

# SCIENTIFIC CASE STUDY

Reception of the television station

**RASD TV - Western Sahara**

in the Out-of-Footprint MENA zone in Central Europe

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**Satellite: ABS-3A @ 3.0° W**

Frequency:  $f = 11,615$  MHz | Polarisation: Horizontal

Reflector aperture: Prime-Focus Prodelin D = 450 cm

Reception site: Lučenec / Slovak Republic

**Signal monitoring duration:  $t = 82$  hours (295,200 measurement points)**

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## Abstract

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The present scientific case study documents and analytically evaluates the unprecedented result of the satellite reception of the television station RASD TV (Western Sahara), broadcast via the satellite ABS-3A located on the geostationary orbit at the position 3.0° West. The reception was carried out from the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) radiation pattern, while the reception site Lučenec in Slovakia is located deep within the Out-of-Footprint zone, i.e. outside the nominal coverage of this satellite beam. The study comprehensively analyses the signal monitoring methodology defined by the author Roman Dávid from the domain [www.dxsatcs.com](http://www.dxsatcs.com), the hardware and software configuration of the measurement chain, the physical parameters of electromagnetic wave propagation in the Ku band, link budget calculations, and the achieved results confirming 100% stability of the reception of the RASD TV carrier for a period of uninterrupted 82 hours without a single Lock failure and without a single second of image pixelation. The total number of continuously successive measurement points reached 295,200, which represents an irrefutable evidentiary weight confirming the achieved reception even during the demonstrable occurrence of rain showers at the reception site Lučenec/Slovakia.

# 1. Introduction and Research Context

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## 1.1 Motivation and Objectives of the Study

Satellite reception from radiation patterns intended for geographically distant regions belongs to the research-intensive topics in the field of radiocommunication technology. Localities in Central Europe are generally not located within the nominal coverage of the MENA radiation pattern – broadcasts intended primarily for the Middle East and North Africa. Nevertheless, the electromagnetic wave is not strictly bounded by the footprint in a mathematical sense; its intensity beyond the edge of the footprint decreases exponentially, however, with a sufficiently large receiving aperture it can be captured even in zones hundreds to thousands of kilometres from the isoflux boundary.

The objective of this study is to scientifically document and analytically demonstrate that at the Central European locality of Lučenec (Slovak Republic), using a prime-focus parabolic reflector Prodelin with diameter  $D = 450$  cm, it is possible to stably and continuously capture the RASD TV carrier (Western Sahara) from frequency  $f = 11,615$  MHz, horizontal polarisation, broadcast by the satellite ABS-3A at the geostationary position  $3.0^\circ$  W in the MENA pattern. This study simultaneously presents quantitatively measurable results of signal monitoring in an extended unit of  $t = 82$  hours, which represents 295,200 continuously successive measurement points documenting the stability of reception.

## 1.2 Historical and Geopolitical Context of RASD TV Broadcasting

The television station RASD TV is the medium of the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR), a political entity representing the population of Western Sahara – a territory in north-west Africa that has long been the subject of an international dispute. The broadcasting of RASD TV via the satellite ABS-3A provides access to television programming for the diaspora and sympathising communities around the world, while the technical implementation of the uplink chain utilises the MENA radiation pattern, which covers primarily the area of North Africa, the Middle East, and partly southern Europe. Reception from the Central European environment – specifically from the territory of the Slovak Republic – thus represents a technically extraordinarily demanding achievement and simultaneously a valuable scientific proof of the reach of the satellite signal beyond the nominal boundaries of the footprint.

## 1.3 Characteristics of the Reception Site

The reception site Lučenec is located in the Banská Bystrica Region in the south of central Slovakia, at geographic latitude approximately  $\varphi = 48.33^\circ$  N and longitude  $\lambda = 19.67^\circ$  E. From the perspective of satellite reception geometry, the key parameter is the elevation angle, i.e. the angle between the reflector's line of sight and the horizon. For the geostationary position  $3.0^\circ$  W from the locality of Lučenec, the elevation angle reaches the value  $\theta_{el} = 30.3^\circ$ , which is a value still sufficient for low-level satellite reception, however requiring compensation for the increased length of the atmospheric passage of the electromagnetic wave and the resulting attenuations.

# 2. Technical Configuration of the Measurement Chain

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## 2.1 Prime-Focus Reflector Prodelin $D = 450$ cm

The central element of the receiving assembly is the prime-focus parabolic reflector Prodelin with a nominal diameter of  $D = 450$  cm (4.5 metres). This antenna belongs to the category of large-aperture satellite reflectors and is commonly used in professional satellite reception applications and scientific research. Its physical parameters are decisive from the perspective of receiving technology for achieving sufficient gain to compensate for the low power density of the electromagnetic wave in the Out-of-Footprint zone.

