

# **Meter to Decameter Wave Spectral Radio Heliograph**

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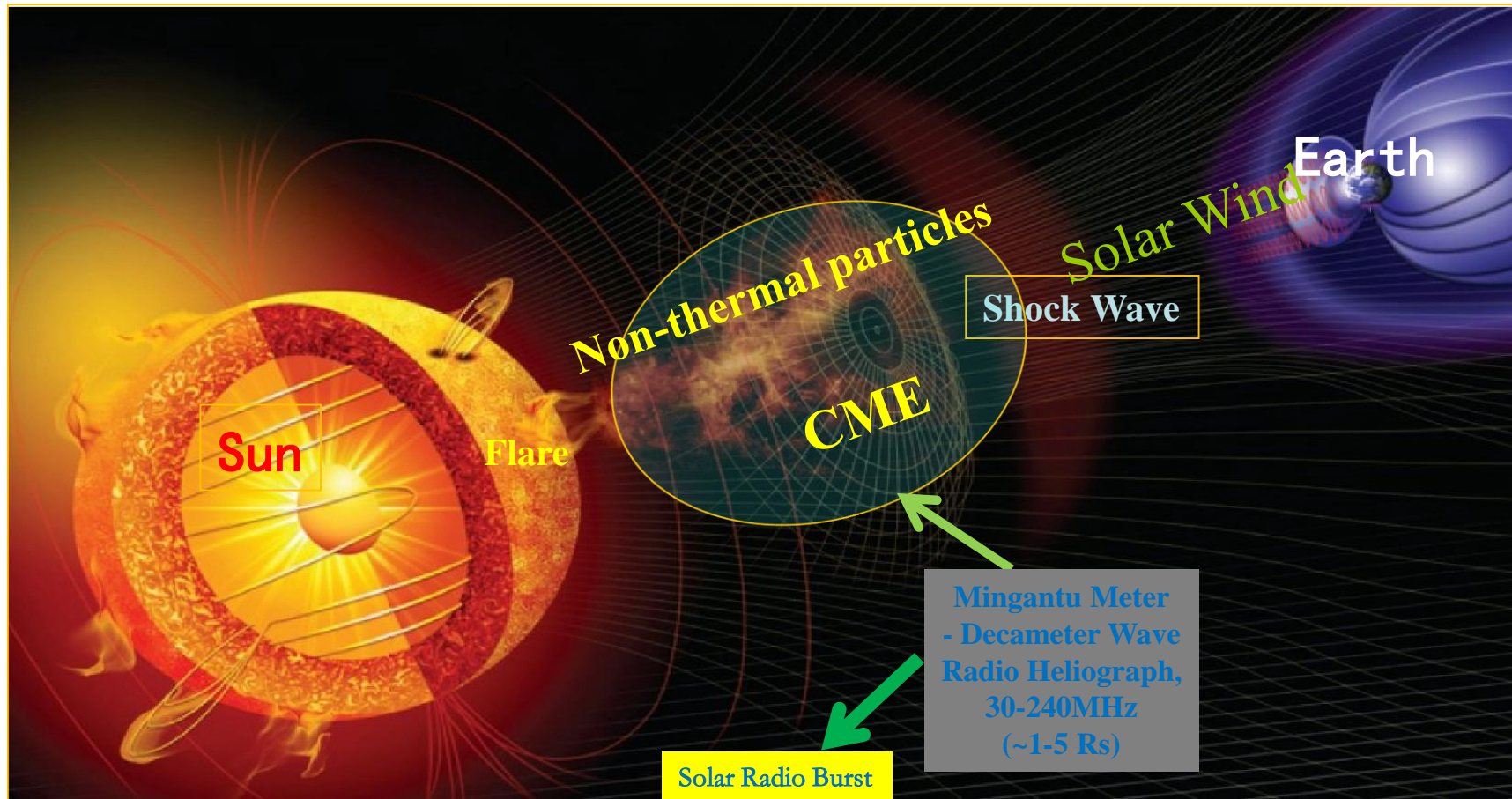
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# Scientific Objectives for the Solar-interplanetary subsystem of Meridian II project

With the terrestrial instruments, detect the solar intense activities, including the solar flare, CME, interplanetary shock wave, non-thermal particles, solar winds, etc. in the space between the solar surface to the Earth (0-215  $R_{\odot}$ ); study the disturbance, coupling mechanism, energy transfer mechanism of the interplanetary and terrestrial space impacted by the solar activities.

