

Harbinger+Air

What I've learned

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Who am I?

# Who am I?

## Just some pilot

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- ▶ Mostly based from San Diego, C7F + C5F deployments
- ▶ Currently at Carrier Air Wing EIGHT in NAS Oceana

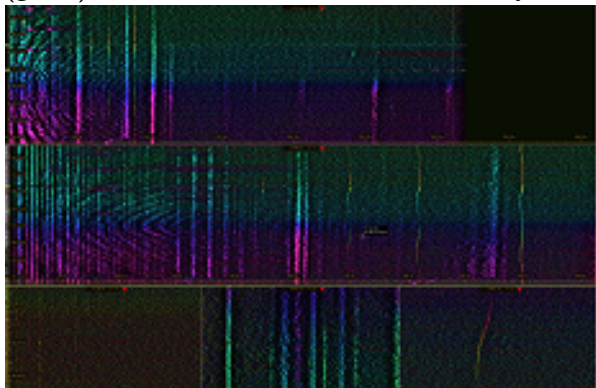
## In the right place at the right time

- ▶ HSM Weapons School Pacific & Project Maven
- ▶ HSM-49.2 & Artem Sherbinin

Project Harbinger+Air

## Project Harbinger+Air

Use machine learning to classify acoustic contact in the spectrogram (*gram*) from an SSQ-53 series DIFAR buoy.



Where's the data?

# What happens after a flight

It gets deleted

Once any immediate debrief is complete, re-format the cards.

Except ESM... sometimes

The only sensor data collection process in the MH-60R fleet.

Multiple steps for the user:

- ▶ Run a program to parse ESM data
- ▶ Find output in obscure folder
- ▶ Rename output according to specific format
- ▶ Upload output to IntelDocs



Well that's not great

What would we like?

# Every Byte, Every Flight

- ▶ ~20 GB/fly-hour
- ▶ ~240 GB/fly-day (12-hour fly day)
- ▶ ~36 TB/2-bird detachment (150 fly days)
- ▶ ~60 TB/CVN element (20-hour fly day, 150 fly days)

# Alone with a Snowball

- ▶ Security Manager: “What the \*\$%! is this?”



- ▶ HARP students: “You want me to do what?”
- ▶ Iterate over 4 HARPs throughout 2020 and 2021



What it is now

## Status of Harbinger+Air fleet collections

- ▶ Data collection process used on **14** operational deployments and numerous HARP classes.
- ▶ Large 10TB hard drives for on-ship cache. Dump to Snowball upon return.

What we learned



# What we learned

- ▶ Understand the user workflow
- ▶ Minimize what the user needs to learn
- ▶ Labelling is hard.
- ▶ Details:
  - ▶ ARPDD discriminator data is huge. Nothing uses this data yet.