

YELLOWFIN

Mobile WiMAX Tablet PC Analyzer

manual version 1.7



YellowFin Receiver Hardware User's Manual

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IMPORTANT NOTE:

Please disable the Wireless LAN Radio and the Bluetooth Transmitter on the Tablet PC to minimize interference with the YellowFin Receiver before you establish a connection.

Unpacking Your YellowFin



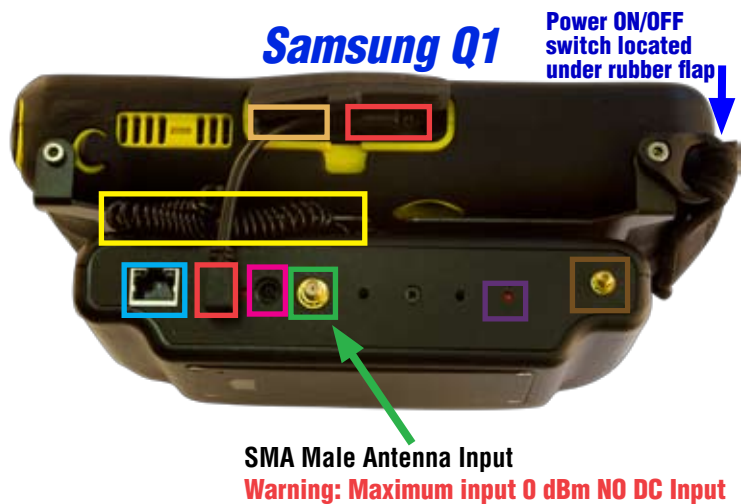
Opening your box reveals YellowFin protective case, documentation box and monopole.



Documentation includes software (some products use CD-ROM while others use SD card installers), user's manual and calibration certificate and USB communication cable.

Unpack and assemble your YellowFin unit as shown. Your YellowFin is a self-contained spectrum analyzer. The user interface (Samsung Q1 UMPC Tablet), antenna and power connections are all accessible, but there is usually no need to open the protective, yellow and black hard rubber casing. The tablet should not be disconnected and removed nor batteries changed by users. Removing such components will void your hardware warranty. Please consult the included Samsung Q1 documentation for complete operating instructions, troubleshooting and tips of tablet PC. When you open your yellow, hard, protective case you will see the YellowFin unit with receiver hidden below it, included antennas, SD software loader card, receiver power/charging adapter, ethernet cable and GPS antenna. The required USB communication cable is located in the documentation box. After screwing the bottom plate onto the monopole, the YellowFin unit simply rests on the surface to alleviate the weight for the user.





YellowFin Top View (both models shown)

About Your YellowFin

All basic ports and functions on the Samsung Q1 Tablet portion of your YellowFin WiMAX Analyzer are explained in your Samsung Q1 user's manual included with your YellowFin unit. The YellowFin receiver contains all indicators and ports you need to communicate with the Q1 tablet. The receiver should not be removed from the tablet unless a BVS technical support expert has instructed you to do so. The **ethernet 10/100 Mbit port** is used to communicate with a PC. Be sure that the **USB comm cable** is securely connected between the Q1 tablet and YellowFin receiver. The **SD card slot** is located next to that for installing, removing or re-installing the YellowFin software. The **SMA male antenna connector** is for use with the included omni directional antennas or the optional DF antenna systems. Please consult with Berkeley engineers before employing any antenna not supplied by BVS. The stylus can be found connected to the attached **coil-cord** which is attached to the bottom of the Q1 tablet. The unit also contains a **GPS antenna input** when GPS data is required for studies.

Powering Your YellowFin

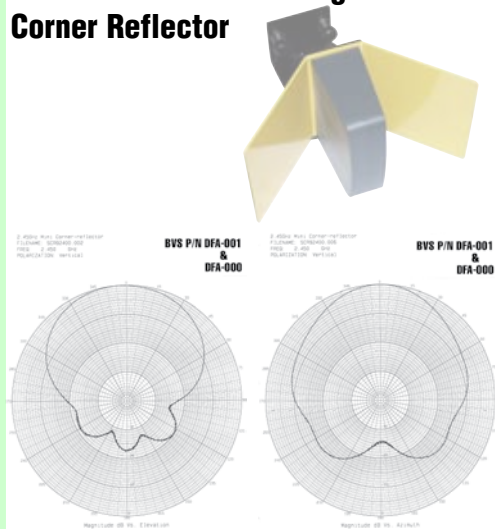
Powering up your YellowFin begins by switching power on the Tablet PC. The **Power ON/OFF switch** is located on the side of the tablet PC under the rubber flap. YellowFin receiver contains an internal, rechargeable Li-Ion battery system in the receiver unit on the bottom. Users should not open the receiver unless a BVS technical support expert has instructed you to do so. The internal batteries are charged using the supplied DC power adapter connected to the **power input**. Consult the technical specifications sheet for common charging and running times for your unit. The red LED light next to this power input will blink while charging and go solid red when charging is complete. When your YellowFin receiver is charged, the Samsung Q1 tablet is powered on and the YellowFin software is running, the **red LED** on the receiver (next to the GPS antenna input) will turn on. This indicates constant communication between the receiver and the tablet interface.

Opening Your YellowFin

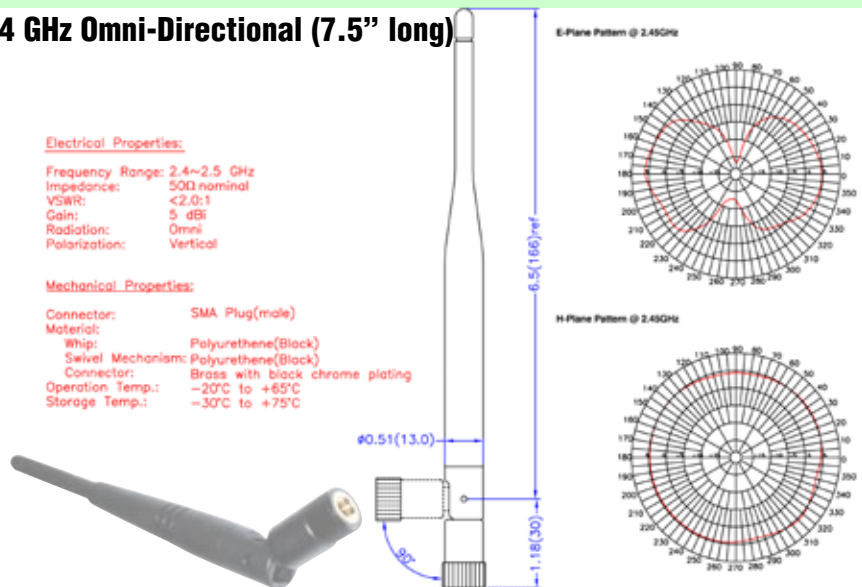
Always contact BVS technical support (1-888-737-4287 or +1 732-548-3737 8AM - 6PM EST or e-mail support@bvssystem.com) before attempting any modifications or repairs to your Yellowjacket-TABLET. In some cases, users may replace batteries or perform simple changes within the receiver module but failure to contact BVS technical support for procedural steps before proceeding will result in a **VOIDED WARRANTY**.

