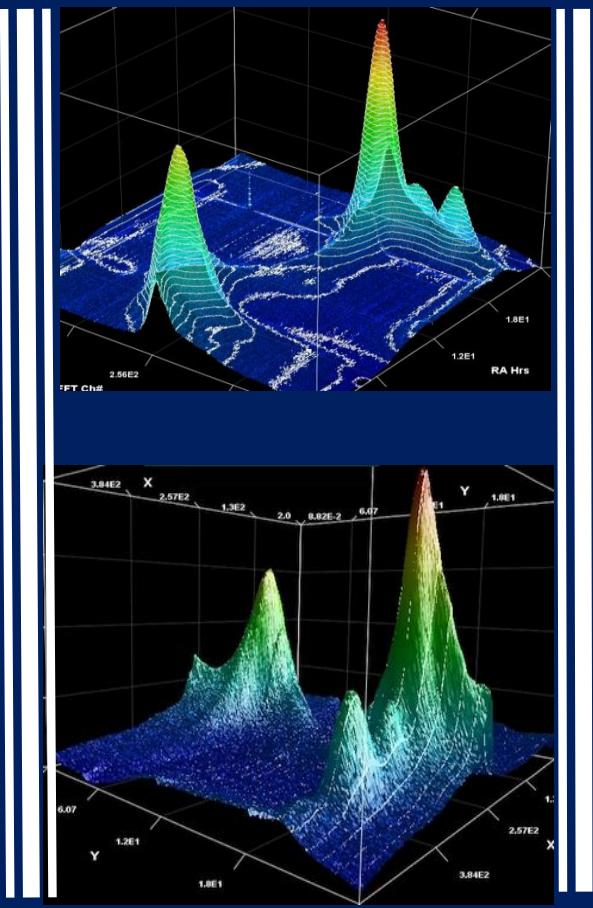
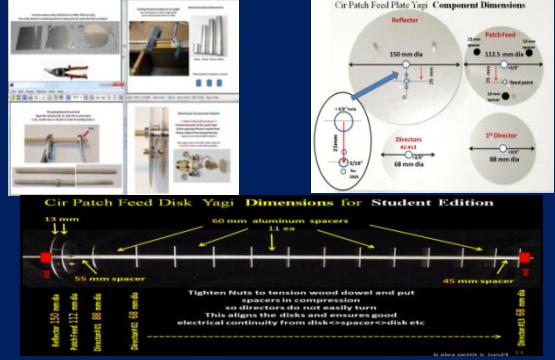
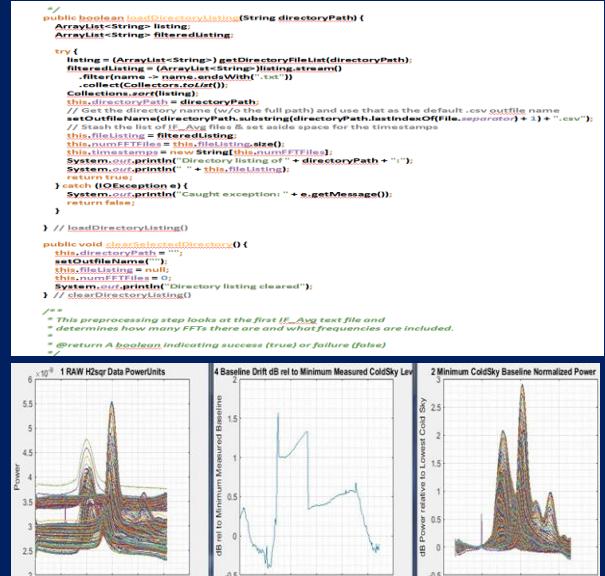


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A Beginner's Guide to
Antenna Fabrication , Signal Reception, Recording, Processing , 3D Graphic Display
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from Neutral Hydrogen Clouds within Our Galaxy : The Milky Way



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21cm Wavelength Circular_Patch_Feed Disk Director Yagi Antenna

*An
Efficient Low_Noise
Portable Economical
21cm Neutral Hydrogen
Radio Telescope Antenna*

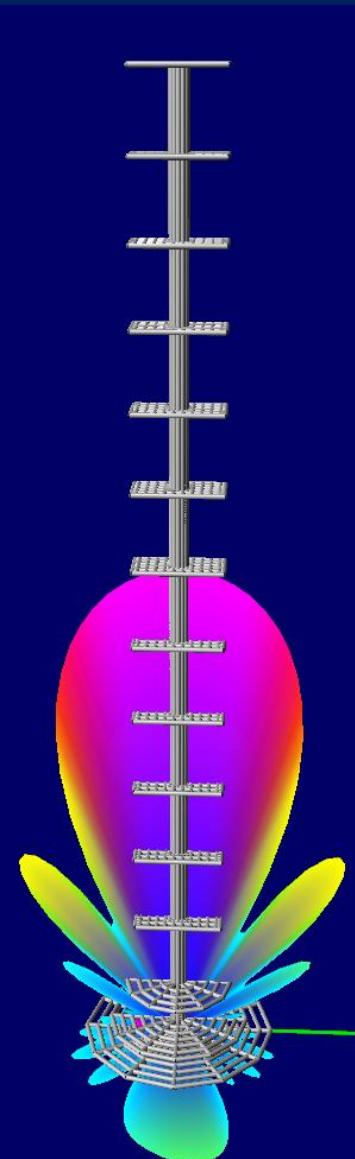
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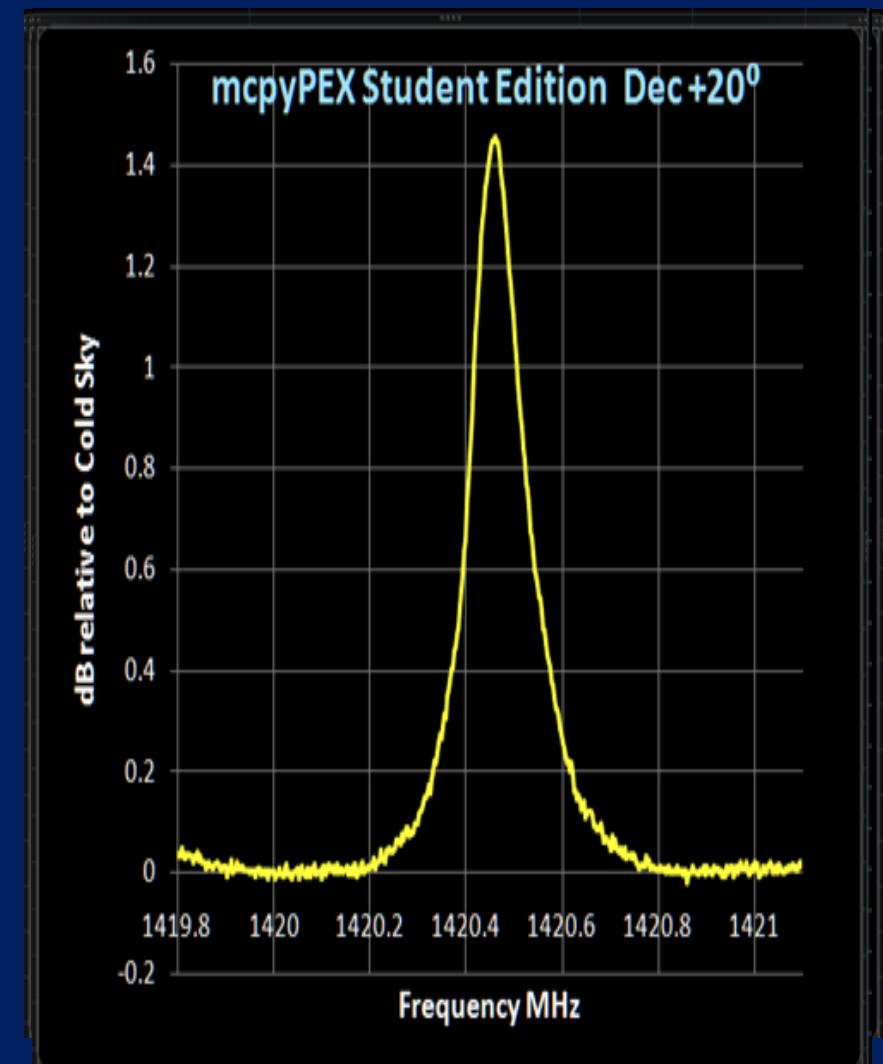
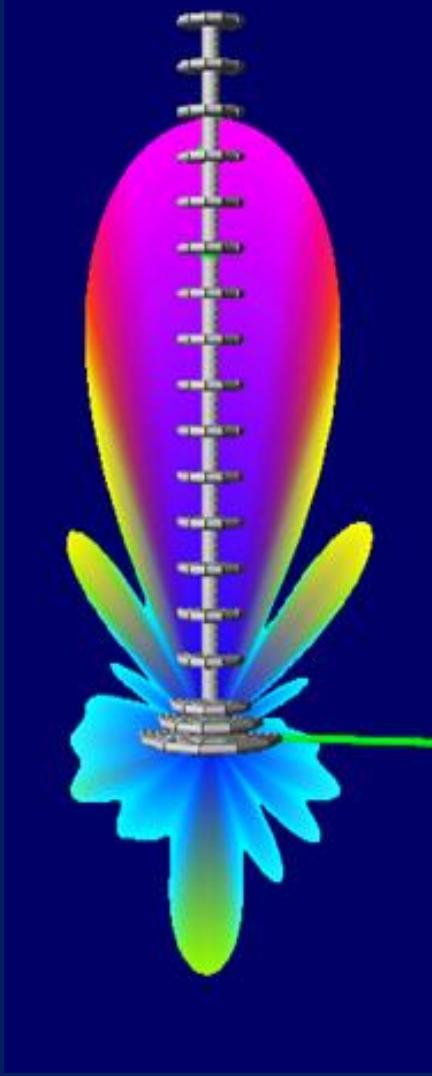
*If built carefully to correct dimensions
This antenna will have similar
performance to the original
&*

