MWR status

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New radiometers

- ECO-00664 (MWR procurement) open
- Specifications have been written and submitted
- Draft of specifications sent to vendors last month
- A few changes were incorporated after vendors feedback. Final specification document will be sent next week.

Current operational instruments

- PWV-LWP: 12 2-channel MWR
- Temperature-humidity profile: 2 profilers operating
- Low LWP-PWV: 2 183-GHz radiometers
- Low LWP: 2 90/150-GHz radiometers

2-channel MWR (12)

- All instruments are working
- NSA C2 MWR is on its way back to the site

12-channel profiler, MWRP (2)

- AMF profiler worked well during the deployment in Germany
- NSA profiler had several hardware failures. Out July 13-Dec. 8 for V-band noise diode failure.
- New hardware failure started on ~Jan 29. Attempted fix on site on Feb. 25. Additional failure on March 7. Currently scheduled to be shipped for repairs.

Low PWV-LWP radiometers (183-GHz)

GVR: Interference less intense. First attempt to introduce an RF shield to mitigate interference on Jan 17. Need a few months of data to evaluate.
If successful will build an RF shield around the instrument.

GVRP (NEW): 15 channels between 170 and 183.3 GHz. Deployed at the SGP. Is going to NSA this week. Ingest under development.

Plans for GVRP

GVRP (NEW): Instrument at NSA until September 2008

Will go to Vocals, South East Pacific on the ship Ron Brown Sept. to Dec. 2008 (?) (P. Zuidema)

RHUBIC II in 2009

Low LWP radiometers 90/150-GHz, MWRHF (2)

AMF: In transit to China

SGP: Out of service for hardware failure from March 2 2007 to July 7 2007. Software problems from July to November. Out of service from Nov. 27 for hardware/software upgrade.

These radiometers right now require the largest amount of resources.

Low LWP radiometers 90/150-GHz

- New instruments. Evaluation difficult because SGP instrument out of service for extended periods of time, AMF deployment…mostly rainy days
- Hardware failures/upgrade
- Ingest still needs work. New ingest will be needed soon because new software is being developed (lv0 data)
- A plan of work is needed to deal with upcoming changes in software/data

Some discussion point…

- Some radiometers (profilers and 90/150) are high maintenance instruments right now
- Work priorities (ingesting, archiving data)
- Data quality and documentation…
- Retrieval development (183-GHz, 90/150-GHz). Combined retrievals?
- Improve profiling capabilities?

- Polarization for distinguishing precipitation from cloud liquid