



Threat From the Satellite

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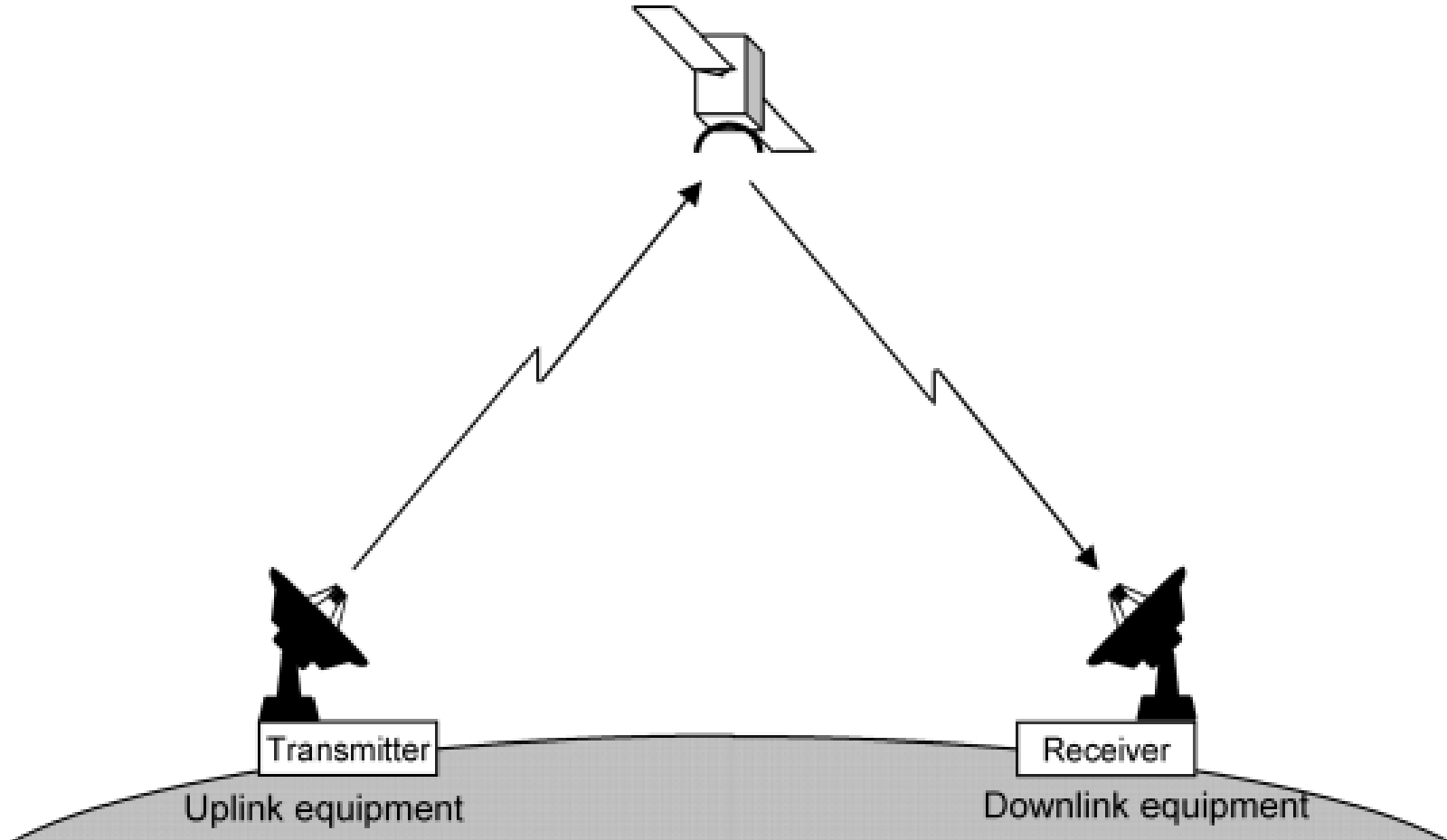
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SATELLITE COMMUNICATION



Satellite Communication

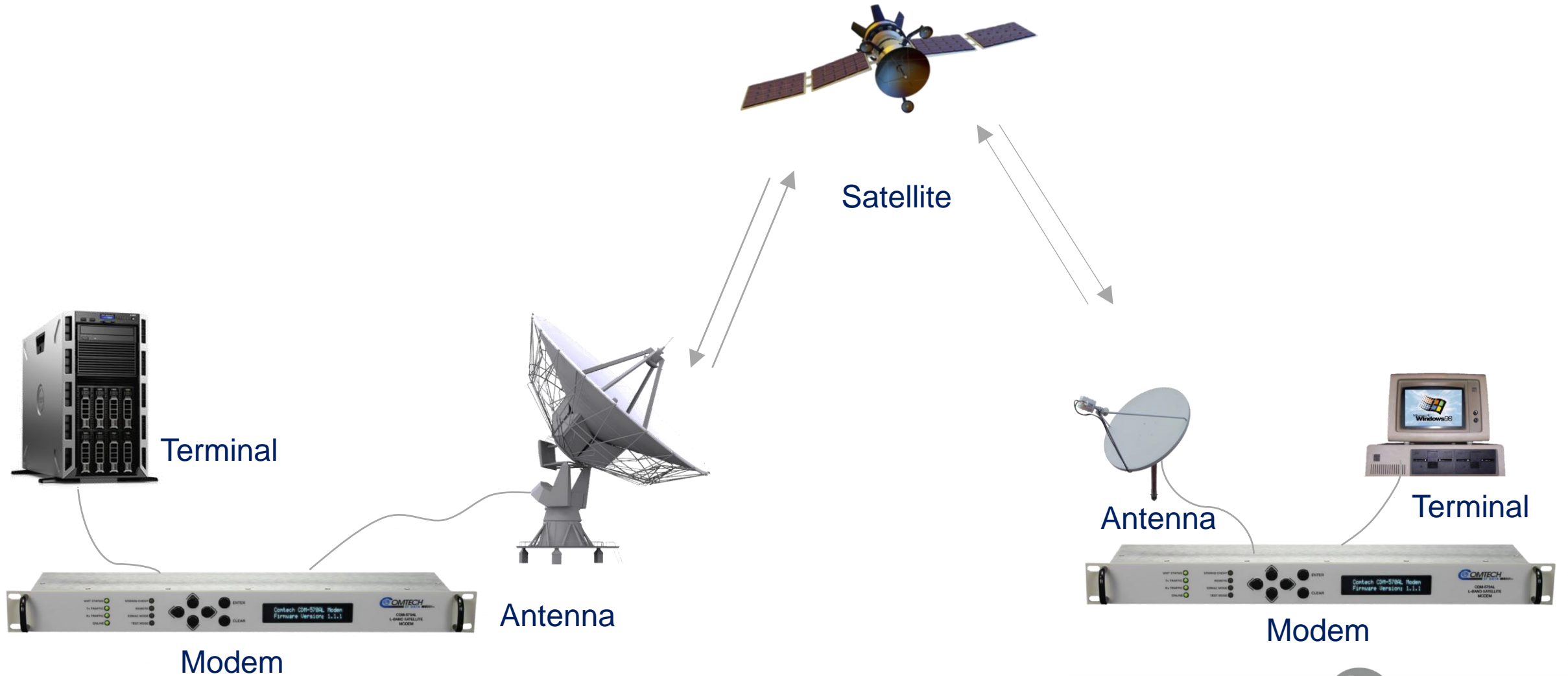


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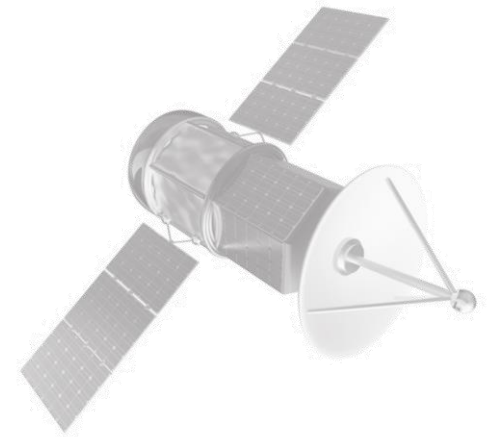
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COMMUNICATION COMPONENT

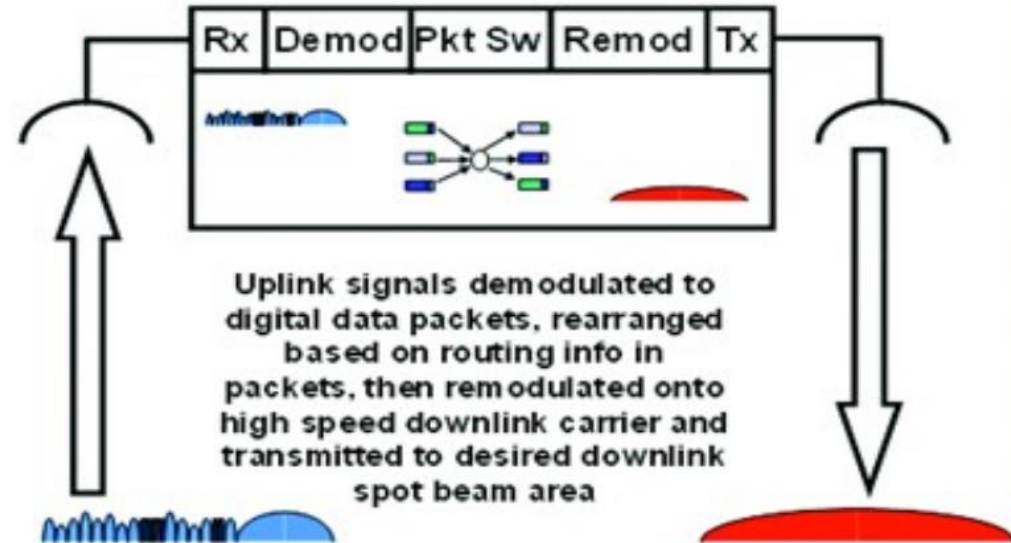
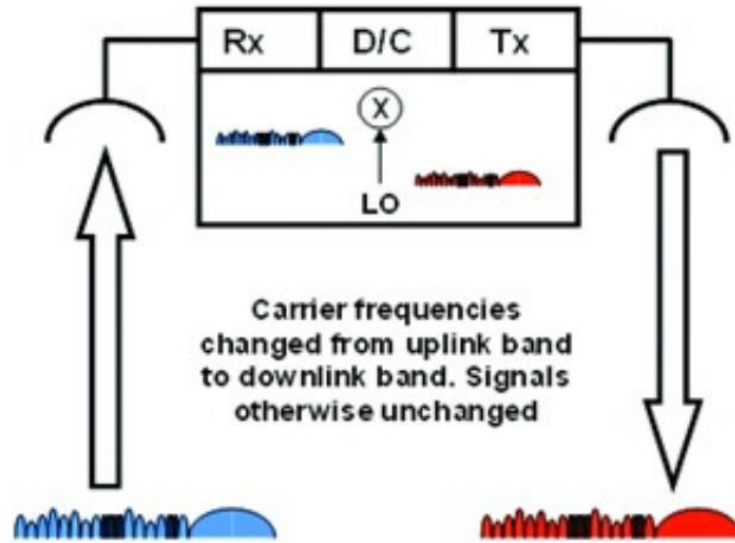