Optional Directional & Omni Antenna Specifications

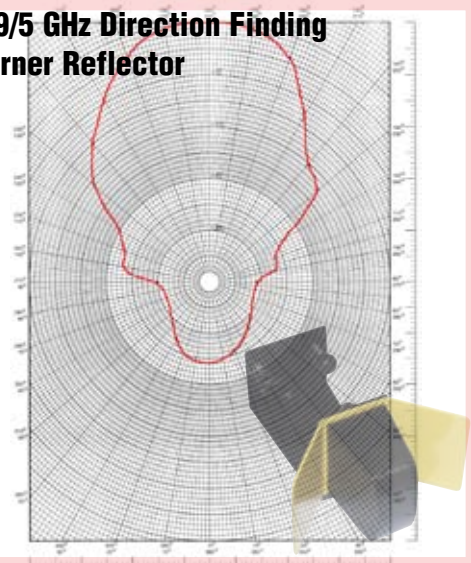
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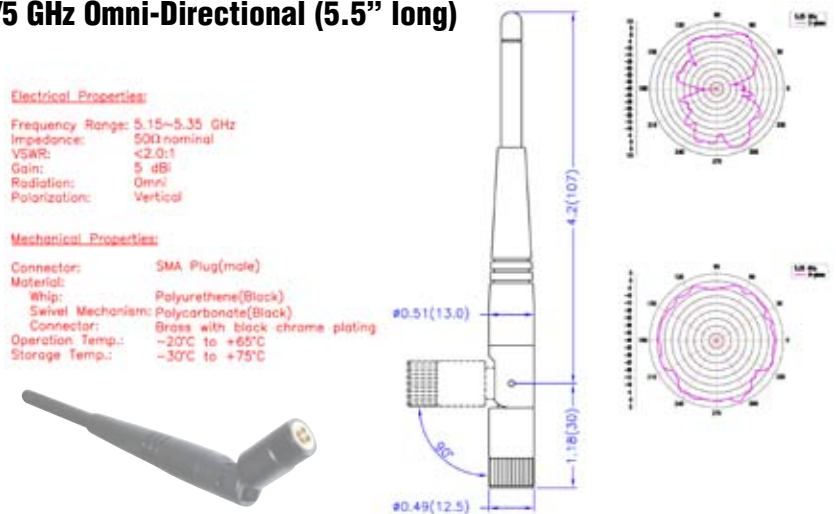
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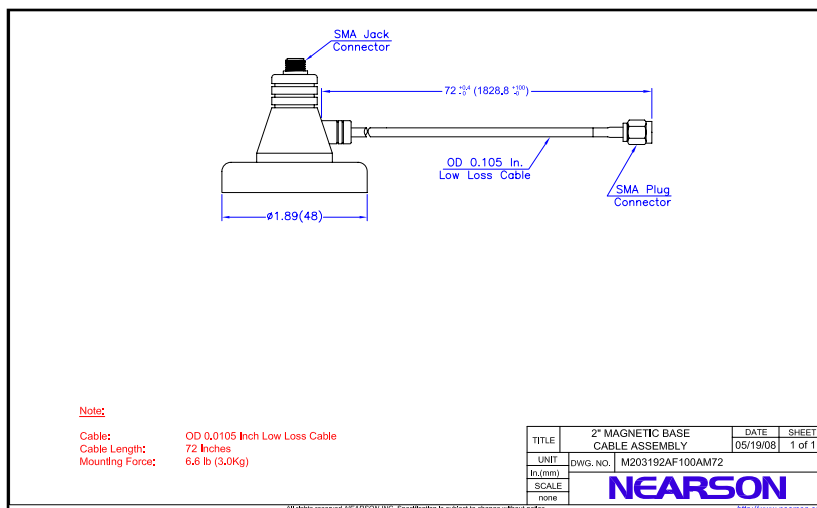
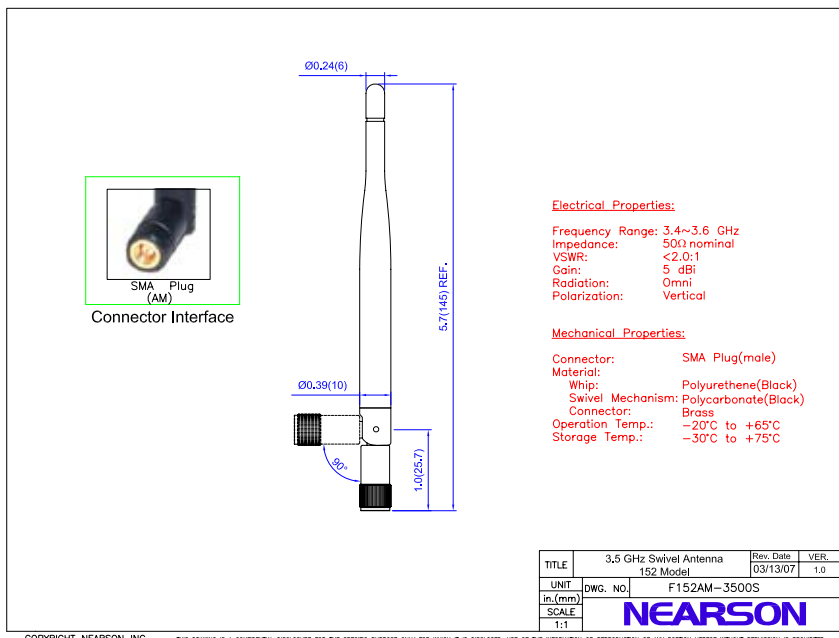
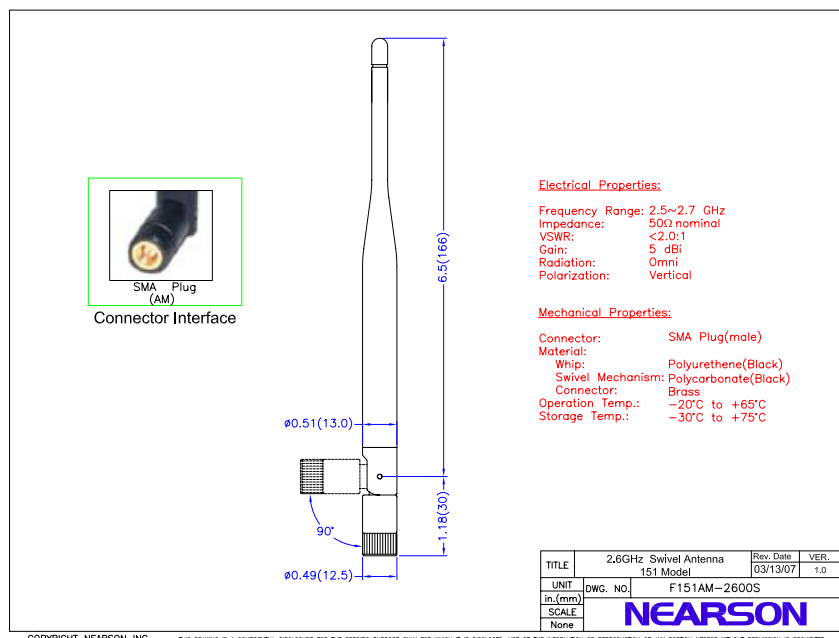


4.9/5 GHz Direction Finding Corner Reflector



4.9/5 GHz Omni-Directional (5.5" long)





Accessories for your **YELLOWFIN**

12VDC to 110VAC car cigarette
lighter power inverter
75 Watts output
P/N YF-12V-USB
\$ 75.00

OPTIONAL



Rugged Carrying Case
ABS Plastic
P/N P-CASE
\$ 150.00

STANDARD



4.9/5 GHz Direction Finding Antenna
with mounting bracket, cable & SMA
male
9 dBi gain
P/N 5NE
\$ 250.00

OPTIONAL



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OPTIONAL



30 dB attenuator pad for use with
directional antennas (between
DF antenna & YellowFin) SMA
male to female
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2.4 GHz Omni Antenna
SMA male swivel
P/N S151AM-2450S
\$ 25.00

STANDARD



3.5 GHz Omni Antenna
SMA male swivel
P/N 5NP
\$ 25.00

STANDARD



2.4 GHz Direction Finding
Antenna with mounting brack-
et, cable & SMA male
9 dBi gain
P/N 2ND
\$ 250.00

OPTIONAL



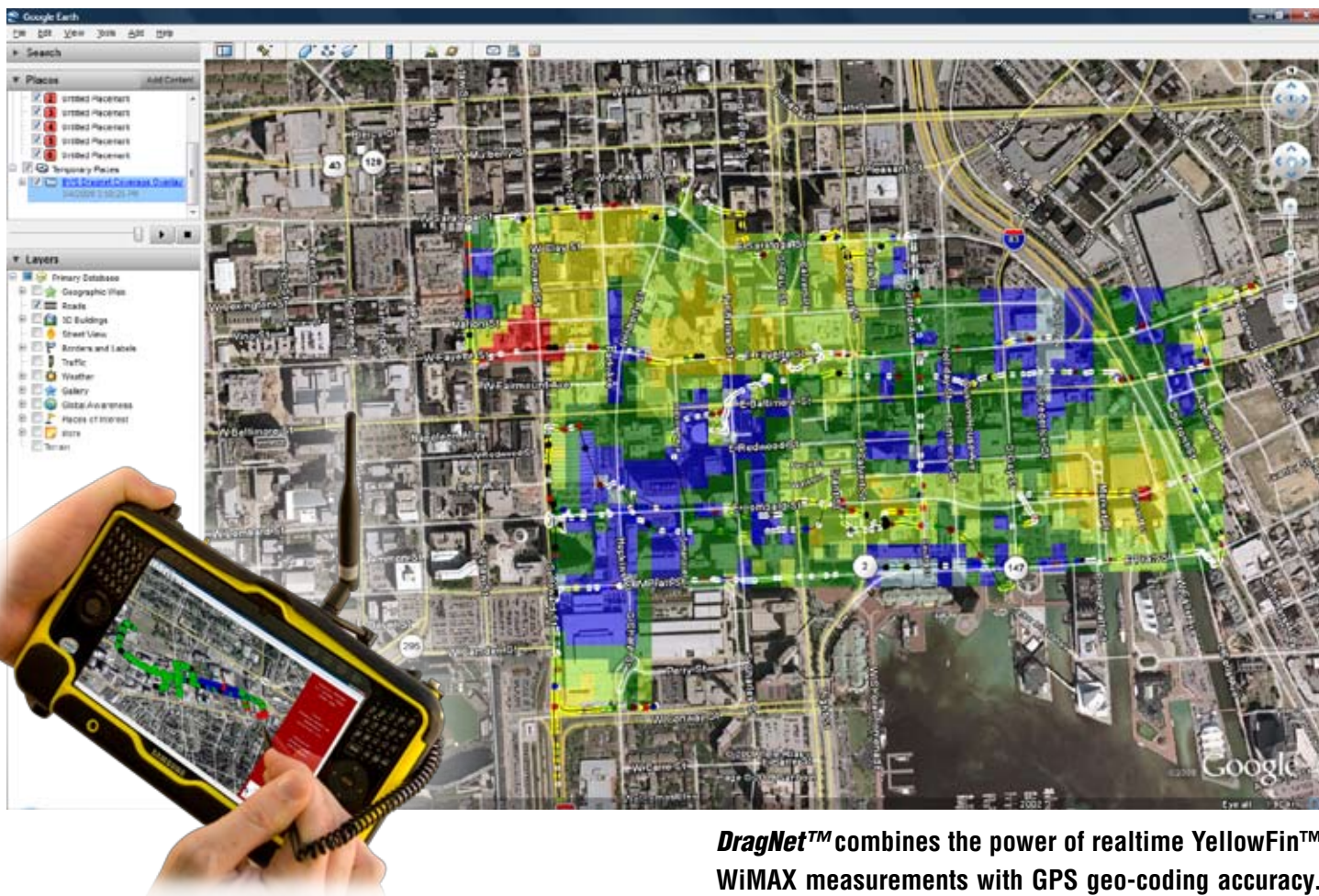
4.9/5 GHz Omni Antenna
SMA male swivel
Co-Linear Dipole 5 dBi VSWR 1.8:1
P/N K181AM-5250S
\$ 25.00

STANDARD



DRAGNET

WiMAX MOBILE SITE SURVEY SOFTWARE



FEATURES

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- JPEG screen snapshots throughout survey
- KML, PDF and Excel export and report printout support
- Survey data such as RSSI, Cell ID & Segment packet data on a preamble basis for further mapping coverage studies in multiple graphical and spreadsheet layouts
- Surveys may be exported further into KML files for plotting in applications such as GoogleEarth™

DragNet™ combines the power of realtime YellowFin™ WiMAX measurements with GPS geo-coding accuracy. First, create your survey bitmaps with Berkeley's GPS **PROJECTOR** software. Next, simply drive to any spot with GPS reception while **DragNet™ COLLECTOR** scans selected WiMAX Mobile channels and correlates them to your exact location automatically via GPS. GPS measurements provide both LAT and LON as well as time stamping for a complete WiMAX survey path anywhere in the world. Finally, survey data such as RSSI, Cell ID & Segment ID data on a preamble basis may be exported into **DragNet's ANALYZER** for further mapping coverage studies in multiple graphical and tabular layouts. Surveys may be exported further into KML files for plotting in applications such as Google Earth™.

