Threat From the Satellite

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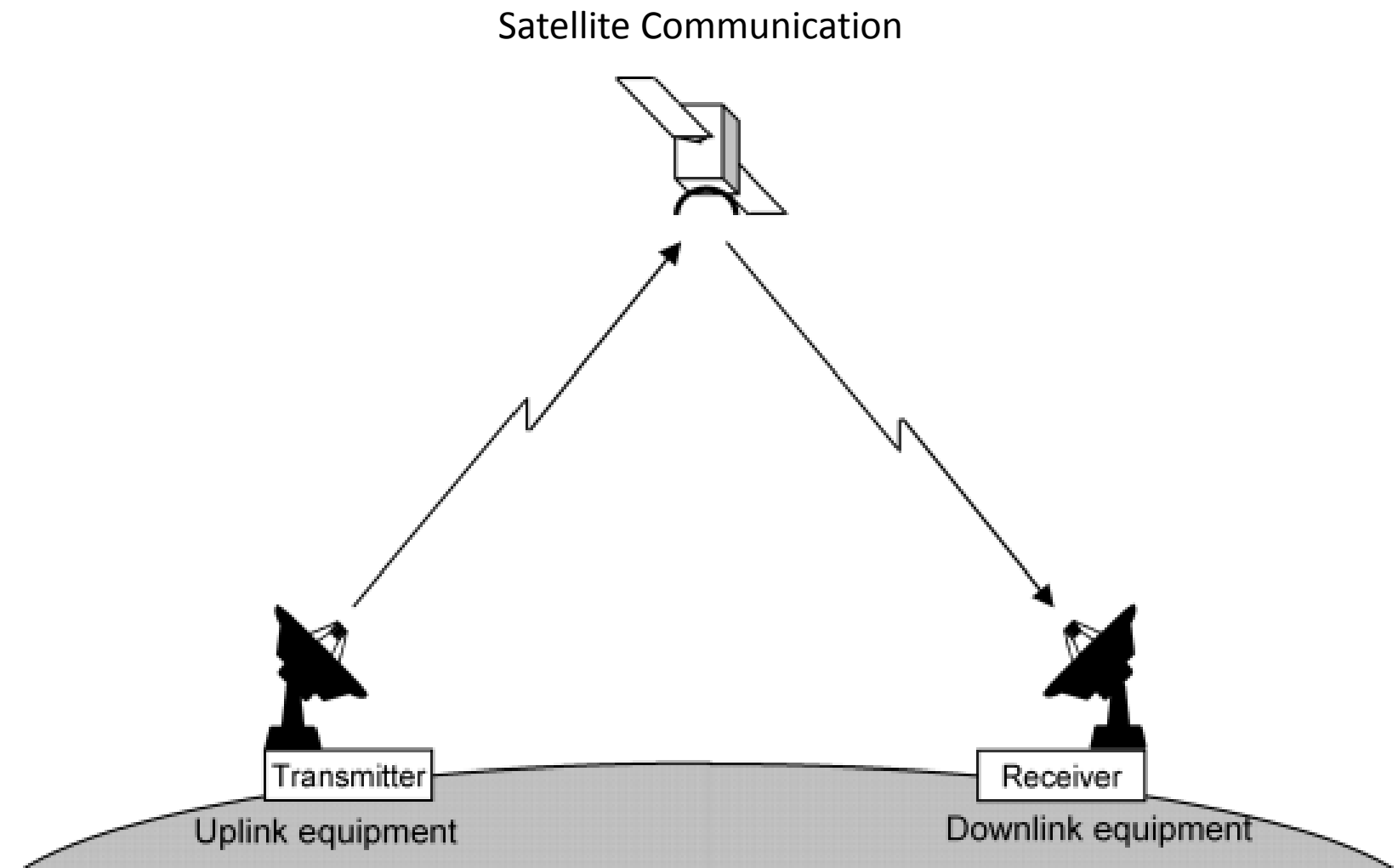
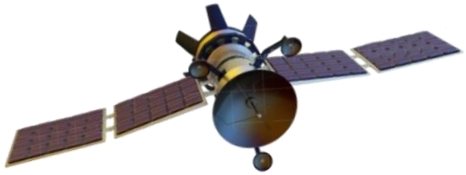
SATELLITE COMMUNICATION



Applications

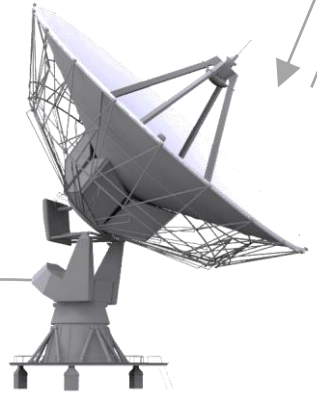
Bank
Telephone
Radio
Internet
Television
Military

COMMUNICATION COMPONENT



Satellite

Terminal



Antenna

Modem

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Terminal

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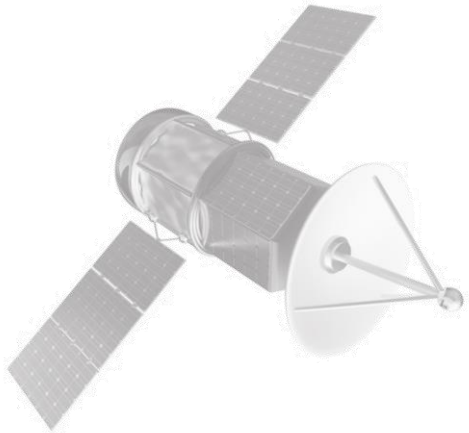
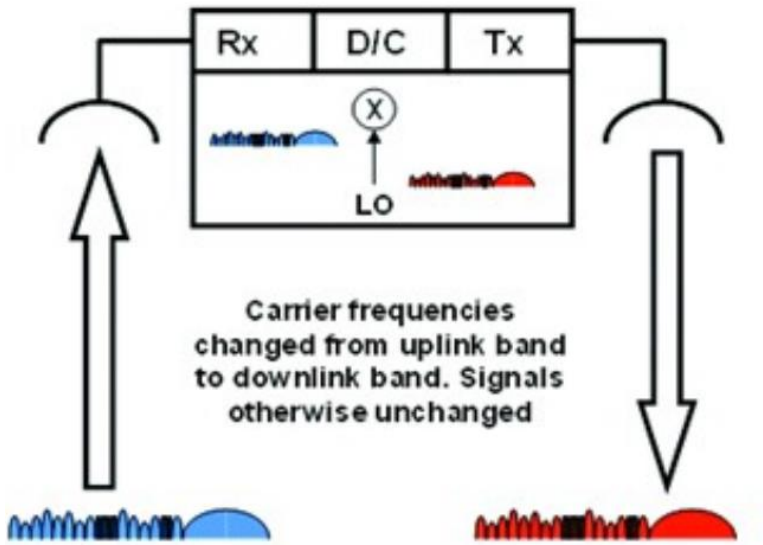
TRANSPONDERS



‘Bent Pipe’ Transponder Payload

Regenerative Payload



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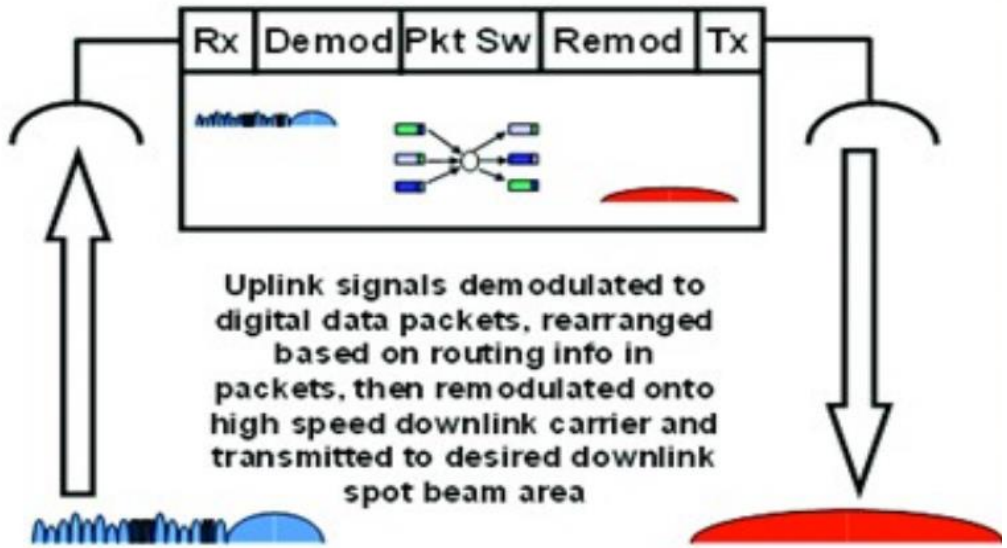


