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The Fairfield CT Reservoir Plasmoid

A Field and Video Analysis Case Study

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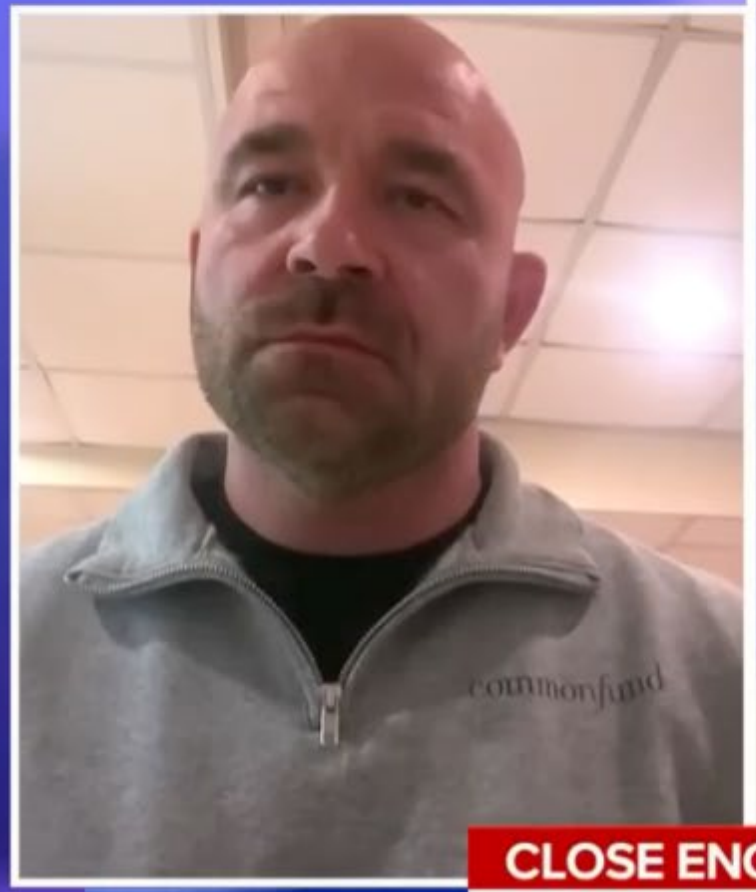

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NOW: CONNECTICUT COP ON 2022 UFO SIGHTING

10:07 PM ET

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Officer Klein's original video

Plasmoid instantaneously moved across the reservoir

Initial Expedition- December 2024

- Invited NewsNation
- Interviewed 4 new witnesses
- Established Officer Klein's observation point
- Conducted field audio and light intensity tests
- Conducted sky lantern color and light dispersion comparison tests
- 1st field surveillance

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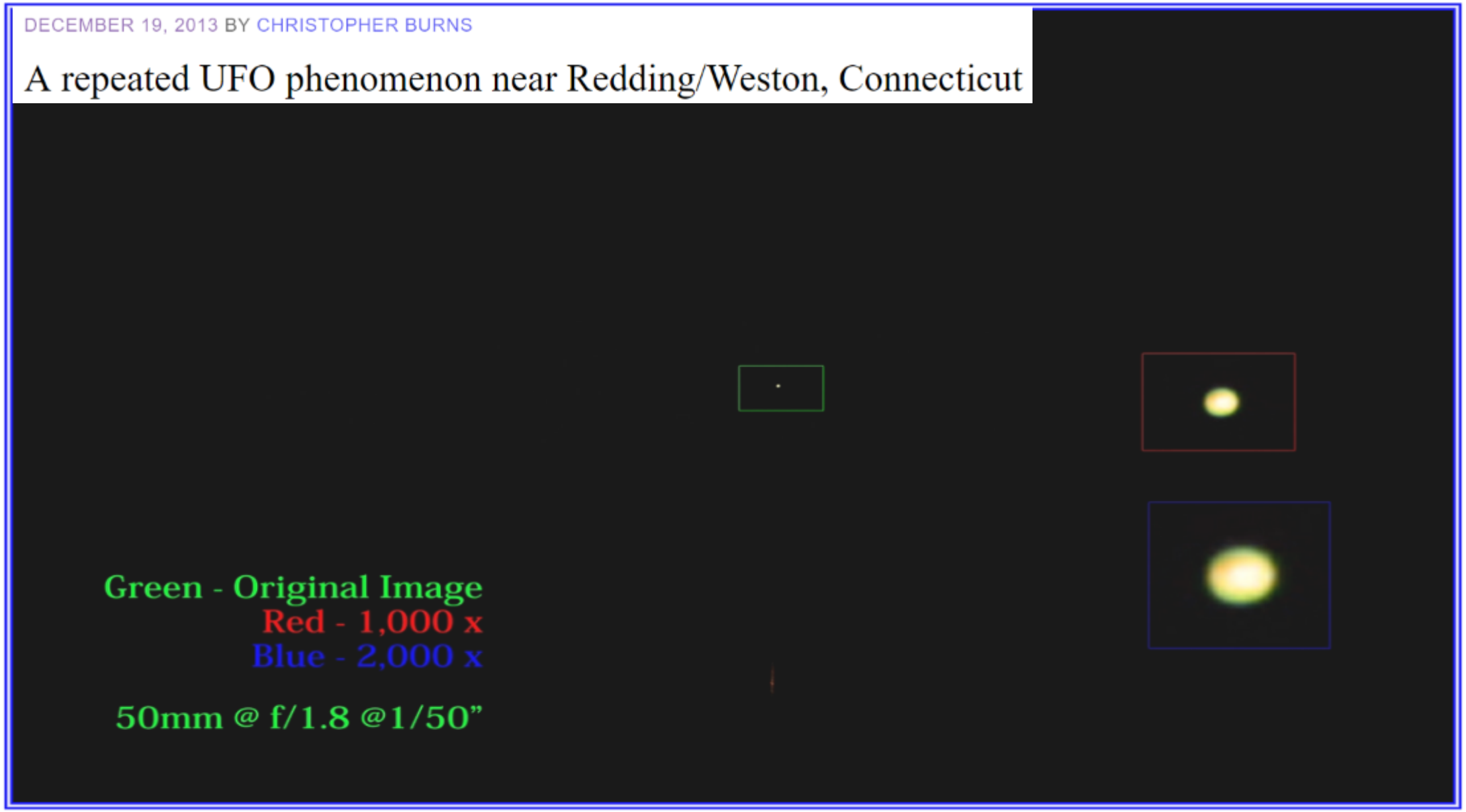
Chris Burns Documented UAP History



Second Expedition- December 2024

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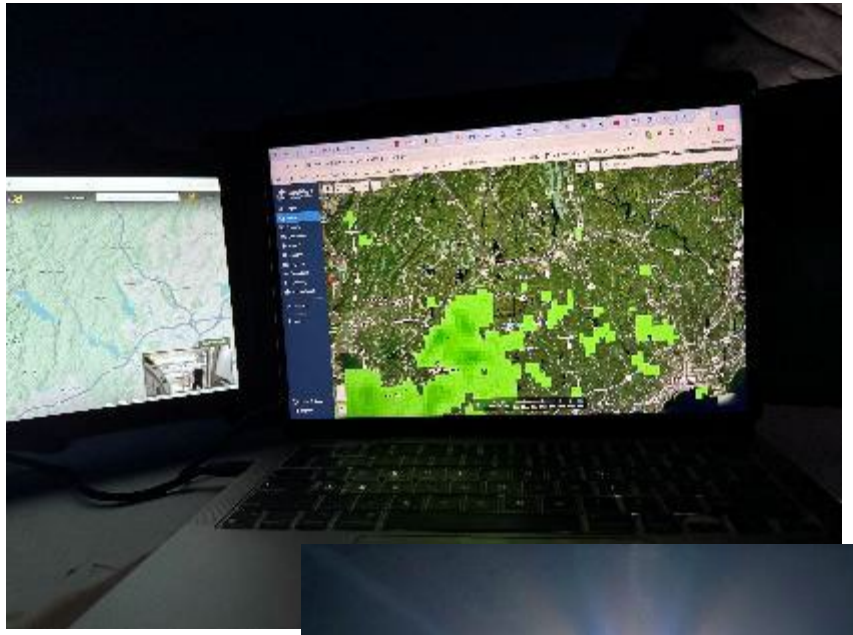
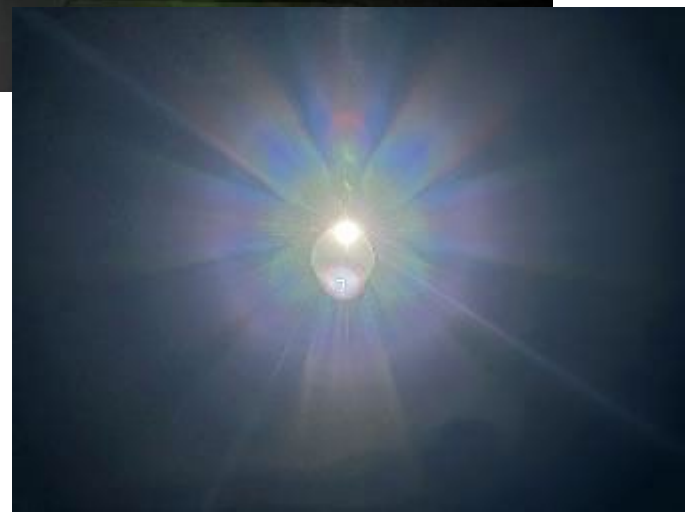




- Community outreach and establishment of vantage points for triangulation
- Interviewed a witness to new phenomena possibly related
- Conducted an aerial survey via fixed-wing aircraft
- Completed Brewster’s angle test via drone on the opposite shoreline
- 3 nights of field observation (despite inclement weather)

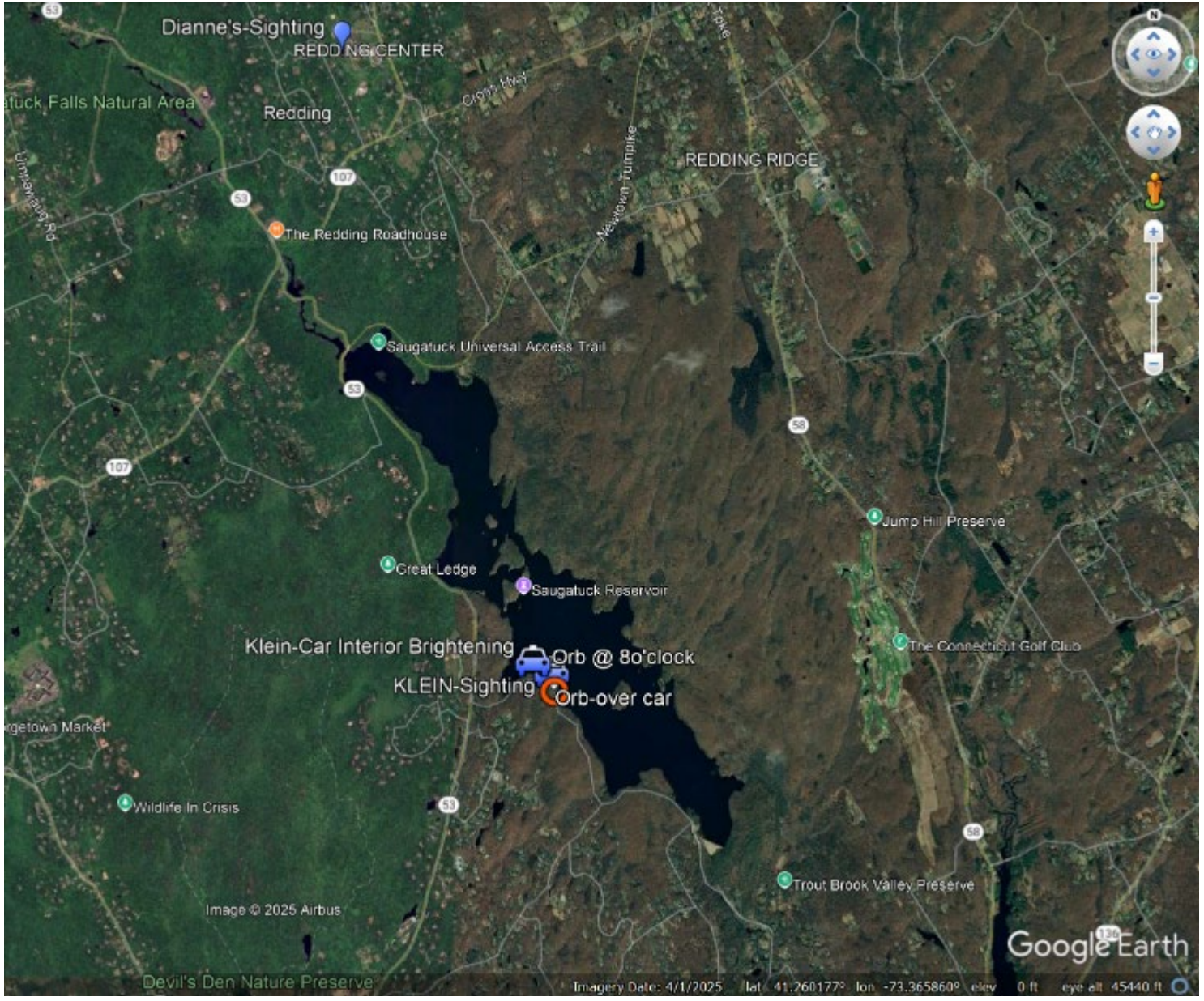
Drone used to calculate the Brewster's angle from the east shore and the height above the treeline

Aerial Reconnaissance of the Reservoir

Klein’s Video Metadata

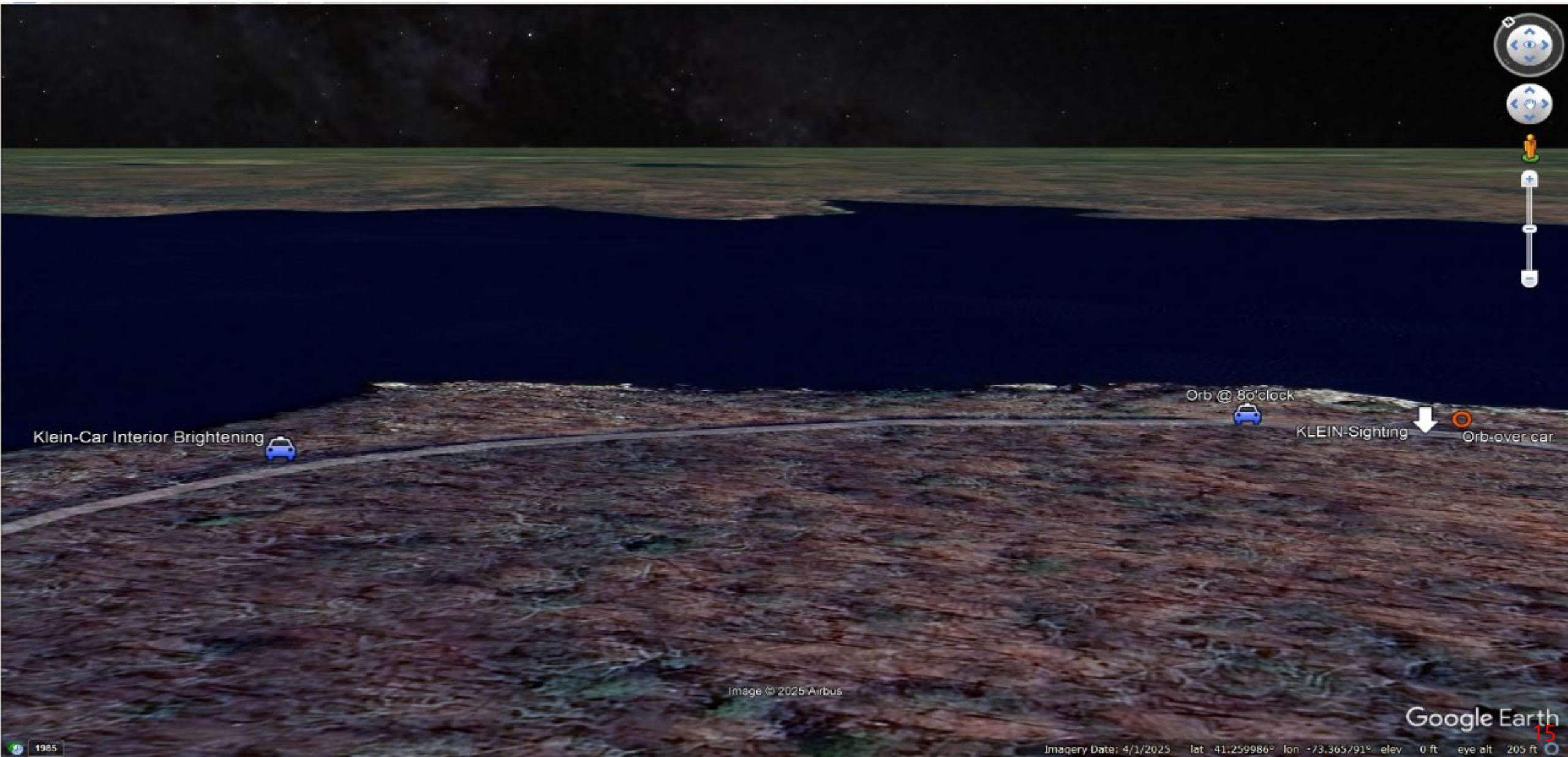
- Make: Apple
- Model: iPhone 13
- Software: 15.4.1
- Creation Date: 2022:04:27 23:22:48-04:00
- Duration : 0:01:40
- Audio Format: mp4a
- Image Width: 1920
- Image Height: 1080
- Compressor Name: H.264
- Bit Depth: 24
- Video Frame Rate: 23.999

Location: Saugatuck Reservoir CT



Dianne Maksel's Sighting Looks Due South

Klein’s Sighting Saugatuck Reservoir CT



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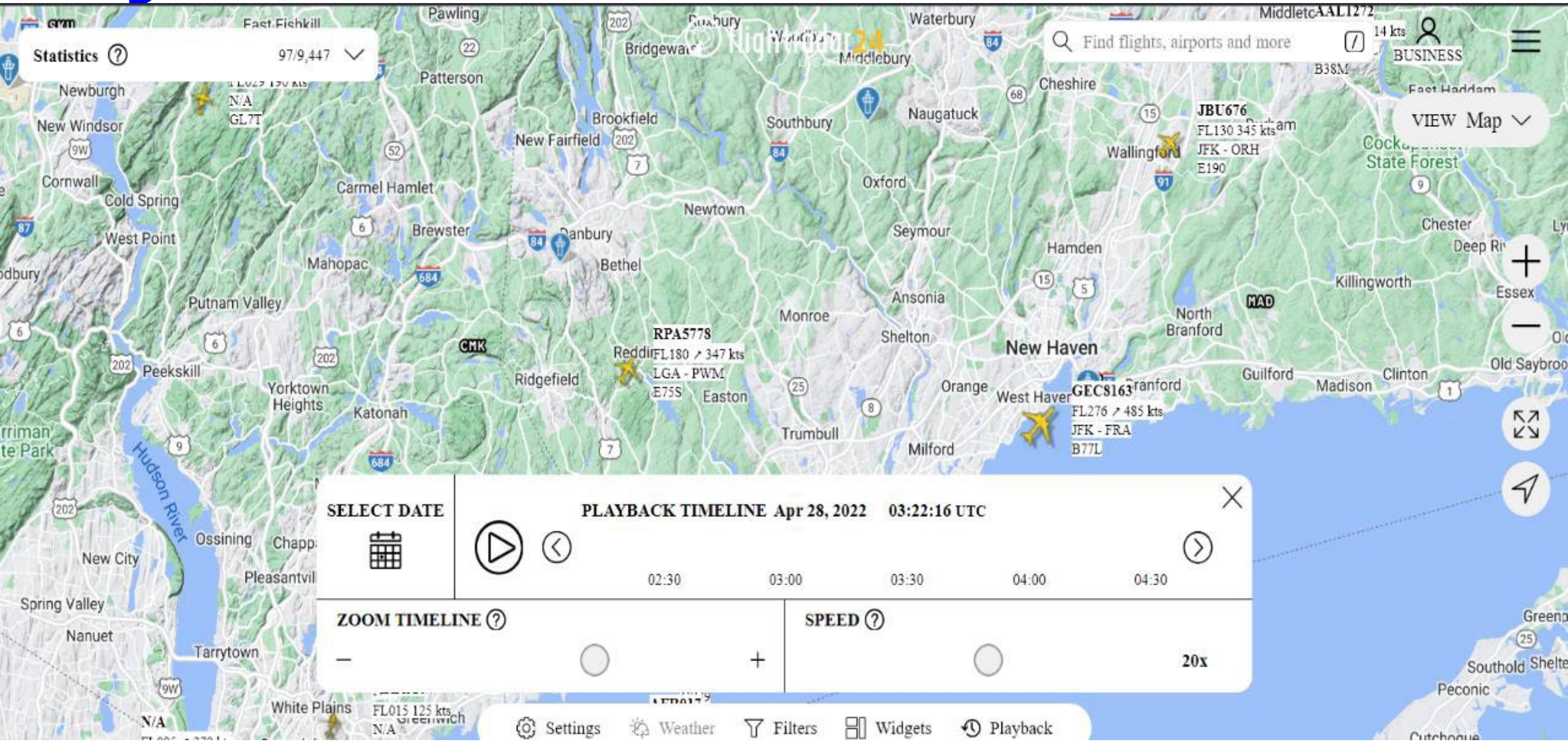

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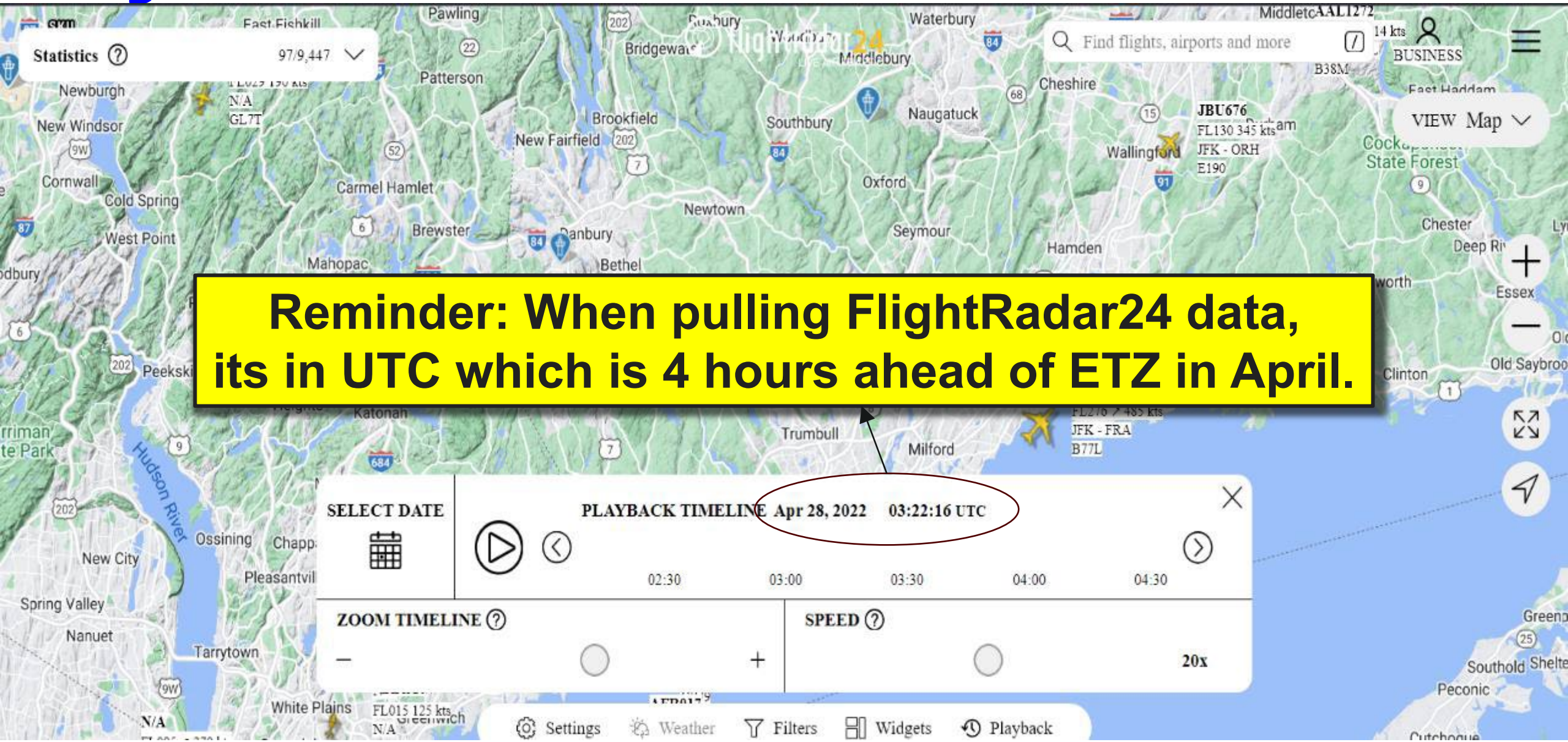


Reminder: When pulling FlightRadar24 data, its in UTC which is 4 hours ahead of ETZ in April.

Converting Lat/Lon/Altitude to Az/El

Prime vertical radius of curvature:

$$N(\phi) = \frac{a}{\sqrt{1 - e^2 \sin^2(\phi)}}.$$

a = Semi-major axis (m) = 6378137

b = Semi-minor axis (m) = 6356752.314

e = Unitless eccentricity = 0.0818192

h = altitude (m)

ϕ = latitude (in radians)

λ = longitude (in radians)

ECEF coordinates (X,Y,Z):

$$X = \left(N(\phi) + h\right) \cos(\phi) \cos(\lambda),$$

$$Y = \left(N(\phi) + h\right) \cos(\phi) \sin(\lambda),$$

$$Z = \left(\frac{b^2}{a^2} N(\phi) + h\right) \sin(\phi) \quad \text{or} \quad Z = \left(N(\phi)\left(1 - e^2\right) + h\right) \sin(\phi).$$

Converting Lat/Lon/Altitude to Az/El

East ($\hat{e}$) points toward the local east direction.
North ($\hat{n}$) points toward local geodetic north.
Up ($\hat{u}$) points upward (normal to the reference ellipsoid at the observer's latitude/longitude).

$$\begin{pmatrix} e \\ n \\ u \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{e}_x & \hat{e}_y & \hat{e}_z \\ \hat{n}_x & \hat{n}_y & \hat{n}_z \\ \hat{u}_x & \hat{u}_y & \hat{u}_z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} v_x \\ v_y \\ v_z \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{X}_1 - \mathbf{X}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 - X_0 \\ Y_1 - Y_0 \\ Z_1 - Z_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$\hat{e}$ (unit east)

$$\hat{e} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin(\lambda_0) \\ \cos(\lambda_0) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$\hat{n}$ (unit north)

$$\hat{n} = \begin{pmatrix} -\sin(\phi_0)\cos(\lambda_0) \\ -\sin(\phi_0)\sin(\lambda_0) \\ \cos(\phi_0) \end{pmatrix},$$

$\hat{u}$ (unit up)

$$\hat{u} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\phi_0)\cos(\lambda_0) \\ \cos(\phi_0)\sin(\lambda_0) \\ \sin(\phi_0) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Converting Lat/Lon/Altitude to Az/El

Range (straight-line distance from observer to aircraft):

$$\text{range} = \|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2} = \sqrt{e^2 + n^2 + u^2}.$$

Azimuth (Az): direction angle in the local horizontal plane, measured from **north** toward **east**

$$\text{Az} = \text{atan2}(e,\, n).$$

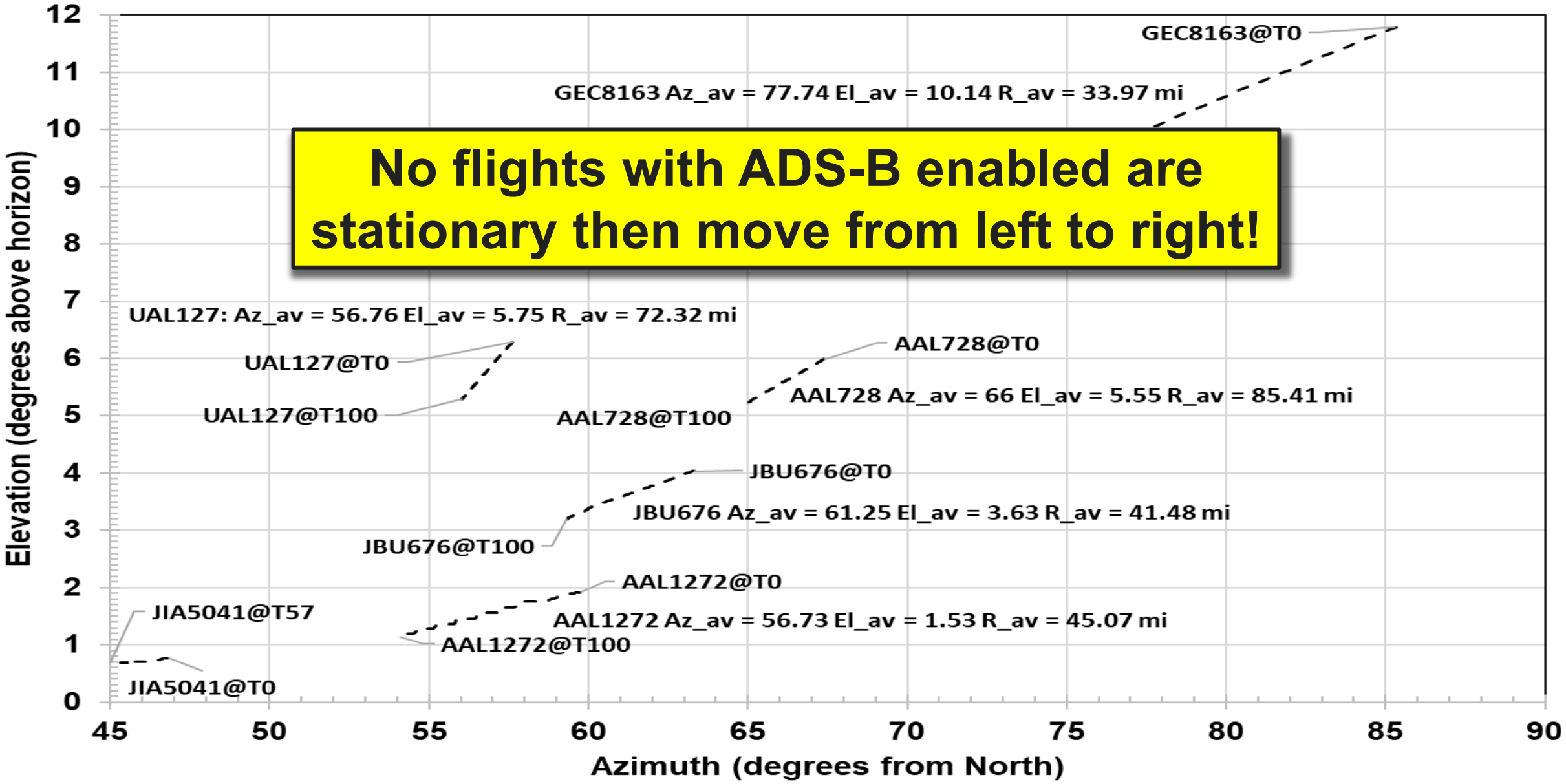
- atan2(e,n) returns the angle whose tangent is e/n, but also takes into account the signs of e, n to give a full 0–2π or −π-+π range.
- If you want Azimuth in degrees, do Az°=Az×180/π .
- By convention, Az=0° is North, Az=90° is East, and so on.