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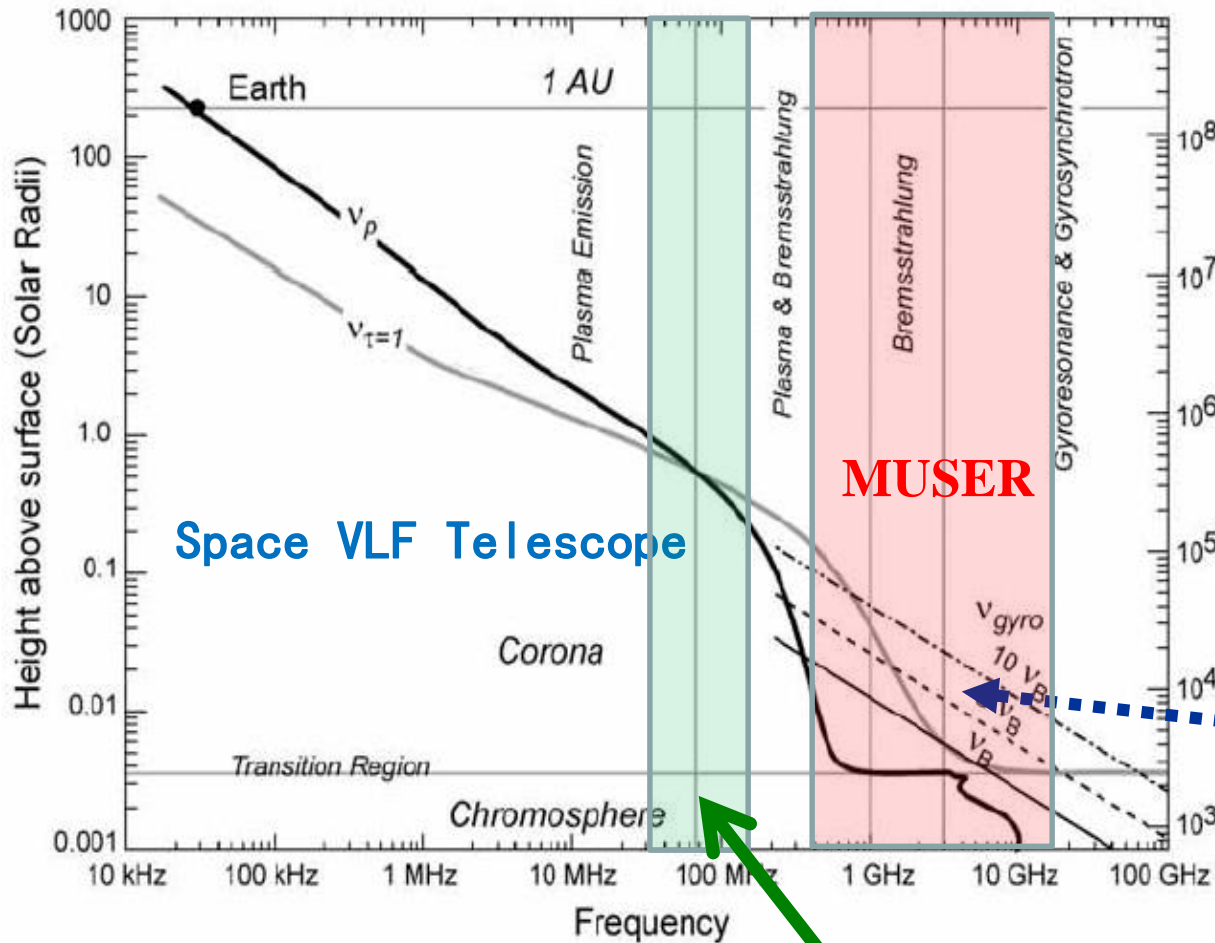
# Project Significance

- Meter-Decameter Wave Spectral Radio Heliograph is an important part of the Solar-interplanetary sub-system of Meridian II project ;
- Combined with MUSER, it can achieve a solar radio spectral imaging system at the frequency range from centimeter to decameter.
- The system will be an solar radio detecting system with the capability of high-temporal, high-spectral and high-spatial resolutions in the widest frequency band. It can do the full monitoring for the disturbance source in interplanetary space.

# Scientific Objectives

- So far, it is a big scientific gap in the world to dedicatedly observe solar radio bursts with high-performance images in the frequency range of meter and decameter wavelengths.
- This frequency is just covered the important space of CMEs and non-thermal particles' propagation, acceleration and evolutions, which strongly disturbs and impacts on the interplanetary and terrestrial space, and may trigger the disastrous space weather events.
- Therefore, it is most necessary to build a new solar radio telescope operating in the frequency of meter and decameter wavelength and with high temporal, spectral, and spatial resolutions.

# Solar Radio Emission



$$v_p = 8.98 \times 10^3 \sqrt{n_e}$$

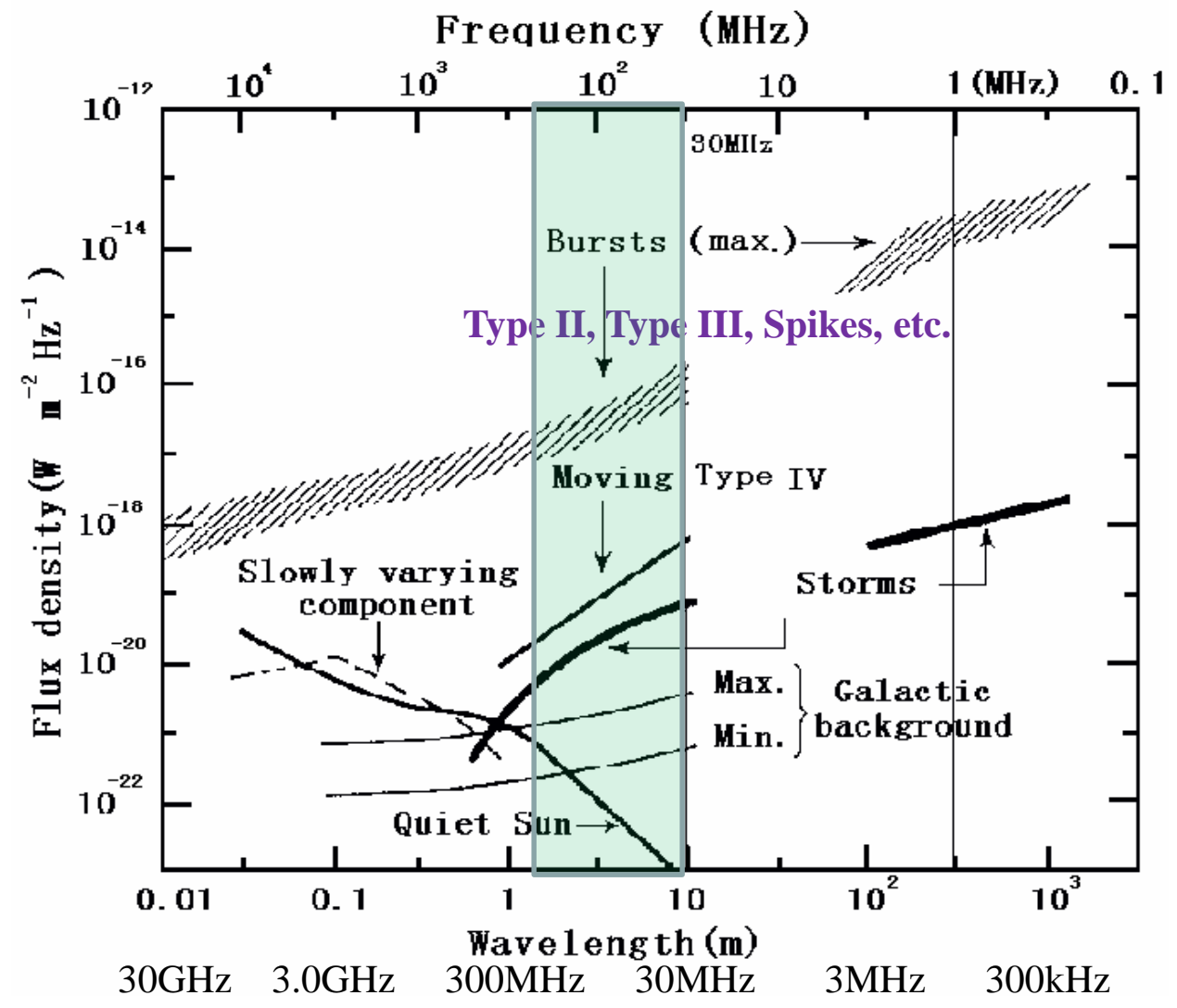
$$v_{\tau=1} \approx 0.5 n_e T_e^{-3/4} L^{1/2}$$

$$v_B = 2.8 \times 10^6 B$$

(Gary, 1999)