*It is light enough to be mounted on a
low cost photo tripod*

alex pettit jr May 2025

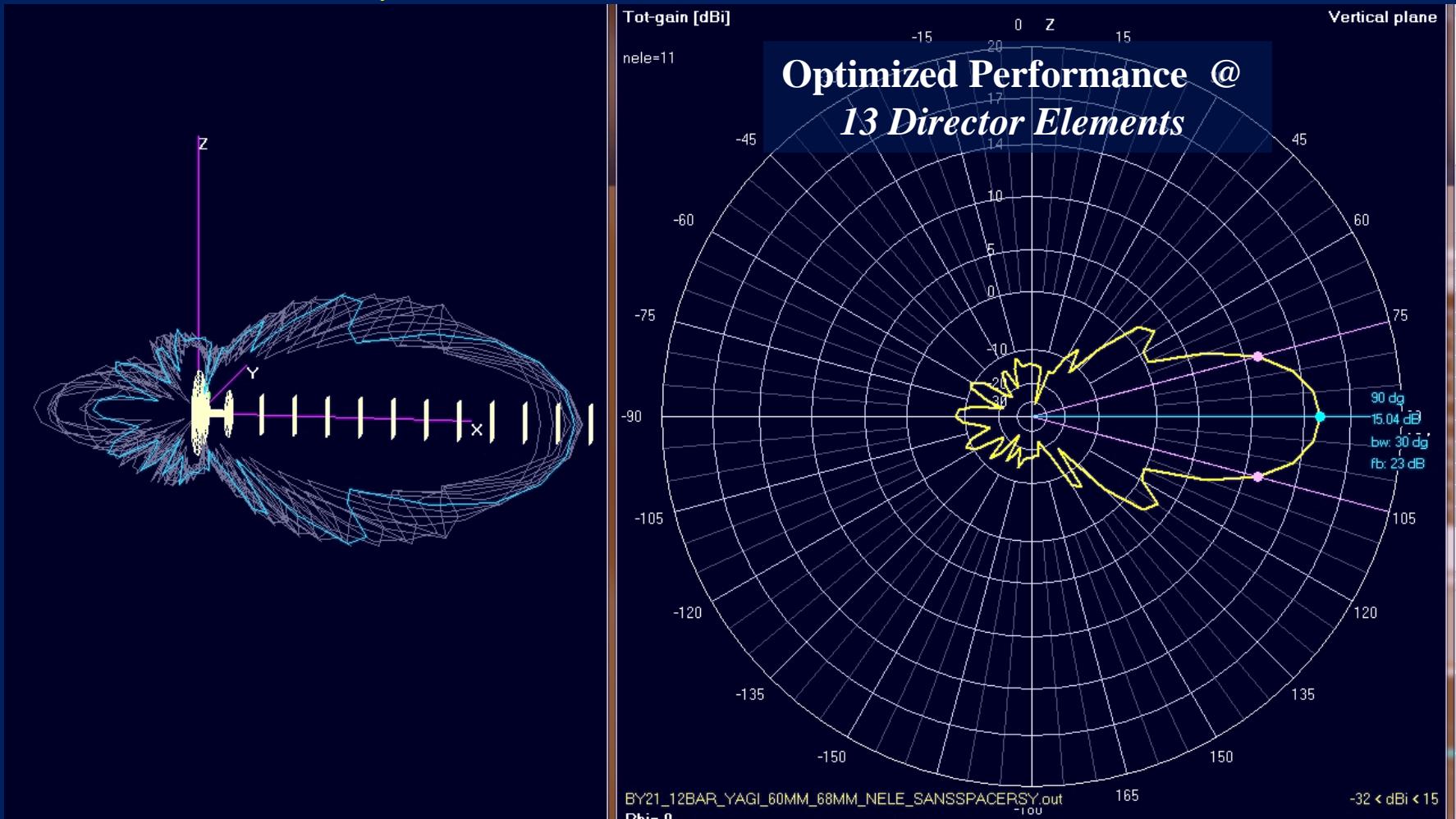


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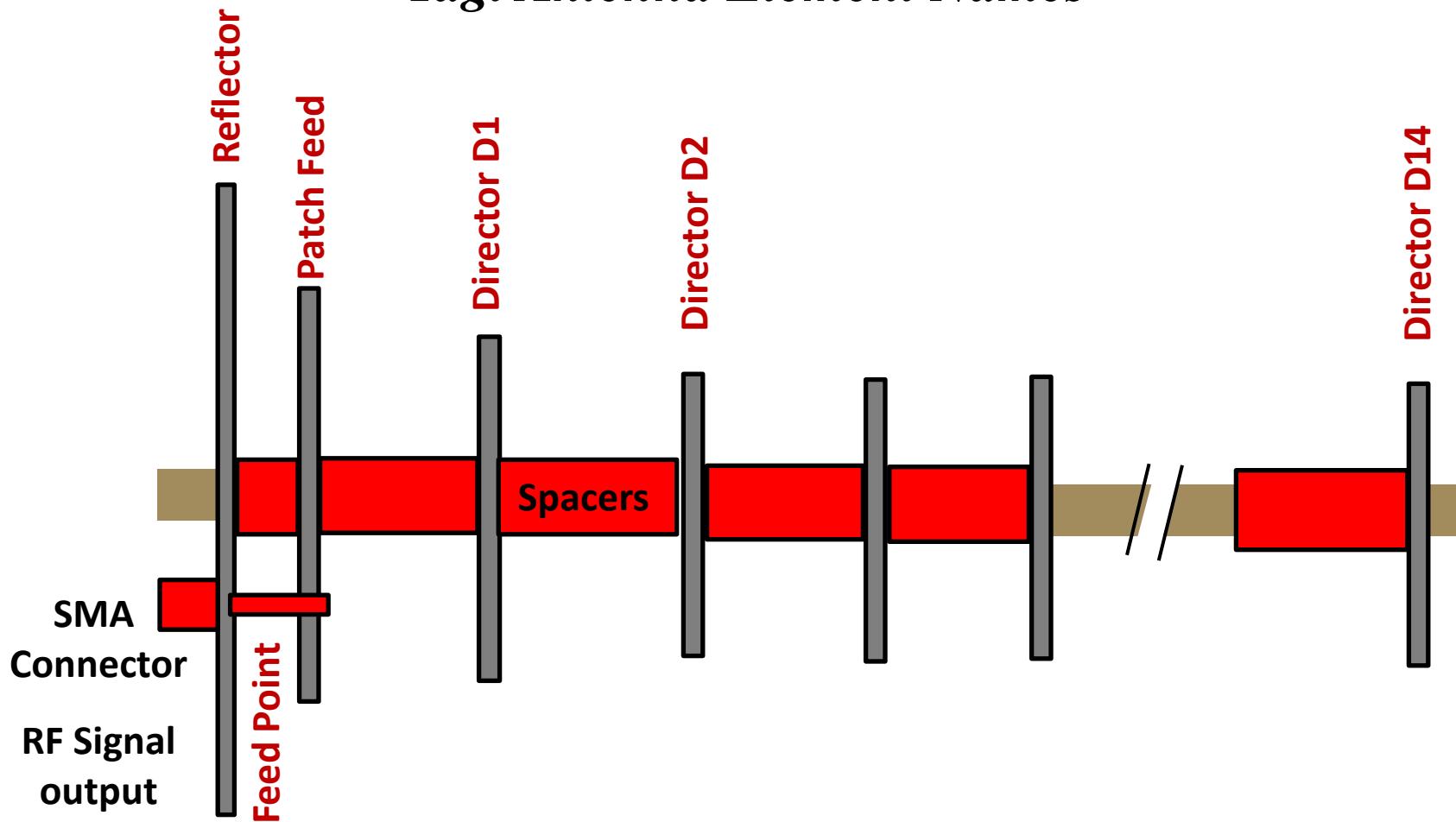


Performance Characteristics

Analysis : Number of Director Elements



Yagi Antenna Element Names



Antenna Components *Using 0.020" & 0.030" Aluminum Sheet*

REMOVE BLUE FILM

1 set = 2 sheets 0.030"
for Reflector and Patch Feed

- 2Pack 6061 T651 Aluminum Sheet Metal 6 x 6 x 1/32 (0.0315") Inch Flat Plain Aluminum Plate Covered with Protective Film, Heat Treatable Rectangle Aluminum Metal Plate for Crafting, DIY, 0.8mm Thick

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2 sets = 4 sheets 0.020"
for 13 Directors

- 2 Pieces 6061 T651 Aluminum Sheet Metal 6X 6x0.02(24Gauge) Inch Rectangle Metal Plate, 0.5mm Aluminum Sheet, Plate for Crafting, Industry

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1/2-in x 10-ft Red PEX-B Pipe

\$4.28



Antenna Components

misc Purchase at Local Hardware Store

3/8"-16 tpi Stainless Steel Nuts 2 ea



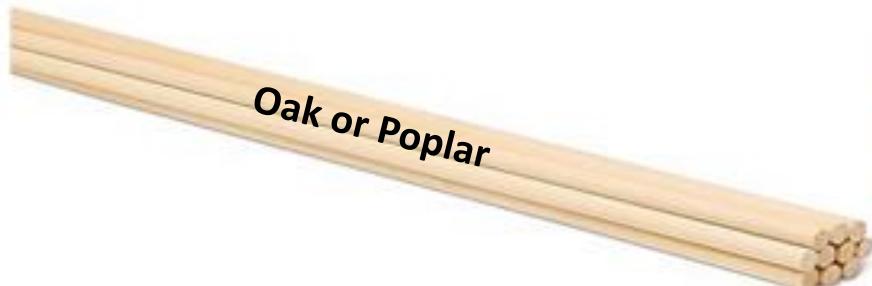
#6-32 x 1/4" screw & nut



#2-56 x 1/4" screws & nuts
(2.5mm x 6mm if you can find them)



Oak or Poplar



⤒ Dowel Rods Wood Sticks
Wooden Dowel Rods - 3/8
x 36 Inch Unfinished

\$3.28

Electronic Components



NooElec SAWbird+ H1 - Premium Saw Filter & Cascaded Ultra-Low Noise Amplifier (LNA) Module for Hydrogen Line (21cm) Applications. 1420MHz Center Frequency. Designed for Software Defined Radio (SDR)

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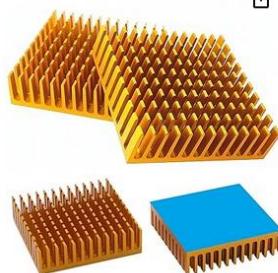
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USB 3.0 Extension Cable 1 ft, Yeung Qee High Speed USB 3.0 A Male to A Female Extension Cord for Data Transfer USB Flash Drive, Keyboard, Mouse, Playstation, Xbox, Card Reader, Printer etc (1ft/0.3M)