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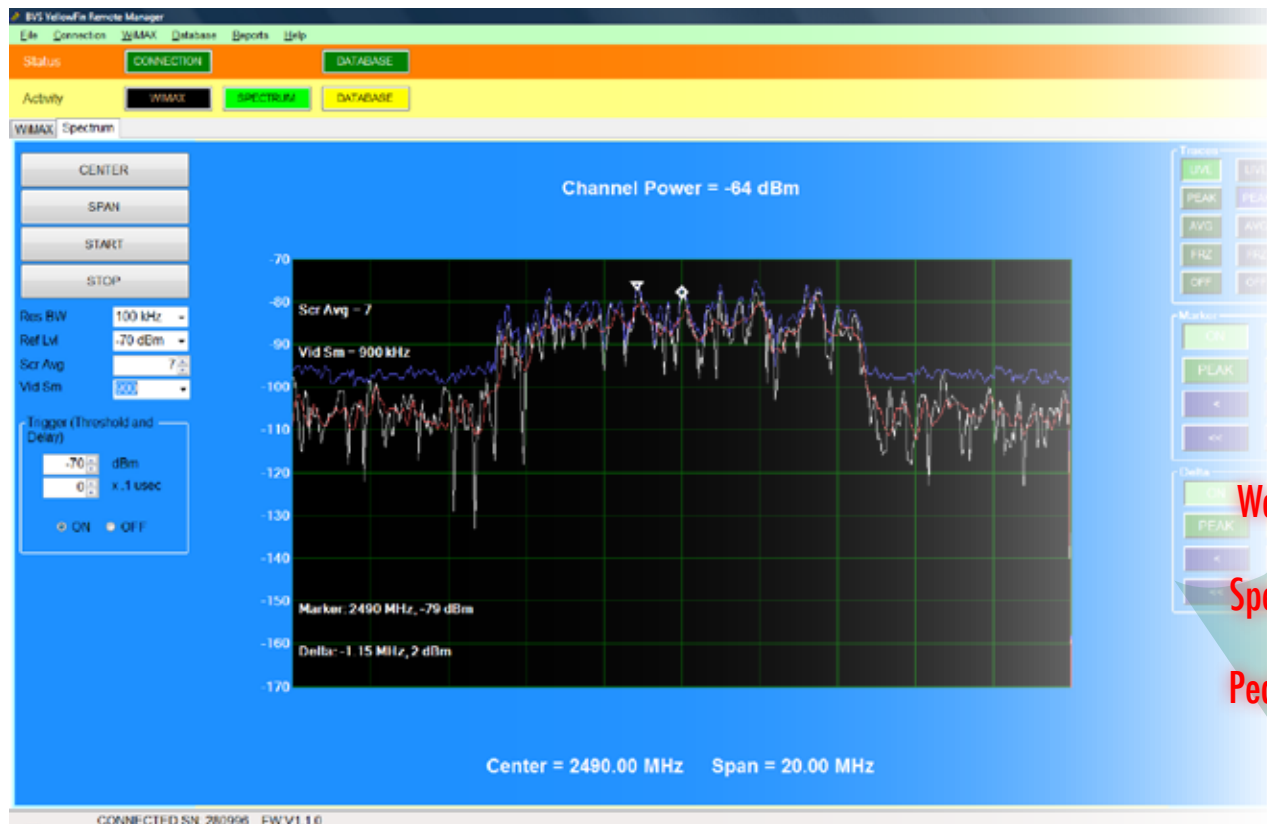
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RSSI

CINR

Cell ID

Segment

Waveform Traces

Spectrum Analysis

Peak Hold/Search

FEATURES

- Controls YellowFin remotely from any RJ-45 connection
- Monitor your network from anywhere - home and office.
- Data collected in real-time and stored in a relational database*
- Create comprehensive reports from your measured network data
- Export reports to PDF® and MS Excel® formats
- Collect spectrum data from the WiMAX RF environment
- Collect packet data parameters such as Cell ID, Segment, CINR, RSSI and more
- Data reports over various time periods for temporal overview of your network
- Software includes ethernet receiver dongle and cable

...from ANYWHERE

YellowFin® WiMAX Remote Manager™ software is a data monitoring & reporting application that connects to any **YellowFin® WiMAX** through a standard 10/100 ethernet connection. With **Remote Manager™**, users can control what wireless data is to be collected via the **YellowFin® WiMAX** analyzer and store that data in a relational database* for future retrieval and analysis. **Remote Manager™** allows users to scan the RF spectrum and preamble over time creating a network footprint of usage to find out who's in your network airspace with or without authorization. **Remote Manager™** even creates comprehensive PDF or MS Excel reports for an IT manager's overview. All of this can be accomplished from anywhere in the world; all you need is access to an ethernet connection to place your YellowFin receiver.

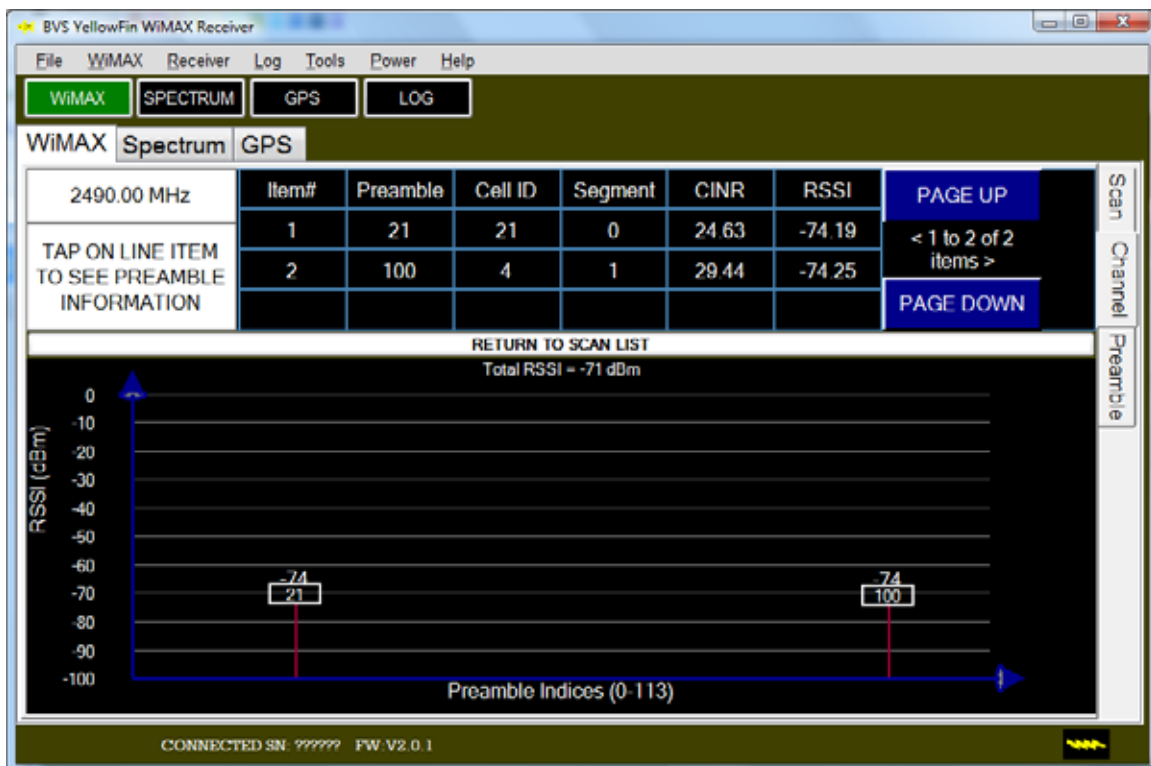
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BVS YellowFin Controller User Manual

INTRODUCTION

The BVS YellowFin Controller software runs on a Windows-based Tablet (XP/Vista) that is connected to a YellowFin WiMAX system. This connection is made through USB. The YellowFin Controller can also run on a Windows PC or laptop if portability is not desired.

Through this connection, a YellowFin can be controlled. The YellowFin can be set to any mode and settings available. Data can be monitored in real-time and stored in a log file later viewing and reporting.



YellowFin Controller WiMAX Single Channel Screen

INSTALLATION

The YellowFin Controller software can be installed from the SD card provided using the USB SD card adapter. .NET Framework needs to be installed on the computer in order for the Controller to function correctly. This framework is already installed on some tablet systems. If the Controller will not run, install the framework from the SD card or get the latest from www.microsoft.com.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Below is the minimum system requirements recommended to run the Controller.

Supported Operating Systems:	Windows XP,Vista
Processor Speed:	>= 1.33 GHz
Memory:	>= 1 GB RAM
Hard Drive Space:	>= 1 GB free

CONNECTION STATUS

The status bar on the bottom of the main window will display the serial number of the YellowFin hardware and the firmware version installed. This information will only be displayed if the software has connected properly. A 'NOT CONNECTED' message will be displayed if this information was not able to be retrieved.

OPERATING MODES

WiMAX Signal Search (Band Scan)

If the frequencies for the WiMAX signals are not known, the YellowFin has a search engine for locating any existing signals.

Choose “Signal Search” from the WiMAX menu. The Signal Search dialog will appear. The parameters for the search are the start and stop frequencies along with the frequency step.

WiMAX Signal Search

WiMAX Signal Searcher

Tap on the appropriate frequency box to change settings. Any channel where a signal is found will be entered into the 'FOUND' list on the right. Frequencies from this list may then be placed into the 'KEEP' list to be sent to the current scan list.

		WiMAX Found (MHz)		WiMAX Keep (MHz)
START	2450 MHz		→	
STOP	2550 MHz		▶▶	
			◀◀	
STEP	10 MHz		←	

SEARCH

SET SELECTED FREQUENCIES
AS NEW CHANNEL LIST

EXIT

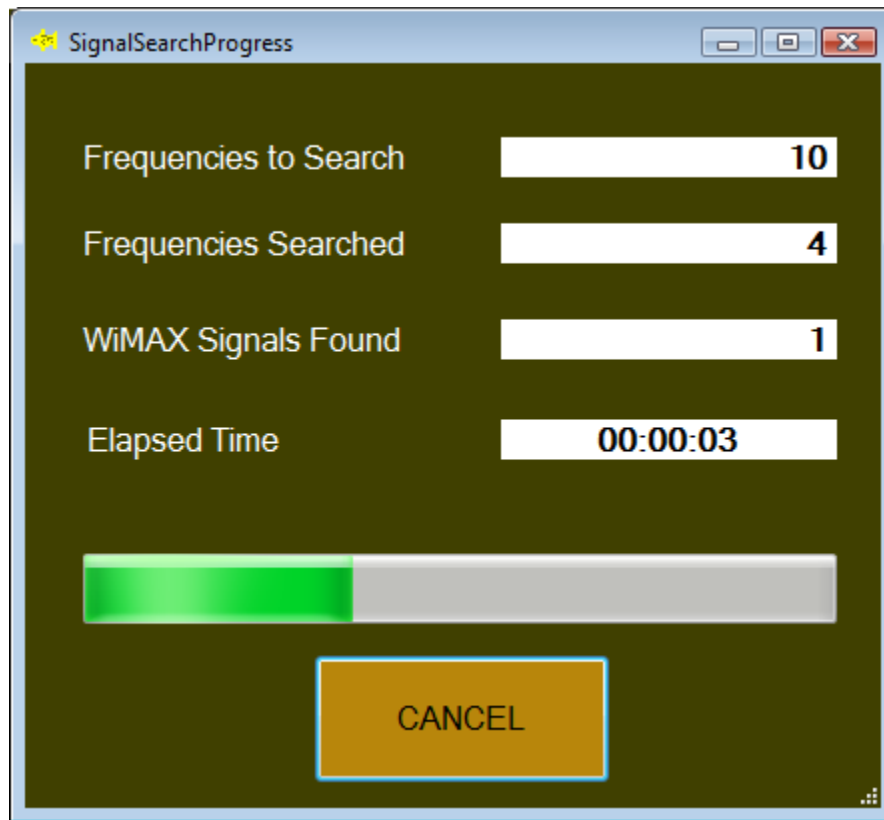
WiMAX Signal Search

To change any of the parameters, simply tap on the box with the appropriate frequency. Use the number pad to select the correct frequency and select 'MHz' for the units.



