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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 606 reports, articles, and other documents announced between January 1 and March 31, 1989 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.

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AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
Includes crop forecasts, crop signature analysis, soil identification, disease detection, harvest estimates, range resources, timber inventory, forest fire detection, and wildlife migration patterns.

A89-10325* Wisconsin Univ., Madison.
ESTIMATION OF FOREST CANOPY CHARACTERISTICS AND NITROGEN CYCLING USING IMAGING SPECTROMETRY
(Contract NCA2-28; NSF BSR-83-17531)
Canopy lignin concentration is strongly related to annual rates of nitrogen mineralization in a series of Wisconsin forest ecosystems. High spectral resolution Airborne Imaging Spectrometer (AIS) data were acquired over these forests to investigate the potential of remotely estimating canopy lignin content. Analysis of the data using a derivative transformation and correlative techniques suggests that lignin or a closely associated cellular constituent is influential in canopy reflectance. Spatial distributions of percent canopy lignin and annual rates of nitrogen mineralization for Blackhawk Island, WI, have been estimated from a mosaic of AIS imagery. Author

A89-10946#
LAND AND FOREST COVER INFORMATION FROM AERIAL VIDEO
The potential role of multispectral video sensing in forestry applications is discussed. A 4-camera video sensor is described, and its calibration and performance tests are reviewed. Three studies using the sensor are presented: spectral classification of land cover, change detection relating to cut-over, natural regeneration, and road construction, and the development of an aerial maple dieback index based on narrow-band video imagery. Also discussed is the possibility of future research using video for terrain mapping. R.B.

A89-10948# THE APPLICATION OF REMOTE SENSING FOR DROUGHT EARLY WARNING IN AFRICA
(Contract NOAA-NA-87AAHRA076)
The use of remote sensing data, especially AVHRR imagery, for early warning of drought in northern Africa is reviewed. Composited color coordinate images and derived normalized-difference vegetation-index values plotted as a smoothed time series are used in the program. Meteosat data are being used of precipitation analysis, and the relationship between precipitation and mapped outgoing longwave radiation data is being evaluated. Prospects for future developments in drought early warning are considered. R.B.

A89-10950# SURFACE ENERGY FLUX MEASUREMENTS AND REFLECTANCE FACTORS USING SATELLITE-, AIRCRAFT-, AND GROUND-BASED INSTRUMENTATION
A week-long experiment in June, 1987 to determine energy flux (latent heat and sensible heat) and spectral reflectance distributions spatially and temporally over several agricultural fields is presented. The energy fluxes were estimated using four ground-level Bowen ratio systems, four eddy correlation units, a tethered balloon radiosonde system, four-band and eight-band radiometers, and appropriate micrometeorological data. SPOT data and airborne radiometric data were also used. The experiment is described in detail, and some preliminary results are presented. R.B.

A89-10951# SATELLITE DATA ANALYSIS FOR INVENTORING CROPS GROWN IN A COMPLEX, SMALL-FIELD ENVIRONMENT
A multifaceted investigation is examining whether the cost-effectiveness of crop surveys in an environmentally complex state such as New York can be improved through incorporation of satellite-derived information. Emphasis has been placed on LANDSAT Thematic Mapper (TM) data for identifying specific crops (vegetables, fruit-tree orchards, vineyards) and for assessing the effect of regional variation on a statewide inventory. For crop identification, spectral information has been found crucial but not always adequate without spatial information. Even when spectral information is adequate, regional variation can alter the classification process. Results to date have been promising. Author

A89-10952# SOIL EROSION STUDY USING AN AIRBORNE LASER PROFILER
INFRARED TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENTS OVER BARE SOIL AND VEGETATION - A HAPEX PERSPECTIVE

Preliminary analyses of aircraft and ground measurements made in France during the HAPEX experiment show that horizontal radiometric surface temperature variations, as viewed by aircraft, can reflect the vertical profile of soil moisture (soil versus root zone) because of horizontal variations in vegetation density. Analyses based on one day's data show that, although horizontal variations in soil moisture were small, the vertical differences between a dry surface and a wet root zone were large. Horizontal temperature differences between bare soil, corn and oats reflect differences in the fractional vegetation cover, as seen by the radiometer. On the other hand, these horizontal variations in radiometric surface temperature seem to reflect real horizontal variations in surface turbulent energy fluxes. Author

A98-10956*# REGIONAL AND GLOBAL FIRE DETECTION USING AVHRR DATA

This paper briefly states the results of an estimation of winter wheat yield and its sowed area in whole Henan province, China, in 1986. The results are inspiring. The statistical correlation coefficient is 0.922 for the sowed area of winter wheat in the whole province between the number calculated and the number published. The statistical correlation coefficient for yield of whole province is 0.982 between the number published and the number estimated by the formula. The need to work out a rigorous method to extract useful information from a mixed pixel is noted. It may push forward the application of remote sensing in monitoring the environment. Author

Lysimeter data and sensitivity analyses were compared with computed results to test two evapotranspiration models. The models used NOAA-9, Landsat MSS, and ground weather station data to estimate hourly evapotranspiration values for an area in Michigan. These values were combined with statewide land-cover data to assess the impact of land use on the surface temperature, reflectance, and heat and vapor fluxes. It was found that modifications could lead to daytime temperature increases of 10-13 degrees. Reflectance as a function of land use was found to vary as much as 10 percent. Between agricultural and natural forested or wetland areas, the differences in net radiation and evapotranspiration flux densities were found to be as much as 13 cal/sq cm/hr and 10 cal/sq cm/hr, respectively.

R.B.

A89-10977

Jet Propulsion Lab., California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena.

REFLECTANCE CHARACTERISTICS OF DRY PLANT MATERIALS


Chlorophyll and water obscure the absorption features of all other leaf constituents in the spectra of green leaves. The predominant near-IR and thermal IR spectral features of dry plant materials originate from lignin, cellulose, and hemicellulose. These compounds account for 80 to 98 percent of the dry weight in most plant materials.

Author

A89-10979

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STANDARDIZED GRASSLAND LANDSAT MSS INFORMATION DATA BASE


The development of an information data base to quantify the spectral and physical properties of grassland near the Vaal Dam in South Africa is discussed. The data base contains Landsat MSS data from 1980 and 1981 and ground reference data. The ground reference data include soil color, species composition, height, seed height, and percentage cover for three field samples in periods coinciding with satellite overpasses. Vegetation indices, the vegetation ratio, and the normalized vegetation index have been determined for the test sites. It is suggested that the data set can be used to study grassland and environmental conditions, and to generate grassland calendars and spectral atlases of grassland species.

R.B.

A89-10980

BACKSCATTERING COEFFICIENT OF RICE CROPS AND RICE FIELDS BY AN X-BAND SCATTEROMETER


An experiment to measure microwave backscattering coefficients of rice crops and rice fields was made at X-band using a FM-CW radar. This paper discusses mainly two different kinds of experimental results. The first result shows the temporal variation of the measured backscattering coefficients of rice crops in the same field just before dawn till afternoon. The second result shows an analysis on the fading characteristics of received power caused by the movement of the scatterometer on the rail, or caused by the movement of vegetation by wind at the fixed observed area.

Author

A89-10985

AUTOMATIC CONTROL POINT DETERMINATION FOR IMAGE REGISTRATION USING TEXTURE ANALYSIS METHODS


Methods for the automatic determination of ground control points (GCPs) in registration of two digital forest images are evaluated. The cross-correlation method for spectral pattern matching and the texture measure for spatial pattern matching are compared. The texture was represented by a spatial gray-level dependence method and calculated by contrast, entropy, and angular second moment. Data were normalized and compressed by a preprocessing technique. The two methods were compared by calculating location error of the GCPs under eight testing conditions. It is shown that the texture method is superior to the cross-correlation method when there are large rotational and scale differences between the two images. However, when there are only translational differences between the images, the cross-correlation method gives a much better location accuracy.

R.B.

A89-10987

DETECTION OF FOREST DAMAGE ON WHITEFACE MOUNTAIN, NEW YORK, USING LANDSAT THEMATIC MAPPER DATA


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LANDSAT TM AND MSS DIGITAL DATA COMPARISON - IMPERIAL VALLEY


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MONITORING VEGETATION INDEX AND BIOMASS PRODUCTION IN SOUTHERN GREENLAND BASED ON NOAA-AVHRR DATA


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EVALUATION OF A MULTISPECTRAL LINEAR ARRAY SENSOR FOR ASSESSING JUVENILE STAND CONDITIONS


MEIS-II pushbroom scanner data at 1- and 3.5-m resolution

01 AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
are compared with conventional 1:10,000 normal color photography for assessing regeneration conditions in young conifer plantations in British Columbia. It is shown that MEIS-II data can separate the regenerating stands into meaningful conifer density classes and brush density classes. The MEIS-II data are able to detect regeneration at lower conifer densities than the color photography. The MEIS-II data also provide better separation into density classes and are more sensitive to brush competition. R.B.

A89-11002#
REGIONAL VARIATION AND CROP SEPARABILITY IN A THEMATIC MAPPER BASED CROP INVENTORY OF NEW YORK STATE

A89-11004#
EFFECT OF SOIL ROUGHNESS ON SAR IMAGES OF HARVESTED AGRICULTURAL FIELDS

The relative importance of field surface characteristics that cause difference in radar return from harvested agricultural fields is assessed. X- and L-band, HH-polarized SAR images of three sites in Saskatchewan, Canada were analyzed. It was found that the soil surface roughness had the dominant effect on SAR image tones. Row orientation, row spacing, and ridge height were shown to be most closely related to variations in tone, while the weights of these parameters depend on frequency. It was found that cultivation operations can cause large and rapid changes in the appearance of a field on SAR images. R.B.

A89-11007#
ACREAGE AND YIELD DETERMINATION - 1987 KANSAS WINTER WHEAT

The capabilities of SPOT, NOAA-9 AVHRR, Landsat TM, MSS, and aerial photography to aid in the determination of crop conditions, acreage, and yield for the 1987 winter wheat crop in Kansas are evaluated. The wheat crop has been monitored throughout the growing season with preharvest appraisals, field reviews after harvest, and actual harvested yields by unit. The acreage per unit was determined and compared with remote sensing data. The methods used in the experiment are described in detail, and the plans for analyzing the data are given. R.B.

A89-11009#
SPECTRAL AND SPATIAL CHARACTERISATION OF ORCHARDS IN NEW YORK STATE USING THEMATIC MAPPER IMAGERY

A89-11009*# Pennsylvania State Univ., University Park. COMPARISON OF REMOTE MEASUREMENTS OF INFRARED SURFACE TEMPERATURES AND MICROWAVE SOIL MOISTURE

Scatterometric measurements of active microwave soil water content and radiometric measurements of thermal IR surface temperatures were made simultaneously from an aircraft flying 400 m over an agricultural region of France after harvesting. The surface temperatures were used to determine soil moisture availability estimates according to the Carlson (1986) model. Surface temperature or soil moisture availability and microwave soil moisture were correlated. The standard error in the IR temperature and soil moisture availability due to influences other than soil moisture is found to be + or - 2 C. The standard deviation of the temperature/moisture availability is greater than this standard error. It is shown that correlations between soil water content and moisture availability improve with increasing spatial or temporal variance in the measure surface temperatures. R.B.

A89-11011#
THE USE OF FRACTAL GEOMETRY TO IDENTIFY RANGES OF SCALE-INVARIANCE IN DIGITAL REMOTELY SENSED DATA

Natural land cover surfaces may sometimes display what is known as statistical self-similarity over specific intervals of spatial scale. Such patterns can be characterized by what is known as a fractal dimension. The identification of characteristic scale ranges may be useful to reveal scales at which different processes in the scene operate and manifest their structure. It is shown how the fractal dimension can be computed from the surface semivariogram of a digital image. An airborne multispectral scanner image of a forest scene is examined using this method. Limitations of this approach and possibilities for future work are also discussed.

Author

A89-11012# Jet Propulsion Lab., California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena.

RELATIVE WATER CONTENT OF SPRUCE NEEDLES DETERMINED BY THE LEAF WATER CONTENT INDEX

Leaf relative water content (RWC) is defined as the volume of water in a leaf divided by the volume at full turgor. Using reflectance factors of wavelengths 0.83 micron and 1.6 microns, a Leaf Water Content Index (LWCI) was derived from the Lambert-Beer Law such that LWCI should equal RWC; LWCI was equal to RWC for Picea pungens, Picea rubens, Liquidambar styraciflua, and Quercus agrifolia. Algebraic manipulation shows that R(1.6)/R(0.83) termed the Moisture Stress Index (MSI), is near-linearly correlated to RWC; LWCI was equal to RWC for such that LWCI should equal RWC; LWCI was equal to RWC for Picea pungens, Picea rubens, Liquidambar styraciflua, and Quercus agrifolia. Algebraic manipulation shows that R(1.6)/R(0.83) termed the Moisture Stress Index (MSI), is near-linearly correlated to RWC; LWCI was equal to RWC for

Author

A89-12251 DIRECTIONAL EFFECTS ON SCENE COMPLEXITY IN OBLIQUE THERMAL IMAGERY AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF A DECIDUOUS FOREST
A98-12354
ESTIMATION OF MULTIPLE REFLECTION AND LOWEST ORDER ADJACENCY EFFECTS ON REMOTELY-SENSED DATA
S. M. SINGH (NERC; Reading, University, England) International Journal of Remote Sensing (ISSN 0143-1161), vol. 9, Sept. 1988, p. 1433-1450. refs (Contract NERC-F60/G6/12)

The lowest-order adjacency effect and the effect of multiple reflections between the ground and the atmosphere on the AVHRR channel 1 and channel 2 reflectances and on the normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI) are examined. The global irradiiances calculated from theoretical and experimental empirical relations are compared. The effect of multiple reflection on each channel reflectance is found to be about 1-2 percent. It is shown that the multiple reflection and lowest-order adjacency effects can be ignored for the NDVI, but not when using reflectances. Also, the variations of global solar irradiance with the solar zenith angle are presented.

A98-12355
THE EFFECTS OF BARK BEETLE STRESS ON THE FOLIAR SPECTRAL REFLECTANCE OF LODGEPOLE PINE

Results are presented from a study to determine the sequence of changes which occur in the foliar reflectance properties of lodgepole pine trees being attacked by mountain pine beetles. Data for the study included spectrometry at wavelengths 360-1050 nm, foliage samples, and bore holes. The spectral reflectance data analysis included visual inspection of spectral reflectance curves of foliage from trees with obvious color changes and a factor analysis of the data from unattacked and attacked trees with no discernible color differences. The changes observed are described and the implications of the study for remote sensing are discussed. It is found that six spectral bands should be considered for detecting incipient pine beetle stress. Three of these bands (400-450 nm, 667-686 nm, and 900-950 nm) serve as reference bands to correct for atmospheric and illumination effects. The other bands (690-1050 nm, 690-730 nm, and 770-1050 nm) represent regions where significant differences between the reflectance of foliage from attacked and unattacked trees were observed.

A98-12356
ESTIMATING THE DISTRIBUTION OF GRAZING AND PATTERNS OF CATTLE MOVEMENT IN A LARGE ARID ZONE PADDOCK

A method is presented for modeling the distribution of grazing and for generating the pattern of movement by cattle in a large paddock in central Australia for a particular configuration of watering points, fence lines, and vegetation types. The method uses Landsat MSS data and a cattle distribution model which is based on the convection-diffusion equation and relates the number of animals grazing to distance from water and preference for particular vegetation types. Background changes in MSS band 5 over time are separated from those due to grazing. The band 5 grazing effects provide a surrogate measure of grazing intensity and are used to estimate preferences for different vegetation types and to calibrate the animal distribution models. It is found that the patterns of movement derived from Landsat band 5 data are very similar to those determined from observed cattle distributions.

A98-12756*
Michigan State Univ., East Lansing.
EVALUATING LANDSAT CLASSIFICATION ACCURACY FROM FOREST COVER-TYPE MAPS

The use of complete enumeration in the form of photointerpreted forest cover-type maps to evaluate the accuracy of Landsat classifications was compared with assessments made directly from the aerial photography. A computerized, geographic information system was utilized to compare the Landsat classifications with the cover-type maps on a pixel-by-pixel basis. Error maps of pixels which were similarly misclassified by a variety of algorithms contained a larger number of errors than were verified from the aerial photography. For the two test sites studied, only 67 and 52 percent of the pixels which were originally considered to be in error were substantiated as being in error. Discrepancies between the two results were primarily caused by definitional differences between the cover-type maps and the Landsat classifications, especially with regard to minimum-type size and crown closure estimates of forest land.

A98-12874
THE USE OF SPECTRAL REFLECTANCE CHARACTERISTICS FOR THE ESTIMATION OF THE WHEAT CROP STATE
K. KAMCHEVA (B'lgarska Akademiia na Naukite, Institut za Kosmicheski Izledvania, Sofia, Bulgaria) Bolgarskaia Akademiia Nauk, Doklady (ISSN 0366-8681), vol. 41, no. 8, 1988, p. 69-71. refs

Remote-sensing techniques for crop-status evaluation are discussed, with a focus on the results of ground-based spectral reflectance measurements at 400-800 nm. Useful correlations are established between reflectance and crop coverage index and overground phytomass.

A98-13670*
COMPUTATIONAL DESIGN AND EFFICIENCY OPTIMIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL AIRPLANES

This paper presents a simulation program for optimizing the parameters of the spraying system and the configuration of agricultural aircraft, which yields higher accuracy in calculated spraying distribution, as well as other improvements, in comparison with existing methods. The method incorporates new techniques for describing the roll-up process of the wing wake and the flow characteristics of the propeller slipstream and uses a new statistical method for describing the influence of wind fields and turbulence. Using this simulation program, it was demonstrated that, by installing winglets in the aircraft design, not only aircraft performance but also spray efficiency can be improved. This winglet configuration, in combination with optimized spray nozzle arrangements, was tested in flight tests using an aircraft of the PZL M-18 Dromader type; good agreement was obtained between flight test results and simulation results.

A98-14009
SPOT SATELLITE DATA FOR PATTERN RECOGNITION ON THE NORTH AMERICAN TALL-GRASS PRAIRIE LONG-TERM ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH SITE
M. DUANE NELLS and JOHN M. BRIGGS (Kansas State University, Manhattan) Geocarto International (ISSN 1010-6049), vol. 3, Sept. 1988, p. 37-40. (Contract NSF BSR-85-14327)

Data of a tall-grass prairie in Kansas are briefly discussed. A SPOT image taken on May 1, 1987 as part of the Long-Term
A COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF USE OF LANDSAT MSS AND MKF-6M PHOTOGRAPHS FOR FOREST TYPE DELINEATION


MKF-6M photographs of India from the Salyut-7 mission are evaluated and their use in forest type delineation and mapping is compared with Landsat MSS data. It is found that even green, semievergreen, moist and dry deciduous, degraded forest, and scrub vegetation may be differentiated and mapped using both black and white and false color composites of MKF-6M data and false color composites of Landsat MSS data. The advantages and disadvantages of both types of data are discussed. It is suggested that the improvement in the spectral resolution of MKF-6M data over Landsat MSS does not have significant influence in differentiating more forest categories, although it makes it easier to delineate precise boundaries of the categories. Also, compared to Landsat MSS data, the MKF-6M data lacks geometrical fidelity unless a correction is applied to the data. 

A SIMPLE METHOD FOR ESTIMATING MONTHLY MEAN ALBEDO OF LAND SURFACES FROM AVHRR DATA


A new supervised nonparametric classifier produces an image showing the empirical probability of correct classification for a pixel as well as a thematic image. This allows an analyst to visually locate those parts of the image where classification success can be improved. The algorithm was tested using SPOT XS data over a forest plantation in southeast Australia. The classifier produced thematic maps of higher accuracy than those from conventional supervised classifiers.

SOUTH-SCALE 70-MM PHOTOGRAPHY AND TARIFF TABLES


Research supported by the Oregon Forest Research Laboratory and Coastal Oregon Productivity Enhancement Program. An approach to large-scale 70-mm aerial photo forest inventory, including stand and stock tables, has been developed to eliminate the need for specialized equipment such as stereo plotters, laser altimeters, and tilt indicators. The approach requires limited field work to establish a proper path access number and a stem to crown diameter relationship. Tariff volume tables are used to eliminate the need for photo measurement of tree heights for volume estimates. Tests using 153 photo plots of three sampling designs produced results that were within + or - 5 percent of the mean volume per acre obtained from ground inventory. It was found that stand and stock tables were accurate for all but the smaller diameter classes.

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angle microwave sensor configuration. The data exhibited satisfactory regression lines between the backscattering coefficient and the volumetric water content calculated over arbitrary soil depths. In addition, a statistical procedure for predicting the mean and standard deviation of volumetric water content profiles from depths. In addition, a statistical procedure for predicting the mean and the volumetric water content calculated over arbitrary soil satisfactory regression lines between the backscattering coefficient and microwave sensor configuration. The data exhibited

ABE R (New Hampshire, University, Durham) Remote Sensing of

Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA.

PREDICTION OF LEAF CHEMISTRY BY THE USE OF VISIBLE
AND NEAR INFRARED REFLECTANCE SPECTROSCOPY

DON H. CARD, DAVID L. PETERSON, PAMELA A. MATSON
(NASA, Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA), and JOHN D.
ABER (New Hampshire, University, Durham) Remote Sensing of
Environment (ISSN 0034-4257), vol. 26, Nov. 1988, p. 123-147. refs

The chemical content of dry, ground leaf material sampled from deciduous and conifer tree species from sites in Alaska, Wisconsin, and California was estimated using visible and shortwave IR spectroscopy. Seven chemical components - sugar, starch, protein, cellulose, total chlorophyll, lignin, and total nitrogen - were analyzed by wet chemical methods and their concentrations regressed against log 1/rho and first and second differences of log 1/rho (where rho is measured reflectance) at wavelengths selected by stepwise regression. Predictions of chemical concentrations based on cross validation suggest that this technique may be useful for extracting vegetation canopy biochemical information by remote sensing

A89-17284

AN AIRBORNE GAMMA RAY SNOW SURVEY OF A FOREST COVERED AREA WITH A DEEP SNOWPACK


Problems arising from the airborne gamma ray measurement of snow water equivalent over a forest covered deep snowpack are examined. The principal sources of error are believed to be due to the radioactivity in the biomass and to variability in the snow cover. A theoretical model is developed to correct the airborne measurements for these sources of error. The application of the theory to data collected over the St. John River Basin, located in the eastern part of Canada and the United States, is found to significantly improve the airborne results.

A89-17286

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISCOLORATION AND HISTOLOGICAL CHANGES IN LEAVES OF TREES AFFECTED BY FOREST DECLINE

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Neuherberg, Federal Republic of Germany) Remote Sensing of
Environment (ISSN 0034-4257), vol. 26, Nov. 1988, p. 171-184. refs

The relationship between discoloration and histological changes induced by forest decline in leaves of Norway spruce and beech is analyzed. Discoloration of leaves by various degrees of damage is quantitatively measured by high resolution reflection spectroscopy. The cell structure of leaves is determined from microscopic images of histological cuts. Major significant changes in spectral reflectance as shown by t-value maxima are observed in the visible, but not in the near IR region. The related cellular changes are hypertrophy of chloroplasts, reduction of chloroplast number, and formation of large isodiametrical hypodermal cells.

A89-17399

MONITORING WOOD STORK FORAGING HABITAT USING REMOTE SENSING AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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(Wood Stork were inventoried and analyzed using remotely sensed imagery, digital image processing, and geographic information system (GIS) techniques. Maps of foraging habitats were created from Landsat TM imagery, one for a 'wet' year and one for a 'dry' year. Change detection, proximity to the Wood Stork Colony, and size of foraging site analyses were performed on the maps using GIS algorithms to obtain quantitative foraging habitat statistics. Results of the analyses indicate a 47 percent reduction in foraging cover during the 'dry' year.

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NEW SPOT GENERATION


The SPOT 2 and 3 remote sensing satellites will have improved resolution over the currently operating SPOT 1 through the addition of a new mid-IR band and an optical payload, designated 'Vegetation', which is characterized by a wide field of view and high radiometric resolution. Vegetation will be employed in global monitoring of both land vegetation and oceanic productivity. The two new SPOT satellites will also possess a longer service life capability than SPOT 1. An experimental optical link will be used between SPOT in LEO and a GEO satellite; the data will be relayed to be ground via conventional radio link.

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THE IMAGE DETECTION SUBASSEMBLY FOR THE SPOT 4 'VEGETATION' INSTRUMENT

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The SPOT 4 mission objectives are reviewed, focusing on the vegetation package to monitor vegetation on a global scale to forecast yields and improve environmental studies. The imaging instrument, data processing unit, onboard management unit and image data telemetry unit of the package are discussed. The mechanical design, thermal control, and electronics system are also considered. The performance of the package is examined, including geometric image quality, spectral response, radiometric resolution, and the contrast transfer function.

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COMPARISON OF SPOT, TM AND MSS DATA FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND-USE MAPPING IN GUJARAT (INDIA)

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A comparison was made between the spectral gradients, information content, redundancy, and land-cover mapping capabilities of SPOT, TM, and MSS for agricultural land-use mapping in Gujarat (India). It is found that intraclass variability is less in SPOT than in TM while statistical class separability is higher in SPOT. The advantage of the high spatial resolution of SPOT is demonstrated.

K.K.

The application of space based observation systems to vegetation monitoring is reviewed and compared with the observational requirements resulting from the ecological and economical impact of vegetation changes. The remote sensing systems which can be used to monitor vegetation are evaluated. Projects which have used remote sensing for woodland inventories, forest management, agricultural management, and landuse, landcover, and ecological mapping are listed. Research topics which might make use of remote sensing technology in the future are considered.

R.B.


Accumulation and renewal of organic matter as quantified through net primary productivity (NPP) is considered a very major function of the biosphere, and its estimation is crucial in understanding the carbon cycle. A physically-based model relating NPP to the difference of vertically and horizontally polarized brightness temperatures (Delta T) observed at 37 GHz frequency of the scanning multichannel microwave radiometer on board the Nimbus-7 satellite is used for fitting areally averaged values of NPP and Delta T for five biomes. The land-surface NPP within 80 deg N to 55 deg S is then calculated using the Delta T data and compared with other estimates.

Author


The effect of winter precipitation on the intensity of radar echoes from the earth-surface was investigated. The characteristics of radar images obtained from agricultural regions in the southern Ukraine and the meteorological data were quantitatively correlated with the conditions of the soil in these regions. The values of surface reflectance obtained from frozen and warm soils exposed to rainfall were found to be significantly different. The results showed that space radar imagery can be used for the determination of the spatial distribution of soil-surface moisture on large territories.

I.S.


A89-20630 SHUTTERED CAMERA - AERIAL COLOR VIDEO IMAGING IN THE VISIBLE AND NEAR INFRARED


Video imaging equipment which is suitable for large scale forestry surveys from light aircraft is discussed. Two camera systems were developed: an oblique system for forest surveys and a vertical system for general forest inventory and mapping. The systems include a digitizing module capable of producing multichannel imagery from a color composite for use in numerical processing and interpretation. Tests for forest regions in Finland show that, although several improvements to the system are needed, it has potential for use in detailed forest damage and treatment surveys.

R.B.


The variability of vegetation indices with the solar zenith angle is discussed. An inversion technique is summarized in which raw values of the normalized difference vegetation indices (NDVI) for a variety of surface-cover types are simulated as a function of solar zenith angle. The relationship between a change in NDVI and solar zenith angle is used to correct global vegetation index data from NOAA polar orbiting satellites.

R.B.


AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FOR BIOMASS ASSESSMENT IN THE INTERTIDAL ZONE


Radar signatures of vegetation; microwave interaction with sea surface; models of spectral response of natural surfaces; emission of natural surfaces in the thermal infrared; laser active remote sensing; high spectral resolution; spectral characteristics of natural surfaces (MOMS program); and large scientific remote sensing programs were discussed.

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The method is based on a direct relationship between color densities and field biomass at a number of sample plots. It appeared that the bidirectional reflectance properties of the macrophytes play a minor role, probably because of the flat character of the intertidal area and the small thickness of the macrophyte layer. It is concluded that the method is highly reliable and very well applicable over extended areas.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 4TH INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON SPECTRAL SIGNATURES IN REMOTE SENSING


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Models for direct interpretation of active microwave remote sensing signals from under vegetation canopies are reviewed and the problem of introducing characteristic vegetation variables in semi-empirical water drop type models is discussed. The feasibility of operational inversion of these models is assessed, taking into account sensor accuracy and parameter variations from one crop to another. Use of the models to invert the data is shown to be possible, although limits to the technique are indicated.

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COHERENT POLARIMETRIC SIGNATURES OF CONIFEROUS TREES: A SURVEY D. KAEHNY, S. RIEGGER, G. SCHOENE, and W. WIESBECK


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The state of the art in polarimetric signatures, their inherent ideas, and typical experimental results for coniferous tree parts are reviewed. Special types of signatures are evaluated for straight twigs of picea abies (spruce tree) and abies alba (silver fir) trees. Characteristics, resulting from the measurements, are discussed and interpreted. The radar cross section matrix is shown to reveal typical characteristics for similar parts of trees.

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MEASURING IN-SITU SOIL SURFACE ROUGHNESS USING A LASER PROFILOMETER P. BERTUZZI and J. M. CAUSSIGNAC (Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées, Paris, France) In ESA, Proceedings of the 4th International Colloquium on Spectral Signatures in Remote Sensing p 19-24 Apr. 1988 Prepared in cooperation with Laboratoire Central des Ponts et Chaussées, Paris (France)

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An optical technique for measuring field roughness characteristics of soil using a laser profiometer is described. The method is based on the exacting-of-focus of a laser light beam. Laboratory and field tests were carried out in order to improve the method for field use and to compare the technique with a reference method. The technique is considerably quicker, and causes no disturbance to soil. The degree of resolution and accuracy are satisfactory.

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The X-band radar backscatter from beet, peas, and potatoes was analyzed in relation to crop growth, to changes in canopy morphology, and to meteorological data. The cloud model for microwave backscatter from vegetation is used to describe the backscatter during the growing season. The results for 1 yr are used to predict the backscatter in another year at another location. The general trend in X-band microwave backscatter from these crops can be fairly well described by the model. However large erratic fluctuations in the observed microwave backscatter remain unexplained. These are probably due to instantaneous changes in canopy geometry which can be caused by meteorological conditions.

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SENSING [COMPLEMENTARITE DES HYPERFREQUENCES ET DU DOMAINE OPTIQUE DANS LA CARACTERISATION DES CULTURES PAR TELEDETECTION]

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COMPLEMENTARY OF MICROWAVE AND OPTICAL RANGE IN THE CHARACTERIZATION OF CROPS BY REMOTE SENSING [COMPLEMENTARITE DES HYPERFREQUENCES ET DU DOMAINE OPTIQUE DANS LA CARACTERISATION DES CULTURES PAR TELEDETECTION]

An approach for inverting radar measurements into soil and vegetation volumetric moisture content is presented. The approach consists in using a theoretical model (Eom and Fung, 1984) to simulate the radar responses to a wide range of vegetation and soil parameters. The simulated data are used in a sensitivity study to determine the validity conditions for inversion; and to derive fitting parameters of a semi-empirical model selected for inversion. The results obtained on soybean canopies at C-band and 20 deg of incidence are presented. Inversion is shown to be possible.

A SIMPLIFIED VEGETATION CANOPY REFLECTANCE AND ABSORPTION MODEL [UN MODELE SIMPLIFI DE REFLECTANCE ET D'ABSORPTION D'UN COUVERT VEGETAL]
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POSSIBLE NUMBER OF WINTER WHEAT EARS ESTIMATION USING RADIOMETRY TECHNIQUES AT AN EARLY STAGE

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INTRODUCING SPECTRAL DATA INTO A PLANT PROCESS MODEL FOR IMPROVING ITS PREDICTION ABILITY

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data as inputs to AFRCWHEAT, a wheat simulation model, is studied. This is done by using an independent submodel of leaf area index (LAI) evolution which is iteratively corrected for each new LAI value estimated by normalized difference, and resuming the global simulation from sowing time. The prediction error is greatly decreased by the method, but the bias remains important. Constraining assumptions still remain like the robustness of the simulated development scale, which rules partitioning of assimilates and growth of vegetative organs.

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THE ANGULAR REFLECTANCE SIGNATURE OF THE CANOPY HOT SPOT IN THE OPTICAL REGIME
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It is shown from experimental data and by modeling that the canopy hot spot angular reflectance signature carries information about plant stand architecture which is often more distinctive for different plant species than their spectral signatures. Model results show that the angular width of the hot spot reflectance distribution is highly correlated with leaf size and canopy height. Atmospheric radiative transfer calculations indicate that such angular signatures are invariant to atmospheric perturbations. Thus, the hot spot of plant canopies is recognized as an angular reflectance signature that carries information about the plant stand architecture which may be useful for instant crop identification from off-nadir satellite measurements.

N89-10326# State Univ. of New York, Binghamton.
A MODEL FOR RADIATIVE TRANSFER IN HETEROGENEOUS THREE-DIMENSIONAL CANOPIES
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A model, dubbed TRIM, for the interaction of electromagnetic radiation with inhomogeneous vegetation canopies is presented. It is based on the four flux theory for homogeneous canopies. The canopy is assumed to consist of ellipsoidal subcanopies located on the ground at periodic intervals. The model is inverted with field measured data for reflectance from corn canopies in the near infrared region. It is shown that TRIM correctly identifies the architecture of the canopy (homogeneous or row canopy, percentage of ground cover) and gives a good estimate of leaf area index.

N89-10327# Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique, Montfavet (France).
BIOMASS AND WHEAT CROP YIELD ESTIMATION FROM SPOT VEGETATIVE INDEXES [ESTIMATION DE LA BIOMASSE DU RENDEMENT DE CULTURES DE BLE DUR A PARTIR DES INDICES DE VEGETATION SPOT]
Avail: NTIS HC A23/MF A01; ESA Publications Division, ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands 80 Dutch guilders
A two stage method for regional estimation of wheat crop yield from data is presented. Biomass is estimated from vegetative index using an extremely simplified formalism derived from models of the interaction of radiation with vegetation canopy and photosynthesis. Crop yield or its components are estimated from the biomass. The model was validated over a dozen plots, and improvements are suggested. The difficulty of treating the great variety of crop situations found at regional level is stressed.

N89-10328# Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales, Toulouse (France).
SPATIAL CHARACTERIZATION OF FOREST TARGETS IN MOUNTAINOUS ZONES ON THEMATIC MAPPER IMAGES [CARACTERISATION SPECTRALE DE CIBLES FORESTIERES EN ZONE DE MONTAGE SUR DES DONNEES DU THEMATIC MAPPER]
Avail: NTIS HC A23/MF A01; ESA Publications Division, ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands 80 Dutch guilders
Analysis and representation of the evolution of the LANDSAT Thematic Mapper signal of forests were used to characterize the variability of the responses. The forests are representative of relief conditions in temperate European regions. The proportion of the variability explained by the nature of the target and that induced by modification of acquisition geometry are quantified for each spectral domain. Directional effects proper to each forest species are shown. It is concluded that the signal is relatively little dependent on observation conditions. The greatest part of signal variability is linked to thematic texture.

N89-10329# Southampton Univ. (England). Dept. of Agricultural A.
SIMPLIFIED REFLECTANCE MODEL FOR SHRUB CANOPIES
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A simplified descriptive model of the angular reflectance of shrub canopies based on data from a spectroradiometer is presented. The directional reflectance observed at the solar zenith angle for a range of azimuth angles is discussed. A marked minimum in reflectance relative to nadir when viewing up-Sun and a localized peak (in visible wavelengths especially), when viewing down-Sun are both features characteristic of the heather (Calluna vulgaris) canopies studied. These relationships are encapsulated in a simple graphic device: that of an imaginary landscape. This is seen as a necessary first step towards an analytical model for shrub canopies.
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Images from LANDSAT MSS were used to calculate radiometric growth indexes for 42 sugar beet parcels on July 31 and Sept. 4, and soil radiance index on Jan. 1. Yield was estimated on the ground by geometric weighing at the end of October. The proportion of yield variance explained by radiometric indexes depends mainly on the number of pixels which could be taken into account for the radiometric characterization of the parcels. A bilinear regression using the growth index in September and the radiance index in January enables 86 percent of the variance in sugar yield to be explained for parcels containing at least 8 pure pixels.  

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N89-10334#  Sheffiel Univ. (England). Dept. of Geography.
DEVELOPING A RADIOMETRIC LEAF AREA INDEX

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A measure of vegetation amount that is sensitive to canopy geometry was developed. This measure, termed the radiometric leaf area index (RLAI), comprises measurements of LAI, leaf inclination or curvature and the area of the canopy visible to the sensor. The RLAI was evaluated on simulated data and proves to be sensitive to canopy geometry.

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N89-10336#  Groupement Scientifique de Tele detection de Strasbourg (France)
ATTEMPT AT ABSOLUTE DETERMINATION OF SPECTRAL SIGNATURES OF BARE SOILS IN THE THERMAL INFRARED, IN EMISSION AND REFLECTION (ESSAI DE DETERMINATION ABSOLUE DES SIGNATURES SPECTRALES DE SOLS NUS DANS L'INFRAROUGE THERMIQUE, EN EMISSION ET EN REFLEXION)
F. NERRY, J. LABED, and M. P. STOLL  in ESA, Proceedings of the 4th International Colloquium on Spectral Signatures in Remote Sensing  p 185-188  Apr. 1988  in FRENCH  Sponsored by CNES, France

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An autocalibration based method for estimating spectral emissivity signatures, without radiative temperature measurements, and without any a priori hypothesis, is developed. Relative accuracy is + or - 0.6 percent. Measurement of spectral signatures in reflection confirm the emission results. Natural materials, minerals, and cultivated soils illustrate the measurement possibilities.

ESA

N89-10342#  Bonn Univ. (Germany, F.R.). Inst. fuer Pflanzenbau.
SPECTRAL REFLECTANCE OF SUGAR BEET AND WINTER WHEAT CANOPIES IN THE VISIBLE AND INFRARED DURING GROWTH

Avail: NTIS HC A23/MF A01; ESA Publications Division, ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands 80 Dutch guilders

The spectral reflectivity of differently managed sugar beet and winter wheat crops was investigated during growth. Simultaneously plants were analyzed for parameters relevant to yield. Meteorological data were recorded to explain the effect of illumination conditions (e.g., cloudiness). Qualitative comparisons indicate a typical relationship between plant parameters (leaf vitality, water stress and canopy height) and spectral response. Results of a plant model (hot spot, distribution and number of leaves) are presented.

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A THEORETICAL MODEL FOR INTERPRETING REMOTELY SENSED THERMAL INFRARED MEASUREMENTS OBTAINED OVER AGRICULTURAL AREAS
J. A. SOBRINO, V. CASELLES, and F. BECKER (Groupement Scientifique de Tele detection de Strasbourg, France )  in ESA, Proceedings of the 4th International Colloquium on Spectral Signatures in Remote Sensing  p 217-220  Apr. 1988

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A theoretical model to interpret remotely sensed thermal infrared measurements carried out over agricultural areas cultivated in rows was developed. Factors which take part in the definition of the effective emissivity and temperature (observation height, viewing angle, type of soil, dimensions and separation of vegetation) are analyzed. The model was validated in a citrus orchard during three typical nights of radiative cooling (clear sky and calm wind). The model performs to an accuracy of 1 percent.

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N89-10348#  Karlsruhe Univ. (Germany, F.R.). Inst. of Botany.
CHANGES IN THE CHLOROPHYLL FLUORESCENCE SPECTRA DURING THE KAUTSKY INDUCTION KINETICS

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An optical multichannel analyzer was used to screen the in situ chlorophyll fluorescence signatures of vegetation. It permits the fast registration of fluorescence spectra during the Kautsky induction kinetic. From the digitized data the induction kinetics at any given wavelength-range can be traced and the ratio F690/F735 and the F690/F735 values are determined. Though the ratio F690/F735 changes during the fluorescence induction kinetics, the changes are small compared to the differences between leaves of different chlorophyll content and different photosynthetic activity of stressed or damaged plants. Results demonstrate that the ratio F690/F735 is a very suitable fluorescence parameter to develop an airborne system for the remote sensing of chlorophyll fluorescence of terrestrial plants.

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N89-10349#  Karlsruhe Univ. (Germany, F.R.). Inst. of Botany.
CHLOROPHYLL FLUORESCENCE SPECTRA OF LEAVES AS INDUCED BY BLUE LIGHT AND RED LASER LIGHT

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The dependence of the chlorophyll-fluorescence emission spectra of green plant tissue (leaves, needles) on the wavelength of the excitation light was determined and the differences in the spectra were quantified by the fluorescence ratio F690/F735. The differences in the ratio F690/F735, which can be taken as indicator of stress to plants, using either blue (470 + or - 30 nm) or red excitation light (620 + or - 20 nm) or He/Ne-laser 632.8 nm are listed for leaves with different chlorophyll content and different photosynthetic activity of stressed or damaged plants. Results demonstrate that the ratio F690/F735 is a very suitable fluorescence parameter to develop an airborne system for the remote sensing of chlorophyll fluorescence of terrestrial plants.

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N89-10350#  Kisarazu National Coll. of Technology (Japan).
Laser-induced fluorescence on in-vivo chlorophyll of a rice plant: a technique for the remote detection of plant growth

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The laser-induced fluorescence (LIF) of a rice plant is evaluated as a means of detecting early stage chlorophyll and estimating plant growth. The leaf color is influenced by quantity of chlorophyll contained in the leaf. Fluorescence intensity of in vivo chlorophyll is changed by the amount of fertilizer used. Leaf color was measured in a rice field using a color scale. There are differences in its observation owing to the observer's individual character. In the LIF system, the fluorescence spectra of in vivo chlorophyll are excited with a nitrogen laser emitting at 337.1 nm. By detecting changes in fluorescence intensity at 684 nm and 740 nm concerned with photosynthesis, rice plant growth is estimated. ESA N89-10351# Paris XI Univ., Orsay (France). Lab. pour l'Utilisation du Rayonnement Electromagnetique.

TECHNIQUES FOR REMOTE SENSING OF LIFE SPAN AND QUANTUM YIELD OF CHLOROPHYLL FLUORESCENCE IN VIVO (TECHNIQUES POUR LA TELEDETECTION DE LA DUREE DE VIE ET DU RENDEMENT QUANTIQUE DE LA FLUORESCENCE DE LA CHLOROPHYLLE IN VIVO)

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Use of laser induced fluorescence for remote sensing of chlorophyll from flying platforms is discussed. By refining the sensing it may be possible to attain the average life span of the fluorescence. Laboratory measurements under widely varying conditions show that the average life span is in proportion to the quantum yield of the fluorescence. Quantum yield can be used to predict the physiological state of chlorophyll, but it is inaccessible to direct measurement. Measurement techniques which could be adapted to remote sensing are presented, including photon counting, phase fluorimetry, and ultrarapid oscilloscope. ESA N89-10354# Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique, Montfavet (France). Station de Bioclimatologie.