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cutting

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cutting

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PEX tube to length



Olson Saw 35-241 Fine
Kerf Saw 35-550 42 tpi
with Aluminum Thin Slot
Miter Box, Slot Size .014-
Inch, Slot Angles 45, 60,
90, Cutting Depth 7/8-
Inch, Pack of 1

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cutting aluminum sheet
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cutting 0.02"sheet into 4 pcs
for Directors (will not cut 0.03")



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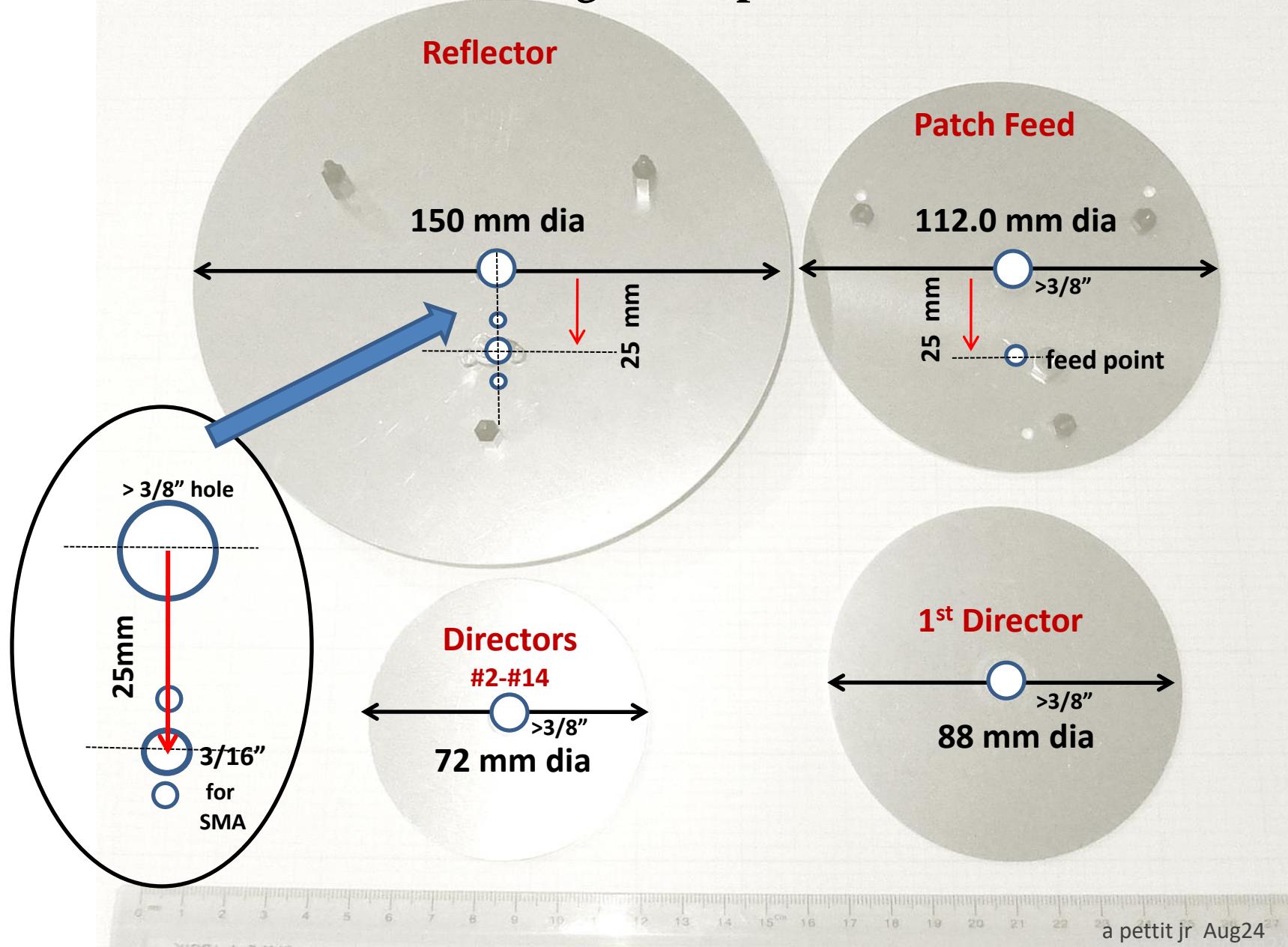
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Cir Patch Feed Plate Yagi Component Dimensions



Fabrication Details

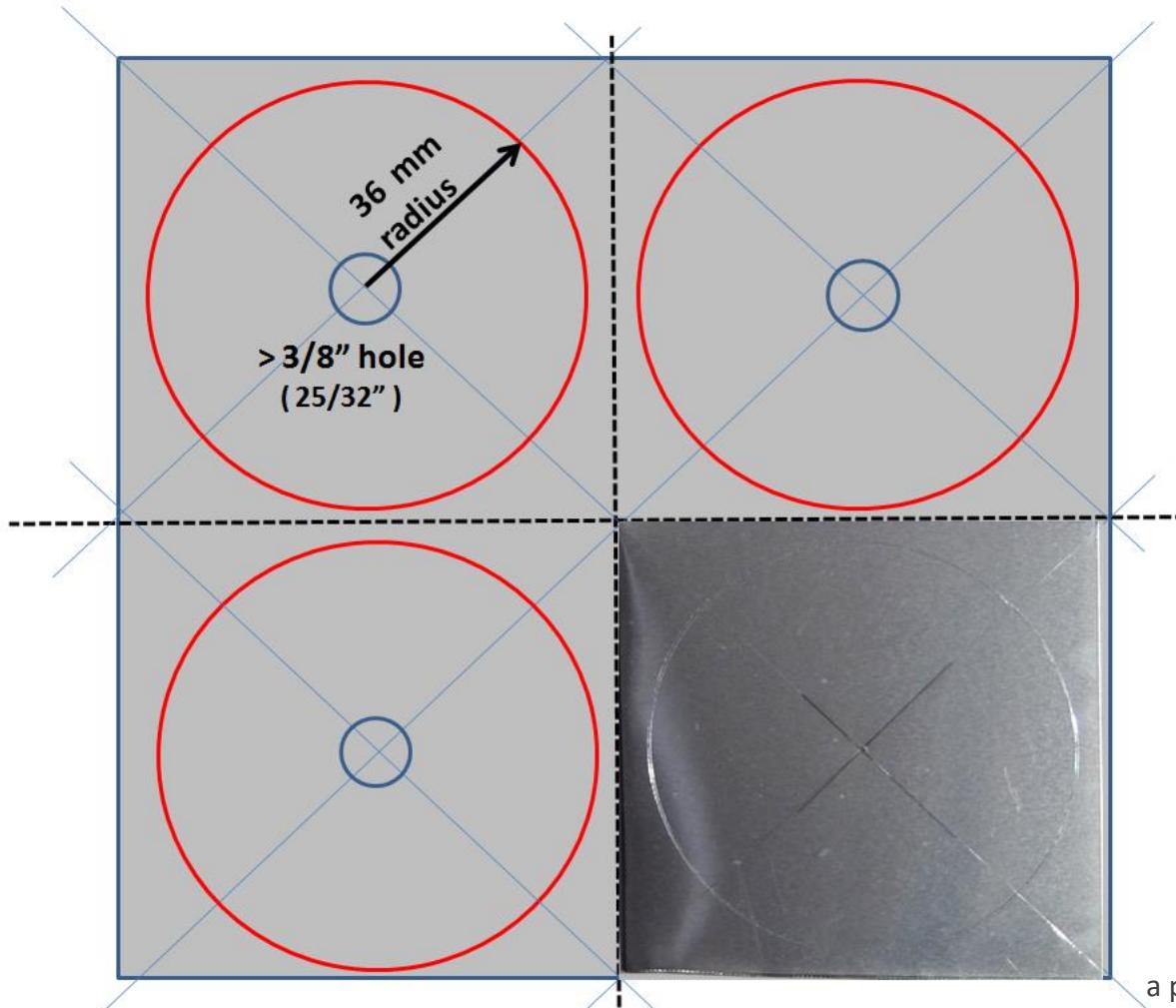
72 mm diameter Director Layout

it may be easier to drill all 4 dowel rod holes before cutting sheet into small pieces

indent centers w/ punch or sharp nail

Start with a 1/16" drill bit and work progressively in 3 or 4 steps to 3/8"+ (25/64")

(OR cut out all circles , stack, clamp properly, and drill all 72mm disks at one time



Fabrication Details

**Remove excess outer aluminum in stages to make final cut easier
the small amount remaining will curl away and not cause the disk to distort**



**Because of the amount of aluminum that must be cut away and the 0.030"
thickness of the 112.5mm Patch Feed disk, It is the Most Difficult
Trim away excess in small steps..
The less material that is removed at each step , the easier each is to cut.**



**Left Cut Aviation Shears
(for a right handed person)**

Fabrication Details

Cutting Spacers to Length

use a C-clamped wood block as both a length guide
and to hold the miter block to a table



