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Student Edition

SOFTWARE

Data Acquisition
Averaging
Auto File Saving

Basic Software Hydrogen 21 cm Radio Telescope

find the Milky Way
Planetarium Software
Astronomical Sky Display
Stellarium



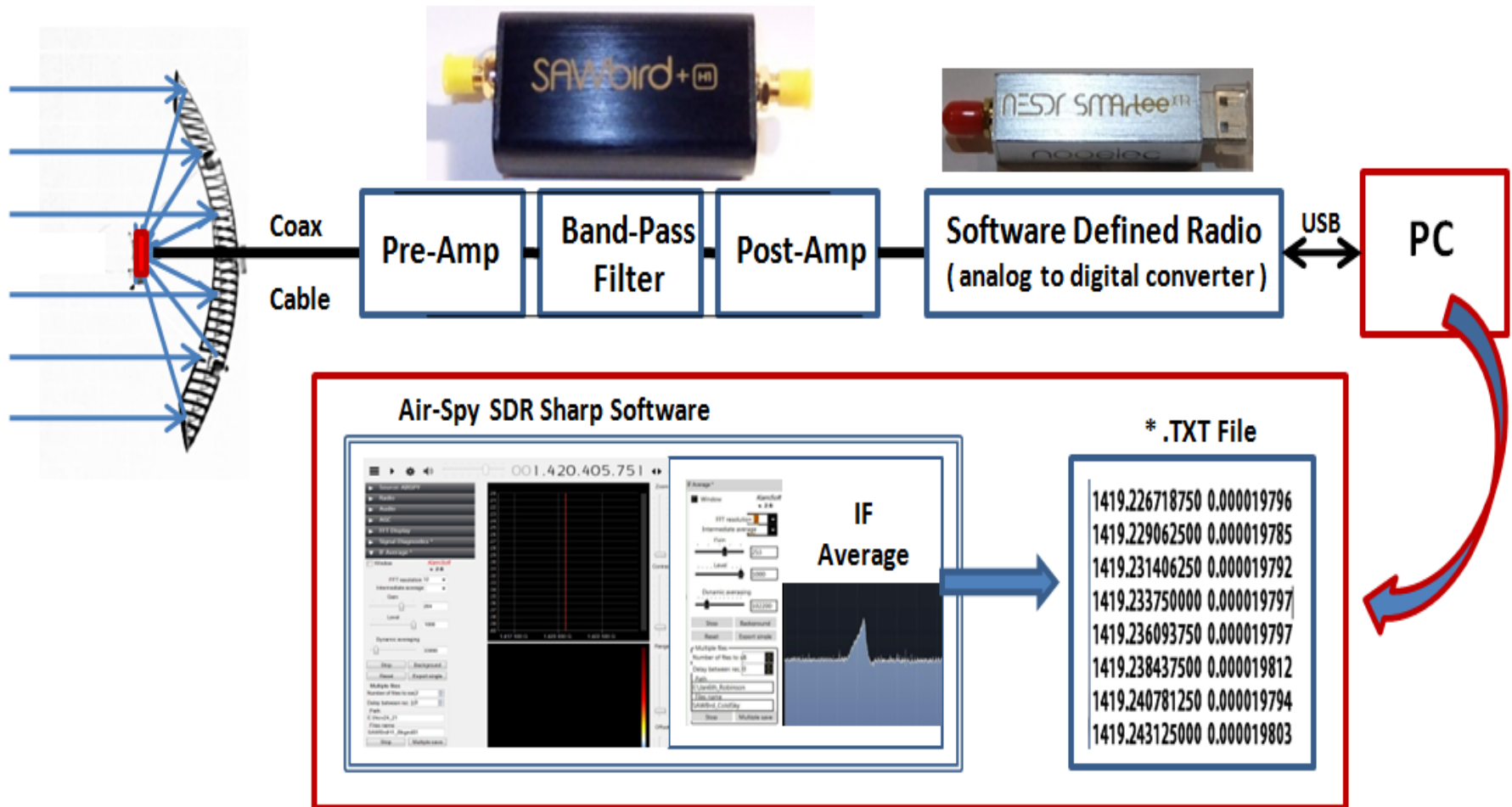
H Line Acquisition :

