Deployments

1. 2007 April-June, Severe Storm Tornado Season Oklahoma (NPS/CIRPAS, ProSensing, University of Oklahoma)
2. 2007 June-July Department of Energy Arm Project Experiment CLASIC Northern Oklahoma (NPS/CIRPAS and ProSensing)
3. 2008 April-June, Severe Storm Tornado Season Oklahoma (NPS/CIRPAS, ProSensing, University of Oklahoma)
4. 2009 March, U.S. Army & Missile Defense Command "Integrated Measurements Program (IMP) PAC-3 Flight Test FT 7-2" White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) NM. (NPS/CIRPAS, ProSensing).
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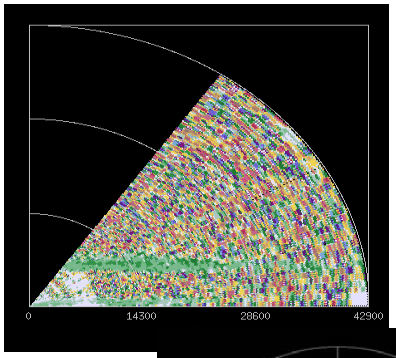
MWR-05XP Mobile Weather Radar

Project Objective

The NPS/CIRPAS Weather Radar Project objective is to develop the technology for adding a parallel weather processor capability to tactical military radars and to develop an advanced scientific instrument for investigation of atmospheric phenomena and other various types of research.



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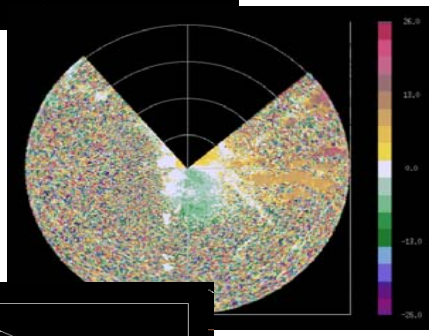

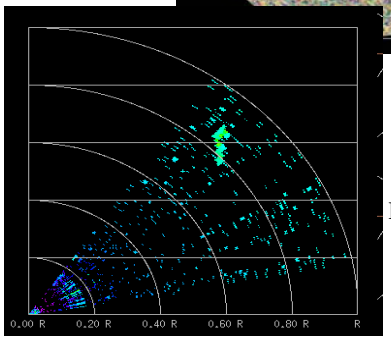

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Intercept Experiment

The Naval Postgraduate School and the Navy's Center for Interdisciplinary Remotely Piloted Aircraft Studies (CIRPAS) in collaboration with ProSensing Inc. has modified an X-Band tactical radar system to add a weather observation mode. The new system was named MWR-05XP (**M**obile **W**eather **R**adar, 20**05** **X**-Band, **P**hased Array) and is the first mobile, electronically scanned phased array radar developed for weather sensing applications. Key system parameters of the MWR-05XP rapid scanning radar system are summarized. As part of the modification, ProSensing developed a state-of-the-art PC based weather processor (WRP), which provides radar control, data acquisition, signal processing, real-time data display. Processing algorithms provide estimates of reflectivity, average radial velocity and velocity spread for distributed targets.

Characteristics of the MWR-05XP

Mechanical scan rate	*Up to 30 rpm*
	and sector scanning
Transmitted frequency	*9.37 Ghz*
Maximum power	*~ 16 kW*
Beamwidth	*1.8^0 (azimuth)*
	2^0 (elevation)
Maximum unambiguous velocity	*$\pm$ 75 m s^{-1}*
Maximum PRF	*10 kHZ max*
Range resolution	*150 m*

Mobile or Ground Power Configuration

Field Mill Weather Instrumentation

Mobile Internet / GPS

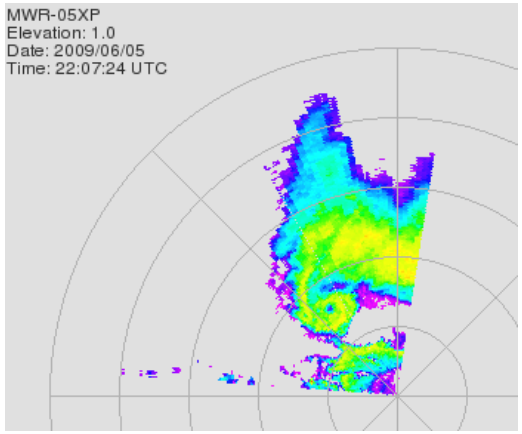
Video Camera System

VHF Communications

LIDAR System—Installation June 09

Operational Payoff

The payoff to the military will be the integration of current weather data into the tactical radar picture. The payoff to the science community will be the availability of an advanced instrument for investigation of atmospheric phenomena.



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