USE OF HIGH SPECTRAL RESOLUTION TO FOLLOW THE STATE OF VEGETATION CANOPIES (UTILISATION DE LA HAUTE RESOLUTION SPECTRALE POUR SUIVRE L'ETAT DES COUVERTS VEGETAUX)

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The action mechanisms of factors which control the movement of the wavelength of a point of inflection lambda i of the reflectance curve of vegetation between the red and near infrared regions are analyzed at leaf and vegetation canopy scales. Variations of lambda i seem to carry the same type of information as the combination of measurements in wide spectral bands (normalized difference, ND). However the introduction of atmospheric effects in satellite measurements reveals that the value of lambda i is much less dependent on atmospheric conditions than ND. Thus a set of four or five narrow spectral bands is proposed to determine lambda i from satellite measurements in order to determine and follow the state of vegetation canopies. ESA N89-10355# Institute for Image Processing Computer Mapping, Graz (Austria).

STRESS DETECTION IN MIXED CONIFEROUS-BROADLEAVED FORESTS FROM AIRBORNE IMAGING SPECTROMETER (AIS) DATA

Avail: NTIS HC A23/MF A01; ESA Publications Division, ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands 80 Dutch guilders.

The spectral response of forests was examined. Airborne imaging spectrometer data acquired from a metal-stressed spruce-broadleaved forest display changes in absorption features in the near to shortwave infrared region that coincide with canopy leaf tannin and starch absorption bands. These features, however, and the potential for distinguishing the influence of stronger atmospheric water and carbon dioxide absorption bands present in this wavelength region, which must be removed to delineate or enhance the subtle leaf chemistry absorption features. ESA N89-10356# University of Nottingham (England). Dept. of Geography.

HIGH SPECTRAL RESOLUTION INDICES FOR MONITORING CROP GROWTH AND CHLOROSIS

Avail: NTIS HC A23/MF A01; ESA Publications Division, ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands 80 Dutch guilders.

Spectral reflectance of sugar beet in the 400 to 1100 nm region was examined in relation to chlorosis induced processes. Spectral indices to predict crop growth and condition unambiguously were tested. Canopy growth variables are most correlated with the first derivative at 940 nm and chlorosis with the second derivative at 636 nm although other derivative indices are also promising. Conventional near-infrared/red based indices and the wavelength of maximum slope of canopy reflectance (the red edge) proposed as an index for monitoring chlorosis are not found to be as good for monitoring stressed vegetation. ESA N89-10359# Deutsche Forschungs- und Versuchsanstalt fuer Luft- und Raumfahrt, Oberpaffenhofen (West Germany). Inst. of Optoelectronics.

OPTIMIZATION FOR CLASSIFICATION OF FOREST DAMAGE CLASSES

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Using airborne scanner data of forest stands from different flight altitudes, damage classes are classified. In order to improve classification accuracy, the scanner data can be preprocessed due to the viewing angle dependence of the reflected signal using an empirical correction method. The damage classes have a natural overlap in their signatures. The calculation of the separability of the classes with the Jeffries-Matusita measure allows the optimization of channel and training area selections. Derived features can be checked for their information content in a classification. ESA N89-10363# Institut Francais de Recherche pour l'Exploitation de la Mer, Brest (France).

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF SPECTRAL RESPONSE IN THE OPTICAL DOMAIN OF TARGETS IN A TROPICAL SWAMP AT VARIOUS SPECTRAL AND SPATIAL RESOLUTIONS (ANALYSE COMPARATIVE DES REPONSES SPECTRALES DANS LE DOMAINE OPTIQUE DES CIBLES D'UN MARAIS TROPICAL A DIVERSES RESOLUTIONS SPATIALES ET SPECTRALES)

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Spectral signatures of the same tropical salt marsh targets, acquired on the ground (Sept. 20, 1986) and from altitude (helicopter survey Sept. 17, 1986) with 3 look angles are compared to the SPOT HRV data of Sept. 18, 1986 and correlated to physical properties of the barren salt flats. Observations give coherent results but on dense vegetation the satellite response appears underestimated; on barren flats, it appears overestimated. An atmospheric environmental effect explanation is proposed.
Significant correlations between vegetation and brightness indexes and humidity and organic matter content of soils are found. ESA

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**TEXTURE ANALYSIS IN FOREST AREAS: HIGH SPECTRAL RESOLUTION SYNTHETIC APERTURE RADAR DATA**

ANALYSE TEXTURALE EN MILIEU FORESTIER: DONNEES RADAR A OUVERTURE SYNTHETIQUE DE HAUTE RESOLUTION SPATIALE

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Visual interpretation (spectral aspect) of SAR images of forests, supported by terrain data, is described. It is concluded that radar imagery can aid in planning clearings, in mapping roads, and in evaluating the density of vertical twigs and first leaves in clearing areas. The methodology and results of a quantitative analysis of the texture (spatial aspect) are summarized. It is concluded that texture enables covers that would otherwise be confounded to be distinguished.

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**ESTIMATION OF LEAF SPECTRA FROM MEASUREMENTS IN WIDE SPECTRAL BANDS**

ESTIMATION DE SPECTRES DE FEUILLES A PARTIR DE MESURES DANS DES BANDES SPECTRALES LARGES

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A simple reflectance model to simulate leaf spectra from chlorophyll concentration and infrared reflectance level is proposed. A derived model which only takes into account chlorophyll concentration enables leaf reflectance in the wide bands of a densitometer to be simulated. The inversion of the latter model gives precise estimates of chlorophyll concentration which can be used to reconstruct the complete reflectance spectrum of the leaf. Tests on wheat show that a rapid, but fine, characterization of the optical properties of canopy elements using a simple densitometer is possible.

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**MODELING OF SOIL COLOR BY REMOTE SENSING**

MODELISATION DE LA COULEUR DES SOLS PAR TELEDÉTECTION

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Eighty-four very different soil samples were characterized in the laboratory with: reflectance curves from 350 to 2000 nm recorded with a spectrophotometer; physical and chemical analysis; and color from Munsell soil chart. Different types of curve shapes were related to the main constituents of the studied samples. Using colorimetric concepts, soil spectral characteristics were modeled from Munsell color. It is shown that the reflectance curve of a soil sample can be predicted from converting its Munsell coordinates into the trichromatic system RGB. The low occurrence of material for soils allows the relation between spectral reflectance and color to be inverted.

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**N89-10370#** Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne (Switzerland). Inst. for Agricultural Engineering.

**THE NORMALIZATION OF A SOIL BRIGHTNESS INDEX FOR THE STUDY OF CHANGES IN SOIL CONDITIONS**

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A methodology for comparing soil surface characteristics from remotely sensed data acquired from orbital remote sensing systems at different dates is proposed. It is based on the normalization of the soil line index or soil brightness index computed from red and infrared band information. The normalization removes the influence of changes in illumination and atmospheric conditions as well as in detector system characteristics. Normalized index values can therefore be utilized to study changes in soil surface conditions throughout time.

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**N89-10373#** Valencia Univ. (Spain). Dept. de Termodinamica.

**SPECTRAL SIGNATURE OF CITRUS FRUITS AND ITS EVOLUTION: IDENTIFICATION OF THE VEGETATIVE INDEX OF LEAST TEMPORAL VARIATION**

SPECTRALES DE CITRUS ET SON EVOLUTION: IDENTIFICATION D'INDEX DE VEGETATION DE MOINDRE VARIATION TEMPORELLE

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Images from LANDSAT 5 were used to monitor the evolution of the spectral signature of a citrus fruit growing area during a winter period. Results show that there is no seasonal spectral signature for citrus fruits, the variability within one season being as great as that between seasons, and there are significant differences in reflectance from one plot to another, depending on vegetation cover. A method to detect zones affected by frost and to assess the impact was developed. It is based on a multitemporal analysis of the vegetative index before and after the frost.

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**ROCK AND SOIL DISCRIMINATION IN NATURAL TROPICAL CONDITIONS USING A SPOT-CALIBRATED RADIOMETER**

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A radiometry survey was executed in the western Tanzanian Karema area bordering lake Tanganyika. Spectral values in the SPOT bands were statistically analyzed. A discriminant analysis on different data sets concludes at the discriminability of the vegetal from the mineral objects, whereas the recognition of the soils, defined according to subsurface lithology, is usually less effective. A principal component and a cluster analysis of different groups shows the importance of non or less lithology-related parameters. A set of soils was submitted to a chemical analysis and a wide-range spectroradiometry. The analysis of the correlation matrix between chemical and spectral variables reveals that a better geochemical discrimination of the soils can be achieved when a greater number of spectral bands is taken into account.
DISCRIMINATION OF ZONES OF HIGH WATER EROSION RISK USING SPOT IMAGES [DISTINCTION DES ZONES A HAUT RISQUE D'EROSION HYDRIQUE A L'AIDE D'IMAGES SPOT]

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Erosion risk of an arable farming area was assessed using SPOT imagery, a digitized pedological map, and soil erodability measurements. The potential of the SPOT images to discriminate between different soil series was examined. The SPOT images are incapable of classifying soil types. The digitized pedological map was superimposed on land use images to give bare soil area for each type of soil. These data, along with the rate of erosion, enable the quantity of soil eroded in the region to be estimated.

MONITORING SEASONAL VARIATIONS OF SOIL MOISTURE AND VEGETATION COVER USING SATELLITE MICROWAVE RADIOMETRY

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The NIMBUS-7 scanning multichannel microwave radiometer measured brightness temperatures at 5 frequencies (6.6, 10.7, 18, 21, 37 GHz), all dual-polarized with a 50 deg incidence angle over Africa since 1978. A 3 yr data set is being processed (1983 to 1985), and a theoretical model was developed, allowing investigation of the microwave emissivity of land features in the frequency range 6.6 to 37 GHz and of the extent to which vegetation and roughness can be determined in order to improve the soil moisture estimation.

A STUDY OF THE VEGETATION COVER WITH AVHRR DURING HAPEX-MOBILHY

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The LANDSAT AVHRR vegetation index images were used to map the dominant vegetation types and study the vegetation state in the South-West of France. It is shown that artifacts due to haze, precipitations, or different image intensity between AVHRR channels 1 and 2 could falsify the interpretation of the temporal variations of NDVI in terms of phenologic evolution. A compositing procedure allowing to keep a high time sampling rate is proposed.

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THE TRANSFORMED VEGETATION INDEX (TVI) FOR ESTIMATION OF BRAZILIAN CERRADO'S PHYTOMASS

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The main objective of this study is to make an analysis of the relationship between the cerrado's foliar phytomass and the vegetation indices (TVI sub 4.3 and TVI sub 5.3) obtained by the
Thematic Mapper/LANDSAT-5. The ground and remote sensing data were gathered in three selected areas: Roncador Ecological Reserve-IBGE, Experimental Station of Brazilia University-UnB, and CPAC/EMBRAPA Station, located at the central region of Brazil. The vegetation indices (x) and cerrado's phytomass (y) were used to analyze the functional relationship between each of the vegetation indices (x) and cerrado's phytomass (y). From the results it can be inferred that the exponential regression model shows a better fit compared to the linear one although a significant difference was not obtained. Also, the results showed better performance of the TVI sub 4.3 to fit the cerrado's phytomass (dry weight). It explained 62 percent of the variation in the dependent variable (y). This study is part of the large project that is being carried out by INPE and CPAC/EMBRAPA, of the test the TM/LANDSAT data capability for phytomass estimation of the cerrado in order to support future monitoring of this ecosystem. 

Author

N89-10402# Instituto de Pesquisas Espaciais, Sao Jose dos Campos (Brazil). NATION-WIDE FOREST MAPPING AND TIMBER VOLUME ESTIMATION USING LANDSAT-5 TM IMAGERY RENE ANTONIO NOVAES, DAVID CHUNG LIANG LEE, PEDRO HERNANDEZFILHO, ARMANDO PACHECO DO SANTOS, and JACOLA JORGE PONZONI Aug. 1988 33 p Presented at the Simposio Latino-Americano de Sensoriamento Remoto, 7th Reunion Plenaria SELPER, Bogota, Colombia, 16-20 Nov. 1987 (INPE-4643-PRE-1354) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 The project described was supported by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). The main objective of this project was to obtain basic forest information for development, promotion, and utilization of alternative sources of energy based on the use of the country's natural resources. A methodology is described which used LANDSAT TM data as a first segment of a two-stage sampling plan designed to produce typical forest information for the plantations and to map forest areas in Uruguay. From this project it can be concluded that the total forest area is about 3 percent of the total land area in Uruguay. The plantation forest, which has high productivity of woods, is about 23.7 percent of total forested areas. The overall interpretation and mapping accuracies waver 90.6 andn 83.3 percent, respectively. The total stand timber volume of pine and eucalyptus plantation was estimated at 3,539,418.15 cubic meters and 24,231,118.83 cubic meters, respectively. From all the results obtained the project would conclude that LANDSAT-5 TM imagery, at a scale of 1:100,000, served well as the primary source of data from forest area mapping and timber inventory over a nation-wide level. 

Author

N89-10404# Deutsche Forschungs- und Versuchsanstalt fuer Luft- und Raumfahrt, Oberpfaffenhofen (West Germany). Abteilung Fernerkundung. APPLICATIONS OF LANDSAT (TM AND MSS) DATA FOR AN ESTIMATION OF RANGELAND CONDITIONS IN SEMIARID AND ARID AREAS OF NORTHERN KENYA CHRISTOPH DREISER Dec. 1987 119 p In GERMAN; ENGLISH summary Original contains color illustrations (DFVLR-FB-88-18; ISSN-0171-1342; ETN-88-93165; AD-B126126L) Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01; DFVLR, VB-PD-DO, 90 60 58, 5000 Cologne, Fed. Republic of Germany, 66 Deutsche marks. Digital multispectral data are analyzed to prove the applicability of LANDSAT 5 sensors, Thematic Mapper (TM) and Multispectral Scanner (MSS), to recognize variations of sparse vegetation coverage. The research area is a dwarf-shrub semidesert in Northern Kenya (Marsabit District). The size of the subscene is 1024 x 1024 pixels. Data were acquired in the dry season. Perpendicular vegetation index is used for tracing training areas. A maximum likelihood classification of TM channels, 3, 4, 5, and 7 gives acceptable results. Compared with the classification of MSS data, TM classification leads to much more exact results. Classification results are processed further to estimate the actual rangeland potential. 

Author

N89-11292# California Univ., Santa Barbara. Dept. of Geography. IMPROVEMENT AND EXTENSION OF A RADAR FOREST BACKSCATTERING MODEL Annual Report DAVID S. SIMONETT and YONG WANG 20 Sep. 1988 36 p (Contract NAG5-1010) (NASA-CR-183259; NAS 1.26:183259) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 02F Research to-date has focused on modeling development and programming based on model components proposed during the past several months and research progress made by the Simonett team. The model components and programs (in C language under UNIX) finished to date are summarized. These model components may help explain the contributions of various vegetation structural components to the attenuation and backscattering of vegetated surfaces to extract useful data concerning forest stands and their underlying surfaces for both the seawater-on and seawater-off. 

Author

N89-11294# Instituto de Pesquisas Espaciais, Sao Jose dos Campos (Brazil). TECHNIQUE FOR OBTAINING AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY BOUNDARIES THROUGH SATELLITE IMAGERY, CERTIFIED TO CONTROL AND ACCOMPANY AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY (TECNICA PARA OBTENER LIMITES DE PROPIEDADES AGRICOLAS SOBRE IMAGENS DE SATELITE, VISANDO CONTROLAR E ACOMPANHAR A ATIVIDADE AGRICOLA) VALDETE DUARTE Aug. 1988 11 p In PORTUGUESE; ENGLISH summary Presented at the Enserplan-National Meeting of Remote Sensing Applied to Municipal Planning, Campos do Jordao, Oct. 1987 (INPE-4640-PRE-1351) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 This work is part of a project named Fiscalizacao de Propriedades Agricolas por Satelite (FISATE). The survey of the rural credit for properties with wheat crops in the Assis county in the Sao Paulo State is presented. The following materials were utilized: aerial photographs at the 1:35,000 scale; photomosaic at the 1:100,000; and IBGE topographic charts at the 1:250,000 and 1:50,000 scales. One Banco de Brasil clerk from the Assis agency, was trained on aerial photography handling to be able to make property cadaster from the available photographs. The agricultural properties boundaries outlined on the aerial photographs were transferred to the cartographic maps at the 1:50,000 scale using the KARTOFLEX equipment. From this cartographic map the properties boundaries as well as some features such as rivers, roads, and cities, were extracted to be used as reference points on the satellite data. This information was reduced to 1:100,000 scale map on a transparent film to be compatible to the satellite images. The final product is a transparency in a lithographic film containing the agricultural properties boundaries. This transparency was overlaid on the satellite images and allowed to locate perfectly the agricultural properties. Hence, the wheat plantations were identified and their areal extent evaluated through the satellite images. 

Author

N89-11296# Michigan Univ., Ann Arbor. Radiation Lab. EFFECT OF CURVATURE ON THE BACKSCATTERING FROM LEAVES K. SARABANDI, T. B. A. SENIOR, and F. T. ULABY 1988 36 p (Contract NAG5-480) (NASA-CR-183326; NAS 1.26:183326) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 20F Using a model previously developed for the backscattering cross section of a planar leaf at X-band frequencies and above, the effect of leaf curvature is examined. For normal incidence on a rectangular section of a leaf curved in one and two dimensions, an integral expression for the backscattered field is evaluated numerically and by a stationary phase approximation, leading to a simple analytical expression for the cross section reduction produced by the curvature. Numerical results based on the two methods are virtually identical, and in excellent agreement with
measured data for rectangular sections of coleus leaves applied to the surfaces of styrofoam cylinders and spheres of different radii. Author

N89-11297# Instituto de Pesquisas Espaciais, Sao Jose dos Campos (Brazil)


The correlation was verified between spectral behavior of three Oxisols and one Ultisol from Sao Paulo State (Brazil) with their following characteristics: iron oxides and organic matter contents, particle size, color, surface conditions, cation exchange capacity and parent material. The data was collected in three spectral levels: laboratory, field and satellite. For the first two levels, data were collected between 400 and 1100 nm with a spectroradiometer and a hand held radiometer, respectively. For the satellite level (MSS and TM-LANDSAT) it was used the Multispectral Imagery Analyser - Image 100 with data from compatible computer tapes (CCTs). The physical and chemical parameters were highly correlated with the spectral behavior of the four soil types. In one of the two study areas, where the parent material is argillic (clay) it was observed a type of spectral discrimination between the soils; and where the parent material originates sandy pedological substrate it was observed another type of discrimination between studied soils. These results show the importance of parent material and soil texture as influencing parameters of the soil spectral behavior. Also, clear indications of the inference potential from soil properties related with iron oxides due strong absorption occurred mainly at near infrared for the soils originated from eruptive basic rocks. Author

N89-11324# Instituto de Pesquisas Espaciais, Sao Jose dos Campos (Brazil)


A 1:25,000 color infrared survey was used to map and evaluate the extent of the damage caused by air pollution originated from Cubatao city's industrial plant on the Tropical Forest covering the Serra do Mar mountain range in southeastern Brazilian coast. The survey covered an area of 240 sq km and encompasses a heavily damaged drainage basin and a preserved one. One primary forest and four secondary types were identified in the preserved area by means of their tonal and textural characteristics. Four types of damage, closest covers were discriminated in the polluted valley on the basis of the density and size of the remnant trees. DEH and tree height field measurements of these cover types reveal that the degradation process of the Tropical Forest takes place as a progressive elimination of the larger trees. Although the proliferation of smaller plants follows this process, the impact of the air pollution in the forest favors the occurrence of landslides in the rainy season. Author

N89-11368*# Nebraska Univ., Lincoln. Inst. of Agriculture and Natural Resources.


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The primary objectives of the 1985 study were to test the feasibility of using radio frequency receivers to collect data from automated weather stations and to evaluate the use of the data collected by the automated weather stations for modeling the fluxes of latent heat, sensible heat, and radiation over wheat. The model Cupid was used to calculate these fluxes which were compared with fluxes of these entities measured using micrometeorological techniques. The primary objectives of the 1986 study were to measure and model reflected and emitted radiation streams at a few locations within the First International Satellite Land-Surface Climatology Project Field Experiment (FIFE) site and to compare modeled and measured latent heat and sensible heat fluxes from the prairie vegetation. Author

N89-12106# Instituto de Pesquisas Espaciais, Sao Jose dos Campos (Brazil)


Variables derived from rainfall and sunshine are used in a crop yield model called the Method of Critical Periods proposed by Celaschi and Almeida and developed by Celaschi, aiming at the estimation of crop yields using satellite data. These variables, which can be extracted from environmental satellites, are simulated from conventional meteorological data gathered at the surface. The variables derived from rainfall are of the dummy type associated with the incidence of rainfall beyond a threshold value, while the variable derived from sunshine hours is weighted by daily rainfall, expressing the tendency for water stress. The model was tested for corn in the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil. The results are compared with those obtained by the conventional method employing temperature and rainfall and with the officially reported data for the state of Sao Paulo. Author

N89-12107# Instituto de Pesquisas Espaciais, Sao Jose dos Campos (Brazil)

DIGITAL PROCESSING APPLIED TO VEGETATION [PROCESSAMENTO DIGITAL APLICADO A VEGETACAO] FLAVIO JORGE PONZONI and VITOR CELSODECARVALHO Sep. 1988 25 p In PORTUGUESE; ENGLISH summary (INPE-4695-MD/036) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01

The main digital processing techniques of satellite imagery applied to study of vegetation cover are presented in order to guide agricultural professionals interested in remote sensing studies. Research works concerned with these techniques are also presented. Author

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A methodology for visual analysis of remote sensing data is presented as applied to vegetation cover through the classical photointerpretation approach, i.e., tone, texture and form. Examples of vegetative targets and respective patterns in LANDSAT spectral imagery are shown. Some examples of vegetative cover, such as cerrado, young and old eucalyptus reforestation, burnt and reforested areas are shown in TM-3, TM-4 and TM-5 imagery. Author

N89-12109# Institute de Pesquisas Espaciais, Sao Jose dos Campos (Brazil).
INTERACTION OF SOLAR RADIATION WITH VEGETATION
D ALTON MORISSONVALERIANO Sep. 1988 35 p (INPE-4897-MD/038) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01
The acquisition of information about vegetation canopies by remote sensing has important applications in the fields of vegetation science, agronomy, geobotany, etc. The correct interpretation of this data from the reflected radiance measured by remote sensors demands knowledge of the interaction mechanisms of the electromagnetic radiation from a leaf as well as from the totality of elements that comprise the vegetation canopy. Some of the basic concepts of vegetation relevant to the understanding of the processes that determine the behavior of its spectral reflectance are discussed. Some methodological approaches to the study of these processes are also presented. Author

N98-12110# Instituto de Pesquisas Espaciais, Sao Jose dos Campos (Brazil)

CROP SEPARATION ANALYSIS THROUGH SPOT AND TM DIGITAL DATA [SEPARABILIDADE DE CULTIVAS ATRAVÉS DA ANÁLISE DIGITAL DE DADOS SPOT E TM]
GETULIO TEIXEIRABATISTA, SHERRY CHOU CHEN, ANTONIO TSAN MO, and J. R. WANG
The objective of this paper was to evaluate SPOT and TM data for spectral discrimination of coffee, wheat, sugar cane, and pasture in the Northwest of Parana State. The test site comprises a SPOT scene of approximately 60x60 km. Fifteen fields were analyzed for each crop. Field information such as variety, planting date, phenological stage, row space, planting direction, percent soil cover, etc., was obtained. Wheat was originally considered as two classes according to its growth stage. Data were analyzed using one SPOT scene (5.3 deg off nadir, east viewing) acquired on June 10, 1986, and one TM scene from August 2, 1986. J-M distance was calculated taking into account several classes and band combinations from both SPOT/HRV and LANDSAT-TM data. The best TM band combination for crop discrimination was determined. Separability analysis of crops using SPOT and TM images is presented. Author

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MODELLING OF SAR POLARISATION PHASE DIFFERENCE FROM TREES
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The data for polarization phase difference Delta Phi between the HH- and VV-polarized backscattered waves from tree-covered fields were obtained with an airborne synthetic aperture radar at 1.225 GHz. The mean values over tree-covered fields were derived from the images of the phase difference and were examined as a function of incident beam angle from 15 to 55 deg. A theoretical model for simulating these data, based on the electromagnetic wave scatterings from the tree trunk and its branches, both of which are assumed as very long dielectric cylinders, was developed. The radius and direction of a tree branch are taken as random variables and are chosen by a Monte Carlo method to encounter the incident waves in producing the scattering events. The Monte Carlo simulated results are in good agreement with the observations within experimental uncertainty.

N98-12952# Leeds Univ. (England). School of Geography.

MODELLING LAND RESOURCES WITHIN A PILOT GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM
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A pilot geographical information system (GIS) for regional evaluation of land resources is outlined and its scope for modeling is considered in the context of remote sensing of upland vegetation in northern England. The pilot GIS uses a proprietary relational database management system to handle objects abstracted from a spatial database or supplied by users. The spatial database is made up of binary square images encoded and held as linear quadtrees. To illustrate how the pilot GIS is used, spatial and aspatial data are analyzed to identify homogeneous land units for resource management and planning. Different strategies for modeling land resources within such units are outlined using geographic data from digital maps, LANDSAT TM, and climatic records.


ANALYSIS OF POTATO CROP DISTRIBUTION USING REMOTELY SENSED AND ENVIRONMENTAL DATA IN A PILOT GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

Use of geographic information systems (GIS) to predict production of potato crops in Scotland is described. To quantify the extent to which the crop may be subject to drought stress, soil types and soil water deficits in the potato growing areas were studied. In the light of results obtained using raster images, the potential of a pilot GIS is assessed for the inventory and analysis of the potato crop distribution. Spatial and statistical analyses are used to describe and measure associations between the presence of crop and a range of environmental conditions. These relationships can be explored interactively, used to describe and explain crop distribution, and as the basis of predictive models of crop suitability or drought risk.

N98-12986# Karlsruhe Univ. (Germany, F.R.). Inst. fuer Photogrammetrie und Fernerkundung.

LARGE AREA TM LAND COVER CLASSIFICATION OF MULLTITER OBERRHEIN COUNTY, SOUTHWEST GERMANY, AND ITS USE FOR REGIONAL PLANNING AND CROP SURVEYS
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The spectral problems of classifying a whole, geographically very heterogenic county were investigated. A map is presented and its use for regional planning and crop surveys discussed. The influence of three distinctive natural regions on the phenological situation of six different crop types is demonstrated. Diagrams show how the dynamics of crop development differ due to varying locations. Differences in reflections of one crop type in several training sites are illustrated in histograms. Classification results are compared to official land inventory statistics. It is concluded that the classification is of little use for such a large area, but the mapping possibilities are interesting.


THE DETECTION OF UNIMPROVED GRASSLAND IN BERKSHIRE USING A BINARY DECISION TREE APPROACH
N. M. TRODD and A. J. MORTON (Imperial Coll. of Science and

Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF E03; ESA Publications Div., ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands, 120 US dollars or 250 Dutch guilders.

The results of an experiment to test the hypothesized negative relationship between near infrared reflectance and leaf nitrogen content under field conditions are reported. It is concluded that neither relationship holds unless the effect of canopy geometry is suppressed in visible wavelengths and the effect of biomass is suppressed in near infrared wavelengths.

ESAn89-13003# Joint Research Centre of the European Communities, Ispra (Italy).

SMALL FORMAT AIR PHOTO FROM ULTRALIGHT AIRCRAFT AS AN AID FOR DATA COLLECTION OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS IN SAHELIAN COUNTRIES


Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF E03; ESA Publications Div., ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands, 120 US dollars or 250 Dutch guilders.

An experiment was carried out in Mali to assess the feasibility in Sahelian conditions of 70 mm air photography for field mapping of ground segments to be used for the crop statistics and crop surface assessment. It is found that the ultralight aircraft is an efficient tool for air photography at the local or subregional level. Accurate field mapping can be achieved if the photos are made during the growing season. Black and white film and scales smaller than 1/15000 are sufficient. Such a procedure could be applied on an operational basis without major difficulty. For crop classification, 1/5000 infrared photos are required. They allow only the recognition of major crop types, which is sufficient for production forecasting, not for agricultural statistics. The operational use of this technique is difficult because of the special film processing involved, and the manpower required for the data analysis.

ESAs89-13050# Research Inst. for Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Budapest (Turkey).

AGROECOLOGICAL INFORMATION CONTENT OF SPOT DATA


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Four SPOT scenes acquired over Hungary are evaluated in terms of their potential use for agroecological mapping. Extremely variable soil conditions characteristic of the study area are found to be limiting factors of crop growth. In-field heterogeneities were mapped based on bi-temporal (spring and summer) data using soil brightness and normalized vegetation index. They were field checked and identified as well as on color infrared aerial photography.

ESAs89-13051# Edinburgh Univ. (Scotland), Dept. of Geography.

EVALUATION OF LANDSAT TM AND SPOT IMAGERY FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND USE PLANNING IN LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES


Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF E03; ESA Publications Div., ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands, 120 US dollars or 250 Dutch guilders.

Imagery from SPOT and LANDSAT-TM were acquired for a part of Tabora Region (Tanzania) to investigate the value of both types of imagery for interpreting areas of agricultural potential.
current land use, vegetation, cultural features, and clarity and ease of interpretation. Satellite imagery with ground resolution of 20 to 30 m at a scale of 1:50,000 is shown to be extremely useful for land use planners in less developed countries. It provides a means of rapidly appraising areas of cultivation, eroded areas and likely sources of erosion, natural vegetation, and areas with potential for increased population. The main advantages of satellite imagery compared with aerial photography are synopsis and provision of up-to-date information.

N89-13055# Stockholm Univ. (Sweden). Dept. of Physical Geography.

LANDSAT THEMATIC MAPPING (TM) AND SPOT HRV FOR SURVEY MAPPING OF BEDROCK OUTCROPS


Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF E03; ESA Publications Div., ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands, 120 US dollars or 250 Dutch guilders

It is shown that LANDSAT TM and SPOT HRV provide good possibilities for mapping of bedrock outcrop areas to be presented on the Swedish topographical map on the scale of 1:50,000. The classification errors can be reduced by the use of a slicing procedure on the training data, and by combining the automatic classification with a subsequent manual improvement.


AN EVALUATION OF SATELLITE IMAGERY, LANDSAT THEMATIC MAPPER AND SPOT-1 HRV FOR GRASSLAND INVENTORY IN THE UK


Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF E03; ESA Publications Div., ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands, 120 US dollars or 250 Dutch guilders

Grassland classification and mapping using the spectral discrimination properties of LANDSAT Thematic Mapper (TM) and SPOT-1 HRV data, as a basis for the production of grassland cover maps is discussed. From such derived maps, the extent, distribution, and general quality of lowland grassland types can be surveyed, providing an information system capable of creating landcover/grassland maps, quickly and inexpensively, as an aid to environmental, agro-economical, and ecological planning and for monitoring change. Classifications are evaluated with the assistance of detailed field survey vegetation maps. The use of temporal and spatial features for classification are investigated and the spectral characteristics of different grassland types analyzed.

N89-13077# Scott, Wilson, Kirkpatrick and Partners, Basingstoke (England).

COTTON AREA MAPPING USING MULTITEMPORAL SATELLITE DATA INTEGRATED WITH A GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM APPLIED TO A COTTON BOLL WEEVIL CONTROL PROGRAMME IN PARAGUAY


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An attempt to map the distribution of cotton using satellite imagery in a pest control program is described. Image classification is performed using GIST, a system incorporating image processing, digital terrain analysis, and a relational database. The results show that cotton maps are accurate a program of pest control can be undertaken, which will involve creating a cotton free buffer zone. The location and implementation of a buffer zone depends on many factors including socioeconomic conditions. The biogeography of the cotton field, the feasibility of monitoring the spread of the pest, and the cotton distribution can be incorporated into GIST to assist in formulating the integrated control program.

N89-13079# Goettingen Univ. (Germany, F.R.). Inst. fuer Forsteinrichtung.

BUILDING A MONITORING SYSTEM BASED ON SATELLITE DATA TO DETECT VEGETATION AND LAND USE CHANGES IN A SUBTROPICAL REGION OF MEXICO


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A project was carried out in an area in Mexico typical of subtropical regions to compare different satellite systems as to classification accuracy for subtropical vegetation types; for a multitemporal analysis (1973-1986) to build up a monitoring system for such an area based on satellite data only; and to develop software. The resulting maps and tables demonstrate the potential of satellite data for change detection in extensively used subtropical areas. Vector data were analyzed by applying a classification method based on discriminant analysis in combination with a global F-test, which provides a measure to describe the separability of training areas.

N89-13080# Instituto de Pesquisas Espaciais, Sao Jose dos Campos (Brazil).

MICROWAVE REMOTE SENSING AT THE INSTITUTE FOR SPACE RESEARCH (INPE) BRAZIL: CONCEPTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF SOIL MOISTURE STUDIES


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Experience in microwave remote sensing, applied specifically to soil moisture studies, including the main concepts and prospects for future research is summarized. In the approach proposed, information derived from ground truth, airborne and orbital data, as well as meteorological data, are important inputs.

N89-13083# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD.

THE DERIVATION OF SUB-CANOPY SURFACE TERRAIN MODELS OF COASTAL FORESTS USING SYNTHETIC APERTURE RADAR


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Radar data acquired by the Shuttle Imaging Radar-B mission covering a portion of the Mouths of the Ganges forests were used to create a terrain model for use in determining tidal flow and eventual nutrient transport from the forest to the marine habitat. Results show that good digital topographic terrain models of wet coastal forests can be generated using multiple sets of L-band SAR and ancillary tide elevation data. The dominance of the interaction phenomenon in the radar backscatter of flooded forests can be used to create sub-canopy inundation maps which when merged with tide surface data can be used to generate reasonable topographic models. Ideally models could be improved by using multiple sets of data at a constant incidence angle over the total tide range. The optimal angle for the SAR depends upon the characteristics of the forest. The range of 46 to 57 deg seems
applicable to the 12.5 m tall closed canopy in this example. Such models can be an extremely valuable tool for studying and mapping the mangal ecosystem.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF SEMI-NATURAL VEGETATION FROM LANDSAT THEMATIC MAPPER IMAGERY: A USER'S PERSPECTIVE


An unsupervised maximum likelihood classification of LANDSAT Thematic Mapper imagery is found to provide the basis for a thematic map of broad habitat types over an area of complex seminatural vegetation. The cover categories to be mapped must be selected such that they have spectral homogeneity in addition to ecological significance. The use of photographic prints of satellite imagery in the field is found to be invaluable in this respect. Where cover categories are selected on the basis of ecological divisions alone, results are shown to be poor.

SPECTRAL CHARACTERIZATION OF FOREST DAMAGE IN BEECH, OAK AND PINE STANDS


Multispectral scanner data were gathered at 2000 and 4000 m flight altitudes over a test site to serve as data basis for the development of operational methods for the detection, classification, and mapping of forest disease in larger areas of Germany. In the visible, near IR and short wave IR region, radiances values of beech and oak decrease with increasing damage level. The spectral behavior of pine is nonuniform and influenced by understory vegetation; expect one dense homogenous stand. It shows yellowing of foliage in the visible, which could not be measured for deciduous leaves; decreasing reflectance in the near IR; and slight rise in the short wave IR for the damaged class. Experience suggests important influence of secondary effects mainly caused by loss of biomass, increase of shade areas, background, and understory vegetation.

BIOGEOCHEMICAL PROCESSES IN SAGEBRUSH STEPPE: INTERACTIONS OF TERRAIN, VEGETATION AND CHEMICAL CYCLES


NASA-CR-181486; NAS 1.26:181486) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 02C

Publications, manuscripts in various stages of progress, presentations made at scientific meetings, and undergraduate honor thesis and one Ph.D. dissertation are contained.

THE STRUCTURE OF RED-INFRARED SCATTERGRAMS OF SEMIVEGETATED LANDSCAPES

MICHAEL F. JASINSKI and PETER S. EAGLESON 25 Nov. 1988 46 p Submitted for publication

A physically based linear stochastic geometric canopy soil reflectance model is presented for characterizing spatial variability of semivegetated landscapes at subpixel and regional scales. Landscapes are conceptualized as stochastic geometric surfaces, incorporating not only the variability in geometric elements, but also the variability in vegetation and soil background reflectance which can be important in some scenes. The model is used to investigate several possible mechanisms which contribute to the often observed characteristic triangular shape of red-infrared scattergrams of semivegetated landscapes. Scattergrams of simulated and semivegetated scenes are analyzed with respect to the scales of the satellite pixel and subpixel components. Analysis of actual aerial radiometric data of a pecan orchard is presented in comparison with ground observations as preliminary confirmation of the theoretical results.

DEVELOPMENT OF A GROUND HYDROLOGY MODEL SUITABLE FOR GLOBAL CLIMATE MODELING USING SOIL MORPHOLOGY AND VEGETATION COVER, AND AN EVALUATION OF REMOTELY SENSED INFORMATION


NASA-CR-180463; NAS 1.26:180463) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01 CSCL 08H

The long-term purpose was to contribute to scientific understanding of the role of the planet's land surfaces in modulating the flows of energy and matter which influence the climate, and to quantify and monitor human-induced changes to the land environment that may affect global climate. Highlights of the effort include the following: production of geo-coded, digitized World Soil Data file for use with the Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) climate model; contribution to the development of a numerical physically-based model of ground hydrology; and assessment of the utility of remote sensing for providing data on hydrologically significant land surface variables.
N89-13824# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA.
THE CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE REMOTE SENSING PROJECT Final Report
(NASA-TM-100073; A-88105; NAS 1.15:100073) Avail: NTIS HC A05/MF A01 CSCL 08B
The USDA, the California Department of Water Resources (CDWR), the Remote Sensing Research Program of the University of California (UCB) and NASA have completed a 4-yr cooperative project on the use of remote sensing in monitoring California agriculture. This report is a summary of the project and the final report of NASA's contribution to it. The cooperators developed procedures that combined the use of LANDSAT Multispectral Scanner imagery and digital data with good ground survey data for area estimation and mapping of the major crops in California. An inventory of the Central Valley was conducted as an operational test of the procedures. The satellite and survey data were acquired by USDA and UCB and processed by CDWR and NASA. The inventory was completed on schedule, thus demonstrating the feasibility of the approach, although further development of the data processing system is necessary before it can be used efficiently in an operational environment. Author

N89-14808# Environmental Protection Agency, Corvallis, OR. Environmental Research Lab.
ANALYSIS OF CROP LOSS FOR ALTERNATIVE OZONE EXPOSURE INDICES
DAVID T. TINGEY, WILLIAM E. HOGSETT, and E. HENRY LEE (Northrop Services, Inc., Corvallis, Oreg.) May 1988 15 p
(PB88-214788; EPA-600/D-88-118) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 13B
Defining the appropriate exposure index that best relates plant response to exposure necessitates a consideration of the underlying biological basis for the response and a method for characterizing the temporal variations in pollutant occurrence. Although no single index was deemed best (in all cases) for relating O3 exposure to plant response, the top-performing exposure indices were those that: (1) cumulate the hourly O3 concentrations over time, (2) emphasize concentrations of 0.06 ppm and higher either by continuous sigmoid weights or by discrete (0 or 1) weights of the threshold indices. The best index gave greater weight to exposures occurring 20 to 40 days before harvest. When assessing the impact of O3 on plant growth, these findings illustrate the importance of exposure duration, the importance of repeated peaks, and the time of increased plant sensitivity.

N89-14637# Kansas State Univ., Manhattan. Div. of Biology.
THE INFLUENCE OF GRAZING ON LAND SURFACE CLIMATOLOGICAL VARIABLES Semianual Report
(Contract NAG5-897)
(NASA-CR-183308; NAS 1.26:183308) Avail: NTIS HC A04/MF A01 CSCL 04B
Research accomplishments in empirical measurements, laboratory analyses, data analyses, and modeling are summarized. Publications are listed. Presentations made during the funding period are also listed. B.G.

N89-10926 INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON REMOTE SENSING OF ENVIRONMENT, 21ST, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, OCT. 26-30, 1987, PROCEEDINGS. VOLUMES 1 & 2

Papers on remote sensors, data systems, and scientific investigations related to land, open ocean, ice, atmosphere, and climate research are presented. Topics include the High-Resolution Imaging Spectrometer for NASA's Earth Observing System; the future of remote sensing techniques; airborne electrooptical imaging; airborne stereo line image data; a helicopter-borne scatterometer; SAR image data compression, international remote-sensing satellites; Radarsat, the integration of remote sensing and geographic information systems; the Argos system; TM data screening; surveillance radar; the use of microwave radiometry in hydrology; and the use of Landsat, AVHRR, and SPOT data in environmental studies. Research using remote-sensing techniques is presented, covering topics such as the measurement of currents, intense and tornadic thunderstorms, suspended sediments in estuaries, calculating land and forest cover, flash flood potential, sea-level variations, agricultural monitoring, fire detection, analysis of marine shallow water-bottom features, detection of human-induced environmental change, crop yield estimation, the composition of volcanic rocks, ice surveillance, snow-cover mapping, road detection, surface wind-speed measurements, and mineral exploration.

A89-10927# ON-BOARD PROCESSING AND NATIONAL EARTH OBSERVATIONS CENTERS
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The creation of an international joint venture to pursue a comprehensive program in earth observations, known as Envisat-International, is proposed. The organization is based on the international organizations for telecommunications and maritime satellite users. It is also proposed that centralized facilities, called national earth observations centers, be created around the world to serve as focal points for research and operations and as connection points for investigations located at distant institutions. It is suggested that, because of advances in pattern recognition and on-board processing, these centralized facilities will be needed to handle additional signals transmitted to the ground.

A89-10597# ENHANCEMENTS TO THE ARGOS SYSTEM - PRESENTED AT THE TWENTY-FIRST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON REMOTE SENSING OF ENVIRONMENT, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, OCTOBER 26-30, 1987
Improvements made to the ARGOs system during 1986 and 1987 will have a significant, favorable impact on all system users. The new United States Global Processing Center (USGPC), located in Landover, Maryland, became fully operational in April 1987. Better delays on global coverage are now possible due to both shorter transmission time between NOAA and the USGPC, and improved hardware and software within both NOAA and ARGOs. The global reliability of the system has been improved through operation of two redundant computer centers. Additional enhancements offer new services to users. Author

**A89-10959#**

INTEGRATING REMOTELY SENSED DATA INTO PC-BASED GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS


Technical issues involved in the integration of remotely sensed data into geographic information system (GIS) data bases are discussed. The differences between vector-based and raster-based systems, the problem of observational and resampling errors, the choice between personal computers and super minicomputers for GIS, and software options are examined. Examples are presented in which grousse and moose habitats are successfully identified through the integration Landsat TM data with conventional ground inventory using personal computers. R.B.

**A89-10982#**

LAND COVER CHANGE DETECTION WITH THEMATIC MAPPER SPECTRAL TEXTURAL DATA AT THE RURAL-URBAN FRINGE


The purpose of this research is to detect rural to urban land cover changes at the urban fringe of the cities of Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, with TM spectral and textural data. The textural features used include the standard deviation from first order statistics, a Laplacian filter, and inverse difference moment from grey level cooccurrence probabilities. Edge density images can be extracted from these images. Urban and rural land covers can be differentiated from them, but errors occur as some of the rural land covers may have textures similar to the urban land covers. By combining the spectral (thresholded TM 3 and differenced TM 3 images) and textural data, changes from rural land to construction sites can be identified and isolated from all other land covers. Author

**A89-10987#**

AUTOMATIC ROAD DETECTION ON LANDSAT 4 TM IMAGES


A conceptually parallel road detection method using Landsat-4 TM images is proposed and tested for an area in Michigan. The method consists of two phases: low-level road detection and high-level road labeling. In the low-level phase, a road sharpening operator calculates a magnitude and direction value for each pixel. Then, a parallel road following algorithm is implemented at selected seed pixels. In the high-level phase, more global information is used to classify roads into different levels. Experimental results from several images show that the method can detect roads reasonably well in the low-level phase and is useful for detecting potential oil/gas pads. In the high-level phase, however, only major roads are labeled. R.B.