Air Spy
SDR Sharp Studio
IF Average Plug-In



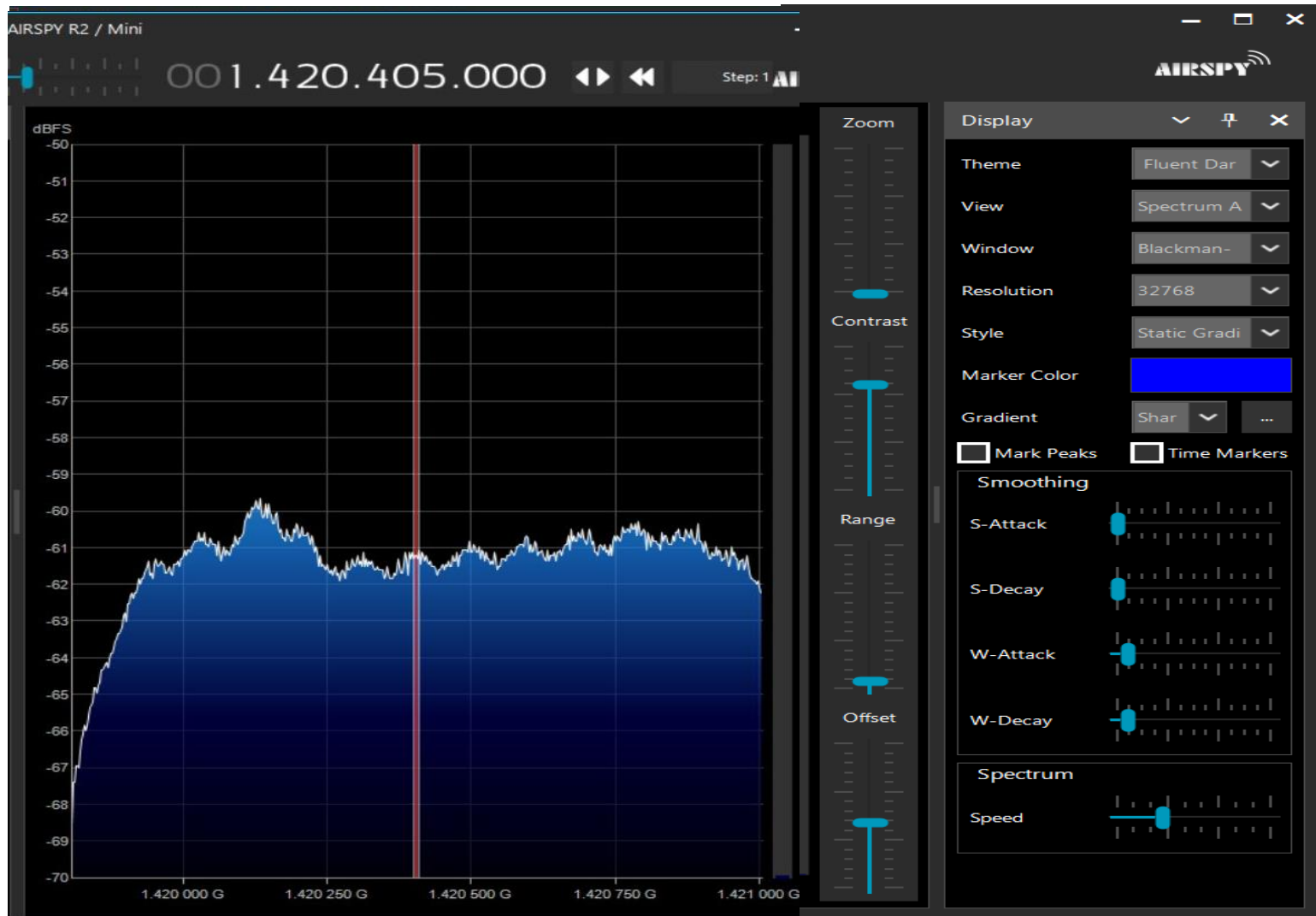
System Hardware and Software

Hardware & Software System Block Diagram



SOFTWARE AirSpy SDR# Studio

Control the SDR Software Defined Radio module
Real Time Spectral Display of Data



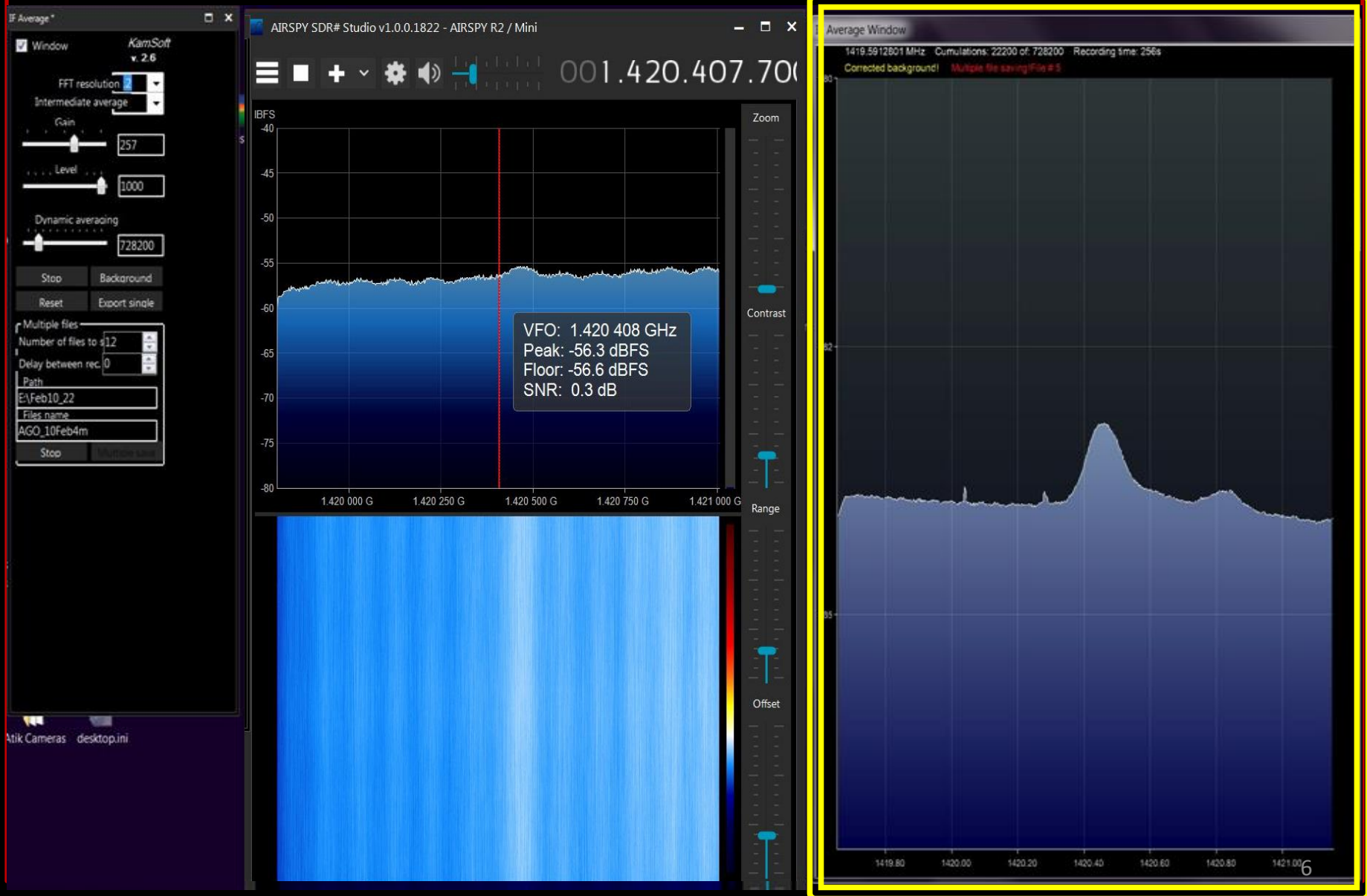
Software Block Diagram

Air-Spy SDR Sharp Software **AirSpy SDR# Studio**



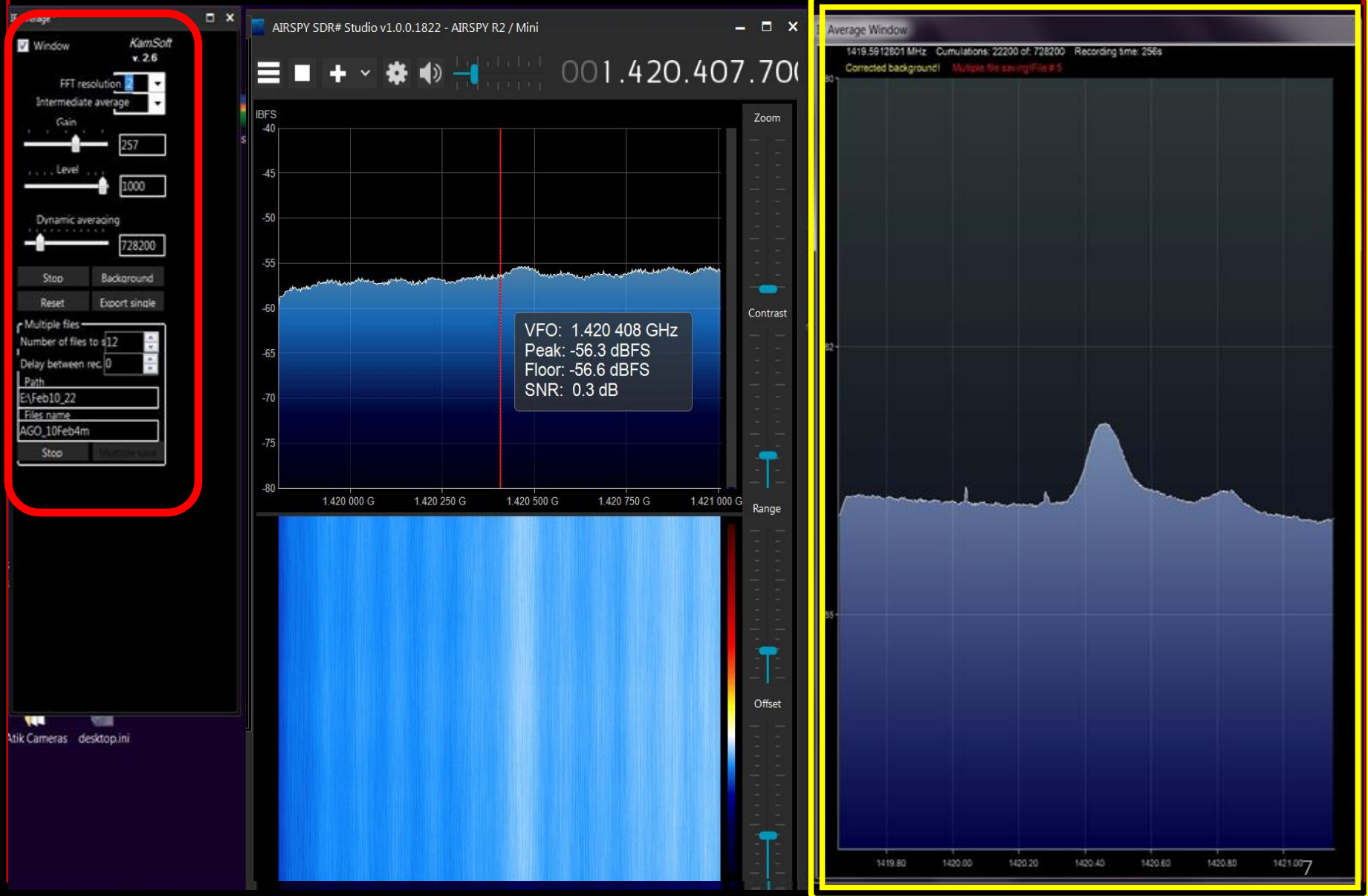
Software Block Diagram

Air-Spy SDR Sharp Software **AirSpy SDR# Studio & IF Average**



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IF_Average Plug-In for AirSpy SDR# Studio