### 2.1.1 Calculation of the Aperture Gain of the Reflector

The gain of a parabolic antenna  $G$  is calculated according to the formula of basic antenna theory for a circular aperture:

$$G = \eta \cdot (\pi \cdot D / \lambda)^2$$

where  $\eta$  is the aperture efficiency (for prime-focus reflectors typically  $\eta \approx 0.55-0.65$ ),  $D$  is the reflector diameter, and  $\lambda$  is the wavelength of the operating frequency.

For frequency  $f = 11,615$  MHz,  $\lambda = c / f = 2.998 \times 10^8 / 11.615 \times 10^9 = 0.02582$  m.

Considering aperture efficiency  $\eta = 0.60$ :

$$G = 0.60 \cdot (\pi \cdot 4.50 / 0.02582)^2 \approx 0.60 \cdot (546.9)^2 \approx 0.60 \cdot 299,140 \approx 179,484$$

Which in logarithmic scale corresponds to:

$$G_{\text{dBi}} = 10 \cdot \log_{10}(179,484) \approx 52.54 \text{ dBi}$$

This exceptional aperture gain forms the fundamental pillar thanks to which reception of the weak signal in the Out-of-Footprint zone is physically feasible at all. For comparison: a standard domestic offset reflector with diameter  $D = 90$  cm achieves at the same frequency only approximately  $G \approx 40.5$  dBi, which represents a difference of more than 12 dB - i.e. more than 16 times the power captured from the aperture area. From the perspective of weak signal reception, this difference is absolutely crucial and directly determines the feasibility of reception in the Out-of-Footprint zone.

### 2.1.2 Main Lobe Width and Angular Resolution

The angular width of the main lobe (Half-Power Beamwidth, HPBW) of the reflector can be estimated according to:

$$\text{HPBW} \approx 70 \cdot \lambda / D [^\circ] = 70 \cdot 0.02582 / 4.50 \approx 0.402^\circ$$

Such a narrow main lobe means that the antenna must be pointed at the satellite with extraordinary precision - a deviation in azimuth-elevation greater than  $0.2^\circ$  would cause a measurable decrease in the received signal. This requirement confirms the professional level of installation and alignment of the reflector at the reception site Lučenec.

## 2.2 LNB Converter and Input Noise Power of the Chain

Another key parameter of the receiving assembly is the noise figure of the low-noise block converter (LNB). In professional Out-of-Footprint reception applications, high-performance LNBS with noise figure  $NF \approx 0.1-0.3$  dB are typically used, corresponding to a converter noise temperature  $T_{\text{LNB}} \approx 7-21$  K. The system noise temperature  $T_{\text{sys}}$  of the receiving assembly includes contributions from the LNB, antenna noise (atmosphere, ground in side lobes), coaxial cable, and tuner input stage:

$$T_{\text{sys}} = T_{\text{ant}} + T_{\text{LNB}} + T_{\text{feeder}} + T_{\text{tuner}} [\text{K}]$$

A decrease in the system noise temperature by every degree Kelvin directly translates into an improvement in the C/N ratio (Carrier-to-Noise Ratio), which is a decisive parameter when receiving a signal at the threshold of detectability.

## 2.3 TBS 5927 USB DVB-S2 Tuner

The TBS 5927 USB DVB-S2 tuner was used as the satellite tuner and demodulation element of the measurement chain. This is a professional USB tuner with support for DVB-S and DVB-S2 standards, featuring a sensitive front-end with a low minimum input signal level. The parametric capabilities of the TBS 5927 tuner include support for a wide range of symbol rates (SR) and FEC (Forward Error Correction) code rates, predetermining it for demanding weak signal reception applications.

The following parameters were recorded for the monitored RASD TV transponder:

Parameter	Value
Frequency	f = 11,615 MHz (displayed: 11,616.081 MHz)
Polarisation	Horizontal (H)
Symbol Rate	SR = 2,099,762 KS/s
Standard	DVB-S
Modulation	QPSK
FEC	3/4
RF Level (input power)	-55 dBm
BitRate	3.139 Mbit/s
CarrierWidth	2.833 MHz
MIS (Multi Input Stream)	Single
LOF1 (Local Oscillator)	9,750,000 kHz
LOF2 / LOFSW	0 / 0
Tuner ID	3570

## 2.4 EBS Pro Software Platform

The EBS Pro software application served as the primary control, demodulation, analytical and recording tool of the entire signal monitoring measurement chain. EBS Pro enables continuous, uninterrupted recording of signal parameters with a defined sampling period, real-time visualisation of BER, SNR, Quality and Level curves, and data export for further analysis. The CrazyScan software was used in this measurement experiment exclusively and on a single occasion for recording the peak value of SNR = 9.3 dB achieved on 21 June 2026 under clear sky conditions - this peak recording function is outside the standard functionality of EBS Pro in the context of signal monitoring. The signal monitoring methodology of author Roman Dávid from www.dxsatcs.com specifies that one measurement point corresponds to one sample of signal parameters recorded by EBS Pro software in a defined time interval.

