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Radio Telescopes - Cost, Weight, Etc.

- The following summary is an attempt to determine the cost per pound weight of various radio telescopes. The cost figures are based on the best known evidence to the author. The costs include foundations, fabrication, erection, drive and control system, but no buildings, power supplies or receiver electronics. The weights exclude foundations, but include necessary counterweights.
- Table of cost and weight.

Instrument	Basic Material	Cost	Weight	Cost/pound
NRL 50 foot	Al. dish Steel mount	\$200,000	90 tons	\$1.11
Leiden 82 foot	Steel	\$250,000	127 tons	\$0.99
Jodrell Bank 250 foot	Steel	\$3.0 million.	2000 tons	\$0.75
Harvard 60 foot	Al. dish Rest in steel	\$170,000	52 tons	\$1.64
NRAO 85 foot	Mainly steel. Al. surface panels	\$310,000	183 tons	\$0.85
Cal Tech 90 foot	Steel	\$300,000	165 tons	\$0.91
NRAO 140 foot	Al. dish Steel maunt	\$9.0 million.	2500 tons	\$1.80
Australia's 310 foot	Steel	\$2.0 million	1200 tons	\$0.83
NRAO 300 foot	Steel	\$660,000	550 tons	\$0.60
<i>NRL Sugar from 600'</i>	<i>Steel</i>	<i>\$120 million</i>	<i>20,000 tons</i>	<i>\$3.00</i>

3. Summary.

NRAO is going to have the most expensive and the cheapest telescope measured in dollars per pound.

4. Request.

Can anyone improve on my estimates of cost?

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