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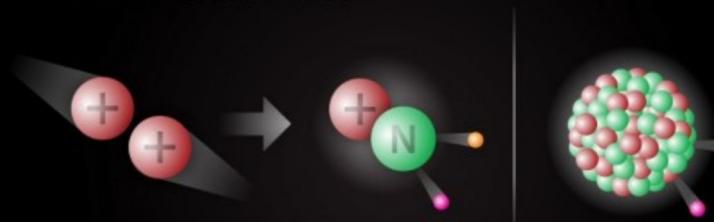
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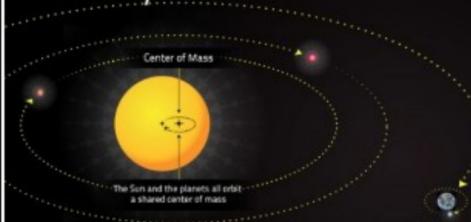
Weak Nuclear Force



Converting protons into neutrons

When two protons collide and fuse, a disruption in the weak nuclear force emits a positron and neutrino, which converts one of the positively charged proton to a neutrally charged Neutron. Without the weak nuclear force converting protons into neutrons, certain complex nuclei cannot form.

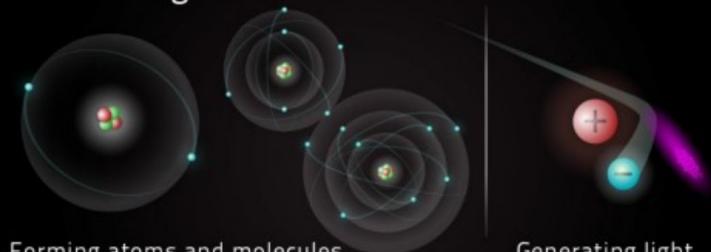
Gravity



Creating energy

Gravity is the force that creates pressure and fusion energy in the core of stars allowing them to burn for millions of years.

Electromagnetic Force



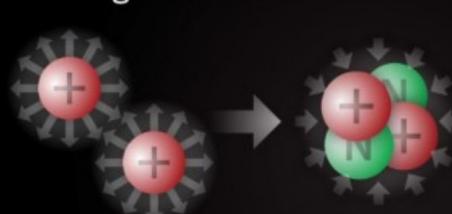
Forming atoms and molecules

The electromagnetic force pulls negatively charged electrons into bound orbits around positively charged nuclei to form atoms and molecules. As a gas cools, electrons will find their way into the presence of atomic nuclei. Larger nuclei with a greater positive charge pull in more electrons until atoms and molecules have a balance of charges.

Releasing radiation

Heavy atoms have an imbalance of protons and neutrons, so the weak nuclear force converts protons to neutrons releasing radiation.

Strong Nuclear Force

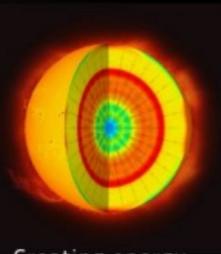


Binding protons in atomic nuclei

Positively charged particles naturally repel each other, it takes an extreme amount of force to hold protons together. The strong nuclear force overcomes the repulsion between protons to hold together atomic nuclei. Without the strong nuclear force, complex nuclei cannot form.

Breaking the bond

Enormous energy is released as gamma rays and neutrinos when the strong nuclear force is broken between protons and neutrons.



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\$ universe --display earth



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\$ universe --display modern-world



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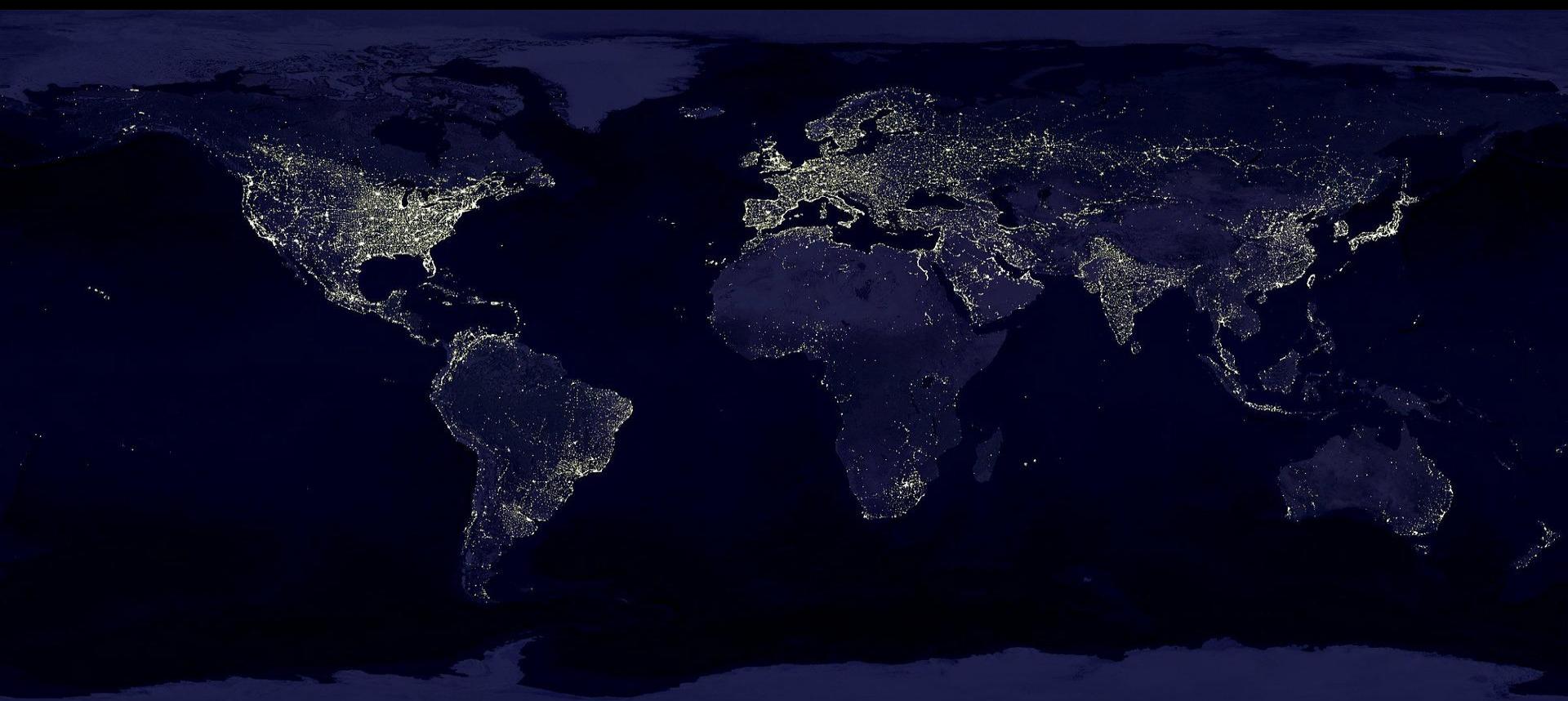


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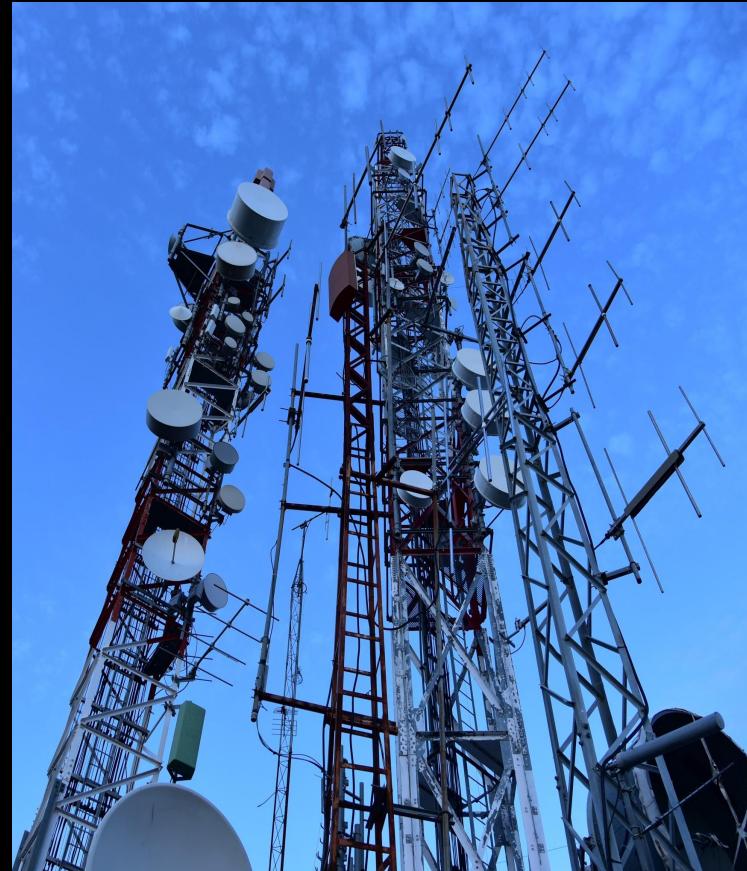
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$ universe --interface wlan0
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\$ universe --print-rules



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$$\int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{a} = 0$$

$$\int_{\text{loop}} \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = - \frac{d}{dt} \int_S \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$$

$$\int_{\text{loop}} \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{s} = \mu_0 \int_S \mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{a} + \epsilon_0 \mu_0 \frac{d}{dt} \int_S \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{a}$$

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$ universe --flush-rules
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What if...

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$ pybombs install gr-gravity
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$ gr_modtool newmod graviton
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$ python3 gr-gravity/examples/superpowers.py
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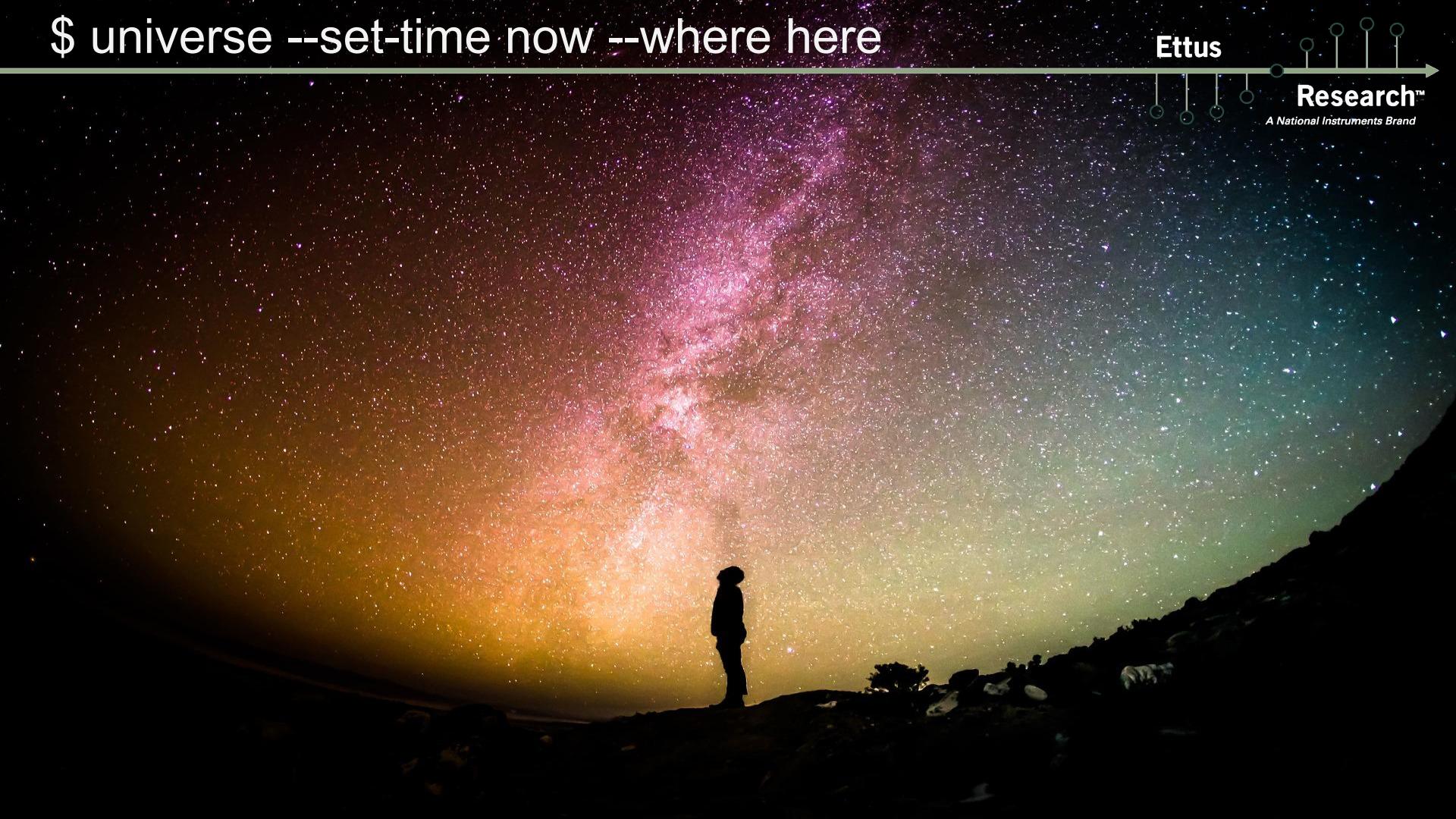


\$ universe --set-time now --where here

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\$ universe --check-rules



What if...

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What if...

- Gravity
- Weak
- Strong
- Electromagnetic

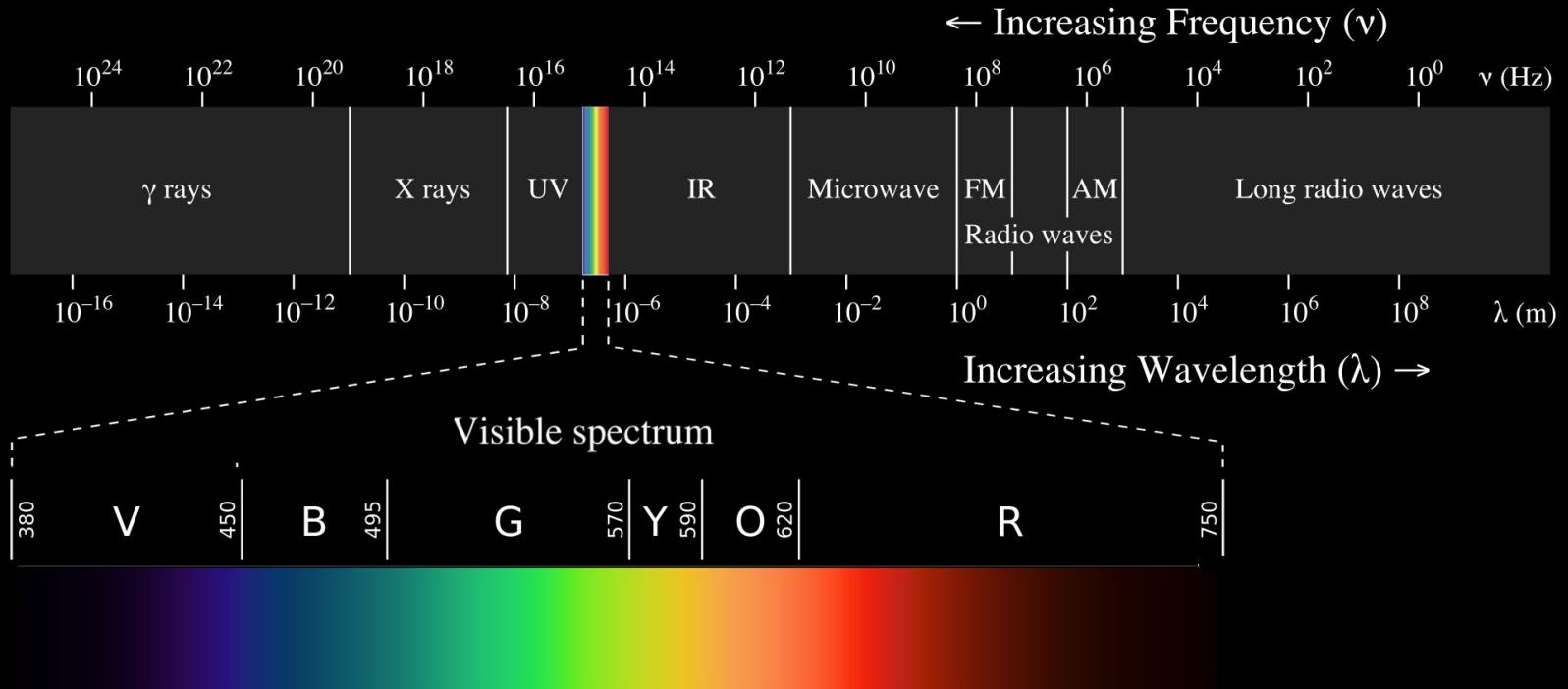
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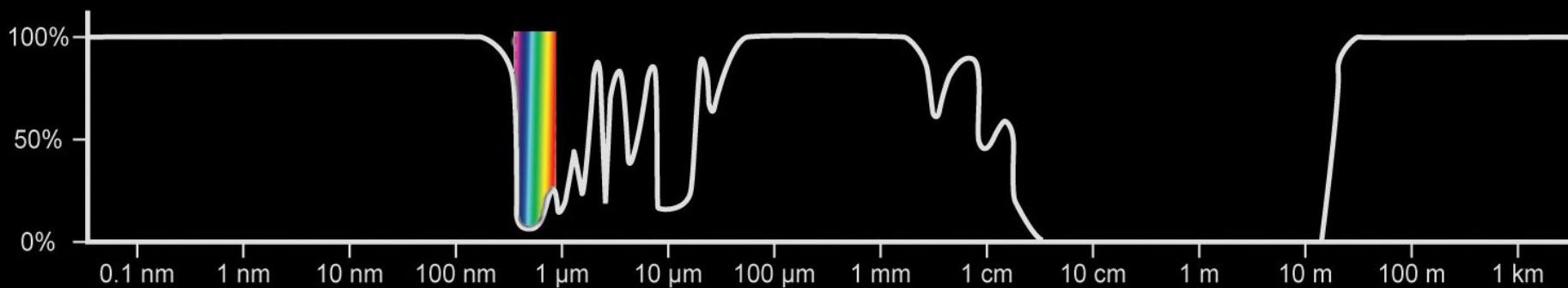
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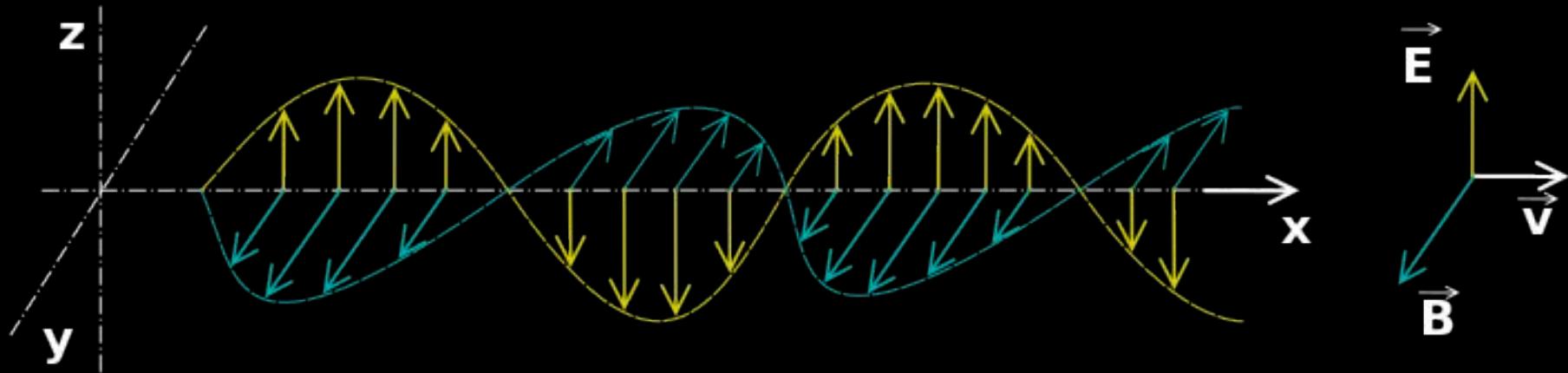
\$ gdb universe --module electromagnetic



(gdb) next



(gdb) break

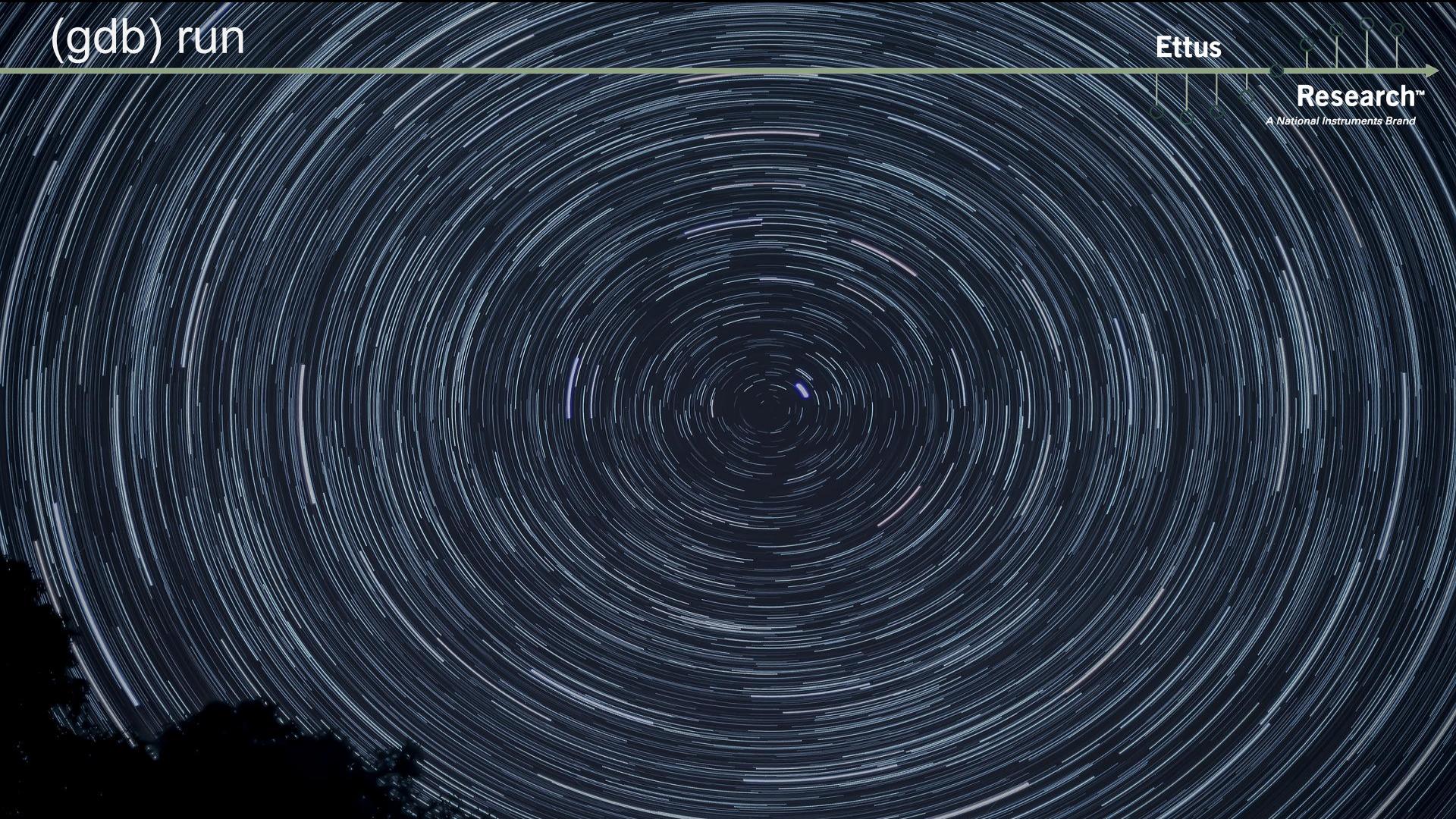


(gdb) run

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$ cat gr-magic/requirements.txt
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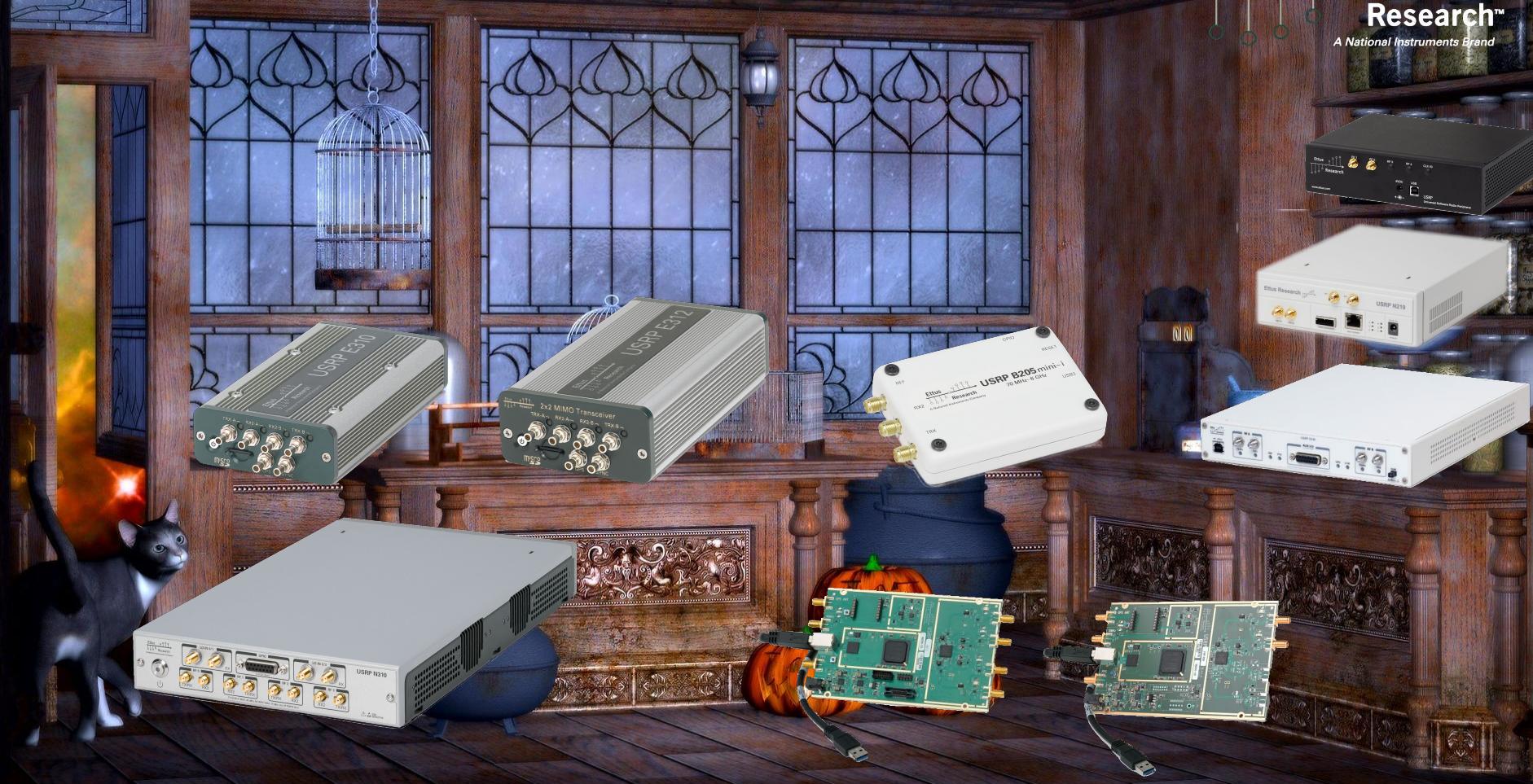


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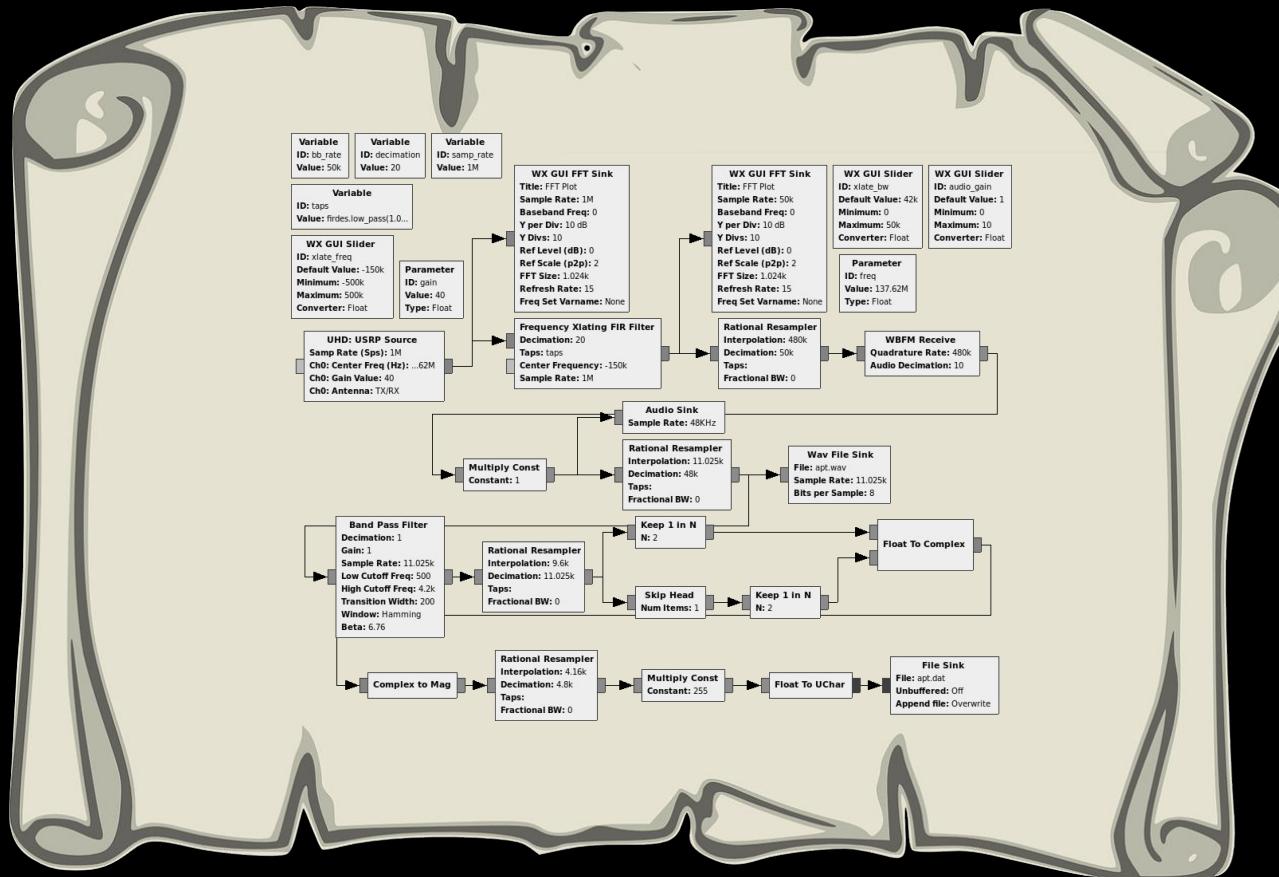
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$ uhd_magicwand --help
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$ gnuradio-companion ~/magicspells.grc
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$ cat gr-magic/examples/magic.py
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$ gnuradio-companion gr-magic/apps/qt-magicball.grc
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$ gnuradio-companion gr-magic/apps/matrix.grc
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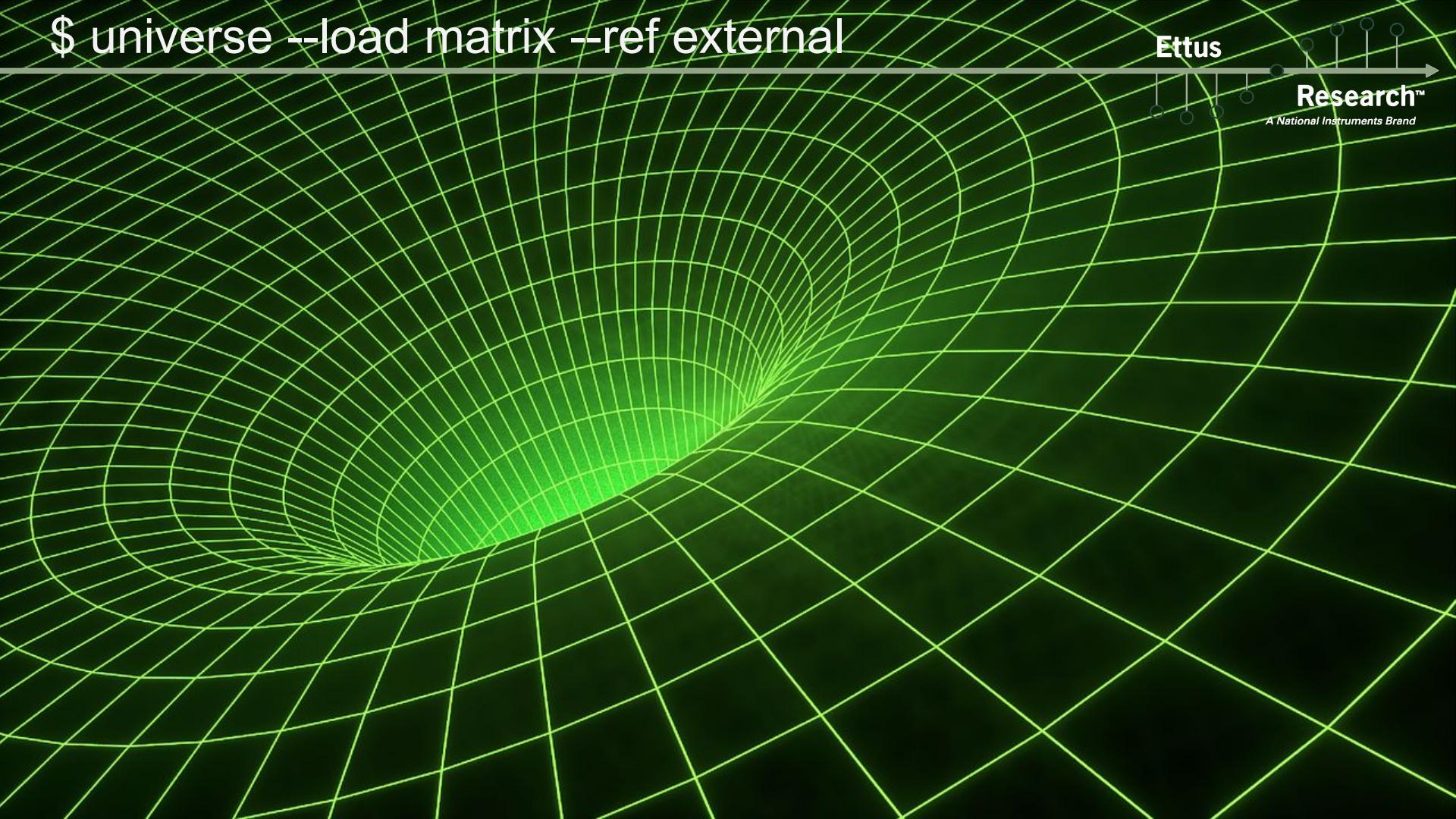


