

# LET'S SEE WHAT'S OUT THERE - MAPPING THE WIRELESS IOT

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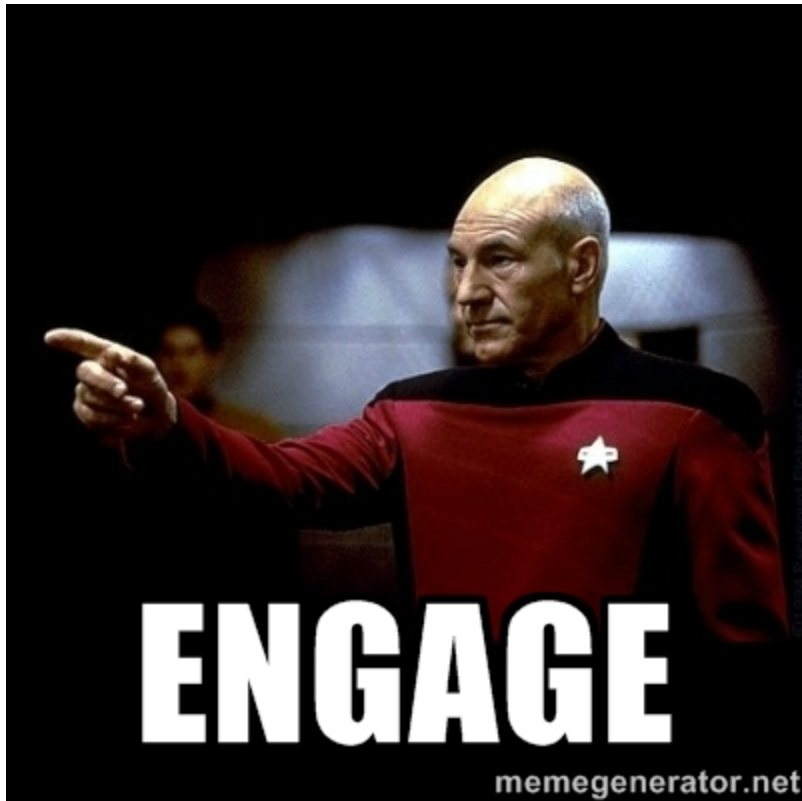
# ABOUT ME

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- // Freelancer, IT Security
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- // IoT Security Research, Playing with SDR

# AGENDA

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- // Introduction
- // Signal discovery
- // Signal to bits
- // Wireless Security Issues
- // Demo
- // Summary

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WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT



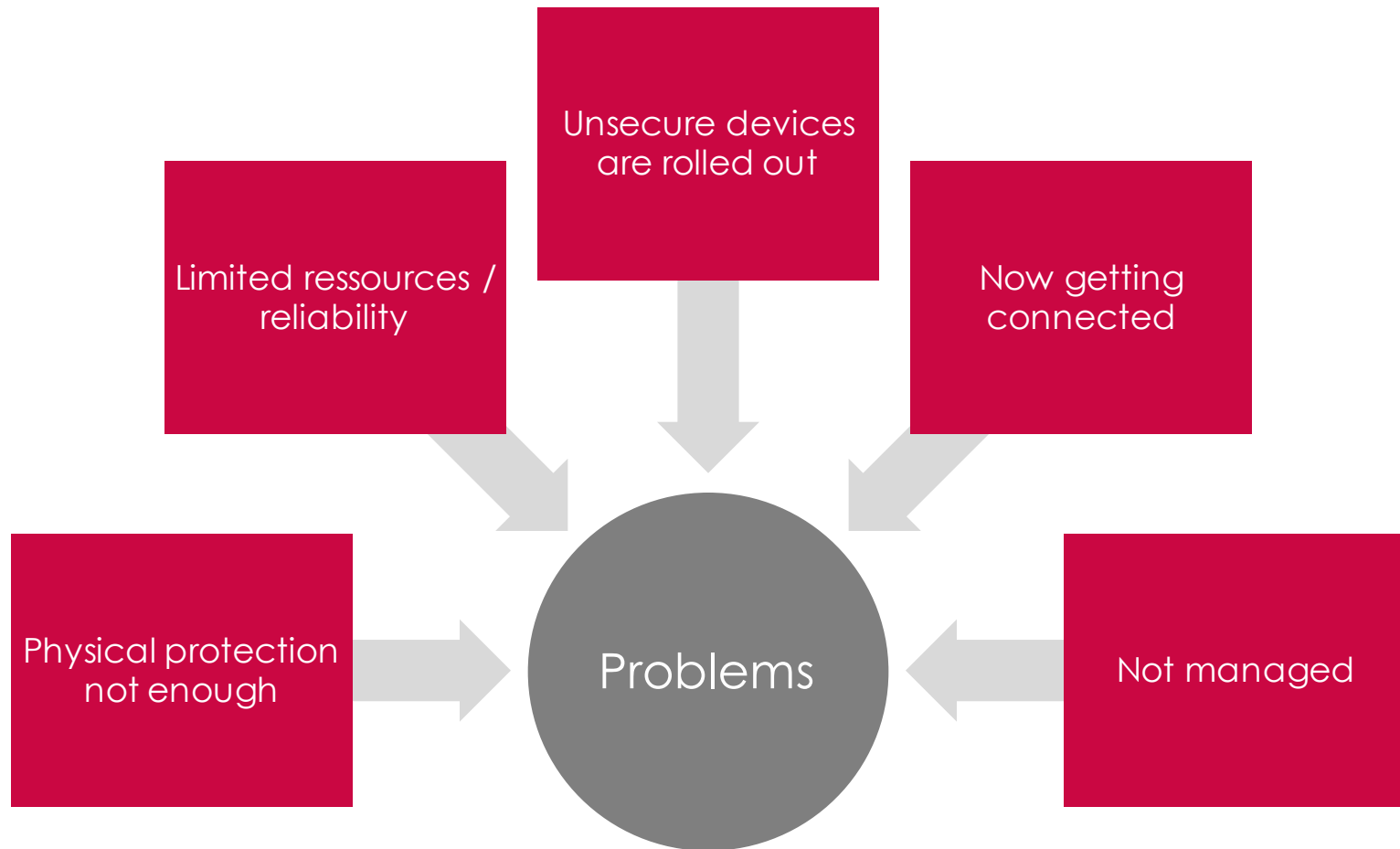
# WHAT IS THE WIRELESS IOT?

- // Low power / low cost devices
- // Often no TCP/IP
- // Different communication standards
- // Make physical devices „smart“

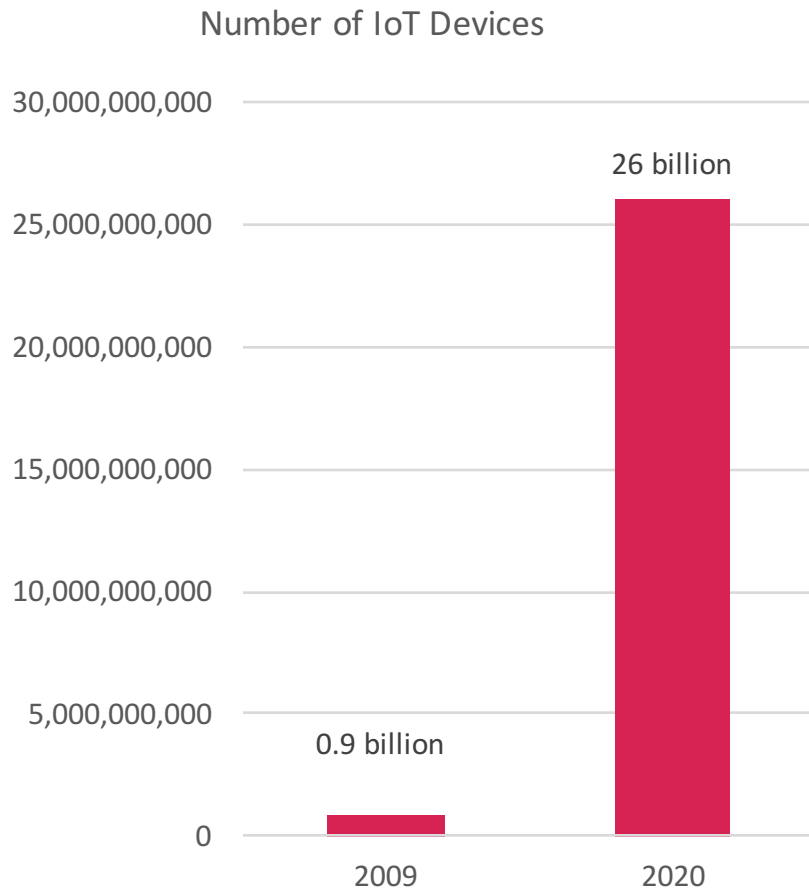


# PROBLEMS

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# WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



- // Wireless connections are the future
- // Samsung CEO BK Yoon - “Every Samsung device will be part of IoT till 2019” <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.gartner.com/newsroom/id/2839717>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.gartner.com/newsroom/id/2636073>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.heise.de/newsticker/meldung/CES-Internet-der-Dinge-komfortabel-vernetzt-2512856.html>

# WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

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“Smart” devices incorporated into the electric grid, vehicles — including autonomous vehicles — and household appliances are improving efficiency, energy conservation, and convenience. However, security industry analysts have demonstrated that many of these new systems can threaten data privacy, data integrity, or continuity of services. In the future, intelligence services might use the IoT for identification, surveillance, monitoring, location tracking, and targeting for recruitment, or to gain access to networks or user credentials.”

-James Clapper  
United States Director of National Intelligence

# POPULAR WIRELESS FAILS

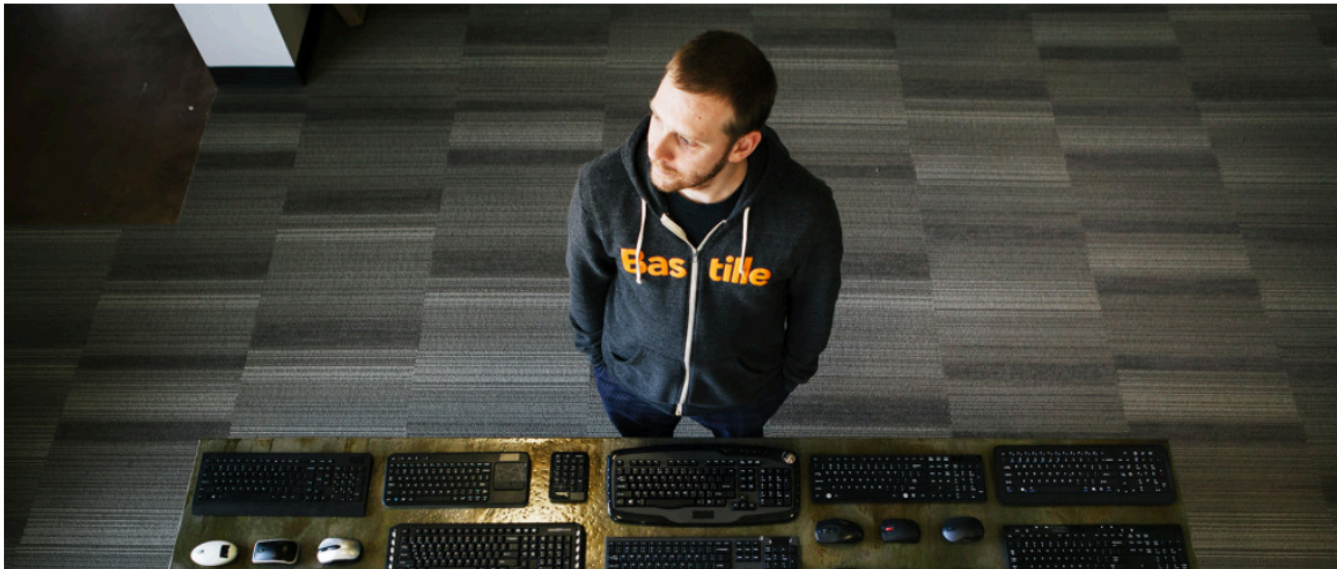
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Gaming

## FLAWS IN WIRELESS MICE AND KEYBOARDS LET HACKERS TYPE ON YOUR PC

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**SO, WHAT ARE THE  
BIGGEST PROBLEMS?**

# PROBLEMS FOR WIRELESS ASSESSMENTS

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- // What is really out there?
- // Blind spot in cyber security strategies
- // Not visible in network diagrams
- // Knowledge gap
- // Lack of tools

# KNOWLEDGE GAP

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- // Different technologies and standards used
- // Proprietary protocols
- // Lack of industry standards
- // No knowledge about the used protocols
- // No knowledge about the deployed devices
  - How to detect them?



