTD-system; sections from expendable bathythermograph casts; measurements of a geomagnetic electro-kinetograph; and near surface temperature give the amount and direction of near-surface current. The radar results agree well with those of other measurements. The image transfer function was investigated by measurements and computer simulations. The observed effects of antenna viewing direction, distance from the imaged scene, and average wave height were parameterized, providing a first step toward the development of a self-calibrating system.

N88-17165#

Kiel Univ. (West Germany). Inst. fuer Meereskunde.

ANALYSIS OF LOW FREQUENCY CURRENT FLUCTUATIONS IN THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC OCEAN Thesis

T. J. MUELLER 1987 146 p In GERMAN; ENGLISH summary (REPT-170; ISSN-0341-8561; ETN-88-91472) Avail: NTIS HC A07/MF A01

Eulerian current measurements from 13 positions in the Atlantic between 28 N and 42 N and east of 27 W are analyzed. Most of the time series are from the main thermocline and 200 to 380 days long; for position N1, (33 N, 22 W) the series are 2049 days long. Mean current vectors confirm the mean baroclinic circulation pattern inferred from historical data but show higher velocities. Integral time scales of the fluctuative part of the currents are of the order of 20 to 30 days. Only the east component on position N1 has an extremely long integral time scale (70 days). The level of the fluctuative part of kinetic energy is moderate according to position and depth. In the northern Canary basin it has a maximum in the range 50 to 200 days. Neither in the currents nor in their variances is a seasonal signal detected. The zonal component at N1 shows a very slowly varying signal of 3.5 year period. Barotropic and the first baroclinic mode contain greater than 80 percent of the fluctuative part of the energy.

N88-17166#

Old Dominion Univ., Norfolk, Va. Research Foundation.


L. P. ATKINSON Jan. 1988 37 p (Contract DE-FG05-85ER-60348) (DE88-04012; DOE/ER-60348/7; TR-87-12) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01

This study of continental shelf processes affecting the oceanography of the South Atlantic Bight (SAB) is part of the interdisciplinary DOE-sponsored South Atlantic Bight Program. Our part of the program involves hydrographic and nutrient characteristics of the region. Current research efforts in the SAB Program are being focused on the inner shelf region where effects of bottom friction, local wind forcing, river and estuarine discharge, and tides, which are all small scale processes, are important. Our major accomplishment during the past year was the completion of the FLEX (Fall Experiment) field study. Since most of our data collection is computerized, preliminary hydrographic data analysis was done on board ship during the cruise and preliminary results are available. These results will be presented in this report. We are just beginning our standard data processing and data analysis procedures. We continued the processing and analysis of SPREX data collected during April 1985. Work has also continued on the older GABEX I and II data sets.

N88-17167#

Academy of Sciences (USSR), Moscow. Soviet Geophysical Committee.


The catalog contains results obtained by the method of deep seismic sounding in the Pacific Ocean in experiments begun in 1948 to 1950 and then continued into the early 1980’s. The tables of velocity values and thickness of Earth crustal layers, the parameters of the M boundary as well as schemes of seismic sections for more detailed studies are presented. The tables are compiled on the basis of previous publications and available summaries. The distinctive feature of the catalog is that the tables give the information based on observational methods. To demonstrate, the legend chosen on the basis of the analysis of the system of travel-time curves, and the characteristics of sources and receivers are taken into account. This approach allows the scientists to evaluate the relative reliability of each section. The peculiarities of the method are indicated in the study map showing the areas of investigations.

N88-18109#

National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C.

NASA OCEANIC PROCESSES PROGRAM Biennial Report, fiscal years 1986 and 1987


An overview of the recent accomplishments, present activities, and future plans is provided. Sections following the introduction provides summaries of current flight projects and definition studies,
brief descriptions of individual research activities, and a bibliography of referred Journal Articles appearing within the last three years.

Author

N88-18110#  Skidaway Inst. of Oceanography, Savannah, Ga.
COORDINATION: SOUTHEAST CONTINENTAL SHELF
D. W. MENZEL  11 Dec. 1987  31 p
(Contract DE-FG09-86ER-60450)
(DE88-003680; DOE/ER-60450/T1)  Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01
The principal investigator coordinated activities associated with the conduct of research on the oceanography of the southeastern continental shelf. These activities included serving as a contact between program managers at DOE and principal investigators associated with the program, developing long-range research plans, providing DOE with summaries of the results of past and current research activities, conducting planning/reporting meetings involving principal investigators and interested agency personnel, and consolidating and scheduling the use of research vessels.

DOE

N88-19057#  Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Mass.
ESTIMATION OF SEA SURFACE WAVE SPECTRA USING
ACOUSTIC TOMOGRAPHY Ph.D. Thesis
JAMES H. MILLER  Sep. 1987  176 p
(Contract N00014-87-K-0017)
(AD-A187837; WHOI-87-31)  Avail: NTIS HC A09/MF A01
CSCL 08C
The thesis develops a new technique for estimating quasi-homogeneous and quasi-stationary sea surface wave frequency-direction spectra using acoustic tomography. The analysis of acoustic (mode and ray) phase and travel time perturbations due to a rough sea surface is presented. Two canonical waveguides (ideal shallow water and linear squared index of refraction) are used as examples for the mode perturbation. The analysis is used to explain high mode coherence measured in the FRAM IV experiment. The forward problem of computing the acoustic phase and travel time perturbation spectra given the surface wave spectrum is solved at first order. An application of the technique to ray phase data taken during the MIZEX '84 experiment is shown. The inverse problems for the homogeneous and quasi-homogeneous frequency-direction spectrum are introduced. The theory is applied to synthetic data which simulate a fetch-dependent sea. The estimates made agree well with the actual (synthetic data) spectrum. The effect of noise in the travel time estimates is studied. The sensitivity of the technique to the number of rays used in the inversion is investigated and the resolution and variance of the inverse method are addressed.

GRA

N88-19058  Maryland Univ., College Park.
SPATIAL-TEMPORAL VARIABILITY OF NORTH PACIFIC SEA
SURFACE TEMPERATURE ANOMALY PATTERNS Ph.D.
Thesis
JOHN ALBERT ERNST  1987  310 p
Avail: Univ. Microfilms Order No. DA8725499
General Circulation Models were used in the diagnostic mode to assess the importance of the underlying initial boundary condition under the hypothesis that North Pacific sea surface temperature anomalies are an important link in the teleconnective specification of downstream atmospheric weather patterns. The objectives of this study are: to specify the North Pacific sea surface temperature anomaly patterns over the period 1947 to 1983; to determine quantitatively the geographic distribution of the spatial-temporal variability associated with each type of anomaly pattern; and to assess the significance of the resultant type patterns in terms of cloud amount anomaly changes at selected geographic areas. An objective classification of seasonally composited gridpoint values of sea surface temperature anomalies was performed using linear correlation to identify 16 patterns in the North Pacific. The first five types were found to have comprised more than 62 percent of the total number of seasonal anomaly composite maps.

Dissert. Abstr.

N88-19059  New South Wales Univ., Sydney (Australia).
FIVE NEW SOUTH WALES BARRIER LAGOONS: THEIR
MACROBENTHIC FAUNA AND SEAGRASS COMMUNITIES
Abstract Only. Ph.D. Thesis
PHILIP JOHN GIBBS  Dec. 1986  244 p
Avail: Issuing Activity
The distribution of sea grasses was determined in five lagoons: Queens Lake, Lake Macquarie, Lake Illawarra, Burril Lake, and Merimbula Lake. The macrobenthic invertebrates were sampled in 1976 and 1977 at 15 sites in the 3 major sedimentary habitats, the sublittoral fringe and entrance channel, the sublittoral fringe and the central mud basin of each lagoon. Temporal variability in the flora, nutrients, and fauna of the sublittoral fringe habitat of Merimbula Lake was assessed bimonthly over 3 years, 1978 to 1982. Hypotheses relating the biota of barrier lagoons to their geological evolution, biogeography, and coastal zone management are tested. The lagoons span the 2A type in the estuarine evolutionary model of Roy. Elements of the estuarine faunas have cosmopolitan, subtropical northern or cool to cold temperate southern distributions, which cross the boundaries of accepted biogeographic provinces defined for the southeastern Australian exposed rocky shores. A model relating estuarine faunal distribution patterns and offshore ocean currents is presented. Low level sewage enrichment in the sublittoral fringe of Merimbula Lake was compared with levels for the agricultural catchment. Bacteriological studies, however, indicated inadequate management of foreshore effluent disposal systems. Eutrophication is a future consequence for the lagoon.

Author

N88-19060  New South Wales Univ., Sydney (Australia).
MESOSCALE COASTAL OCEAN DYNAMICS Abstract Only
Ph.D. Thesis
DAVID A. GRIFFIN  Nov. 1986  146 p
Avail: Issuing Activity
An analysis of observed circulation over the continental shelf and slope of the southern Great Barrier Reef (GBR), and a theoretical examination of wind driven flow in an infinite channel are presented. Current meters and water level recorders were deployed in the Capricornia section of the GBR from June to December, 1983. Tidal analyses of the hourly data set reveal an amplification of the semidiurnal tides as they propagate north-westward into the Capricorn Channel. The observed M sub 2 tidal heights and currents are in excellent agreement with the results of a barotropic numerical model. The longer period fluctuations of current, sea level, temperature, and wind stress are interpreted by comparison with coastal trapped wave (CTW) theories. Near-coastal currents and sea levels are modeled with some success by a theory of locally wind-forced barotropic continental shelf waves. Recorded temperatures and CTD data reveal that both tidal and longer period currents contribute to periodic upwelling onto the shelf. Secondly, the steady, wind driven, barotropic flow in long frictional channels of parabolic depth profile is examined analytically. Driven by spatially sinusoidal along-channel wind stress, the nature of the circulation depends mainly on the dimensionless channel width. The predicted steady wind driven circulation of Lake Ontario is in accord with observations.

Author

N88-19262#  Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, Calif.
REMOTE SENSING OF ATMOSPHERIC OPTICAL THICKNESS
AND SEA-WATER ATTENUATION WHEN SUBMERGED: WAVELENGTH SELECTION AND ANTICIPATED ERRORS Final
Report, 1 Jul. 1978 - 30 Apr. 1986
T. J. PETZOLD and R. W. AUSTIN  Jul. 1987  84 p
(Contract N00014-78-C-0556)
(AD-A187809; SIO-REF-87-18)  Avail: NTIS HC A05/MF A01
CSCL 20F
Prior analysis and experimentation has provided strong support for determining the attenuation of optical radiation for the
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atmosphere and the water column above a submerged platform by measuring the absolute downwelling irradiance at two wavelengths. The technique requires knowing the two irradiances and also: (1) the spectral irradiance of the Sun outside the atmosphere; (2) the solar zenith angle; and (3) the depth at which the irradiances are measured. With this capability in hand, the questions considered in this report are which wavelengths to use and the effect of errors in the measurement of irradiance and other parameters.

06 HYDROLOGY AND WATER MANAGEMENT

Includes snow cover and water runoff in rivers and glaciers, saline intrusion, drainage analysis, geomorphology of river basins, land uses, and estuarine studies.


**A88-21007**
REMOTELY SENSING OF AQUATIC MACROPHYTE DISTRIBUTION IN SELECTED SOUTH CAROLINA RESERVOIRS


Several state agencies are responsible for monitoring the spread of aquatic macrophytes throughout South Carolina lakes and streams. Remote sensing research was conducted on six reservoirs to determine the identity and geographic distribution of aquatic macrophytes. Color infrared aerial photography acquired at 5,200 and 10,000 feet above ground level provided detailed coverage of each reservoir. Aquatic macrophyte maps derived from the aerial photography were transferred to a UTM projection and then digitized. Results show that identification of both submergent and emergent vegetation was possible but that species identification was restricted to emergent vegetation only. In addition to the basic identification and mapping of aquatic macrophytes, it was also possible to identify cause and effect relationships between aquatic macrophyte distribution and water quality parameters in selected reservoirs. Furthermore, the polygonal macrophyte data represent a comprehensive data set which can be accessed, maintained, and updated by state agencies for use in resource management decisions.