**A89-17390**

REAL-TIME ENVIRONMENT MONITORING USING DATA FROM METEOSAT AND NOAA IMAGING SATELLITES


An operational remote sensing system is described which supports the environment monitoring using the multisensor-multitemporal data acquired by the geostationary and polar orbiting weather satellites. The information derived from the satellite images are maps on a continental scale with data on the estimated rainfall, the vegetation index (NDVI), and for experimental use, with data on the soil water available for crops. The operational system, called ARTEMIS, will meet the information requirements of the FAO monitoring programs in the areas of food and feed security and plant protection. Author

**A89-15050**

AEROSPACE MONITORING OF ECOSYSTEM DYNAMICS AND ECOLOGICAL PROGNOSSES


The paper presents Soviet experience with aerospace monitoring of ecosystem dynamics based on a comparison of repeated aerial and/or space images. The dynamics of single ecosystems are described by linear or, more commonly, nonlinear exponential or parabolic functions. The dynamics of simple two-component ecosystems are described by the interrelation of "reserve" vs. "resource" trends. The dynamics of composite ecosystems are represented by transition matrices and graphs of transition probabilities, using Markovian chains. Provided the areal dimensions and identification accuracy are sufficient, a normative long-term forecast may be calculated for 5-20 years ahead. Author

**A89-17767#**

REMOTE SENSING STRATEGIES FOR GLOBAL RESOURCE EXPLORATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT


International land and ocean satellite remote sensing systems are reviewed and the possible future developments for remote sensing systems are discussed. Data access, distribution, and integration of existing systems, geographic information systems, and airborne remote sensing are considered. Plans for launching civil land and ocean remote sensing satellites in the 1990s are outlined. The economic potential and commercialization of satellite remote sensing and the role of remote sensing in the development of global resources are examined. R.B.

**A89-17702#**

COMPLEX EXPERIMENT ON THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ATMOSPHERE POLLUTION USING SPACE, AIRCRAFT AND GROUND INFORMATION


The complex experiment was carried out over an area of about 60,000 km², including the central part of the Czech Republic. A main objective of the experiment was to exchange data and experience in the field of research and monitoring of air pollution. The space component of the experiment was based on the use of meteorological satellites, particularly Meteosat, which provided data on the concentration of pollutants up to about 1000 km above the surface. Author

**N89-10413#**

ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT OF THE URBAN GROWTH ON THE WESTERN SAO PAULO METROPOLITAN AREA

CELINA FORESTI Aug. 1988 11 p Presented at the 16th
Congress of International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, Kyoto, Japan, 1-10 Jul. 1988. Submitted for publication (INPE-4670-PRE/1370) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01. Satellite-borne remote sensing data are useful for urban environment research for their improved spatial, spectral, and radiometric resolution. The present study assesses the environmental impact of urban growth on the Western Sao Paulo Metropolitan Area from 1975 to 1985. Multidate digital data from MSS/LANDSAT, TM/LANDSAT, and HRV-SPOT were registered and urban structure changes within that period were detected. Color composite photographs of TM bands 5, 4, and 4 were applied to map the urban land use for new urban areas. The HRV-SPOT panchromatic data, digitally enlarged to the scale of 1:10,000 were applied to urban structure mapping and environmental monitoring. Ground truth data collection and helicopter-borne data collection were used to complement the remote sensed data. Several environmental degradation levels were determined and compared to the Physical Aptitude for Urban Settlement Chart. The results showed that environmental impacts are more related to the pattern of urban settlement than to the physiographic features. Vegetative cover proved to be the most important key, indicating environmental change as far as orbital remote sensing is concerned. Soil erosion is caused by the removal of vegetative cover, but the erosion rates are controlled by the different patterns of land use.

**A GENERAL DATA MODEL FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

GUARACI, JOSE ERTHAL, GILBERTO CAMARANETO, and DIOGENES SALASALVES May 1988 11 p Submitted at the 16th Congress of International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, Kyoto, Japan, 1-10 Jul. 1988. Submitted for publication (INPE-4560-PRE/1301) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01. Recently, a major trend in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is integrating remote sensing data in such an environment. This work presents a GIS to be used in remote sensing applications, together with an image processing system, enabling satellite imagery to be combined with thematic maps, DTMs, and tabular data. In designing an integrated system, vector and raster data must be treated on a common data base. In order to overcome such diversities, the design relied on abstract data types. The data base uses a geo-relational model.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR ONGOING DEVELOPMENT OF THE PILOT LAND DATA SYSTEM (PLDS)**

S. W. WHARTON and J. A. NEWCOMER (ST Systems Corp., Lanham, Md.) In ESA, Proceedings of the 1988 International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS 1988) on Remote Sensing: Moving Towards the 21st Century, Volume 1 p 85-88 Aug. 1988 Sponsored by NASA, Washington D.C. Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF E03; ESA Publications Div., ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands, 120 US dollars or 250 Dutch guilders, C3CL 055. The Pilot Land Data System being developed to address the information processing needs of the NASA land sciences research community is presented. The objective of the pilot program is to establish a limited-scale, distributed information system for the archival, location, transfer, integration, and manipulation of digital data access. Multiple sites connected by a high-speed communications network. Functional capabilities required for users to create, access, and maintain local and distributed data bases containing various types of data in support of land sciences research are summarized.

**THE USE OF REMOTE SENSING IN CONJUNCTION WITH GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS FOR LOCAL PLANNING**

N. A. QUARMBY, J. L. CUSHNIE, and J. SMITH (National Remote Sensing Centre, Farnborough, England) In ESA, Proceedings of the 1988 International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS 1988) on Remote Sensing: Moving Towards the 21st Century, Volume 1 p 89-92 Aug. 1988 (Contract NERC-F60/G6/12) Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF E03; ESA Publications Div., ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands, 120 US dollars or 250 Dutch guilders. The use of remote sensing and other types of geographic information for local planning purposes is discussed. Perspectives viewing the obtaining remotely sensed data and digital evaluation data, are a useful tool for the decision-making process of urban housing land supply. Weighting, overlay, and dilation operations were performed on digitized information showing environmental constraints and communication networks to illustrate the ability of a geographic information system to provide alternative solutions to the problem of assessing the potential impact of new housing developments.
Geographic information systems (GIS) which emphasize environmental data based on remote sensing are discussed. The use of terrain units, recognizable on remotely sensed imagery, as a framework offers a number of advantages, including ready comprehensibility, economy, applicability to different disciplines, mapping scales and technological levels, a capability for self-refinement, and a recognition of analogs between different areas. The UK, the Middle East, and North Africa provide examples of the method. An outline design for linked national and international GIS is proposed.

**TOWARDS AN URBAN LAND-USE CLASSIFICATION USING TEXTURAL AND MORPHOLOGICAL CRITERIA**


Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF E03; ESA Publications Div., ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands, 120 US dollars or 250 Dutch guilders

The use of satellite data to provide land use maps suitable for urban planners is discussed. Spatial resolutions of civil satellites are not adapted to the complexity of urban milieu. A land use does not correspond to a specific spectral signature; thus a classification of land uses cannot be reached only by means of radiometric information, but requires morphological and topological elements, in a way inspired by the processes involved in visual interpretation of aerial photographs.

**MONITORING URBAN CHANGE FROM LANDSAT TM AND SPOT SATELLITE IMAGERY BY IMAGE DIFFERENCING**


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It is shown that visual interpretation of satellite imagery is the most accurate technique for detecting urban change. This would particularly be the case if enhanced SPOT imagery combining the spectral information of the multispectral channels (XS) and the spatial information of the panchromatic channels was available for both image dates. However, at county, regional, and national scales a more automated technique is required to provide a unified record of the distribution of urban change at specified time intervals. This can be achieved by using a modified form of image differencing in which unwanted agricultural change is differentiated from the urban change of interest by using the variance of the SPOT panchromatic channel as a textural discriminator. In this way it is possible to discriminate between areas of reflectance change on the difference image that display a high variance in the corresponding land area, and areas of reflectance change at low variance which are generally nonurban.

**DOE/DOD ENVIRONMENTAL DATA BANK**


Contract DE-AC04-76DP-00789 (DE88-015262; SAND-88-1429C; CONF-881076-5) Avail: NTIS HC A02/MF A01

The purpose of this paper is to describe an engineering analysis support activity which involves the collection, analysis, storage, and retrieval of technical environmental information. This information is at the disposal of system and component analysts for use in formulating initial conditions, forcing functions and performance requirements for numerous hardware application evaluations. This paper will describe the Engineering Environmental Data Bank system which provides this information service to many Sandia Laboratories' technical analysis efforts and other qualified programs. Its structure and data sources will be summarized.

**DOE/DOD ENVIRONMENTAL DATA BANK**

Includes mapping and topography.

**A89-13757# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD. THE CRUSTAL DYNAMICS PROJECT**


The Crustal Dynamics Project has been developing, deploying, and operating very-long-baseline interferometry (VLBI) systems and satellite laser ranging (SLR) systems for highly accurate geodetic measurements of global plate motion, plate stability, regional crustal deformation, and earth rotation/polar motion. Over the past 10 years, the measurement accuracies of these systems have been improved by a factor of 10 to the cm level. Plans are to continue these developments to reach mm level accuracies. The present deployment of the VLBI systems is primarily in the Northern Hemisphere. This network has produced measurements of the relative plate motion between the North American, Eurasian, and Pacific plates; the stability of the same plates; and the regional deformation at the North American/Pacific plate boundary in California and Alaska.

**A89-13759# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD. GEODESY BY RADIO INTERFEROMETRY - DETERMINATION OF VECTOR MOTIONS FOR SITES IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES**


The use of VLBI to study plate tectonic motion, plate boundary deformation, earth dynamics, and the crustal motions in the western U.S. is discussed. Results from dual frequency (S and X band) mobile VLBI experiments between October 1982 and February 1987 are presented. It is suggested that significant northwest motion is occurring well east of the San Andreas fault.

**A89-13760 NASA/CRUSTAL DYNAMICS PROJECT GEODETIC DATA ANALYSIS**


The VLBI group in NASA's Crustal Dynamics Project (CDP) maintains an integrated system for analyzing geodetic VLBI data. This system includes: CALC, calibration programs; SOLVE, GLOBI, and the Data Base System. CALC is the program which contains the models used to calculate the theoretical delay. SOLVE is used to analyze single experiments. GLOBI is used to analyze large groups of experiments. The Data Base System is a self-documenting data storage system used to pass data between programs and archive the data. Kalman filtering is being investigated for operational use in geodetic data analysis.
A89-13761* Jet Propulsion Lab., California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena.
DISTRIBUTION OF RELATIVE PLATE MOTION ALONG THE PACIFIC-NORTH AMERICAN PLATE BOUNDARY DETERMINED FROM VISIBLE SATELLITE MEASUREMENTS

A89-13762* Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Cambridge, MA.
VLBI GEOESEY - 2 PARTS-PER-BILLION PRECISION IN LENGTH DETERMINATIONS FOR TRANSCONTINENTAL BASELINES

A89-13764* Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Cambridge, MA.
VLBI STUDIES OF THE NUTATIONS OF THE EARTH

A89-17945 TIMES SERIES OF EUROPEAN BASELINES DETERMINED WITH LAGEOS

Author years of repeated measurements, assuming the present density and quality of the laser ranging data.

A89-20200 GEOPHYSICAL INTERPRETATION OF THE MAGNETIC ANOMALIES OF CHINA DERIVED FROM MAGSAT DATA

Author

SOLID EARTH MISSION STUDY. VOLUME 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY Final Report

Author

SOLID EARTH MISSION STUDY. VOLUME 2: TECHNICAL REPORT Final Report

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SOLID EARTH MISSION STUDY. VOLUME 3: TECHNICAL REPORT Final Report

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SOLID EARTH MISSION STUDY. VOLUME 4: TECHNICAL REPORT Final Report

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The Application and Research Involving Space Techniques Observing The Earth field from Low Earth Satellite (ARISTOTELES) mission is introduced. The ARISTOTELES studies include gravity field measurements, magnetic field measurements, and geokinematics. Gravity anomalies are to be determined with better than 5 mGal accuracy at 100 km spatial resolution by a gravity gradiometer (GRADIO) made with a three axis assembly of microaccelerometers (design goal 0.001 EU accuracy). The satellite is to be launched by Ariane with ERS-2. A dawn-dusk orbit at 220 km is suggested. The most critical point is accommodation of GRAIDO, but this is not insurmountable. Technical aspects of the mission are presented.

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CONTINUOUS DEFORMATION MONITORING WITH GPS

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers makes extensive use of modern instrumentation for measuring the behavior of large structures. One of these instrumentation programs is high precision geodetic surveying which provides a reliable measure of displacement as a function of time. Typically, accuracies of 5 to 10 mm can be achieved. Final accuracy of the displacement is a function of many factors, including: network geometry, field procedures, survey crew experience, and equipment. Unfortunately, the high precision geodetic survey is labor intensive, time consuming and rather expensive. For this reason, surveys are made infrequently, or sometimes not at all unless there is a suspicion of structural distress. The NAVSTAR Global Positioning System has the potential to be used in an automatic mode to continuously monitor structural deformations. During the next few months, a system will be developed to operate such a system. It will then be installed at the USACE Corps of Engineers Dworshak Dam in Idaho for demonstration. Testing of presently owned government GPS equipment indicates the system will detect movements of about 6 mm in three dimensions if reference points and object points are within a few kilometers of each other.

INTEGRATED DATABASE APPROACH FOR GEODETIC APPLICATIONS

In Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity, Geomagnetic Autonomous Shuttle-Launched Probe Workshop p 42 Jun. 1987

RECOMMENDATIONS

The scientific problems are described in the document, Magnetic Field Explorer, (Dec. 1985). To address these problems the orbit should be near polar; a sampling rate of one sample every 15 secs would give adequate spatial resolution for the core field. Two days of good vector data in magnetically quiet conditions would be sufficient. Even if only scalar (intensity) data were available, this would be a vast improvement on Project MAGNET, but it is not clear how good a field model could be produced. It is likely that GASASP will measure only the intensity and not the direction of the geomagnetic field, and this leads to significant problems in using such measurements to estimate a model of the main field. Possible magnetometer options were discussed. Three-component fluxgate magnetometers might be the simplest, but previous experience of unpredictable baseline shifts suggests three component fluxgate. Some form of backup is strongly recommended. Suggestions are given.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GASP WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS (NOT PRESENTED ORALLY)

The earth's magnetic field at satellite altitudes not only has contributions from the earth's core and static magnetization in the lithosphere, but also from external electric current systems in the lithosphere and magnetosphere, along with induced electric currents flowing in the conducting earth. The author in 1982
assessed these last two conditions, the external time varying fields and their associated internal counterparts, which are electromagnetically induced. The group recommends a follow-on mission to MAGSAT for a better understanding of the internal/external field coupling problem. By doing so, the time base of the primary data set is extended. And by flying this mission during all local times, a unique opportunity is obtained to discriminate between the sources of the external field contribution, i.e., both the effects of ionospheric current systems and magnetospheric current systems can be studied.

E.R.

N89-12101#  Geological Survey, Dover, DE.
SIMULATION OF A SPINNING SPACECRAFT MAGNETOMETER
Avail: NTIS HC A04/MF A01  CSCL 22B

In a companion report, A Study of Accuracy Enhancement in Satellite Magnetic Modeling, it is shown that the maximum fitting error in scalar field modeling could be dramatically reduced to a level of 140 nT in component field, or of the order of 0.2 degrees in declination, when a small quantity of vector data within some 10 degrees of the dipole axis was added. A promising option to acquire the desired vector data is to employ the proposed spinning magnetometer system, a simpler and less costly device than the oriented spacecraft concept. One aspect of the spinning satellite idea is demonstrated. The preliminary results of the simulation studies prove optimistic, though further work needs to be done to detail its feasibility.

Author

N89-12102#  Geological Survey, Dover, DE.
A STUDY OF ACCURACY ENHANCEMENT IN SATELLITE MAGNETIC MODELING
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The purpose of this study was to examine geomagnetic field modeling options for the Geomagnetic Autonomous Shuttle-Launched Probe (GASP) project as presently conceived for mapping requirements, and to suggest ways that the product could be improved with little added expense. The assumption made is that GASP will collect data for a period of 6 to 10 days of the total scalar field of the earth in a near-polar orbit from low altitude. Future enhancements for obtaining a small amount of vector data in limited regions will also be addressed either with GASP in a spinning mode, or in a larger spacecraft. The addition of surface data will be investigated using observatory annual means. The first phase of the study involves the use of MAGSAT scalar and vector data. The second phase involves a combination of scalar satellite and surface data. The third phase involves determining whether a spinning spacecraft could make observation of the field perpendicular to the earth’s rotation axis and that the axis and phase of the spin could be determined from the magnetic field observations.

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SATELLITE MEASUREMENTS REQUIRED FOR DEEP-EARTH GEOPHYSICS
EDWARD R. BENTON  In Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity, Geomagnetic Autonomous Shuttle-Launched Probe Workshop p 59-60  Jun. 1987
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Three major scientific issues arising within the less accessible, deeper parts of the earth can be phrased as the following questions:
(1) What is the vertical profile of horizontally averaged electrical conductivity in the lower mantle (below the depths available to magnetoelluric sounding)?
(2) What is the intensity and pattern of the geomagnetic field (especially the vertical component) at the core-mantle boundary; and (3) What are the patterns of horizontal fluid motion in the outer core just beneath the core-mantle boundary. Answers to the first two questions are prerequisite to the thorough understanding of the geodynamo, that can only be started with an answer to question 3. Yet traditionally mantle conductivity is ignored in the downward extrapolation of surface magnetic measurements to the core-mantle boundary. The questions and some possible answers are briefly discussed.

Author

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GEODYNAMICS LASER RANGING SYSTEM: PERFORMANCE SIMULATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE EOS FACILITY
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The NASA Geodynamics Laser Ranging System is a spaceborne multicolor laser ranger to be used for studying regional and local scale crustal movements and will provide a capability for height profiling of ice-sheets, land terrains, cloud-tops, and other surfaces. Ranging measurements to retroreflector targets will produce intersite distances and relative heights with subcentimeter accuracy over baselines up to several hundred kilometers long. Arrays containing up to a few hundred targets can be surveyed nearly simultaneously. Altmetric profiling can be performed with spatial resolution of 80m and vertical accuracy of 10cm with the latter depending on the roughness and slope of the terrain.

Author

THE DIFFERENTIAL RECTIFICATION OF SPOT HRV PANCHROMATIC AND MULTISPECTRAL IMAGERY USING A DIGITAL ELEVATION MODEL
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For SPOT image differential rectification, a semi-automated method, utilizing a parametric solution and a digital terrain model, is described. Elevation point interpolation and radiometric resampling are achieved by bilinear interpolation. Two panchromatic subscenes were processed. Geometric rectification is achieved reliably and quickly. Similar results are expected for multispectral data.

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ON THE CONNECTION OF GEODETIC POINT FIELDS IN RESEAU EUROPEAN TRIGONOMETRIQUE (RETRIG) AND RELATED TESTS FOR MODEL ERRORS
ANTON J. M. KOSTERS  1988 105 p
(E/TN-89-93327) Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01

A general view of connection problems in geodesy is presented, with worked out practical examples from the adjustment of the European Triangulation RETRIG. The problems studied include combining two RETRIG blocks, using their common points, and combining satellite derived coordinates with terrestrial ellipsoidal coordinates. Attention is given to the use of two- and three-dimensional statistical tests on station coordinates and to the use of substitute covariance matrices for coordinates. Computing results are presented.

Author

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ON THE CONNECTION OF DIGITIZED MAPS TO A UNIFORM COORDINATE SYSTEM. A SPECIAL CASE OF THE GEODETIC CONNECTION PROBLEM

Thesis
04 GEOLOGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

Includes mineral deposits, petroleum deposits, spectral properties of rocks, geological exploration, and lithology.

A89-10326

EXTRACTING SPECTRAL INFORMATION FROM IMAGING SPECTROMETER DATA - A CASE HISTORY FROM THE NORTHERN GRAPETINE MOUNTAINS, NEVADA/CALIFORNIA


A89-10967#

SINO-AMERICAN COOPERATIVE STUDIES ON APPLICATIONS OF REMOTE SENSING TO SURVEYING AND MAPPING


The cooperation program initiated in April 1985 between the U.S. Geological Survey of the United States of America and the National Bureau of Surveying and Mapping of the People’s Republic of China is described. The program will promote technical and scientific cooperation in the photogrammetry, remote sensing, cartography, and geographic information systems. The cooperative studies will use remotely sensed data from Landsat and SPOT for making image maps, thematic maps, and map revisions on scales of 1:50,000, 1:100,000, and 1:250,000 of the Ningxiang area in Hunan Province, China, and the Black Hills area in the state of South Dakota, U.S. To date, Chinese and American scientists have digitally processed Landsat TM data acquired over the Black Hills area and carried out radiometric calibrations, destriping, control point selection, geometric registration, resampling, selection, classification, and product generation.

A89-10976#

SIR-B VIEW OF THE JABAL HADN LINEAMENT AND ITS GROUNDWATER IMPLICATIONS

04 GEOLOGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES

SIR-B radar imagery of the shield terrain of the Jabal Hadn region in north-central Saudi Arabia clearly defines a 32-5-km long lineament that field study suggests is the trace of a dip-slip fault of Precambrian age. The Jabal Hadn lineament coincides with a relatively straight and narrow valley that is cut in an assemblage of several different types of crystalline rock. Tonal image enhancement of the lineament was facilitated by a lack of backscatter response from the valley's specular surface, versus a strong backscatter response from bounding topographic foreslopes. Field observations indicate that the valley system could be acting as an aquiclude in influencing the movement and distribution of groundwater in the local region.

Author

A89-10988/
DESSERT VARNISH ON VOLCANIC ROCKS OF THE BASIN AND RANGE PROVINCE - COMPOSITION, MORPHOLOGY, DISTRIBUTION, ORIGIN AND INFLUENCE ON LANDSAT IMAGERY

The paper presents a useful model for mineral exploration with remotely sensed data, both on the linear structure and the lithologic spectral signature, for which one may quantitatively evaluate and predict mineral deposit distributions. General binomial distribution function and the concept of regionalized variable were used for the geological factors in one or two dimension domains.

Author

A89-11017/
A USEFUL MODEL IN MINERAL EXPLORATION WITH REMOTELY SENSED DATA

The paper presents a useful model for mineral exploration at a regional scale with the help of geostatistics and information from remotely sensed data, both on the linear structure and the lithologic spectral signature, for which one may quantitatively evaluate and predict mineral deposit distributions. General binomial distribution function and the concept of regionalized variable were used for the geological factors in one or two dimension domains.

Author

A89-12290*
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SOMALI BASIN, CHAIN RIDGE, AND ORIGIN OF THE NORTHERN SOMALI BASIN GRAVITY AND GEOID LOW

Geophysical data are used to investigate the origin of the Northern Somali Basin and its relationship to surrounding tectonic elements. The results show the Northern Somali Basin to be the third of a series of oceanic basins separated by long transform faults created during movement between East and West Gondwanaland. The flexure resulting from differential subsidence across Chain Ridge along with the difference in lithospheric thermal structure on either side of it can account for the amplitude and shape of the observed geoid step and gravity anomalies across Chain Rige. It is suggested that the geoid and gravity low over the Northern Somali Basin may result from the superposition of a continental edge effect anomaly and the fracture zone edge effect anomaly.

R.R.

A89-12292
MAGNETIC MINERALOGY IN AN ARCHEAN CRUSTAL CROSS SECTION - IMPLICATIONS FOR CRUSTAL MAGNETIZATION
PETER N. SHIVE and DAVID M. FOUNTAIN (Wyoming, University, Laramie) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 93, Oct. 10, 1988, p. 12177-12186. refs

A traverse across Precambrian rocks from the Kapuskasing uplift in Ontario provided 31 samples from a crustal cross section that is now exposed at the surface. About half the samples are dominantly paramagnetic. Magnetite, accompanied in a few samples by minor amounts of pyrrhotite, is the only significant magnetic mineral in the other half; magnetic susceptibilities of these samples are constant between room temperature and about 540 C, above which temperature they drop rapidly to zero. Magnetic susceptibility does not depend on rock type, apparent original depth in the crust, or degree of metamorphism. The average induced magnetization of the most magnetic units in this section is less than 1 A/m, which is much lower than the source requirements for the deep crust deduced from aeromagnetic and satellite magnetometer surveys.

Author

A89-12358
DETECTION OF CIRCULAR GEOLOGICAL FEATURES USING THE HOUGH TRANSFORM

The Hough transform is a technique commonly used in the field of computer vision for detecting lines and shapes in digital imagery. The application of this method to the detection of circular geological structures in Landsat Multispectral Scanner imagery is described. The method was successful in identifying most of those features apparent to the human analyst, in addition to a number of errors of commission. It is proposed that the error rate is tolerable for this particular application.

Author

A89-14006
GEODETICAL MAPPING AND MINERAL EXPLORATION IN EASTERN NOVA SCOTIA UTILIZING AIRBORNE AND SPACEBORNE MULTISENSOR DATA
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A89-14011
IMAGE ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES FOR THE INTERPRETATION OF AIRPHOTO LINEAMENTS - PETROLEUM EXPLORATION, EROMANGA BASIN, AUSTRALIA
GEOFFREY R. TAYLOR (New South Wales, University, Kensington, Australia) Geocarto International (ISSN 1010-6049), vol. 3, Sept. 1988, p. 53-60. refs

A89-15915*
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RADAR POLARIMETRY - ANALYSIS TOOLS AND APPLICATIONS

The authors have developed several techniques to analyze polarimetric radar data from the NASA/JPL airborne SAR for earth science applications. The techniques determine the heterogeneity of scatterers with subregions, optimize the return power from these areas, and identify probable scattering mechanisms for each pixel in a radar image. These techniques are applied to the discrimination and characterization of geologic surfaces and vegetation cover, and it is found that their utility varies depending on the terrain type. It is concluded that there are several classes of problems amenable to single-frequency polarimetric data analysis, including characterization of surface roughness and vegetation structure, and estimation of vegetation density. Polarimetric radar remote sensing can thus be a useful tool for monitoring a set of earth science parameters. i.e.
A89-17694# PROJECT VASUNDHARA - MULTI-THEME INTEGRATION OF SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING AND GEOLOGICAL DATA FOR REGIONAL LEVEL MINERAL PROGNOSTICS

A three-year collaborative program called Project Vasundhara has been launched in India with the aim of identifying and mapping regional lithostratigraphic, structural, and geoenvironmental guides to mineral localization and adopting geostatistical guides to assess mineral prognostics. The program also aims to develop computer overlay techniques and a geographic information system data base for presenting thematic data, developing a methodology for multilevel, multitheme data integration, and delineating potential target areas for mineral research. The availability of geoscientific data using satellite imagery is reviewed, and the rationale for using an approach integrating remote sensing data with geological data is described. The project methodology is summarized and delineation of regional targets for mineral search is examined for the various geological regions of India.

C.D.

A89-18705 THE ROLE OF LINEAR AND RING FEATURES IN HYDROGEOLOGY (O GIDROGEOLOGICHESKIYI ROL' LINEINYKH I KOLTSEVYKH STRUKTUR)
F. Sh. Amirkhanova and A. K. Glukh (Gosudarstvennyi Nauchno-Issledovatel'skiy i Proizvodstvenniy Tsentr Priroda, USSR) Issledovanie Zemli iz Kosmosa (ISSN 0205-9614), July-Aug. 1988, p. 31-35. In Russian. refs

This paper discusses the significance of the linear and the ring structures observed on remote photographs for the evaluation of the direction of the movement of underground streams. A map of lineaments and ring structures was analyzed, in parallel with a landscape map of Uzbekistan, and the tectonic features identified by interpretation of remote images were compared with those found on a hydrogeological map constructed by traditional methods. It was found that tectonic distortions such as faults, regional fault zones, and ring structures identifiable on remote images can be correlated with different hydrogeological features.

I.S.

A89-18706 RECOGNITION OF SEISMICALLY HAZARDOUS FAULT DISLOCATIONS IN SPACE IMAGES OF THE DUSHANBE DEPRESSION (OPYT VYAVLJENIYA NA KOSMOSEannerskikh SNIMKAH SEISMOOAKRAYNYKH RAZRYVNYKH NARUSHENII V DUSHANBINSKOM PROGBIE)

This paper describes a computer-aided thematic mapping method based on remotely sensed data and engineering calculations. It is shown that large-scale remotely sensed data can be used to analyze the exodynamics of various elements of mountain topography, such as rock-fall niches, landslide bodies, collapse trails, mud-flow beds, and debris cones. The method can be used to account for exogenous dynamic processes in planning railway and highway construction projects in mountainous areas.

I.S.

A89-19838* LANDSAT THEMATIC MAPPER OBSERVATIONS OF DEBRIS AVALANCHE DEPOSITS IN THE CENTRAL ANDES
P. W. Francis and G. L. Wells (Lunar and Planetary Institute, Houston, TX) Bulletin of Volcanology (ISSN 0258-8968), vol. 50, 1988, p. 258-278. refs (Contract NASS-28759; NAWR-406; NAGW-1167)

Remote sensing with the Landsat Thematic Mapper of debris avalanche deposits in the Central Andes between 1979 and 27 deg S revealed, for the first time, the presence of 28 breached volcanic cones and 11 major volcanic debris avalanche deposits, several of which cover areas in excess of 100 sq km. It is concluded that such avalanche deposits are normal products of the evolution of large composite volcanoes, comparable with lava and pyroclastic flow deposits. A statistical survey of 578 composite volcanoes in the same area indicated that a majority of cones which achieve edifice heights between 2000 and 3000 m may undergo sector collapse. The paper describes morphological criteria for identifying breached composite cones and volcanic debris avalanches using orbital images.

A89-20628 REMOTE SENSING OF LATERIZED ARCHAEO GREENSTONE TERRAIN - MARSHALL POOL AREA, NORTHEASTERN YILGAN BLOC, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Airborne multispectral image data were tested over an intratable terrain of deeply lateritized Archean basic and ultrabasic igneous rocks in Australia. The data are equivalent to those available from the Landsat-5 TM. The use of likely spectral features in weathered rocks and lateritic soils to select combinations of bands and interband ratios to display in color is discussed. Also, ways of overcoming the high interband correlations which produce muted color images are considered. Geological maps from the images are compared with conventional maps.

R.B.

A89-20709 MINERAL EXPLORATION ALONG THE AQABA-LEVANT STRUCTURE BY USE OF TM-DATA - CONCEPTS, PROCESSING AND RESULTS

The capabilities and limitations of spaceborne TM data and associated image processing techniques for mineral exploration in the area along the Aqaba-Levant structure in Jordan are evaluated. Different approaches involving ratioing, principal component analysis, and IHS-decorrelation processing are used to enhance the diagnostic features associated with hydrothermally altered areas. It is found that ratio and principal components approaches often fail to clearly accentuate diagnostic features. It is shown that decorrelated and filtered color composites of TM bands 1, 4, and 7 are successful for delineation of known and unknown mineralizations by the presence of alteration guide minerals such as iron oxides and phyllosilicates.

R.B.

A89-20710 USE OF LANDSAT AND SEASAT DATA AS A TOOL IN KINEMATIC ANALYSIS - THE TUNISIAN ATLAS

Brittle and plastic deformations of the Tunisian Atlas were studied using Landsat data, Seasat SAR data and field surveys.

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Locations of structural studies were guided by detailed analysis of images and computer compatible tapes. Digital processing and enlargements at scales of 1:100,000 and 1:200,000 allowed the recognition of several fault displacements and strata dips, followed by field checks. This paper presents an original and complete structural map of the Tunisian Atlas. Four principal deformational phases, developed from the Palaeogene to the Holocene, have been recognized and discussed. Stress field evolution is presented and compared with plate tectonic knowledge of the Western Mediterranean Basin.

Author


The utility of synthetic aperture radar imagery for geology and geomorphology was assessed using the VARAN airborne system. Filtering, pattern recognition, multisource data superpositioning, and stereoscopy are discussed. Image interpretation and digital terrain models are considered. Advantages of the technique over traditional aerial photography and spaceborne imagery are shown.

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EVALUATION OF VARAN DATA IN GEOLOGY AND GEOMORPHOLOGY IN THE SOUTHEAST OF FRANCE [EVALUATION DES DONNEES VARAN EN GEOLOGIE ET EN GEOMORPHOLOGIE SUR LE SUD-EST DE LA FRANCE]


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Thematic Mapper images from LANDSAT were used to monitor volcanoes. Achievements include: (1) the discovery of a magmatic precursor to the 16 Sept. 1986 eruption of Lascar, northern Chile, on images from Mar. and July 1985 and of continuing fumarolic activity after the eruption; (2) the detection of unreported major changes in the distribution of lava lakes on Erta’Ale, Ethiopia; and (3) the mapping of a halo of still-hot spatter surrounding a vent on Mount Erebus, Antarctica, on an image acquired 5 min after a minor eruption otherwise known only from seismic records. A spaceborne short wavelength infrared sensor for observing hot phenomena of volcanoes is proposed. A polar orbit is suggested.

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The RESULTS of the GEOSAT MOMS SUBCOMMITTEE’S DATA EVALUATION: PERFORMANCE AND APPLICABILITY of the MOMS-1 SENSOR FOR EXPLORATION GEOLOGY
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Digital imagery from 14 sites in Africa, Asia, Australia, and South America acquired by the MOMS-01 sensor on Space Shuttle flight STS-4 (41-B) in February 1984 was analyzed to determine suitability for hydrocarbon energy and mineral exploration by comparison with geographical maps and other satellite data. The MOMS two-band spectral data and 20m resolution display many geological and vegetation features discernable on LANDSAT and SPOT data. The MOMS limitations include stripping, limited gray shades, non-map geometry, and large data size. On balance, MOMS provides high resolution data useful for international energy and mineral exploration.

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N89-10382#
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THE USE OF MOMS-1 DATA FOR GEOLOGICAL MAPPING of the ASWA LINEAMENT (EAST AFRICAN RIFT)
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The MOMS-01 characteristics (20 m ground resolution, two spectral bands, the yellow band expressing the drainage pattern, the infrared one giving geomorphology, and synoptic view) were exploited to produce a geological map of the large Aswa lineament zone. This zone appears to be a Late Proterozoic NW-SE fault zone due to the wrapping of the Mozambique belt around the Tanzanian shield. Frontal and lateral ramps developed in the belt were reworked respectively as normal and transcurrent faults of the East African Rift, responsible for virgation of the Gregory Rift. The NE trending fault direction expressed in the Archean basement, resulted in the Nyanza graben formation.

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N89-10383#
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MOMS-1 DATA FOR BATHYMETRIC AND GEOLOGICAL STUDIES
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The MOMS data from the Shuttle flights STS-7 and STS-11 were used to investigate water depths in the Red Sea and for geological studies in Burma, respectively. For the Red Sea an exponential relationship between pixel intensity and water depth is obtained but the root-mean-square deviation of the fit of the data to control points is 3.7 m which is far too large for operational bathymetric work. The main reason for this is the low sensitivity of the instrument for the typical intensities received from the water. The data for Burma are useful for structural mapping but for lithological mapping the spectral response of rocks is less sensitive.

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MOMS-1 USED SYNERGISTICALLY WITH LANDSAT TM
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It is shown how the best attributes of MOMS-01 imagery and LANDSAT TM can be combined to make an optimized image. For many geological applications, the important information within an image can be considered as comprising textural and spectral components. Because of the non-sun-synchronous orbit of the Space Shuttle, MOMS-01 acquired many images during low solar elevation which shows up topographic textural features very well. The TM records much more spectral information than MOMS-01, which can be emphasized by decorrelation stretching and related techniques. By modulating three enhanced TM channels by one of the MOMS-01 channels, a color composite can be produced which combines the spectral advantages of TM with the textural detail recorded by MOMS-01.

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N89-10385#
Technische Univ., Munich (Germany, F.R.). Inst. for General and Applied Geology.
COMPARATIVE GEOLOGICAL EVOLUTION of DIFFERENT REMOTE SENSING DATA of the HOGGAR MOUNTAINS (ALGERIA)
F. JASKOLLA and M. RAST (European Space Agency. European Space Research and Technology Center, ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands) in ESA, Proceedings of the 4th International Colloquium on Spectral Signatures in Remote Sensing p 447-450 Apr. 1988
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The suitability for geological mapping of spaceborne remote sensing data (LANDSAT-5 TM, MOMS-01, Metric Camera and SIR-A) of the Hoggar Mountains (Algeria) was assessed. The optoelectronic MOMS-01 data prove their suitability for the task. Qualitative differences with comparable LANDSAT TM bands are not significant. Additional data sets of great importance, especially the availability of stereoic images for geological applications. They can provide information which can not be collected by multispectral scanning systems. Radar data offer distinct improvements especially in sand covered areas; however, the question must be put if the information gain is in relation to the enormous costs of a required multifrequency/multipolarization radar system.

ESA

N89-10386#
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DIGITAL ANALYSIS of MOMS-1, LANDSAT TM, and SPOT DATA of the NAKURU AREA (KENYA)
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Data from MOMS were compared with LANDSAT TM and SPOT for geoscientific thematic mapping. When operating in gain level 1, MOMS has a lower dynamic range than TM; switched to gain position 2, the dynamic ranges are comparable. The infrared band of MOMS-01, which was out of focus during the first mission, then tried to be corrected during the refurbishment, still is slightly out of focus; in processing where the visible channel is included, the overall detectability is not reduced, because it is controlled by
correction procedures, though improved for the STS-111-41-B flight by introducing preflight calibration tables in dependence of the saturation (steps of 5 percent starting from 0 to 100 percent), still leaves sensor invariances, in flight and across flight direction; gray value variations are between 1 and 2. The optoelectronic concept provides for a high geometric accuracy. In terms of the SPOT/TM comparison, the spectral range presently available for optoelectronic systems (VIS to NIR) is not utilized optimally for applications, for geologic as for those of renewable resources.

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SAPPING FEATURES OF THE COLORADO PLATEAU: A COMPARATIVE PLANETARY GEOLOGY FIELD GUIDE

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where spring sapping is an effective method by introducing preflight calibration tables in dependence of the saturation (steps of 5 percent starting from 0 to 100 percent), still leaves sensor invariances, in flight and across flight direction; gray value variations are between 1 and 2. The optoelectronic concept provides for a high geometric accuracy. In terms of the SPOT/TM comparison, the spectral range presently available for optoelectronic systems (VIS to NIR) is not utilized optimally for applications, for geologic as for those of renewable resources.

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INVERSION OF GEOLIC SURFACE PARAMETERS FROM POLARIMETRIC RADAR OBSERVATIONS AND MODEL
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The results of inferring geologic parameters such as rms surface height, correlation length, and dielectric constant of rough surfaces by fitting observed polarization signatures with those predicted by the second order Rice model are discussed. The inferred results are compared to measured values of rms height and correlation length. The rms height values inferred are in good agreement with in situ measurements. The inferred correlation lengths generally do not agree with measured values. The results allow the separation of the effects of surface roughness and dielectric constant on the overall backscatter from rough surfaces.


THE RELATIVITY UTILITY OF LANDSAT MSS AND SIR-A IMAGERY IN RECONNAISSANCE GEOLOGICAL MAPPING IN NORTHERN SUDAN

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Reconnaissance geological mapping for mineral exploration of crystalline basement in the Sudanese/Nubian Desert was carried out by interpretation of LANDSAT MSS, LANDSAT RBV, and SIR-A imagery, helped by a field-check. Radar and simply-enhanced MSS imagery are compared. Although the SIR-A data provide the greater density of structural information, both image types give a similar overall impression of rock-unit variation, structure and geological history. Since reconnaissance work normally demands acquisition by the simplest means of a broad range of geologic information, it is concluded that the required result could be obtained using MSS imagery alone, although the interpretation of other image types raises confidence in the result.


A REGIONAL TECTONIC STUDY OF NE AND E AFRICA AND ITS IMPLICATION FOR IMAGERY EXPLORATION: A SYNOPTIC VIEW FROM SATELLITE IMAGERY

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The regional tectonic framework of NE and E Africa was established, based on a study of published maps and reports, fieldwork, and remote sensing data. The major lineaments identified in the Horn of Africa are 010 + or - 10 deg., 055 to 065 deg., and 145 to 165 deg. The earliest conjugate fractures are N-S and NW-SE trending. Later deformation produced NE-SW lineaments but also reactivated NW-SE trending lineaments. These lineaments extended histories from the late Proterozoic to the Tertiary and were reactivated repeatedly during the breakup of Gondwanaland. They controlled ore deposits, basin sedimentation and subsequently controlled the evolution of the East African Rift system. Tectonic and metallogenic evolution of the NE Sudan-Eritrea region is cited as a case study.

N89-13024# Reading Univ. (England). NERC Unit for Thematic Informations Systems.

MAPPING THE DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE OF LITHOLOGICAL UNITS AND SURFACE MINERALS AT JABAL SAID, SAUDI ARABIA: AN APPLICATION OF SPECTRAL MIXTURE MODELLING

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The spatial distribution of various lithologies, and in particular the abundance of particular surface minerals relating to the alteration found around Jabal Sa'id (Saudi Arabia), were examined and parameterized using data acquired by LANDSAT TM and an airborne multispectral scanner. These systems provide information on the spatial distributions of certain minerals based upon the strength and position of spectral absorption features located in the wavelength region 0.4 to 2.4 micrometer. In the study area, observed absorptions are due primarily to the presence of iron (hematite and limonite) and various phyllosilicates (chlorite, sericite). Airborne and LANDSAT data agree.


THE NEED FOR VOLCANO MONITORING AND THE ABILITY TO DETECT ACTIVITY USING EMITTED SHORT WAVELENGTH INFRARED

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It is argued that remote sensing in the short wavelength infrared (SWIR) has the potential for providing a great deal of information about activity at volcanoes, by virtue of the radiation emitted by hot surfaces. This can be used to give warning of imminent eruptions, monitor their progress, and model volcanic processes.
The LANDSAT TM is the only operational instrument which returns two SWIR bands enabling constraints to be put on the sub-pixel structure of the image. Current orbital thermal infrared imagery (e.g., AVHRR, TM band 6) cannot resolve most volcanic thermal anomalies because the pixel size is too coarse. Moreover, the gains of operational thermal infrared sensors make them unsuitable for measuring volcanic temperatures.

**N89-13026#**  Sheffiel Univ. (England). Dept. of Geography.

**IMPROVING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF SPATIALLY REFERENCED GEOLOGICAL INFORMATION**


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The structure and operation of an idealized data integration and analysis system is outlined. It is based on an advanced micro or minicomputer and embodies aspects of graphics/image processing and geographic information systems (GIS) technology within a desktop environment. The aim of the system is to improve the accessibility of spatially referenced information for geological research and application on a local and regional level. However, the system's operational capabilities and structures are equally applicable in other areas of Earth science and nonrelated fields.