Spacer Sleeve Dimensions



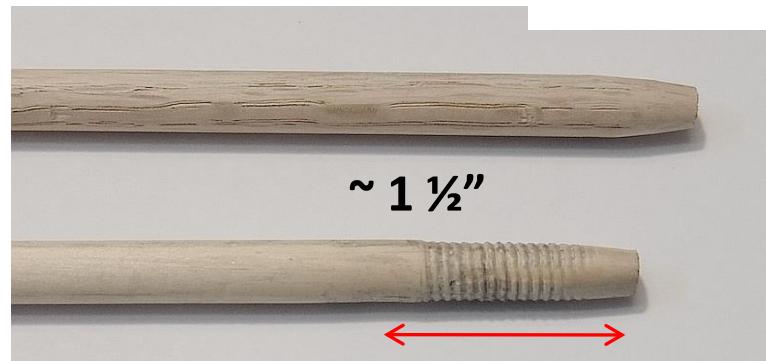
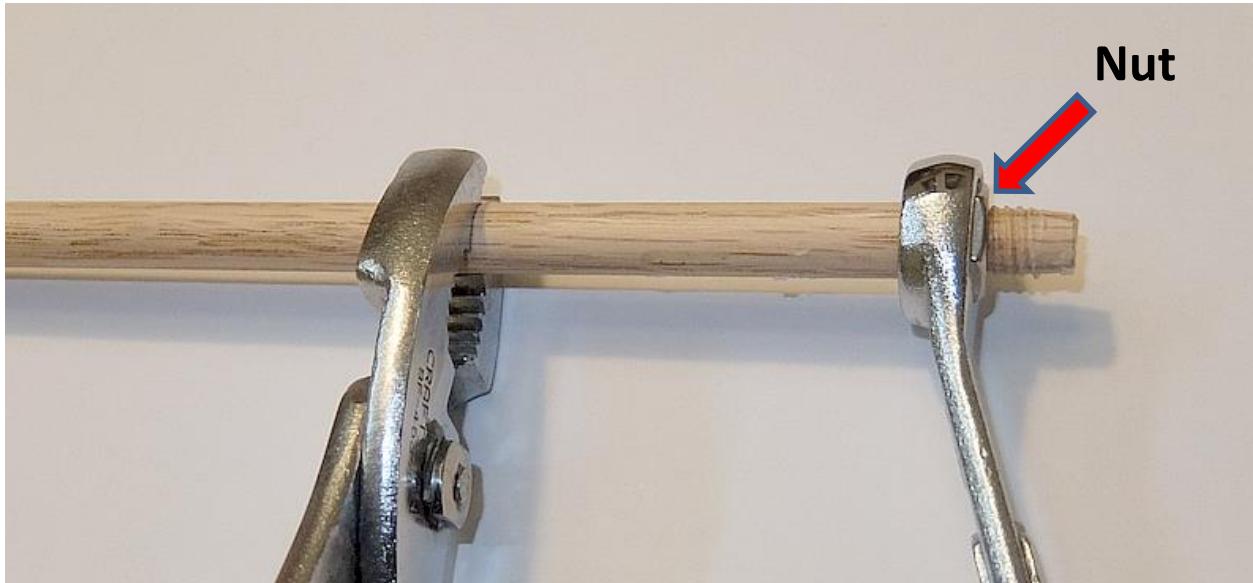
11mm 50mm 40mm 60mm

(Optional 11 mm spacers of plastic or wood)



Fabrication Details

Threading Wood Dowel Rod
Taper the dowel ends & Start the nut by hand
(rub candle wax on dowel to make threading easier)



Fabrication Details

Use Wood Block for Base

Glue / Screw Wood Block

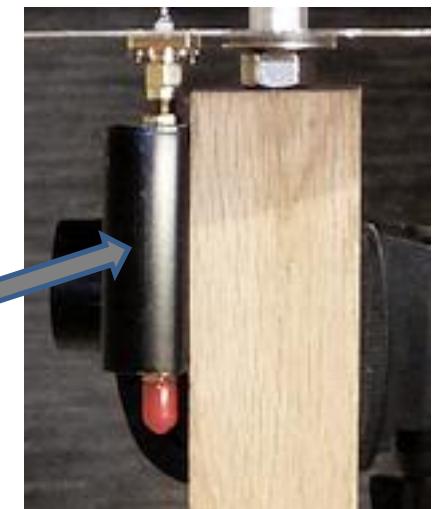
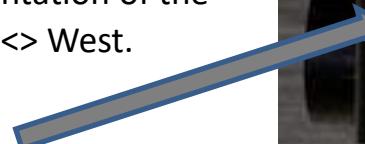
for **Tripod Mount** capability :
Drill 7/16" hole and make a thread pattern
with a 1/4"x 20tpi screw to match **Tripod Shoe**



Wood Block Dimensions

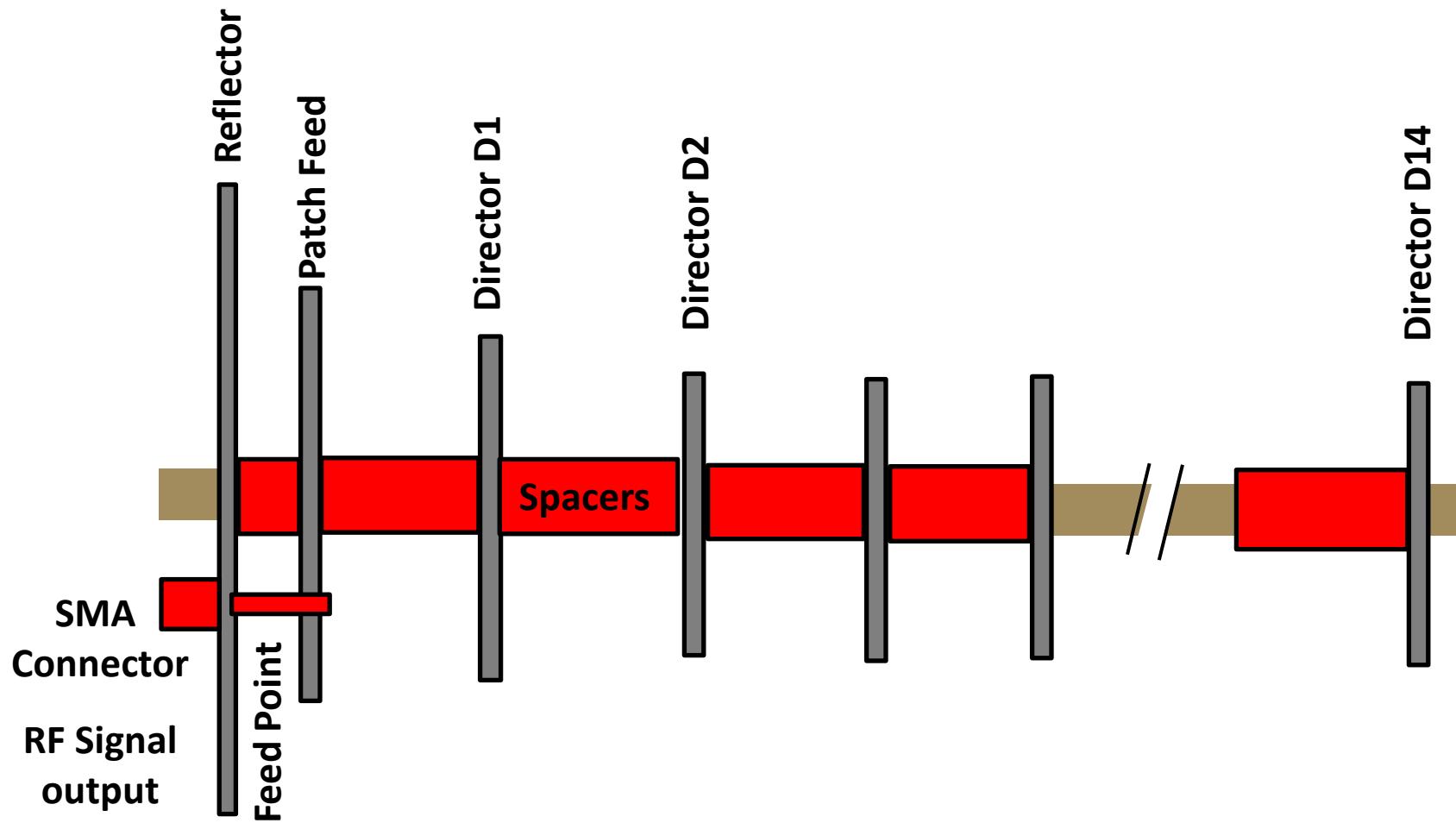
$\frac{3}{4}'' \times 1\frac{1}{4}'' \times 3''$ (not critical ... *Except*, the Optimal Orientation of the Antenna's Beam Pattern is such that the Feed Point is East <> West.
Meaning : The Width of the block needs to accommodate the SMA connector & LNA amp unit)

3/8" hole for Dowel (drill from each end)

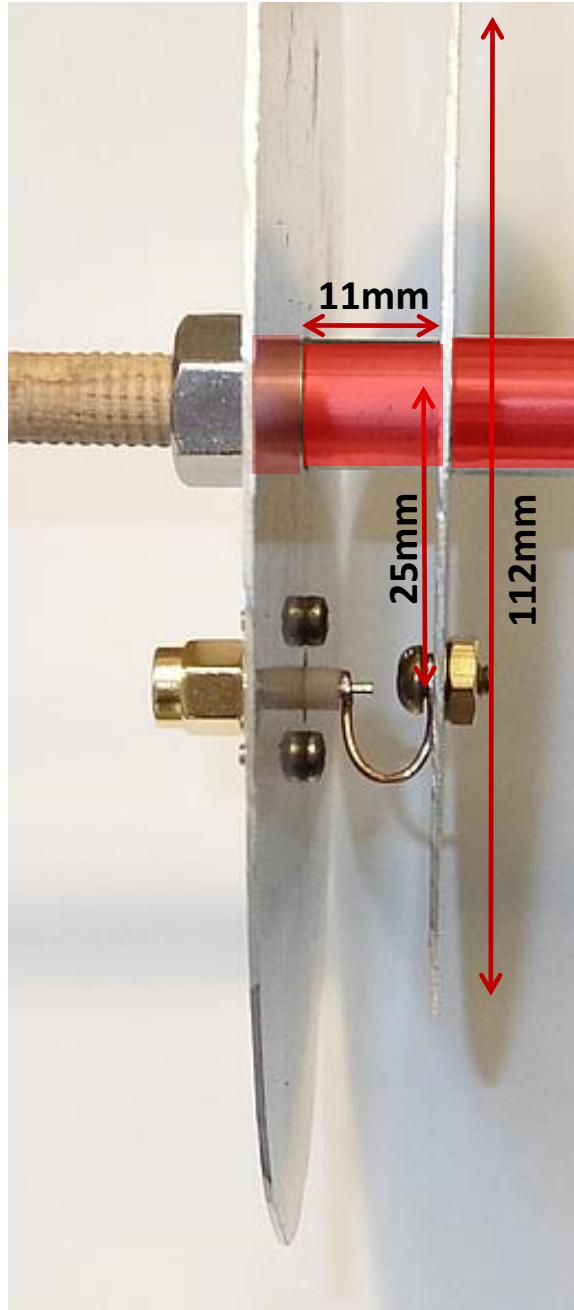


Fabrication Details

Assemble array on wood dowel from Reflector to Directors.