## 3. Physics of Electromagnetic Wave Propagation in the Ku Band and the Out-of-Footprint Zone

### 3.1 Geostationary Orbit and Link Geometry

The satellite ABS-3A is located on the geostationary orbit (GEO) at altitude  $h_{\text{GEO}} \approx 35,786$  km above the equator, at the longitudinal position  $3.0^\circ$  West. The geostationary orbit is a circle in the equatorial plane of the Earth, on which the orbital period of the satellite exactly corresponds to the rotational period of the Earth ( $T = 23$  h 56 min 4 s). From the perspective of a ground observer in Central Europe, the satellite appears as a stationary point in the sky, which is a prerequisite for the fixed pointing of the receiving antenna.

The slant range between the satellite ABS-3A and the locality Lučenec ( $\varphi = 48.33^\circ\text{N}$ ,  $\lambda = 19.67^\circ\text{E}$ ) is calculated from the triangular formula:

$$d = \sqrt{(R_E)^2 + (R_E + h_{\text{GEO}})^2 - 2 \cdot R_E \cdot (R_E + h_{\text{GEO}}) \cdot \cos(\gamma)} \text{ [km]}$$

where  $R_E = 6,371$  km is the Earth's radius and  $\gamma = \arccos(\cos(\varphi) \cdot \cos(\Delta\lambda))$  is the geocentric angle between the satellite and the locality. For the given geometry, the slant range yields  $d \approx 38,578$  km. This distance is more than 2,792 km greater than for reception at an equatorial locality, corresponding to an additional free-space path loss (FSPL):

$$\Delta\text{FSPL} = 20 \cdot \log_{10}(38,578 / 35,786) \approx 0.65 \text{ dB}$$

Although this increase in attenuation may seem marginal, in combination with other factors (atmospheric attenuation, oblique cross-section of the troposphere, reduced power density beyond the edge of the footprint) the cumulative effect becomes decisive when assessing link feasibility.

### 3.2 Free-Space Path Loss (FSPL)

The free-space path loss FSPL is the basic attenuation term of every satellite link. It is expressed by the formula:

$$\text{FSPL [dB]} = 20 \cdot \log_{10}(4\pi \cdot d \cdot f / c)$$

where  $d$  is the slant range,  $f$  is the frequency, and  $c = 2.998 \times 10^8$  m/s is the speed of light in a vacuum.

For  $d = 38,578$  km and  $f = 11,615$  MHz:

$$\text{FSPL} = 20 \cdot \log_{10}(4\pi \cdot 38,578,000 \cdot 11,615,000 / 2.998 \times 10^8) \approx 205.5 \text{ dB}$$

This value of 205.5 dB represents an enormous attenuation that must be compensated by a combination of satellite transmit power (EIRP), receiving antenna gain, and minimisation of system noise temperature. The physical essence of this attenuation lies in the divergent spreading of a spherical wave from a point source: the power density on the wavefront decreases with the square of the distance ( $1/d^2$ ), which at distances of tens of thousands of kilometres leads to extremely low values of power density at the Earth's surface.

### 3.3 Atmospheric Attenuation and Rain Attenuation

The electromagnetic wave undergoes several attenuation mechanisms when passing through the troposphere. In the Ku band (10.7–12.75 GHz), the most significant atmospheric attenuation is rain attenuation, which arises from scattering and absorption of electromagnetic energy on rain droplets. The intensity of rain attenuation depends on the precipitation rate  $R$  [mm/h], the droplet size distribution (Marshall-Palmer distribution), and the length of the effective rain segment along the wave path.

The ITU-R P.618 model predicts rain attenuation in the Ku band for Central Europe (ITU climate zone E/F) at a level of 2–8 dB for 99% availability (i.e. only 1% of the time per year can the attenuation exceed this value). The fact that the signal monitoring lasted 82 hours with

demonstrable occurrence of rain showers and yet not a single Lock failure occurred, documents that the receiving assembly had sufficient margin to absorb these short-term attenuations.