\$ universe --load matrix --ref external

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USRP1



USRP1 2001-2017



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All good things start with a USRP1 and decimation factor of 20

*If you want one of them, be one of the first five people
to compose a USRP1 Haiku and post it ...*

whizzing through the sky

cubesat pass say hi

you-surp on ground try

USRP1 SatNOGS Station



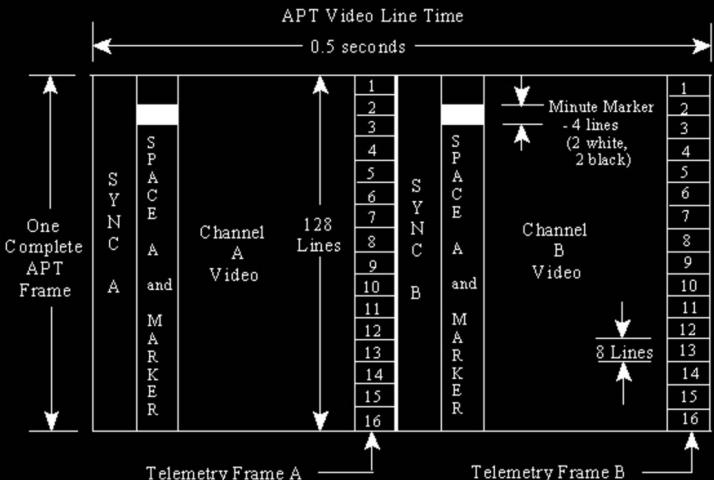
SatNOGS

\$ universe --snapshot earth

- Automatic Picture Transmission (APT)
- Introduced in the 1960s
- Provides image data to relatively low-cost stations
- Broadcasted by NOAA-15, NOAA-18, NOAA-19
- Data transmitted as a horizontal scan line
- Complete line is 2080 pixels long
- Transmitted at 2 lines per second (4160 baud)
- 8 bit grayscale
- Pixel intensity is AM modulated on a 2.4 kHz tone
- Then FM modulated on 137 MHz carrier
- 4 km / pixel
- [wikipedia.org/wiki/Automatic_picture_transmission](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automatic_picture_transmission)



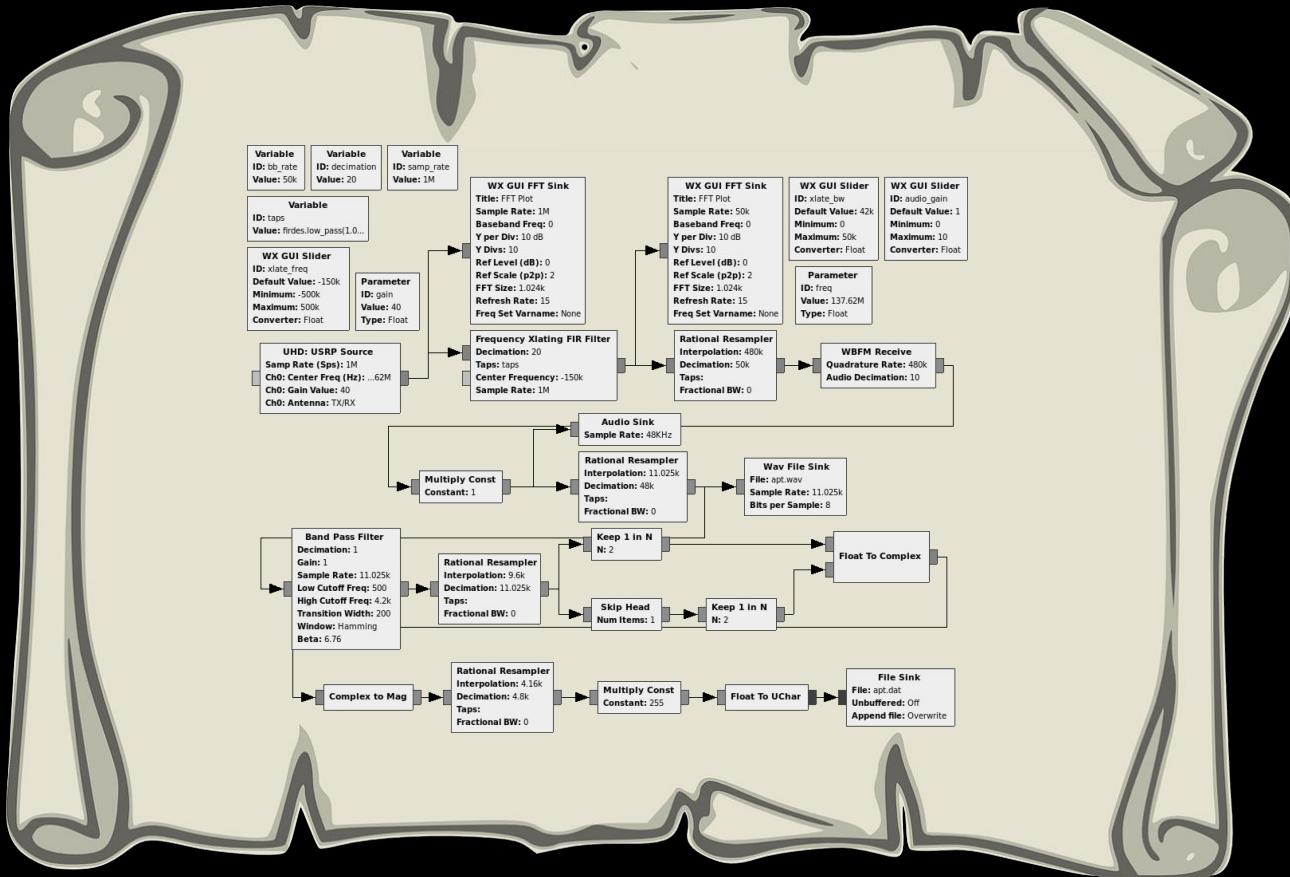
Figure 4.2.2-1. APT Frame Format.



| WEDGE #1 | WEDGE #2 | WEDGE #3 | WEDGE #4 | WEDGE #5 | WEDGE #6 | WEDGE #7 | WEDGE #8 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Zero Modulation Reference 9 | Thermistor Temp. #1 10 | Thermistor Temp. #2 11 | Thermistor Temp. #3 12 | Thermistor Temp. #4 13 | Patch Temp. 14 | Back Scan 15 | Channel I.D. Wedge 16 |

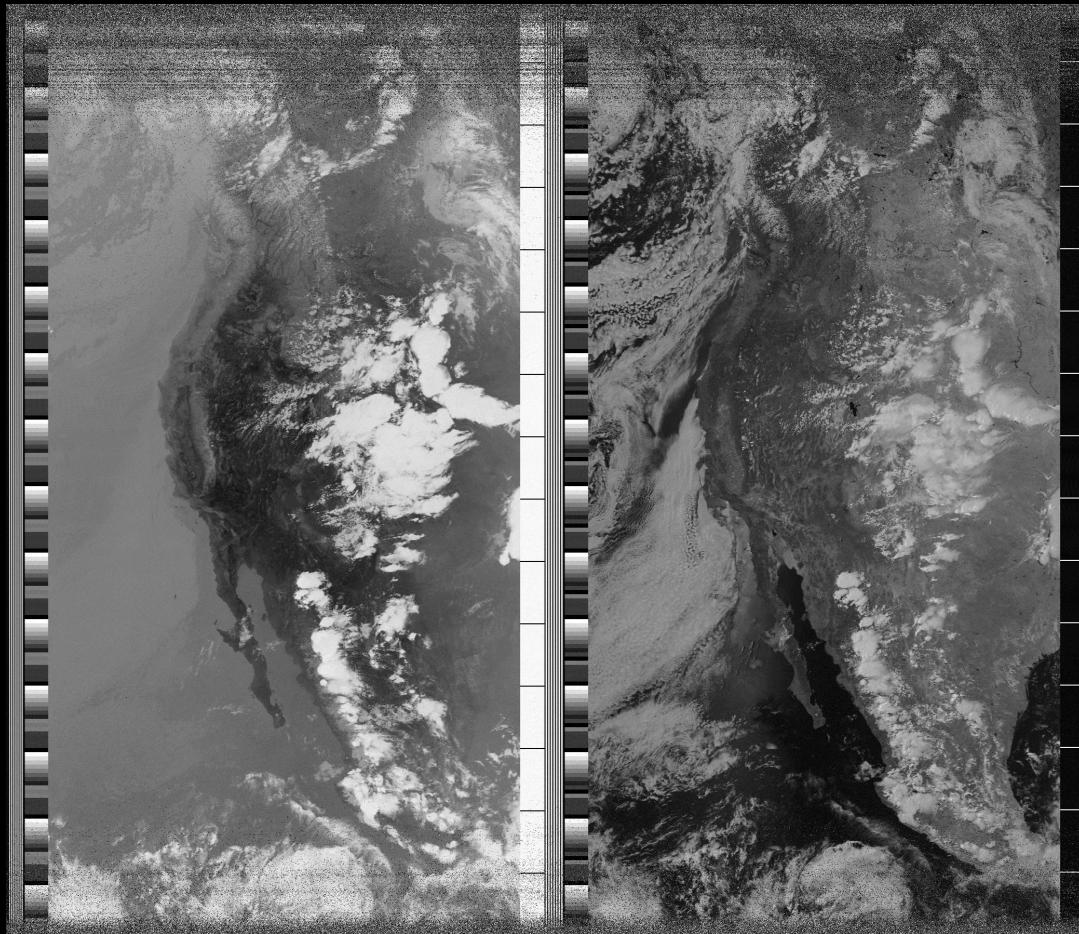
Notes:

- 1) Each telemetry frames consists of 16 points
- 2) Telemetry frame rate is 1 frame per 84 seconds
- 3) Each telemetry point is repeated on 8 successive APT video lines



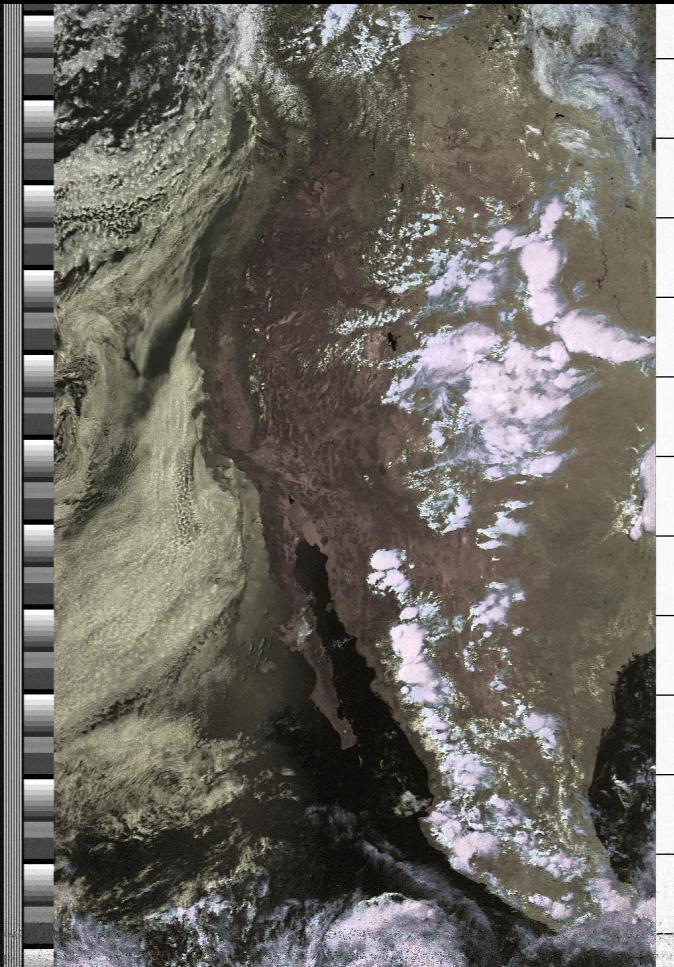
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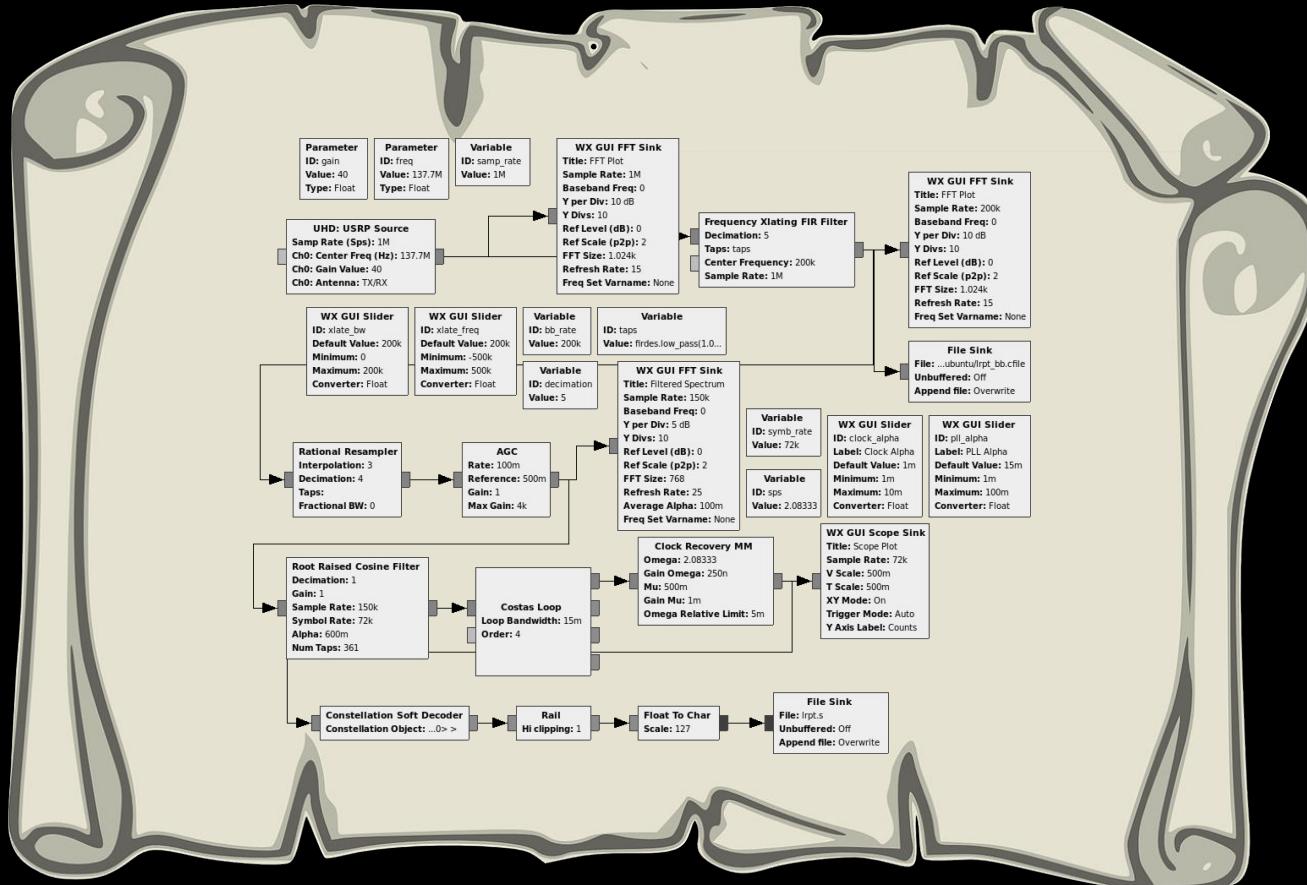


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- Low-Rate Picture Transmission (LRPT)
- Digital transmission system, intended to deliver images and data from weather satellites
- Active on Meteor M2 at 137.9 MHz
- Three spectral channels
- 1km / pixel resolution
- QPSK modulation 72k baud
- Flowgraphs based on Otti's implementations
- <https://github.com/otti-soft/meteor-m2-lrpt>
- Flowgraphs creates .s (soft symbols) file
- Symbols (.s) file can then be processed by `meteor_decoder` utility by artlav
- https://github.com/artlav/meteor_decoder

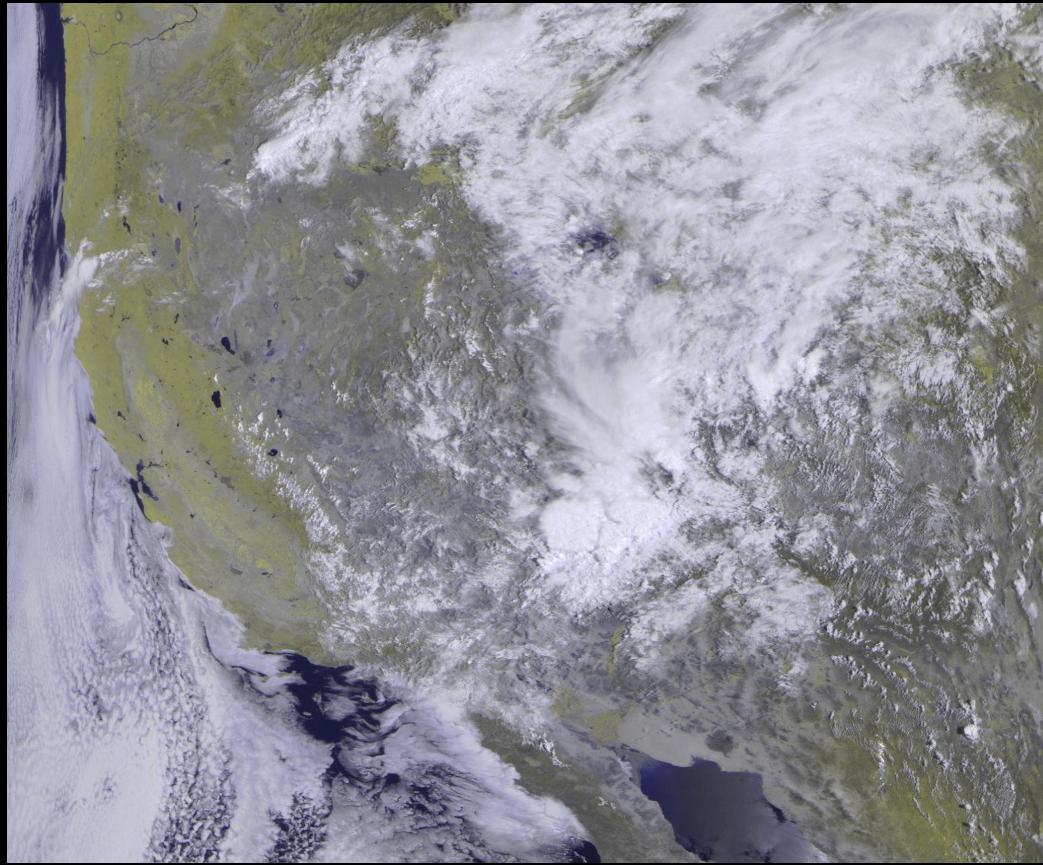
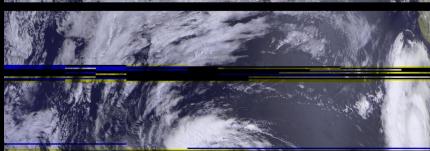
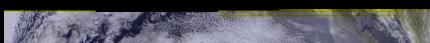
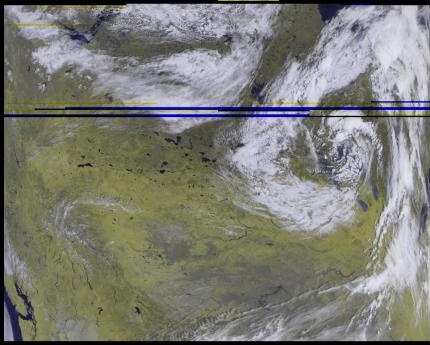


LRPT

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HRPT



- High-Rate Picture Transmission (HRPT)
- Intended to deliver images and data from orbital weather satellites
- NOAA-15, NOAA-18, NOAA-19 (USA)
- Meteor M2 (RUSSIA)
- Feng-Yun (CHINA)
- L-Band - 1.7 GHz
- Requires Dish & Tracking Mount

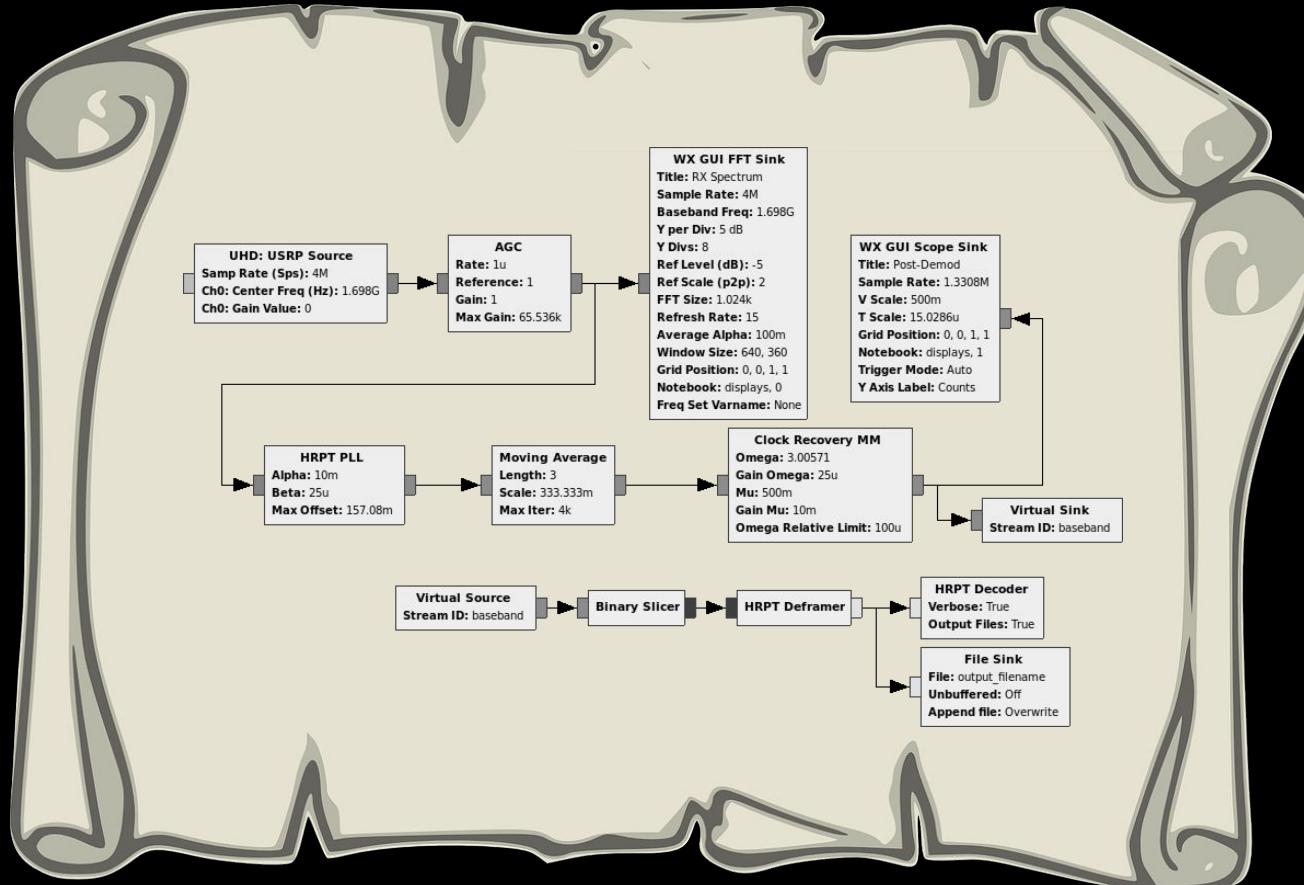
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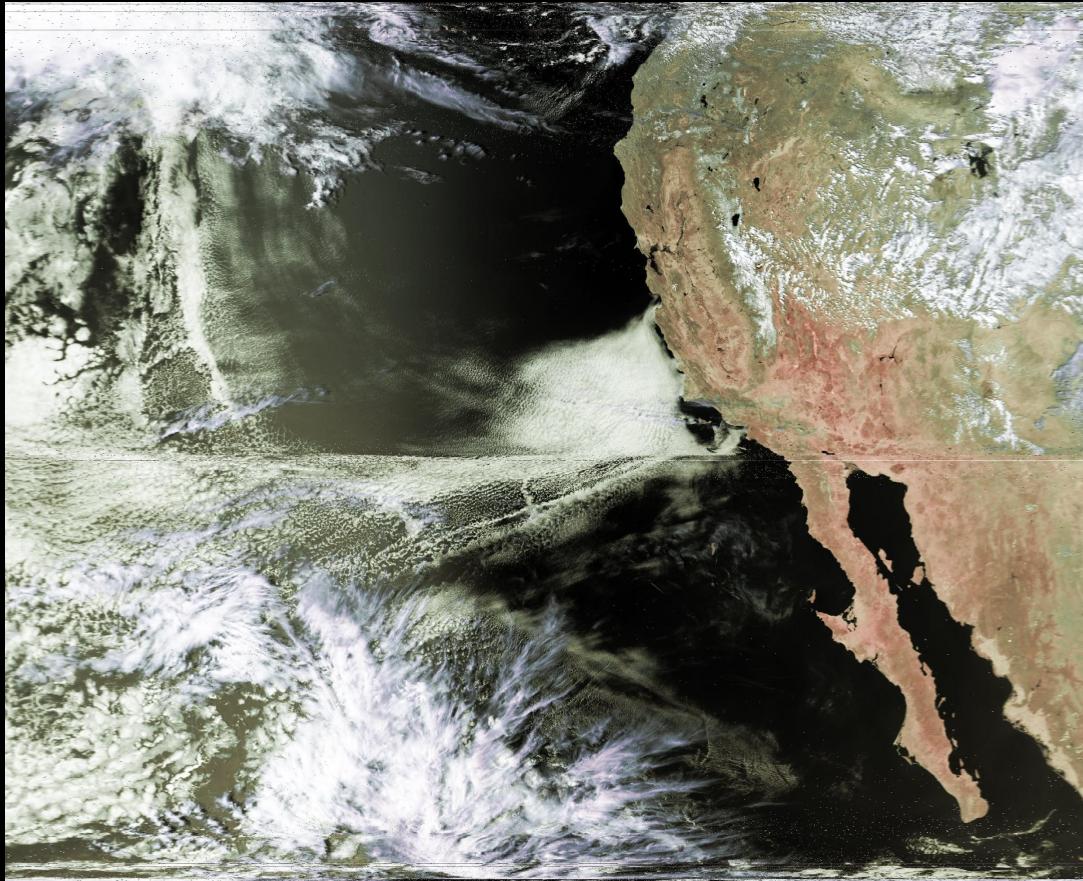
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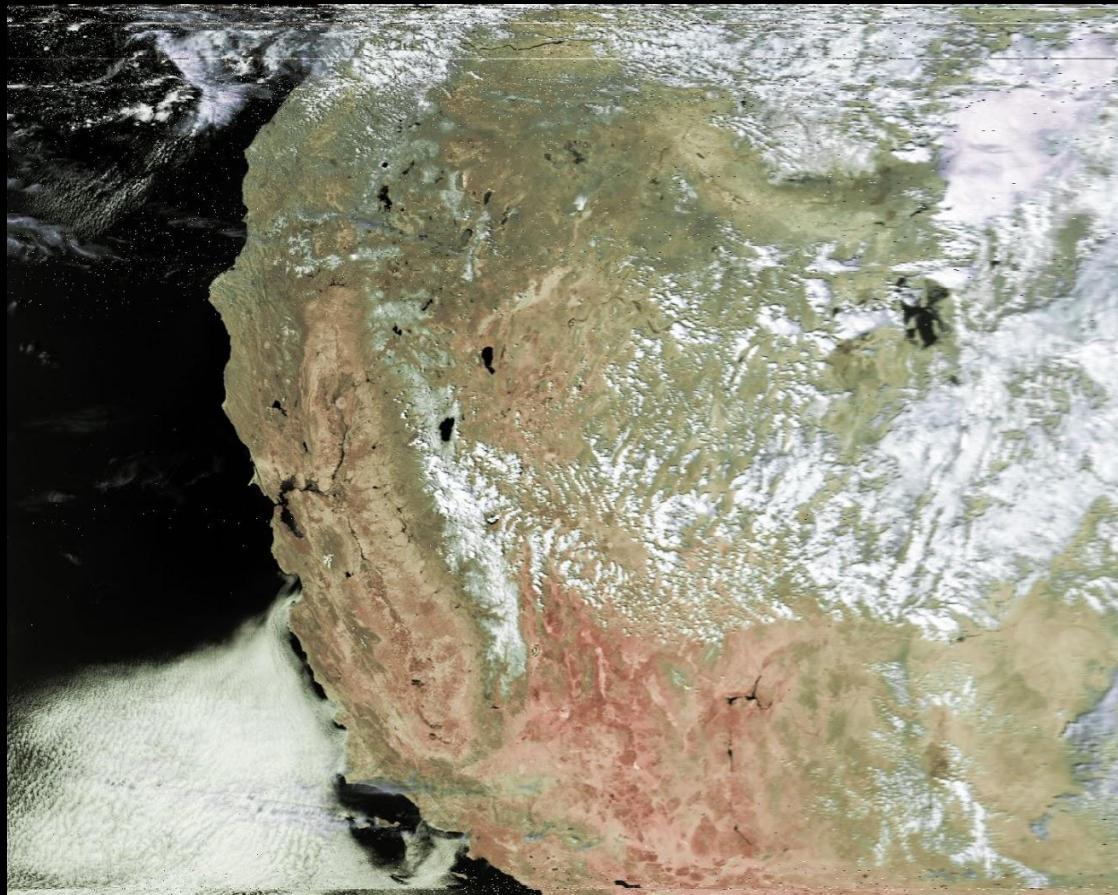
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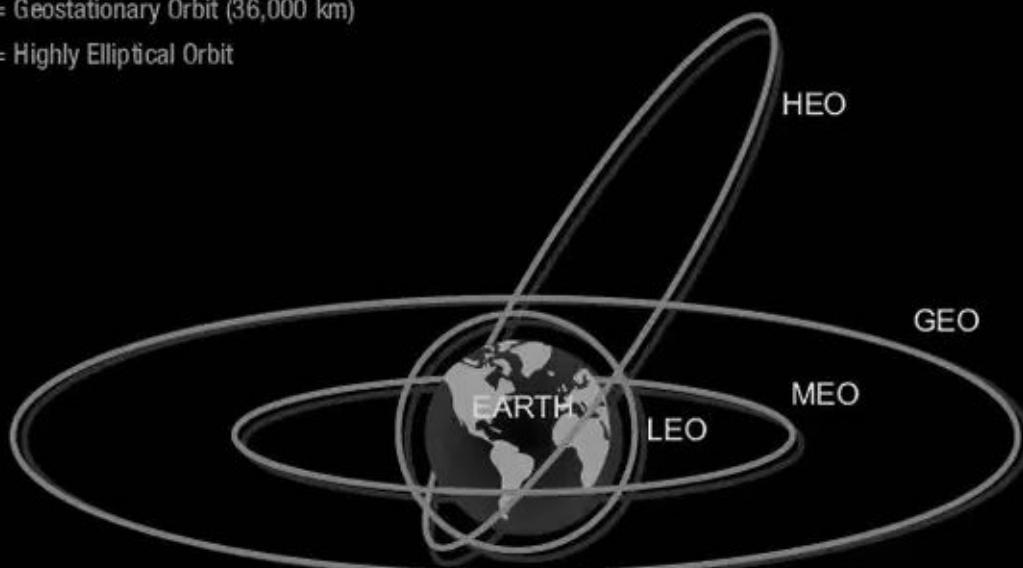
- Low-Rate Information Transmission
- High-Rate Information Transmission
- LRIT - GOES-13,14,15
- HRIT - GOES-16,17