Fabrication Details



Patch Feed Construction Details

>> Most Critical Dimensions <<

112 mm Diameter of the patch feed

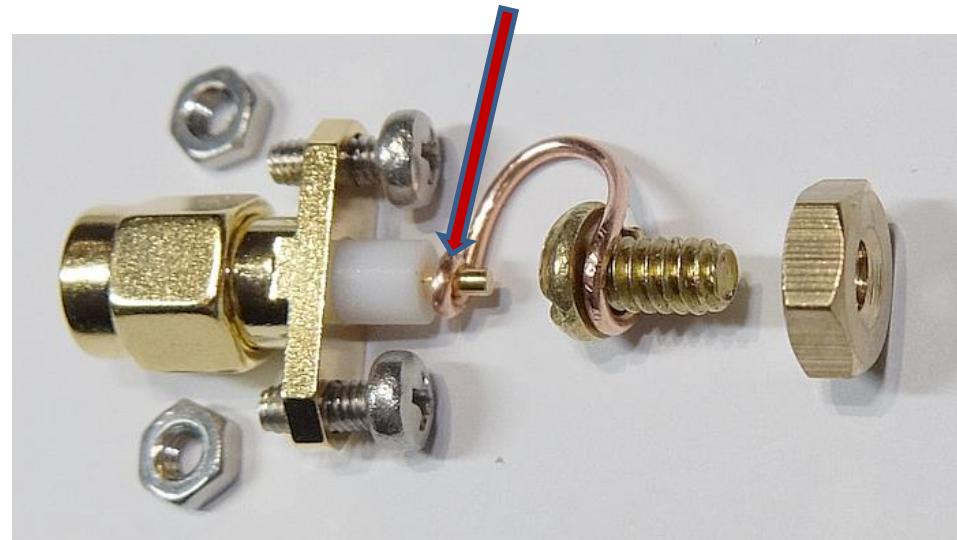
11 mm spacer Thickness reflector<>patch feed

25 mm Radius of the Feed Point

(plastic spacers not installed in photo)

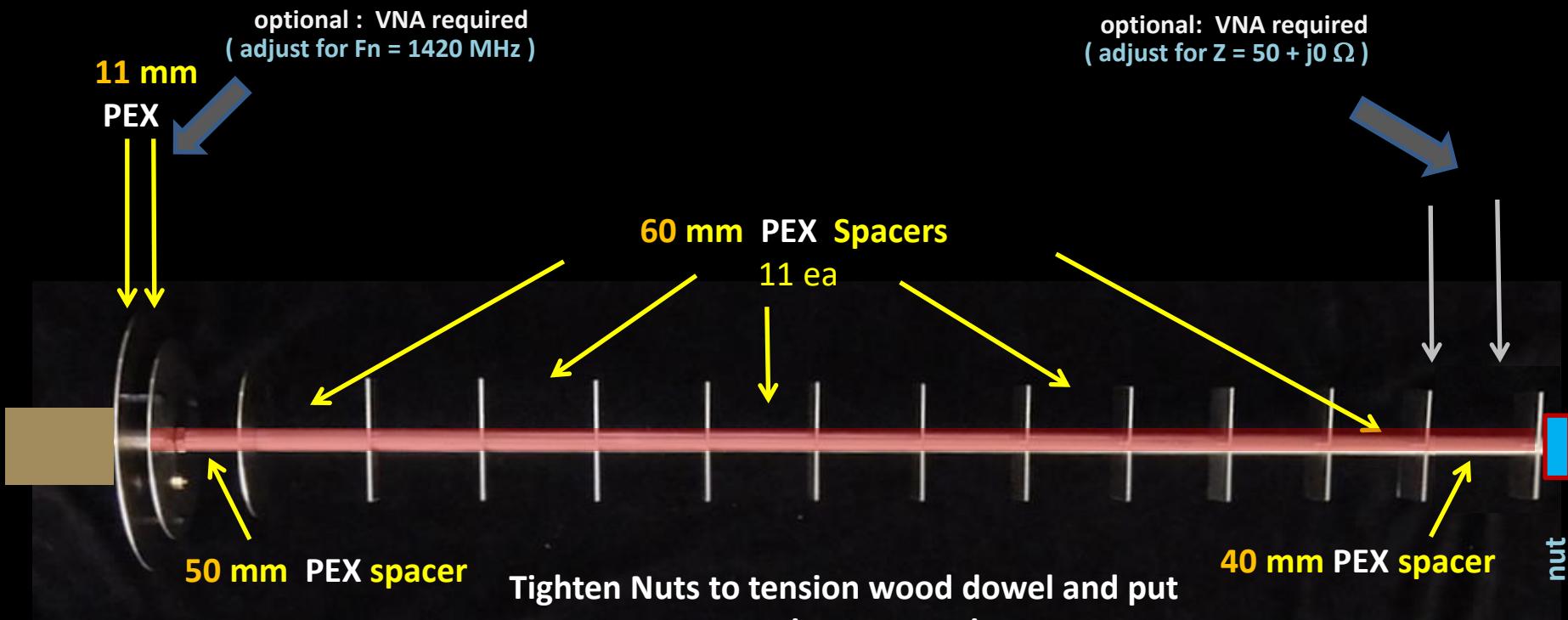
**(copper wire loop on the SMA center conductor pin
Should Be Soldered**

after SMA connector is installed on Reflector Disk)



>> Clean Parts for good Electrical Contact <<

Cir Patch Feed Disk Yagi Dimensions for Student Edition



Reflector 150 mm dia

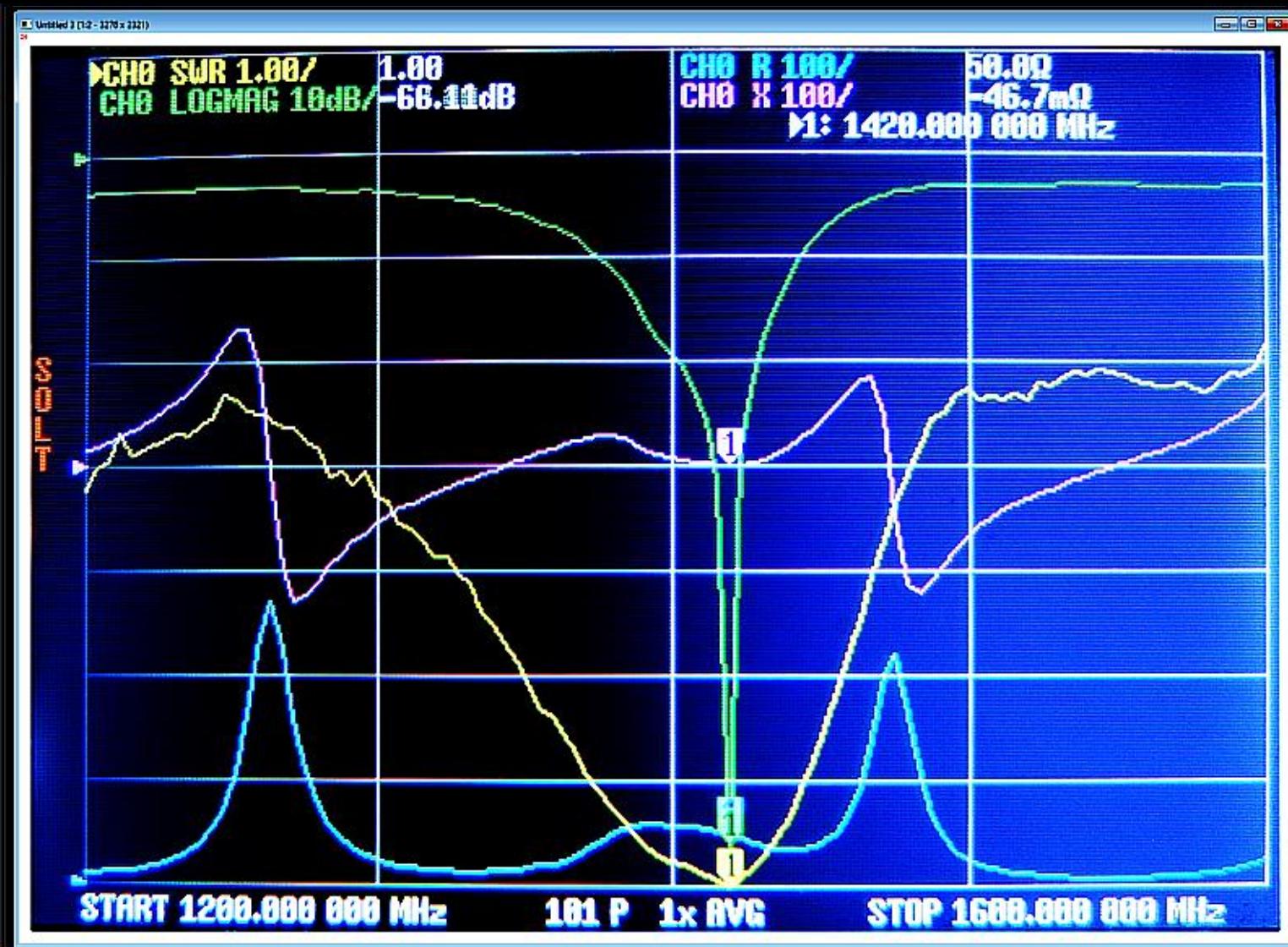
Patch Feed 112 mm dia

Director#01 88 mm dia

Director#02 72 mm dia

Director #14 72 mm dia

Antenna Tuning !