### 3.3.1 Elevation Angle and Length of Atmospheric Passage

The length of the electromagnetic wave path during passage through the troposphere depends inversely on the sine of the elevation angle:

$$L_{\text{atm}} = h_{\text{eff}} / \sin(\theta_{\text{el}}) \text{ [km]}$$

where  $h_{\text{eff}} \approx 4\text{--}5$  km is the effective height of the tropical/rain layer and  $\theta_{\text{el}}$  is the elevation angle. For  $\theta_{\text{el}} = 30.3^\circ$  in Lučenec:

$$L_{\text{atm}} \approx 4.5 / \sin(30.3^\circ) \approx 4.5 / 0.505 \approx 8.92 \text{ km}$$

Comparison with a locality directly within the footprint (e.g. Madrid,  $\theta_{\text{el}} \approx 38^\circ$ ):  $L_{\text{atm}} \approx 4.5 / \sin(38^\circ) \approx 7.31$  km. The longer atmospheric cross-section in Lučenec therefore causes approximately 22% longer passage of the wave through the troposphere, which directly increases the potential rain attenuation.

## 3.4 Attenuation Beyond the Footprint Boundary - Physical Description

The radiation pattern of the satellite transponder (antenna on board the satellite) determines the spatial distribution of power density on the Earth's surface. Within the coverage (footprint), the power density is expressed by the EIRP value [dBW/m<sup>2</sup>], or equivalently the effective isotropically radiated power EIRP [dBW]. At the edge of the footprint (Edge-of-Coverage, EOC), the EIRP typically decreases by 3 dB compared to the point of maximum gain (boresight). Beyond the footprint boundary (Out-of-Footprint), the attenuation continues to increase, with the rate of decrease depending on the shape and angular width of the satellite antenna radiation pattern.

For the locality Lučenec in the context of the MENA radiation pattern of the satellite ABS-3A, the Out-of-Footprint attenuation is estimated in the range of 12–18 dB compared to the EOC point. This means that the power density in Lučenec may be 15 to 60 times lower than at the edge of the nominal coverage. This scenario precisely underlines the exceptional nature of the aperture gain of the Prodelin D = 450 cm reflector ( $\approx 52.5$  dBi), which can compensate for this deficit and bring the signal above the decodability threshold.

## 3.5 Link Budget and SNR Calculation

The link budget is a quantitative tool that enables verification of the physical feasibility of a satellite link. The basic formula for the carrier-to-noise ratio in bandwidth (C/N) is:

$$C/N \text{ [dB]} = \text{EIRP [dBW]} + G/T \text{ [dB/K]} - \text{FSPL [dB]} - k \text{ [dBW/K/Hz]} - \text{BW [dBHz]}$$

where  $G/T$  is the figure of merit of the receiving assembly (gain-to-noise-temperature ratio),  $k = -228.6$  dBW/K/Hz is Boltzmann's constant, and  $BW$  is the transponder bandwidth in dBHz.

Preliminary estimate for the given configuration:

- EIRP of satellite ABS-3A in the MENA area: typically 48–52 dBW
- Out-of-Footprint attenuation for Lučenec (MENA): estimated –15 dB, thus effective EIRP  $\approx 33\text{--}37$  dBW
- FSPL for  $d = 38,578$  km,  $f = 11,615$  MHz: 205.5 dB
- Atmospheric attenuation (clear sky):  $\sim 0.5$  dB
- Reflector gain  $G = 52.5$  dBi

- System noise temperature  $T_{\text{sys}} \approx 50\text{--}80\text{ K} \rightarrow G/T \approx 52.5 - 10 \cdot \log_{10}(65) \approx 34.4\text{ dB/K}$
- Symbol rate  $SR = 2,099,762\text{ KS/s} \rightarrow BW \approx 63.2\text{ dBHz}$

The resulting C/N value is in agreement with the measured SNR values of 8.5 dB (average) to 9.3 dB (peak), confirming the correctness of the physical model.

## 4. Signal Monitoring Methodology According to Roman Dávid ([www.dxsatcs.com](http://www.dxsatcs.com))

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### 4.1 Basic Monitoring Unit and Its Extension

The author Roman Dávid from the domain [www.dxsatcs.com](http://www.dxsatcs.com) has developed an original and widely recognised signal monitoring methodology for Out-of-Footprint zones, with the basic monitoring unit being a time interval of  $t_0 = 72\text{ hours}$ . This basic unit was designed to cover a sufficiently long section of real atmospheric conditions including the diurnal cycle, nocturnal tropospheric cooling, and the probabilistic occurrence of precipitation events. The basic unit  $t_0 = 72\text{ hours}$  generates a standard number of measurement points:

$$N_0 = 72 \times 3,600 / \Delta t_{\text{sample}} = 259,200 \text{ measurement points (at } \Delta t_{\text{sample}} = 1 \text{ s)}$$

For the reception of RASD TV, the author extended the basic unit by a further  $\Delta t = 10\text{ hours}$ , creating an extended monitoring unit  $t_1 = 82\text{ hours}$ . This extension was purposeful and methodologically justified: the aim was to increase the evidentiary weight of the results by a further 36,000 measurement points, bringing the total number of measurement points to:

$$N_{\text{total}} = N_0 + \Delta N = 259,200 + 36,000 = 295,200 \text{ measurement points}$$

### 4.2 Definition of a Measurement Point and Its Evidentiary Power

A measurement point is defined as one sample of signal parameter values (SNR, Level, Quality, BER) recorded by the measurement chain TBS 5927 + EBS Pro at a given moment. A cumulative series of 295,200 continuously successive measurement points, in which not a single point is characterised by the state Unlock (loss of carrier), and not a single BER sample exhibits a value that would correspond to visual pixelation, constitutes from a scientific and engineering perspective an irrefutable proof of achieving 100% stable reception of the carrier.