TRANSPONDERS



'Bent Pipe' Transponder Payload

Regenerative Payload



"Bent Pipe" Transponder Payload

Regenerative Payload

COMMUNICATION SATELLITE

Satellite	Operator	Transponders
spaceway3	HNS	Regenerative Payload
wildblue	Wild-blue	Bent Pipe
Anik-F2/F3	Telesat	Bent Pipe
Viasat-1	Viasat	Bent Pipe
Inmarsat-5	Inmarsat	Bent Pipe
Hotbird-6	Eutelsat	Bent Pipe
Hylas	Avanti	Bent Pipe
Ka-sat	Viasat	Bent Pipe
03b	03b Networks	Bent Pipe
WINDS	JAXA	Regenerative Payload
iPSTAR-5	Thaicom	Bent Pipe
Yahsat1A/1B	Yahsat	Bent Pipe

BE CAREFUL! IF THERE IS A SPY! 



Fake Signal

Tampering with data through High-power transmitter

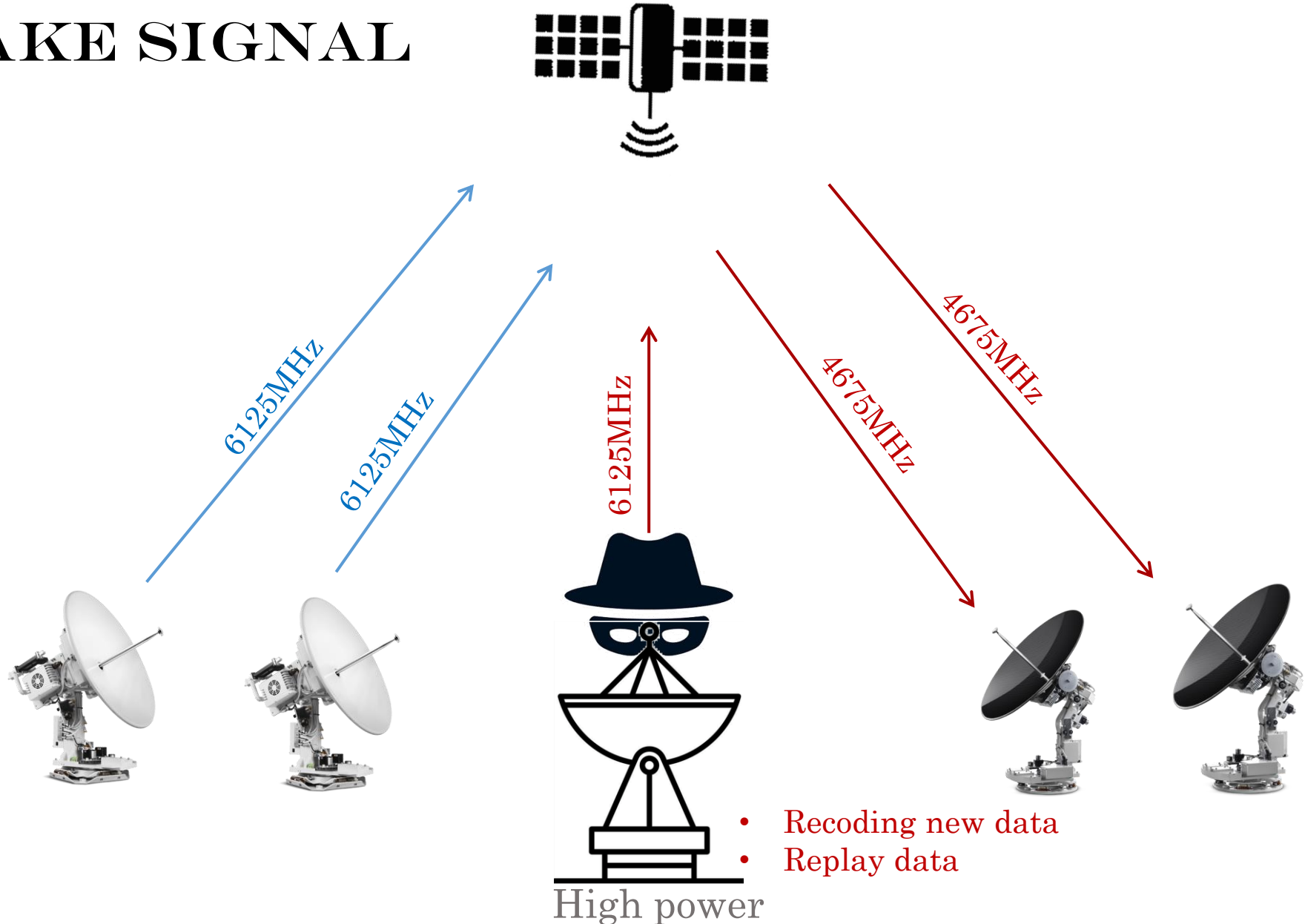
Stealing Communication Links

Calculate the free link and use it.

Jamming

Calculate the uplink frequency and send high power jamming signal.

FAKE SIGNAL



STEALING COMMUNICATION LINKS

C-band frequency

Uplink: 5.85GHz -- 6.75GHz

Downlink: 3.4GHz – 4.2GHz

Local frequency: 2.225GHz



Ku-band frequency

Uplink: 14.0GHz – 14.5GHz

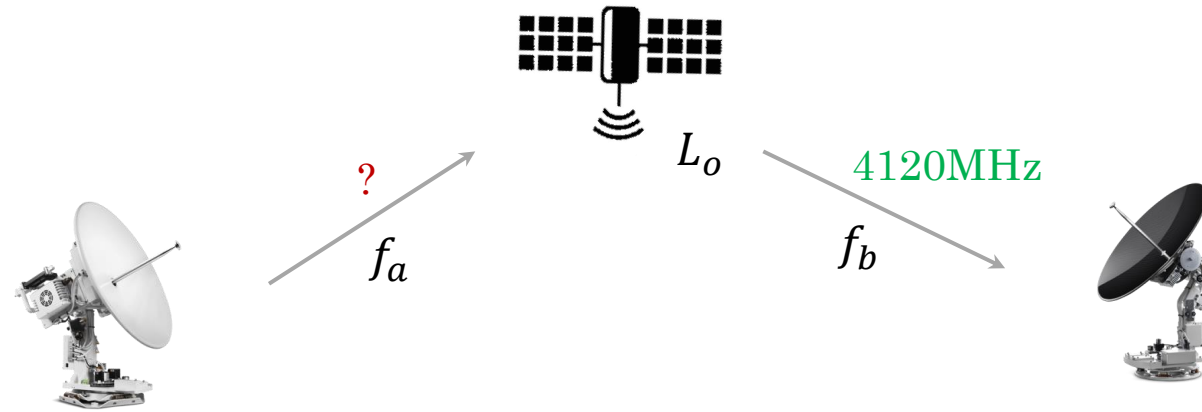
Downlink: 11.7GHz – 12.2GHz Local frequency: 1.748GHz, 1.750GHz