# LACK OF TOOLS

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- // Some prototypes but no mature tools
- // Often just built for testing one device
- // Not maintained
- // Poor documentation
- // How to test the devices?
  - Methodology
  - Scenarios
  - Attack vectors

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# SIGNAL DISCOVERY

# INFORMATION GATHERING

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## // Interviews

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# FCC ID

## VTech Telecommunications Ltd

Full Company Details: [VTech Telecommunications Ltd - EW7](#)

Company Code: EW7

Address:

VTech Telecommunications Ltd

23/F Tai Ping Ind Center Block 1 57 Ting Kok Rd

Tai Po NT, N/A N/A

Hong Kong

Application: 2.4GHz Digital Modulation Transceiver (Zigbee IP Bridge)

Equipment Class: DTS - Digital Transmission System

#	Purpose	Date	Unique ID
1	Original Equipment	2012-08-31	UqbSemQONG2nSDvKliPR8g==

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## Approved Operating Frequencies



App # (Line Item)	Lower Frequency	Upper Frequency	Power Output	Rule Parts
1 (1)	2405.00000000	2480.00000000	0.0115000	15C

# FCC ID

App #	Document	Type	Submitted Available
1	<a href="#">Radiated &amp; Conducted Emission for Base</a>	Test Setup Photos Adobe Acrobat PDF	2012-08-31 00:00:00 2012-08-31 00:00:00
1	<a href="#">Letter of Agency</a>	Cover Letter(s) Adobe Acrobat PDF	2012-08-31 00:00:00 2012-08-31 00:00:00
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1	<a href="#">Test Report</a>	Test Report Adobe Acrobat PDF	2012-08-31 00:00:00

# EMISSION DESIGNATOR

## Identified Emission Designators

Designator 	Description 
60H0J2B	PSK31
100HN0N	Speed Radar (10525 MHz X band; 24150 MHz Ka band)
150HA1A	Continuous Wave Telegraphy (manually read Morse Code)
500HJ2D	MT63-500 50 WPM
1K00J2D	MT63-1000 100 WPM
2K00J2D	MT63-2000 200 WPM
2K80J2B	HF RTTY (Radio Teletype)
2K80J2D	HF PACTOR-III
2K80J3E	Amplitude modulated (AM) analog voice, single sideband suppressed carrier (USB or LSB, not at the same time)
3K00H2B	HF ALE MIL-STD-188-141A/FED-STD-1045
3K30F1D	6.25 kHz SCADA link (CalAmp Viper SC – 173 MHz)
4K00F1D	NXDN 6.25 kHz data (IDAS, NEXEDGE)
4K00F1E	NXDN 6.25 kHz digital voice (IDAS, NEXEDGE)
4K00F1W	NXDN 6.25 kHz digital voice and data (IDAS, NEXEDGE)
4K00F2D	NXDN 6.25 kHz analog FM CW ID (IDAS, NEXEDGE)
4K00J1D	Amplitude Compandored Sideband (pilot tone/carrier)
4K00J2D	Amplitude Compandored Sideband (pilot tone/carrier)
4K00J3E	Amplitude Compandored Sideband (pilot tone/carrier) voice
5K60F2D	SCADA
5K76G1E	P25 CQPSK voice (typically used for simulcast systems – this is NOT P25 Phase II)
6K00A3E	Amplitude modulated (AM) analog voice, double sideband full carrier (AM mode in RadioReference.com Database)
6K00F1D	SCADA Carrier Frequency Shift Keying
6K00F2D	SCADA Audio Frequency Shift Keying
6K00F3D	SCADA Analog data that is not AFSK (variable tone, DTMF, etc.)
7K60FXD	2-slot DMR (Motorola MOTOTRBO) TDMA data
7K60FXE	2-slot DMR (Motorola MOTOTRBO) TDMA voice

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# GOOGLE PATENT

## ZigBee network device for separately determining network parameter and assigning addresses, and address assignment method thereof

US 7996561 B2

### ZUSAMMENFASSUNG

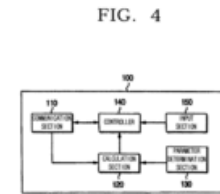
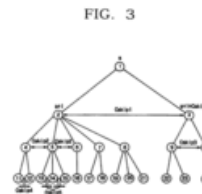
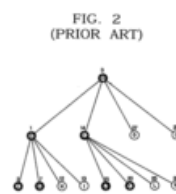
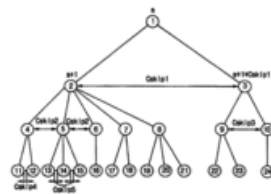
A ZigBee network device assigns addresses to its child devices. The ZigBee network device includes a communication section that connects the ZigBee network device to other devices and which communicates with the other devices; a parameter determination section that determines at least one network parameter; a calculation section that calculates addresses for child devices of the ZigBee network device based on a determined network parameter, where each of the child devices is connected to the ZigBee network device via the communication section; and a controller that assigns addresses to the child devices of the ZigBee network device. At least one determined network parameter is at least one of  $C_m$ , which indicates a maximum number of the child devices of the ZigBee network device, and  $R_m$ , which indicates a maximum number of the child devices of the ZigBee network device which have routing capabilities.

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Prioritätsdatum	14. Juni 2004
Gebührenstatus	Bezahlt
Auch veröffentlicht unter	US20050281207
Erfinder	Myung-jong Lee, Yong Liu, Xu-hui Hu
Ursprünglich Bevollmächtigter	Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., City University Of New York
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Externe Links: USPTO, USPTO-Zuordnung, Espacenet

### BILDER (6)



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# CC110L (ACTIVE) Value Line Transceiver



CC110L Value Line Transceiver (Rev. B)

[CC110L Errata Notes](#)

Description & parametrics

Online datasheet

Technical documents

Tools & software

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1 Device Overview

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2 Revision History

3 Terminal Configuration and Functions

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5 Detailed Description

6 Applications, Implementation, and Layout

7 Design and Documentation

## CC110L Value Line Transceiver (Rev. B)

SWRS109B – May 2011 – revised June 2014

PRODUCTION DATA.

### 1 Device Overview

#### 1.1 Features

- RF Performance

- Programmable Output Power up to +12 dBm
- Receive Sensitivity Down to –116 dBm at 0.6 kbps
- Programmable Data Rate from 0.6 to 600 kbps
- Frequency Bands: 300–348 MHz, 387–464 MHz, and 779–928 MHz
- 2-FSK, 4-FSK, GFSK, MSK, and OOK Supported

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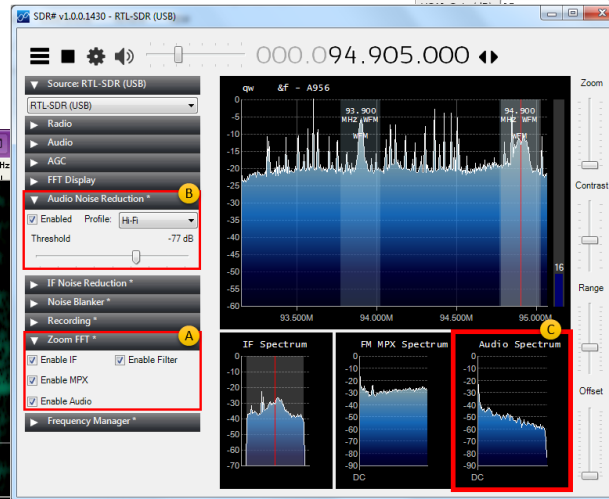
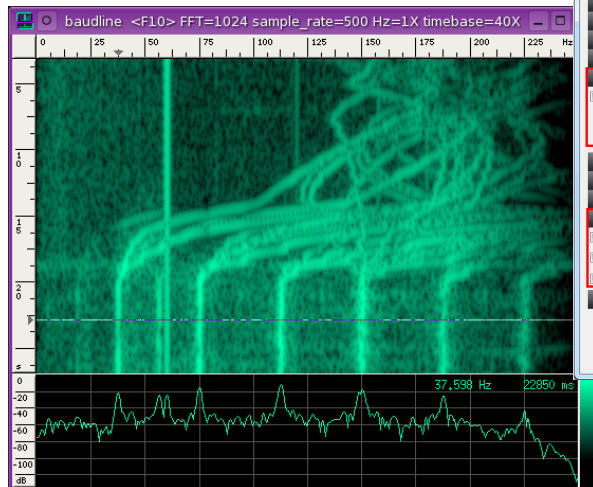
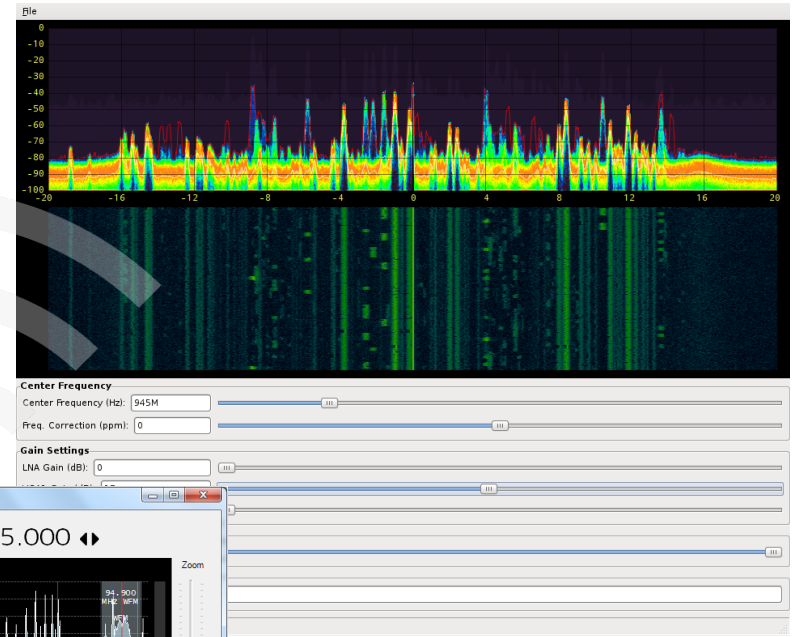
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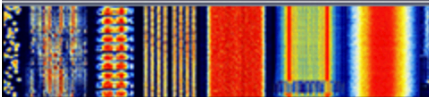
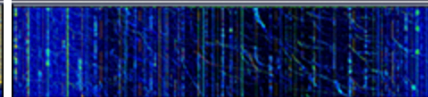


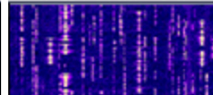





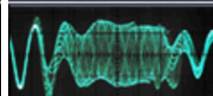







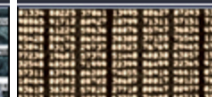

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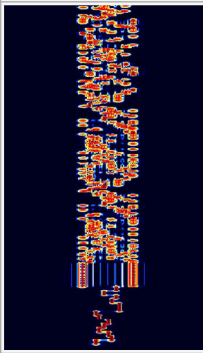

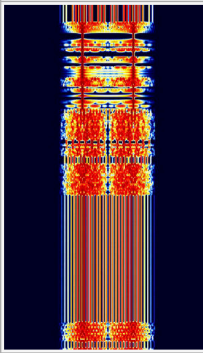

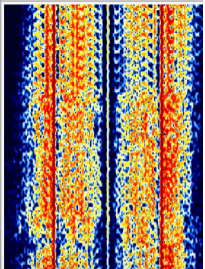
# FREQUENCY BANDS

VLF	LF	MF	HF	VHF	UHF
					
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## CATEGORIES

All Identified Signals			Unidentified Signals		
					
Military	Radar	Common/Active	Rare/Inactive	Amateur Radio	Commercial
					
Aviation	Category: Military	Analogue	Digital	Trunked Radio	Utility
					
Satellite	Navigation	Interfering Emissions	Requested	Numbers Stations	Time
					

# VISUAL SIGNAL INSPECTION

<b>ALE-400</b>	<p>ALE-400 is an amateur version of the 2G ALE standard. It is adapted to the demands of amateur radio emergency traffic handling.</p>	<p>1.806 MHz — 144.163 MHz</p>	<p>USB</p>	<p>MFSK</p>	<p>400 Hz</p>	<p>Worldwide</p>		
<b>AMSAT-P3D</b>	<p>AMSAT-P3D (Known as Phase 3D, OSCAR-40, and AO-40) is a amateur radio satellite built by AMSAT. As of 2004, the satellite's systems have failed.</p>	<p>145.805 MHz — 24,048.285 MHz</p>	<p>USB</p>	<p>PSK</p>	<p>1.6 kHz</p>	<p>Worldwide</p>		
<b>ARQ-E(E3)</b>	<p>ARQ-E, also known as ARQ-1000 Duplex or ARQ-1000D, is a synchronous full-duplex ARQ system. ARQ-E3 is a variant that uses a different alphabet encoding. Mainly used by French Military Forces. Stations commonly idled for hours on end.</p>	<p>3 MHz — 30 MHz</p>	<p>USB</p>	<p>FSK</p>	<p>85 Hz — 850 Hz</p>	<p>Worldwide</p>		



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// Check frequency bands for legal issues



## THE RADIO SPECTRUM

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Variable	Unit	Value
Income	10000	10000
Expense	10000	10000

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
Office of Spectrum Management  
August 2011