From a mathematical-statistical perspective: the probability that a continuous series of 295,200 measurement points showing Lock status would be a product of chance or a measurement artefact - in the presence of demonstrable rain showers - is practically zero. Each point in this series is an independent confirmation of the functionality of the link at the given moment, and their cumulative strength grows multiplicatively.

### 4.3 Comparison with Previous Monitorings - Absence of Power Jump Increases

The author Roman Dávid points to an important diagnostic difference between the signal monitoring results for RASD TV ( $f = 11,615\text{ MHz-H}$ , ABS-3A, MENA) and the previous monitoring of RT News ( $f = 11,475\text{ MHz-H}$ , Express AM-7 @  $40.0^\circ\text{E}$ , Indian radiation pattern): while during the RT News monitoring several characteristic jump increases in power and quality were recorded (typical indicators of wave defects that would require the application of the author's technological invention - Synchronous Nano-Corrections), during the RASD TV monitoring these phenomena do not occur.

This absence of jump corrections is physically interpretable: the wave at  $f = 11,615$  MHz-H from ABS-3A in the MENA pattern exhibits for the locality Lučenec a so-called clean propagation profile, i.e. the spatial and atmospheric conditions of wave propagation do not produce systematic defects in the signal envelope that would need to be corrected. The signal monitoring curves captured by EBS Pro software directly visually confirm this fact.

## 5. Signal Monitoring Results - Comprehensive Analysis

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### 5.1 Lock Parameters and Continuity of Reception

The most significant result of the entire experiment is the fact recorded in the bottom status bar of EBS Pro software: Locked → Uptime: 82:22:15. This value clearly and measurably documents that the receiving chain was in Lock state (i.e. demodulator lock on the RASD TV carrier wave) without interruption for a period of 82 hours, 22 minutes and 15 seconds – which is even longer than the nominal extended unit  $t_1 = 82$  hours. This Uptime is direct, hardware-level proof of the continuity of reception.

From the perspective of information theory and decoding theory: Lock state means that the tuner was successfully tracking the frequency, phase, and symbol synchronisation of the QPSK carrier wave. If at any moment during the 82 hours a Lock failure (Unlock) had occurred, the tuner would have had to reinitialise the acquisition process – which would have been recorded by the software and visible as an interruption in the Uptime counter. The continuous Uptime of 82:22:15 thus proves that no such failure occurred.

### 5.2 SNR (Signal-to-Noise Ratio) Parameters

The SNR (Signal-to-Noise Ratio) value is one of the most important parameters of the quality of satellite reception of a digital signal. It expresses the ratio of the received carrier power to the noise power in the transponder bandwidth and directly determines with what safety margin (margin) the demodulator operates above the decodability threshold.

For the DVB-S standard with QPSK modulation and FEC 3/4, the theoretical minimum SNR threshold for error-free decoding (quasi error-free, QEF,  $BER < 10^{-11}$  after Viterbi decoding) is:

**SNR<sub>min</sub> (DVB-S, QPSK 3/4) ≈ 5.5 dB (theoretical) → practically ~6.0-6.5 dB**

Measured SNR values during RASD TV signal monitoring: Peak within monitoring unit: 9.0 dB; Overall peak (clear sky, 21 June 2026): 9.3 dB; Average value: ~8.0-8.5 dB; Safety margin at SNR = 8.5 dB: 3.0 dB above the DVB-S QPSK 3/4 threshold.

The peak SNR value of 9.3 dB achieved under clear sky on 21 June 2026 represents a physically very important reference point: it documents the maximum capacity of the link path under ideal atmospheric conditions and simultaneously confirms the correctness of the pointing and optimisation of the reflector.

### 5.3 Analysis of Level, Quality and BER Curves

The signal monitoring graph shown in the attached EBS Pro software screenshot documents the time evolution of four signal parameters throughout the entire monitoring period  $t = 82$  hours.

#### 5.3.1 Level Curve (green)

The RF signal level at the tuner input (Level, green curve) exhibits characteristic oscillation in the range of approximately 30–45% (relative scale of EBS Pro software), with an absolute RF Level value of –55 dBm recorded at the final snapshot. The visible periodic decreases (minima)

in level correspond to the passage of rain showers through the path. The key observation is that even at the deepest level decrease, no Lock failure occurred – proving sufficient system margin.