LEO = Low Earth Orbit (100-1,500 km)

MEO = Medium Earth Orbit (5,000-10,000 km)

GEO = Geostationary Orbit (36,000 km)

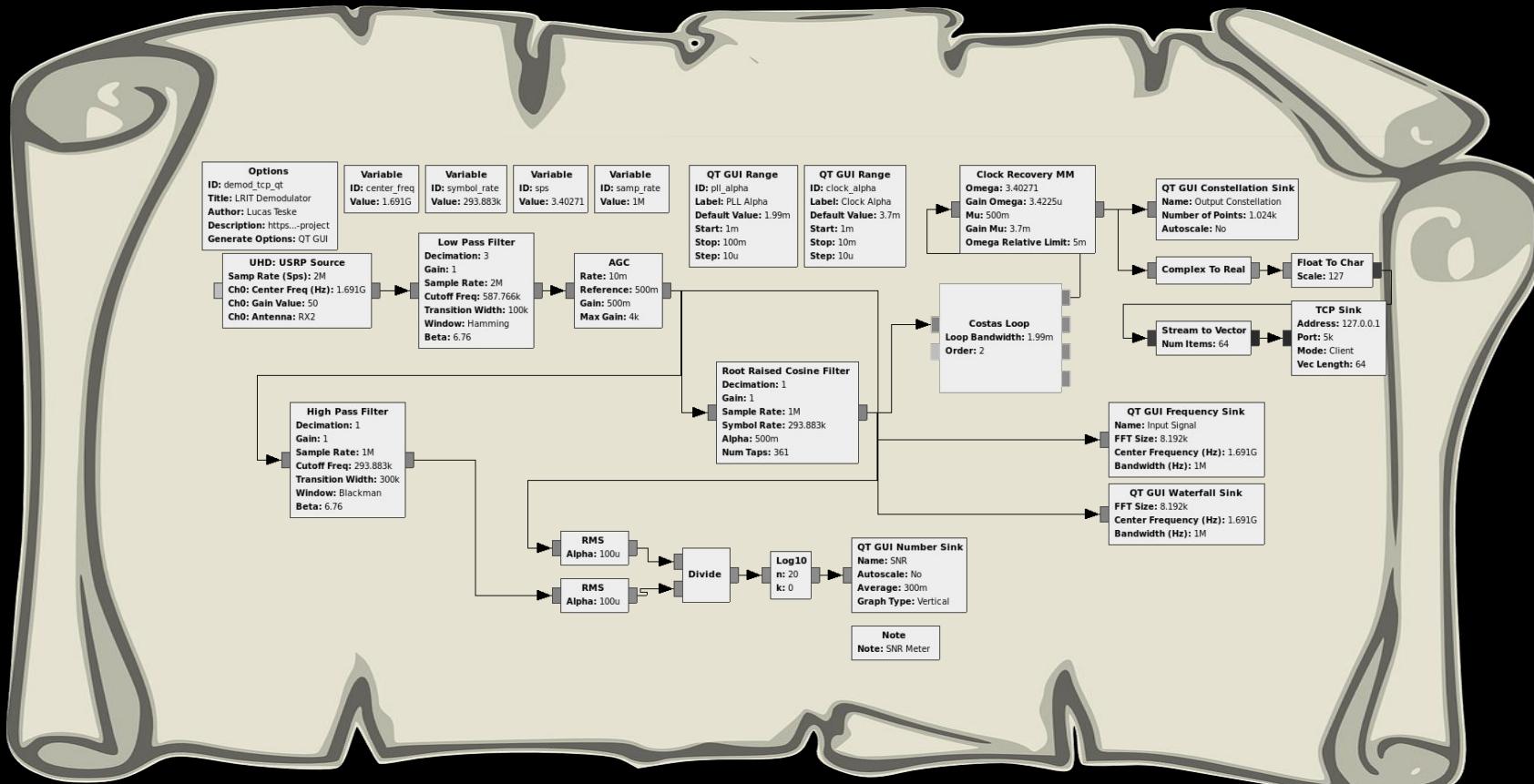
HEO = Highly Elliptical Orbit



LRIT - Open Satellite Project

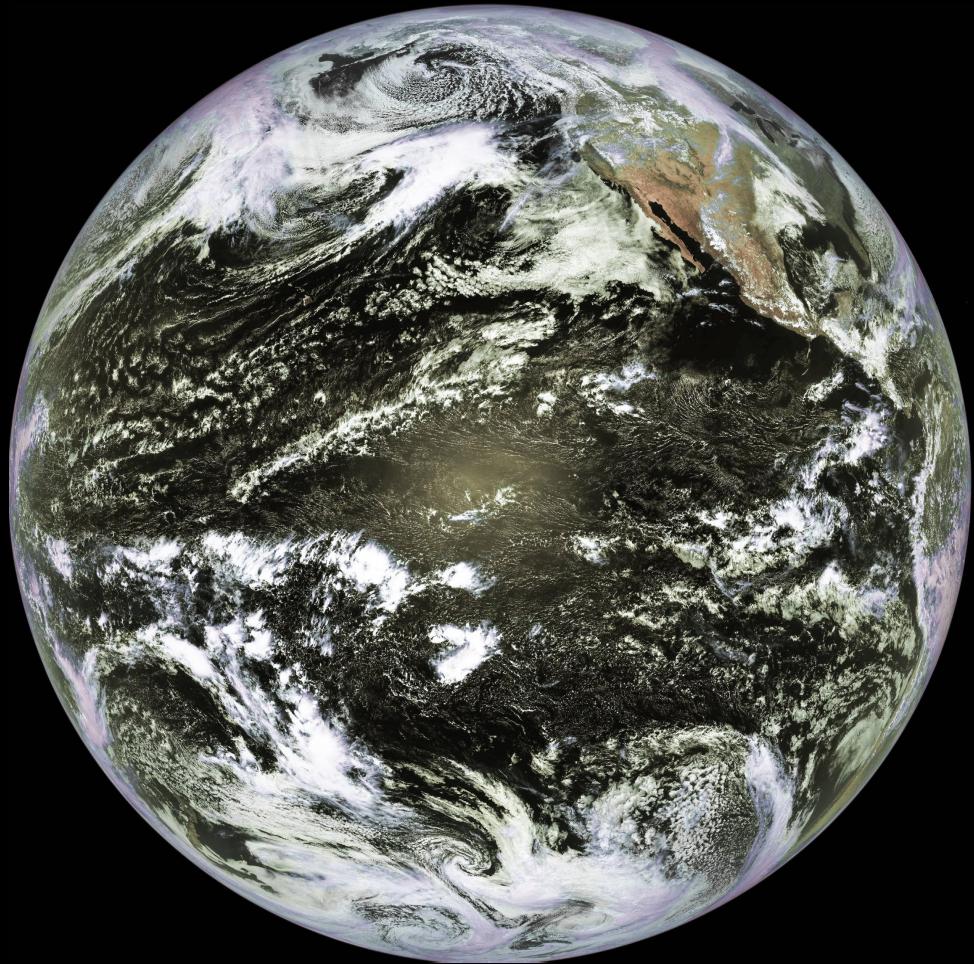
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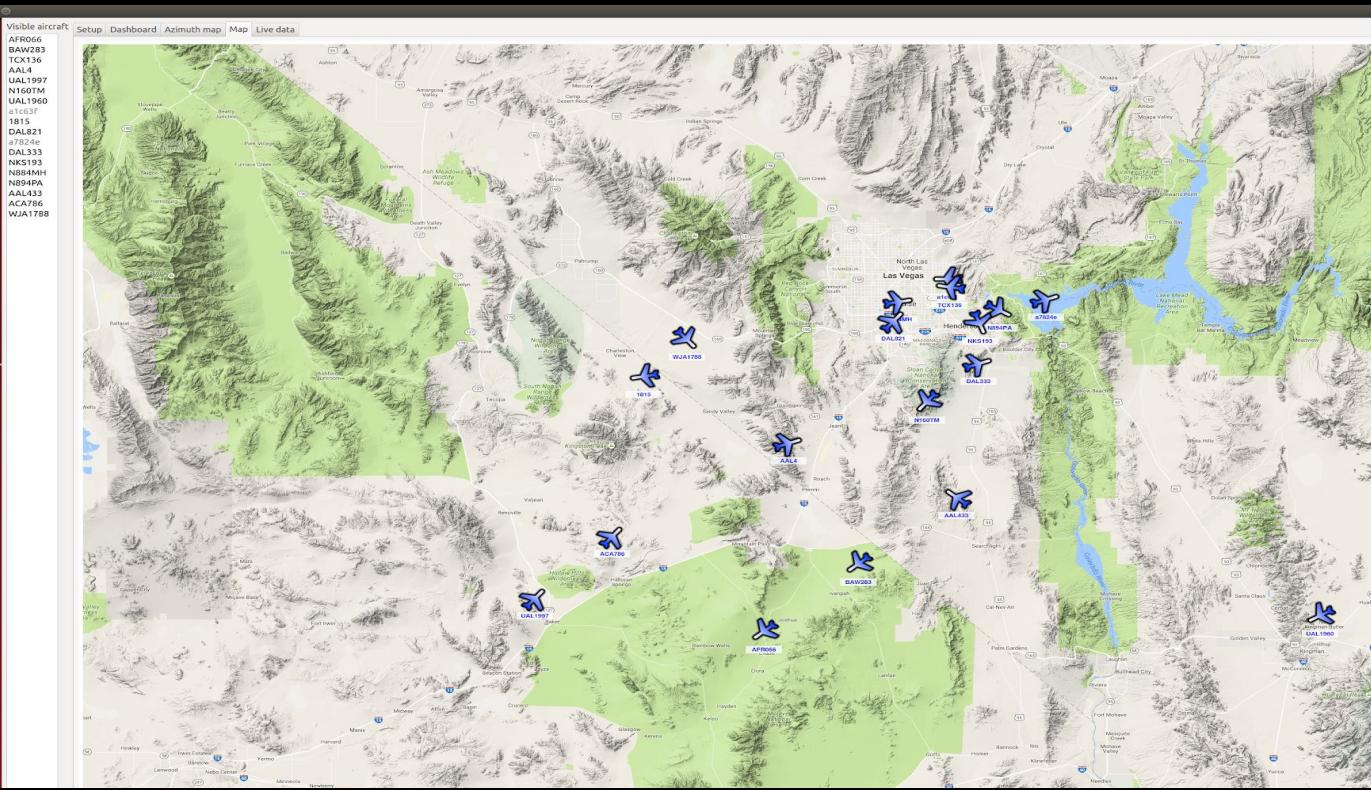
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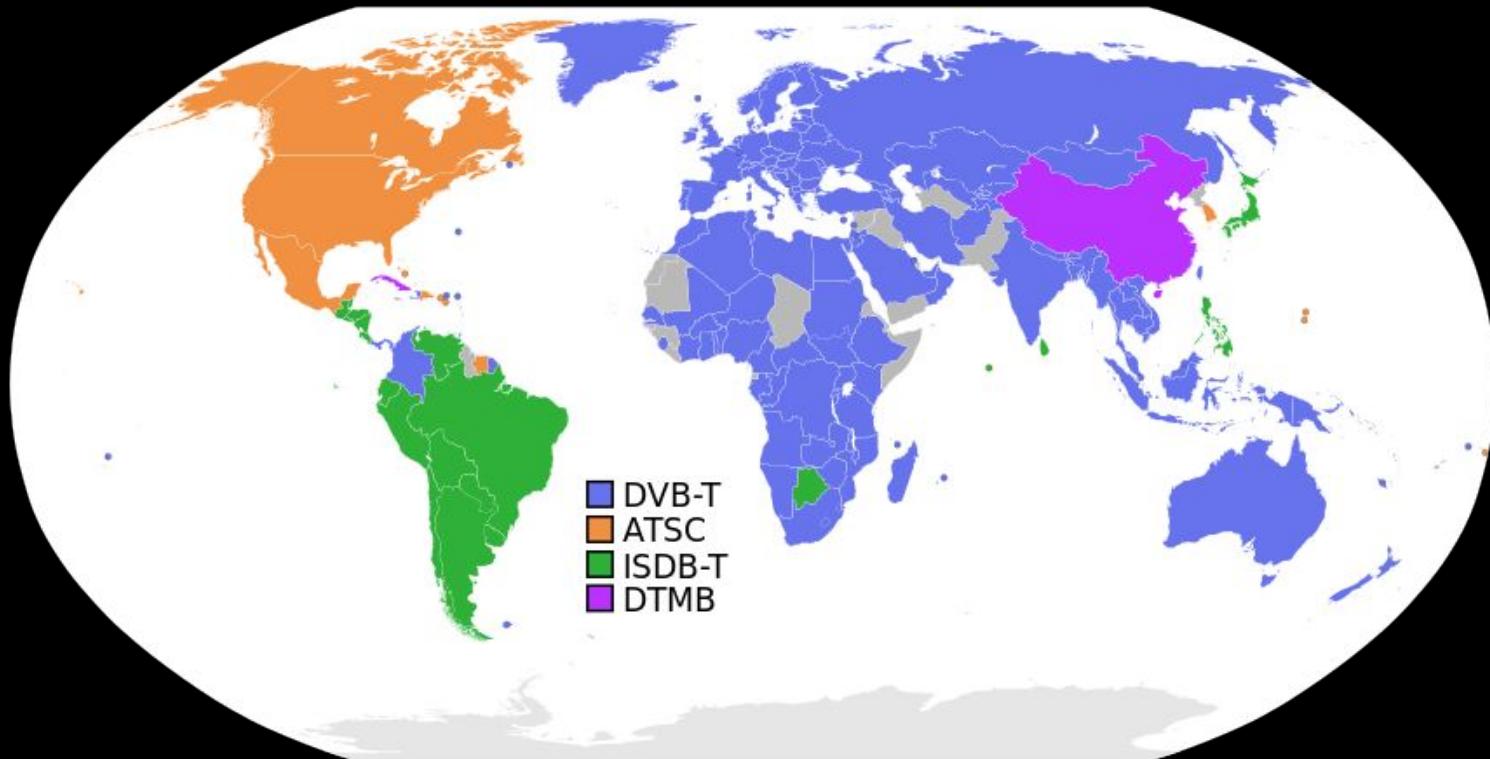
ADS-B



- gr-air-modes (<https://github.com/bistromath/gr-air-modes>)
- gr-adsb (<https://github.com/wnagele/gr-adsb>)



- Advanced Television Systems Committee (ATSC) standards are a set of standards for digital television transmission over terrestrial, cable, and satellite networks.
- Free "Over-The-Air" TV



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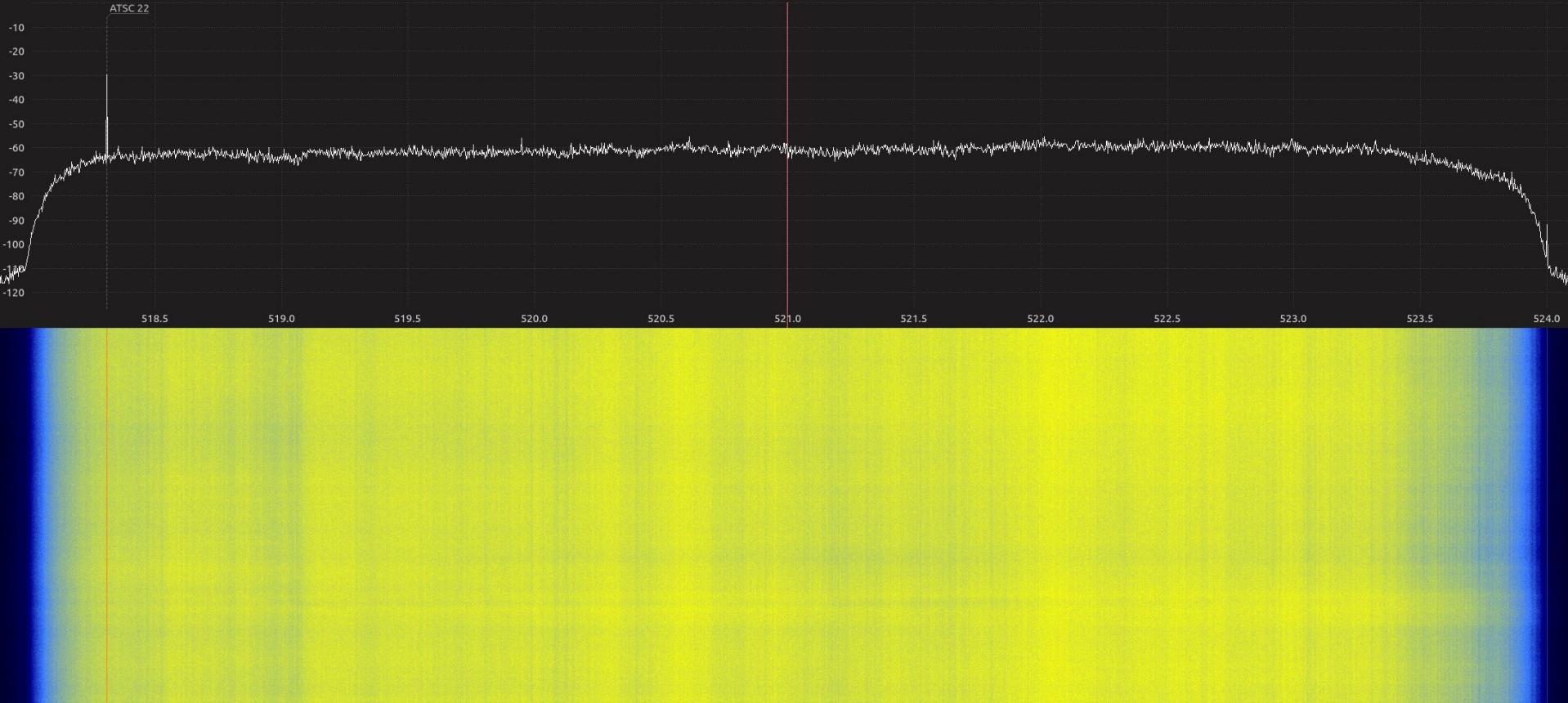
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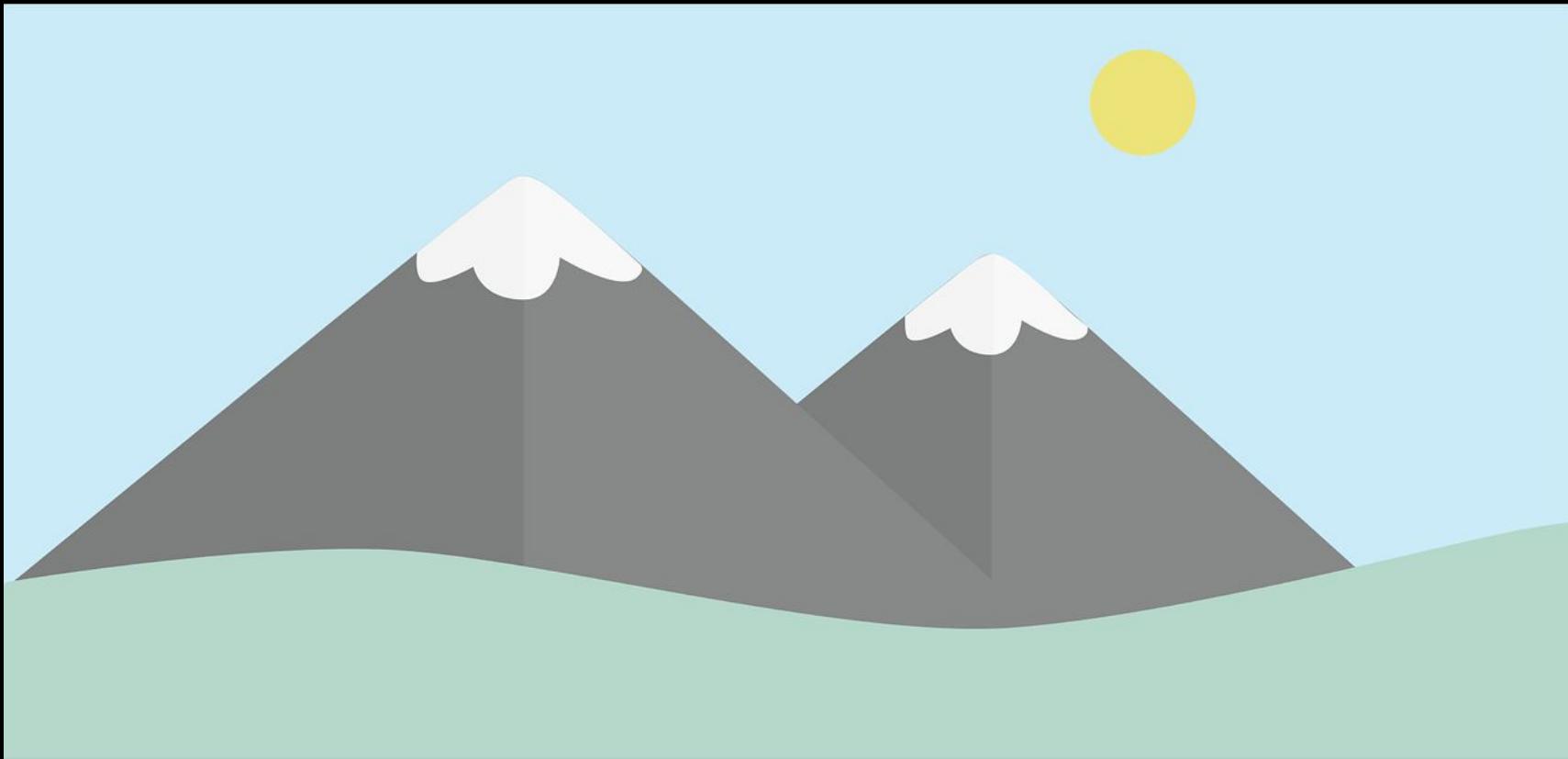
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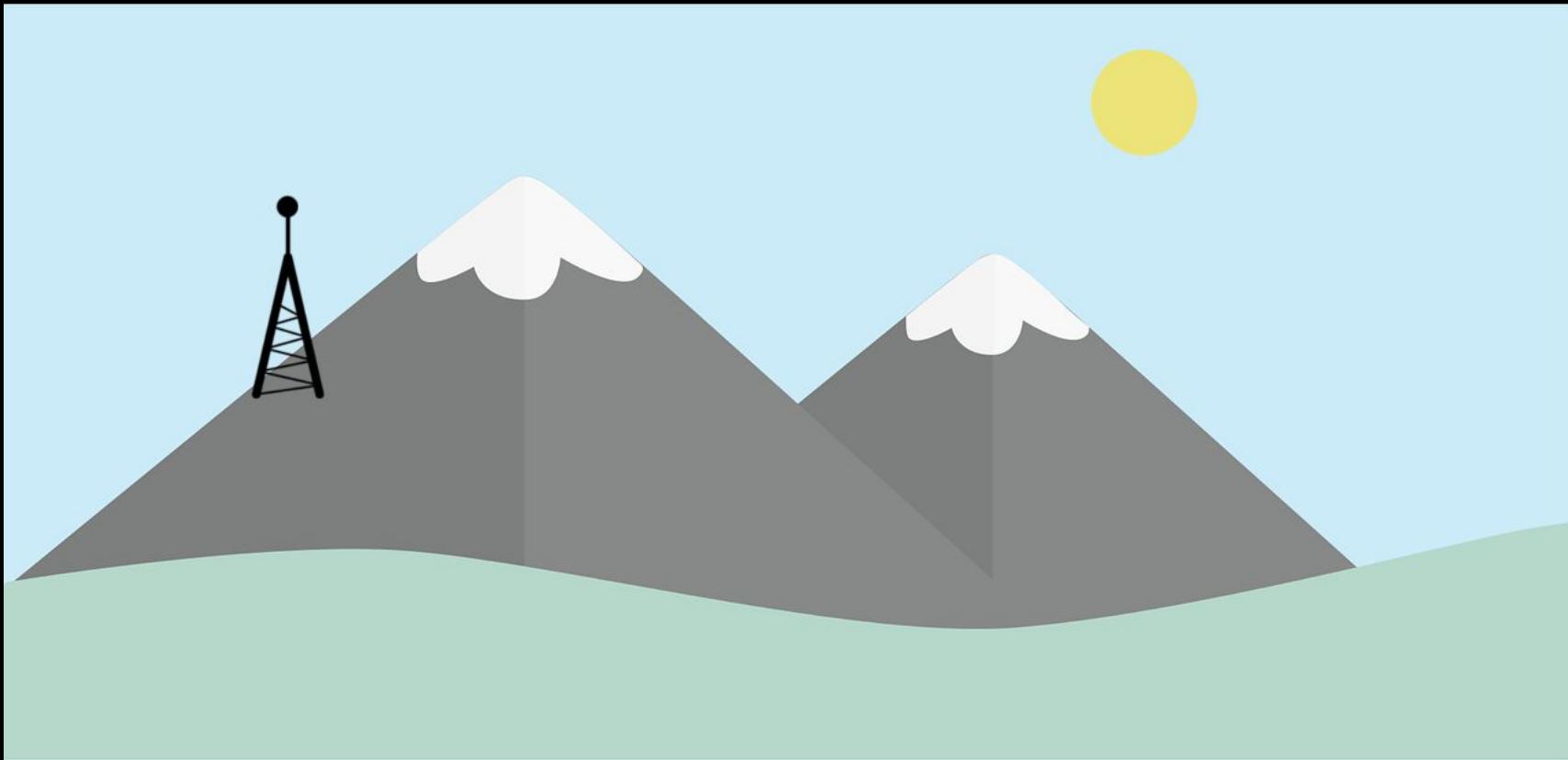
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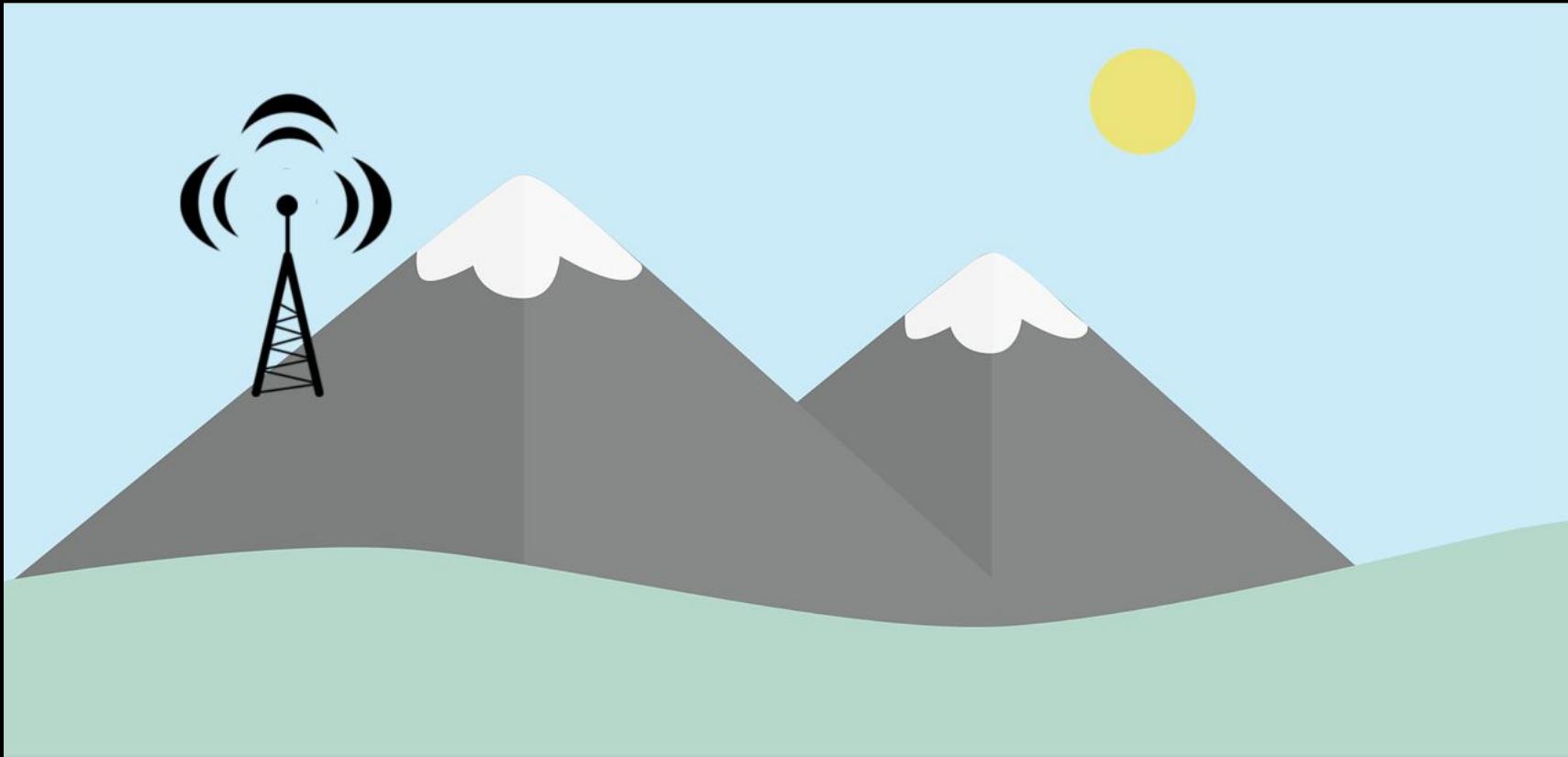
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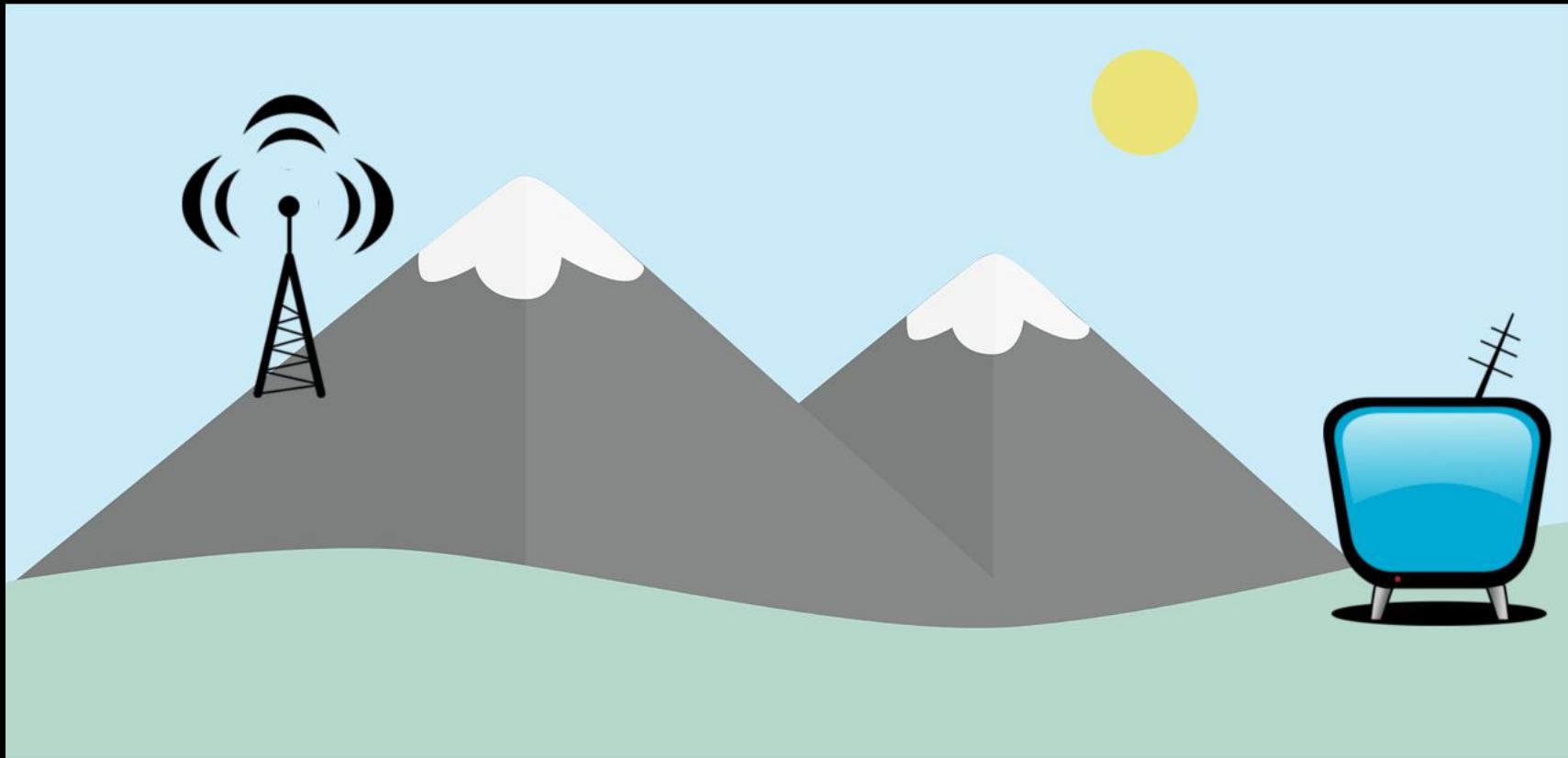