- (1) Bremsstrahlung
- (2) Gyroresonance
- (3) Coherent emission
- ★ Plasma emission
- ★ ECME

# Solar and Galactic radio emission flux





# Present solar radio heliograph

Instrument	Frequency	Time resolution	Frequency resolution	Polarization	Time
MUSER	0.4-2.0GHz 2.0-15.0GHz	25ms 206ms	25MHz 25MHz	R,L	2016
NoRH	17GHz 34GHz	100ms 100ms	33.6MHz	R,L	1984
SSRT	5.70GHz	100ms	-	-	1996 Upgrade
NRH	150-450MHz	100ms	10 freqs 0.7MHz	-	1987 Upgrade
GRAPH	40-150MHz	256ms	1MHz 1 freq	-	1997

# Present solar radio imaging telescope



## **MUSER**

- 1. Ultra-wide Band :**  
0.40-15.0GHz
- 2. High resolution :**  
Spatial, 1.4-51.6" ,  
temporal, 25-200ms,  
frequency, 25MHz.
- 3. High-speed spectral  
imaging:** 584,  
imaging with ~200ms
- 4. Dual-circular  
polarization:** L& R

# Present solar radio imaging telescope



SSRT

NoRH

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# Present solar radio imaging telescope



NRH

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# Main Specification

- Frequency: 30MHz—240MHz
- Antenna : 100 LPDA antenna
- Longest Baseline: 3000m
- Frequency Resolution: 1MHz~5MHz
- Temporal Resolution: 100ms
- Spatial Resolution: 1.7' @240MHz—14.0' @30MHz
- Polarization: I、Q、U、V

# Frequency: 30MHz—240MHz

- Solar radio emissions below 150MHz locate the area from 1 to 5 Rs, where the solar events including CME、non-thermal particle and solar wind are produced and accelerated, it is crucial to systematically monitor this area.
- Covering the full frequency band that can be observed on the ground with the Daocheng Circular Array together, the overlap frequency can be used to mutually testified

# Antenna

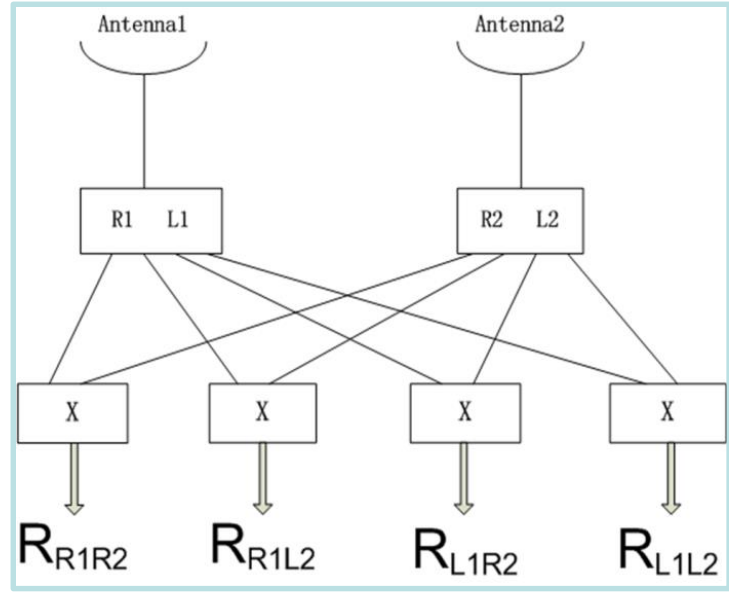
- LPDA, Most used and mature;
- Based on the simulations, 100 antennas are enough to get good images;
- Simple mechanism, cheap,.