Ka-band frequency

Uplink: 27.5GHz – 31.0GHz

Downlink: 17.1GHz – 21.2GHz Local frequency: 9.80GHz

CALCULATE THE UPLINK FREQUENCY



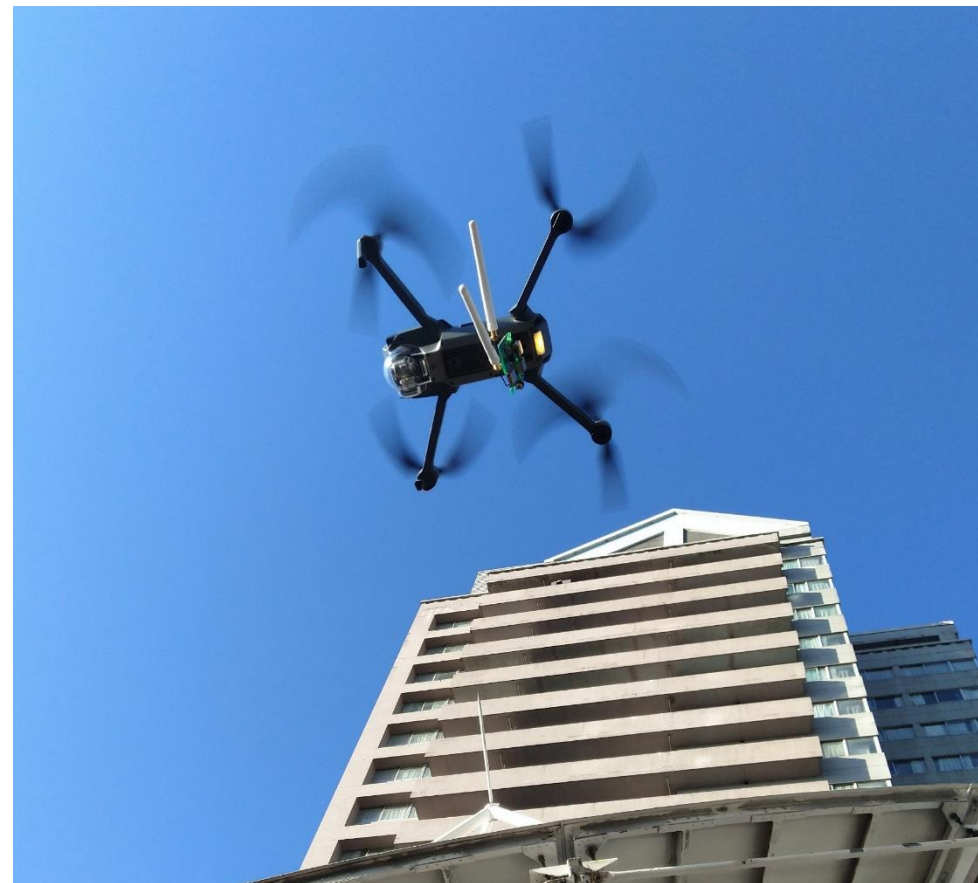
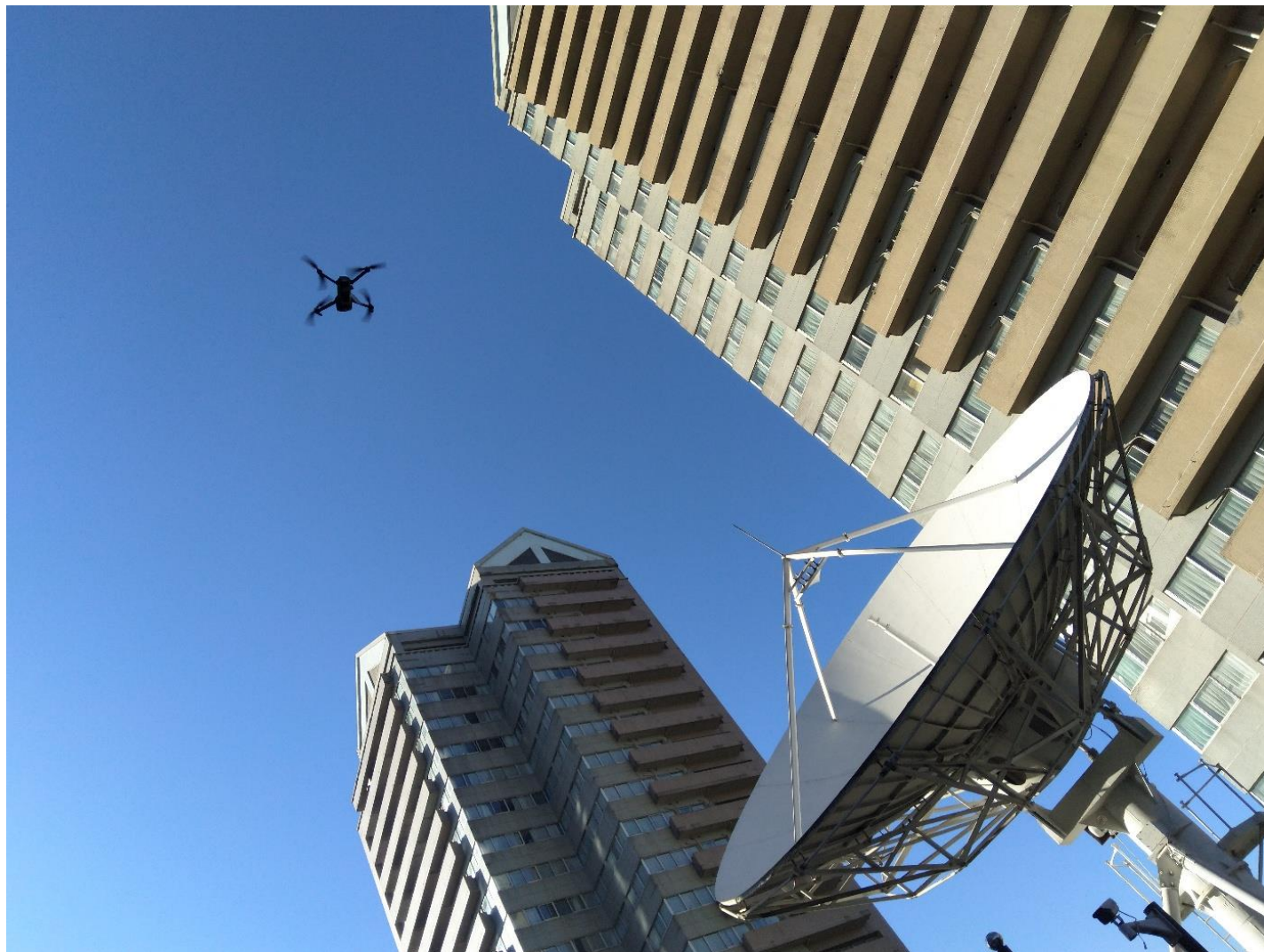
- If we know the downlink frequency. What's the uplink frequency?

$$f_b = f_a \pm L_o$$

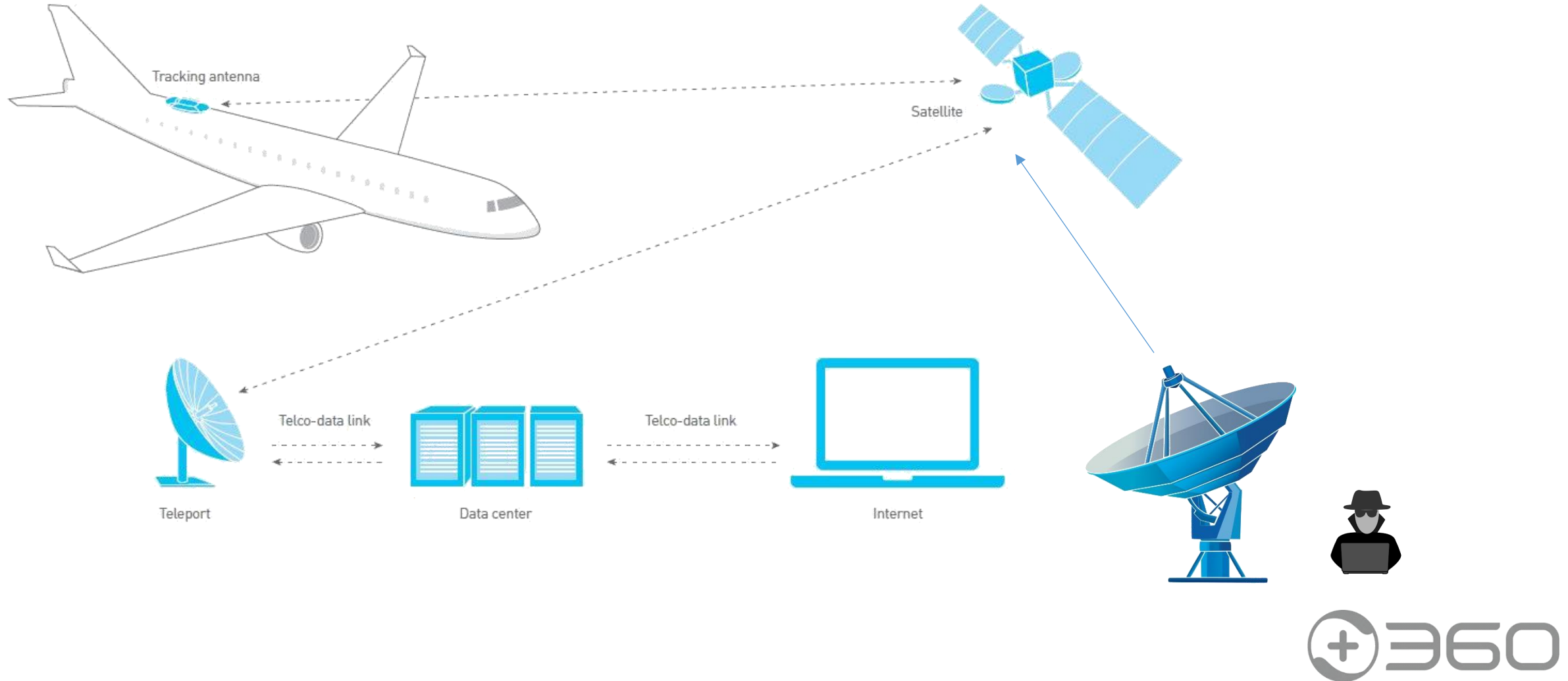
f_a , uplink frequency; f_b , downlink frequency; L_o , local frequency

$$f_b = 4120\text{Mhz} \Rightarrow C - \text{band frequency} \Rightarrow L_o = 2225\text{MHz} \Rightarrow f_a = 4120 + 2225 = 6345\text{Mhz}$$

OPERATIONAL USE CASES



OPERATIONAL USE CASES



STEALING DATA



satellite

downlink



modem



Hacker



modem



modem



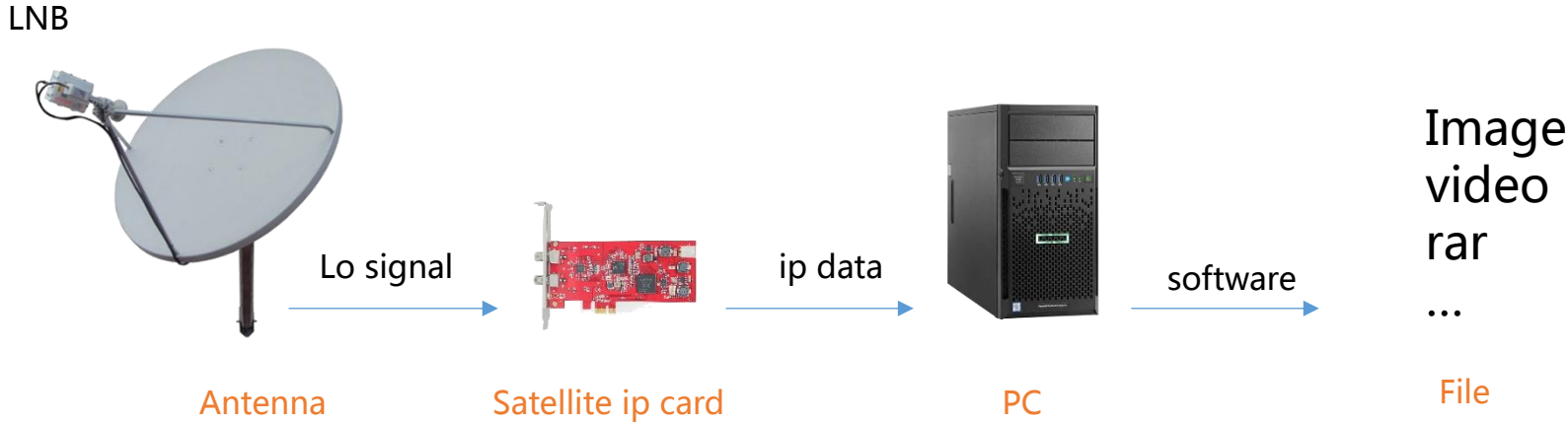
data center



插入图片、视频、压缩包的二进制帧头

Ip sniffer software:

- skynet
- skygrabber
- dvbsnoop



IN 2030, ALL THE 'BENT PIP' TRANSPONDERS DISAPPEAR.