**N89-13027#**  Dundee Univ. (Scotland). Dept. of Applied Physics and Electronic and Mfg. Engineering.

**THE INTERPRETATION OF ICELANDIC TUNDRA FEATURES FROM LANDSAT-MSS DATA**


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A multidisciplinary expedition to Iceland collected summer ground truth data from the area east of the Vatnajokull ice-cap. Geological and geomorphological features within this area were identified on the ground and using air photographs, and correlated with LANDSAT MSS imagery. Because of the very low percentage of vegetation cover, exposed rock surfaces, gravel plains, and large (over 200 m high) scree slopes can be identified on such imagery. These features are particularly well-defined on principal component color composites, although attempts at meaningful classification are not successful due to poor discrimination in feature space and high correlation between bands.

**N89-13087#**  Geological Survey of Britain, Nottingham.

**APPLICATIONS OF REMOTE SENSING FOR GEOLOGICAL MAPPING IN EASTERN EGYPT**


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Results from a mapping project illustrate the relative contributions from multivariate remote sensing data sets to structural and lithological discrimination in a tectonically-mixed terrain of a hyper-arid climatic zone. Structural and morphological detail are well served by air and space photography depending on map-scale requirements. Shuttle-borne radar fulfills a similar role but can yield additional information in areas veneered by thin sand sheets, e.g., dykes in degraded granite plutons. The LANDSAT MSS data is widely available at modest cost and provides an efficient means of producing scalemetrically-accurate image interpreted geological and topographical maps. When more highly detailed lithological extraction is required for mineral exploration and groundwater assessment, the wider infrared wavebands and improved pixel resolution of the LANDSAT TM is an indispensable and cost-effective data base.

**N89-13093#**  Alaska Univ., Fairbanks. Petroleum Development Lab.

**DEVELOPMENT OF ALASKAN GAS HYDRATE RESOURCES**


Solid ice-like mixtures of natural gas and water in the form of natural gas hydrated have been found immobilized in the rocks beneath the permafrost in Arctic basins and in muds under the deep water along the American continental margins, in the North Sea and several other locations around the world. It is estimated that the arctic areas of the United States may contain as much as 500 trillion SCF of natural gas in the form of gas hydrates (Lewin and Associates, 1983). While the U.S. Arctic gas hydrate resources may have enormous potential and represent long term future source of natural gas, the recovery of this resource from reservoir frozen with gas hydrates has not been commercialized yet. Continuing study and research is essential to develop technologies which will enable a detailed characterization and assessment of this alternative natural gas resource, so that development of cost effective extraction technology. This study presents a state-of-the-art review of the various aspects related to gas hydrates. Reviews on gas hydrated have been published earlier by Byk and Fomina (1968) and Makogen (1981). Since then, many articles have been published on different aspects of gas hydrates. An attempt has been made in this review to provide a more complete and up-to-date information of gas hydrate literature.


**GEOLOGIC MAPPING IN THE US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY 1987**

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The Subcommittee on Geologic Mapping of the Committee Advisory to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) was convened to determine the status and extent of the geologic mapping program and activities of the USGS. Three meetings were held with representatives of the USGS office of Regial Geology, Mineral Resources, Energy and Marine Geology, and Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Engineering. Programs covered included geologic framework and synthesis, Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program, regional geology branch programs, Isotope Geochemistry Program, wilderness, GEODAT, staticic and critical materials, land administered by the Bureau of Land Management, coal resources, marine geology and the Pacific and Atlantic, oil and gas resources, energy and minerals, volcanic hazards and geology, engineering seismology and geology, engineering geology and tectonism, and igneous and geothermal processes.

**05 OCEANOGRAPHY AND MARINE RESOURCES**

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

**A89-10930#**  OVERVIEW OF OCEANIC MICROWAVE REMOTE SENSING FROM SPACE
05 OCEANOGRAPHY AND MARINE RESOURCES


The use of microwave sensors for satellite observations of the open ocean and sea ice is reviewed. Tables of the European and U.S. radar altimeters, scatterometers, SARs, and microwave radiometers used in space are presented. Prospects for future development in satellite observations are considered. R.B.

A89-10954#
THE SEAWIFS SENSOR FOR LANDSAT-6

The sea-viewing wide-field sensor (Seawifs), designed for ocean color and sea surface temperature remote sensing on Landsat-6, is discussed. The sensor is based on the Coastal Zone Color Scanner which was flown on Nimbus-7. The sensor requirements, concept, and performance are discussed, and the Seawifs system is described and illustrated. At 443 nm, the Seawifs sensor achieves a polarization sensitivity of less than 1.4 percent in all bands at all scan angles. The system consists of the scanner, the electronics module, a data switcher, data recorders, and four transmitters. The Seawifs weights about 143 pounds and has a power consumption of about 185 W when operating.

R.B.

A89-10961#
SEA LEVEL VARIATIONS IN THE TROPICAL PACIFIC DURING 1985-87 DERIVED FROM GEOSAT ALTIMETRY

The EOSAT altimeter, launched in 1985, has provided more than 2 years of precise measurements of sea level. These data have proven to be especially useful in the tropical Pacific, where changes in sea level can be related to fluctuations in the large-scale wind field. Sea level time series and anomaly maps derived from GEOSAT have provided a dramatic look at the 1986-87 El Nino.

Author

A89-10962#
IMPROVEMENTS IN THE MARINE GRAVITY FIELD FROM GEOSAT/ERM

The Geosat Exact Repeat Mission (ERM) makes observations of sea-surface topography to study the marine gravity field. Data obtained in 1987 for the southern oceans around Antarctica show uncharted fracture zones, seamounts, and other features. It is shown that when several repeat tracks of ERM data are stacked, the effects of oceanographic mesoscale variability are reduced and the precision of along-track gravity improves to the 1 mgal level (excluding wavelengths shorter than 35 km).

R.B.

A89-10964#
OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INSTRUMENTATION PROPOSED BY NOAA AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR THE NASA AND ESA POLAR ORBITING PLATFORMS

In the mid-1990's the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the European Space Agency (ESA) each...
to launch serviceable polar orbiting platforms as part of the International Space Station program. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is planning to utilize the NASA and ESA polar orbiting platforms to carry its operational instruments for environmental remote sensing as a follow-on to the NOAA K, L, M series of operational polar orbiting satellites. 

A89-10971#
EVOLUTION OF THE HELICOPTER-BORNE SCATTEROMETER
refs

This paper describes the characteristics of a multifrequency multipolarization helicopter-borne scatterometer system, Heloscat II, designed for the measurement of the backscatter coefficients of Arctic sea-ice. The Heloscat is based on the proven application of FM-CW radar. It includes three radar front ends (each containing a two-channel homodyne receiver), two parabolic dish center-fed antennas, a radar altimeter, a remote controlled solid-state color video system, an electronically controlled antenna positioning system, radar control and processing circuitry, a 24-channel data acquisition system, and a dc-to-dc converter-based power supply system. The Helostat system provides the ability to make detailed local measurements, be transported rapidly to remote locations, make large area surveys, adapt to special measurement situations, and quickly gather very large numbers of spatial measurements in scenes that change rapidly. Block diagrams of the system are included. I.S.

A89-10972#
STUDY OF MONITORING SEA ICE USING AN AIRBORNE MICROWAVE RADIOMETER SYSTEM

An airborne microwave radiometer system was used to monitor sea ice in the Bohai Sea between 1985 and 1987. A microprocessor was used to identify ice types from false-color microwave radiometric imagery. The relationship between the emissivity and the thickness of ice is discussed. The regression equations for brightness temperature versus thickness are given. The average emissivity of the sea was found to be about 0.85. It is suggested that the difference between this and the emissivity of polar ice-caps (0.95) is due to the increase of water content and volume scatter. R.B.

A89-10981#
ANALYSES OF MARINE SHALLOW WATER-BOTTOM FEATURES USING THE LANDSAT THEMATIC Mapper, SPOT, AND THE LARGE FORMAT CAMERA

Large Format Camera photography and Landsat TM and SPOT imagery of the Florida Keys have been analyzed and compared to a NOAA 1:80,000 nautical chart to delineate shallow water-bottom features. A restricted unsupervised classification on the soft copy and a photogrammetric analysis of the hard copy were performed for each data set. The spectral characteristics of the data sets were used to chart bathymetric information. Comparison of mutual transect measurements has shown that each of the data sets provided accurate imagery. R.B.

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A89-10990#
SPOT BATHYMETRIC IMAGE FOR ARCHEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS
refs

Imagery from the first two multispectral bands of the SPOT system were used to determine ocean depths for an archeological study of the area surrounding Bassas da India in the Mozambique Channel of the Indian Ocean. It was found that the observed radiance depends on water depth, atmospheric attenuation, bottom type, and the amount of material suspended in the water. The shallow-water-depth algorithm was used to transform the raw digital number values into estimated water depths in meters, based on the exponential attenuation of light with water depth. A false-color composite and a bathymetric image were produced at 1:25,000 scale. Observations of the area showed that the estimated depths reported on the bathymetric image were reasonable. R.B.

A89-10991#
SURVEILLANCE RADAR, A NEW TOOL FOR ICE SURVEILLANCE

Surveillance radar capable of detecting small targets is being used to detect small icebergs to improve the safety of oil exploration off the eastern coast of Canada. Tests of the radar show that it has a typical detection range of 25-30 nmi for a 2 x 2-m target and 35-40 nmi for a 10 x 10-m target. The radar system is described, including the radar, navigation system, video tape recorder, and computer systems. It is suggested that this provides better results than side-looking airborne radars used in ice surveillance. R.B.

A89-10994#
PREDICTION OF MESOSCALE OCEAN CIRCULATION IN THE NORWEGIAN COASTAL CURRENT

Research supported by the Norges Teknisk-Naturvitenskapelige Forskningsrad, Universitetet i Bergen, Statoil, et. al. 

NOAA satellite IR images are used to study the Norwegian coastal current system, showing that the dominant features are mesoscale (50-100-km) eddies. The eddies were located, and an optimal ship survey was outlined using near-real-time analysis. The correlation between the surface thermal distribution and interior structure is documented, and the three-dimensional oceanic and velocity structure of the eddies is obtained. A quasi-geostrophic, two-layer numerical model is used to simulate the mesoscale ocean circulation of the current. The simulation cannot be tested or modified, because IR images are not available on a regular basis due to frequent cloud cover. It is suggested that the SAR and radar altimeter of the planned ERS-1 satellite may provide the data necessary to test the model. R.B.

A89-10995#
The Practice and Understanding of Using Aerial Remote Sensing in the Investigation of Coastal Zone
refs
Four missions between 1979 and 1984 which used aerial remote sensing to examine Chinese coastal zones are reviewed. Panchromatic aerial photography, multiband scanner digital tape, large-format color IR photography, and large-format multiband photography were used for research including the study of near-shore marine pollution; the measurement of beach areas; near-shore bathymetry; and the classification of surface sediment, landforms, vegetation, and land use. The data obtained in these studies are outlined, and several remote sensing techniques are evaluated. It is suggested that aerial remote sensing is better than conventional investigation techniques. Color aerial photography is found to have particular advantages, including convenience and high sensitivity and resolution.

R.B.

A89-11001# REMOTE MEASUREMENTS OF DIATOMS CHLOROPHYLL-A IN THE NORI FARM

Green method is presented to quantitatively evaluate chlorophyll-a concentration using remote measurements of the Ariake Sea, which contains an abundance of Nori. Data were collected from boats, aircraft, and Landsat. The application of remote sensing data to fisheries research is discussed, and results of experiments to determine the quality of Nori are presented. A preliminary analysis suggested a dependence of suspended solid on surface reflection coefficients. Airborne MSS data show a correlation between single-band data and chlorophyll-a concentration. Water-quality maps of Landsat TM and airborne MSS data were found to be similar. In an attempt to find the degree of Nori color change, airborne MSS data suggested that it is possible to estimate Nori quality. R.B.

A89-11005# SAR AND VISIBLE REMOTE SENSING OF THE TAORE RIVER COASTAL ZONE AT BOHAI BAY

A89-11143* California Univ., La Jolla.
GEOSAT CROSSOVER ANALYSIS IN THE TROPICAL PACIFIC. I - CONSTRAINED SINUSOIDAL CROSSOVER ADJUSTMENT
CHANG-KOU TAI (California, University, La Jolla) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 93, Sept. 15, 1988, p. 10621-10629. Previously announced in STAR as N88-15285. refs

A new method (constrained sinusoidal crossover adjustment) for removing the orbit error in satellite altimetry is tested (using crossovers accumulated in the first 91 days of the Geosat non-repeat era in the tropical Pacific) and found to have excellent qualities. Two features distinguish the new method from the conventional bias-and-tilt crossover adjustment. First, a sine wave (with wavelength equaling the circumference of the Earth) is used to represent the orbit error for each satellite revolution, instead of the bias-and-tilt (and curvature, if necessary) approach for each segment of the satellite ground track. Secondly, the indeterminacy of the adjustment process is removed by a simple constraint minimizing the amplitudes of the sine waves, rather than by fixing selected tracks. Overall the new method is more accurate, more efficient, and much less cumbersome than the old. The idea of restricting the crossover adjustment to crossovers between tracks that are less than certain days apart in order to preserve the large-scale long-term oceanic variability is also tested with inconclusive results because the orbit error was unusually nonstationary in the initial 91 days of the GEOSAT mission.

A89-11145*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD.
VARIATIONS IN THE ARCTIC, ANTARCTIC, AND GLOBAL SEA ICE COVERS DURING 1978-1987 AS OBSERVED WITH THE NIMBUS 7 SCANNING MULTICHANNEL MICROWAVE RADIOMETER
PER GLOersen (NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD) and WILLIAM J. CAMPBELL (USGS; University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 93, Sept. 15, 1988, p. 10666-10674. refs

A89-11148 A THREE-DIMENSIONAL COUPLED ICE-OCEAN MODEL OF COASTAL CIRCULATION
MOTOYOSHI IKEDA (Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Dartmouth, Canada) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 93, Sept. 15, 1988, p. 10731-10748. refs

The role of ocean circulation on the formation of sea ice and on its distribution along the east coasts of North America and Greenland is examined using a three-dimensional coupled ice-ocean model of coastal circulation with idealized northerly wind stress and atmospheric cooling. The results suggest that wind-driven time-dependent ocean circulation may be as important for ice redistribution as is ice movement directly driven by the air-ice stress. The oceanic circulation also affects heat transport, playing an important role in producing a narrow ice band along the east coast of the continent.

A89-11149 OPTICAL MODELING OF THE UPPER OCEAN IN RELATION TO ITS BIOGENOUS MATTER CONTENT (CASE I WATERS)
ANDRE MOREL (Paris VI, Universite, Villefranche-sur-Mer, France) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 01 48-0227), vol. 93, Sept. 15, 1988, p. 10749-10768. CNRS-supported research. refs

The optical behavior of oceanic case I waters is interpreted in terms of chlorophyll-related pigment concentration. Chlorophyll-like pigment concentration was used as an index to quantify the algal material (living and detrital), and the statistical relationships between this index and the depth of the euphotic layer, the spectral values of the attenuation coefficient for downwelling irradiance, and the scattering coefficient were determined and used to develop a pigment-dependent optical model. The model makes it possible to predict the propagation of the visible radiant energy within the ocean or the backscattered radiation from the upper layer as a function of the local phytoplanktonic content.

A89-11150 COMPARISON OF NIMBUS 7 SCANNING MULTICHANNEL MICROWAVE RADIOMETER RADIANCE AND DERIVED SEA ICE CONCENTRATIONS WITH LANDSAT IMAGERY FOR THE NORTH WATER AREA OF BAFFIN BAY
KONRAD STEFFEN and JAMES A. MASLANIK (Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences, Boulder, CO) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 93, Sept. 15, 1988, p. 10769-10781. refs

A new well-designed multiple-effects models were developed for

A89-11158 MODELING OF THE DYNAMIC SEA SURFACE WITH SATELLITE ALTIMETER SIGNALS

New well-designed multiple-effects models were developed for
a unified decomposition of the altimeter signals of the dynamic sea height into all their major contributions. These include high-resolution and precision models of the geoid or mean-sea surface, geocentric and/or ocean tides, mesoscale dynamic ocean variations, and residual large-scale ocean variations. The unified double-effects model accounts for some 13,000 altimeter signals over a 200 x 200 km area with a lateral 10 x 10 km resolution and an absolute minimum rms error of just 8 cm. K.K.

A89-11225
ATMOSPHERIC ABSORPTION IN THE VAS SPLIT-WINDOW CHANNELS
IAN J. BARTON (CSIRO, Div. of Atmospheric Research, Mordialloc, Australia) Journal of Applied Meteorology (ISSN 0094-8763), vol. 27, Aug. 1988, p. 965-969. refs

Empirical algorithms have been developed for obtaining measurements of sea surface temperature and precipitable water amount in the lower troposphere from VISSR Atmospheric Sounder (VAS) split-window channels at 10-12.5 and 12.6-12.8 microns. The differential absorption coefficients for these VAS channels produced by Chesters et al. (1987) are used in a spectral band model to improve the match between empirical and theoretical sea surface temperature algorithms. It is suggested that the absorption coefficient of a dry atmosphere in the 12.7 micron channel should be less than that for the 10-12.5 micron channel. However, the differential absorption coefficient (12.7 microns minus 10-12.5 microns) should be increased. R.B.

A89-11424
A COMPARISON OF REDUCTION METHODS FOR SATELLITE ALTIMETRY DATA

This paper gives a comparison of crossing-arc techniques for reduction of test grids of satellite altimetry data. For this study, Seasat data was selected for two areas: the eastern Mediterranean, an area which incorporates considerable variation in sea-floor topography, and part of the North Atlantic. Three implementations of crossover-point and repeat-arc methods were considered, and evaluated for accuracy and speed of implementation. The sample geoids produced were found to contain significant differences, indicating that choice of reduction method can be an important criterion for consideration in such analyses. Author

A89-12124#
MARINE REMOTE SENSING AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

Satellite remote sensing of the oceans is considered from a legal perspective, with a focus on the contrasting provisions of the Principles on Remote Sensing adopted by COPUOS in 1986 and the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). The applications of satellite technology to oceanography, marine biology, sea transport, and marine communication are reviewed, and the treaties and conventions applicable are listed and characterized in detail. The main discrepancy between space and sea law is found to be in the treatment of marine exploration in territorial waters: the COPUOS Principles permit satellite remote sensing of marine resources without prior consent from anyone, while UNCLOS prohibits ship or airborne remote sensing of marine resources without the explicit consent of the nation holding territorial rights. T.K.

A89-12156
JOINT CANADA-U.S. OCEAN WAVE INVESTIGATION PROJECT - AN OVERVIEW OF THE GEORGIA STRAIT EXPERIMENT

This paper presents an overview of the Georgia Strait Experiment (Joint Canada-U.S. Ocean Wave Investigation Project), 1983, which was initiated to obtain measurements of surface wave modulations induced by natural and ship-generated internal waves, identify radar backscattering mechanisms as a function of incident angle and surface wave conditions, to obtain calibrated SAR images of internal waves at X and L band for different radar angles, and to investigate SAR imagery mechanisms for Kelvin wakes. The paper providing the list of participants, detailed descriptions of measurement techniques, and major results obtained and describes the conditions encountered in the three operating areas. The paper also includes hitherto unpublished tables of time periods showing possible atmospheric thermal boundary layer instabilities. I.S.

A89-12157
MICROWAVE SCATTERING FROM INTERNAL WAVE MODULATED SURFACE WAVES - A SHIPBOARD REAL APERTURE COHERENT RADAR STUDY IN THE GEORGIA STRAIT EXPERIMENT
D. S. W. KWOK, B. M. LAKE, and H. RUNGALDIER (TRW, Inc., TRW Space and Technology Group, Redondo Beach, CA) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 93, Oct. 15, 1988, p. 12235-12248. DARPA-supported research. refs

Model calculations of surface wave and radar cross section modulations induced by a surface currents were compared with field measurements made with SAR (X and L bands), real aperture radar (X band), and CCD video camera during the Joint Canada-U.S. Ocean Wave Investigation Project. Results indicated that many existing wind relaxation models underpredict the hydrodynamic effect of the current; among several models used, the one proposed by Snyder et al. (1981) yielded the best agreement with data. A theoretical model based on simple Bragg scattering and wind relaxation predicted modulations measurable at X band to be an order of magnitude or more smaller than those measurable at L band. In disagreement with this, observations, which show that the modulation magnitudes at X and L bands are similar. When the effects of long surface waves was accounted for, the discrepancy between measurements and calculations at high radar frequency was reduced (but not eliminated). I.S.

A89-12160
COMPARISON OF JOINT CANADA-U.S. OCEAN WAVE INVESTIGATION PROJECT SYNTHETIC APERTURE RADAR DATA WITH INTERNAL WAVE OBSERVATIONS AND MODELING RESULTS
R. A. SHUCHMAN, E. S. KASISCHKE (Michigan, Environmental Research Institute, Ann Arbor), D. R. LYSENGA (Michigan, Environmental Research Institute, Ann Arbor, Delaware, University, Newark), B. M. LAKE (TRW, Inc., TRW Space and Technology Group, Redondo Beach, CA), B. A. HUGHES (Defence Research Establishment Pacific, Victoria, Canada) et al. Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 93, Oct. 15, 1988, p. 12283-12291. DARDARPA-supported research. refs

The L-band and X-band SAR images of internal waves were compared with in situ measurements of surface currents and surface wave spectral perturbations obtained during the Joint Canada-U.S. Ocean Wave Investigation Project. The comparison for the L band showed agreement between predicted and observed perturbations to within about a factor of 2, but the agreement for
the X band was much less satisfactory. Simultaneous X-band and L-band SAR images showed comparable internal wave modulations.

**A89-12162**

**AN OVERVIEW OF THE SAR INTERNAL WAVE SIGNATURE EXPERIMENT**

R. F. GASPAROVIC, J. R. APEL (Johns Hopkins University, Laurel, MD), and E. S. KASISCHKE (Michigan, Environmental Research Institute, Ann Arbor) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 93, Oct. 15, 1988, p. 12304-12316. Navy-sponsored research.

This paper analyzes the data obtained during the SAR Internal Wave Signature Experiment, conducted in the New York Bight in the late summer and early fall of 1984, to investigate the possibilities of SAR imaging of oceanic internal waves. The results obtained on the surface-wave modulations are compared with the results of calculations that were carried out using hydrodynamic theories for the interaction of surface waves and currents, and theories for radar imaging of internal wave surface manifestations. Excellent agreement was found between measured and calculated surface wave modulations at wavelengths from 20 to 100 cm, as well as between the calculated SAR intensity modulations and the observed modulations at both the X and the L bands. Internal wave signatures in SAR images at X and L band were found to have comparable magnitudes.

**A89-12163**

**ANALYSIS OF NONLINEAR INTERNAL WAVES IN THE NEW YORK BIGHT**


An analysis of the nonlinear internal-wave evolution in the New York Bight was performed on the basis of current meter mooring data obtained in the New York Bight during the SAR Internal Wave Signature Experiment (SARSEX). The solitary wave theory was extended to include dissipation and shoaling effects, and a series of numerical experiments were performed by solving the wave evolution equation, with waveforms observed in the SARSEX area as initial conditions. The results of calculations demonstrate that the relative balance of dissipation and shoaling effects is crucial to the detailed evolution of internal wave packets. From an observed initial wave packet at the upstream mooring, the numerical evolution simulation agreed reasonably well with the measurements at the distant mooring for the leading two large solitons.

**A89-12164**

**MEASUREMENTS OF SURFACE WAVE MODULATIONS FROM INTERNAL WAVES DURING THE SAR INTERNAL WAVE SIGNATURE EXPERIMENT**


This paper presents the results of a laser slope meter readings and the video images of surface waves occurring in the presence of large internal wave induced currents, that were recorded from a research vessel during the SAR Internal Wave Signature Experiment. The measurements presented clearly show the presence of correlations between increases and decreases in wave slope spectral density and internal waves; it is shown that the largest internal wave surface currents and gradients produce the largest spectral modulations. The increased roughness was found to occur forward of the peak internal wave displacement.

**A89-12165**

**A COMPARISON OF MEASURED SURFACE WAVE SPECTRAL MODULATIONS WITH PREDICTIONS FROM A WAVE-CURRENT INTERACTION MODEL**


Predictions from a wave-current interaction model based on a wave action balance equation are compared with measured surface-wave modulations induced by internal waves. The comparison involves relative modulations of the surface-wave spectrum at wavelengths ranging from 0.2 to 1.0 m for wind speeds of 3.5 and 7 m/s. Good agreement is found between measurements and predictions for interactions with eight internal waves in two wave packets encountered during the Synthetic Aperture Radar Internal Wave Signature Experiment. Author

**A89-12166**

**FULL-SPECTRUM MODELING OF SYNTHETIC APERTURE RADAR INTERNAL WAVE SIGNATURES**

DAVID R. LYZENGA and JOHN R. BENNETT (Michigan, Environmental Research Institute, Ann Arbor) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 93, Oct. 15, 1988, p. 12345-12354. refs (Contract N00014-81-C-0692)

This paper presents an integrated hydrodynamic-electromagnetic model for full-spectrum modeling of SAR internal wave signatures, which combines a full-spectrum numerical solution of the wave action equation with a two-scale SAR model. The combined model was applied to two test cases that were observed during recent SAR Internal Wave Signature Experiment. Results indicate that, in some cases, such as light winds, using vertical polarization, and at larger incidence angles, the longwave effects on the backscatter are negligible. In other cases, such as at X band under moderate wind conditions or when the radar look direction is perpendicular to the internal wave propagation direction, these effects can be very important. In such cases, a significant variation in radar backscatter may be predicted by the composite model, even though little or no variation is predicted by a simple Bragg model.

**A89-12167**

**CONTRAST RATIOS OF INTERNAL WAVES IN SYNTHETIC APERTURE RADAR IMAGERY - A COMPARISON OF SAR INTERNAL WAVE SIGNATURE EXPERIMENT OBSERVATIONS WITH THEORY**


This paper discusses three aspects of SAR Internal Wave Signature Experiment investigations: (1) methods to quantify the internal wave signatures on SAR imagery, which account for the natural variability within the internal waves; (2) the use of the Lyzenza and Bennett (1988) theoretical model to explore the expected trends in the SAR-observed internal wave signatures as a function of radar frequency, incidence angle, and look direction and of wind speed; and (3) the comparison of the model-derived and the SAR-observed trends. The results showed that the model underpredicts the SAR-observed modulations, especially for the azimuth-traveling internal wave case.

**A89-12171**

**Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Lab., Hanover, NH.**

**NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS OF THE PROFILE PROPERTIES OF UNDEFORMED FIRST-YEAR SEA ICE DURING THE GROWTH SEASON**


A model is presented for estimating salinity profiles for the first-year sea ice during the growth season, in which ice growth...
equations were coupled with salt entrainment and brine drainage relations to obtain the relationship between the initial ice salinity and the ice-growth velocity and seawater salinity, as well as the subsequent drainage of brine from the ice. The results obtained were found to be in reasonable agreement with field observations in that they showed characteristic C-shaped profiles similar to natural profiles. The average ice salinity values were also in reasonable agreement with field data. The predicted ice property profiles give composite plate properties that are significantly different from bulk property estimates that would result by assuming that sea ice could be represented as a homogeneous plate. I.S.

A98-12172
A NUMERICAL STUDY OF MESOSCALE OCEAN EDDY INTERACTION WITH A MARGINAL ICE ZONE
DAVID C. SMITH, IV, ARLENE A. BIRD (U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA), and W. PAUL BUDGELL (Institute of Ocean Sciences, Sidney, Canada) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 93, Oct. 15, 1988, p. 12461-12473. refs (Contract N00014-85-C-0055)

The interaction of isolated mesoscale ocean eddies with a free-drift marginal ice zone was investigated using a two-layer nonlinear primitive equation ocean model coupled with a free-drift ice model. It is shown that, in the absence of winds, the ice equilibrates rapidly to the ocean eddy velocity, resulting in radial ice motion. With along-the-ice-edge winds of about 10 m/s, the ice responds largely to the wind and, to a lesser extent, to the ocean eddy. Under ice, the ocean eddy can be rapidly eroded by wind-driven ice motion. These findings are compared with observations made in 1983 and 1984 during the marginal ice zone experiments. I.S.

A98-12173
SYNTHETIC APERTURE RADAR IMAGING OF OCEAN WAVES FROM AN AIRBORNE PLATFORM - FOCUS AND TRACKING ISSUES

This paper addresses the aspects of focus and tracking in the process of SAR imaging of ocean waves from an airborne platform. It is demonstrated that there is a direct relationship between focus and wave phase velocity, through purely noncoherent consequences of the SAR response to the translating reflectivity density envelope of the wave field. It is also shown that the orbital velocity affects the phase of the received signal, leading to velocity bunching, and is scaled by the ratio of sensor altitude to sensor velocity. It is suggested that better performance can be obtained by compensating individual looks for wave movement before look summation, while using nominal perfect focus. I.S.

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PHYTOPLANKTON STANDING CROPS WITHIN AN ANTARCTIC ICE EDGE ASSESSED BY SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING
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The dynamic interactions between the pack-ice recession and the occurrence of blooms of phytoplankton in waters of the marginal ice zone within an Antarctic ice edge were investigated using CZCS and SMMR imageries from the Nimbus 7 satellite (September 16-December 17, 1983), together with in situ measurements of pigments and sea ice concentration carried out from November 7 to December 2. A substantial amount of spatial variability in pigmentation was observed to occur along the ice edge in the Weddell Sea. The relationships among light, ice distribution, and vertical stability and their effects on observed spatial variations in phytoplankton biomass are discussed. The results of this investigation suggest that the retreat of ice provides an input of significant volumes of meltwater which creates vertical stability for a period necessary to permit growth and accumulation of phytoplankton. I.S.

A89-12203# THE DEVELOPMENT OF TROPICAL CYCLONES IN THE NORTH-WEST OF AUSTRALIA
I. J. FOSTER and T. J. LYONS (Murdoch University, Australia) Royal Meteorological Society, Quarterly Journal (ISSN 0035-9009), vol. 114, July 1988, pl. B, p. 1187-1199. Research supported by the Australian Research Grants Scheme and Australian Marine Science and Technology Advisory Committee. refs

Conventional and satellite observations have been used to construct case studies of developing and nondeveloping tropical depression in the northwestern region of Australia during the 1979/80 and 1980/81 cyclone seasons. It is shown that enhanced low-level winds can occur during the lifetime of nondeveloping disturbances and are not exclusively associated with cyclogenesis. Both types of systems were found to possess lower-level cyclonic circulations and an overlapping was observed, such that nondeveloping storms could have stronger circulations than some developing storms. At upper levels, development was associated with the subtropical ridge over the surface position of the disturbance. The ridge tended to migrate southwards of nondevelopers. The model of cyclogenesis is supported by calculations of area-averaged vorticity at 850 and 200 mb. The features are consistent with both classes of disturbance existing within the monsoon shearinle. R.B.

A89-12209#. A DUAL-SATELLITE ALGORITHM FOR DERIVING SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE
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The conventional multichannel sea surface temperature algorithms for NOAA-7 AVHRR/2 data have been extended to include data from the Meteosat-2 IR1 (11-micron) channel. This extension provides a combination of multichannel and dual-angle techniques for determining the atmospheric correction. The algorithms were derived from results of transmission calculations on a number of temperature/humidity profiles and were tested under pseudoperiodical conditions against ship measurements. It is concluded that the technique is feasible although because of uncertainties in the Meteosat radiances caused by residual cloud contamination, the additional data are given only a low weight in the algorithms and the influence on retrieved sea surface temperature is small. R.B.

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AIRBORNE LIDAR DETECTION OF SUBSURFACE OCEANIC SCATTERING LAYERS

The airborne lidar detection and cross-sectional mapping of submerged oceanic scattering layers are reported. The field experiment was conducted in the Atlantic Ocean southeast of Assateague Island, VA. NASA’s Airborne Oceanographic Lidar was operated in the bathymetric mode to acquire on-wavelength 532-nm depth-resolved backscatter signals from shelf/slope waters. Unwanted laser pulse reflection from the air-water interface was minimized by spatial filtering and off-nadir operation. The presence of thermal stratification over the shelf was verified by the deployment of airborne expendable bathythermographs. Optical beam transmission measurements acquired from a surface truthing vessel indicated the presence of a layer of turbid water near the sea floor over the inner portion of the shelf. Author
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ORBIT DETERMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TOPEX

Orbit determination requirements for the Ocean Topography Experiment (TopeX/Posidon) are discussed. A radial orbit accuracy of 13 cm for a period of three to five years is required for the mission. The factors which limit the orbit accuracy for the geopotential, the solar radiation pressure, and the atmospheric drag model are examined. Also, the effects introduced by variations with aspect angle in the spacecraft area-to-mass ratio are considered.

R.B.

A89-12776 CONFERENCE ON SATELLITE METEOROLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY, 3RD, ANAHEIM, CA, FEB. 1-5, 1988, PREPRINTS

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The present conference on satellite remote sensing technologies for meteorology and oceanography discusses advancements in the fields of temperature retrieval, water vapor retrieval, multiple-parameter studies, radiation budget studies, forecasting and analysis of weather, oceanographic applications of remote sensing, prospective developments of satellite remote sensing systems, rainfall observations, the detection of clouds and their parameters, and ocean-atmosphere interface-related sensing. The satellite sensors discussed encompass microwave radiometry, VISSR, microwave sounding, wide field-of-view radiometry, multispectral imagery, stereoscopic image pairs, high resolution interferometric sounding, IR sea surface temperature mappers, Doppler lidar, IR rain sensors, AVHRR, wide-swath radar altimetry, SMMR, and X-band scatterometers.

A89-12777 RETRIEVAL OF AIR SURFACE TEMPERATURES OVER OCEANS FROM SATELLITE RADIANCE MEASUREMENTS USING STRATIFICATION TECHNIQUES

Atmospheric measurements of the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service are currently made with the TIROS Operational Vertical Temperature Sounder. It is noted that, with this sounder’s filter instruments, sufficient resolution for such features as surface inversions is difficult to obtain. Attention is presently given to calculation results for the covariance matrix of TIROS’ channels 4-8, 10-15, and 22. Coefficients of the eigenvectors associated with the four largest eigenvalues were calculated for the dependent data set, and the maxima and minima for each is used to determine the range. Each eigenvector range was then divided into groups whose mean brightness temperature values were calculated.


AN EXAMPLE OF ESTIMATES OF PRECIPITABLE WATER DERIVED FROM Nimbus-7 SMMR SATELLITE MEASUREMENTS AND FGGE UPPER AIR DATA
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A sample of results from the Scanning Multichannel Microwave Radiometer (SMMR) instrument aboard the Nimbus-7 satellite is compared with those obtained from analyses of First GARP Global Experiment Level Ill-th data collected over the South Pacific on January 10-18, 1979, when the South Pacific Convergence Zone and its accompanying cloud band were quasi-stationary features of this ocean’s circulation. It is found that the patterns of Goddard Laboratory for Atmospheres precipitable water values compare well with patterns of the SMMR brightness temperature differences.

R.B.

A89-12798 REMOTE SENSING OF SURFACE AIR TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY OVER OCEANIC AREAS WITH APPLICATION TO CLIMATOLOGY AND WEATHER PREDICTION

Cloud classification is evaluated as a basis for the determination of surface air temperature and humidity over oceans, using the dew point depression as a humidity variable and assuming that a given class of clouds may be associated with a significant deviation of the variable from climatology. A major asset of the present classifier is its ability to recognize mesoscale cellular patterns that are known to be associated with large cold temperature anomalies. The humidity retrievals are found to be useful for cloud classes associated with a mean relative humidity lower than 68 or greater than 80 percent.

O.C.

A89-12823 SATELLITE DIAGNOSIS OF TROPICAL CYCLONES

Preliminary results are presented from a study to improve intensity estimates of tropical cyclones. Data from U.S. Air Force reconnaissance flights in the western Pacific and three-hourly Geostationary Meteorological Satellite (GMS) data at 10 km resolution were compiled to analyze 48 tropical storms and typhoons during 1983-1984. Time series plots of cloud areas were derived from the GMS data for the entire life cycle of each tropical cyclone. The plots are used to illustrate objective satellite diagnosis for tropical cyclone intensity changes, size, and core size and, tropical cyclone genesis.

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THUNDERSTORM ICE INDUCED BRIGHTNESS TEMPERATURE DEPRESSIONS AT 18, 37, AND 92 GHZ DURING COHMEX AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR SATELLITE PRECIPITATION RETRIEVALS

Measurements of thunderstorm ice scattering at 18, 37, and 92 GHz, and with high spatial and temporal resolution from the Cooperative Huntsville Meteorological Experiment (Cohemex) are discussed. The Cohemex experiment consisted of ground-based, airborne, and satellite experiments in June and July, 1986. The rainfall rates from the experiment are compared with other measurements and the implications of the results for satellite precipitation retrievals are examined.

R.B.
A89-12836
COMPARISON OF WEATHER RADAR AND SATELLITE-BASED PASSIVE MICROWAVE OBSERVATIONS OF RAINFALL OVER LAND AND OCEANS

Algorithms are developed for the retrieval of rain rates over land and ocean using matchups between weather radar observations and coincident passive microwave measurements. The results are compared to those from visible and IR techniques. It is suggested that the microwave technique responds directly to the column of rain, while the visible and IR techniques can only indirectly determine the presence and intensity of rain. R.B.

A89-12837
A PILOT STUDY TO DETERMINE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN NORTH PACIFIC PRECIPITATION FROM NIMBUS-7 SCANNING MULTICHANNEL MICROWAVE RADIOMETER DATA AND ASSOCIATED ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS
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Relationships between the large scale field and the location of cyclone tracks are found by deriving monthly precipitation positions in the North Pacific. The precipitation locations are determined from Nimbus-7 SMMR data for the winter seasons 1978-1979 and 1979-1980. These locations are compared to the large scale atmospheric conditions. R.B.

A89-12855
EVALUATION OF 3.7 MICRON SPLIT WINDOWS FOR ESTIMATING SURFACE TEMPERATURE

The accuracy obtained by using a split window wavelength pair in the 3.7 micron region for the estimation of SSTs was compared with the accuracy of split window measurements in the 11-micron region, using simulated SST data for various combinations of 3.7-micron and 11-micron split windows. The results showed that a combination of both split windows provided a complementary set of measurements. The 11-micron pair provided accurate SSTs in polar and midlatitude regions under all lighting conditions, while the 3.7-micron pair provided the best results in the tropics, compensating for the major limitation of the 11-micron pair due to the high atmospheric absorption frequently experienced in tropical areas. I.S.

A89-12856
EOF ANALYSIS OF AVHRR AND CZCS IMAGERY

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The empirical orthogonal function (EOF) analysis of AVHRR and CZCS imagery of the central California shelf and the Santa Barbara Channel region off southern California was used to decompose the space-time distributed oceanographic and meteorological data into modes ranked by their temporal variance. It is shown that the spatial variance EOF decomposition is useful for studying quasi-permanent patterns such as fronts, eddies, or cross-shelf jets found in the satellite imagery. Used in conjunction with temporal variance EOF analysis, considerably more useful information can be gained on the modes of spatial and temporal variability than by use of either technique alone. I.S.

A89-12857
NIMBUS-7 SMMR DERIVED SEA-ICE CONCENTRATIONS OVER ANTARCTICA

The sea-ice behavior in the Bellingshausen Sea, western Antarctica was investigated using clear-scene AVHHR channel-2 measurements to derive sea-ice concentrations, and Nimbus-7 SMMR passive microwave measurements at 18 and 37 GHz to derive depolarized brightness temperatures. Linear regressions were performed to derive relationships between the microwave brightness temperatures and ice concentrations. The ice-concentration retrieval algorithms derived will be used for the Advanced Microwave Sounding Unit to be flown aboard the upcoming NOAA-K,L,M satellites scheduled for launch in the 1990s. I.S.

A89-12858
MODELLING OF SURFACE WAVES AND SEA STATE-DEPENDENT WIND STRESS FOR THE NORTHEAST PACIFIC OCEAN USING SEASAT SCATTEROMETER DATA

Monthly averages of wind stress and significant wave height estimated from Seasat altimeter data (Atlas et al., 1987) are compared with fields computed from the global hindcast study of the third generation ocean wave prediction model (Hasselmann et al., 1987). It is suggested that regional models with spatial resolution of 20 or 50 km are better suited to study wave and wind fields. Also, the importance of including the sea state in calculation of the surface wind stress is assessed. R.B.

A89-12871
INFLUENCE OF SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE ON INTRA- AND INTER-ANNUAL VARIATIONS OF ITCZ

OLR (outgoing long-wave radiation) data derived from measurements made by the NOAA polar-orbiting satellites are used to estimate intraannual and interannual variations of the monthly mean position and intensity of the ITCZ (intertropical convergence zone). These variations are compared with corresponding variations of the sea surface temperature (SST) to assess the role of the SST in maintaining the ITCZ position and intensity. B.J.

A89-13300
THE REGISTRATION OF THE SURFACE EFFECTS OF INTERNAL OCEAN WAVES USING MICROWAVE RADIOMETRY [REGISTRATSIJA POVERKHNOSTNYKH PROIAVLENII VNUTRENNIKH VOLN V OKEANE METODAMI SVCH-RADIOMETRII]

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BEYOND PLATE TECTONICS - LOOKING AT PLATE DEFORMATION WITH SPACE GEODESY


The requirements that must be met by space-geodetic systems in order to constrain the horizontal secular motions associated with the geological deformation of the earth's surface are explored. It is suggested that in order to improve existing plate-motion models, the tangential components of relative velocities on interplate baselines must be resolved to an accuracy of less than 3 mm/yr. Results indicate that measuring the velocities between crustal blocks to + or - 5 mm/yr on 100-km to 1000-km scales can produce geologically significant constraints on the integrated deformation rates across continental plate-boundary zones such as the western United States.

R.B.

A89-13958 A PRELIMINARY MODEL FOR GEOSAT ALTIMETER DATA ERRORS


The nongeoidal component of Geosat altimeter data is studied in terms of its spatial frequency. Noise power spectral densities (PSDs) are derived from Geosat altimeter data segments of nearly collinear repeat tracks. The difference time series are analyzed using autoregressive modeling techniques. An average noise PSD, obtained from eight independent repeat-track PSDs, is closely fitted by a first-order Markov model with a white-noise floor. The Geosat average noise PSD is compared with analogous spectra derived for GEOS-3 and Seasat. It is found that the Geosat noise PSD is generally the same as the Seasat noise spectrum at wavelengths greater than about 100 km, but has a lower noise level at shorter wavelengths.

R.B.

A89-15116 THE FRENCH SPACE OCEANOGRAPHY PROGRAM (LE PROGRAMME FRANCAIS D'OCEANOGRAPHIE SPATIALE)


The French program for applying space technology to the study of the oceans and their role in climate and climate change is described. Special attention is given to the Topex/POSEIDON program for the precise global measurement of topography and the ocean's surface and circulation, the passive microwave radiometer ATSR/M flown aboard ERS 1, and the large-swath medium-resolution radiometer, Vegetation, to be flown aboard the SPOT 4 satellite. Ocean data archiving and processing projects and international programs for the study of the evolution of planetary systems (including the Tropical Ocean and Global Atmosphere program and the World Ocean Circulation experiment) are discussed.

R.R.