Elevation (El): angle above the local horizontal plane

$$\text{El} = \arctan 2\left(u,\ \sqrt{e^2 + n^2}\right).$$

- El=0° is the horizon, +90° is straight up.
- If you want degrees, El∘=El×180/π .

Possible Flights in Officer Klein's Video



Reference Location Algorithm

brighten.py

1. Load an image file
2. Brighten image: increase_brightness(img_bgr, val=0.3, adj=20)

   Python code mimic's Mathematica®'s frameLighten algorithm:

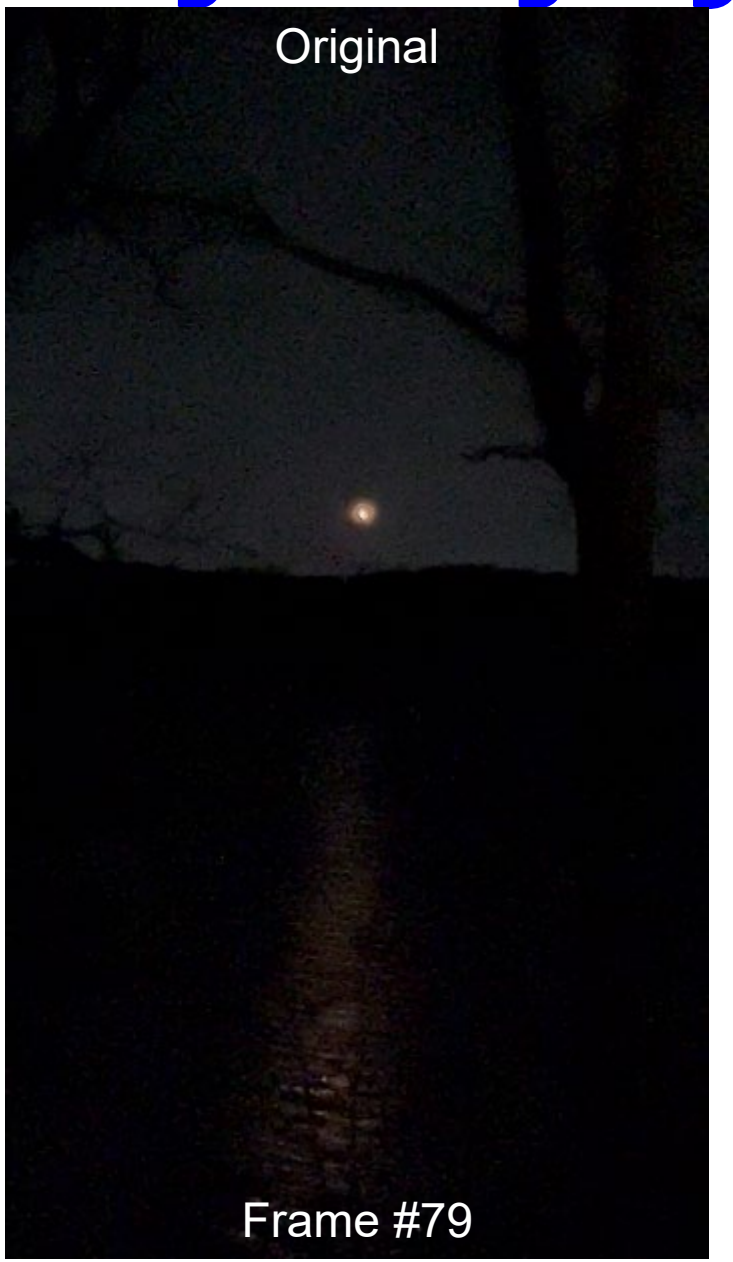
   1) *Binarize[img, val]*
   2) *ColorNegate*
   3) *ImageAdjust[img, {0, adj}] => multiply by adj, clip to [0..1]*
   4) *Compose brightened image from original using a mask value == 1*
3. Save brightened image

Manually identify image locations for template matching…

findReferenceLocations.py

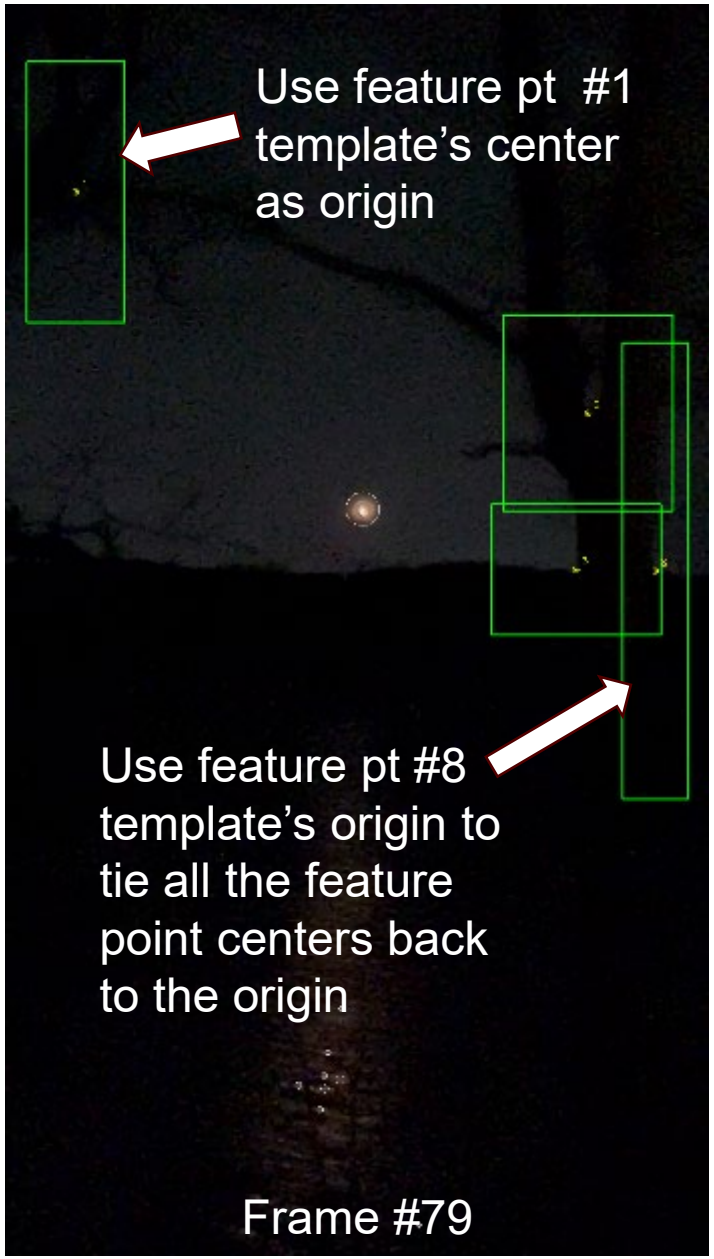
1. Load image template CSV file: readTemplateCSVFile ()
2. Load brightened images from the output from brighten.py
3. Extract feature templates from identified files (79, 1301, 1900, 2028 and 2350)
4. Convert template images to a gray scale image 0 to 255
5. Loop over all frames and templates
   1) Convert frame image to gray scale
   2) Use OpenCV's matchTemplate algorithm with a match threshold of 0.7
   3) Save the matched locations if the algorithm identifies an x coordinate

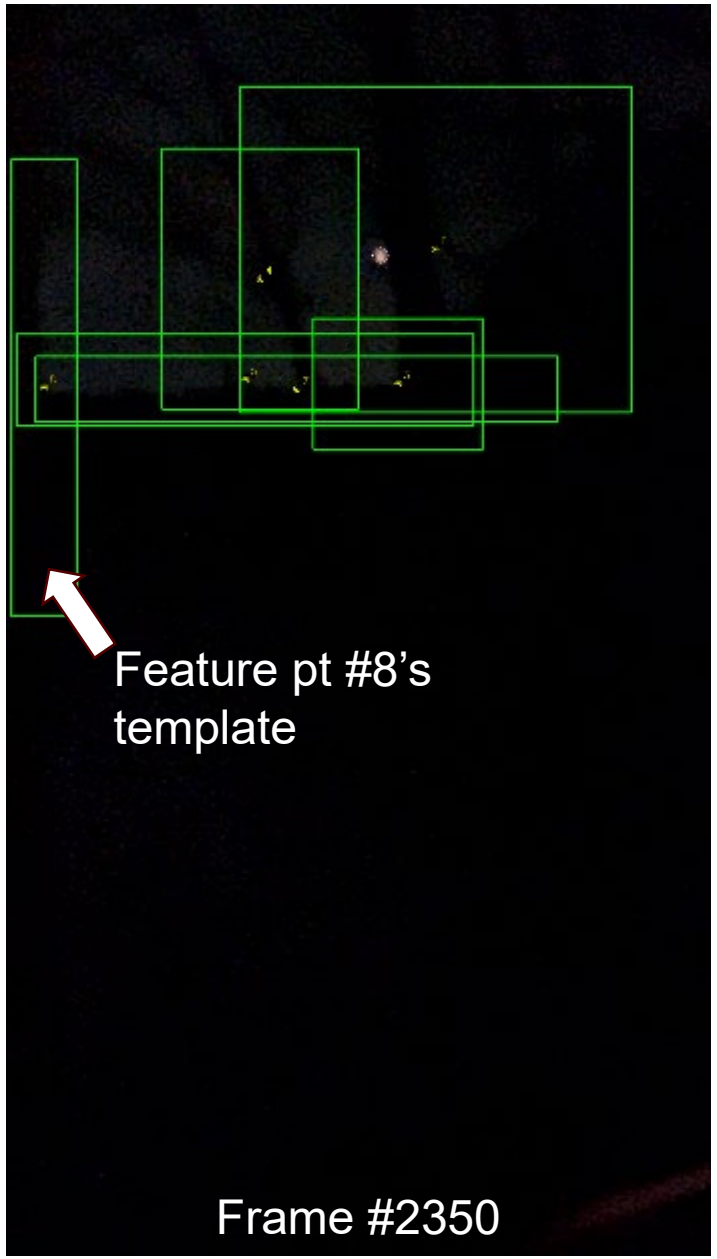
Brightening Algorithm: Frame 79



Significantly improves the identification of low visibility image features!

Feature Pt Reference Location Results



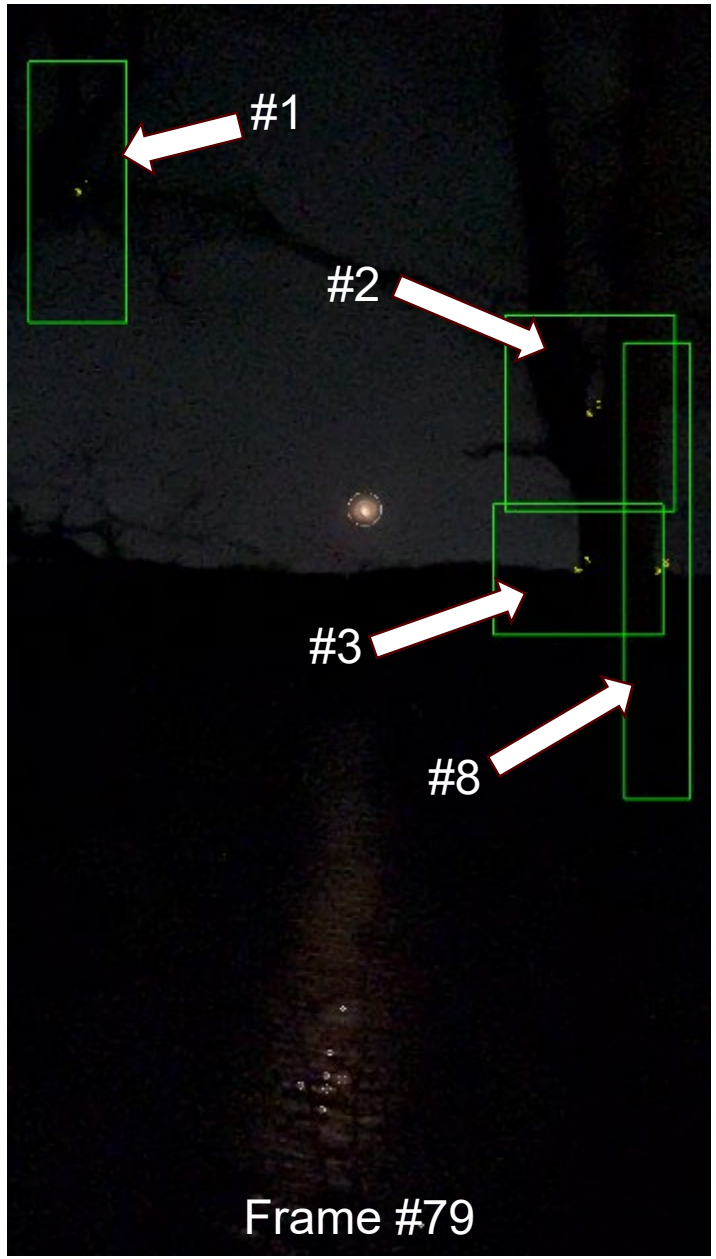


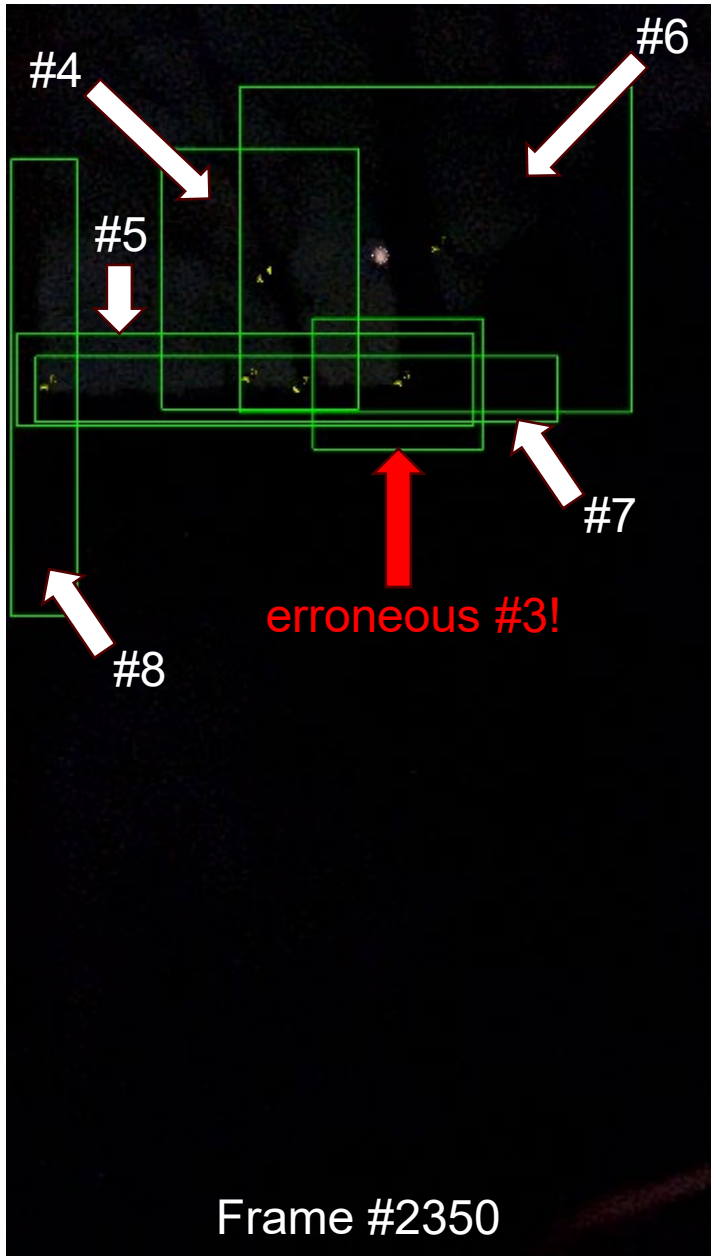
Identify Image Feature Points

- Identify brightened images with the best features for matching
  - 8 feature points used
  - Frames 79, 1301, 1900, 2028 and 2350 used to extract feature templates as ftr pt #8 is visible in all these frames
- After using OpenCV's matchTemplate pattern matching
- Use feature center points to translate back to the origin (feature point #1)
- Python used annotate these frames
- Use aircraft locations to provide image feature point relative Az & El

Orb Az/El from Feature Pts

Feature Pt Reference Location Results

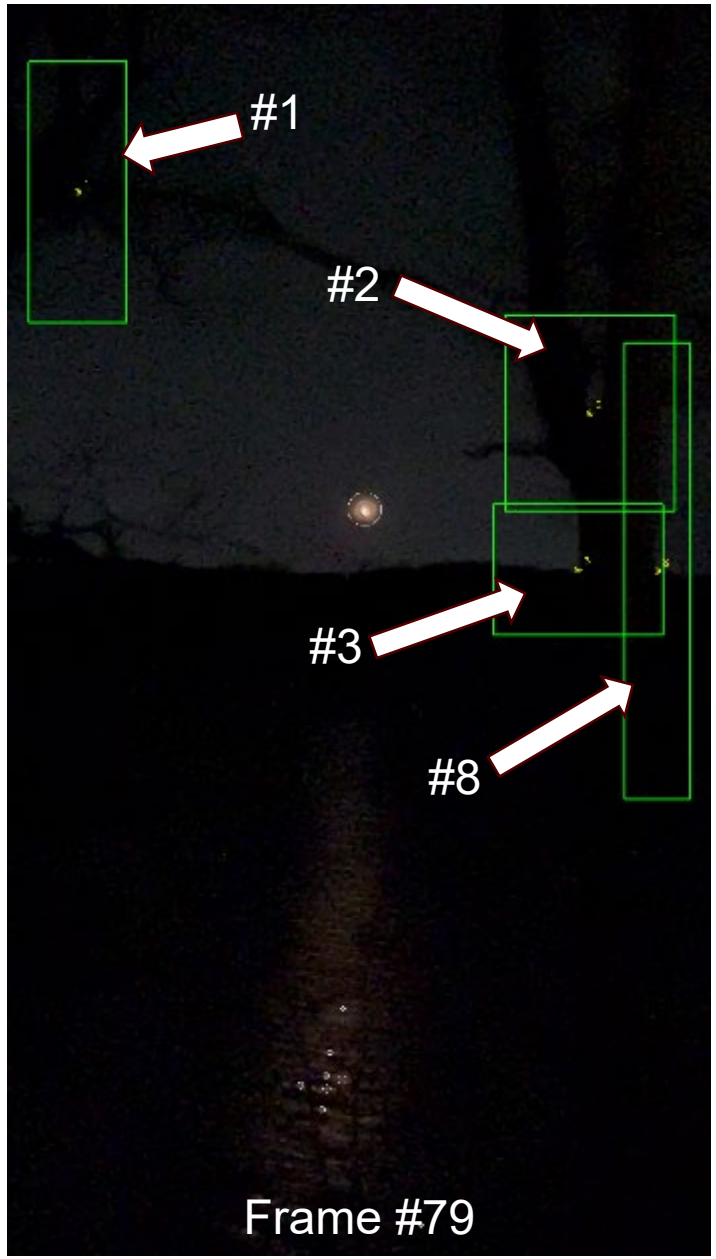


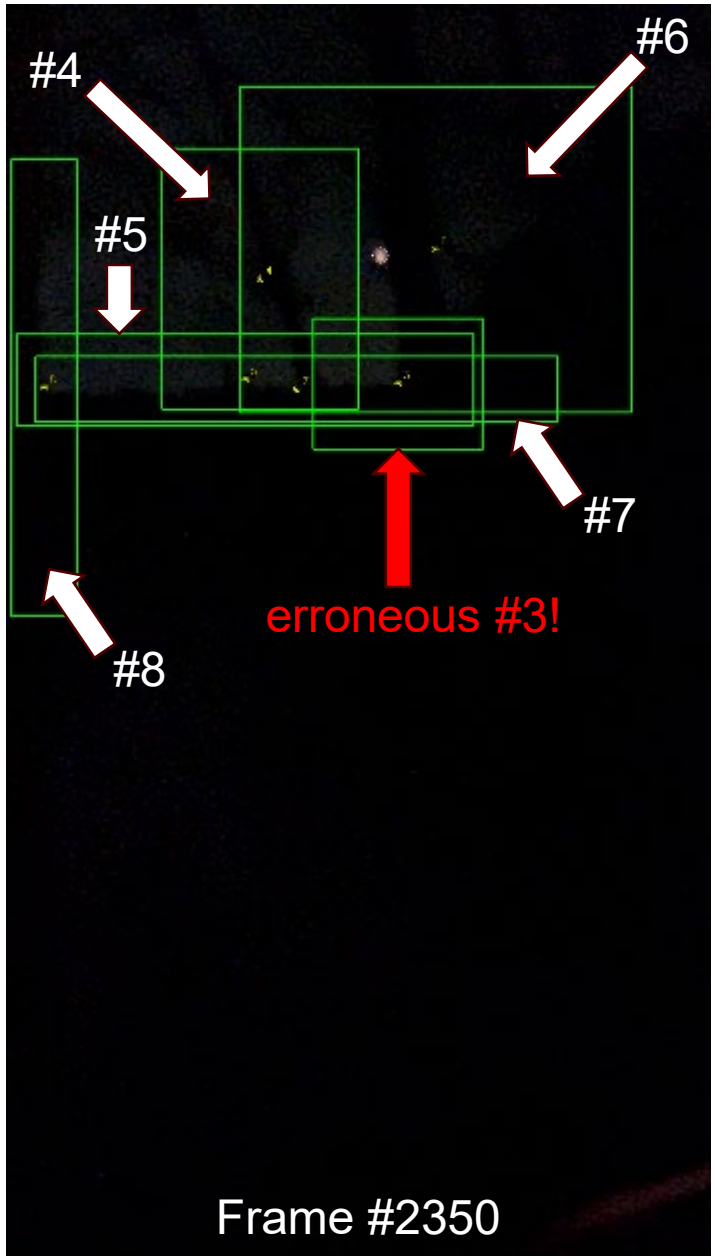


Algorithm isn't perfect!

Erroneous match score is 0.710 for feature point #3

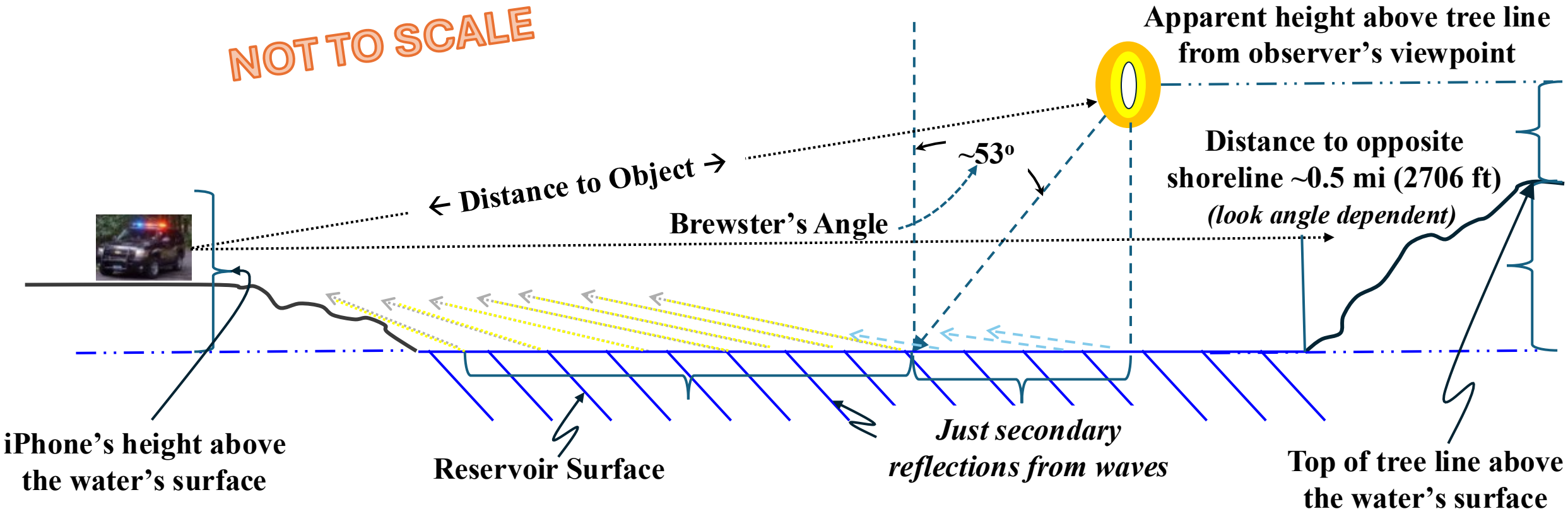
Orb Locations in Az/El





Orb Az/El from Feature Pts should be able to simply use interpolation

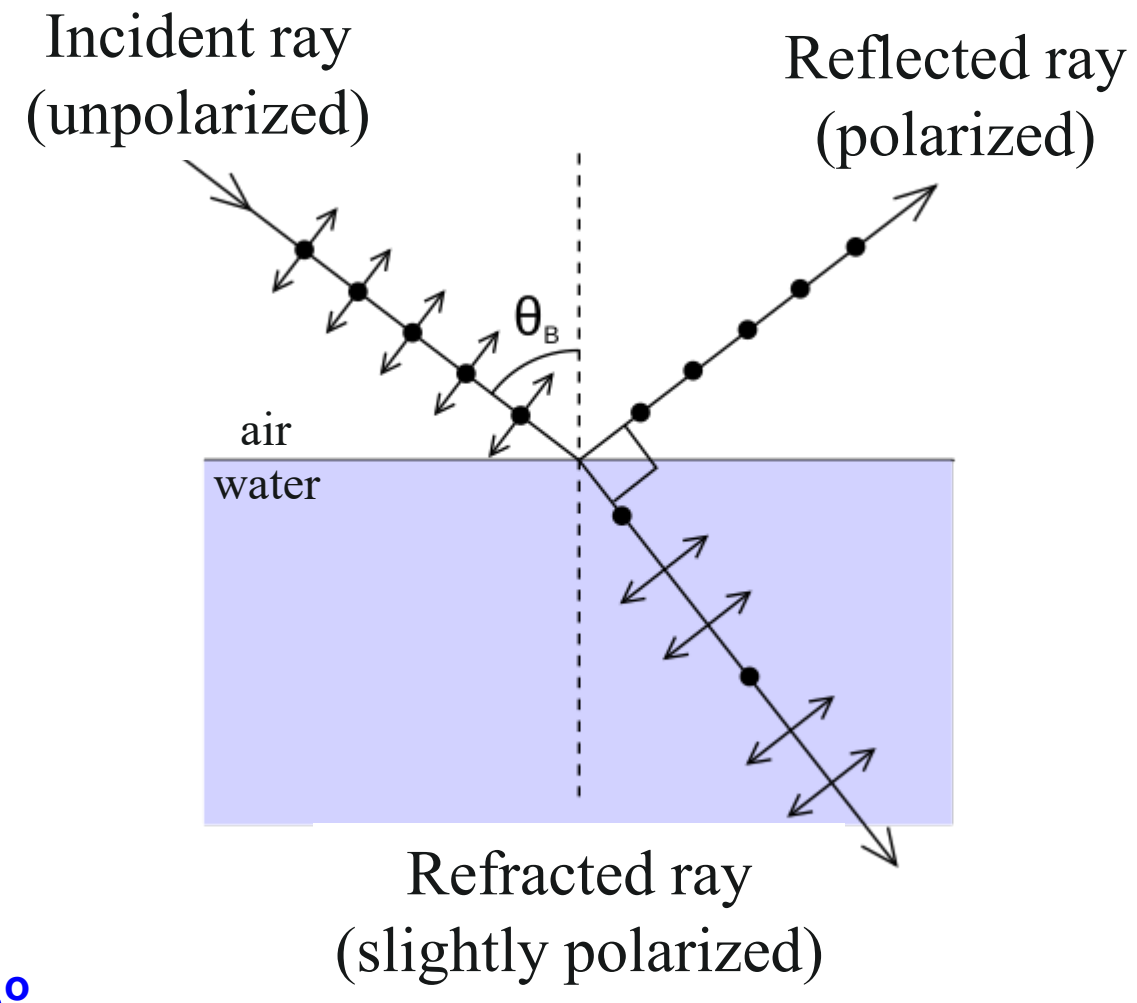
Viewing Geometry



Brewster's Angle

Brewster's angle (also known as the **polarization angle**) is an angle of incidence at which light with a particular polarization is perfectly transmitted through a transparent dielectric surface, with *no reflection*. When *unpolarized* light is incident at this angle, the light that is reflected from the surface is therefore perfectly polarized. The angle is named after the Scottish physicist Sir David Brewster (1781–1868).

