MM-VLBI MEMO #014

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Subject: Subreflector spoiler cone

A new spoiler cone with the following mechanical parameters has been designed:

Cone diameter 7" Cone apex angle 170°

The detailed mechanical design was done by Bob Cady and the machining was done by John Moran. The following measurements were made of the performance:

Frequency	115 GHz
Frequency Switching	$\pm 3 \text{ MHz}$
Ripple amplitudes:	
normal subreflector	0.5%
with 11" diameter absorber	0.2%
with cone	0.1%

The amplitudes are peak-to-peak fractions of the system temperature using ± 3 MHz frequency switching. In this frequency switching mode the ripple is enhanced by a factor of 4 when compared with a total power mode.

The reduction of the ripple by the cone by a factor of 5 is close to that expected from theory (see memo #10 of this series). The attached drawings show the details of the design.