A89-15495 A COMPARISON OF SATELLITE AND EMPIRICAL FORMULA TECHNIQUES FOR ESTIMATING INSOLATION OVER THE OCEANS

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Surface insolation data from the Mixed Layer Dynamics Experiment are used to compare the satellite technique of Gautier et al. (1980) and five commonly referenced empirical formulas for estimating the daily insolation over the oceans. It is found that the satellite technique is superior to all of the empirical formula techniques, having a 0.97 correlation coefficient, a 12.0 W/sq m standard error of estimate, and a -4.9 W/sq m bias error. The satellite technique is able to account for water vapor, ozone, and dust amount variations in the atmosphere and can monitor large extent of ocean quasi-instantaneously.

R.B.

A89-15923 MICROWAVE EMISSION AND REFLECTION FROM THE WIND-ROUGHENED SEA SURFACE AT 6.7 AND 18.6 GHZ

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Microwave radiometric observations were made with specially designed microwave radiometers at 6.7 and 18.6 GHz, and results compared with those of other investigators, over the frequency range of 1-40 GHz. Dependencies of sea surface emission and reflection on wind speed, frequency, incidence angle, and polarization type are discussed in detail, following discussions of the reflective processes of sky radiation and error estimation in the retrieval of mainlobe-averaged brightness temperature. The wind speed sensitivity of brightness temperature, emissivity, and reflectivity is formulated with respect to frequency and incidence angle in each polarization. The brightness temperature, emissivity, and reflectivity at arbitrary wind speed are derived employing this formulation. Based on the results obtained it is suggested that the 10-19-GHz band may be optimal for satellite microwave radiometer observations of sea-surface wind.

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TOWER OCEAN WAVE AND RADAR DEPENDENCE EXPERIMENT - AN OVERVIEW


The Tower Ocean Wave and Radar Dependence experiment was conducted between October 1984 and January 1986 to study the mechanisms involved in the SAR imaging of the ocean surface. Measurements obtained included in situ capillary and short gravity waves, long surface waves and internal waves, ambient current and detailed meteorological measurements, and stereophotography. None of the hypotheses on SAR imaging of long surface waves considered are able to explain all of the present SAR observations.

R.R.

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THEORY FOR SYNTHETIC APERTURE RADAR IMAGING OF THE OCEAN SURFACE - WITH APPLICATION TO THE TOWER OCEAN WAVE AND RADAR DEPENDENCE EXPERIMENT ON FOCUS, RESOLUTION, AND WAVE HEIGHT SPECTRA

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A89-16978
MULTIFOCUS PROCESSING OF L BAND SYNTHETIC
APERTURE RADAR IMAGES OF OCEAN WAVES OBTAINED
DURING THE TOWER OCEAN WAVE AND RADAR
DEPENDENCE EXPERIMENT
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As part of the Tower Ocean Wave and Radar Dependence experiment objectives, the mechanisms of SAR imaging of ocean waves are investigated using L band SAR data over the Naval Ocean Systems Center tower. This paper provides experimental evidence needed to validate the differing hypotheses. Various processing methods are investigated to generate spectra with large degrees of freedom. The results show that waves traveling in the aircraft direction are most detectable at focus settings in the range 10.0-15.0 m/s, which is consistent with the Marine Remote Sensing Experiment observations reported by Jain and Shemdin (1983). Waves traveling in the direction opposite to the aircraft are most detectable at settings equal to -5.0 to -15.0 m/s. The SAR imaging system acts as a low-pass filter with the peak of the ocean wave height spectrum occurring at higher wave numbers compared with the peak in the SAR image spectrum.

Author

A89-16979
AN ANALYTIC REPRESENTATION OF THE SYNTHETIC
APERTURE RADAR IMAGE SPECTRUM FOR OCEAN WAVES
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An analytic expression is derived for the spectrum of a synthetic aperture radar image in terms of the surface reflectivity covariance function. It is shown that within the severe constraints imposed by the short integration time, the third (temporal) dimension of the spectrum can be extracted by varying the processor focus parameter. The results also illustrate the dependence of the image spectrum on the scene coherence time, as well as various nonlinear effects associated with the velocity bunching mechanism. Example calculations are presented for two cases corresponding to data sets collected during the Tower Ocean Wave and Radar Dependence Experiment.

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COMPARISON OF MEASURED AND PREDICTED SEA
SURFACE SPECTRA OF SHORT WAVES
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Reliable sea surface slope time series, using a laseroptical receiver system deployed on a wave follower, are analyzed to yield slope frequency spectra of the ocean surface up to 300 Hz. The results show significant differences when compared with the Pierson and Stacy (1973) model. An epipolar model is proposed in this paper that is consistent with the observed slope spectra. The newly proposed model is compared with other more recently advanced shortwave spectral models.

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DIRECTIONAL MEASUREMENT OF SHORT OCEAN WAVES
WITH STEREOPHOTOGRAPHY
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Stereophotographs of the sea surface, acquired during the Tower Ocean Wave and Radar Dependence experiment are analyzed to yield directional wave height spectra of short surface waves in the 6-80-cm range. The omnidirectional wave height spectra are found to deviate from the k exp -4 distribution, where k is the wave number. The stereo data processing errors are found to be within + or - 5 percent. The omnidirectional spectra yield 514 deg of freedom for 30-cm-long waves. The directional distribution of short waves is processed with a directional resolution of 30 deg, so as to yield 72 deg of freedom for 30-cm-long waves. The directional distributions show peaks that are aligned with the wind and swell directions. It is found that dynamically relevant measurements can be obtained with stereophotography, after removal of the mean surface associated with long waves.

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THE DEPENDENCE OF SEA SURFACE SLOPE ON
ATMOSPHERIC STABILITY AND SWELL CONDITIONS
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A tower-mounted optical device is used to measure the two-orthogonal components of the sea surface slope. The results indicate that an unstable stratification at the air-sea interface tends to enhance the surface roughness. The presence of a long ocean swell system steers the primary direction of shortwave propagation away from wind direction, and may increase or reduce the mean square slope of the sea surface.

Author

A89-16984 WIND STRESS MEASUREMENTS DURING THE TOWER
OCEAN WAVE AND RADAR DEPENDENCE EXPERIMENT

During the Tower Ocean Wave and Radar Dependence experiment, near-continuous measurements of the wind drag were conducted using the dissipation technique. An intercomparison between these measurements and direct stress magnitudes using a sonic anemometer was performed over three days of the experiment. The results indicated that the dissipation technique performed poorly. When neutrally stratified data were used, the drag coefficient exhibited a systematic dependence on both surface tension and wave age.

Author

A89-16986# ACOUSTIC DOPPLER CURRENT PROFILING IN THE
EQUATORIAL PACIFIC IN 1984
DOUG WILSON (NOAA, Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory, Miami, FL) and ANTS LEETMAA (NOAA, Climate Analysis Center, Washington, DC) Journal of Geophysical Research (ISSN 0148-0227), vol. 93, Nov. 15, 1988, p. 13947-13966. NOAA-supported research. refs

Author
Hydrographic data and acoustic Doppler current profiles obtained in the equatorial Pacific during 1984 are used to study seasonal changes in the temperature and velocity fields. On the equator between April and November the current changed from eastward to westward, the equatorial undercurrent transport (EUC) decreased, the equatorial zonal pressure gradient increased, and the depth of the mixed layer and the EUC core deepened. Results obtained include Reynolds stresses due to the waves, heat and momentum flux estimates, and details of the vertical phase structure.

The assimilation of significant wave heights (SWHs) from the Seasat altimeter into the Joint Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Ocean Wave global spectral model is considered. Forecasts of SWH from each assimilation run and from hindcasts (with no assimilation) are compared to the corresponding Seasat SWH estimate from subsequent satellite passes. The best results were obtained by employing a three-hour assimilation frequency with simple replacement and by scaling the forecasted spectrum with the observed SWH.

A98-16997
OBSERVING THE SEASONAL VARIABILITY IN THE TROPICAL ATLANTIC FROM ALTIMETRY
Sea level heights measured by GEOS 3 and Seasat altimeters are used to investigate the strong wind-driven seasonal cycle of the tropical Atlantic circulation. Maps reveal a large annual signal in the western side of the basin where the north equatorial countercurrent and south equatorial current are predominant. The maps are found to agree well with those obtained previously using hydrographic data.

A98-16998
COASTALLY TRAPPED WAVES IN THE PRESENCE OF A SHELF EDGE DENSITY FRONT
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A model for determining the stability and propagation characteristics of coastally trapped waves is applied to the Sagleg Bank on the Labrador Shelf in order to investigate the ice edge undulations noted in NOAA satellite images. It is shown that the instability is suppressed by the bottom slope if the entire shelf slope is below the front. The presence of a density front on a continental shelf is found to result in either the restriction or the elimination of the backward propagation of energy on the shelf, and thus has a significant effect on the energy propagation along the shelf.

A98-16999
CORRELATION FUNCTION STUDY FOR SEA ICE
(Contract N00014-83-K-0258; NSF ECS-85-04381; NAGS-270)
For active and passive microwave remote sensing of sea ice, a correlation function of exponential form is extracted from the photograph of a horizontal thin section taken from a sample of artificially grown saline ice that closely resembled Arctic congelation sea ice. It is found that the extracted correlation lengths are consistent with the published average size of brine pockets. With the application of strong fluctuation theory and the biolocal approximation, the effective permittivity tensor is derived in the low-frequency limit for an unbounded uniaxial random medium with two-phase mixtures. Using the extracted correlation lengths, the effective permittivity tensor is computed as a function of fractional volume of brine inclusions and compared with in situ measurements at 4.8 and 8.5 GHz.

A98-17000
ROLE OF ABSORBED SOLAR RADIATION ON INDIAN OCEAN SURFACE TEMPERATURE - A CASE STUDY USING SATELLITE DATA
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The effect of absorbed solar radiation at the ocean surface on the variation of SST in the Indian Ocean was investigated using the TIROS-N operational products. The day-to-day changes in SST obtained from ship measurements were found to be prominent changes in the mixed-layer depth (MLD) and wind speed after the onset of the monsoon, indicating that SST can be estimated from the absorbed solar radiation only in the absence of significant variations in the MLD and wind speed.

A89-18843
ESTIMATION OF THE VARIABILITY OF ACOUSTIC CHARACTERISTICS IN THE REGION OF FRONTAL ZONES AND MESOSCALE VORTICES USING REMOTE SENSING DATA [OTSENKA IZMENCHIVOSTI AKUSTICHESKIKH KHAKARACTERISTIK V OBLASTI FRONTAL'NYKH ZON I MEZOMASSHTABNYKH VILLI S ISPOL'ZOVANIEM DANNYKH DISTANTSIONNOGO ZONDOVANIIA]

For a subarctic front west of Japan, ship-monitored sound velocities at the ocean surface and at depths up to 1000 m are compared with satellite imagery based on ocean surface temperature monitoring. It is shown that satellite imagery can be used for the diagnostics of acoustic inhomogeneities of different scales, for estimating spatial sound velocity gradients, and for predicting the effect of surface vortex formation on the acoustic characteristics.

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A89-20721
COMPARISON OF WAVE PARAMETERS DETERMINED FROM SLAR IMAGES AND A PITCH AND ROLL BUOY

The nature of the data recorded by Side-Looking Airborne Radar (SLAR) and that by a pitch and roll buoy differ completely. The radar records a spatial data set at one instant in time, whereas the buoy records a time series on a given point on the sea surface. The spectrum in the wave number space of the radar image is transformed to the frequency domain by using the dispersion relation for shallow water waves. With further processing, the radar derived data can be presented in the traditional form of pitch and roll buoy displays - a (relative) scale waveheight spectrum, a directional distribution and the directional spreading, all as a function of frequency. Limitations of the method and differences in the results of the sensors are discussed.

A89-20722

The paper discusses research in the field of sea surface parameter restitution at CMS (Centre de Meteorologie Spatiale) in Lannion, France. Individual experiments are examined, including the use of an interactive image processing system for sea surface temperature (SST) analysis over the Mediterranean Sea, the use of Meteosat and AVHRR data for SST field production, the production of surface solar irradiance fields, and the survey of phytoplankton blooms with visible AVHRR data. The overall objective of the program is to retrieve small-scale characteristics of the ocean-atmosphere thermodynamics.

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The method uses the correlation function of the corresponding complex images and assumes that pixel statistics are Gaussian. It is expected that such a technique will be of use in the routine recovery of ocean wave height spectra from SAR imagery. Results from the Agrisar campaign with VARIAN-S over land and sea are good, with speckle spectra being well matched by their predicted forms. Ocean spectra from Seasat are, however, poorly matched in their dependence on azimuth wavenumber. This is not thought to be caused by any sea surface or propagation effect but rather to be an artifact of signal processing.

**N89-10316#** Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales, Toulouse (France).

**COMPARISON BETWEEN ACTIVE AND PASSIVE MICROWAVE MEASUREMENTS OVER ANTARCTICA**

F. REMY, M. ANDERSON ( Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, Calif.), and J. F. MINSTER In ESA, Proceedings of the 4th International Colloquium on Spectral Signatures in Remote Sensing p 69-72 Apr. 1988

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The effects of wind on the snow grain size derived from passive microwave radiometer data above continental ice was examined. Wind speed is provided by the power return of the Seasat altimeter measurements. The grain size is derived from the emissivity estimated from 37 GHz Nimbus-7 radiometer. All possible interactions between the retrieved parameters are reviewed. The role of the wind on the thermal history of ice grains seems to be a dominant factor, while other effects are either insignificant or account for less than 10 percent of the emissivity variance. ESA

**N89-10344#** Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium). Lab. de Télécommunications et d'Hyperfrequences.

**AN APPROXIMATE MODEL FOR THE MICROWAVE BRIGHTNESS TEMPERATURE SCATTERED BY A ROUGH OPEN OCEAN SURFACE**


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A modified two-scale model for scattering and emissivity calculations for the random rough sea surface is described. It produces a contracted approximated form of the radiative transfer equation including a scattering correction. This leads to a method simple and accurate enough for real-time inversion algorithms in microwave remote sensing. ESA

**N89-10352#** GKSS-Forschungszentrum Geesthacht (Germany, F.R).

**HIGH-RESOLUTION SPECTROSCOPY FOR REMOTE SENSING OF OCEAN AND ATMOSPHERE**


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The benefits of using narrow spectral features, like chlorophyll fluorescence for the detection of phytoplankton and oxygen A-band absorption for the retrieval of cloud heights are demonstrated. Radiative transfer calculations are used because of the advantage of a systematic analysis of possible measurement conditions. However, the results are transferable to real conditions as far as the assumptions of a plane-parallel atmosphere-cloud or atmosphere-ocean system and the optical properties used in the radiative transfer model are valid. Results show that retrieval of concentrations of water substances is improved if the Sun stimulated chlorophyll fluorescence at 685 nm is measured with a spectral resolution of at least 5 nm. Spectral absorption within the oxygen A-band in the near infrared can be used for cloud-top height detection. ESA

**N89-10361#** Sherbrooke Univ. (Quebec).

**IMAGING SPECTROMETRY APPLIED TO THE REMOTE SENSING OF SUBMERGED SEAWEED**


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The utility of imaging spectrometry data for the remote sensing of submerged seaweed is investigated by analyzing data collected by the fluorescence line imager (FLI) and comparing these results with ground based measurements and spectral reflectance models. Radiance differences referenced to the values of the deep water radiance are computed for the FLI data and the spectral models in order to analyze the spectral influence of the water turbidity and the reflectance of the seaweed species indigenous to the region of study (Laminaria sp). Comparisons of ground based spectral measurements and the computations of a spectral reflectance indicate a reasonable level of agreement when the free parameters of the model (chlorophyll concentration and depth) are adjusted to obtain the best spectral fit to the measured points. A method of radiance differences was employed to enhance a broad yellow-red peak in the FLI data which is believed to be related to the presence of submerged Laminaria sp seaweed canopies. The model employed to simulate the airborne signal yields a spectral feature which is narrower and whose peak is shifted relative to the FLI data. This discrepancy may be related to a significant decrease in water turbidity in going from shallow to deep waters. ESA

**N89-10365#** Institut Francais de Recherche pour l'Exploitation de la Mer, Brest (France).

**HIGH RESOLUTION RADIOMETRIC MEASUREMENT OF INTERTIDAL MICROPHYTOBENTHOS [MESURES RADIOMETRIQUES HAUTE RESOLUTION DU MICROPHYTOBENTHOS INTERTIDAL]**

B. GUILLAUMONT, P. GENTIEN, and M. VIOLLIER (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Roscoff, France ) In ESA, Proceedings of the 4th International Colloquium on Spectral Signatures in Remote Sensing p 353-356 Apr. 1988

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High resolution spectroradiometric measurements were used to show that spectral variations of the reflectance of intertidal sediment can be likened to spectrophotometric measurements of aceton extracts, a technique usually employed to estimate the microbenthic biomass. Analysis suggests that utilization of the normalized vegetative index calculated from SPOT channels should enable the importance of microflora zones to be determined. For more accurate quantitative estimates, a certain number of ground control points are necessary. ESA

**N89-10371#** Centre National d’Etudes Spatiales, Toulouse (France).

**LABOR ET DE RECHERCHES EN TELEDECTION SPATIALE.**

**ESTIMATION OF PRIMARY MARINE PRODUCTION USING SPACEBORNE DATA ON OCEAN COLOR [ESTIMATION DE LA PRODUCTION PRIMAIRE MARINE A L’AIDE DE DONNEES SPATIALES DE COULEUR DE L’OCEAN]**


In FRENCH

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An algorithm which directly determines the amount of photosynthetic available radiation absorbed by chlorophyll pigments from backscattered reflectance from sea water was developed. It assumes that the chemical output of the photosynthesis is known. The algorithm can be used in estimating primary marine production (PMP) from narrow or wideband satellite observations of ocean
color, and establishes a linear relationship between PMP and backscattered reflectance. The algorithm was tested using simulated data from the NIMBUS-7 coastal zone color scanner and the SPOT 4 vegetation instrument. It was compared with an algorithm that uses the determination of the concentration of chlorophyll pigments. The superiority of the developed algorithm, especially given the noisy nature of satellite data, is shown. ESA


This report presents data collected during three field seasons of glaciological studies in the Antarctica and describes the methods employed. The region investigated covers the mouths of Ice Streams B and C (the Siple Coast) and Cravy Ice Rise on the Ross Ice Shelf. Measurements included in the report are as follows: surface velocity and deformation from repeated satellite geocover positions; surface topography from optical levelling; radar sounding of ice thickness; accumulation rates; near-surface densities and temperature profiles; and mapping from aerial photography.


Satellite tracked drifting buoy Oceanographic data collected in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean during the period of 1 January 1984 through 31 May 1985 is presented. Deployment times, locations and characteristics of each buoy is detailed. Author

N89-11374# Air Force Inst. of Tech., Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. ACTIVE MODES OF THE PACIFIC INTERTROPICAL CONVERGENCE ZONE (ITCZ) M.S. Thesis PATRICK M. HAYES May 1988 105 p (AD-A196406; AFIT/CIV/R-88-29) Avail: NTIS HC A06/MF A01 CSCL 04A

Satellite-observed outgoing longwave radiation (OLR) data from eight 6-month cool seasons were examined to find periods of active convection within the Pacific intertropical convergence zone (ITCZ). Descriptive statistics were used to define and describe the time-mean behavior of the Pacific ITCZ. Two seasons (76 to 77 and 82 to 83) showed distinctive El Nino-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) signatures in mean, standard deviation, and frequency distribution of OLR. Four other seasons (74 to 75, 75 to 76, 79 to 80, and 89 to 91) had normal OLR statistics. The remaining seasons preceded and followed the major 82 to 83 event and had intermediate seasonal-mean OLR fields. Time series of an index measuring convective intensity in the ITCZ were analyzed to find active convection periods. Time-longitude diagrams of intensity estimates showed how active modes develop, spread, and propagate across the Pacific. Three types of variability of the active modes were identified. The first type had small spatial scales (less than 4000 km), short temporal scales (10 to 20 day durations), and occurred mostly in the eastern Pacific. The second type had longer spatial scales (500 to 10,000 km), short temporal scales, and was found throughout. The second type also showed evidence of propagation. The third type had large temporal scales (less than 30 days), medium spatial scales (2000 to 6000 km), and was a fixed feature.

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N89-12112# Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA. MARINE BOUNDARY LAYER DEPTH AND RELATIVE HUMIDITY ESTIMATES USING MULTISPECTRAL SATELLITE MEASUREMENTS M.S. Thesis STEVEN P. SMOLINSKI Mar. 1988 81 p (AD-A196525) Avail: NTIS HC A05/MF A01 CSCL 04B

A technique is presented to estimate surface relative humidity and boundary layer depth from multispectral satellite measurements using the AVHRR sensor on TIROS-N generation satellites. A sensitivity study quantifies the effect of a combination of input measurement errors of sea-surface temperature, optical depth and total water vapor used in the technique to produce outputs of surface relative humidity and boundary layer depth under simulated conditions and model ATMOSPHERES. Technique verification is then accomplished with satellite data comparing vertical soundings and sea-surface temperature measurements. The root mean square differences between the surface relative humidity/boundary layer depth satellite-measured estimates and verified measurements are 6 percent and 75 m respectively. Finally, synoptic-scale mapping of the surface relative humidity and boundary layer depth fields based on the satellite-derived estimates is accomplished with monochromatic and color enhanced satellite images. Horizontal variability of surface relative humidity and boundary layer depth on the order of kilometers can be visually detected from these images.

N89-12945# GEC-Marconi Electronics Ltd., Chelmsford (England).


Scatterometer model functions for Seasat and ERS-1 are used to obtain constraints on the cut-off wavenumber kd required in the composite-surface description of radar backscattering from the sea surface. These data were inverted, neglecting specular backscatter, to obtain the short-wave spectral energy density E(kB) at a particular Bragg wavenumber k0, for a wide range of values of kd. Due to the overlap of the Seasat and ERS-1 data, a constraint on kd can be obtained by requiring E(kB) to be a power-law smoothly connecting the data sets. The value of kd obtained is 0.3kr (kr being the radar wavenumber) with a weak dependence on wind speed, thus agreeing with results of other investigators.

N89-12946# Naval Research Lab., Washington, DC.


By using simple physical optics diffraction theory to calculate the distribution of diffracted illumination over the trough of a trochoidal wave model, it was found that geometrical optics can provide a reasonable shadowing approximation only for the higher wind speeds and radar frequencies, e.g., the greater than 15kts wind speeds and 1OGHz. Under these conditions, the modified illumination profile implied by a threshold shadowing theory leads to a shadowing function with a sharp cut-off between 2 deg. The standard asymptotic approximations used in wedge scattering are found to be unsuitable for describing scattering from the randomly oriented features on a real sea surface. Generalizations turn out to be noncausal, and alternative theories give wrong results at intermediate angles. The failure of both wedge and Bragg scattering theories to provide a self-consistent model of sea scatter is discussed in relation to the
actual scattering structures appearing on the surface of an active sea.

**SPECTRAL ANALYSIS OF OCEAN WAVE IMAGERY USING 2-D LINEAR PREDICTION**


A method for spectral estimation based on 2-D linear prediction for the determination of wavelength and propagation direction of swell fields given by Seasat synthetic aperture radar (SAR) and SPOT imaging is presented. The method is shown to provide interesting results when compared to classical Fourier analysis. It allows the estimation of wavelength and propagation direction over small analysis windows (up to 400 sqm) and makes possible the analysis of nonstationary phenomena such as waves refracted by bathymetry or internal waves.

**EXTRACTION OF OCEAN WAVE SPECTRA FROM SAR IMAGERY**


The effects of speckle noise on a synthetic aperture radar (SAR) image spectrum and the necessity for accounting for speckle noise in calibrating ocean wave height-variance spectra derived from SAR imagery are discussed. Speckle noise complicates the procedure of estimating wave slope and height variance spectra from SAR imagery. The incorrect compensation for the speckle noise floor in SAR image spectra causes errors in the total level of ocean wave height or slope-variance estimates from SAR imagery. To alleviate this problem, it is proposed that high resolution SAR ocean wave imagery be averaged to reduce speckle noise. A moderate amount of averaging leaves sufficient resolution to image typical ocean surface waves, but still very significantly reduces speckle noise and its attendant problems.

**ON THE USE OF SPECKLE STATISTICS FOR THE EXTRACTION OF OCEAN WAVE SPECTRA FROM SAR IMAGERY**


A combination of nonlinear imaging and loss of azimuth resolution observed in the X or in the L-band under the present sea conditions. A combination of nonlinear imaging and loss of azimuth resolution may explain the observations.

**SAR-SEEN MULTIMODE WAVES IN ICE: EVIDENCE OF IMAGING NONLINEARITIES**


A two dimensional wave field analytic model based on the synthetic aperture radar (SAR) velocity bunching mechanism that is extended to the multi-modal case and includes the effects of wave component translation between looks is discussed. Using this model, directional spectra results are presented for a bimodal sea. As significant wave height is increased, the image spectra evolve from the correct bimodal form through suppression of the correct modes to creation of a new and dominant spectral artifact propagating at approximately 90 deg to the true wave direction. The simulated wave images compare favorably to actual imagery of waves in ice from the LIMEX/LEWEX 87 EXPERIMENT using similar radar, viewing geometry, and wave parameters. It is concluded that coherence time limitation is beneficial, as it expands the effective linear domain of the SAR imaging process.

**AN INTERCOMPARISON OF SAR AND BUOY DIRECTIONAL WAVE SPECTRA FROM THE LABRADOR SEA EXTREME WAVES EXPERIMENT (LEWEX)**


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**OCEAN WAVE NUMBER SPECTRA AND SPATIAL AUTOCORRELATION FUNCTIONS FROM SAR IMAGES**


A method for spectral estimation based on 2-D linear prediction for the determination of wavelength and propagation direction of swell fields given by Seasat synthetic aperture radar (SAR) and SPOT imaging is presented. The method is shown to provide interesting results when compared to classical Fourier analysis. It allows the estimation of wavelength and propagation direction over small analysis windows (up to 400 sqm) and makes possible the analysis of nonstationary phenomena such as waves refracted by bathymetry or internal waves.

**DIRECTIONAL OCEAN WAVE SPECTRA: PROSPECTS FOR ACQUIRING A GLOBAL DATA BASE FROM SIR-C**


Use of SIR-C to collect directional ocean wave spectra over global scales is discussed. The very low shuttle range-to-velocity ratio will allow the synthetic aperture radar (SAR) to image ocean waves that are reasonably undistorted by Doppler motion blur in the azimuth direction. To take advantage of this opportunity, an experimental on-board processor which, if continually activated below 30S, will provide more than 100,000 directional spectral estimates over a 5 day interval will be implemented. This data base may be sufficiently dense in space and time (one 7 km x 7
km sample per second) to allow a fairly accurate reconstruction of a time-space history of the directional wave spectrum over the entire southern ocean.

**THE LABRADOR SEA EXTREME WAVES EXPERIMENT:**

**OBJECTIVES, STATUS AND PLANS**


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The Labrador Sea Extreme Waves Experiment (LEWEX) is an international effort to assess method of measuring and modeling the directional aspects of wind-generated ocean waves, especially their evolution in the presence of rapidly turning winds. The main data-gathering period of LEWEX occurred from 13 through 19 March 1987, and was supported by a large number of ship and aircraft-based estimates of the directional wave spectrum. Directional spectra were forecast by first, second, and third generation wave models (using their own separately determined wind fields) and were hindcast by these same models (using a common wind field). A final consensus wind field history may be synthesized by iteration, using a consensus wave field history.

**Avail:** ESA

**INFERENCE OF RADIO SCATTERING PARAMETERS OF ANTARCTIC ICE SHEET USING 179 MHZ AIRBORNE RADIO ECHO SOUNDING DATA**


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Characteristics of radio wave scattering of Antarctic ice sheet are inferred from the 179 MHz airborne radio echo sounding data. The A-scope data from the sounder with wide beam antennas include information on the scattering characteristics at the air/ice interface, at the inner region of the ice sheet, and at the ice/bedrock interface. These characteristics are derived from the A-scope form by using expanded radar equations. These parameters are available to survey the roughness of the air/ice interface of the ice sheet and ice/bedrock the interface, and the temperature of inner regions of the ice sheet.

**Avail:** ESA

**RAINFALL INDEX OVER OCEANS DERIVED FROM SSM/I DATA**


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The Special Sensor Microwave/imager radiometer on board the DMSP satellite measured microwave radiation at 19.35, 22.235, 37.0, and 85.5 GHz with a swath width of 1400 km, providing an opportunity to study global precipitation distributions. A monthly averaged rainfall index was derived using only the 19.35 GHz data. The index of position on a long gravity wave is calculated from experimental observations. Samples of return power from the same phase position are averaged together to reduce the effects of phase-interference (Rayleigh) fading. The resulting modulation curves suggest that hydrodynamic and aerodynamic effects are responsible for the radar cross-section modulation. Sea spikes are most common on
the front face of the wave, suggesting they are associated with wave breaking.

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ESTIMATING AIRCRAFT SAR RESPONSE CHARACTERISTICS AND APPROXIMATING OCEAN WAVE SPECTRA IN THE LABRADOR SEA


The data processing methods employed to compute estimates of two-dimensional wave height-variance spectra from the ocean imagery obtained in the Labrador Sea by a C-band airborne SAR system are described. The SAR spectra are compared for high and low altitude geometries with large and small elevation angles. A surface contour radar and a radar ocean wave spectrometer aboard an aircraft are used to verify the surface wave spectrum.

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N89-13033# Canada Centre for Remote Sensing, Ottawa (Ontario). RADARSAT Project Office.

PHASE VERSUS ORBITAL VELOCITY IN SAR WAVE IMAGING: PARADOX LOST


The focus paradox in ocean wave SAR imaging from the air is reconciled. Improved wave imagery from an airborne SAR is possible by compensating individual looks (in a multilook data set) for wave movement prior to look summation. By observing the direction of wave motion between looks, the omnipresent 180 deg ambiguity (in wave direction estimation through spectral analysis) may be resolved using only the SAR data from one pass of the sensor. (There are known methods for resolution of the directional ambiguity for a single mode sea using two opposed passes). Approximation of the required image shift by focus adjustment is not recommended because the azimuth impulse response is degraded in the process, the method by definition is tuned to only one wave component, and the resulting image shift is in the azimuthal direction only and thus not necessarily in the direction of wave propagation. For directional spectral calculations, Fourier transformation of individual looks by magnitude summation leads to better results than the normal method of Fourier transformation of the look summed wave image. These results do not depend on invocation of any particular wave imaging mechanism.

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SAR IMAGE STATISTICS RELATED TO ATMOSPHERIC DRAG OVER SEA ICE


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The possibility of using SAR data to distinguish sea ice regions with different atmospheric drag is explored. The amplitude of the radar backscatter cross section and the areal statistics derived from SAR imagery are examined. Using surface roughness data from pack ice areas it is shown that the scattering coefficients for radar wavelengths presently used are insensitive to the roughness elements responsible for drag coefficient variations. For seasonal ice zones, where ice concentration and floe deformation contribute to atmospheric drag, statistical filters applied to 23.5 cm SAR digital image data are found to produce maps related to these quantities.

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N89-13035# GEC-Marconi Electronics Ltd., Chelsmford (England).

ANALYSIS OF SEASAT SAR SEA-ICE DATA FROM THE BEAUFORT SEA


Seasat synthetic aperture radar imagery of the Beaufort sea is analyzed. Despite the presence of a large proportion of new ice and a limited dynamic range in the data, computationally-efficient correlation algorithms are highly successful at measuring the motion. The good performance is explained by analysis of the speckle properties of segmented regions of the image. A maximum of 7 percent of the area of the analyzed image is characterized by fully-developed speckle.

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N89-13036# Helsinki Univ. of Technology, Espoo (Finland). Dept. of Space Technology.

MICROWAVE DIELECTRIC PROPERTIES OF LOW-SALINITY SEA ICE


A waveguide transmission system was used to measure the dielectric properties of sea ice during the Bothnian Experiment in Preparation for ERS-1 Campaign in the Gulf of Bothnia, March 31 - April 3, 1987. The temperature range of the ice samples was minus 6.0 to minus 0.3 C and the salinity range 0.0 to 1.0 per mille. The dielectric properties of the sea ice are dominated by those of the brine liquid.

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N89-13037# Canada Centre for Remote Sensing, Ottawa (Ontario).

THE LIMEX 1987 PILOT PROJECT, LIMEX 1989 AND LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE FOR DATA COLLECTION ON THE CANADIAN EAST COAST


The Labrador Ice Margin (LIMEX) Series to develop techniques to combine remotely sensed data with meteorological and oceanographic information into airlsea ice interaction models to predict ice and ocean conditions, both short-term and seasonally is introduced. The results obtained from LIMEX '87; the experiment planned for LIMEX '89; and the approach to be used in LIMEX '91 are described. Another followon study will be prepared for the RADARSAT Program, based on experience gained in the previous experiments.

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N89-13039# Environmental Research Inst. of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Radar Science Lab.

SEA ICE TYPE CLASSIFICATION OF SAR IMAGERY

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mixing is represented by an integral over time following a particle. Thus, given a knowledge of only the cross-front velocity field, the likelihood of frontal formation can be predicted. Both surface convergence and divergence in conjunction with vertical mixing can be frontogenetic. The mass and heat budgets on the northern California continental shelf between Point Arena and Point Reyes are examined using moored measurements of horizontal water velocity and temperature made during the second Coastal Ocean Dynamics Experiment (CODE-2).


A NUMERICAL MODEL FOR THE COMPUTATION OF RADIANCE DISTRIBUTIONS IN NATURAL WATERS WITH WIND-ROUGHENED SURFACES
CURTIS D. MOBLEY and RUDOLPH W. PREISENDORFER
Jan. 1988 201 p

The details are compiled of a numerical procedure to determine the unpolarized radiance distribution as a function of depth, direction, and wavelength, in a natural hydrosol such as the surface of a lake or sea. The model includes both the surface roughness scattering and the volume scattering that is related to particle scattering.

N99-13861*# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD.

NASA SEA ICE AND SNOW VALIDATION PROGRAM FOR THE DMSP SSM/I: NASA DC-8 FLIGHT REPORT
D. J. CAVALIERI Sep. 1988 114 p

This report summarizes the mission and includes a summary of aircraft instrumentation, coordination with participating Navy aircraft, flight objectives, flight plans, data collected, SSM/I orbits for each day during the mission, and lists several piggyback experiments supported during this mission.

Author

N99-13863# Massachusetts Inst. of Tech., Cambridge.

EVALUATION OF GEOSAT (GEODETIC SATELLITE) DATA AND APPLICATION TO VARIABILITY OF THE NORTHEAST PASSAGE OCEAN M.S.

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Part of the N.E. Pacific was studied to evaluate and use altimetric data from the Navy Geodetic Satellite GEOSAT. The zero-order accuracy of the major GEOSAT geophysical data record (GDR) was found to have inadequate coverage were noted. GEOSAT’s 17-day repeat orbit allowed use of collinear-track processing to create profiles of the difference between the sea surface height along a given satellite repeat, and the mean sea surface height along that repeat’s groundtrack. Detrending of sea surface bias and tilt on each repeat reduced orbit and other long wavelength errors in the difference profiles. Corrections provided on the GEOSAT GDR were examined for their effects on the difference profiles of three test arcs. It was found that only the ocean tide, electromagnetic bias, and inverted barometer corrections varied enough over the arc lengths (approx. 4400 km) to have any noticeable effect on the difference profiles. Only the ocean tide correction was accurate enough to warrant using it to adjust the sea surface heights. Data for the area included making the ocean tide correction, three-point block averaging successive sea surface heights, and forming the mean height profiles from 18 repeat cycles (to reduce aliasing of the M2 tidal component). A set of difference profiles for one GEOSAT arc indicated that a reasonable estimate of GEOSAT’s system precision was approx. 4.5 cm (RMS). The mid wavelength range (100 to 500 km) of these profiles was found to be the only range in which oceanic mesoscale features could be separated from altimeter errors.

**N89-13864#** Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity, Bay St. Louis, MS.

**THE IMPACT OF SATELLITE INFRARED SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURES ON THE FNOC (FLEET NUMERICAL OCEANOGRAPHY CENTER) EOTS (EXPANDED OCEAN THERMAL STRUCTURE) REGIONAL GULF STREAM ANALYSIS Final Report**

DOUGLAS A. MAY and JEFFREY D. HAWKINS Jul. 1988 18 P (AD-A198965; NORDA-183) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 08C

In July 1987, two Expanded Ocean Thermal Structure (EOTS) analysis runs were made daily at 12Z for 5 consecutive days. These runs were made offline at the FNOC for the ENOTS Gulf Stream region. All available satellite multichannel sea surface temperature (MCSST) retrievals, ship reports, and expendable bathythermograph observations were assimilated into the first analysis, with MCSSTs withheld from the second to determine satellite data impact on the analysis. Aircraft-launched expendable bathythermograph (AXBt) data from coincident Regional Energetics Experiment flights were used as independent ground truth. The analysis results and input data sets were compared to the AXBT data. This study shows that MCSST data significantly add to the accuracy of front and eddy mapping by tightening up strong frontal gradients and reducing the impact of relatively noisy ship data. The reliability, the accuracy, and the quantity of MCSSTs far exceed that of ship reports. This difference is evident in the better identification of significant oceanographic features by the satellite-aided analysis. Accuracy of regional EOTS analysis was found to be severely degraded when the only available MCSST data are over 48 hours old.

**N89-13865#** Flow Research, Inc., Kent, WA.


This report describes the development and initial field tests results of the Autonomous Ocean Profiler (AOP). The AOP is an oceanographic instrument platform for measuring profiles of physical, thermodynamic, and biological properties in the ocean. The profiler employs a hydrodynamic lift device to fly the instrument package up and down the water column along a taut vertical cable. Because the local currents drive the platform’s vertical motion, power requirements are low and, therefore, long, unattended deployments are possible. By using ARGOS and GOES satellite retrieval networks, the system can supply near real time data. The system provides profile data at very high vertical resolution in contrast to conventional buoys, which gather data only a fixed sensor depths. Because only a single set of sensors is required to cover the vertical range desired, the system is low cost and, for many applications, expendable. The initial deployment configuration is an Arctic drifting buoy. A satellite transmission buoy is placed on the sea ice surface with the cable suspended below the ice. Conductivity, temperature, and depth information are gathered over a depth range of 0 to 300 m. Data are internally recorded and are relayed to the surface buoy through an inductive communication link for transmission via satellite. Initial test results from Puget Sound and from an Arctic test are described.


**INVESTIGATION OF RADAR BACKSCATTERING FROM SECOND-YEAR ICE**


The scattering properties of second-year ice were studied in an experiment at Mould Bay in April 1983. Radar backscattering measurements were made at frequencies of 5.2, 9.6, 13.6, and 16.6 GHz for vertical polarization, horizontal polarization and cross polarizations, with incidence angles ranging from 15 to 70 deg. The results indicate that the second-year ice scattering characteristics were different from first-year ice and also different from multiyear ice. The fading properties of radar signals were studied and compared with experimental data. The influence of snow cover on sea ice can be evaluated by accounting for the increase in the number of independent samples from snow volume with respect to that for bare ice surface. A technique for calculating the snow depth was established by this principle and a reasonable agreement has been observed. It appears that this is a usable way to measure depth in snow or other snow-like media using radar.

**N89-14484#** SACLANT ASW Research Center, La Spezia (Italy). Undersea Research Center.

**THE NUMERICAL SIMULATION OF INFRARED SATELLITE MEASUREMENTS OVER THE GREENLAND-ICELAND-NORWEGIAN SEA**

P. J. MINNETT Jun. 1988 64 p (AD-A198853; SACLANTCEN-SR-137) Avail: NTIS HC A04/MF A01 CSCL 08C

The accuracy with which self-calibrating satellite infrared radiometers can measure sea-surface temperature is limited by the modification of the electromagnetic radiation before it reaches the radiometer. These physical effects are described for the spectral interval of infrared wavelengths from approx 10 to approx 14 microns and the split-window expression for sea-surface temperature is derived and discussed. An accurate numerical line-by-line model of the radiative transfer through the atmosphere is presented and is used to simulate measurements of the Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR/2) on the NOAA series of near-polar orbiting satellites for conditions of the region of the Greenland, Iceland and Norwegian Seas. A set of regionally optimized zenith-angle dependent coefficients for the split-window algorithm is derived and its error characteristics are derived. While the benefit of using such coefficients is demonstrated, the errors resulting from failing to account properly for seasonal changes in this particular region are shown to be relatively small. The FORTRAN programs used for the AVHRR/2 simulations at SACLANTCEN are described in appendices.
05 OCEANOGRAPHY AND MARINE RESOURCES

A preliminary investigation of the interactions between surface waves and the longer period motions due to tides and surges was conducted. The aim is to study the feasibility of developing a combined model of tides, surges and waves with particular application to flood prediction. The theoretical background of the interactions between tide and surge motion and the surface waves is summarized. The modified equations for the conservation of momentum for tide and surge motion and conservation of wave spectral energy density are derived. Some calculations of the magnitude of the interaction terms were made using results of existing surge/tide and wave models. Author

N89-14653* # Miami Univ., Coral Gables, FL.

KJELL LENNART HAYLING 1988 130 p
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Two aspects of the processing and interpretation of satellite measurements of the geomagnetic field are described. One deals with the extraction of the part of the geomagnetic field that originates from sources in the earth's atmosphere. The other investigates the possibility of using the thermal state of the oceanic lithosphere to further constrain modelling and interpretation of magnetic anomalies. It is shown that some of the magnetic signal in crustal anomaly maps can be an artifact of the mathematical algorithms that have been used to separate the crustal field from the observed data. Strong magnetic anomalies can be distorted but are probably real, but weak magnetic anomalies can arise from leakage of power from short wavelengths, and will also appear in anomaly maps as repetitions of the strong crustal anomaly. The distortion and the ghost anomalies follow the magnetic dip lines in a way that is similar to actual MAGSAT anomaly fields. This phenomenon will also affect the lower degree spherical harmonic terms in the power spectrum of the crustal field. A model of the magnetic properties of the oceanic crust that has been derived from direct measurements of the rock magnetic properties of oceanic rocks is presented. The average intensity of magnetization in the oceanic crust is not strong enough to explain magnetic anomalies observed over oceanic areas. This is the case for both near surface observations (ship and aeromagnetic data) and satellite altitude observations. It is shown that magnetic sources in the part of the upper mantle that is situated above the Curie isotherm, if sufficiently strong, can produce satellite magnetic anomalies that are comparable to MAGSAT data. A model was developed for the study of depth to the Curie isotherm and magnetic anomalies can also be used in inverse modelling of satellite magnetic anomalies when the model is to be adjusted with an annihilator. Author

N89-14654* # Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity, Bay St. Louis, MS. Ocean Sensing and Prediction Div.


This study considers the impact of this additional component for advection in a representative dynamic ocean region. Four experiments were performed using a modified version of an operational, upper-ocean, thermal prediction model. Each consisted of a series of daily, 72-hour-duration, upper-ocean hindcasts and was conducted for 4 weeks during the warming season in the

N89-14652* # Proudman Oceanographic Lab., Birkenhead (England).