# Polarization: I, Q, U, V

• For crossed linearly polarized feeds

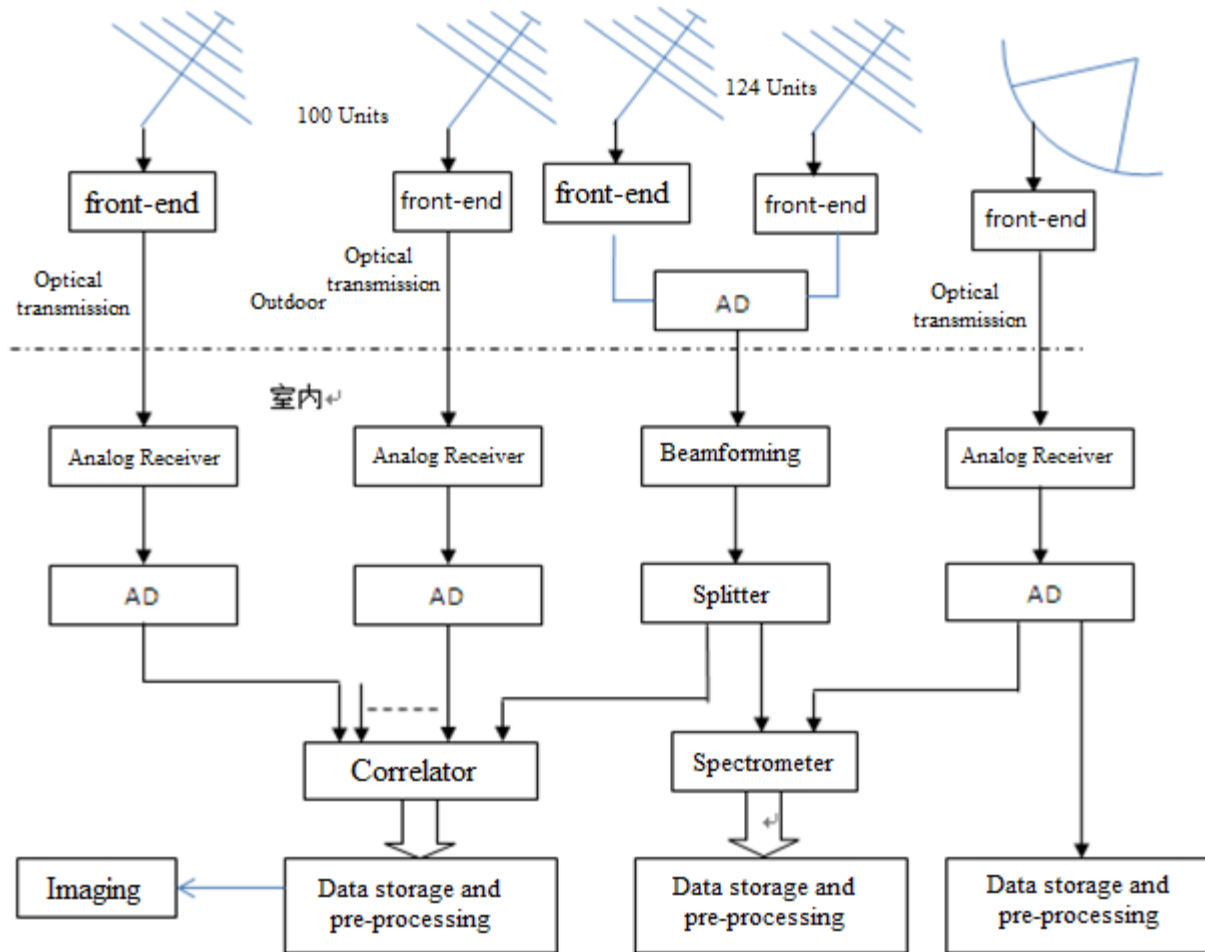
$$\begin{aligned}
 v_{pp} &= \frac{1}{2}g_{ip}g_{kp}^*(I + Q \cos 2\chi + U \sin 2\chi), \\
 v_{pq} &= \frac{1}{2}g_{ip}g_{kq}^*((d_{ip} - d_{kq}^*)I - Q \sin 2\chi + U \cos 2\chi + jV), \\
 v_{qp} &= \frac{1}{2}g_{iq}g_{kp}^*((d_{kp}^* - d_{iq})I - Q \sin 2\chi + U \cos 2\chi - jV), \\
 v_{qq} &= \frac{1}{2}g_{iq}g_{kq}^*(I - Q \cos 2\chi - U \sin 2\chi),
 \end{aligned}$$

- 4 cross-correlations can be used to measure the antenna polarization performance;
- Decrease the crosstalk requirement of antenna polarization;
- For the signal with polarization unknown , 4 cross-correlations can used to measure the full stokes parameter, I, Q, U, V;





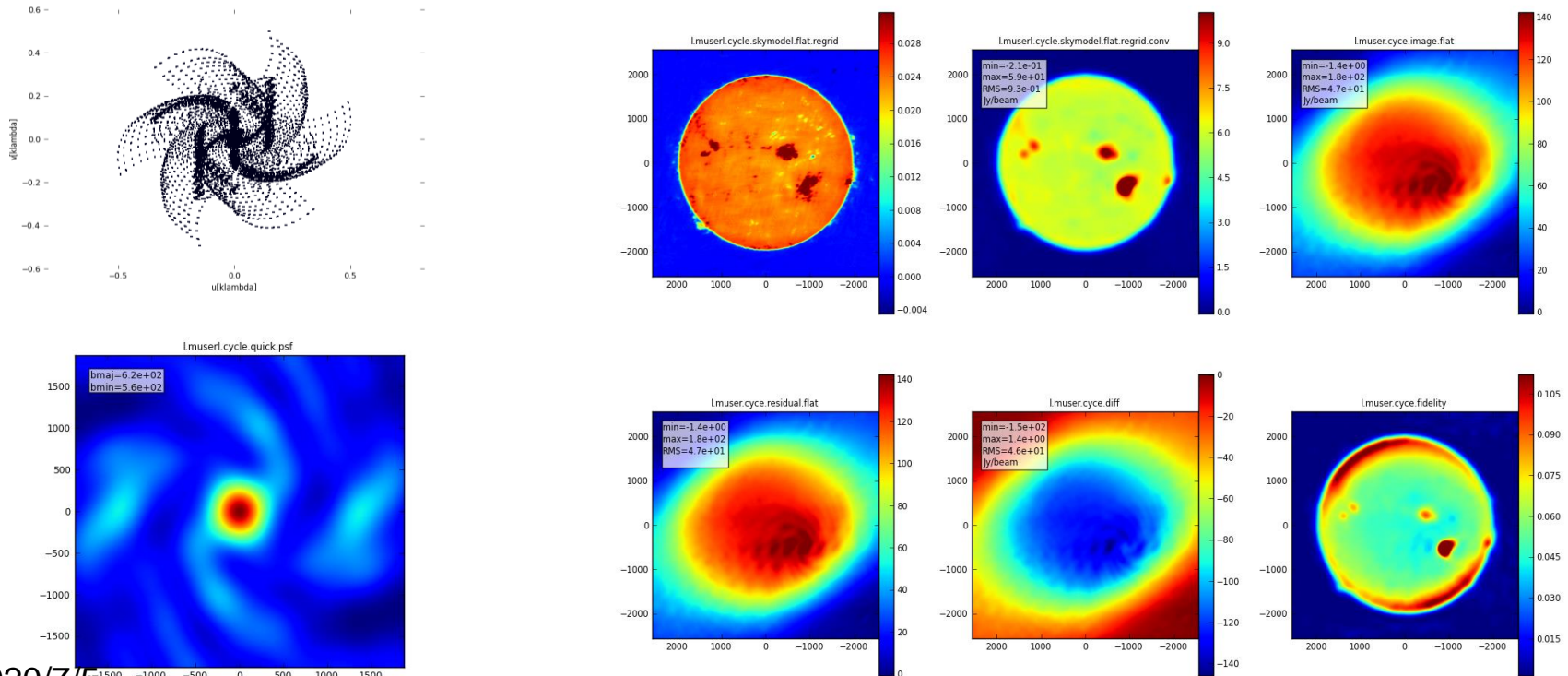
# System Composition



- 100 LPDA;
- Calibration unit (124 LPDA), also used as spectrometer;
- 124 LPDA, beam-forming。