**A88-21011**
GROUNDWATER IDENTIFICATION USING DIGITALLY ENHANCED NHAP

SIMA BAGHERI (New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark) and ROBERT M. HORDON (Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ) IN: American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and ACSM, Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, Mar. 29-Apr. 3, 1987, Technical Papers. Volume 1, Falls Church, VA, American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and ACSM, 1987, p. 94-103. refs

This study investigates the utilization of digitally enhanced National High Altitude Photography (NHAP) for identification of groundwater resources in the Sourland Mountain area of New Jersey. The Sourlands are underlain by diabase and argillite rocks which form one of the poorest areas in the state in terms of groundwater availability. A selected variety of microcomputer-based techniques were used to identify and enhance the fracture traces (faults, fractures and joints) as an aid in the determination of their geologic and hydrologic significance. Fracture traces in consolidated rock formations are usually associated with higher yielding wells since the secondary porosity is greater. NHAP color infrared transparencies were selected for their better resolution and fidelity in distinguishing between subtle differences in soil moisture and vegetation type. The goal of the research is to see if the delineated fracture traces are associated with known well yields so that future wells could be better located.

**A88-21021**
The USE OF REMOTE SENSING IN DEVELOPING AND VALIDATING A GROUND HYDROLOGY/Vegetation MODEL FOR GCM3


Remotely sensed data may be used in the development of a ground hydrology model (GHM) for a general circulation model (GCM) through the prescription of land-surface characteristics and for validation studies. Accuracy requirements for some GHM inputs are considered as possible validation observations of these inputs are compared, and studies using satellite data to measure hydrological variables are considered as possible validation datasets for the GHM. Accuracy requirements for the GHM inputs studied are higher than satellite data can provide, although satellite prescription of fraction of land surface covered with vegetation may be feasible. GGM validation studies using satellite data are potentially useful, but may be hampered by low accuracy and other problems.

**A88-21038**
EVALUATION OF X-BAND SAR IMAGERY FOR MAPPING OPEN SURFACE WATER IN THE NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES


Land area changes in the Mississippi Delta are examined on the basis of an analysis of Landsat MSS Band 4 (IR2) positive transparencies at a scale of 1:1,000,000 obtained on January 26, 1976, December 9, 1981, and February 13, 1985. The results of image interpretation confirm the usefulness of optical satellite remote sensing imagery for monitoring land area changes within the Mississippi delta. It is also suggested that radar imagery immune to the frequent cloud cover might be even more useful.

**A88-21042**
SPECTRAL ENHANCEMENTS OF LANDSAT MSS AND TM IMAGERY APPLIED TO GROUND WATER INVESTIGATIONS IN KENYA


Land area changes in the Mississippi Delta are examined on the basis of an analysis of Landsat MSS Band 4 (IR2) positive transparencies at a scale of 1:1,000,000 obtained on January 26, 1976, December 9, 1981, and February 13, 1985. The results of image interpretation confirm the usefulness of optical satellite remote sensing imagery for monitoring land area changes within the Mississippi delta. It is also suggested that radar imagery immune to the frequent cloud cover might be even more useful.

**A88-24198**
*Jet Propulsion Lab., California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena.*

**LANDSAT CLASSIFICATION OF THE BARREN HYDROLITTORAL AREAS OF LAKE YLI-KITKA, NORTH-EASTERN FINLAND**

J. RAITALA (California Institute of Technology, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena; Oulu, University, Finland), H. JANTUNEN, and J. LAMPINEN (Oulu, University, Finland) Space Technology - Industrial and Commercial Applications (ISSN 0277-4488), vol. 7, no. 4, 1987, p. 265-272. Research supported by the Foundation for Research of Natural Resources in Finland. refs

As a part of the project 'Landsat-studies for Mapping the Variables within Water Areas' this study deals with the classification possibilities of eval and mapping depth relations and bottom materials within the barren and clear-watered shores of Lake Yli-Kitka, North-Eastern Finland. It has been discovered that it is possible to distinguish open water areas with a water depth of more than about half of the Secchi disk depth from those of shallower hydrolittoral areas. The morainic, sandy and only slightly vegetated subareas of the shallow shores and shoals can possibly
be identified by using a simple classification procedure. The data used were recorded by the coarse-resolution Landsat TM imagery system, and better results are expected after the experiences of the Landsat TM data and the availability of the SPOT material.

**A88-24662**


In Russian. These papers are presented on remote-sensing investigations of lakes, with emphasis on the remote monitoring of the optical properties of lake waters and anthropogenic eutrophication; the study of thermal and radiative regimes; and the investigation of ice cover. Particular consideration is given to the remote sensing of chlorophyll in natural reservoirs, the comparative characterization of the radiative temperature and surface water temperature of lakes, microwave measurements of melting ice cover on lakes, and the organization of comprehensive remote monitoring of factors determining the eutrophication of Lake Ladoga.

**A88-27815**

**REMOTE SENSING OF SOIL MOISTURE**


**A88-29493**

**MULTITEMPORAL LANDSAT MULTISPECTRAL SCANNER AND THEMATIC MAPPER DATA OF THE HUBBARD GLACIER REGION, SOUTHEAST ALASKA**


The influence of ice-grain size distribution on the thermal microwave emissivity of snow cover is studied with reference to remote-sensing studies. It is shown that the brightness temperature of snow depends strongly on its statistical characteristics. An increase in variance is associated with an increase in the number of small and large grains. In the long-wavelength region, where scattering is low, large particles lead to an increase in the variance, which leads in turn to a slight decrease in the brightness temperature. The effect of small particles is most pronounced in the short-wavelength region, where they substantially enhance absorption.

**A88-25730**

**CHARACTERISTICS OF EXTREME RAINFALL EVENTS IN NORTHERN PERU DURING THE 1982-1983 EL NINO PERIOD**


**A88-25735**

**GAS EXCHANGE ON MONO LAKE AND CROWLEY LAKE, CALIFORNIA**

RIK WANNINKHOV, JAMES R. LEDWELL, and WALLACE S. BROECRKER (LaMont-Doherty Geological Observatory, Palisades, NY) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 92, Dec. 15, 1987, p. 14567-14580.**

**A88-27741 COMPLEX REMOTE MONITORING OF LAKES [KOMPLEKSNYI DISTANSIONNIY MONITORING OZER]**


In Russian. No individual items are abstracted in this work.
A method for the estimation of the heat conducted from the glacier subsoil into the glacier run water was developed. The model approximation for the energy balance from which the available melted snow and ice are deduced is presented. The simulation of the discharge at a weather station using a mathematical model is explained. The results show that a simple energy balance model allows the calculation of the melted snow and ice production in a limited area, with a time and superficial resolution sufficient to use the data as input for a discharge model. Although not all phenomena were modeled in detail, there is good agreement between the modelled and the measured discharge.

**Author**

Michael Garstang

**Title**

The Primary Objective of the Tropical Rain Measuring Mission (TRMM) were to: integrate the rain-gage measurements with radar measurements of rainfall using the KSCF/Patrick digitized radar and associated rainfall network; delineate the major rain-bearing systems; use the results of these analyses decide upon the ground truth data; and to develop methods of predicting changes in the distribution of water (vapor, liquid, and solid) and energy fluxes in the global atmosphere and the underlying surface; and to develop methods of predicting changes in the distribution of water (vapor, liquid, and solid) within the global atmosphere and on the underlying surface, which may occur naturally or through man’s activity is presented. Global atmospheric models are reviewed. Techniques for global observational, and the contribution of spaceborne techniques are discussed.

**Report of the Workshop on Space Systems Possibilities for a Global Energy and Water Cycle Experiment**


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**ESA**

**Title**

**Author**

B.G.
A88-20927
HIERARCHICAL SEGMENTATION USING A COMPOSITE CRITERION FOR REMOTELY SENSED IMAGERY
MORRIS GOLDBERG and JINYUN ZHANG (Ottawa, University, Canada) Photogrammetria (ISSN 0031-8663), vol. 42, Dec. 1987, p. 87-96. ref

An image segmentation algorithm based upon hierarchical step-wise optimization with a composite merge criterion is presented. In hierarchical step-wise optimization, at each step, the two segments which optimize a criterion/cost function are found and merged. The main innovation proposed in this paper is that different criteria are employed at different stages in the hierarchical process. At the lowest stage, when the segment size is still small, the segment mean is the main information and is used in the merge criterion. For the intermediate stages, with increasing segment size, the mean is no longer sufficient to describe the characteristics of a segment and, therefore, a criterion related to the mean and the variance is considered. At the final stage, additional information such as the edge information is included in the criterion. In other words, with increasing segment size, more information is required to describe the characteristics of the segments and is incorporated into a composite criterion. Experimental results on a Landsat image show that improved segmentations can result when a composite criterion is employed. Author

A88-20901
OPERATIONAL REVISION OF NATIONAL TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS IN CANADA USING LANDSAT IMAGES
ANTHONY M. TURNER (Gregory Geoscience, Ltd., Ottawa, Canada) and DAVID R. STAFFORD (Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, Topographical Survey Div., Ottawa, Canada) ITC Journal (ISSN 0303-2434), no. 2, 1987, p. 123-128. refs

A88-21025* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Earth Resources Lab., Bay St. Louis, Miss.
DEVELOPMENT OF A 32-BIT UNIX-BASED ELAS WORKSTATION

A mini/microcomputer UNIX-based image analysis workstation has been designed and is being implemented to use the Earth Resources Laboratory Applications Software (ELAS). The hardware system includes a MASSCOMP 5600 computer, which is a 32-bit UNIX-based system (compatible with AT&T System V and Berkeley 4.2 BSD operating system), a floating point accelerator, a 474-megabyte fixed disk, a tri-density magnetic tape drive, and an 1152 by 910 by 12-plane color graphics/image interface. The software conversion includes reconfiguring the ELAs driver Master Task, recompiling and then testing the converted application modules. This hardware and software configuration is a self-sufficient image analysis workstation which can be used as a stand-alone system, or networked with other compatible workstations. Author

A88-21026
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAND ANALYSIS SYSTEM ON A WORKSTATION

The Land Analysis System (LAS) provides a broad range of functional capabilities in the general areas of image processing and analysis, tabular data processing and analysis, geographic data input and manipulation, and custom product generation. To enhance the functionality and utility of LAS to its users, implementations of LAS are being extended to microprocessor-based workstations. The LAS host-computer and workstation implementation approach centers on the development of highly transportable and functionally modular software and the use of high-level programming languages and operating system techniques. This includes the conversion of LAS to the UNIX operating system environment to further reduce hardware dependencies and to expand the utility of LAS to users on a broad range of processors. Author
Scatter diagrams of principal components 1 and 2 showed good potential for determining the relative level of plant development.

Author

**A88-21037**  Vexcell Corp., Boulder, Colo.

**IMAGE BASED SAR PRODUCT SIMULATION FOR ANALYSIS**


SAR product simulation serves to predict SAR image gray values for various flight paths. Input typically consists of a digital elevation model and backscatter curves. A new method is described of product simulation that employs also a real SAR input image for image simulation. This can be denoted as 'image-based simulation'. Different methods to perform this SAR prediction are presented and advantages and disadvantages discussed. Ascending and descending orbit images from NASA's SIR-B experiment were used for verification of the concept: input images from ascending orbits were converted into images from a descending orbit; the results are compared to the available real imagery to verify that the prediction technique produces meaningful image data.