☒ Window *KamSoft*

FFT resolution 512

Intermediate average 1000

Gain 284

Level 1000

Dynamic averaging 33990

Stop Background

Reset Export single

Multiple files

Number of files to save 2

Delay between rec. [s] 0

Path

E:\Nov24_21

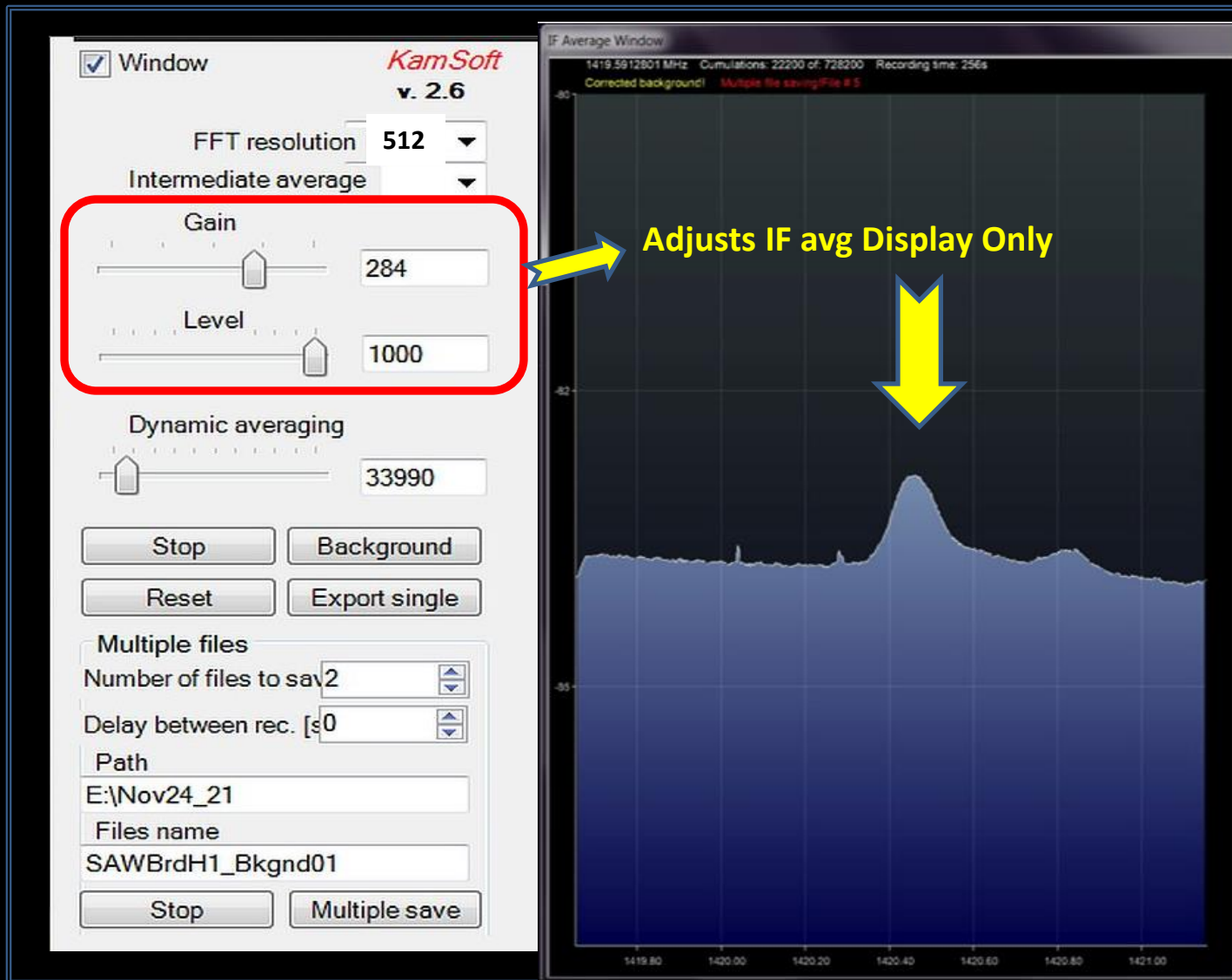
Files name

SAWBrdH1_Bkgnd01

Stop Multiple save



IF_Average Plug-In for AirSpy SDR# Studio



IF_Average Plug-In for AirSpy SDR# Studio

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KamSoft
v. 2.6