Regenerative Payload

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

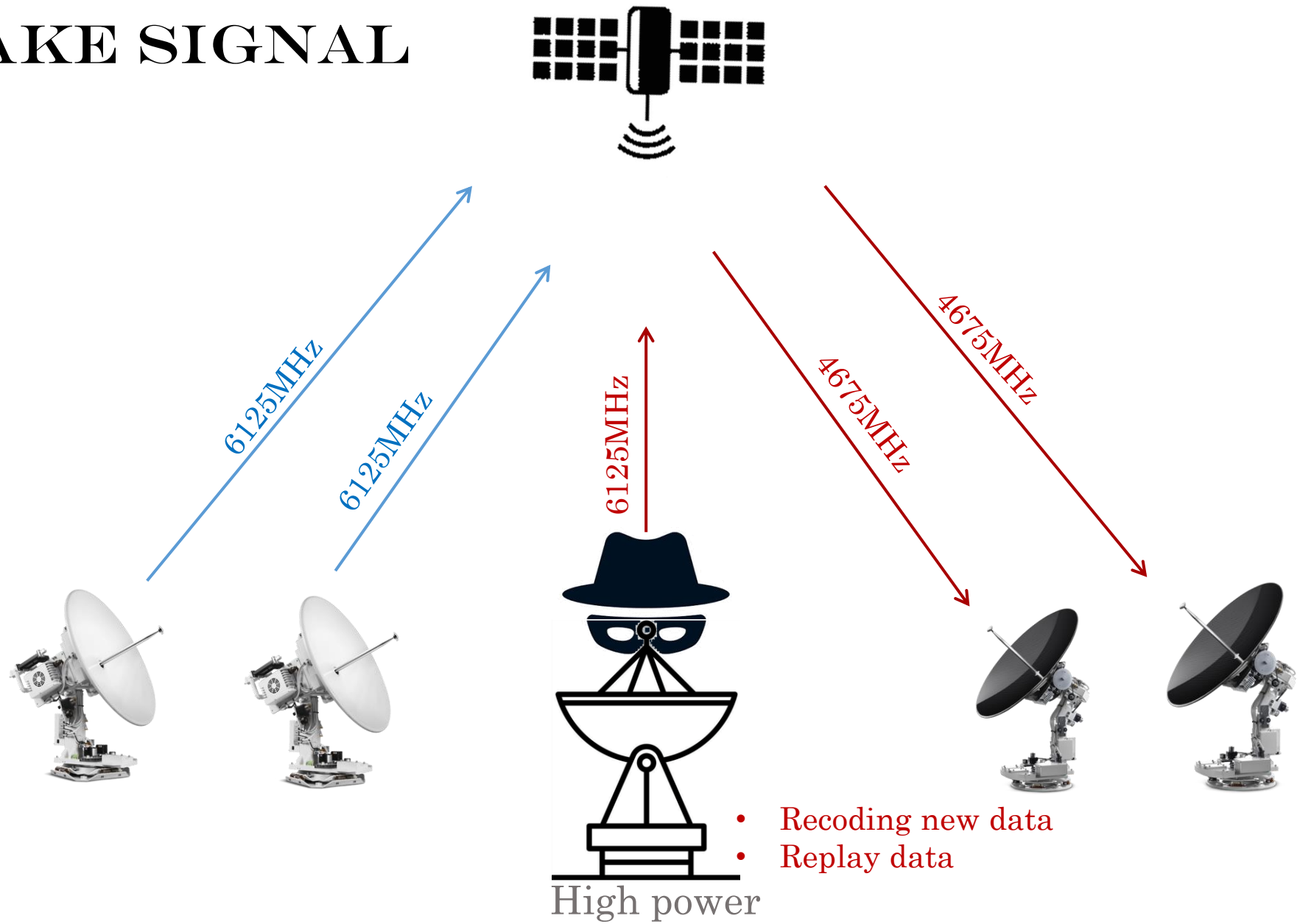
Stealing Communication Links

Calculate the free link and use it.

Jamming

Calculate the uplink frequency and send high power jamming signal.

FAKE SIGNAL



- Recoding new data
- Replay data

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

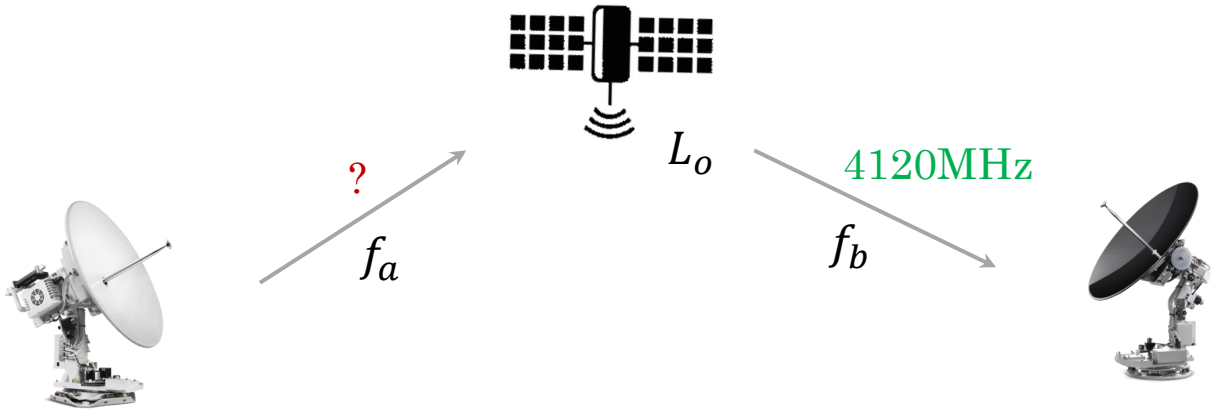
Downlink: 11.7GHz – 12.2GHz Local frequency:1.748GHz,1.750GHz

Ka-band frequency

Uplink: 27.5GHz – 31.0GHz

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

CALCULATE THE UPLINK FREQUENCY



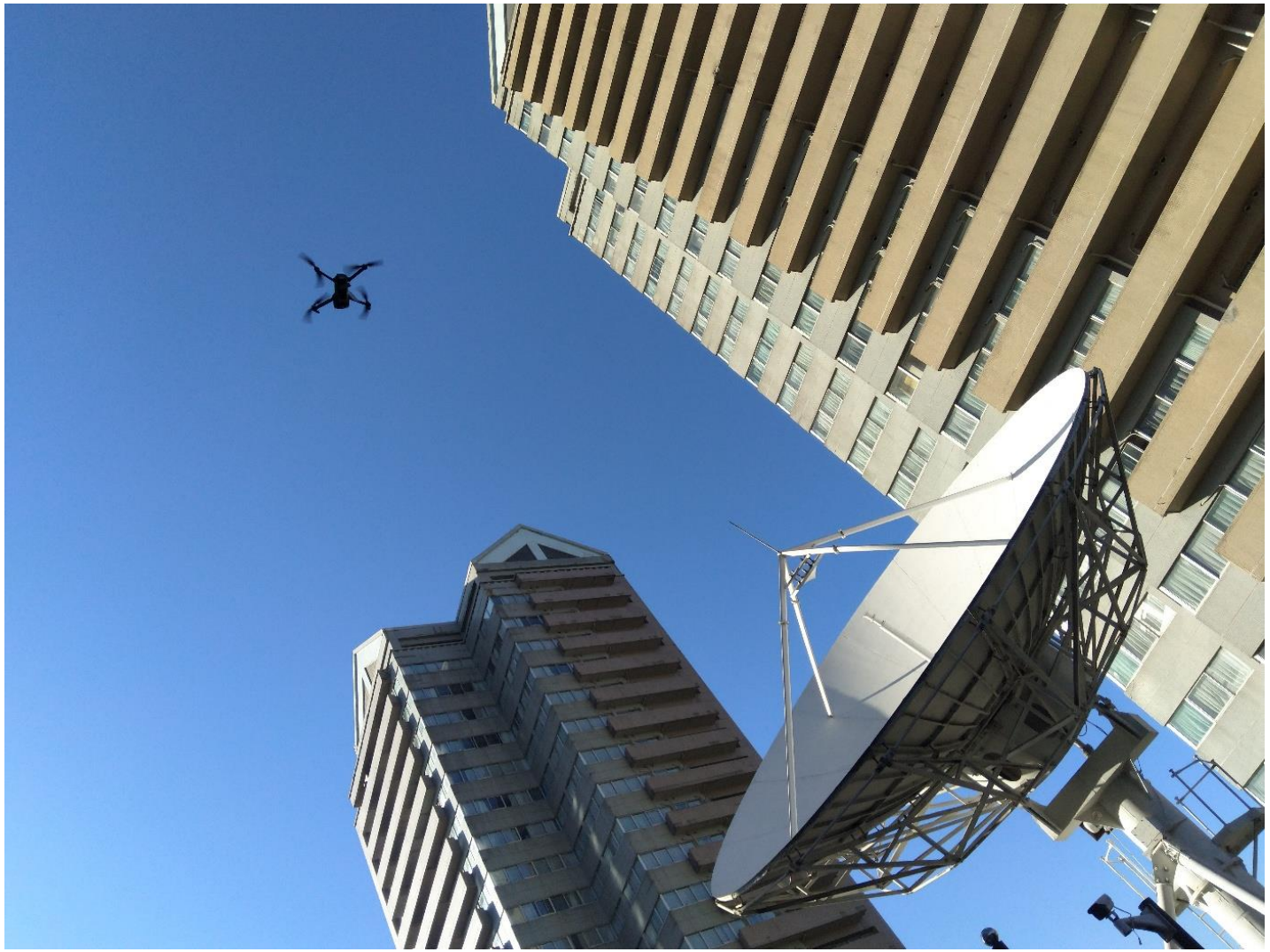
- If we know the downlink frequency. What's the uplink frequency?

$$f_b = f_a \pm L_o$$

$f_a, uplink\ frequency; f_b, downlink\ frequency;\ L_o, local\ frquency$

$f_b = 4120Mhz => C - band\ frequceny => L_o = 2225MHz => f_a = 4120 + 2225 = 6345Mhz$