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SIGNAL TO BITS

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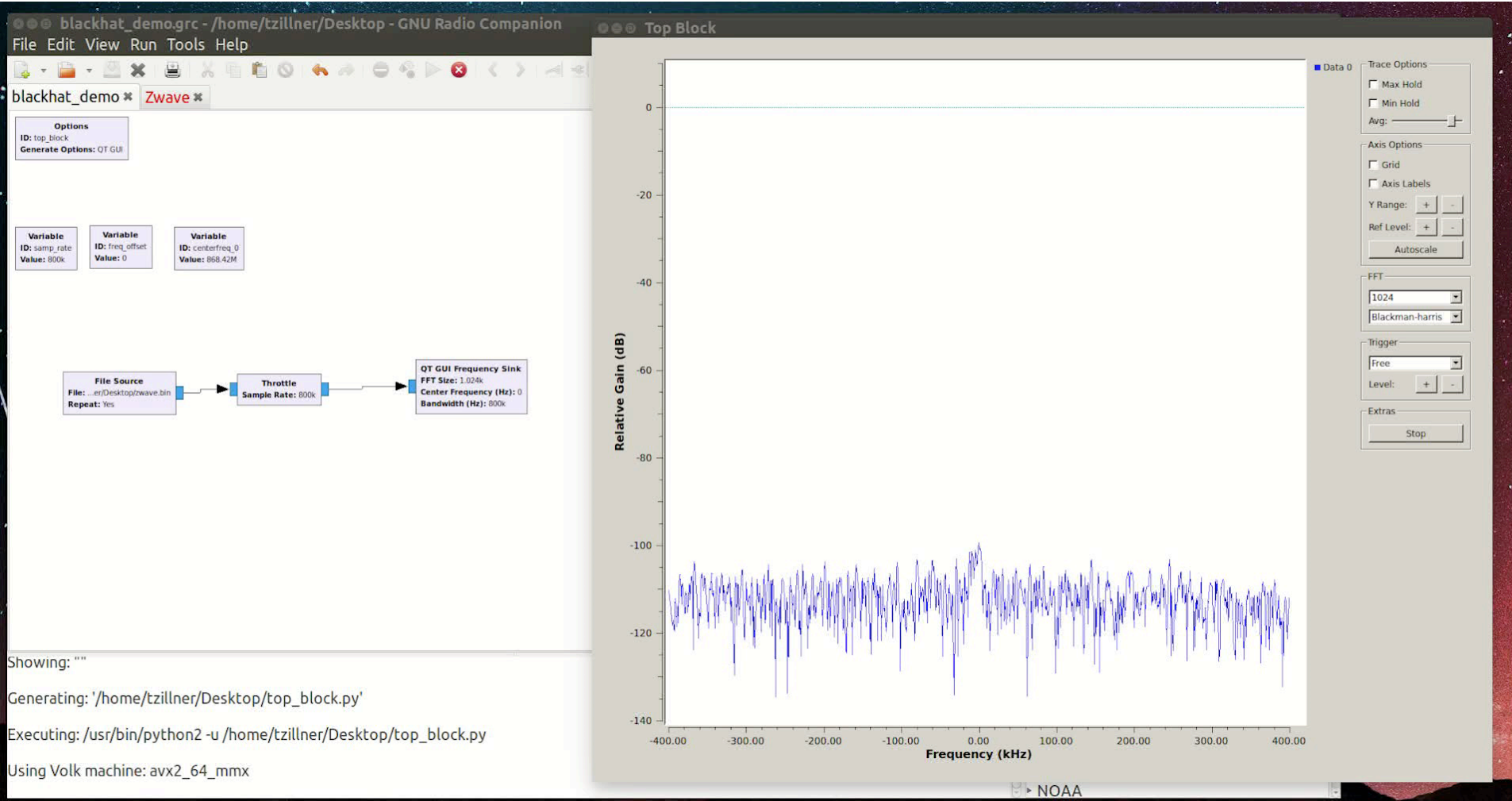
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Find the Signal



Identify the Data  
Channel

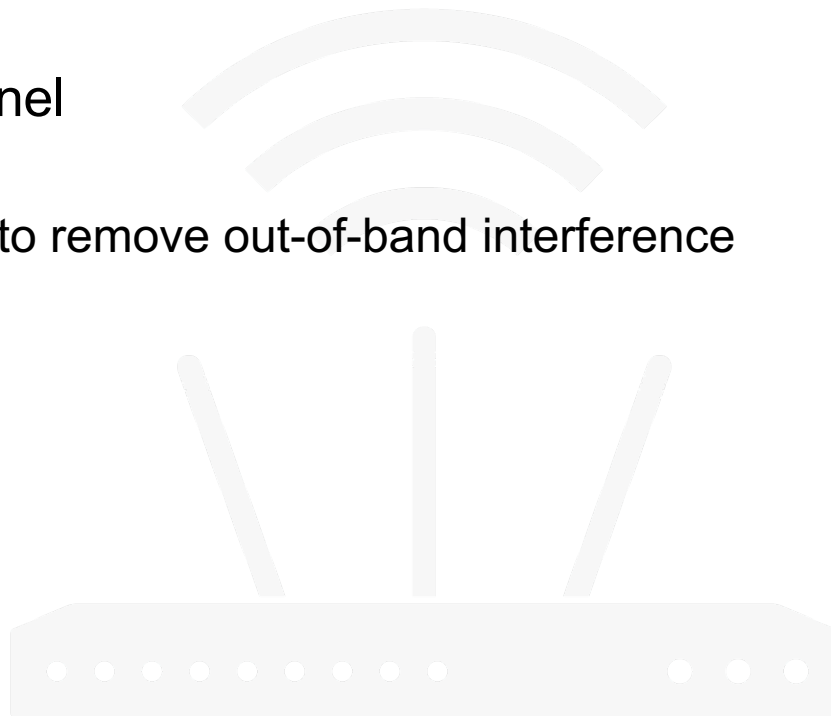
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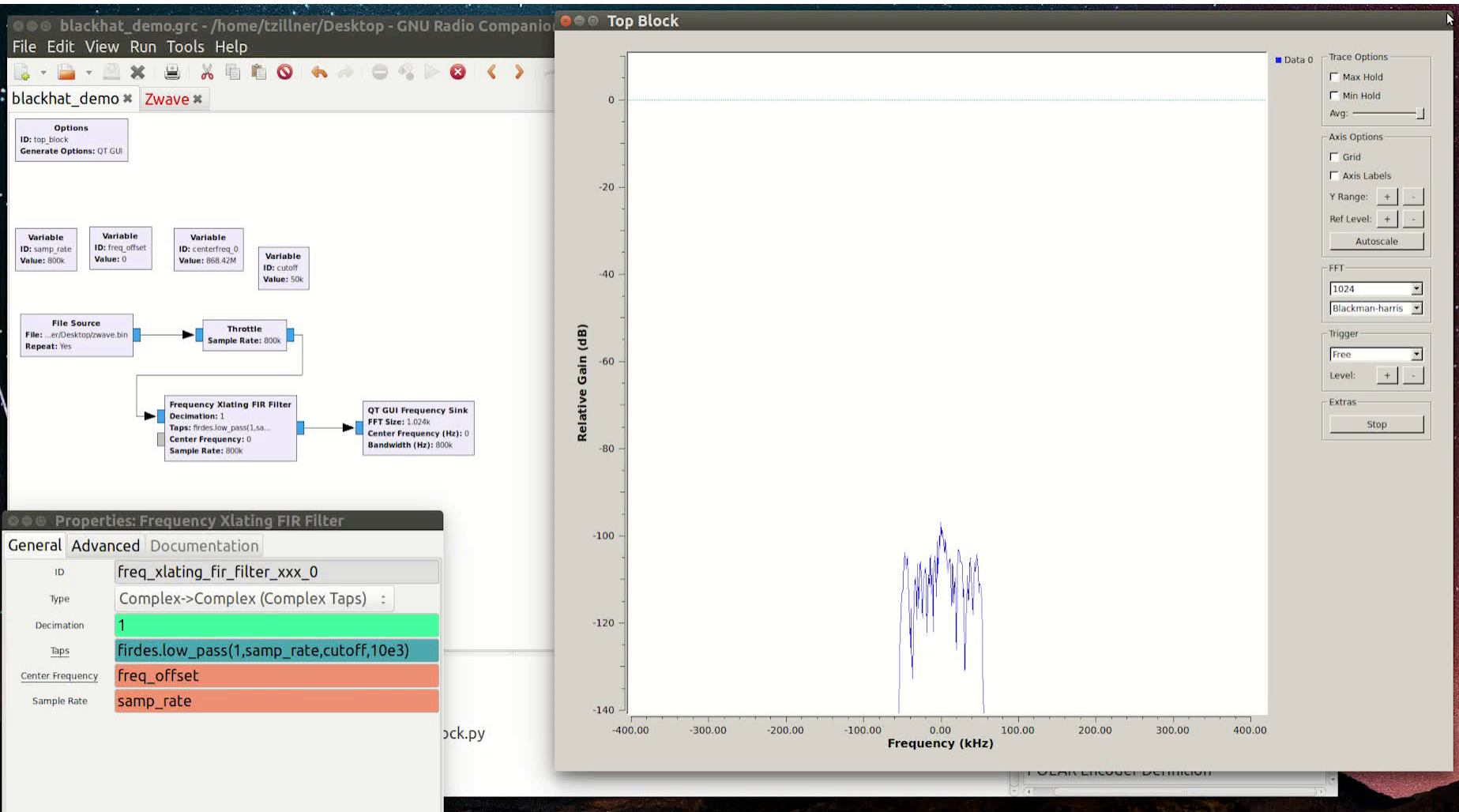
# SIGNAL TO BITS

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- // Find the data channel
- // Isolate the channel
  - Use filters to remove out-of-band interference



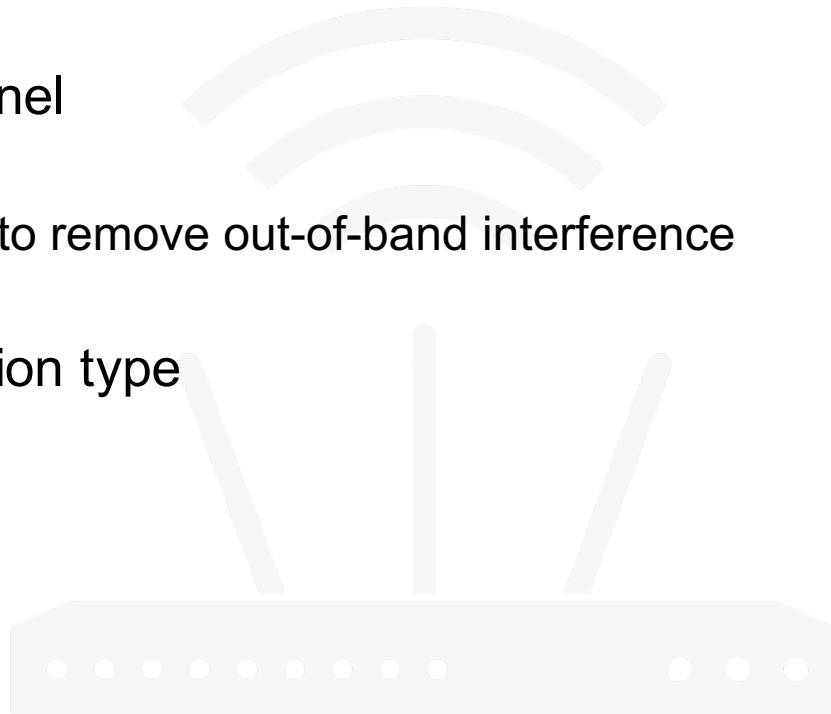
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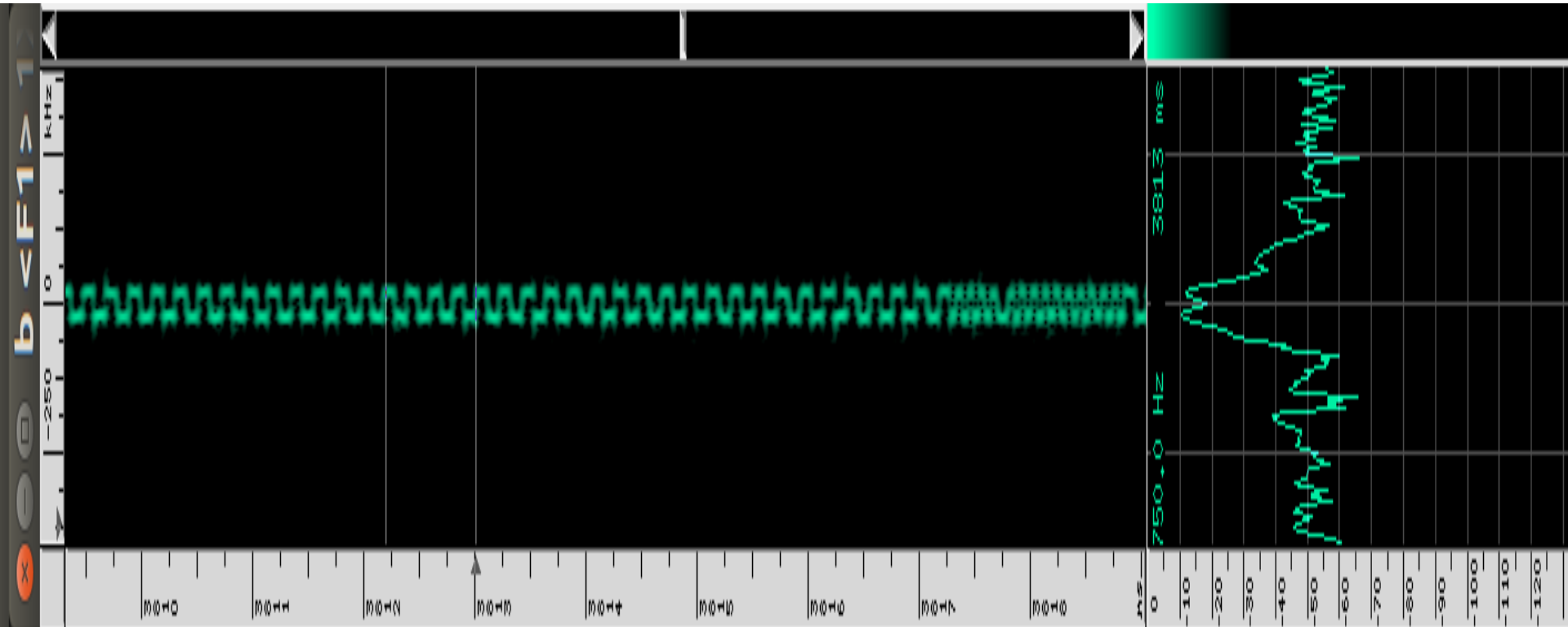
# SIGNAL TO BITS

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- // Find the data channel
- // Isolate the channel
  - Use filters to remove out-of-band interference
- // Identify modulation type