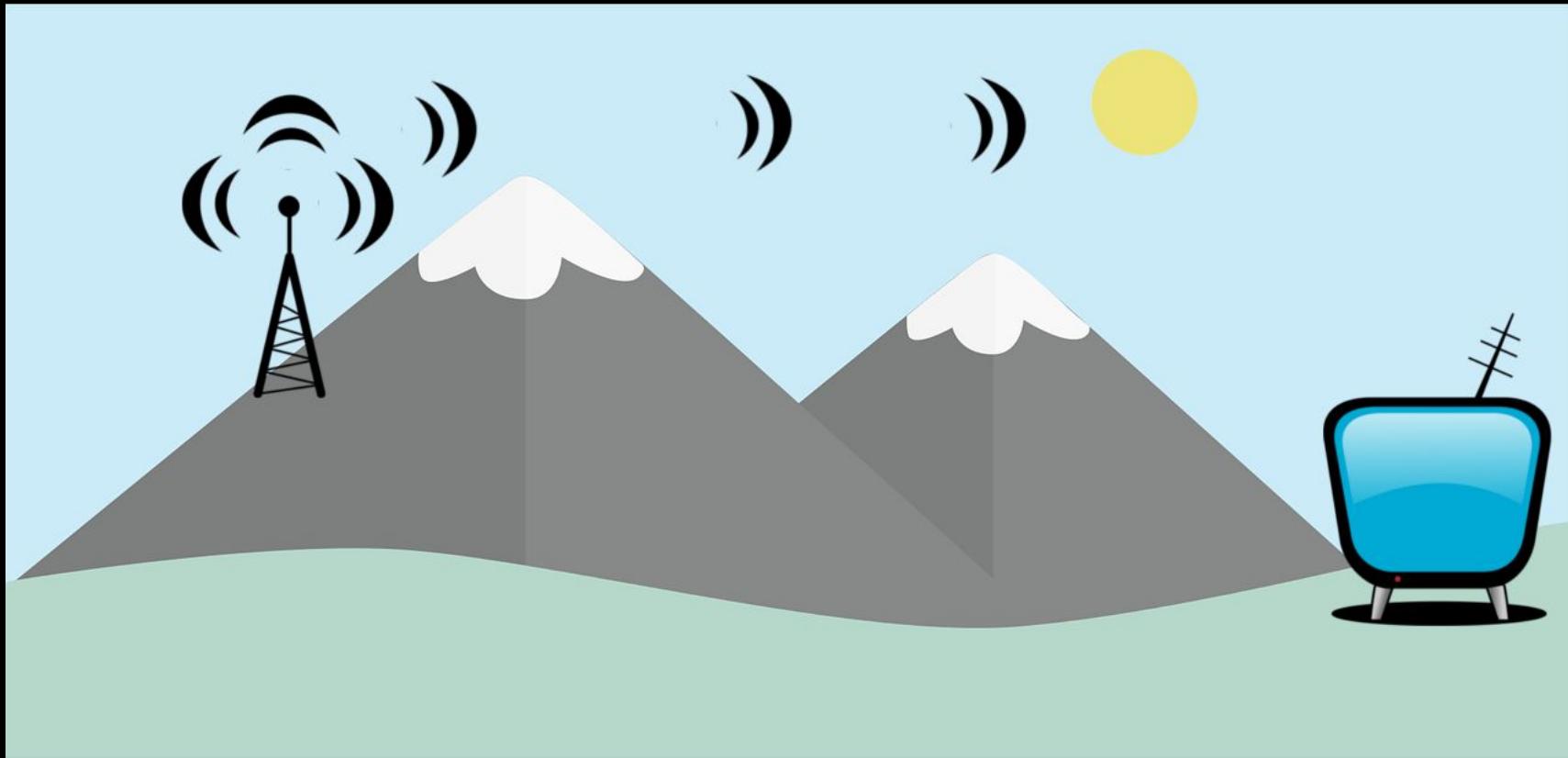
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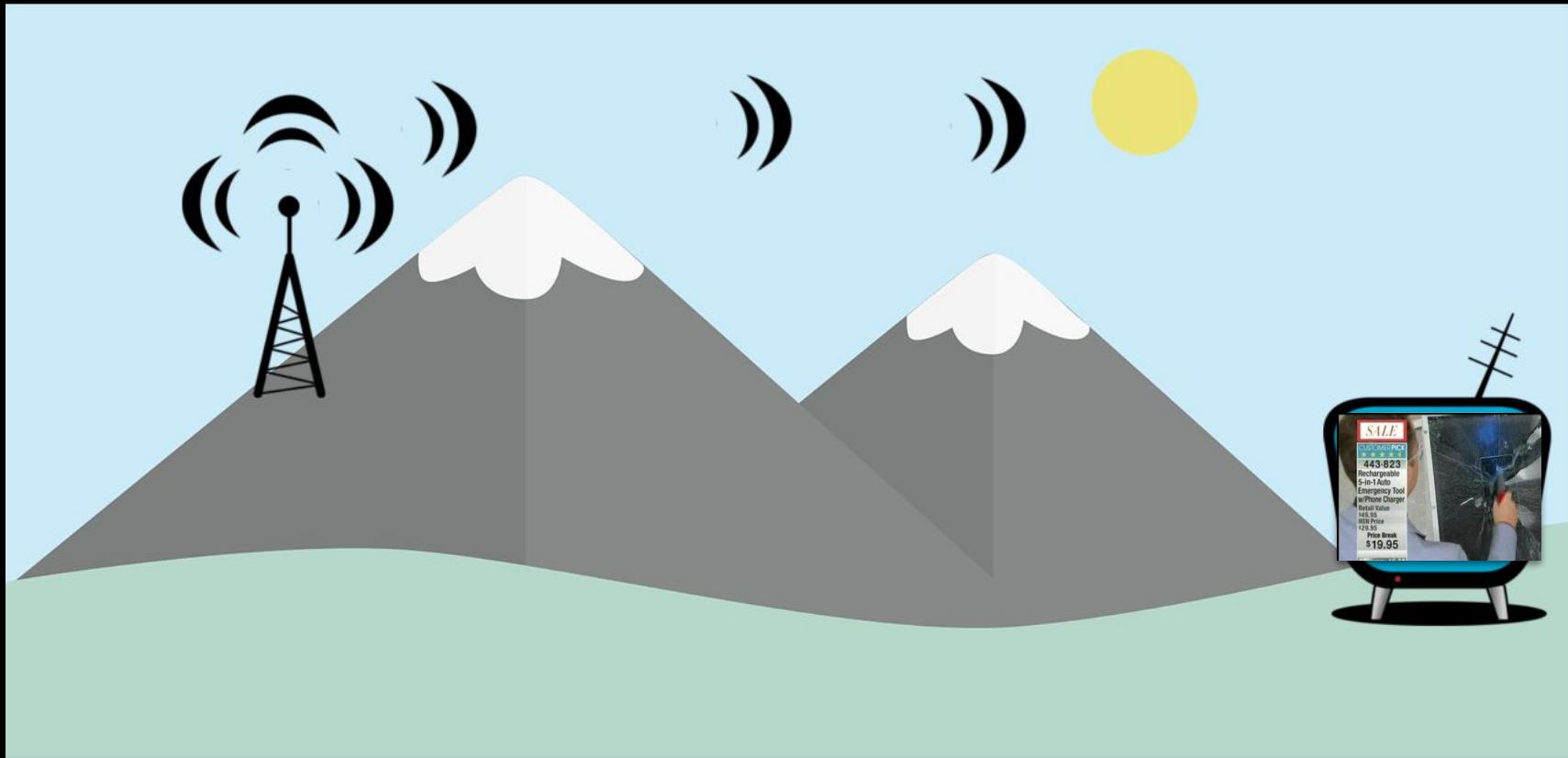


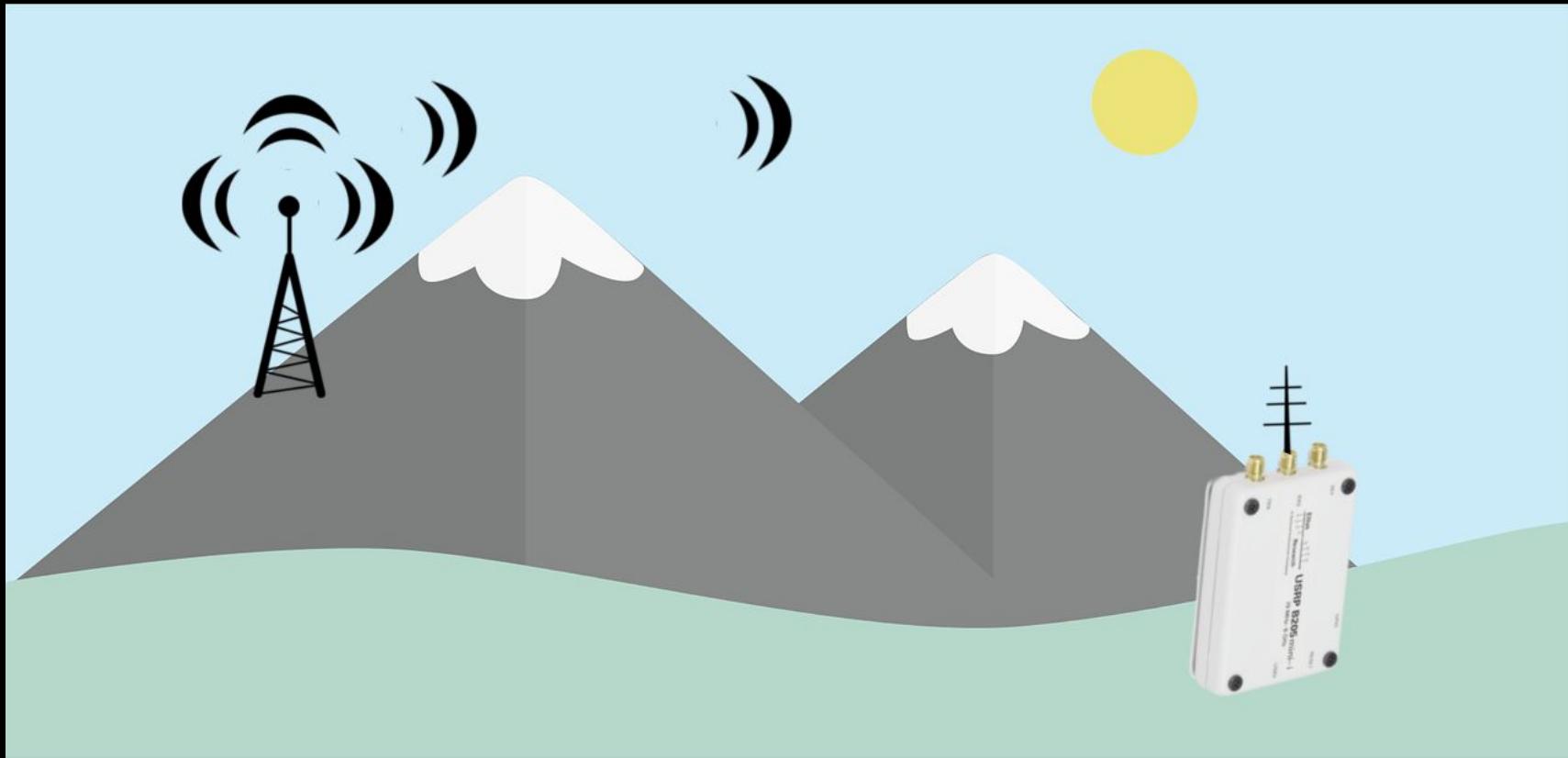




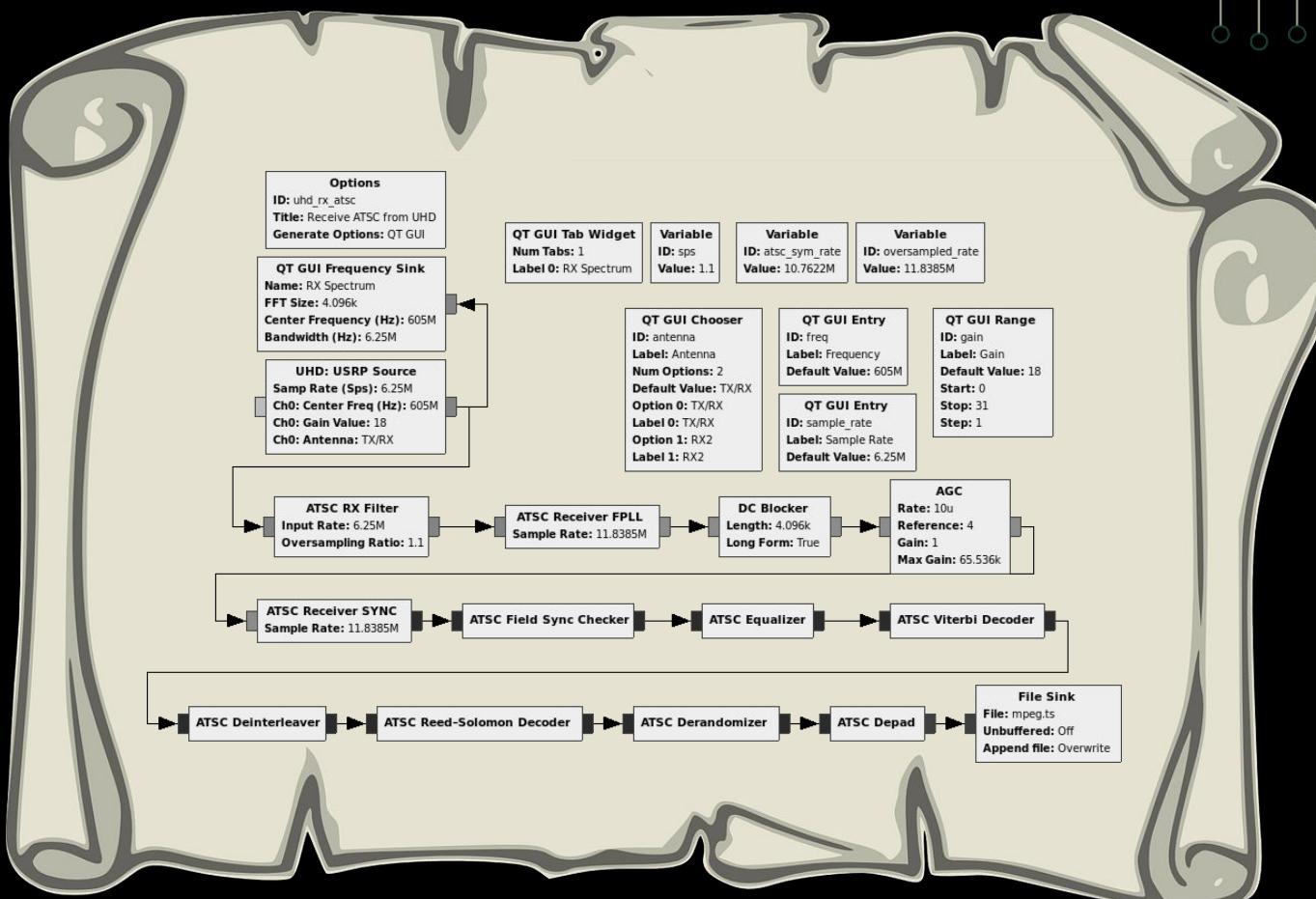


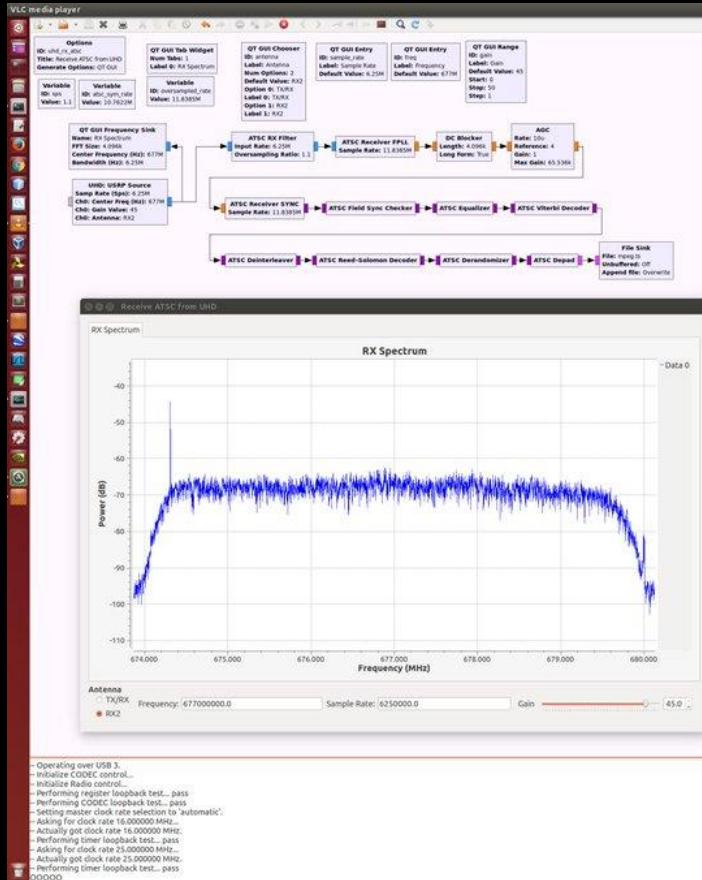






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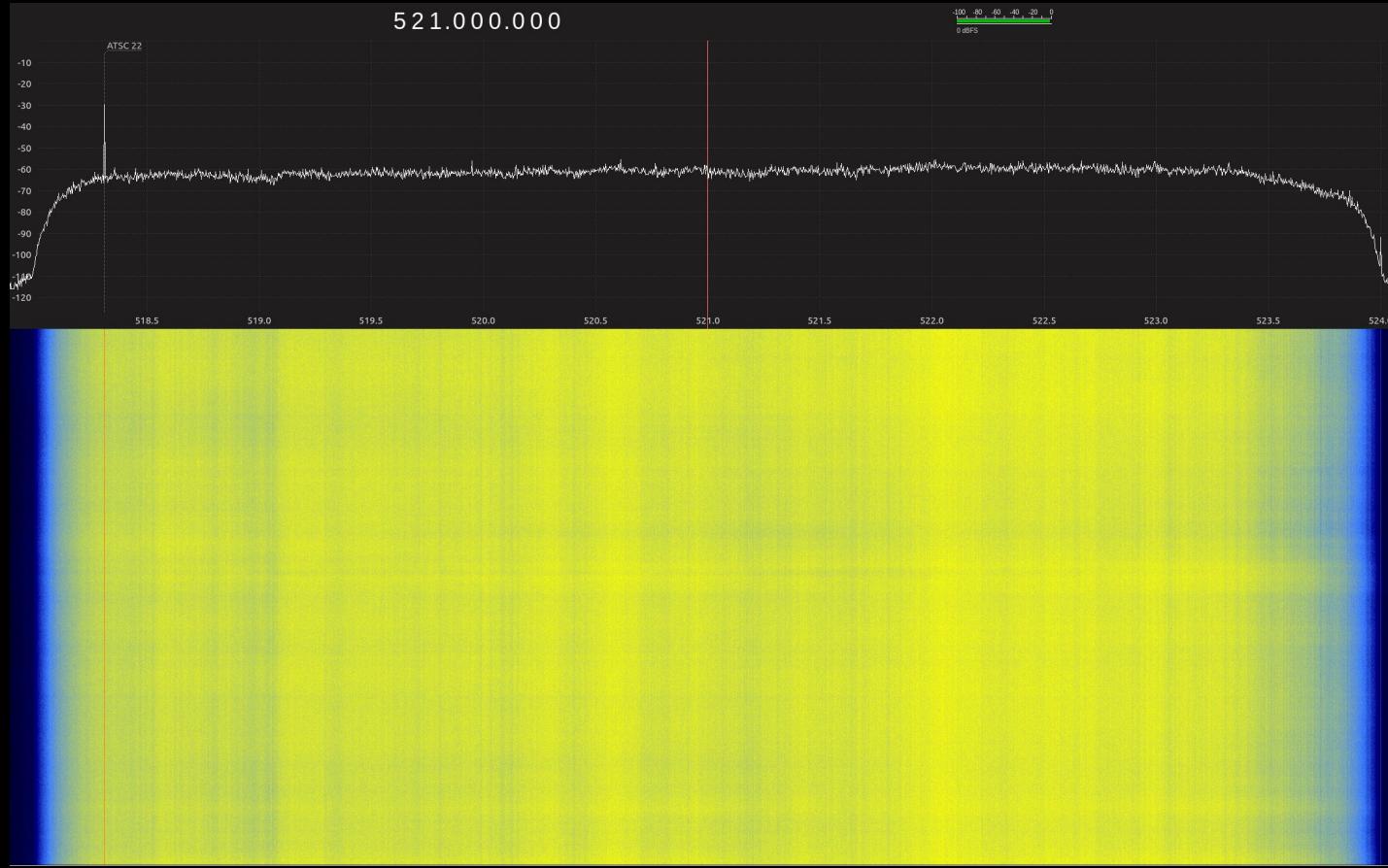




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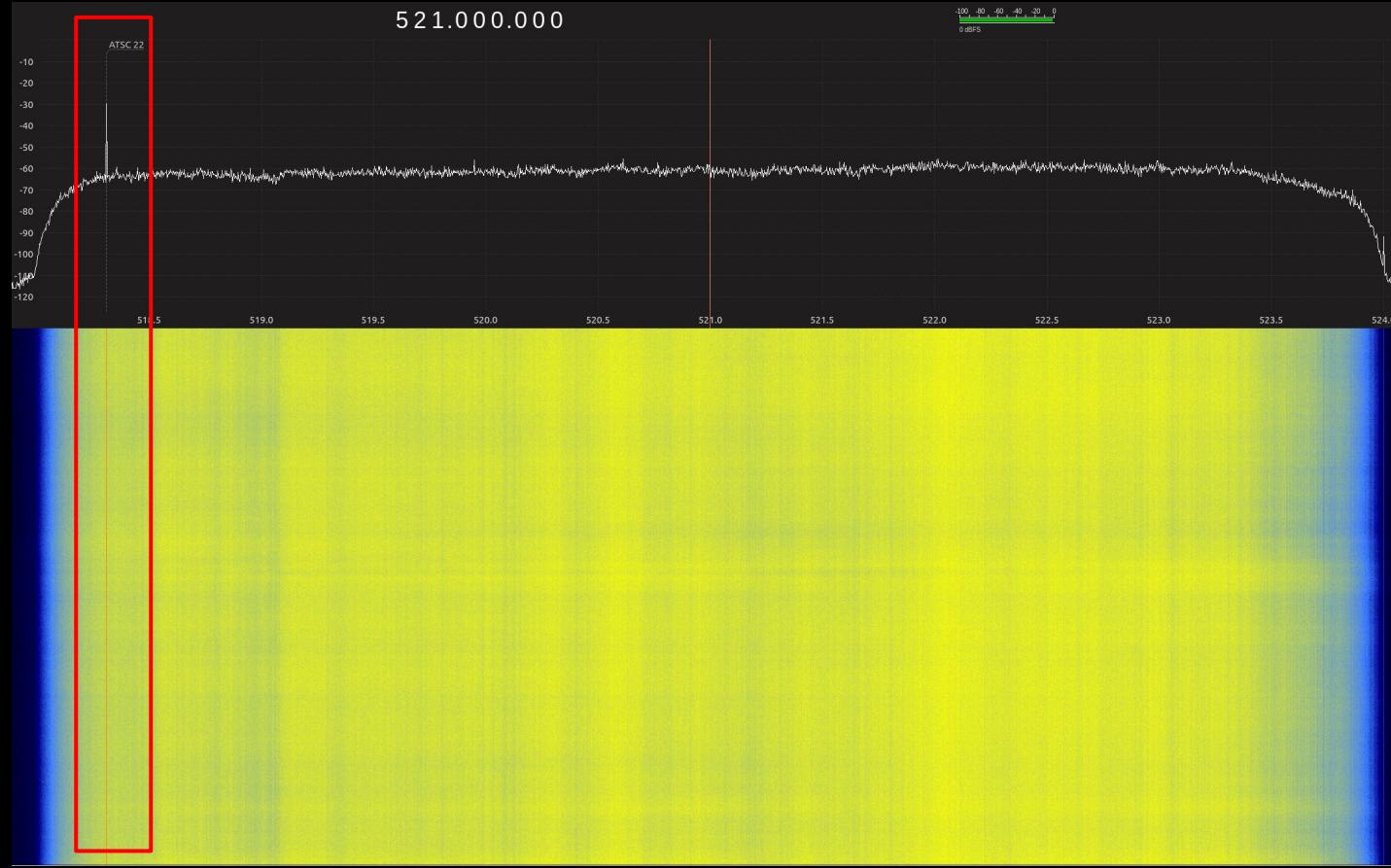
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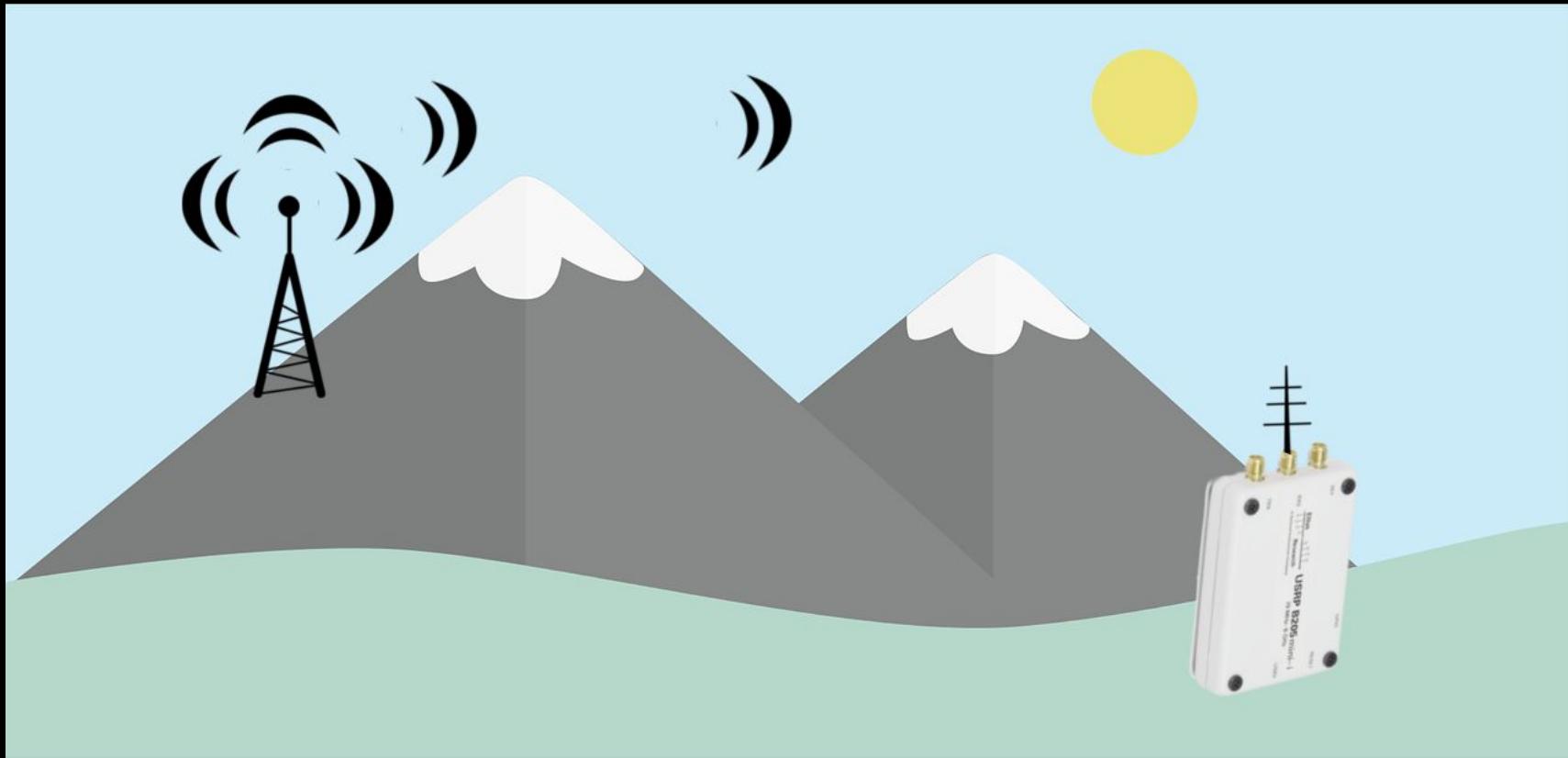


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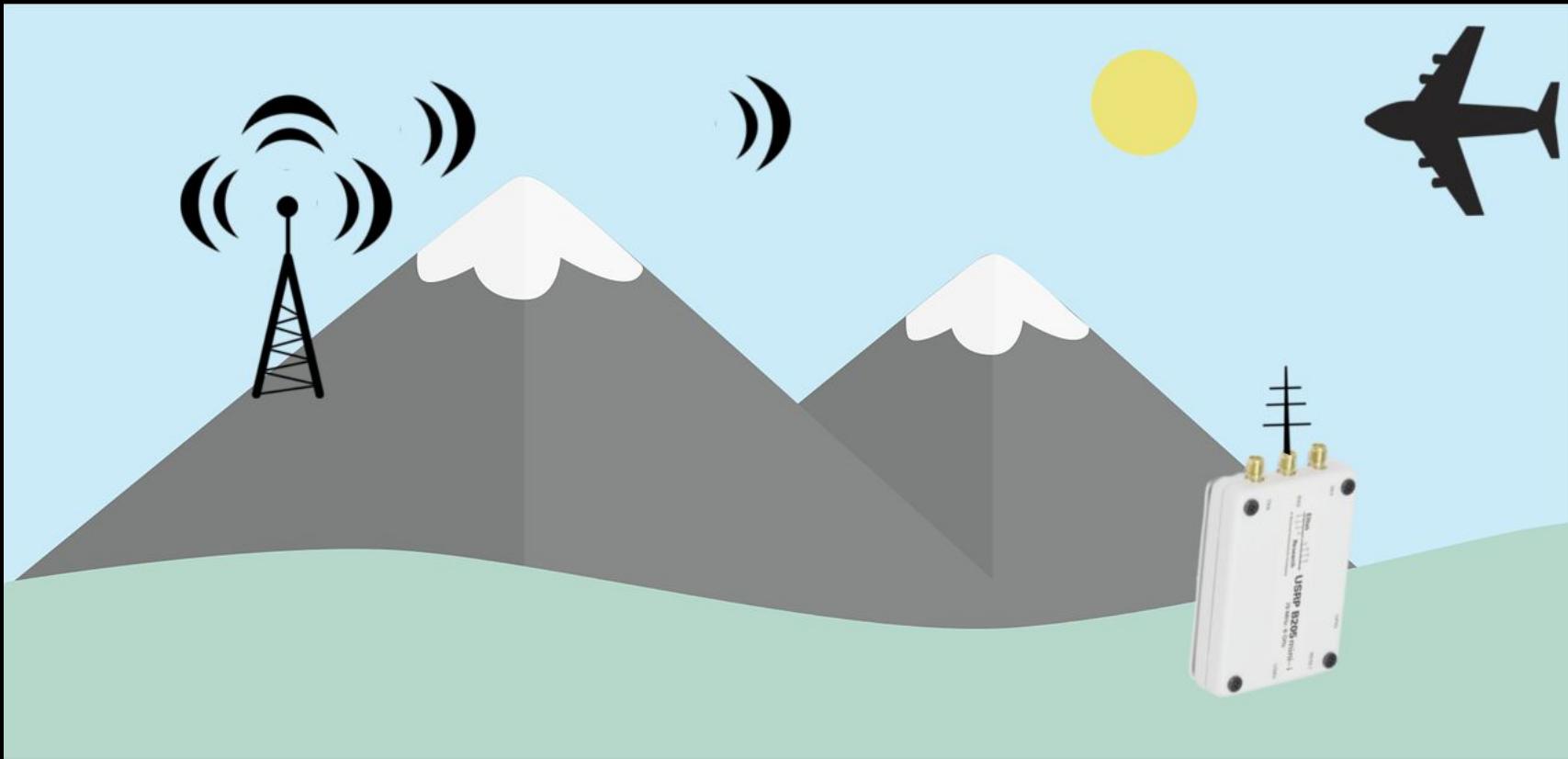