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IF Average Window

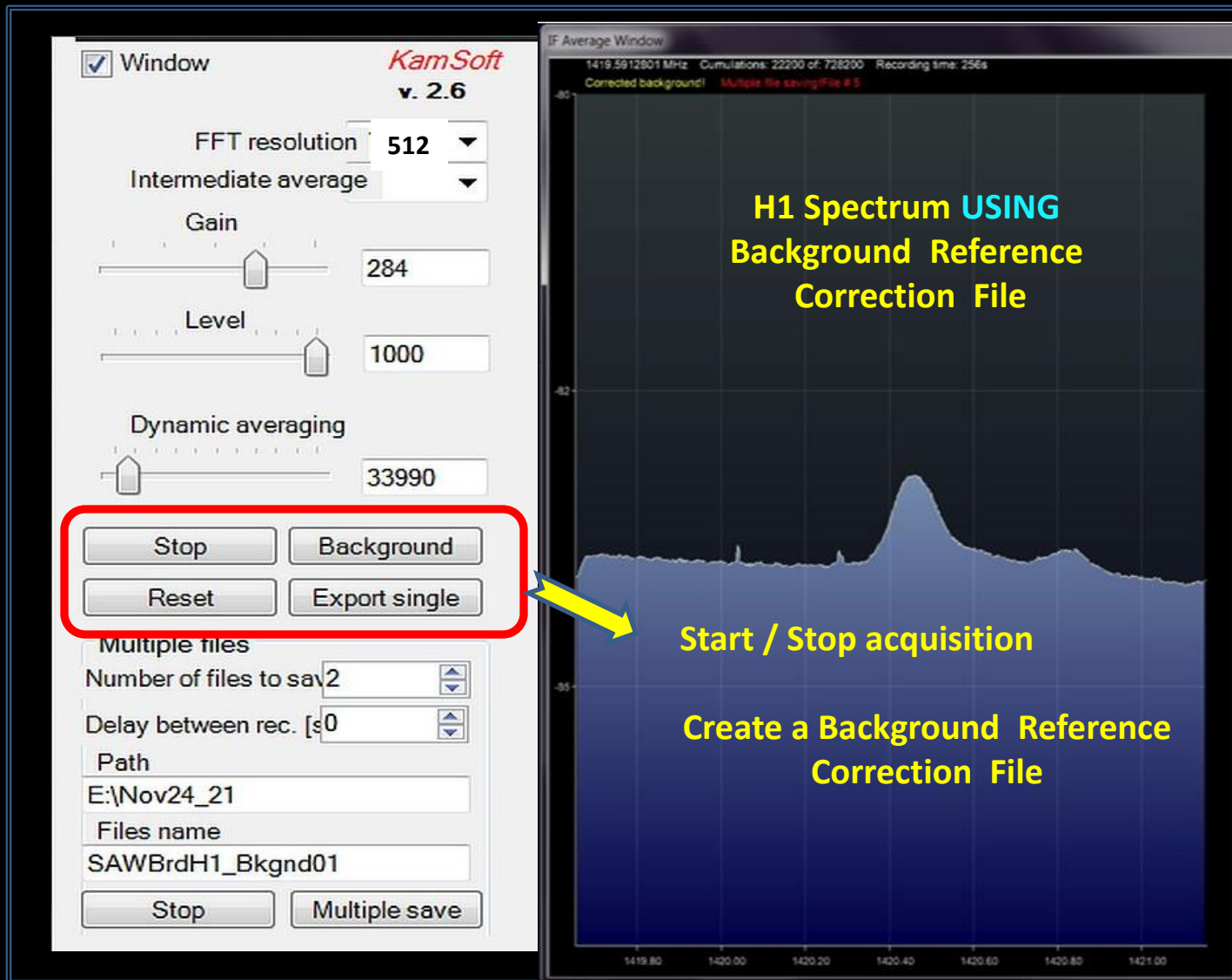
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Corrected background! Multiple file saving!File #5

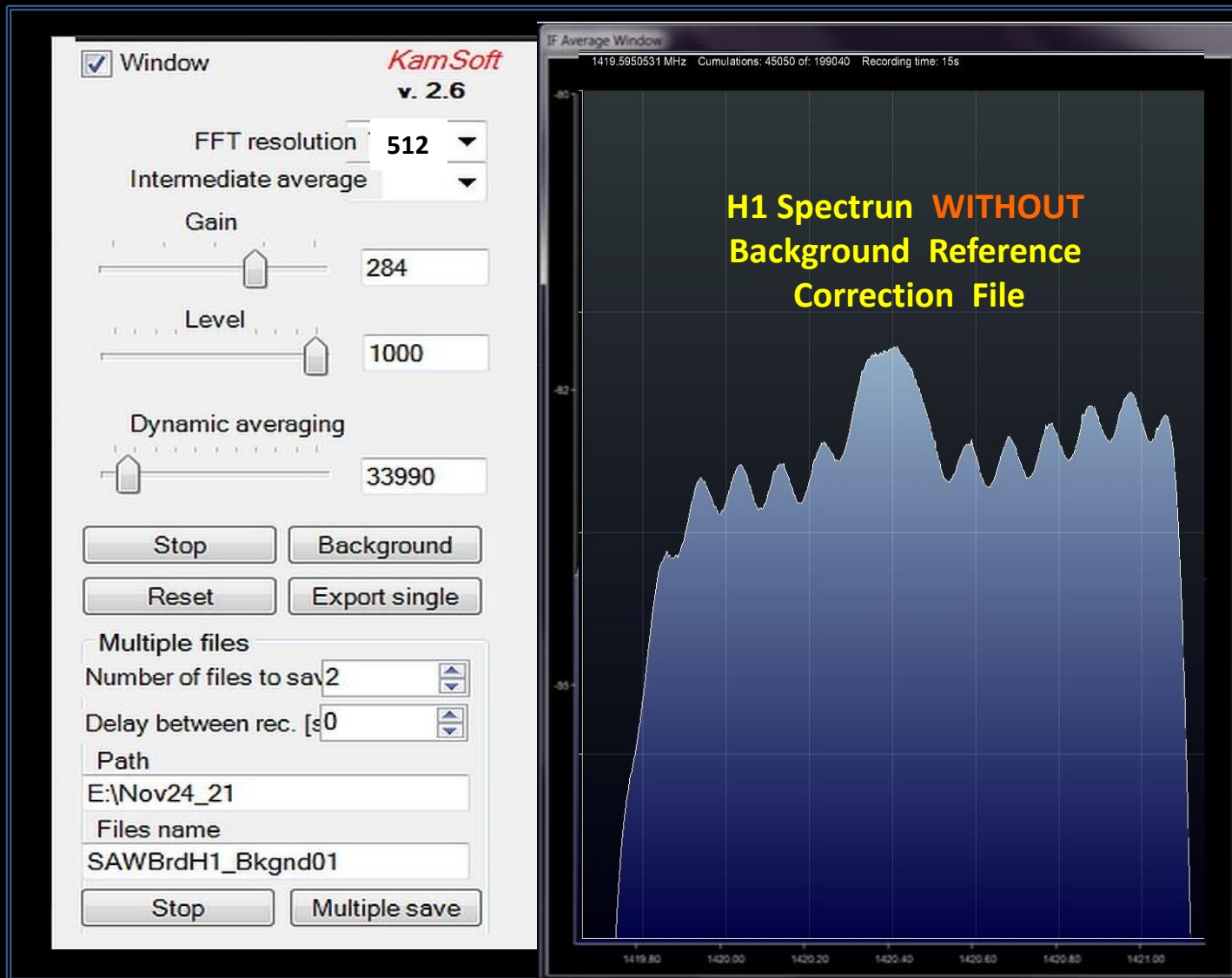
Start / Stop acquisition

Create a Background Reference Correction File

IF_Average Plug-In for AirSpy SDR# Studio



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IF Average Window

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Corrected background! Multiple file saving!File #5

