

Blockstream



gr-dvbs2rx

An overview of the project state and path forward.

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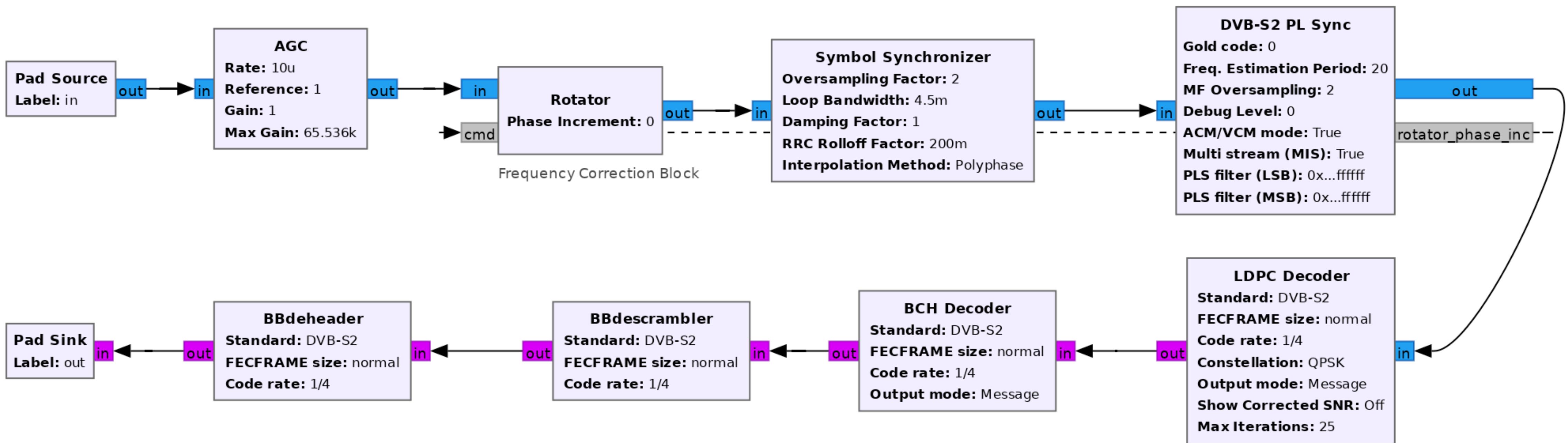
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Outline

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- Path forward for optimization and improvements.
