

Installation of the radio monitoring system at Yebes observatory

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1 System description

A radio monitoring system has been recently installed at the roof of the *Centro Astronómico de Yebes* (CAY) lab and office building on June 2016, with WGS84 coordinates 40° 31' 28.50" N / 03° 05' 18.95" W. Its purpose is to measure the amount of radio frequency interfering (RFI) signals that reach the observatory site. The system is capable of monitoring signals from 1 to 40GHz, with horizontal or vertical polarization, rotating from 0 to 360° in azimuth, at 5° per second, and -4.5° to +94.5° in elevation, at 2° per second.

The system is composed of the following equipment:

- Rohde-Schwarz AC090 SHF Directional Antenna System, which is a 0.9 m in diameter parabola.
- Rohde-Schwarz HL024S7, which consists of a crossed log-periodic antenna, working as the feed for the parabola, and a broadband preamplifier. It covers the 1 - 18 GHz band.
- Rohde-Schwarz AC308R2 SHF directional antenna with preamplifier, covering the 18 - 26.5 GHz band. It is a 25 cm in diameter parabola.
- Rohde-Schwarz AC308R3 SHF directional antenna with preamplifier, covering the 26.5 - 40GHz band. It is a 25 cm in diameter parabola, too
- Wilhelm Winter antenna rotator
- Rohde-Schwarz GX300 & GV300 control unit for positioning and selecting the antenna, and its associated frequency band, and its polarization. It can be controlled via serial RS-232C or RS-485, alternatively.

This system was donated by the Spanish *Dirección General de Telecomunicaciones y Tecnologías de la Información* to Yebes Observatory, where it has been restored and installed as mentioned above.

The complete detailed specifications can be found in **Appendix I**. The block diagram and the connections of the system is shown in **Figure 1** and the final assembly in **Figure 2**.

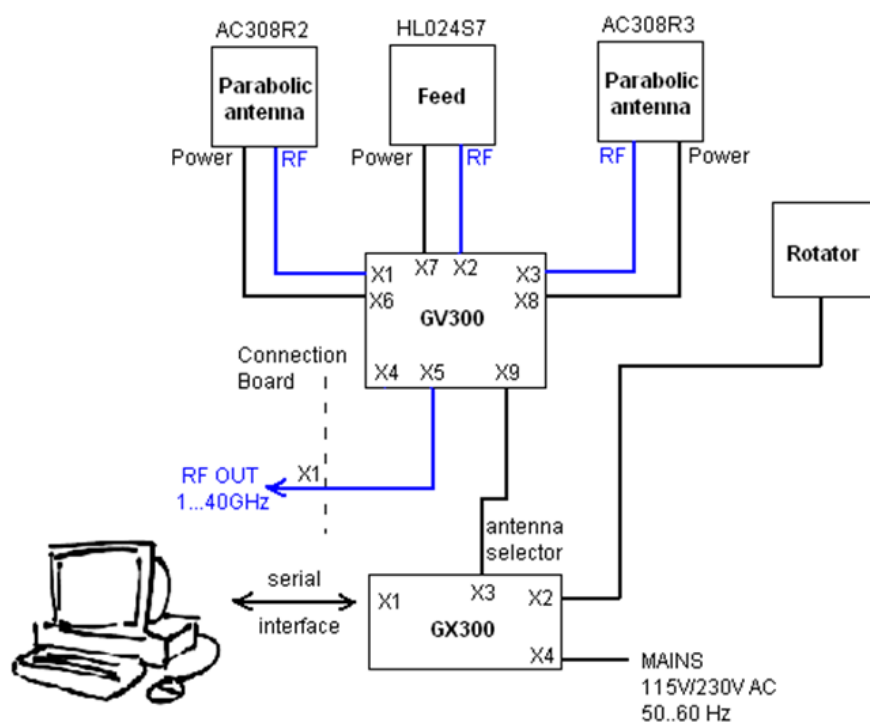


Figure 1: Block diagram of the system.



Figure 2: Installed radio monitoring system.

2 Cabling

The cabling of the system has been done between the receiver laboratory, in the first floor of the building, and the roof, consisting of:

- Power supply cable
- 3 wire RS485 cable
- RG-58 cable

The length of the cable is 36 meters, approximately. The host PC is connected to the RS-485 cable through a BlackBox© IC821A RS232 to RS485 converter.

The connection pin-out between the X1 connector of the GX300 module and the BlackBox is the following:

X1	BlackBox
Pin G (RS485+)	TDB+
Pin H (RS485-)	TDA-
Pin J (GND)	GND

3 Antenna control unit

The antenna is shipped with a Microsoft Windows controlling software called Accon, from Rohde & Schwarz (RS). According to RS, this software can be externally controlled through the Dynamic Data Exchange (DDE) Microsoft Windows protocol, which has been partially superseded by Object Linking and Embedding (OLE), but remains used for simple Windows interprocess communication tasks. Rohde & Schwarz also provides a list of DDE commands to which Accon responds.

The programming language chosen for building an application to interact with Accon has been Visual Basic, and as DDE is no longer supported in Visual Studio (the successor of Visual Basic), all the coding was done in Visual Basic 5.0. Additionally, the application implements UDP socket communication, so it can be remotely controlled through the LAN/Ethernet. The interface diagram of the software is shown in **Figure 3** and the graphical user interface of the CAY antenna control unit (ACU) application is presented in **Figure 4**.