# Array Configuration

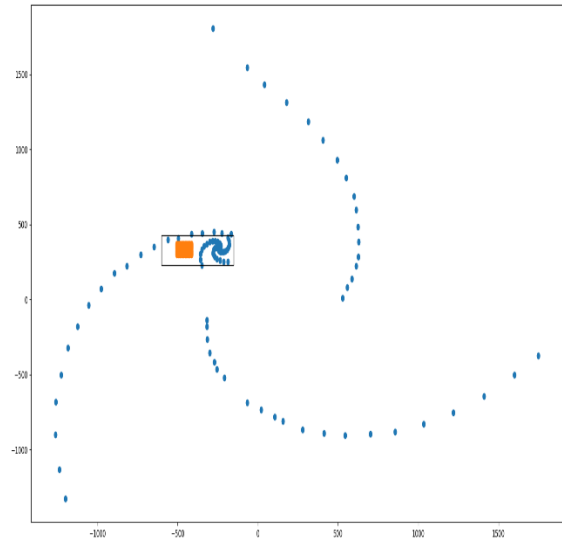
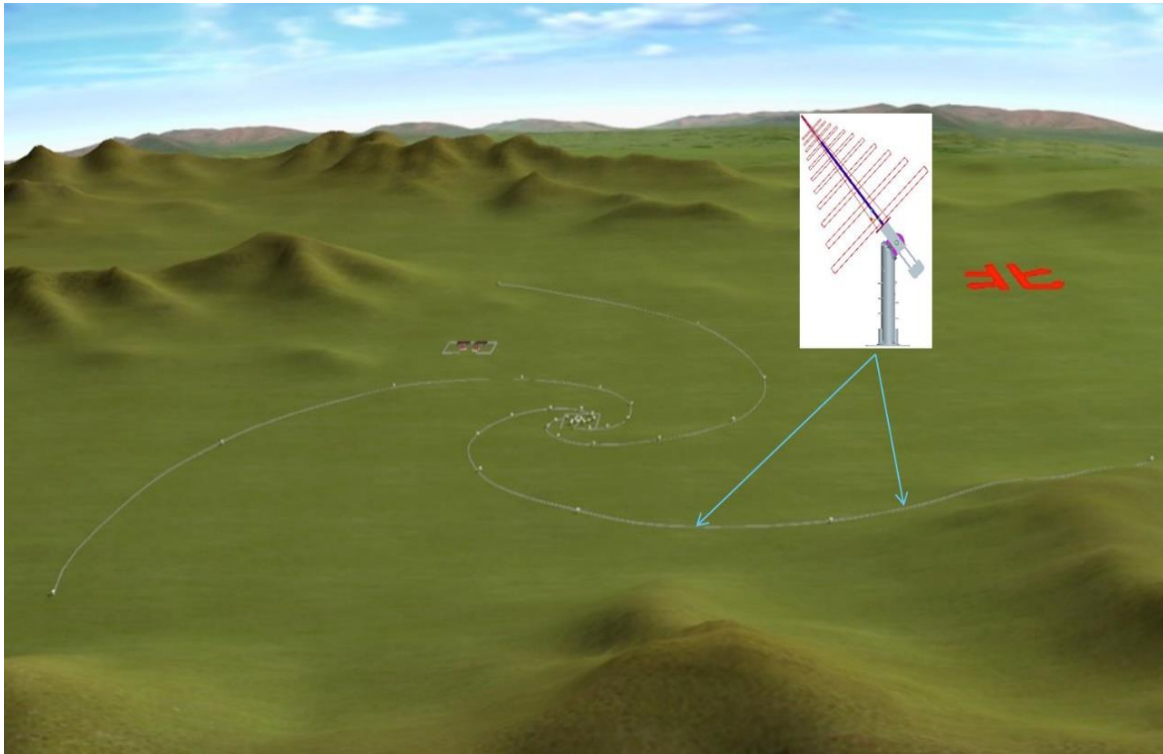
- Design principle: UV coverage, Beam Characteristic, Image quality, Engineering Implementation;



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# Array Design

- Fully take advantage of the present location and condition.

