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N49RF Systems Test and Evaluation Flight

As early as 9 June, when the G-IV systems are certified ready to fly by SED, we will conduct a test and evaluation flight. This flight should take about three hours to complete, with a desired additional hour of fuel available in case unexpected troubleshooting is needed in-flight. The three primary goals of the mission are, (1) to test the dropsonde capability of N49RF, including test drops, data acquisition, processing from AVAPS to HAPS to Sat Comm, and the transmission and distribution of the temp drop messages throughout the ground receiving stations, (2) MADS checkout of flight level parameters, including comparison of on-board wind calculations using reciprocal legs, and (3) basic sounding comparison between the on-board instruments and the 12Z Ruskin radiosonde. Listed below is the sequence of events we desire on this test flight in order to certify the aircraft for Hurricane Surveillance (times are EDT).

0600 - Arrive at work, tow out N49RF, power on and begin preflight.

0800 (or whenever the aircraft systems are ready) - Take off.

0805 - Go into holding pattern as low as practical in the vicinity of Ruskin, FL (27 42'20"N, 82 24'06"W). Balance the dewpointers. This should take about ten minutes.

0815 - Perform an ascent sounding in a box pattern, centered on Ruskin, low as practical to 43,000 feet. Ascent rate ~2000 ft/minute. Level in the turns if possible. The radiosonde will have been launched at 0700, so there is no possibility of encountering the balloon.

1 of 2

0900 - Proceed to vicinity of NOAA Buoy 41010 (28 53'23"N, 78 32'23"W), ~120 miles east of Cape Canaveral.

0930 - Drop two dropsondes close together in the vicinity of Buoy 41010. Actual drop point to come from the Flight Director.

0945 - After verifying good drops and data communications, descend to 39,000 feet for wind legs. Op area near Buoy 41010 or nearby is fine. Level off at 39,000 feet to obtain a good wind direction from MADS.

0955 - Fly high speed (~250 knots IAS) reciprocal direction wind legs. Legs will be flown into/away from the MADS wind direction. Legs are two minutes each direction. Fly 90/270 turn at end point to fly between the two points of the previous leg. Flight Director determines wind on which tracks are based.

1005 - Fly crosswind reciprocal legs (~250 knots IAS). Flight Director calls / the tracks.

1015 - Slow to standard Surveillance cruise speed. Conduct brief yaw maneuver, gradual left/right rudder while maintaining wings level. Repeat about 5 cycles.

1020 - Slow to slowest comfortable speed at 39,000 feet (~190 knots IAS). Fly low speed reciprocal direction wind legs.

1030 - Systems testing completed. Return to MCF.

1100 - Land MCF

Times are approximate.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Alan Goldstein Chief, Data and Development Branch

FROM:

Stan Czyzyk Flight Meteorologist

SUBJECT:

G-IV Instrumentation Evaluation Calibration Flight, 06/09/00

Data evaluation is based on information obtained from various radiosondes around the operating area including Ruskin, Cape Canaveral, Jacksonville, and Charleston, S.C. Weather conditions were fairly stable throughout the region and there were no significant areas of precipitation.

The Ruskin radiosonde was launched at 11Z and reached 43,000 feet at approximately 1148Z. The G-IV began its ascent at 1259Z and reached 43,000 at 1347Z. This two-hour lag in ascent between the radiosonde and the G-IV should have minimal impacts on the comparison. The only significant changes should occur in the lowest 5000 feet or up to 850 mb. There were no climbs made during any of the turns. All of the data was collected within 30 nm of the Ruskin launch site.

The instrumentation on the G-IV (or P3) is not intended or calibrated for use during significant aircraft maneuvers (i.e., climbs, descents, turns). Therefore, degradation of the data during the ascent sounding is expected. However, results from this particular mission can be used as an estimate of error if the request for such data is made.

The Cape Canaveral radiosonde was launched at 14Z and should have reached 39,000 feet by 1445Z. The G-IV began its first leg at 1419Z and completed its last leg at 1504Z. The legs were conducted within 100 nm northeast of Cape Canaveral. The proximity in time and space to the Cape Canaveral radiosonde provide an excellent data set for comparison with the G-IV data.