For the air water interface this angle is ~53°.



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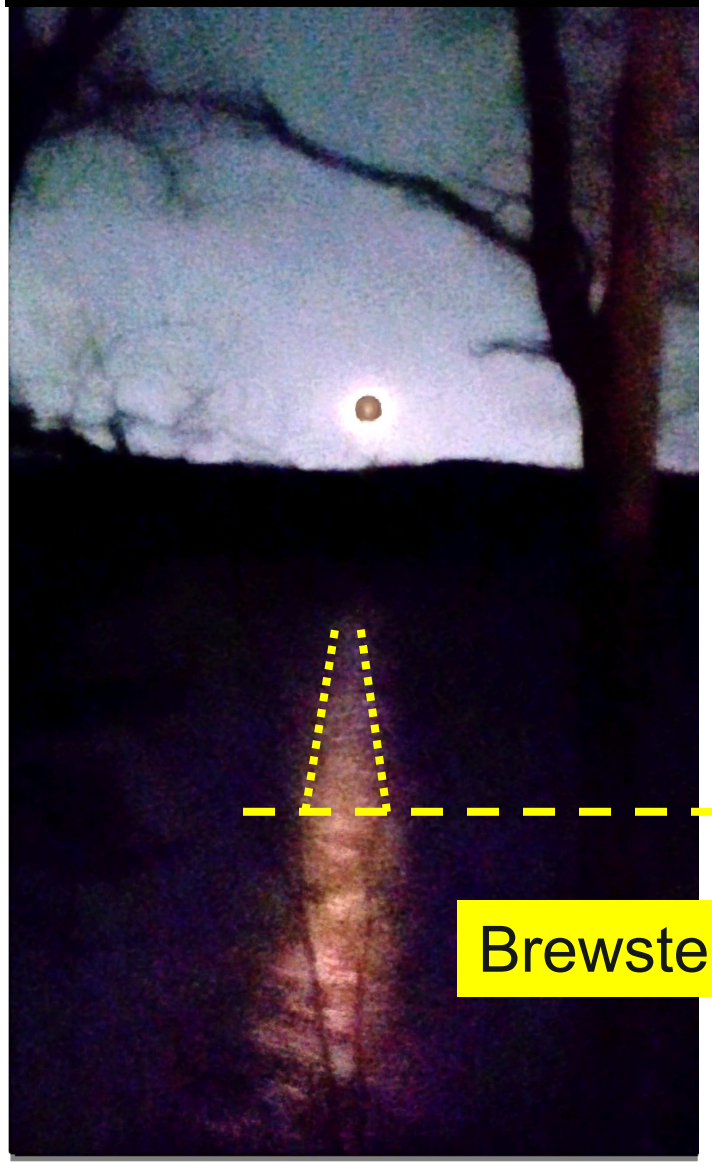
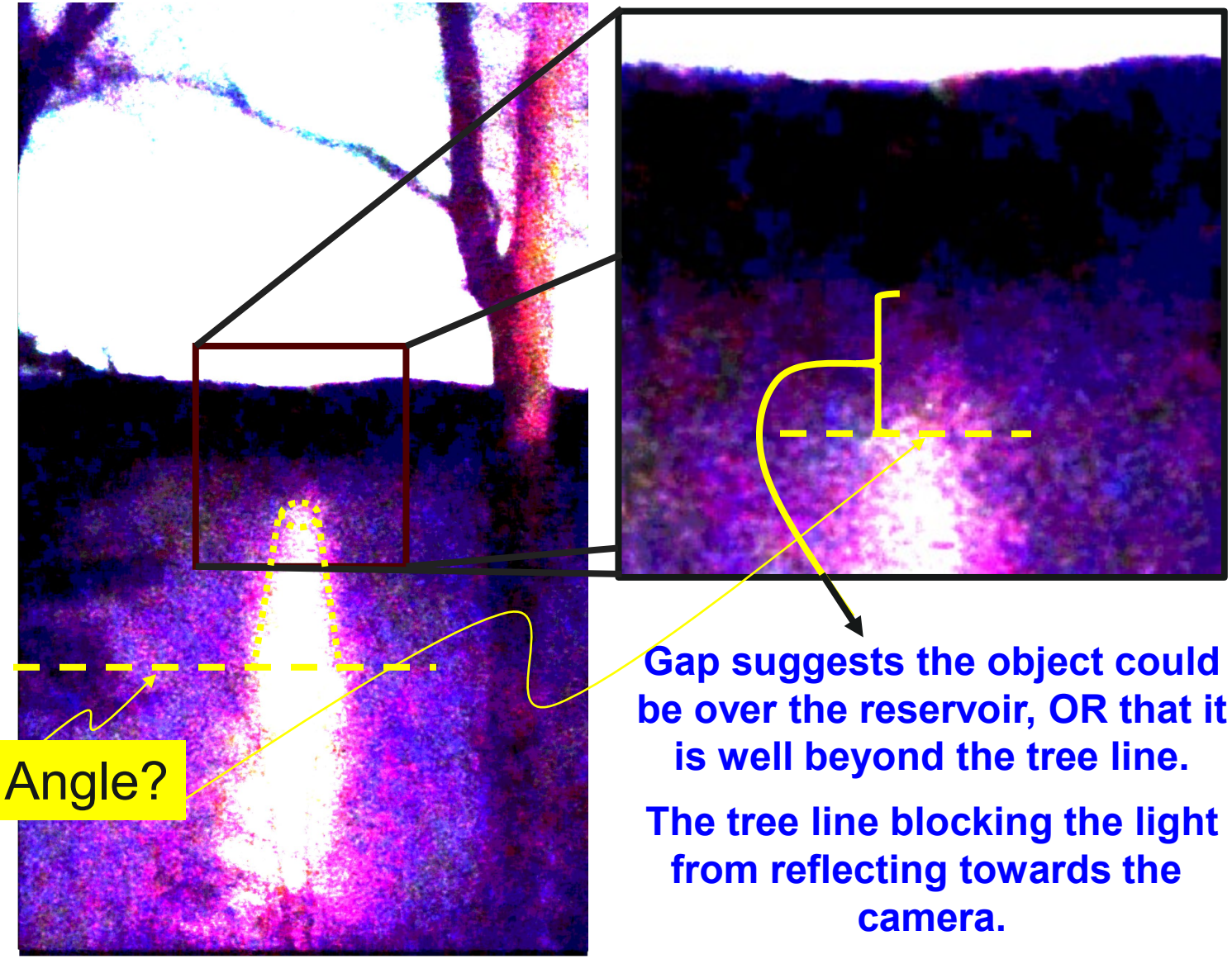
Brewster's Angle

Median Pix of Frms 40-69



7x Median Pix of Frms 40-69



Brewster's Angle?

Gap suggests the object could be over the reservoir, OR that it is well beyond the tree line.

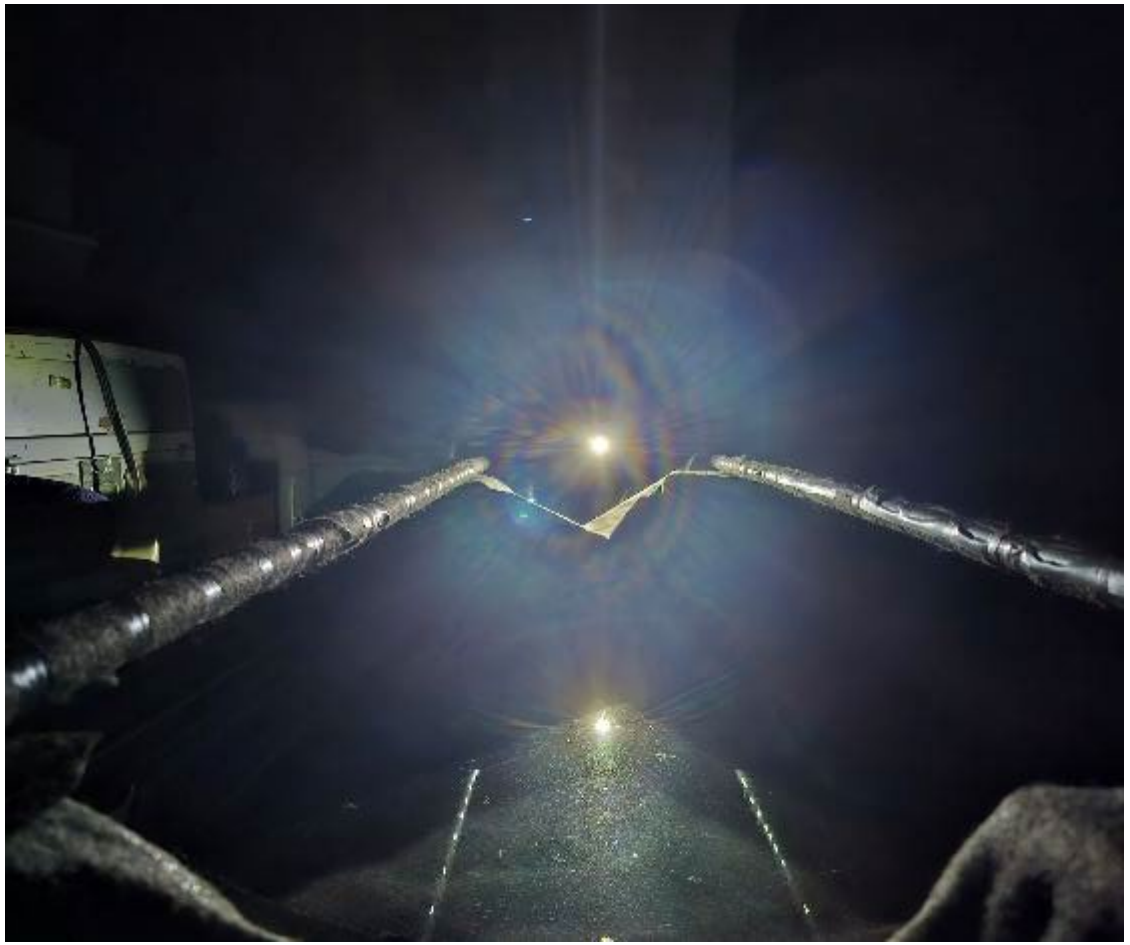
The tree line blocking the light from reflecting towards the camera.

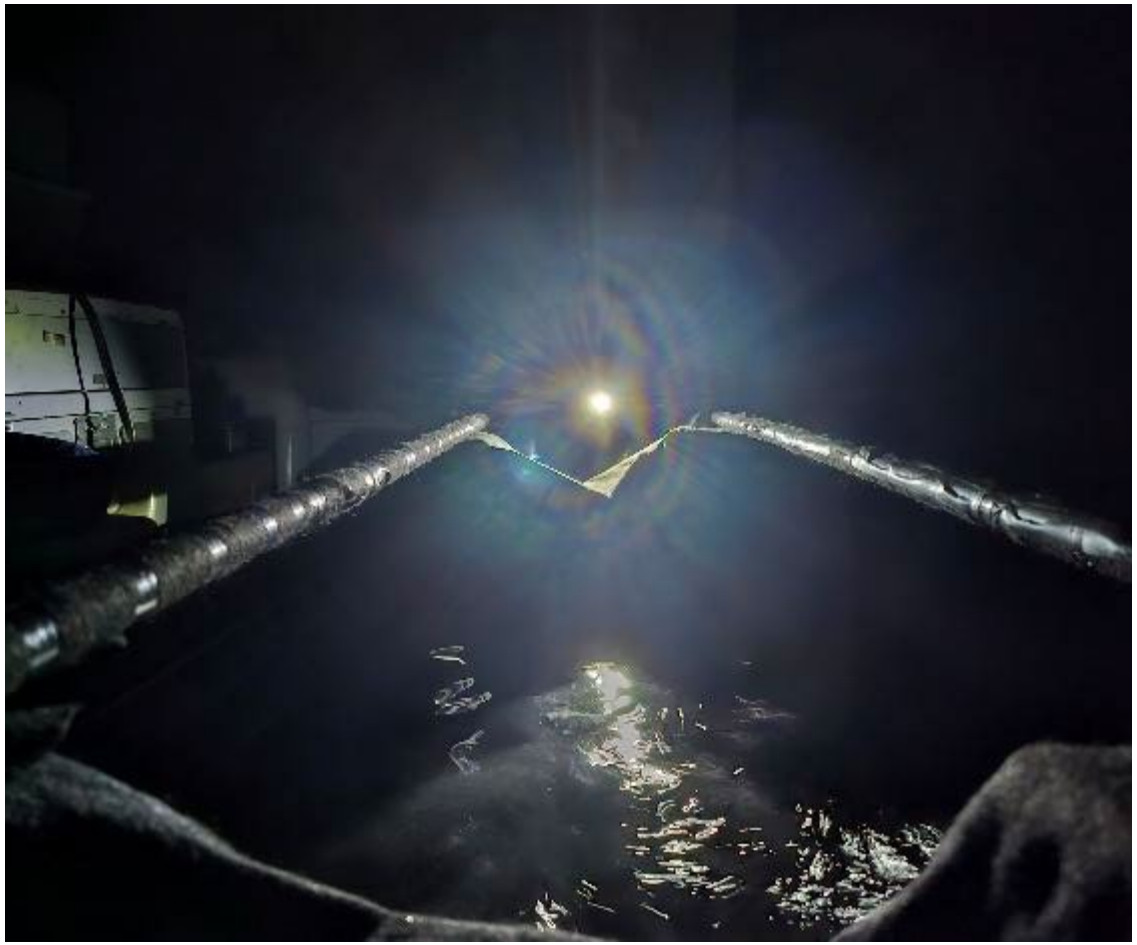
Garage Experiment

Simple attempt to replicate the geometry and reflection…

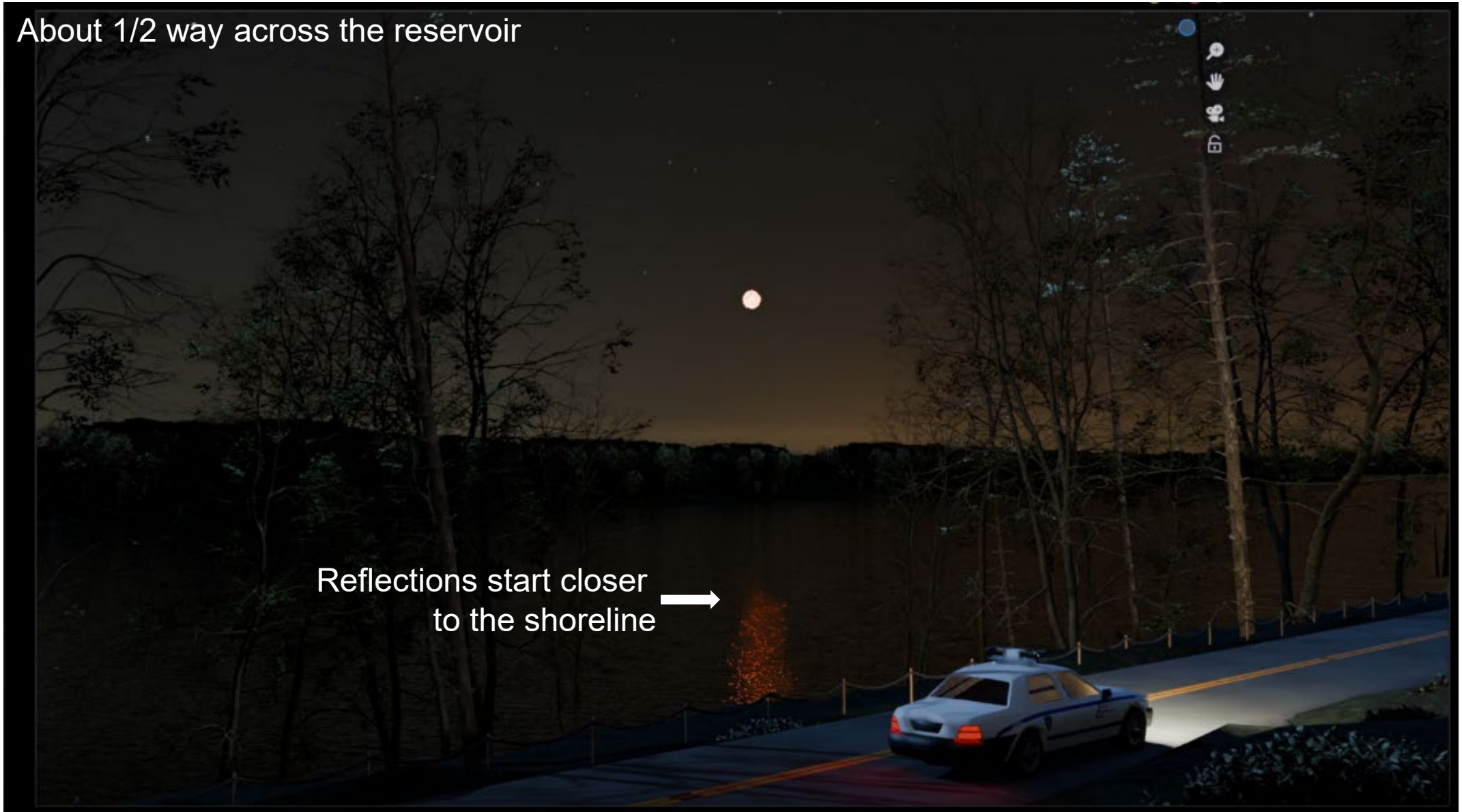
In My Garage

Garage Experiment



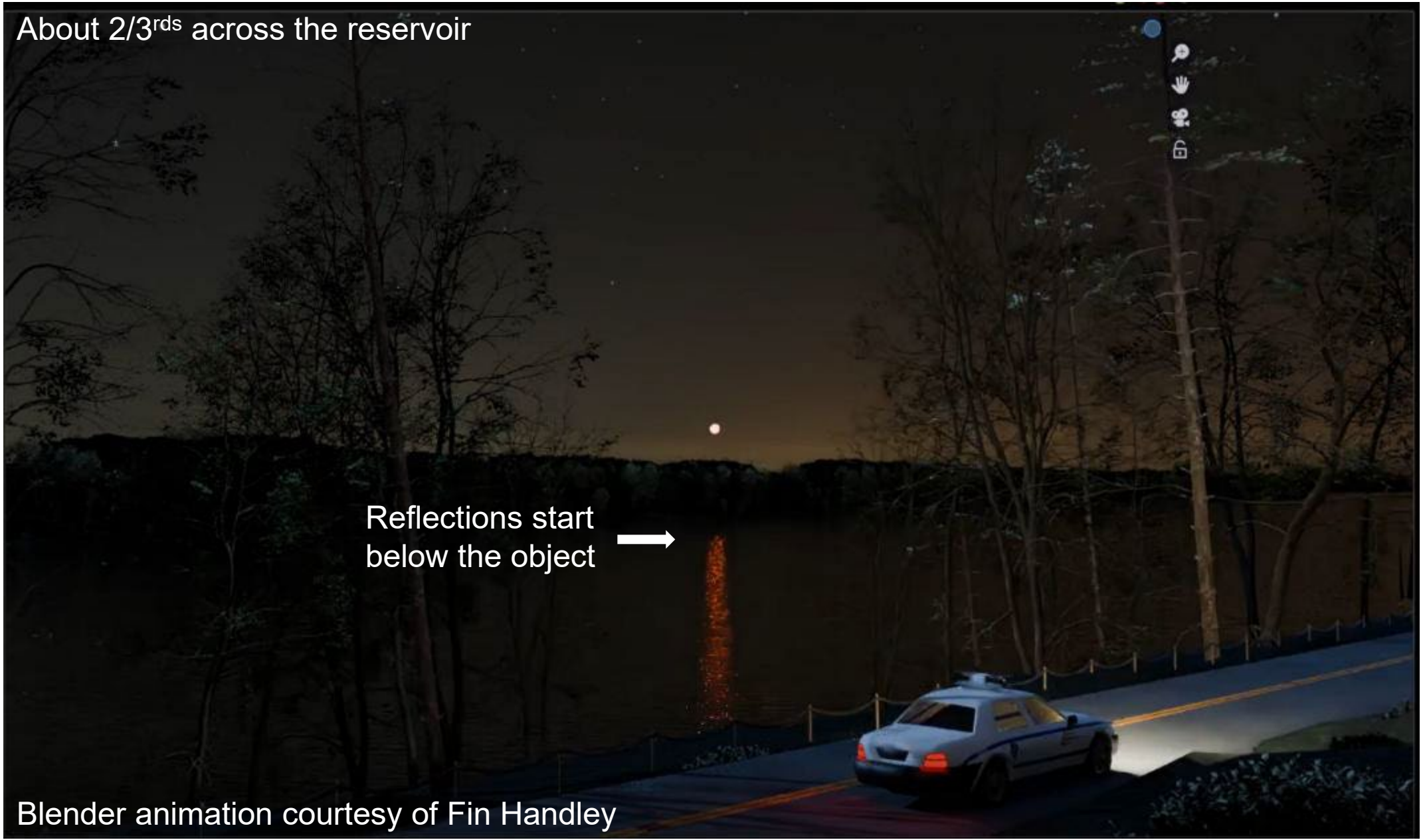


Blender Rendering Experiment: 984 feet



Blender animation courtesy of Fin Handley

Blender Rendering Experiment: 2057 feet



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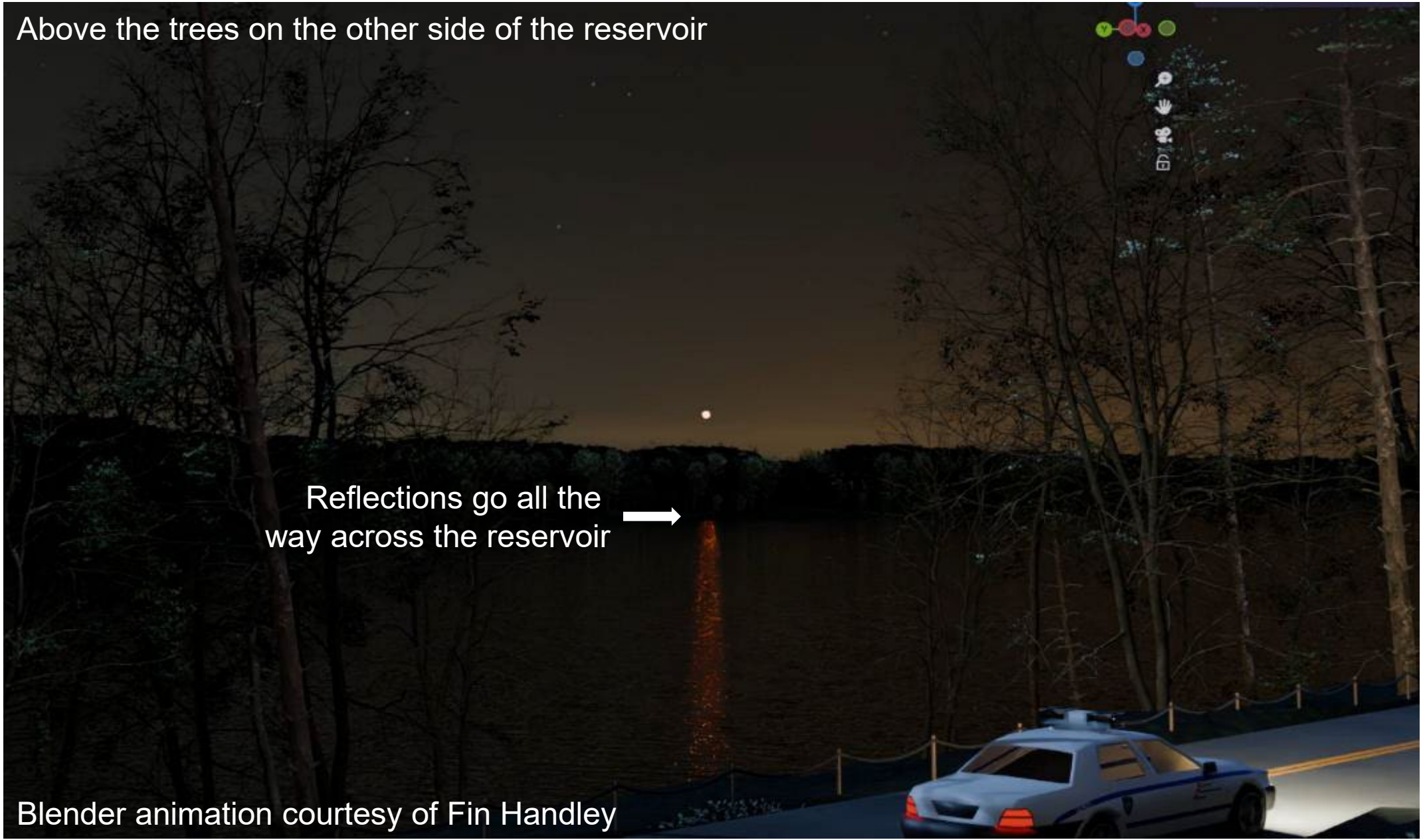
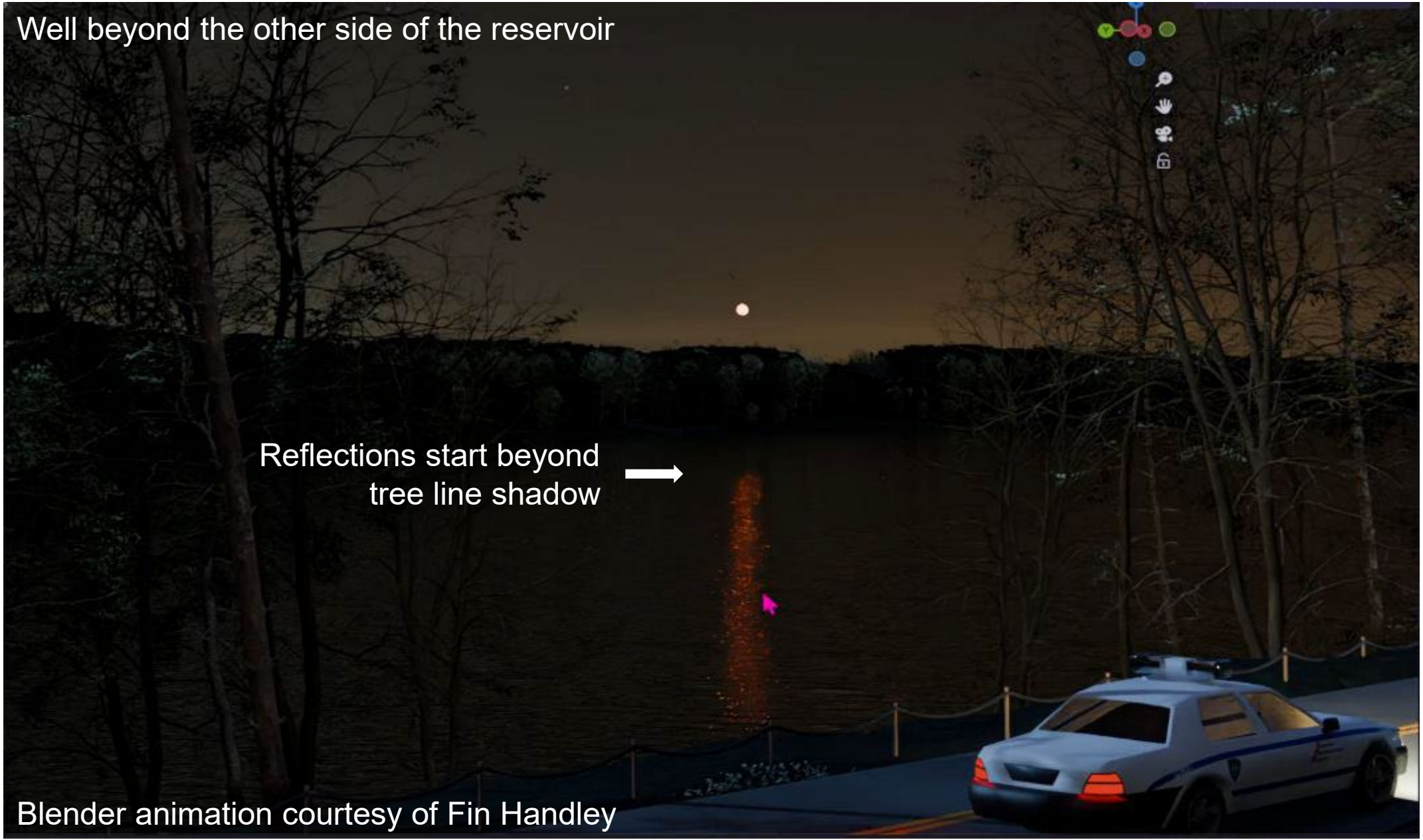