Author

**A88-21047**  A SATELLITE IMAGE MOSAIC OF ILLINOIS


An account is given of the creation and publication of a 'Satellite Image Map of Illinois' (Illinois State Geological Survey, 1985). The image map was created in color from 12 TM scenes acquired in autumn. It is found that sharpened half-tone positives provide better quality control than sharpened half-tone negative films do for lithographic platemaking. Attention is given to the concept and design of the image map product, the entities involved in preparation and publication, the production processes employed, and the response of the public.

K.K.

**A88-21048**  COMPUTER-ASSISTED COLOR GENERATION FOR THEMATIC MAPPING


New techniques for computer-assisted color generation have been developed as part of thematic map production within the USGS. Inherent to the techniques is the raster scanning of color boundary linework using the Scitex system; the linework is then converted to vector data and processed through the National Mapping Division's Production System software. The computer-assisted approach guarantees that all polygons within the map have their color generated automatically; moreover, it greatly reduces the amount of interactive work required at the Scitex raster edit station.

K.K.

**A88-21049**  COMPARISON OF THE GRIDDED FINITE ELEMENT AND THE POLYNOMIAL INTERPOLATIONS FOR GEOMETRIC RECTIFICATION AND MOSAICKING OF LANDSAT DATA

JUNE M. THRUMOOGSARD (USGS, EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, SD) and THOMAS LILLESAND (Wisconsin, University, Madison) IN: American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and ACSM, Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, Mar. 29-Apr. 3, 1987, Technical Papers. Volume 2. Falls Church, VA, American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and ACSM, 1987, p. 139-151. refs

Author

**A88-21055**  AN EXPERT SYSTEM FOR THE COMPUTER-ASSISTED ANALYSIS OF RADAR IMAGERY


Automated identification of features on radar imagery was carried out. The following steps were involved: (1) the detection of descriptors, (2) the application of condition/action rules to organize the descriptors into descriptor sets, and (3) the application of if-then rules to infer feature identity from descriptor sets.

K.K.

**A88-21059**  METHODS AND ACCURACY OF OPERATIONAL DIGITAL IMAGE MAPPING WITH AIRCRAFT SAR


An airborne sidelooking Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) system, STAR-1, has been complemented by processing techniques to create a new type of cartographic product: a 1:50,000 radar image map with 100 m contour lines. This product is denoted as STARMAP. The paper describes the system, processing steps and some results.

Author

**A88-21061**  DIGITAL TERRAIN ANALYSIS EMPLOYING X-Y-Z POINT VECTORS AS INPUT DATA


Software for producing a smooth, digital terrain model in a raster image file has been developed based on the application of a cubic spline interpolation on an X-Y-Z sample input. The method finds the best approximation for the Z value for each X-Y point in the data set, with the interpolator calculating a smooth approximation for elevation for points falling between the contour intervals. Terrain analysis software is then used to calculate slope, aspect, and slope length.

R.R.

**A88-21062**  AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PHOTOGRAMMETRY AND REMOTE SENSING AND ACSM, ANNUAL CONVENTION, BALTIMORE, MD, MAR. 29-APR. 3, 1987, TECHNICAL PAPERS. VOLUME 6 - IMAGE DATA PROCESSING

Convention sponsored by the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and ACSM. Falls Church, VA, American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and ACSM, 1987, 163 p. For individual items see A88-21063 to A88-21075.

The conference presents papers on a proposed semisupervised two-stage classification technique, detecting subpixel woody features using simulated multispectral and panchromatic spot imagery, a semi-automated training sample selector for multispectral land cover classification, and a comparison of the hierarchical cluster and homogeneous training field detection methods in classifying urban land covers from TM data. Other topics include the use of automated computer vision techniques for the recognition of features of radar imagery, and the application of frequency

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filtering in remotely sensed imagery. Consideration is also given to land cover change detection using a GIS-guided feature-based classification of Landsat TM mapper data, the Landsat remote sensing imagery analysis program, and a microcomputer processing system utilizing currently available hardware.

A88-21063
A PROPOSED SEMI-SUPERVISED TWO STAGE CLASSIFICATION TECHNIQUE


A two step Semi-Supervised classifier is being developed on an IBM PC-AT microcomputer at the Environmental Remote Sensing Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison. This technique is used to classify images of digitized aerial photographs. This is a hybrid classification technique that offers the advantage of an unsupervised classification with the direction of a supervised classification scheme. The first step identifies training sets in an image utilizing a limited number of training 'areas', so that an unsupervised clustering algorithm can identify a user defined number of spectral clusters to segment the scene. After the scene is classified spectrally the second step potentially increases classification accuracy by reclassifying certain cover types according to ancillary data.

A88-21064
RESULTS OF TESTING DIGITAL IMAGE MEASUREMENTS AND ENHANCEMENTS ON THE REMOTE WORK PROCESSING FACILITY


The Digital Image Measurements and Enhancement (DIME) compendium is an effort to document the image measurements available on the Defense Mapping Agency's Remote Work Processing Facility (RWPF). Various test images were systematically processed using each of the available measures. Training and classification experiments were also performed on the images and the results subjectively reviewed. It was found that most texture measures were sensitive to image resolution. It was also noted that some measures were sensitive to the orientation of features to be segmented. Insights were provided as to the choice of window size parameters required by some measures. Information was also gained with respect to the use of edge-preserving measures, highly correlated texture measures, and cascaded measures (i.e., the output of one measure used as input to a second measure).

A88-21065
A SEMI-AUTOMATED TRAINING SAMPLE SELECTOR FOR MULTISPECTRAL LAND COVER CLASSIFICATION


A semiautomated training sample selector was developed to address problems encountered in the application of conventional image analysis techniques to high-resolution multispectral imagery and to eliminate more general problems associated with conventional classification approaches. The procedure can be implemented in either a supervised or unsupervised mode. Preliminary testing of the procedure with SPOT imagery simulation and TM imagery attests to its ability to produce accurate image classifications while simultaneously reducing image analyst time requirements.

A88-21067
A COMPARISON OF THE HIERARCHICAL CLUSTER AND HOMOGENEOUS TRAINING FIELD DETECTION METHODS IN CLASSIFYING URBAN LANDCOVERS FROM TM DATA


A88-21068

REFINING IMAGE SEGMENTATION BY POLYGON SKELETONIZATION


A skeletonization algorithm was encoded and applied to a test data set of land-use polygons taken from a USGS digital land use dataset at 1:250,000. The distance transform produced by this method was instrumental in the description of the shape, size, and level of generalization of the outlines of the polygons. A comparison of the topology of skeletons for forested wetlands and lakes indicated that some distinction based solely upon the shape properties of the areas is possible, and may be of use in an intelligent automated land cover classification system.

A88-21069
THE USE OF AUTOMATED COMPUTER VISION TECHNIQUES FOR THE RECOGNITION OF FEATURES ON RADAR IMAGERY


Computer vision techniques were identified and developed to automatically recognize descriptor sets being used by image analysts for the characterization of features found in radar imagery. This was accomplished via careful selection of existing raster and vector image processing tools that provided reliable edge information. It is concluded that the ability to identify points, lines, areas, and their associated patterns provides a substantial image processing foundation on which the computer-assisted analysis of radar imagery of various forms can be conducted.

A88-21070
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DATA PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

A88-21072
APPLICATION OF FREQUENCY FILTERING IN REMOTELY SENSED IMAGERY

The two-dimensional Fourier transform allows conceptual examination of an image from another coordinate space, known as the frequency domain. It is easier and more efficient to study some image characteristics and perform some operations, such as filtering, in the frequency domain than in the spatial domain. A software package for a two-dimensional fast Fourier transform (FFT) and frequency filtering was implemented on a microcomputer at the Environmental Remote Sensing Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison. In filtering operations, the discontinuity caused by the ideal filter with a specific cut-off frequency normally generates ringing in the filtered image. In order to reduce ringing, the ideal filter is modified by a window function. A series of experiments were conducted to illustrate the importance of choosing the proper window function to minimize the ringing in the filtered image. This frequency filtering technique was successfully applied to remove periodic noise in a digital thermal image and satellite data.

A88-21075
LANDSAT REMOTE SENSING IMAGERY ANALYSIS PROGRAM

A multispectral image processing program has been developed that fully utilizes the improved graphics and processor capabilities of AT-class microcomputers with enhanced graphics. With no requirements of specialized hardware, the program provides high resolution gray-level displays of single bands of multispectral data, color displays of multiband scenes, statistical analysis of the data, selection of training areas, and supervised classification of up to seven bands of data utilizing a maximum probable likelihood classifier. The program can work with subscreens as large as 3600 pixels wide by essentially unlimited height. Output of both single band displays and classified images is supported on several popular graphics printers. The menu-driven user interface makes the program particularly suitable as an introduction to the concepts of remote sensing image classification. The program has been placed in the public domain and is available for noncommercial purposes.

A88-23502/
INTERPRETATION OF SATELLITE IMAGERY OF A RAPIDLY DEEPENING CYCLONE

Model output and observational data are used to interpret, in detail, satellite images of a distinctive cloud system several hundred kilometers long, which was observed before and during rapid cyclonic development that occurred over England. Conceptual models which account for the structure of the major cloud areas and upper-level moisture fields immediately prior to and following the onset of vigorous cyclogenesis are forwarded. The cloud system corresponded to what R. B. Weldon (1979) refers to as a baroclinic leaf cloud and was characterized by ‘ana’ cold frontal ascent. The baroclinic leaf lay within an area of enhanced ascent ahead of a major upper-level trough. A jet streak which originated upstream, propagated rapidly around the base of the upper trough.

A88-23760
GEOMETRIC ACCURACY TESTING OF ORBITAL RADAR IMAGERY
ABDALLA ELSADIG ALI (Khartoum, University, Sudan) Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing (ISSN 0099-1112), vol. 53, Nov. 1987, p. 1533-1537. refs

Two spaceborne synthetic aperture side-looking radar (SLR) images covering two different areas were tested for geometric accuracy in order to assess the suitability of the present spaceborne radar systems for topographic mapping applications. The results confirm that the geometric accuracy of SLR imagery falls far below that of conventional photographic images. The attainable accuracy is dependent on many factors, the most important of which are the method of processing SAR data and the nature and topography of the area being mapped. The results also show that metric information can be extracted from spaceborne radars at an accuracy standard sufficient for the purposes of many developing countries, particularly those with continuous cloud cover which makes acquisition of photographic images impossible.

A88-23761
ASSESSMENT OF SIR-B FOR TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING
P. J. WISE (Division of National Mapping, Belconnen, Australia) and J. C. TRINDER (New South Wales, University, Kensington, Australia) Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing (ISSN 0099-1112), vol. 53, Nov. 1987, p. 1539-1544. Research supported by the Division of National Mapping. refs

The geometric accuracy of features derived from SIR-B (Shuttle Imaging Radar-B) data and the detectability of features required for cartographic map scales in Australia are experimentally investigated. The geometric accuracy of the SIR-B radar is found to be suitable only for 1:250,000-scale mapping and smaller because the rms vector error from the first-order polynomial used to transform the radar data to the map grid is about four pixels, or about 50 m on the ground. Analysis of the content shows that at best the radar images contain only 60 percent of the detail depicted on a 1:100,000 map.