Antenna Control Unit

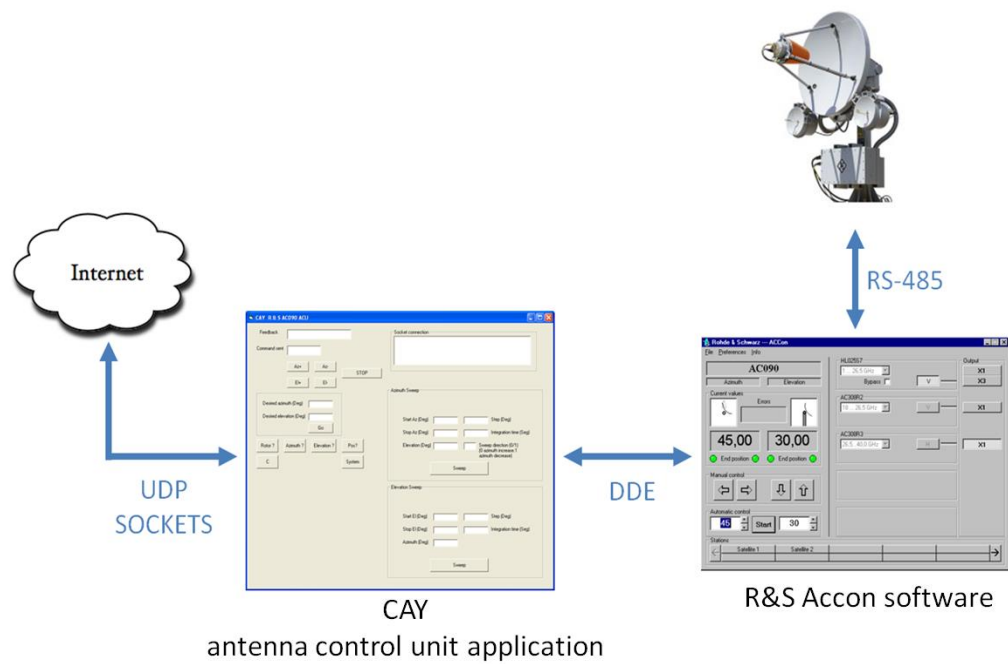


Figure 3: Software interface diagram.

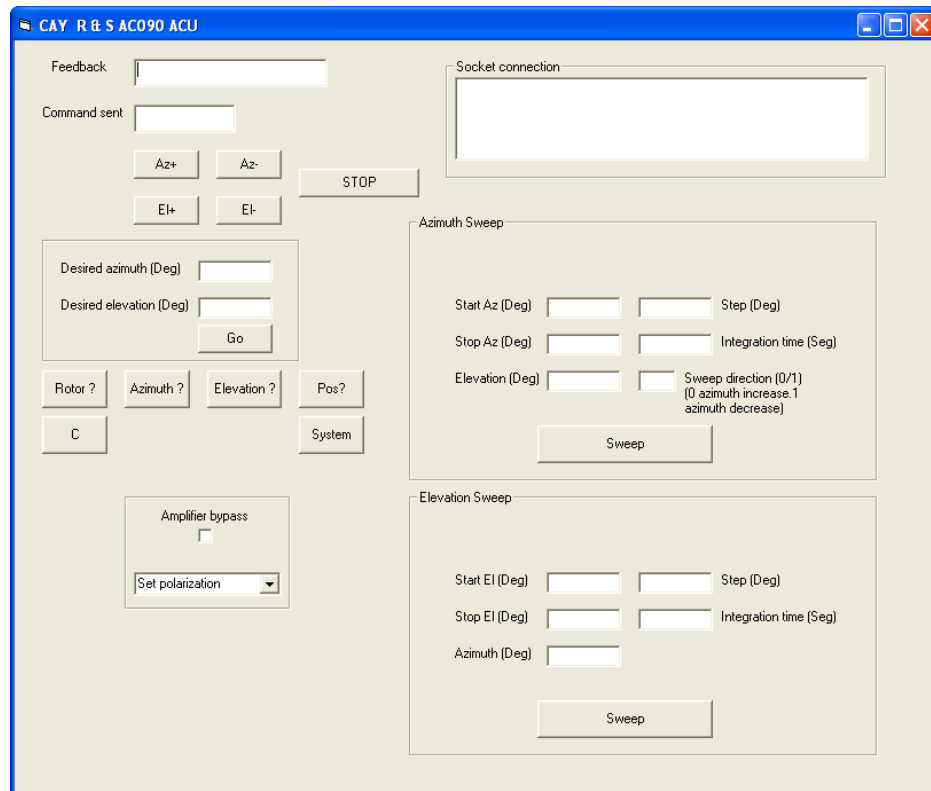


Figure 4: CAY R&S AC090 Antenna Control Unit

In order to be controlled by DDE, the Accon Software has to be configured according to **Figure 5**. Likewise, in the Visual Basic application there have to be two text boxes named *cmdSent* and *cmdReceived*, which will act as the output and input to the Accon software, respectively. The *linkmode* and *linktopic* fields of the Visual Basic graphical user interface have also to be defined the following way:

Linkmode: 1-Source

Linktopic: Form1

The Visual Basic application has to be compiled and built into an executable file named *ac090.exe*.

The image shows a 'Preferences DDE' dialog box with the following settings:

- 1st control source:**
 - ☒ Pair of angles
 - ☒ **Command**
 - Source: ac090\Form1
 - Source element: cmdSent
 - Source: (empty)
 - Source element: (empty)
 - Application: (empty)
- 2nd control source:**
 - Source: (empty)
 - Source element: (empty)
 - Application: (empty)
- Feedbacks:**
 - Destination: ac090\Form1
 - Dest. Element: cmdReceived
 - Application: (empty)
- Options:**
 - Activate DDE: ☒
 - Activate DDE on startup: ☒
 - Start programs: ☐
 - Minimize if DDE enabled: ☐
 - Timeout: 40
- Buttons: Cancel, OK

Figure 5: Accon DDE setup

The CAY antenna control unit software can be externally controlled through UDP datagram sockets. The list of commands is shown in **Table 1**. The code of the Visual Basic application is shown in **Appendix II**.