- Examples based on the Blockstream Satellite Ku-band signal.
- CPU performance results.

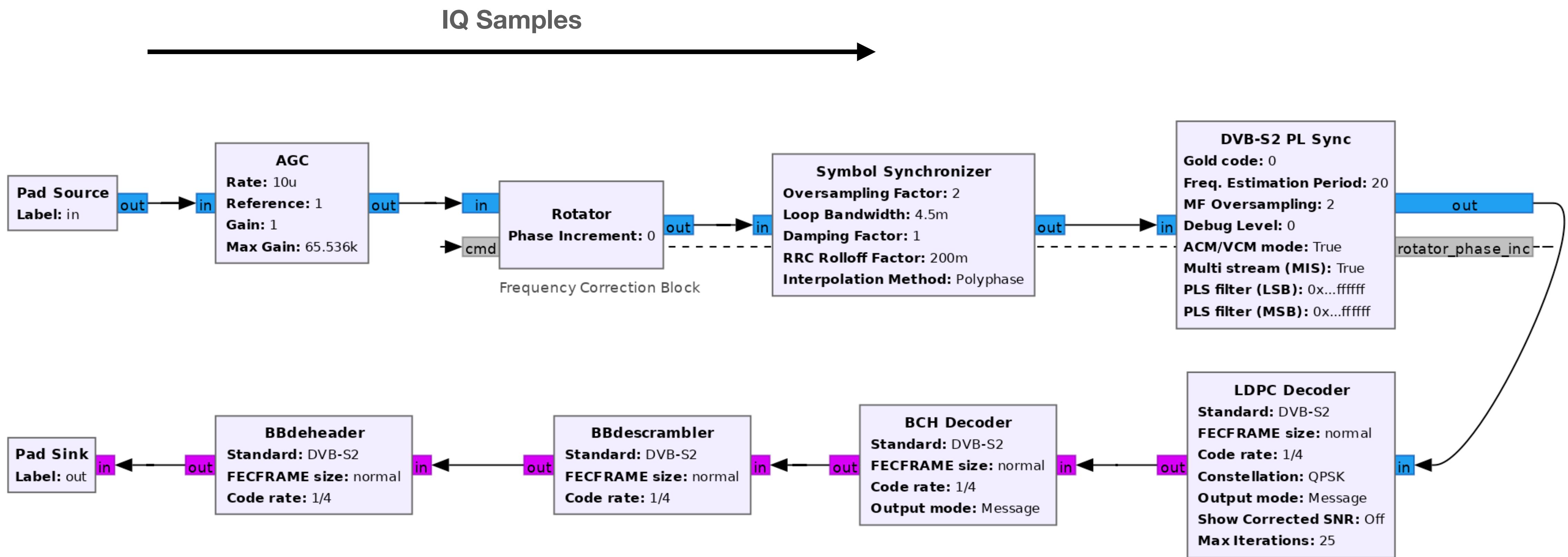
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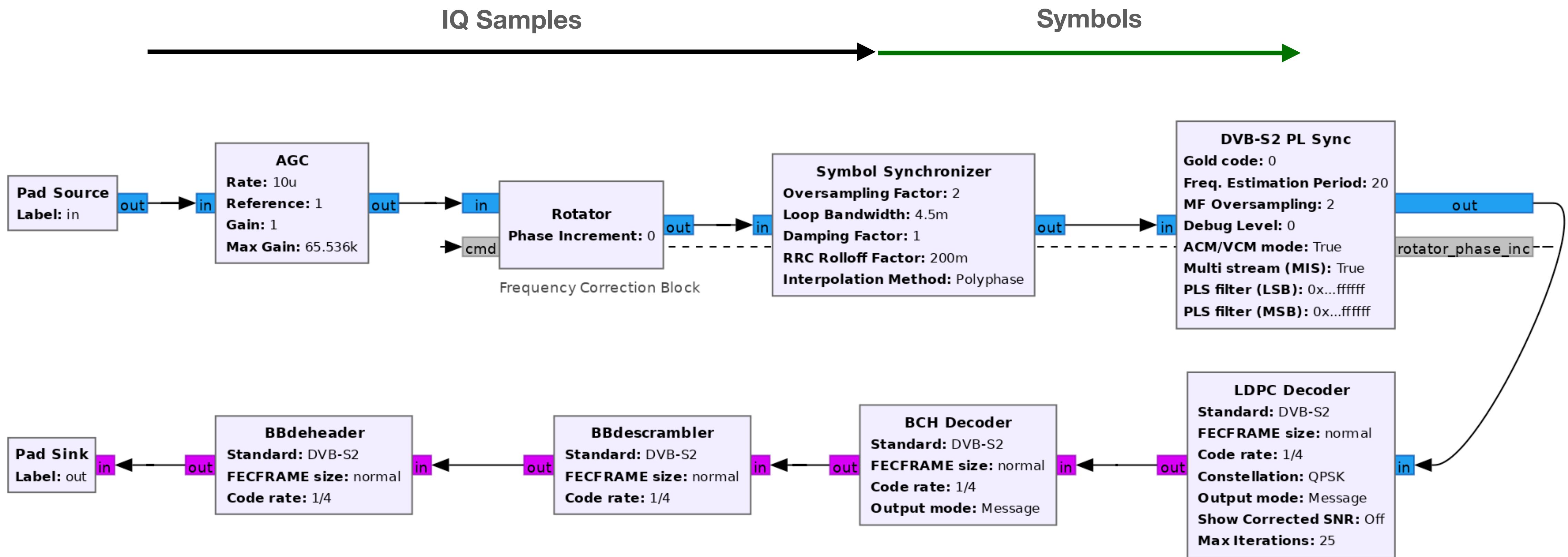
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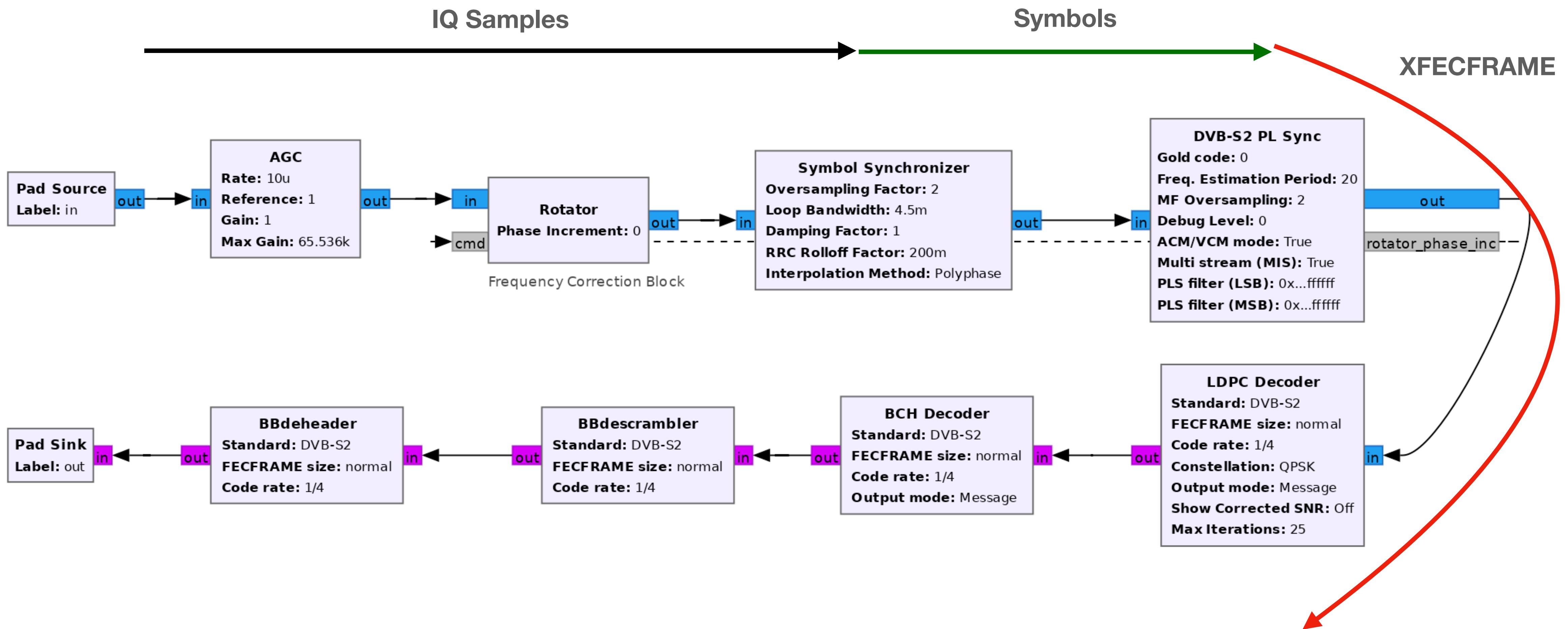