The first set of legs was performed into and out of the wind (north and south) with an indicated airspeed of 250 kts and was flown over the same airspace (within 1 nm). The second set of legs was performed perpendicular to the wind (east and west), again, with an indicated airspeed of 250 knots and was flown over the same airspace (within 5 nm). The third set of legs was performed into and out of the wind (north and south) with an indicated airspeed of 200 kts and was flown over the same airspace (within 10 nm).

All sensors performed extremely well throughout the three sets of legs. The only notable problems occurred in the wind direction and wind speed. The estimated errors in wind direction during the mission (wind speeds of 12-14 m/s) were typically 15-35 degrees with wind speed errors of 2-4 m/s (occasionally higher). The winds were fairly steady across the region from the north-northeast. A possible source of error may be in the slope and intercept values of the attack and sideslip angles. These values have not been adjusted since January 1997.

There were several sensors that were not functioning properly during the flight. The following is a summation:

AP2 and DAP2 - They were not connected properly and the problem was corrected following the flight.

AT4 - Had the poorest performance. This sensor was not calibrated this year due to AOC's financial situation.

ADCSAT - Warmer throughout the flight, 2-5°C too warm during the leg maneuvers.

INE1 ground speeds (VEW, VNS, VSPD) had extremely small oscillations.

None of the above instrumentation was used in deriving additional parameters.

The sensors that were chosen to calculate the derived parameters are as follows:

AT1	DPLC	PS1M	QC1M
TAS1	AP1	DAP1	BP2
DBP2	(THDG_RITR	VEW_PITR	VNS_PITR
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The attached documentation offers a detailed summary of various meteorological and aircraft instrumentation during the G-IV mission on June 9, 2000. Numerous plots are available upon request.

Attachment

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J. McFadden - Program Manager

J. Parrish - G-IV Project Manager

B. Maxson - Chief, OPS

J. Hill - G-IV, Systems Engineer

R. McNamara - Calibrations

The following plots are aircraft probes vs. the radiosonde probes. The data points were chosen by comparing the static pressure on the radiosonde with the static pressure (PS1M) on the aircraft. All values of static pressure that were within 0.11 mb of each other were then plotted.

Temperature:



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ADCSAT - Radiosonde



AT1 and AT2 average 0.5°C difference from the radiosonde and AT3 and AT4 averaged 1.0°C difference. AT4 averaged over 2°C different from the radiosonde (similar to the wind legs). One can notice a slope in height in the plots on all temperature probes, except AT2.

Dewpoint:



As you can tell by both plots, the average difference between the aircraft dewpoint and the radiosonde dewpoint is around 5°C. This is due to the longer duration for the aircraft sensors to "cool" down. Once the aircraft leveled out at its cruising altitude, it took approximately 15 minutes for the sensors to cool to the correct temperature.

Winds:



The mean difference in the aircraft scientific wind direction and the radiosonde is 15 degrees with a maximum error of over 40 degrees. The mean difference in the wind speed is 2 m/s with a maximum error of 14 knots.

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Ambient Temperature

Leg 1 - 250 kts IAS

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AT1 -	-60.5 / 0.1	-60.4 / 0.1
AT2 -	-60.2 / 0.1	-60.2 / 0.1
AT3 -	(59.6) / 0.1	-59.5 X 0.1
AT4 -	-60.9 / 0.1	-60.8 / 0.1
ADCSAT -	-57.7 / 0.1	-57.7 / 0.1

Leg 2 - 250 kts IAS

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AT4 -	-61.5 / 0.1			-61.3 / 0.1
ADCSAT -	-55.7 / 0.1			-55.6 / 0.1

The ambient temperature $(-59.6^{\circ}C)$ indicated for the Cape Kennedy radiosonde was interpolated from an ambient temperature of $-58.5^{\circ}C$ at 200.0 mb and -61.1°C at 189.0 mb. Ambient temperatures AT1, AT2 and AT3 fall within 1.0°C of the Cape Kennedy reading (-59.6°C) for legs 1 and 2.

The findings from these legs are the following:

- The ambient temperature from the aircraft (pilot's) flight data system 1) is 2-4°C warmer than the scientific sensors. Due to AT4's lack of calibration, it had the poorest performance of the
- 2) four scientific sensors and was consistently cooler.
- 3) The temperatures of all sensors were quite stable between legs 1 and 2. AT1 and AT4 were cooler when the airspeed was decreased (Leg 3). 4)
- (Negative effect)
- 5) AT2, AT3 and ADCSAT were warmer when the airspeed was decreased (Leg 3). (Negative effect)
- 6) Flying into or out of the wind did not effect any of the sensors.
- 7) The temperature sensors appear to have an error that is location and airspeed dependent.