A88-23768
APPLICATION OF PREDICTIVE COMPRESSION METHODS TO SYNTHETIC APERTURE RADAR IMAGERY
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In this paper, it is demonstrated that strip map SAR imagery can be characterized by correlations that can be used in a design of a prediction compression system. Using 6-m resolution SAR data obtained by the Sea Ice and Terrain Assessment Radar system described by Nichols et al. (1984), it is shown that simple predictive coding system utilizing an unadaptive moving-average (MA) predictor and a Gaussian optimal quantizer can result in satisfactory reconstructed imagery at compression ratios of 2:1 to 4:1. It is also shown that an MA predictor is more suitable for SAR prediction than the commonly used autoregressive predictor; the advantages of MA predictors are their lack of stability problems and their limited memory in the presence of channel errors.
A88-24935
THE APPLICATION OF PERCEPTUAL COLOR SPACES TO THE DISPLAY OF REMOTELY SENSED IMAGERY

An attempt is made to show how perceptually uniform color spaces can improve significantly the interpretability of displays and remotely sensed geoscientific imagery. A computational framework encompassing the mapping of data into perceptually uniform color spaces is presented, and practical application of this framework to various types of geophysical data is described. Applications include the depiction of informative data variables in specified lightness and saturation ranges, the effective utilization of chromatic contrast in multispectral data displays, and representations of more complex integrated data sets.

I.E.

A88-24936
REGISTRATION OF IMAGES WITH GEOMETRIC DISTORTIONS
ARDESHIR GOSHTASBY (Kentucky, University, Lexington) IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing (ISSN 0196-2892), vol. 26, Jan. 1988, p. 60-64. Research supported by the University of Kentucky. refs

A technique for registration of images with geometric distortions is described. This technique uses two surface splines to represent the X-component and the Y-component of a mapping function. A mapping function is described in such a way that it would map corresponding control points in the images exactly on top of each other and map other points in the images by interpolation using information and local geometric distortion between the images.

I.E.

A88-24937
A TRANSFORMATION FOR ORDERING MULTISPECTRAL DATA IN TERMS OF IMAGE QUALITY WITH IMPLICATIONS FOR NOISE REMOVAL
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A transformation known as the maximum noise fraction (MNF) transformation, which always produces new components ordered by image quality, is presented. It can be shown that this transformation is equivalent to principal components transformations when the noise variance is the same in all bands and that it reduces to a multiple linear regression when noise is in one band only. Noise can be effectively removed from multispectral data by transforming to the MNF space, smoothing or rejecting the most noisy components, and then retransforming to the original space. In this way, more intense smoothing can be applied to the MNF components with high noise and low signal and then retransformed out of three-dimensional input data. A completely automated approach is presented for digital generation of elevation data from stereo pairs. The emphasis will be on the reliability and precision of results obtained from digital image data.

I.E.

A88-27624*
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RECENT DATA QUALITY AND EARTH SCIENCE RESULTS FROM THE LANDSAT THEMATIC MAPPER

The results of the NASA Landsat Image Data Quality Analysis (LIDQA) program are reviewed. Landsat-4 and Landsat-5 TM data quality with regard to image geometry and radiometry are discussed. The results indicate that the TM provides excellent imagery that can be used in the analysis of satellite data. The TM has maps meeting cartographic standards at scales of 1:100,000 or smaller. These data can be used to locate features or guide the revision or updating of maps for scales up to 1:24,000. The TM sensor is also providing data of good radiometric quality and stability, with radiometric uncertainties of 1 percent or smaller. The temperature dependence in the absolute radiometry is on the order of 1 to 5 percent of full scale. In terms of bidirectional reflectance estimated at the satellite, the error is estimated at under 6 percent and commonly 3 percent. Preliminary results also corroborate the utility of the TM for geological or geographical studies.

C.D.

A88-27625
DIGITAL STEREO PROCESSING OF SATELLITE IMAGE DATA

Currently, space image data of the earth's surface is being primarily used with emphasis on two-dimensional information compiled from three-dimensional input data. This is now emerging through the multilateral viewing capability of new spaceborne Visible/Infrared and SAR imaging systems. While visual relief perception from stereo pairs is easily achievable using low-level processed data, more advanced digital stereo processing techniques can be used as versatile tools to extract information out of three-dimensional input data. A completely automated approach is presented for digital generation of elevation data from stereo pairs. The emphasis will be on the reliability and precision of results obtained from digital image data.

Author

A88-27630
SIMULATION OF SPACEBORNE SAR IMAGERY FROM AIRBORNE SAR DATA

This paper discusses the simulation of the spaceborne SAR imagery using airborne SAR data obtained by the SAR-580 experiments of 1983 in Japan. Simulation parameters are spatial resolution, received signal-to-noise ratio, the number of bits in the
raw data sample, and the number of looks. The simulation method is described, and first analysis results are given on the received signal-to-noise ratio. 

**A88-27831**

SIMULATION OF BIT-QUANTIZATION INFLUENCE ON SAR IMAGES


The influence of two-bit and four-bit quantization schemes on the ocean wave spectra obtained in the wave imaging mode of the first European Remote Sensing Satellite ERS-1 is analyzed. The SAR images utilized were obtained through simulation using a static ocean-wave radar model and a comprehensive software SAR system simulation model. The results indicate that spectra produced by the four-bit quantization are not significantly degraded from the optimum, but that the two-bit quantization requires some gain adjustment for optimal spectral reproduction. The conclusions are supported by images and spectral plots covering the various options simulated. 

C.D.

**A88-27834**

SPECKLE IN SAR IMAGES - AN EVALUATION OF FILTERING TECHNIQUES


This study compares five usual filtering techniques to remove speckle noise in remote-sensing synthetic aperture radar images. All algorithms were tested on real remote-sensing images with vegetation and urban areas. The comparison includes brief theoretical analysis, visual interpretation, computing time, and classification results. The study shows the necessity of filtering SAR images for classification purposes and selects an adaptive filter based on nonlinear local statistics as the best one for agricultural images. 

Author

**A88-28009**

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EXTRACTION OF SPECTRAL HEMISPHERICAL REFLECTANCE (ALBEDO) OF SURFACES FROM NADIR AND DIRECTIONAL REFLECTANCE DATA

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A radiative transfer model is used to investigate how the error of spectral hemispherical reflectance data obtained from nadir reflectance values varies with wavelength, solar zenith angle, leaf area index, and leaf orientation distribution. Several techniques employing multiple off-nadir view angles taken in azimuth planes are found to accurately infer spectral hemispherical reflectances, and to be well suited to sensor systems that scan in a known azimuth plane or view from and in a known azimuth plane. The effects of errors in hemispherical reflectance on terrestrial energy budget and productivity calculations is also considered.

R.R.

**A88-28602**

THEMATIC MAPPER AND SPOT INTEGRATION WITH A GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM


The integration of remote sensing and geographic information systems GIS is essential for effective resource management. The volume of remote sensing imagery for managing a provincial resource is such that one must use digital image analysis systems. By combining remote sensing image analysis and geographic information systems, resource managers can have timely and accurate knowledge of a renewable resource. In addition, satellite imagery with higher resolution can be used to update road network information in a GIS for a city. There are, however, several scientific and technical problems that reduce the success of this integration. This paper describes several integration problems and the Landsat Digital Image Analysis System (LDIAS) used at the Canada Centre for Remote Sensing (CCRS). Experiments have been conducted integrating a forestry geographic information system for the province of British Columbia with LDIAS and SPOT imagery with city information. Some of the difficulties encountered require the use of nonalgorithmic solutions which use symbolic reasoning. 

**A88-28604**

THE POTENTIAL FOR AUTOMATED MAPPING FROM GEOCODED DIGITAL IMAGE DATA

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Recent improvements in the resolution of available commercial satellite imagery, combined with new techniques for high-precision geometric image correction, now make production of accurate topographic maps from satellite imagery possible. This paper discusses the technical considerations of using imagery from existing satellites such as Landsat and SPOT.

Author

**A88-28605**

EVALUATION OF THE STEREOSCOPIC ACCURACY OF THE SPOT SATELLITE


The methods used for the in-flight assessment of the SPOT 1 satellite are described. The sequence of operations, including the checkout organization, determination of a network of control points, image acquisition programming, and processing of stereopairs, is discussed. The results, including quality of plotting, of modeling, and of restitution are examined. Future prospects for the photogrammetric exploitation of SPOT images are addressed. 

C.D.

**A88-28680**

RADIOMETRIC CORRECTION OF C-BAND IMAGERY FOR TOPOGRAPHIC EFFECTS IN REGIONS OF MODERATE RELIEF


The combined effects of topography, slope, look angle, and aspect on C-band synthetic-aperture radar (SAR) data on the radiometric quality of SAR images in a region of moderate relief are studied. A correction method was used to attenuate the change of illumination across the swath due to the antenna pattern. Ground data were integrated into the analysis using a digital terrain model (DTM). Correction functions based on the cosine of the incidence angle were applied to the thematic classes and to the grouped classes in order to reduce the effects related to
The accuracy of the resulting maps or profiles will be diminished if the corrections were applied, and a reduction was noted of the variance in the radiometric values of the spectral signatures of the cover types, which ranged between 3.03 and 9.47 percent, depending on the correction function used. No noticeable correction occurred of pixels with slopes less than 6 deg and at local incident angles less than 26 deg. However, the closer the slopes are to being perpendicular to the look direction, the stronger is the correlation between backscatter and slope angle. I.E.

SAR IMAGING OF VOLUME SCATTERERS

The first renormalization scattering method is used to obtain an expression for the synthetic-aperture radar (SAR) complex image amplitude of a volume scatterer with an undulating boundary surface. This expression is then used to derive further expressions for correlations of such an image when the boundary is either deterministic or random. I.E.

THE ACQUISITION OF SPOT-1 HRV IMAGERY OVER SOUTHERN BRITAIN AND NORTHERN FRANCE, MAY 1986-MAY 1987
JANIS CUSHNIE (Reading, University, England) International Journal of Remote Sensing (ISSN 0143-1161), vol. 9, Jan. 1988, p. 159-167. The number and spatial distribution of SPOT-1 HRV images acquired over southern Britain and northern France during the first commercial year of the SPOT system have been assessed in response to concern about the lack of cloud-free imagery. It is confirmed that, despite large numbers of images being acquired per scene (1 panchromatic and 12 multispectral on average over northern France; 8 panchromatic and 12 multispectral over southern Britain), most are of limited use because of cloud cover. Only 30 percent of the images collected have at least one quadrant with less than 25 percent cloud cover and 10 percent have less than 10 percent cloud cover in each quadrant. Recommendations on what can be done are presented. B.J.

RELATING NIMBUS-7 37 GHz DATA TO GLOBAL LAND-SURFACE EVAPORATION, PRIMARY PRODUCTIVITY AND THE ATMOSPHERIC CO2 CONCENTRATION

Global observations at 37 GHz by the Nimbus-7 SMMR are related to zonal variations of land surface evaporation and primary productivity, as well as to temporal variations of atmospheric CO2 concentration. The temporal variation of CO2 concentration and the zonal variations of evaporation and primary productivity are shown to be highly correlated with the satellite sensor data. The potential usefulness of the 37-GHz data for global biospheric and climate studies is noted. B.J.