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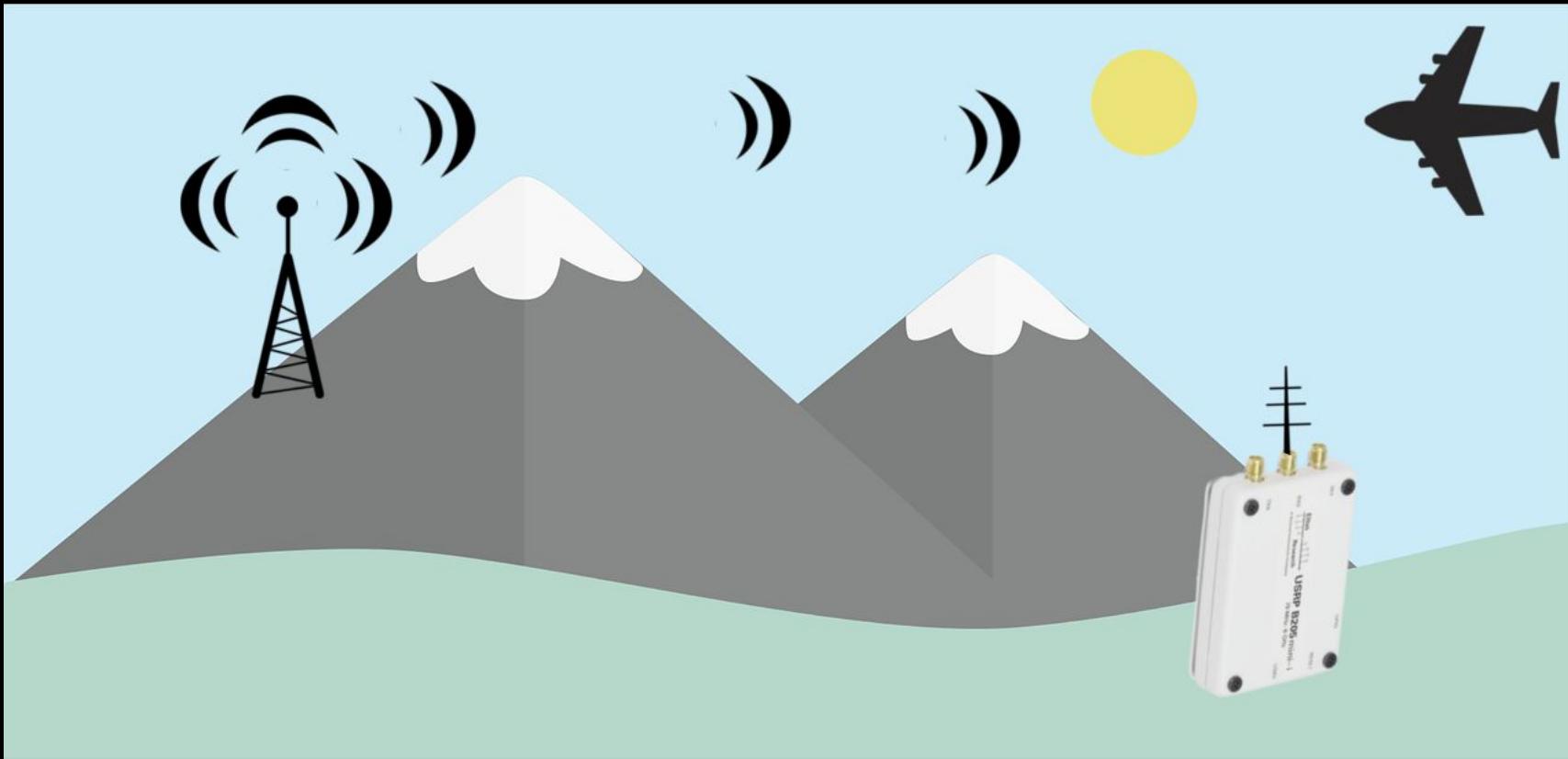


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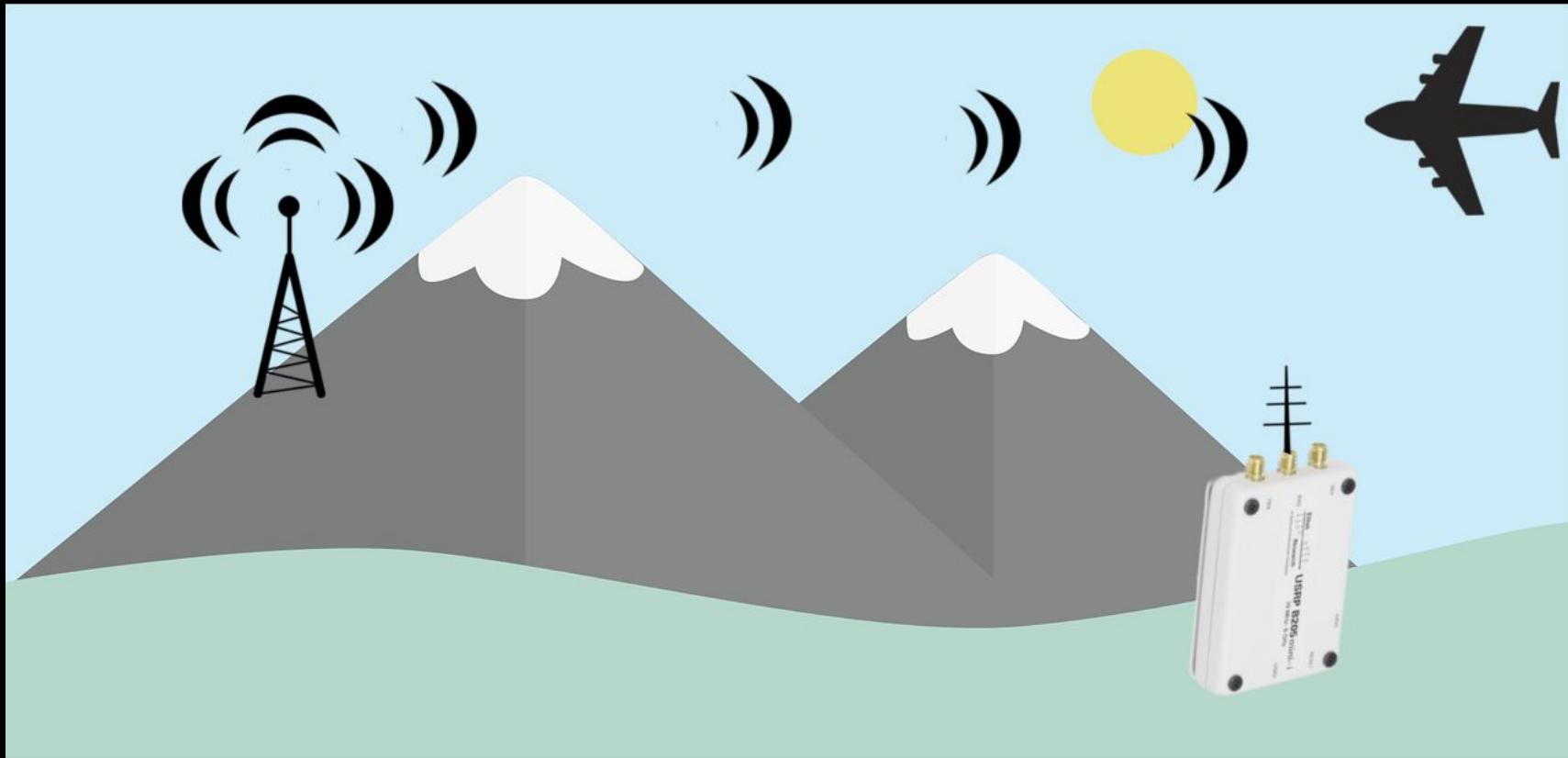
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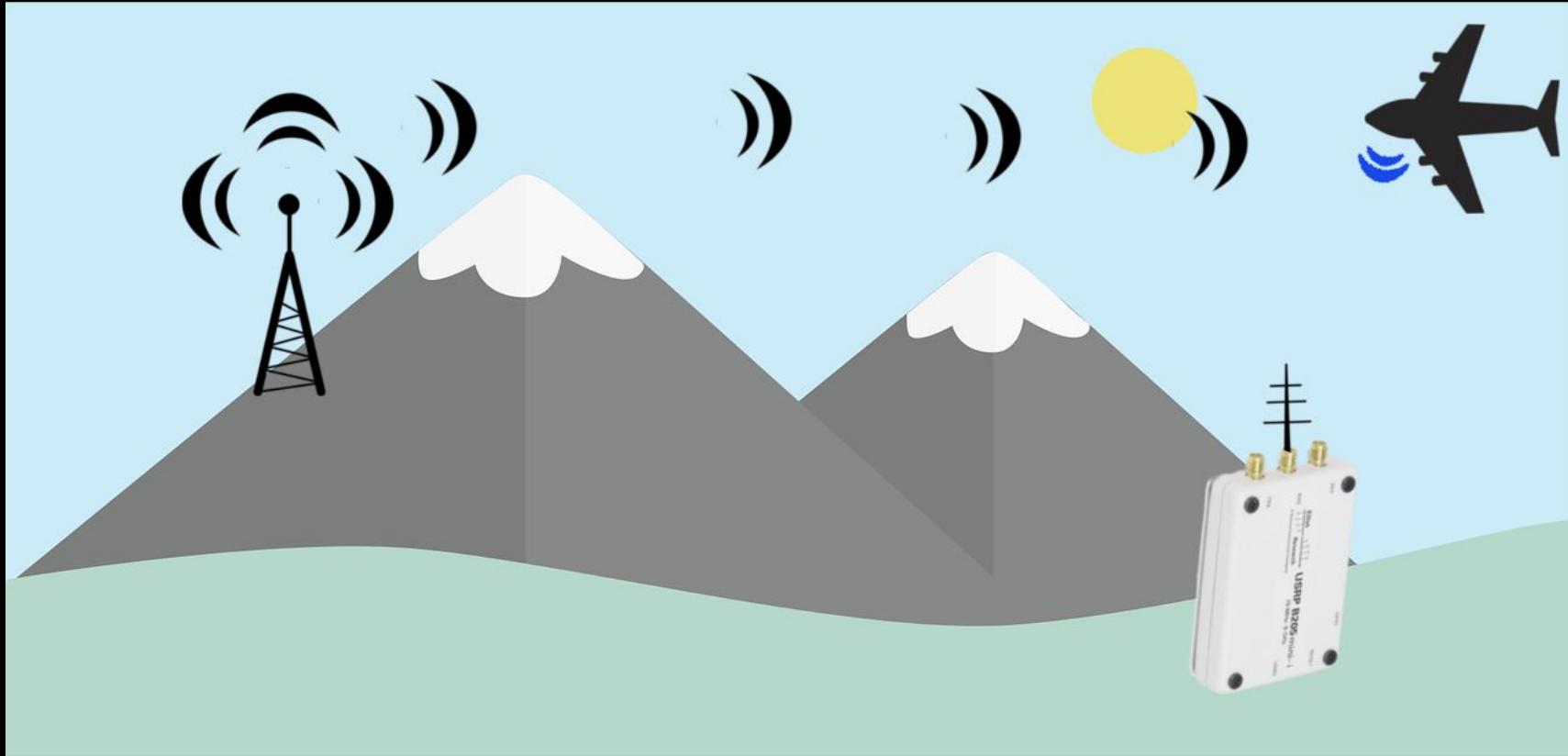
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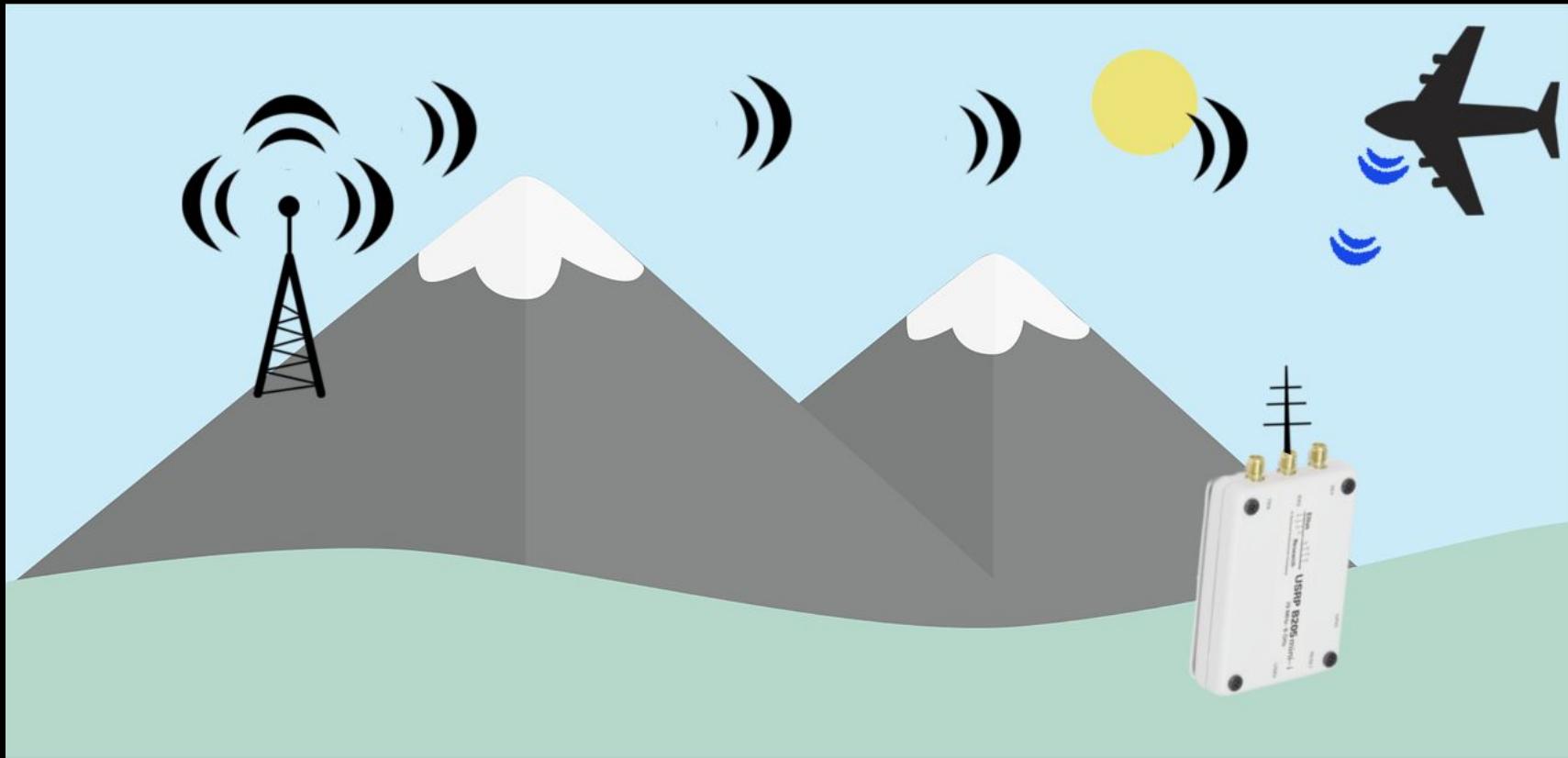
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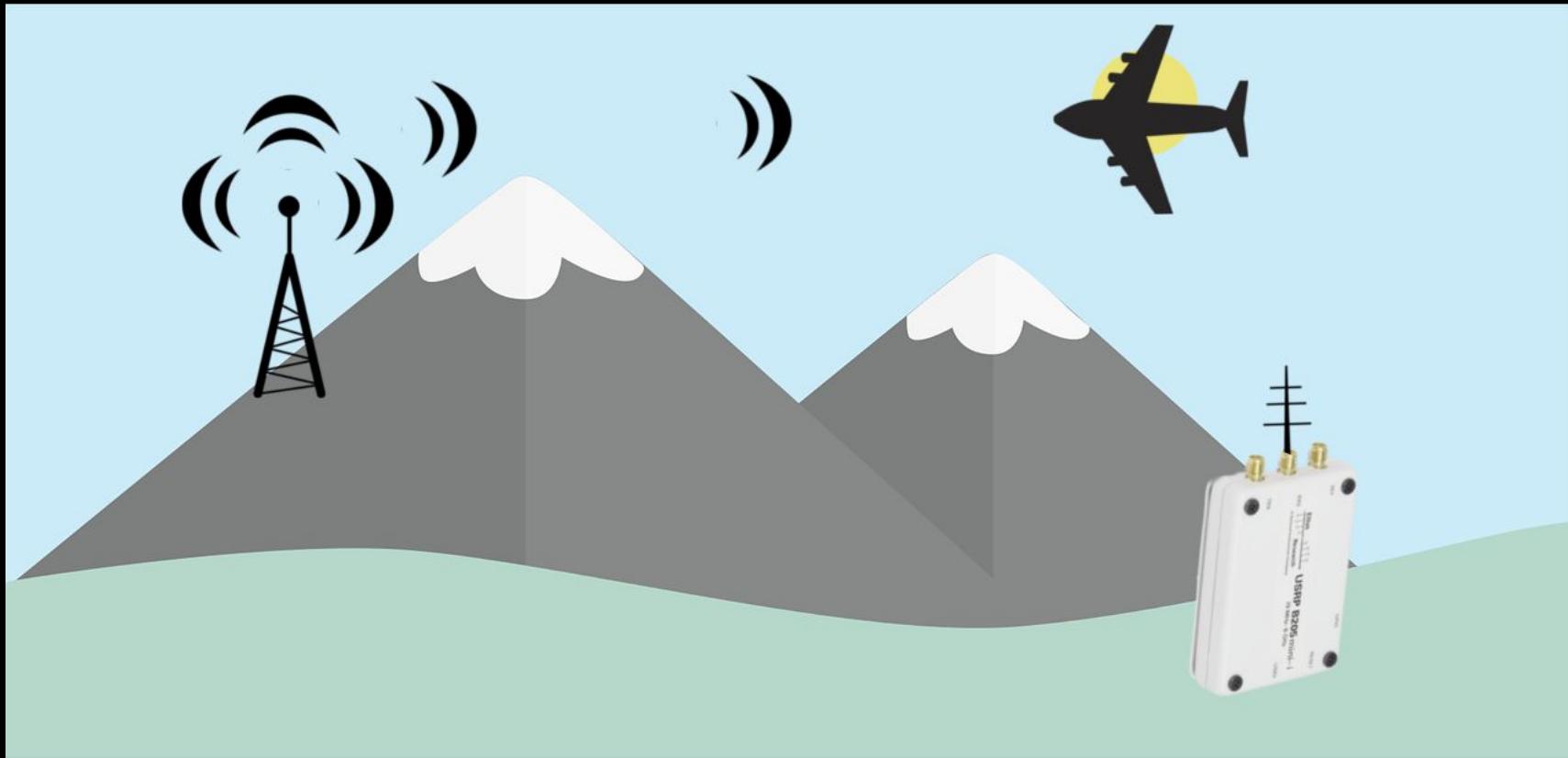


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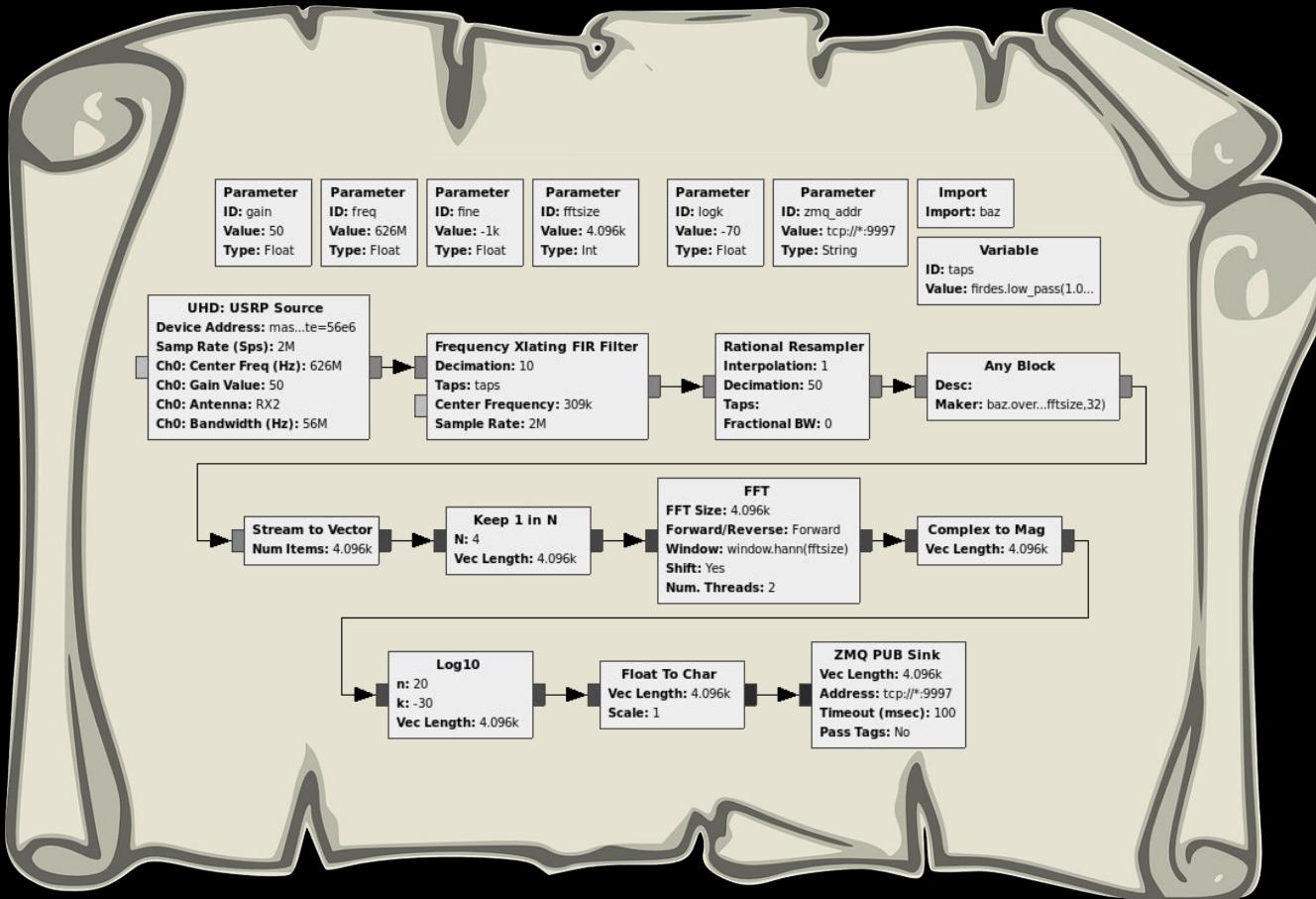
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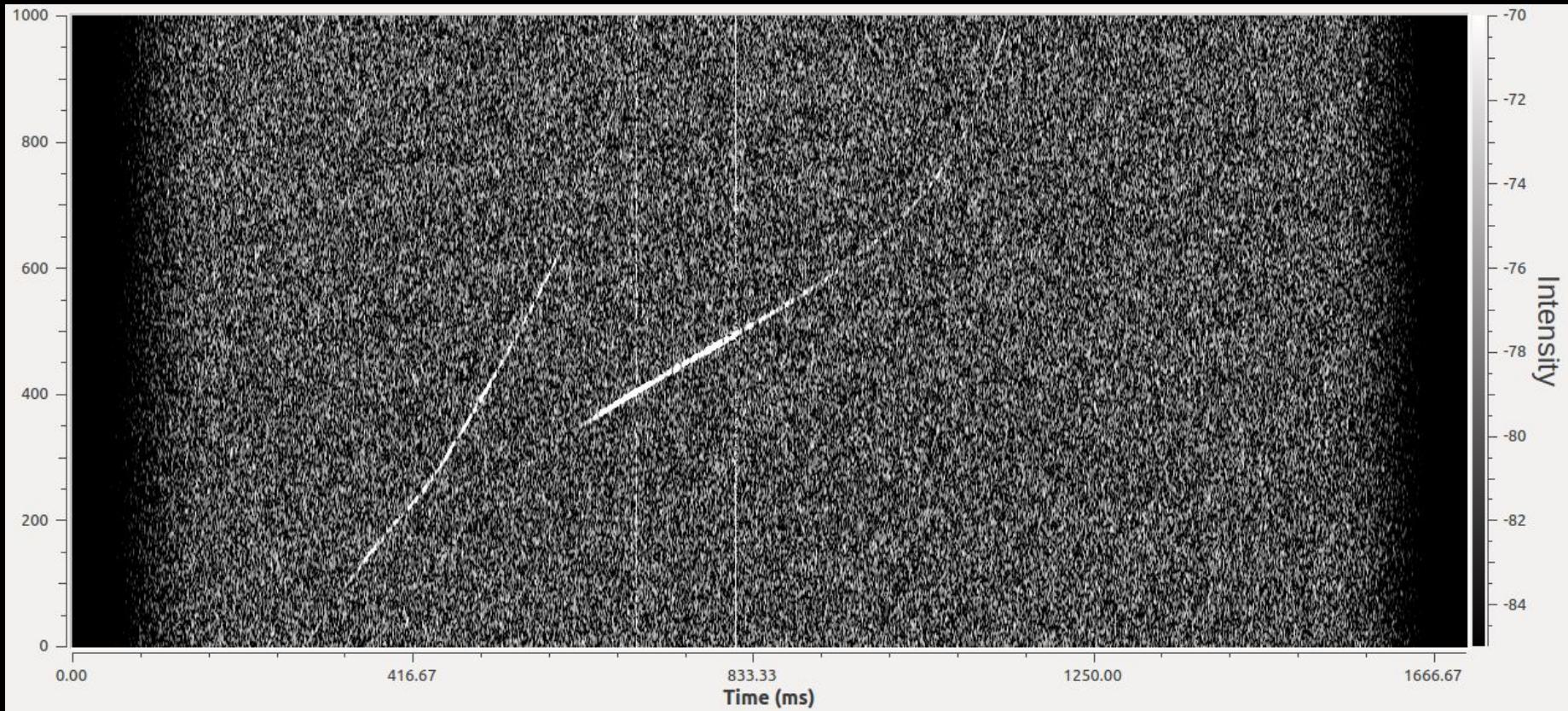
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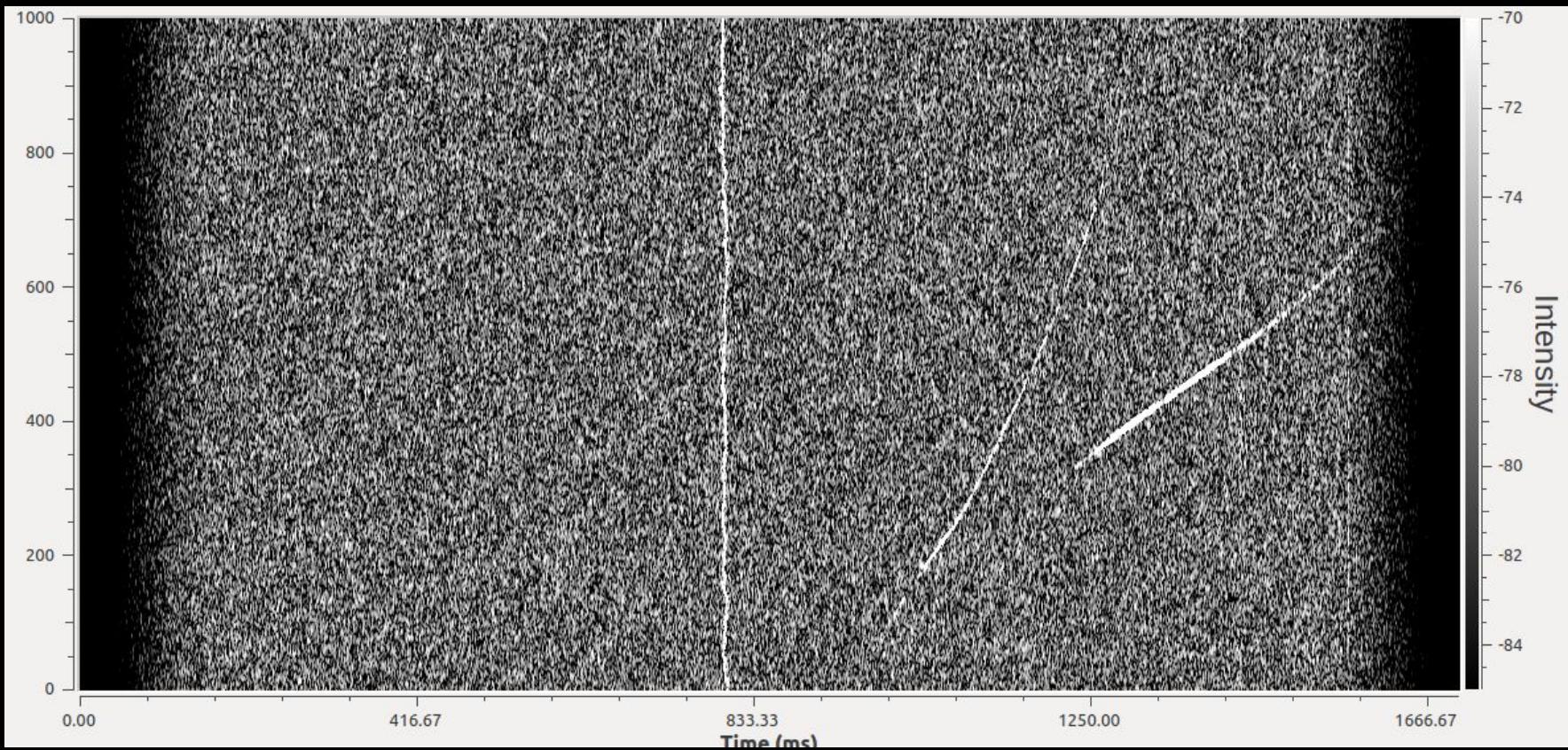
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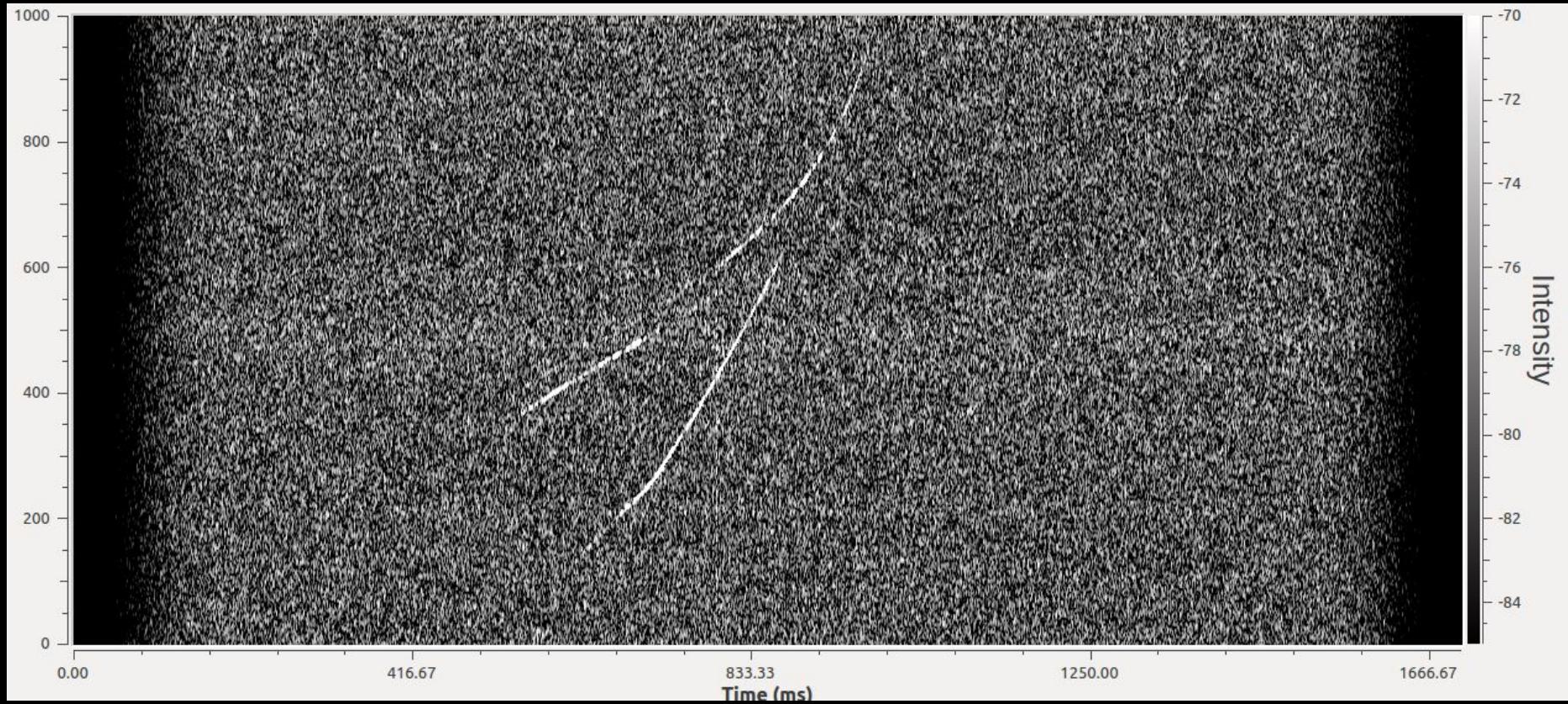