Cape Kennedy Radiosonde 15Z Ambient Temp. (Interp.) -59.6°C

Ruskin Radiosonde 122 Ambient Temp. -59.2°C

Dewpoint Temperature

Leg 1 - 250 kts IAS

Northbound Into the Wind (Mean / S.D.)

Southbound Out of the Wind (Mean/S.D.)

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Leg 2 - 250 kts IAS

	Westbound Perpendicular to the Wind (Mean / S.D.)	Eastbound Perpendicular of the Wind (Mean / S.D.)				
DPLC	69.2 / 0.0	-69.3 / 0.0				
DPRC	72.0 / 0.0	-71.9 / 0.0				

Leg 3 - 200 kts IAS

2	Northbound Into the Wind	Southbound		
DPLC - DPRC -	(Mean / S.D.) -70.5 / 0.2 -73.0 / 0.2	(Mean / S.D.) -71.4 / 0.0 -74.5 / 0.0		

Interpolating dewpoint temperatures around Florida, the best estimate of dewpoint temperature is ~71.0°C. The dewpoint temperatures (DPLC and DPRC) were within 1-2 C of the radiosonde data throughout legs 1 and 2 and were very stable. The dewpoint temperatures (DPLC and DPRC) performed similarly to the ambient temperatures with respect to airspeed.

The findings from these legs are the following: 1)

The air upstream of the operating area was drier, therefore it is my estimate that DPRC was the "better" sensor.

- 2)
- The dewpoint temperatures were quite stable between legs 1 and 2. Flying into or out of the wind did not effect either sensor. 3)

4)

The dewpoint temperatures were 1-3 C cooler when the airspeed was decreased (Leg 3). (Negative effect) 5)

The dewpoint sensors appear to have an error that is airspeed dependent.

Cape Kennedy Radiosonde 15Z Dewpoint Temp. n/a

Ruskin Radiosonde 12Z Dewpoint Temp. (Interp.) -71.0°C Jacksonville Radiosonde 12Z Dewpoint Temp. (Interp.) -69.8°C Jacksonville Radiosonde 00Z

Dewpoint Temp. (Interp.) -71.8°C Winds

Leg 1 - 250 kts IAS

	Northbound Into the Wind (Mean / S.D.)	Southbound Out of the Wind (Mean/S.D.)		
WD	19.9 / 6.8	42.0 / 9.2		
WS	13.0 / 0.7	8.3 / 0.5		
UI	-4.3 / 1.3	-5.4 / 0.8		
VI	-12.2 / 1.2	-6.1 / 1.2		

Leg 2 - 250 kts IAS

Westbound Perpendicular to the Wind		Eastbound Perpendicular of the Wind		
C.	(Mean / S.D.)	(Mean / S.D.)		
WD -	0.6 / 2.2	27.3 / 3.6		
WS -	12.9 / 0.3	15.1 / 0.6		
UI -	-0.1 / 0.5	-6.9 / 1.0		
vi -	-12.9 / 0.3	-13.4 / 0.4		

Leg 3 - 200 kts IAS

Northbound		2	Southbound						
ten ge en	- ²	Into the	e Wind				Dut of	the Wind	
		(Mean /	S.D.)				(Mean	/ S.D.)	
WD -	elles e	31.2 /	1.2			1 B	76.0	/ 3.3	
WS -	9 ·	9.9 /	0.5				5.2	/ 0.3	
UI -	1.1	5.1 /	0.2				5.1	/ 0.3	
VI -	a	-8,5 /	0.5		е.,	in a	-1.3	/ 0.3	1

Interpolating winds from various radiosondes at various times during the day, the estimate of wind direction is between 010-040 degrees and the estimate of wind speed is 12-14 m/s in our operating area. The Cape Kennedy radiosonde which was released during our mission (14Z) indicated a wind direction of 020 with a wind speed of 12.3 m/s.

The findings from these legs are the following:

1) Leg 1 into the wind, the WD varied from 008 to 031 with a mean of 020. This mean value was identical to the Cape Kennedy sounding (020).