OPERATIONAL USE CASES



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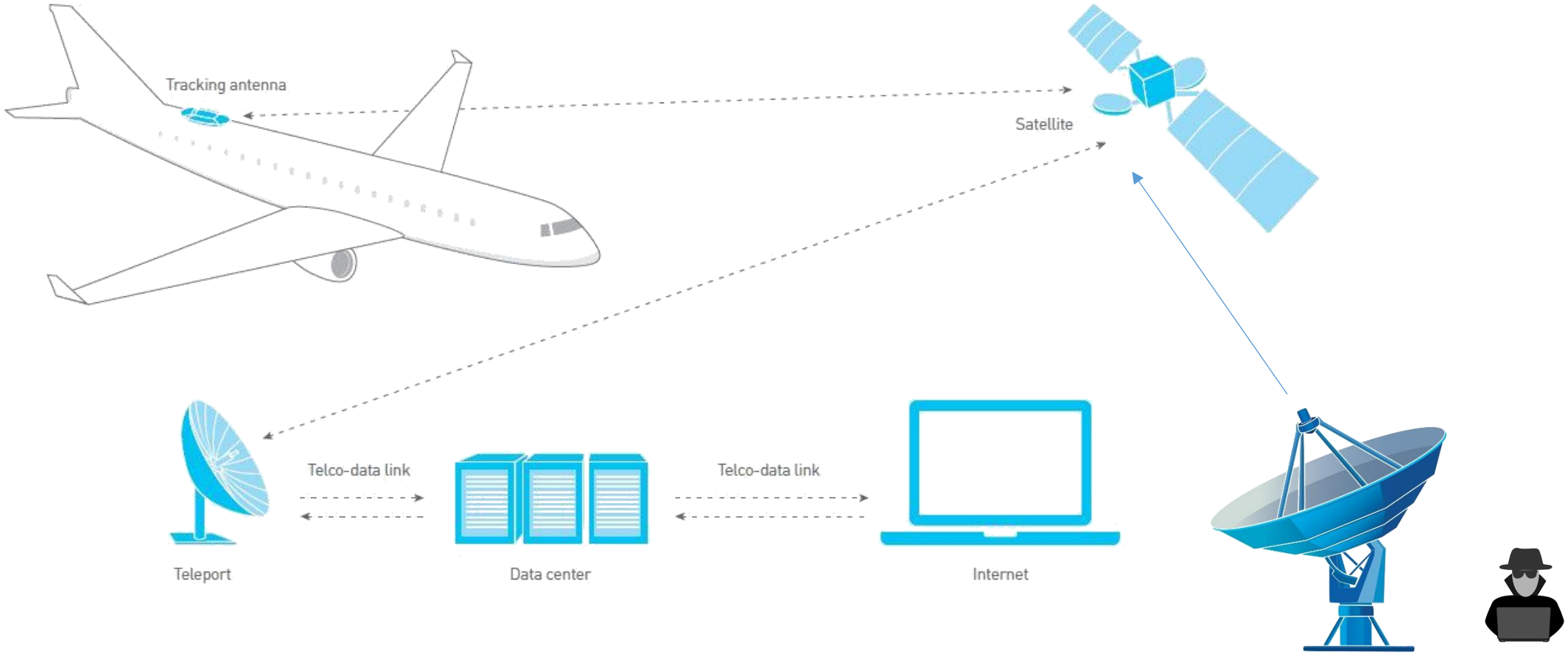
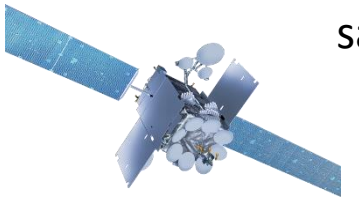


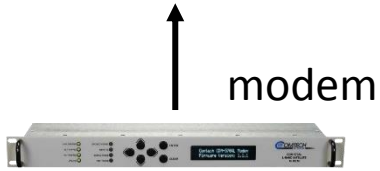
STEALING DATA



satellite

downlink

modem

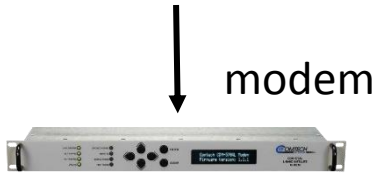


ip card

Hacker

modem

Hacker



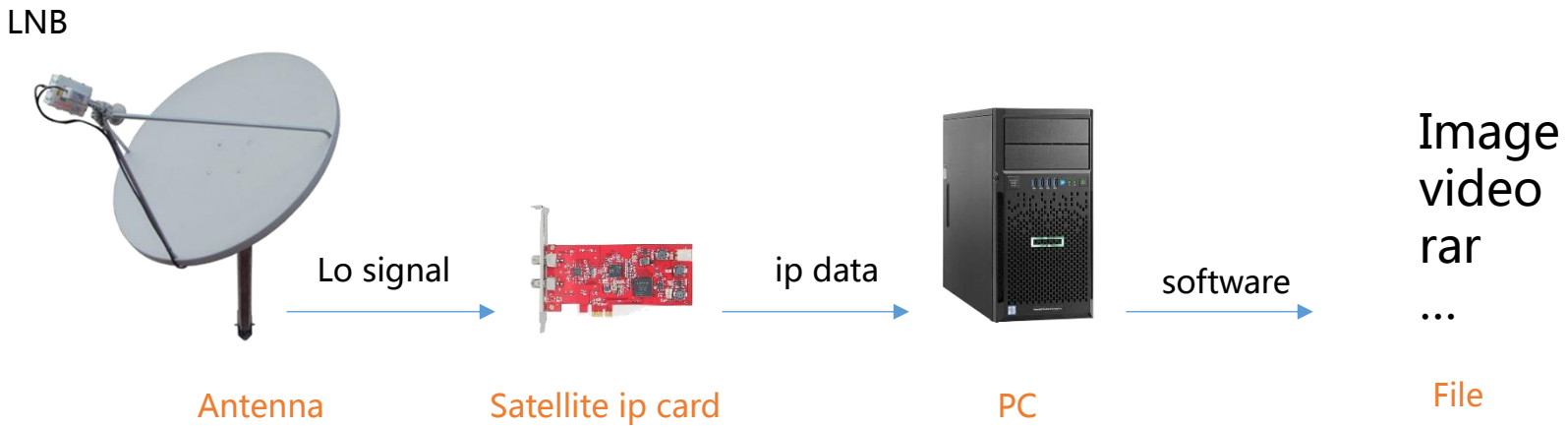
modem

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?