FFT resolution: 512
Intermediate average:
Gain: 284
Level: 1000
Dynamic averaging: 33990

Stop Background
Reset Export single

Multiple files
Number of files to save: 2
Delay between rec. [s]: 0
Path: E:\Nov24_21
Files name: SAWBrdH1_Bkgnd01
Stop Multiple save

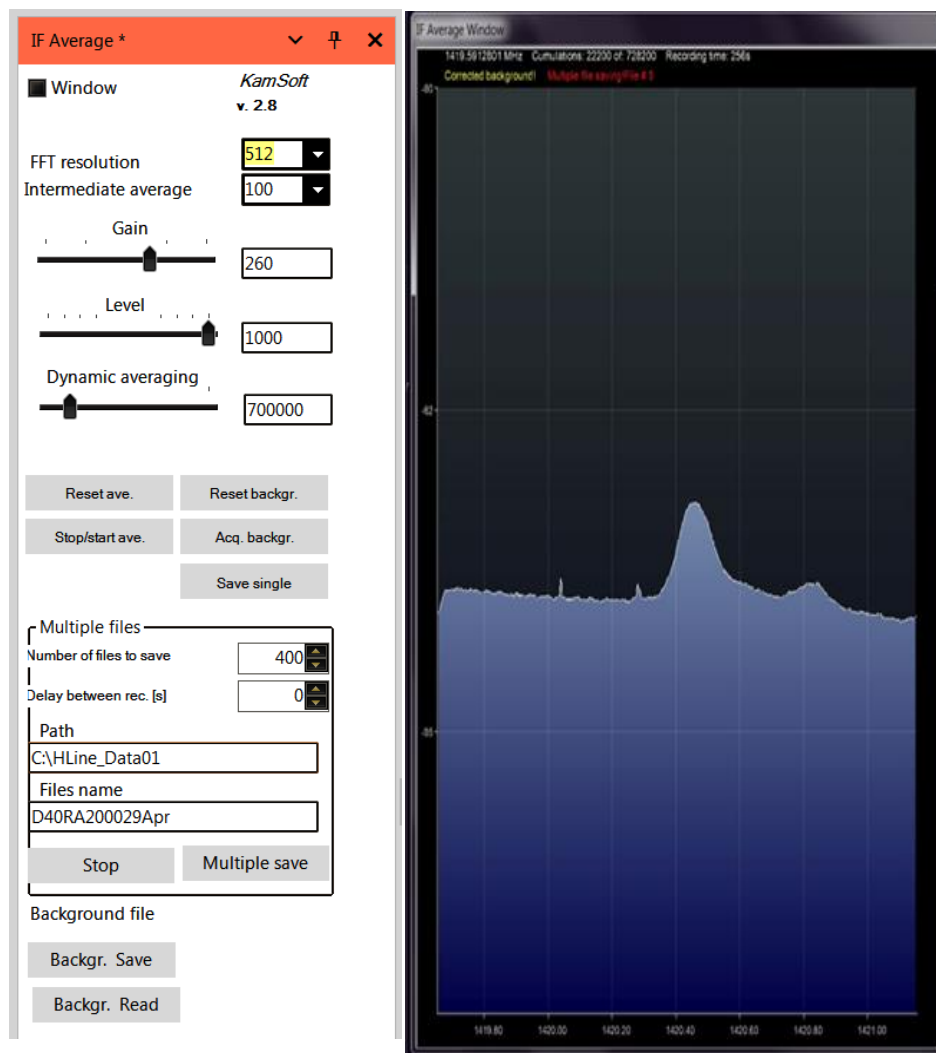
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1419.655859375	0.000014283
1419.657324219	0.000014371
1419.658789063	0.000014409
1419.660253906	0.000014481
1419.661718750	0.000014577
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1419.666113281	0.000014777
1419.667578125	0.000014803
1419.669042969	0.000014879
1419.670507813	0.000014919
1419.671972656	0.000014949
1419.673437500	0.000014951
1419.674902344	0.000015012
1419.676367188	0.000014986
1419.677832031	0.000014999
1419.679296875	0.000015044
1419.680761719	0.000015019

Create / Save Data_files

SOFTWARE AirSpy SDR# Studio

IF_Ave Ver 2.8 PlugIn for SDR# Studio

allows Setting Up Averaging, Creating a Background Correction File
and auto saving of a sequence of *.txt data files



Auto Saved Files

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
D23CPY_Dec40_0001.txt	2/25/2024 6:47 AM	Text Document	15 KB
D23CPY_Dec40_0002.txt	2/25/2024 6:51 AM	Text Document	15 KB
D23CPY_Dec40_0003.txt	2/25/2024 6:56 AM	Text Document	15 KB
D23CPY_Dec40_0004.txt	2/25/2024 7:01 AM	Text Document	15 KB
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D23CPY_Dec40_0007.txt	2/25/2024 7:16 AM	Text Document	15 KB
D23CPY_Dec40_0008.txt	2/25/2024 7:21 AM	Text Document	15 KB
D23CPY_Dec40_0009.txt	2/25/2024 7:26 AM	Text Document	15 KB

Freq/Ampl data columns in one file

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2/25/2024 7:47:04 AM Count:
1419.655700000 0.000053754
1419.658629688 0.000053759
1419.661559375 0.000053886
1419.664489063 0.000053979
1419.667418750 0.000054071
1419.670348438 0.000054310
1419.673278125 0.000054432
1419.676207813 0.000054544
1419.679137500 0.000054713
1419.682067188 0.000054844
1419.684996875 0.000054961
1419.687926563 0.000055087
1419.690856250 0.000055222
1419.693785938 0.000055195
1419.696715625 0.000055159
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IF Average *

Window

KamSoft
v. 2.8

FFT resolution

512

Intermediate average

100

Gain

260

Level

1000

Dynamic averaging

700000

Reset ave.

Reset backgr.

Stop/start ave.

Acq. backgr.

Save single

Multiple files

Number of files to save

400

Delay between rec. [s]

0

Path

C:\HLine_Data01

Files name

D40RA200029Apr

Stop

Multiple save

Background file

Backgr. Save

Backgr. Read

Display

Theme

Fluent Dar

View

Spectrum A

Window

Blackman-

Resolution

32768

Style

Static Gradi

Marker Color

Gradient

Shar

☐ Mark Peaks

☐ Time Markers

Smoothing

S-Attack

S-Decay



001.420.405.000



IF Average *

Window

KamSoft
v. 2.6

FFT resolution 512

Intermediate average 100

Gain



267

Level



1000

Dynamic averaging



855900

Stop

Background

Reset

Export single AV

Multiple files

Number of files to save 502

Delay between rec. [s] 0

Path

D:\D20_mcpyBarYagi_26Aug24

Files name

Dec20_BarYagi_10S

Stop

Multiple save

Source: Baseband File (...)