- 2) Leg 1 into the wind, the WS varied from 12.0 to 14.3 m/s with mean of 13.0. This mean value was very close to the Cape Kennedy sounding (12.3 m/s).
- 3) When the aircraft turned into the wind during Leg 1, the WD veered by more than 20 degrees (mean) and the WS decreased by nearly 5 m/s.
- The estimated error in WD ranged from 0-30 degrees during Leg 1. 4)
- The estimated error in WS ranged from 0-5 m/s during Leg 1 (up to 40%). 5)
- The majority of the error in Leg 1 occurred in the VI component. 6) Leg 2, perpendicular to the wind, the WD and WS did not vary as 7)
- significantly as during Leg 1. 8)
- The estimated error in WD ranged from 0-20 degrees during Leg 2. The estimated error in WS ranged from 0-4 m/s during Leg 2 (up to 30%). 9)
- The majority of the error in Leg 2 occurred in the UI component. The estimated error in WD ranged from 5-60 degrees during Leg 3. 10)
- 11)
- The estimated error in WS ranged from 1-7 m/s during Leg 3 (up to 55%). 12)
- 13) The majority of the error in Leg 3 occurred in the VI component.
- Pitch, roll, true airspeed, heading, dynamic pressure, and static 14) pressure were very steady throughout all of the legs.

020	
12.3 m/s	
-5.0	4.21
-11.3	-11.2
	020 12.3 m/s -5.0 -11.3

Other Sensors Performance: Pitch (Mean / S.D.) (Mean / S.D.) 2.7 / 0.0 2.7 / 0.1 4.6 / 0.1 Leg 1: 2.7 / 0.0 Leg 2: 2.6 / 0.1 Leg 3: 4.5 / 0.1Ro11 (Mean / S.D.) -0.1 / 0.3 -0.1 / 0.3 (Mean / S.D.) Leg 1: -0.1 / 0.3 0.0 / 0.2 Leg 2: Leg 3: 0.0 / 0.2 0.0 / 0.2 True AirSpeed (Mean / S.D.) (Mean / S.D.) 237.9 / 0.5 238.6 / 0.6 Leg 1: 237.9 / 0.6 238.1 / 0.4 Leg 2: Leg 3: 196.1 / 1.2 197.4 / 0.5 Attack (Mean / S.D.) (Mean / S.D.) Leg 1: 2.9 / 0.0 2.9 / 0.0 Leg 2: 2.9 / 0.0 2.9 / 0.0 Leg 3: 4.5 / 0.1 4.4 / 0.0 Sideslip (Mean / S.D.) (Mean / S.D.) Leg 1: 1.3 / 0.0 1.2 / 0.0 Leg 2: 1.2 / 0.0 1.3 / 0.0 Leg 3: 1.3 / 0.0 1.3 / 0.0 Static Pressure (Mean / S.D.) (Mean / S.D.) 193.9 / 0.0 193.9 / 0.0 Leg 1: 193.9 / 0.0 Leg 2: 193.9 / 0.0 Leg 3: 194.5 / 0.0 194.0 / 0.0 Dynamic Pressure (Mean / S.D.) (Mean / S.D.) Leg 1: Leg 2: 105.7 / 0.5 105.7 / 0.5 106.3 / 0.6 69.5 / 0.4 106.0 / 0.4 Leg 3: 68.6 / 1.0

Yaw Maneuver

Temperatures:

AT1 -	had minimal effects from the yaw ($0.1^{\circ}C$), more significant effects from changes in airspeed ($0.5^{\circ}C$).
AT2 -	had more significant effects from the yaw $(0.5^{\circ}C)$, and similar effects from changes in airspeed $(0.4^{\circ}C)$.
AT3 -	had more significant effects from the yaw $(0.7^{\circ}C)$, and similar effects from changes in airspeed $(0.5^{\circ}C)$.
AT4 -	had minimal effects from the yaw $(0.2^{\circ}C)$, more significant effects from changes in airspeed $(0.4^{\circ}C)$.
ADCSAT -	had significant effects from the yaw (1.1°C), and smaller effects from changes in airspeed (0.3°C).

Dewpoint:

The yaw maneuver had negligible impact on either dewpoint temperature.

Winds:

The yaw maneuver did not significantly impact the winds until the sideslip exceeded 4.5 degrees.

When the sideslip exceeded 4.5 degrees, UI was significantly impacted (2 m/s difference when sideslip changed from 4.5-5.5 degrees). In turns, the wind was changed by approximately 10 degrees and 1 m/s.