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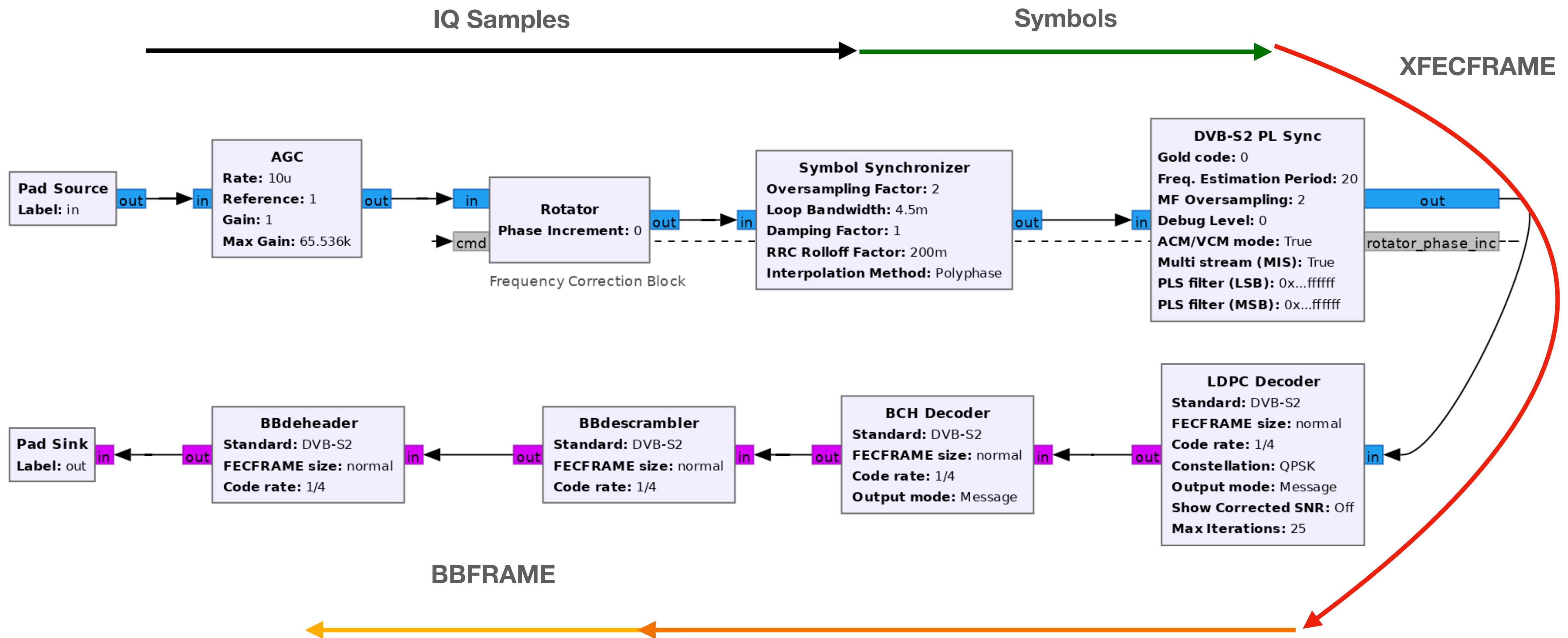
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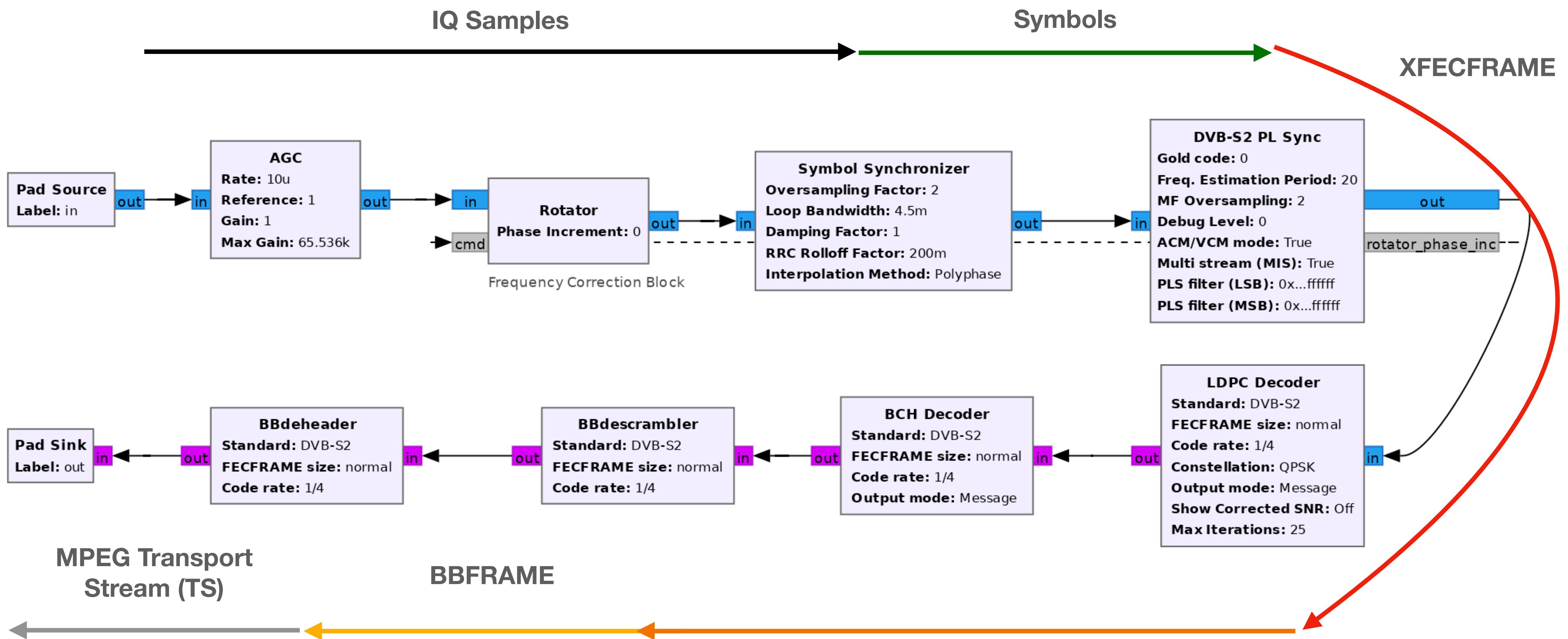
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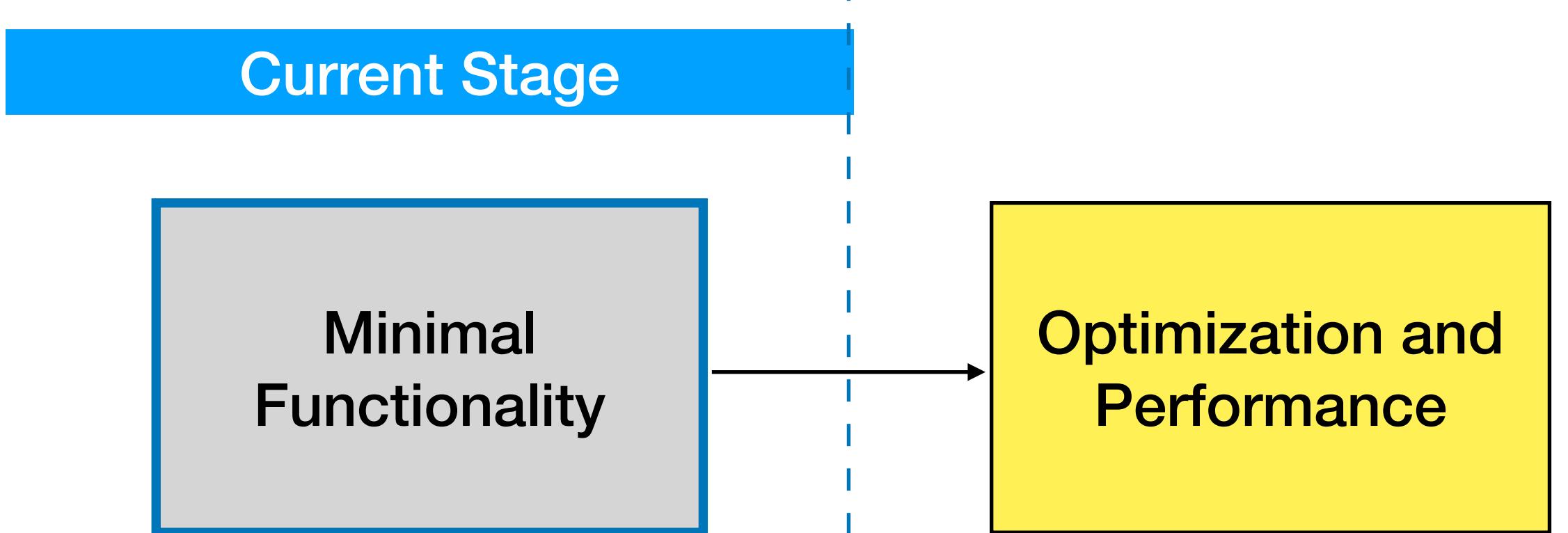