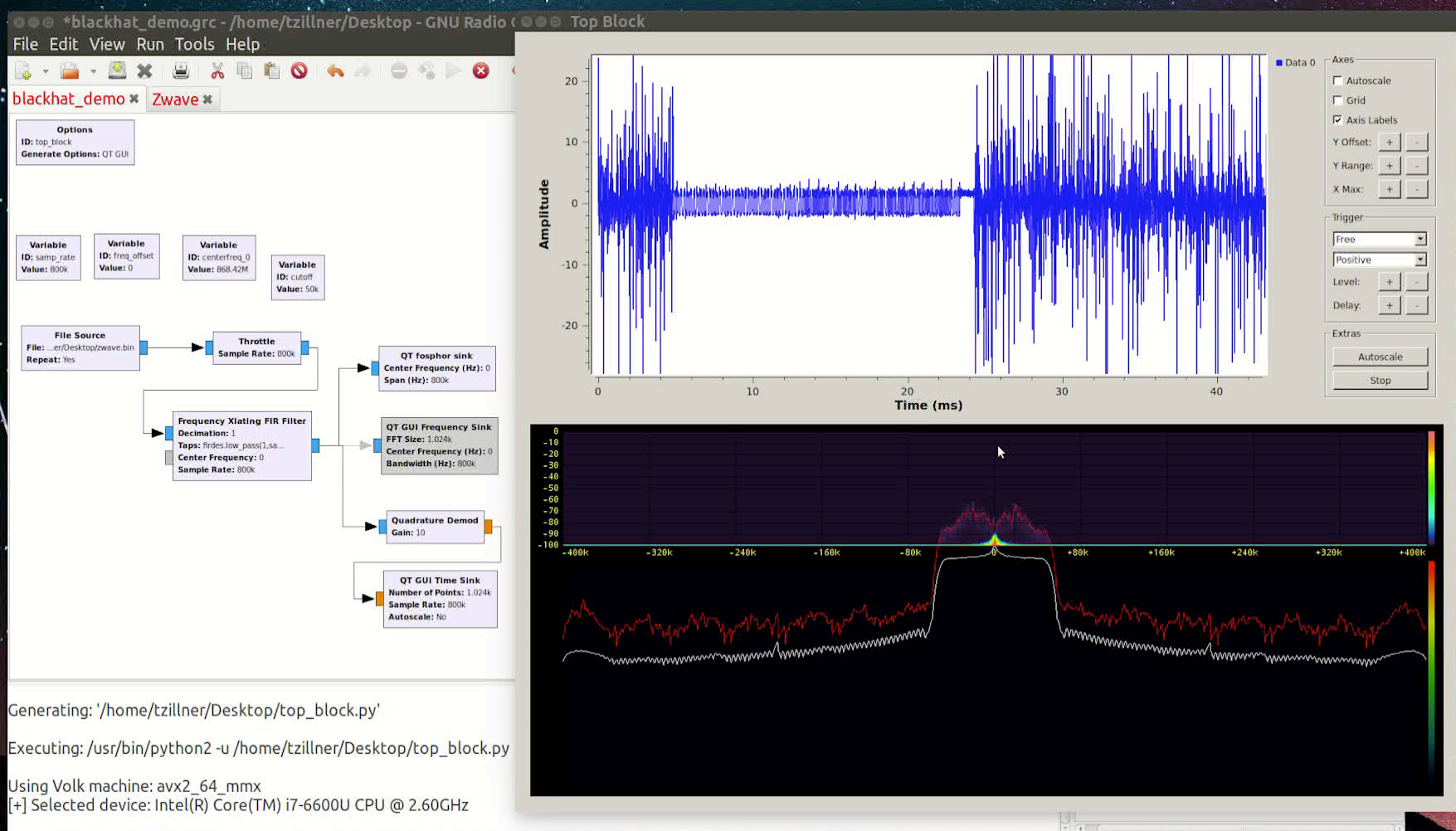


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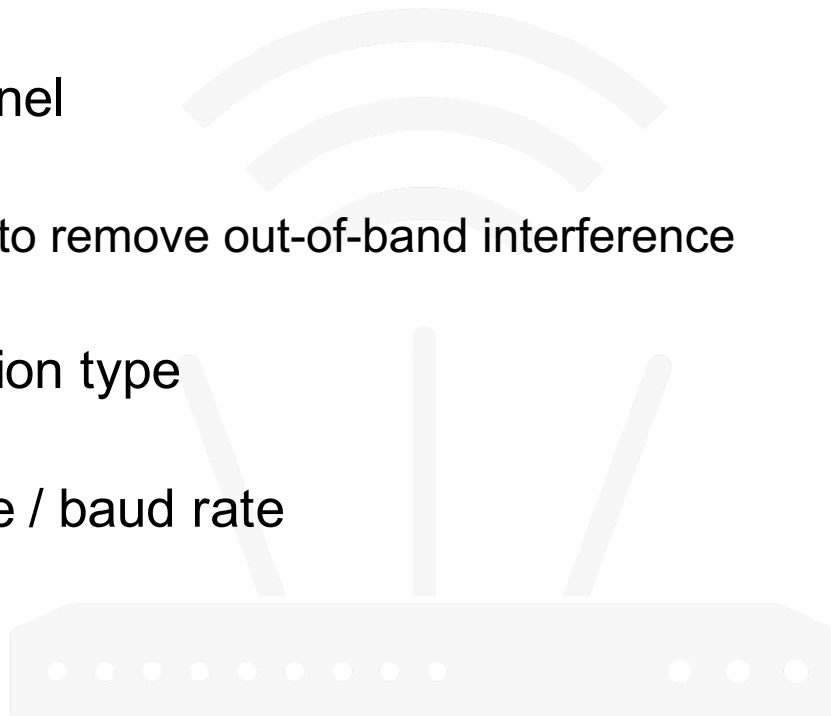
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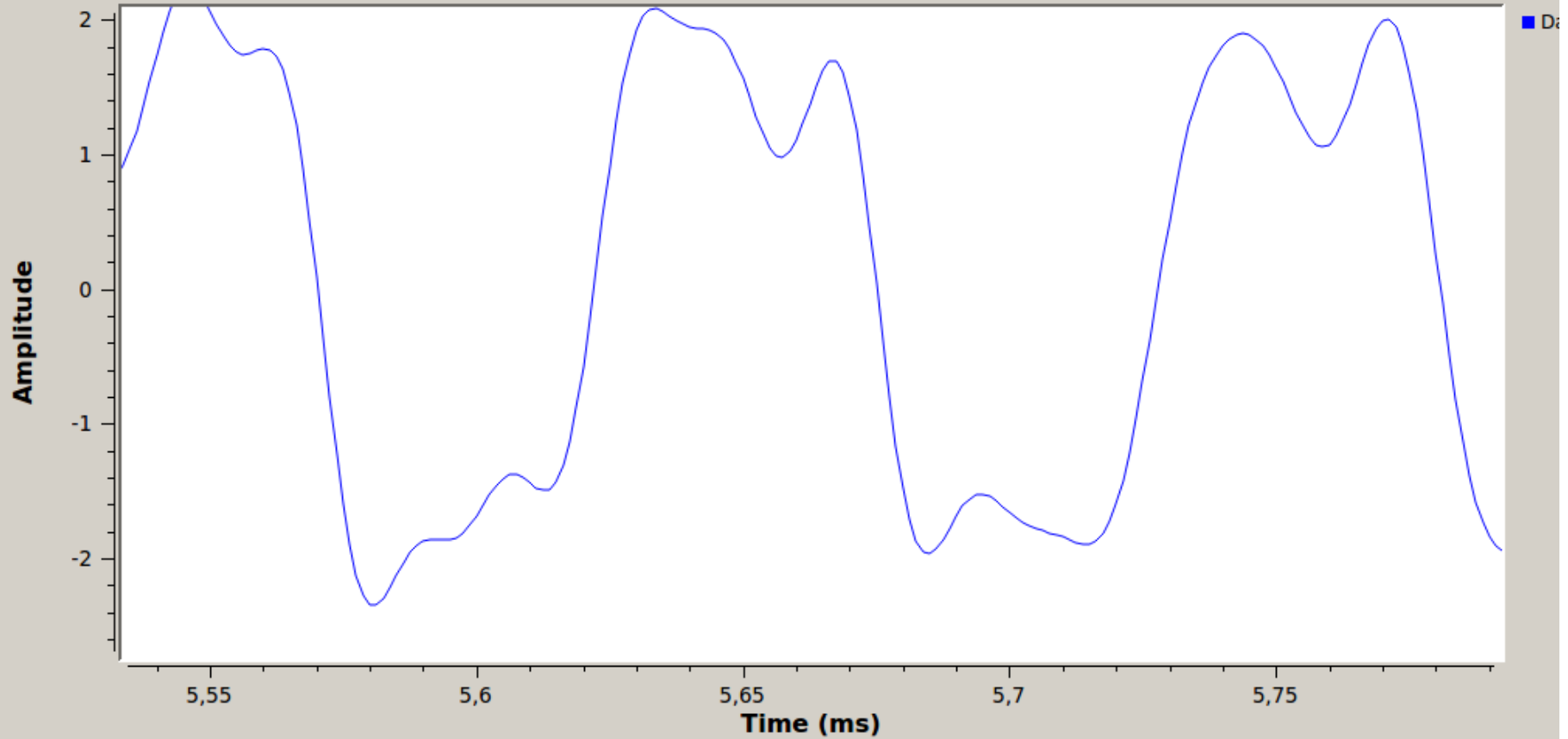
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- // Find the data channel
- // Isolate the channel
  - Use filters to remove out-of-band interference
- // Identify modulation type
- // Identify data rate / baud rate



# IDENTIFY DATA RATE / BAUD RATE

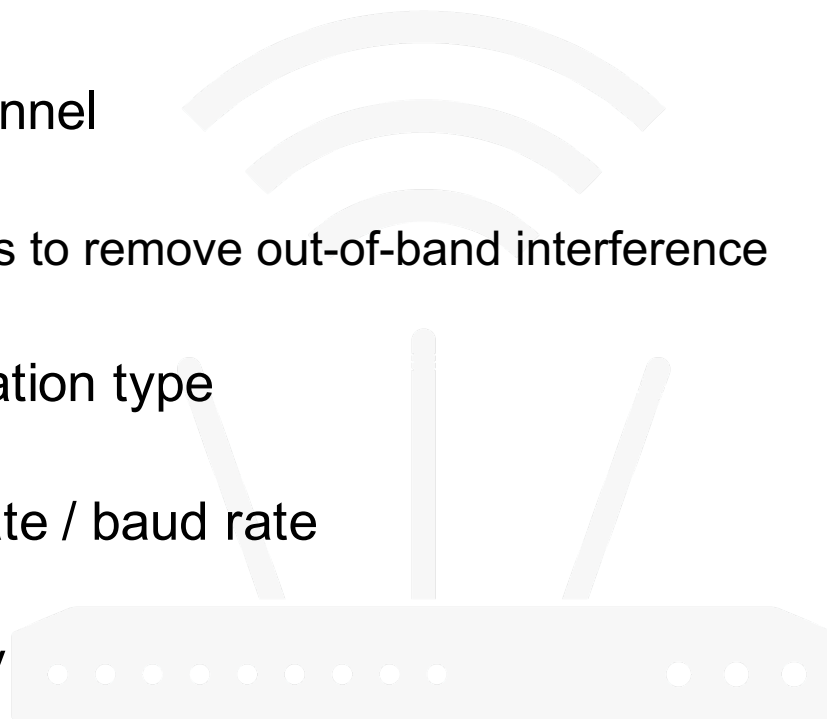
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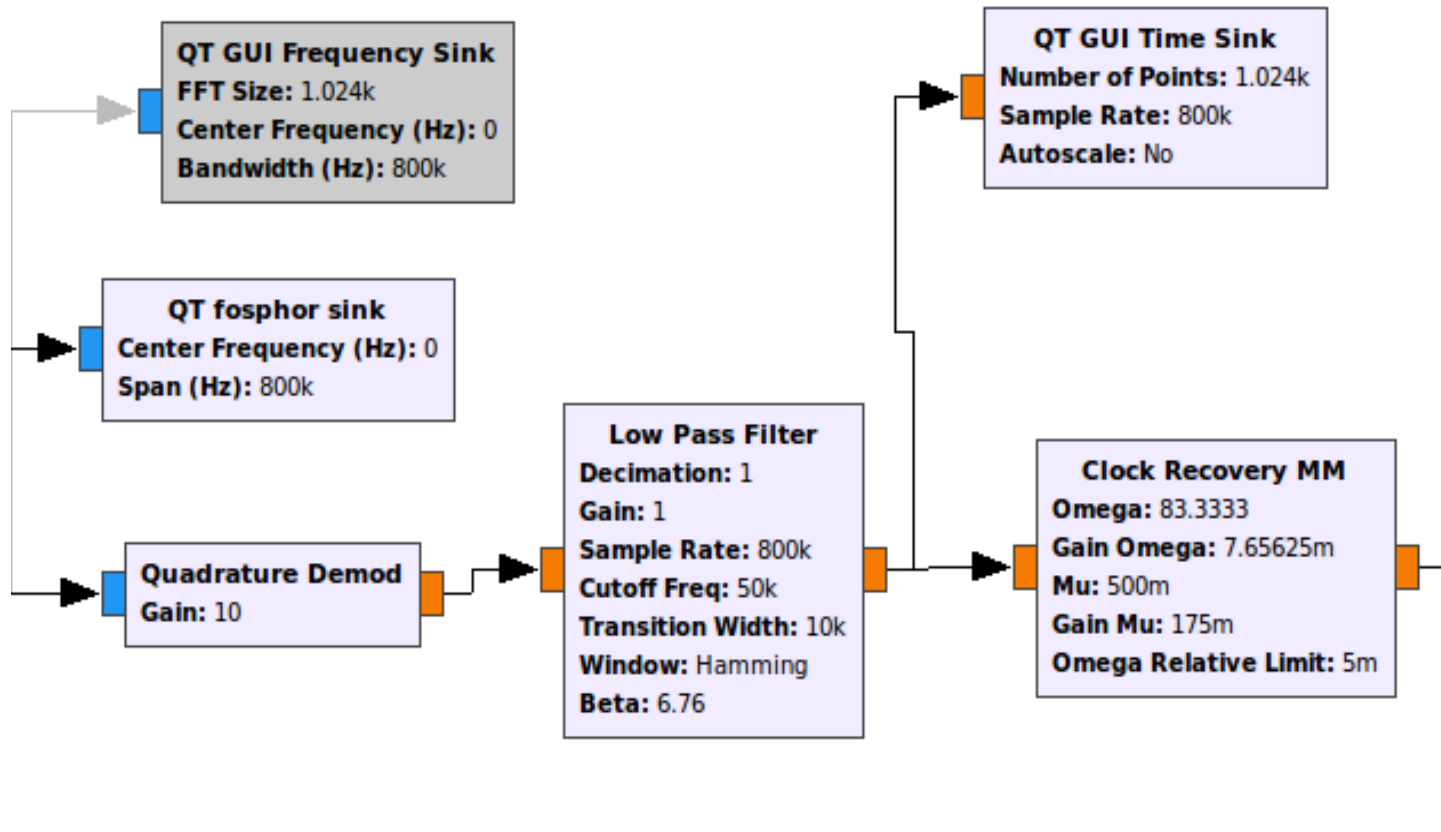
# SIGNAL TO BITS