Numeric Entry Dialog

When all of the parameters have been chosen, press the 'Search' button on the WiMAX Signal Searcher screen. A progress indicator will appear to show how many WiMAX frequencies have been found and the time elapsed during the search. Every frequency searched could take up to 1 second, so choose the parameters for the smallest search range needed.



Signal Search Progress

After the search has been completed, the WiMAX Signal Search dialog will show the frequencies found in the 'Found' list box.

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		WiMAX Found (MHz)		WiMAX Keep (MHz)
START	2450 MHz	2480 2490	→	
STOP	2550 MHz		⇒	
			⇐	
STEP	10 MHz		←	

SEARCH

SET SELECTED FREQUENCIES
AS NEW CHANNEL LIST

EXIT

WiMAX Frequencies Found

Move the frequencies to be used in scan mode over to the 'Keep' list box by using the buttons provided. Using the 'double' arrow button will move the entire list over to the 'Found' box.

WiMAX Signal Search

WiMAX Signal Searcher

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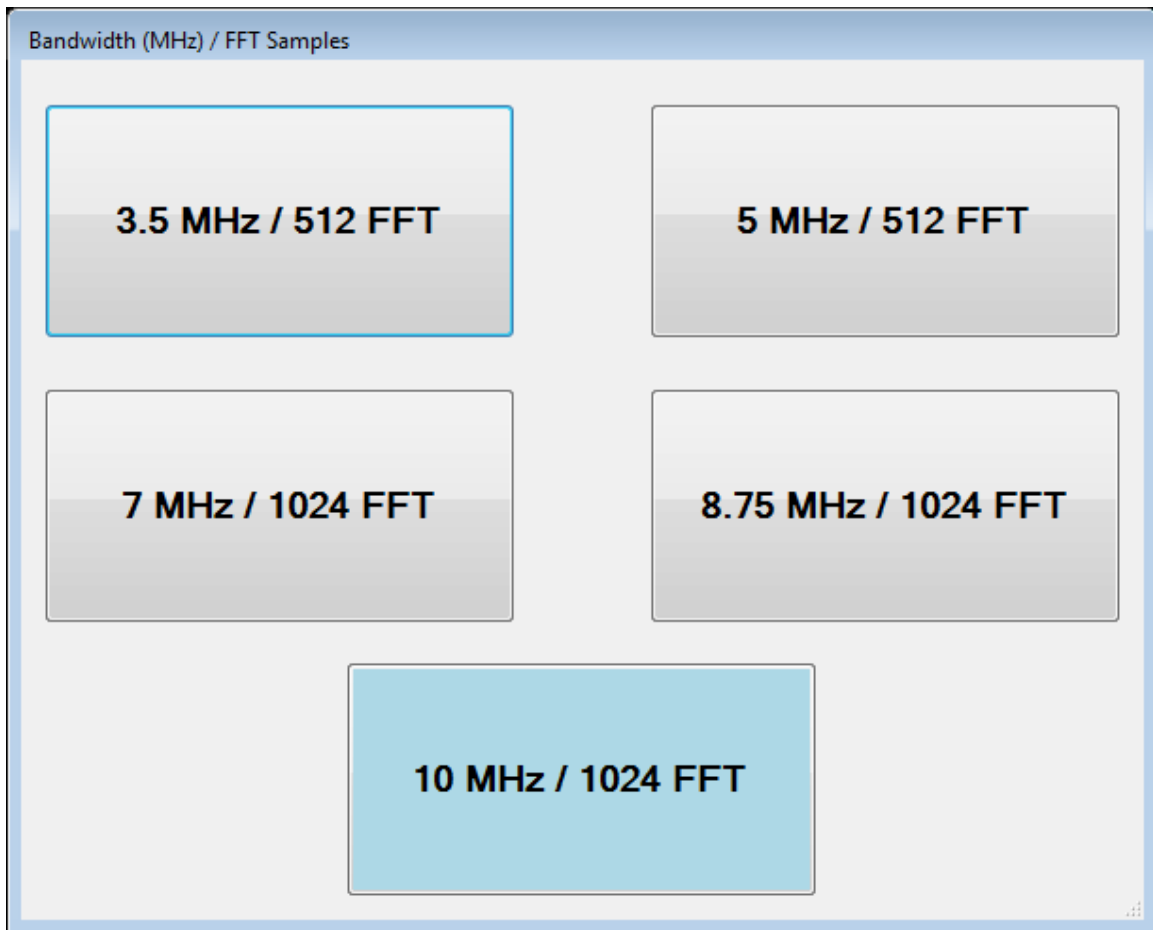
SEARCH

SET SELECTED FREQUENCIES
AS NEW CHANNEL LIST

EXIT

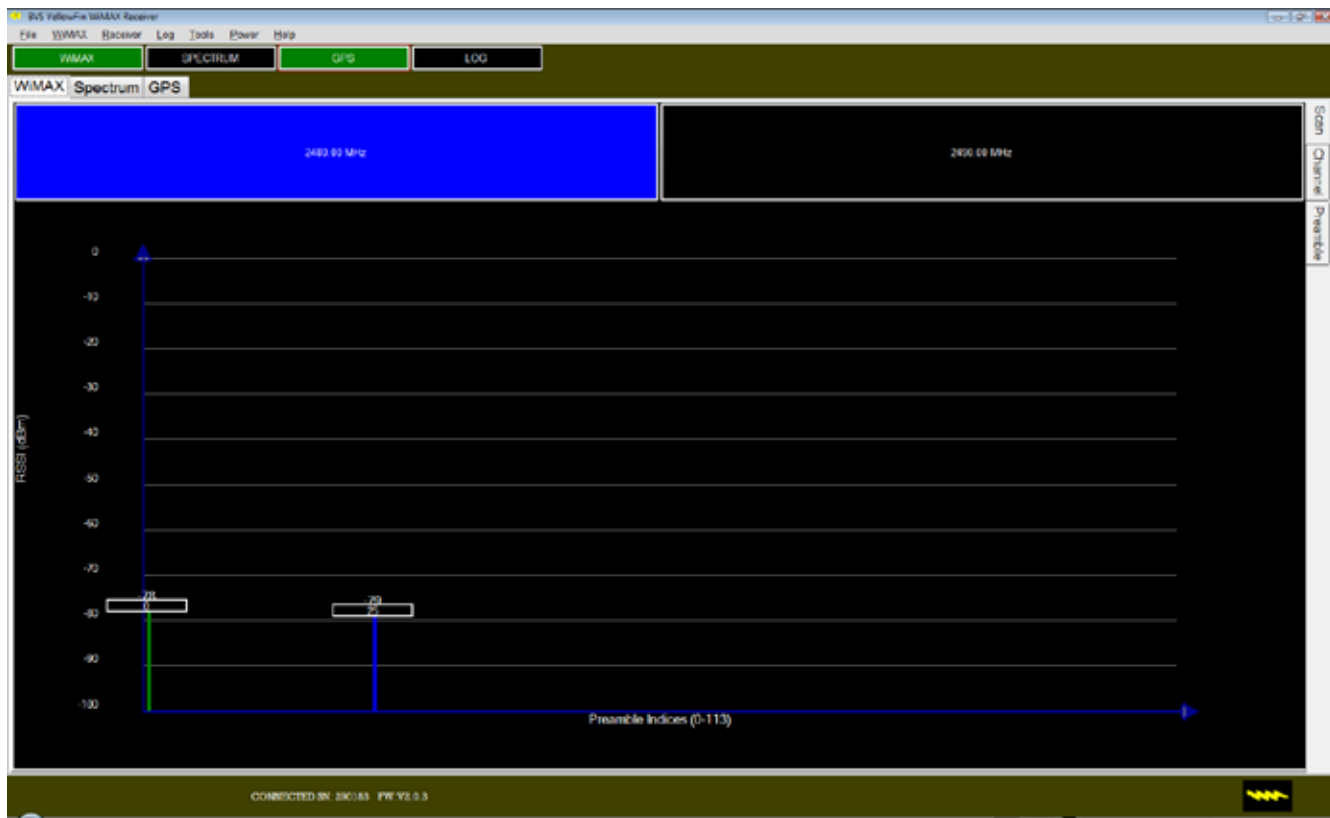
WiMAX Frequencies to Keep

Now press the 'Set Selected Frequencies' button to move the frequencies kept into the scan list. Then press 'Exit'. Scan mode will resume with the new frequencies.



Bandwidth/FFT Size

The bandwidth and associated FFT size can be selected by choosing the bandwidth option from the WiMAX menu. Then simply tap on the desired bandwidth / FFT combination to send the new settings to the receiver.



New Frequencies Being Scanned

WiMAX MODE

WiMAX scan mode comes up by default when the YellowFin software is started. This mode will display any preambles found on any of the frequencies in the scan list.