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Current Stage

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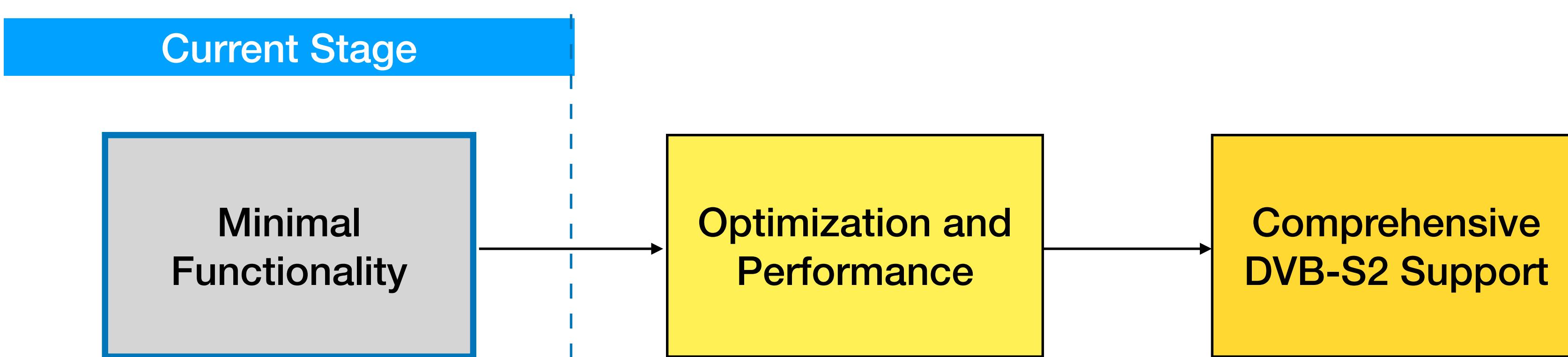
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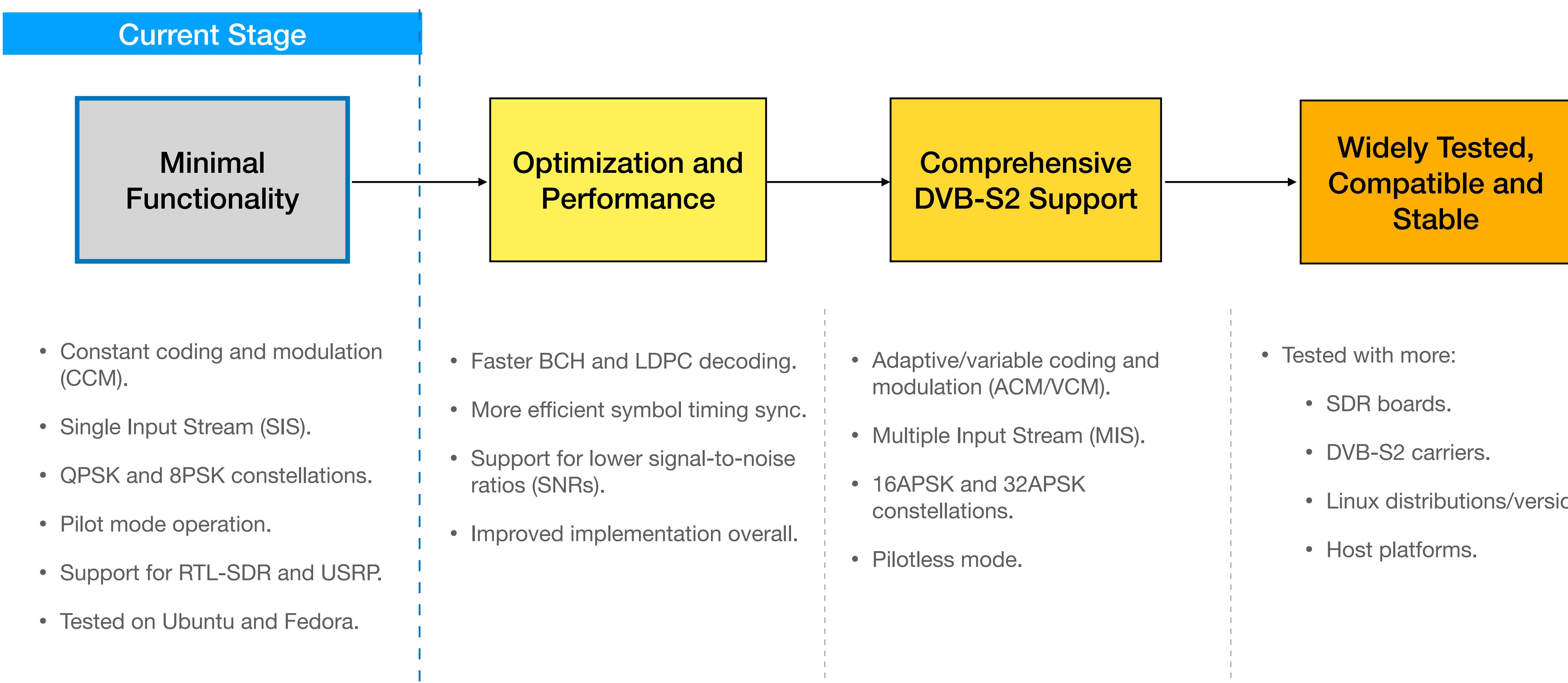


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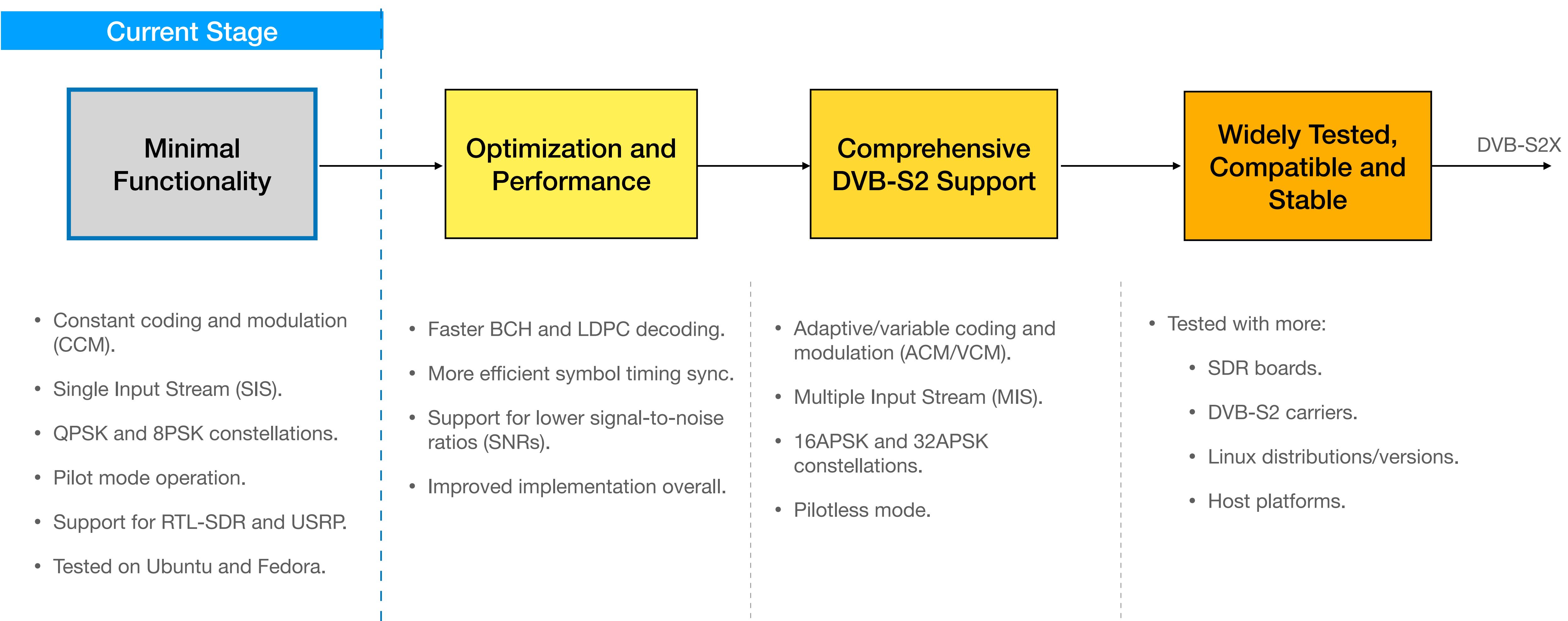