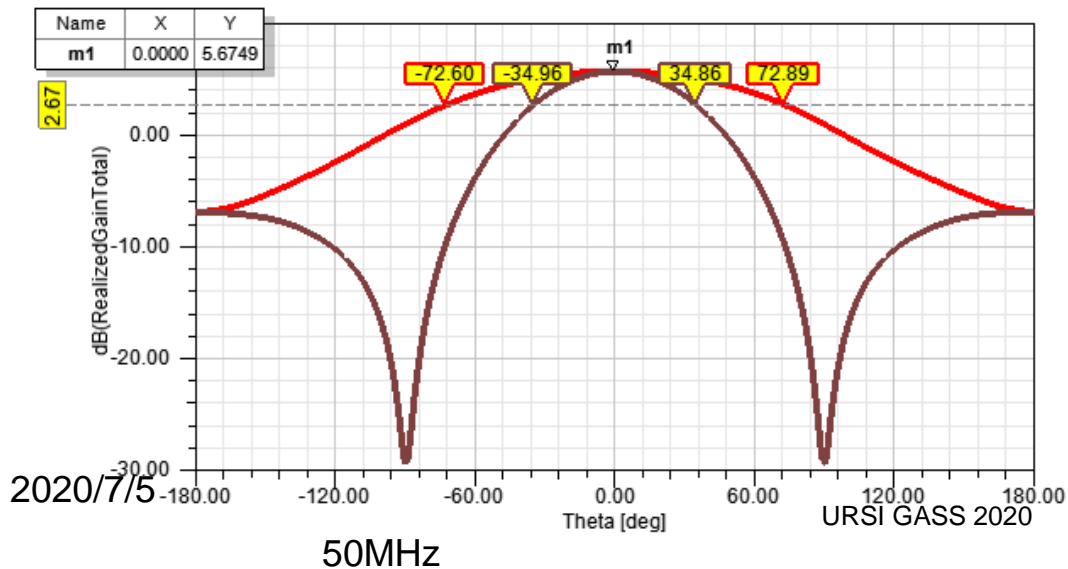
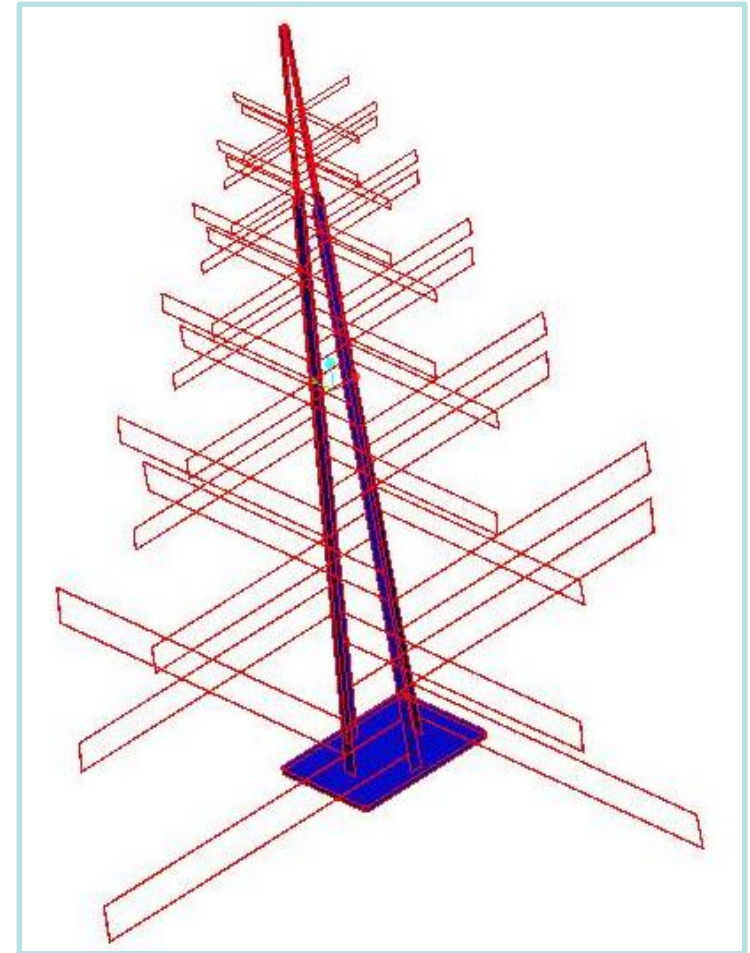


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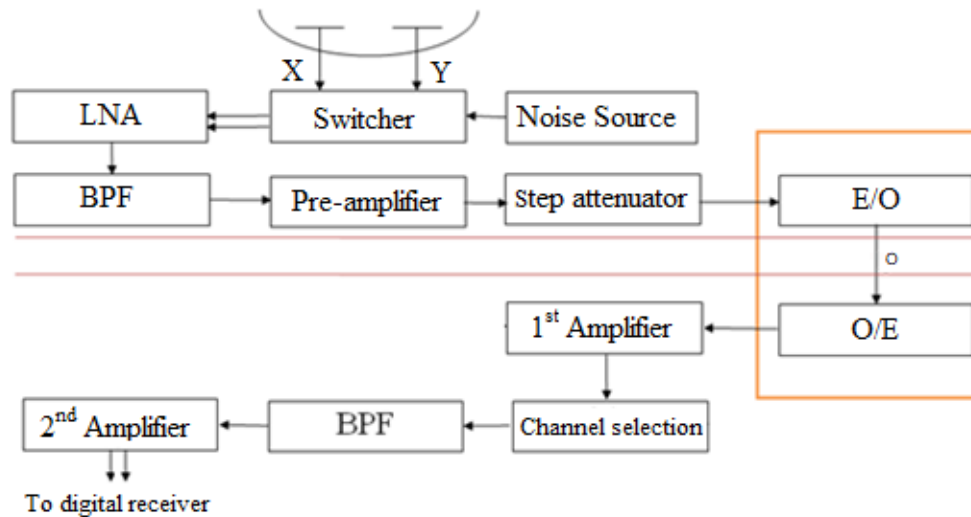
# Antenna Design

- Antenna: LPDA
- Frequency: 30—240MHz
- Polarization: Dual-linear
- Gain:  $\geq 5\text{dB}$  (50MHz以上)
- VSWR:  $\leq 2.5$
- Right ascension :  $-95^\circ \sim +95^\circ$
- Decline:  $-30^\circ \sim +30^\circ$

$L \times W \times H = 3.0\text{m} \times 3.0\text{m} \times 3.0\text{m}$ , much smaller than the half-wavelength antenna