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- // Find the data channel
- // Isolate the channel
  - Use filters to remove out-of-band interference
- // Identify modulation type
- // Identify data rate / baud rate
- // Clock recovery



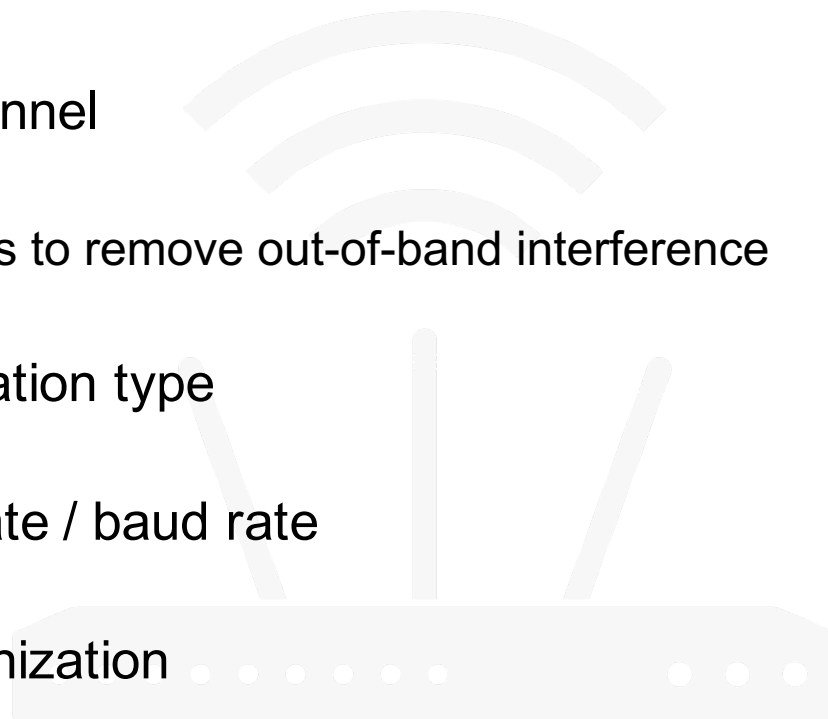
# CLOCK RECOVERY



# SIGNAL TO BITS

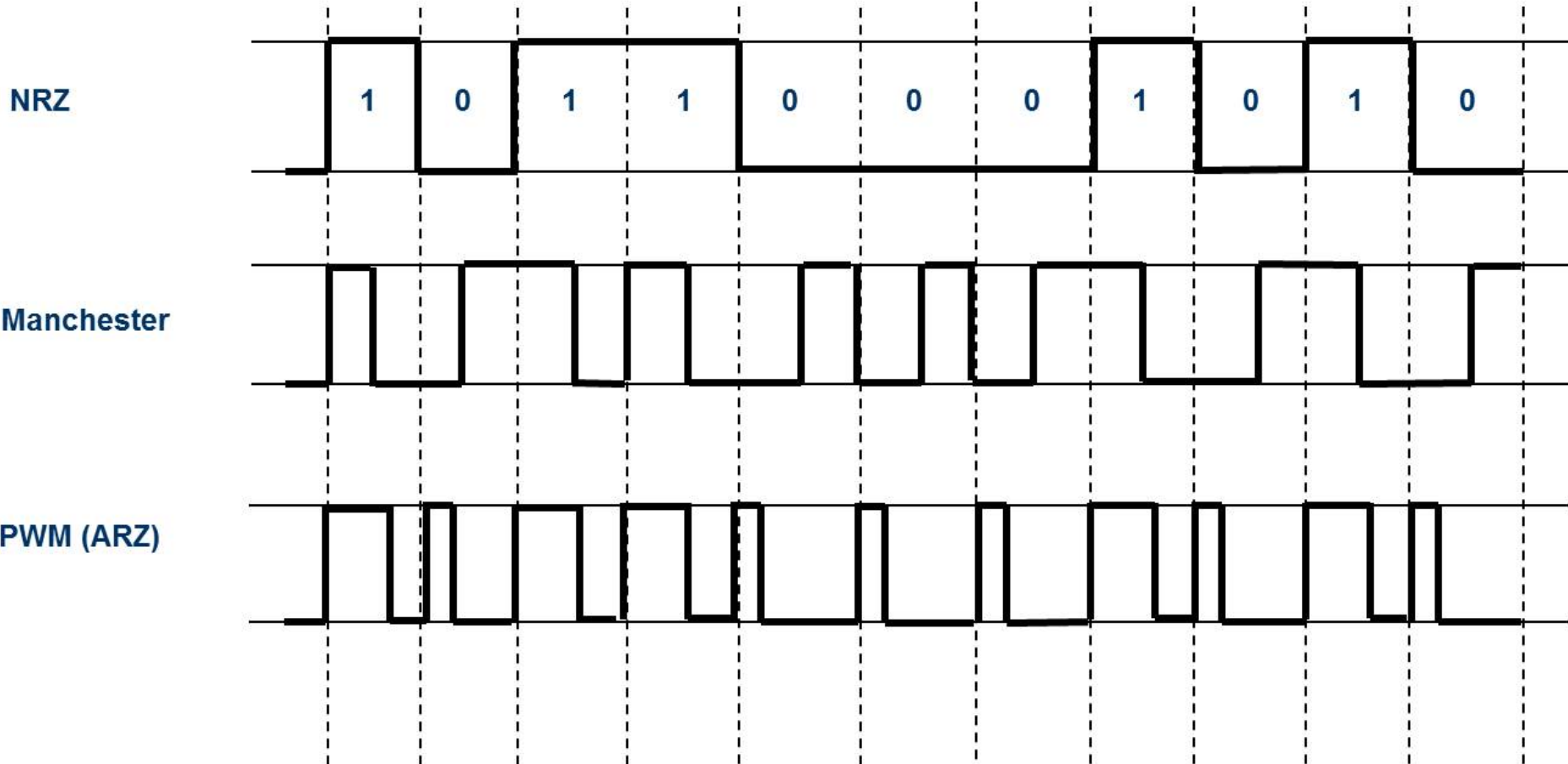
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- // Find the data channel
- // Isolate the channel
  - Use filters to remove out-of-band interference
- // Identify modulation type
- // Identify data rate / baud rate
- // Clock synchronization
- // Symbols to logical bits



# ENCODINGS

## Digital Bit Representations



# RAW OUTPUT TO PACKETS

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## // Analyse output structure

- Pattern search
- SOF / EOF
- Long sequences of 0's or 1's

## // Search for known values

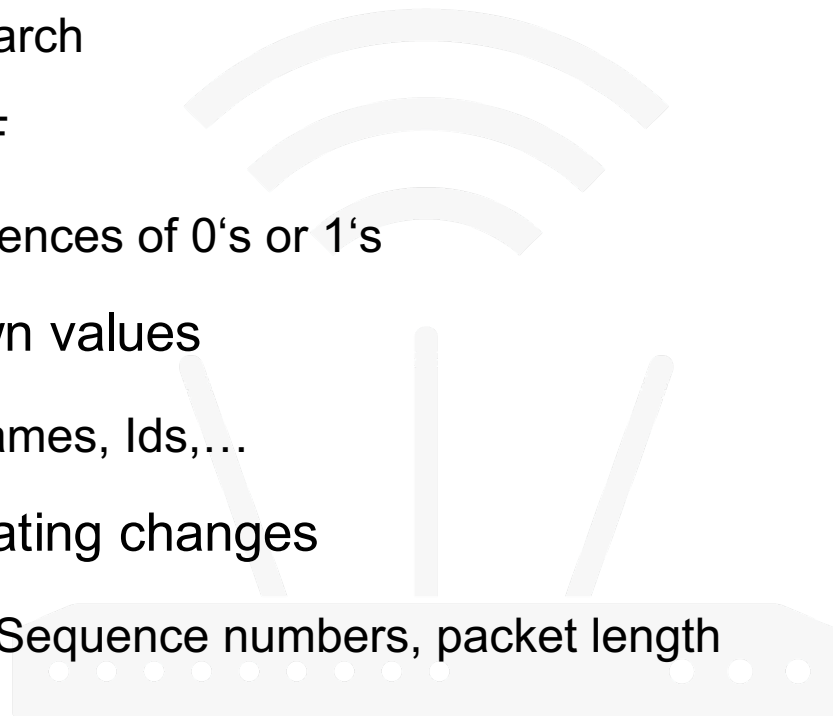
- Serials, Names, Ids,...