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- Pilotless mode.

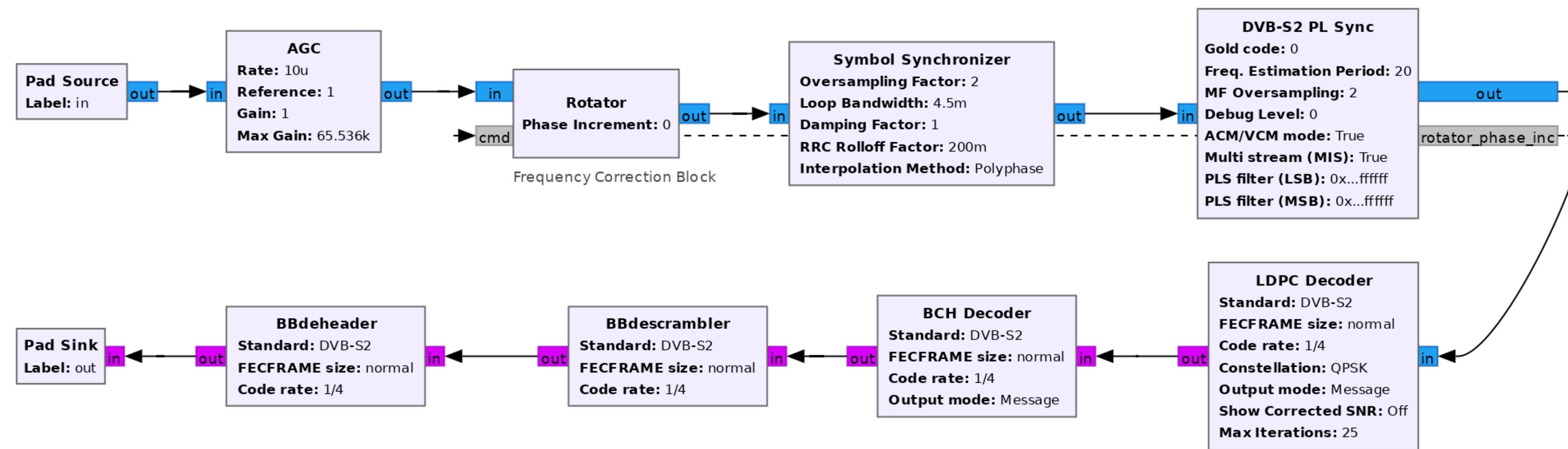
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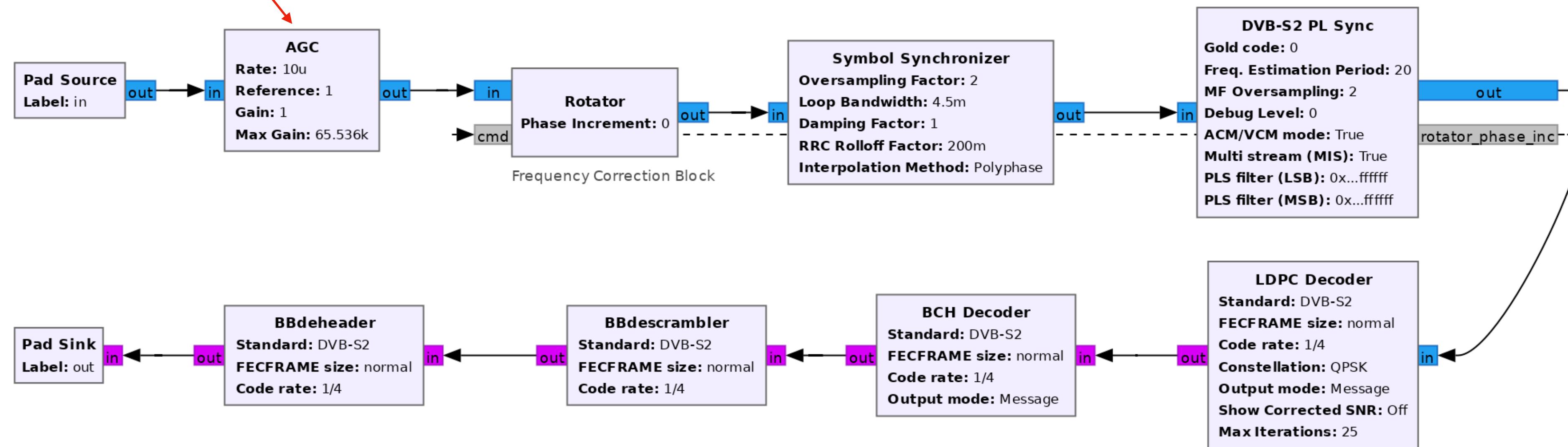


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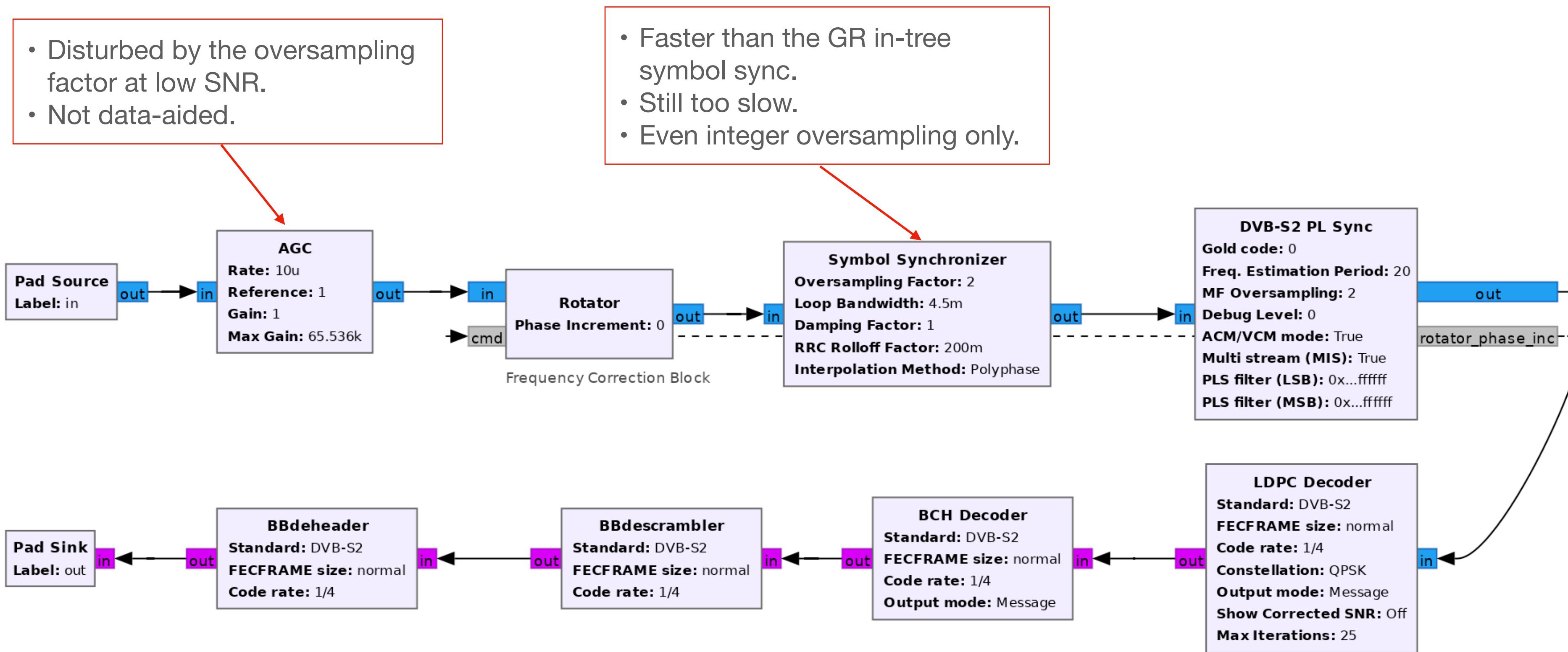


