Scale model of Tianlai cylinder

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• Scale by factor of 10.5: $15 \text{ m x } 40 \text{ m} \rightarrow 1.5 \text{ m x } 4 \text{ m}$





Scale Model feed 10.5 X smaller



Measure near-field pattern

- Large x-y stage from Greg Tucker (Brown University)
- Scan transmitter or receiver from vector network analyzer in raster pattern just above cylinder aperture
- Measure E-field (amplitude and phase), FFT to get far field pattern
- Can we do same thing on full-scale cylinders?



Coffeecan Simulation - 10 Antennas



Coffeecan Simulation - 40 Antennas



S-Parameters for 40 feeds



Feed Pattern Simulations f = 800 MHz, phi = 0 (along long axis)



Feed Pattern Simulations f = 800 MHz, phi = 90 (perpendicular to long axis)



Next steps

- Finish cylinder construction
- Assemble 2 scaled 'coffee-can' feed antennas
- Map beam patterns of scaled feeds
- Install one feed on cylinder
- Indoor near-field measurement