UDP COMMAND	MEANING
H	STOPS THE ROTATOR
QA	RETURNS AZIMUTH POSITION [AAA,AA]
QE	RETURNS ELEVATION POSITION [EE,EE]
QB	RETURNS POSITION [AAA,AA/EE,EE]
QFn	RETURNS DESIGNATION OF FEED n AS PLAIN TEXT. n possible values: 1 2 3
QS	RETURNS SYSTEM DESIGNATION AS PLAIN TEXT
QR	<p>QUERY ROTATOR STATUS. Possible values:</p> <p>L: rotator is decreasing azimuth angle</p> <p>R: rotator is increasing azimuth angle</p> <p>U: rotator is increasing elevation angle</p> <p>D: rotator is decreasing elevation angle</p> <p>H: rotator is standing still</p> <p>The following combinations are possible: LD, LU, RD, RU</p>
QL	<p>QUERY STATUS OF THE LIMIT SWITCHES. Possible values:</p> <p>L: left limit switch triggered</p> <p>R: right limit switch triggered</p> <p>D: lower limit switch triggered</p> <p>U: upper limit switch triggered</p> <p>N: no limit switch triggered</p>
C	CLEARs LAST FEEDBACK MESSAGE
E	TERMINATES THE PROGRAM
F1BX	<p>BYPASS FEED 1 AMPLIFIER. X possible values:</p> <p>0: don't bypass amplifier</p> <p>1: bypass amplifier</p>
F1PX	<p>SETS THE POLARIZATION OF FEED 1. X possible values:</p> <p>V: Vertical polarization</p> <p>H: Horizontal polarization</p>
<p>SETPOS AAA,A/±EE,E</p> <p>If succesfull, returns antenna position [AAA,AA/±EE,EE]</p> <p>A: AZIMUTH E:ELEVATION</p>	<p>SETS THE ANTENNA POSITION</p> <p>AAA,A : Desired Azimuth [Deg]. Range 0° to 360°</p> <p>EE,E: Desired Elevation [Deg]. Range -4.5° to 94.5°</p> <p>Example: SETPOS 008,5/+50,6 takes the antenna to Azimuth 8,5° and Elevation 50,6°</p>
AZ_SWEEP AAA,BBB,CCC, ±DD,EEE,F	<p>Sweeps the antenna in azimuth with a constant elevation</p> <p>AAA: Start azimuth [Deg]</p> <p>BBB: Stop azimuth [Deg]</p> <p>CCC: Step azimuth [Deg]</p> <p>DD: Elevation [Deg]</p> <p>EEE: Integration time [sec] Range 0 to 999</p>

<p>If succesfull, returns antenna position [AAA,AA/±EE,EE] for each step of the sweep. A: AZIMUTH E:ELEVATION</p>	<p>F: Direction of the sweep. Can take the values 0 or 1: 0: Increasing azimuth 1:Decreasing azimuth</p> <p>Example: AZ_SWEEP 310,350,005,+45,002,0 moves the antenna from azimuth 310° to 350° in 5° steps with increasing azimuth, at an elevation of 45° and 2 seconds of integration time</p>
<p>EL_SWEEP ±AA, ±BB,CC,DDD,EEE</p> <p>If succesfull, returns antenna position [AAA,AA/±EE,EE] for each step of the sweep. A: AZIMUTH E:ELEVATION</p>	<p>Sweeps the antenna in elevation with a constant azimuth AA: Start elevation [Deg] BB: Stop elevation [Deg] CC: Step elevation [Deg] DDD: Azimuth [Deg] EEE: Integration time [sec] Range 0 to 999</p> <p>Example: EL_SWEEP +35,+10,005,340,002 moves the antenna from elevation of 35° to 10° in 5° steps with an azimuth of 340° and 2 seconds of integration time</p>

Table 1: UDP DDE commands

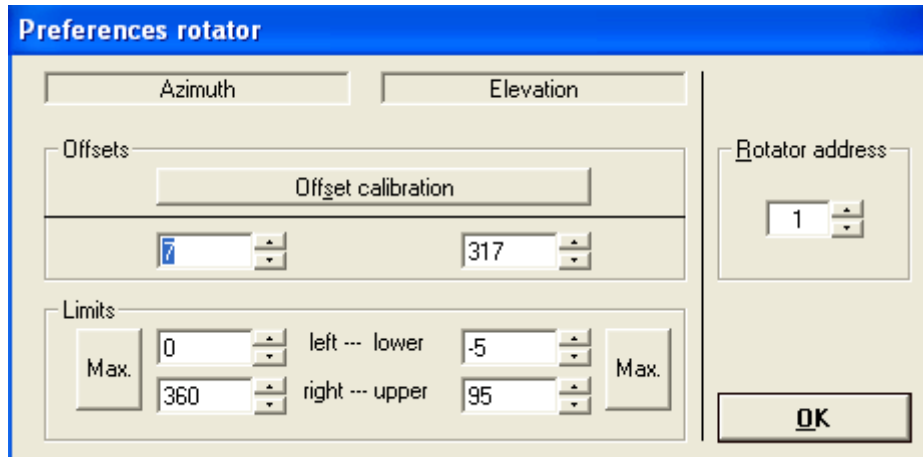
4 Antenna pointing correction

In order to know the azimuth offset correction that has to be applied to the antenna, a pair of radiolinks from known directions were used:

6.46 GHz coming from 27° azimuth (Horche)

5.85 GHz coming from 314° azimuth (Chiloeches)

Taking into account these azimuths, the offset correction for the antenna was derived (see **Figure 6**). The measurements are presented in Section 7.