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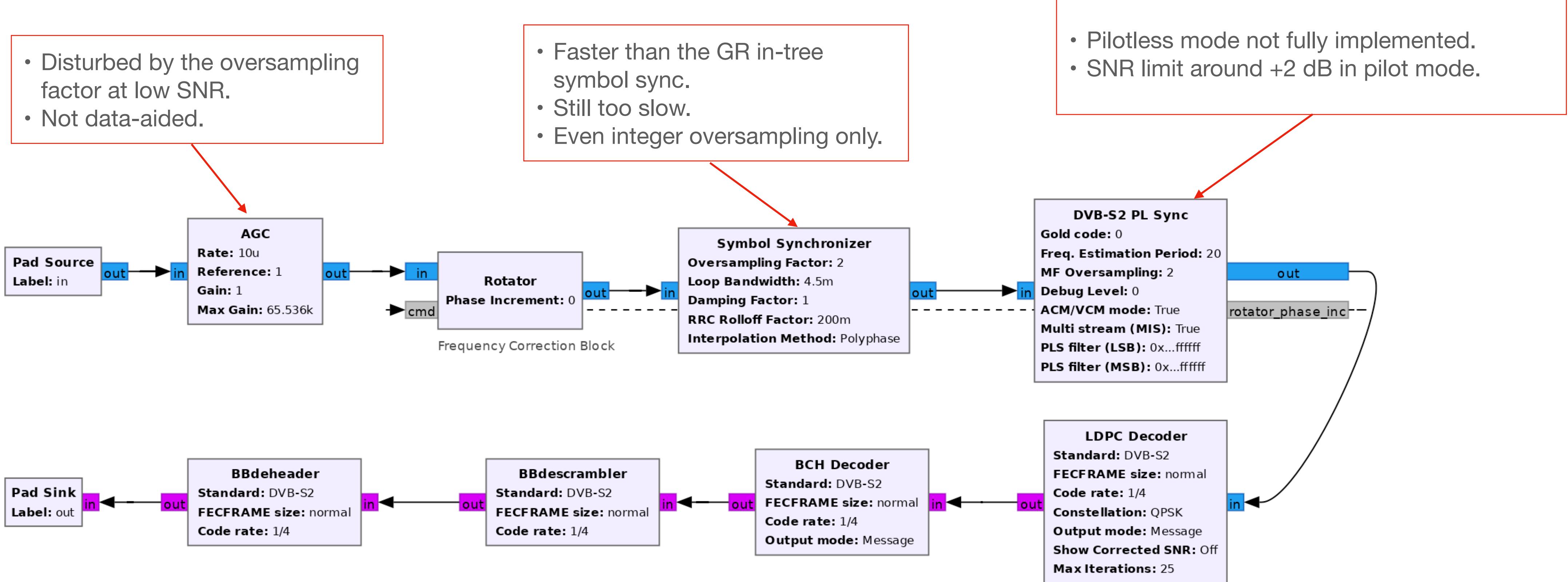
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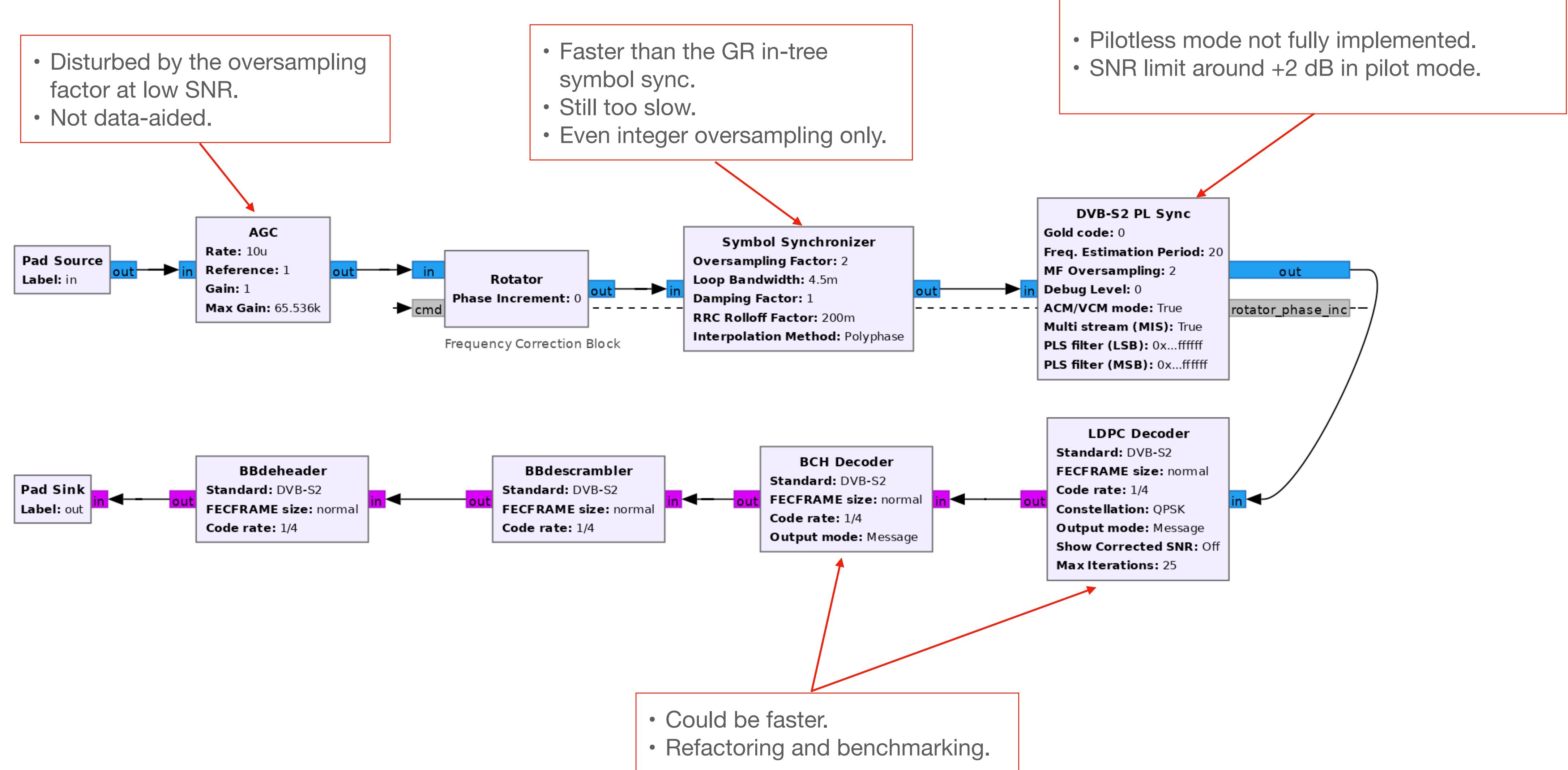
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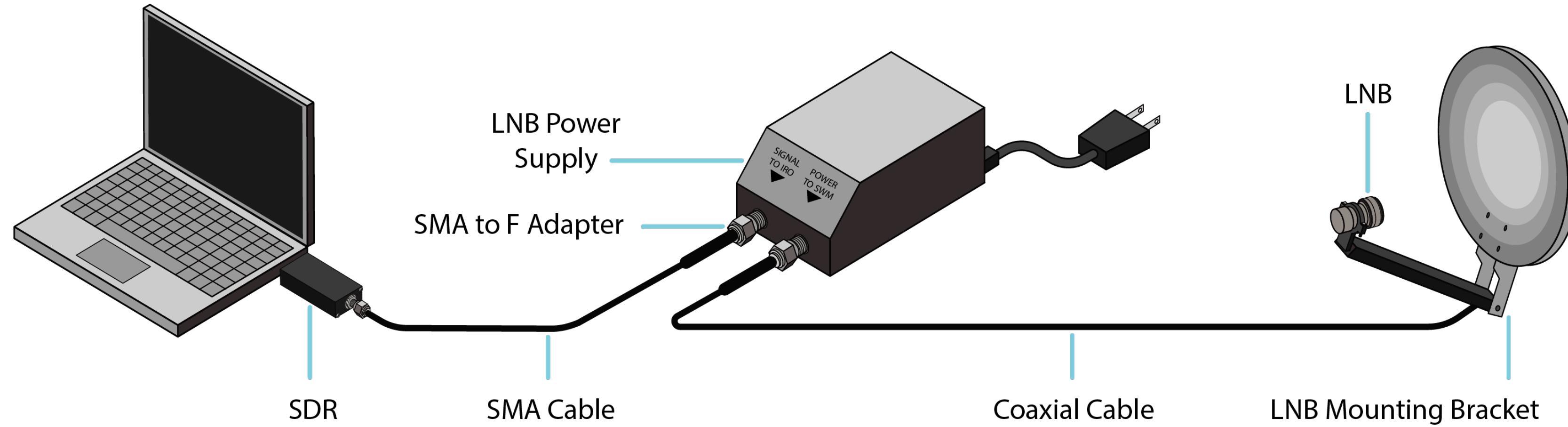