**Cir Patch Feed Disk
Yagi
Student Edition**

Mounting Options

Interface Ideas

low cost lightweight Tripod



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LNA (low noise amplifier) Installation :
optimal orientation is for the feed point to be East-West

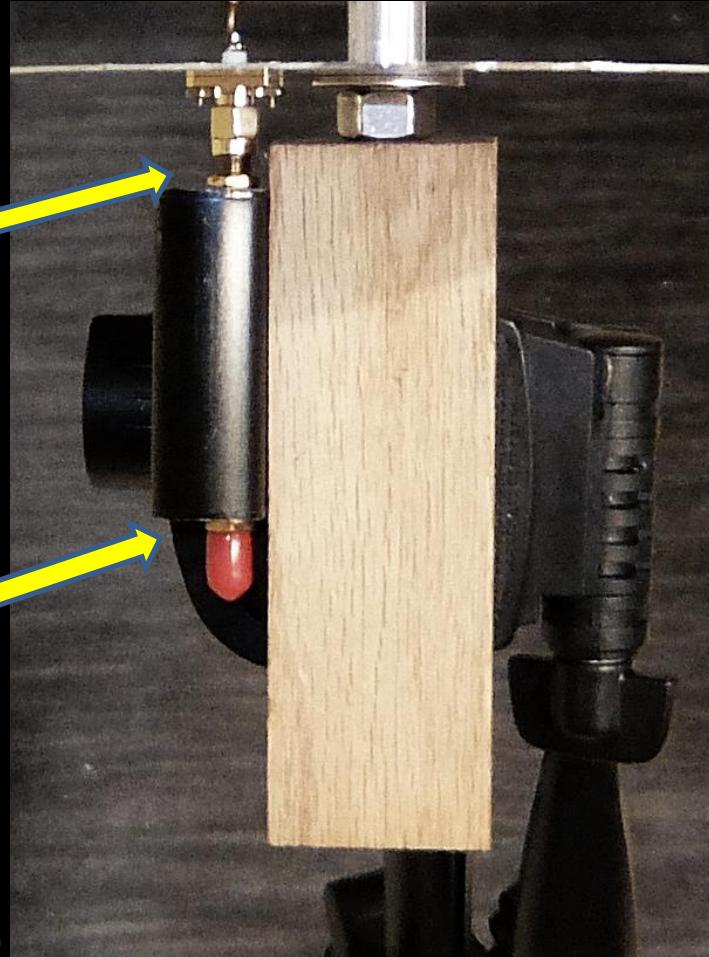
LNA : INPUT

signal
from
antenna

LNA : OUTPUT

amplified signal
to
coaxial cable

(other end of
cable connects to
SDR
software defined radio)



**** Improving Weather Resistance ****

Overnight Dew Shield : use a plastic polyethylene container

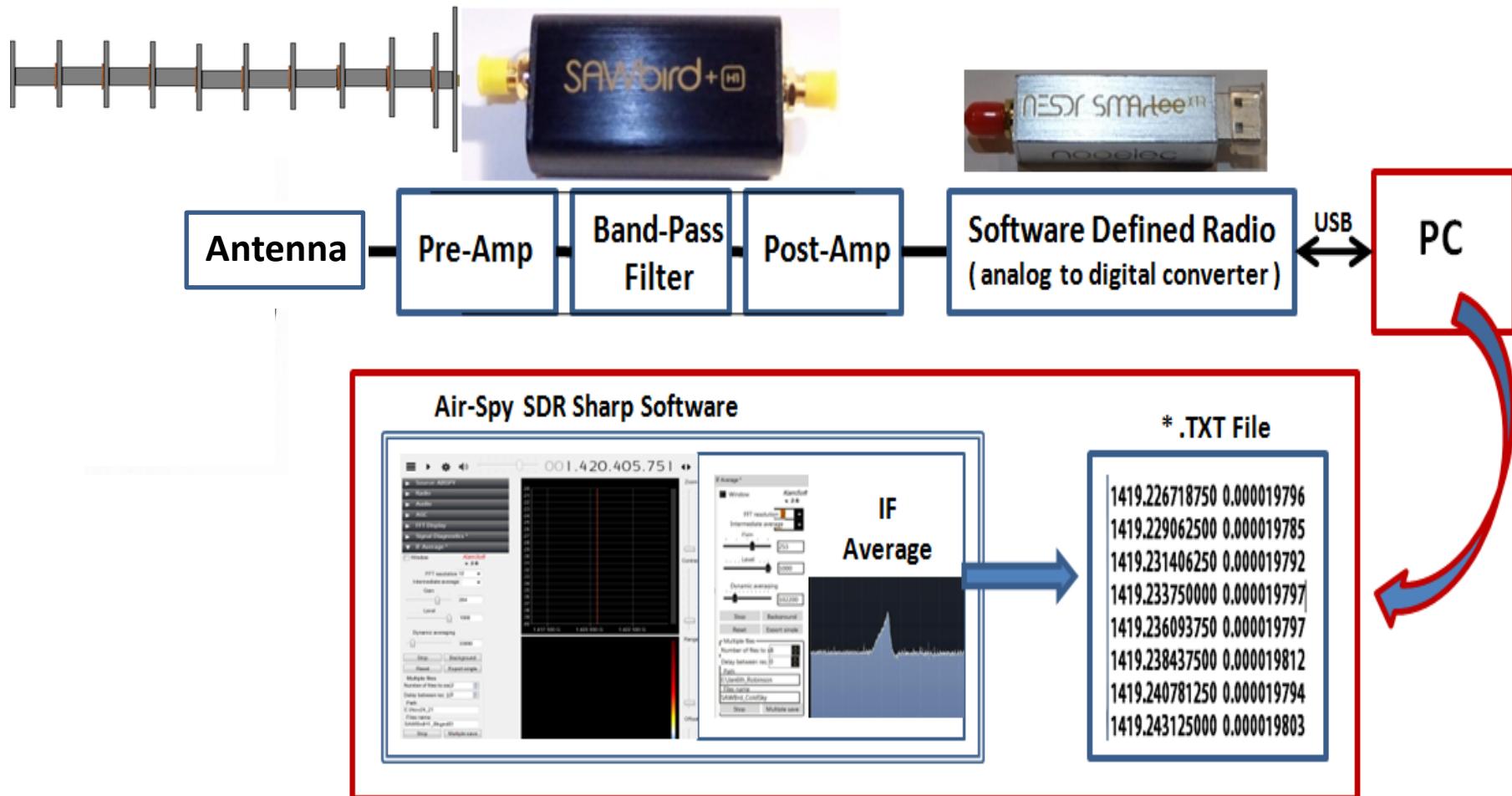


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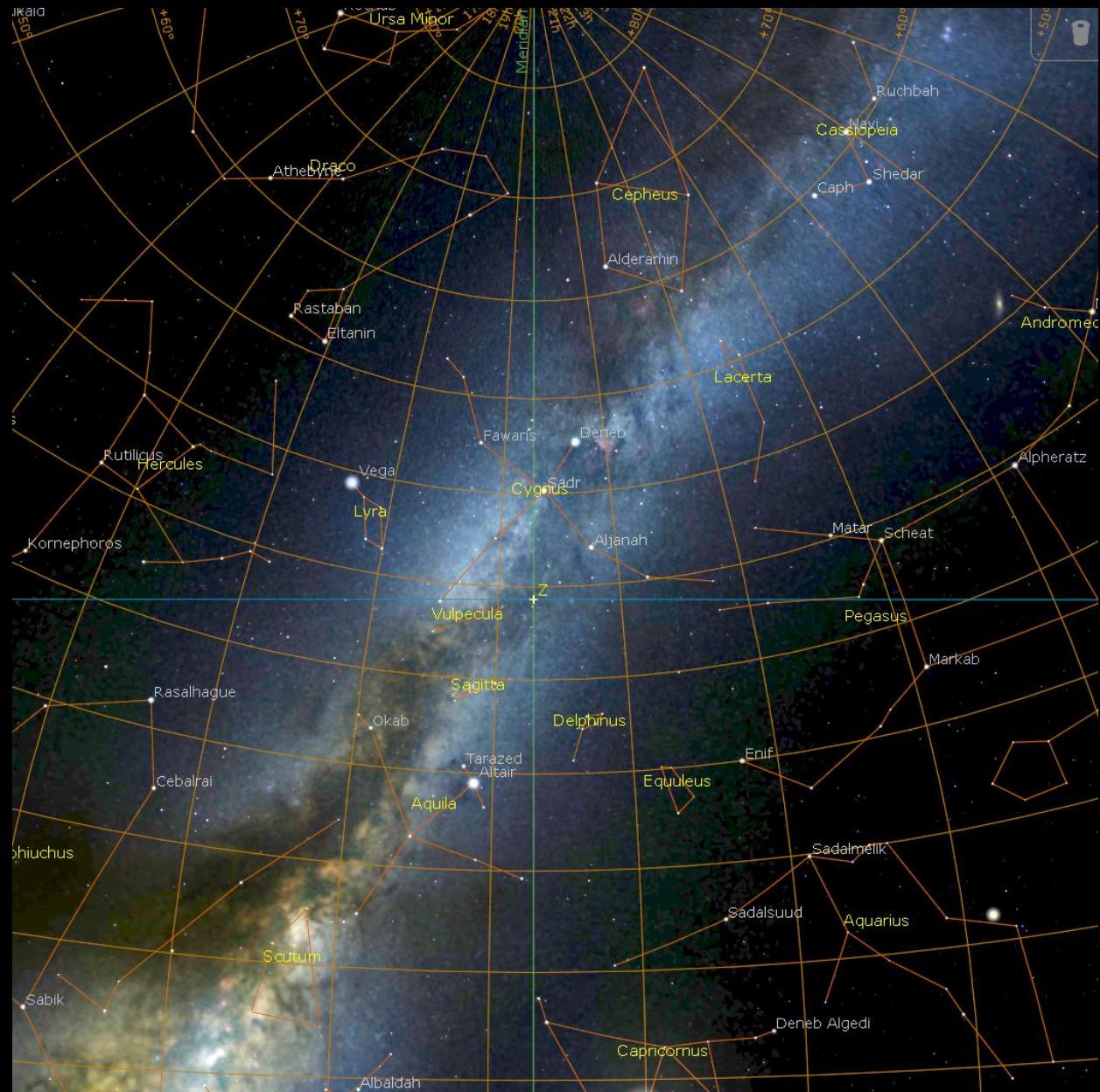
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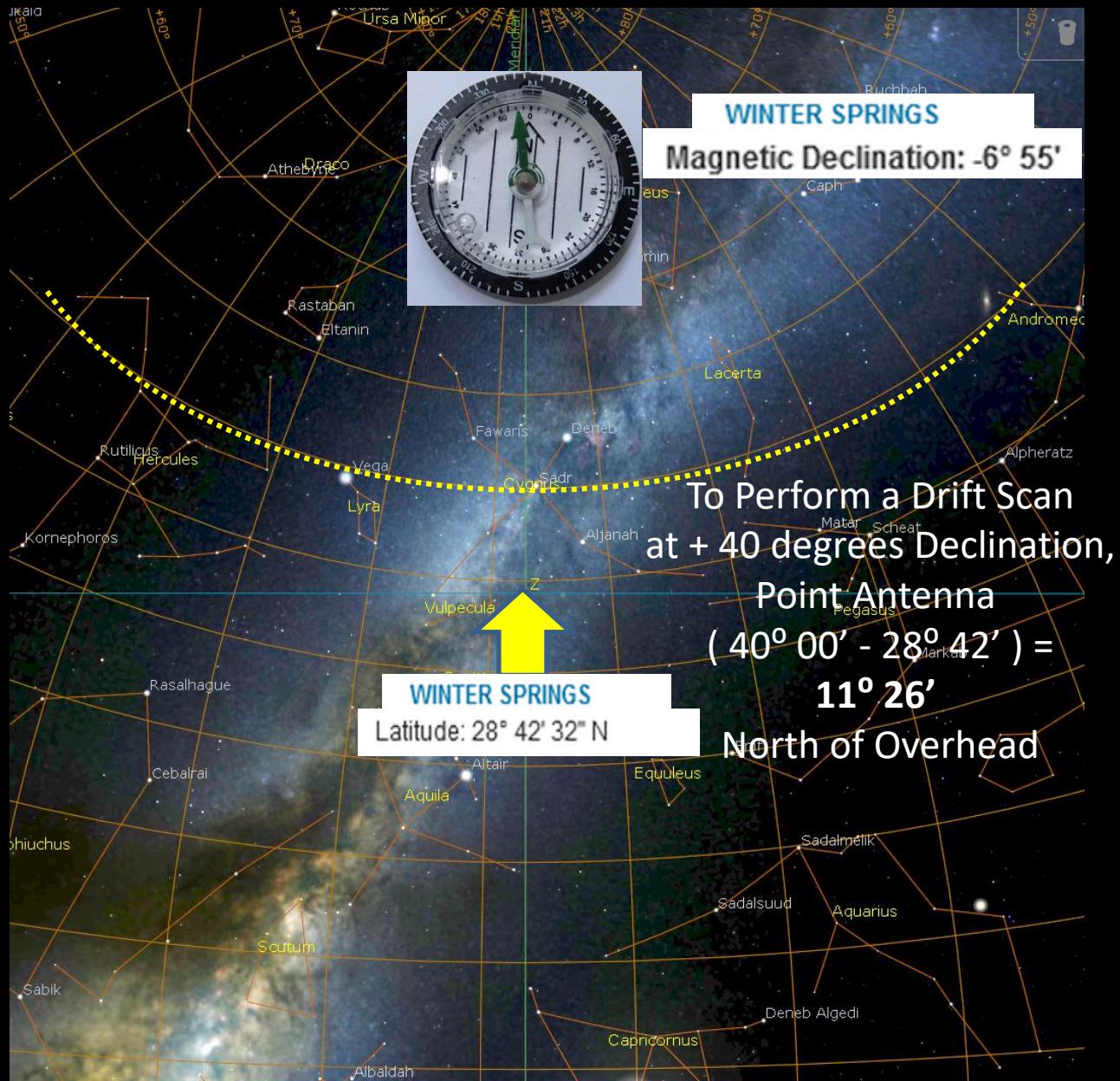
System Hardware and Software