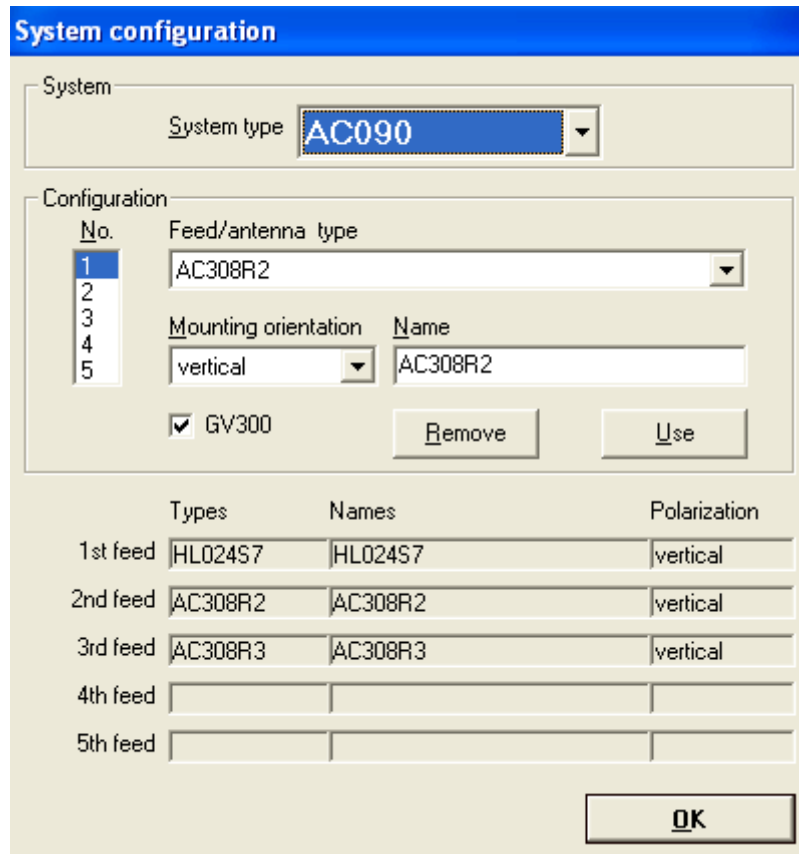


The 'Preferences rotator' dialog box has a blue title bar. It contains two tabs: 'Azimuth' and 'Elevation'. Under the 'Offsets' section, there is an 'Offset calibration' button and two spinners with values 7 and 317. Under the 'Limits' section, there are four spinners: 'left --- lower' (0), 'right --- upper' (360), 'left --- lower' (-5), and 'right --- upper' (95). There are 'Max.' labels on the left and right sides of the limits section. On the right side of the dialog, there is a 'Rotator address' spinner with the value 1 and an 'OK' button at the bottom right.

Figure 6: Accon pointing offset corrections

5 Accon configuration

In the following figures, it can be seen the system setup and how the Accon software has to be configured to communicate with the antenna:



The 'System configuration' dialog box has a blue title bar. It contains a 'System' section with a 'System type' dropdown menu set to 'AC090'. Below this is a 'Configuration' section with a table of feeds. The table has columns for 'No.', 'Feed/antenna type', 'Mounting orientation', 'Name', and 'Polarization'. The first three rows are populated with data. Below the table, there is a 'GV300' checkbox which is checked, and 'Remove' and 'Use' buttons. At the bottom right, there is an 'OK' button.

No.	Feed/antenna type	Mounting orientation	Name	Polarization
1	AC308R2	vertical	AC308R2	vertical
2				
3				
4				
5				

Figure 7: Accon system setup

The screenshot shows a 'Program settings' dialog box with a blue title bar. It contains three main sections: 'Interface', 'Modem', and 'Display offset (azimuth)'. The 'Interface' section has a 'COM Port' dropdown set to 'COM1', a 'Baudrate' dropdown set to '2400', and a 'Timeout' spinner set to '20'. It also has three sub-sections: 'Data bits' with radio buttons for '7 Bits' and '8 Bits' (selected), 'Stop bits' with radio buttons for '1 Bit' (selected) and '2 Bits', and 'Parity' with radio buttons for 'none' (selected), 'even', and 'odd'. The 'Modem' section has a 'Modem' checkbox that is unchecked, and three text input fields for 'Init string', 'Dial string', and 'Hangup string' on the left, and 'Cmd received', 'Error messages', and 'Cmd executed' on the right. The 'Display offset (azimuth)' section has a spinner set to '0' and a checked checkbox labeled 'referring to North'. An 'OK' button is located at the bottom right.

Figure 8: Accon serial communication setup

6 System integration

The Antenna Control Unit software and the Accon program have been installed in a HP DC7100 PC connected to a rack mountable Aaeon AMB screen. On top of them has been placed a spectrum analyzer which will receive and analyze the output signals from the antenna. The system has been mounted in a 19" rack (**Figure 9**).