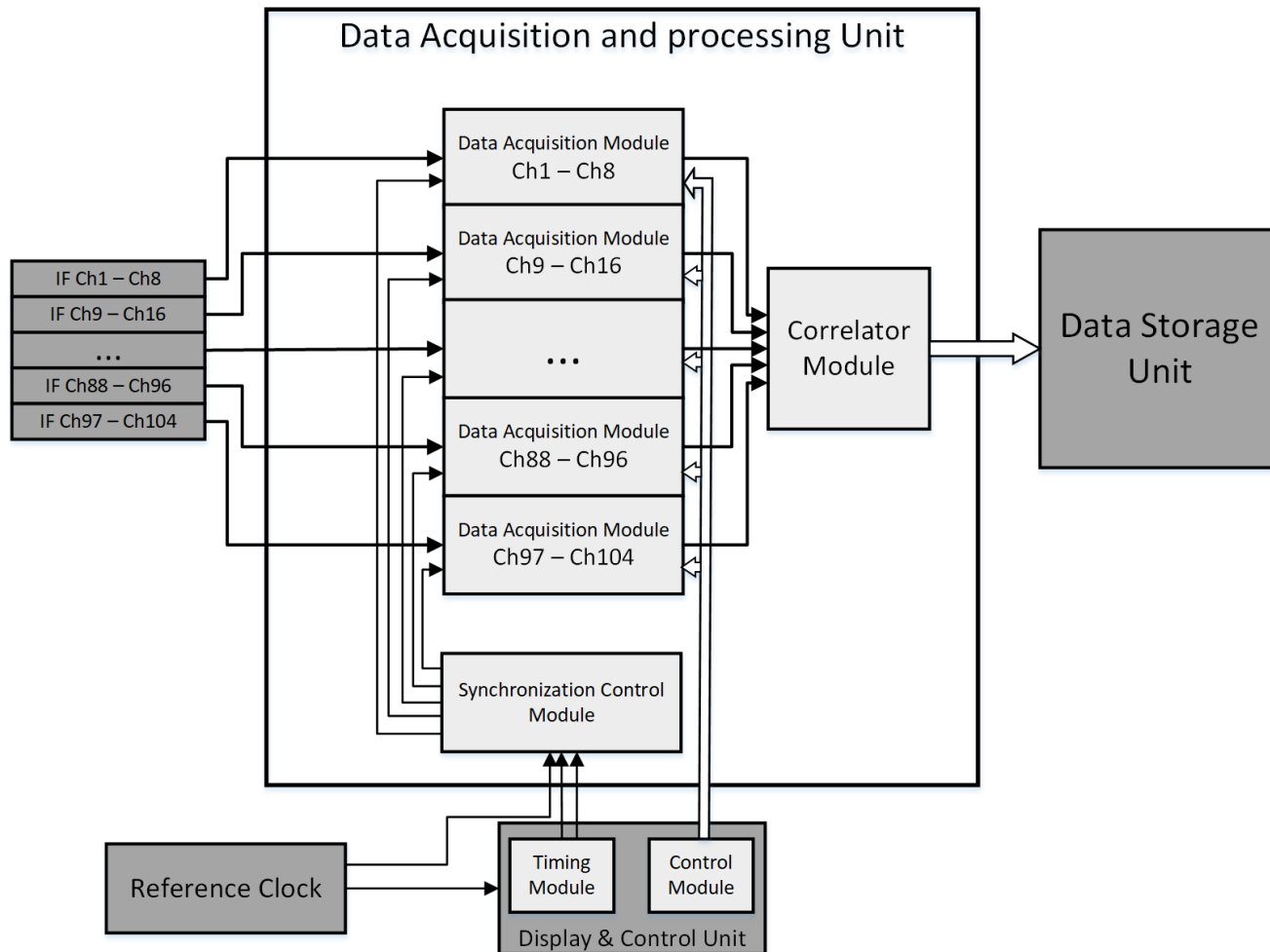


# Antenna receiver design



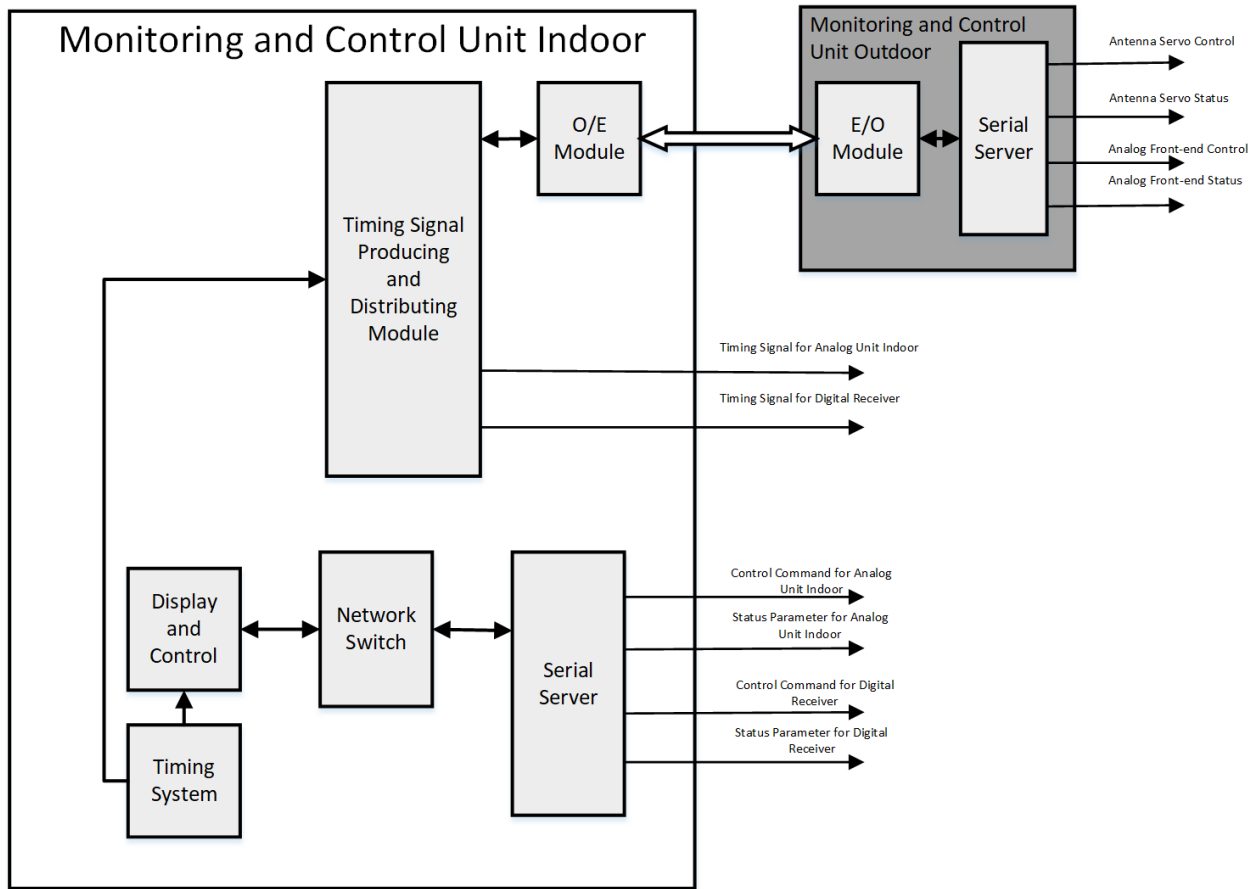
- Frequency: 30MHz ~ 240MHz
- LNA NF: < 1.5dB
- IF band: ~100MHz
- Isolation:  $\geq 70$ dB
- Flatness :  $\pm 1.5$ dB
- Attenuator: 30dB, adjustable