WILL THESE THREATS DISAPPEAR TOGETHER?



NO

WHY CAN THESE ATTACKS SUCCEED?

IT MUST BE **SATELLITE MODEMS.**



SATELLITE MODEMS

Comtech EF Data

ORBCOMM

ViaSat

Gilat Satellite Networks

Novelsat

Newtec

Datum Systems

Teledyne Paradise Datacom

Hughes Network Systems

Advantech Wireless

WORK Microwave

Ayecka Communication Systems

Amplus Communication



SATELLITE MODEM

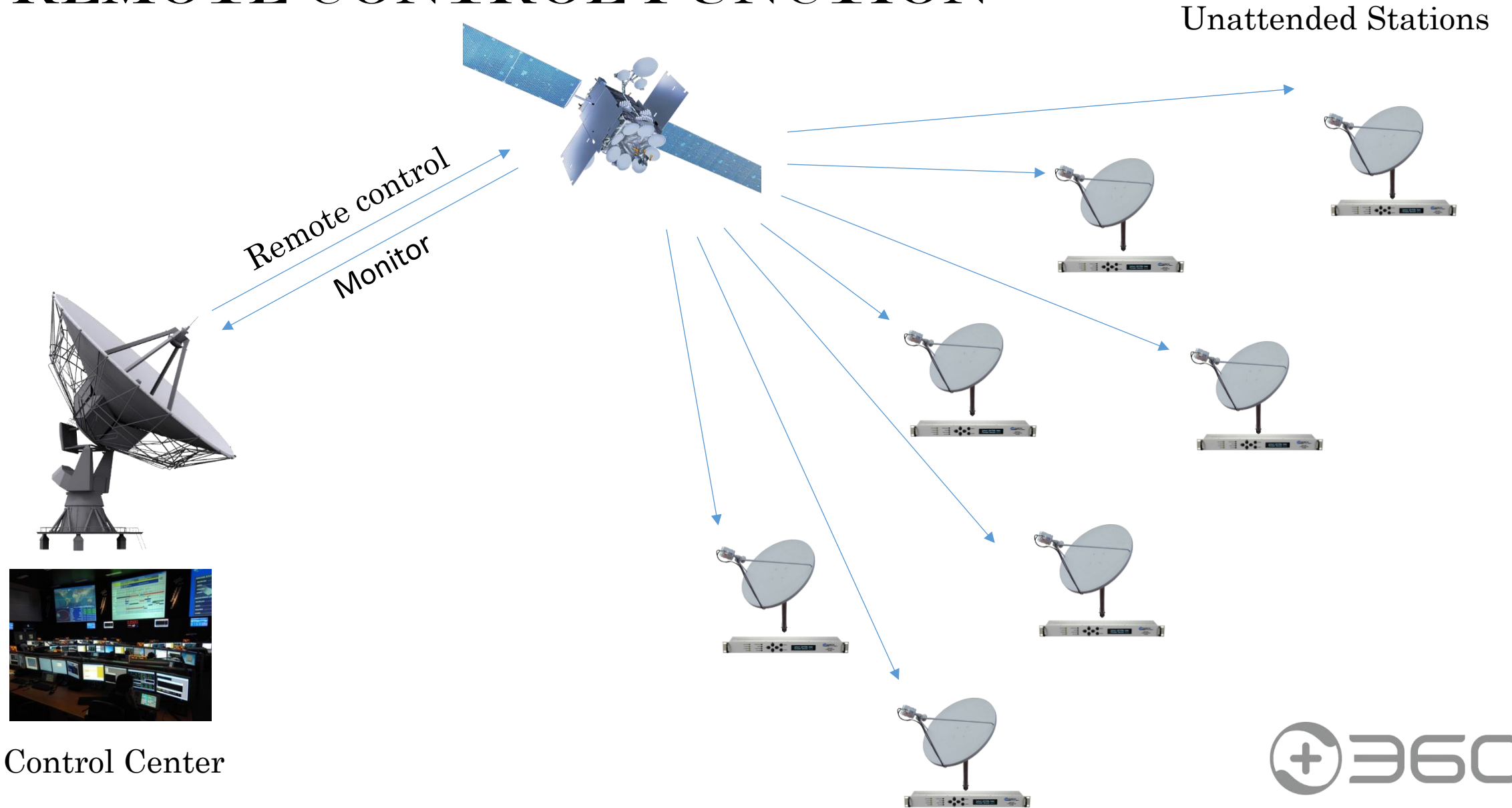


Data are transferred to a modem from **data terminal equipment** (e.g. a computer).

In most cases frequency has to be converted using an **upconverter** before amplification and transmission.

Similarly, a signal received from a satellite **is firstly downconverted** (this is done by a Low-noise block converter - LNB), then demodulated by a **modem**, and at last handled by **data terminal equipment**.

REMOTE CONTROL FUNCTION



Control Center



EDMAC OF COMTECH

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Embedded Distant-end Monitor And Control (EDMAC)

Our EDMAC capability permits the users to access the M&C features of distant-end modems in a satellite link. This is accomplished by adding extra information to the user data in a manner that is completely transparent to the users.

On the transmit side, the user data is split into frames and 48 bits of overhead is added to each frame. At the start of each frame a 12 bit synchronization word is added. This allows the demodulator to find and lock to the start of frame. At regular intervals throughout the frame, additional data bytes and flag bits are added (a further 36 bits in total). It is these additional bytes that carry the M&C commands and response.

On the receive side, when the demodulator locks to the incoming carrier, it goes through the additional step of searching for, and locking to the synchronization word. This uniquely identifies the start of frame, and permits the extraction of the overhead bytes and flag bits at the correct position within the frame. In addition, the start of frame permits the de-scrambler to correctly recover the data. The user's data is extracted, and sent through additional processing, in the normal manner. The extracted overhead bytes are examined to determine if they contain valid M&C bytes.



EMBEDDED DISTANT-END MONITOR AND CONTROL (EDMAC)



Detail of Modem 1, Distant end, link: 11111111111 CDM-570L

Configuration

Transmit
 Frequency: 1625.0000 MHz
 FEC type: None, diff-encoder on
 Modulation: BPSK
 FEC coding: Rate 1/1
 Data Rate: 256.000 kbps
 Data (invert): Normal
 Spectrum: Normal
 Scrambler: On
 AUPC: Disabled
 Power Level: -0.0 dBm
 Carrier: On
 Warm-up Delay: Disabled

Receive
 Frequency: 1645.0000 MHz
 FEC type: None, diff-encoder on
 Modulation: BPSK
 FEC coding: Rate 1/1
 Data Rate: 256.000 kbps
 Data (invert): Normal
 Spectrum: Normal
 De-scrambler: On
 Buffer Size: +/- 1024 bits
 Eb/No Alarm Pt: 3.3 dB
 Sweep Width: 1 kHz (+/-)

Unit (No lock-out)
 Interface: EIA-232
 Framing: EDMAC
 T1 Line Build-out: 0-133 feet
 Request-to-Send: RTS/CTS loop; No action
 Test Mode: Normal
 IP address: 192.168.001.001.30
 Statistics Log: Disabled FSK Disabled
 Circuit ID: SEALINK EIK +4751408010
 EDMAC Parameters: EDMAC mode: EDMAC slave
 Slave address: 21

Alarm Masks
 Tx AIS Rx AIS Buffer
 Tx FIFO Rx AGC Eb/No
 Ext Ref G.703 LOS LNB
 BUC G.703 BPV

Clocks
 Tx Clock Source: Internal
 Reference: Internal
 Adjust: 25

Buttons: Send To Unit, View AUPC, View ODU param

Click on a box to change the configuration parameters

Buttons: Read Status, Re-Read Config, Logs, Utilities, Close, Enable I/O Capture File, Capture disabled, Help

Detail of Modem 1, Distant end, link: 11111111111 CDM-570L

Status

Circuit ID: SEALINK EIK +4751408010
 Serial Number: 061034444
 Local/Remote: SLAVE
 S/W Versions: Boot:1.1.1 Bulk1:1.6.11 Bulk2:1.7.4
 Active Image: 2
 Events Log, unread lines: 255
 Statistics Log, unread lines: 0

770L ODU settings
 FSK link: Disabled
 BUC DC power: Disabled
 BUC current: 0000 mA Voltage: 00.0 V
 LNB DC power: Enabled
 LNB current: 000 mA Voltage: 17.8 V

Unit Status
 Unit: OK
 Rx: Rx traffic OK
 Tx: Tx traffic OK
 ODU: OK
 Offline Unit Status: unavailable

Performance Metrics
 Eb/No: > 16 dB
 Freq Offset: -000.0 kHz
 BER: 0.0 E-9
 Buffer Fill State: 50 %
 Redundancy: Online
 Receive Signal Level: -42 dBm
 Temperature: +37 °C
 Tx carrier: On

Automatic Uplink Power Control
 Eb/No of Remote Demodulator: > 16 dB
 Tx Power Level Increase: Not available

Buttons: Show Installed Options

Buttons: Read Status, Configure, Logs, Utilities, Close, Enable I/O Capture File, Capture disabled, Help