## // Search for repeating changes

- Counters, Sequence numbers, packet length

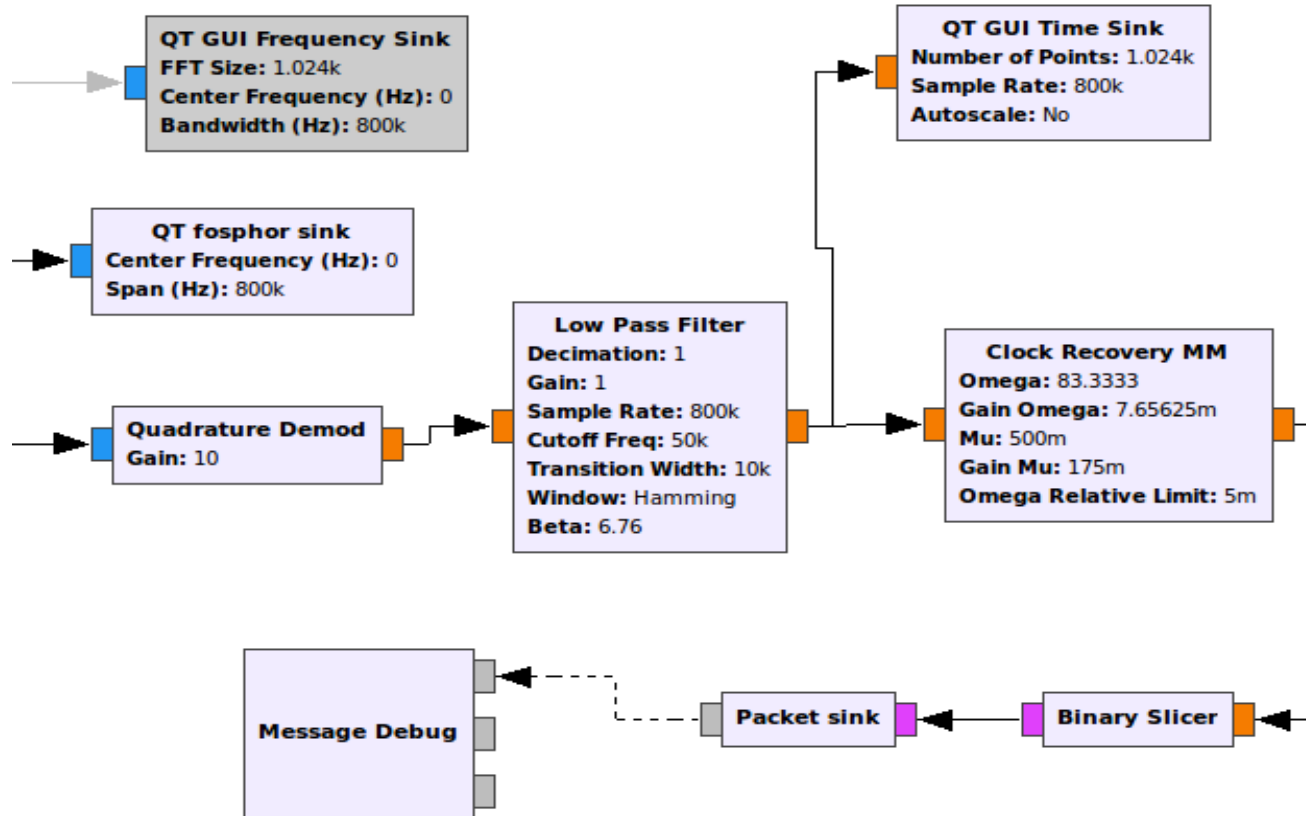
## // Checksums

## // Error correction and detection

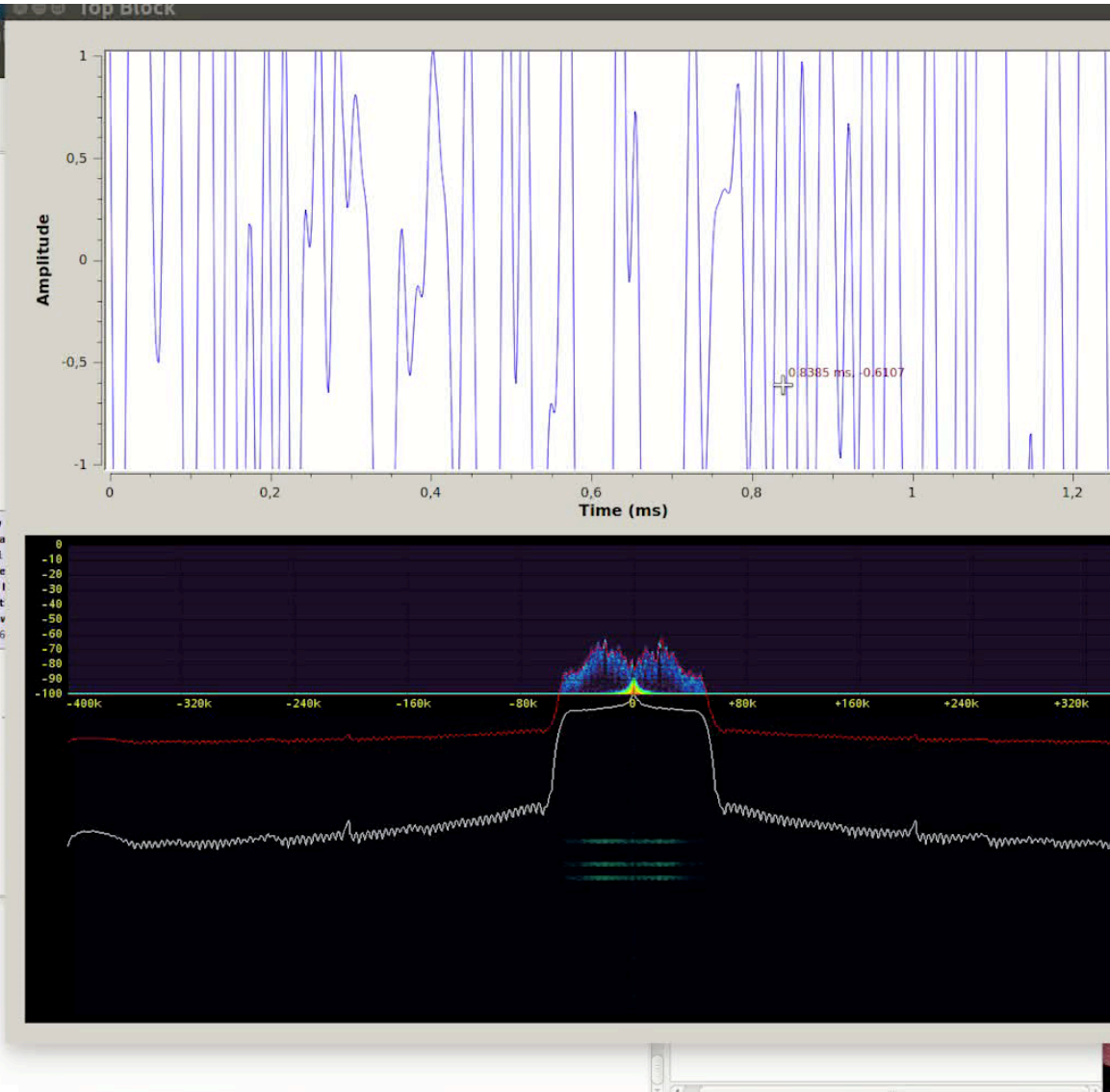
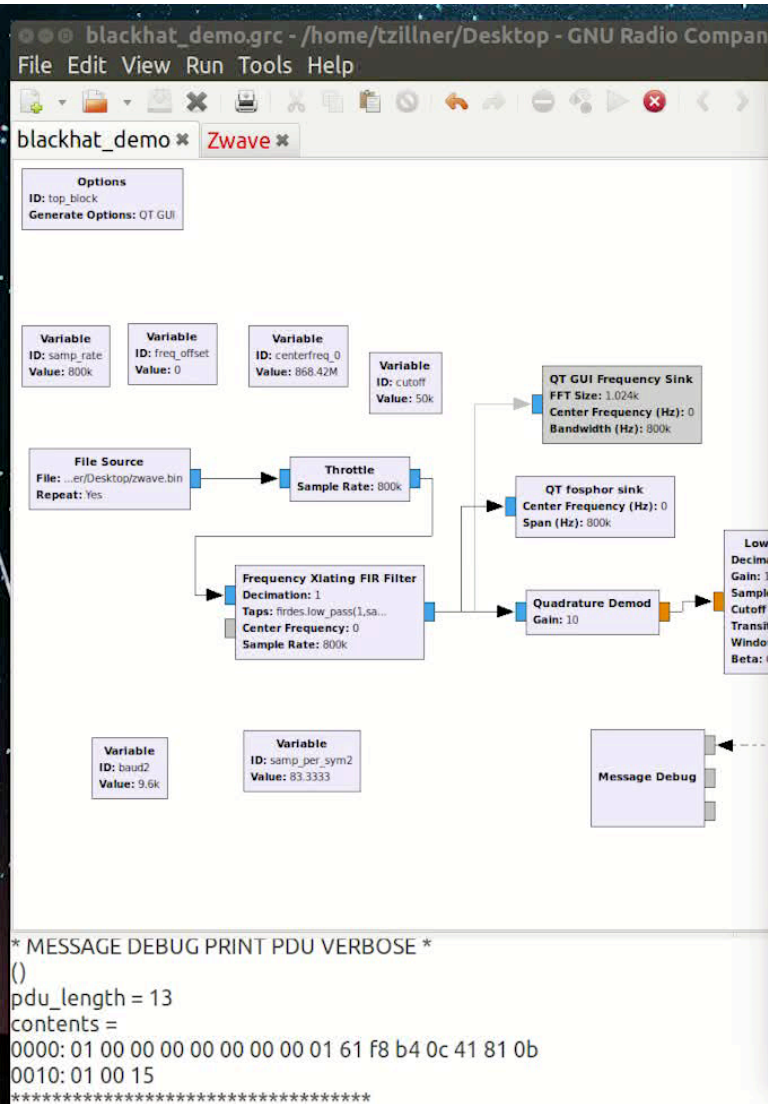




# PACKET SNIFFING



# DATA EXTRACTION



# PITFALLS

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## // Get familiar with RF / SDR / DSP basics

- Modulation
- Sampling
- Complex Numbers

## // Store meta data

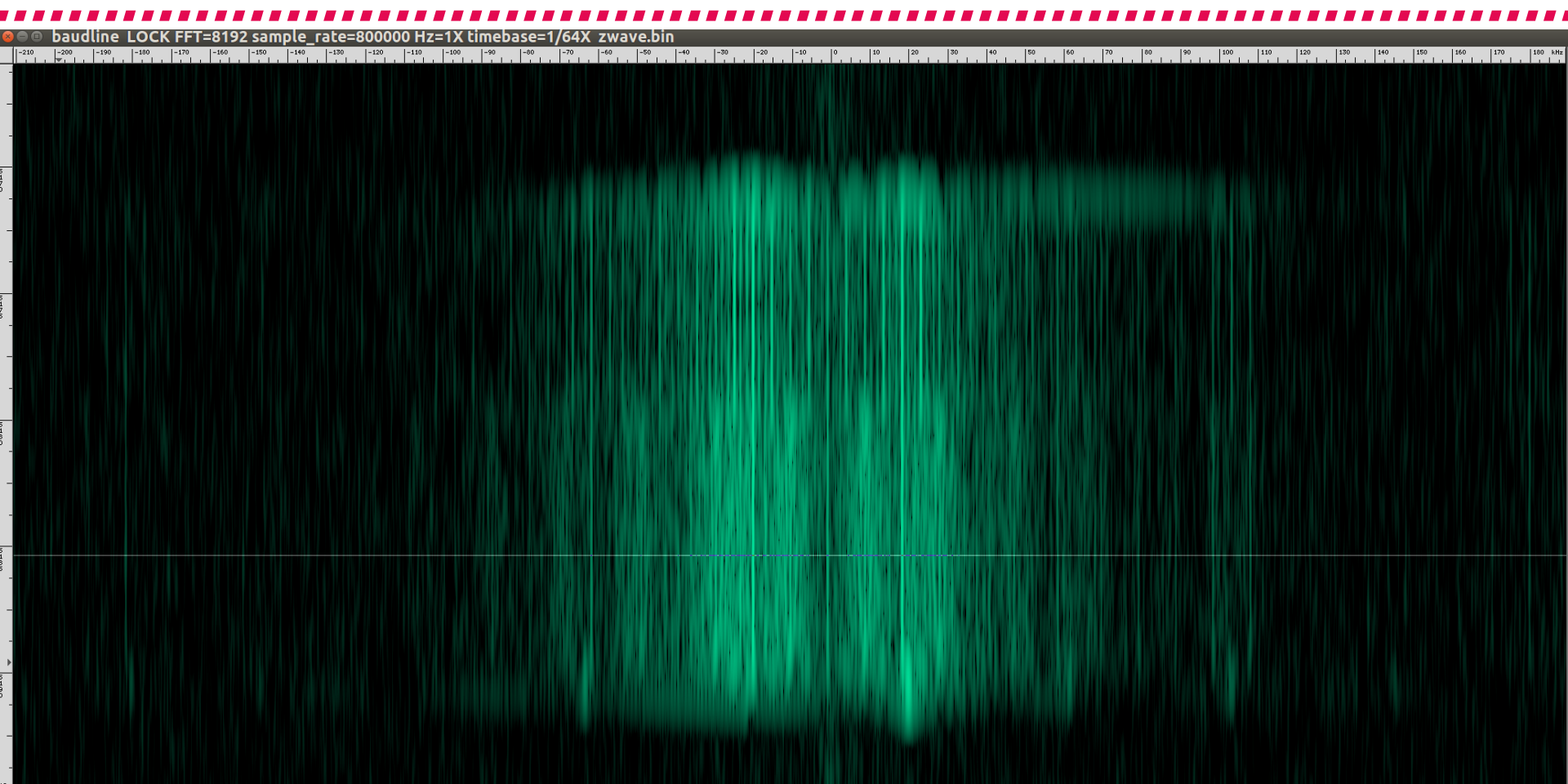
- capture rate, gain, frequency

## // Choose a proper RF gain

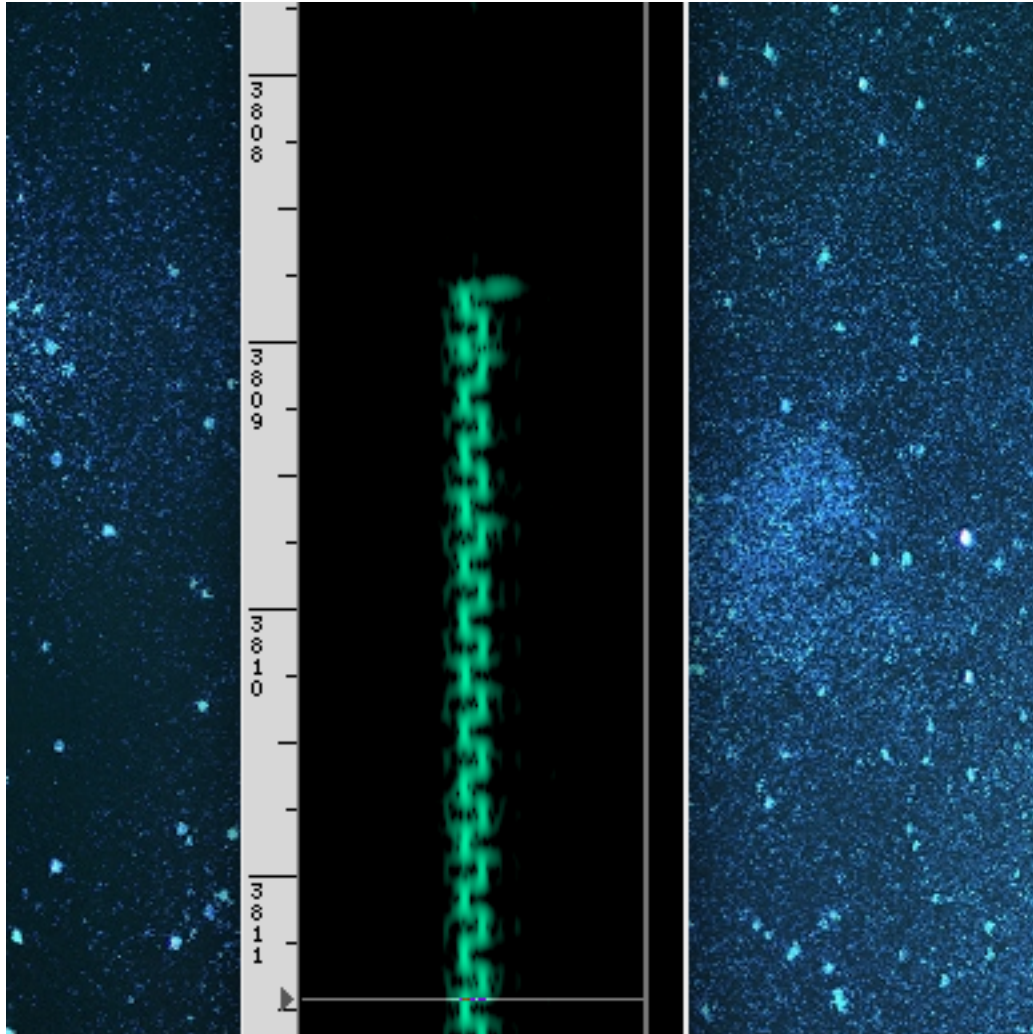
## // Know your tools

- Visual resolution problems

# BAUDLINE FFT=8192



# BAUDLINE FFT=256



# PITFALLS

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## // Analysing the wrong signal

- Move around to see how signal strength changes
- Make sure your signal is in band and not an alias

## // Check for timing issues

- Clock recovery
- Send messages within timeframes

# INTERESTING RESOURCES AND PROJECTS

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// Defcon Wireless / IoT Village

// Cyberspectrum Meetups

– Also available on Youtube

// Wikipedia (RF theory)

// OWASP IoT Top 10

// Other Resources

<http://greatscottgadgets.com/sdr/>

[http://files.ettus.com/tutorials/labs/Lab\\_1-5.pdf](http://files.ettus.com/tutorials/labs/Lab_1-5.pdf)

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# WIRELESS SECURITY ISSUES



# WIRELESS IOT TOP 10 ISSUES

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Unencrypted communication

No message freshness checks – Replay attacks

Vulnerable key exchange

Jamming

Mixing unencrypted and encrypted communication

# WIRELESS IOT TOP 10 ISSUES

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Weak Join/Pairing procedures

Hardcoded secrets

Weak cryptography

No message authentication - Spoofing

Insecure rejoin procedure

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DEVICE DISCOVERY

DEMONSTRATION

# WMAP

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- // Wireless IoT device scanner
- // Based on Scapy Radio
- // Scans RF for wireless communication
  - All channels / protocol
  - Quick Scan / preferred channels
- // Easy expendability
- // Passive / Active scanning

# HOTEL TEST RESULTS

tzillner@TZ-Thinkpad: ~/wmap

WARNING: No route found for IPv6 destination :: (no default route?)