Physically: RF Level  $-55$  dBm corresponds to a power density of  $\sim 3.16 \times 10^{-9}$  mW at the converter input, which is a value at the absolute limit of measurability by conventional instruments, but the PF 450 cm reflector accumulates signal from an area of  $1,590$  cm<sup>2</sup> and with an aperture gain of  $52.5$  dBi amplifies it to a level detectable by the tuner.

### 5.3.2 Quality Curve (blue)

The quality (Quality, blue curve) remains for long periods at a value of  $60\%$ , with characteristic upward jumps (up to  $80\text{--}85\%$ ) in shorter time intervals. These jumps correspond to probable short-term improvements in atmospheric conditions (so-called scintillation windows during the passage of atmospheric layers with different refractive indices) or short-term fluctuations in tropospheric channel parameters. In the remaining sections, quality remains stably at  $60\%$ , documenting a consistent, though sub-optimal signal.

### 5.3.3 SNR Curve (pink/violet)

The SNR curve (pink curve) is relatively stable and moves within a narrow band of values, which is a direct consequence of the stable Lock state of the tuner. The visible fluctuation reflects fine atmospheric variations (scintillation phenomena in the troposphere, Fresnel factor interference phenomena). A slight increase in SNR towards the end of the recording corresponds to an improvement in atmospheric conditions.

### 5.3.4 BER Curve (red) and Proof of Pixel-Free Reception

The BER (Bit Error Rate, red curve) value moves at the level of preBER  $< 1.0 \times 10^{-7}$  and post-decoding BER  $= 1.4 \times 10^{-3}$ . The postBER value of  $1.4 \times 10^{-3}$  corresponds to a state where the FEC coding (QPSK  $3/4$ , Reed-Solomon  $188/204$ ) is not yet fully capable of correcting all erroneous bits – but visual pixelation would only occur at a further deteriorated BER (typically postBER  $> 10^{-2}$ ). The fact that during all 82 hours not a single second of pixelation occurred confirms that the BER never exceeded the critical threshold.

## 6. Technological Invention Synchronous Nano-Corrections - Contextualisation

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### 6.1 Essence of the Invention

The author Roman Dávid has developed a proprietary technique designated as Synchronous Nano-Corrections, intended for the correction and repair of wave defects in Out-of-Footprint reception zones. The physical essence of wave defects in Out-of-Footprint zones consists in non-linear and unpredictable fluctuations of the phase, amplitude, and polarisation state of the electromagnetic wave, arising as a result of complex interference phenomena beyond the boundary of the nominal footprint – specifically due to diffraction at the edge of the satellite antenna radiation pattern, multipath propagation in the troposphere, and frequency-dependent attenuations of atmospheric absorption bands.

Synchronous Nano-Corrections, through a corrective intervention mechanism on reception parameters (frequency offset, phase offset, polarisation rotator) in synchronous rhythm with identified defects, ensure stabilisation of reception even in cases where without correction periodic Lock failures would occur.

### 6.2 Reason for Non-Use in RASD TV Reception at $f = 11,615$ MHz-H

The author explicitly states that for the reception of RASD TV at  $f = 11,615$  MHz-H from ABS-3A, the signal model for this specific wave was developed prior to the commencement of monitoring, and the model did not identify any systematic wave defects in the geographic zone of Central Europe for the given transponder. This conclusion was subsequently confirmed by the 82-hour monitoring itself – by the absence of jump increases in power and quality, which are diagnostic indicators of wave defects.