Blender Rendering Experiment: 6562 feet



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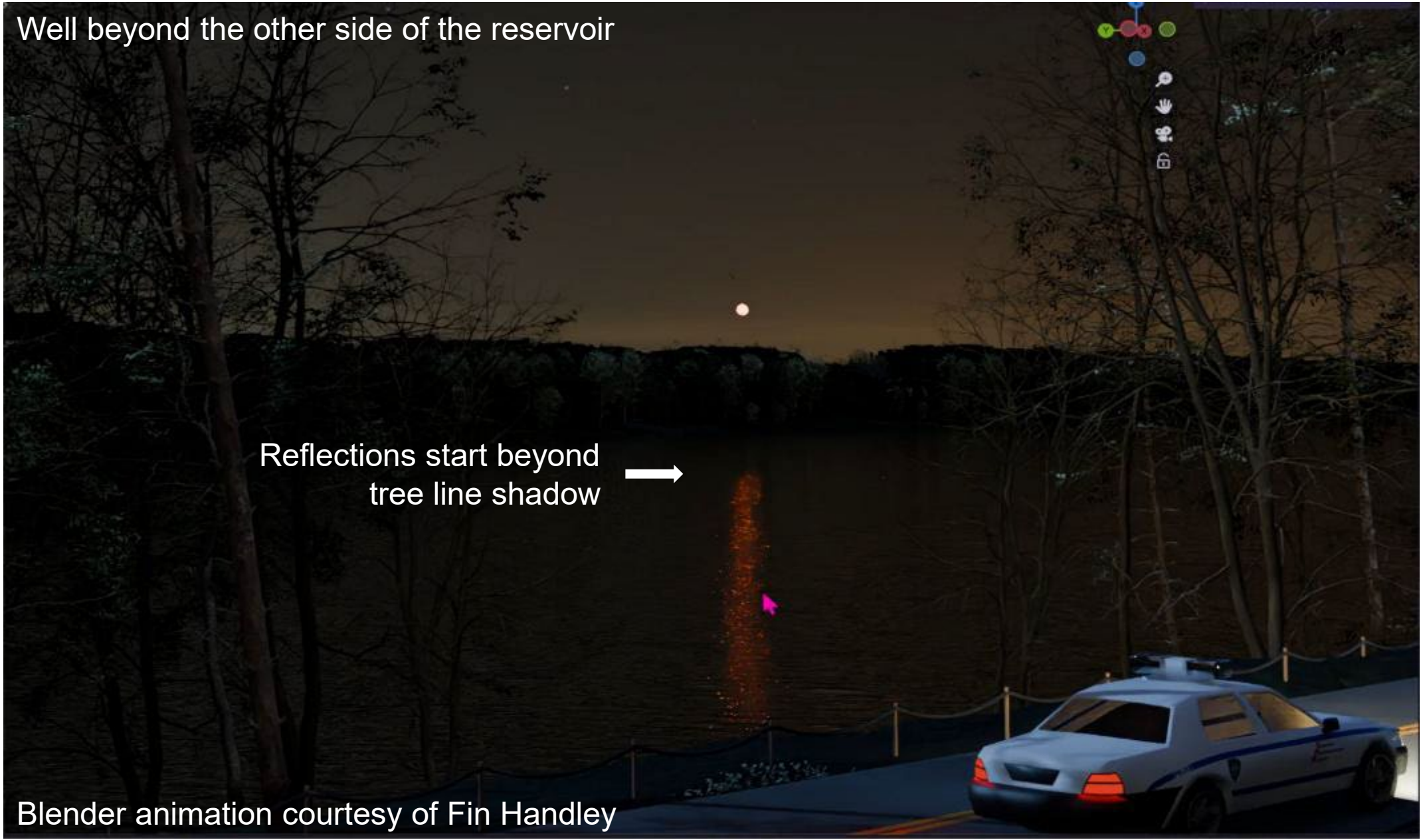

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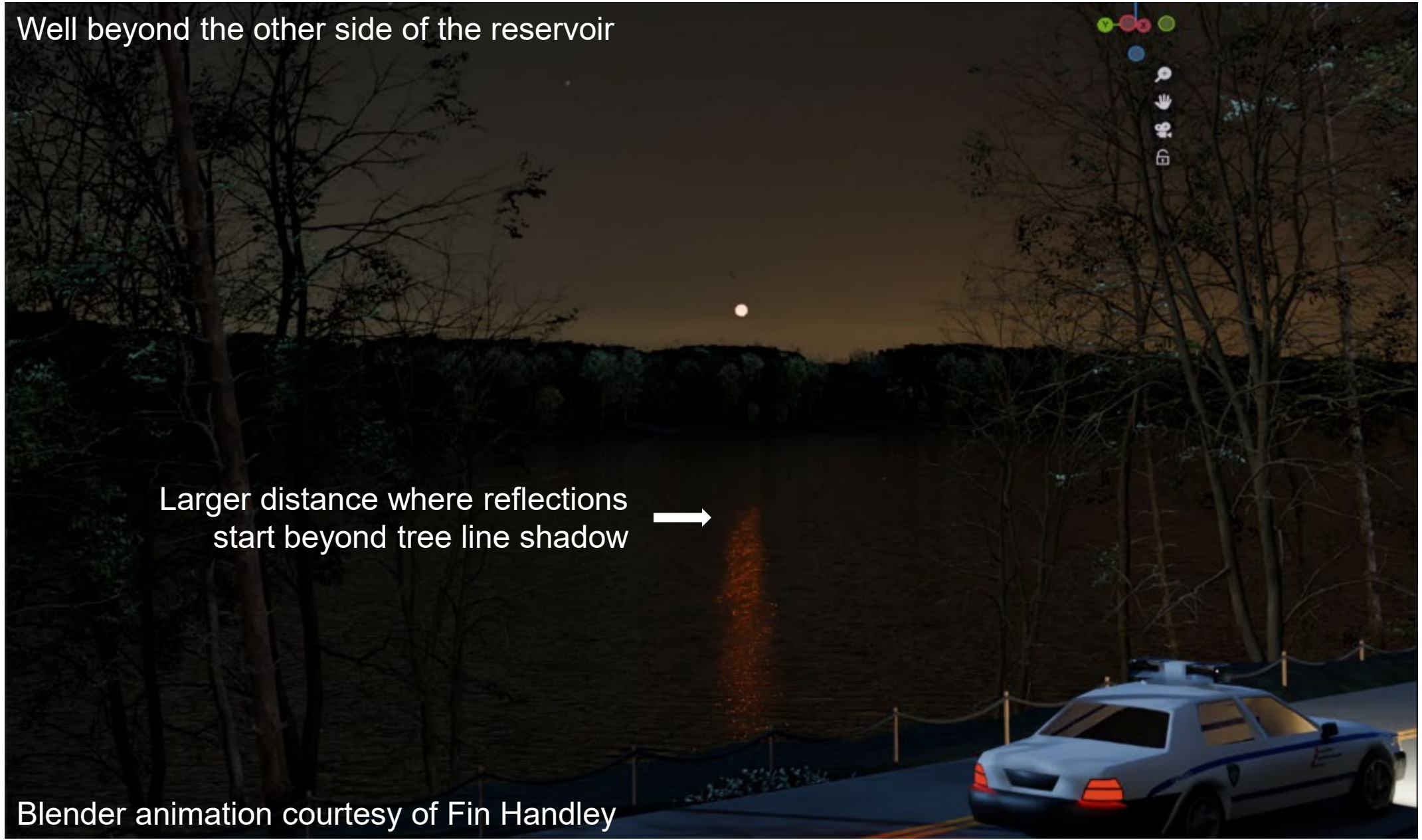

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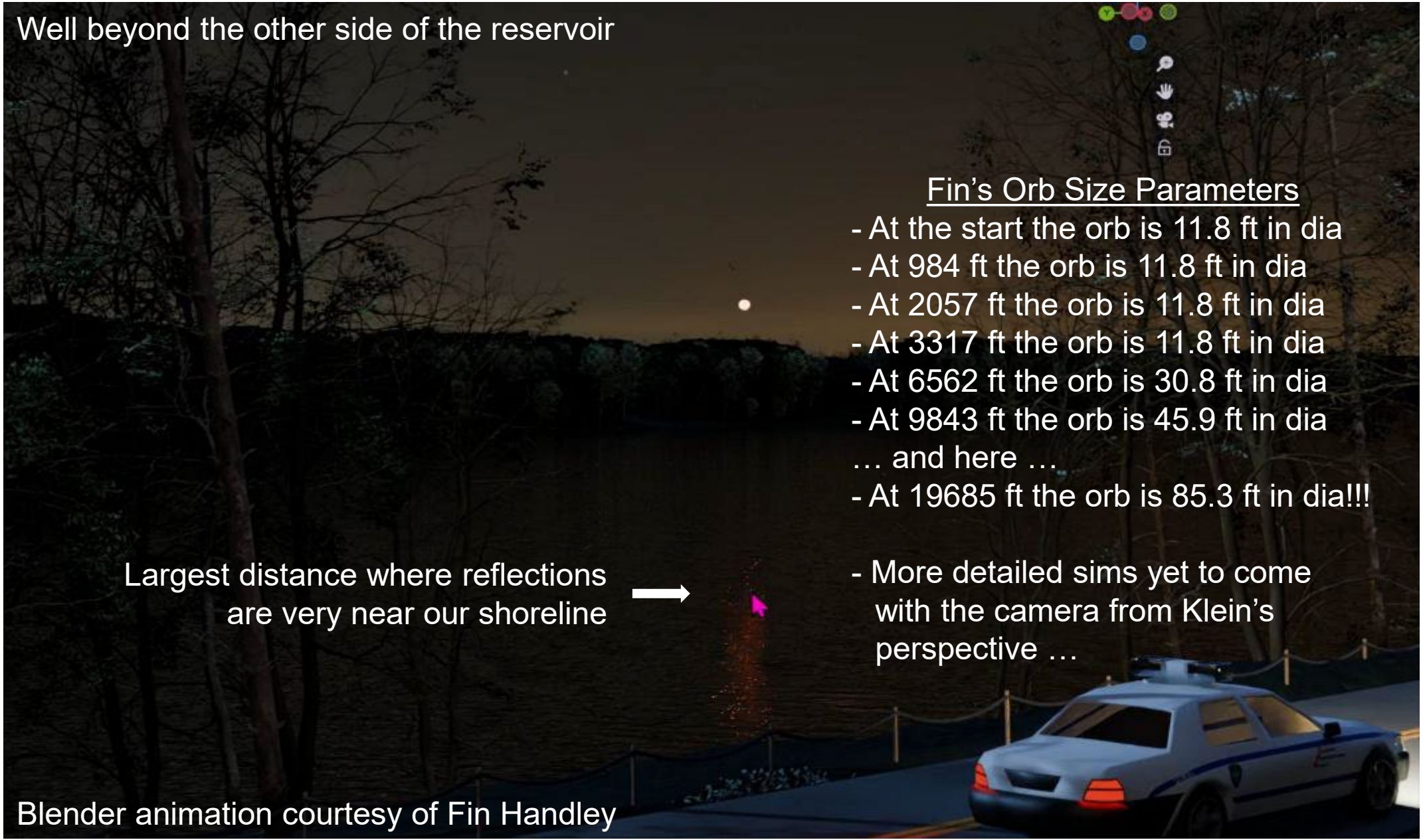
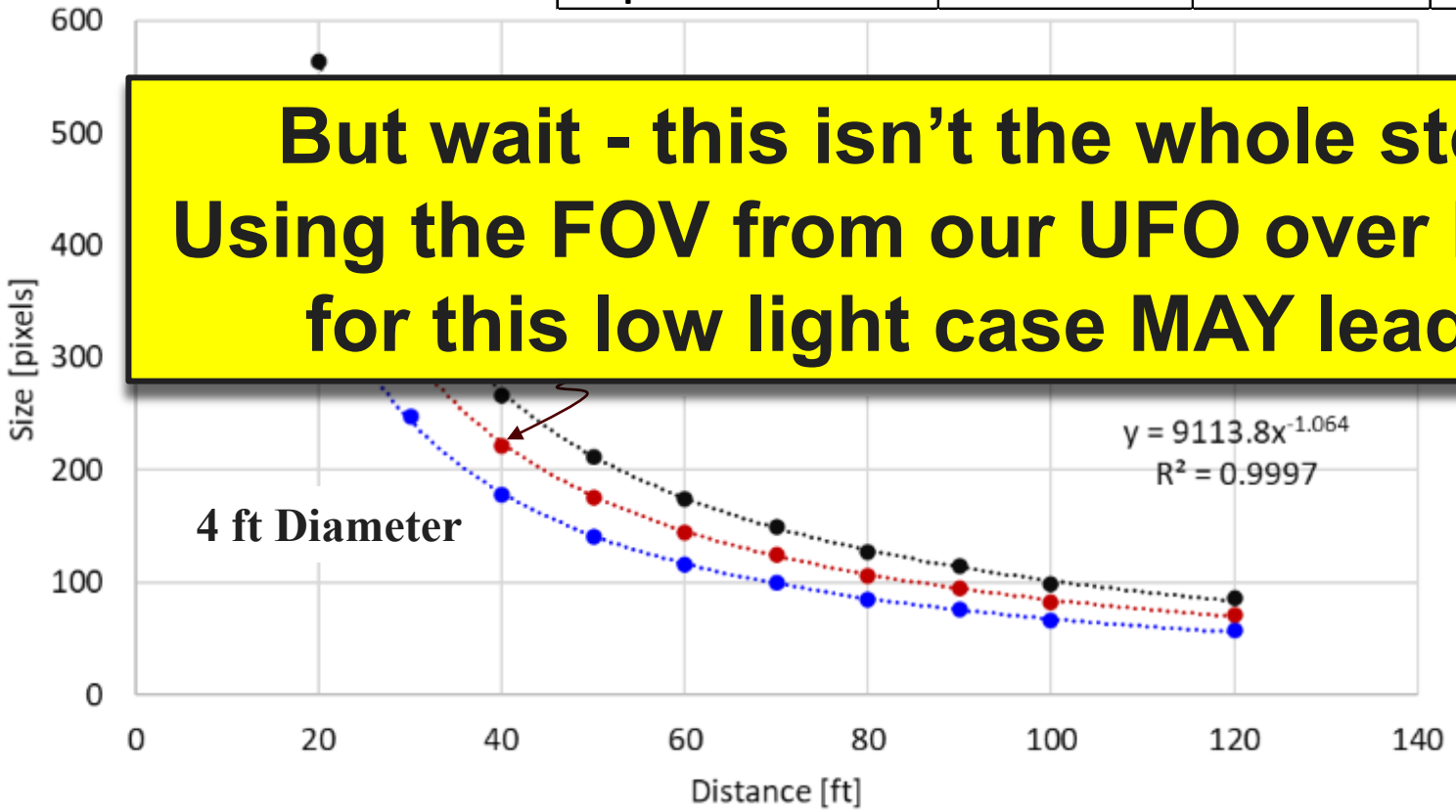


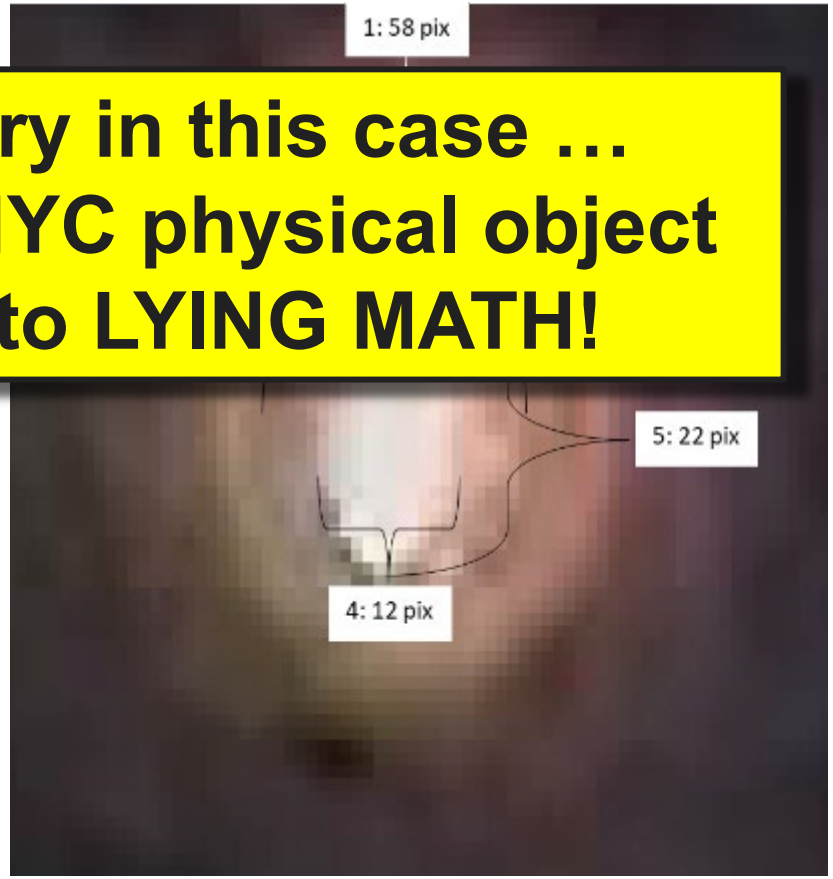
Size vs Distance FOV Calibration

Distance to Object Estimates Based on Size

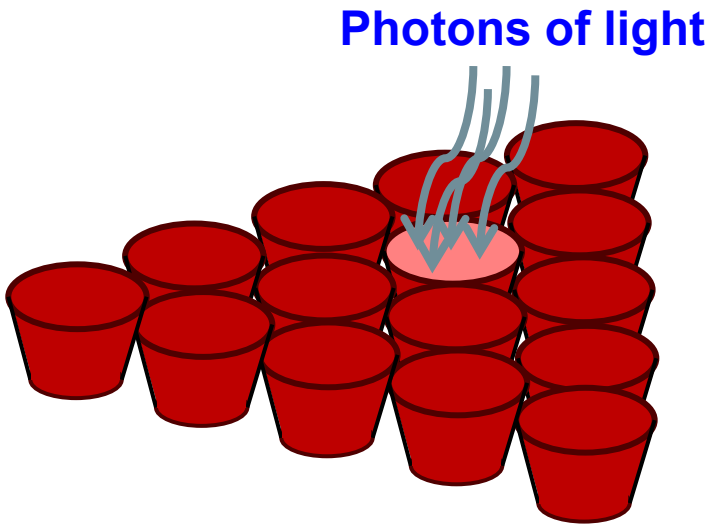
	1x (in ft)	2x (in ft)	3x (in ft)
38 pixels in diameter	432 ± 92	864 ± 183	1296 ± 275
25 pixels in diameter	674 ± 143	1348 ± 286	2023 ± 430
12 pixels in diameter	1472 ± 143	2944 ± 627	4417 ± 940

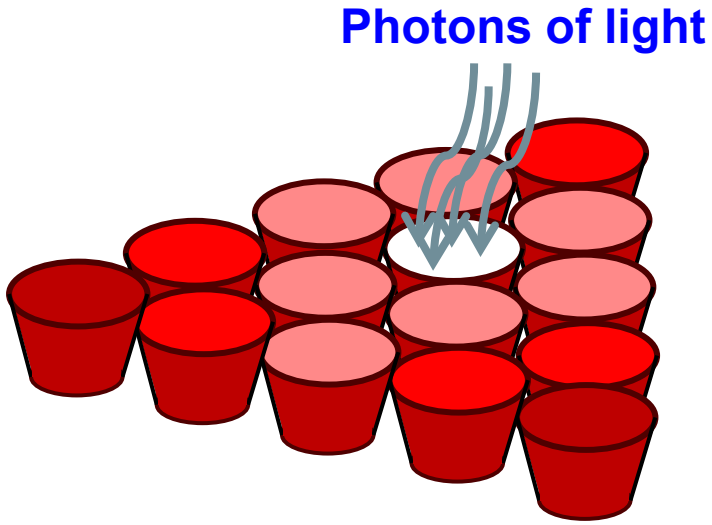


But wait - this isn't the whole story in this case …
Using the FOV from our UFO over NYC physical object for this low light case MAY lead to LYING MATH!



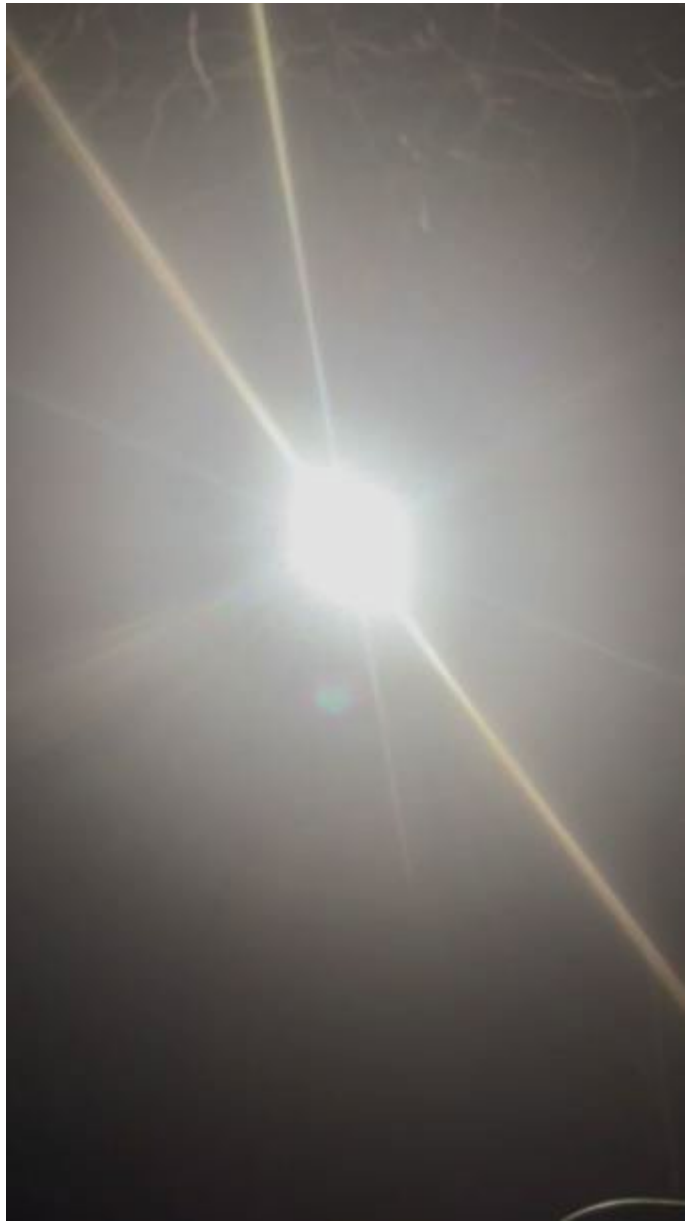
What is the “blooming effect?”



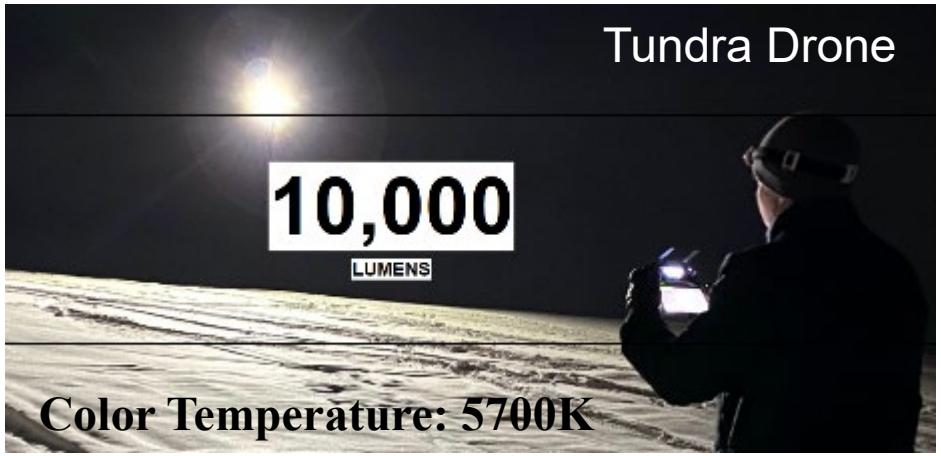


As photons of light continue to strike the same CMOS element, electrons begin to flow into nearby elements which causes those elements to appear as if photons were also striking them. When in fact, they were not.