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT SURGE AND WAVE MODEL

Present-day, operational, upper-ocean, thermal-structure forecast models consist of mixed layer models with local wind-generated horizontal and vertical advection. To extend their applicability into dynamically active regions, e.g., western boundary current regions, the next generation ocean models are envisioned to include mesoscale advection provided by high resolution, circumpolar, and oceanic front and eventually, forecast models. This study considers the impact of this additional component for advection in a representative dynamic ocean region. Four experiments were performed using a modified version of an operational, upper-ocean, thermal prediction model. Each consisted of a series of daily, 72-hour-duration, upper-ocean hindcasts and was conducted for 4 weeks during the warming season in the
Sea of Japan. The first experiment used an N x 1-dimensional mixed-layer model with no horizontal and vertical advection. The 3rd, repeated the 2nd, with the addition of a fixed geostrophic component to the horizontal advection. The 4th allowed daily variation of the geostrophic component through each 3-day forecast. Statistical measures applied to the results indicated a small but statistically significant increase in forecast skill due to the addition of the nowcast mesoscale advection.

**N89-14655#** Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity, Bay St. Louis, MS.

**CHEMICAL VARIABILITY IN OCEAN FRONTAL AREAS** Final Report

DENIS A. WIESENBURG and DANA A. KESTER Jul. 1988 27 p
Presented at a workshop on Biological and Chemical Processes at Oceanic Fronts, Bay St. Louis, MS, 19-22 Sep. 1983
(AD-A198418; NORDA-SP-035; REPT-333; REPT-88) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 08C
Between 19 and 22 September 1983, over 50 scientists met at the Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity (NORDA) to discuss issues related to the study of biological and chemical processes at oceanic fronts. In lieu of the publication of NORDA Report 78, this document has been printed to distribute the abstracts of the meeting. It was evident from the discussion of this workshop that rapid progress could be made in understanding chemical variability and processes at fronts, if a coordinated plan of research is pursued. The scope of the work to be done is multidisciplinary and extensive; this is a problem that would benefit greatly from a long-range, multi-investigator, coordinated study. The major components of such an investigation would include: (1) satellite and aircraft remote sensing, (2) physical characterization of the frontal system and its exchange processes, (3) measurements of chemical gradients and rates for substances participating in biological, photochemical, and solid phase processes, and (4) determination of the abundance and rates of biological activity associated with a front. It is likely that there is a wide range of frontal systems in the ocean that need to be distinguished. A coordinated investigation would provide the greatest advancement of knowledge for a given investment of resources.

**N89-14656#** SACLANT ASW Research Center, La Spezia (Italy) Undersea Research Center

**QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF SEISMOGRAPH/OCEAN BOTTOM INTERACTION**

M. SNOEK and R. HERBER Jun. 1988 27 p
(AD-A198652; SACLANTCEN-SM-206) Avail: NTIS HC A03/MF A01 CSCL 17J
The parameters affecting the coupling of the Ocean Bottom Seismometer to the ground have been studied in a controlled experiment in the large seawater test pit of the Centre Oceanologique de Bretagne, France. An outline of the experiment is presented and an attempt is made to understand the processes involved and relate them to a simple physical mechanism. Examples of sensor performance are given and basic ideas for the design of sensors in general and ground interacting elements are presented.

**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.

**A89-10327** IMAGING SPECTROMETRY FOR WATER APPLICATIONS

Preliminary data acquired by the Fluorescence Line Imager (FLI) of the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans over coastal and inland water scenes is analyzed with a focus on the need for imaging spectroscopy in water remote sensing applications. Various examples are given wherein the information contribution of spectral images is advantageous if not essential toward solving the remote sensing inversion problem.

**A89-10728** NIVAL-GLACIAL SYSTEMS AND THEIR MAPPING [NIVAL'NO-GLIATSIAL'NYE SYSTEMY I IKH KARTOGRAFIROVANIE]

N. I. OSOKIN Moscow, VINITI, 1988, 136 p. In Russian. refs
The structure and functioning of nival-glacial systems (i.e., natural systems with the predominant role of the snow/ice cover in its matter balance) are discussed, with emphasis placed on the methods used for their investigation, of which spaceborne information sources are of foremost importance, and the mapping procedures. Special attention is given to the effect of human activity on the nival-glacial systems and the dangers presented by these systems in the areas of industrial and transportation activities. Glaciological mapping procedures using computer techniques for data collection, storage, processing, and mapping to investigate variations and changes in nival-glacial systems are described. Glaciological maps reflecting the glacial and nival-glacial activity on the territories of southern Siberia and Spitzbergen are presented.

**A89-10934#** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Fort Collins, CO.

**BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF INTENSE AND TORNADIC THUNDERSTORMS THROUGH RESEARCH USING GEOSTATIONARY SATELLITE DATA**

(Contract NSF ATM-84-20980; NOAA-NA-85RAH05045; NAS8-36472)
The use of satellite data to study convective storm behavior and better understand intense and tornadic storm development is discussed. The influence of terrain and cloud cover on thunderstorm development, the life cycle and dynamics of the arc cloud line, and the difference in the thermodynamic characteristics of the air into which it advances are examined. The properties of convective-scale interaction are outlined, and the way in which severe convective storms can be isolated using satellite imagery is described. Examples of studies of severe convective and tornadic storms using GOES imagery are presented.

**A89-10939#** REMOTE SENSING OF ESTUARIES - AN OVERVIEW

The application of remote sensing techniques to the study of estuaries and coastal properties is reviewed, including the mapping of coastal vegetation and land use, the assessment of wetlands biomass and productivity, and remote sensing of currents and water properties. The use of aerial film cameras for beach erosion monitoring, thermal and IR scanner imagery for mapping surface water temperatures, and microwave devices for salinity and wave measurements is discussed. The use of low-cost microcomputers...
for analyzing satellite imagery is considered. The importance of Landsat and SPOT imagery to estuarine investigations is examined. It is suggested that the combination of data from several satellites and aircraft is necessary to meet both spatial and temporal resolution requirements. R.B.

A89-10940/

REMOTE SENSING OF SUSPENDED SEDIMENTS IN ESTUARIES USING ATMOSPHERIC AND COMPOSITIONAL CORRECTIONS TO AVHRR DATA


The use of AVHRR imagery to study estuaries with widths 3-4 km or larger is examined. Atmospherically corrected reflectances for the red and near-IR can be used to measure turbidity. When using a fixed physical relationship, these reflectances can be used to estimate suspended solids concentrations, having an accuracy of up to + or - 30 percent from 3 to 100 mg/l. The combined use of AVHRR and Landsat MSS data is discussed, the determination of suspended soils, and the processes of atmospheric and pigment correction are discussed. R.B.

A89-10941/

LASER FLUOROSENSING OF WATER QUALITY - A REVIEW


The use of laser fluorosensing, or the remote detection of a substance which fluoresces in response to excitation by laser light, to study chlorophyll and dissolved organic matter in a water column is reviewed. The process of laser fluorosensing and the use of Raman normalization to improve the reliability of relative concentration predictions are discussed. Improvements in laser and detector technology which make it possible to detect more subtle fluorescence effects, and which could lead to improved identification and quantification, are examined. R.B.

A89-10949/

VALIDATION OF THE ON-SITE FLASH FLOOD POTENTIAL SYSTEM FOR NEXRAD


A Flash Flood Potential System has been developed for use in Next Generation Weather Radar. The system, consisting of a precipitation projection procedure as well as a flash flood potential assessment procedure, has been tested on a storm in Colorado. Test results indicate that the projection procedure forecasts a one-hour precipitation accumulation with 66-83 percent of the grid points within 2.5 mm of what was observed during the forecast hour. The flash flood potential assessment procedure accurately forecasts areas where flooding did occur. In addition, use of the Flash Flood Potential System could have resulted in flash flood warnings three hours earlier than the National Weather Service warning issued during the actual storm. Author

A89-10992/

THE USE OF MICROWAVE RADIOMETRY IN WATERSHED HYDROLOGY


Microwave radiometers at 10 and 36 GHz and a thermal IR radiometer (8-14 microns) were used to investigate soil and vegetation features of the Po Valley in northern Italy. It is found that the difference between brightness temperature at 39 GHz and that at 10 GHz measured on bare soil is much higher than the difference measured on vegetation. It is shown that the normalized temperature at 10 GHz is sensitive to surface soil moisture variations of bare soils. Different crop types are distinguished by four normalized temperature ranges at both frequencies. Hydrological models are used to show that indices obtained by combining microwave and IR data are sensitive to the total biomass covering the soil and to the water stored in plants and soils. R.B.

A89-11014/

UTILIZATION OF LANDSAT DATA AND A GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) FOR IMPROVING WATERSHED MANAGEMENT IN INDIA


A89-12211* Centre National de Recherches Meteorologiques, Toulouse (France).

EVAPORATION OVER LAND SURFACES - FIRST RESULTS FROM HAPEX-MOBILHY SPECIAL OBSERVING PERIOD


Preliminary results are presented from the May 7-July 15, 1986 Special Observing Period (SOP) of the HAPEX-MOBILHY program, which examines the hydrological budget and evaporation flux at the scale of a 10,000 sq km GCM grid square to determine soil moisture, surface-energy budgets, and surface hydrology. The SOP used two highly instrumented remote sensing aircraft to obtain detailed measurements of atmospheric fluxes and surface properties. It is noted that the measurements are reliable at spatially local and short time scales, as well as on the monthly time scale. The data base obtained may be used in parametrization schemes against which land-surface water budgets can be tested. O.C.

A89-12845* General Sciences Corp., Laurel, MD.

COMPARISON OF SATELLITE IR RAIN ESTIMATES WITH RADAR RAIN OBSERVATIONS IN HURRICANES


Radar-observed rainrates and rain areas obtained for the Hurricanes Frederic (1979), Alicia (1983), and Diana (1984) were used in conjunction with GOES IR data to examine the validity of three satellite IR rain estimation techniques: the Arkin (1983) method, the Negri-Adler-Wetzel (1984) technique, and the
convective-stratiform technique of Adler and Negril (1987). The Alicia hurricane was also monitored using the subjective manual technique of Spayd and Scofield (1984). It is shown that the success of IR techniques in identifying areas of rainfall depends on the hurricane feature being addressed. Thus, the three objective IR techniques were unable to identify the location of radar-observed eyewall and inner band precipitation areas because of strong vertical wind shear in the eyewall and the lack of the vertical extent of stratiform precipitation beneath the central dense overcast. I.S.

A89-14022#
CORRECTIONS OF A SURFACE PARTICLE PROBE MEASUREMENTS FOR THE EFFECTS OF ASPIRATION
TERRY DESHLER (USBR, Auburn, CA) Journal of Atmospheric and Oceanic Technology (ISSN 0739-0572), vol. 5, Aug. 1988, p. 547-560. USBR-sponsored research. refs

Corrections of a 2D-C optical array probe with a horn-shaped aspirator are discussed. The probe has been used for surface snowfall measurements for six winter seasons in the Sierra Nevada in California. Three other methods to measure ice particle concentrations and size distributions at the ground are compared to simultaneous measurements by the aspirated 2D-C probe. It is found that the 2D-C probe routinely overestimates ice particle concentration by factors of 2.4 to 3.2. The amount of overestimation is shown to be a function of particle size and surface wind speed. R.B.

A89-17285*#
National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC.
MAPPING ABANDONED RIVER CHANNELS IN MALI THROUGH DIRECTIONAL FILTERING OF THEMATIC MAPPER DATA

A89-17681#
FUTURE MEASUREMENTS OF RAIN FROM SPACE
GERALD R. NORTH (Texas A & M University, College Station) IAF, International Astronautical Congress, 39th, Bangalore, India, Oct. 8-15, 1988. 10 p. refs (IAF PAPER 88-112)

Methods for measuring rain rates from space are discussed and several planned missions to provide rainfall data are reviewed. Techniques for making rain measurements include the 2D-C probe. Missions proposed for studying rainfall include the Tropical Rainfall Measuring (Simpson et al., 1988 and Okamoto, 1988) and payloads for the Space Station, including Tropical Rain Mapping Radar, passive microwave radiometer, and visual/IR radiometers. R.B.

A89-17688#
DESIGN OF A SPACEBORNE RAIN MAPPING RADAR

The proposed Best project to measure tropical rainfall is discussed. The mission would combine simultaneous measurements by active and passive sensors and integrate this information with visible and IR data from other satellites. The mission objectives, rain radar parameters, and mission configuration are examined. Candidate instruments for the basic payload include a multichannel microwave radiometer, a rain mapping radar, and a nonscanning Doppler lidar. R.B.

A89-17697#
OBSERVATION OF PRECIPITATION USING GMS IMAGERY

Geostationary Meteorology Satellite (GMS) infrared data, hourly rainfall data, and conventional observations were used to study the mesoscale convective system (MCS) during the Taiwan Area Mesoscale Experiment (TAMEX) occurring over Taiwan and its vicinity during June 24 and 25, 1987. The MCS cloud system, the rainfall distribution, and the relationship between satellite data and rainfall are analyzed, and the synoptic situation of the MCS formation, intensification, and dissipation is studied. The results show that the convergence produced by the surface front and 850-700 mb short wave trough coupled with the diffuence at 300-200 mb were favorable conditions for the formation and organization of the MCS. The distribution of the MCS cloud top blackbody temperature pattern is found to have a very intimate relationship with the rainfall distribution.

C.D.

A89-17873#
PRISM B (PREDICTION OF THE INDIAN SUMMER MONSOON - BELLEVUE)

The PRISM-B instrument for the prediction of the Indian summer monsoon on the SPOT 4 platform in a 30 deg inclination circular low orbit is discussed. The PRISM-B instrument, which is based on a DIAL concept, is described. The economical impact of the monsoon, the monsoon mechanism, and the PRISM-B mission specifications are examined.

R.B.

A89-18708
THE POTENTIAL OF USING REMOTELY SENSED INFORMATION FOR STUDYING THE CONTAMINATION AND EUTROPHICATION OF LAKE SYSTEMS [VOZMOZNOSTII ISPOL'ZOVANIIA KOSMICHESKOI INFOMATSIII DLIA IZUCHENIIA PROTSESSOV ZAGRIAZNENIIA I EVTROFIROVANIIA OZERNYKH SISTEM]

This paper presents the results of an investigation of the eutrophication and the contamination of Ladoga lake, which was conducted on the basis of in situ and remotely sensed data. Significant correlations were established for both of these conditions with the indicators of the lake's water quality, such as temperature, Secchi-disk transparency, electrical conductivity, suspended-matter concentration, chlorophyll content, and total phosphorus. Equations were developed by bivariate and multiple linear regressions between the above indicators and optical characteristics of space imagery. I.S.

A89-18711
ESTIMATING CONCENTRATIONS OF OPTICALLY ACTIVE COMPONENTS FROM THE REMOTELY SENSED SPECTRAL RADIANCE OF A WATER SURFACE [OTSENKA KONTSENRATSIII OPTICHESKII AKTVIVNYKH SOSTAVLIAUSHCHIKH PO DISTANTSIIONNYM IZMERENIIAM SPEKTRAL'NOI IARKOSTI VODNOI POVERKHNOSTI]
T. FARAGO (Kozponti Meteorologiai Intezet, Budapest, Hungary) Issledovanie Zemli iz Kosmosa (ISSN 0205-9614), July-Aug. 1988, p. 77-83. In Russian. refs

This paper describes a bidirectional approach to the radiative
transfer equation for the estimation of hydrological parameters of a water area. An algorithm is developed for the estimation of optically active components from the values of the spectral radiance of the water surface. The algorithm is used to obtain the distribution of chlorophyll in a bay of Ladoga Lake, and the chlorophyll distribution profiles are compared with data obtained by in situ measurements.

I.S.

A89-18712

THE EFFECT OF SNOW PARAMETER VARIATIONS ON THE THERMAL MICROWAVE EMISSION OF THE SOIL-SNOW-ATMOSPHERE SYSTEM (O VLIANII IZMENENII PARAMETROV SNEGA NA SOBSTVENNOE RADIOTEPELOVOE IZLUCHENIE SISTEMY POCHVA-SNEG-ATMOSFERA) V. E. GERSHENZON, A. A. GLOTOV, N. B. ERASTOVA, V. G. MIROVSKII, V. V. NIKITIN (Moskovskii Gosudarstvennyi Pedagogicheskii Institut; AN SSSR, Institut Kosmicheskikh Issledovanii, Moscow, USSR) et al. Issledovanie Zemli iz Kosmosa (ISSN 0205-9614), July-Aug. 1988, p. 84-89. In Russian. refs

Snow-cover thermal emission measurements at wavelengths of in the 8, 1.5, and 0.8 cm were conducted at a station located in the vicinity of the Elbrus mountain with the purpose of investigating factors affecting the thermal microwave emission of the soil-snow-atmosphere system. Results indicate that, under conditions of constant snow-cover thickness and in the absence of melting, the major cause of changes in the thermal microwave emission characteristics of snow cover was a change in the structure of the snow layer occurring due to snow-recrystalization processes.

I.S.

A89-20707


TM data have been used to study the deltaic depositional systems of the Po and Adige rivers. The identification of sedimentary bodies that have formed in well-defined depositional environments requires the reconstruction of their morphology. To this end, several interactive processing techniques have been applied to a large volume of Thematic Mapper (TM) data relative to different spectral bands and acquisition dates. When necessary, data integration has also been made. Association of genetically related depositional elements allowed the interpretation of depositional environments and developmental stages in the study area. Author

A89-20719


The Remote Sensing Loosdrecht Lakes to study and detect the temporal and spatial variations in water quality of lakes in the Netherlands is discussed. In the study, TM, SPOT, airborne MSS and low-altitude aerial color images are analyzed qualitatively and quantitatively. The statistical approach used to study spatial variations in water quality is described. Preliminary results of statistical image analyses are presented. R.B.

A89-20720

REGIONAL HYDROLOGICAL SYSTEMS ANALYSIS USING SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING DATA AND A GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM - APPLICATION TO GROUNDWATER MODELLING OF THE ROERMOND AREA, THE NETHERLANDS
N89-10390# Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique, Thiverval-Grignon (France).

A NEW METHOD FOR ESTIMATING REGIONAL EVAPORATION FROM THERMAL INFRARED SURFACE TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENTS [UNE NOUVELLE METHODE D'ESTIMATION DE L'EVAPORATION REGIONALE A PARTIR DE MESURES DE TEMPERATURE DE SURFACE DANS L'INFRAROUGE THERMIQUE]


A method to estimate evaporation at regional scale, on an hourly basis, based on a single measurement of surface temperature is presented. The algorithm is based on the coupling of a model of surface exchanges with a simple model of the planetary boundary layer. Climate data become dependent variables and the only surface parameters to be taken into account are albedo, emissivity, and roughness length. Model initialization requires radio sounding. The method is validated using three sets of micrometeorological data for dry, wet, and average conditions.

N89-11102# Applied Research Corp., Landover, MD.

A NEW RADAR TECHNIQUE FOR SATELLITE RAINFALL ALGORITHM DEVELOPMENT

ARTHUR R. JAMESON Sep. 1987 15 p

N89-12993# Rutherford High Energy Lab., Chilton (England).

CROSS-POLAR RADAR MEASUREMENTS IN ICE AND RAIN


Linear cross-polar measurements to characterize hydrometeor types and size distributions were made using a 3 GHz radar. Different hydrometeor phases are clearly distinguished, and tight limits can be put on the degree of canting present in different conditions, by comparisons with theoretical modeling of cross-polar and copolar characteristics.

N89-12997# Centre de Recherches en Physique de l'Environnement, Issy-les-Moulineaux (France).

DESIGN OF A SPACEBORNE RADAR FOR TROPICAL RAIN MAPPING AT THE CLIMATOLOGICAL SCALE


A high resolution spaceborne radar designed to perform rainfall rate profiling in tropical rain, from the low-inclination platform of the best mission project on tropical system energy budget is presented. The main characteristics and the expected performances of the nominal system (one operating frequency in Ku-band, cross-track scanning antenna beam with 1.6 km footprint size) are listed. System characteristics improvement in more sophisticated options are also mentioned.

N89-13026# Reading Univ. (England). Dept. of Geography.

MONITORING PLAYAS USING THEMATIC MAPPER DATA


A C-190 remote sensing aircraft was used in calculation of surface moisture and heat fluxes using combined aircraft observations of surface temperature and soil moisture with surface measurements of the fluxes; spatial integration of aircraft surface albedo and temperature observations for comparison with satellite data; and comparison of the fluxes estimated using the remotely sensed data with those determined from an eddy correlation aircraft. Sensors operating from the visible through the infrared into the microwave provided data over two small fresh water lakes. Thermal infrared multispectral scanner performance is discussed. The instrument can estimate surface temperature with 1°C accuracy if atmospheric effects are accounted for.
Image analysis techniques were applied to multitemporal Thematic Mapper data to monitor sediment transfer processes in semi-arid Tunisia. This enabled process-domains on salt playas to sediment, salt, and moisture fluxes. Surface water and groundwater activity, and eolian processes are all identified as important sediment transfer processes.


Computer based theme masking and specific image enhancement techniques are demonstrated for an accurate and fast determination of the snow covered area. Cloud masks and height classes from a digital elevation model combined with region masks form the basis of the principal component analysis of NOAA-AVHRR multispectral imagery for an efficient snow cover classification for runoff prediction.


Using LANDSAT MSS data and meteorological information, the daily runoff volume in the Sai river basin (Japan) for 3 years was estimated. Simulation of streamflow based on the Martinez Snowmelt Runoff Model (SRM) has an accuracy of 90 percent in the Sai river basin. The snow-cover depletion curve may be estimated from the value of maximum snow depth in the basin. Computer simulation shows that the optimum water level of the Sai River dam can be maintained with the aid of predicted inflow by the SRM.


Difference in polarization between the 37 GHz and the 18 GHz passive microwave signals from the upper Colorado River watershed shows strong correlation with the amount of snow on the ground in areas of sparse vegetation. Under such conditions, this difference may become a measure of the snow-water equivalent. However, in wooded areas the correlation is weak if any, probably due to the large amount of energy radiated by the trees.


The delineation of the transient snow line on a glacier was studied for the melting period by comparing the data from an automatic camera, aerial photographs, and LANDSAT-TM images. The accuracy achieved from TM band 2 regarding the course of the snow line lies, except at a few areas of very low contrast, within 1 pixel. The highest snow line in fall and the separation of the firm line allow direct conclusions on the position of the equilibrium line. The dynamics of the melting pattern and the melting curve were established. This allows the influence of weather conditions on the seasonal snow cover and consequently on the runoff pattern to be assessed.


SATELLITE microwave data were used to evaluate the average areal water equivalent of snow cover in the mountainous Rio Grande basin of Colorado. Areal water equivalent data for the basin were obtained from contoured values of point measurements and from zonal water volume values generated by a snowmelt runoff model. Comparison of these snow water equivalent values shows the model values to consistently exceed the contoured values, probably because of the narrow elevation range in the lower part of the basin where the point measurements are concentrated. A significant relationship between the difference in microwave brightness temperatures at two different wavelengths and a basin-wide average snow water equivalent value is obtained. The average water equivalent of the snow cover in the basin was derived from differences of the microwave brightness temperatures.


Normalized radar cross section measurements of various snow profiles for VV, VH, HM, and HV polarizations at 215 GHz are presented. Combined backscatter model calculations based on surface and volume scattering theory, together with shadowing corrections, agree with the measured data reasonably well.


Millimeter wave (MMW) reflectivity data from snow-covered ground was collected during the winter by two polarization-agile, frequency-stepped radars. One radar gathered data over a bandwidth of 640 MHz centered about 35 GHz and the other...
gathered data over a 256 MHz bandwidth centered about 95 GHz. A microcomputer-based system, consisting of a microcomputer with two 9-track tape drives and a color printer, is being developed for use in data calibration, statistical analysis of data, and production of high resolution range and inverse synthetic aperture images from frequency-agile MMW data bases. This analysis system was used to look at snow measurement data.

ESAD N89-13048# Trier Univ., Trier-Tarforst (Germany, F.R.). Dept. of Geography and Remote Sensing.

SNOW COVER TO ALTER TERRAIN SIGNATURES ON RADAR IMAGES


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Differences of an HH-polarized X-band airborne SAR image recorded with the terrain covered by 10 to 15 cm of dry snow compared to imagery of the same test site also recorded in winter but without snow are detailed. A drastically increased contrast between low gravity return levels, mainly areas of various roughness and high returning textures such as forests and settlements is seen. An increased brightness and signal compression of individual target returns, strongly enhancing small targets and relief features of the smallest order such as dams or ditches on the background of a more favorable target-to-noise or target-to-clutter ratio is shown.

ESAD N89-13049# Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, MD. Hydrology Lab.

MICROCOMPUTERS (PCS) FOR SNOW COVER ANALYSES USING MULTISENSOR SATELLITE DATA


Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF E03; ESA Publications Div., ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands, 120 US dollars or 250 Dutch guilders.

The design of a general snow cover mapping scheme which can be used in basins with different geographical characteristics is considered. Selecting the appropriate procedures, the scheme allows precise snow cover mapping taking into account topographical effect, solar illumination, and vegetation and cloud coverage. Based on tests of PC image processing systems, limitations for operational snow cover mapping on microcomputers are presented.

ESAD N89-13067# Hydrological Research Inst., Pretoria (South Africa). Dept. of Water Affairs.

THE EXTRAPOLATION OF SPECTRAL SIGNATURES ILLUSTRATES LANDSAT'S POTENTIAL TO DETECT WETLANDS


Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF E03; ESA Publications Div., ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands, 120 US dollars or 250 Dutch guilders.

Spectral signatures of a wetland area were determined using LANDSAT MSS data, hydromorphic soil information, and a pixel extraction technique. Investigations indicate that wetlands could be identified and that the same wetland signatures could be extrapolated to another part of the same image to classify similar wetland systems.

ESAD N89-13222# National Marine Fisheries Service, Miami, FL.

UTILIZING REMOTE SENSING OF THEMATIC MAPPER DATA TO IMPROVE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF ESTUARINE PROCESSES AND THEIR INFLUENCE ON THE PRODUCTIVITY OF ESTUARINE-DEPENDENT FISHERIES

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The continuing disintegration of the coastal marshes of Louisiana is one of the major environmental problems of the nation. The problem of marsh loss in Louisiana is relevant to fishery management because Louisiana leads the nation in landings of fishery products, and most of the landed species are dependent upon estuaries and their associated tidal marshes. In evaluating the potential effect of marshland loss on fisheries, the first two critical factors to consider are: whether land-water interface in actual disintegrating marshes is currently increasing or decreasing, and the magnitude of the change. In the present study, LANDSAT Thematic Mapper (TM) data covering specific marshes in coastal Louisiana were used to test conclusions from the Browder et al. (1984) model with regard to the stage in disintegration at which maximum interface occurs; to further explore the relationship between maximum interface and the pattern of distribution of land and water suggested by the model; and to determine the direction and degree of change in land-water interface in relation to land loss in actual marshes. Author

N89-13924# Colorado State Univ., Fort Collins.

SIMULATION OF RADAR AND SURFACE MEASUREMENTS OF RAINFALL


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Researchers considered a class of statistical simulations which are computationally intensive and amenable to implementation on a vector computer. Two totally different types of measurements, viz., radar, and surface disdrometer, measurements of rainfall were simulated. These simulations involve exponential, Poisson and gamma random deviates. The problem is a large scale one since the parameters describing the rainfall must be varied over a wide range. Thus, complete control over the physical and statistical variables was obtained. Simulations were applied to explain why the correlation is less in plots of radar measured reflectivity verses surface measured intensity compared to plots when both quantities are obtained from surface instruments. Previous interpretations have ascribed this feature to physical causes. While physical factors are important when comparing radar measurements of rainfall to surface measurements of rain intensity, it is important to have a good measure of statistical variabilities before ascribing the features to physical causes alone. Author

N89-14480# Earth Satellite Corp., Chevy Chase, MD.


(AD-A195809; RD-29) Avail: NTIS HC A08/MF A01 CSCL 17H

In the last decade, significant new tools have become available for planners, managers and scientists working in hydrologic engineering. Two new and significant tools are the widespread availability of spaceborne multi-spectral remote sensing systems, and the development of more sophisticated and less expensive micro computer work stations for both image processing and spatial data(GIS)analyses. This paper describes an evaluation of emerging tools

Author
DATA PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS

Includes film processing, computer technology, satellite and aircraft hardware, and imagery.

A89-10611
Photogrammetric Week sponsored by the Universitaet Stuttgart. Stuttgart, Federal Republic of Germany, Universitaet Stuttgart (Institut fuer Photogrammetrie, Schriftenreihe, No. 12), 1987, 244 p. No individual items are abstracted in this volume.

Various papers on photogrammetry are presented. The topics addressed include: multiple-image computer vision, introduction to new products P-series Planicomp/PHOCUS, performance data of new products P-series Planicomp/PHOCUS, principles of PHOCUS software, the hardware, and imagery.

A92-10986#
APPLICATIONS OF MULTISPECTRAL VIDEO FOR NATURAL RESOURCE ASSESSMENT
The development and the application of video imaging systems in digital mapping, digital mapping at the ordnance survey, digital photogrammetric mapping at the Dutch Cadastre service, experiences with digital mapping, studies of forest damage. C.D.
for natural resource assessment by the USDA, Weslaco, Texas are discussed. Special attention is given to three video systems: a multispectral black-and-white four-band system with visible/NIR sensitivity, a multispectral false-color system that acquires selectable three-band color composite imagery generated by an encoder and its black-and-white narrowband image components, and a black-and-white monoband system with mid-IR sensitivity. It is shown that the near-real-time imagery provided by these systems can be used to detect differences among many agricultural and rangeelnd domains, such as plant species, cotton-root infestations, soil variations, phyto biomass levels, burned areas, and ant mounds. I.S.


A procedure to estimate and correct for haze level in a Landsat TM scene is described and demonstrated, including a means for dealing with haze that spatially varies in thickness over a large scene. A screening procedure that identifies five major scene classes is presented and is shown to be extendable from one area to another if the data are first normalized with the haze correction procedure. Author


A new approach is presented which combines image enhancement and multiband classification and makes it possible to obtain information on the location and nature of both natural and human-induced change. The technique is applied to Landsat images acquired before and after construction of the Bakolori dam and reservoir in northeastern Nigeria to assess the impacts of the dam on downstream agricultural patterns. It is found that there has been significant degradation in floodplain areas downstream of the Bakolori dam. It is suggested that the technique could provide valuable information for environmental decision making. R.B.


An automated technique for edge extraction that has consistent logic linking the various stages of detection and formation and avoids artificial limits is presented. A wide range of operators, as well as filters and detectors in both the spatial and frequency domains, were evaluated using rate-of-change and orientation criteria. It was found that a minimum-variability filter produced the most accurate and reliable results for smoothing. The best method of edge detection was shown to be that of the derivative filters. Methods for efficiently extracting edges for both boundaries and linear features are presented. It is suggested that these methods are relatively tolerant of noise in the data and utilize a logical set of rules that can be adapted as the data dictate. R.B.


Geometric distortion in a satellite image could be due to many local factors such as sensor nonlinearity, atmospheric turbulence, and scene elevation. In this paper, a transformation function that is composed of many local transformation functions is proposed for image geometric correction. Each local function represents distortion in a small area in an image. The composite transformation function obtained in this manner can represent high degree distortion and can provide a means for transforming an object to position and the amount of the distortion. Distortion at a point in an image is modeled by a polynomial and the parameters of the polynomial are determined by weighted least-squares. Distortion in an image is corrected relying more on local information than on global data to ensure that a local distortion is not spread all over the image. Author


The possibility of using the time lag between two registrations of simultaneous SPOT images to study rapid movements is discussed. The panchromatic sensors (P mode) and multispectral sensors (XS mode) are pointed 0.529 degrees off nadir along-track, causing the time lag between registration in the two modes. Although this lag does not interfere with normal use of SPOT data, it is suggested that the rapid movement of objects could be detected by flickering the two images on a display monitor, or by subtracting one image from the other. Tests were performed on two images of New York City. It was found that the velocities of cumulus clouds and moving boats, ships, and trains could be determined from the images. Also, aircraft which were undetectable in either single image could be observed through a comparison of the two images. R.B.


The percentage of incident solar flux reflected by a surface is a quantity of considerable interest in remote sensing studies. To calculate reflectance from remotely sensed radiance data some estimate of incident flux is needed. Since simultaneous ground-based radiometric measurements are often not available for observations by aircraft or satellite sensors, a procedure based on modeling atmospheric transmittance and scattering was developed. The primary application is to an aircraft data set collected with the NASA C-130 over the Superior National Forest, Minnesota. Atmospherically corrected multiple angle reflectance data sets and reflectance images are generated for areas of natural forest vegetation. These data and the technique may be useful for studies of the interactions of light with forested canopies. Author
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A89-11003* # Science Applications Research, Lanham, MD.
IMPROVEMENT OF CLOUD COVER ASSESSMENT OF LANDSAT THEMATIC MAPPER DATA

Various methods for cloud cover assessment of Landsat TM data are compared and evaluated. A total of 3906 TM 241-mm black-and-white photo prints of different seasons and regions were assessed manually. These images were mostly in band 4 (0.76-0.90 microns) for daytime data and band 6 (10.4-12.5 microns) for nighttime data. The results of this manual assessment are compared to available automated and manual assessments, and the differences between results obtained by various methods are discussed.

R.B.

A89-11010/#
TERRAIN RELIEF AND PATTERN DESCRIPTION USING DIGITAL ELEVATION AND LANDSAT DATA

The use of digital elevation model data to describe terrain relief and patterns in convexity is discussed, focusing on the integration of spectral and geomorphometric variables for landscape mapping of a National Park in Canada. It is suggested that the Landsat MSS bands for this area are highly redundant, and that the spectral/geomorphometric relationships are generally weak and can be explained in physical terms. Common patterns in MSS and geomorphometric data may be the digital equivalent of the recurring patterns in the topography, vegetation, soils and lithology mapped in the landscape approach to terrain classification. R.B.

A89-11013/#
AN IMPROVED PROCEDURE FOR ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN THEMATIC MAPPER IMAGE-PAIRS

Analysis of change has become an important use of Landsat MSS and TM data. Many of the change analysis procedures which have been implemented have been dependent on image interpretation of 'change images' prepared by color coding and combining information from two anniversary dates. The objective of this study is to demonstrate an improved method for producing color coded change images. The procedure incorporates multispectral change magnitude and direction information obtained through change vector analysis. The change product is created by appending change magnitude data to a base image and assigning colors according to the direction of change. Techniques for editing the change image are also demonstrated. Results are shown and discussed for a test area in Michigan. Author

A89-11726
DIGITAL IMAGE PROCESSING AND VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGIES IN METEOROLOGY; PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING, CAMBRIDGE, MA, OCT. 27, 28, 1987
The following topics are considered; the digital image processing of remotely sensed data, the visual communication of meteorological phenomena, and meteorological workstation technology. Particular papers are presented on real-time environment monitoring using data from Meteosat and NOAA imaging satellites, the four-dimensional display of satellite cloud images, color-composite image processing for multispectral meteorological satellite data, and NASA's use of MciDAS technology. B.J.

A89-11727* South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Rapid City.
CLASSIFICATION OF CLOUD FIELDS BASED ON TEXTURAL CHARACTERISTICS

The present study reexamines the applicability of texture-based features for automatic cloud classification using very high spatial resolution (57 m) Landsat multispectral scanner digital data. It is concluded that cloud classification can be accomplished using only a single visible channel. Author

A89-11740
METEOROLOGICAL SURFACE ANALYSIS USING PERSPECTIVE TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS

A computer-generated, perspective topographic map was used for meteorological surface analysis to evaluate its advantage over traditional map backgrounds. A traditional and perspective map were compared for a precipitation case study that followed the passage of a warm front in the northeastern U.S. Two precipitation data sets were analyzed against two different map backgrounds centered on Pennsylvania. Besides its immediate three-dimensional 'feel', the perspective map delineated the surface topographical features that were coupled with the prefrontal winds to produce the orographically-lifted precipitation patterns. The computer-generated map was judged superior to the traditional map used for surface analysis, especially in the case of the mesoscale data set. Author

A89-11743
APPLICATIONS OF DIGITAL IMAGE PROCESSING TO ONGOING RESEARCH IN COMPLEX TERRAIN METEOROLOGY

Digital elevation models and Landsat 5 Thematic Mapper (TM) scenes constitute image resolution data over spatial domains of typical interest in complex terrain meteorology. Techniques in use and under development for applying these data to research problems are presented. Topics include decorrelation of topographic shading under direct beam illumination and investigation of nighttime surface temperature. Author

A89-12220
THE EFFECTIVE RESOLUTION ELEMENT OF LANDSAT THEMATIC MAPPER
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Two methods are used to measure the spatial resolution of the TM scanner by determining its effective resolution element (ERE). The first method, in which the TM spatial response is simulated in an analytical model, gave an ERE value of 122 m for band 4, near infrared, of the MSS. The second method, in which water bodies on a selected Landsat-5 TM scene are measured, gave a value of 75 m for band 4 of the Landsat-5 TM scene. It is suggested that the increase in the ERE over the sensor-only value is due to additional factors within the imagery such as the pixel sampling of the scene, ground segment processing, and the contribution of atmospheric effects.

R.R.

A89-12221

EFFECT OF SPATIAL RESOLUTION OF THE STATISTICAL PROPERTIES OF SATELLITE IMAGES - A CASE STUDY [EFFET DE LA RESOLUTION SPATIALE SUR DES PROPRIETES STATISTIQUES DES IMAGES SATELLITES - UNE ETUDE DE CAS]


Satellite images of the Beauce region of France have been analyzed in order to study the effect of resolution in using AVHRR data as a means of interpolating two MSS images. With respect to mean radiometric values, it is found that a linear transformation exists between the MSS and AVHRR data, but that this relation depends strongly on the observed scene. The effect of spatial resolution on higher-order statistical properties is investigated through the transformation of the images' texture by progressively degrading the MSS image. A scene-dependent threshold on resolution is identified below which all the statistical information disappears.

R.R.

A89-12222

SEGMENTATION OF REMOTELY-SENSED IMAGES BY A SPLIT-AND-MERGE PROCESS


An image segmentation technique is used to analyze remotely-sensed SAR images, with application to environmental monitoring. The preprocessing segmentation operation, applied prior to image classification, uses a split-and-merge technique employing a hierarchical quadtree data structure to segment images into regions of homogeneous tone and texture. Texture is determined using computed grey value difference statistics. Application of the method to sample classifications of aerial MSS data from two test sites demonstrates an increase in classification accuracy in comparison to that achievable by classifying pixels individually on the basis of their spectral signatures.

R.R.

A89-12223

MODEL-BASED REMOTELY-SENSED IMAGERY INTERPRETATION

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A model-based remotely-sensed image interpretation expert system embedded in a knowledge-based geographic information system (KBIS) is presented. The KBIS consists of four subsystems: a pictorial data base system, an image interpretation expert system, a computer-aided planning system, and a computer-aided cartographic system. The image interpretation expert system represents ecological knowledge and other expert knowledge by frames. Its reasoning process consists of a forward reasoning based on the Bayes classification of Landsat imagery, a backward reasoning using frame knowledge and reasoning using a spatial consistency model. A forest inventory study was conducted in Shaxian county, in the southern part of China, using this expert system. The results have shown a significant improvement. Building image interpretation expert systems within knowledge-based pictorial systems is very convenient and efficient because there are well-organized data, knowledge, and procedures available.

Author

A89-12224*

ALGORITHM FOR AUTOMATIC ATMOSPHERIC CORRECTIONS TO VISIBLE AND NEAR-IR SATELLITE IMAGERY

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An algorithm for automatic atmospheric correction of satellite imagery of the earth's atmosphere has been developed, applicable to both low-resolution and high-resolution imagery of land areas. The algorithm is based on the satellite image being corrected and on the climatology of the area, and it requires that some pixels in the image correspond to dense dark vegetation as the surface cover. The algorithm is sensitive to the assumed reflectance of the dense dark vegetation, and the accuracy of the corrected surface reflectance is expected to be + or - 0.01. Using the method, aerosol optical thicknesses were derived from clear and hazy Landsat MSS images in the Washington, D.C. and Chesapeake Bay region, and the results are found to agree well with simultaneous sunphotometer ground measurements.

R.R.

A89-12352

SPOT IMAGE QUALITY - TWENTY MONTHS OF EXPERIENCE


SPOT image quality is evaluated based on data from the twenty month in-flight assessment period. A quality control program was developed, which allowed changes to be made in the satellite configuration, the operational procedures, ground-based parameters, and software. The geometric image quality is evaluated, including localization accuracy, intrinsic geometry, local coherence, cartographic accuracy, multispectral and multivariate registration, and elevation measurement accuracy. Radiometric image quality is assessed, including resolution performance, detector noise, detector normalization, absolute calibration, and the modulation transfer function performance.

R.B.

A89-12357

THE NAVIGATION OF AVHRR IMAGERY


One of the difficulties encountered in dealing with AVHRR imagery is that of navigating the data with an acceptable degree of precision. This paper describes a method, based on satellite epiphanes, which allows accurately gridded hard copy images to be produced in an easily reproducible manner.

Author

A89-12642

THE EVALUATION OF SIMPLE APPROACHES FOR THE DELINEATION OF RAIN AREA FROM SATELLITE IMAGERY

This paper compares the skills of a simple approach for the estimation of mesoscale instantaneous rainfall with the results obtained using more elaborate techniques. The simplest method delineates the rain area by using a single threshold from a single visible or IR image. In the assessment made in terms of single thresholding and instantaneous rain area delineation at a spatial resolution of 4 x 4 km, it was found that very little loss of accuracy occurred when a simple approach is considered. The reason for this is that the rain delineation from visible and IR imagery is based on the fact that the clouds that will most likely precipitate are the thick (high visible responses) and the tall (high IR responses) clouds.

A89-12843
VARIATION OF SATELLITE RAIN RELATIONSHIPS IN SPACE AND TIME

This paper examines the characteristics of the probability of rain relationships (PORR) derived from GOES satellite data and surface and radar data. It was found that the PORRs calculated from a month’s worth of data were relatively constant within a given season and changed only slightly from season to season. The PORRs varied significantly over periods of a few days; however, these day-to-day variations were not consistent enough with synoptic type to allow the construction of PORRs keyed to synoptic type. PORR fitting radar data were quite consistent with those derived from surface data, indicating that the techniques developed by the AES RAINSAT algorithm could be used in regions where radar data are unavailable.

A89-12852
RESOLUTION DEPENDENCE IN SATELLITE IMAGERY - MULTIFRACTAL ANALYSIS

The problem of image resolution for remote-sensing satellites is investigated theoretically, with a focus on the scale dependence of brightness fractions. Published analyses based on in situ measurements and mathematical results on scaling and fractals are applied, and numerical results for visible, IR, and radar imaging are presented in extensive graphs. Scale-invariant functions are constructed, and it is shown that many of the statistical properties of the field and their variation with scale can be described by two-parameter universality classes.

A89-12864
A SATELLITE DATA PROCESSING AND ANALYSIS SOFTWARE SYSTEM FOR EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE AND SURFACE RESEARCH

The OASIS (Oceanic and Atmospheric Satellite Imaging System) is a satellite data processing and analysis software system being developed by the California Space Institute (Cal Space) for support of interdisciplinary and integrated earth sciences research programs. The system’s software applications are integrated under a common executive, NASA’s Transportable Application Executive (TAE). In this paper, TAE and the system software and hardware are described, and specific techniques used for ingesting, processing, analyzing, and graphically displaying data from many of the sensors presently being flown are presented. Scientific uses of these capabilities that are, or will shortly be, running under TAE at Cal Space are described.