ACCURACY OF MAPPING BY PANORAMIC PHOTOGRAPHY
S. PITERI (Athens, University, Greece) Earth, Moon, and Planets (ISSN 0167-8295), vol. 40, Jan. 1988, p. 29-44. refs

An effort has been made to estimate the accuracy of mapping with the use of panoramic photography. The analysis includes a formulation of the equations that give the ground coordinates of objects imaged on two panoramic photographs. The effect of errors in the acquisition of the data on the estimation of the ground coordinates of the objects has been calculated and it is shown that the accuracy of the resulting maps or profiles will be diminished for objects near the horizon and for objects imaged at the ends of the film strip. Author

AN AUTOCAD-BASED MAPPING SYSTEM FOR ENCODED STEREOPLOTTERS
JAMES A. ROGERS (North Pacific Aerial Surveys, Inc., Anchorage, AK) and ROBERT M. BENNETT (ComRim Systems, Inc., Anchorage, AK) Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing (ISSN 0099-1112), vol. 54, March 1988, p. 353-355. The use of low cost, general purpose PC equipment for photogrammetric data capture is discussed. Author

AN INTEGRATED APPROACH FOR AUTOMATED COVER-TYPE MAPPING OF LARGE INACCESSIBLE AREAS IN ALASKA

An integrated approach to computer-aided analysis is described by illustrating the development of a cover-type map for the 1.43 million acre Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. This method combines field data with spatial data sets consisting of Landsat MS data, digital elevation data, and high-altitude color-IR aerial photographs. Consideration is given to the data selection and definition process; the selection of training blocks and plots; the collection of the field data; the preprocessing of the spectral classes; the processing of the field data; the labeling and stratification of the spectral classes; and the evaluation of the cover-type classification. The benefits of this integrated procedure employed to generate cover-type maps are discussed. I.F.

THE ARSUP DATABASE AND ITS ACCESS THROUGH THE CMCRS CATALOG - MAKING AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC DIGITAL MAPS FROM THE ARSUP PROCESS

INFORMATION CONTENT OF SPECTRAL SIGNATURES AND TEXTURES FOR REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH (ZUM INFORMATIONSGEHALT VON SPECTRALEN SIGNATURMERKMALEN SOWIE TEXTUREN UND STRUKTUREN FUER DIE GEOFERNERKUNDUNG)
R. SOELLNER (Akademie der Wissenschaften der DDR, Zentralinstitut fuer Physik der Erde, Potsdam, German Democratic Republic) Gelands Beitrage zur Geophysik (ISSN 0016-8696), vol. 96, no. 6, 1987, p. 479-488. In German. refs

The use of spectral signatures to determine the textural and structural characteristics of natural objects in remote sensing is discussed. It is shown how the different properties of the biosphere and the lithosphere can be determined point by point using broadband measurements of target surfaces in the visible and in the near-infrared, infrared, far-infrared, and microwave regions. A classification of the textures of natural objects for purposes of remote sensing is proposed. C.D.

KARST AND EROSION TOPOGRAPHY ON SPACE PHOTOGRAPHS (WITH REFERENCE TO THE USTIURT PLATEAU) (EROZIONNO-KARSTOVYE FORMY REL'EFA NA KOSMICHESKIKHI SNIMKAKH /NA PRIMERE PLATO USTIURT/)
M. I. BURLESHIN and A. G. CHIKISHEV (Proizvodstvennoe
A88-30086
THE USE OF SUCCESSIVE CLUSTERING TO ANALYZE MULTISPECTRAL IMAGERY (PRIMENENIE POSLEDOVATEL'NOI KLASTERIZATSII DLIA ANALIZA MNOGOZONACNYKH IZOBRAZHENII)
M. D. BETEIDO, N. POTAPOV, A. V. SHATALOV, and R. I. EL'MAN (Vsesuosziuno Aerofotolesoustroitel'noe Ob'edinenie, Moscow, USSR) Issledovanie Zemli iz Kosmosa (ISSN 0205-9614), Nov.-Dec. 1987, p. 73-78. In Russian. refs
This paper considers an algorithm of successive classification without training and its application in the analysis of multispectral imagery. The method essentially relies on the iterative use of clustering analysis to extract image regions with spectrally uniform brightness and to assign them to specific classes. At the end of each iteration the regions recognized are labeled with the name of a corresponding class and are no longer considered. The contrast of the rest of the image is enhanced and the analysis procedure is repeated. The advantages of this method are illustrated with reference to the condition of pine forests estimated using multispectral images.

A88-32167
A COMPARISON BETWEEN PANORAMIC PHOTOGRAPHY AND CONVENTIONAL AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY IN TERMS OF MAPPING ACCURACY
The accuracy of estimation of ground coordinates of objects imaged using aerial photography is compared with that of objects imaged using panoramic photography. Errors in the data used to evaluate the ground coordinates affect the accuracy of mapping from both types of photography in a similar way when the image points have small radial distances. The mapping accuracy from panoramic photography can be improved when the image points of the ground objects appear near the edges of the photograph, although this is also the case for tilted aerial photographs. R.R.

A88-15287*
LANDSAT THEMATIC MAPPER RADIOMETRIC CALIBRATION STUDY
The intent was to develop and test analytical techniques that will enhance the scientific and technical exploitation of digital multispectral data. The thrust involved radiometric calibration efforts aimed at determining the bias and validity in absolute temperature determinations using TM band 6 data. Other objectives included: looking at spectral characterization; change detection; combined reflective and emissive data use; and mixed pixel and atmospheric adjustments. To date, six TM data sets (five day scenes and one night scene) have been analyzed. Calibration accuracy of the water and non-water satellite-determined temperatures, using atmospherically corrected radiance values determined from LOWTRAN 6 with local radiosonde, non-local radiosonde, and LOWTRAN 6 model atmospheres, have been studied. Thermal values for non-water pixels have recently been determined. Extensive progress has been made in validating our calibration methodology, analyzing TMS-band 6 data sets for water and non-water pixels, verifying the mixed pixel and atmospheric adjustment methodologies, considering the quantitative effects of clouds and emissivities on absolute temperature determinations, and in conducting initial experiments relative to band 7 calibration. DOE


N88-16115*
MULISTEP COMPONENT ANALYSIS OF CORRELATIONS
Abstract Only
The feasibility of using the principal component method to select optimal combinations of spectral channels in the multispectral remote sensing of the Earth is discussed. The optimization procedure employs differences in the indeterminacies of correlation matrix elements and eliminates them successively by comparison with a given accuracy threshold. The potential of the method is demonstrated by analysis of multispectral imagery obtained with the MKF-6 camera on Soyuz-22.

N88-16135*
PHOTOGRAMMETRIC PRINCIPLES FOR COMBINING REMOTE SOUNING AND THREE-DIMENSIONAL MAPPING
Abstract Only
Some aspects of automated three-dimensional mapping of the relief image of the earth's surface on the basis of photogrammetric digital terrain models are described. Attention is given to the role of photogrammetry in the further introduction of remote sounding in cartographic work and geographical research. The possibilities afforded by combining remote sounding and three-dimensional mapping are illustrated in the example of cartometric interpretation of a fragment of a digital terrain model using the AKS-MGU automated cartographic system. The user is supplied with a definite set of mutually supplementing metric and nonmetric components of three-dimensional mapping which may or may not be matched with the initial photographic image. The photogrammetric methods make it possible to introduce remote sounding into geographical research by a quantitative interpretation of aerial and space photographs. This is an effective means for forming a digital data base which can be used in obtaining a wide range of cartometric and morphometric indices, which are key elements of three-dimensional mapping.
TEXTURAL FEATURES FOR IMAGE CLASSIFICATION IN REMOTE SENSING.

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Texture is an important characteristic in identifying regions of interest in an image. Several methods to quantify image texture were reported in literature. Experiments aimed to extract textural features from digital images by calculating statistical properties in and around each pixel are described. This moving window concept requires that the combined set be accurately registered. This study investigates correlation properties between bands of an 11-channel multispectral scanner for 37 control points in support of interband registration that can later be extended to dissimilar image registration. The results show a high degree of correlation between channels 1 through 7, but a lower and unpredictable correlation for other combinations. In addition to providing information about interband registration, the results also have implications for multispectral segmentation algorithms.

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THE ROLE OF ANISOTROPY IN THE LONG RANGE RECONNAISSANCE OF THE ALBEDO OF LAND SURFACES

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development and production of Digital Landmass (DLMS) data to support various simulation systems for operational training. A variety of production techniques, procedures, software, and equipment have been developed by DMA since 1977. The Agency is currently responsible for the publication and distribution of product specifications for DLMS data and is also responsible for Multination agreement establishing standardized production and exchange of DLMS data. This presentation explores some of this production methodology. While not an historical treatment of the subject, production and methodology will be discussed in an evolutionary context. Finally, the presentation will explore some future considerations involving further evolution of the production methodology as well as comment on anticipated changes to the nature of DLMS data.

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THREE-DIMENSIONAL IMAGE GENERATION FROM AN AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH M.S. Thesis
LELAND G. COLEMAN Sep. 1987 106 p
(AD-A188039) Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01 CSCL 08B
This thesis concerns developing a program that takes an aerial photograph and a set of Digital Terrain Elevation Data (DTED) that is defined over the area of the photograph, and generates a synthesized view that represents what a camera would see from a different location. The elevation data points are grouped into triangular panels that are projected to the reference image by three dimensional transformation equations. Shading for the synthesized image is determined from the reference image. The pixels of the reference image that fall within a triangular panel are collected and averaged. When a new observer location is selected, the panels are projected to the new synthesized image plane. A z-buffer approach and a polygon fill algorithm were used to remove hidden surfaces of the synthesized view. This program is tested on both artificial and real data. Other characteristics and performance measurements of the program are also analyzed here. The quality of the synthesized image from real data was affected by the low resolution of the terrain elevation data, and yielded less desirable results than could be expected of a high resolution.

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RADAR DESCRIPTORS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF TERRAIN FEATURES
FREDERICK W. ROHDE 16 Sep. 1987 17 p
(AD-A188145; USAETL-R-109) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 171
An approach toward the automated extraction of terrain features from synthetic aperture radar (SAR) imagery is the development of sets of descriptors that uniquely and unambiguously characterize each feature. This investigation involves a detailed examination of 701 SAR image examples covering 29 types of man-made and natural terrain features. The descriptors represent attributes of the radar signatures from terrain features. The descriptors are developed by means of which image analysts identify the terrain features. The development of descriptors is guided by the objectives that the descriptors can be easily recognized and identified by untrained personnel and that they provide a baseline for interactive and automated feature extraction. The number of selected descriptors at this point is 52 and may change as the research progresses. A feature class is characterized by specific sets of descriptors. Because radar signatures of the same type of terrain feature will vary it is necessary to establish combination rules for descriptor sets.

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MULTISOURCE CLASSIFICATION METHODS IN REMOTE SENSING Abstract Only. Ph.D. Thesis
TONG LEE Oct. 1986 264 p
Avail: Issuing Activity
This problem of multisource data analysis in remote sensing is concerned with the extraction of information embodied in different sources of spatial data to allow a composite decision to be made concerning the class membership of pixels in the data. Methodologies for solving this problem were in the past mostly ad hoc, and only little attention was given to deriving means for machine-assisted or semi-automated analysis of multisensor and multisource spatial data. Two approaches, one probabilistic and the other evidential, are described for addressing this important problem. The concepts developed in both multisource classification approaches are evaluated with LANDSAT image data and the results demonstrate their effectiveness. An essential feature common to both approaches is the ability to incorporate uncertainties regarding the data and analysis qualities into the process of making composite inferences, a property not shared with other established techniques.

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A DIGITAL TERRAIN SYSTEM FOR MICROCOMPUTERS [UM SISTEMA DIGITAL DE TERRENO PARA MICROCOMPUTADORES]
CARLOS ALBERTO FELGUEIRAS, GUARACI JOSE ERTHAL, LUIZ ALBERT VIEIRA DIAS, JOAO ARGEMIRO C. PAIVA, and GILBERTO CAMARA NETO May 1987 8 p In PORTUGUESE; ENGLISH summary
This paper describes theoretical and implementation features of a Digital Terrain Modeling System (DTM). This system runs on a microcomputer and is integrated with a Geographic Information System which allows the combination of DTM data with thematic maps, satellite images, and so on, to obtain new derived maps.