Drone Tests: View from Squad Car



10K Lumen DJI Drone Light



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Drone Tests: Reservoir Far Shore

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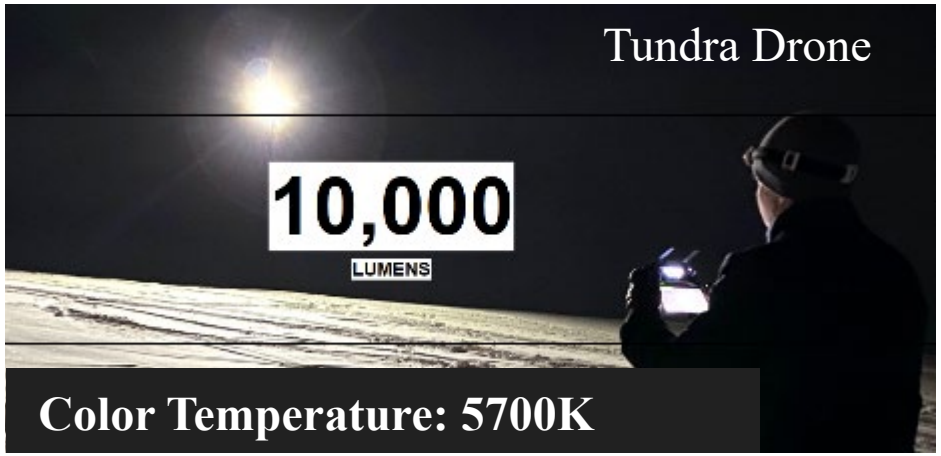
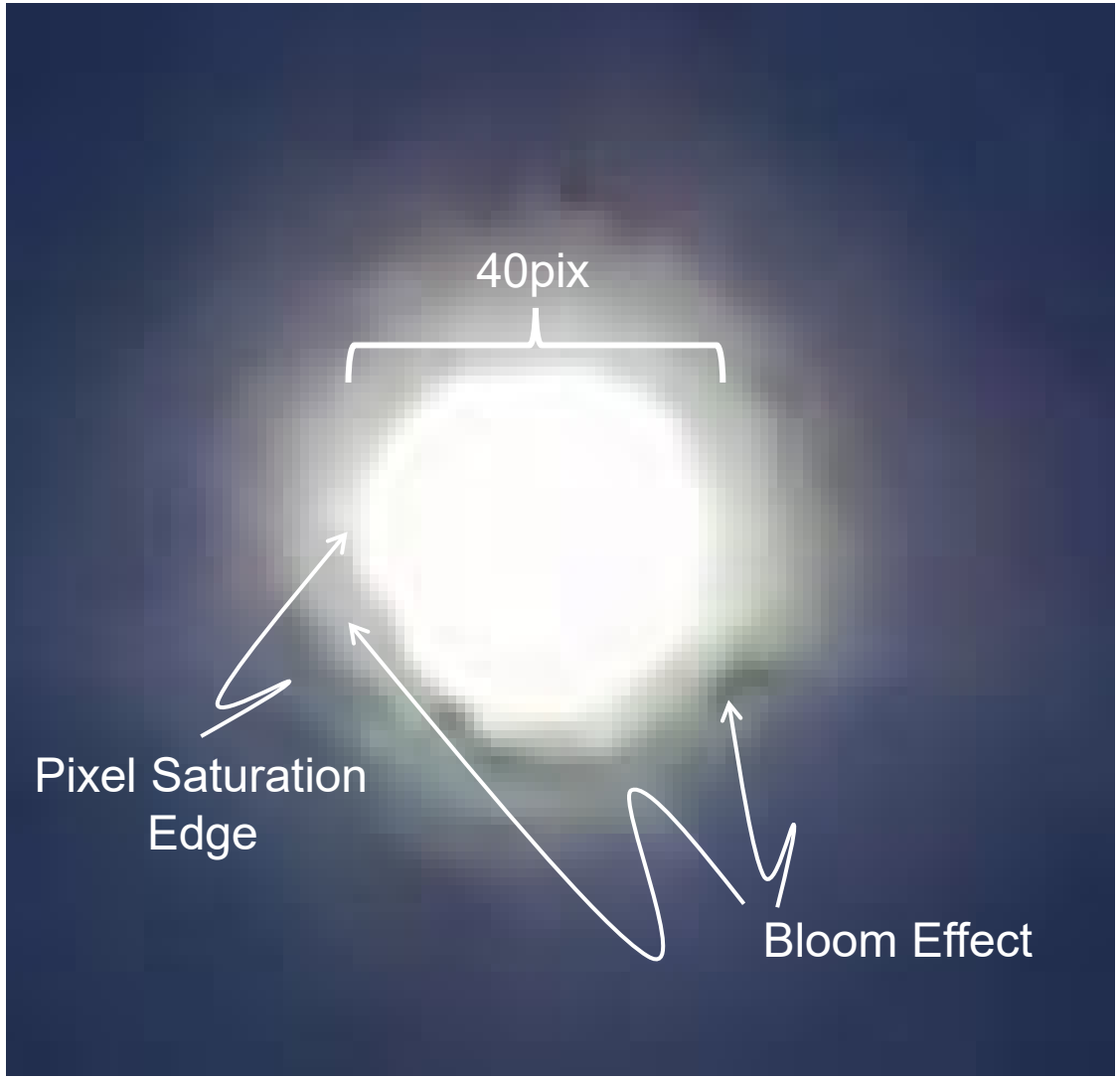


Drone and Object Comparison

Samsung Galaxy S23 Ultra at 3x: 30 fps



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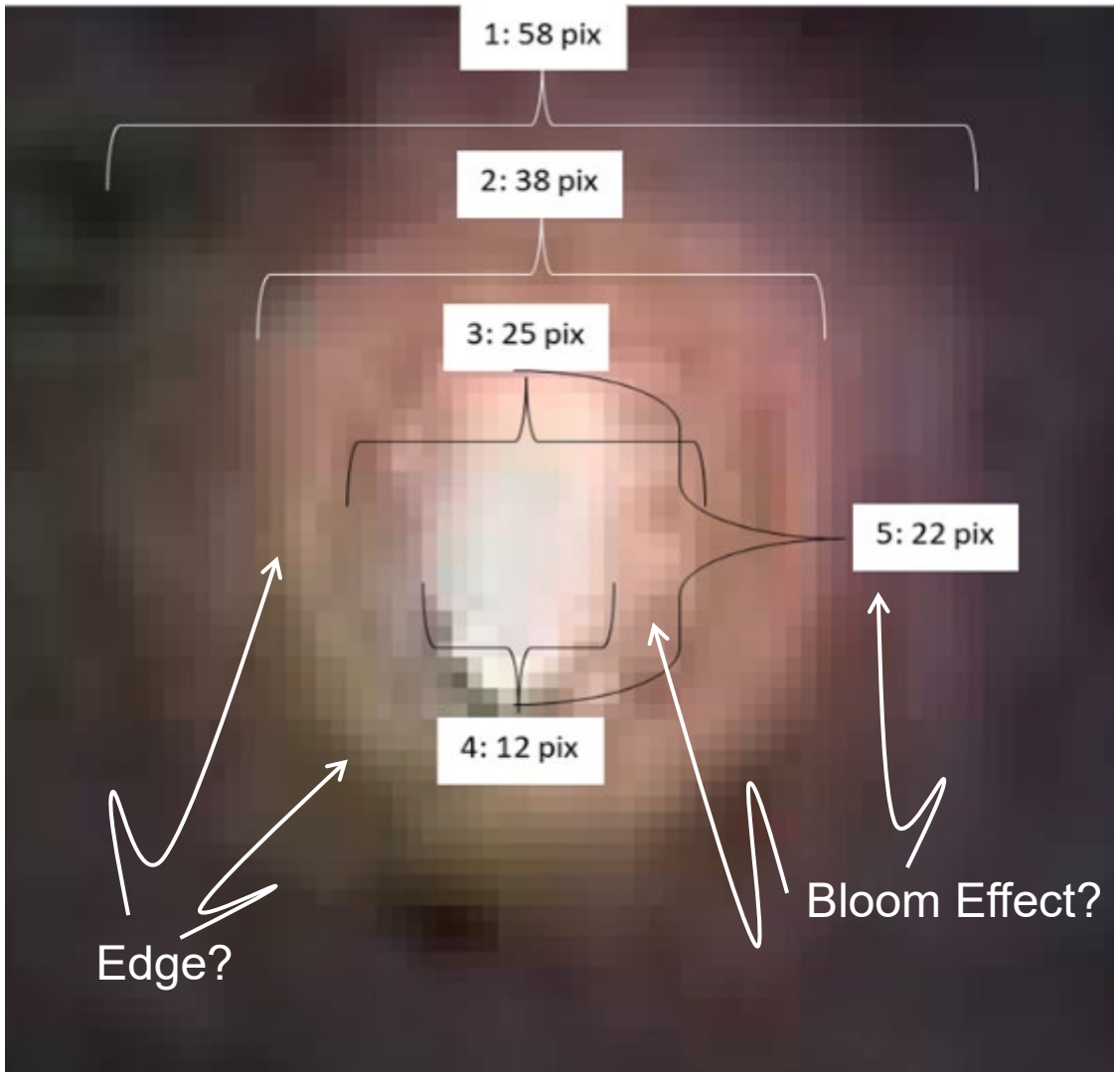

Plank's Law

Plank's Law: Energy Density

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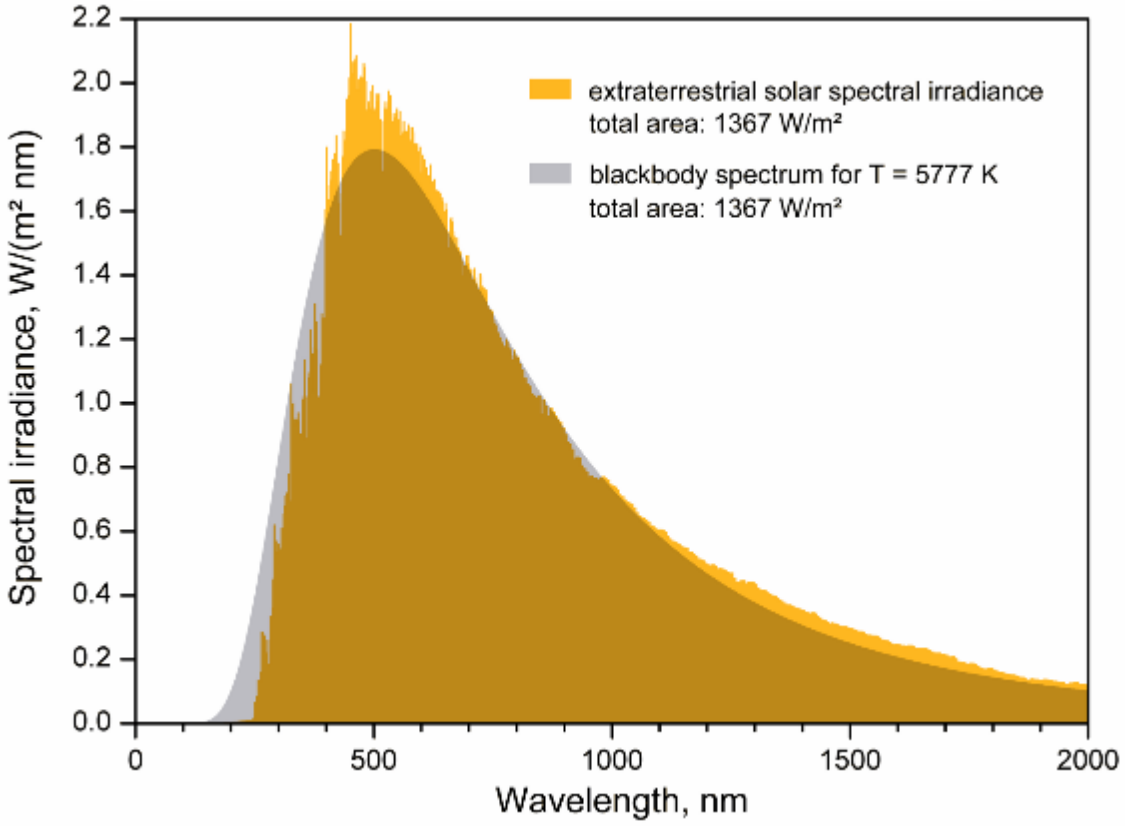

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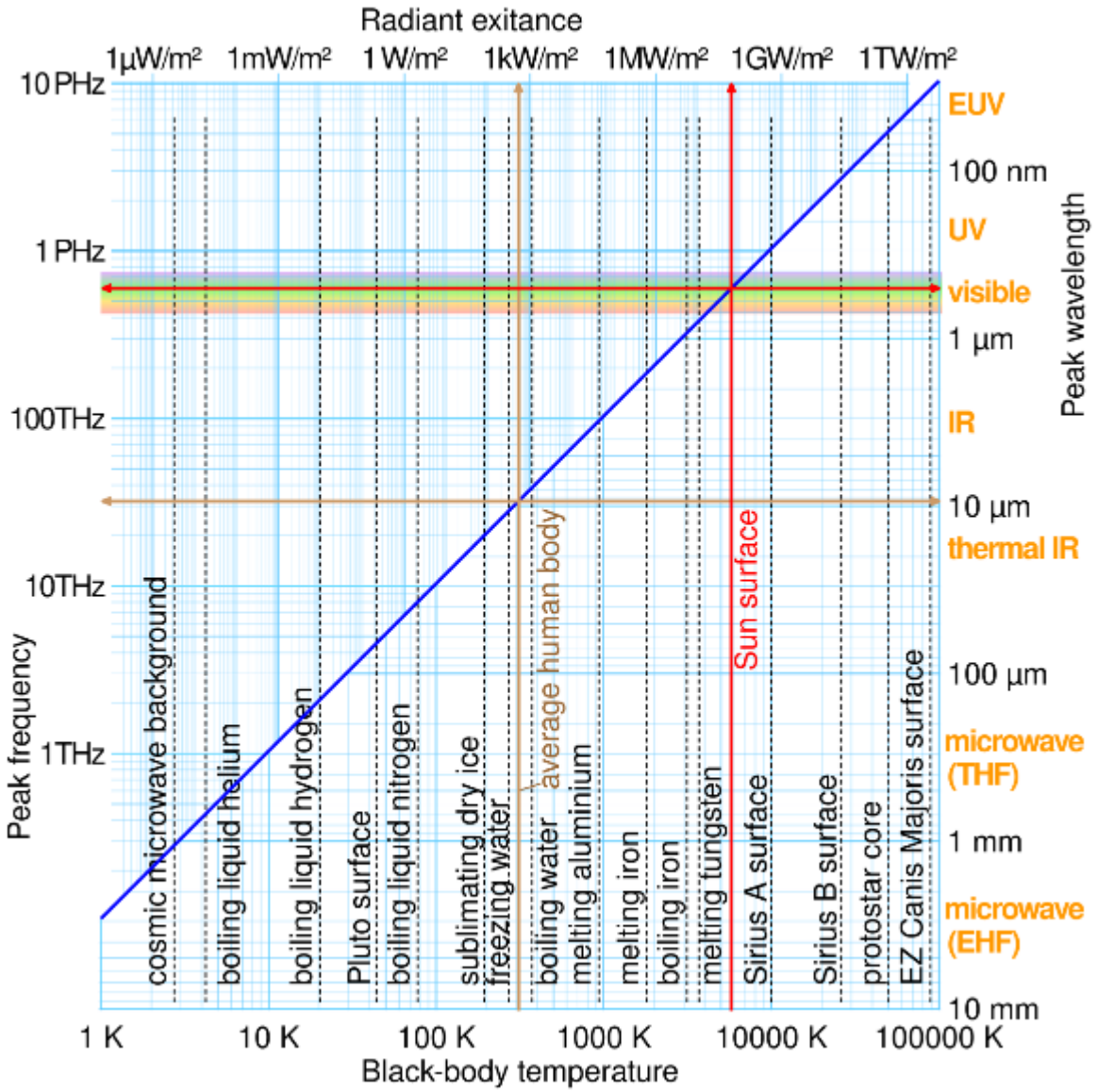

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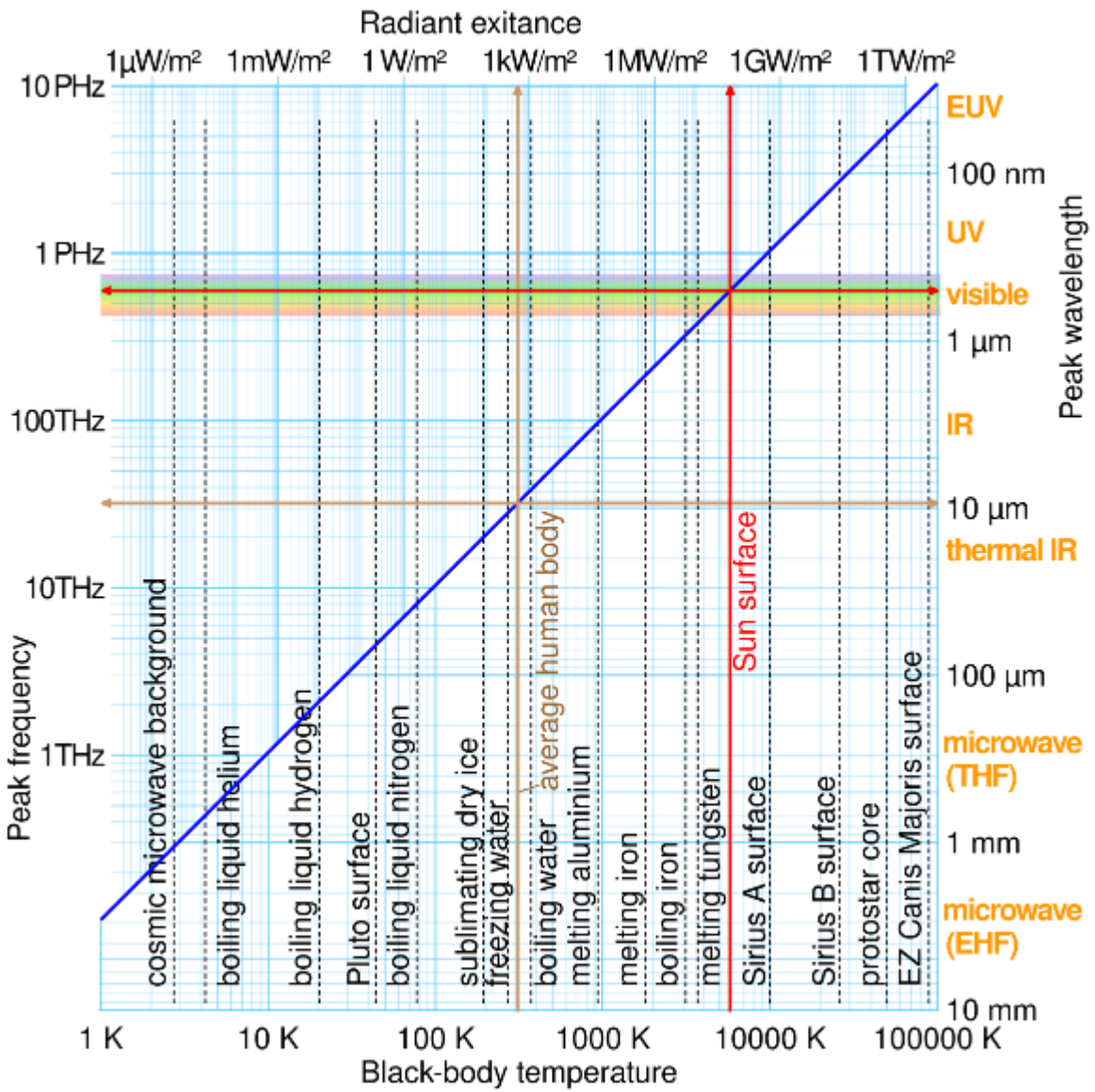

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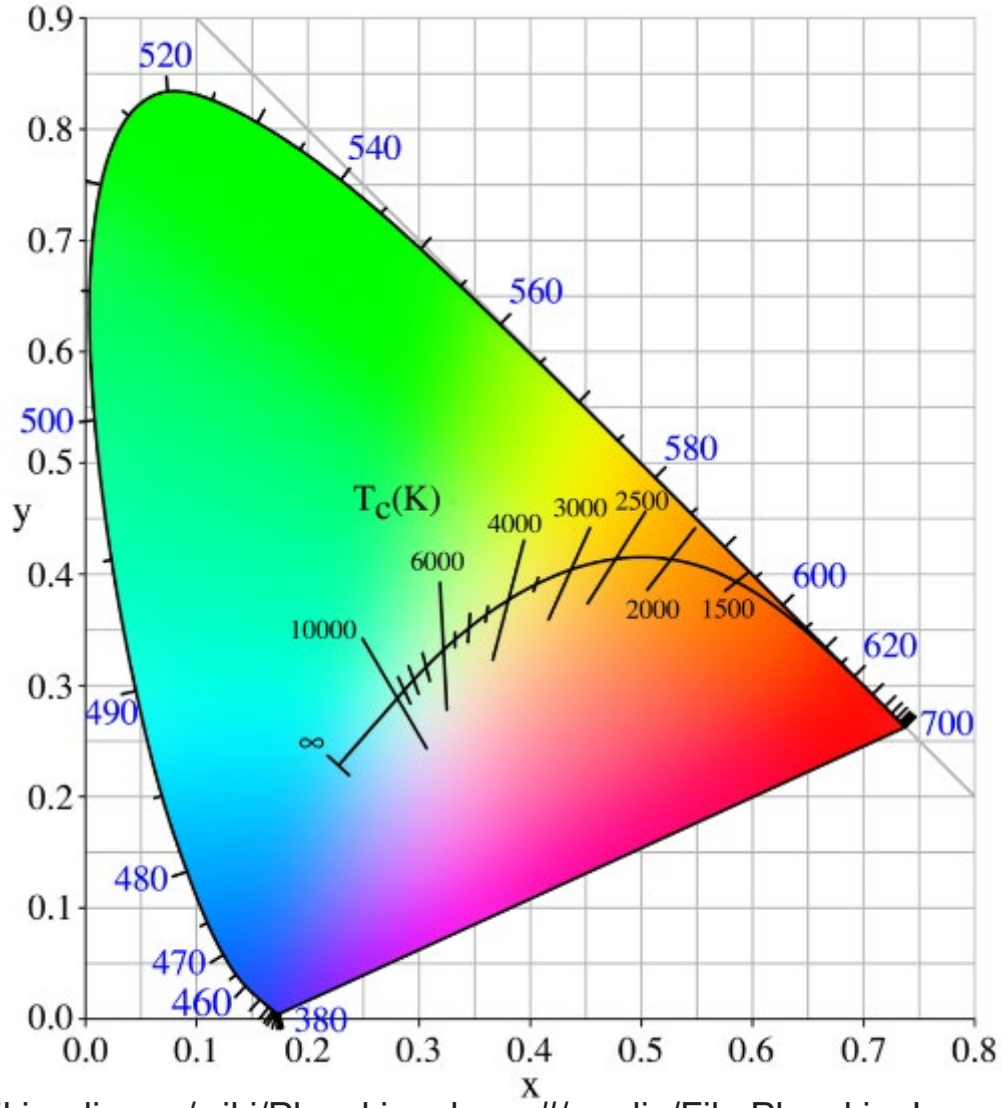
Planckian locus in the CIE 1931 chromaticity diagram



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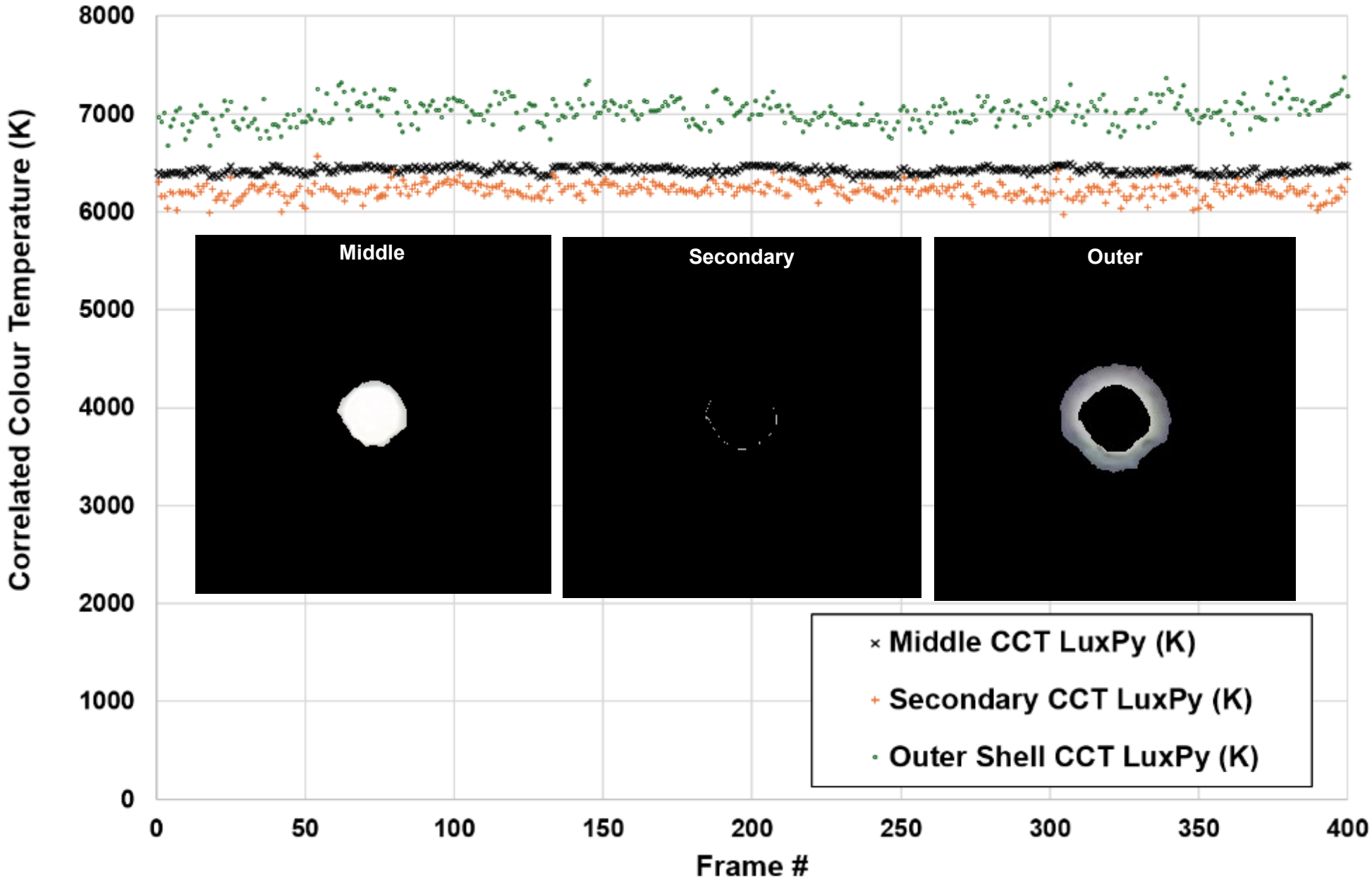

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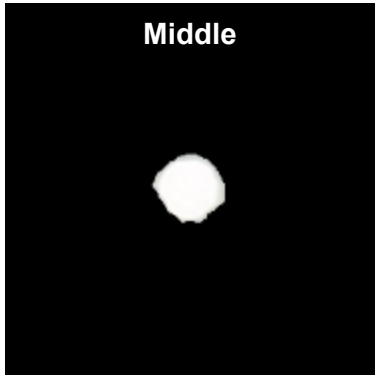

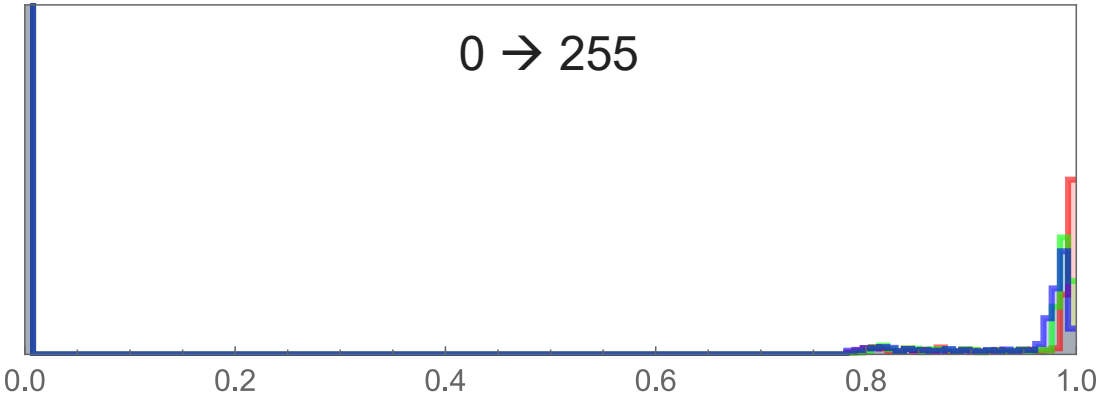

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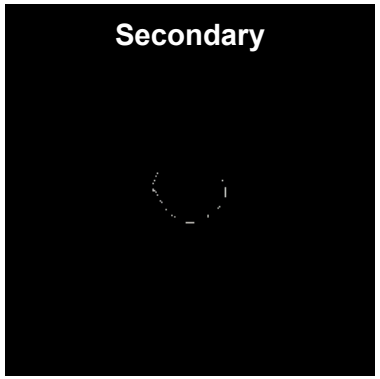