C.D.
A89-14005
A PROCEDURE FOR MODELING THE TERRAIN RELIEF BY USING DIGITIZED TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS
SERGIO VETRELLA and ANTONIO MOCCHI (Napoli, Universita, Naples, Italy) Geocarto International (ISSN 1010-6049), vol. 3, Sept 1988, p. 3-11. Research supported by Ministero della Pubblica Istruzione and CNR. refs

A procedure is presented for obtaining a digital elevation model by using digitized scattered elevation points as inputs. In the procedure, the area studied is divided into rectangular meshes, with the terrain relief for each mesh modeled by polynomial approximation. The elevation and slopes are given in a digital raster format, representing a standard format of an integrated hardware and software system for the simulation and data processing high resolution space sensors. An application of the procedure is presented, showing that the achievable accuracy depends on the mesh dimension. The introduction of elevation points from other sources, such as stereoscopes, produces results of general validity.

R.B.
A89-14007
REGION EXTRACTION IN SPOT DATA
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A method is presented for segmenting SPOT HRV data using color edge points to separate small regions with nearly constant color. The method uses isograms of equal distances from the boundary points between the partially enclosed regions. The small enclosed regions are separated, based on the local isogram maxima. Spectral and spatial features such as color, vegetation index, size, and shape are extracted from each region. It is shown that the method successfully characterizes typical land cover types by spectral and spatial features.

R.B.
A89-14012
LOOK-UP TABLES TO CONVERT LANDSAT TM THERMAL IR DATA TO WATER SURFACE TEMPERATURES
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The primary aim of this paper is to provide the users of Landsat-4 and Landsat-5 TM data with a more convenient means to convert the relative digital counts of the TM thermal band into temperatures. Two conversion (calibration) look-up tables corresponding to two different periods of operation of Goddard’s TM image processing system facilities, prior and after Jan. 15, 1984, are included. The procedures utilized to produce the look-up tables are briefly described.

Author
A89-14088
TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING FROM SPOT IMAGERY

The methods for map compilation from SPOT imagery are discussed, including the accuracy attainable, image content, and comparisons with other systems. A geometrical model for image restitution implemented on analytical and digital stereoplotting instruments is examined. The model gives accuracies compatible with mapping at 1:50,000 scale with 25-m contours, obtaining about 95 percent of the information required for this scale. This figure can be reduced through image degradation during film writing.

R.B.
A89-15919
COMBINING LAPLACIAN IMAGES OF DIFFERENT SPATIAL FREQUENCIES (SCALES) - IMPLICATIONS FOR REMOTE SENSING IMAGE ANALYSIS
SEAN C. AHEARN (Minnesota, University, Saint Paul) IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing (ISSN 0196-2892), vol. 26, Nov. 1988, p. 826-831. refs
The author proposes a solution to the longstanding problem of how to combine the different scales of analysis in multifrequency image analysis. The premise for combining different scales of analysis is that the absolute value of the result of the difference of two passes of a low-pass filter (DOG) will be at a maximum at different parts of an object for the DOGs passing the spatial frequencies composing those parts. Combining images derived from a DOGs passing a range of frequencies (called Laplacian images or the Laplacian pyramid) is performed by taking the maximum absolute value among the values in the Laplacian image being combined (for each pixel) to form what is called a multifrequency Laplacian pyramid and its implications for multifrequency image analysis and remote-sensing image classification are discussed. I.E.

A89-15920
ON THE APPLICATION OF AVERAGING MEDIAN FILTERS IN REMOTE SENSING
A. A. VASSILIou (Mobil Dallas Research Laboratory, TX), M. BOULIanne, and J. A. R. BLAIS (Calgary, University, Canada) IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing (ISSN 0196-2892), vol. 26, Nov. 1988, p. 832-838. refs
The application of averaging median filters to remote sensing has been investigated, and the results are presented with some discussion and recommendations. Averaging median filters can be considered as a subclass of the standard median filters. For image processing purposes, a two-dimensional window is first filtered by a number of average filters, and the final result of the averaging filters is equal to the median of the central pixel value and the averaging filter results. Applications of this averaging median filter to Landsat images are presented, and the results show that the fine details are preserved while attenuating the impulsive noise. The Shannon-Wiener entropy and the maximum-entropy method of two-dimensional spectral analysis are used to assess the quality of the results. Suggestions for further research and development are included. I.E.

A89-16063* NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, Goddard Inst. for Space Studies, New York, NY. EXTRACTION OF TOPOGRAPHY FROM SIDE-LOOKING SATELLITE SYSTEMS - A CASE STUDY WITH SPOT SIMULIATION DATA
STEPHEN G. UNGAR (NASA, Goddard Institute for Space Studies, New York), CAROLYN J. MERRY, HARLAN L. MCKIM (U.S. Army, Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, Hanover, NH), RICHARD IRISH (Science Applications Research; NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD), and MICHAEL S. MILLER (New York City, Department of City Planning, NY) Remote Sensing of Environment (ISSN 0034-4257), vol. 26, Oct. 1988, p. 51-73. Army-sponsored research. refs
A simulated data set was used to evaluate techniques for extracting topography from side-looking satellite systems for an area of northwest Washington state. A negative transparency orthophototquad was digitized at a spacing of 85 microns, resulting in an equivalent ground distance of 9.86 m between pixels and a radiometric resolution of 256 levels. A bilinear interpolation was performed on digital elevation model data to generate elevation data at a 9.86-m resolution. The nominal orbital characteristics and geometry of the SPOT satellite were convoluted with the data to produce simulated panchromatic HRV digital stereo imagery for three different orbital paths and techniques for reconstructing topographic data were developed. Analyses with the simulated HRV data and other data sets show that the method is effective. R.B.

A89-17906
AUTOMATED SEGMENTATION OF PSEUDINVARIANT FEATURES FROM MULTISPECTRAL IMAGERY
The present automated segmentation algorithm for pseudoinvariant-feature isolation employs rate-of-change information from a thresholding process previously associated with Volchok and Schott (1988) pseudoinvariant-feature-normalization technique. The algorithm was combined with the normalization technique and applied to the six reflective bands of the Landsat TM for both urban and rural scenes. An evaluation of the results shows that the combined techniques have produced normalization results whose errors are of the order of about 1-2 reflectance units for both rural and urban TM imagery. O.C.

A89-20626
COMPARISON OF THE SPECTRAL INFORMATION CONTENT OF LANDSAT THEMATIC MAPPER AND SPOT FOR THREE DIFFERENT SITES IN THE PHOENIX, ARIZONA REGION
The spectral information content of Landsat TM and SPOT multispectral images for three different rides and techniques for reconstructing topographic data were developed. Analyses with the simulated HRV data and other data sets show that the method is effective. R.B.
The high correlation of the SPOT spectral bands S1 and S2 (green and red) was demonstrated on the basis of multispectral data of a test site in southern Algeria. It is suggested that this correlation decreases the geological possibilities by means of standard products. It is found, however, that the application of advanced image processing techniques based on the IHS color transform make it possible to present subtle spectral differences and a better differentiation of geologically relevant phenomena.

A89-20712
TESTS OF TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING WITH THEMATIC MAPPER IMAGES

The potential of TM images for topographic mapping from the viewpoint of accuracy and content is discussed. From tests of a region in northern Italy using Large Format Camera images as ground truth, the accuracy of point positioning was found to be about 50 m. Due to a lack of fundamental information in the TM images, it was difficult to update or draw new 1:50,000 maps. It is suggested that TM images are not useful for topographic mapping at this scale.

A89-20713
MULTI-POINT MATCHING ALONG VERTICAL LINES IN SPOT IMAGES

A multipoint matching method using epipolar geometry with the stereoparallaxes in one of the images used as unknowns (Rosenholm, 1986, 1987) is reformulated to SPOT geometry with the elevations as unknowns. The constraints minimizing the curvature and slope of the digital elevation model measured with this method were shown to be satisfied. A stereo pair of SPOT images of Stockholm were used in the research. A total of 2073 points in the images were compared with heights from official 1:10,000 maps with a 5 m contour interval. For the images studied, the results provide a rms matching accuracy around 0.15-0.20 pixels.

A89-20716
INTERPRETATION AND GEOMETRICAL ASPECTS OF THEMATIC MAPPER DATA

For visual analysis assisted by digital image enhancement procedures of a Thematic Mapper scene of the German Bight, a combination of the spectral channels 1-4 is suitable. Because of the extremely high correlation between channels 2 and 3 a principal component transformation is performed. This procedure enhances the interpretation possibilities especially for the recognition of structures like surface material in water. Incorporation of digitized contour lines from a marine chart and a synthetic channel derived from the lines can support the interpretation. For that reason it is necessary to rectify the scene to the Mercator projection of the marine chart. The rectification performed by a second degree polynomial produces subpixel accuracies.
and composition of aerosols) was studied. Interpretation of the results enables the possibility of inversing the signal after correction for atmospheric effects to be considered.

ESN-10930# Centre National d’Etudes Spatiales, Toulouse (France).

STUDY OF THE MULTIPLEXING OF IMAGE TELEMETRY DATA FROM SPOT 4 HRVIR AND VEGETATION SENSORS (ETUDE DU MULTIPLEXAGE DES TELEMESURES IMAGE HRVIR ET VEGETATION DE SPOT 4)


Multiplexing of HRVIR and Vegetation sensor data from SPOT 4 so as to use only 1 transmit antenna (8200 to 8310 MHz) and so as to maintain compatibility with existing SPOT ground stations is discussed. Degradations introduced by the presence onboard of an OMUX frequency multiplexer are considered. Results of software simulations of the telemetry link in terms of bit error rate degradations and carrier to interference ratios are presented. The simulations show that with the OMUX, acceptable multiplexing is achieved. For HRVIR predetection stations the present filter should be replaced by a three pole Butterworth filter.

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COLOR ENHANCEMENT OF REMOTE SENSING IMAGERY USING IHS TRANSFORMATIONS AND DECORRELATION STRETCH METHODS

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Two digital color image processing methods for providing color contrast stretch and improvement of visual interpretation of remote sensing imagery are presented and compared. The first methodology is based on the transformation of the image represented in RGB coordinates to perception independent IHS (intensity, hue, saturation) coordinates. In IHS space it is possible to process each component independently, therefore achieving better control over the color. Examples of such process include linear operations and hue shifts. After the color enhancement, high pass filtering operation can be performed to enhance spatial detail. The second methodology is the well known decorrelation method, where a decorrelating spectral rotation is performed, followed by a standard deviation equalization among channels and finally a rotation back to the original coordinate system. Several experiments with LANDSAT TM images were made. The results proved to be valuable and different enhancement procedures were suitable for different observations.

Author


THE POTENTIAL OF COMBINED USE OF SATELLITE DATA WITH TOPOGRAPHIC INFORMATION


Thematic Mapper, SPOT panchromatic, and SPOT Multispectral Scanner (MSS) imagery were investigated for their capabilities of keeping topographic maps up to date. Topographic information can be digitally combined with satellite data using raster techniques. From the map line-information on roads, naming-conventions, water, and housing was used to cover a minimum part of the image and to obtain a maximum geographic reference structure in the imagery. A product with optimum characteristics was composed of a SPOT panchromatic band, a SPOT HR infrared band, and a MSS band with topographic information. The size of the file limits applications to manual procedures. Updating is limited to features of at least 4 m wide. The topographic overlay increases the user-friendliness of satellite data. Thematic information (on

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checked in every pixel, and seasonal and long-term changes are detected. The principal component procedure is also tested. Results are variable. 

**N89-13009#/** Dornier-Werke G.m.b.H., Friedrichshafen (Germany, F.R.).

**PERFORMANCE MODELING AND RESULTS FOR X-SAR**


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Image performance of X-synthetic aperture radar (X-SAR) objectives are reviewed; modeling algorithms are summarized, and predicted performance results examples are given. The problems of beam pointing errors and consequent processing errors are highlighted.

**N89-13029#/** GEC-Marconi Electronics Ltd., Chelmsford (England).

**COMPLEX SAR IMAGERY AND SPECKLE FILTERING FOR ERS-1 WAVE MODE**


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A method to predict the wavenumber dependence of the speckle component in spectra of SAR intensity images is described. Filtering of this component is an important step in recovering wave height spectra from SAR images of the ocean, and an effective means of doing so is required for the wave mode of ERS-1. The method uses the correlation function of the corresponding complex images and was tested using airborne and spaceborne imagery obtained over land and sea. Examples of successful and unsuccessful applications of the method are shown. The successes show a great improvement in speckle filtering over previous techniques, while the failures can be explained in terms of artefacts of an individual SAR processor or too coarse a digitization of complex pixel amplitudes.

**N89-13052#/** Universite Catholique de Louvain (Belgium). Lab. for Cartography.

**COMBINING SPECTRAL AND STRUCTURAL ANALYSES TO SELECT USEFUL CARTOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FROM SPOT IMAGERY**


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The possibilities of cartographic applications of SPOT-imagery are investigated, emphasizing spectral analysis and structural analysis. A maximum of information is achieved through combination of both approaches. Examples of applied techniques and their results are given.

**N89-13053#/** MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd., Richmond (British Columbia).

**EXTRACTION OF DENSE DIGITAL ELEVATION MODELS FROM SPOT STEREO IMAGERY**


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Automatic techniques for accurately extracting dense digital elevation models from SPOT PIA data are reviewed.

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techniques of extracting terrain height from stereo satellite images that match or better the accuracy and throughput of traditional photogrammetric techniques exist. While digital methods develop, there are issues to resolve. They involve making sure that the cartographic specifications of the Earth's geoid are accurate, and beginning to address standard methods of storing and accessing the huge quantities of data available.

N89-13056# Reading Univ. (England). Dept. of Geography.
THE PRODUCTION OF ANAGLYPHS FROM SPOT-HRV PANCHROMATIC DATA FOR GEOMORPHOLOGICAL MAPPING
(Contract NERC-Case GT4/86/GS/90)
Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF E03; ESA Publications Div., ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands, 120 US dollars or 250 Dutch guilders.
The production of geomorphological maps from nadir SPOT-HRV data is discussed. Problems arise due to the masking of topographic features by vegetation cover. Given the availability of off nadir HRV imagery, the quality of maps may be improved by the use of imagery stereo-pairs. Methods of combining of nadir imagery into stereo pairs are described, and the processing steps necessary to produce a stereo view are outlined. The improvements in interpretability that result from the use of data in this form are considered together with problems encountered in map production.

N89-13060# National Inst. for Environment, Ibaraki (Japan).
EFFICIENT CLASSIFICATION OF MULTISPECTRAL IMAGES BY A BEST LINEAR DISCRIMINANT FUNCTION
Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF E03; ESA Publications Div., ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands, 120 US dollars or 250 Dutch guilders.
An algorithm for satellite imagery classification which uses best linear discrimination (BLD) as a decision rule of binary decision tree is proposed. Performance of the proposed method is shown by applying it to multispectral data of LANDSAT 5. Conventional methods (maximum likelihood, Fisher's linear discrimination, and binary decision tree) were also applied to the same data and were compared with the proposed method. The BLD method is a better classifier, although maximum likelihood could be more time efficient.

N89-13061# Tokai Univ., Kanagawa (Japan). Research and Information Center.
A NEW SPATIAL CLASSIFICATION ALGORITHM FOR HIGH GROUND RESOLUTION IMAGES
Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF E03; ESA Publications Div., ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands, 120 US dollars or 250 Dutch guilders.
A landcover/use classification algorithm to increase classification accuracies for high resolution images is presented. The algorithm is based on a two stage recognition model of landcover/use. Each standard of landcover categories is defined by the component ratio of landcover elements surrounding the corresponding pixel. The classification procedure can be divided into three steps: the first step is the land cover element recognition of each pixel using a pixelwise classifier; the second step is the calculation of the component ratio of each element within local image region; the third step is the final decision for landcover classification using a minimum distance classifier. The results of experiments using TM data show that this algorithm achieves 7 percent improvements of classification accuracies.
PHOTOGRAMMETRIC MODEL FOR CORRECTION OF MSS-LANDSAT IMAGERY


This photogrammetric model for the correction of MSS-LANDSAT imagery is based on collinearity equations. Using geodetic coordinates (latitude and longitude) it associates each point of the image to a point on the Earth's surface. Internal and external image system distortions are eliminated by the model. The resulting improved geometric image accuracy is reached (about 1 pixel) independently of the Ground Control Point (GCP). Many possibilities exist for refinement of the image using GCP, and cartographic projection images can be generated to satisfy user requirements.

Author

N89-13909# Texas Univ., Austin.

BINARY IMAGE CLASSIFICATION


Motivated by the LANDSAT problem of estimating the probability of crop or geological types based on multi-channel satellite imagery data, Morris and Kostal (1983), Hill, Hinkley, Kostal, and Morris (1984), and Morris, Hinkley, and Johnston (1985) developed an empirical Bayes approach to this problem. Here, researchers return to those developments, making certain improvements and extensions, but restricting attention to the binary case of only two attributes.

Author

N89-14483# SACLAN'T ASW Research Center, La Spezia (Italy).

MAKE-MAP AND MEDMAP: TWO PROGRAMS FOR PLOTTING MAPS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA


Two FORTRAN computer programs MAKE-MAP and MEDMAP are described which, when used together, will plot maps of all or any portion of the Mediterranean Sea. Examples are given which show the high degree of detail provided by the 2' resolution of the database. A description of how the maps are created in MAKE-MAP program by means of intermediate landmass matrices is given, and applications of these landmass matrices are mentioned. A flow chart of the main stages of this program is given. The landmass matrix is read by MEDMAP which uses an interpolating contour routine to plot the coastline; a flow chart of the program is given. FORTRAN listings for MAKE-MAP and MEDMAP are also included.

Author

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PRECISION OF LINE FOLLOWING IN DIGITAL IMAGES

(PRECISIE VAN LIJNVOLGING IN DIGITALE BEELEDEN)

ERIK BRUEL Feb. 1988 73 p In DUTCH; ENGLISH summary (BB821610; ETN-89-9329) Avail: NTIS HC A04/MF A01

The precision of two line following methods for digital images was compared by scanning a large scale aerial color photo. A technique in three phases: smoothing, edge detection, and line following was used. The optimal combination of smoothing filter, gradient operation, and line following method was found. Dynamic programming is found to be the optimal line following method. The algorithm works faster and the visual results are much better than those of edge relaxation. The precision of both methods is nearly equal. Different smoothing filters and gradient operators do not affect the results. Because of the high quality of the aerial image, it might be possible to use simpler operators.

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Includes data acquisition and camera systems and remote sensors.

A89-10311* Jet Propulsion Lab., California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena.

IMAGING SPECTROSCOPY II; PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING, SAN DIEGO, CA, AUG. 20, 21, 1987

GREGG VANE, ED. (California Institute of Technology, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena) Meeting sponsored by SPIE, Bellingham, WA, Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE Proceedings. Volume 834), 1566, 241 p. For individual items see A89-10312 to A89-10338.

(SPIE-834)

The conference presents papers on airborne imaging spectrometers, imaging spectrometry analysis, and spaceborne imaging spectrometers. Consideration is given to an imaging spectrometer for ocean and land remote sensing, an advanced solid-state array spectroradiometer, airborne visible/infrared imaging spectrometer design and performance, and a signal chain for the airborne visible/infrared imaging spectrometer. Other topics include imaging spectrometry as a tool for botanical mapping, the estimation of forest canopy characteristics and nitrogen cycling using lasing spectrometry, and a continuous readout photon counting imaging detector.

K.K.

A89-10312 THE FLUORESCENCE LINE IMAGER - AN IMAGING SPECTROMETER FOR OCEAN AND LAND REMOTE SENSING


An airborne programmable imaging spectrometer has been developed to meet the increased requirements of land and water imaging in general and for mapping of chlorophyll fluorescence in particular. This latter application gives rise to the name of the sensor which is called Fluorescence Line Imager (FLI). An imaging spectrometer provides the opportunity to examine both narrow bandwidth features in the target spectrum and to acquire high fidelity spatial images. The FLI has also been applied to hydrographic mapping, mapping of crops, forest and rangeland as well as geobotanical exploration. Distinctive spectral features which fall near atmospheric absorption lines of water and oxygen can be readily discerned and atmospheric artifacts can be avoided in the interpretation of resulting imagery.

Author

A89-10324 IMAGING SPECTROMETRY AS A TOOL FOR BOTANICAL MAPPING


During the summers of 1985 and 1986 a Programmable Multispectral Imager (PMI), also known as the Fluorescence Line Imager (FLI), has been used to collect airborne data over a number of forested targets in Canada and the U.S. The sites were selected on the basis of suspected localized vegetation stress due to possible excess metal uptake or reported regional forest decline due to suspected acid deposition damage. This paper focuses on the characteristics of the spectral/image data available from this new sensor along with results of preliminary analysis of some of
these data. Stable pixel to pixel vegetation spectral properties provide a verification of sensor calibration methods. Comparison of FLI vegetation spectra with ground-based spectra of vegetation samples show good correspondence for a variety of species studied, including spectral properties of the red edge. 

**A89-10332** Jet Propulsion Lab., California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena.

**EARTH OBSERVING SYSTEM - A PLATFORM FOR IMAGING SPECTROMETERS**


Several advanced imaging spectrometers will be deployed on the Space Station Polar Platforms as a part of the Earth Observing System (EOS) program. Two of these, the Moderate-Resolution Imaging Spectrometer (MODIS) and High-Resolution Imaging Spectrometer (HIRIS), will be provided as facility instruments, and are currently under conceptual study at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the Goddard Space Flight Center. Other imaging spectrometer concepts, including proposals for a thermal infrared imaging spectrometer, are expected in response to the EOS Announcement of Opportunity scheduled for release in January of 1988.

**A89-10334** Jet Propulsion Lab., California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena.

**HIGH RESOLUTION IMAGING SPECTROMETER (HIRIS)**


The High Resolution Imaging Spectrometer (HIRIS), related data system, orbit, and mission operations are described. The pushbroom instrument simultaneously images the terrestrial surface in 192 spectral bands from 0.4 to 2.5 microns. The swath width is 30 km and spatial resolution is 30 m. It is planned to be launched with the Earth Observing System aboard the Space Station Polar Platform in 1995. Array detectors allow concurrent integration of the signals at 192,000 detector elements.

**A89-10338**

**SEAWIFS - AN OCEAN-IMAGING SENSOR**


A low-cost high-performance sensor design for LEO ocean-color remote sensing is presented. This sensor meets the requirements specified by the NASA/NOAA/Eosat Sea-viewing Wide-Field Sensor (SeaWIFS) Working Group. This concept uses a rasterscan with a rotating telescope; it results in a small, lightweight, low-power, high-performance instrument.

K.K.

**A89-10359**

**FIBER-OPTIC SENSOR SYSTEMS FOR AEROSPACE APPLICATIONS**


Advanced aircraft and spacecraft will require fiber-optic sensor systems to monitor the environment around the platform as well as the structural integrity of the vehicle itself. These sensors when embedded in composite or metal matrix material can also be used to monitor the manufacturing process. Thus, this technology provides a means to sense key environmental parameters from the creation of parts, through assembly, test and flight for the life of the platform.

**A89-10928**

**HIRIS - EOS INSTRUMENT WITH HIGH SPECTRAL AND SPATIAL RESOLUTION**


The High-Resolution Imaging Spectrometer (HIRIS) is designed for NASA's Earth Observing System (EOS). It will have 10-nm wide spectral bands from 0.4-2.5 microns at 30 m spatial resolution over a 30 km swath. The spectral resolution allows identification of many minerals in rocks and soils, important algal pigments in oceans and inland waters, spectral changes associated with plant canopy biochemistry, composition of atmospheric aerosols, and grain size of snow and contamination by absorbing impurities. The bands will have 12-bit quantization over a dynamic range suitable for bright targets, such as snow. For targets of low brightness, such as water bodies, image-motion compensation will allow gains up to a factor of 8 to increase signal-to-noise ratios. The sensor will be able to point + or - 24 deg crosstrack and +60/-30 deg downtrack. In the 824-km orbit altitude proposed for EOS, the crosstrack pointing capability will allow 4-5 views during a 16-day revisit cycle.

**A89-10929**

**ADVANCED AIRBORNE ELECTRO-OPTICAL IMAGER**


The development of an operational linear array imager for forestry applications based on the technology associated with the MEIS II airborne multispectral imager is discussed. The MEIS II system and its operation are described, and the system requirements and structure of the proposed imager are examined. The imager system is being developed for forest inventory mapping, insect and disease outbreak detection, land use assessment, inventory update, and forest sampling. The proposed imager system consists of three major components: an airborne system with multispectral imager and navigation system, a fast processor/display aboard the aircraft, and a ground processor.

R.B.

**A89-10932** Massachusetts Univ., Amherst.

**THE ELECTRONICALLY STEERED THINNED ARRAY RADOMETER**


An L-band radiometer which allows global imaging of soil moisture from LEO is discussed. The system consists of an array of antennas with amplifiers, a device to cross-correlate the signals from the antennas, and a process to translate the resulting data into an image of brightness temperature over the field of view. The process is based on a Fourier transform relation that exists between the incident electric field strength as a function of incidence angle and electric fields across the aperture plane of the antenna. The system's image reconstruction technique and signal-to-noise performance are examined.

R.B.
A9S-10933#
A CONCEPT FOR MEASURING CURRENTS FROM GEOSTATIONARY SATELLITES
The measurement of ocean surface currents may be possible from geostationary satellites in space using coherent dual-frequency radars. However, feasibility of this concept depends on how reliable a resonant 'Delta K peak' is observed when the cross-product power spectrum of the two microwave signals is formed. Experimental results obtained with the University of Massachusetts Steeped-Frequency Delta K radar. The radar is a frequency-agile radar, which rapidly switches between pairs of signal frequencies. Data obtained at a North Truro, Massachusetts, test site indicates that the radar can measure tidal surface currents as well as wind-driven currents. When surface winds are steady, periodic tidal current variations are observed. However, when the wind changes speed or direction there are corresponding fluctuations in the measured currents. Author

A9S-10936#
ACCURACY EVALUATION OF AIRBORNE STEREO LINE IMAGER DATA
The accuracy of the corrected imagery from a pushbroom stereo line imager is evaluated. The line imager system consists of the MIES II imaging system, an auxiliary data system, and a postflight data-processing system. The imagery and navigation data are tied to ground control points by a photogrammetric bundle adjustment to resolve low-frequency position errors. The accuracy of the correct imagery was found to be 1.5 pixels rms in position and 0.5 pixels rms in height. R.B.

A9S-10943# CLIMATE TRACKING WITH REMOTE SENSING
Climate tracking using remote sensing is presented for the area surrounding Mohonk, NY. Historical records dating from 1896 to 1987 and photometric observations beginning in January 51, 1987 are used in the experiment. No temperature trends for the area were found, although it was found that rainfall maxima are correlated with sunspot minima, and related to the corresponding increased meridional circulation. Soil temperature measurements as a function of depth indicate that percolation of rain into the soil has a strong influence on the temperature gradient in the soil. Tables and graphs of various climate parameters are presented, including average temperatures, solar flux, optical water vapor, and precipitation. R.B.

A9S-10953# MODIS - A GLOBAL OCEAN FACILITY FOR THE EARTH OBSERVING SYSTEM
A Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectrometer (MODIS) is being planned as a NASA furnished facility for the Earth Observing System (Eos). This sensor will be the primary source of optical global ocean data for a ten-year period following the Eos launch in the mid-1990's. During this period, the MODIS will survey the Earth's surface continuously once every three days in over 100 spectral bands ranging from 0.4 to 14.2 micrometers at a spatial resolution of 1 kilometer. The system is to be divided into two units, MODIS-T which consists of 64 visible and near-infrared channels and which is capable of tilting to avoid specular reflectance from the ocean surface, and MODIS-N with 31-40 spectral channels including ocean color, ocean temperature and atmospheric characterization bands. The total system is anticipated to be a powerful tool for studying global ocean productivity, dynamics and long-term trends. Author

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A9S-10956# GOES I-M IMAGE NAVIGATION AND REGISTRATION SYSTEM
This paper summarizes the Image Navigation and Registration System employed in the next generation Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) system to provide near-real-time radiometric data that are accurately registered relative to a reference grid that remains valid for an extended period of several days. These features, coupled with other enhancements of the GOES I-M radiometers such as improved sensitivity, spatial resolution, scan flexibility, and pointing accuracy, are expected to improve meteorological data utilization significantly in severe local storm and tropical cyclone analysis and forecasting during the 1990s and beyond. Author

A9S-10969# RADAR APPLICATIONS IN REMOTE SENSING - AN AIRBORNE REMOTE SENSING CASE HISTORY PRESENTED AT THE TWENTY-FIRST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON REMOTE SENSING OF ENVIRONMENT, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, OCTOBER 26-30, 1987
This paper presents a major case study that would dispel the popular remote sensing myth that airborne data products are more costly than satellite products. It discusses the current commercial market for airborne synthetic aperture radar (SAR) data with a generalized pricing for various types of airborne data. A discussion of potential future markets for airborne SAR data is provided. The paper concludes with an estimate of real costs versus pricing for satellite data and some observations concerning the trends in the industry. Author

A9S-11006# SURFACE WINDSPEED MEASUREMENTS OVER THE OCEAN WITH A C-BAND MICROWAVE RADIOMETER
A computer algorithm has been developed for use aboard an aircraft carrying a C-band stepped-frequency microwave radiometer to analyze the radiometer data and to provide real-time measurements of surface wind speed and rain rate. The algorithm is described, and the results of experiments testing the ability of the radiometer to perform measurements at high wind speeds are presented. The algorithm uses the radiative-transfer equation and measures wind speed accurate to within 2 m/s and rain rates accurate to within 2 mm/h. R.B.
FEATURES WHEN DMSP OPERATIONAL LINESCAN SYSTEM (OLS) NOAA


The use of aerial UV photography to detect white-coated harp seal pups on pack ice is discussed. Medium- and large-format cameras, a variety of films, glass and quartz lenses, and low-light-level television were used in order to define the parameters needed to conduct this type of survey. The equipment used in the study is described, and recommendations are made for future surveys. It was found that the upper altitude limit doubled to 100 feet (photoscale 1:4,000) when a quartz lens was used. It is suggested that the equipment most suitable for this type of survey is a large-format mapping camera equipped with a quartz lens and a UV filter.

R.B.

SATELLITE CLOUD IMAGE STANDARDIZATION

A method is presented for transforming cloud images from one spaceborne sensor format to another. The procedure, known as Cloud Image Standardization (CIS), uses the known spatial resolution and spectral response properties of a sensor and the modeled angular scattering and emissivity properties of various cloud types to derive spatial and spectral resampling relationships. The CIS system can be used to simulate cloud images of a supported sensor from cloud images of other supported sensors. The supported sensors potentially include DMSP OLS, GOES VISSR, NOAA AVHRR, and Landsat MSS and TM. Image standardization enables direct comparison of cloud images from different sensors and provides an interface applicable to the assimilation of nonstandard imagery data by specialized applications models. Since images processed by the CIS system appear to have been generated by the same sensor, there is an effective increase in the global coverage of cloud image data. Applications are presented to cloud field transformations using Landsat MSS and GOES image data.

COLOR-COMPOSITE IMAGE PROCESSING FOR MULTISPECTRAL METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE DATA

Visible and infrared satellite imagery data are a primary source of global cloud observations. Visible channels measure reflected solar energy and are used to detect clouds and snow. Infrared channels measure emitted thermal energy and, consequently, the brightness temperatures of clouds and the earth's surface both day and night. It is sometimes difficult to interpret such imagery because of varying conditions encountered on global scales. Snow cover is often confused with clouds in visible imagery because each surface reflects sunlight well. Low clouds are frequently confused with cloudfree land and oceans in infrared imagery because their temperatures can be nearly equal. It is found that more confident discriminations can be performed between such features when DMSP Operational Linescan System (OLS), NOAA Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer (AVHRR), or Nimbus Scanning Multifrequency Microwave Radiometer (SMMR) data are combined into color image products. A multispectral image display technique is described that simultaneously combines several meteorological satellite images into a color image product. The technique, which has its origin in Landsat Multispectral Scanner image processing, is quick and effective, and clearly reveals many features of meteorological interest.

CANVAS - AN INTELLIGENT SYSTEM FOR COLOUR SELECTION ON CRT DISPLAYS
GRAHAM A. GILL AND ANDREW D. TRIGG (NERC; Reading, University, England) INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF REMOTE SENSING (ISSN 0143-1161), VOL. 9, SEPT. 1986, P. 1423-1432.

An easy-to-use tool for the selection of colors for density-sliced and classified single band images has been developed and implemented on a proprietary image processing system. Colors may be selected interactively from a range of displayed palettes, or chosen by the system, which maximizes the apparent distinction between them through the use of a uniform color space.

ON THE INTERPRETATION OF INTEGRATED WATER VAPOR PATTERNS IN MIDLATITUDE CYCLONES DERIVED FROM THE NIMBUS 7 SCANNING MULTICHANNEL MICROWAVE RADIOMETER

The present exploration of methods for the interpretation of the Nimbus 7 satellite's Scanning Multichannel Microwave Radiometer (SMMR) vapor patterns and the ways in which they relate to the dynamical structure of individual midlatitude storms employs gridded meteorological data from the First GARP Global Experiment special observing period in order to calculate diagnostic quantities. SMMR patterns for a storm at a weak stage determined from the diagnostic quantities are compared with SMMR patterns for the storm at a stronger stage. A more complete interpretation of the SMMR patterns emerges from these considerations.

AN EXTENSION OF THE SPLIT WINDOW TECHNIQUE FOR THE RETRIEVAL OF PRECIPITABLE WATER - EXPERIMENTAL VERIFICATION

An account is given of the results of an extension of the 'split window' technique which permits the retrieval of precipitable water with a minimum of a priori information. The technique is applied to both AVHRR and the VISSR Atmospheric Sounder (VAS). In all cases of comparison with radiosonde transmittance ratio, the transmittance ratio was computed from collocated radiosondes using the wide-band radiative transfer model of Weinreb and Hill (1980). The correlation between the VAS transmittance ratio and that computed from collocated radiosondes is about 0.72.

USING SATELLITE DATA TO AID IN DIAGNOSING AND FORECASTING CONVECTIVE DEVELOPMENT AND INTENSITY ALONG ARC CLOUD LINES


Research at the Goddard Laboratory for Atmospheres to evaluate methods to assign directions to both real and simulated surface wind speed data is discussed. Surface wind speed measurements are obtained from satellites, including Seasat, Nimbus-7, and Geosat. The methods include the interpolation of modeled forecast winds to the wind speed datum location, the use of surface pressures with a balance relation, and a variational analysis method. It is found that the best estimates may be obtained using a multipass approach to perform a surface analysis incorporating all conventional surface data. R.B.


Data from the Total Ozone Mapping Spectrometer on the Nimbus-7 are used to map the climatological total ozone within and around tropical cyclones. A tropical cyclone numerical model is used to interpret total ozone patterns. The total ozone maps are used to diagnose storm intensity and to differentiate between intensifying and weakening tropical cyclones. The tropical cyclone intensity versus total ozone anomaly distribution is examined and examples of mapping the total ozone of tropical cyclones in the period 1979-1982 are presented. R.B.


A four stage analysis and forecast methodology for heavy convective rainfall is proposed for use with VlSSR Atmospheric Sounder (VAS) data utilization center (VDUC) systems. An example using the method is presented, in which a mesoscale convective system over the central and southeastern U.S. on August 14, 1987 is analyzed. The VDUC system is used to identify and locate features in the conventional and satellite data that may initiate or focus heavy convective rainfall, to monitor the propagation and stability characteristics of the developing system, to estimate flash flood rainfall potentials, and to predict expected rainfall for a 3-hour period. It is suggested that the system may also be applied to extratropical and tropical cyclones. R.B.

A89-12823* National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL. GEOSTATIONARY PLATFORM (ESGP) SATELLITE MICROWAVE RAINFALL SIMULATIONS WITH A THREE-DIMENSIONAL DYNAMICAL CLOUD MODEL ROBERT F. ADLER, JOANNE SIMPSON (NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD), WEI-KUO TAO, N. PRASAD (General Sciences Corp., Laurel, MD), and HWA-YOUNG YEH (Caelum Research Corp., Silver Spring, MD) IN: Conference on Satellite Meteorology and Oceanography, 3rd, Anaheim, CA, Feb. 1-5, 1988, Preprints. Boston, MA, American Meteorological Society, 1988, p. 278, 279. refs

The availability of satellite data for areas outside of GOES coverage is discussed and the processing and application of a data set covering the development of a tropical storm are reviewed. Measurements from geostationary and polar orbiting satellites are used in conjunction with surface and flight level information to study a storm over northern Australia in January 1987. NOAA-9 and NOAA-10 AVHRR data, TOVS, microwave sounding, and high resolution IR sounding data, and Geostationary Meteorological Satellite (GMS) data are compared. It is found that the low spatial and high temporal resolution of the GMS data are useful for obtaining large scale circulation and weather pattern information. R.B.

The three-dimensional, multicloud model of Tao and Soong (1986) is used to generate three-dimensional distribution of precipitable microphysical and state parameters which are used as input into a microwave radiative transfer model. The model is used to calculate upwelling radiance (brightness temperature) at microwave frequencies from 10 to 183 GHz with an ocean background. The model is used to study the relationship between simulated upwelling brightness temperature and simulated model-generated rain rate at the surface. It is suggested that these calculations can be used to simulate satellite observed brightness temperature values and to make area-averaged rain rates.

R.B.


The effect of adding visible channel (VIS) data to the IR data in satellite rain estimation schemes was investigated by comparing the abilities of satellite threshold schemes based on VIS, IR channel, or bispectral (VIS/IR) data to estimate convective precipitation. Using the methodology of Bellon and Austin (1986), empirical relationships between the satellite and radar data were determined for two areas: the Florida Area Cumulus Experiment (FACE) area and a 25-km area on a side centered on 26 N, 81 W, which was inclusive of the FACE area but exclusive of points within 50 km or greater than 170 km of the Miami WSR-57 radar. The results did not demonstrate an unequivocal effect of VIS data. The normalized rms error data for the three estimation schemes used in a four-day experiment are presented.

I.S.


The accuracies of Negri et al. (1984), Lovejoy and Austin (1979), and Barrett (1970) rainfall estimation techniques were compared using a month of satellite data to calculate the daily, weekly, and monthly precipitation totals over southern Canada. The comparison was carried out by remapping GOES, radar, and gauge data to a common latitude-longitude grid ranging from 42 to 47 deg N and 72 to 84 deg W with a grid spacing of 0.05 deg. The correlation coefficients obtained for each satellite technique and each of the nine 3-day events were found to be all quite low, with no single technique standing out.

I.S.


This paper presents an algorithm for discriminating among cloud, snow cover, and clear land from NOAA AVHRR multispectral imagery, utilizing channels 1, 3, and 4 (centered at 0.63, 3.7, and 11.0 microns, respectively). Specifically, channel-3 imagery is utilized in conjunction with channels 1 and 4 to improve the daylight detection of low clouds over snow. Six images were analyzed, and the total cloud cover was verified against a total of 110 conventional surface observations, using the standard categories of clear, scattered, broken, and overcast surfaces. The algorithm identified low clouds over snow, the extent of the snow cover, and high clouds such as cirrus, producing excellent results even at very large solar zenith angles.

I.S.


VISSR data from the GOES-6 satellite and AVHRR data from the NOAA-7 satellite were used to investigate the spatial resolution effects of the sampling procedures used by the International Satellite Cloud Climatology Project on the accuracy of stratiform cloud detection over twelve target areas chosen for subjective cloud analysis. The cloud fractions derived from visible and IR channel data from the AVHRR and VISSR data at full resolution were treated as the 'true' fractions, and these were compared with cloud fractions from the same data at reduced resolution. The results indicated that the values of cloud fraction varied with data resolution if the target areas were located in a discrete zone. For target areas located in the uniform zone, the cloud fraction results obtained from reduced-resolution data were consistent with those from full-resolution data.

I.S.


A technique is being developed to generate maps of the wind stress and wind stress curl fields from the 96-day Seasat-A satellite scatterometer record. A synthetic data set with the wavenumber-frequency spectrum expected from scatterometer data is made from the European Center for Mediumrange Weather Forecasting model. The covariance function used for objective mapping is presented. The data are sampled using the sampling scheme of the NASA scatterometer and the orbit of Seasat for a three-day repeat cycle. Methods for minimizing errors are examined.

R.B.


An investigation is conducted of the temperature field retrieved from GOES Visible and Infrared Spin-Scan Radiometer (VISSR) measurements for evidence of sensor-introduced modifications, in order to estimate the response time characteristic of the thermal IR channel. The response time of the VISSR is at about 20 microseconds, rather large by comparison to the 8-microsecond sampling interval; as a result, large temperature gradients are stretched over several IR pixels and modify their brightness temperature.

O.C.

A89-12867 X-BAND SCATTEROMETER MEASUREMENTS AT LOW WINDS IN A WAVETANK

Experimental results for radar backscatter at X-band were obtained in a wave tank in the low-wind-speed range and compared with previous model results. The Donelan and Pierson (1987) model predicted the observed sharp drop-off in cross section at low winds, but no temperature dependence was found. The Plant (1986) model did not predict this sharp roll-off, but provided good results at high winds and at low winds when small-amplitude, low-frequency long waves were present. R.R.

A89-13415

USE OF SATELLITE AND RADAR IMAGES IN OPERATIONAL PRECIPITATION NOWCASTING


The Frontiers system, a precipitation nowcasting system used by the UK Meteorological Office, uses Meteosat and ground-based weather radar imagery to provide quantitative precipitation forecasts for up to three hours ahead over the British Isles. Frontiers can be used to bring together remotely sensed data and terrestrial data and to generate forecasts. An advanced man-machine interface is provided, making it possible for a forecaster to interact effectively with the data.

K.K.

A89-14073

OROGRAPHIC CHANNELING OF A COLD FRONT BY THE PYRENEES


The channeling effect of the Pyrenees on a cold front is illustrated using high resolution surface data. Satellite data support the analysis of the surface data and show that the surface front is trapped to a significant degree in the vicinity of the mountains.

Author

A89-15870

AIRBORNE AND SPACEBORNE LASERS FOR TERRESTRIAL GEOPHYSICAL SENSING; PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING, LOS ANGELES, CA, JAN. 14, 15, 1988


(SPIE-889)

The present conference on airborne and spaceborne remote sensing laser applications discusses topics in atmospheric and geophysical sciences-related sensors, lidar and DIAL component and subsystem technologies, and coherent laser experiments and semiconductor laser technologies. Attention is given to airborne lidar measurement of aerosols, a ground-based injection-locked pulsed TEA laser for wind measurements, chemical/biological agent standoff detection methods, lidars for wind shear estimation, and laser tuning to selected gas absorption lines in the atmosphere, the NASA lidar-in-space technology experiment, and the Laser Atmospheric Wind Sounder.

O.C.

A89-15873

LIDAR ATMOSPHERIC SOUNDER AND ALTIMETRY FOR THE EARTH OBSERVING SYSTEM (EOS) SATELLITE

CHARLES V. WOERNER (NASA, Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA) IN: Airborne and spaceborne lasers for terrestrial geophysical sensing; Proceedings of the Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, Jan. 14, 15, 1988. Bellingham, WA, Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers, 1988, p. 29-37. The NASA Space Station Program includes development of a polar orbiting platform that will be part of the Earth Observing System (EOS) Program. A lidar facility is in turn being developed for the EOS polar platforms to make atmospheric science measurements utilizing techniques of laser atmospheric backscatter (optical radar), Differential Absorption Lidar (DIAL) and altimetry. The science for this facility has been developed by the Lidar Atmospheric Sounder and Altimetry (LASA) panel for the Earth Observing System and will be addressed in an Announcement of Opportunity which will be released early in 1988 to solicit science proposals and experiment proposals for the EOS missions.