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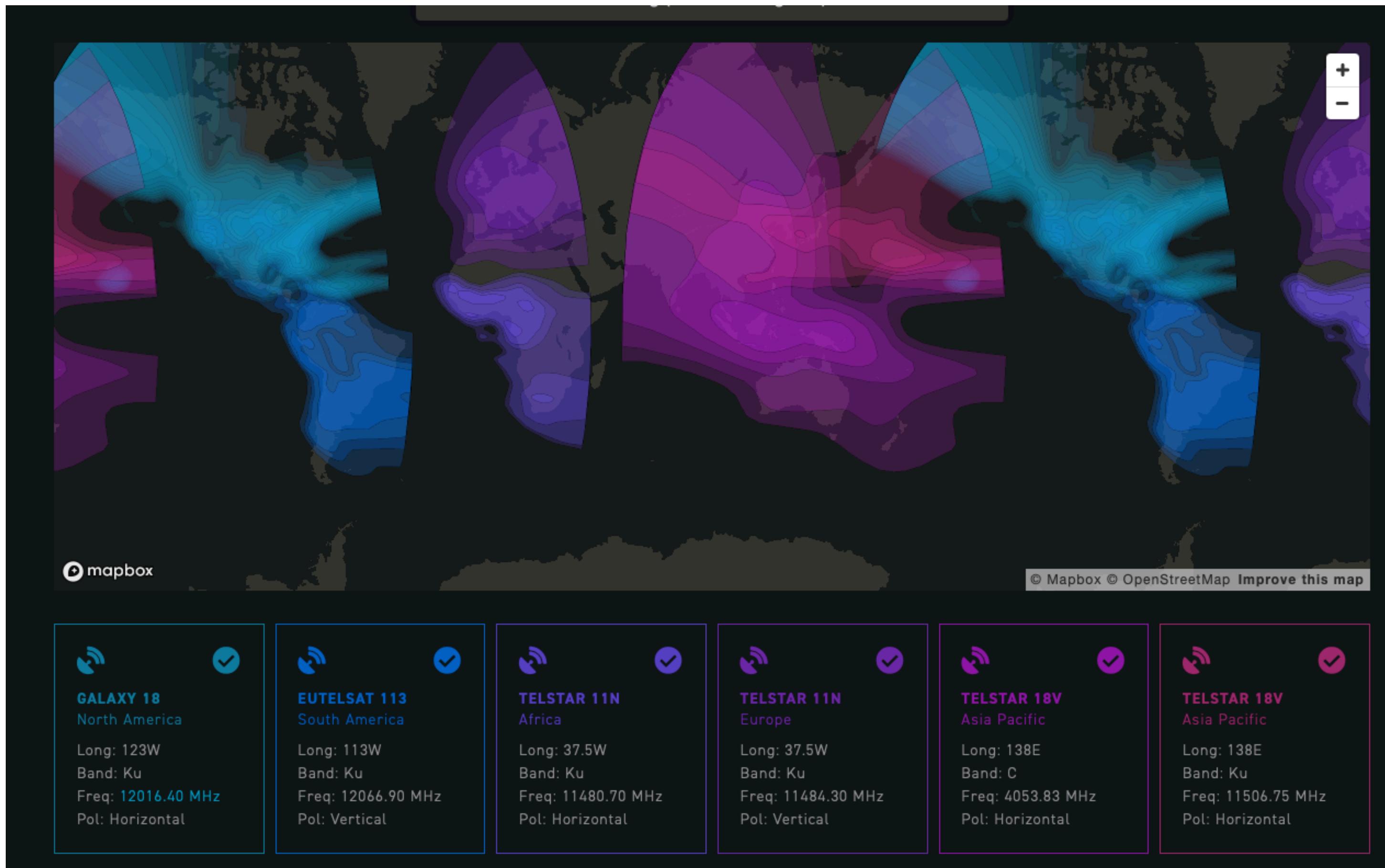
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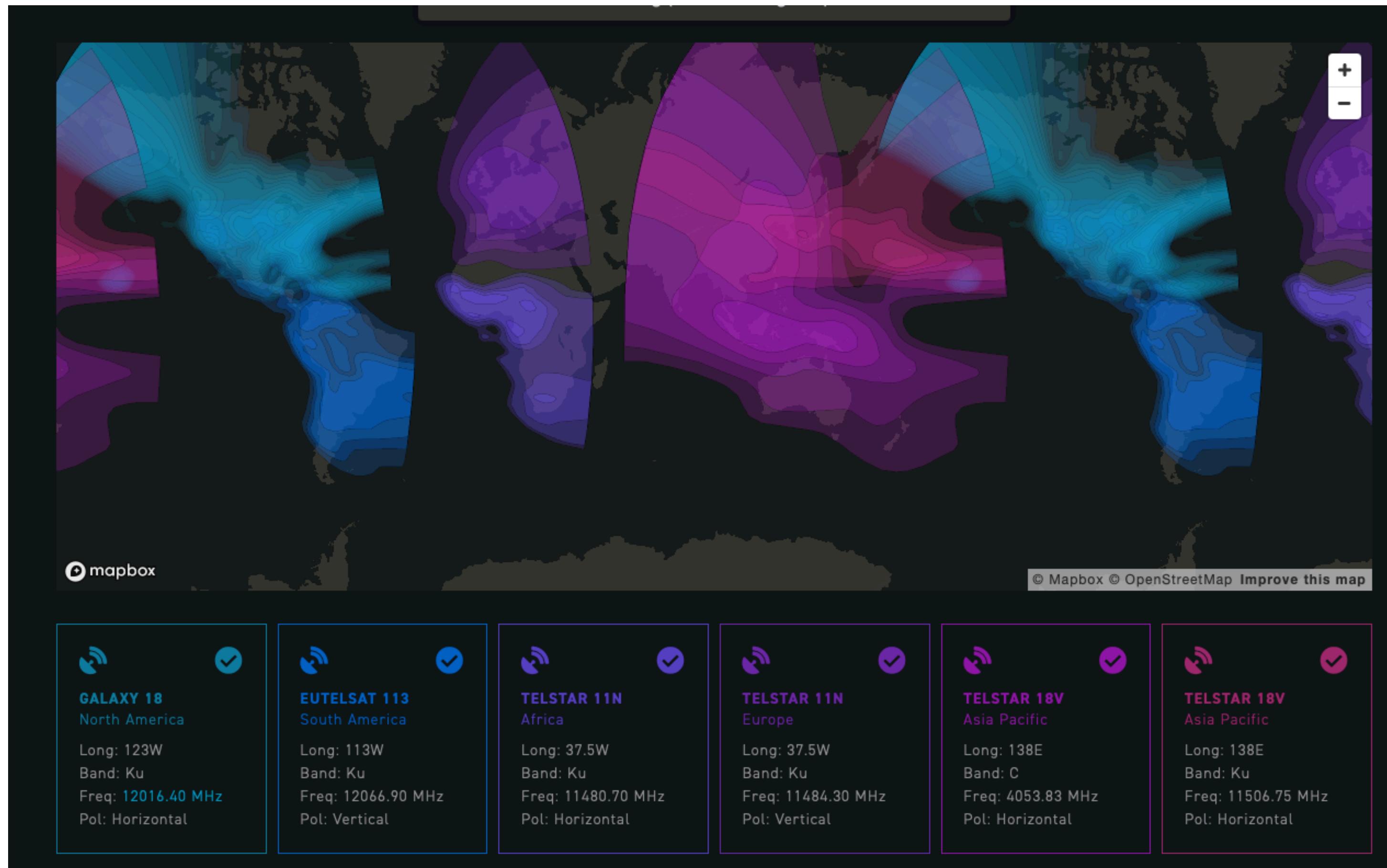


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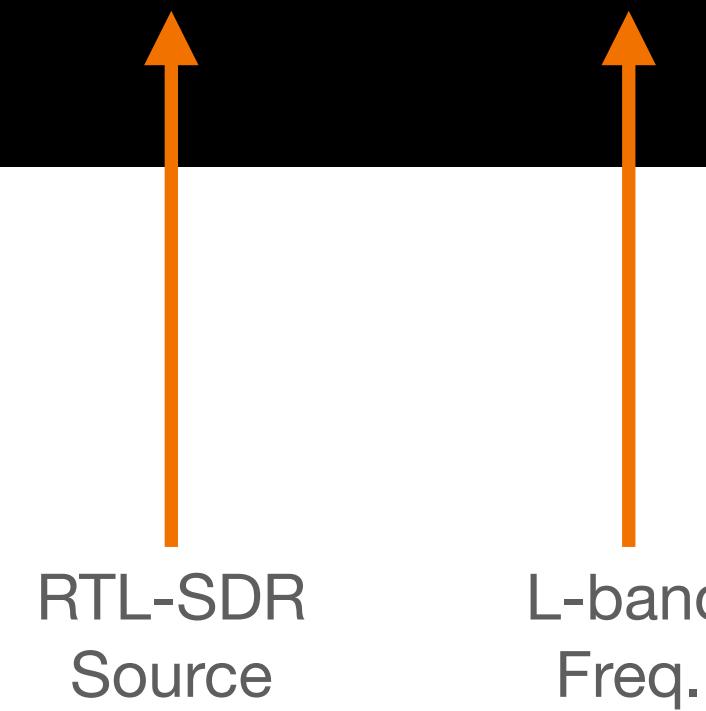