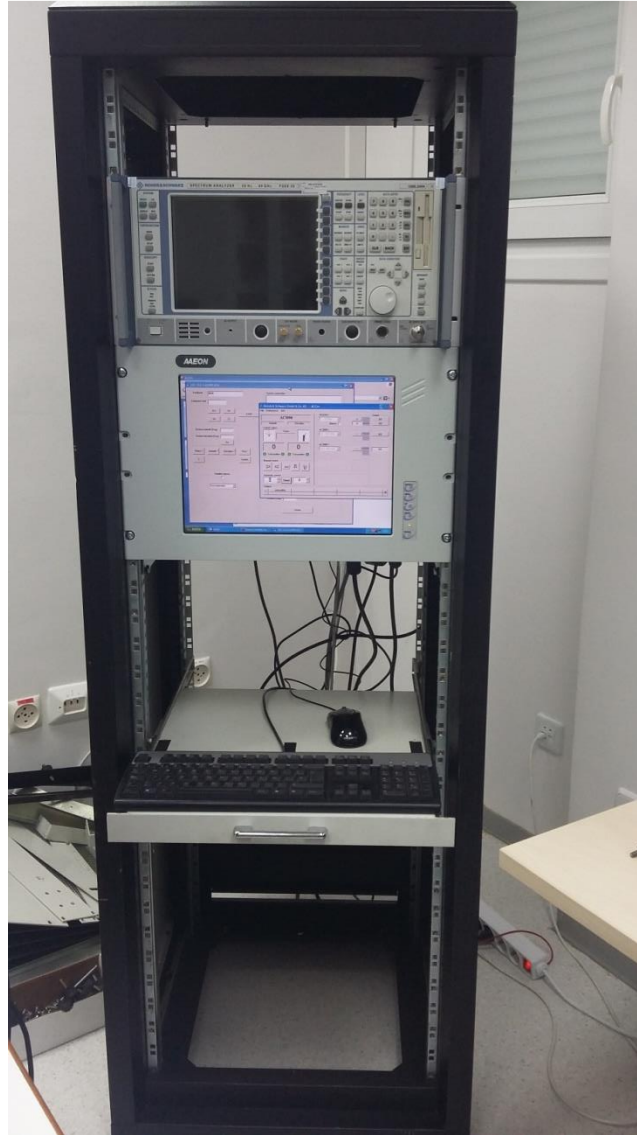


Figure 9: System integration in rack

7 Preliminary measurements

In order to characterize the system and guess the antenna pointing offset correction to be applied (see Section 5), some measurements of already known radiolinks that reach the observatory site were made. The results are presented in **Figures 10** and **11**.

