

Payload 3 Daily Flight Report



Date: 2025-04-17

Flight Campaign ID: P3C1

Airport, FBO ID, City: Boulder Municipal Airport (KBDU) - Boulder, CO

Aircraft: N821AR

Domain: 00 (Training & Calibration)

Sites Flown: H10C (NEON Headquarters Lidar Test - Riegl), W10C (Wiggle Timing Test - Riegl)

Days left in Domain: 13

Report Author: John

Lidar Operators: John **Flight Hours**: 00:50

Spectrometer Operators: Cameron **Hours until maintenance**: 117.90 **Pilots**: Jeff, Justin **GPS Instruments**: AOP_KBDU

Ground Crew: Elissa, Mitch

Summary

Completed the HQ lidar validation flight followed by the Wiggle Timing Test.

Concerns

On pre-flight the NIS was stable at +4C degress above normal Focal Plane temperture; after resetting the config file, it recovered to 136K.

Comments

Plane placed inside hangar in anticipation of poor weather.

Daily Coverage

Estimated Cloud Cover Key

Green: Yellow: Red: 0-10% 11-50% >50%

Solar Angle Less Than 40 degrees: (*)

D00|H10C

Line #	1	2	3	4
Lidar	√	\	\	\
Spectrometer	✓	✓	✓	✓
Camera	✓	√	✓	✓
Cloud Cover				

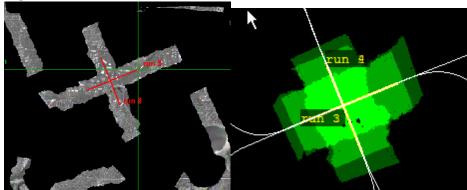
Total number of lines flown: 4

D00|W10C

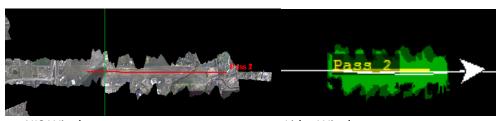
Line #	1	2
Lidar	\	\
Spectrometer	✓	✓
Camera	✓	✓
Cloud Cover		

Total number of lines flown: 2

Flight Screenshots



NIS HQ Lidar HQ



NIS Wiggle Lidar Wiggle

Cumulative Domain Coverage

D00 | B10E (Riegl Boresight Calibration - 1600m, 1000m, 500m)

Flown: 100% (20/20) Green: 0% (0/20) Yellow: 85% (17/20) Red: 15% (3/20)

* Flown within 35deg solar angle

D00 | H10C (NEON Headquarters Lidar Test - Riegl)

1 2 3 4 Flown: 100% (4/4)

Flown: 100% (4/4) Green: 0% (0/4) Yellow: 100% (4/4) Red: 0% (0/4)

* Flown within 35deg solar angle

D00 | N10D (Nominal Runway at KBDU - Riegl)

1								10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28											

Flown: 86% (24/28) Green: 7% (2/28) Yellow: 68% (19/28) Red: 11% (3/28)

D00 | O10B (NIS Offset - Riegl)

1 2

Flown: 0% (0/2) Green: 0% (0/2) Yellow: 0% (0/2) Red: 0% (0/2)

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D00 | R10C (Table Mountain Radiometric Calibration - Riegl)

1 2 3 4 Flown: 0% (0/5) Green: 0% (0/5) Yellow: 0% (0/5)

Yellow: 0% (0/5) Red: 0% (0/5)

D00 R10D (Boulder Airport Radiometric Calibration)

1 2 3 4 5

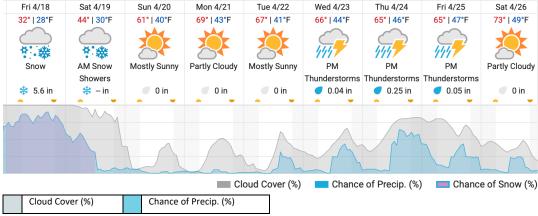
Flown: 100% (5/5) Green: 40% (2/5) Yellow: 60% (3/5) Red: 0% (0/5)

D00 | W10C (Wiggle Timing Test - Riegl)

1 2

Flown: 100% (2/2) Green: 0% (0/2) Yellow: 100% (2/2) Red: 0% (0/2)

Weather Forecast



source: wunderground.com

^{*} Flown within 35deg solar angle

Flight Collection Plan for April 2025

Flyority 1

Collection Area: Table Mountain Radiometric Calibration Flight Plan Name: D10_R10C_Rad_Cal_TBMT_v1_Q780

 45° On-station Time: 1640 UTC / 1040 L

Additional Considerations: Ground should be dry.

Flyority 2

Collection Area: NIS Offset Flight

Flight Plan Name: D10_O10B_NIS_Offset_v2_Q780

35° On-station Time: 1540 UTC / 0940 L

Crew: Cam (Lidar), Mitch (NIS), John (Ground)