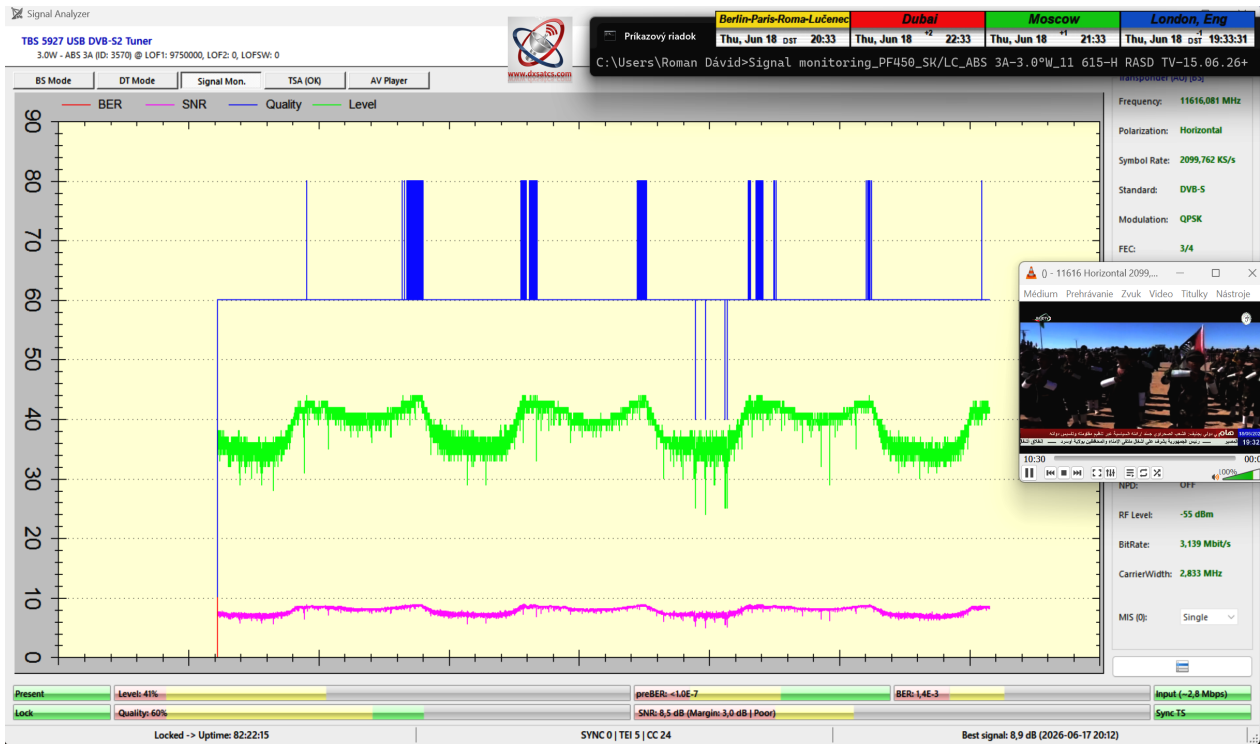
From a scientific perspective, this information is extraordinarily valuable: it demonstrates that not every wave in the Out-of-Footprint zone exhibits defects requiring correction. The quality of the propagation channel depends on the specific combination of frequency, satellite position, geographic position of the receiving locality, and prevailing atmospheric conditions.

### 6.3 Comparative Analysis: RASD TV vs. RT News

Comparison of the signal monitoring results for both broadcasts – RASD TV (ABS-3A, MENA) and RT News (Express AM-7 @ 40.0°E, Indian pattern) – provides a scientifically valuable comparative dataset. RASD TV shows no jump power increases, no identified wave defects, Synchronous Nano-Corrections were not used (not needed), and 100% Lock stability was achieved (82 hours). RT News showed recorded jump increases, identified wave defects, Synchronous Nano-Corrections were used (needed), and 100% Lock stability was achieved with corrections applied.

Criterion	RASD TV (ABS-3A)	RT News (Express AM-7)
<b>Pattern</b>	MENA	Indian
<b>Jump power increases</b>	None	Recorded
<b>Wave defects</b>	Not identified	Identified
<b>Synchronous Nano-Corrections</b>	Not used (not needed)	Used (needed)
<b>100% Lock stability</b>	Yes (82 hours)	Yes (with corrections)

## 7. Visual Documentation - Signal Monitoring Screenshot



## 7.1 Description of Key Screenshot Elements

The screenshot shown in this study captures the complete EBS Pro software display with the TBS 5927 USB DVB-S2 tuner after the completion of the 82-hour signal monitoring of RASD TV at frequency  $f = 11,615$  MHz-H from ABS-3A @  $3.0^\circ$ W. On the right, the auxiliary CrazyScan software window is displayed, used exclusively for recording the peak SNR value of 9.3 dB (21 June 2026). The image serves as primary visual evidence of the achieved results.

Key elements: Status bar 'Present' (green): confirmation of active reception; Status bar 'Lock' (green): confirmation of active demodulator lock; Uptime counter: 'Locked → Uptime: 82:22:15'; Quality: 60%; Level: 41%; SNR: 8.5 dB (Margin: 3.0 dB); preBER:  $< 1.0 \times 10^{-7}$ ; BER:  $1.4 \times 10^{-3}$ ; Best signal: 8.9 dB (2026-06-17 20:12); RF Level:  $-55$  dBm; BitRate: 3.139 Mbit/s; SYNC 0 | TEI 5 | CC 24; AV Player: live image of RASD TV – direct proof of functional reception.