Scanning start

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Start scanning ZigBee

#####

Start sniffing

Scanning Channel 11

Scanning Channel 20

New ZigBee device found with short address 29261

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WARNING: FCS on this packet is invalid or is not present in provided bytes.

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Start scanning ZWave

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New ZWave device found with source 12 and homeid 23197876

Scanning on frequency 868420000

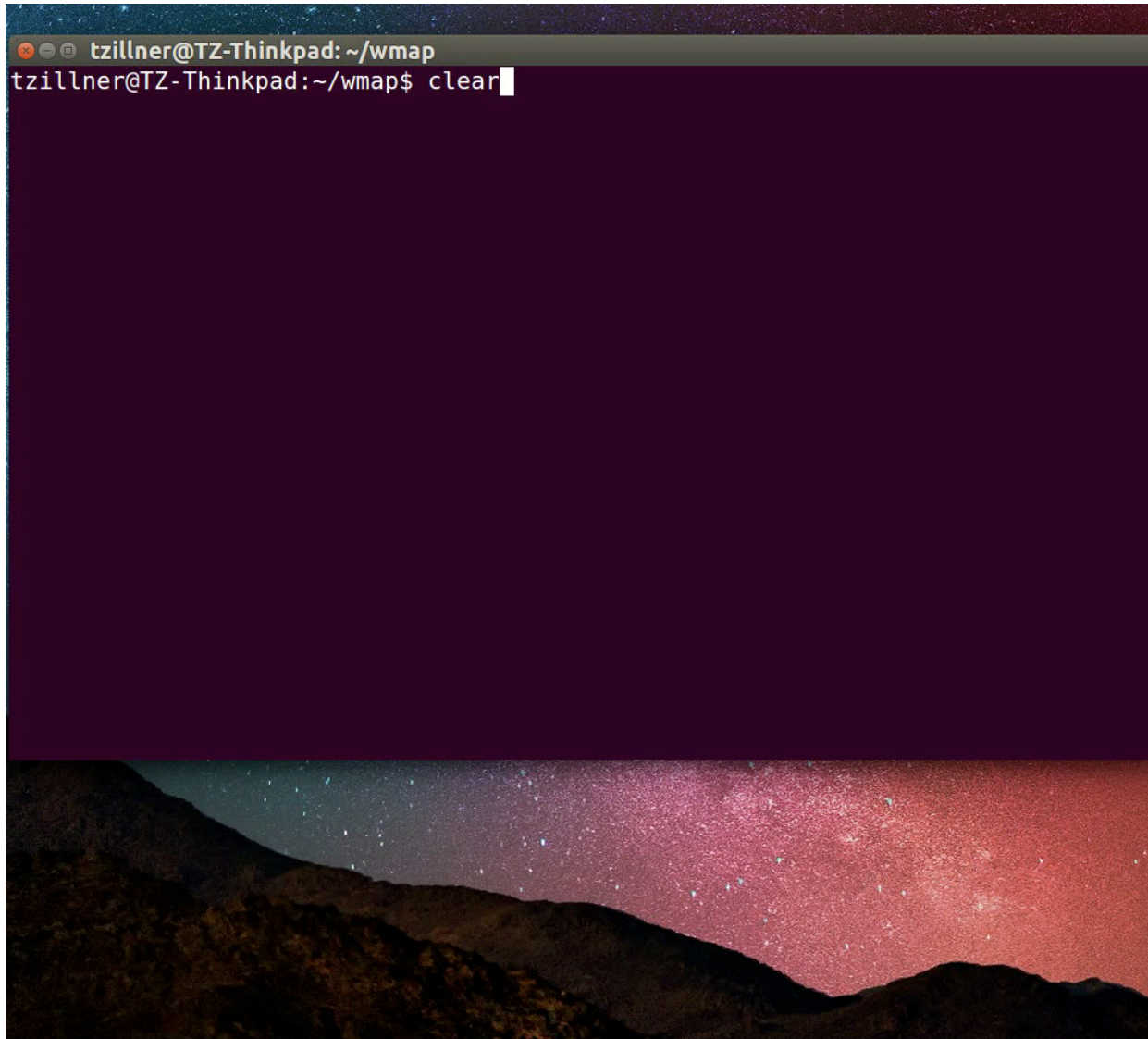
Scanning on frequency 908420000

Scanning finished

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# WMAP SCAN

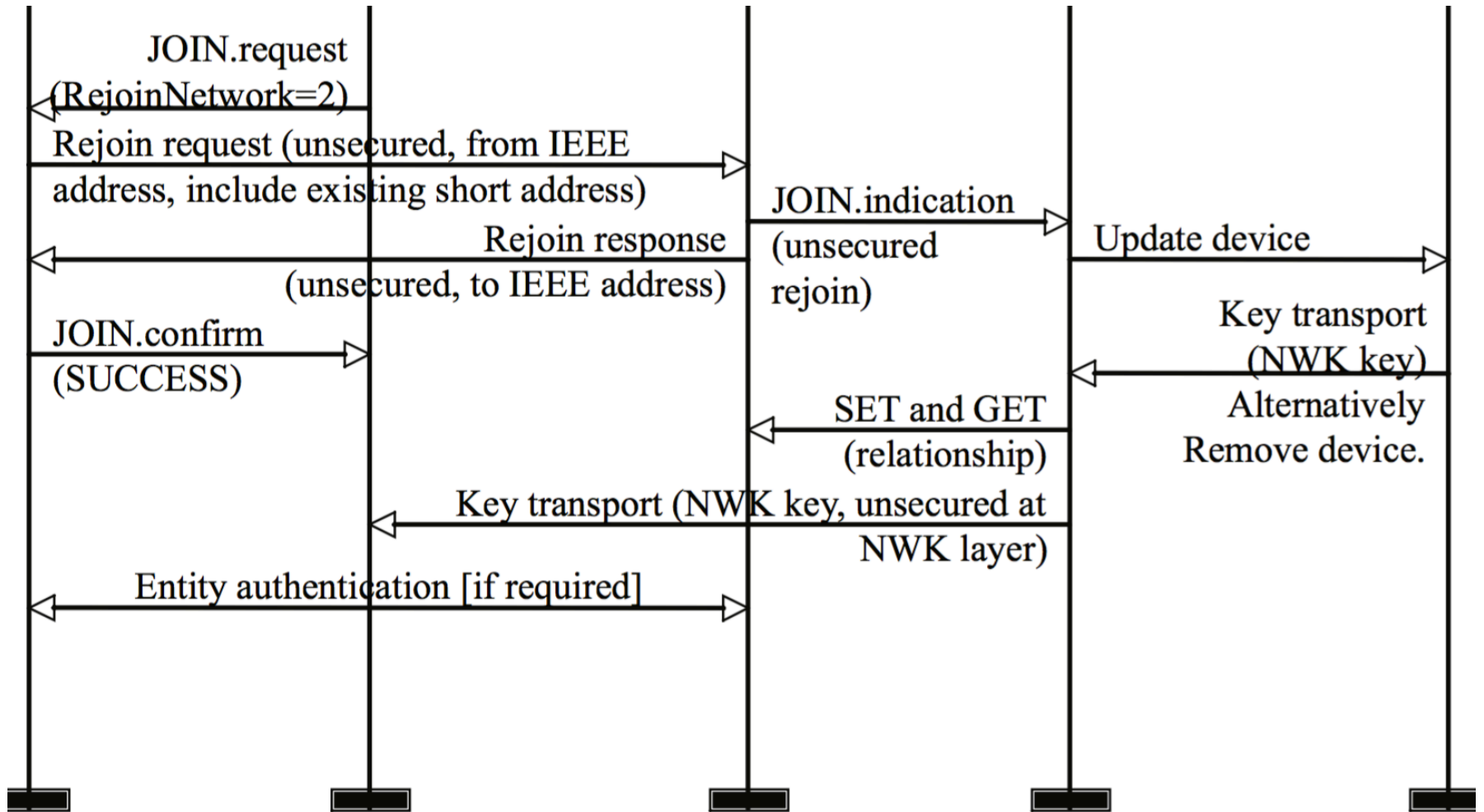
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LET'S SEE WHAT'S OUT THERE - MAPPING THE WIRELESS IOT

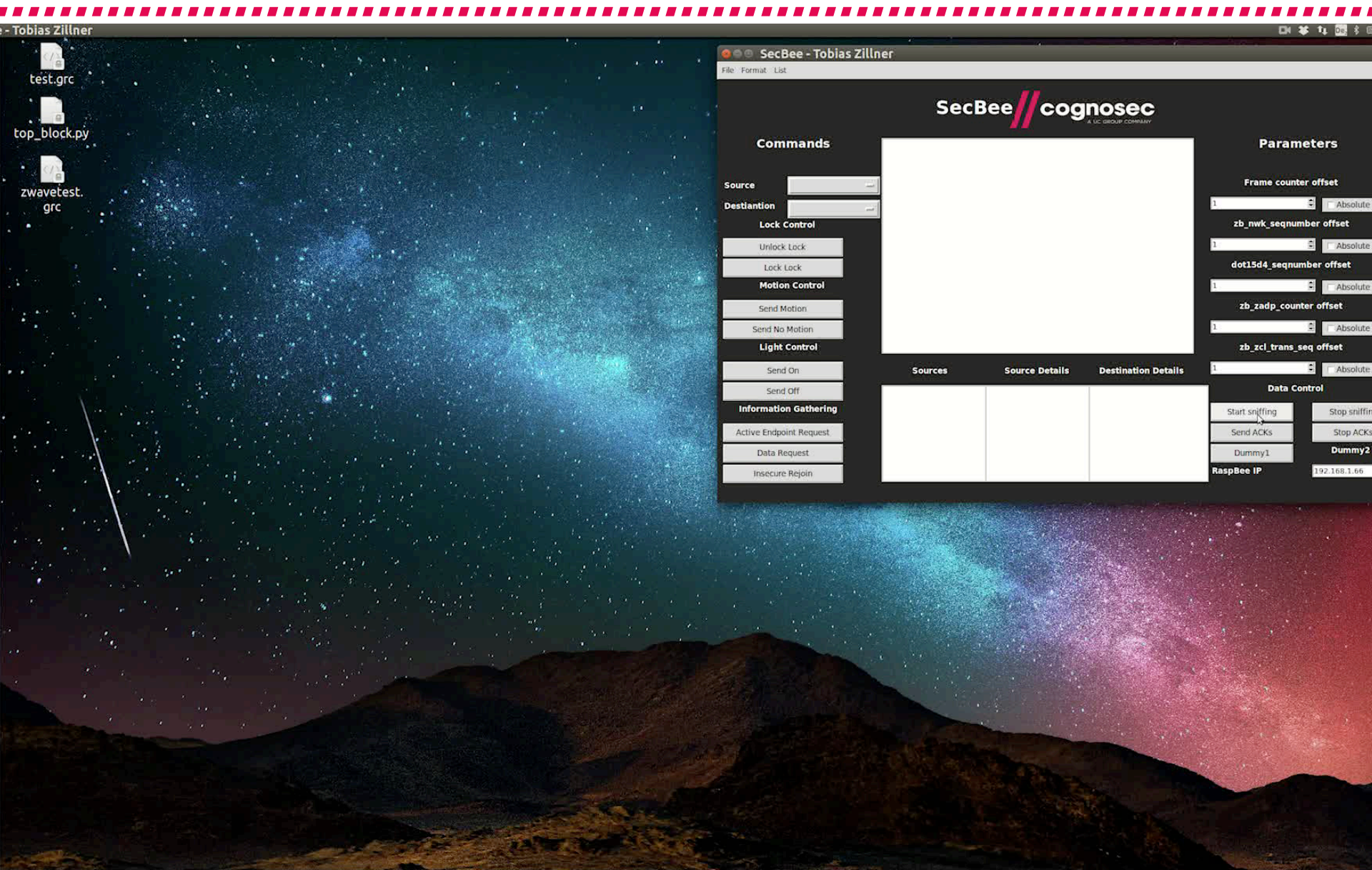
# REJOIN TESTING DEMONSTRATION

# ZIGBEE INSECURE REJOIN





# VIDEO DEMO



# ZIGBEE INSECURE REJOIN

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
400	1911.170083	0xa642	0x0000	IEEE 802.1...	12	Data Request
401	1911.172085			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
402	1911.174714	0x0000	0xa642	ZigBee	49	Data, Dst: 0xa642, Src: 0x0000
403	1911.174736			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
404	1911.179743	0xa642	0x0000	ZigBee	45	Data, Dst: 0x0000, Src: 0xa642
405	1911.179921			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
406	1911.384174	0xa642	0x0000	ZigBee	29	Request, Device: 0xa642
407	1911.385366			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
408	1911.421006	0xa642	0x0000	IEEE 802.1...	12	Data Request
409	1911.423036			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
410	1911.424106	0x0000	0xa642	ZigBee	39	Response, Address: 0x0000
411	1911.424735			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
412	1911.427783	0xa642	0x0000	IEEE 802.1...	12	Data Request
413	1911.428614			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
414	1911.432617	0x0000	0xa642	ZigBee	65	Transport Key
415	1911.433505			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
416	1911.439942			IEEE 802.1...	5	Ack
417	1911.446022	0xa642	Broadcast	ZigBee ZDP	57	Device Announcement, Device: EmberCor_00:02:c4:62:34