EDMAC



Master



Slave A



Slave B



Slave C

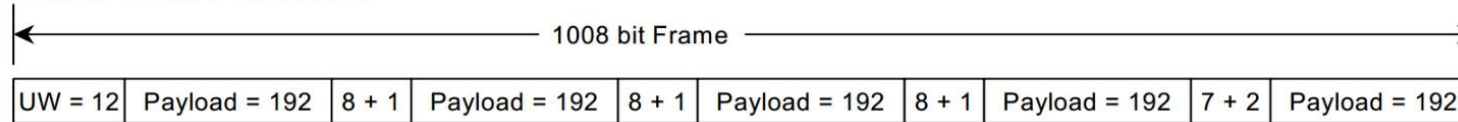


Slave D

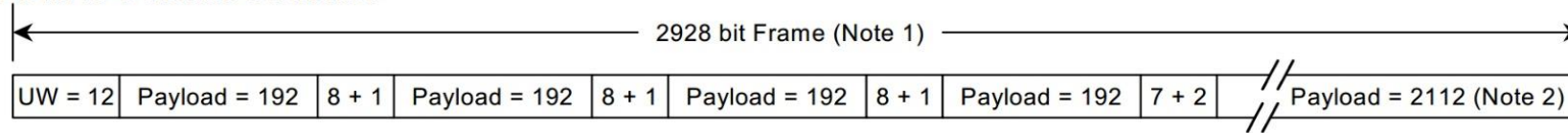
Receive	
Frequency	1645.0000 MHz
FEC type	None, diff-encoder on
Modulation	BPSK
FEC coding	Rate 1/1
Data Rate	256.000 kbps
Data (invert)	Normal
Spectrum	Normal
De-scrambler	On
Buffer Size	+/- 1024 bits
Eb/No Alarm Pt	3.3 dB
Sweep Width	1 kHz (+/-)

EDMAC FRAME STRUCTURE

EDMAC Frame Structure



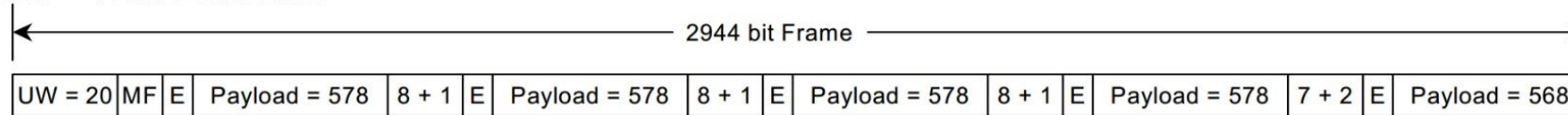
EDMAC-2 Frame Structure



Notes:

1. 3072 bits for BPSK 5/16 Turbo
2. 2256 bits for BPSK 5/16 Turbo

D&I++ Frame Structure

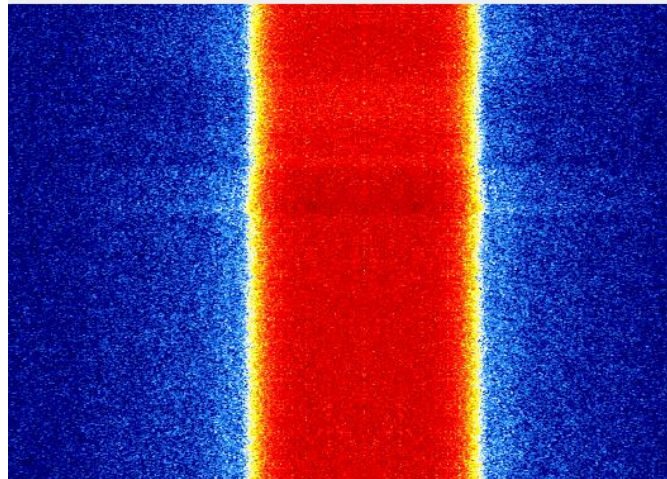
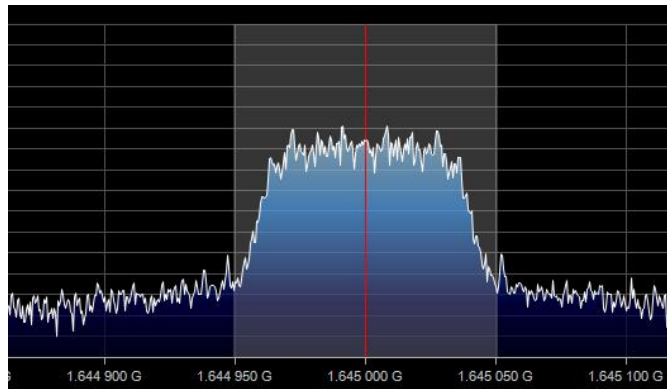


Item	Description
UW	Unique Word
Payload	User Data
8 + 1	EDMAC Data + 1 Flag bit
7 + 1	AUPC Data + 2 Flag bits
MF	Multi-frame Count, 3 bits
E	ESC Channel, 1 bit



If we can reverse the EDMAC command, we
can
control the modem using EDMAC through the
air

QPSK



Options
ID: QPSK_Demod
Title: comtech
Author: Rasiel
Description: Unicorn Team
Generate Options: QT GUI