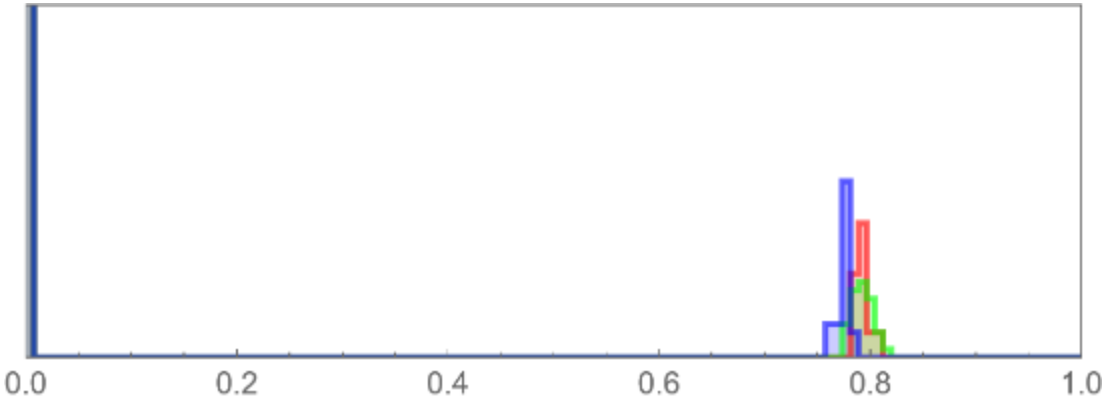

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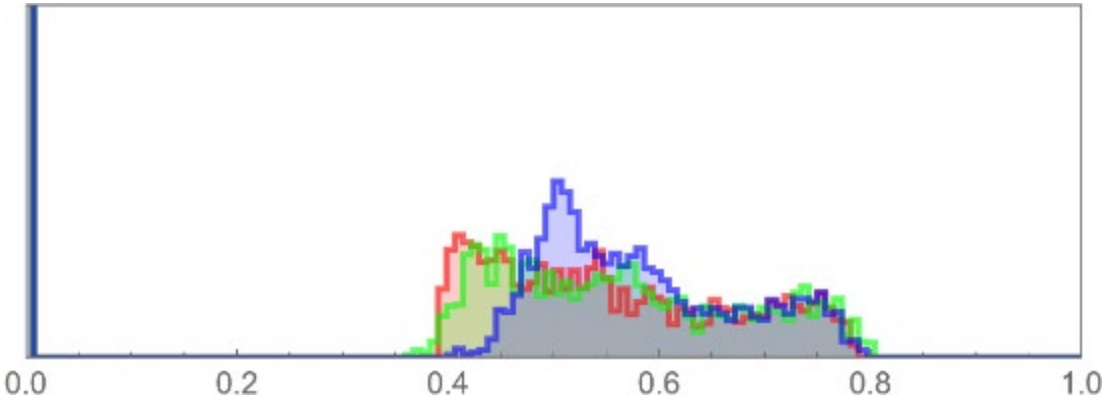
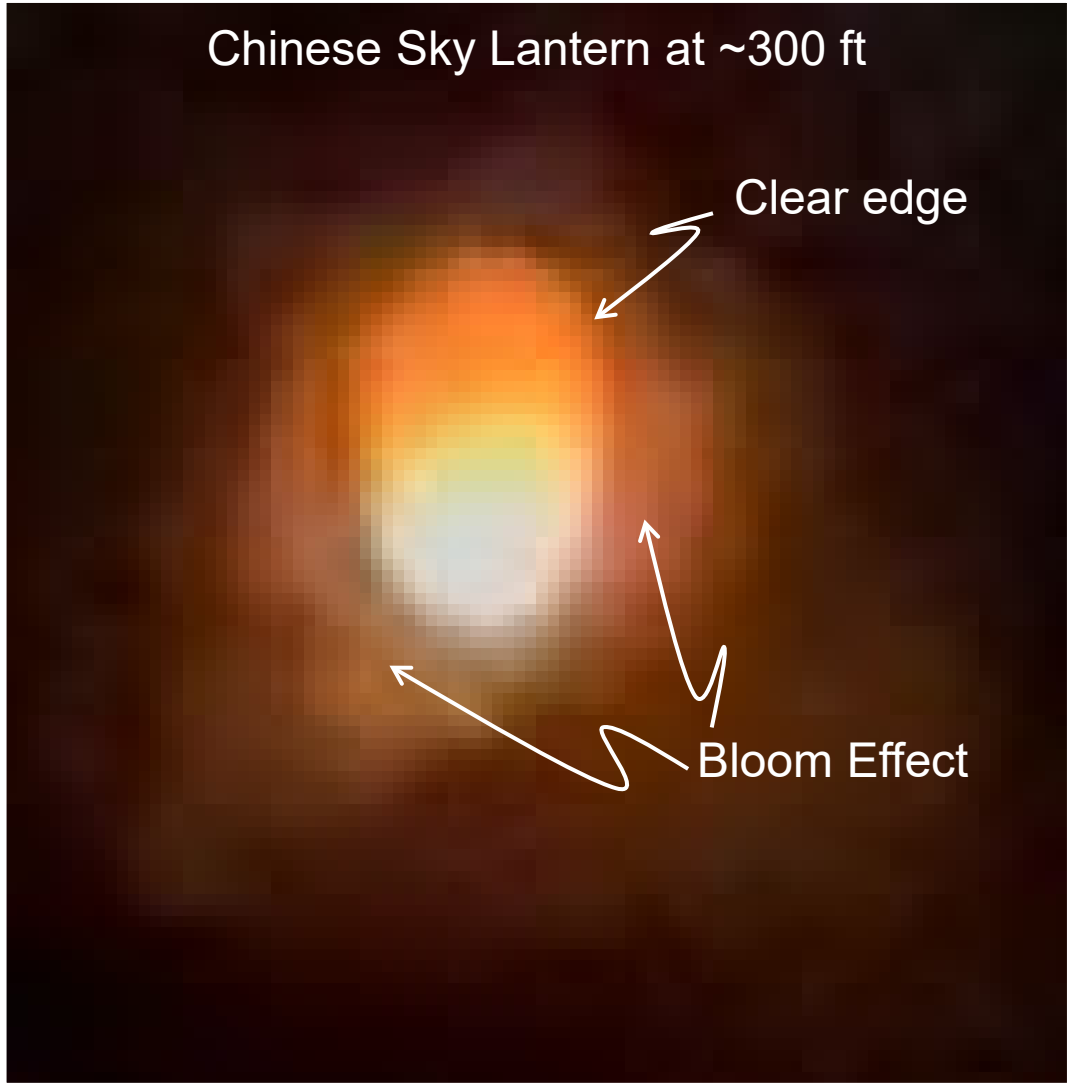
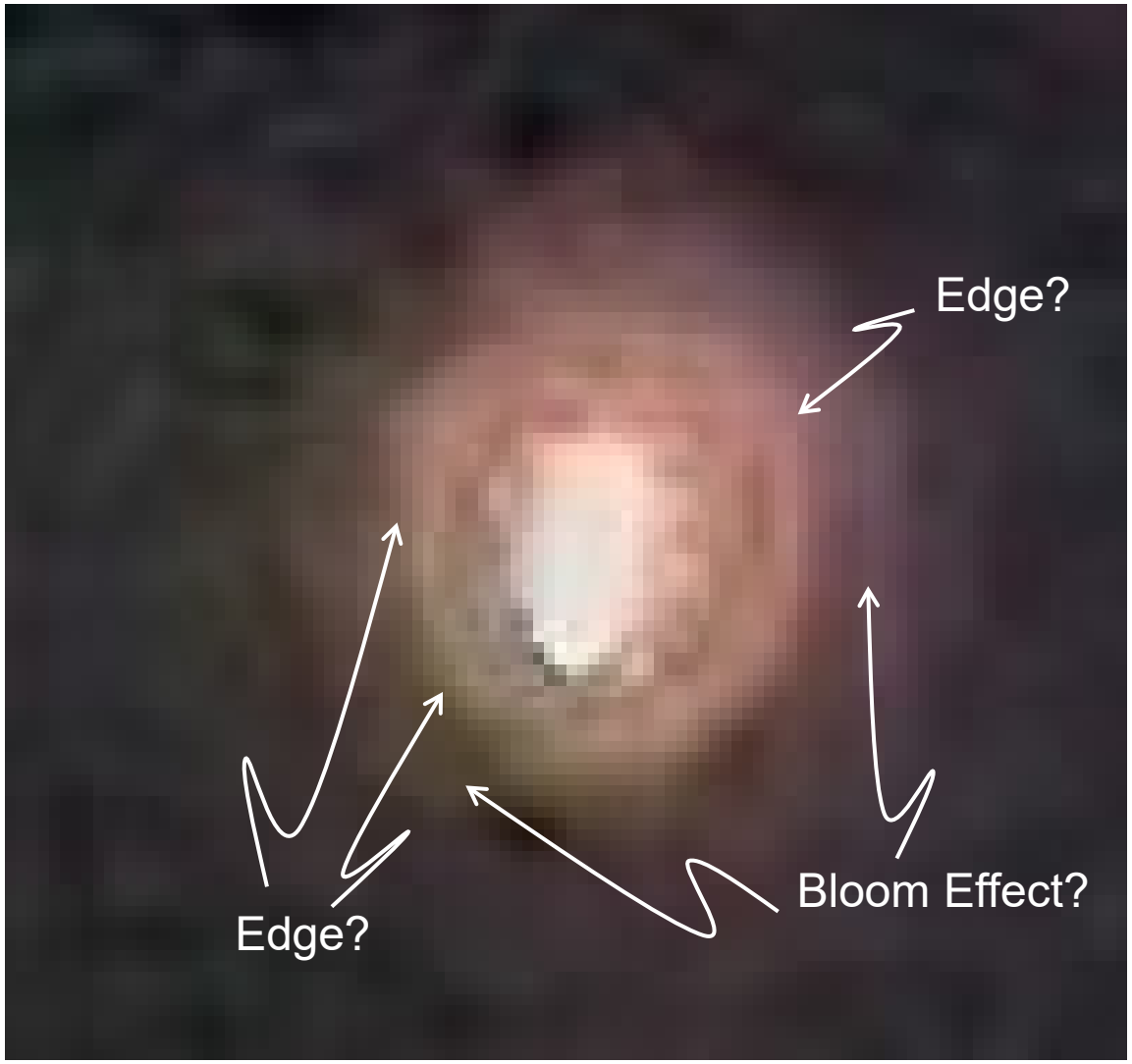


Sky Lantern and Object Comparison





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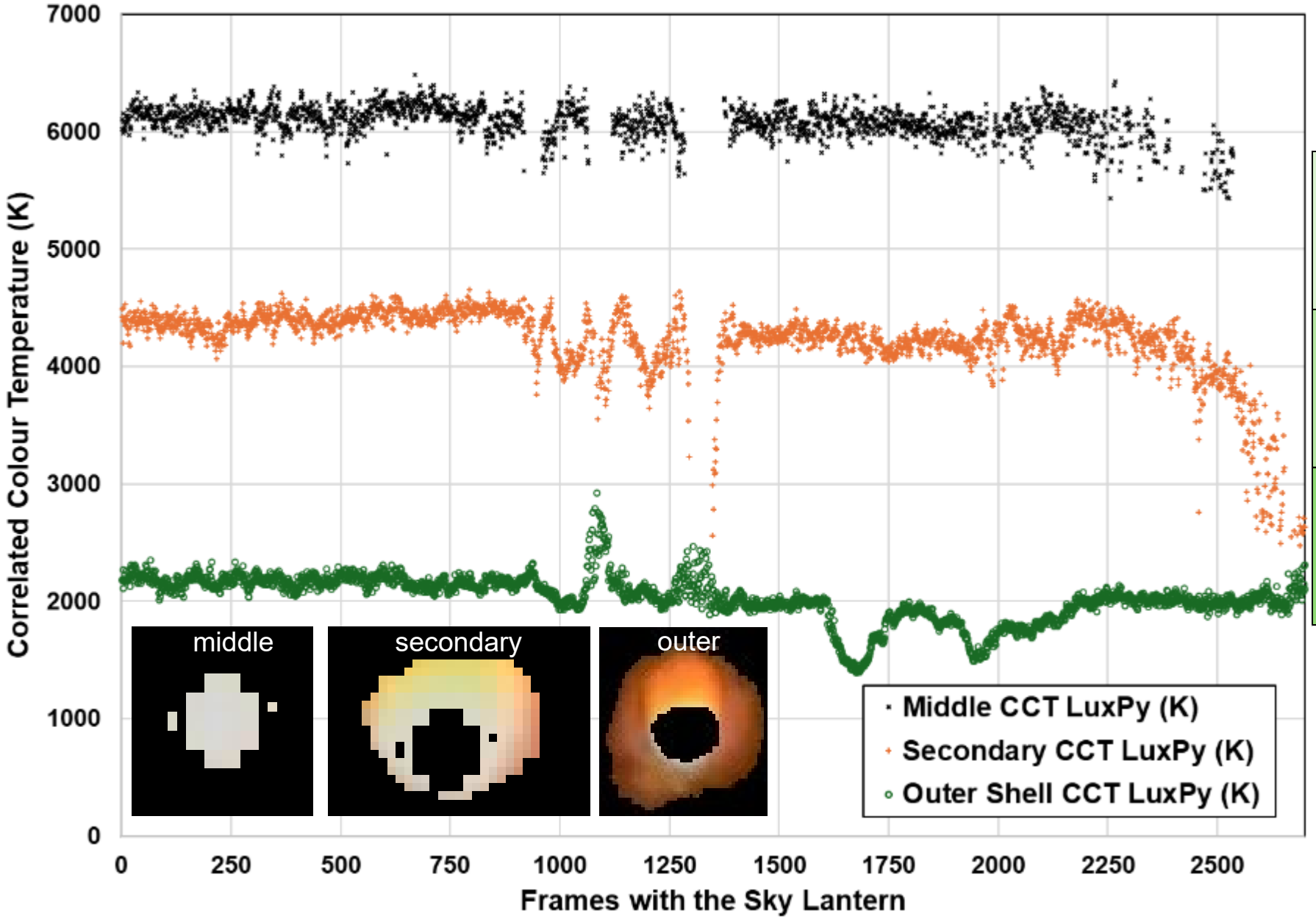

Middle CCT LuxPy (K)	Ave	6134
	SDOM	89.7
	Max	6385
	Min	5792
Secondary CCT LuxPy (K)	Ave	4369
	SDOM	81.3
	Max	4616
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Outer Shell CCT LuxPy (K)	Ave	2174
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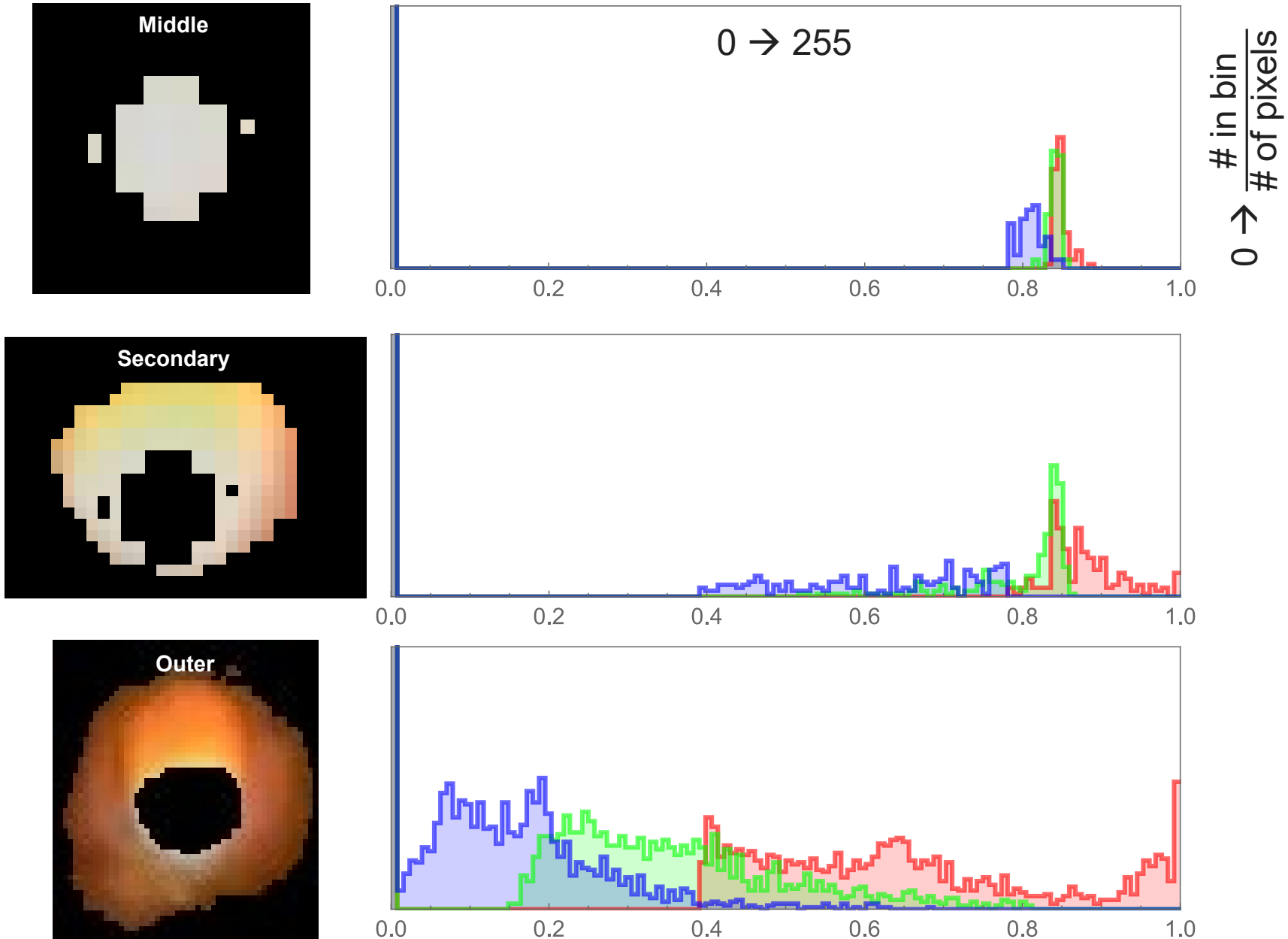
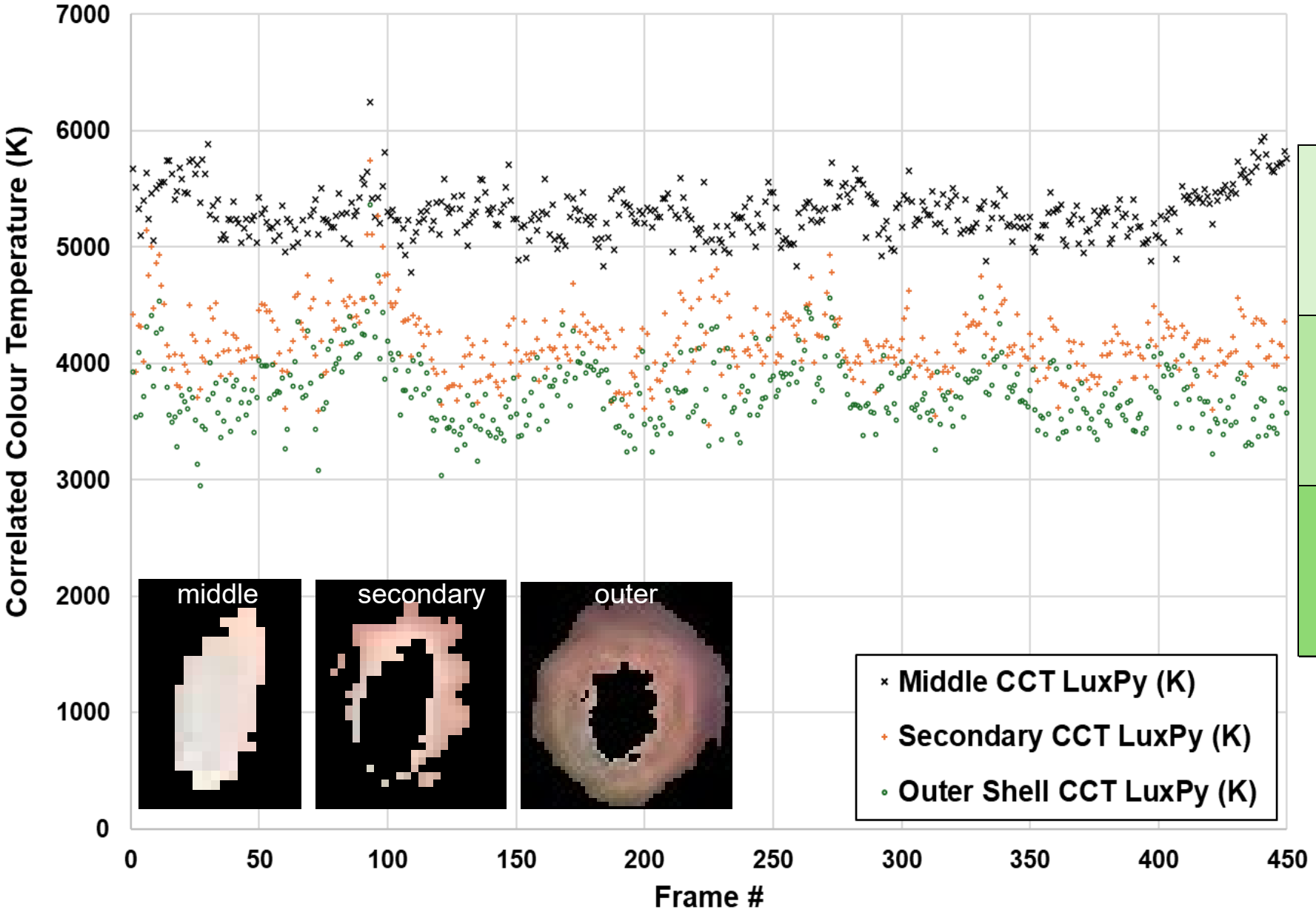


Klein Plasmoid: Correlated Color Temperature (CCT)



Middle CCT LuxPy (K)	Ave	5330
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	Max	6244
	Min	4780
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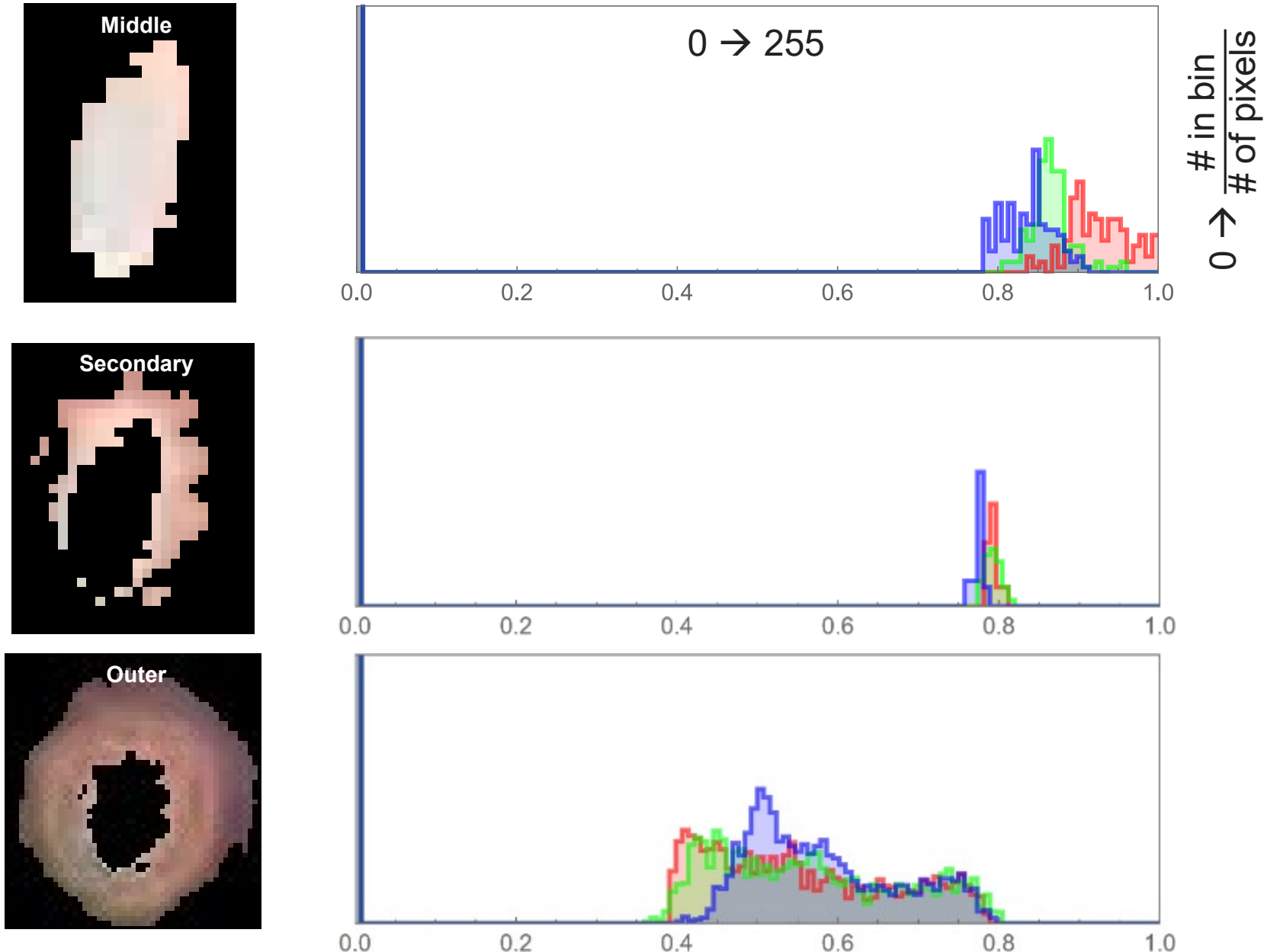
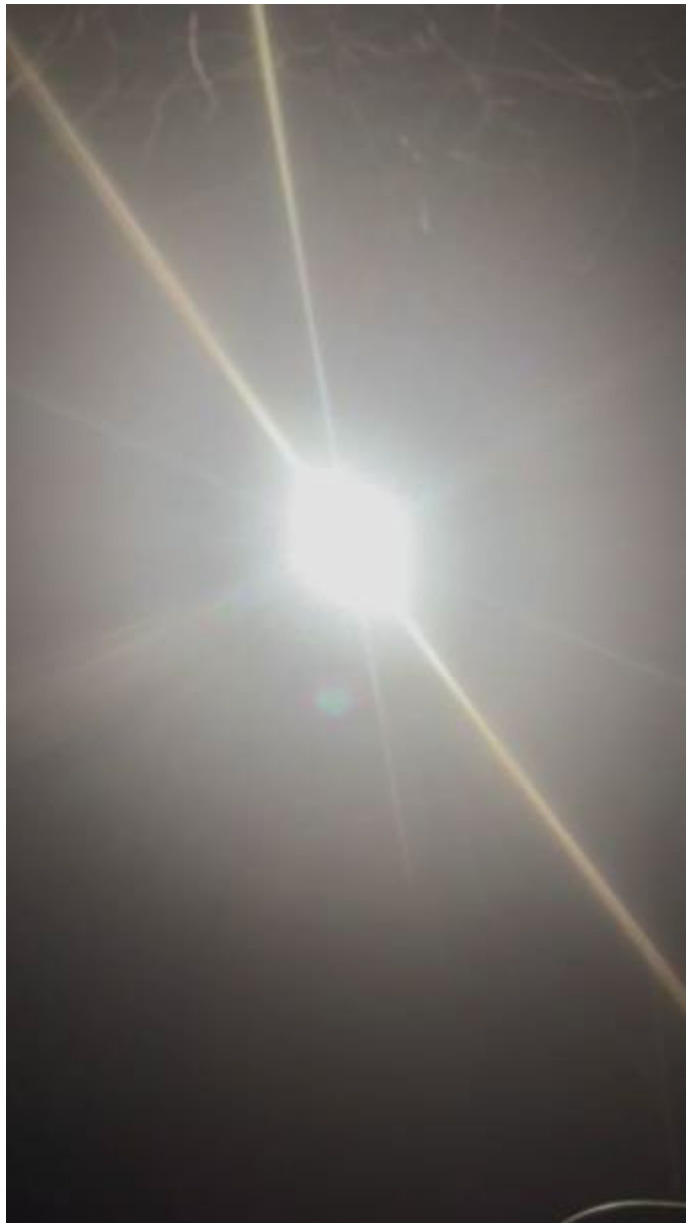


Drone Tests: View from Squad Car



10K Lumen DJI Drone Light

Only one video at close range survived, will need to re-execute these tests!