AIRSPY R2 / Mini

Device SN

00000000

☐ Sensit... ☐ Linear ☒ Free

IF Gain

15

Mixer Gain ☐ Auto

15

LNA Gain ☐ Auto

15

Sample rate 3 MSPS Complex

Decimation 2

Display

1.2 MHz

☐ Bias-Tee☒ Tracking Filter☐ SpyVerter☒ Enable HDR

SV PPM

0.00

dBFS

-50

-51

-52

-53

-54

-55

-56

-57

-58

-59

-60

-61

-62

-63

-64

-65

-66

Allows FFT Size / High Count Averaging / Spectrum Saving at Selected Time Rates

Stop Background

Reset Export single

Multiple files

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Path

E:\Nov24_21

Files name

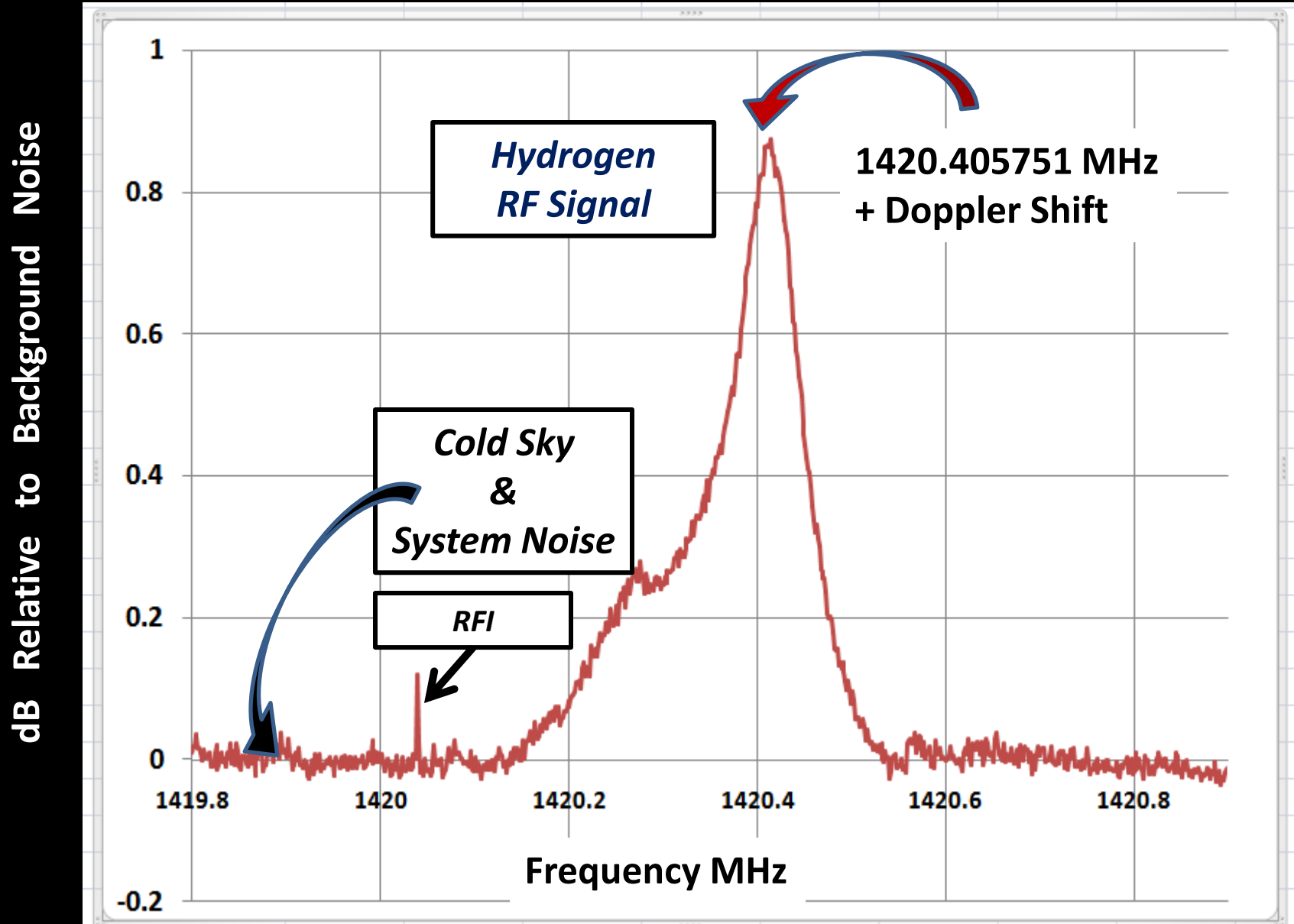
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Stop Multiple save

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File	FFT	Format	View	Help
10/4/2021 12:38:54 PM	Counts:			
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1419.651464844	0.000014170			
1419.652929688	0.000014190			
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1419.680761719	0.000015019			
1419.682226563	0.000015016			

Hydrogen 21-cm wavelength RF Emission Spectrum



Hydrogen 21-cm wavelength RF Emission Spectrum

Convert col B to dB use the formula $\text{dB} = 20 * \text{LOG10}(\text{col B values})$

Then offset entire column by a fixed value to make Cold Sky == 0 dB (in this case 84.97)

When you first create col C, it has a large - dB value.




As a starting point put C1 value into Cell D1

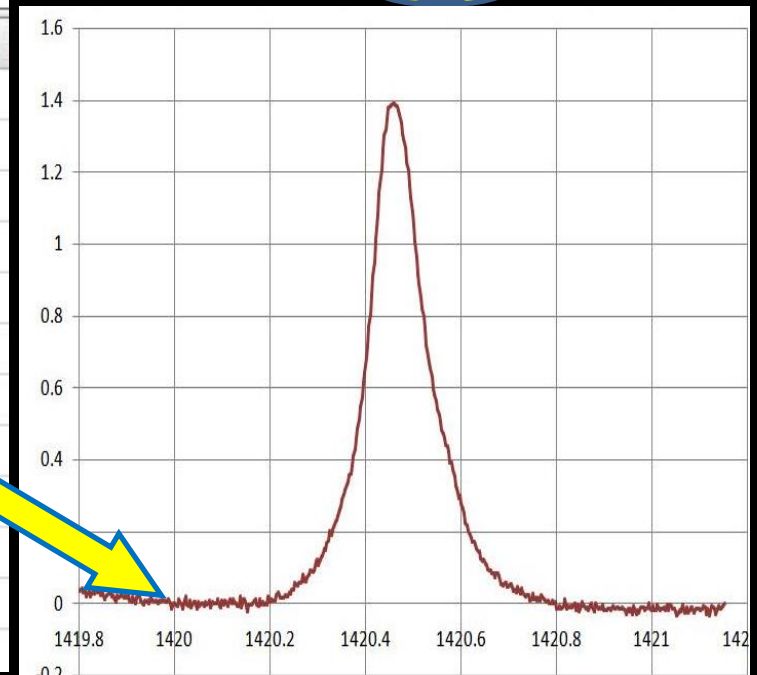
Then add that fixed cell to all col C values (C1 .. C512)