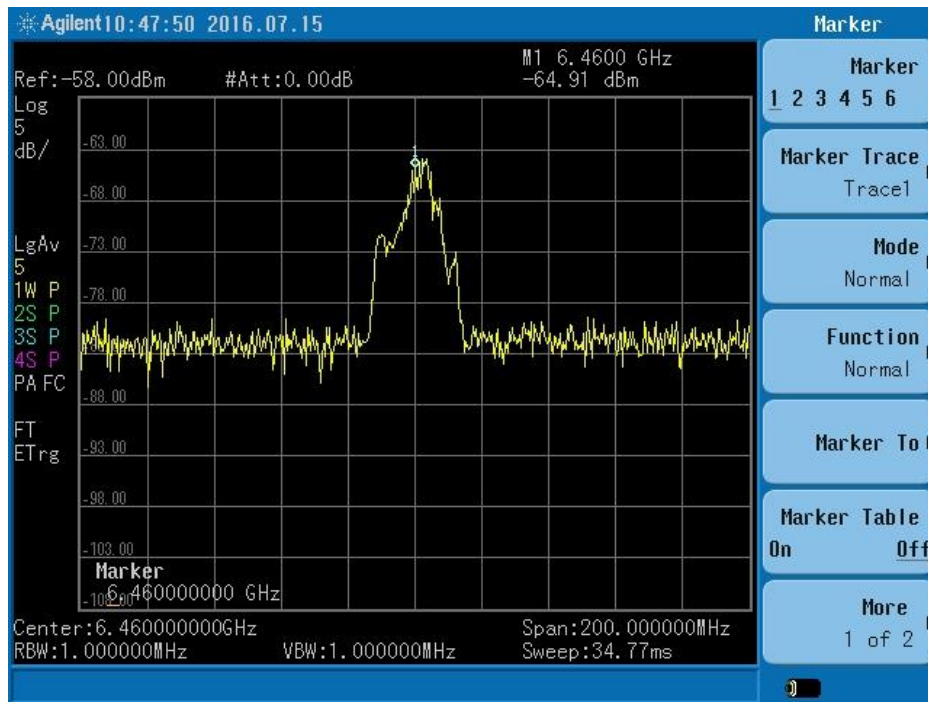


Figure 10: Radiolink coming from azimuth 27°

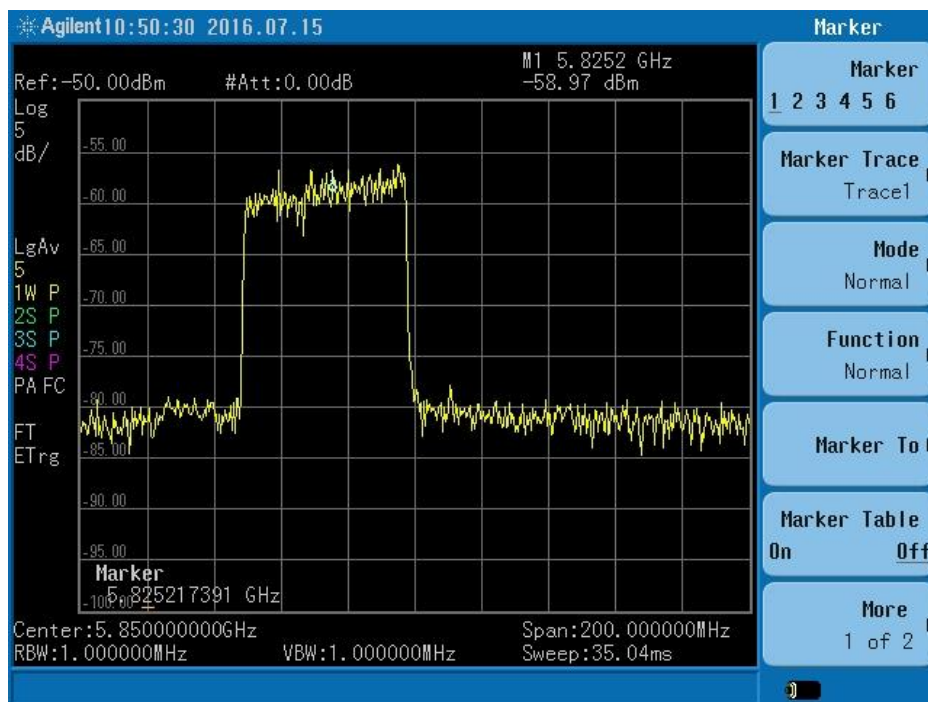


Figure 11: Radiolink coming from azimuth 314°

8 Conclusions

A radio frequency interference monitoring system has been set up on the roof of the *Centro Astronómico de Yebes* for the monitorization of disturbing radio signals, as described in this report.

The system is now ready to start operation, except for the installation of a low-loss coaxial cable to carry the antenna output signal from the roof to the spectrum analyzer in the laboratory, which is expected to be installed in the next few months. Then, the system will be fully operational and will start with RFI detection and monitoring.

Appendix I – System specifications

Antenna	R&S®AC308R2
Frequency range	18 GHz to 26.5 GHz
Polarization	H, V or 45 °, depending on installation
Nominal impedance	50 Ω
VSWR	<2
Gain	29dBi to 33 dBi
Half-power beamwidth	4.5 ° to 3 °
Reflector diameter	250 mm
Connector	K female
Preamplifier	
Gain	28 ±2 dB
1 dB compression point	≥+8 dBm
Noise figure	<3 dB
Power consumption	+15 V/0.2 A
Operating temperature range	–20 °C to +50 °C
Dimensions (diameter × length)	approx. 380 mm × 300 mm
Weight	approx. 2.5 kg

Antenna		R&S® AC308R3
Frequency range		26.5 GHz to 40 GHz
Polarization		H, V or 45°, depending on installation
Input impedance		50 Ω
VSWR		<2
Gain		33 dBi to 36 dBi
Half-power beam width		3 ° to 2 °
Reflector diameter		250 mm
Connector		K female
Preamplifier		
Gain		28 ±2 dB
1 dB compression point		≥+8 dBm
Noise figure		<4 dB
Power consumption		+15 V/0.2 A
Operating temperature range		–20 °C to +50 °C
Dimensions (diameter × length)		approx. 380 mm × 300 mm
Weight approx.		2.5 kg

Appendix I – System specifications

Antenna	HL024S7
Frequency range	26.5 GHz to 40 GHz
Input impedance	50 Ω
VSWR	<2.5
Gain (without polarization switch/preamplifier)	>6 dBi
Noise figure	≤ 3 dB
Gain (active network – can be switched on)	26 dB \pm 2 dB
1 dB compression point	approx. +8 dBm
Power supply	+15 V DC (max. 0.3 A)
Connector	SMA female
Control connector	10-contact, round, male
MTBF	>100.000 h
Operating temperature range	-30 °C to +55 °C
Dimensions (diameter \times height)	
With radome	approx. 210 mm \times 390 mm
Weight	approx. 1 kg

Appendix II – Antenna control unit source code

```
Private globalStop As Integer, socket_flag As Integer
```

```
Private Sub stopButton_Click()
```

```
    cmdSent.text = "H"
```

```
    globalStop = 1
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub qEl_Click()
```

```
    cmdSent.text = "QE"
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub qPos_Click()
```

```
    cmdSent.text = "QB"
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub qSys_Click()
```

```
    cmdSent.text = "QS"
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub cButton_Click()
```

```
    cmdSent.text = "C"
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub azDecrease_Click()
```

```
    cmdSent.text = "SL"
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub elIncrease_Click()
```

```
    cmdSent.text = "SU"
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub azIncrease_Click()
```

```
    cmdSent.text = "SR"
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub elDecrease_Click()
```

```
    cmdSent.text = "SD"
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub qRotor_Click()
```

```
    cmdSent.text = "QR"
```

```
End Sub
```

```
Private Sub qAz_Click()
```

```
    cmdSent.text = "QA"
```

```
End Sub
```

Appendix II – Antenna control unit source code

```
Private Sub CheckBox1_Click()

    If CheckBox1.Value = 1 Then
        cmdSent.text = "F1B1"
        WaitSeconds (2)
        cmdSent.text = "F1X1"
        WaitSeconds (2)
    Else
        cmdSent.text = "F1B0"
        WaitSeconds (2)
        cmdSent.text = "F1X1"
        WaitSeconds (2)
    End If
End Sub

Private Sub Combo1_Click()

    If Combo1.text = "V" Then
        cmdSent.text = "F1PV"
        WaitSeconds (2)
        cmdSent.text = "F1X1"
        WaitSeconds (2)
    ElseIf Combo1.text = "H" Then
        cmdSent.text = "F1Ph"
        WaitSeconds (2)
        cmdSent.text = "F1X1"
        WaitSeconds (2)
    End If

End Sub

Private Sub setPosButton_Click()

    Call Position_ant(enterAz.text, enterEl.text)

End Sub

Private Sub sweepAz_Click()

    Call Sweep_ant_az(startAz.text, endAz.text, fixedEl.text, stepAz.text, intTimeAz.text, AzDirection.text)

End Sub

Private Sub sweepEl_Click()

    Call Sweep_ant_el(startEl.text, endEl.text, fixedAz.text, stepEl.text, intTimeEl.text)

End Sub

Public Sub WaitSeconds(intSeconds As Integer)

    ' Waits for a specified number of seconds
```