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THE ORIENTATION OF GLOBAL SATELLITE NETWORKS [ZUR ORIENTIERUNG VON GLOBALEN SATELLITENNETZEN]
GERHARD SOLTAU In its Reports on Cartography and Geodesy. Series 1, Report 98 p 95-105 1987 In GERMAN, ENGLISH summary
Available: NTIS HC A06/MF A01
The datum problem of global networks, determined by satellite techniques, is treated. The conditions for the derivation of the Bender-Goad formulas for the orientation of global networks are given. It is shown that these can be derived on the basis of the fictitious transformation of Reissmann. The datum problem can be removed by a combination of the adjustment of the measured value and a Helmert coordinate transformation to a compatible approximation system.

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AUTOMATIC KNOWLEDGE ACQUISITION FOR AERIAL IMAGE INTERPRETATION Interim Report
DAVID M. MCKEOWN, JR. and WILSON A. HARVEY Dec. 1987 45 p
(Contract F33615-84-K-1520) (AD-A188616; CMU-CS-87-102; AFWAL-TR-87-1165) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 08B
The interpretation of aerial photographs requires a lot of knowledge about the scene under consideration. Knowledge about the type of scene: airport, suburban housing development, urban city, aids in low-level and intermediate level image analysis, and will drive high-level interpretation by constraining search for plausible consistent scene models. Collecting and representing large knowledge bases requires specialized tools. In this paper we describe the organization of a set of tools for interactive knowledge acquisition of scene primitives and spatial constraints for interpretation of aerial imagery. These tools include a user interface for interactive knowledge acquisition, the automated compilation of that knowledge from a schema-based representation into productions that are directly executable by our interpretation system, and a performance analysis tool that generates a critique
of the final interpretation. Finally, the generality of these tools is demonstrated by the generation of rules for a new task, suburban house scenes, and the analysis of a set of imagery by our interpretation system.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC FILTERS (FILTROS FOTOGRÀFICOS)

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Dec. 1987 98 p IN PORTUGUESE; ENGLISH SUMMARY

INPE-4445-RPE/558 Avail: NTIS HC A05/MF A01

Some of the main aspects related to photographic filters are examined and prepared as a reference for researchers and students of remote sensing. A large range of information about the filters including their basic fundamentals, classification, and main types is presented. The theme cannot be exhausted in this or any other individual publication because of its great complexity, profound theoretical publication, and dynamic technological development. The subject does not deal only with filter applications in remote sensing. As much as possible, additional information about the utilization of these products in other professional areas, as pictorial photography, photographic processing, and optical engineering, were included.

Author

08 INSTRUMENTATION AND SENSORS

Includes data acquisition and camera systems and remote sensors.

A88-20903 THE DEVELOPMENT AND STATE OF THE ART OF REMOTE SENSING


Advances in the field of remote sensing are described. Remote sensing is defined in terms of photogrammetry. Events related to the development of remote sensing are discussed. The capabilities of the Landsat MSS and TM, and future trends in remote sensing are examined. The roles of various institutions and societies in promoting remote sensing activities are considered.

I.F.

A88-20904 REMOTE SENSING APPLICATIONS - AN OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE


Future trends in remote sensing are described. Current remote sensing techniques, such as the use of satellite data, mapping projects, and resource assessment, are compared with methods employed in the 1960's. Some of the advances in remote sensing include: more diverse sensors and recording altitudes, the use of digital methods, the availability of topographic and thematic information, and the meteorological and oceanographic use of remote sensing data. Consideration is given to resource surveying, image interpretation, multitemporal recording, quantitative relief analysis, and photogrammetry. Three types of resource satellite systems (high-resolution satellites with multispectral capacity, a low-resolution system, and a system for resource mapping at scales of 1:250,000 to 1:500,000) are examined. The costs involved in implementing new remote sensing techniques, and the need for joint cooperation between nations in order to fulfill future remote sensing goals are discussed.

I.F.

A88-21001 AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PHOTOGRAPHY AND REMOTE SENSING AND ACSM, ANNUAL CONVENTION, BALTIMORE, MD, MAR. 29-APR. 3, 1987, TECHNICAL PAPERS. VOLUME 1 - REMOTE SENSING

Convention sponsored by the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and ACSM. Falls Church, VA, American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing and ACSM, 1987, 460 p. For individual items see A88-21002 to A88-21045.

Topics discussed in this volume include hydrographic sciences; the applications of photointerpretation to resource assessments; earth-system science remote sensing research on global change; developments in workstations for image processing and geographic data handling; plant sciences; use of satellites for assessing forest cover; the techniques and applications of radar/sonar; and geography, land use, and land cover remote sensing. Papers are presented on the development of multivariate estuarine water quality models using Landsat 2 and 4 MSS data, technical considerations in software design for scene catalog geographic searches, multistage remote sensing as a tool for Minnesota natural resources management, and modeling interactions between the terrestrial biosphere and the global atmosphere. Other papers include those on software and workstation design considerations for grass, the principal component analysis of aerial video imagery, the definition of forest stand characteristics based on multiscan angle SIR-B data, image-based SAR product simulation for analysis, and automated road network extraction from Landsat TM data.

I.S.

A88-21018 MULTI-STAGE REMOTE SENSING - A TOOL FOR MINNESOTA NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT


Minnesota natural resources managers use several remote sensing products in combination to effectively and efficiently manage the resource. Photography in 35 mm format is used to monitor and update management activities. This photography is produced at scales of 1:200 to 1:31,680 using the optimal film type, and flown in the optimal season and on a critical schedule. Applications include: (1) configuration and acreage determination for timber sales and mechanical site preparations; (2) qualitative evaluation of plantations, herbicide applications, aspen regeneration density, fire and windthrow; (3) time critical data such as the seasonal wild rice cover crop for the waterfowl migration, water levels of lakes and rivers and insect or disease infections; and (4) species identification of vegetation. This format (35 mm) along with National High Altitude Photography (NHAP) greatly enhances the traditional photography: 1:15,840, black-and-white (B&W) infrared, 9-in. contact prints. All of these photographic resources are important for monitoring management activities, accurately updating a continuous inventory system and management planning.

Author

A88-21019 OBSERVATIONS OF SURFACE AND ATMOSPHERIC FEATURES FROM PASSIVE MICROWAVE SATELLITE MEASUREMENTS


NOAA-supported research. refs

Passive microwave measurements from satellites have been applied to the retrieval of atmospheric parameters over land and ocean. Specifically, data at five different frequencies (6.6, 10.7,
18, 21, and 37 GHz) from the Scanning Multichannel Microwave Radiometer (SMMR) aboard the Nimbus-7 satellite have been used. At dual polarization, this array of ten different measurements allows for the retrieval of snow cover, soil moisture, and rain over land. Over oceans, the SMMR data have been used to derive water vapor, cloud water content, rain rate, sea ice concentration, surface temperature, and wind speed. In this paper, algorithms for determining oceanic rain rates and separating various geophysical parameters will be presented. They were developed empirically by comparing the SMMR measurements with available ground truth sources (such as rain gauge, snow depth, and radar measurements). Despite the empirical nature of the algorithms, each has a strong physical basis. The application of the algorithms to various SMMR case studies, displayed as color enhanced images, will be presented.

AUTHOR


The philosophy and formulation of a model of the terrestrial biosphere designed for use within atmospheric General Circulation Models (GCMs) are outlined. The Simple Biosphere (SiB) of Sellers et al. (1986) was formulated to provide a biophysically realistic description of the processes governing the transfers of momentum, radiation, and heat (both sensible and latent terms) between the land surface and the atmosphere. It replaces a range of existing formulations which are based on the 'bucket' hydrological model. The SiB model has been extensively tested offline using micrometeorological data sets collected above a variety of vegetated surfaces. The model is in the process of being implemented in three atmospheric GCMs. Recent studies have demonstrated that satellite data may be directly useful in initializing and validating the model.

AUTHOR


This book presents a comprehensive overview of the basics behind remote-sensing physics, techniques, and technology. The physics of wave/matter interactions, techniques of remote sensing across the electromagnetic spectrum, and the concepts behind remote-sensing techniques now established and future ones under development are discussed. Applications of remote sensing are described for a wide variety of earth and planetary atmosphere and surface sciences. Solid surface sensing across the electromagnetic spectrum, ocean surface sensing, basic principles of atmospheric sensing and radiative transfer, and atmospheric remote sensing in the microwave, millimeter, submillimeter, and infrared regions are examined.

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RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MONTHLY PRECIPITATION AND SST VARIATIONS IN THE TROPICAL PACIFIC REGION

BRYAN C. WEARE (California, University, Davis) Monthly Weather Review (ISSN 0027-0644), vol. 115, Nov. 1987, p. 2687-2698. NSF-supported research. refs

The relationships between the patterns of monthly sea surface temperature (SST) variations and those of precipitation in the tropical Pacific Ocean region are examined. The rainfall data utilized are derived from satellite observations of outgoing longwave radiation. A composite empirical orthogonal function analysis of SST and rainfall perturbations is presented which indicates a dominant mode of variation linking SST variations in the eastern equatorial region with those of rainfall about 30 deg westward. One-point correlation analyses show that this general relationship is present for all points in the eastern and central ocean, but that no significant SST-rainfall correlations are evident for SST points west of about the dateline. The results are used to formulate possible statistical models for using observed SST anomalies to specify rainfall departure patterns.

C.D.

AUTHOR

CHARLES ELACHI

AUTONOMOUS CONTROL OF IMAGE SENSOR FOR THE OPTIMAL ACQUISITION OF GROUND INFORMATION FOR DYNAMIC ANALYSIS


In this paper an attempt is made to improve the overall performance of a stripmap image sensor through an implementation with AI. The virtual range of scanning thus obtained could be two to three times as large as the original range. The approach suggested is mainly a predictive control with which the viewing direction of the sensor is intermittently centered at the centroid of the target information acquired during the preceding scans so that maximum amount of information on the successive target segments can be obtained. Simulation experiment conducted verifies the feasibility of the suggested approach.

Author

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can be used to generate near-real-time three-dimensional video film was used to achieve the present results, electronic imaging tests clearly demonstrate the feasibility of such a system. Although single-source system using a moving platform are reported. These authors tested a novel approach to cloud-clearing that is based on optimal estimation methods is developed and applied to data from the High-resolution IR Sounder (HIRS) of the Tiros-N/NOAA satellite. Horizontal consistency properties expected in the clear-column radiances and their expected errors at each HIRS spot, the horizontal consistency properties expected in the clear-column radiances are used to improve the initial estimates using a sequential estimation procedure. Details are presented for the new scheme and for the scheme replaced by it.

After discussing current cloud-clearing methods for temperature sounding of the troposphere, using satellite-borne IR radiometers, a novel approach to cloud-clearing that is based on optimal estimation methods is developed and applied to data from the High-resolution IR Sounder (HIRS) of the Tros-N/NOAA satellite series. Having obtained preliminary estimates of clear-column radiances and their expected errors at each HIRS spot, the horizontal consistency properties expected in the clear-column radiances are used to improve the initial estimates using a sequential estimation procedure. Details are presented for the new scheme and for the scheme replaced by it.

Single-source three-dimensional imaging system for remote sensing is simply described. A recent development in three-dimensional imaging is the application of VISIDEP technology to surveillance and reconnaissance. The results of initial efforts to develop a single-source system using a moving platform are reported. These tests clearly demonstrate the feasibility of such a system. Although film was used to achieve the present results, electronic imaging can be used to generate near-real-time three-dimensional video images with delays of less than 3 s. With the continued development of high density video and digital imaging, improved image resolution is easily achievable. The theoretical basis, testing results, and projections for future development are presented in full detail. Potential applications and expectations are discussed briefly as a part of the conclusion drawn from this basic effort.