Variable
ID: samp_rate
Value: 2M

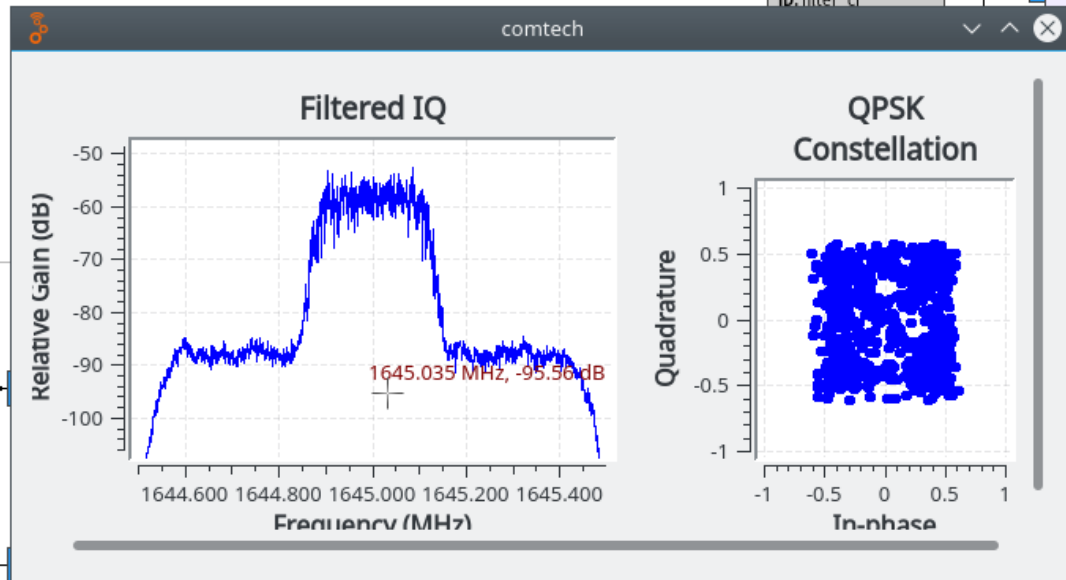
Variable
ID: freq
Value: 1.645G

Variable
ID: sym_rate
Value: 256k

Variable
ID: samp_per_sym
Value: 7.8125

File Source
File: ...0_fc-COMS-1_LRIT.raw
Repeat: No
Add begin tag: pmt.PMT_NIL

Complex To Real



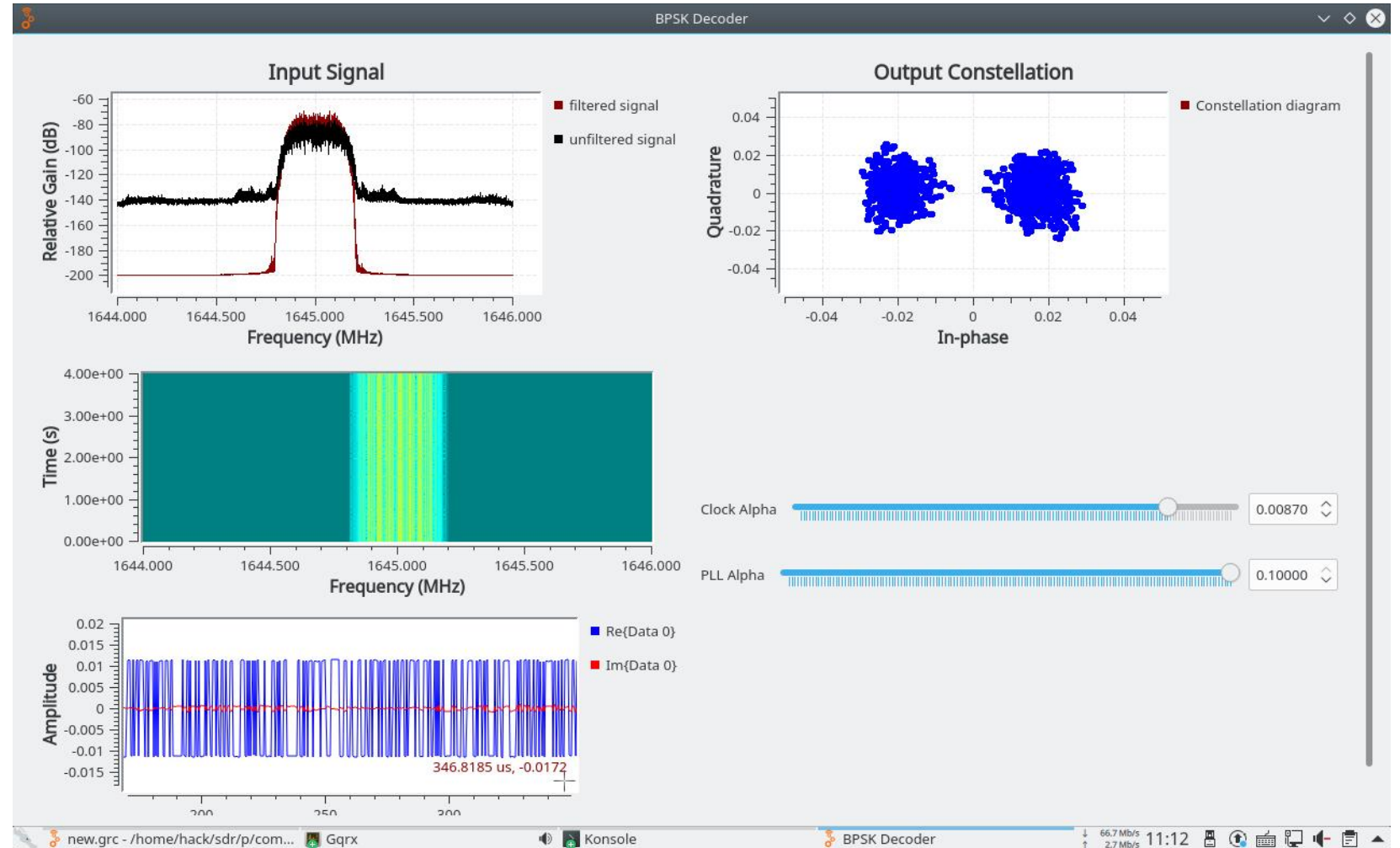
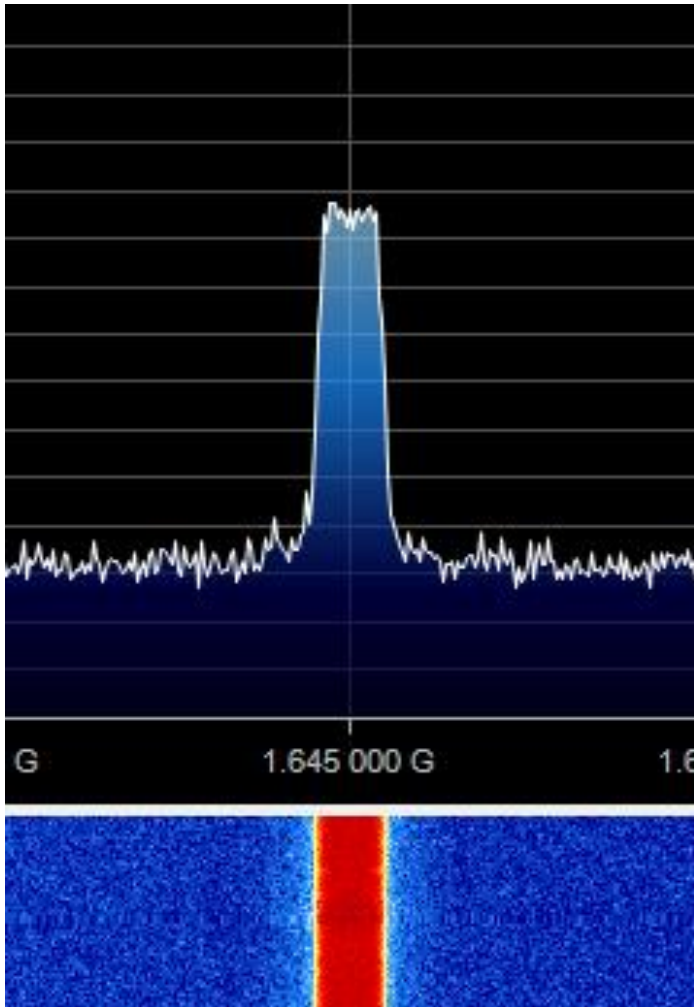
QT GUI Range
ID: filter_cf

QT GUI Frequency Sink
Name: Filtered IQ
FFT Size: 2.048k
Center Frequency (Hz): 1.645G
Bandwidth (Hz): 1M

Rational Resampler
Interpolation: 1
Decimation: 2
Taps:
Fractional BW: 0

AGC
Rate: 10m
Reference: 500m
Gain: 500m
Max Gain: 4k

BPSK



DECODED DATA

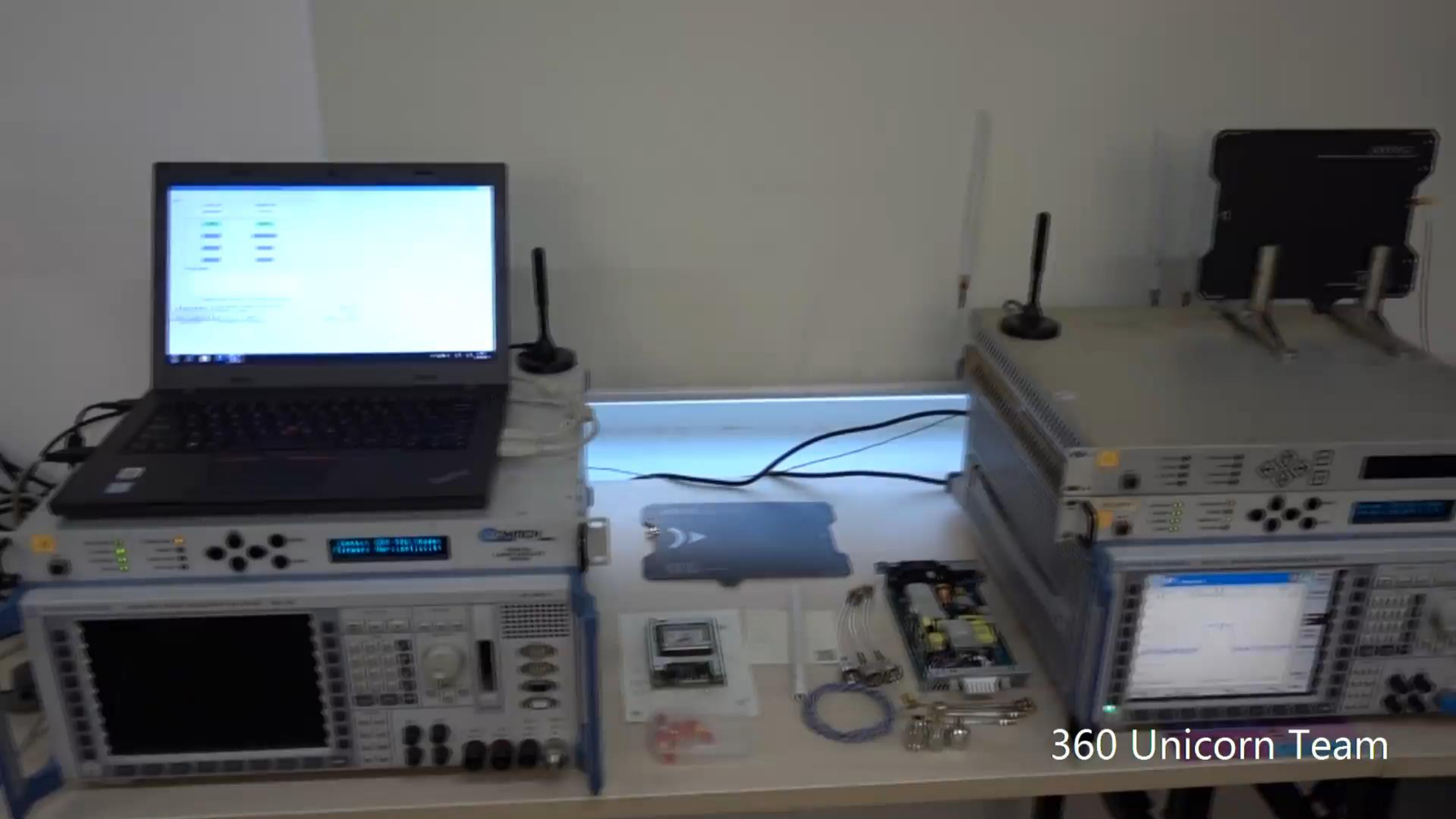
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A9 9D C9 8A 4A E8 3F E9 49 74 E8 BF 6B 8A EE 9E E4 C1 45 C7
45 7F C6 6D 42 B0 1F 84 22 75 42 02 3D 0B 81 4D E8 3F CE 30
26 12 82 55 9E 12 3D C8 E9 03 36 26 06 68 B2 F5 D0 56 74 E8
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22 DE 97 82 55 7F 8C 04 A2 AB B7 49 EC 3F 3D 97 02 49 34 6F
6F 22 CE 9E 16 45 E8 4D 31 A2 CE 96 C9 57 24 32 68 66 6A 4B
BF 4F E8 75 21 9B 89 7F D3 38 C4 06 A3 CE 02 E9 B0 68 1F 32
0A D7 6E 66 51 9E E4 C1 0A 57 C7 BF 07 12 9B 2B 55 04 9E 96
D8 2F AB BA 49 E8 51 12 21 82 16 A3 49 1A 02 21 03 6D 96 42
F3 6A 45 7F 84 3F 06 3F 22 49 7D C1 57 E8 4D DE D0 E4 EA E8
42 21 0B 68 D7 49 75 45 4D F3 49 02 5D 49 51 40 01 DB E8 B3
1A B2 51 D0 24 69 E8 7F 4F E8 3F F5 97 D4 E9 4B 68 3F 6E 71
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4B 57 BF 6F 31 A2 A2 C1 52 57 26 68 66 B7 57 DB 22 76 81 E0
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9B 74 6D 71 DE A0 C7 97 3F 0B 8E 21 70 B0 6B D3 C8 12 B2 02
0A C0 A2 DE BB 34 0C 68 9A CE AB C1 01 0A D7 74 68 05 E2 49
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ATTACK SCENARIO