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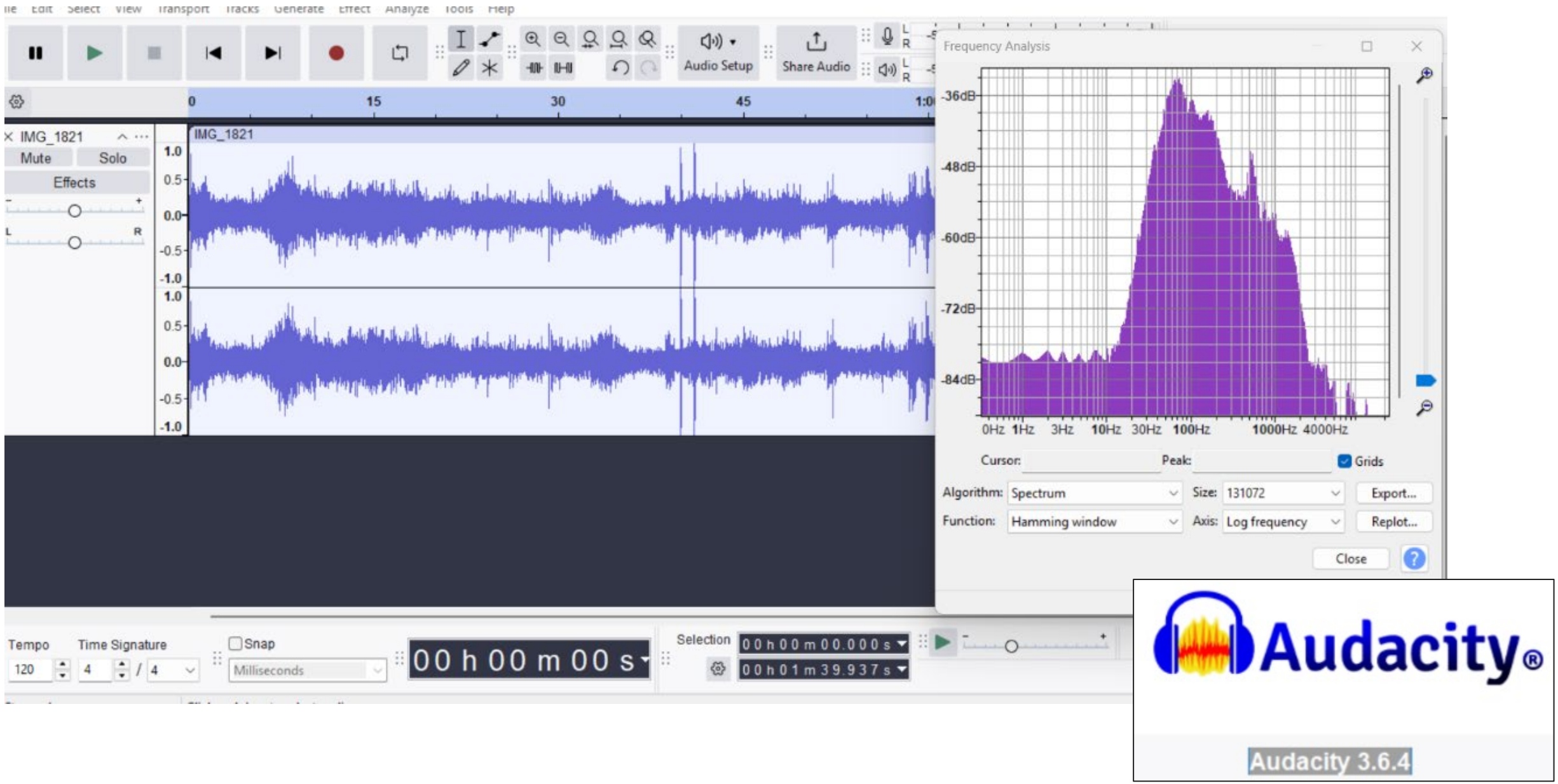

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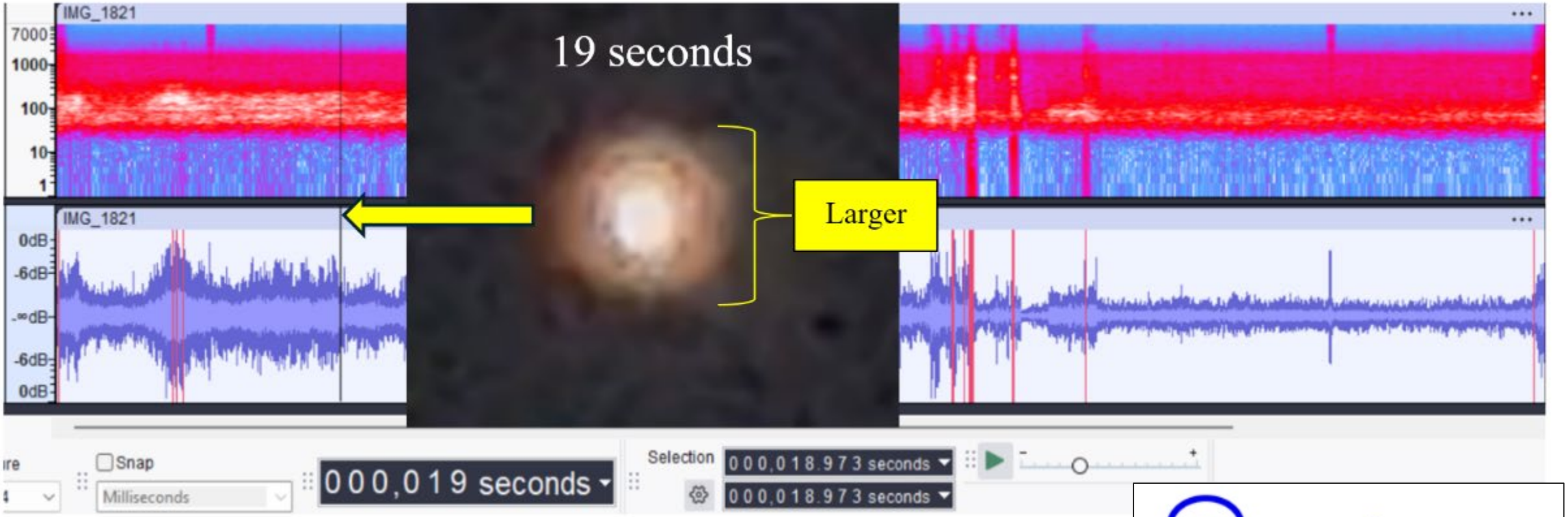

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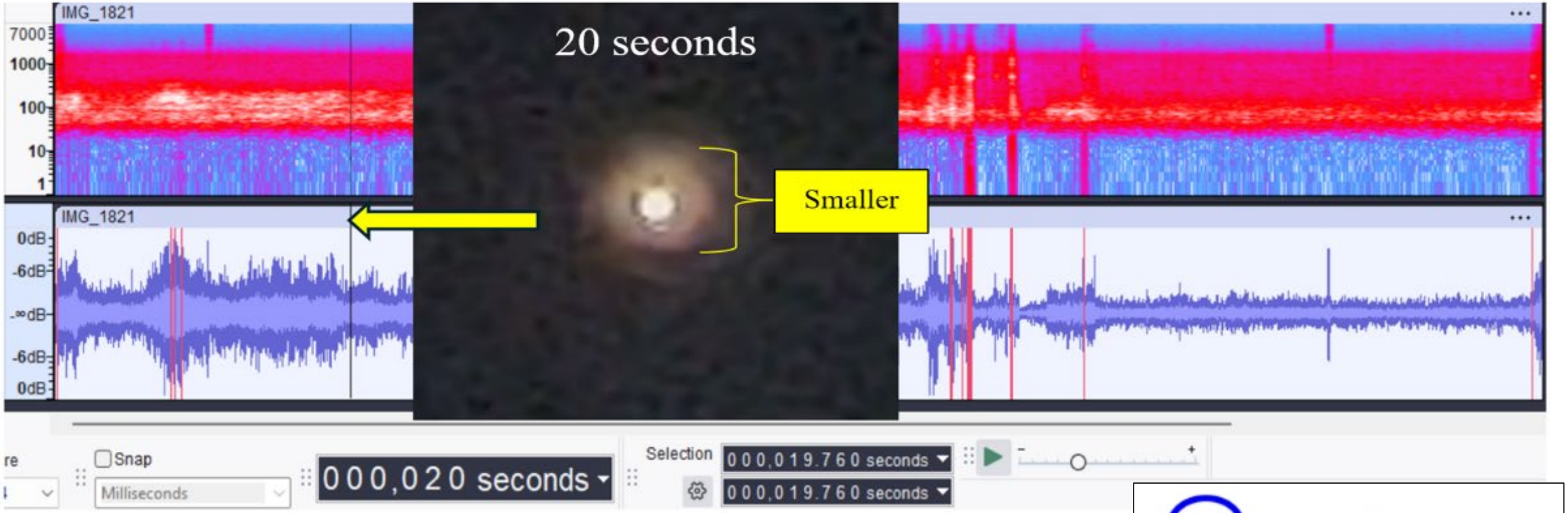

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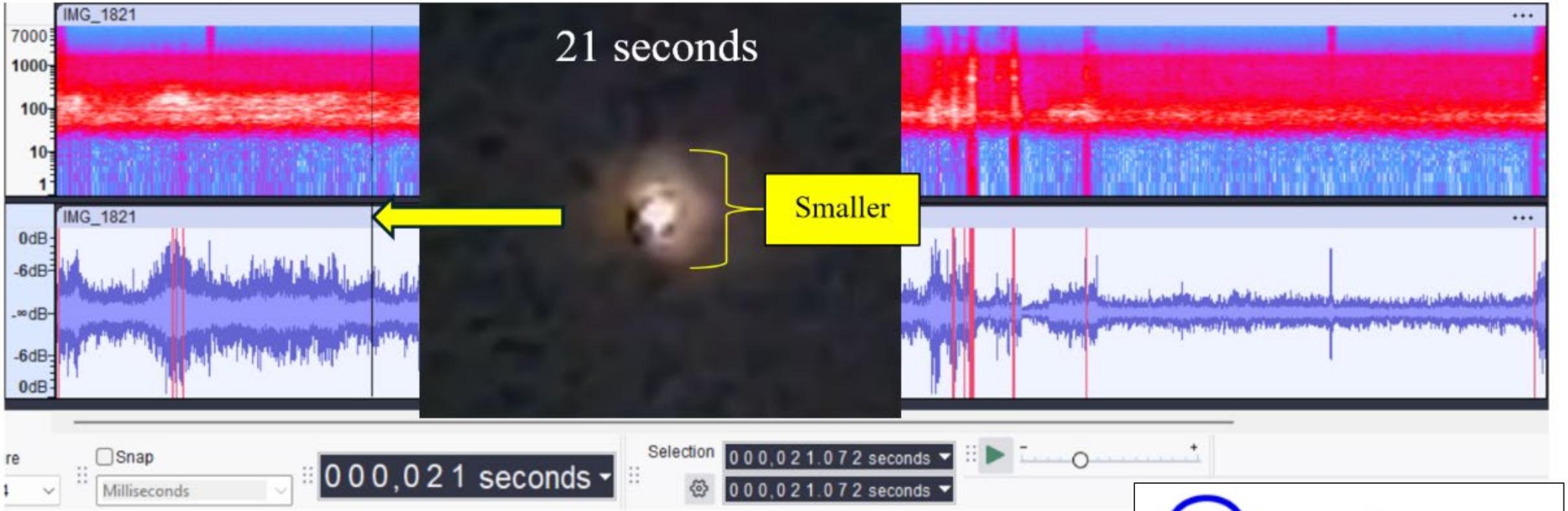

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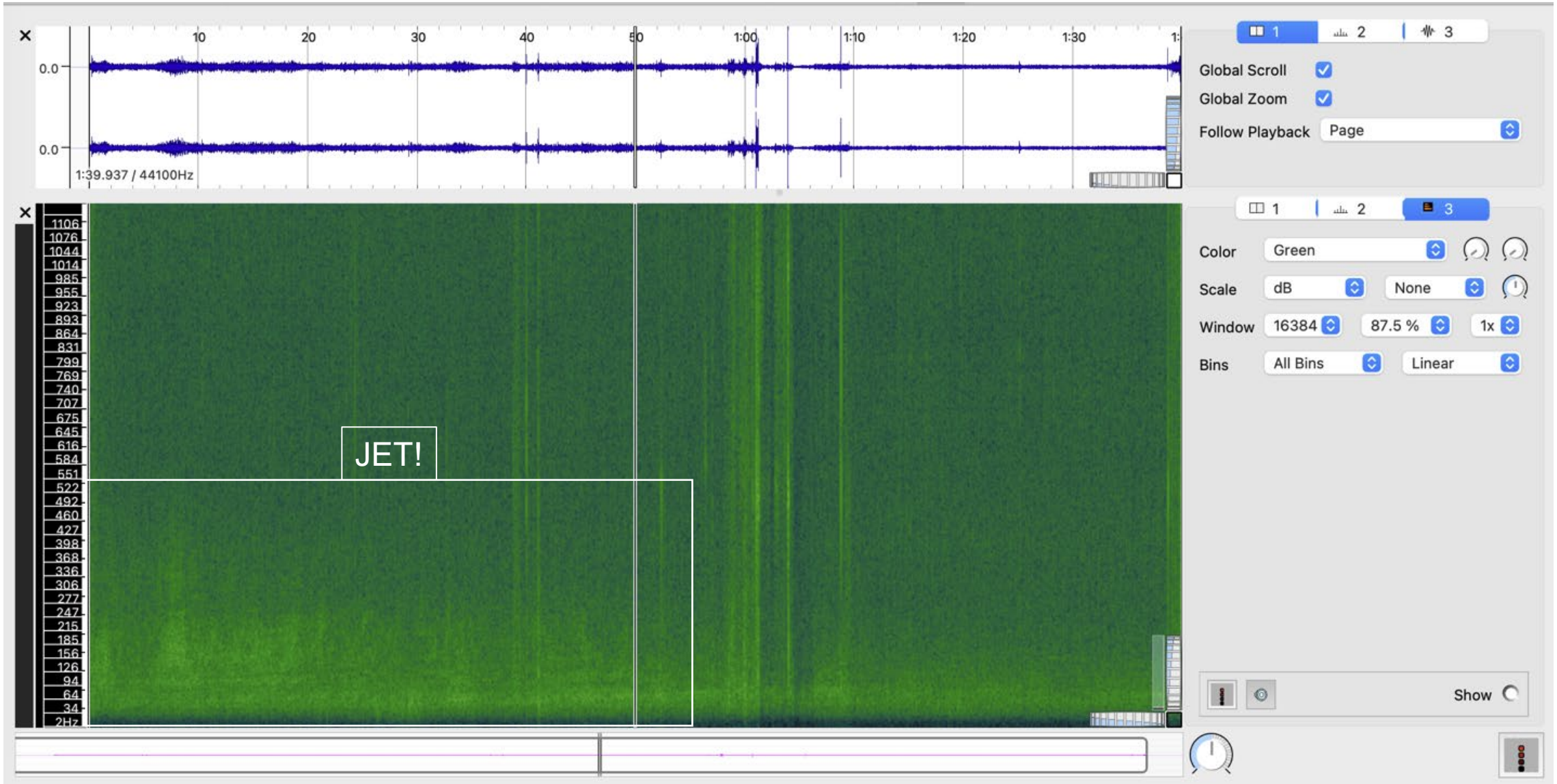

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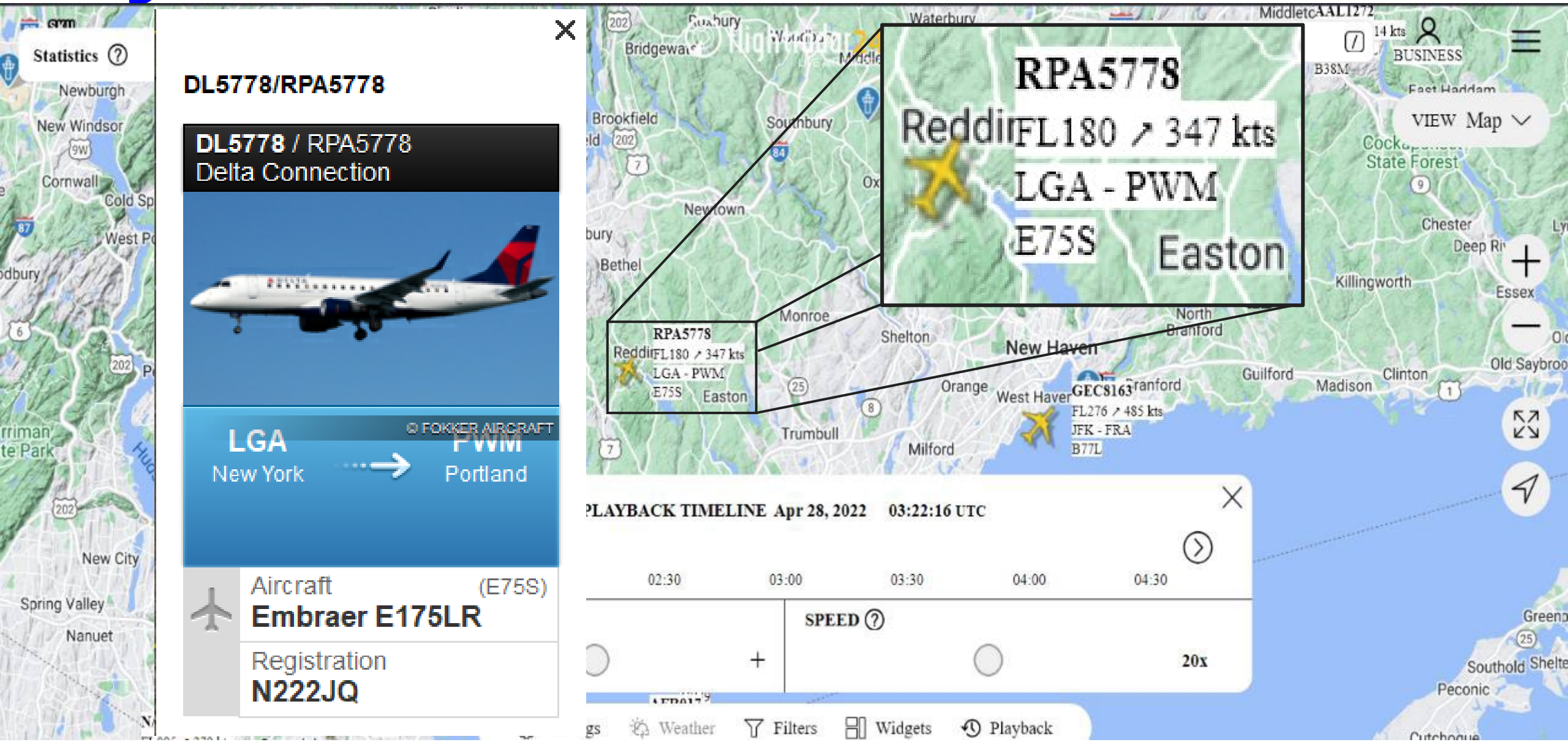

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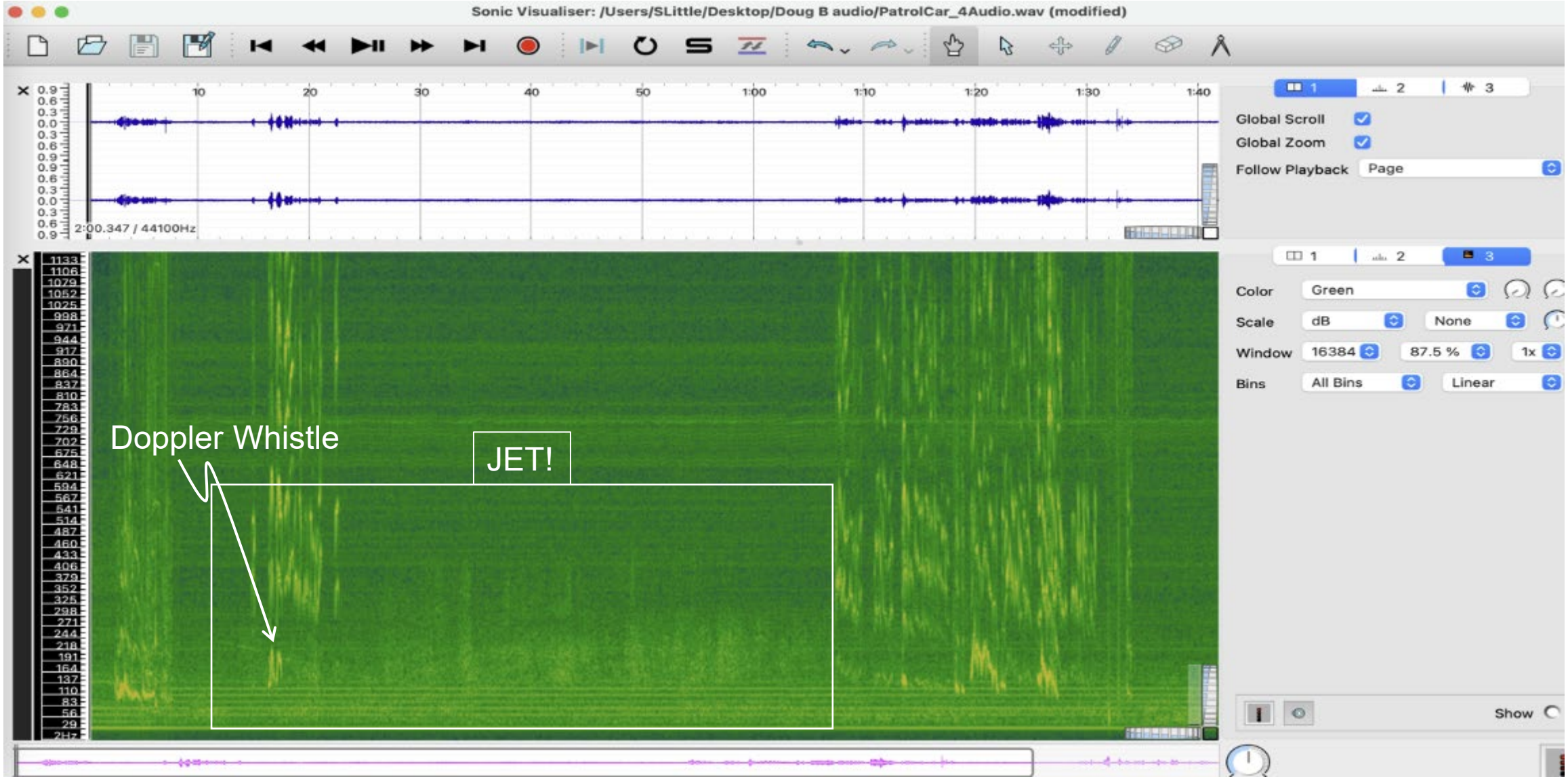

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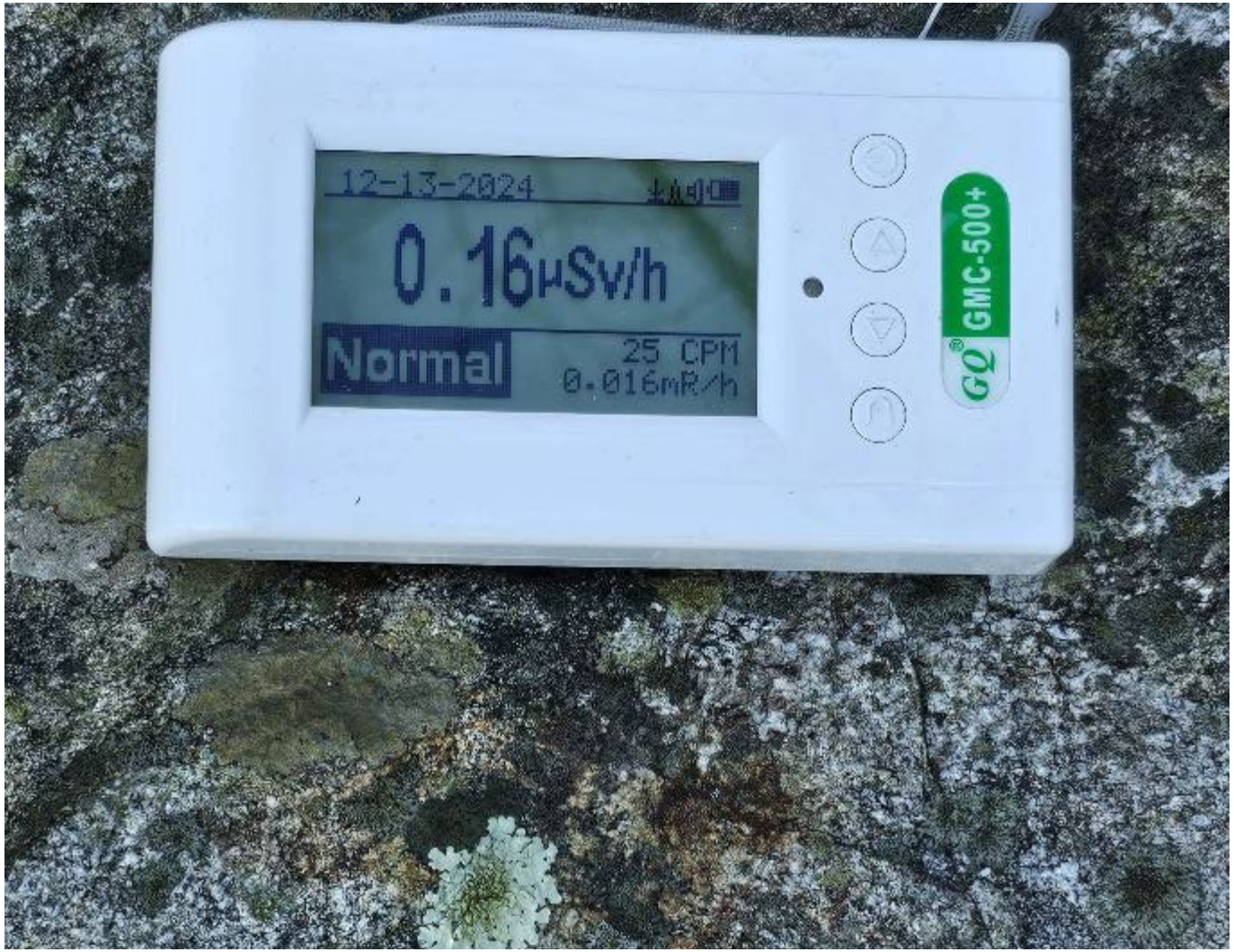


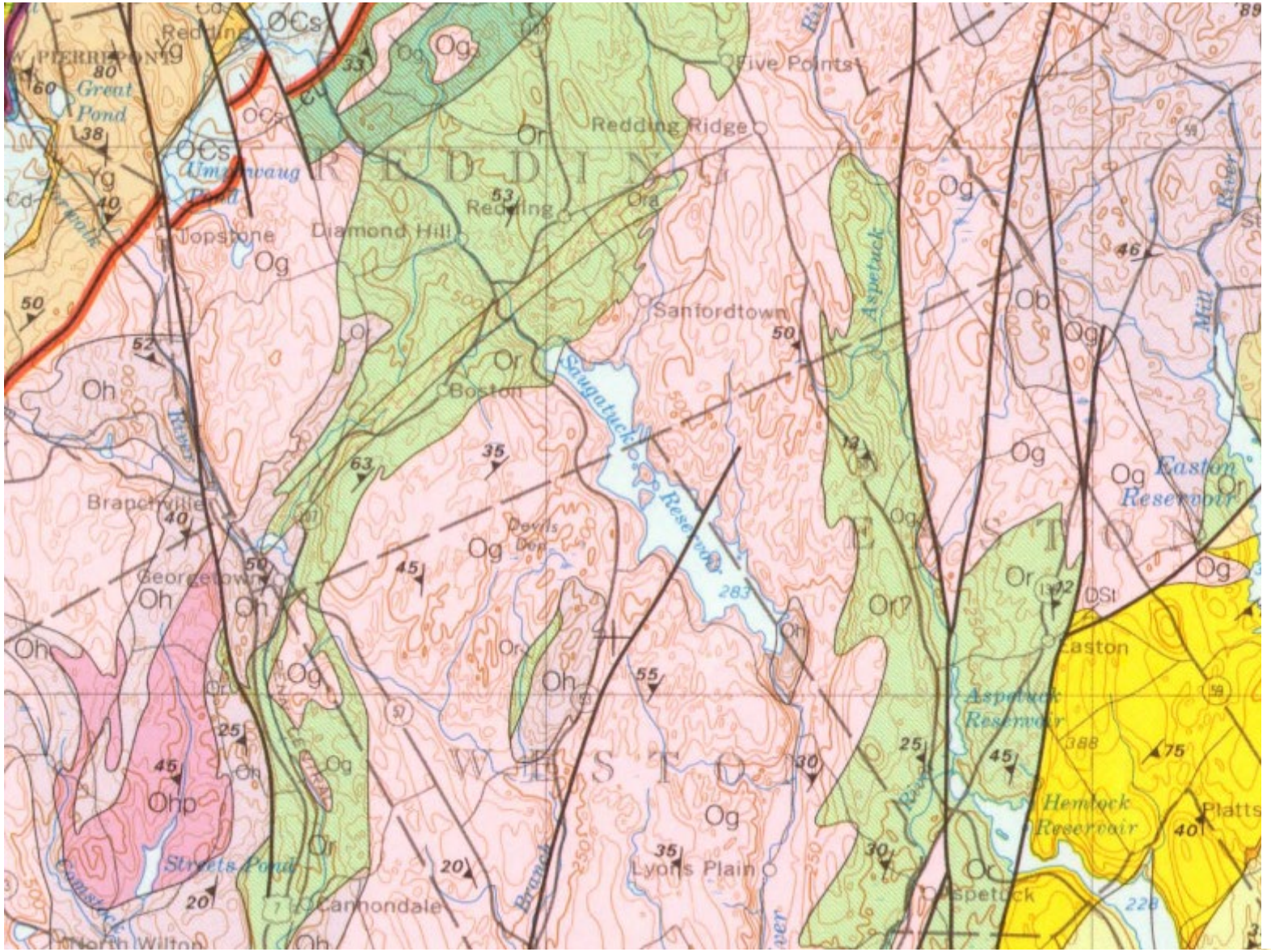
GQ GMC-500+ Geiger Counter

Detected normal background levels of radiation, even when placed directly on top of a boulder near the sighting.

