K-band interference measurements with the Yebes 40m radiotelescope

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1. Introduction

This report shows the results of the measurements performed during the second week of January 2017 with the Yebes 40 meter diameter radiotelescope, in order to check the changes of the interference levels found in technical report IT CDT 2016-14 and previous ones.

The maximum allowed level of RFI (radio frequency interference) in this band is regulated *in* Orden CTE/ 1444/2003, de 22 de mayo, por la que se establecen limitaciones a la propiedad y servidumbres para la protección radioeléctrica del Centro Astronómico de Yebes, BOE 04/06/2003, which sets a power flux intensity limit of -148 dB $\left(\frac{w}{m^2}\right)$ for the 22,21-22.5 GHz band and -147 dB $\left(\frac{w}{m^2}\right)$ for the 23.6-24GHz band.

Some RFI signals have been detected out of these protected bands, too. Their spectrum will be shown in this report.

2. Detected Interferences.

In this section we show the interferences detected from different azimuth angles. When a RFI signal is detected, ON-OFF measurements with an integration time of 30 seconds are made. The ON was done pointing towards the direction of the RFI source with an elevation of 5° and the OFF was done pointing to an elevation angle of 15°.

The plots are scaled in equivalent antenna temperature (Kelvin). Their power is translated to power flux in table 1.



Figure 1 Interference detected at 22,0117 GHz.









Figure 3 Interference detected at 22,021 GHz.





1;5 FI 136 5 survey1 Y40M-FFT5L 0:13-JAN-2017 R:13-JAN-2017 RA: 16:00:00.00 DEC: 05:00:00.0 Eq 2000.0 None 0.0° Offs: +0.0 +0.0 Unknown tou: 0.046 Tsys: 173. Time: 0.42 min El: 5.0 N: 16384 IO: 8192.00 VO: 0.000 Dv: -0.4112 LSR F0: 22250.0000 Df: 3.0518E-02 Fi: N/A



Figure 5 Interference detected at 22,035 GHz.



Figure 6 Interference detected at 22,035 GHz.





Figure 7 Interference detected at 22,0575 GHz.









Figure 9 Interference detected at 22,075 GHz.



Figure 10 Interference detected at 22,0815 22,0865 and 22,0896 GHz.





Figure 11 Interference detected at 22,1158 GHz.



Figure 12 Interference detected at 22,1675 GHz.





Figure 13 Interference detected at 22,246 GHz.









Figure 15 Interference detected at 22,325 22,328 and 22,333 GHz.



Figure 17 Interference detected at 22,472 GHz.









Figure 19 Interference detected at 22,481 GHz.









Figure 21 Interference detected at 23,5885 GHz.



Figura 22 Interference detected at 24,100 GHz.

Frequency [MHz]	Azimuth [deg]	Bandwidth [MHz @ 3dB]	$\frac{S_{ML}}{[dB\left(\frac{w}{m^2}\right)]}$	Orden CTE 1444/2003 $[dB\left(\frac{w}{m^2}\right)]$	Difference [dB]
22011,7	1	2	-90.1	-56.8	-33.3
22018	243	2	-97.1	-56.8	-40.3
22021	298	22	-106.3	-56.8	-49.5
22025	309	3	-104.3	-56.8	-47.2
22035	136	47.5	-75.1	-56.8	-18.3
22057,5	313	6	-116.5	-56.8	-59.7
22066	346	2.5	-117.5	-56.8	-60.7
22081,5	346	2	-122.3	-56.8	-65.5
22086,5	346	2.5	-124.1	-56.8	-67.3
22090	346	1	-126.6	-56.8	-69.8
22116	346	2	-121.1	-56.8	-64.3
22168	43	2	-120	-56.8	-63.2
22246	298	24	-110.8	-148	-54
22325	247	1.5	-96.6	-148	51.4
22328	1	2	-121	-148	27
22333	43	2	-93.9	-148	54.1
22472	1	2	-113.9	-148	34.1
22475	136	1.5	-106.9	-148	41.1
22481	243	1	-126.5	-148	21.5
22488,6	1	1.6	-115.4	-148	32.6
23588,5	0	1	-114.9	-56.8	-58.1
24100	316	95	-98.6	-56.8	-41.8

Table 1 summarizes the set of RFI signals detected during these measurements. It shows their frequency, azimuth direction of arrival, bandwidth, their measured power flux at Yebes, their limit according to regulations, and the difference between their power flux and the limit. The signals above the limit are highlighted in red.