Hardware & Software System Block Diagram



Stellarium Planetarium Software





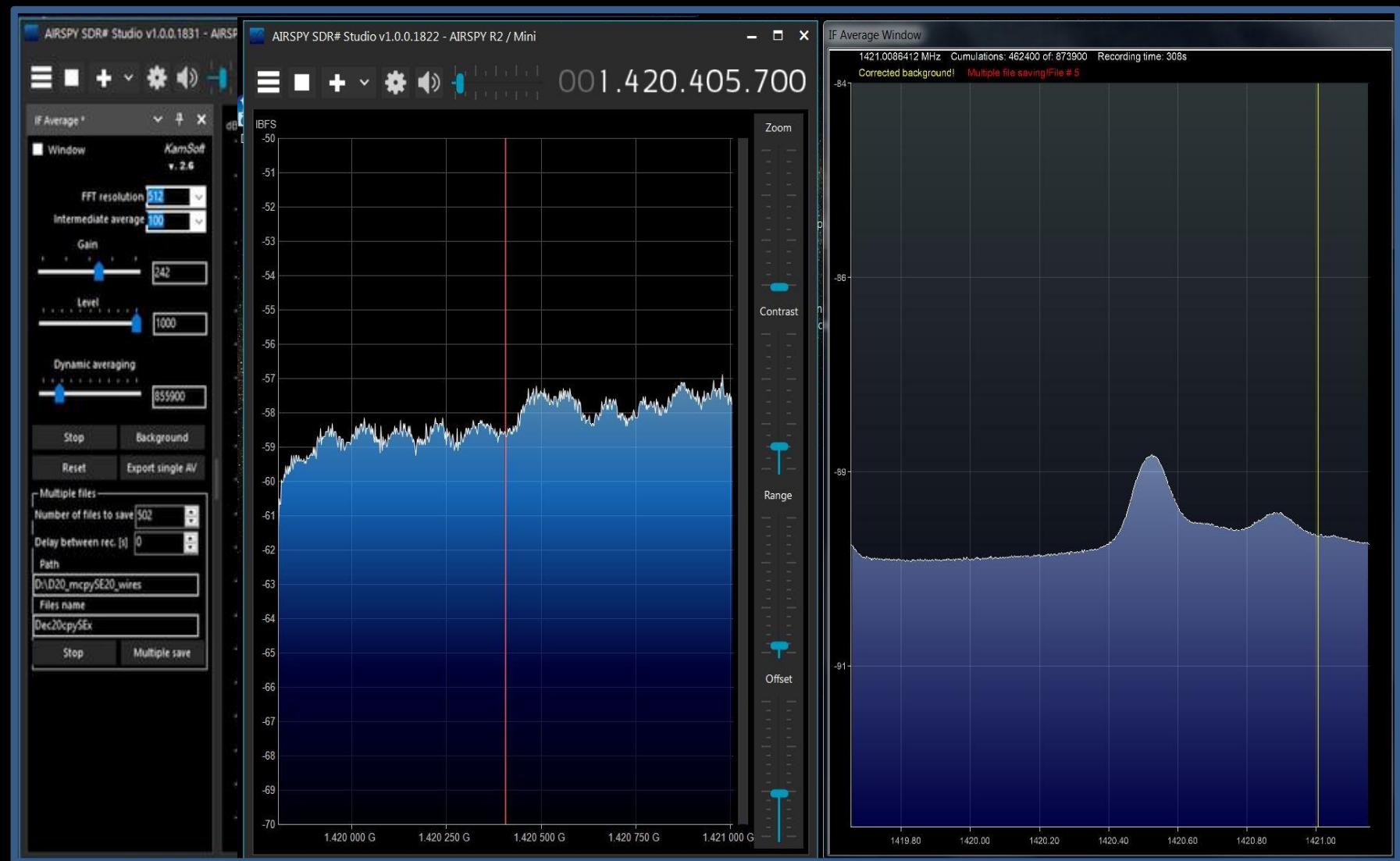


To Perform a Drift Scan
at + 40 degrees Declination,
Point Antenna
 $(40^\circ 00' - 28^\circ 42') =$
11° 26' towards
North of Overhead

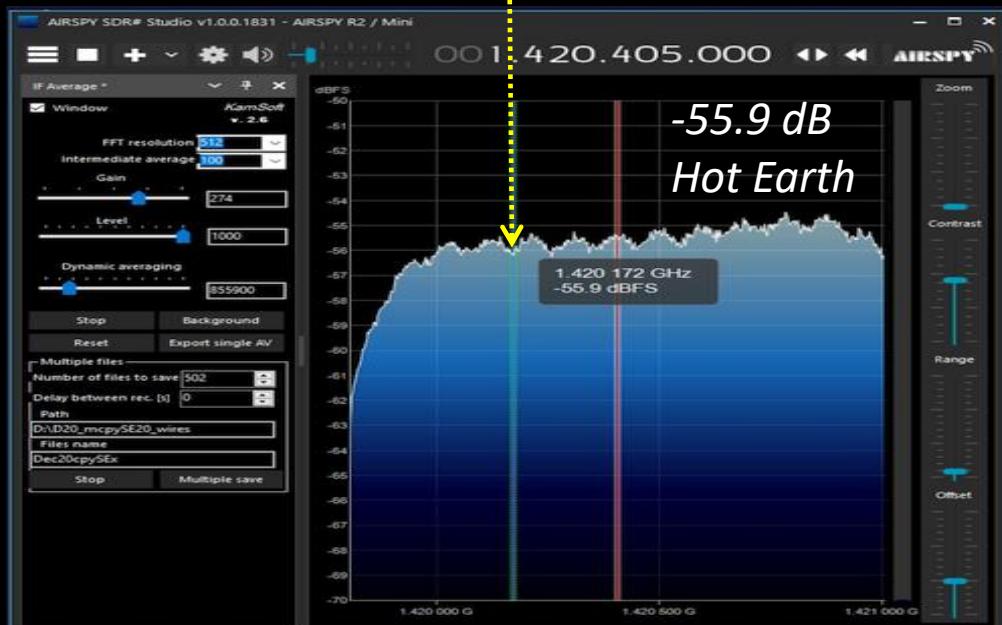
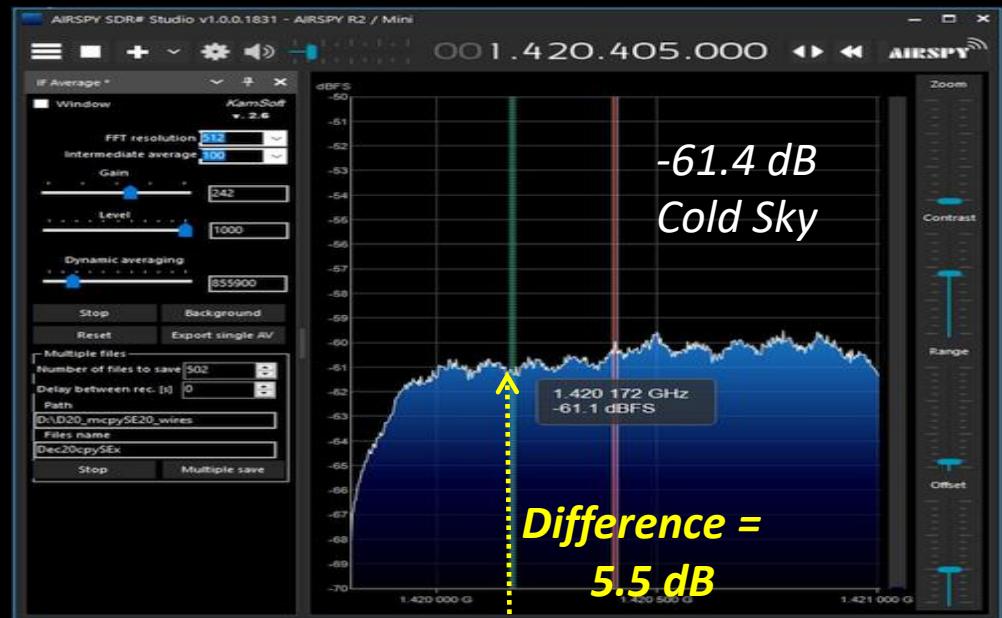