Author

A89-15878

APPLICATIONS OF SPACEBORNE LASER RANGER ON EOS


An account is given of the design concept and potential applications in science and engineering of the spaceborne laser ranging and altimeter apparatus employed by the Geodynamics Laser Ranging System; this is scheduled for 1997 launch as part of the multiple-satellite Earth Observing System. In the retrograding mode for geodynamics, the system will use a Nd:YAG laser's green and UV output for distance determination to ground retroreflectors. Engineering applications encompass land management and long-term ground stability studies relevant to nuclear power plant, pipeline, and aqueduct locations.

O.C.

A89-15889

LASER ATMOSPHERIC WIND SOUNDER (LAWs)


A development status report is presented for the Laser Atmospheric Wind Sounder (LAWs) instrument that is to be carried by SETh on the Earth Observing System polar-orbit satellite and the NASA manned Space Station. The wind Doppler lidar profiles thus obtained by LAWs will furnish essential information for future numerical weather prediction, large-scale atmospheric circulation and climate dynamics, and the global biogeochemical and hydrologic cycles; it will then be possible to approach the atmosphere, oceans, cryosphere, and biota as a single, coupled system.

O.C.

A89-15922

SURFACE IDENTIFICATION USING SATELLITE MICROWAVE RADIOMETERS


The use of satellite microwave radiometers for identifying natural surfaces is analyzed. A retrieval technique is developed by considering the related mixed-pixel problem where two or more surfaces are contained within the viewing area. At a given frequency w, the emissivity measurement epsilon(w) depends on the fractional amounts fn and a priori emissivities epsilon n/w where epsilon(w) = Sigma (epsilon n/w)fn. In applications involving surface identification the fractional amounts act as discriminants to identify the most likely surface among the a priori candidates. In principle, the fractional amounts can be obtained using multispectral measurements of emissivity. However, due to the limited spectral characteristics of emissivity the maximum number of distinguishable
A TYPICAL CASE OF INTEGRATED REMOTE SENSING CENTER CONCEPT - THE NAIROBI MULTIPURPOSE RECESSION AND PROCESSING CENTER


The development of the Nairobi Receiving Station, a remote sensing ground receiving and processing center in East Africa is discussed. The political status of remote sensing in East Africa and the requirements of the region are discussed. Ground systems requirements for the center's data receiving and handling facilities are considered. Plans for the center include the capability of handling SPOT, Landsat, and Meteosat data.

THE NAIROBI MULTIPURPOSE RECESSION AND PROCESSING CENTER

R.B.

INSTRUMENTATION AND SENSORS

REMOTE SENSING DATA AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

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The acquisition and utilization of remote sensing data in India is reviewed. The use of Landsat data, the development and use of the Indian Remote Sensing Satellite, and the data management and distribution are discussed. Possibilities for future use of remote sensing technologies in India are considered. Suggestions are made for other countries considering the use of remote sensing for natural resource management.

R.B.

THE ERS-1 INSTRUMENT DATA HANDLING AND TRANSMISSION SUBSYSTEM (IDHT) AND ITS EVOLUTION


This paper examines the development of the Instrument Data Handling and Transmission (IDHT) subsystem for collecting, processing, and transmitting data from payloads on the ERS-1 satellite. The formatting, recording, transmission, control, and management functions of the IDHT are discussed. The application requirements and architecture of the IDHT are presented.

R.B.

FAULT TOLERANT DESIGN OF ATTITUDE AND ORBIT CONTROL SUBSYSTEM FOR EARTH RESOURCES SATELLITE-1


This article describes a fault tolerant system for an attitude and orbit control subsystem (AOCS) of a three-axis stabilized earth observation satellite. The fault tolerant design includes both hardware and software methods to establish high availability and safety (survivability) of the AOCS. The fault tolerant system provides for continuous operation of the satellite mission and safety of the satellites and it contains redundant components in the AOCS subsystem, component and device. Autonomous reconfiguration to realize high performance on availability is mainly implemented by fault tolerant softwares. Non-autonomous reconfiguration to realize high performance on safety is mainly implemented by the OBC and discrete circuits. One of the critical issues for the fault tolerant design was the software errors due to single event upsets (SEU) of bipolar devices used in the onboard computer (OBS) of the AOCS. The extensions of fault tolerant design to the software errors were investigated and incorporated in the system.

Author

ACCOUNTING FOR SELECTIVE ABSORPTION IN THE EVALUATION OF THE EARTH SURFACE TEMPERATURE BY AN ANGULAR METHOD (UCHET SELEKTIVNOGO POGLOSCHENIIA V ZADACHE OPRIDELENIIA TEMPERATURY ZEMNOI POVERKHNOSTI UGLOVYM METODOM)

A. K. GORODETSEKII and N. G. MAMEDOV (AN SSSR, Institut Kosmicheskikh Issledovanii, Moscow, USSR) Issledovanie Zemli iz Kosmosa (ISSN 0205-9614), July-Aug, 1988, p. 66-76. In Russian. refs

This paper considers the error contributed by selective absorption by water vapor to the values of surface temperature
determined by an angular method. The method, based on a linear relation between the thickness of the air layer and the mass of air, makes it possible to estimate gas absorption in the IR atmospheric windows using line-by-line integration. Calculations are presented that take into account continuous and selective absorption by atmospheric gases. On the basis of these calculations, the spectral ranges of 10.2-11.15 and 10.5-11.5 microns are recommended for the determinations of angular distributions in radiation intensity. Using this method and absorption measurements in these wavelength ranges, surface temperatures were calculated with an estimated error of 0.5 K.

A89-18736
EXPERIMENTAL PERSONAL SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM USING MILLIMETER-WAVE FOR ASIA-OCEANIAN REGION

The millimeter-wave satellite communication system for the Asia-Oceanian region is discussed. The concept of the personal satellite communication system is studied using inexpensive and simple small earth stations. The rain margin or link availability is calculated to determine the possibility of using the millimeter-wave in the Asia-Oceanian region. Transmission rates, channel capacity, and parameters of the on-board equipment and earth stations are examined and an example system configuration is presented. Plans for experiments using the Engineering Test Satellite-VI are given.

A89-19173
TECHNOLOGICAL CONSTRAINTS ON THE USE OF THERMAL IMAGERY FOR REMOTE SENSING

The application of the technological advances in terrestrial infrared systems and components to satellite remote sensing and the constraints involved are discussed. Particular attention is given to the future use of detector arrays made of cadmium mercury telluride. The discussion is illustrated by an example system based on a satellite operating at 800 km altitude in a circular orbit.

A89-19177
CONFERENCE ON NUMERICAL WEATHER PREDICTION, 6TH, BALTIMORE, MD, FEB. 22-26, 1988, PREPRINTS
Conference sponsored by the American Meteorological Society. Boston, MA, American Meteorological Society, 1986, 880 p. For individual items see A89-19177 to A89-19286.

Papers concerning numerical weather prediction are presented, including quality control and analysis considerations, the equations of motion and dynamic balance, physical processes and surface effects, the use of satellite observations, improvements to forecast models, the use of wind profiler data, data assimilation systems, diagnostic techniques, systematic errors in global forecast models, and forecast verification. Meteorological modeling topics include of the severe storm environment, hailstorms, clouds, severe convection, microbursts, thunderstorms, squall lines, mesoscale convection, tropical cyclones, and winter storm cyclogenesis. In addition, statistical and local forecasting, predictability and forecast error, data impact studies, extended-range forecasting, gravity wave drag, initialization, horizontal, vertical, and temporal considerations of numerical methods, and semi-Langrangian applications of numerical methods are discussed.

A89-20102
COMMERCIALIZED REMOTE SENSING - A COMPREHENSIVE VIEW FOR GLOBAL STUDIES

SPOT's system and commercial background are discussed. SPOT commercial policies are considered as a model for global development. Issues discussed are initial commercialization, SPOT products and pricing, and satellite acquisitions. It is concluded that the SPOT commercial approach established the standards for not only data suppliers but also for other business components of the industry. Marketplace economics have replaced government policy as the single most significant component affecting the growth of the remote sensing industry.

A89-20105
ENVIROSAT - A VEHICLE FOR EXAMINING THE OPTIONS FOR EARTH OBSERVATIONS IN THE 1990'S

It is argued that, in considering the options for earth observations in the 1990s, the fundamental issue for the U.S. is whether there is a national interest in the supply of land remote-sensing data. It is further argued that, if there is a national interest, then Envirosat may be the most effective way to assure the supply of data. Finally, it is suggested that, if there is not a national interest in the supply of land remote-sensing data, then disengagement (i.e., leaving the field free for entrepreneurial entry, by rescinding Public Law 98-365) or tapping foreign supplies may be the most effective options.

A89-20711
THE CONTRIBUTION OF SATELLITE INFORMATION TO OPERATIONAL WEATHER FORECASTING - ACHIEVEMENTS AND OBJECTIVES IN THE 1990S

The use of satellite information in nowcasting and short- and medium-range forecasting in the Netherlands is reviewed. Research concerning satellite weather forecasting is discussed, focusing on improvements in satellite data and data processing. It is suggested that the major objective in weather forecasting research should be the development of coupled retrieval methods in which satellite data, classical weather data, and guess fields of numerical weather forecast models are used together to obtain an optimum effect.

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A89-20714
ANALYSIS OF LARGE FORMAT CAMERA PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE PO DELTA, ITALY, FOR TOPOGRAPHIC AND THEMEIC MAPPING
(Contract BMFT-FKZ-01-QS-85090)

A89-20715
EVALUATION OF SPACE PHOTOGRAPHS

A89-20718
GEOMETRIC CORRECTION OF REMOTELY-SENSED IMAGERY USING GROUND CONTROL POINTS AND ORTHONORMAL POLYNOMIALS

A90-10320#
Rijkswaterstaat, Delft (Netherlands).
VALIDATION OF AN ATMOSPHERIC CORRECTION METHOD FOR SATELLITE BORNE IMAGER
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In order to evaluate an atmospheric correction method for multispectral satellite borne imagery in the visible, validation experiments were carried out for the applied simplified radiative transfer method (SMART-method). This was performed by comparing the computed results and obtained correction parameters for a number of theoretical situations with those of an exact method which provides high quality data. It is concluded that the SMART-method is sufficiently accurate under the circumstances commonly to be expected. The ground-based spectroradiometers used in the correction method were preliminary calibrated in an absolute sense by assessing the frequency characteristics of the spectral channels. ESA
sensors. The combination of multispectral active and passive sensors is a step to advanced thermal infrared remote sensing systems for the analysis and interpretation of spectral signatures, ground temperature estimation, and atmospheric effects. ESA

**N89-10346#** Joint Research Centre of the European Communities, Ispra (Italy).

**TIME-RESOLVED LASER FLUORESCENSING: TRENDS AND APPLICATIONS**
G. BERTOLINI, P. CAMAGNI (Pavia Univ., Italy ), C. KOECHLER, A. PEDRINI, and A. PROSDOCIMI In ESA, Proceedings of the 4th International Colloquium on Spectral Signatures in Remote Sensing p 233-238 Apr. 1988
Avail: NTIS HC A23/MF A01; ESA Publications Division, ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands 80 Dutch guilders

Oil fluorosensing is reviewed. Fluorescent spectra from natural oil targets can be remotely sensed with available techniques of pulsed excitation and multispectral detection, so as to insure a consistent analysis of their time evolution, with sufficient sensitivity to follow simultaneously the decay of separated spectral regions on the scale of nanoseconds. Therefore different classes of oils can be monitored in terms of specific signatures, linking decay times, wavelength, and emission efficiency of definite spectral components to the nature and composition of the oil in which they are contained. Criteria for fingerprinting can be derived on this basis. Monitoring of fluorescent and scattering phenomena in the water column are considered. ESA

**N89-10347#** Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Florence (Italy).

**A NEW LIDAR SYSTEM FOR APPLICATIONS OVER LAND AND SEA**
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The use of fluorescence lidars for environmental monitoring was studied. A sensor prototype was designed and built to operate as a fluorescence lidar and a passive spectrometer in the visible, in both cases with a high spectral resolution. Field experiments on sea and vegetation remote sensing show that the sensor can detect fluorescence and Raman spectra in different water conditions, and can be used to detect photosynthesis behavior. ESA

**N89-10353#** Institute of Ocean Sciences, Sidney (British Columbia).

**THE FLUORESCENCE LINE IMAGER: HIGH-RESOLUTION IMAGING SPECTROSCOPY OVER WATER AND LAND**
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The FLI (Fluorescence Line Imager) airborne imaging spectrometer was designed and constructed as the first stage in developing an advanced satellite sensor based on CCD cameras. It was flown on a wide variety of airborne test flights to evaluate the applications of its higher resolution and sensitivity. The primary goal of the FLI was to image the spatial distribution of naturally stimulated fluorescence emission from chlorophyll A in phytoplankton in near surface sea and lake water. Sensitivity limit is 0.2 to 0.3 mg/cm². Results also demonstrate other uses over a wide variety of targets on land and water. ESA

**N89-10356#** Iceland Univ., Reykjavik. Lab. for Information Technology and Signal Processing.

**A NARROW-BAND THERMAL IMAGER BASED ON MULTILINE REAL-TIME AVERAGING**
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A multichannel thermal imager for low temperatures is described. It is capable of high sensitivity in narrow bands (selective search mode), high thermal resolution in case of known or constant emissivity (thermal mapping), material selectivity in case of known or constant temperature, and wavelength dependent emissivity (thematic mapping); as well as allowing the customary method of measuring the total emissive power with much increased sensitivity. It is intended for research on volcanoes and geothermal areas. ESA

**N89-10357#** Jet Propulsion Lab., California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena.

**AIRBORNE VISIBLE/INFRARED IMAGING SPECTROMETER (AVIRIS): INFLIGHT RADIOMETRIC CALIBRATION AND THE DETERMINATION OF SURFACE REFLECTANCE**
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The inflight radiometric performance of AVIRIS is presented together with a comparison of methods of recovering surface spectral reflectance from the data. Performance is evaluated by comparing radiance predicted from AVIRIS with radiance generated from the LOWIRAN 6 atmospheric model and measured surface reflectance. Comparisons show apparent agreement to within a few percent between 1800 and 2450 nm. Between 600 and 1800 nm the response of AVIRIS is systematically low by as much as 70 percent, and between 400 and 600 nm it is higher than expected. These problems are traced to thermal distortions of the instrument, and to detachment during flight of optical fibers connecting foreoptics to two of four spectrometers in the instrument. Of three methods studied, an empirical one involving calibration curves constructed from field reflectance measurements returns accurate predictions of the surface reflectance independent of the actual radiometric significance of the flight data. ESA

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**SPATIAL RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS FOR MODIS-N**
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An empirical investigation of the required spatial resolution for MODIS-N is outlined. It is based on LANDSAT multispectral scanner system images of the normalized difference vegetation index degraded to resolutions between 250 m and 4000 m. Pairs of images from different dates were registered and difference images were generated. Fourier analysis indicates that resolutions finer than 1 km are highly desirable for change detection. A sensor with a resolution of 500 m is recommended as providing the best compromise between detail of changes detected and the size of the resultant data volume, but other options are also suggested. ESA

**N89-10379#** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
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**COMPARATIVE POINT-SPREAD FUNCTION CALCULATIONS FOR THE MOMS-1, THEMATIC MAPPER AND SPOT-HRV INSTRUMENTS**
V. V. SALOMONSON, J. E. NICKESON, J. BODECHTEL, and J. ZILGER (Technische Univ., Munich, West Germany) In ESA, Proceedings of the 4th International Colloquium on Spectral
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Point-spread functions (PSF) comparisons were made between the Modular Optoelectronic Multispectral Scanner (MOMS-01) of the UK UDSAT Thematic Mapper (TM) and the SPOT-HRV instruments, principally near Lake Nakuru, Kenya. The results, expressed in terms of the width of the point spread functions at the 50 percent power points as determined from the in-scene analysis show that the TM has a PSF equal to or narrower than the MOMS-01 instrument (50 to 55 for the TM versus 50 to 68 for the MOMS). The SPOT estimates of the PSF range from 36 to 40. When the MOMS results are adjusted for differences in edge scanning as compared to the TM and SPOT, they are nearer 40 in the 575 to 625 nm band.

DESIGN OF SPECTRAL BANDS FOR THE GERMAN MOMS-2 SENSOR
H. KAUFMANN, D. MEISSNER, J. BODECHTEL (Commission of the European Communities, Ispra, Italy), F. J. BEHR, R. GEERKEN, and K. JUNG
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Spectral bands for the MOMS-02 instrument, designed as a pushbroom scanning device with on-track three channel stereo capability and four spectral bands in the visible and NIR range are discussed. For centering and defining the width of spectral bands in the 0.4 to 1 micron range, laboratory measurements, using spectrophotometer were performed. Various species of 3 yr old deciduous and coniferous trees as well as mineral standards, rocks, and soils containing Fe(2+/3+) ions were measured and analyzed. Band optimization is based on an iterative process including the spectral properties of distinct targets, atmospheric transmission (LOWTRAN 6), calibration standards and system parameters. The proposed spectral bands (435 to 510 nm; 530 to 575 nm; 655 to 685 nm; 830 to 890 nm) were calculated for 15.75 x 15.75 m ground pixel size (nominal altitude = 324 km at equator) and an internal dynamic range of 9-bit, whereby priority was given to vegetation targets. The wavelength range of the panchromatic nadir and off-nadir looking stereo modules is established at 625 nm + or - 125.

REVIEW OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGHER LEVEL ERS-1 PRODUCTS WITHIN EUROPE
NORMAN H. BABBEDGE and KEVIN R. DEEMING
Paris, France ESA Sep. 1987 84 p
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Potential users of ERS-1 ocean, ice, and land products were asked to define their needs. Low bit rate ocean products such as wind and wave data are proven products which should be available on a near operational basis. For these, users are able to be fairly specific about their requirements. For SAR products and most other land products, users are not yet in a position to specify formats for products because some are still experimental. For these products the attitude is much more one of wait and see. Nevertheless, considerable interest is expressed in their potential. Users are concerned that no details are available of the proposed costs of the data, and that no provisional mission plans are published. Recommendations are made for the production of major booklets to be distributed to the ERS-1 end user community in advance of the launch of the satellite; many potential users have either not heard of ERS-1, or have only vague ideas of its capabilities and potential.

MICROWAVE RADIANCES FROM HORIZONTALLY FINITE, VERTICALLY STRUCTURED PRECIPITATING CLOUDS Ph.D. Thesis
CHRISTIAN DETLEF KUMMEROW 1987 162 p
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A model for the transfer of microwave radiances through horizontally finite, vertically structured clouds was developed. Radiances that would be measured from satellite borne radiometers were computed as a function of rainfall rate for finite precipitating clouds that contain liquid as well as frozen hydrometeors. Ice at the top of the precipitating clouds depresses brightness temperatures by reflecting radiances emitted by liquid at the lower elevations. Reflected radiation leaking out through the faces of the cloud thus becomes an important finite cloud effect when ice concentrations are high. Recent observations at 37 GHz show a 10 to 15 K difference in the upwelling radiances of the two orthogonally polarized radiances at high rainfall rates. This may be due to the aspherical nature of the ice hydrometeors. The hydrometeors were therefore assumed to be flattened along the axis of fall. A simple regression scheme was used to test the retrievability of the rainfall rate if neither the horizontal size nor shape of the precipitating cloud is known. To simulate real observations, a synthetic data set generated by the aforementioned model with random errors comparable to radiometer noise added to it was used.

A STUDY OF THE DYNAMICS OF MARITIME FRONTS USING REMOTELY SENSED WIND AND STRESS MEASUREMENTS Ph.D. Thesis
GAD LEVY 1987 173 p
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The satellite scatterometer data open unprecedented opportunities to look at maritime storms and fronts. They are combined with observations, modeling efforts, and theory to study 5 cases. These provide the data to investigate frontal behavior in terms of its vorticity and divergence. The appropriate momentum, divergence and vorticity equations are derived and investigated.
These effects promote more efficient mixing and transport of heat, moisture, and westerly momentum in midlatitude storms. Conclusions are presented and discussed. Dissert. Abstr.

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VELOCITY BASELINE INTERFEROMETRY (VLBI) FROM GROUND AND SPACE

E. PREUSS In ESA, Space Science and Fundamental Physics p 105-116 May 1988

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Radio astronomy and very long base interferometry (VLBI) are introduced. Temporal and spatial coherence; VLBI imaging; high precision interferometry; areas of scientific impact (extragalactic radio sources, masers, continuum sources associated with stars, Earth rotation, crustal motion); and developments of VLBI are discussed.

ESA

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SENSORS RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY


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Information on sensors research and technology is given in viewgraph form. Information is given on sensing techniques for space science, passive remote sensing techniques and applications, submillimeter coherent sensing, submillimeter mixers and local oscillator sources, non-coherent sensors, active remote sensing, solid state laser development, a low vibration cooler, separation of liquid helium and vapor phase in zero gravity, and future plans.

R.J.F.


THE GVAR USERS COMPREHEND, VOLUME 1


(NOAA-NESDIS-21-VOL-1) Available: NTIS HC A10/MF A01

The GEOS Variable (GVAR) Users Compendium assumes reader familiarity with the GEOS-I spacecraft and Ground Support Systems. Readers lacking this familiarity are advised to read NOAA Technical Report NESDIS 33, An Introduction to the GOES-I Imager and Sounder Instruments and the GVAR Retransmission Format. Some sections assume an introductory knowledge of the GVAR format as well. It is the goal of this Compendium to cover a spectrum of issues of interest to the GOES direct readout user. While the editors have tried to convey a sense of cohesiveness, a totally cohesive document at the level of detail presented would take on encyclopedic proportions. The GOES-I Ground System Project library contains over 1200 documents, ranging from 2-page memos to 300-page Interface Control Documents (ICDs) and grows at the rate of a dozen documents per week. This Compendium is a collection of excerpts from a variety of documents produced during the development of the GOES-I spacecraft and ground systems. The information ranges from technical background material on the spacecraft instruments to current mission plans as GOES-I becomes operational.

Author

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REMOTE SENSING OF EARTH TERRAIN Semiannual Report, 1 Mar. - 31 Aug. 1988

J. A. KONG Aug. 1988 25 p

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08 INSTRUMENTATION AND SENSORS

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Two monographs and 85 journal and conference papers on remote sensing of earth terrain have been published, sponsored by NASA Contract NAG5-270. A multivariate K-distribution is proposed to model the statistics of fully polarimetric data from earth terrain with polarizations HH, HV, VH, and VV. In this approach, correlated polarizations of radar signals, as characterized by a covariance matrix, are treated as the sum of N n-dimensional random vectors; N obeys the negative binomial distribution with a parameter alpha and mean bar N. Subsequently, and n-dimensional K-distribution, with either zero or non-zero mean, is developed in the limit of infinite bar N or illuminated area. The probability density function (PDF) of the K-distributed vector normalized by its Euclidean norm is independent of the parameter alpha and is the same as that derived from a zero-mean Gaussian-distributed random vector. The above model is well supported by experimental data provided by MIT Lincoln Laboratory and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in the form of polarimetric measurements.

Author

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LANDSAT-4 AND LANDSAT-5 MULTISPECTRAL SCANNER COHERENT NOISE CHARACTERIZATION AND REMOVAL


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A technique is described for characterizing the coherent noise found in LANDSAT-4 and LANDSAT-5 MSS data and a companion technique for filtering out the coherent noise. The techniques are demonstrated on LANDSAT-4 and LANDSAT-5 MSS data sets, and explanations of the noise pattern are suggested in Appendix C. A cookbook technique for characterizing and filtering the coherent noise using special NASA/Goddard IDIMS functions is included. Also presented are analysis results from the retrofitted LANDSAT-5 MSS sensor, which shows that the coherent noise has been substantially reduced.

Author

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LAWS (LASER ATMOSPHERIC WIND SOUNDER) EARTH OBSERVING SYSTEM

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Wind profiles can be measured from space using current technology. These wind profiles are essential for answering many of the interdisciplinatory scientific questions to be addressed by EOS, the Earth Observing System. This report provides guidance for the development of a spaceborne wind sounder, the Laser Atmospheric Wind Sounnder (LAWS), discussing the current state of the technology and reviewing the scientific rationale for the instrument. Whether obtained globally from the EOS polar platform or in the tropics and subtropics from the Space Station, wind profiles from space will provide essential information for advancing the skill of numerical weather prediction, furthering knowledge of large-scale atmospheric circulation and climate dynamics, and improving understanding of the global biogeochemical and hydrologic cycles. The LAWS Instrument Panel recommends that it be given high priority for new instrument development because of the pressing scientific need and the availability of the necessary technology. LAWS is to measure wind profiles with an accuracy of a few meters per second and to sample at intervals of 100 km horizontally for layers km thick.

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**THE AIRBORNE VERSION CONICAL SCAN RADIOMETER (AVCSR): AN AIRBORNE RADIOMETER AS A TOOL FOR SATELLITE DATA VALIDATION**


The airborne radiation budget radiometer AVCSR for satellite radiometer data validation by development of a special validation strategy to define a best estimate standard satellite instrument, to establish the AVCSR as a stable transfer standard for satellite data validation is described. The calibration strategy of the AVCSR is presented. Expected accuracies are 2 to 5 percent in the solar radiometer data validation by development of a special validation strategy to define a best estimate standard satellite instrument, to establish the AVCSR as a stable transfer standard for satellite data validation is described. The calibration strategy of the AVCSR is presented. Expected accuracies are 2 to 5 percent in the solar

**THE AIRBORNE RADIOMETER EXPERIMENT (ABREX), A 90 GHz Hertz-radiometer breadboard realization of a planned satellite radiometer is described. It was built following the Phase A study results of a satellite-borne radiometer experiment as a testbed for future satellite radiometers with respect to components, calibration, measurement possibilities, etc., and as an instrument for pre-experiments and accompanying measurements of similar 90 GHz satellite-borne radiometers as well. The goals of the experiment, the specifications, and the realized hardware are presented, as well as measurement results.

**VERIFICATION OF THE ACCURACY OF A NETWORK OF WATER-VAPOR RADIOMETERS**

J. B. SNIDER in ESA, Proceedings of the 1988 International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS 1988) on Remote Sensing: Moving Towards the 21st Century, Volume 1 p 19-20 Aug 1986. Avail: NTIS HC A99/MF E03; ESA Publications Div., ESTEC, Noordwijk, Netherlands, 120 US dollars or 250 Dutch guilders. Calibration of a network of water vapor radiometers by means of a mobile radiometer used as a standard is described. Precipitable water vapor (PWV) calculated from radiosonde data is consistently lower than that measured by the radiometers by approximately 0.5 percent. The low bias of the network system may be caused by inaccuracies in the radiosonde hygrometer, deficiencies in microwave absorption theory, or undetected errors in the tipping curve calibration. Differences in PWV measured at 2 min intervals by the radiometric systems are less than 0.5 mm considering the network as a whole. The mobile radiometer indicates slightly lower PWV values than the network systems. A well calibrated radiometer can continuously monitor short and long-term variations in water vapor with accuracy comparable to or better than that of the radiosonde. Although questions remain in regard to absorption theory and the radiosonde moisture sensor, these uncertainties have a relatively small effect upon the radiometric vapor measurement. Therefore, deployment of vapor-liquid radiometers to complement the wind profiler network is feasible. ESA.

**POLARIZATION-DEPENDENT ATTENUATION OF DIELECTRIC CYLINDER ARRAYS**


Land use inventory by remote sensing is reviewed, and the characteristics of the transmitted signal, concerning the polarization dependency as a function of the dielectric properties and the size and orientation of cylinders, are studied. Measurements from 5 to 20 GHz on lossy dielectric cylinders show that transmitted power decreases continuously with frequency. This is due to the increasing reflected power and increasing losses. Transmission attenuation is considerably higher for vertical polarization than for horizontal polarization. Slant linear polarized signals are attenuated accordingly. The resonances, which occur at circumferences of multiples of half a wavelength for dielectric cylinders, are not significant.

**TOWARDS DIRECT VARIATIONAL ASSIMILATION OF SCATTEROMETER BACKSCATTER MEASUREMENTS INTO NUMERICAL WEATHER PREDICTION MODELS**


As a step towards variational assimilation of scatterometer backscatter measurements into numerical weather forecasting models, a variational surface wind analysis scheme was developed, whereby a field of unique surface wind vectors is directly retrieved from sigma naught triplets, through the minimization of a cost function involving observation error penalty and smoothness constraint terms. Realistic ERSl simulations lead to promising wind retrieval performances as regards accuracy, implicit ambiguity removal, preservation of actual wind structures of dynamical significance, and cost efficiency. No sensitivity is found to the initial wind field, and smoothness constraints are shown to reduce the rms error induced by instrumental noise on wind divergence and key ocean forcing parameters.
A means of estimating wind speed and direction at high latitudes from polar orbiting satellite data is described. The method is similar to that used to obtain cloud track winds from geostationary satellite imagery and takes advantage of the large overlap between successive AVHRR images at latitudes poleward of 70 deg. Sources of error inherent in the techniques are described along with the quality control criteria applied to eliminate inaccurate estimates.

**08 INSTRUMENTATION AND SENSORS**

**N89-13071#** GEC-Marconi Electronics Ltd., Chelmsford (England).

**AN ANALYSIS OF DIRECTIONAL AMBIGUITIES IN WIND SCATTEROMETER MEASUREMENTS**


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The dependence of the accuracy with which wind scatterometers are able to measure wind fields on solving the problem of directional ambiguities, is discussed. The results of a simulation to analyze the performance of systems of a similar configuration to the ERS-1 wind scatterometer are assessed. The results show that an initial skill of between 70 percent to 80 percent is expected. Most errors are caused by ambiguities, although any ambiguous solution which is chosen as rank 1 is bound to be highly inaccurate, this does mean that substantially correct wind measurements are achievable, provided that the problem of ambiguities can be overcome. Ambiguity removal techniques are reviewed. Promising results are obtained using smoothing algorithms. Ways in which algorithm performance might be further improved are identified.

**N89-13072#** Marconi Space Systems Ltd., Portsmouth (England).

**MULTISTATIC SCATTEROMETERS**


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The concept of a scatterometer based on multistatic principles is described. The performance of a system using GPSS transmitters and a radiometer style receiver is shown to be inadequate. It is shown that transmitters of much higher power and a longer code modulation than GPSS are required to realise a system with useful performance.

**N89-13081#** Deutsche Forschungs- und Versuchsanstalt fuer Luft- und Raumfahrt, Oberpfaffenhofen (West Germany). Inst. for Optoelectronics.

**THE MESS experiment: A test case for future cartographic missions**


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The Indian/West German monocular electro optical stereo CCD line scanner planned to be launched in 1988 as a joint satellite experiment is presented. The camera system, the mission aspects, and the planned evaluation methods are summarized.

**N89-13092#** Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA.

**MULTISPECTRAL SATELLITE ANALYSIS OF MARINE STRATOCUMULUS CLOUD MICROPHYSICS**

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Variations in marine stratocumulus cloud microphysics during FIRE IFO 1987 are observed and analyzed through the use of NOAA-9/10 AVHRR satellite data and aircraft in-cloud measurements. The relationships between channel 3 reflectance and cloud microphysical properties are examined through model reflectances based on Mie theory and the delta-Eddington approximation, and reveal a channel 3 reflectance dependence on cloud droplet size distribution. Satellite observations show significant regions of continental influence over the ocean through higher channel 3 reflectances resulting from the injection of continental aerosols and the associated modification of cloud droplet characteristics. Channel 3 reflectance gradients across individual cloud elements correspond to radially varying cloud droplet size distributions within the elements. Various mesoscale and microscale features such as ship stack effluent tracks and pollution sources are observed in the data. Correlations between reflectance values and aircraft measurements illustrate the potential of estimating cloud droplet size distribution and marine atmospheric boundary layer aerosol composition and concentration through use of satellite data. Such an estimation technique may prove useful in determining climatic implications of cloud reflectance changes due to the influence of natural and man-made aerosol sources, and provide a means to assess the performance of boundary layer electro-optic systems.

N89-13094# National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Washington, DC. National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service.

PRECIPITATION DETECTION WITH SATELLITE MICROWAVE DATA

When all four channels of the NOAA polar-orbiting satellite Microwave Sounding Unit (MSU) instrument were screened against a measure of rain rate, MSU Ch 2 (53.74 GHz) was found to be the most useful channel for detecting precipitation over land. The MFA2 values were found to be correlated with an Effective Rain Rate (ERR). In the winter cases, convection was relatively weak and rain rates were small. Results indicate that the MFA2 is marginally useful in detecting rain rates. Its operational use in the TIROS Operational Vertical Sounding (TOVS) algorithm, however, does serve well to prevent cold biased temperature retrievals from being calculated in areas where precipitation contamination is strong.

N89-14189# National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX.

REMOTE SENSING IN POLARIZED LIGHT

Preliminary analysis of polarized images of earth collected by hand-held cameras on Shuttle Missions 51A, 51G, 51L, and 61A indicate that information of the earth’s surface and atmosphere exists in those data. To ensure that follow-on research in polarization is focused upon and that the experiments are properly designed to address specific questions, 26 scientists with past experience and interest in polarization observations met at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center on November 3 to 5, 1987. This conference report summarizes the discussions and provides the recommendations of the group for follow-on research.

Author


The visible and infrared meteorological satellite data are a primary source of global cloud observations. Such data are calibrated in order to provide its users with a method for converting from raw measurements, called counts, to physically sensible measurements such as albedo or brightness temperature. This report describes the procedure for converting National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer (NOAA AVHRR) raw counts to albedos and brightness temperatures. This procedure involves the use of calibration coefficients that help define the relationship between the raw counts and the physical measurements they represent. Such relationships are referred to as look-up-tables. In theory, calibration coefficients (and therefore look-up tables) do not change noticeably from one scanline of satellite data to the next. This makes feasible the generation of a constant look-up table that can be used over long periods of time for all data. In practice, calibration coefficients can and often do change from one scan to the next. These changes imply accuracy errors in measured brightness temperatures that are significant for some satellite data analysis algorithms; others are less severely affected. This report addresses the potential errors that can be expected when using constant look-up tables, i.e., by assuming that sensor calibration does not change from one scanline to the next.

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N89-14490# Technische Hogeschool, Delft (Netherlands). Faculty of Geodesy.

AUTOMATIC PROCEDURE TO FIND CORRESPONDING POINTS IN CCD AIRBORNE EXPERIMENTAL SCANNER FOR APPLICATIONS IN REMOTE SENSING (CAESAR) IMAGES Thesis [EEN AUTOMATISCHE PROCEDURE TER VERKRIJGING VAN CORRESPONDENDER PUNTEN IN CAESAR-BEELDEN]

An automatic procedure for finding corresponding points in images of the multispectral scanner CAESAR is described. First, the CAESAR images are geometrically corrected using inertial systems data and a geometrical analysis. These images are then used in an automatic procedure to calculate the geometrical tranformation model between the images in order to use the spectral information as well as possible. Correlation techniques are used. Using two images, in the first one interesting points are found applying the Moravec operator. The corresponding points in the second image are determined using a two-dimensional cross correlation. From the two point lists the geometrical transformation model can be calculated, after which a resampling takes place to match the images.
temperature data which have been appropriately binned into cells of various grid sizes, allowing intercomparisons of observations made at different frequencies (with corresponding different footprint sizes). This user’s guide describes the operation of the instrument, the flow of the data processing the calibration procedure, and the characteristics of the calibrated brightness temperatures and how they are binned. Detailed tape specifications and lists of available data are also provided. Author

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Includes economic analysis.

A89-12121#
PRINCIPLES RELATING TO REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH FROM SPACE - TERRITORIAL SPHERE OF APPLICATION
This paper examines the problems concerning the territorial sphere of application of the UN Principles Relating to Remote Sensing of the Earth from Space (1986). The provisions of the Principles and the relevant preparatory documents are analyzed in order to determine the territorial scope of application of obligations concerning the nondiscriminatory access of sensed states to data and information obtained by remote sensing. It is concluded that the territorial sphere of application of these obligations is not clearly defined by the Principles. Author

A89-12125#
UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITY ON REMOTE SENSING - LEGAL AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS
International regulation of terrestrial remote sensing from space is discussed, with a focus on UN activities. The Principles on Remote Sensing drafted by COPUOS and approved by the General Assembly in 1986 are summarized in detail. In essence, the Principles permit remote sensing and dissemination of remote-sensing data without prior consent of the states whose territory is being observed, while encouraging the satellite operators to cooperate with and provide data to those states, and requiring the states with jurisdiction over the operators to take some responsibility for the remote-sensing activities of their nationals. Although the Principles have been adopted, it appears unlikely that they will soon be formalized as a treaty to be signed by UN member nations. T.K.

A89-12126#
INTERNATIONAL SPACE LAW NORMS REGULATING REMOTE SENSING OF THE EARTH FROM OUTER SPACE
The applicability of international customary law and treaties to commercial satellite remote sensing of earth resources is examined. The history of space remote sensing is briefly traced, and the applicable UN legislation is characterized in detail. It is argued that currently valid international law, while permitting remote-sensing activities without the consent of the states whose territory is being observed, demands that the states with jurisdiction
over the remote-sensing operators encourage them to make the remote-sensing information available to the observed states.

T.K.

A89-17680# Jet Propulsion Lab., California Inst. of Tech., Pasadena.

STANDARDS FOR EARTH OBSERVATIONS FROM SPACE

The development of earth observation standards and the need for cooperation between national and international earth resource satellite systems are given. The activities of the AIAA Earth Observation Committee on Standards are reviewed. It is suggested that earth observation organizations must combine their resources and efforts and that computer programs of earth observation organizations, their work and products, and agreements between various organizations, should be developed. Charts of organizations addressing the problems in earth observations by satellites are presented, including descriptions of their activities.

R.B.

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UN PRINCIPLES ON REMOTE SENSING - AN AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Consideration is given to the political and economic impact of the principles regarding the remote sensing of earth from space adopted as a resolution by the UN General Assembly in 1986. The fact that these principles were not formalized as a binding international treaty is stressed, and it is suggested that, although commercial relations between the providers of remote-sensing services and developing countries have improved, serious political problems are posed by the commercial availability of surveillance-quality remote-sensing images of military installations and other restricted areas. The need for a legal framework to reduce such international tensions is indicated.

T.K.

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BUSINESS STRATEGIES AND LAND REMOTE SENSING CAPABILITIES

It is suggested that land remote sensing in the U.S. is at a critical juncture while the government gives serious study to the direction it will take beyond the privatization of the current Landsats and its investment in Landsat 6. The issues revolve around questions of the relative roles of government and private industry and the attractiveness of future business opportunities. An attempt is made to clarify several aspects of the issues, especially from the marketing point of view of an entrepreneur. The current status of the U.S. remote-sensing industry is summarized; several scenarios for the future are suggested; some of the more critical capability and technology needs to support these scenarios are indicated; and the marketing challenges confronting the industry are set forth.

T.K.

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EUROPEAN REMOTE SENSING NEEDS IN THE 1990S; PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM OF EARSEL, NOORDWIJKERHOUT, NETHERLANDS, MAY 4-6, 1987

Topics related to remote sensing are presented, including radiometric measurements and crop yield forecasting, the lowest order correction for solar zenith angle to the global vegetation index, regional land cover and agricultural area statistics and mapping, and the analysis of large format camera photographs for topographic and thematic mapping. In addition, the evaluation of space photographs, advances in computerized information retrieval, geometric correction of imagery using ground control points and orthogonal polynomials, regional hydrological systems analysis, and marine science applications of remote sensing are discussed. Other aspects include the use of TM data for forest classification, mineral exploration, and topographic mapping, processing SPOT data, the use of Landsat and Seasat data in kinematic analysis, the determination of ocean surface parameters from satellite data, aerial photography for biomass assessment, and the prospects for future developments in operational weather forecasting and wave studies.

R.B.

N89-10392# Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales, Paris (France).

THE FRENCH SPACE PROGRAM FOR EARTH OBSERVATION
(LE PROGRAMME SPATIAL FRANCAIS POUR L'OBSERVATION DE LA TERRE)

Earth observations from space (land, ocean, climate) are reviewed. The SPOT and TOPEX/POSEIDON programs are introduced. Instrumentation and systems of future space based programs, and an airplane for atmospheric research and remote sensing are mentioned.

ESA

N89-10393# National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC.

NASA'S FUTURE LAND REMOTE SENSING PROGRAM

The NASA remote sensing plans for the Land Processes Program are reviewed in the context of the science driven programs in ecology, hydrology, and geology. The instrumental capabilities in place on airborne platforms, and those available on the Earth Observing System in the mid 1990s, are considered. Coordinated field experiments which are evolutionary from the First ISLSCP Field Experiment are discussed.

ESA

N89-10905# Technische Univ., Berlin (Germany, F.R.). Dept. of Satellite Design and Technology.

TUBSAT-1, SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

TUBSAT-1 (Technical University of Berlin Satellite) is an experimental low-cost satellite within the NASA Get Away Special (GAS) program. This project is being financed by the German BMFT (Federal Ministry for Research and Technology), mainly for student education. The dimensions and weight are determined by GAS's requirements and the satellite will be ejected from the space shuttle into an approximately 300-km circular orbit. It is a sun/star oriented satellite with an additional spin stabilization mode. The first planned payload is to be used for observing flight paths of migratory birds from northern Europe to southern Africa and back.

Author
The Institute for Space Research (Instituto de Pesquisas Espaciais - INPE) began its research program in remote sensing in 1972, with the launching of the American LANDSAT satellites. Research was developed mainly in the field of natural resources, through the studies of geology, environmental analysis, agriculture and vegetation. In October 1985 the Technical Orientation in Remote Sensing (Coordenadoria de Orientacao Tecnica em Sensoriamento Remoto COT) was created; its main objective is to coordinate the transference of remote sensing technologies and methodologies developed by INPE, to external users. Under the responsibility of COT, there exists a Training Group (Coordenadoria Adjunta de Treinamento), responsible for the realization of national and international training courses for the job training in remote sensing and for the II International Training Course in Remote Sensing. The INPE's Remote Sensing Area has a group of researchers in academic titles of Master of Science in remote sensing and Doctorate in different fields of natural resources, in charge of giving training courses as well as developing researches. This paper explains the remote sensing activities in training courses, realized through the Training Group of COT in the years 1985, 1986 and 1987 and its training policy for the next years.

Author

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Technology transfer, especially with respect to emerging areas such as satellite remote sensing, and operationalization in multidisciplinary user agencies is discussed. There is a certain amount of urgency being felt in this regard as the conventional method of university education has limited scope in training of large numbers of inservice engineers and scientists who are already working in different capacities. A new approach is mandatory in training of very large number of engineers and scientists towards operationalization of uses of satellite remote sensing to identify, quantify, and manage natural resources on the global scale.

Author

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Research conducted under this grant was used to extend and expand existing remote sensing activities at the University of California, Santa Barbara in the areas of georeferenced information systems, matching assisted information extraction from image data and large spatial data bases, artificial intelligence, and vegetation analysis and modeling. The research thrusts during the past year are summarized. The projects are discussed in some detail.

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