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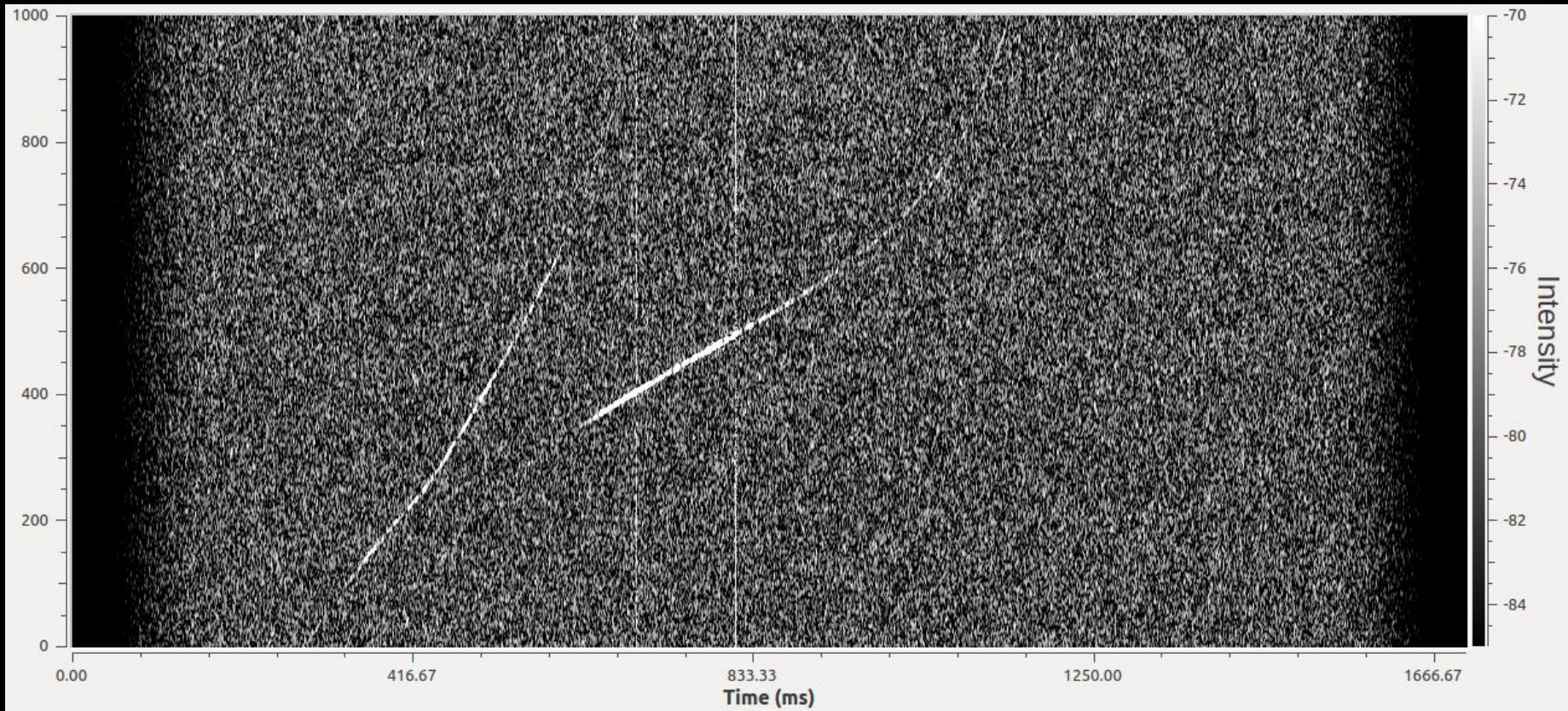
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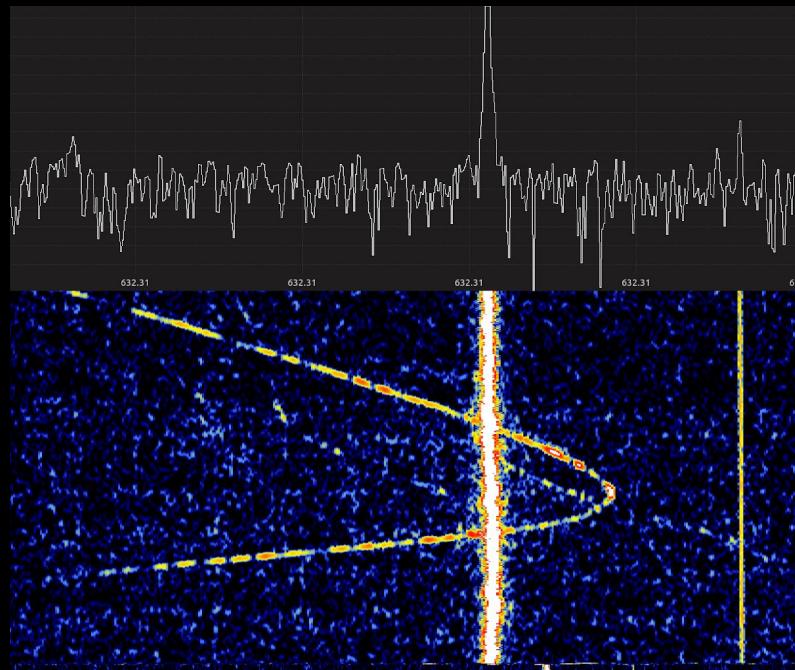
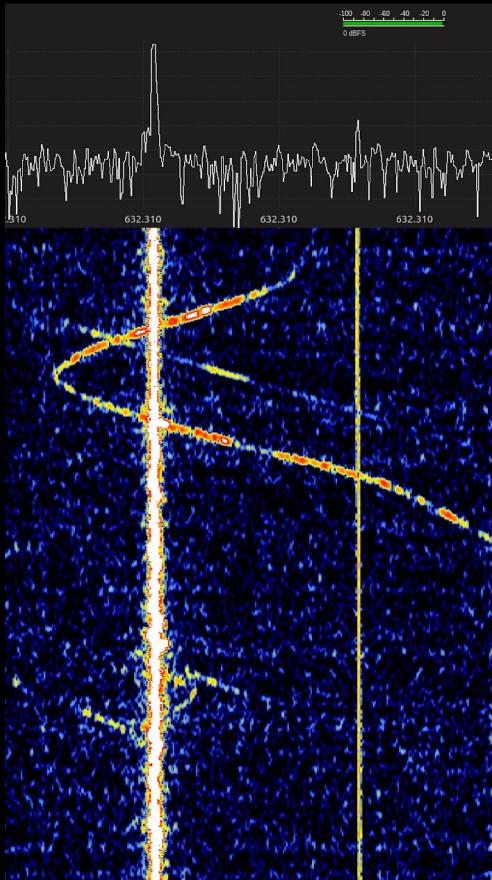
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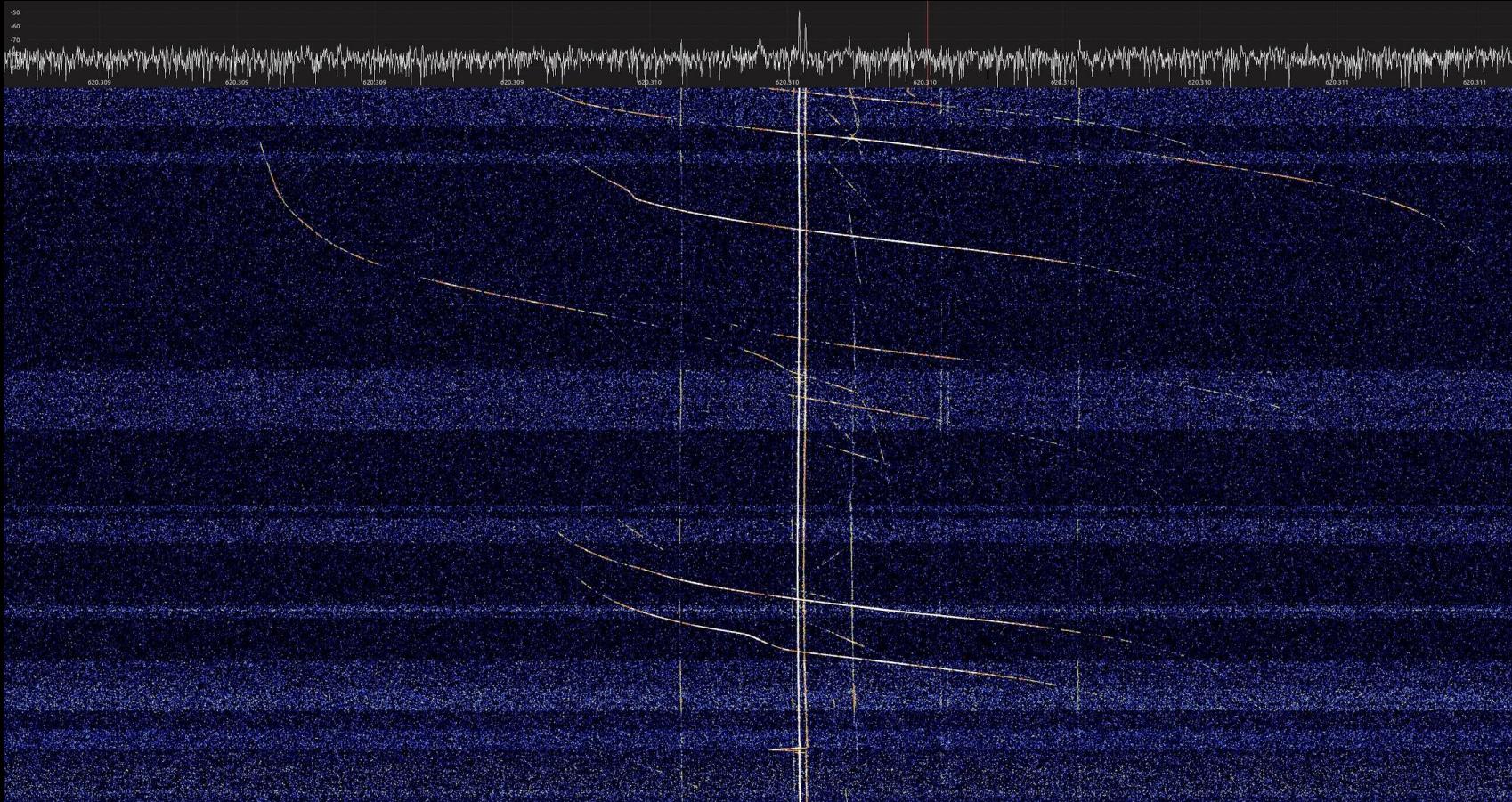
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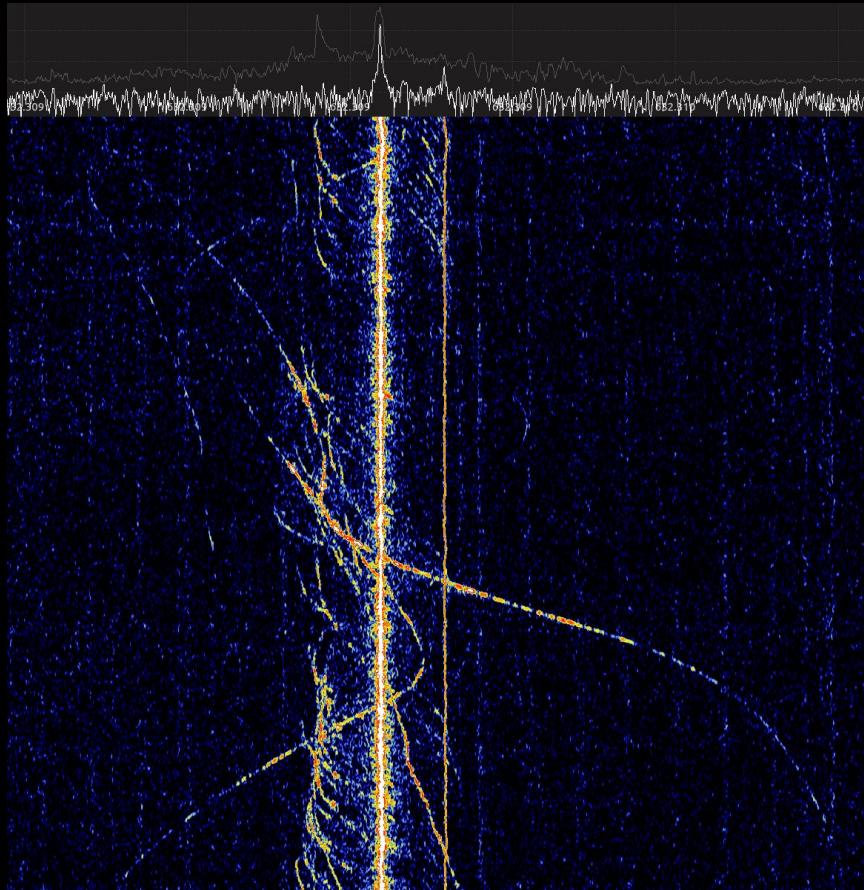
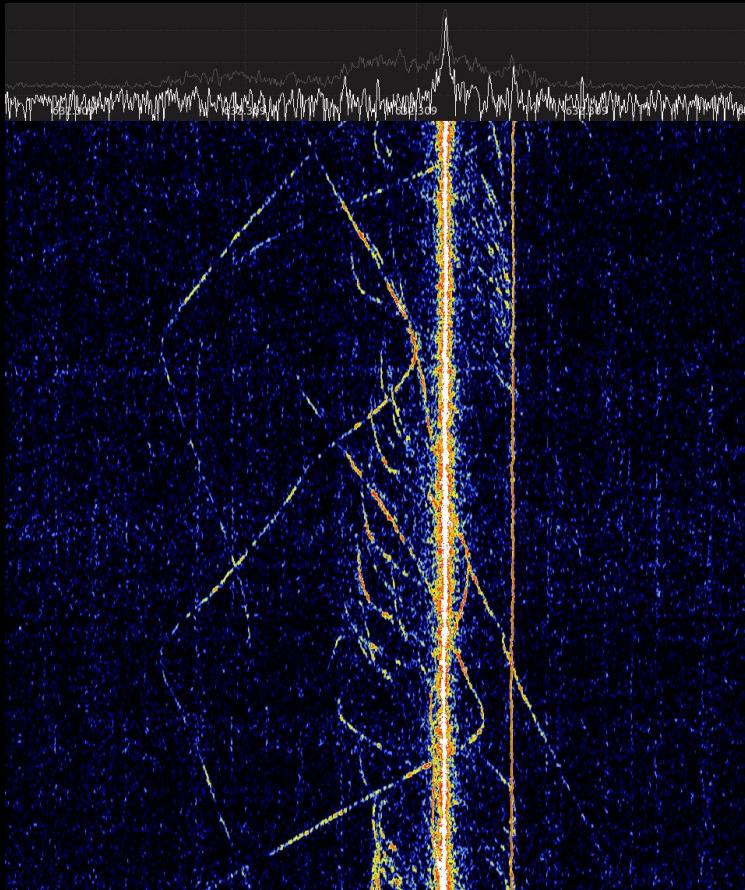


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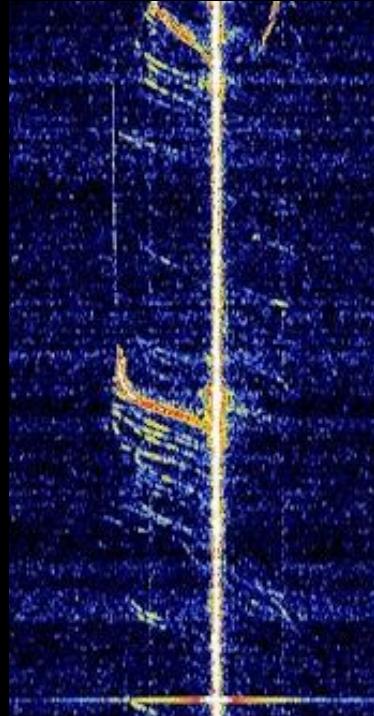
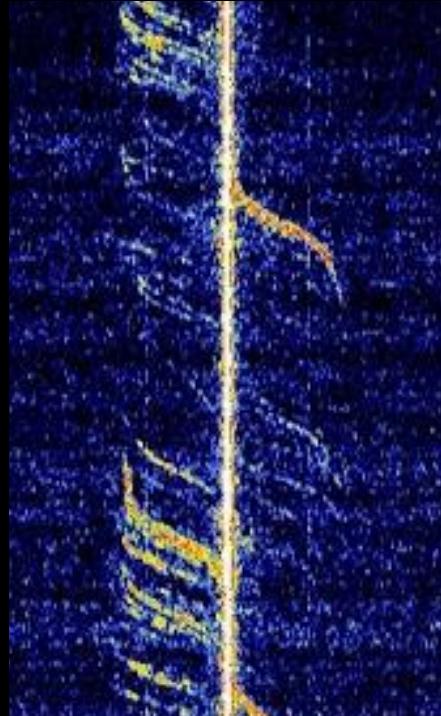
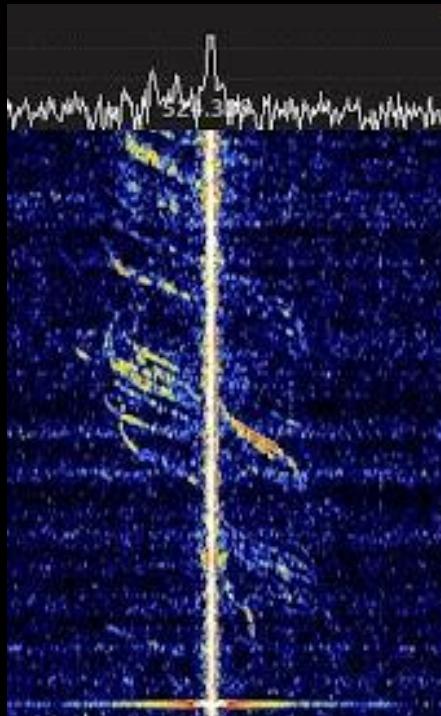
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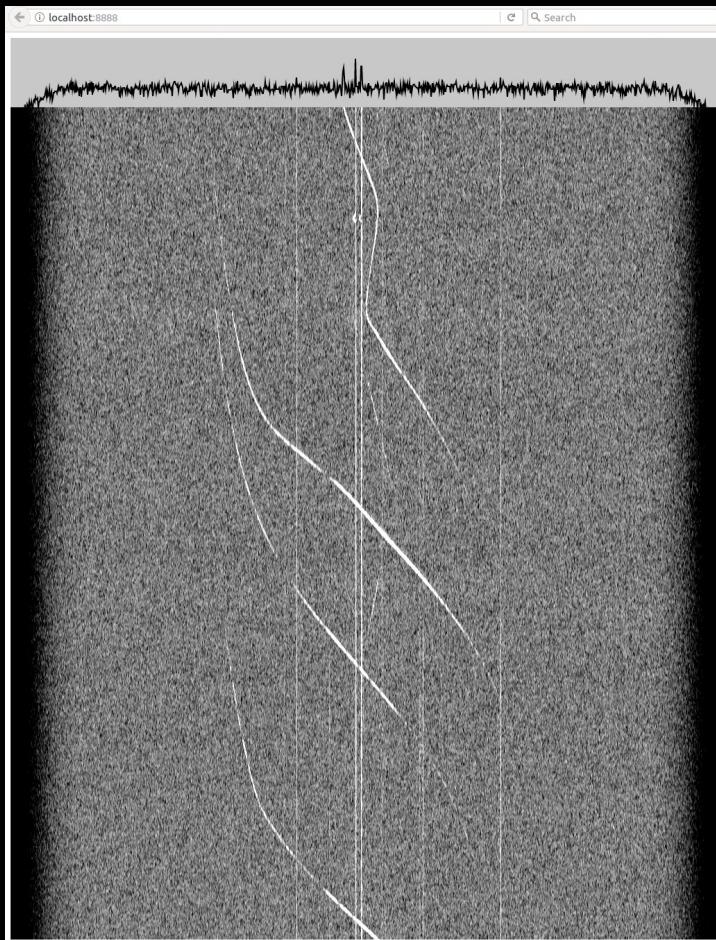
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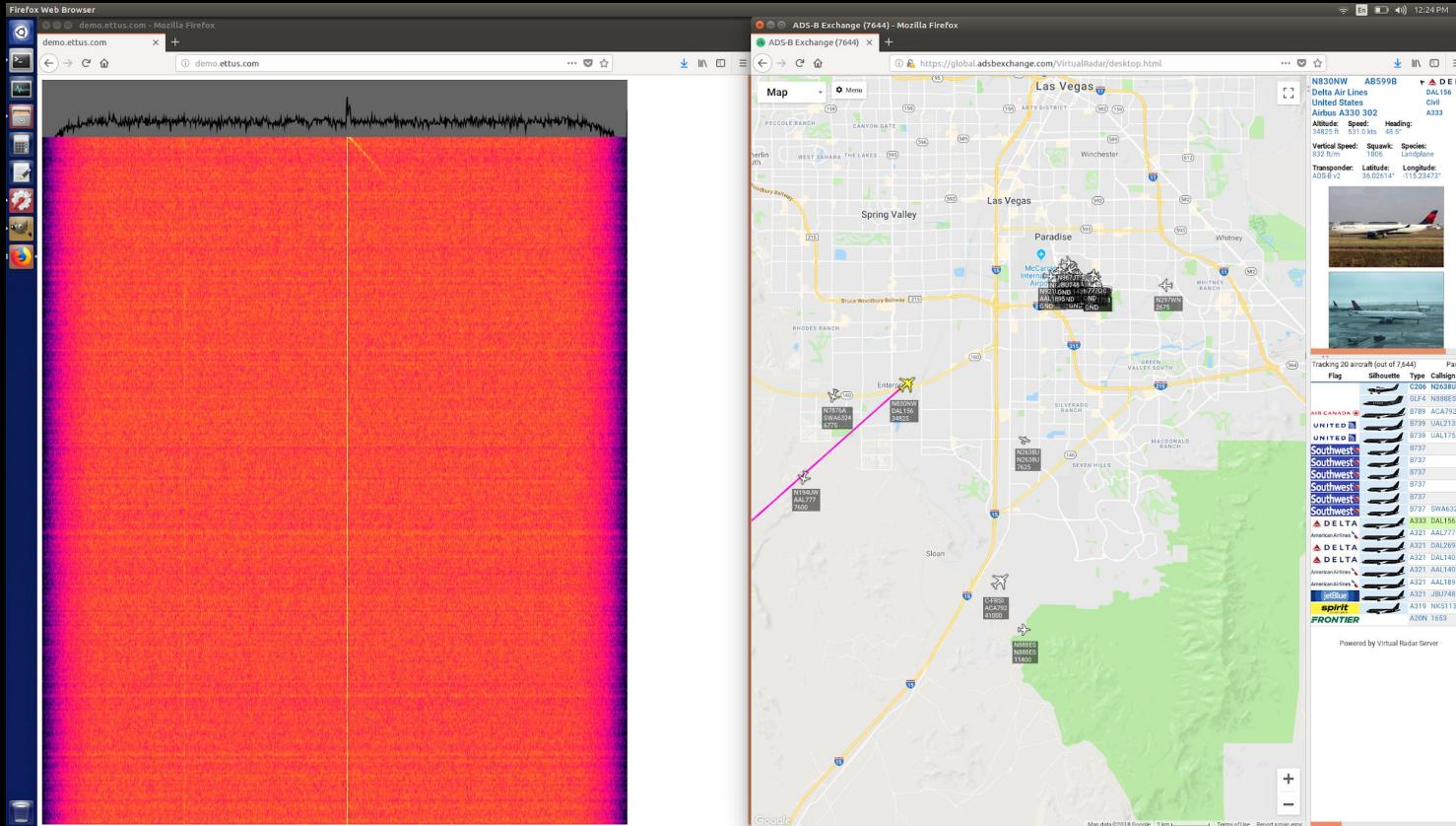


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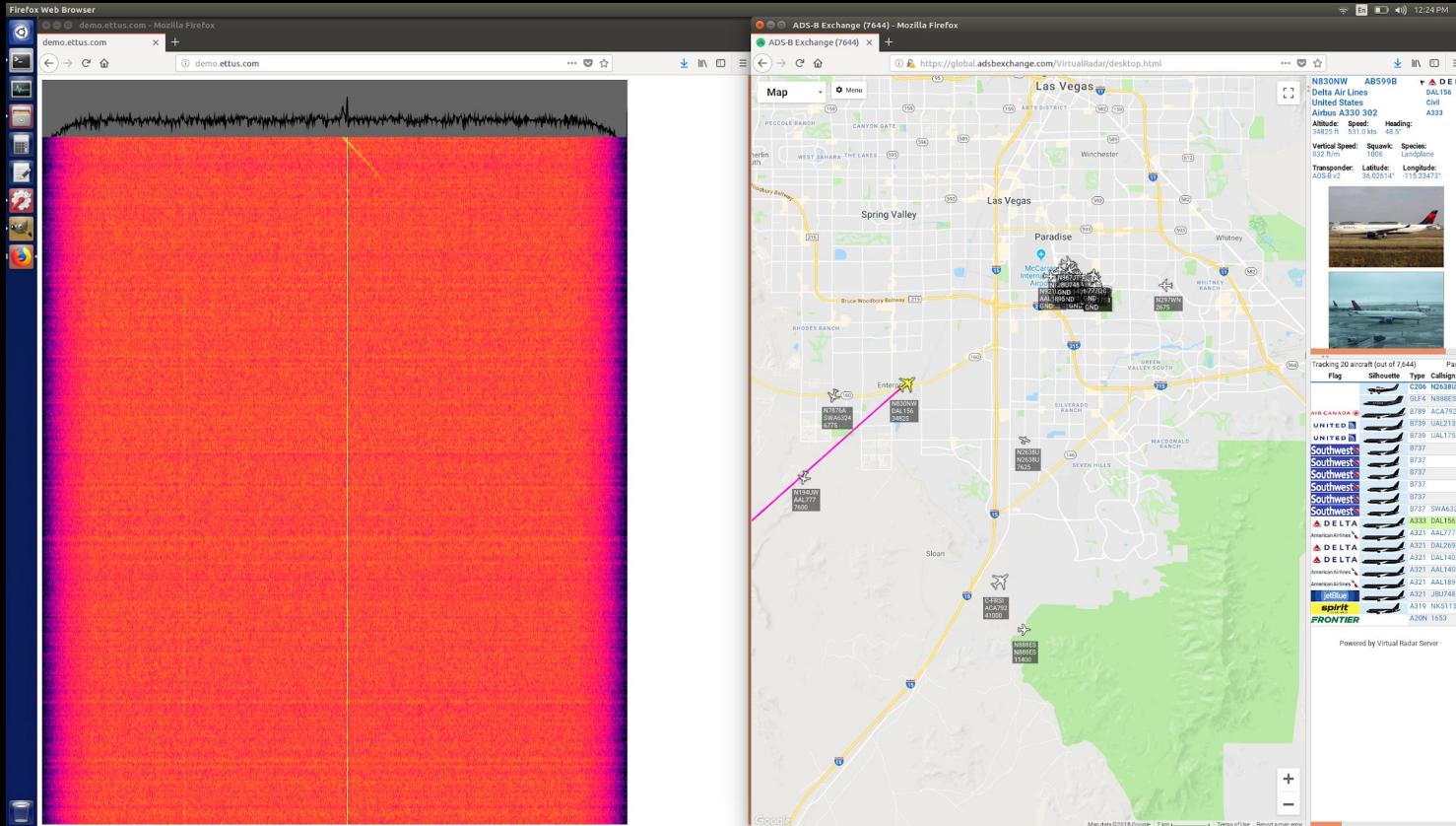


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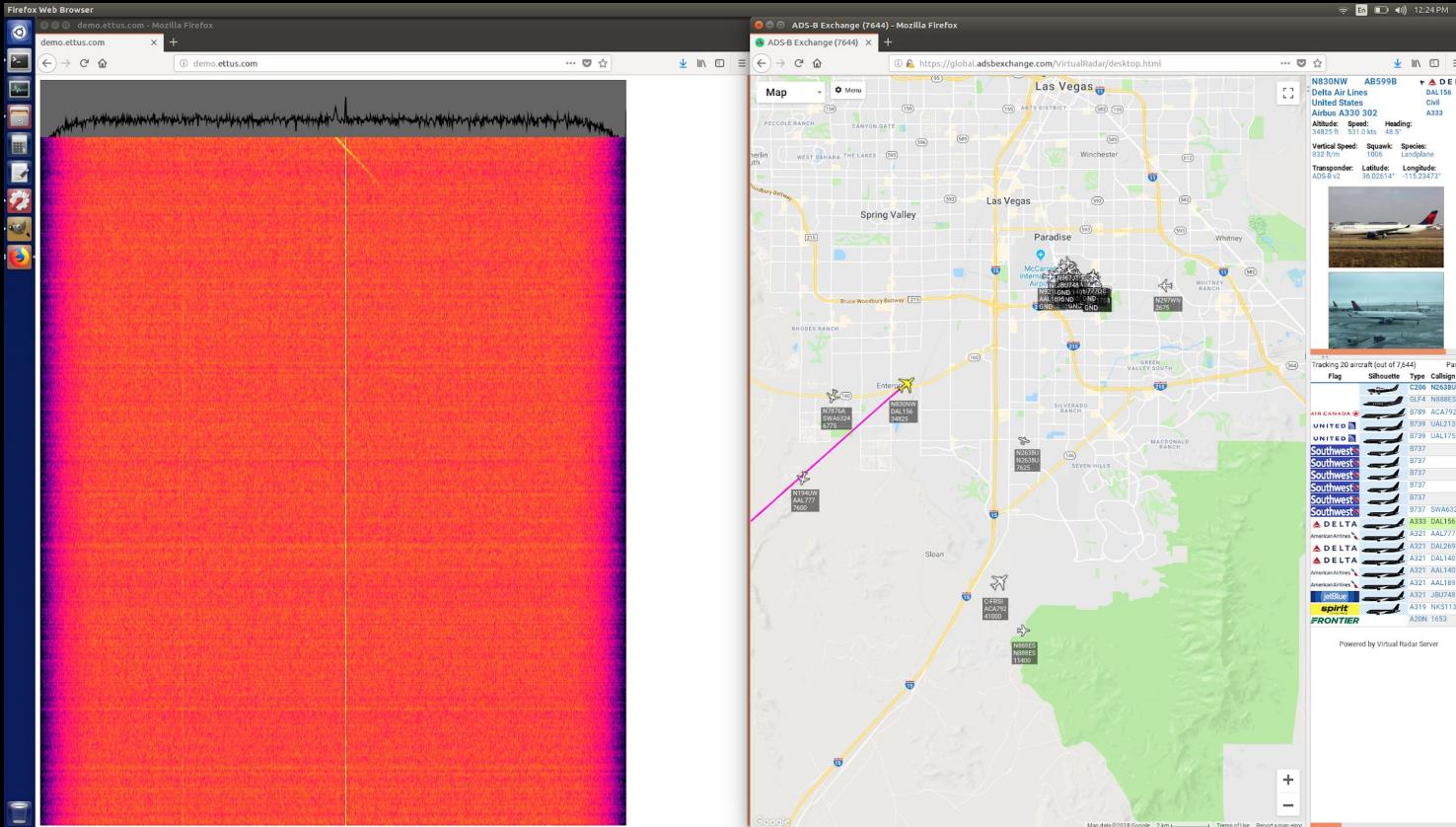


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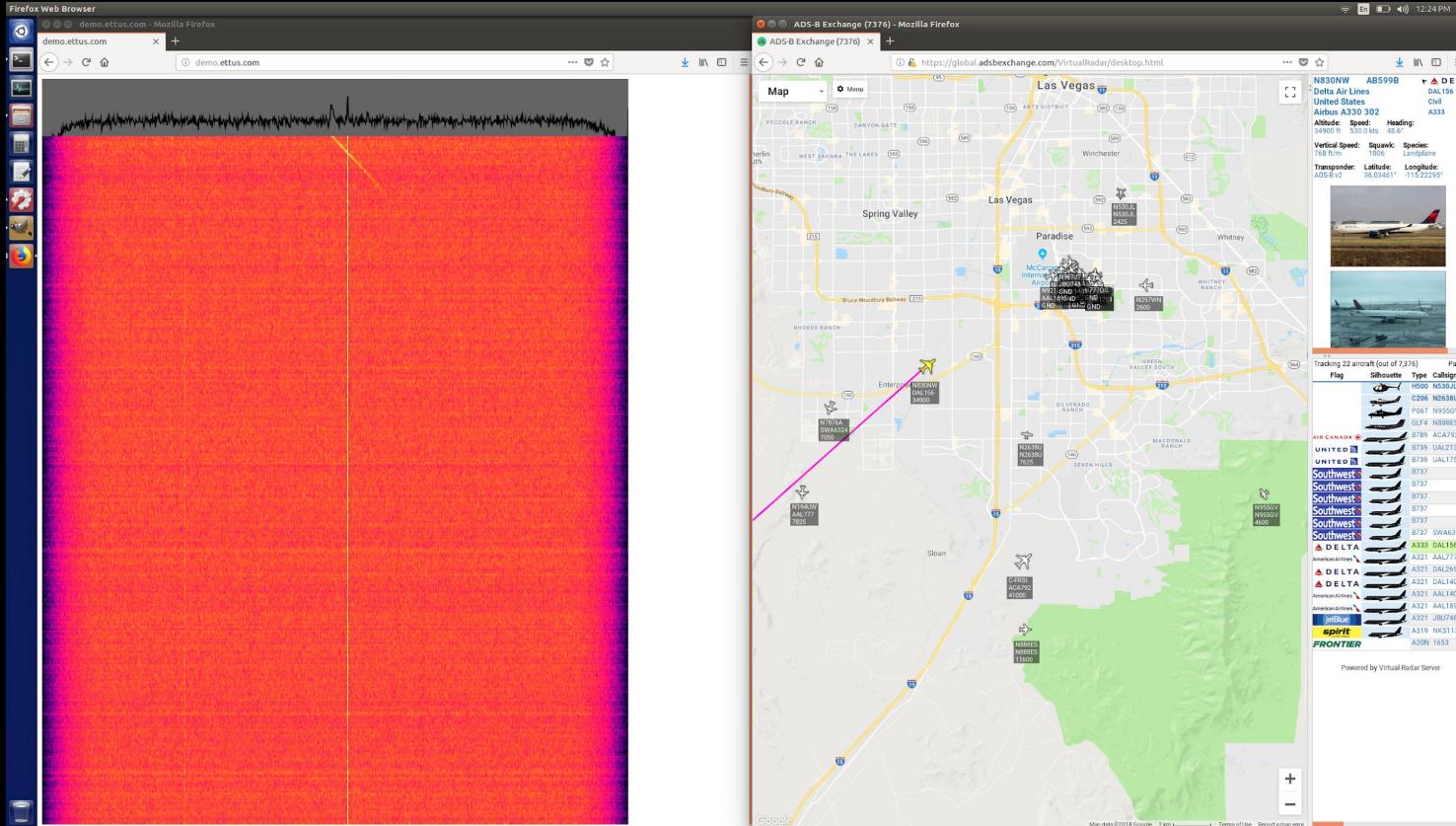