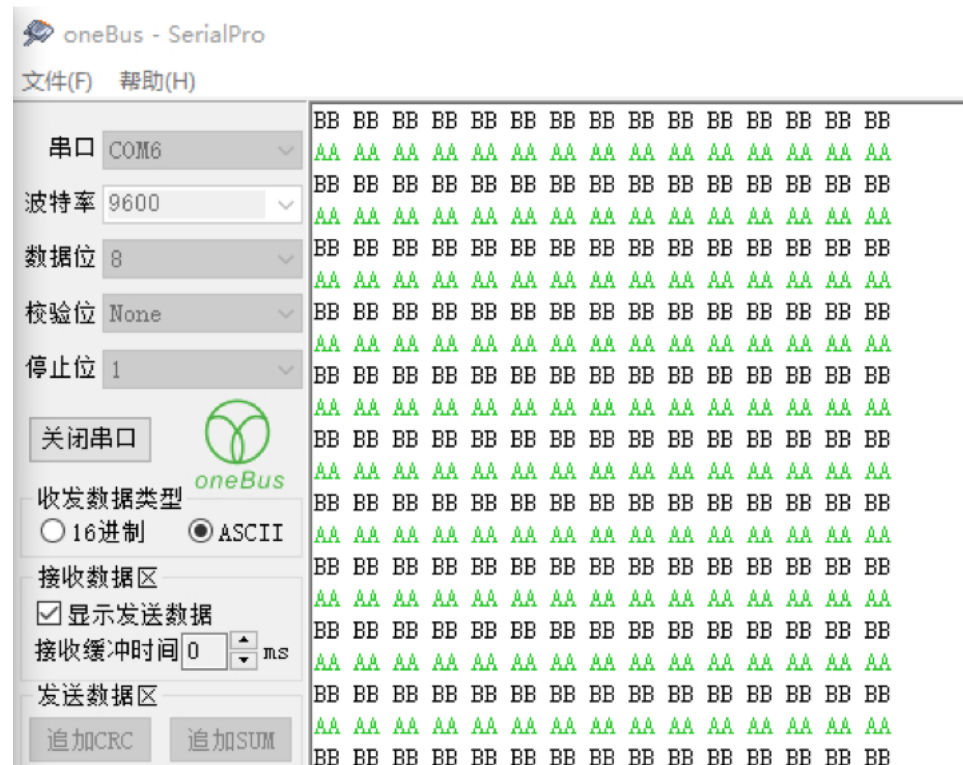


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NORMAL



Modem A

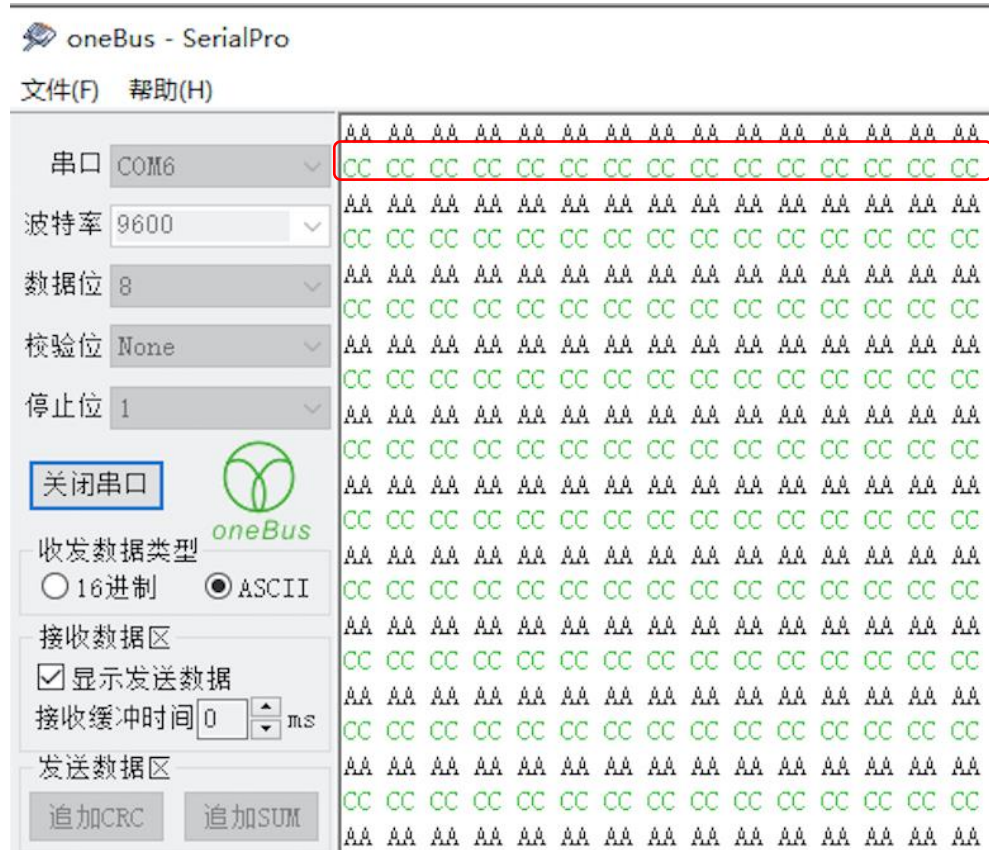


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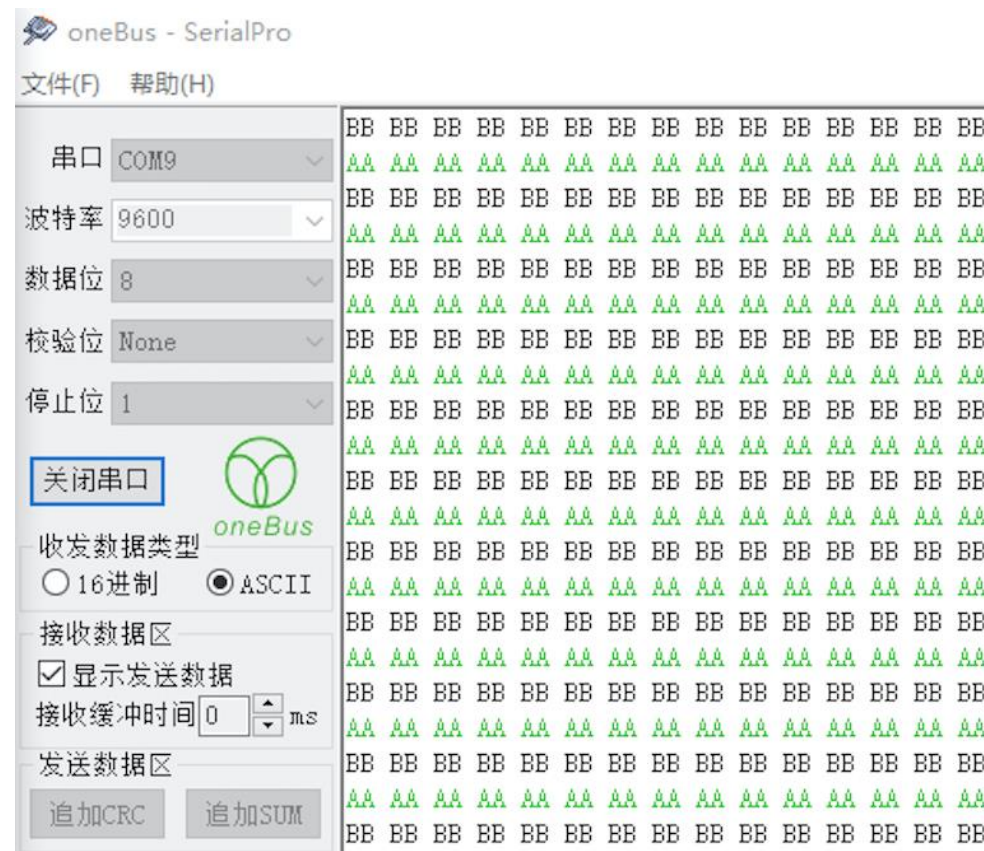
Modem A sends data “A” to Modem B, and Modem B sends data “B” in response.
The data received by Modem A is "B"!



BE ATTACKED...



Modem A

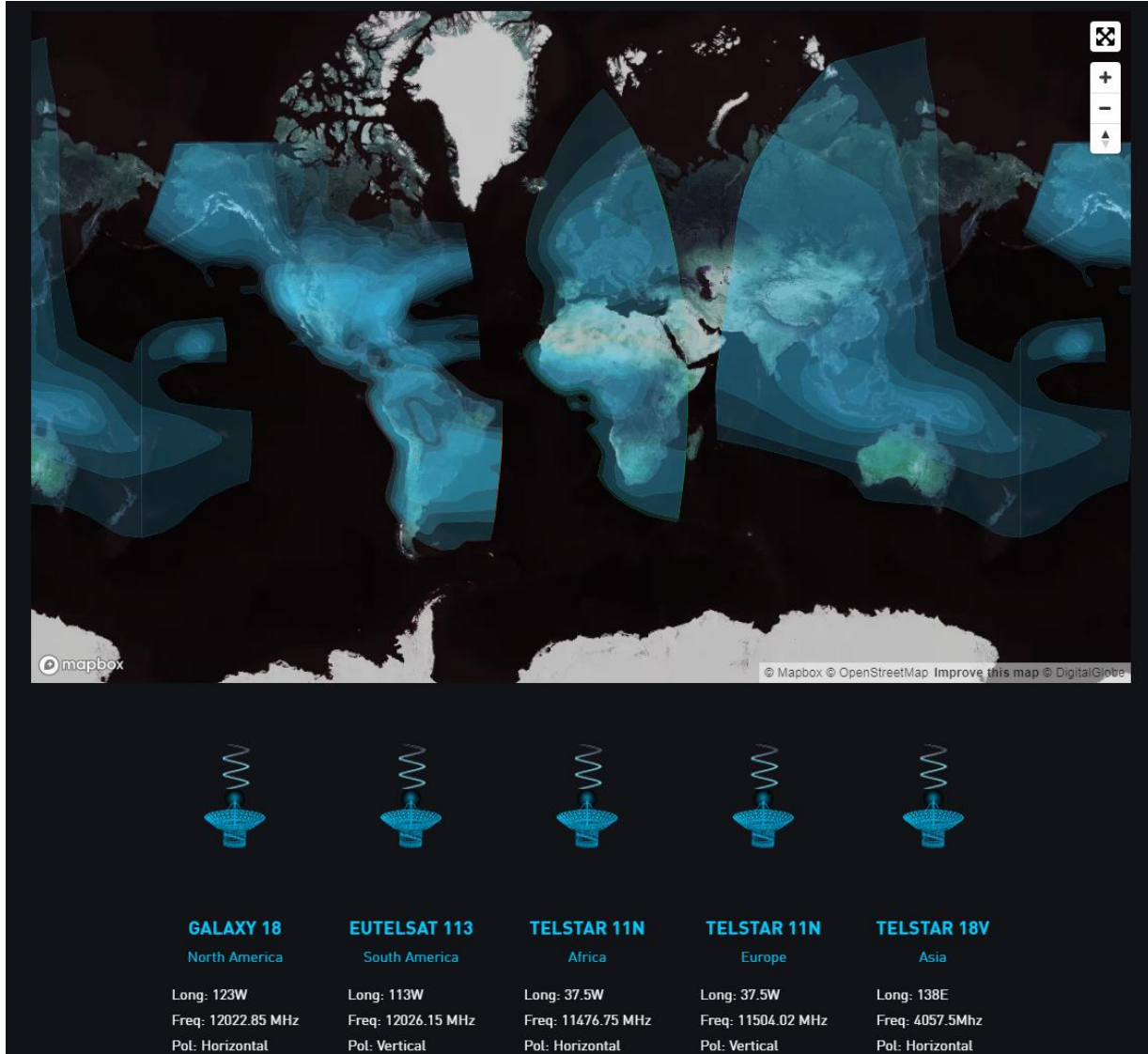


Modem B

Modem A sends data "A" to Modem B, and Modem B sends data "B" in response.
But the data received by Modem A is "C"!



