MM-VLBI MEMO #005

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Subject: Baseline ripple mechanisms and periods

TYPE	PATH	DISTANCE FEET	RIPPLE PERIOD MHz	FIX	Notes
Standing Wave	Feed - subreflector	38.4 x 2	12.8	Sub. vertex spoiler	1,2
Standing Wave	Feed - radome	~55 x 2	9	Underilluminate	1,2
Multi-path	Region shadowed by subref.	~44 x 2	11	Large annula spoiler	3
Multi-path	"Gregorian" radome reflection	~16.5x 2	30	Underilluminate	3,4

Notes:

1] Reflections from feed are assumed to occur from aperture, but can occur deeper in the feed thereby increasing distance.

2] Standing waves produce ripple on cold sky via the "Weinreb" effect. Circular polarization will normally reduce these standing waves.

3] Multi-path produces ripple which increases with the continuum. Circular polarization is not expected to reduce these effects.

4] "Gregorian" reflection mode is described in memo of 16 April 1991.



STANDING WAVE FROM FEED TO SUBREFLECTOR



MULTI-PATH FROM REGION SHADOWED BY SUBREFLECTOR



STANDING WAVE FROM FEED TO RADOME



MULTI-PATH FROM "GREGORIAN" REFLECTION FROM RADOME 1