Finally, Adjust as req'd to shift the Y axis.

so Cold_Sky == 0 dB

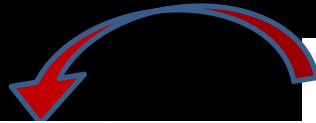
f_x	$=20 * \text{LOG10}(B1)$	
	C	D
419	-84.97149232	84.97

C1				=20*LOG10(B1)+\$D\$1
	A	B	C	D
1	1419.655	0.000056419	-0.00149	84.97
2	1419.65793	0.000056572	0.022031	
3	1419.660859	0.000056635	0.031698	
4	1419.663789	0.0000568	0.056967	
5	1419.666719	0.00005698	0.084449	
6	1419.669648	0.000057148	0.110021	
7	1419.672578	0.000057293	0.132031	
8	1419.675508	0.000057461	0.157464	
9	1419.678438	0.000057631	0.183123	
10	1419.681367	0.000057803	0.209008	
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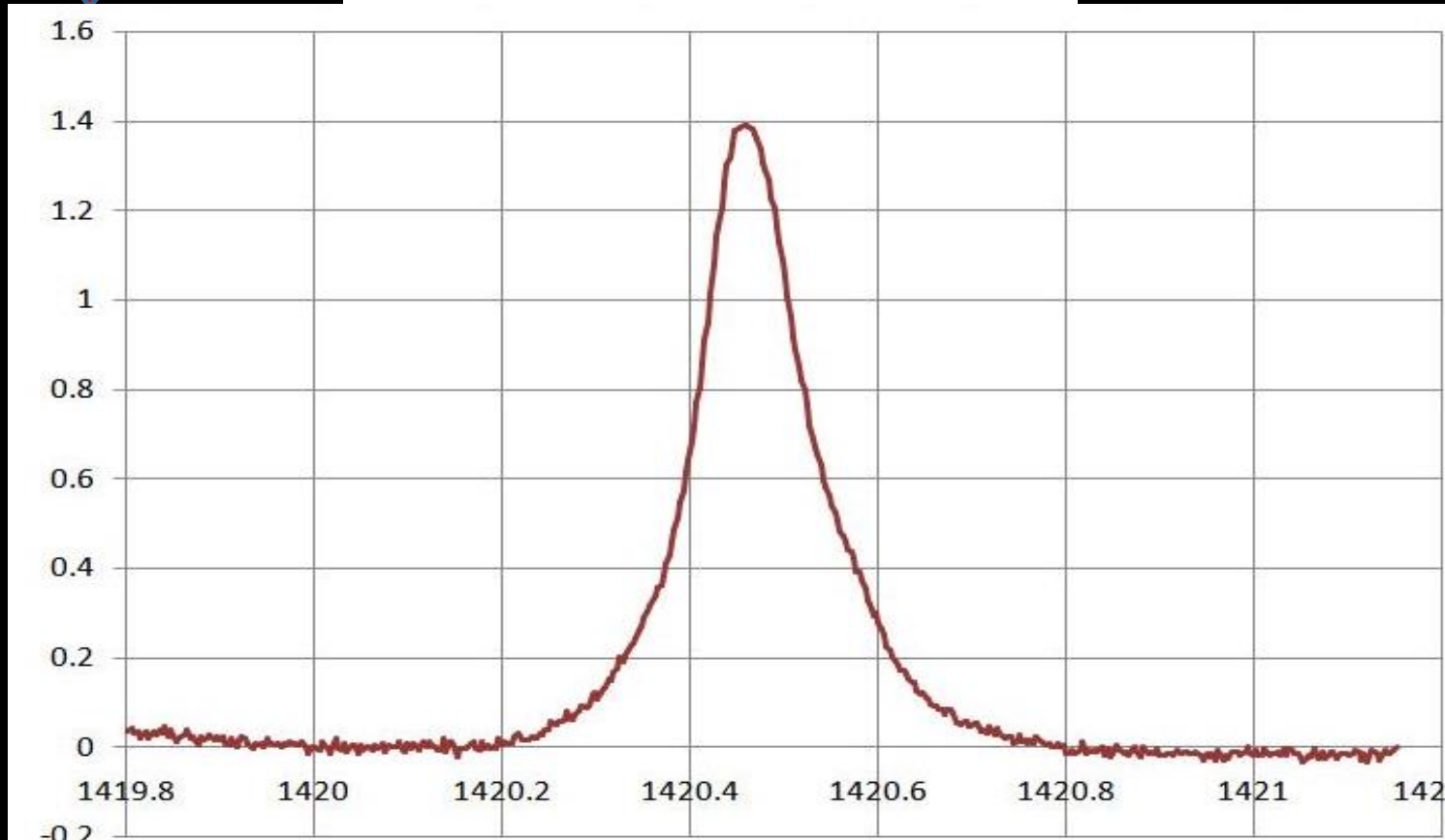


Hydrogen 21-cm wavelength RF Emission Spectrum

dB Relative to Background Noise



$$\text{dB} = 20 * \log_{10}(\text{data}) + \text{OFFSET}$$



Frequency MHz

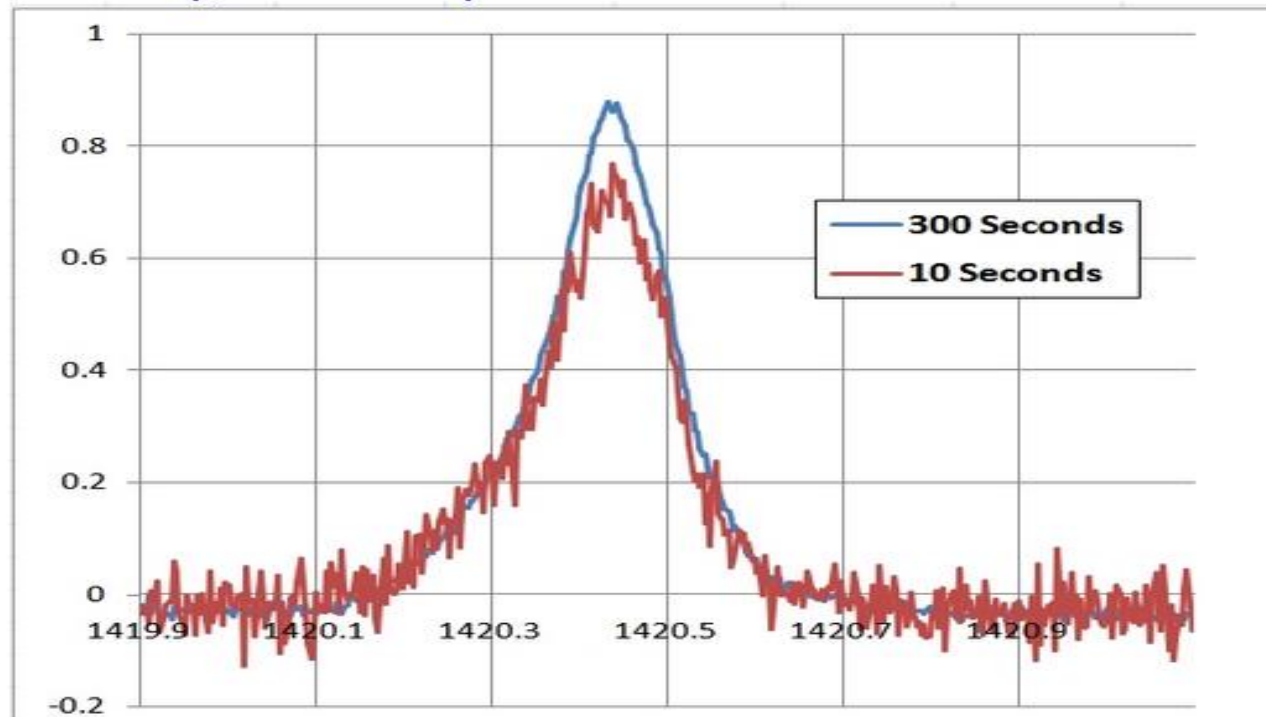
I captured a comparison between **10 second** and **300 averages**.