SCAN MODE

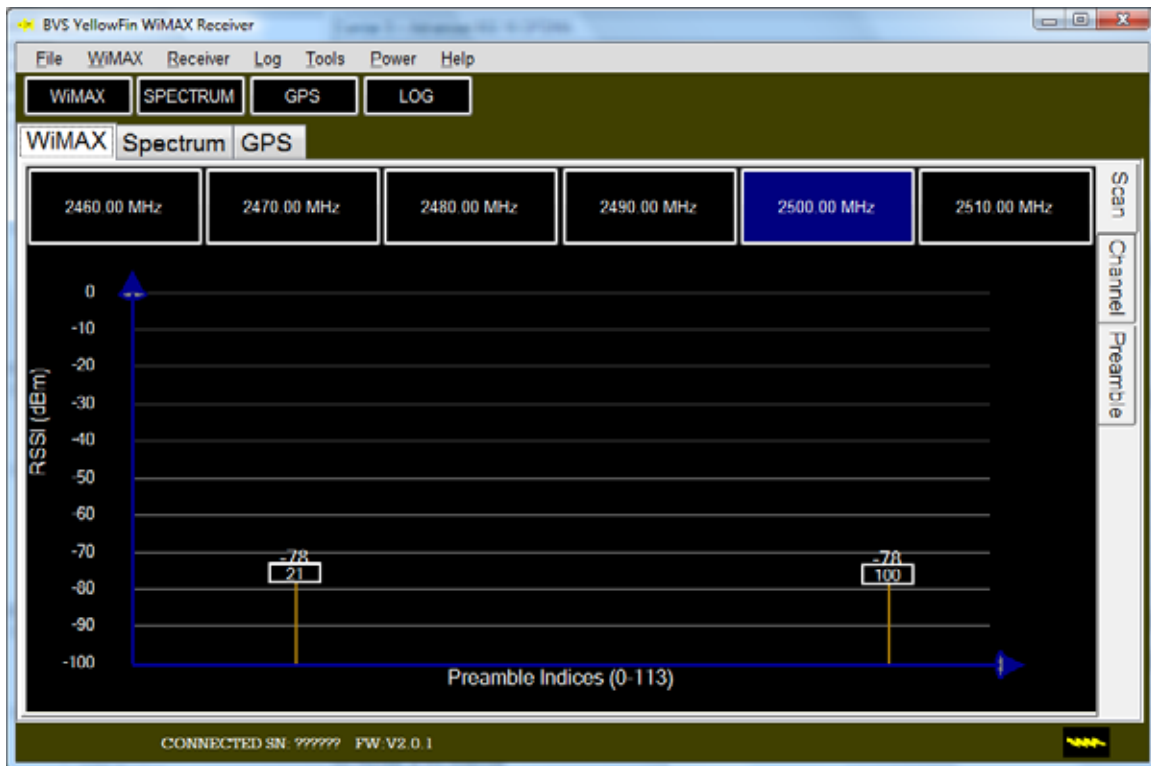
By default, the last frequency list selected is used. A new or existing channel table can be loaded by choosing the “channel list” option from the WiMAX menu. Using this dialog, a user can create a new list, and save/restore existing lists to /from a file. To send the list to the YellowFin, simply press “SET AS CURRENT LIST”.



WiMAX Channel List Dialog

Scan Mode will scan through these frequencies one at a time. Each frequency in the list is color-coded (up to 16 frequencies are allowed). Any preambles that show up when the receiver is tuned to a particular frequency will show up in the color of the frequency box.

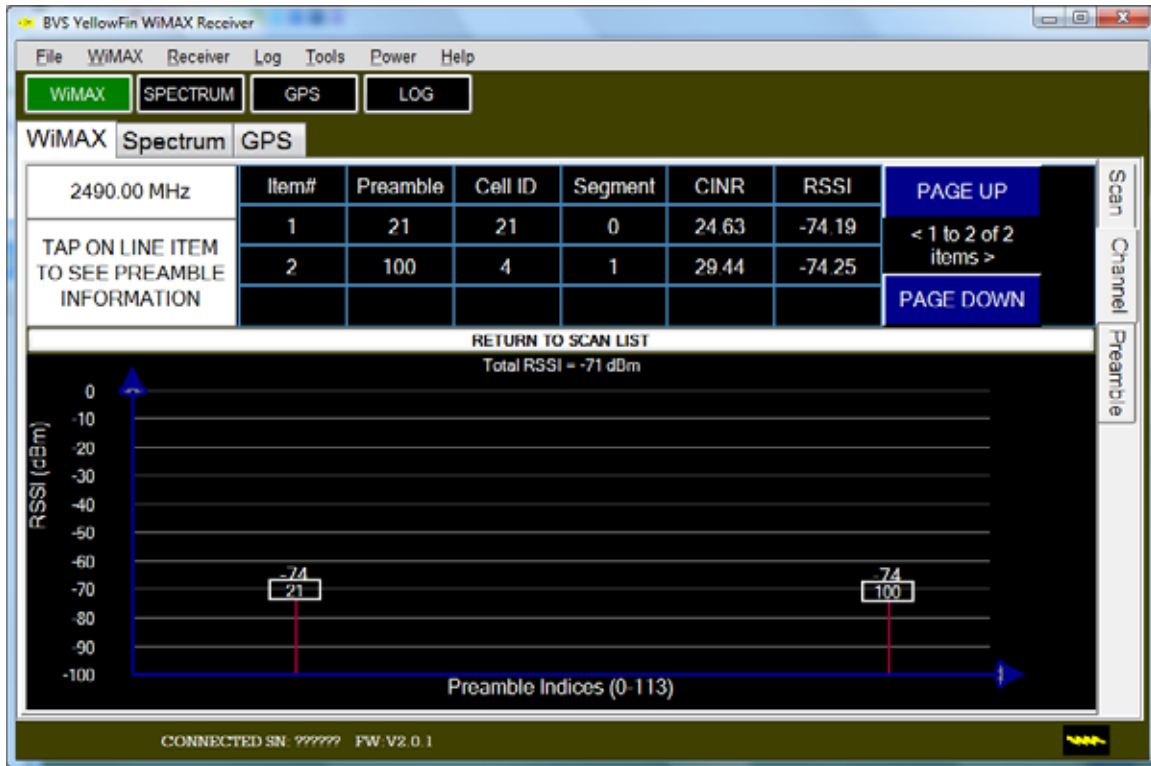
To look at an individual frequency only, touch the frequency box desired.



WiMAX Scan Mode

SINGLE CHANNEL MODE

The list at the top of the screen will display any preambles that were found on the selected frequency. If the preamble has not been seen for a time period it will eventually fall off of the list.



WiMAX Single Channel Mode

The following fields are shown in the list:

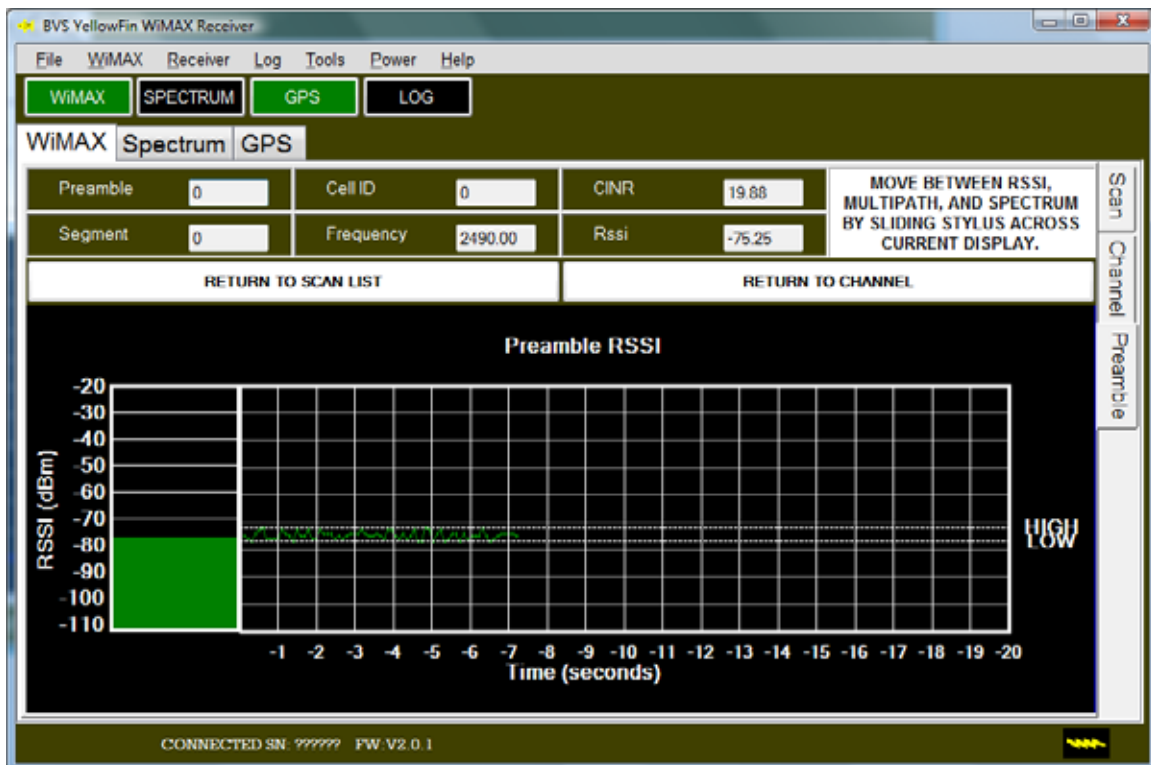
- ITEM – Item number in the list.
- PREAMBLE # – Preamble number from 0-113.
- CELL ID – Cell ID for this preamble.
- SEGMENT – Segment of this preamble.
- CINR – Carrier to Interference plus Noise Ratio.
- RSSI – Received signal strength indicator in dBm.

Figure 4 shows the signal strength of each of the preambles found. Preambles #21 and #100 are shown here.

Press 'Return to Scan List' to go back to scan mode.

SINGLE PREAMBLE MODE

A closer look can be made at each of the preambles in the list. Clicking on an item in the list will put the YellowFin into individual preamble mode. Only information from the selected preamble will be displayed. Figure 5 shows a typical display in single preamble mode. Press the 'Return To Channel' to go back to Single Channel mode. Press 'Return to Scan List' to return to Scan Mode.



WiMAX Single Preamble Mode

The current CINR and RSSI are displayed on the top of the screen along with the frequency, preamble number, Cell ID, and segment.

There are three data screens to see in single preamble mode. These are RSSI over Time, Multipath, and Individual Spectrum. The RSSI over Time display shows by default. To navigate between displays, simply touch the data display and making a sliding motion with your finger or stylus to the left or right. The next display will come into view as the previous one leaves.

Preamble RSSI vs. TIME

The RSSI over Time will show the RSSI values in dBm of the preamble. The most recent values will enter from the left. The high and low values of the preamble will be marked with a watermark.