Author
A88-27214
A METHOD FOR SYNTHESIZING OPTIMAL SPACE SYSTEMS
FOR EARTH SURVEYING (METOD SINTEZA OPTIMAL'NYKH
STRUKTUR KOSMICHESKIH SISTEM ZEML'OBZORA)
V. I. MILOVANOVA and O. P. NESTERENKO
Issledovanie Zemli iz Kosmosa (ISSN 0205-9614), Sept.-Oct., 1987, p. 94-103. In Russian. refs

A method for designing optimal space systems for earth observations is proposed. The method is done in two stages: (1) the preliminary selection of optimal configuration alternatives and (2) the evaluation of selected systems for efficiency. The method is illustrated on an example of an earth-survey system designed for the prediction of the approach of catastrophic events that would threaten the Pacific coast.

A88-27215
THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ORBIT PARAMETERS AND
THE GEOMETRY OF THE TRAJECTORY FOR REMOTE
SENSING SATELLITES (ZAVISIMOSTI MEZHDU
PARAMETRAMI ORBITY I GEOMETRIEI TRASSY DLIA IS2
DISTANTSIONNOGO ZONDIROVANIYA)
N. S. RAMM and A. K. RYNSKAIA
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A class of orbits with an appropriate number of revolutions per day is identified in the set of satellite near-circular orbits, and the trajectory geometry of such orbits is studied. Also derived are relationships between the number of revolutions, the repetition ratio order, and some other orbit characteristics. These relationships provide for easy selection of an orbit for a specific remote sensing problem.

A88-27216
IDENTICAL-ROUTE SATELLITE ORBITS FOR LONG-TERM
PERIODIC GLOBAL SURVEY OF THE EARTH, NOT
DEPENDENT ON SOLAR ILLUMINATION (IZOMARSHRTUNYE
ORBITY IS2 DLIA DOLOGVREMENNogo PERIODICHESKOGO
GLOBAL'NOGO OBZORA ZEMLI, NE ZAVISIAISHCHEGO OT
SOLNECHNOGO OSVESHCHENIIA)
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This paper considers the problem of selecting circular orbits for long-term periodic global surveys by detectors that do not require solar illumination. A methodology is proposed for the calculation of identical-route orbits that provide for global coverage in a specified time interval with a minimum detector survey zone.

A88-27497
THE FIRST ISLSCP FIELD EXPERIMENT (FIFE)
P. J. SELLERS (Maryland, University, College Park), F. G. HALL (NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD), G. ASRAR (Kansas State University, Manhattan), D. E. STREBEL (Science Applications Research, Lanham, MD), and R. E. MURPHY (NASA, Washington, DC) American Meteorological Society, Bulletin (ISSN 0003-0007), vol. 69, Jan., 1988, p. 22-27.

The background and planning of the first International Satellite Land Surface Climatology Project (ISLSCP) field experiment (FIFE) are discussed. In FIFE, the NOAA series of satellites and GOES will be used to provide a moderate-temporal resolution coarse-spatial resolution data set, with SPOT and aircraft data providing the high-resolution pointable-instrument capability. The paper describes the experiment design, the measurement strategy, the configuration of the site of the experiment (which will be at and around the Konza prairie near Manhattan, Kansas), and the experiment's operations and execution.

A88-27801
REMOTE SENSING FROM SPACE; PROCEEDINGS OF SYMPOSIUM 3, WORKSHOP V, AND TOPICAL MEETING A2
OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH COSPAR PLENARY MEETING,
TOULOUSE, FRANCE, JUNE 30-JULY 11, 1986

Various papers on remote sensing from space are presented. The use of such remote sensing to study terrestrial patterns and processes is examined, including the relevant processes and theories, observed vegetation and surface climate parameters, derived terrestrial processes, atmospheric effects, and new sensors. Quantitative radar remote sensing of land and oceanic surface features is addressed, including systems, calibration, simulation, data evaluation for vegetation studies, altimetry, sea ice monitoring, and oil slick detection. The use of satellite observations for weather prediction is discussed.

A88-27813
IMPORTANT OF A REMOTE MEASUREMENT OF SPECTRAL
THERMAL INFRARED EMISSIVITIES - PRESENTATION AND
VALIDATION OF SUCH A DETERMINATION

A88-27814
A GLOBAL SURVEY OF SURFACE CLIMATE PARAMETERS
FROM SATELLITE OBSERVATIONS - PRELIMINARY RESULTS
OVER AFRICA

A88-27823
SIMULATIONS OF THE METEOSAT VISIBLE SENSOR
RESPONSE TO CHANGING BOUNDARY CONDITIONS
R. T. PINKER (Maryland, University, College Park) (COSPAR, WMO, URSI, et al., Plenary Meeting, 26th, Symposium 3, Workshop
INSTRUMENTATION AND SENSORS


Computational experiments have been conducted to simulate the Meteosat visible sensor’s response to varying surfaces and clear-sky atmospheric conditions, as a function of solar zenith angle. The possible bias in observations obtained with this limited spectral response sensor was assessed. The filtered clear-sky planetary albedo, as observed with the Meteosat was compared with the unfiltered planetary albedo, under the same environmental conditions. Four cases of wavelength-independent surface albedo and four cases of realistic wavelength dependent surface albedo have been simulated. The complexity of the narrow/broadband spectral relationship of the clear-sky planetary albedo has been demonstrated. The simulations have shown that while under certain assumptions the two were in close agreement, the relationship would strongly depend on the assumptions made on the spectral dependence of the surface reflectivity.

Author

A88-27826
A STUDY TO PRODUCE 1:100,000 SCALE LFC COLOR
PHOTOMAP

Three independent components exist for the photomap presentation. These are spatial resolution, field of view, and the variety of map information added to the space image. The technical direction of the photomap is to advance the level of these three component stages simultaneously. Spatial resolution was investigated by digitizing the LFC color transparency. It was estimated to be better than 30 lines/mm. Next, map information added to the space image was discussed. The optimum solution may be found in the application of computer graphics technology, rather than in the application of the conventional printing presentation.

Author

A88-27832
DESIGN CONCEPT OF THE SAR INSTALLED ON ERS-1

The mission equipment of the ERS-1 is briefly described, emphasizing the SAR system. Data are given on the main characteristics of the SAR, the planned orbit, the mission data recorder, and the mission transmitter, and the development schedule of ERS-1 is shown. The user requirements, frequency and polarization, swath width, off-nadir angle, PRFs, and data rate reduction pertaining to the SAR are examined.

C.D.

A88-27833
PROPOSED USES OF ERS-1

The first European Remote Sensing Satellite (ERS-1) is one of the major programs of the European Space Agency (ESA) in the field of earth observation. It is due to be launched in December 1989 and will embark a very comprehensive set of radar instruments designed to observe the surface wind and wave structure over the oceans and to provide high resolution all-weather images of the ice caps, coastal zones and land surface. The paper briefly describes the main features and expected geophysical performances of these various instruments; it provides examples for the utilization of ERS-1 data for scientific research in such fields as physical oceanography, glaciology and climatology, as well as in application demonstrations for offshore activities and land resources management.

Author

A88-27844
THE USE OF DIRECT READOUT, HIGH RESOLUTION TOVS DATA IN SHORT AND MEDIUM RANGE WEATHER PREDICTIONS

Since 1983, the UK Meteorological Office has been receiving the direct readout transmissions of TIROS-N Operational Vertical Sounder (TOVS) data from the NOAA satellites and routinely deriving high resolution temperature and humidity profiles for the North Atlantic/European area. The process of deriving these profiles using locally derived regression coefficients is described with a brief account of a new cloud clearing process now being tested. Characteristics of profiles and 1000-500 MB thickness fields derived from the retrieval data when compared with conventional profiles and fields, which have been noted over a two year period, are described. An example of a comparison of profiles from TOVS data with collocated radiosonde profiles is also shown. Finally, work on new retrieval methods is outlined.

Author

A88-27846
ASSESSMENT OF THE USE OF SATELLITE DERIVED WINDS IN MONSOON FORECASTING USING A GENERAL CIRCULATION MODEL

A88-28013
PRINCIPLES OF FIELD SPECTROSCOPY

Field spectroscopy involves the study of the interrelationships between the spectral characteristics of objects and their biophysical attributes in the field environment. It is a technique of fundamental importance in remote sensing, yet its full potential is rarely exploited. In this article the principles of the subject are explained and its historical development reviewed with reference to the instruments and methods adopted. Field spectroscopy has a role to play in at least three areas of remote sensing. Firstly, it acts as a bridge between laboratory measurements of spectral reflectance and the field situation and is thus useful in the calibration of airborne and satellite sensors. Secondly, it is useful in predicting the optimum spectral bands, viewing configuration and time to perform a particular remote sensing task. Thirdly, it provides a tool for the development, refinement and testing of models relating biophysical attributes to remotely-sensed data.

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TERRESTRIAL IMAGING SPECTROSCOPY
GREGG VANE (California Institute of Technology, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena) and ALEXANDER F. H. GOETZ (Colorado, University, Boulder). Remote Sensing of Environment (ISSN 0034-4267), vol. 24, Feb. 1988, p. 1-29. refs

Recent advances in imaging spectroscopy for remote sensing applications are discussed, reviewing the results of recent investigations. The advantages offered by the higher spectral resolution of imaging spectroscopy relative to scanners such as Landsat MSS and TM are explained; the design and performance of the Airborne Imaging Spectrometer (Vane et al., 1984) are described and illustrated with drawings, photographs, and sample images; data processing and analysis techniques are outlined; and applications to geological and botanical research are considered.

T.K.

A88-28447
THE USE OF SPACE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE REMOTE SENSING OF EARTH RESOURCES AND MAPPING

The organization of remote sensing and satellite mapping activities in the Soviet Union is examined. The Soviet remote sensing system comprises the Cosmos satellites, manned space stations, aircraft for subsatellite measurements, and facilities for the processing of remote-sensing data. Emphasis is placed on the development of a national system for the automated control of earth-resources utilization.

B.J.

A88-28679* Johns Hopkins Univ., Laurel, Md.
ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS FOR THE RETRIEVAL OF RAIN-RATE PROFILES FROM A SPACEBORNE DUAL-WAVELENGTH RADAR
JULIUS GOLDHIRST (Johns Hopkins University, Laurel, MD) IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing (ISSN 0196-2892), vol. 26, March 1988, p. 98-114. NASA-supported research. refs

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The ability to retrieve rain-rate profiles from a dual-wavelength spaceborne radar system operating at 13.6 and 35 GHz is analyzed. The fundamental problem of extracting either the attenuation and/or the reflectivity from the backscatter echo, which contains both contributions, is addressed. Three algorithms, the backscatter, the attenuation coefficient, and the dual-wavelength methods, are examined. These algorithms are tested using four rain-rate profiles derived from radar measurements. In particular, measured (true) values are compared with calculated (retrieved) rain rates applying the algorithms with superimposed uncertainties assuming a suggested spaceborne dual-wavelength radar system. Error values of rain rates are determined where these values reflect failure of the assumptions utilized in the derivation of the algorithms, rain backscatter noise, and instrument noise. It is concluded that no single technique gives rise to a panacea in the making of accurate rain measurement and that difficulties exist with each method.

I.E.

A88-29235* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md.
LOOKING AT THE EARTH FROM SPACE

Some of the scientific accomplishments attained in observing the earth from space are discussed. A brief overview of findings concerning the atmosphere, the oceans and sea ice, the solid earth, and the terrestrial hydrosphere and biosphere is presented, and six examples are examined in which space data have provided unique information enabling new knowledge concerning the workings of the earth to be derived. These examples concern stratigraphic water vapor, hemispheric differences in surface and atmosphere parameters, Seasat altimeter mesoscale variability, variability of Antarctic sea ice, variations in the length of day, and spaceborne radar imaging of ancient rivers. Future space observations of the earth are briefly addressed.

C.D.

