HYDRIX® II

Hydro-meteorological Radar



Radomeless X-Band dual polarized radar

HYDRIX® II X-band weather radar has been specially designed for hydro-meteorological applications. Owing to its simultaneous dual polarization capability, it provides quantitative precipitation measurements filtered from non-meteorological echoes, and offers an accuracy level equivalent to 11,000 rain gauges installed within a 60 km radius.

Associated with ZPHI® software, it reaches much better accuracy than legacy S- and Cband radars traditionally used by national meteorology agencies.

HYDRIX® II is perfectly suited for:

- Local applications such as catchment areas subject to flash floods;
- Gap-filling of legacy radar networks in vulnerable areas:
- Precipitation measurements in areas with strong ground clutter such as urban or mountainous areas:
- Monitoring airport's meteorological environment.

ADVANTAGES

- Compact and easy to install.
- Low infrastructure cost.
- High sensitivity.
- Sealed to outdoor aggressions (sand dust, insects...).
- Air-conditioned electronics for a better reliability.
- Immune to attenuation/extinction due to wet radome.

PROVEN PRODUCT

NOVIMET installed the first HYDRIX® system in February 2006 to monitor the Riviera coast. Since then, it has measured precipitation continuously for operational uses in meteorology and hydrology.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Offset Antenna

Dual polarization : H and V Diameter : 1.5 x 1.6 m : 1.5° @ 3dB Beam width Antenna Gain : ≥40 dB : ≤ - 30 dB Side Lobes Rotating speed : 3.33 rpm typ. 6 rpm (option)

Transmitter/Receiver

Magnetron Transmitter

Frequency : 9.3 – 9.5 GHz Peak power : 80 kW (fixed freq.)

70 kW (adj. freq.)

Pulse Width : 0.25 to 2 µs Duty cycle : 1/1000

PRÉ : 250 to 2.000 Hz

3,000 Hz (option)

Simultaneous H & V transmission Noise figure : 2.5 dB

Monitoring software TELRAD

Local & remote modes Raw data display

BITE: Built-In Test Equipment

Measured Parameters:

Reflectivity : Z Differential Phase : PHIDP Correlation Coefficient : RHOHV Differential Reflectivity : ZDR Doppler Velocity : VEL Doppler Spectral Width : SPWI

Performances:

Sensitivity : 0 dBZ @ 100 km Velocity span : up to ± 64 m/s

±96 m/s (option)

Detection range : 300 km typical

600 km max.

Range for accurate QPE: 60 km

Wind resistance:

Operation : 40 m/s (144 km/h) Gust : 50 m/s (180 km/h) Survival : >50 m/s (180 km/h) Temperature range: -25°C to +50°C

"The 3-cm wavelength is an excellent choice for the NOVIMET's dual polarization hydrological radar. Such radar could be especially attractive to municipalities, counties, and/or water management districts interested in quantitative precipitation estimation for forecasting/ monitoring floods and runoffs, controlling water level in reservoirs and rivers, and serving agricultural needs." Dr. Dusan Zrnić,

National Severe Storm Laboratory,

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USA.









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