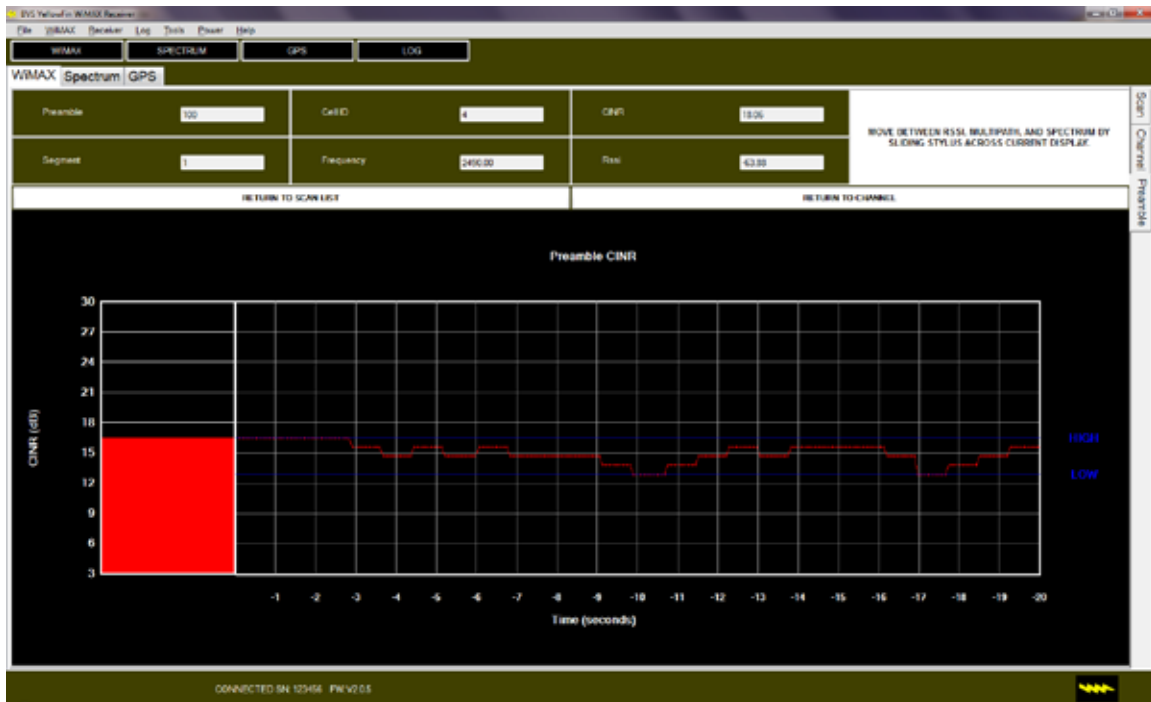


Preamble RSSI vs. Time Display

Preamble CINR vs. Time screen

When sliding the RSSI vs. Time screen to the right, the CINR vs. Time screen appears. A bar chart appears to the left with a temporal plot to the right. The plot will show the last 20 seconds of CINR data on the selected preamble.

There are HIGH and LOW watermarks which will show the high and low points of the CINR reading since the last reset. These values can be reset by choosing the Reset option on the WiMAX menu.



Preamble CINR vs. Time Display

Preamble RSSI and CINR vs. Time screen

When sliding the CINR vs. Time screen to the right, the RSSI and CINR vs. Time screen appears. The RSSI vs. Time plot will appear on the top. The CINR vs. Time plot will appear on the bottom. These plots will again show the last 20 seconds of data on the selected preamble.

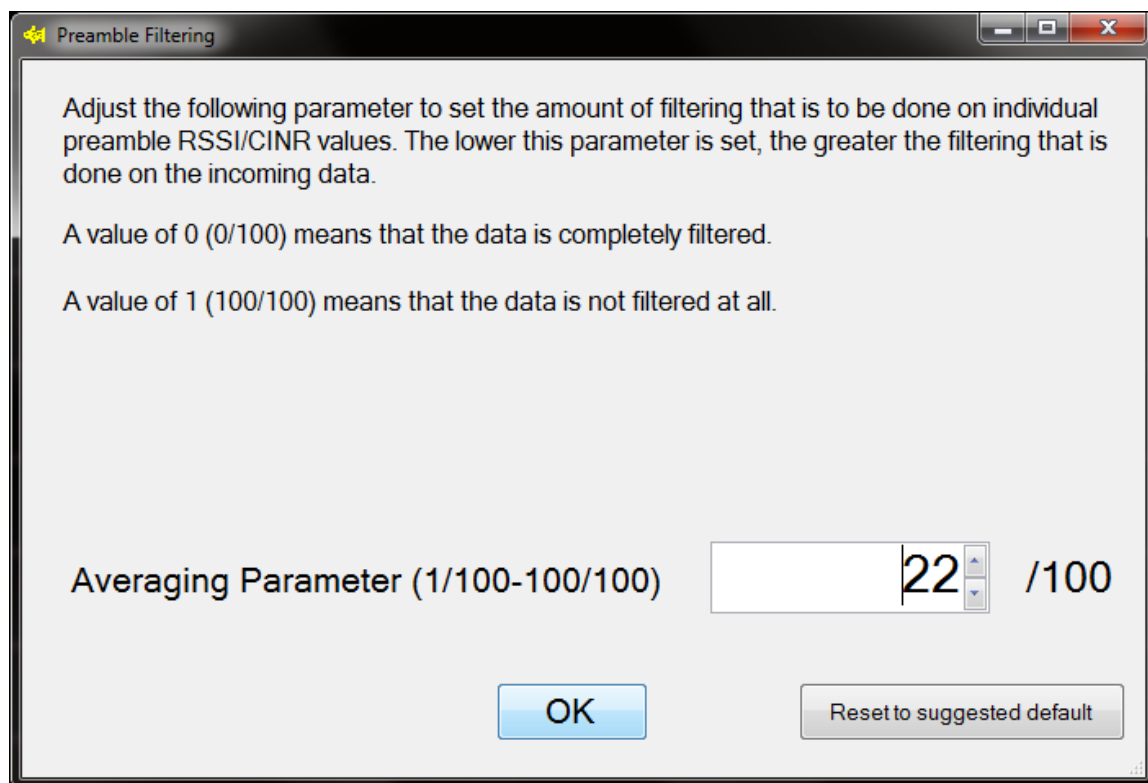
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Preamble RSSI and CINR vs. Time Display

RSSI and CINR Averaging

The individual preamble RSSI and CINR data is averaged using a single-pole IIR filter as specified in the 802.16 standard. This filter contains an averaging parameter that can be adjusted by choosing the averaging submenu item off the WiMAX main menu. The averaging parameter can range between 1/100 and 100/100 and has a factory default setting that can be recalled by pressing the “Reset to suggested setting” button. The higher the number selected, the data becomes less filtered. At 100, the data output is the same as the value from the hardware. The lower the number selected, the data becomes more filtered. At 1, the data output will never change.



RSSI and CINR Averaging Display

INDIVIDUAL MULTIPATH

This display shows the multipath components for the preamble in question. In general, there should be one peak at or near the blue grid line. The red grid line to the left is before the signal arrives. If multiple peaks are displayed to the right of the main peak, these would be multipath components.

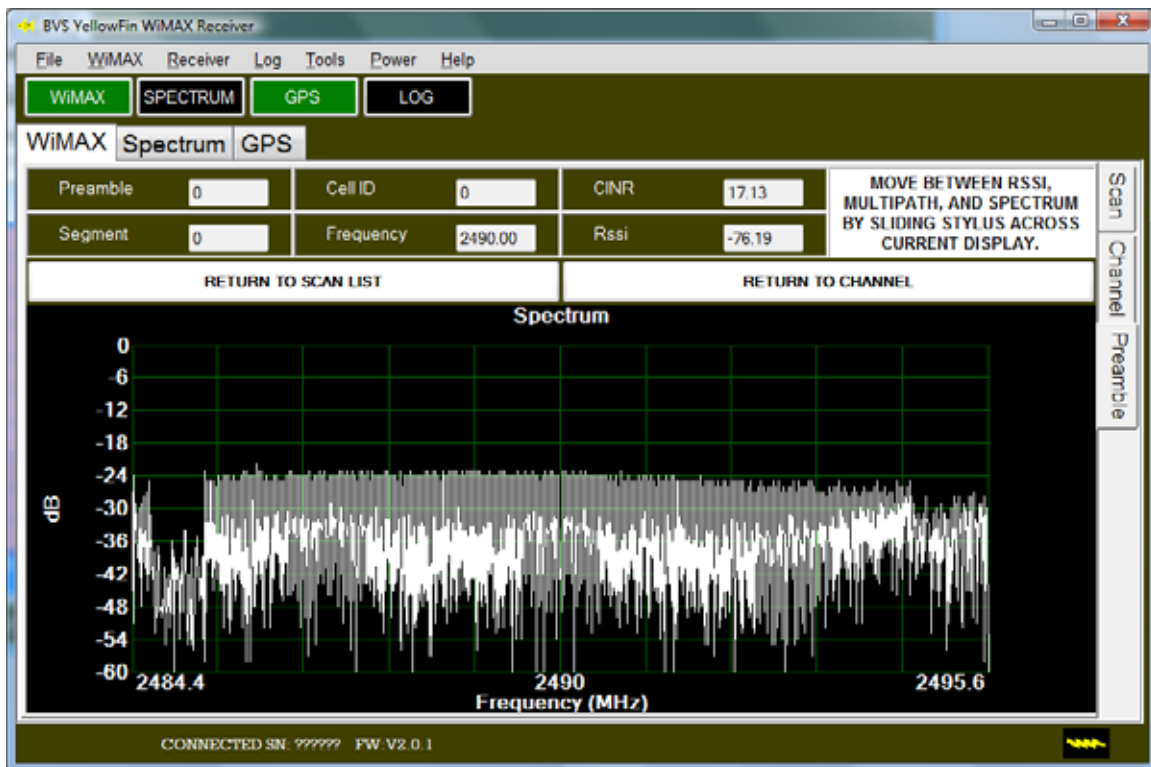


WiMAX Single Preamble Multipath Display

In essence, reflections of the main received signal path are seen. This could be from walls inside a building or clutter in the outside environment such as buildings.

INDIVIDUAL SPECTRUM

This figure shows the individual spectrum centered on the carrier frequency. The spectrum shown is with one preamble on a single frequency. Different preambles may be on different segments. If there were preambles on different segments, more of the spectrum components within the waveform would show at values above the noise floor.