- ▶ Frame 406: 29 bytes on wire (232 bits), 29 bytes captured (232 bits)
- ▶ IEEE 802.15.4 Data, Dst: 0x0000, Src: 0xa642
- ▶ ZigBee Network Layer Command, Dst: 0x0000, Src: 0xa642
- ▼ Frame Control Field: 0x1009, Frame Type: Command, Discover Route: Suppress, Extended Source Command
  - .... ..01 = Frame Type: Command (0x0001)
  - .... ..00 10.. = Protocol Version: 2
  - .... ..00.. .... = Discover Route: Suppress (0x0000)
  - .... ..0 .... = Multicast: False
  - .... ..0. .... = Security: False
  - .... ..0.. .... = Source Route: False
  - .... ..0... .... = Destination: False
  - .... ..1 .... = Extended Source: True

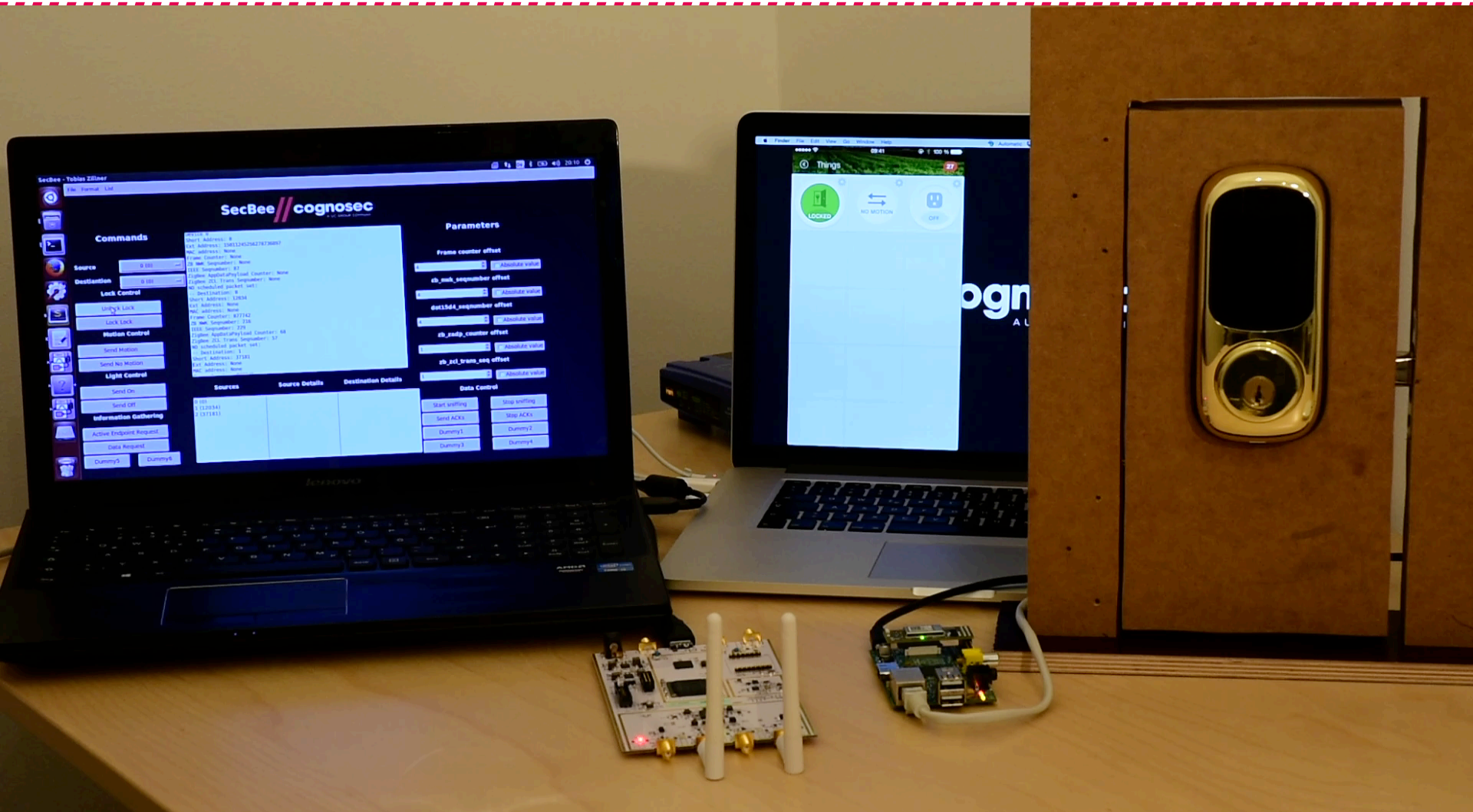
# FEELINGS AFTER FIRST SUCCESSFUL JOIN

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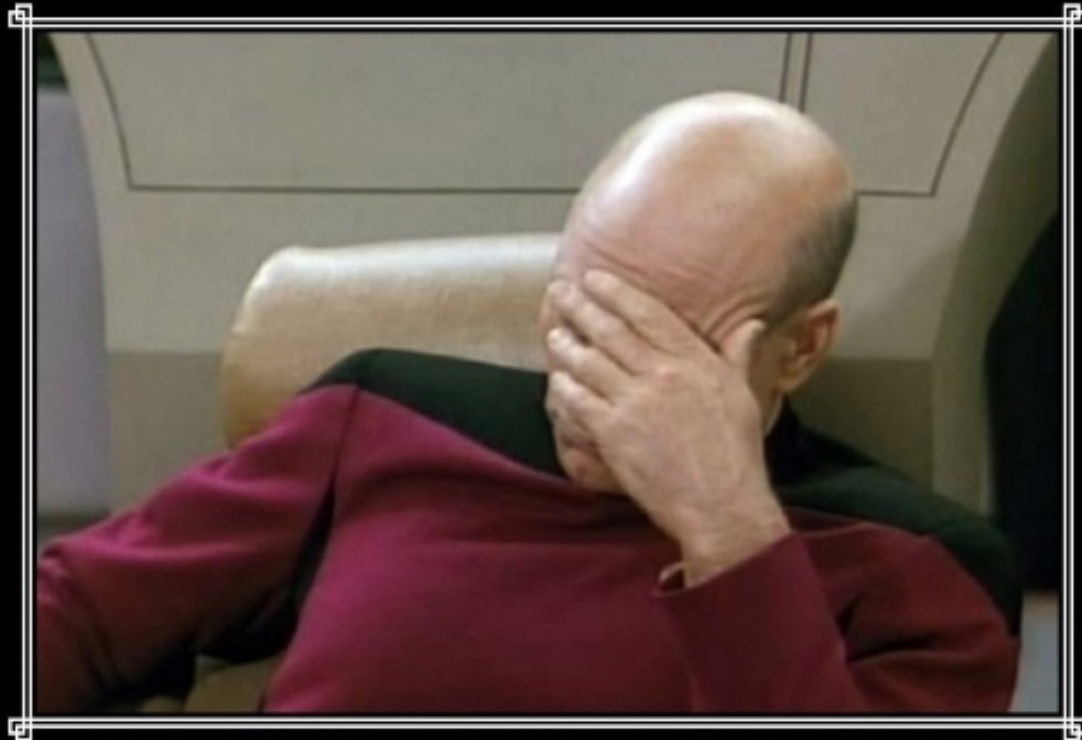


# COMMAND INJECTION



# FEELINGS AFTER SOME TIME

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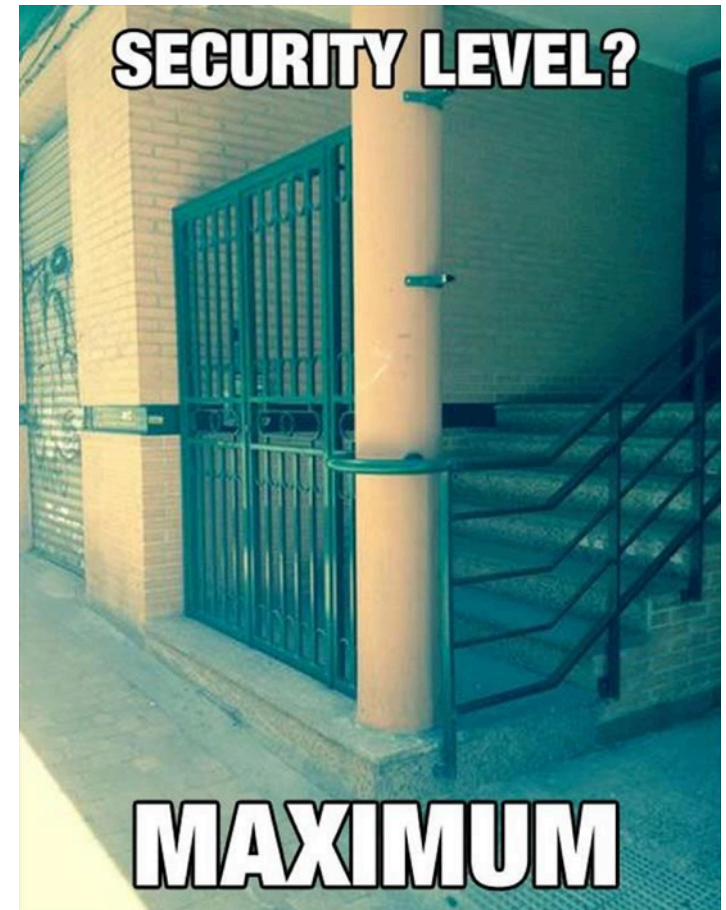
## PICARD FACEPALM

Because expressing how dumb that was in words just doesn't work.

# SUMMARY

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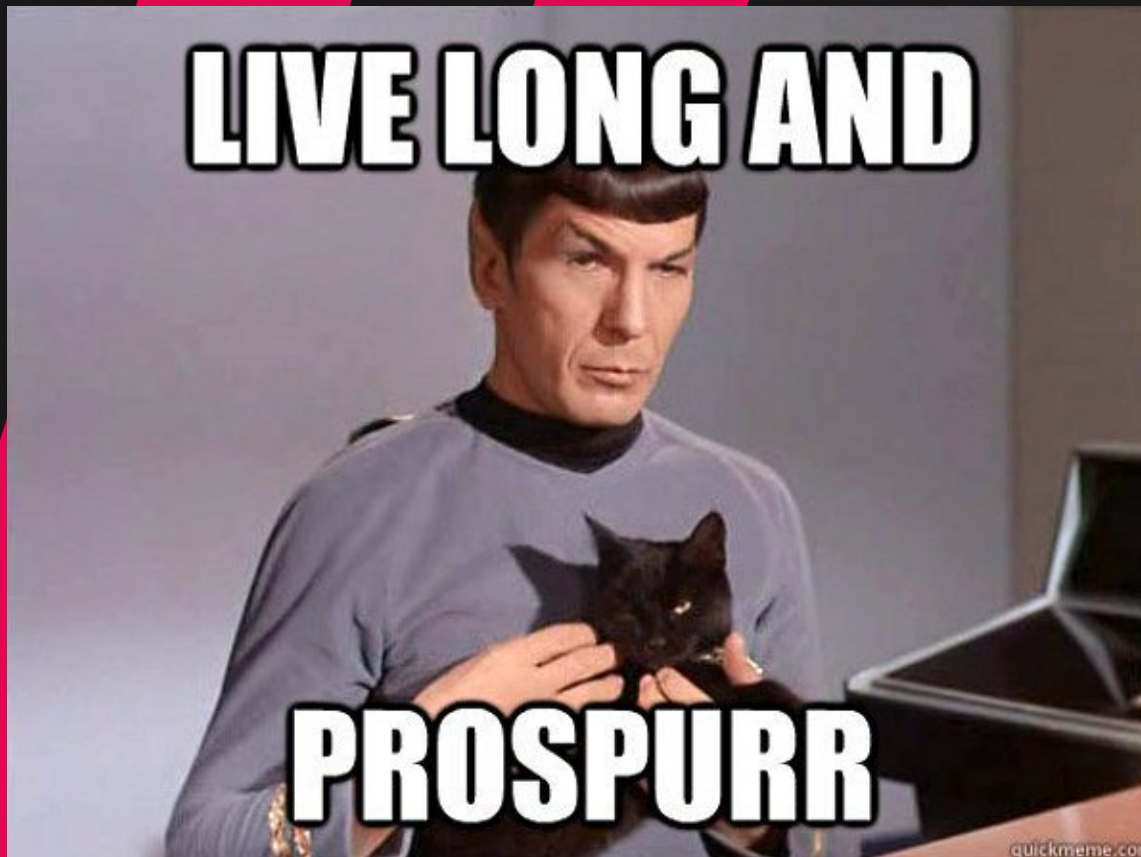
- // Wireless offers a huge attack surface
- // Usability overrules security
- // A lot of attack vectors
- // We need more research!
- // We need more tools :D



# BLACKHAT SOUND BYTES

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- // There is a world beside TCP/IP and Wifi
- // Security of wireless protocols is often not mature
- // Wireless communication is often a blind spot



Thank you!

Time for Questions & Answers





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