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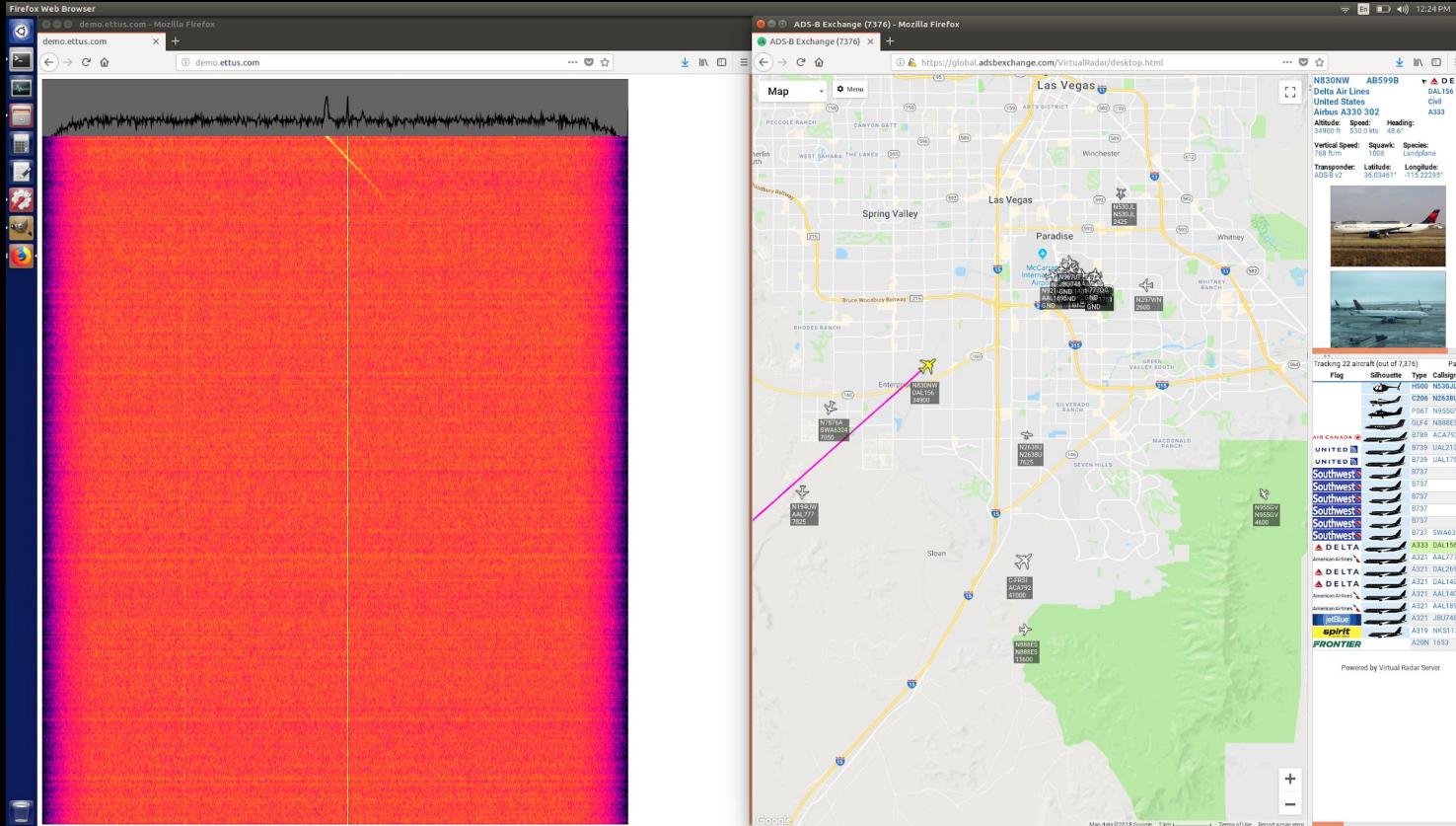


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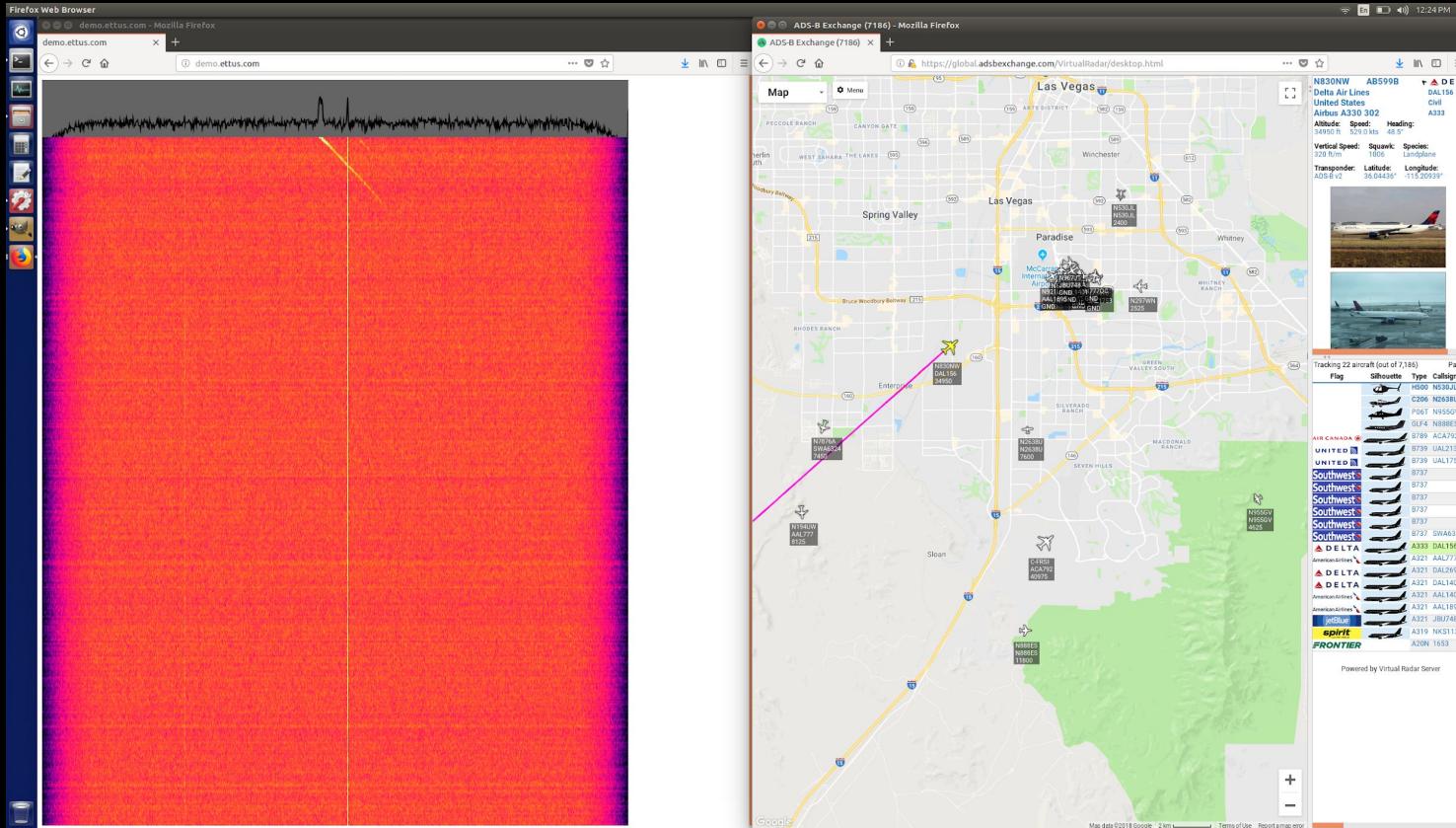


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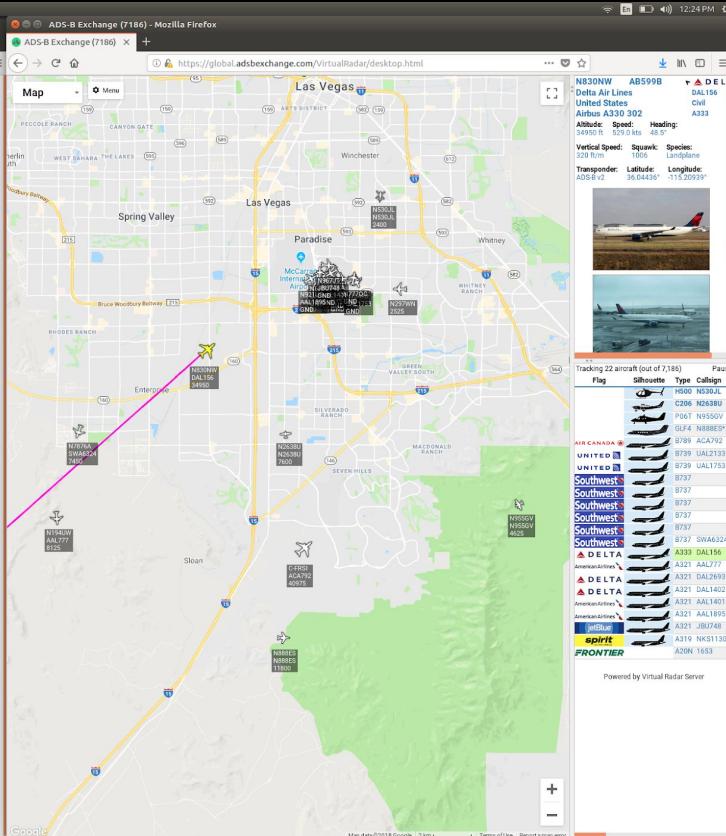
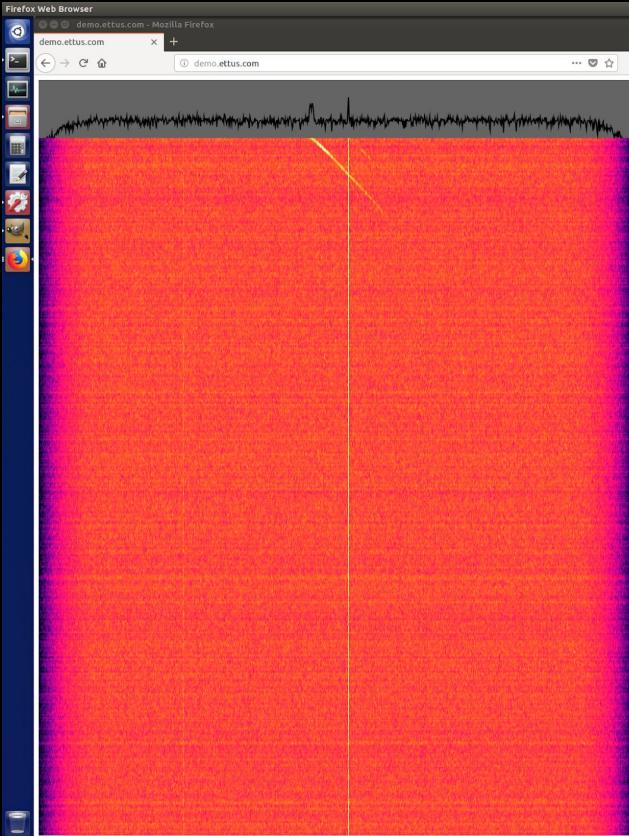
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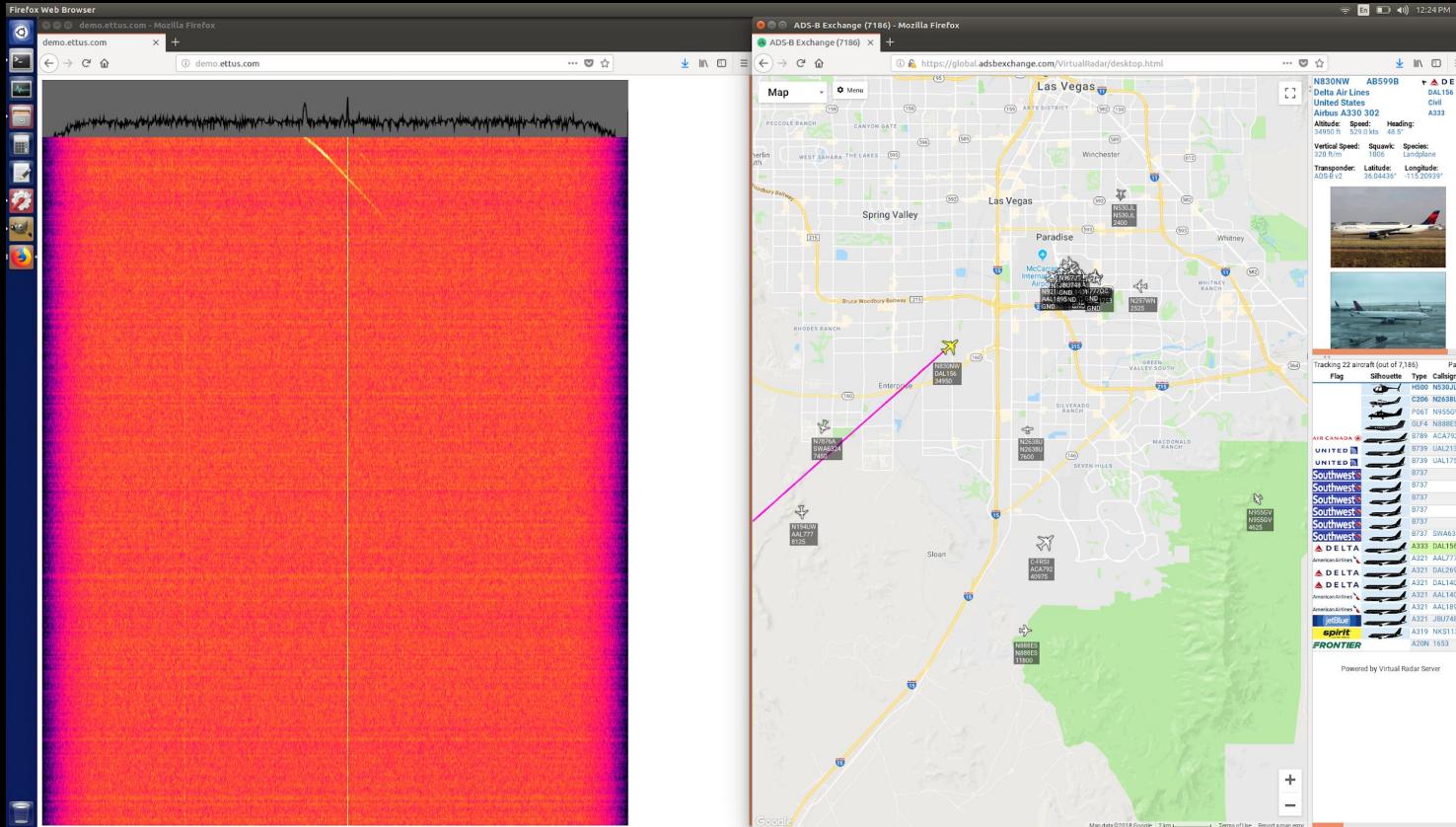


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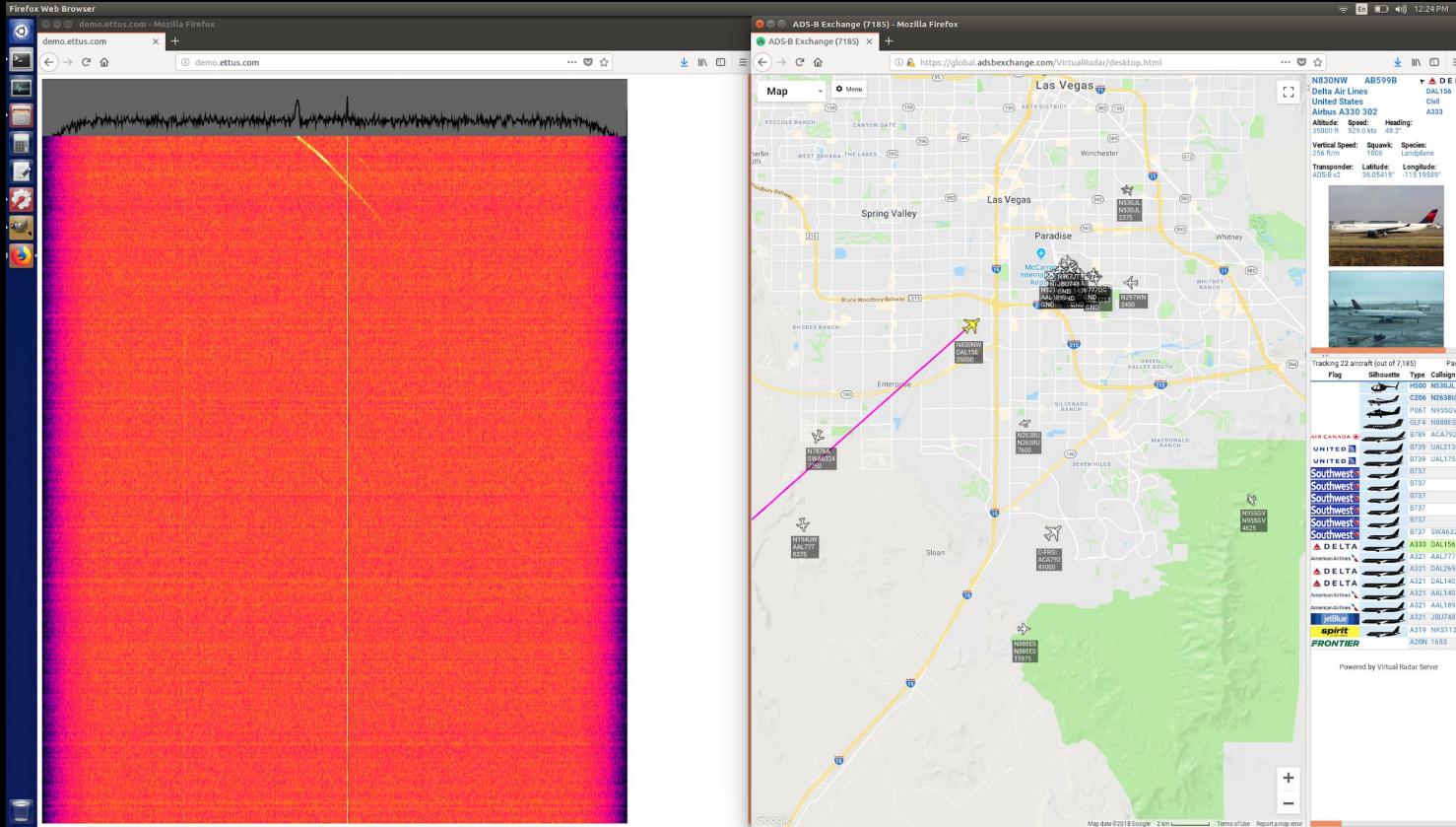


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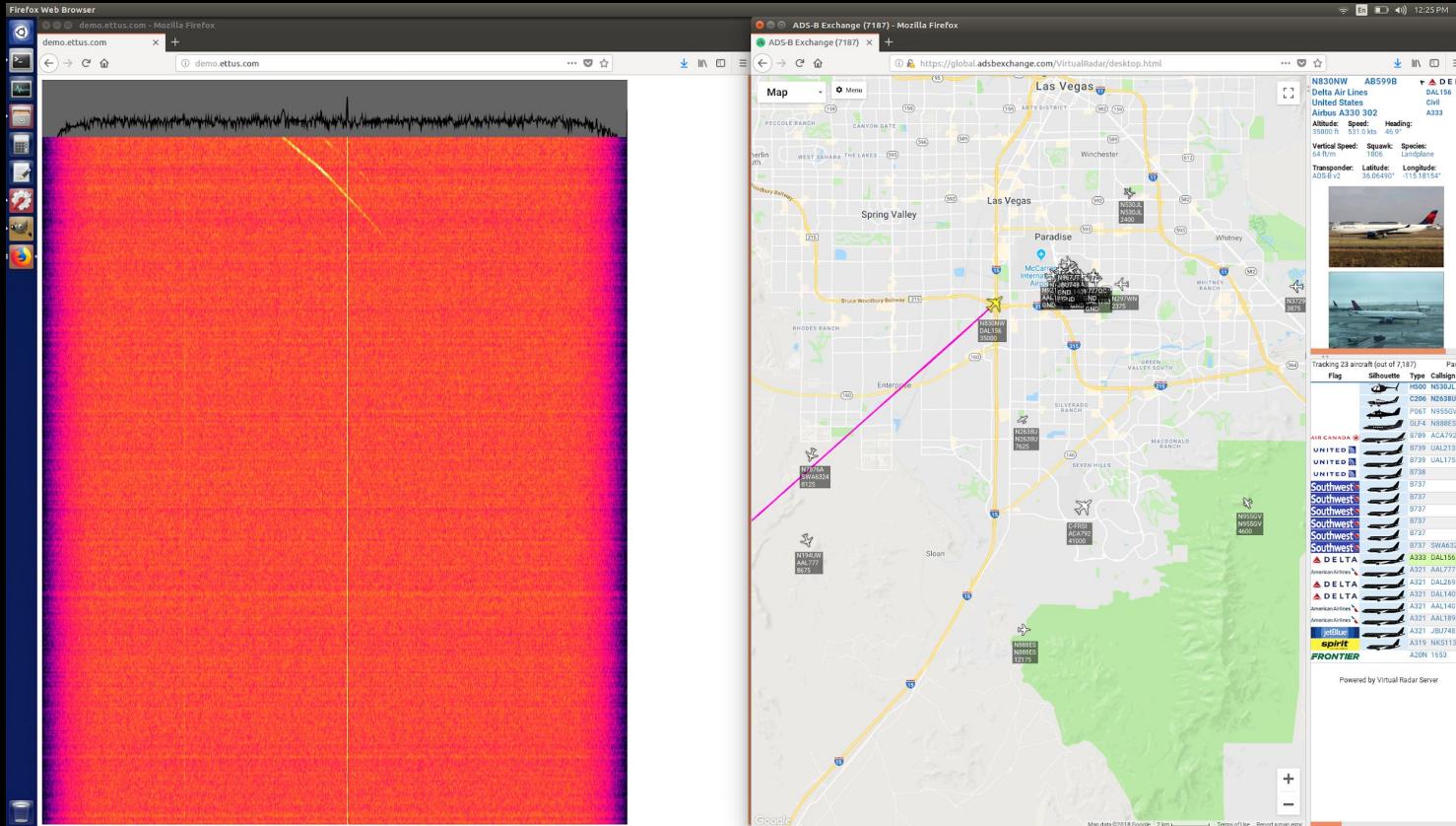


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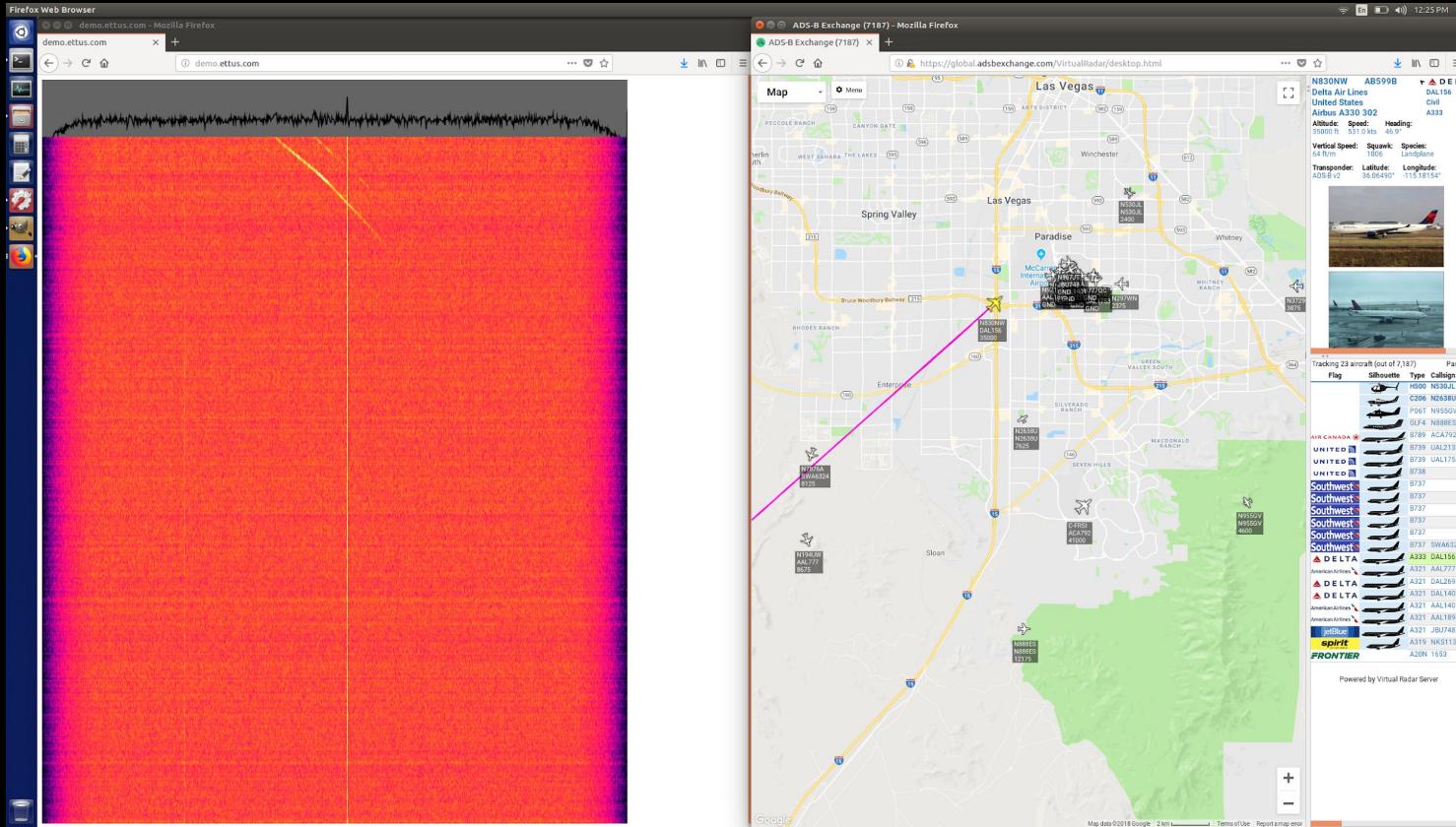


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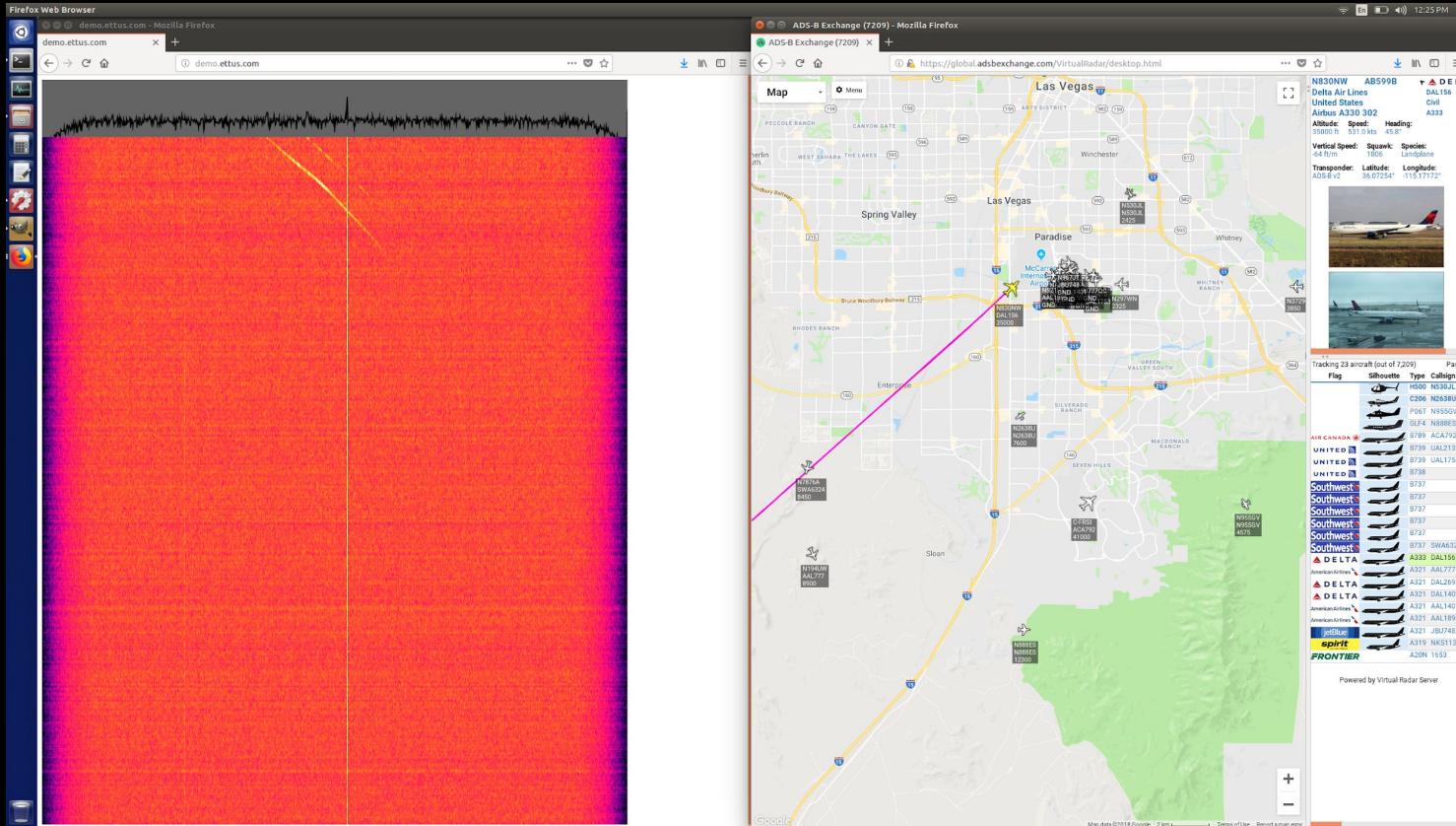


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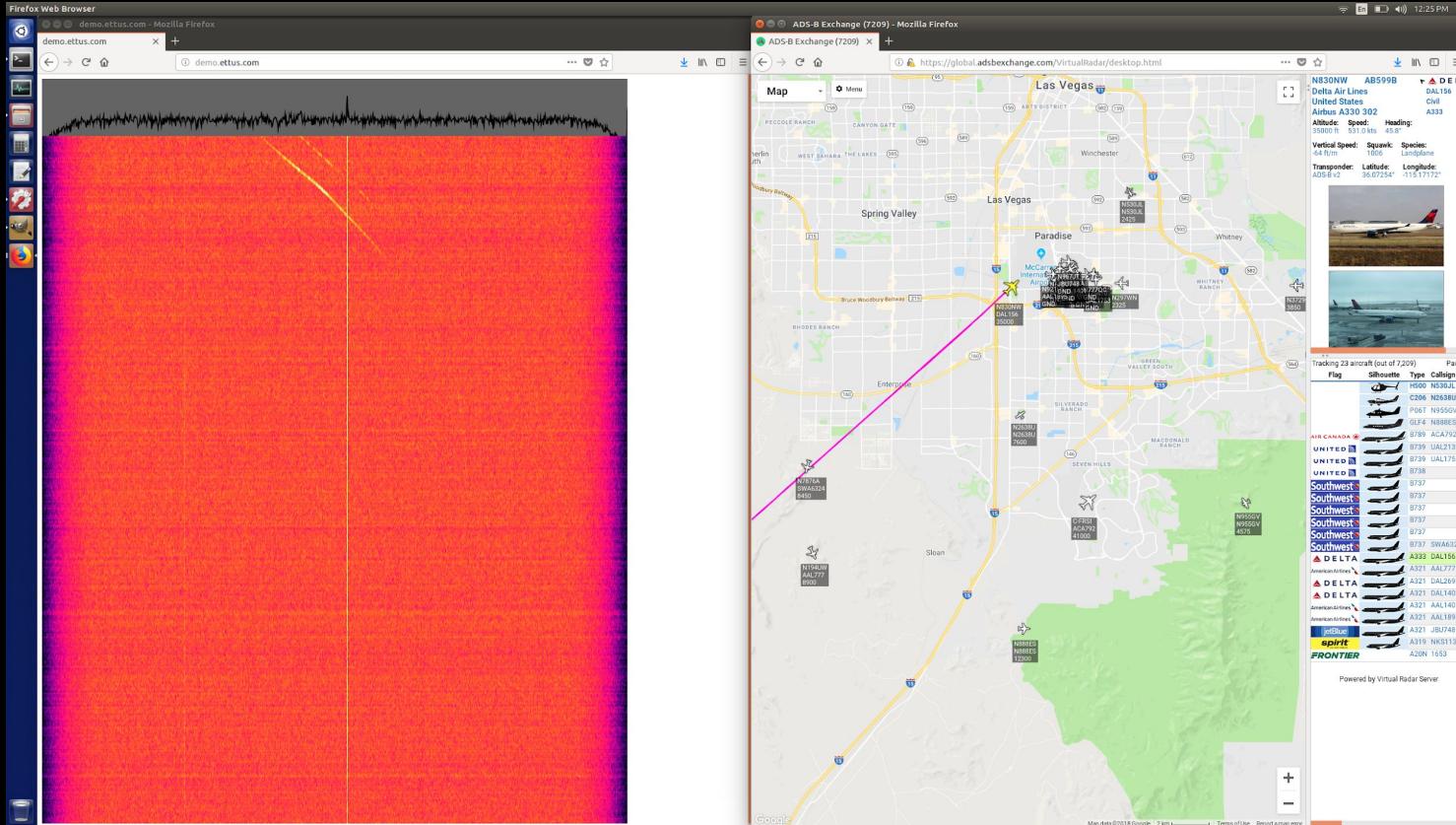