WiMAX Single Preamble Spectrum Display

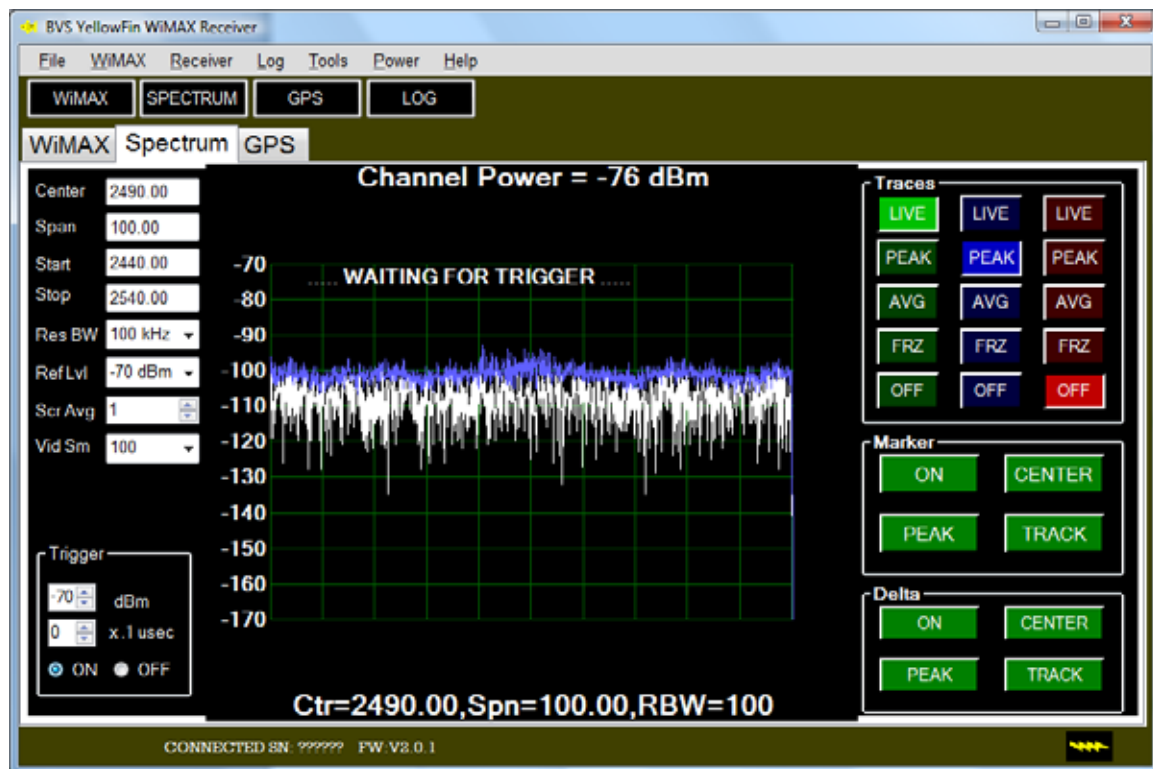
SPECTRUM ANALYZER MODE

By selecting the Spectrum button, the YellowFin being controlled will switch to spectrum analyzer mode. To maximize this display, choose the 'Tools/Display/Max' option from the menu. Choose the 'Tools/Display/Normal' option to return the default size.

There are various menu options to control the output of the spectrum analyzer.

CENTER/SPAN/START/STOP

These fields are located on the left panel when the display is at the default size. Here the center frequency may be set. The span, start and stop frequencies can also be selected.



Spectrum Mode

REFERENCE LEVEL

This menu option allows the user to set the current reference level of the receiver. The valid choices are between -20 and -70 dBm, in 10 dBm increments.

The Reference Level should be adjusted to obtain the greatest dynamic range. The Reference Level should be set so that the strongest signal on the display is about 10 dB down from the top of the measurement display. If a signal is drawn off the top of the measurement display or the message “clipped” is displayed, lower the Reference Level. The highest Reference Level is -20dBm. The lowest Reference Level is -70dBm.

RESOLUTION BANDWIDTH

The YellowFin measures the energy present in different frequency bins, each bin's width equal to the resolution bandwidth. The resolution bandwidth is set by setting the level for the resolution bandwidth desired.

Why use a small Resolution Bandwidth? A small Resolution Bandwidth is appropriate to measure frequency components and signal characteristics. Smaller Resolution Bandwidths increases the Sweep Time (number of traces displayed per second) for a given frequency Span.

Why use a large Resolution Bandwidth? A large Resolution Bandwidth is appropriate to measure large Spans of frequencies quickly. A Resolution Bandwidth larger than the signal's bandwidth can measure channel power. The YellowFin may be set to a large Resolution Bandwidth and a large Span to quickly sweep and identify frequencies of interest. The Span and Center can then be decreased to measure frequency components and the signal's characteristics.

SCREEN AVERAGE

The average of the last N sweeps will be displayed if the trace is put into AVG mode.

VIDEO SMOOTHING

Video Smoothing uses adjacent bin averaging to reduce the amount of fluctuation in the measured trace due to noise. This is different from Screen Averaging, which averages the same frequency bin from different traces.

Use the arrows to increase or decrease the bandwidth which are averaged for the smoothing. When properly set, Video Smoothing can reduce the variation of the trace due to noise without distorting the trace. It is especially useful for smoothing signals that are not continuous or repetitive.

The user must use good judgment when applying Video Smoothing. It is possible to smooth the trace too much so that the trace no longer represents the spectrum of the signal.

TRIGGERING

Trigger Mode enables the YellowFin to quickly capture the spectrum from sources that are not continuously transmitting. The trigger threshold represents the amount of CHANNEL POWER that when exceeded will trigger the YellowFin to measure the spectrum. The trigger delay sets a delay between the trigger threshold being exceeded and the measurement of the spectrum.

The trigger threshold is set by the user in dBm, and its range is from the current Reference Level to 20dB below the current Reference Level.

NOTE: Span MUST be set to 20 MHz.

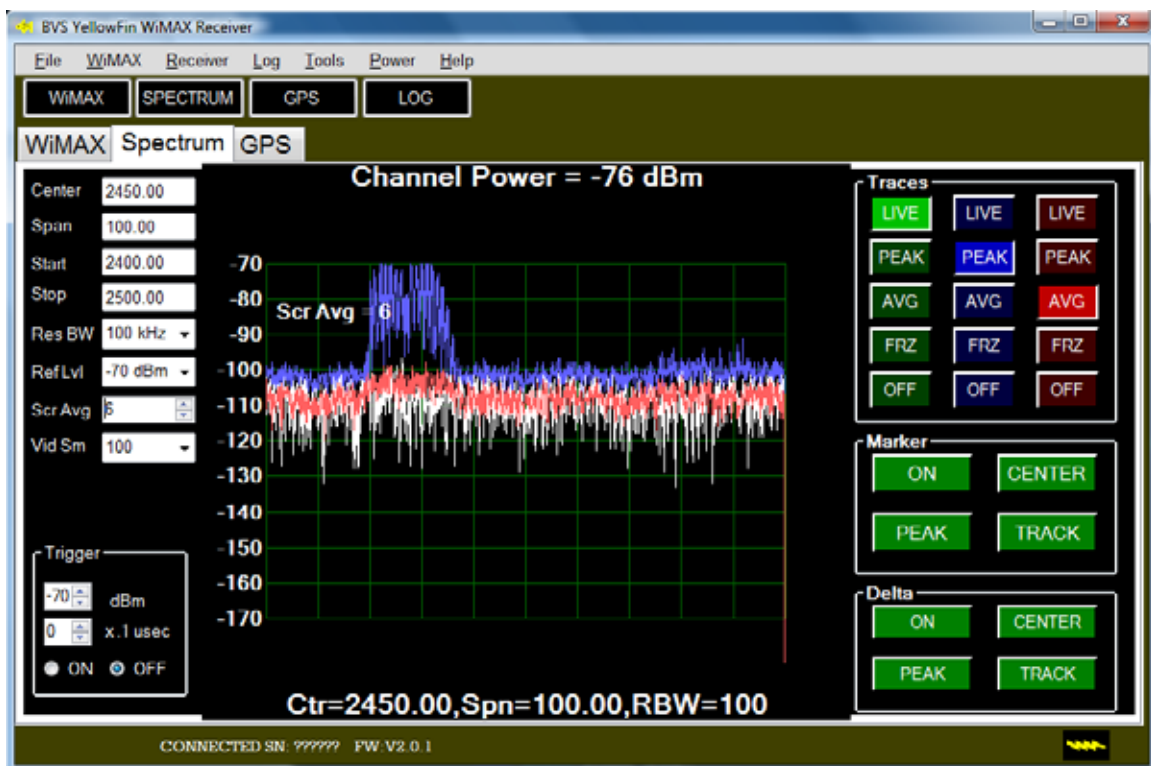
Trigger Mode is very useful to capture the spectrum from any source that is not continually transmitting on the same frequency. This includes 802.11 a,b,g devices and Frequency Hoppers.

A more detailed discussion of the triggering function is discussed in the manual that came with your YellowFin hardware.

TRACES

There are three available traces for display. By default, trace 1 is set to the live feed. Each trace can be set to the following:

- LIVE – Current real-time data will be displayed.
- PEAK – The highest value recorded at each frequency will be displayed.
- AVG – Video Smoothing and Screen Average results will display.
- FREEZE – The last sweep will be displayed and frozen.
- OFF – Trace will be turned off.