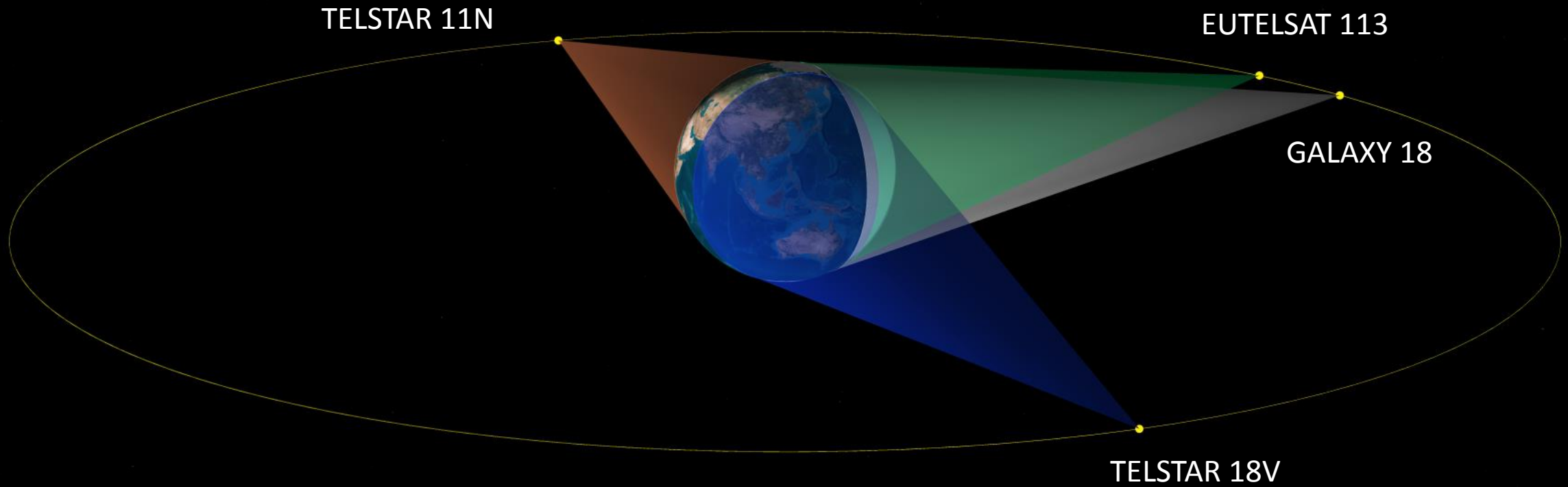
BITCOIN-SATELLITE NETWORK



They transmit bitcoin transaction information via satellite networks to places where there is no network around the world.



SATELLITE SIMULATION



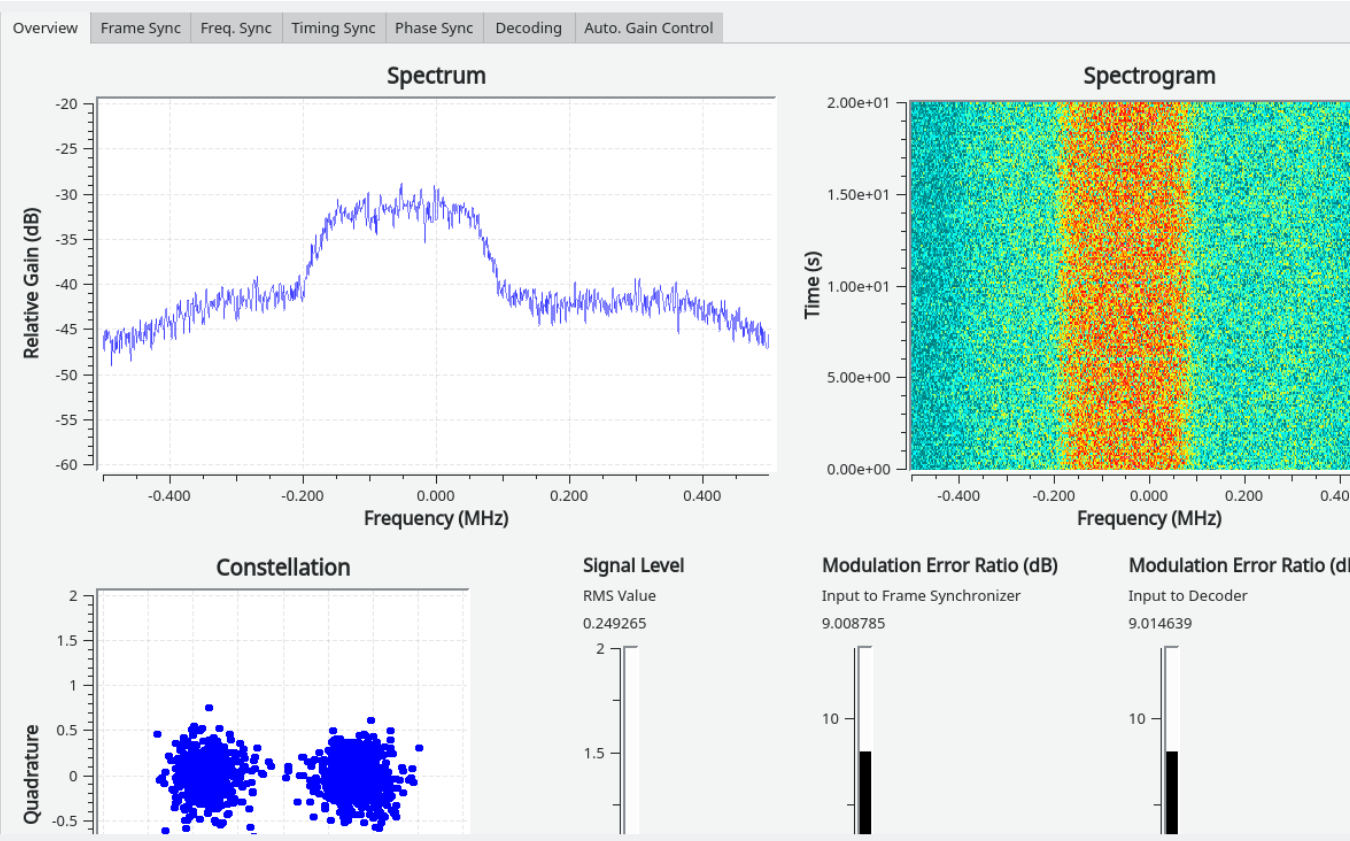
TELSTAR 18V

Downlink Freq:4057.5MHz

Uplink Freq = 4057.5MHz+2225MHz=6282.5MHz



THE FIRST TIME IN THE ASIAN REGION TO SUCCESSFULLY RECEIVE BITCOIN DATA DISTRIBUTED BY BLOCKSTREAM



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[2019-03-18 16:38:03] Frame Timing => LOCKED      Timing Indicator: STRONG
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[2019-03-18 16:38:03] Carrier Frequency Offset: -50.6436 kHz
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[2019-03-18 16:38:03] SNR [=====] ] 9.1503 dB
[2019-03-18 16:38:04] SNR [=====] ] 9.1953 dB
[2019-03-18 16:38:04] WARNING: Blocks data buffer full - lost 139264 bytes
NOTE: If not reading blocks data from "/tmp/blocksat/bitcoinfibre", run with "--no-blocks"
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[2019-03-18 16:38:04] Rx Data   Blocks: 15.22 MB (13.9 kB/sec)
                        API:      0 B (0.0 kB/sec)
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[2019-03-18 16:38:05] SNR [=====] ] 9.1762 dB
[2019-03-18 16:38:06] SNR [=====] ] 9.1977 dB
[2019-03-18 16:38:07] SNR [=====] ] 9.1201 dB
[2019-03-18 16:38:08] SNR [=====] ] 9.1731 dB
[2019-03-18 16:38:09] SNR [=====] ] 9.1127 dB
[2019-03-18 16:38:10] SNR [=====] ] 9.1020 dB
[2019-03-18 16:38:11] SNR [=====] ] 9.2128 dB
[2019-03-18 16:38:12] SNR [=====] ] 9.1944 dB
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[2019-03-18 16:38:13] Bit Error Rate: 2.68E-03
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[2019-03-18 16:38:13] Frame Timing => LOCKED      Timing Indicator: STRONG
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[2019-03-18 16:38:13] Carrier Frequency Offset: -50.6189 kHz
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[2019-03-18 16:38:13] SNR [=====] ] 9.1636 dB
[2019-03-18 16:38:14] SNR [=====] ] 9.1825 dB
[2019-03-18 16:38:14] WARNING: Blocks data buffer full - lost 139264 bytes
NOTE: If not reading blocks data from "/tmp/blocksat/bitcoinfibre", run with "--no-blocks"
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[2019-03-18 16:38:14] Rx Data   Blocks: 15.36 MB (14.0 kB/sec)
                        API:      0 B (0.0 kB/sec)
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[2019-03-18 16:38:15] SNR [=====] ] 9.2257 dB
[2019-03-18 16:38:16] SNR [=====] ] 9.2144 dB
[2019-03-18 16:38:17] SNR [=====] ] 9.3355 dB
[2019-03-18 16:38:18] SNR [=====] ] 9.3285 dB
[2019-03-18 16:38:19] SNR [=====] ] 9.2792 dB
  
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