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

Unattended Stations

Remote control

Monitor

Control Center

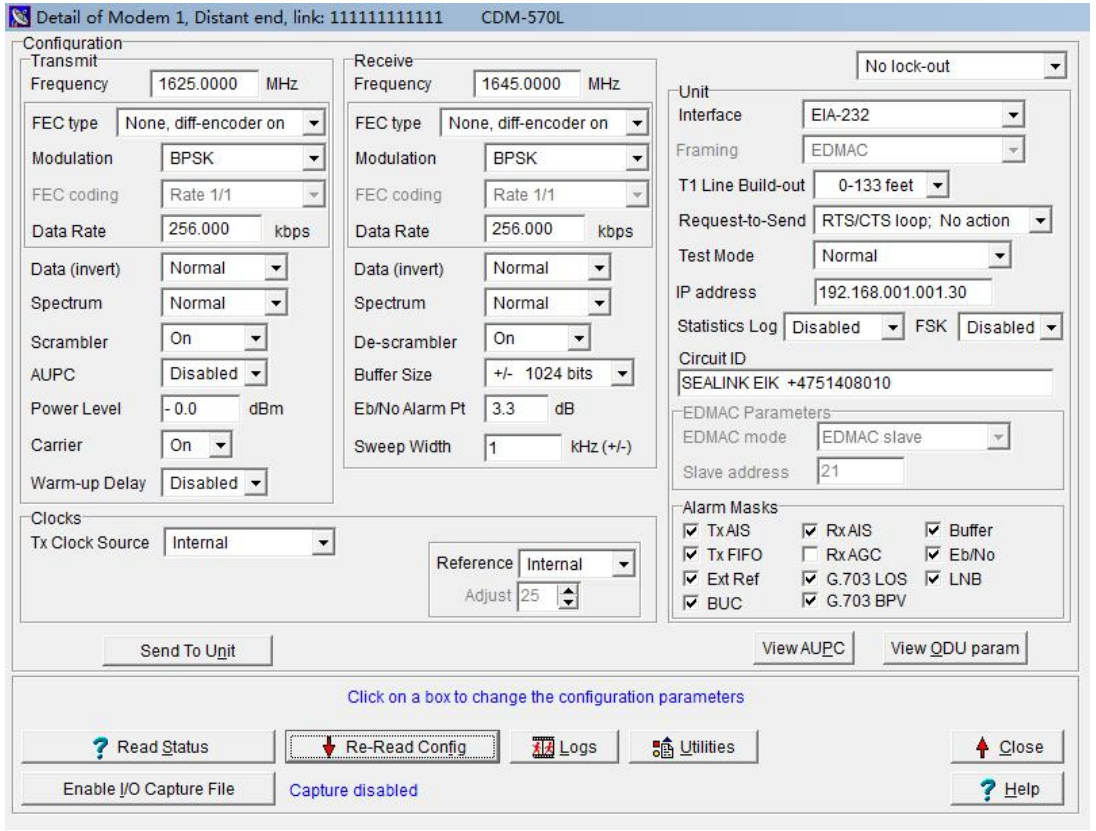
EDMAC OF COMTECH

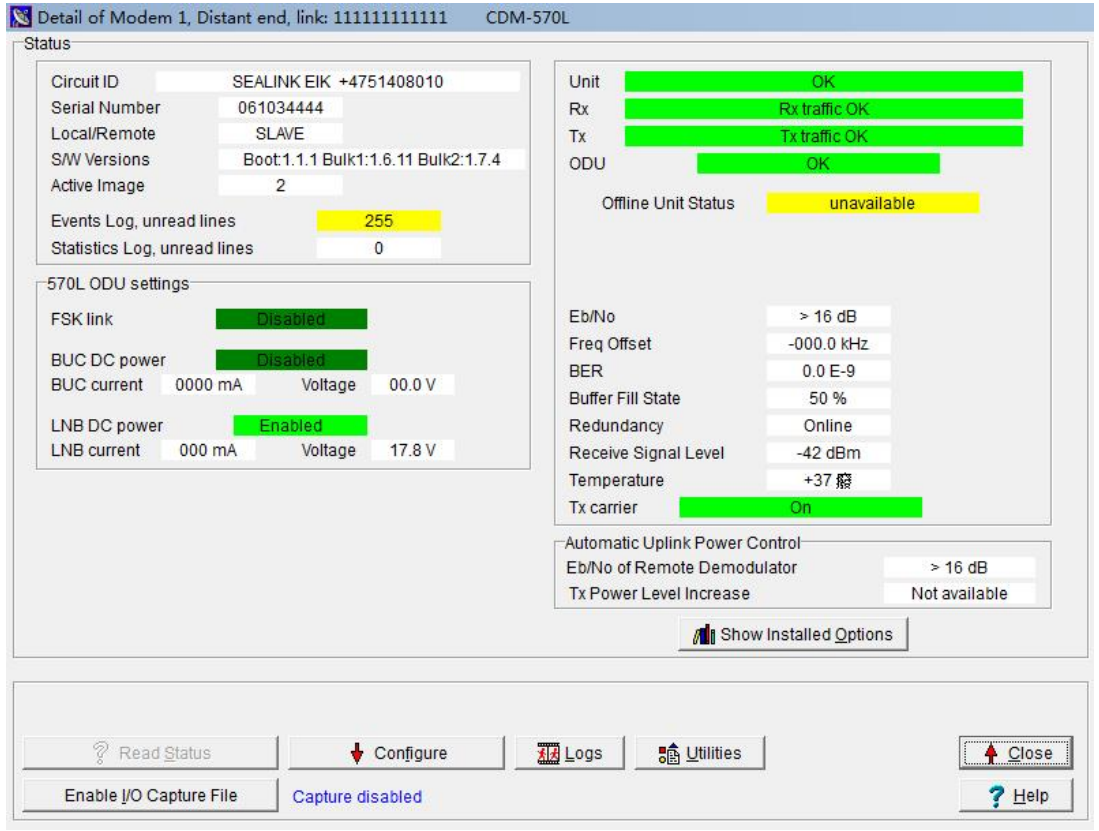
Our EDMAC capability permits the users to access the M&C features of distant-end modems in a satellite link. This is accomplished by adding extra information to the user data in a manner that is completely transparent to the users.

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)





EDMAC

Master

Slave A

Slave B

Slave C

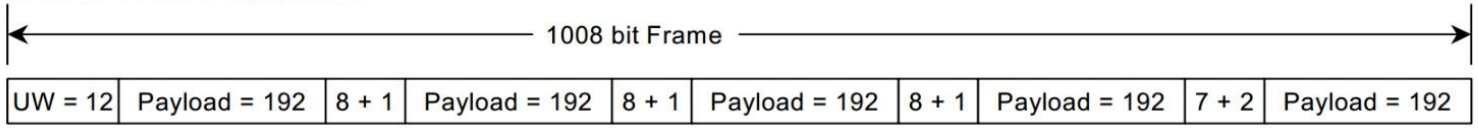
Slave D

Receive

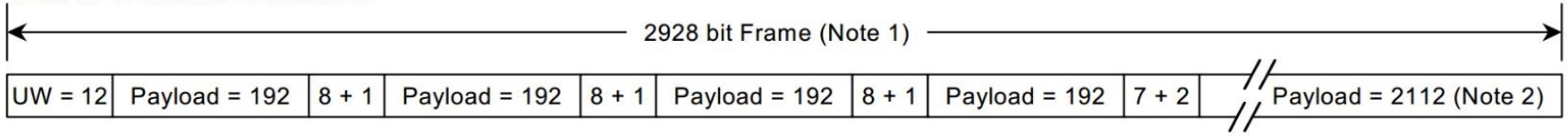
Frequency	1645.0000	MHz
FEC type	None, diff-encoder on	
Modulation	BPSK	
FEC coding	Rate 1/1	
Data Rate	256.000	kbps
Data (invert)	Normal	
Spectrum	Normal	
De-scrambler	On	
Buffer Size	+/- 1024 bits	
Eb/No Alarm Pt	3.3	dB
Sweep Width	1	kHz (+/-)