Appendix II – Antenna control unit source code

```
' Params : intSeconds    Number of seconds to wait

Dim dateTime As Date

dateTime = DateAdd("s", intSeconds, Now)

Do
    DoEvents
Loop Until Now >= dateTime

End Sub

Public Sub Command_ant(angleAz As String, angleEl As String)

    Do While 1 'Wait until the rotator stops

        cmdSent.text = "C"
        WaitSeconds (1)

        cmdSent.text = "QR"
        WaitSeconds (1)

        If (StrComp(cmdReceived.text, "H") = 0) Then
            WaitSeconds (1)
            Exit Do
        End If

    Loop

    If globalStop = 0 Then
        cmdSent.text = "P" & "+" & angleAz & "/" & angleEl
        WaitSeconds (3)
    End If

    Do While 1 'Wait until the rotator stops

        cmdSent.text = "C"
        WaitSeconds (1)

        cmdSent.text = "QR"
        WaitSeconds (1)

        If (StrComp(cmdReceived.text, "H") = 0) Then
            WaitSeconds (3)
            Exit Do
        End If

    Loop

End Sub

Public Sub Sweep_ant_az(startAz As String, stopAz As String, elevation As String, stepAz As String, integTime As String, direction As String)
```

Appendix II – Antenna control unit source code

```
Dim angleAz As String, i As Integer, stepAzint As Integer, ini_pos As Integer, end_pos As Integer

cmdSent.text = "H"
WaitSeconds (2)
globalStop = 0
i = 0

stepAzint = CInt(stepAz)

If Abs(CInt(startAz) - CInt(stopAz)) Mod CInt(stepAz) <> 0 Then

    If socket_flag = 1 Then
        sock_send.SendData "STEP_ERROR" 'The step doesn't match
    Else: MsgBox "STEP_ERROR"
    End If

    Exit Sub
End If

Do While 1

    cmdSent.text = "QA"
    WaitSeconds (1)
    ini_pos = CInt(cmdReceived.text)

    If direction = "0" Then
        end_pos = CInt(startAz) + stepAzint * i
    ElseIf direction = "1" Then
        end_pos = CInt(startAz) - stepAzint * i
    End If
    If end_pos < 0 Then
        end_pos = end_pos + 360
    ElseIf end_pos > 360 Then
        end_pos = end_pos - 360
    End If
    i = i + 1

    Call Position_ant(CStr(end_pos), elevation)

    WaitSeconds (integTime) 'Integration time

    If (globalStop = 1) Or (end_pos = CInt(stopAz)) Then Exit Do 'Stop the sweep if was called the H command or the sweep finished

Loop

End Sub

Public Sub Sweep_ant_el(startEl As String, stopEl As String, azimuth As String, stepEl As String, integTime As String)

    Dim i As Integer, stepElInt As Integer, startElInt As Integer, stopElInt As Integer
```

Appendix II – Antenna control unit source code

```
cmdSent.text = "H"
WaitSeconds (2)
globalStop = 0

stopElInt = CInt(stopEl)
stepElInt = CInt(stepEl)
startElInt = CInt(startEl)

If Abs(stopElInt - startElInt) Mod stepElInt <> 0 Then

    If socket_flag = 1 Then
        sock_send.SendData "STEP_ERROR" 'The step doesn't match
    Else: MsgBox "STEP_ERROR"
    End If

    Exit Sub
End If

If startElInt > stopElInt Then stepElInt = stepElInt * (-1)

For i = startElInt To stopElInt Step stepElInt

    Call Position_ant(azimuth, CStr(i))

    WaitSeconds (integTime) 'Integration time

    If (globalStop = 1) Then Exit For 'Stop the sweep if it was called the H command

Next i

End Sub

Public Sub Position_ant(angleAz As String, angleEl As String)

    Dim ini_pos As Double, end_pos As Double

    cmdSent.text = "H" 'Stop the antenna
    WaitSeconds (2)
    globalStop = 0

    cmdSent.text = "QA" 'Check in which azimuth we are
    WaitSeconds (1)
    ini_pos = CDbI(cmdReceived.text)
    end_pos = CDbI(angleAz)

    If CInt(angleEl) > 94.5 Then 'Elevation limits of the antenna: 94.5 and -4.5
        angleEl = "94.5"
    ElseIf CInt(angleEl) < -4.5 Then
        angleEl = "-4.5"
    End If
```

Appendix II – Antenna control unit source code

```
' If the antenna reaches 172 the limit switches activate so we have to reposition it manually, starting from 0° or 360°

If ((ini_pos >= 0 And ini_pos <= 172) And end_pos > 172) Then
    Call Command_ant("0", angleEI)

    cmdSent.text = "SL"
    WaitSeconds (2)
    cmdSent.text = "H"
    WaitSeconds (2)

End If

If ((ini_pos <= 360 And ini_pos >= 172) And end_pos < 172) Then
    Call Command_ant("360", angleEI)

    cmdSent.text = "SR"
    WaitSeconds (2)
    cmdSent.text = "H"
    WaitSeconds (2)

End If

Call Command_ant(angleAz, angleEI)

If socket_flag = 1 Then
    WaitSeconds (1)
    cmdSent.text = "QB"
    WaitSeconds (1)
    sock_send.SendData "[" & cmdReceived.text & "]"
End If

End Sub

Private Sub Form_Load()
    Dim res

    sock_receive.LocalPort = 4001
    sock_receive.Protocol = sckUDPPProtocol
    sock_receive.Bind sock_receive.LocalPort

    sock_send.Protocol = sckUDPPProtocol
    sock_send.RemotePort = 4002

    res = Shell("acon.exe ", vbHide)
    socket_flag = 0

End Sub
```