Signal Acquisition Software

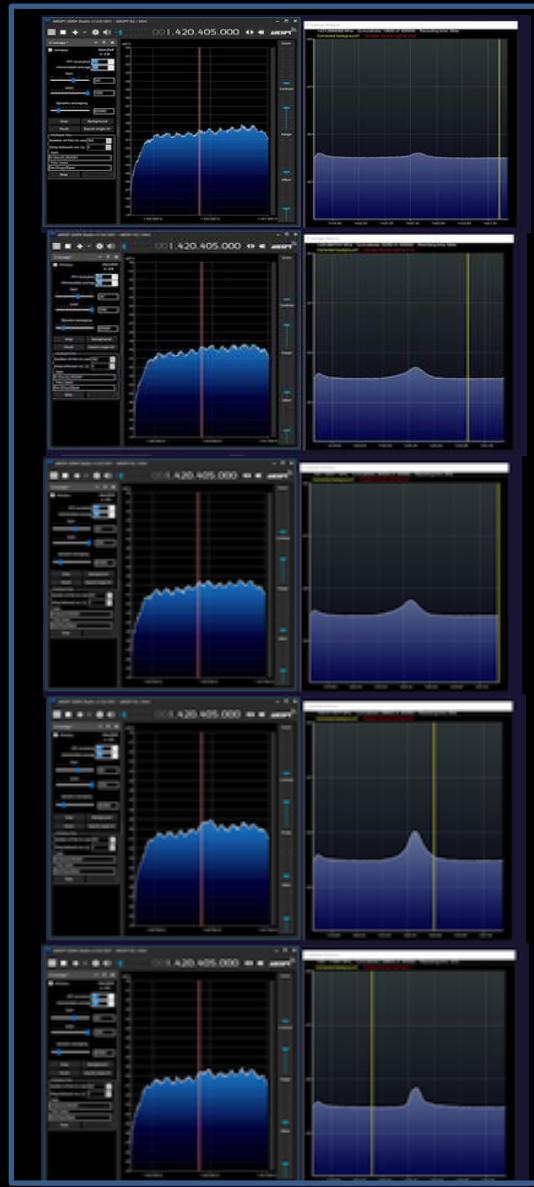
AirSpy SDR# Studio & Kaminski IF_Ave Plugin software



System Operational Verification Hot_Earth vs Cold_Sky

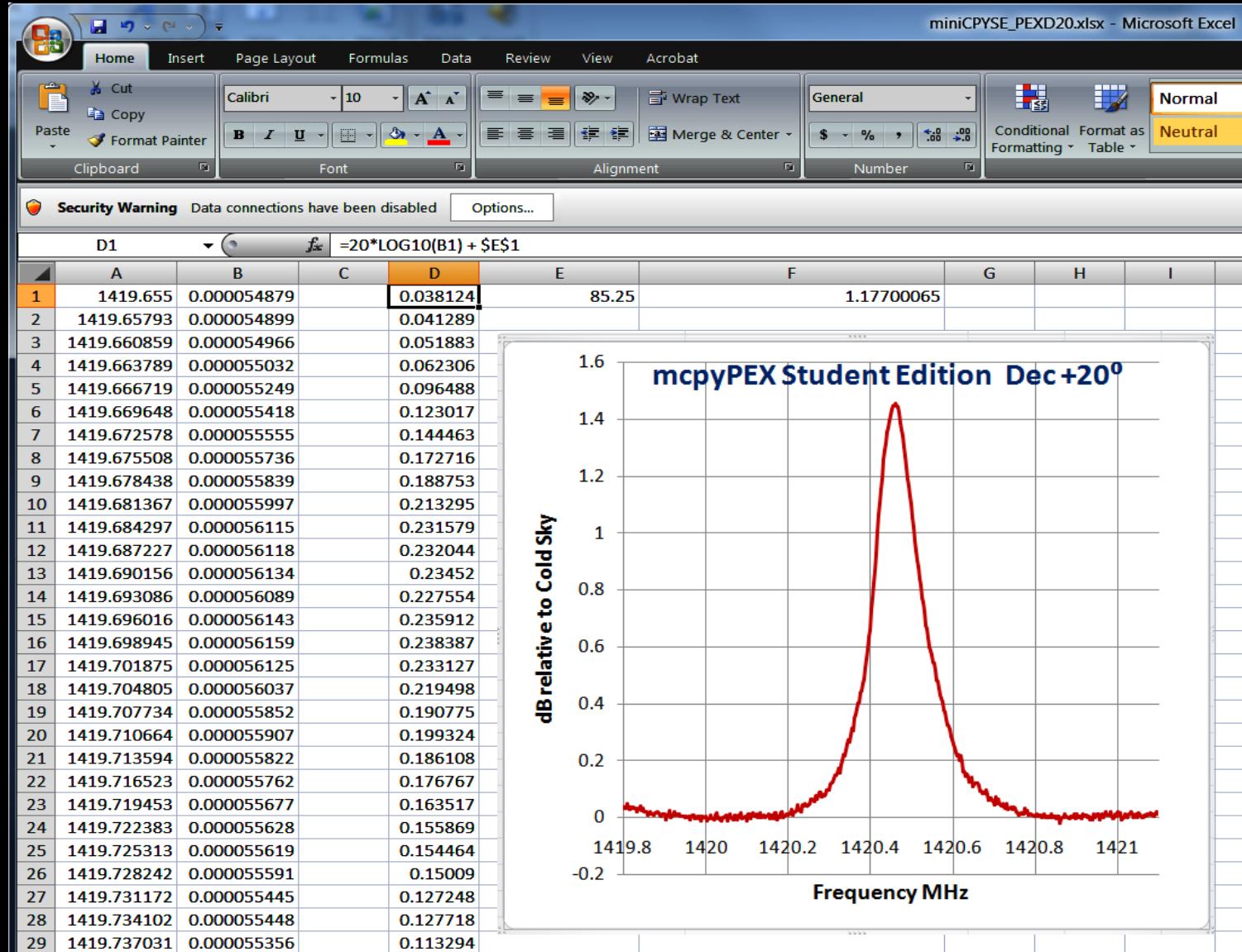


Perform a Drift Scan and Save a Data File Set

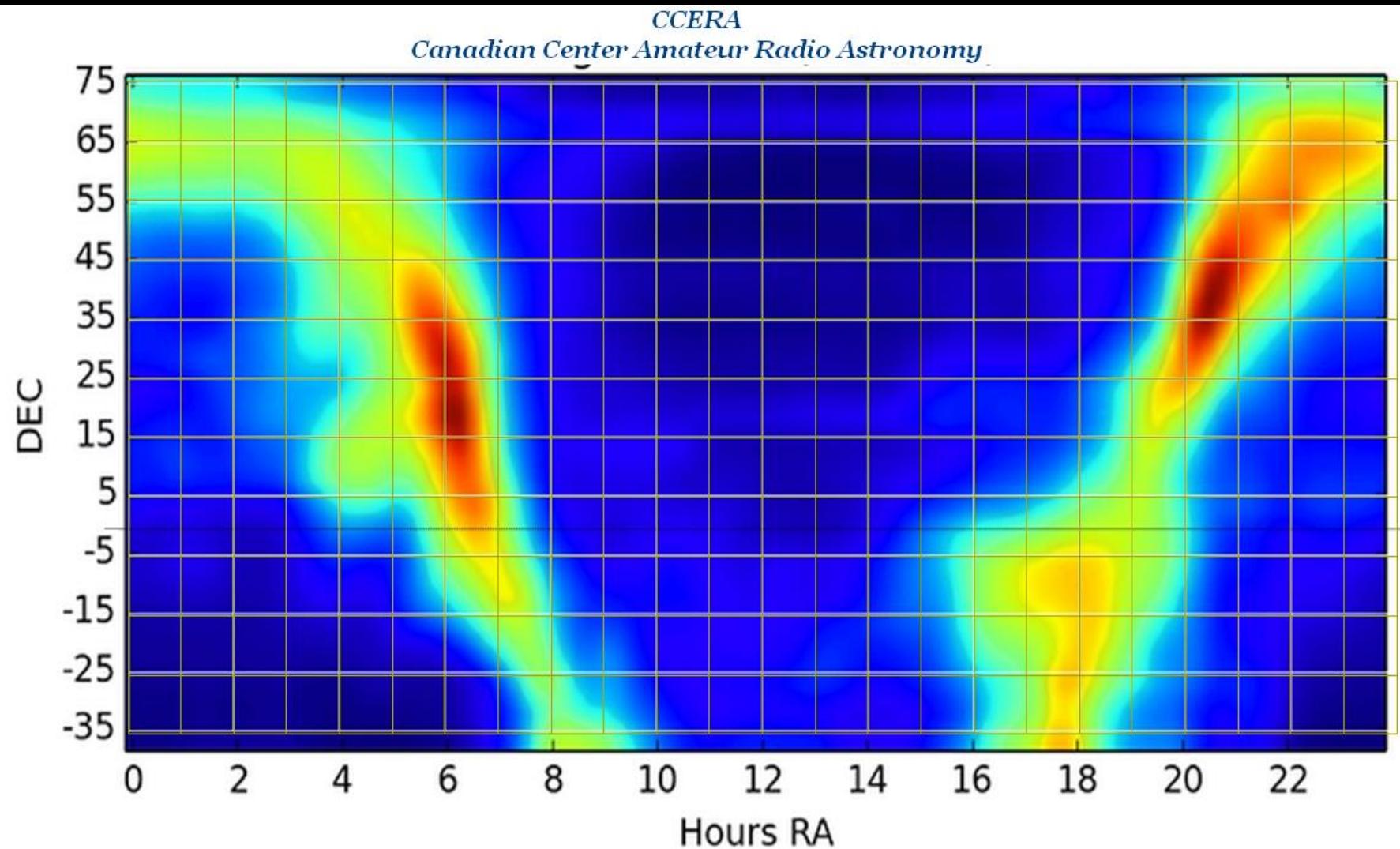


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Plot Data via Excel (Open_Office_Calc)



Reference Chart MW neutral hydrogen distribution



Software

AirSpy SDR# Studio and Kaminski IF_Ave plug-in

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Stellarium planetarium software

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(Excel or Apache Open Office Calc)

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Software

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