EDMAC FRAME STRUCTURE

EDMAC Frame Structure

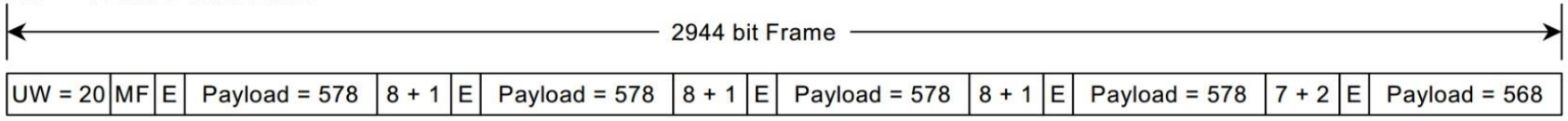


EDMAC-2 Frame Structure



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

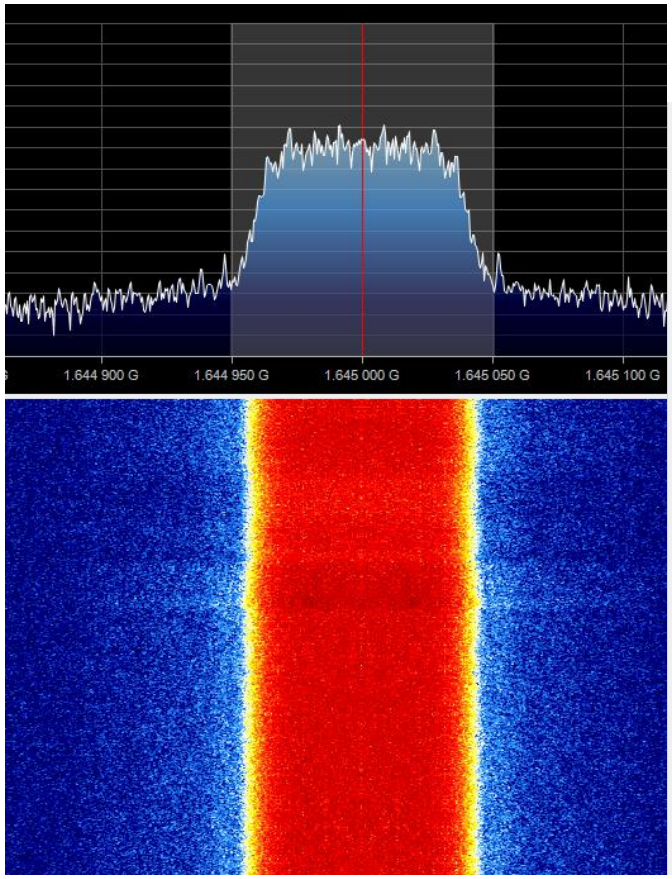
D&I++ Frame Structure



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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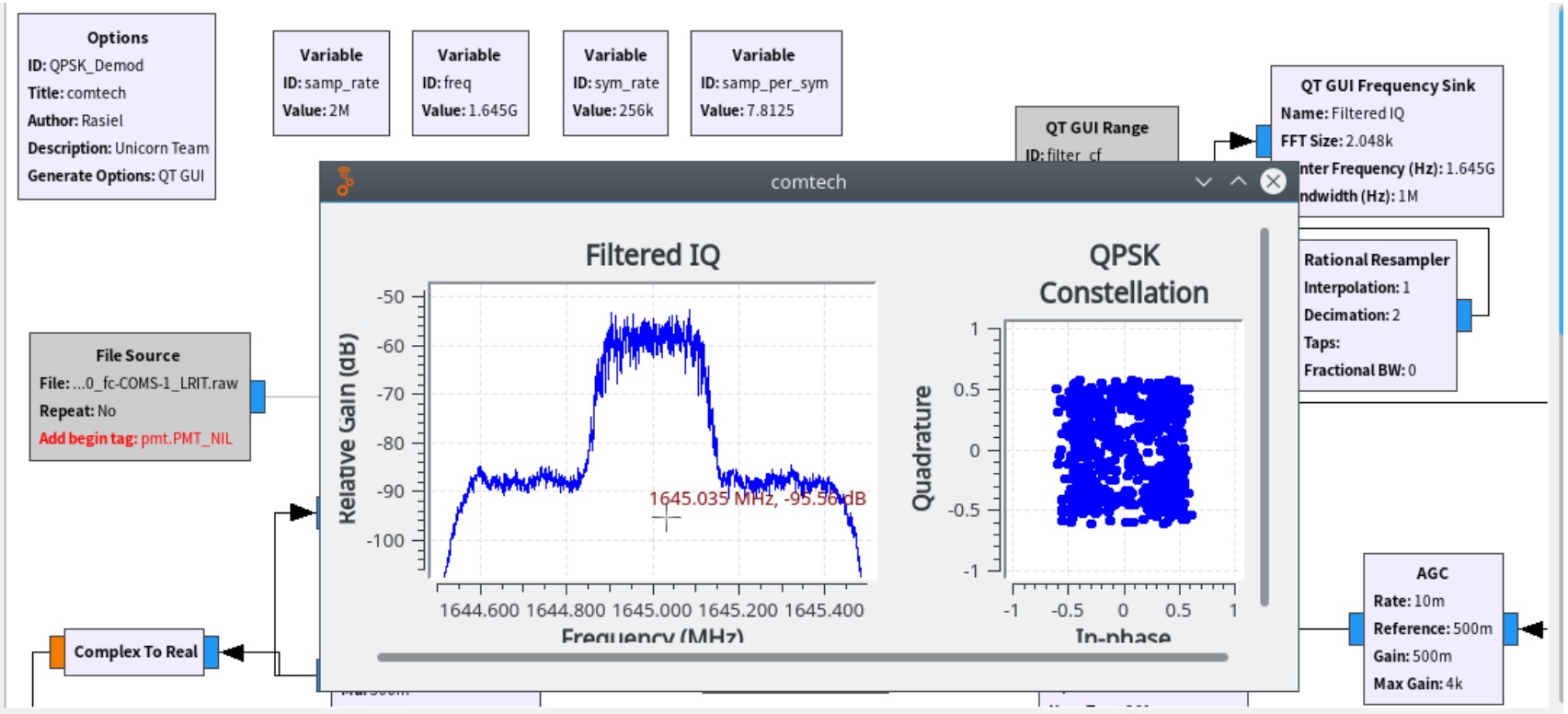
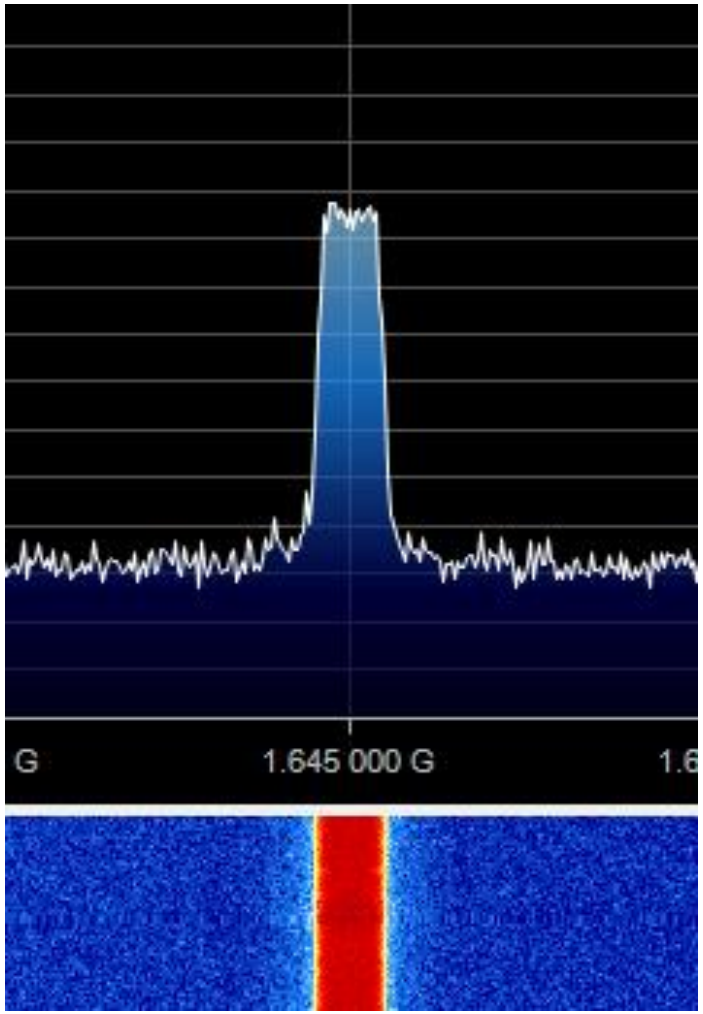

Options
ID: QPSK_Demod
Title: comtech
Author: Rasiel
Description: Unicorn Team
Generate Options: QT GUI
Variable
ID: samp_rate
Value: 2M
Variable
ID: freq
Value: 1.645G
Variable
ID: sym_rate
Value: 256k
Variable
ID: samp_per_sym
Value: 7.8125
QT GUI Range
ID: filter_cf
QT GUI Frequency Sink
Name: Filtered IQ
FFT Size: 2.048k
nter Frequency (Hz): 1.645G
ndwidth (Hz): 1M
comtech
Filtered IQ
Relative Gain (dB)
-50
-60
-70
-80
-90
-100
1644.600 1644.800 1645.000 1645.200 1645.400
Frequency (MHz)
1645.035 MHz, -95.96dB
QPSK Constellation
Quadrature
1
0.5
0
-0.5
-1
-1 -0.5 0 0.5 1
In-phase
Rational Resampler
Interpolation: 1
Decimation: 2
Taps:
Fractional BW: 0
File Source
File: ...0_fc-COMS-1_LRIT.raw
Repeat: No
Add begin tag: pmt.PMT_NIL
Complex To Real
AGC
Rate: 10m
Reference: 500m
Gain: 500m
Max Gain: 4k

BPSK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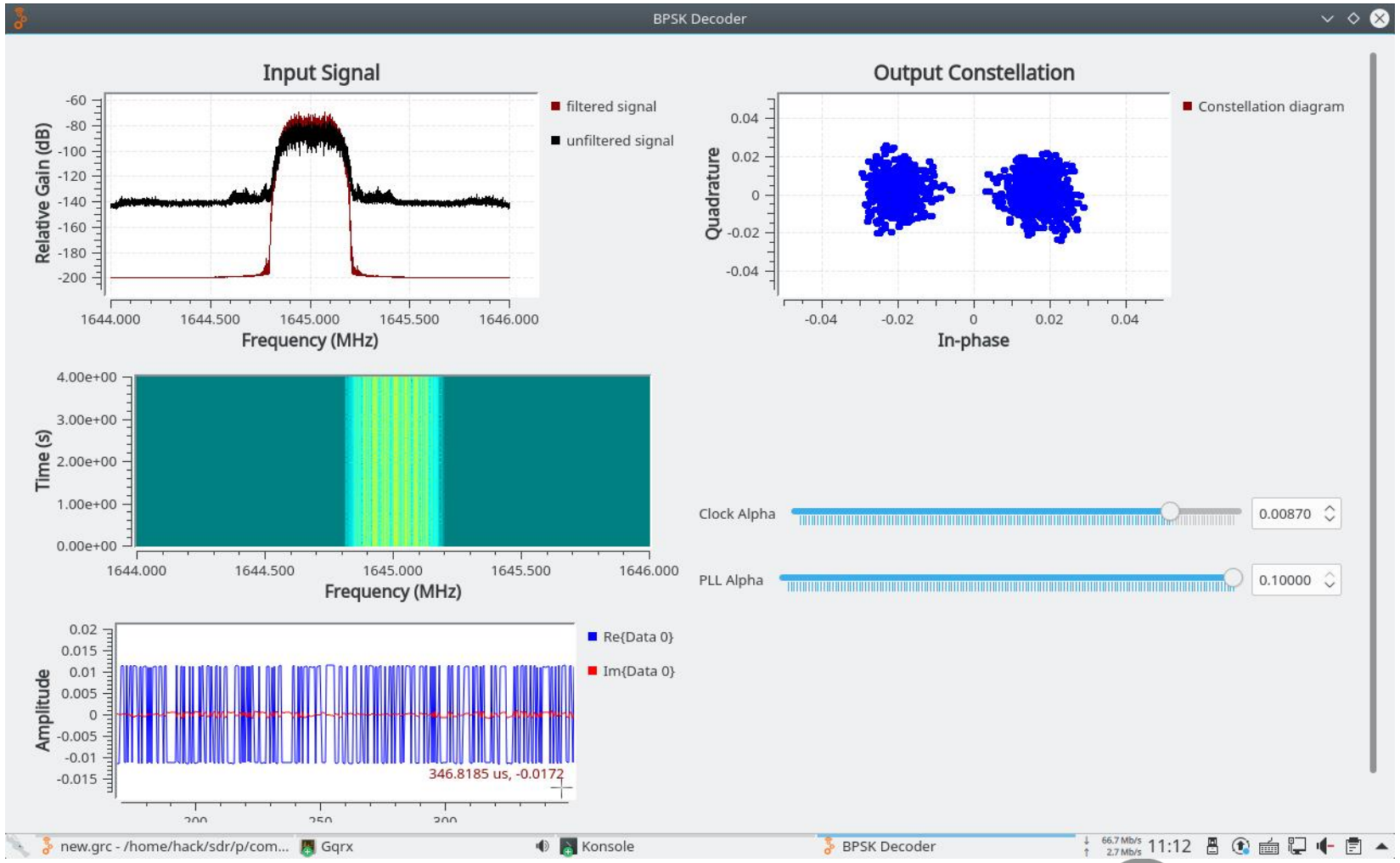
1.645 000 G
1.6