Appendix II – Antenna control unit source code

```
Private Sub sock_receive_DataArrival(ByVal bytesTotal As Long)

    Dim str As String, posAz As String, posEl As String, startAz As String, stopAz As String, elevation As String, stepAz As String, intTimeAz As String, directionAz As String

    Dim startEl As String, stopEl As String, azimuth As String, stepEl As String, intTimeEl As String

    sock_receive.GetData str
    sock_receive.GetData str
    sock_receive.GetData str
    'MsgBox bytesTotal

    socket_flag = 1
    formulary.Enabled = False 'Disable the GUI
    rxSockTxt.text = "UDP connection socket from " & sock_receive.RemoteHostIP & vbCrLf & "Command received: " & str
    sock_send.RemoteHost = sock_receive.RemoteHostIP ' Send the data to the IP of the peer host

    If (StrComp(str, "H") = 0) Then
        cmdSent.text = "H"
        globalStop = 1 ' Stop the rotator
        WaitSeconds (0.3)

    ElseIf (StrComp(str, "QE") = 0) Then
        cmdSent.text = "QE"
        WaitSeconds (0.3)
        sock_send.SendData "[" & cmdReceived.text & "]"

    ElseIf (StrComp(str, "QB") = 0) Then
        cmdSent.text = "QB"
        WaitSeconds (0.3)
        sock_send.SendData "[" & cmdReceived.text & "]"

    ElseIf (StrComp(str, "QS") = 0) Then
        cmdSent.text = "QS"
        WaitSeconds (0.3)
        sock_send.SendData "[" & cmdReceived.text & "]"

    ElseIf (StrComp(str, "C") = 0) Then
        cmdSent.text = "C"
        WaitSeconds (0.3)

    ElseIf (StrComp(str, "SL") = 0) Then 'Use it with care as can activate limit switches
        'cmdSent.text = "SL"
        WaitSeconds (0.3)

    ElseIf (StrComp(str, "SU") = 0) Then 'Use it with care as can activate limit switches
        'cmdSent.text = "SU"
        WaitSeconds (0.3)

    ElseIf (StrComp(str, "SR") = 0) Then 'Use it with care as can activate limit switches
        'cmdSent.text = "SR"
        WaitSeconds (0.3)
```

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```
Elseif (StrComp(str, "SD") = 0) Then "Use it with care as can activate limit switches"
    'cmdSent.text = "SD"
    WaitSeconds (0.3)
```

```
Elseif (StrComp(str, "QF1") = 0) Then
    cmdSent.text = "QF1"
    WaitSeconds (0.3)
    sock_send.SendData "[" & cmdReceived.text & "]"
```

```
Elseif (StrComp(str, "QF2") = 0) Then
    cmdSent.text = "QF2"
    WaitSeconds (0.3)
    sock_send.SendData "[" & cmdReceived.text & "]"
```

```
Elseif (StrComp(str, "QF3") = 0) Then
    cmdSent.text = "QF3"
    WaitSeconds (0.3)
    sock_send.SendData "[" & cmdReceived.text & "]"
```

```
Elseif (StrComp(str, "F1B1") = 0) Then
    cmdSent.text = "F1B1"
    WaitSeconds (2)
    cmdSent.text = "F1X1"
    WaitSeconds (2)
```

```
Elseif (StrComp(str, "F1B0") = 0) Then
    cmdSent.text = "F1B0"
    WaitSeconds (2)
    cmdSent.text = "F1X1"
    WaitSeconds (2)
```

```
Elseif (StrComp(str, "F1PV") = 0) Then
    cmdSent.text = "F1PV"
    WaitSeconds (2)
    cmdSent.text = "F1X1"
    WaitSeconds (2)
```

```
Elseif (StrComp(str, "F1PH") = 0) Then
    cmdSent.text = "F1PH"
    WaitSeconds (2)
    cmdSent.text = "F1X1"
    WaitSeconds (2)
```

```
Elseif (StrComp(str, "QA") = 0) Then
    cmdSent.text = "QA"
    WaitSeconds (0.3)
    sock_send.SendData "[" & cmdReceived.text & "]"
```

```
Elseif (StrComp(str, "QR") = 0) Then
    cmdSent.text = "QR"
    WaitSeconds (0.3)
```

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```
sock_send.SendData "[" & cmdReceived.text & "]"

Elseif (StrComp(str, "QL") = 0) Then
    cmdSent.text = "QL"
    WaitSeconds (0.3)
    sock_send.SendData "[" & cmdReceived.text & "]"

Elseif (InStr(str, "SETPOS") > 0) Then
    posAz = Mid$(str, 8, 5)
    posEl = Mid$(str, 14, 5)
    Call Position_ant(posAz, posEl)

Elseif (InStr(str, "AZ_SWEEP") > 0) Then
    startAz = Mid$(str, 10, 3)
    stopAz = Mid$(str, 14, 3)
    elevation = Mid$(str, 22, 3)
    stepAz = Mid$(str, 18, 3)
    intTimeAz = Mid$(str, 26, 3)
    directionAz = Mid$(str, 30, 1)
    Call Sweep_ant_az(startAz, stopAz, elevation, stepAz, intTimeAz, directionAz)

Elseif (InStr(str, "EL_SWEEP") > 0) Then
    startEl = Mid$(str, 10, 3)
    stopEl = Mid$(str, 14, 3)
    azimuth = Mid$(str, 21, 3)
    stepEl = Mid$(str, 18, 2)
    intTimeEl = Mid$(str, 25, 3)
    Call Sweep_ant_el(startEl, stopEl, azimuth, stepEl, intTimeEl)

Else: sock_send.SendData "COMMAND ERROR"

End If

End Sub

Private Sub Form_Unload(Cancel As Integer)
    sock_receive.Close
    cmdSent.text = "E" 'Close Accon
End Sub
```