Model	GMC-500+
Ready-To-Use	Yes
On Board CPU	Yes
Geiger Tube Installed	Two
Radiation detected	Beta, Gamma, X-ray

https://www.gqelectronicsllc.com/support/GMC_Selection_Guide.htm

Connecticut Bedrock Geology Map



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Ob Brookfield Gneiss: dark and light, medium- to course-graned **dioritic gneiss**

Oc Collinsville Formation: gray and silvery, medium- to course-grained schist and dark, fine- to medium-grained **amphibolite** and hornblende **gneiss**

Ocs Sweetheart Mountain Member of Collinsville Formation: gray and silvery, medium- to course-grained schist

Og Ordovician? granitic gneiss: light-colored foliated granitic gneiss

Oh Harrison Gneiss: interlayed dark- and light-gray, medium-grained, foliated gneiss

Or Ratlum Mountain Schist: gray, medium-grained **schist** and **granofels**

Ora Amphibolite unit in **Ratlum Mountain Schist:** black or mottled, massive **amphibolite** and hornblende **gneiss**

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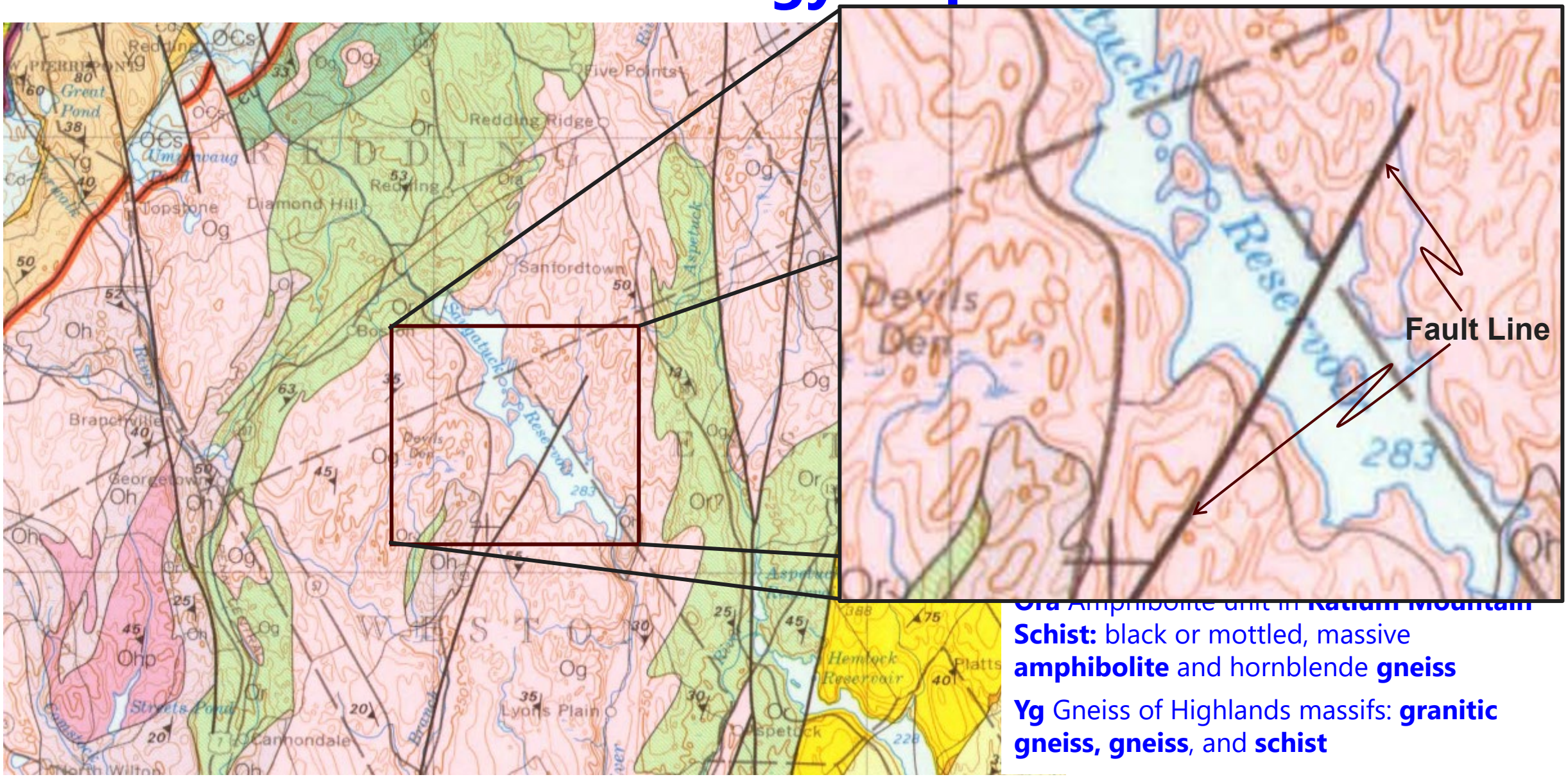

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Geology terms

Term	Definition
gneiss	Light and dark, medium- to course-grained, metamorphic rock characterized by compositional banding of light and dark minerals, typically composed of quartz, feldspar, and various amounts of dark minerals; occurs with a variety of compositions and is a characteristic rock of the uplands.
schist	A medium grade metamorphic rock, formed by the metamorphosis of mudstone / shale, or some types of igneous rock, to a higher degree than slate, i.e. it has been subjected to higher temperatures and pressures.
dioritic gneiss	Light and dark, medium- to coarse-grained, compositionally banded metamorphic rock fo dioritic composition. Diorite is a rock typically containing plagioclase feldspar, hornblende, and sometimes biotite.
amphibolite	Dark-colored, fine- to course-grained, massive to poorly layered metamorphic rock containing amphibole and plagioclase with little or no quartz.
hornblende gneiss	A gneiss that includes this dark-colored amphibole mineral, often black or dark green, found in many igneous and metamorphic rocks
granitic gneiss	Light-colored, medium- to course-granined, compositionally banded metamorphics rock of granitic composition. Quarried for use ad simension stone (see granite).
foliated gneiss	Refers to repetitive layering in metamorphic rocks.
granofels	Light to dark, medium- to course-grained, massive to poorly layered metamorphic rock composed primarily of quartz and feldspar; lacking the compositional banding of a gneiss.

Composition

In addition to feldspar and quartz, the Connecticut granite and granite gneiss contain muscovite, biotite, hornblende, pyroxene, titanite, allanite, pyrite, apatite, zircon, and magnetite. Most of these minerals are of rare occurrence and few of them are of economic importance. In fact, all the igneous rocks, including the granites and granite gneisses, consist chiefly of but five minerals; feldspar forms 59 per cent, quartz 12 per cent, biotite 4 per cent, hornblende and pyroxene taken together 17 per cent.

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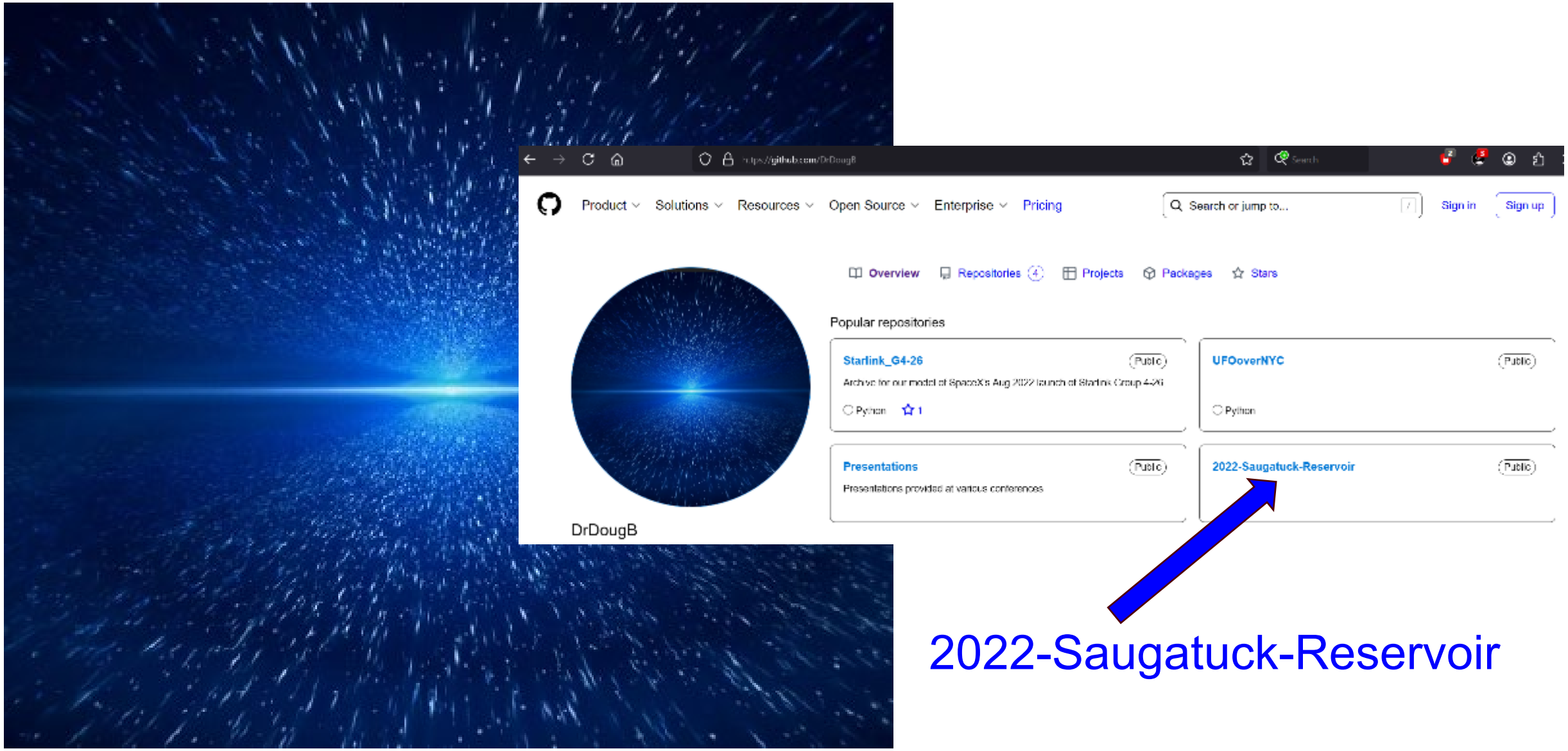
Possible Theories: Accept Testimony

1. **Earth light or optical phenomena**
   - **Interesting geology in the area**
   - **Like the Hessdalen Lights?**
   - **Other optical phenomena?**
2. **Ball lightning**
   - Would need a new generation mechanism as weather conditions were not conducive to their creation
3. **Exotic hoax?**
   - Not ruled out but unlikely due to the history of sightings going back decades in this area
4. **Exotic plasma technology?**
   - Not ruled out but again unlikely due to the long history of sightings
5. **Weston Meteorite?**
   - Brought a “plasmoid life form” to Earth? i.e., yah the stuff of science fiction…!
6. **Plasmoid life form?**

https://github.com/DrDougB



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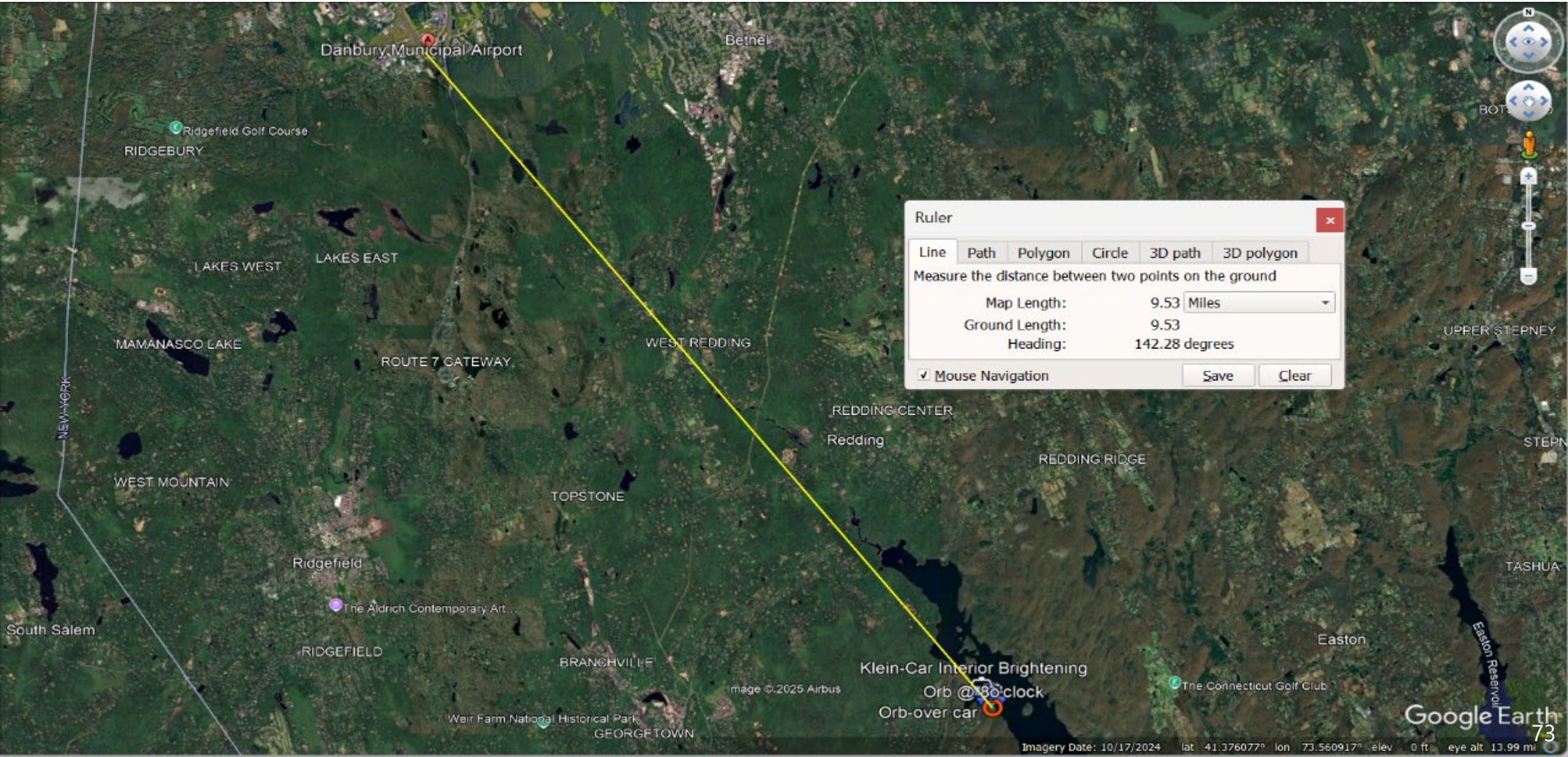

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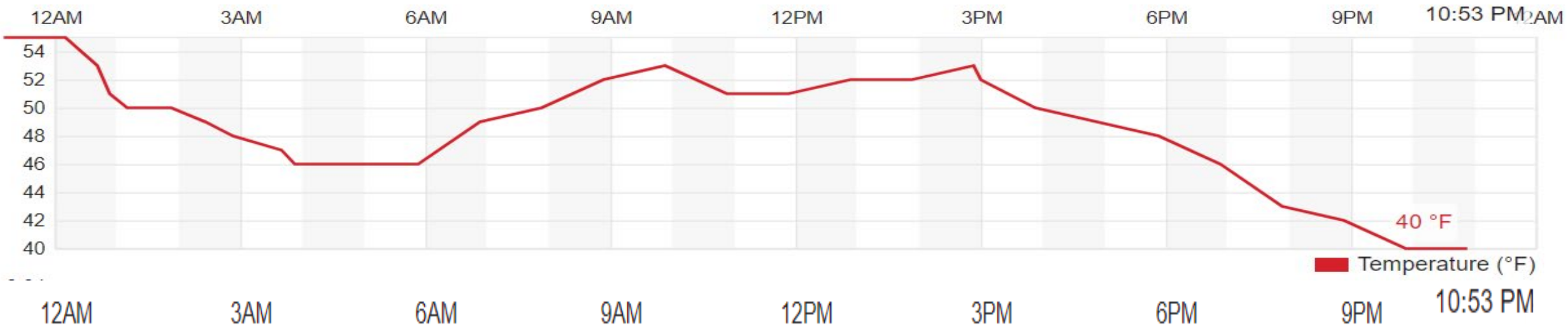

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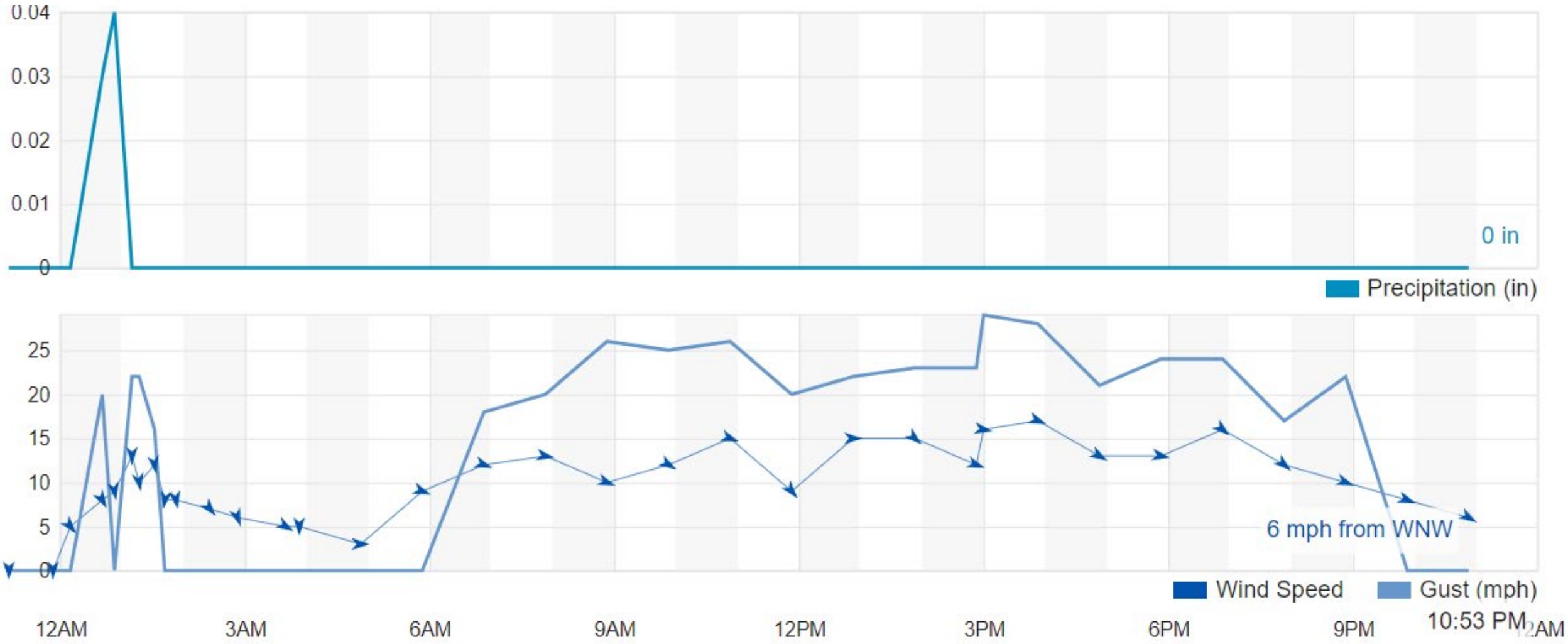

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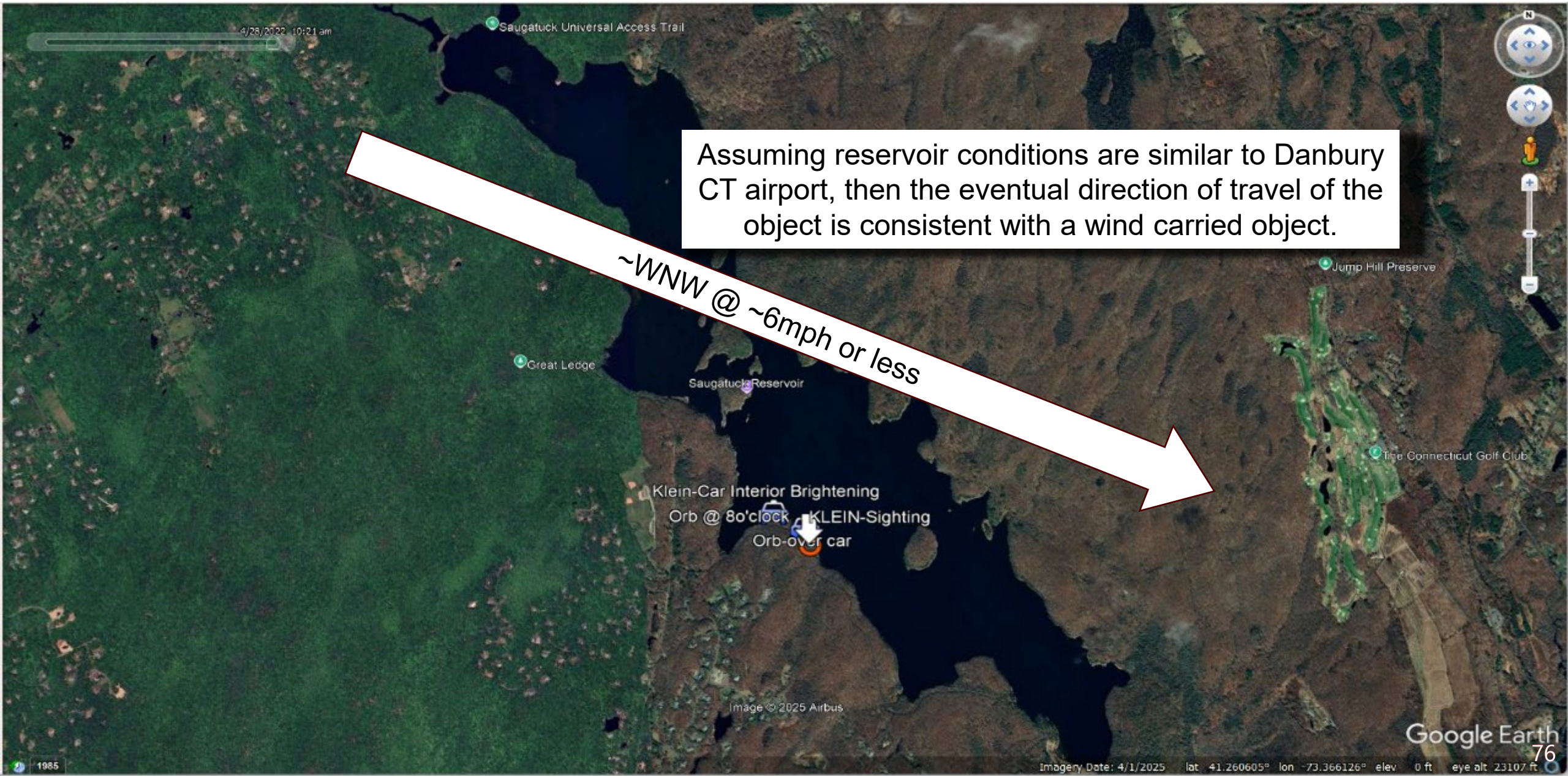

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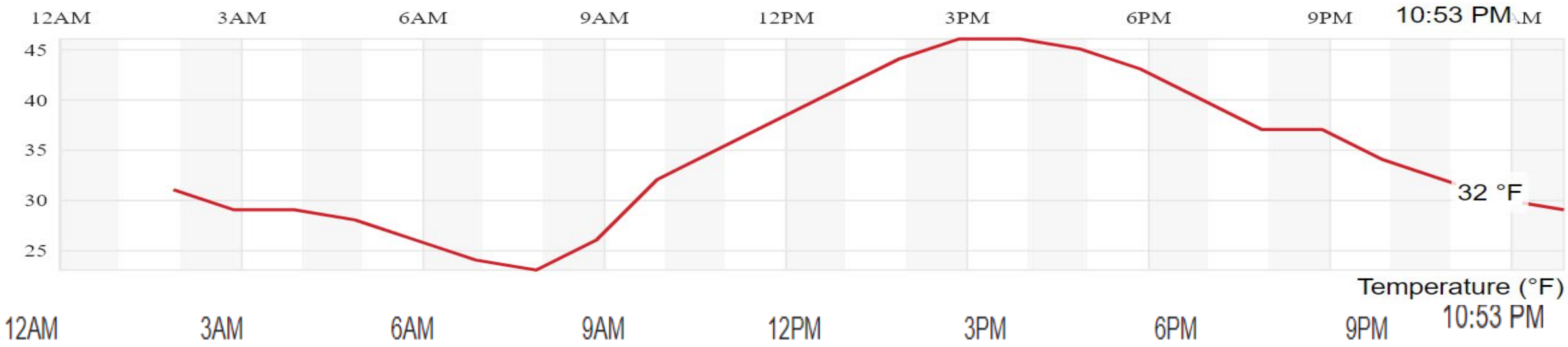

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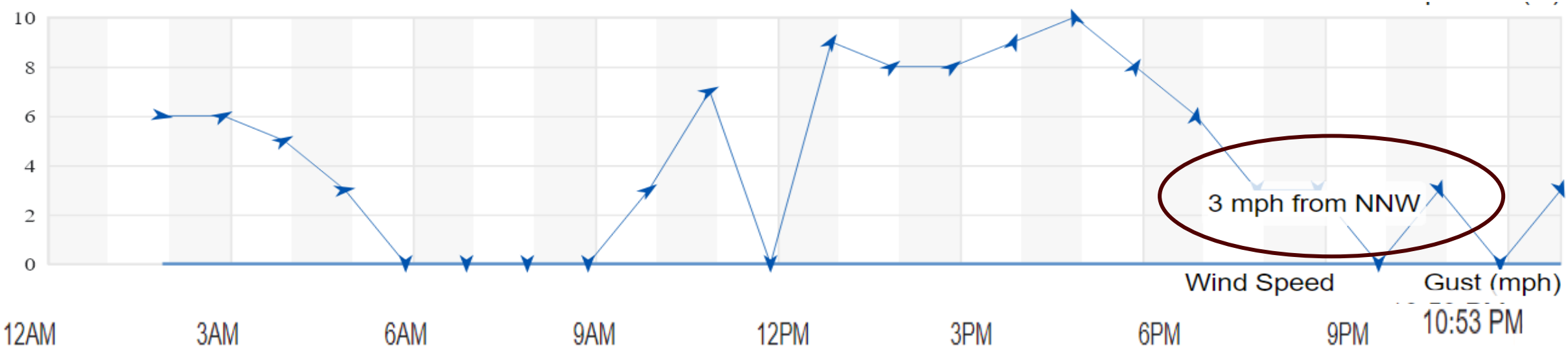

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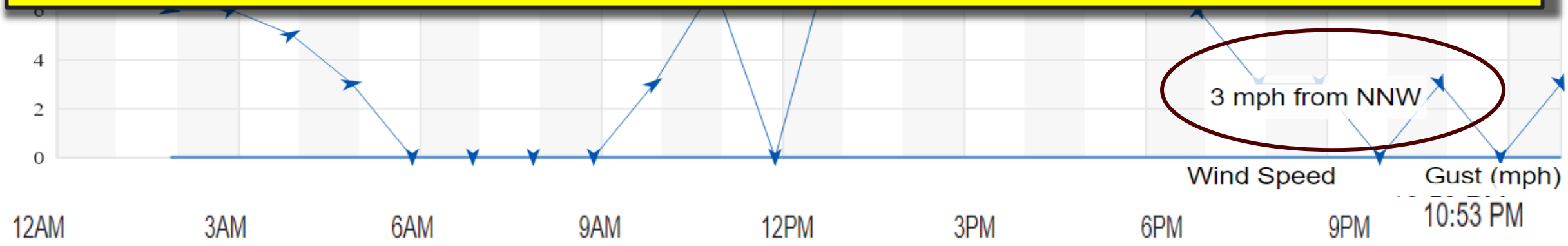

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