BPSK Decoder
Input Signal
Relative Gain (dB)
-60
-80
-100
-120
-140
-160
-180
-200
1644.000
1644.500
1645.000
1645.500
1646.000
Frequency (MHz)
filtered signal
unfiltered signal
Output Constellation
Quadrature
0.04
0.02
0
-0.02
-0.04
In-phase
Constellation diagram
Time (s)
4.00e+00
3.00e+00
2.00e+00
1.00e+00
0.00e+00
Frequency (MHz)
Clock Alpha
0.00870
PLL Alpha
0.10000
Amplitude
0.02
0.015
0.01
0.005
0
-0.005
-0.01
-0.015
346.8185 us, -0.0172
Re{Data 0}
Im{Data 0}
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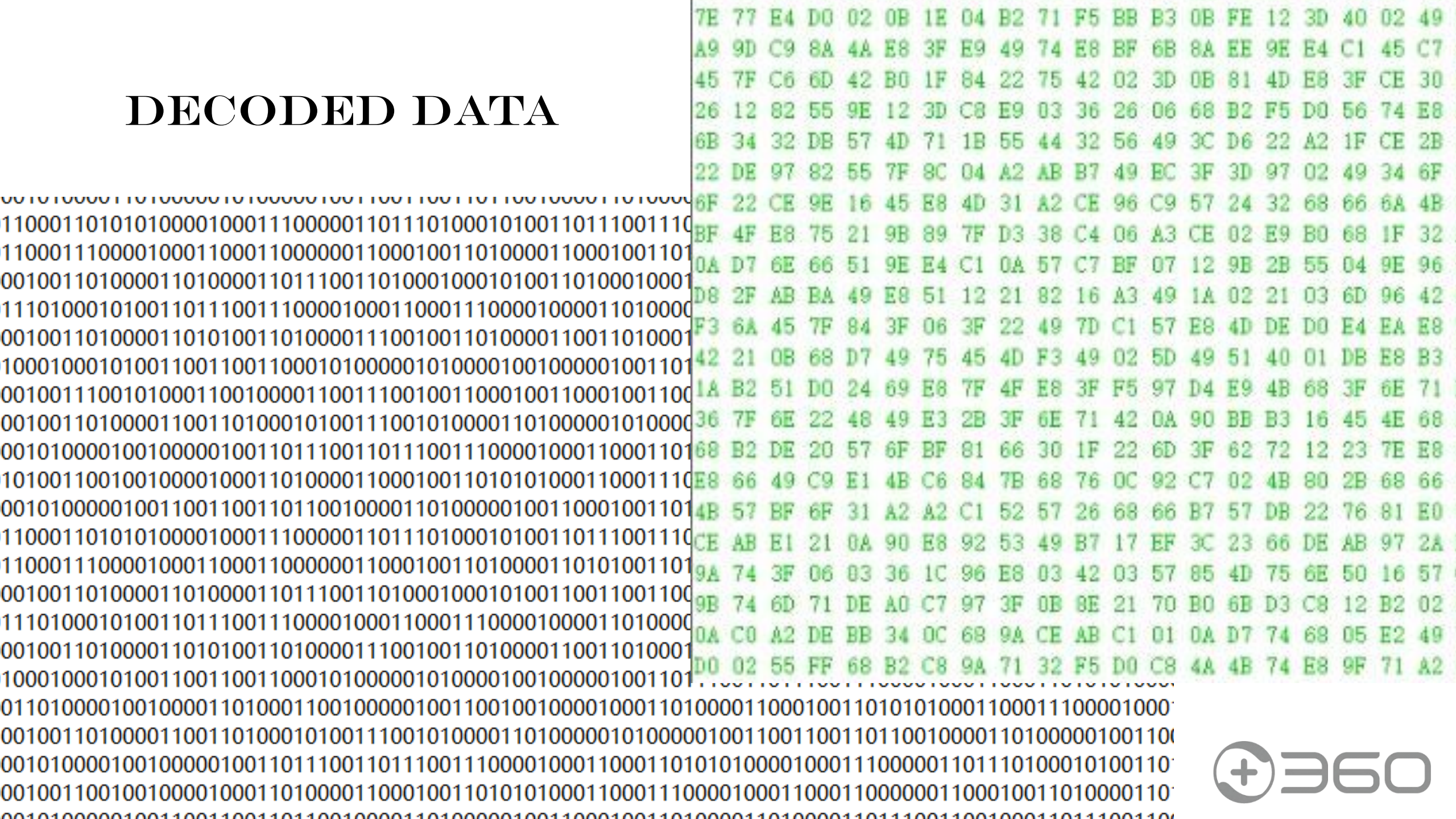
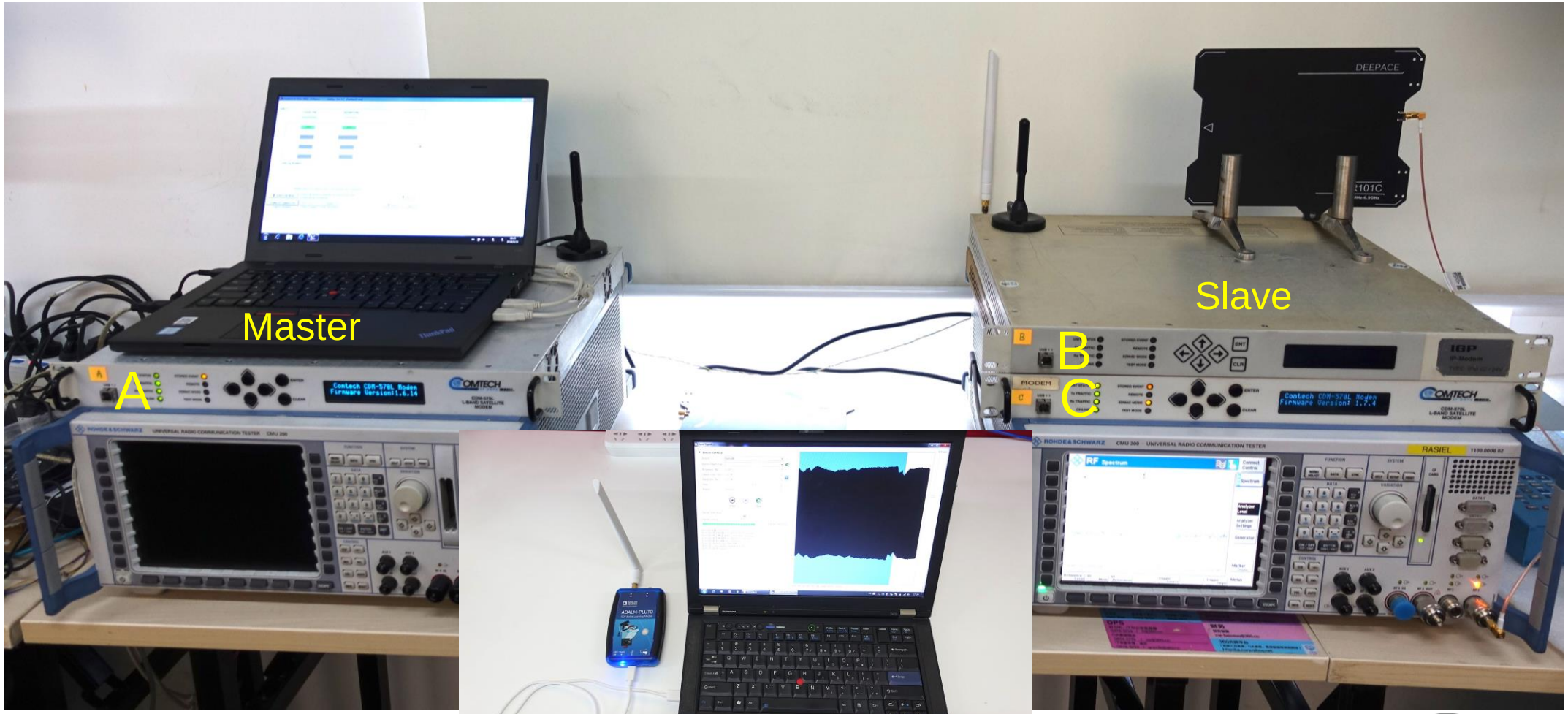
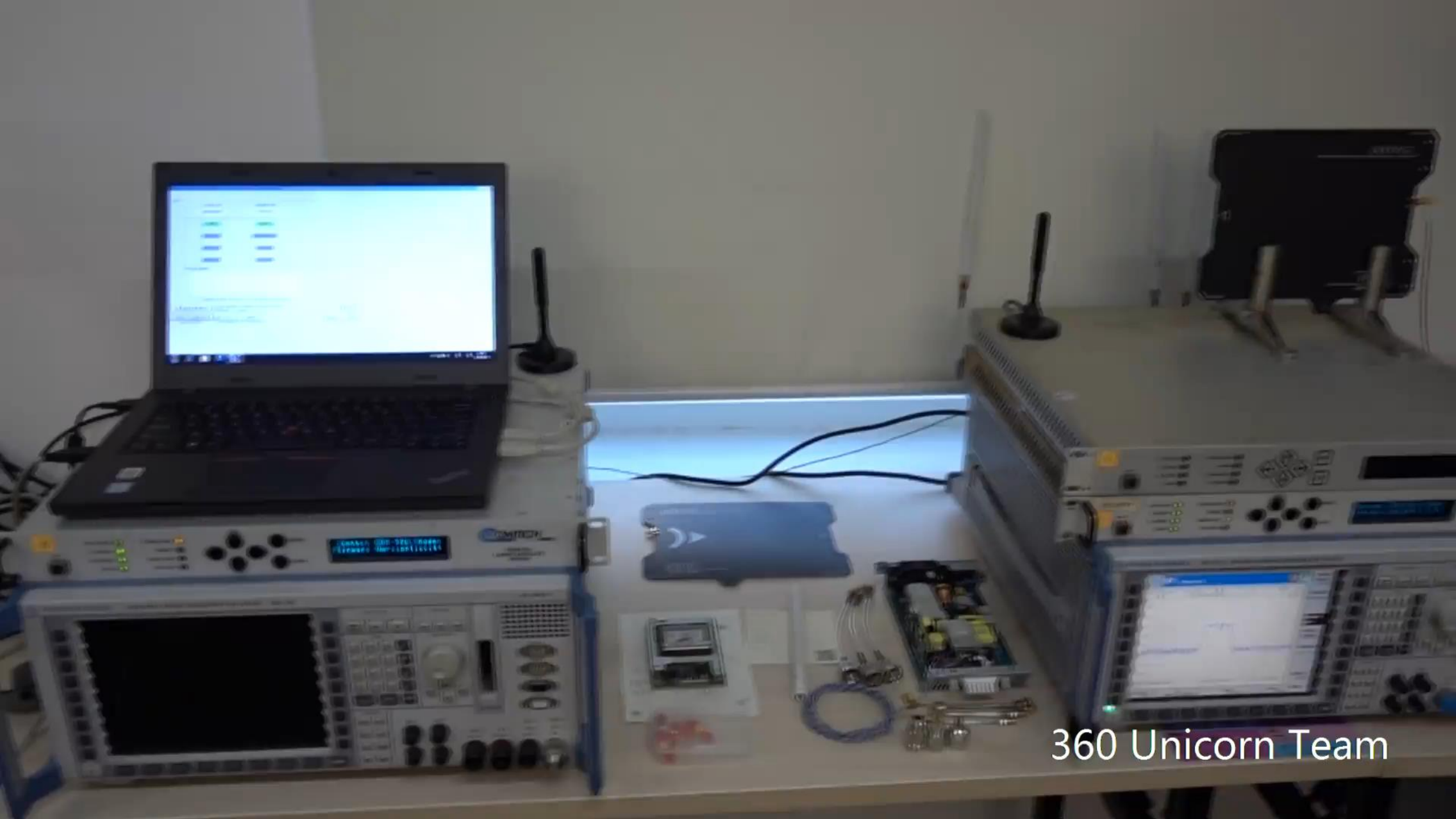
Gqrx
Konsole
BPSK Decoder
11:12