A88-29284
AN IMPROVED METHOD FOR DETECTING CLEAR SKY AND CLOUDY RADIANCES FROM AVHRR DATA

A scheme which identifies cloud-free and cloud-filled pixels has been devised in order to obtain accurate estimates of surface and cloud parameters from satellite radiance data. This scheme has been developed for application to high-resolution (1 x 1 km pixel) images recorded over Western Europe and the North Atlantic by the AVHRR on the TIROS-N/NOAA polar orbiters. The scheme consists of five daytime or five nighttime tests applied to each individual pixel to determine whether that pixel is cloud-free, partly cloudy, or cloud-filled.

B.J.

A88-30082
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BRIGHTNESS TEMPERATURE IN THE RF RANGE AND THE RADIATIVE DRYNESS INDEX [O VZAIMOSVIAZI IARKOSTNOI TEMPERATURY V RADIODIAPAZONE S RADIATIIOEINYM INDEKSO S] SUKHOSTI]

A relationship between radio brightness temperature and the radiative dryness index (RDI) is established on the basis of model calculations and aerial and satellite-borne microwave radiometry. The relationship between brightness temperature at a wavelength of 30 cm and the RDI is evaluated for various types of regions, including southern and forest tundra, northern and southern taiga, deciduous forest, steppe, semiarid region, and desert. Possible applications of the proposed approach are examined.

B.J.

A88-30670#
APPLICATIONS OF MICROWAVES TO REMOTE SENSING

The interaction of microwaves with the molecular properties and geometric features of media emerge from theoretical, laboratory, and field investigations of rough-surface scattering and emission from agricultural soil and sea surface, as well as of volumetric scattering and emission from snow and vegetation. Algorithms are derived for the interpretation of airborne and spaceborne radiometer and radar data in terms of natural parameters. The mm-wave range absorption lines of atmospheric constituents can be used to measure various trace gases, and such parameters as temperature, throughout the mesosphere and stratosphere.

O.C.

A88-30731
ESTIMATION OF ATMOSPHERIC LIQUID-WATER AMOUNT BY NIMBUS 7 SMMR DATA - A NEW METHOD AND ITS APPLICATION TO THE WESTERN NORTH-PACIFIC REGION
TAKAO TAKEDA and GUOSHENG LIU (Nagoya University, Japan) Meteorological Society of Japan, Journal (ISSN 0026-1165), vol. 65, Dec. 1987, p. 931-947. refs
Japanese satellites, continuous radar observation capability will multifrequency, multipolarization, multiple incidence angle 70 the foundation of the earlier, single-discipline space missions system concept and designed to provide a long-term study of the viewing modes: a local high-resolution mode with typically 25 m resolution and up to 700 km mapping mode with typically 500 m resolution and up to 200 km swath width; and a global incidence angles from 15 to 55 deg. There would be three main natural processes. The EOS approach is based on an information sensing strategy for Earth observations on a global scale. The objectives, science requirements, and current sensor design of the HIRIS are discussed along with the synergism of the sensor with other EOS instruments and data handling and processing requirements. Author

The scientific and engineering requirements for the Earth Observing System (EOS) imaging radar are provided. The radar is based on Shuttle Imaging Radar-C (SIR-C), and would include three frequencies: 1.25 GHz, 5.3 GHz, and 9.6 GHz; selectable polarizations for both transmit and receive channels; and selectable incidence angles from 15 to 55 deg. There would be three main viewing modes: a local high-resolution mode with typically 25 m resolution and 50 km swath width; a regional mapping mode with 100 m resolution and up to 200 km swath width; and a global mapping mode with typically 500 m resolution and up to 700 km swath width. The last mode allows global coverage in three days. The EOS SAR will be the first orbital imaging radar to provide multifrequency, multipolarization, multiple incidence angle observations of the entire Earth. Combined with Canadian and Japanese satellites, continuous radar observation capability will be possible. Major applications in the areas of glaciology, hydrology, vegetation science, oceanography, geology, and data and information systems are described. J.P.B.

An experimental model of a system based on a helium-neon laser was developed for the purpose of finding ways to automate a topographic survey. The system consists of a transmitter mounted over a point with known coordinates (theodolite traverse station) and a receiver which during the course of the survey is moved along the line. The transmitter includes a laser transmitter with a rotating head and a radio transmitter. The laser transmitter shapes two beams, one of which is horizontal, whereas the other slants at the angle beta to the horizon. The lower beam during rotation of the head creates a horizontal plane, whereas the upper beam creates a conical surface. In the form of pulses the radio transmitter transmits information on the angle of rotation of the rotating head relative to the initial direction. The initial direction is the direction to the second theodolite station, at which the receiver is placed prior to onset of the survey. The receiver consists of a photodetector with a circular-scan objective which is attached on a telescopic rod which is used for moving it vertically. It has a movement-code converter between a computer with a digital display for indicating the three determined coordinates. In the base there is an electromechanical drive for raising and lowering the photodetector. The working principles and procedures are described. Author
Highly detailed and multipurpose digital terrain data was produced for a large part of Europe. These so-called Digital Land Mass System (DLMS) data are delivered on raw-format tapes. The design, implementation, and use of a data base system to transform DLMS-data to structured files, needed for specific applications are described. ESA observations from the LANDSAT platform. The workshop defined the instrument characteristics of three types of sensors that would be needed to expand the use of thermal information for Earth observation and new commercial opportunities. The panels from two disciplines, geology and evapotranspiration/botany, along with the instrument panel, presented their recommendations to the workshop. The findings of these meetings are presented. J.P.B.

Speckle-turbulence interaction can be utilized to measure the vector wind in a plane perpendicular to the line of sight from a laser transmitter to a target. A continuous wave source of around one watt and operating at 10.6 microns, in conjunction with an optical heterodyne receiver, has been used to measure atmospheric winds along horizontal paths. A theoretical basis, the experimental apparatus, processing techniques, and experimental results are presented. The technique has been demonstrated for remote sensing of atmospheric winds along horizontal paths and has potential for global remote sensing of atmospheric winds and for on-board wind shear detection systems for aircraft. GRA

A noninvasive technique for measuring temperature in hot gases is evaluated as an alternative to conventional mechanical probing techniques. The technique uses a diode laser spectrometer to measure the line-center absorption coefficient ratio of two absorption lines that originate from different vibrational energy levels of the same absorbing species. The temperature is calculated without knowledge of the pressure, absorber concentration, or optical path length. A previous study demonstrated temperature measurements at about 200K at atmospheric pressure. The results of this evaluation suggest that the technique is also applicable for temperatures as low as 400 K and at pressures well below 1 atm. GRA

This thesis describes the Global Positioning System (GPS) and how it can be used for surveying in Australia. The basic component parts of the system and the role they play are outlined. The satellite signal measurement process is described and currently available receivers are reviewed. Field procedures and processing techniques that should be followed to achieve surveying accuracies are discussed. As GPS surveys refer to a satellite reference datum, the relationship between this datum and the Australian datum is given. With the knowledge about GPS provided here, the surveyor should be able to use GPS confidently. Author

The objective was to develop a Full-Sky Sensor (FSS) to detect the Earth, Sun and Moon from a spinning spacecraft. The concept adopted has infinitely variable resolution. A high-speed search mode is implemented in the spacecraft. The advantages are: (1) a single sensor determines attitude parameters from Earth, Sun and Moon, thus eliminating instrument mounting errors; (2) the bias between the actual spacecraft spin axis and the intended spin axis can be determined; (3) cost is minimized; and (4) ground processing is straightforward. The FSS is a modification of an existing flight-proven sensor. Modifications to the electronics are necessary to accommodate the amplitude range and signal width range of the celestial bodies to be detected. Potential applications include ISTP missions, Multi-Spacecraft Satellite Program (MSSP), dual-spin spacecraft at any altitude, spinning spacecraft at any altitude, and orbit parameter determination for low-Earth orbits. J.P.B.

Application of the Global Positioning System (GPS) time receivers to the fundamental station Wettzell [Zum Einsatz von GPS-Zeitempfaengernauf der fundamentalstation Wettzell] WOLFGANG SCHLUETER In its Reports on Cartography and
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The first experiences with two GPS receivers for time transfer are presented. The GPS that works presently with seven operational satellites is described. Test measurements show that time transfer between stations with a precision of better than 20nsec is possible, if the common view technique is applied and if the receivers are calibrated.

Author


GENERAL DETERMINATION OF EARTH SURFACE TYPE AND CLOUD AMOUNT USING MULTISPECTRAL AHVRR DATA

A method is presented for determining the type of daylight scene viewed by every resolution element of the Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR) for routine, large-scale processing, using mainly values from the various spectral channels of AVHRR. The specification of scene types was restricted to the broad categories of vegetation, non-vegetated land, snow/ice, and cloud. The method appears to be sufficiently sensitive, however, to permit it to be extended to finer specification of scene type.

Author

N88-19863# National Severe Storms Lab., Norman, Okla.


The National Severe Storm Laboratory (NSSL) develops improved means for weather observing and forecasting through studies of storm processes, numerical and conceptual modeling of storm phenomena, and applications of technologies in remote sensing. Recent studies have drawn heavily on observations by Doppler radar and lightning-mapping systems, and more effective methods for using Doppler radar and lightning data for forecasts and warnings of severe storms were developed. The work at NSSL, probably the most substantial precursor of the major national initiative NEXRAD, continues to support that program in critical ways. The annual report describes the accomplishments of the previous year.

Author

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Includes economic analysis.


ACADEMIC COURSE SPACE METHODS FOR STUDYING MODERN LANDSCAPES OF CONTINENTS

In this course the emphasis is on the study via space photographs of present-day landscapes incorporating both natural and anthropogenic components. The following topics are included: (1) theoretical principles of space methods for landscape research, including optical properties of landscapes, and the system for the classification of modern landscapes; (2) study of the structure of modern landscapes by means of interpretations of space photographs and subsequent mapping; (3) natural and anthropogenic landscape components and principal types of environmental pollution identifiable on space photographs; (4) study of present-day analogue landscapes; and (5) study of natural and anthropogenic processes, as well as rhythmic, dynamic and evolutionary changes of landscapes from space photographs. In their practical work, students use space photographs in the interpretation of Quaternary deposits, relief, hydrographic network, soils, vegetation and land use.

Author


CRITICAL ISSUES IN NASA INFORMATION SYSTEMS Final Report
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The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has developed a globally-distributed complex of earth resources data bases since LANDSAT 1 was launched in 1972. NASA envisages considerable growth in the number, extent, and complexity of such data bases, due to the improvements expected in its remote sensing data rates, and the increasingly multidisciplinary nature of its scientific investigations. Work already has begun on information systems to support multidisciplinary research activities based on data acquired by the space station complex and other space-based and terrestrial sources. In response to a request from NASA's former Associate Administrator for Space Science and Applications, the National Research Council convened a committee in June 1985 to identify the critical issues involving information systems support to space science and applications. The committee has suggested that OSSA address four major information systems issues; centralization of management functions, interoperability of user involvement in the planning and implementation of its programs, and technology.

GRA

N88-18046# National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, D.C.

SPACE-BASED REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH: A REPORT TO THE CONGRESS
(NASA-TM-89709; NAS 1.59:89709) Avail: SOD HC $9.00 as 033-000-00983-6; NTIS MF A01 CSCL 08B

The commercialization of the LANDSAT Satellites, remote sensing research and development as applied to the Earth and its atmosphere as studied by NASA and NOAA is presented. Major gaps in the knowledge of the Earth and its atmosphere are identified and a series of space based measurement objectives are derived. The near-term space observations programs of the United States and other countries are detailed. The start is presented of the planning process to develop an integrated national program for research and development in Earth remote sensing for the remainder of this century and the many existing and proposed satellite and sensor systems that the program may include are described.

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