

Manual how to create text files with positions of satellites for each second in a specified interval and images and movie made out of it (2023-04-15)

- **Required Two Line Element file** `satellitesdb.tle`
which can be downloaded from Dropbox link in :
https://github.com/marcinsokolowski/Two_Line_Elements
- **Build program `sattest`**
 - Clone project [transientlib](https://github.com/marcinsokolowski/transientlib). I will assumed it is cloned in directory `~/github/` :
 - `cd ~/github/`
 - `git clone https://github.com/marcinsokolowski/transientlib.git`
 - Build the library and `sattest` program as described in README file or <https://github.com/marcinsokolowski/transientlib>
 - After "make install" `sattest` should be installed on path
- **Create files named by `UNIXTIME.txt`** with positions of every satellite above horizon at the Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory (MRO) at a given UNIXTIME second :
 - I will assume it is done in directory `/tmp/20230415_030000/`
Let's also assume we will run a prediction of satellite positions for time starting from 20230415_030000 UTC (unixtime = **1681527600**) for 600 seconds (10min):
 - `mkdir -p /tmp/20230415_030000/`
 - `cd /tmp/20230415_030000/`
 - `cp TLEs/20230415/satellitesdb.tle .`
 - Copy observatory location configuration file `mro.qth` (for the MRO)
 - `cp ~/github/transientlib/config/mro.qth .`
 - In order to generate predictions for another location provide a different configuration file or create one based on `mro.qth` (geographical longitude, latitude and height of the observatory are required).
Longitude is positive West and negative East from Greenwich
 - `~/github/transientlib/scripts/print_satellites_ux.sh 1681527600 600`
 - The first parameter is start time in UNIXTIME
 - The second is duration (600 seconds).
 - It will take a while to generate, but once it's done the files named `UNIXTIME.txt` for the specified range of time will be created in subdirectory `satellites/`
 - Once finished images with all the satellites can be created by executing script `plot_satellites.sh`
 - `cd /tmp/20230415_030000/satellites/`
 - `~/github/transientlib/scripts/plot_satellites.sh`
 - The images and the movie will be created in :
 - `cd /tmp/20230415_030000/satellites/images/`
 - `ls -al *.jpg`
 - `cd /tmp/20230415_030000/satellites/images/movie/`
 - `ls -al *.mp4`
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