DECODED DATA



ATTACK SCENARIO

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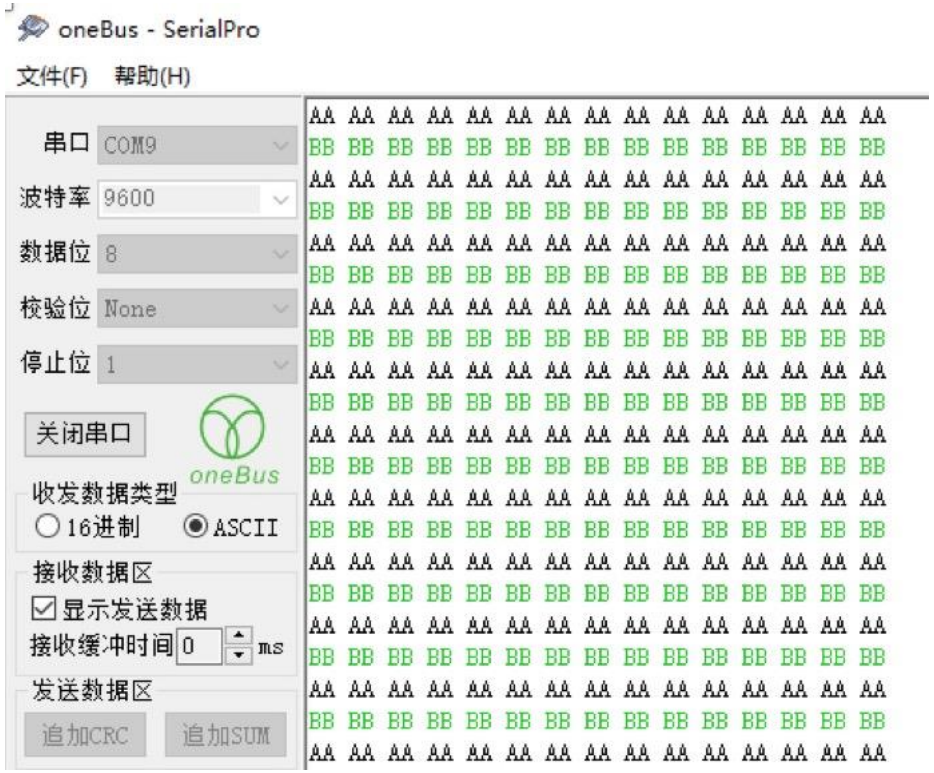
NORMAL

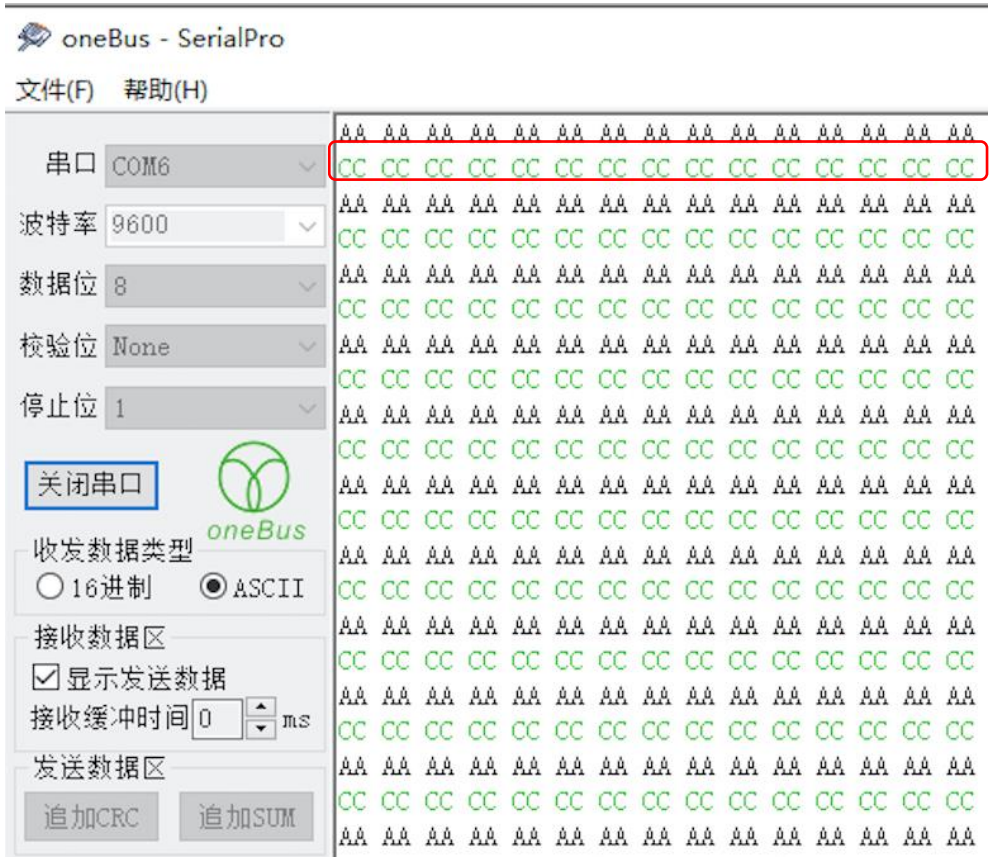


Modem A

Modem B

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…



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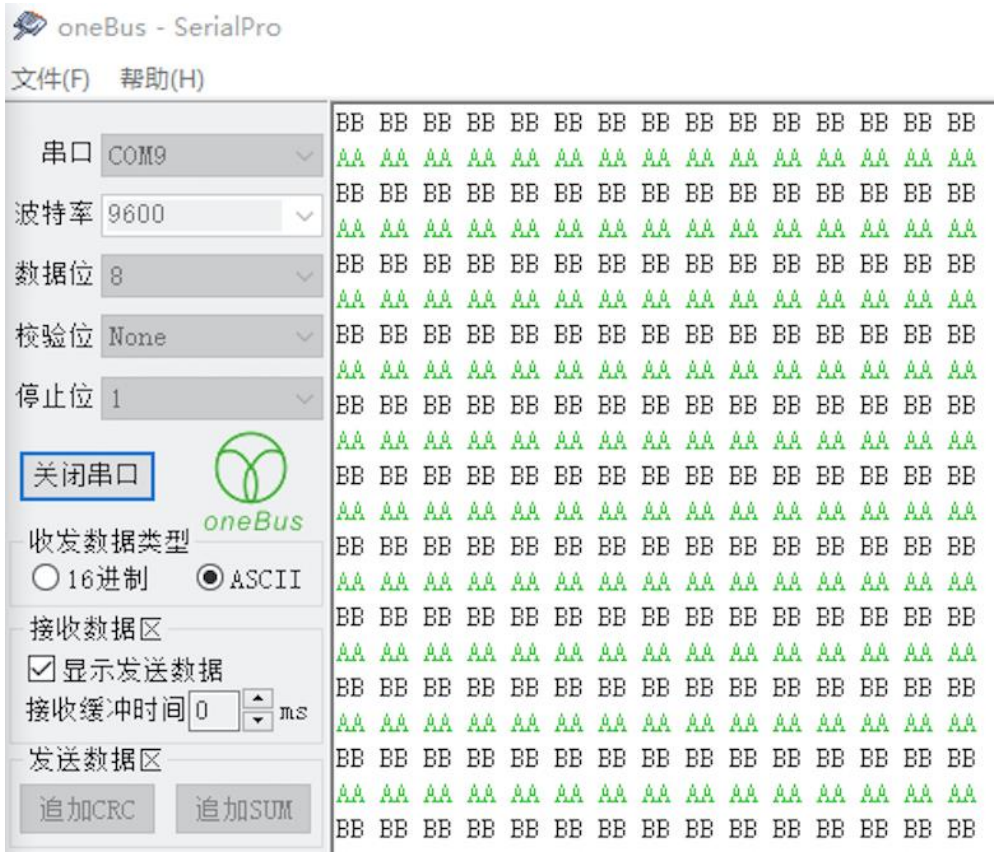
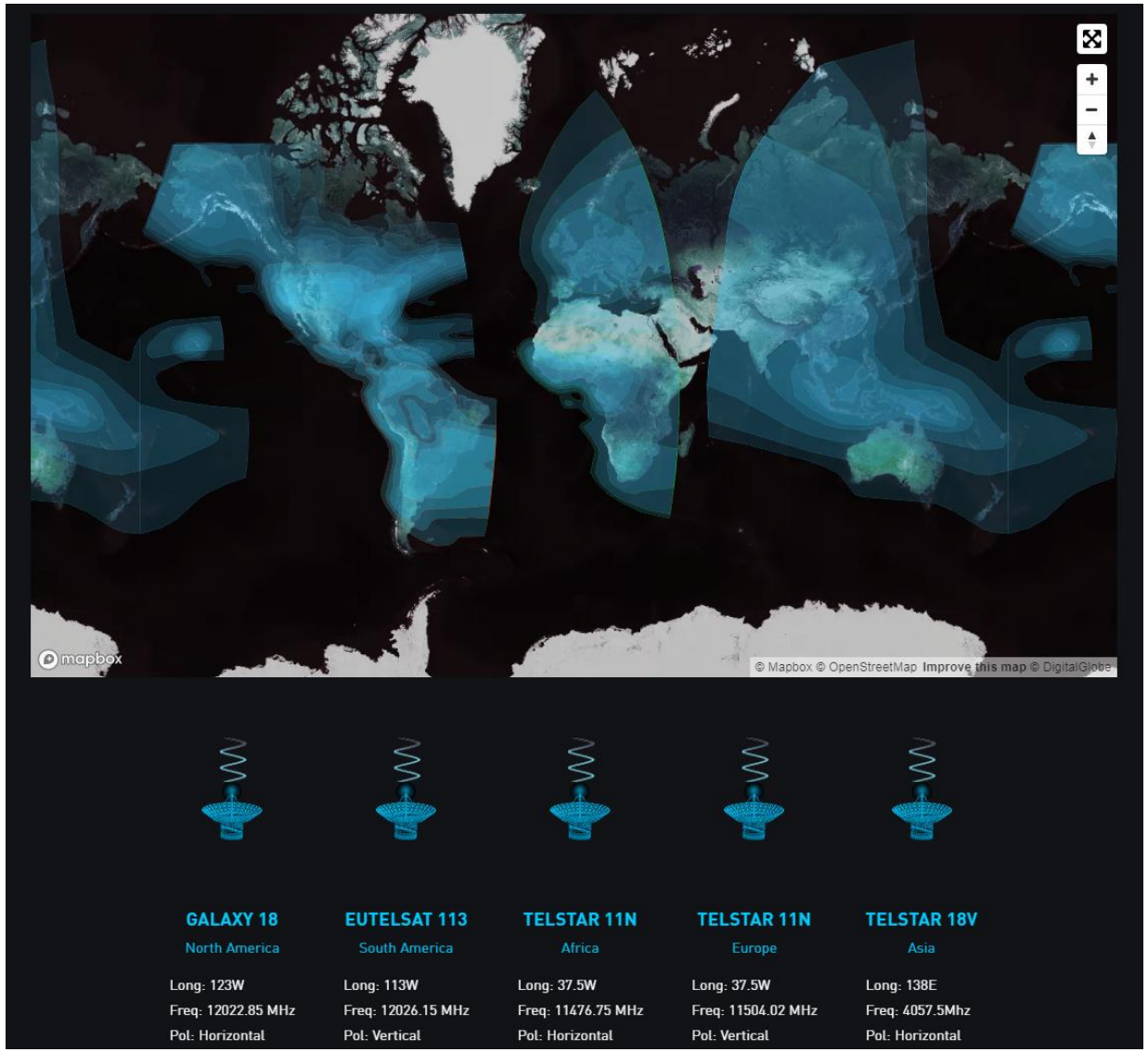