# Digital Receiver Design

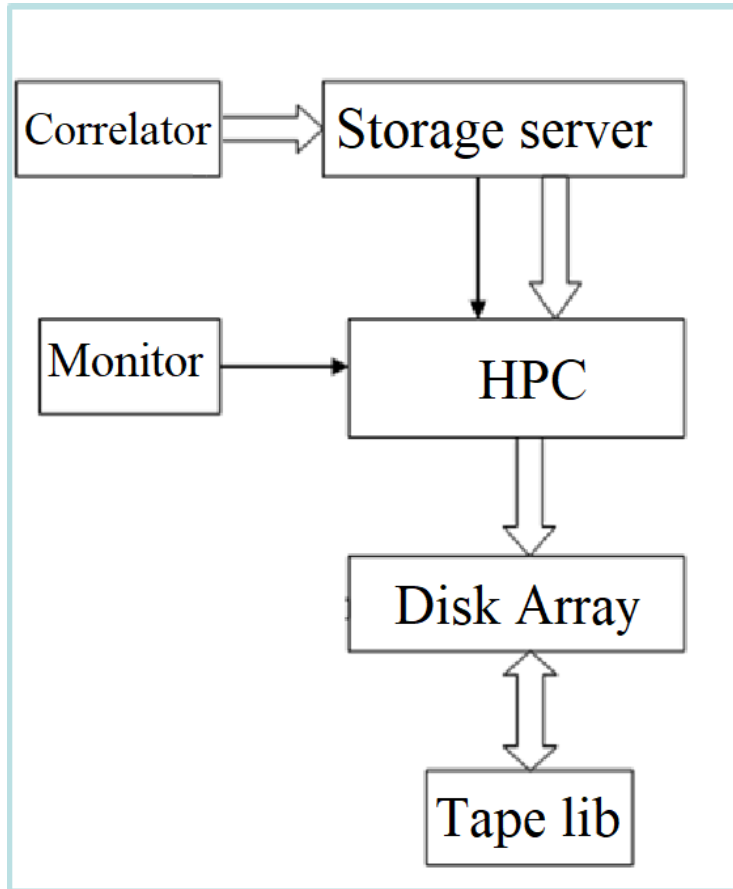


- **AD Acquisition : AD, BF filter, Fringe stop, 2bit quantization, Delay compensation.**
- **Synchronization Module: Sampling clock.**
- **Correlator module: 4 correlator, Cos output, Sin output.**

# Monitoring system



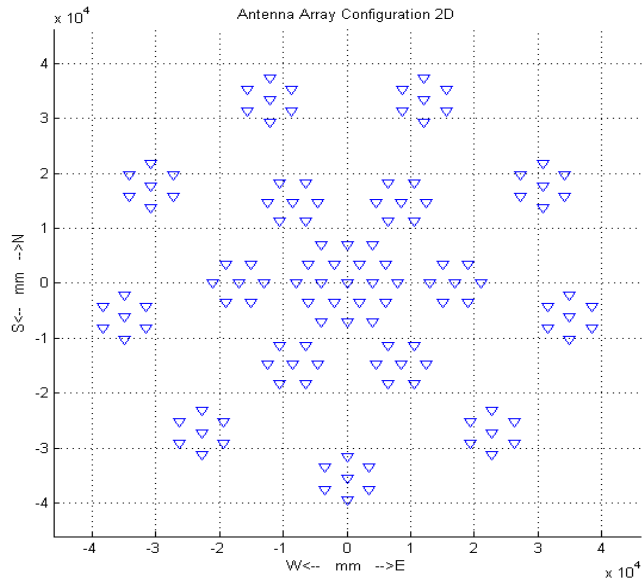
# Data Processing Unit Design



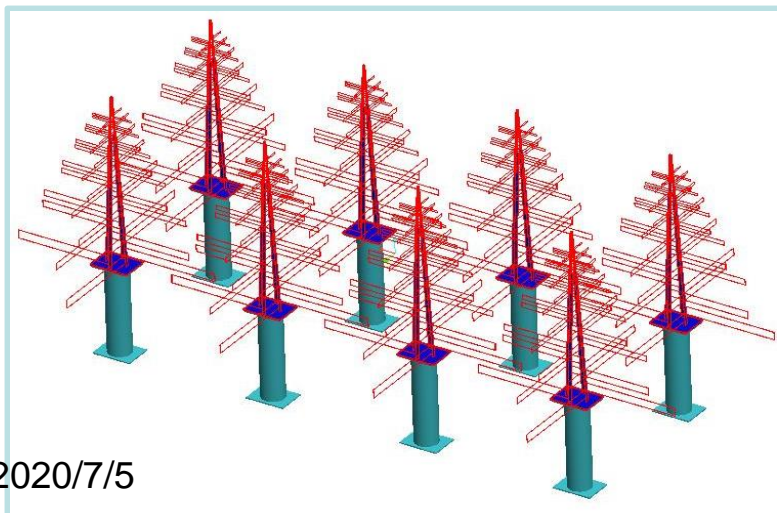
1. Storage server
2. Monitor
3. HP computing server。
4. Harddisk array
5. Tape library



# Calibration Unit Design



- 124 LPDA, 16 groups;
- 7 antenna summing, improve gain;
- Without tracking。





# Observation Mode

Order	Observation Mode	Description	Temporal	Detection Area	Frequency
1	Normal Obs mode	Full frequency band, full time	second	0-5R <sub>☉</sub>	30MHz-240MHz
2	Frequency Selection mode	Frequency selection	second	0-5R <sub>☉</sub>	30MHz-240MHz Certain Frequency
3	Night Obs mode	Observe radio source for calibration and difference sciences	second	Radio sources	30MHz-240MHz

# Data Archive

Level	Data name	Description	Format	Time resolution	Data Volume (MB)	Online or not?	Produced by data center?
0	Image raw data	Raw output, visibility, time, spectrum	Self-define	1 min	2TB	No	No
0	Spectral raw data	Raw output, time, spectrum	Self-define	Each min	1GB	No	No
1	Standard image format	Normal data format, time, visibility	FITS	5 min	1GB	No	No
2	Image production	Customer data, time, solar radio image	FITS	5 min	3.6GB	Yes	No
2	Spectral production	Customer data, time, spectrum	FITS	Each min	1GB	Yes	否

*Thanks!*