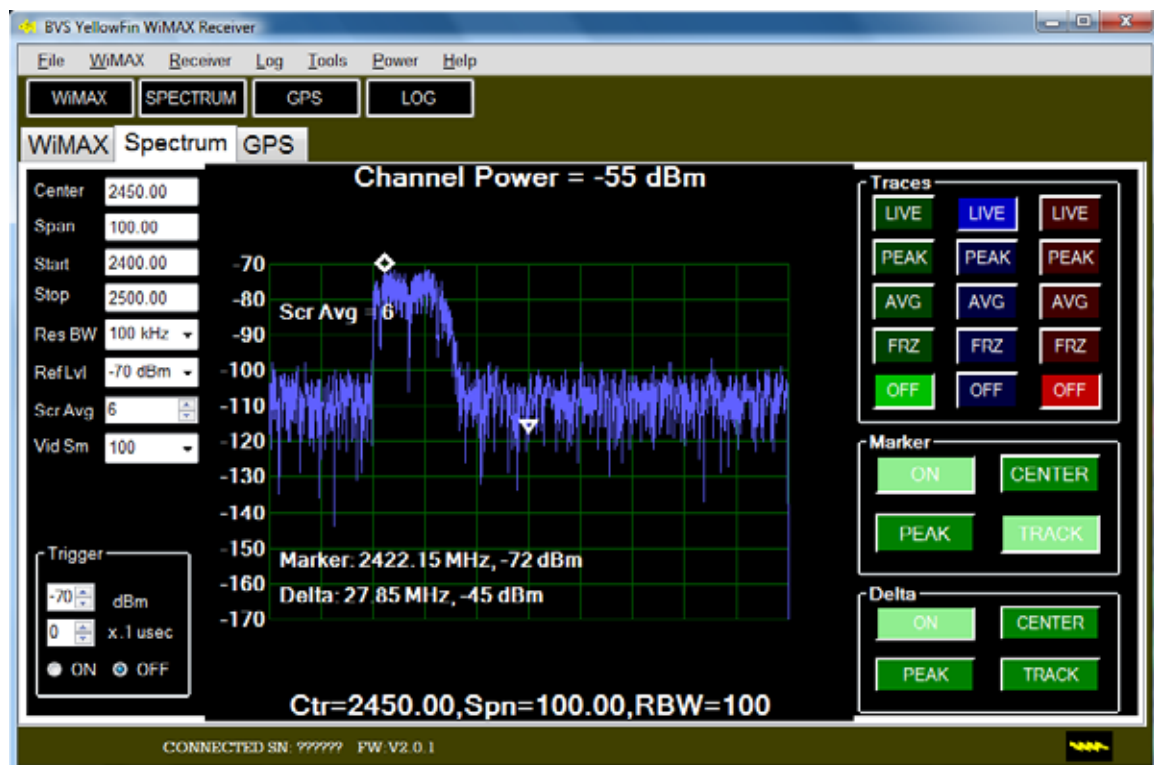


Multiple Traces

MARKER/Delta

The marker menu option allows the user to place a marker at a certain frequency. The frequency and power values are shown at the marker position. It also allows a delta marker. This delta marker shows the difference in frequency and power from the marker.

To turn on the marker value and/or the delta marker value, simply tap the 'ON' button for either value. Use the arrows to move the marker or delta value left or right across the screen. Use the double-arrows to move faster. To center the marker on the screen, press the 'CENTER' button. To place the marker on the highest power value, press the 'PEAK' button. To track the peak value, press the 'TRACK' button.

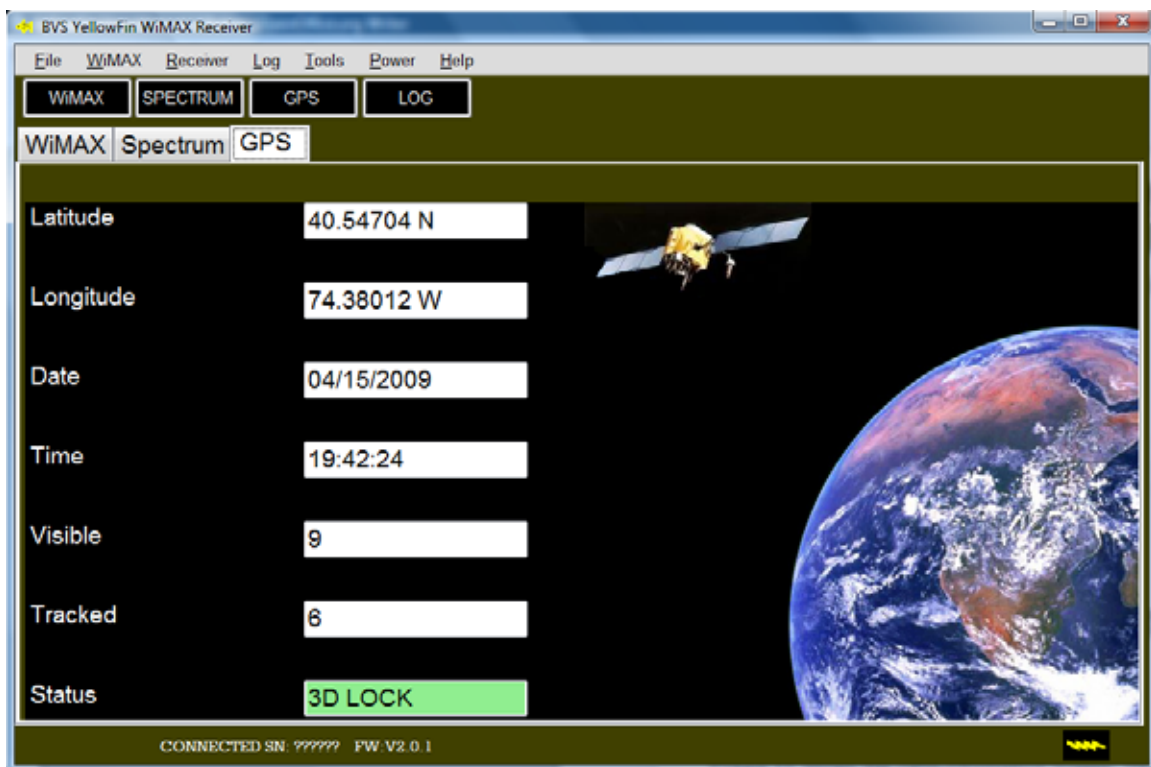


Marker/Delta Function

GPS DATA

Figure 11 shows the GPS information screen. This display can be shown by pressing the GPS button. The internal GPS receiver will show the position and current time if there is a 3D lock acquired from the GPS satellites in orbit. This information can be useful in real-time and also in post-processing as it is contained in log files.

If there is a point of interest during a study, the position and time will be marked in the log file along with the data taken at that point in time.



GPS Screen

LOG FILES

By using the 'Log' menu, a binary log file can be started and stopped. This log file will store information such as GPS data and receiver information. It will also store data from whatever mode the hardware is in currently. Note that if the YellowFin is in spectrum analyzer mode, WiMAX specific data will not be logged. Also, if the YellowFin is in WiMAX mode, spectrum analyzer data will not be stored.

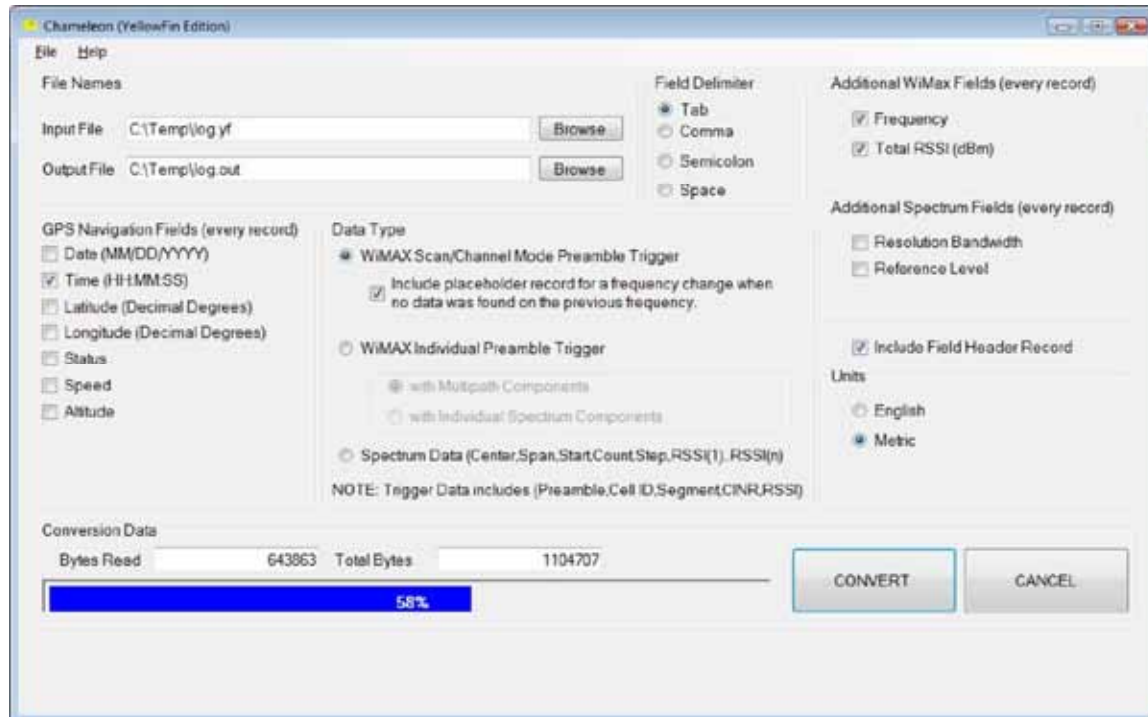
The binary file created can be converted into an ASCII readable file using the separate BVS utility Chameleon (YellowFin Edition).

Chameleon (YellowFin Edition)

User Manual

Introduction

The Chameleon application converts data logged by the YellowFin into an ASCII delimited file for use in post-processing. The data converted is collected from the YellowFin using the YellowFin controller application.



CHAMELEON MAIN SCREEN

Spectrum Data

Converted spectrum data consists of a section of complete sweep in every record. The center and start frequencies are reported. The step frequency between power values is also converted. The span and number of readings are also converted. These fields are then followed by all of the power values.

WiMAX Data

WiMAX data is logged information when the YellowFin is in scan mode or channel mode. Preamble, Segment, CellID, CINR, and RSSI appear for every trigger. Any channel change will also be output as a blank record.

WiMAX Individual Data

This data is collected when an individual preamble is selected in the controller program. Individual spectrum and multipath are available with this data.

Preamble,Cell ID,Segment,CINR, and RSSI are output with this data.

NOTE: By choosing the 'placeholder' checkbox, a blank record will be added to the output file where a frequency has just been scanned and no WiMAX data was found.

Other Fields

Other fields which may be put into the output file include:

1. The current reference level (in dBm) (Spectrum Mode Only).
- The current resolution bandwidth (in kHz) (Spectrum Mode Only).
- GPS Date (mm/dd/yyyy).
- GPS Time (hh:mm:ss).
- GPS Latitude (decimal degrees)
- GPS Longitude (decimal degrees)

Conversion Instructions

To convert a file, use the following steps:

1. Run the Chameleon application.
2. Click BROWSE next to the input file edit field to choose a file to convert.
3. A default output filename will be created. Change if needed.
4. Choose which fields you wish to have in the output file.
5. Choose the delimiter to place between fields.
6. Choose whether or not you would like a header record with titles for each column.
7. Press the CONVERT button.

The progress bar will monitor the progress of the conversion.