Modem B

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"!

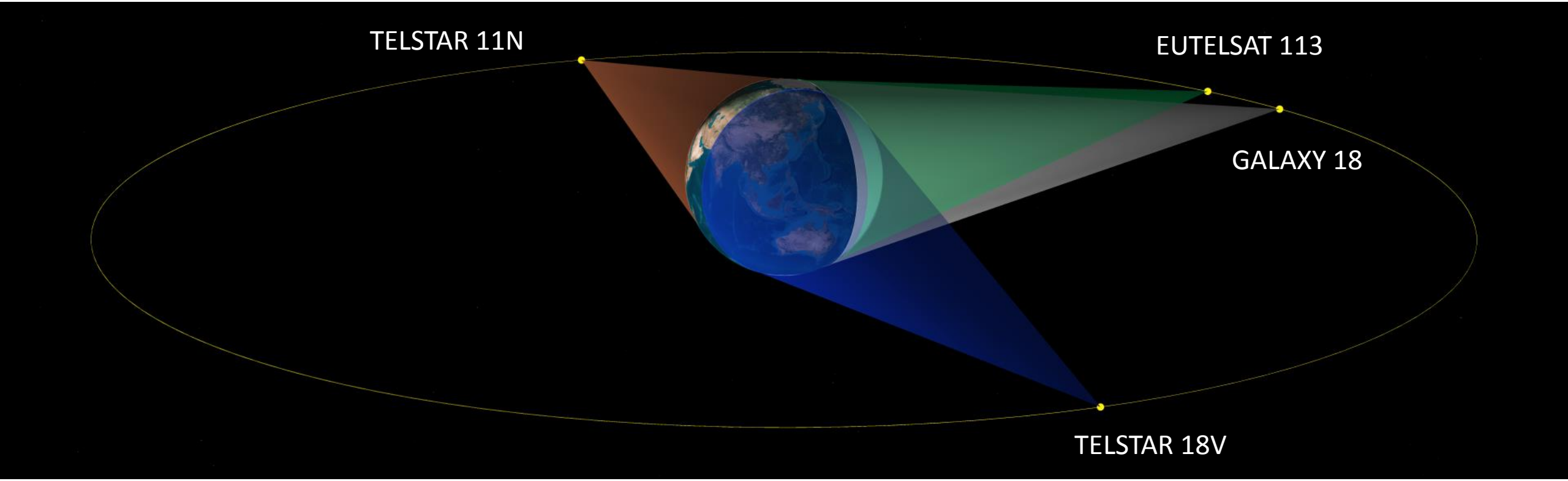
BITCOIN-SATELLITE NETWORK



Blockstream

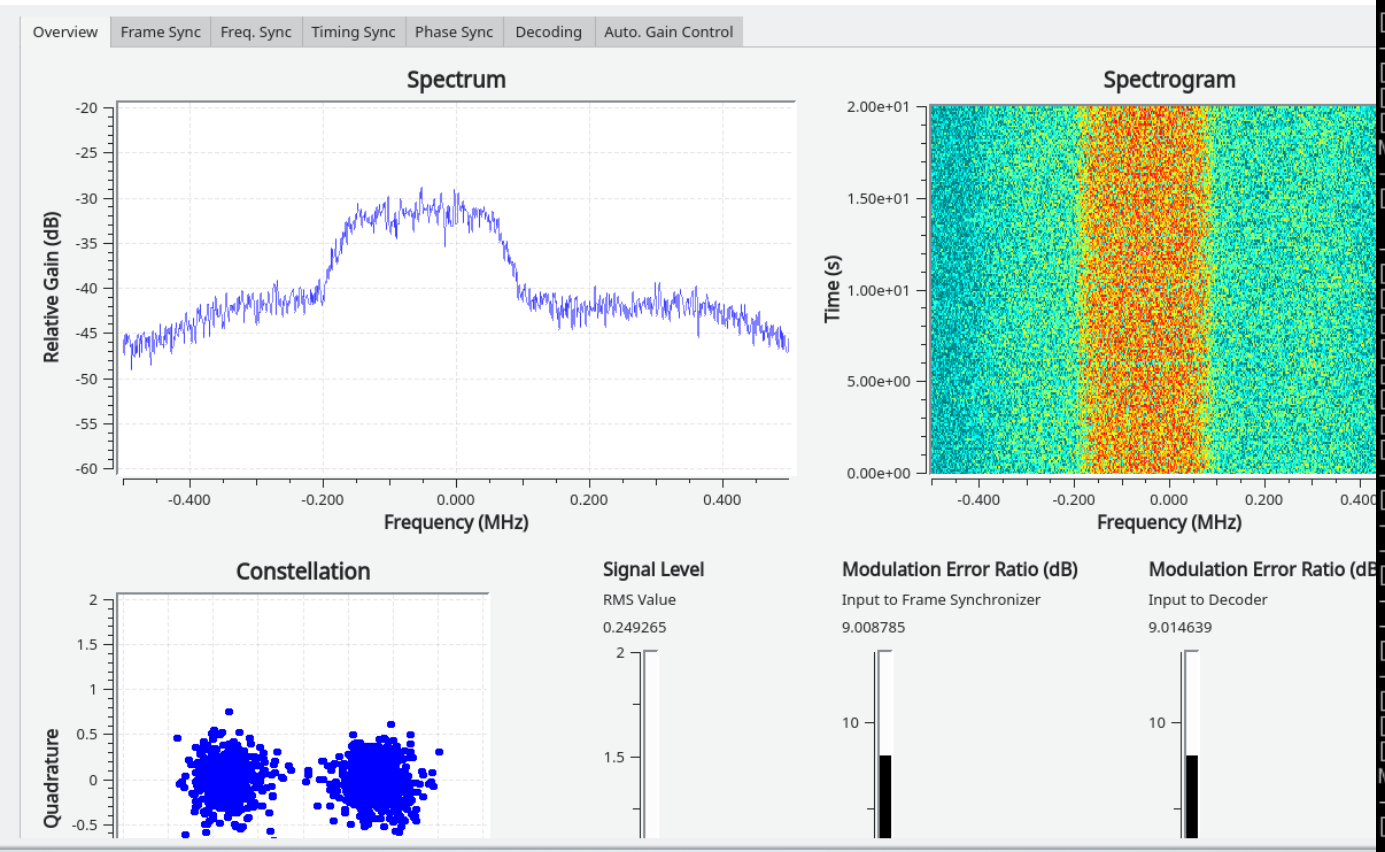
They transmit bitcoin transaction information via satellite networks to places where there is no network around the world.

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
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
[2019-03-18 16:38:03] Carrier Frequency Offset: -50.6436 kHz
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
[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"
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
[2019-03-18 16:38:04] Rx Data   Blocks: 15.22 MB (13.9 kB/sec)
                                API:      0 B (0.0 kB/sec)
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
[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
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
[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
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[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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