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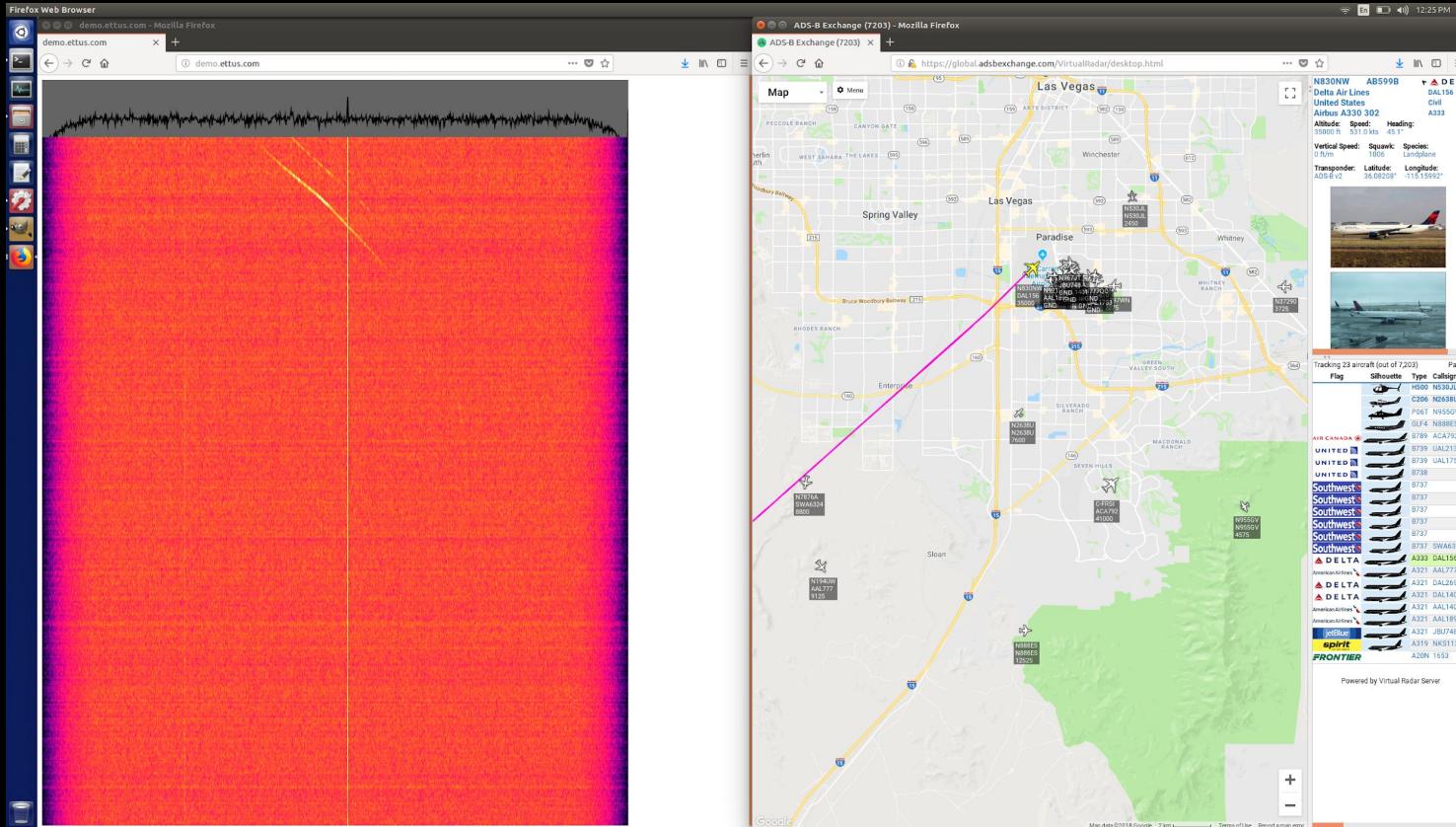


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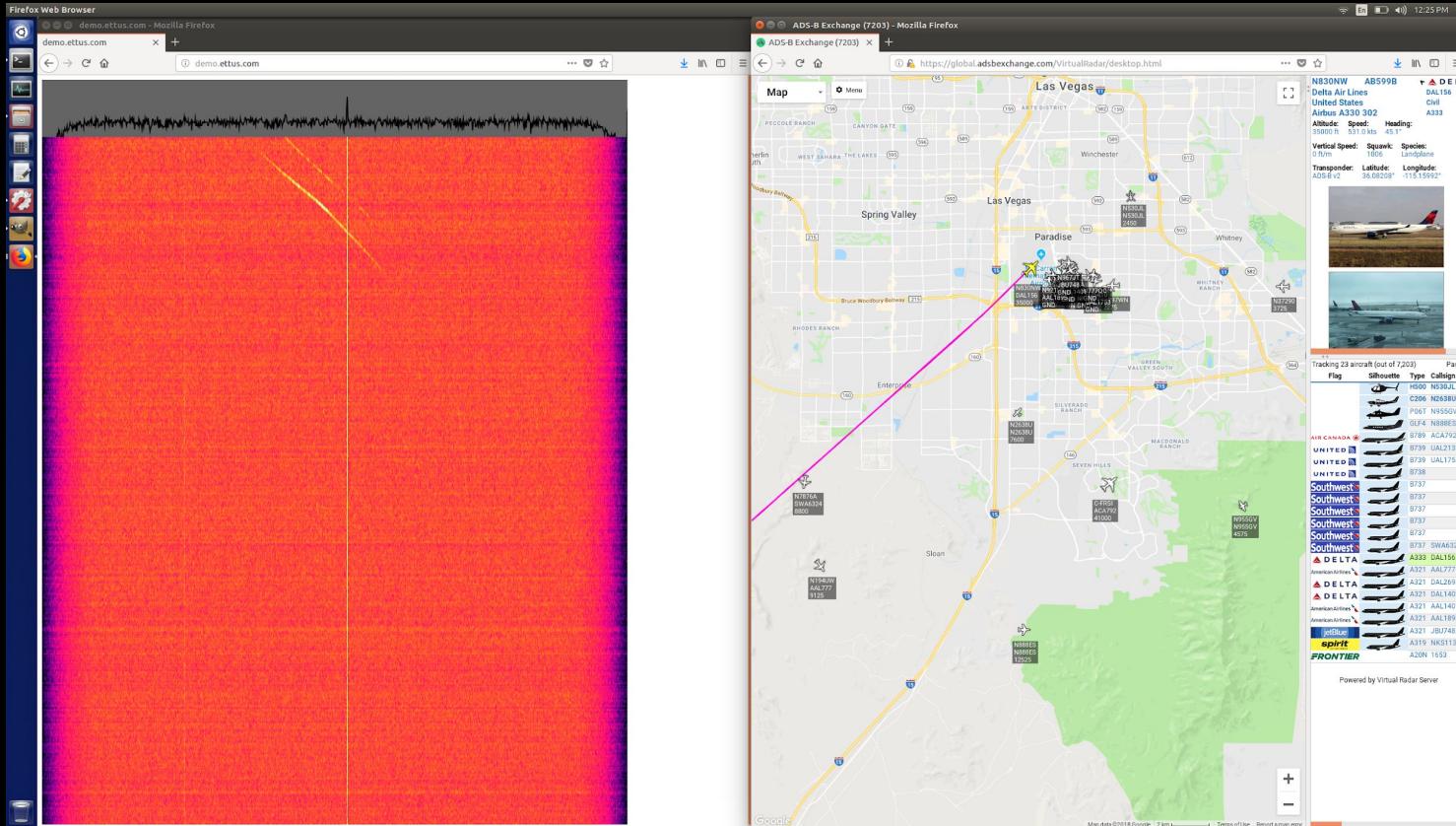


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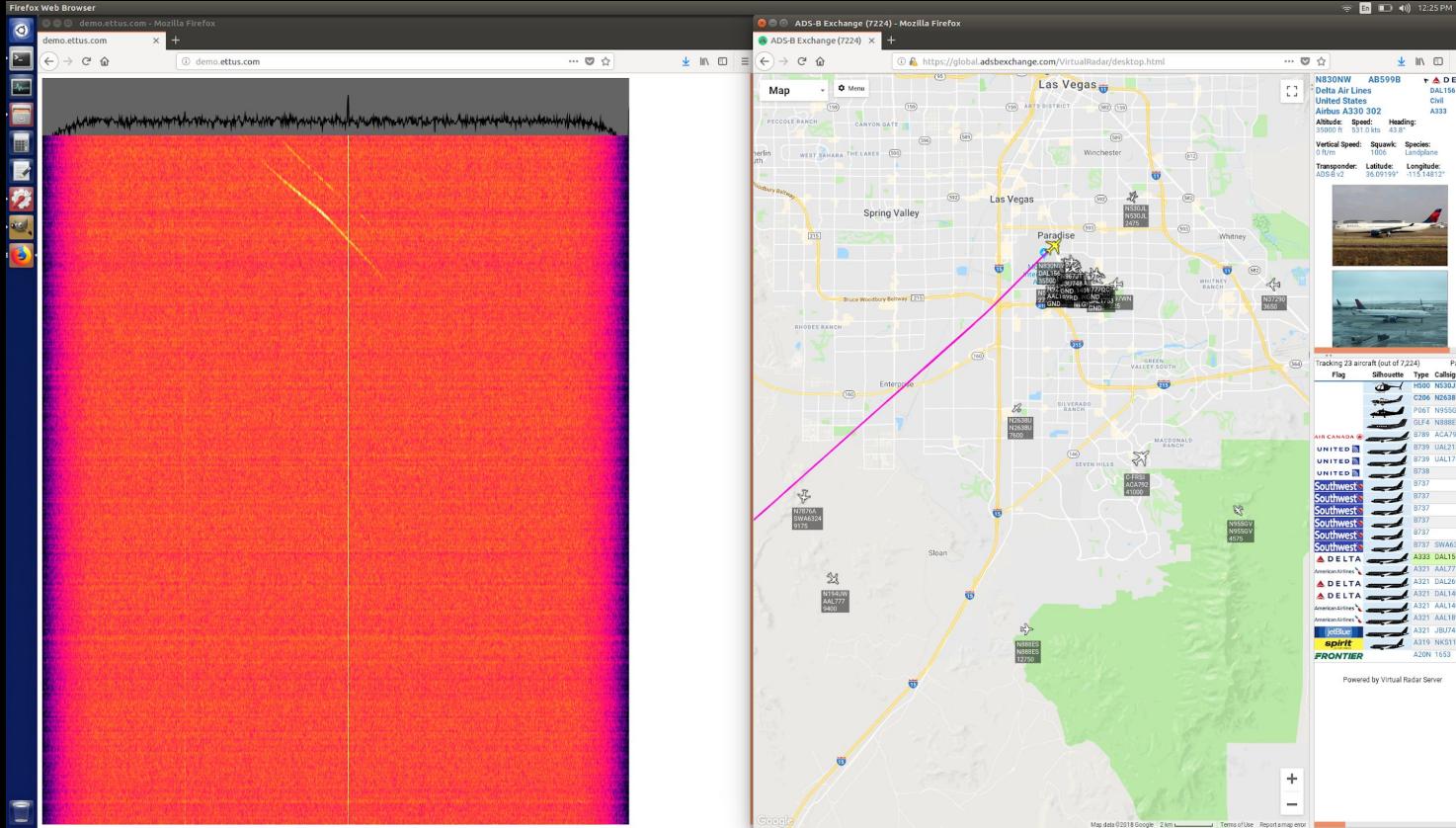


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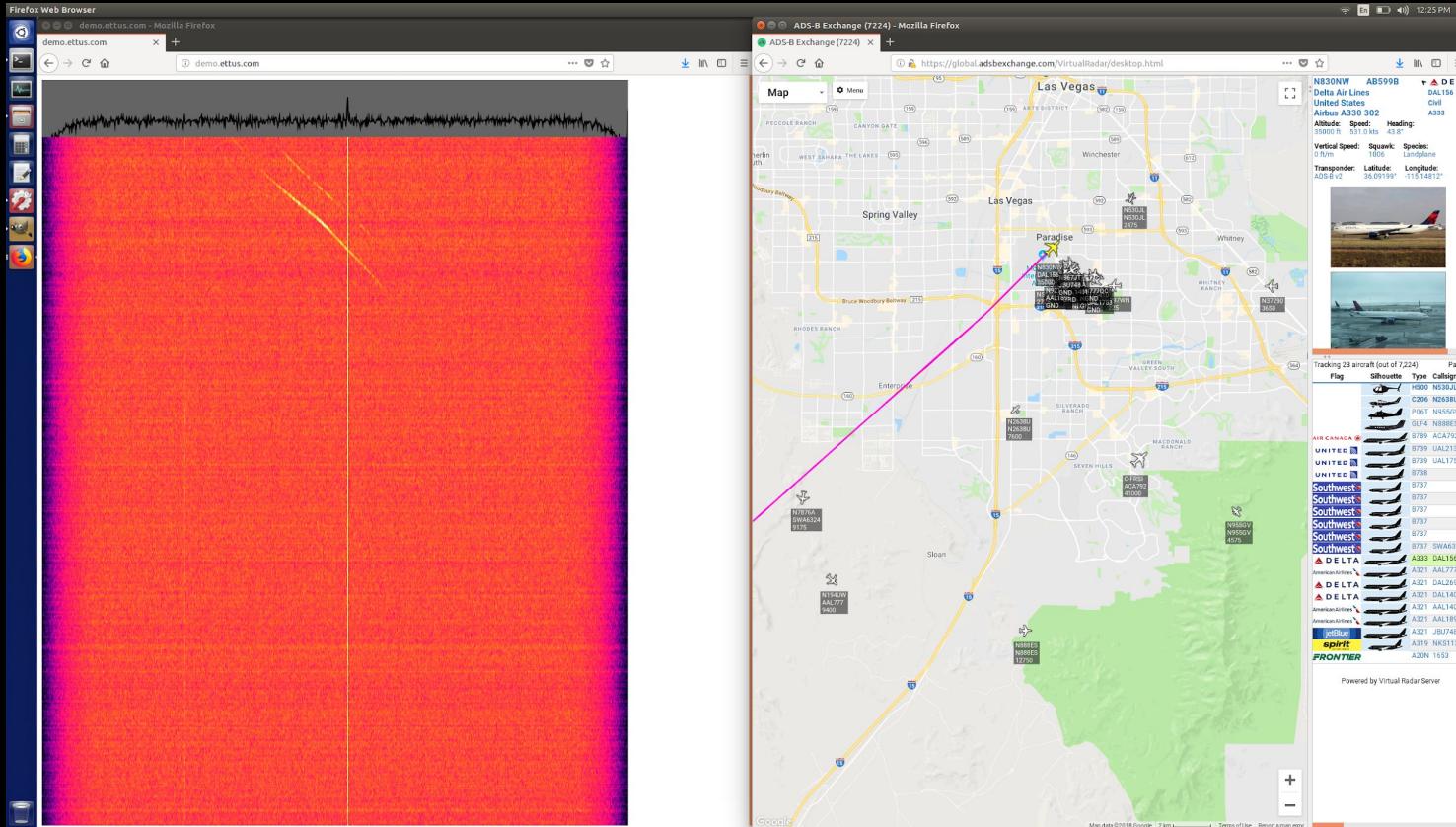


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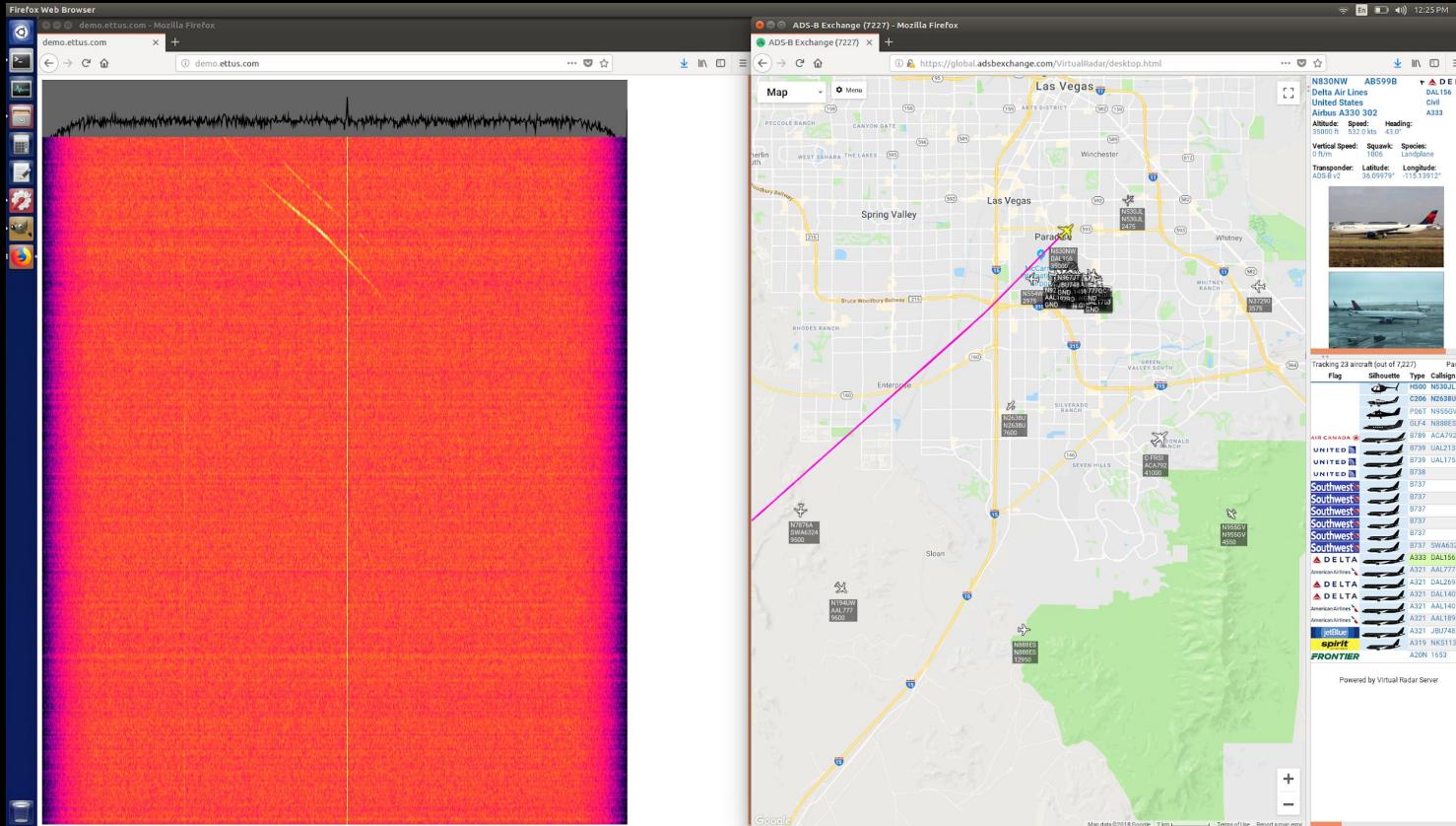


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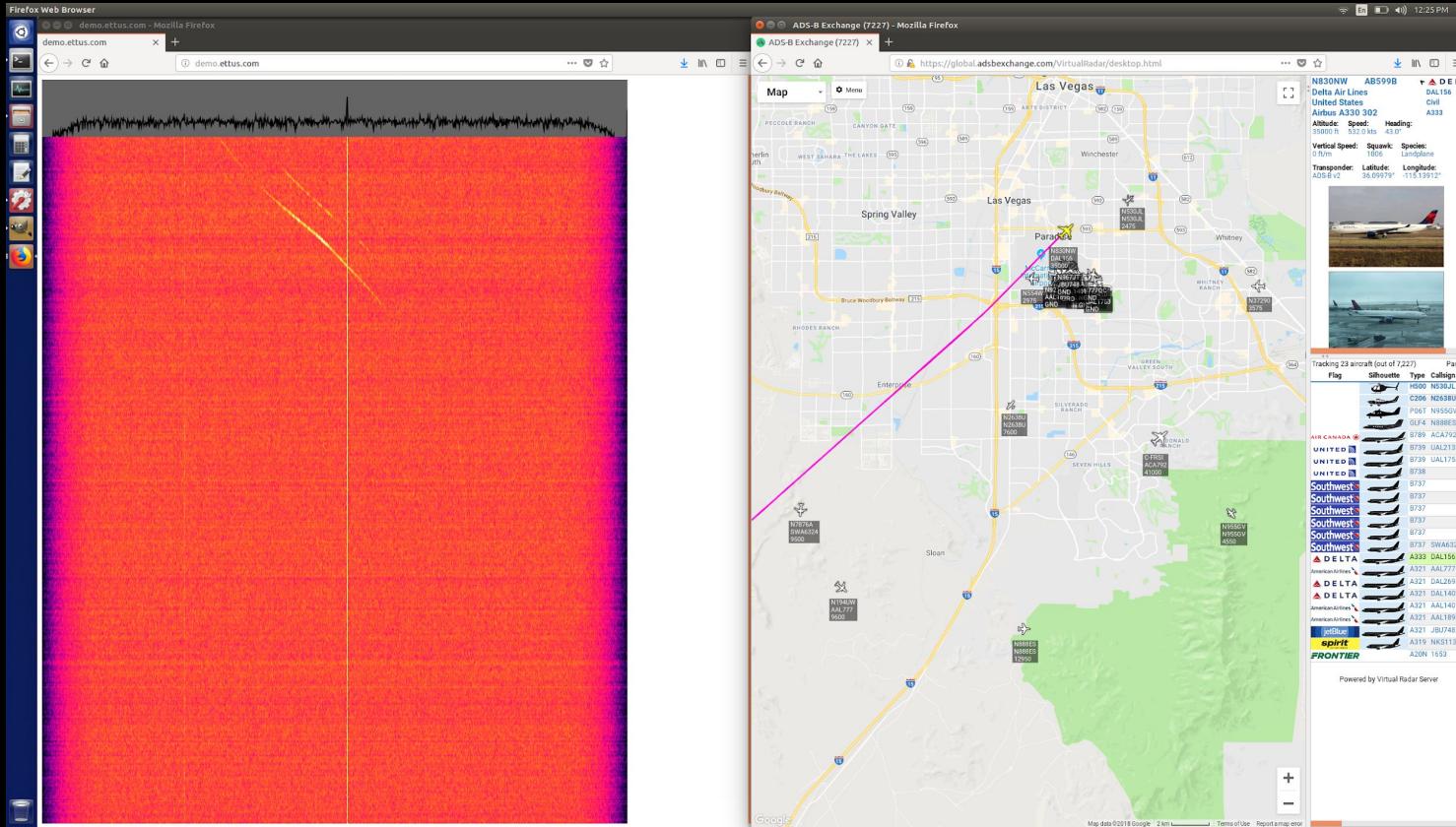


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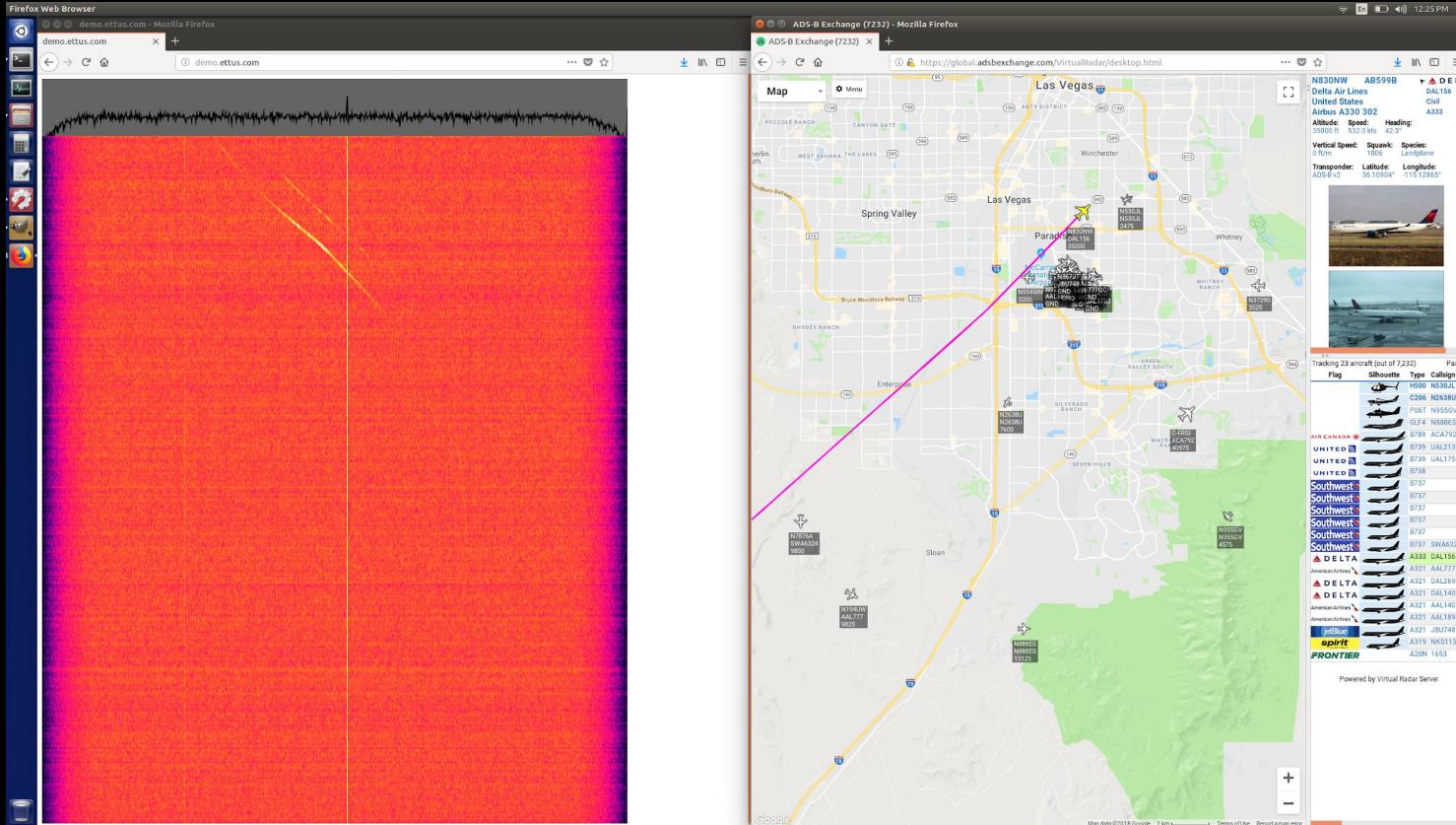


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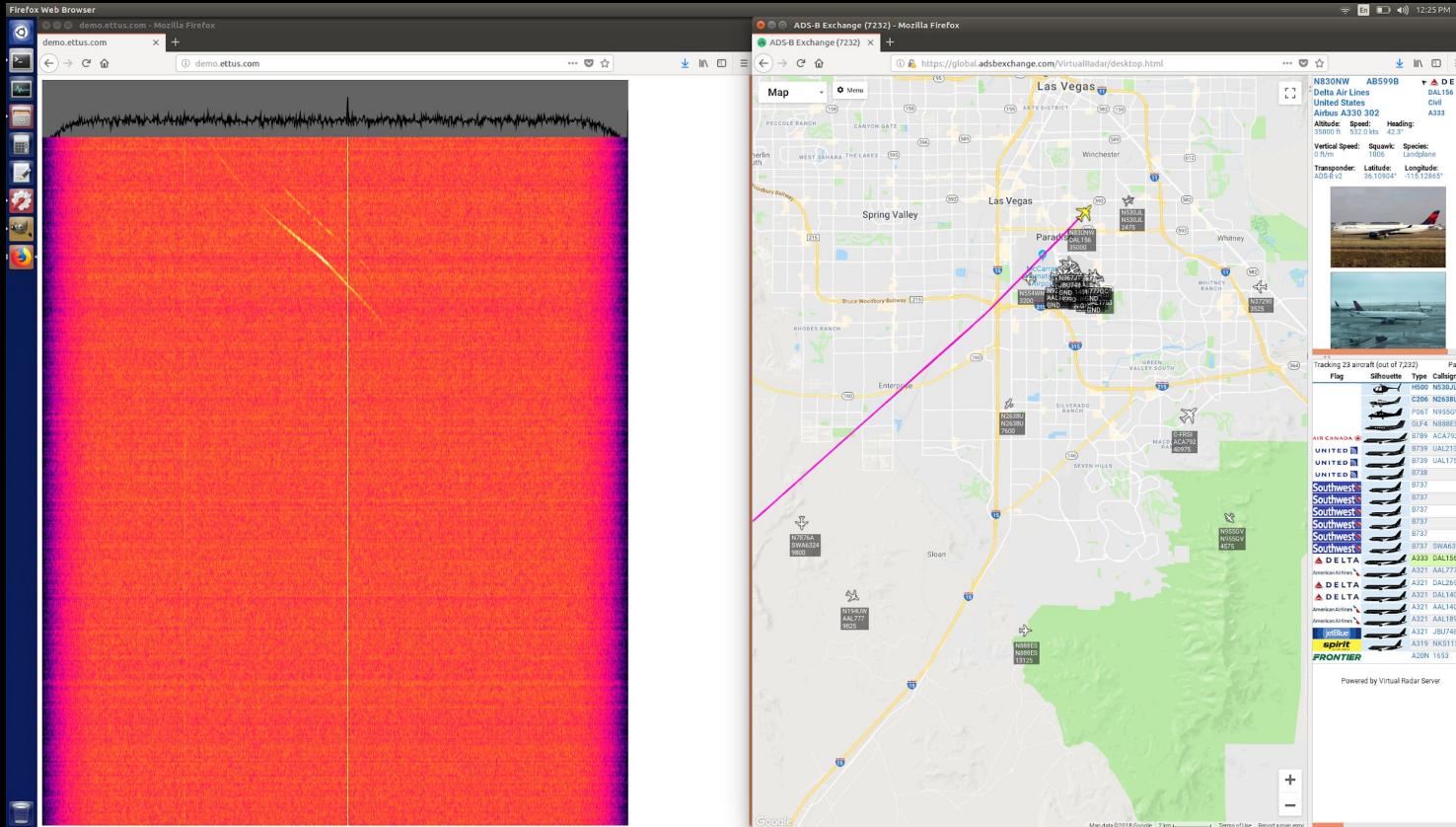


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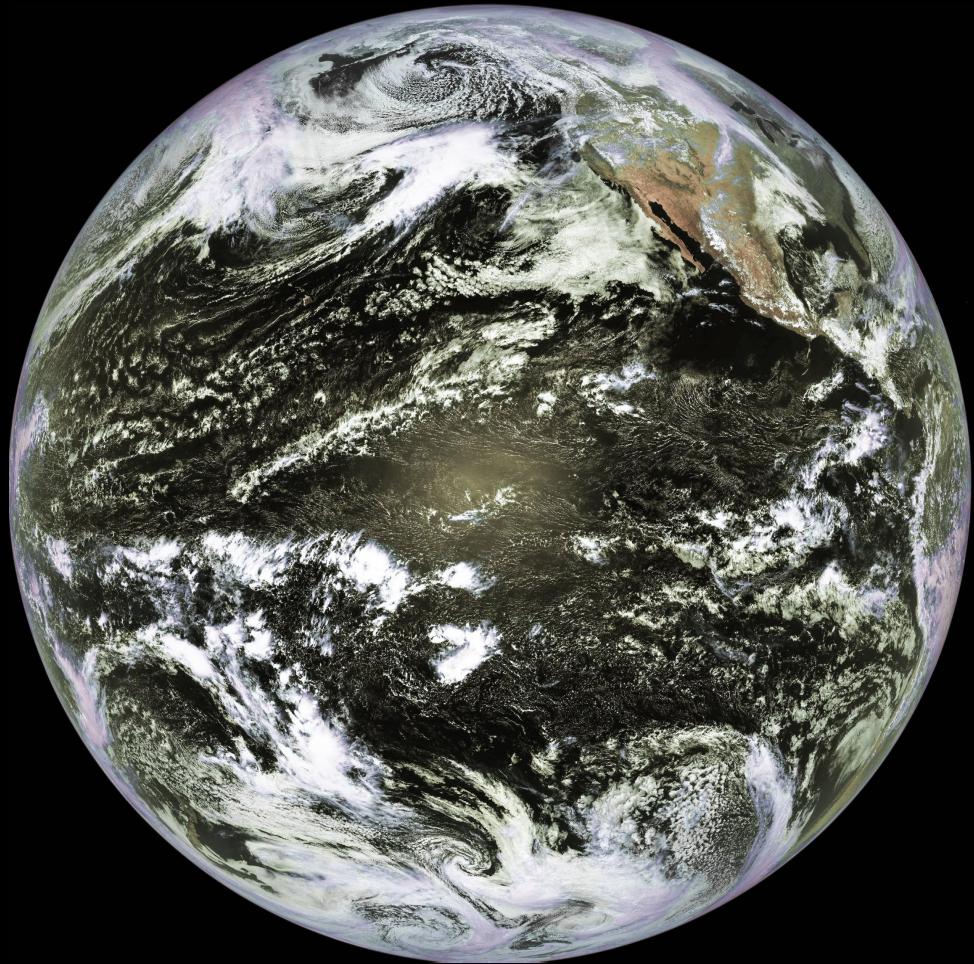


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