Wolfgang recommends sampling at $\sim 1/10$ the **beam width** of your antenna .. If that is 12.5 degrees, that equates to 1.25 degrees per sample and that = **300 Seconds**.

Acquiring at 10 secs/frame = 0.042 degrees
= **1/300 the beam width of a 12.5 deg antenna**

You "do not loose **Useful spatial resolution**" as much as you gain **Un-Useful Noise**

Same setup, different sample times



SOFTWARE Links misc info

<https://www.rtl-sdr.com/cheap-and-easy-hydrogen-line-radio-astronomy-with-a-rtl-sdr-wifi-parabolic-grid-dish-lna-and-sdrsharp/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6NCefVxNL8>

SARA 2022 Eastern Conference

Galactic Hydrogen 1.42 GHz RF Emission Radio Astronomy for \$300 Alex Pettit
SARA www.radio-astronomy.org

The \$300 SARA 'Scope in a Box' Radio Telescope System and Beyond
A beginner's introduction into receiving and processing 1.42 GHz RF emission signals
from neutral hydrogen regions within the Milky Way Alex Petit

This presentation will briefly overview the history and value of radio astronomy. It will describe the Analog RF and Digital Signal hardware components and the basic software needed to acquire, process, and display the data. Drift Scan data recording will be explained, and several upgrades will be suggested for improvements in signal amplitude and quality.

***Radio Astronomy Presentations from the
Society of Amateur Radio Astronomers Eastern Conference July 2022***

Introduction to Radio Astronomy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOgvjRXnins>

**Dr. Wolfgang Herrmann Keynote Amateur Radio Astronomy
Possibilities and Limitations,...**

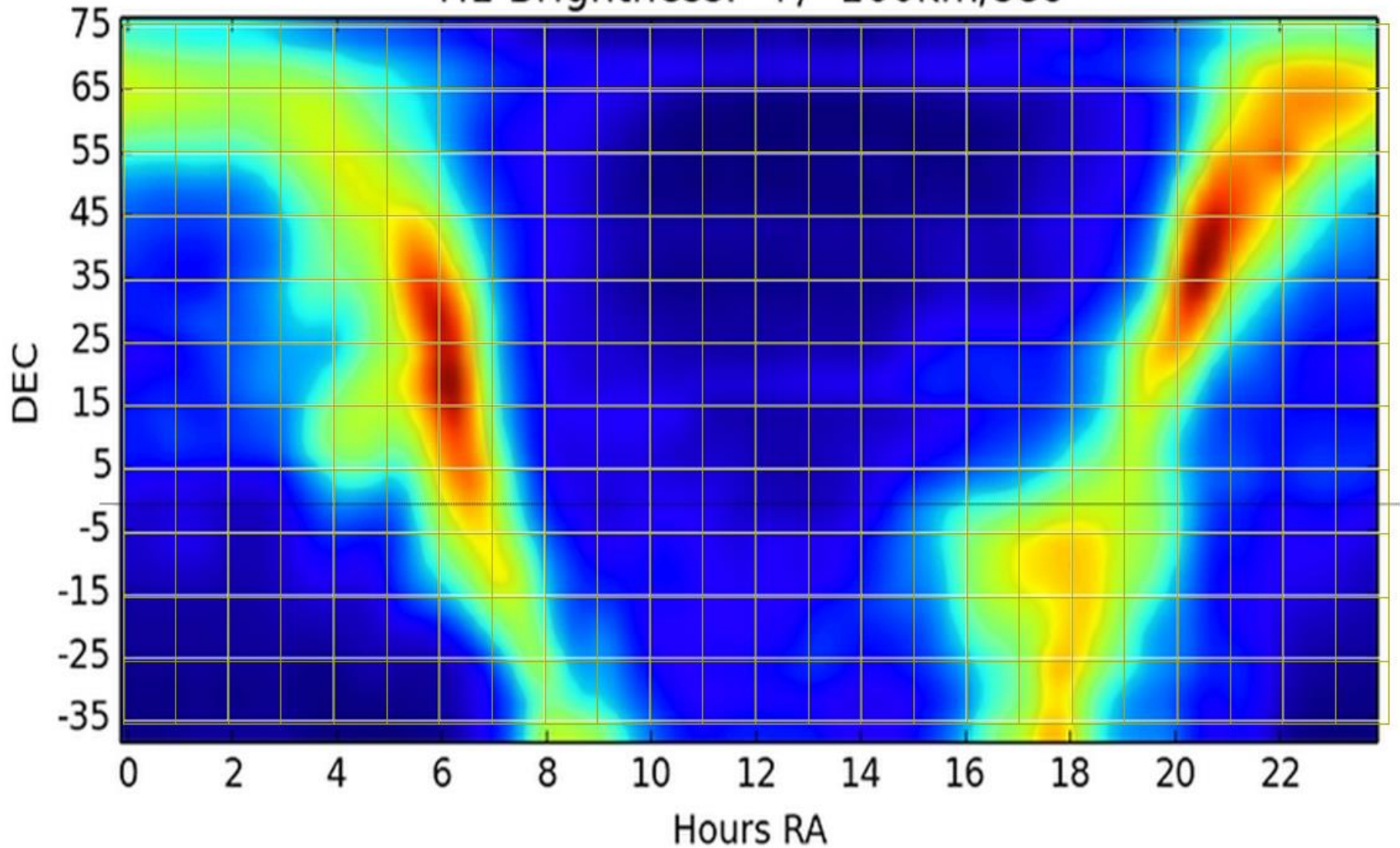
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8j1bVpC6M94>

Alex Pettit: Galactic Hydrogen 1.42 GHz RF Emission Radio Astronomy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6NCefVxNL8>

Milky Way 21cm Neutral Hydrogen Line Brightness Intensity Chart

H1 Brightness: $\pm 160\text{km/sec}$



Stellarium Planetarium Program

find when Milky Way is overhead and RA Time

<https://stellarium.org>,

