



Objectives

To transition various DOD radar systems technology to develop an advanced, mobile scientific instrument for atmospheric research



MWR-05XP Deployed on the Goshen WY Tornado during Vortex 2

NPS Project Contributions

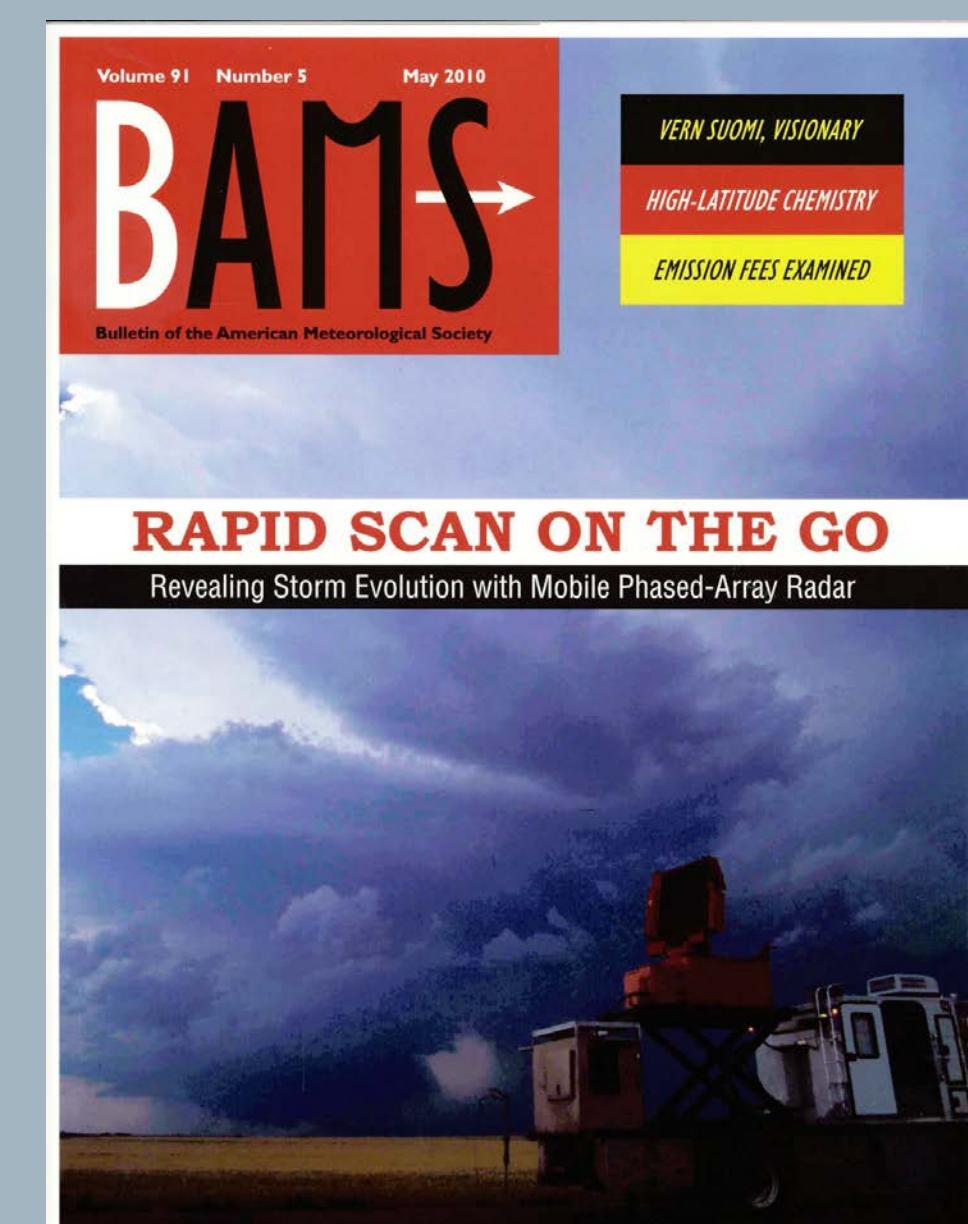
- System Hardware and Maintenance:** NPS integrated system components onto the mobile platform and performs ongoing system maintenance.
- Theoretical Analysis:** NPS derived and will experimentally verify calibration and parameter estimation algorithms for frequency agile, phased array radars.
- System Calibration:** NPS is calibrating the radar.
- System Operation, Test and Evaluation:** NPS operates the radar, uses the radar in on-going experiments and evaluates results to identify new research problems.

Technical Challenges: High-speed digital processing and real-time display of weather data; calibration of frequency agile, phased array radars; weather signal parameter estimation algorithms for frequency agile, phased array weather radars; data quality control; rapid volumetric update rate for observation of short (seconds) time scale atmospheric phenomena.

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Full Systems



TPQ-37 in the process of being transferred from the US Army to CIRPAS
Radar Specifications:

Antenna	Phased Array 90 Degree Sector Search/Track
Frequency	S-Band 3 to 3.5 GHz
Power	130KW Peak
PRF	Variable
PW	1-10usec



MPQ-53
C-Band System



SPY-1 S-Band System – Antenna being removed from a ship. These systems or subsystems are available to DOD through a transfer process.



AWACS C-130 Version



A10 currently being modified to support the research community

System Components

Transmitters

Support Subsystems

Engineering Development and Data

Aviation Applications