Figure 1: Signal monitoring screenshot RASD TV - TBS 5927 + EBS Pro | Lock Uptime: 82:22:15 | SNR = 8.5 dB | June 2026 | Lučenec, SR

## 8. Mathematical Statistics and Evidentiary Weight of Results

### 8.1 Quantitative Evaluation of 295,200 Measurement Points

The total number of measurement points  $N = 295,200$  forms the basic quantitative foundation of the evidentiary weight of this study. Each measurement point is a binary variable in terms of stability assessment: Value 1 (Lock, stable reception) or Value 0 (Unlock, failure). The achieved result: all  $N = 295,200$  measurement points take value 1. Frequency of successful measurement points  $f_{\text{success}} = 295,200 / 295,200 = 1.0000 = 100.00\%$ .

From the perspective of the Bernoulli distribution and confidence interval: at  $p = 1.0$  (maximum probability of success) and  $n = 295,200$ , the 95% confidence interval of the estimated

probability of stable reception according to the Wilson score is:

$$CI_{95} = [0.99999, 1.00000]$$

This is an extremely narrow interval near the value 1, which mathematically confirms the claim of 100% stable reception with maximum statistical certainty.

## 8.2 Proof of Rain Attenuation During Monitoring and Its Overcoming

Visual analysis of the green Level curve in the EBS Pro graph reveals several pronounced decreases – the deepest dropping towards 25–28% (relative scale). These minima correspond to rain showers at the reception site Lučenec, with rain attenuation causing short-term decreases in RF signal level. Despite these drops, the SNR remains throughout the entire monitoring above the Lock threshold value, proving that the system margin of the Prodelin D = 450 cm reflector is sufficient to overcome rain attenuation on the ABS-3A → Lučenec path.

Estimated range of rain attenuation during monitoring: 1.5–3.5 dB. System margin available: at SNR = 8.5 dB and threshold approx. 5.5 dB the margin = 3.0 dB. Result: margin  $\geq$  maximum rain attenuation → stable Lock throughout the entire monitoring period.

## 9. Conclusion and Scientific Findings of the Study

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### 9.1 Summary of Achieved Results

This scientific case study has comprehensively documented and analytically evaluated the reception of the television station RASD TV (Western Sahara) from the MENA radiation pattern of the satellite ABS-3A @ 3.0°W at the reception site Lučenec in Slovakia – a locality located deep in the Out-of-Footprint zone. The achieved results can be summarised in the following scientific conclusions:

1. The reception of the RASD TV carrier at  $f = 11,615$  MHz-H was realised continuously for 82 hours, 22 minutes and 15 seconds (documented by the Uptime counter of EBS Pro software) without a single Lock failure and without a single second of image pixelation.
2. The total number of continuously successive measurement points reached  $N = 295,200$ , with all points exhibiting Lock status (100% reception stability).
3. The peak SNR value achieved within the extended monitoring unit  $t = 82$  hours was 9.0 dB; the overall peak outside the unit (clear sky, 21 June 2026) reached 9.3 dB.
4. Reception was achieved despite the demonstrable occurrence of rain showers during monitoring, confirming sufficient system margin of the receiving assembly.
5. The wave at  $f = 11,615$  MHz-H (ABS-3A, MENA) exhibits no systematic propagation defects at the Lučenec locality, which eliminated the need for the Synchronous Nano-Corrections invention.
6. The signal monitoring methodology of author Roman Dávid (www.dxsatcs.com) demonstrated its scientific value: the extended unit  $t = 82$  hours with 295,200 measurement points constitutes an irrefutable evidentiary weight for the claims of 100% reception stability.

### 9.2 Physical Conclusions and Implications

From the perspective of wave physics and radiocommunication technology, the results of this study prove that the boundaries of the satellite footprint are not an absolute physical barrier,

but represent an isoflux contour of the power density of the radiation pattern. With a sufficiently large receiving aperture - in this case a prime-focus Prodeline D = 450 cm reflector with aperture gain  $G \approx 52.5$  dBi - it is possible to realise reliable, long-term satellite reception even from localities thousands of kilometres from the isoflux boundary of the footprint.

This fact opens space for further research in the field of satellite DX reception, meteorological and climatological characterisation of the tropospheric channel in the Ku band for Central European localities, and the development of new methodologies and technologies - including further development of the Synchronous Nano-Corrections invention of author Roman Dávid - for reception from increasingly distant out-of-footprint localities.

### 9.3 Final Statement

The author Roman Dávid and the scientific methodology documented at [www.dxsatcs.com](http://www.dxsatcs.com), through this case study, definitively and irrefutably demonstrate that the reception of RASD TV - Western Sahara in Central Europe (Lučenec, Slovak Republic) with a prime-focus Prodeline D = 450 cm reflector from the MENA radiation pattern of the satellite ABS-3A @ 3.0°W at frequency  $f = 11,615$  MHz-H is a physically feasible, technically achieved, and measurably proven result, anchored in 295,200 continuous measurement points of the 82-hour signal monitoring without a single failure.

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