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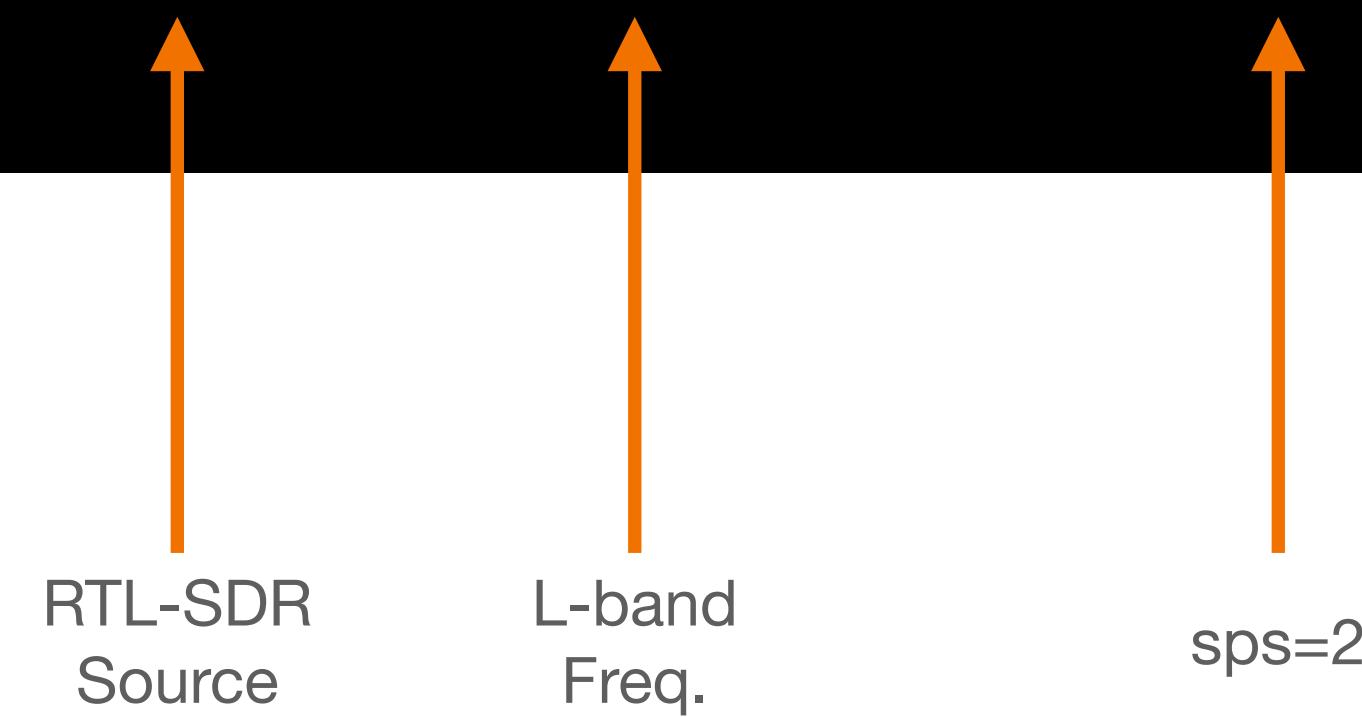


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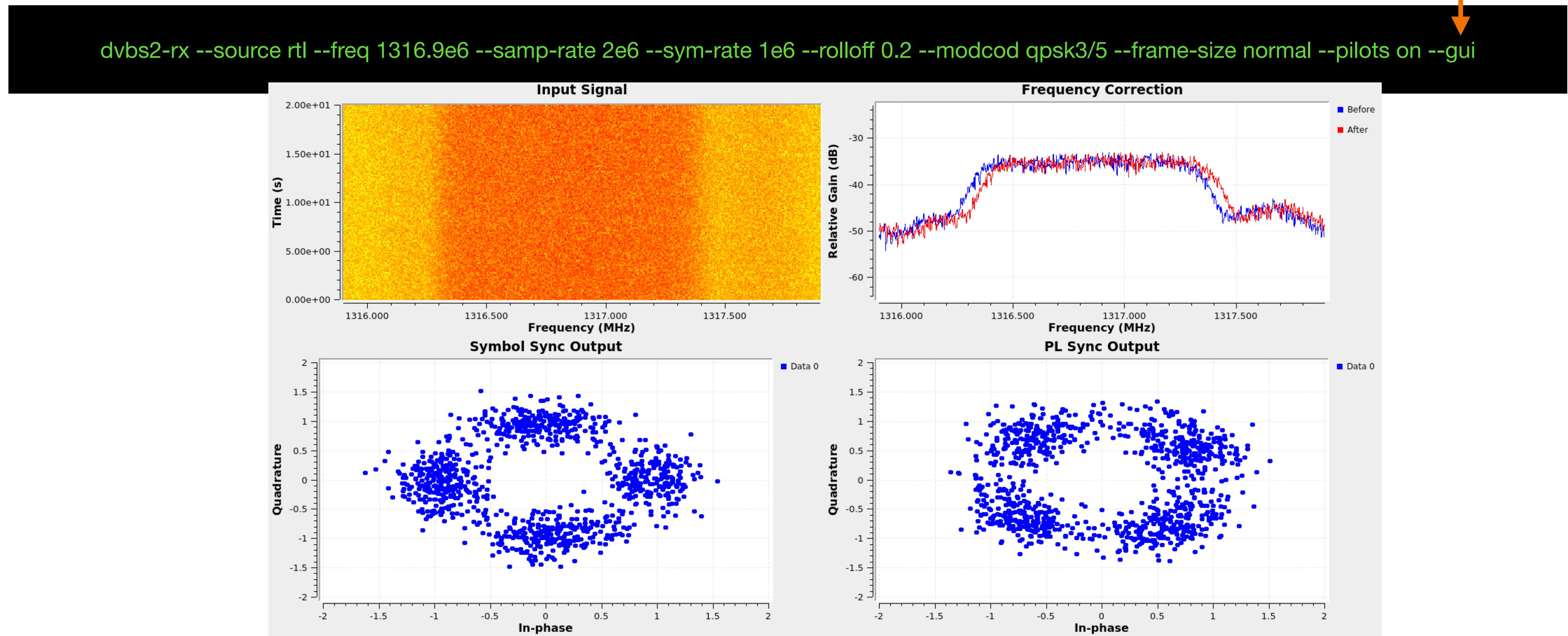
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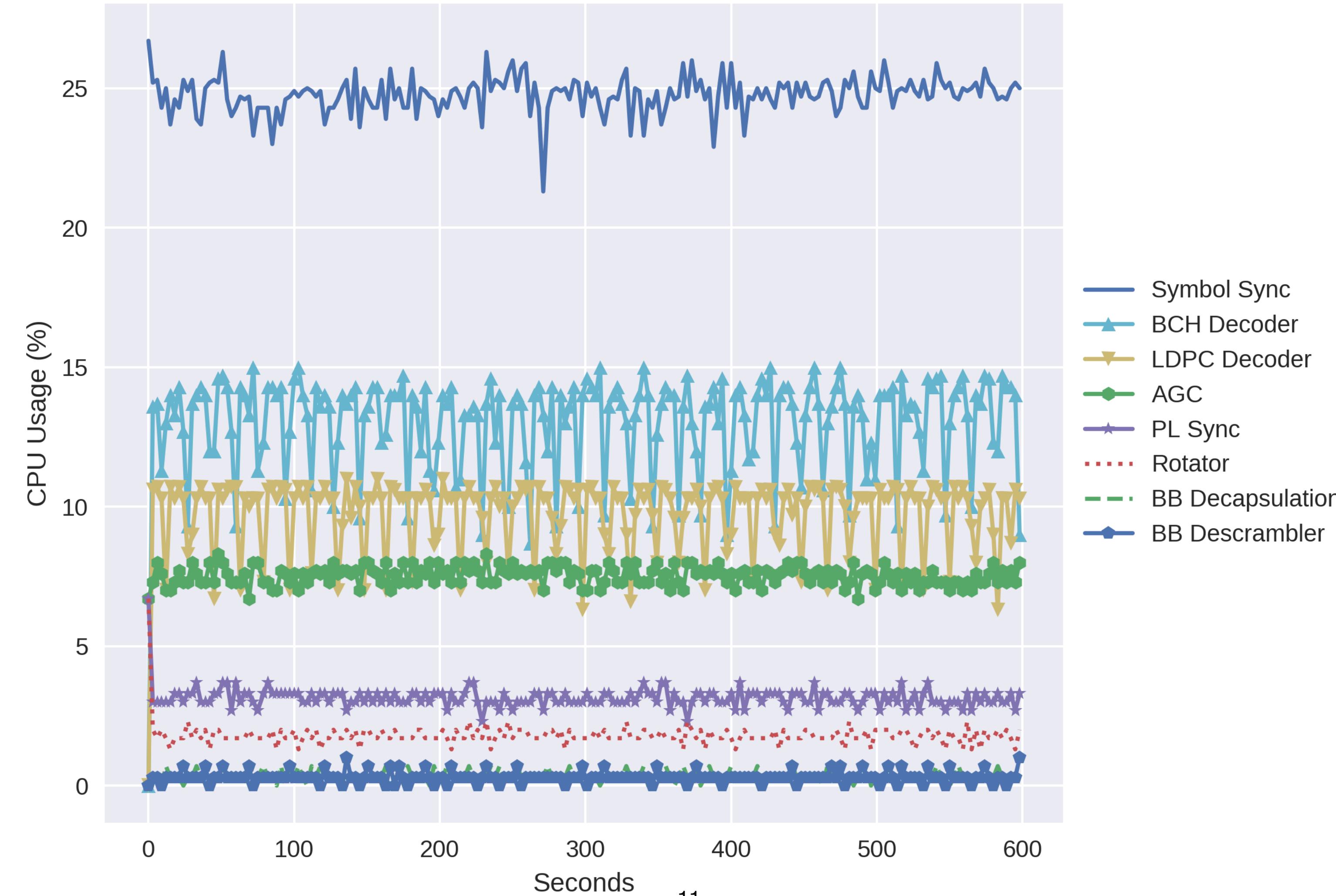
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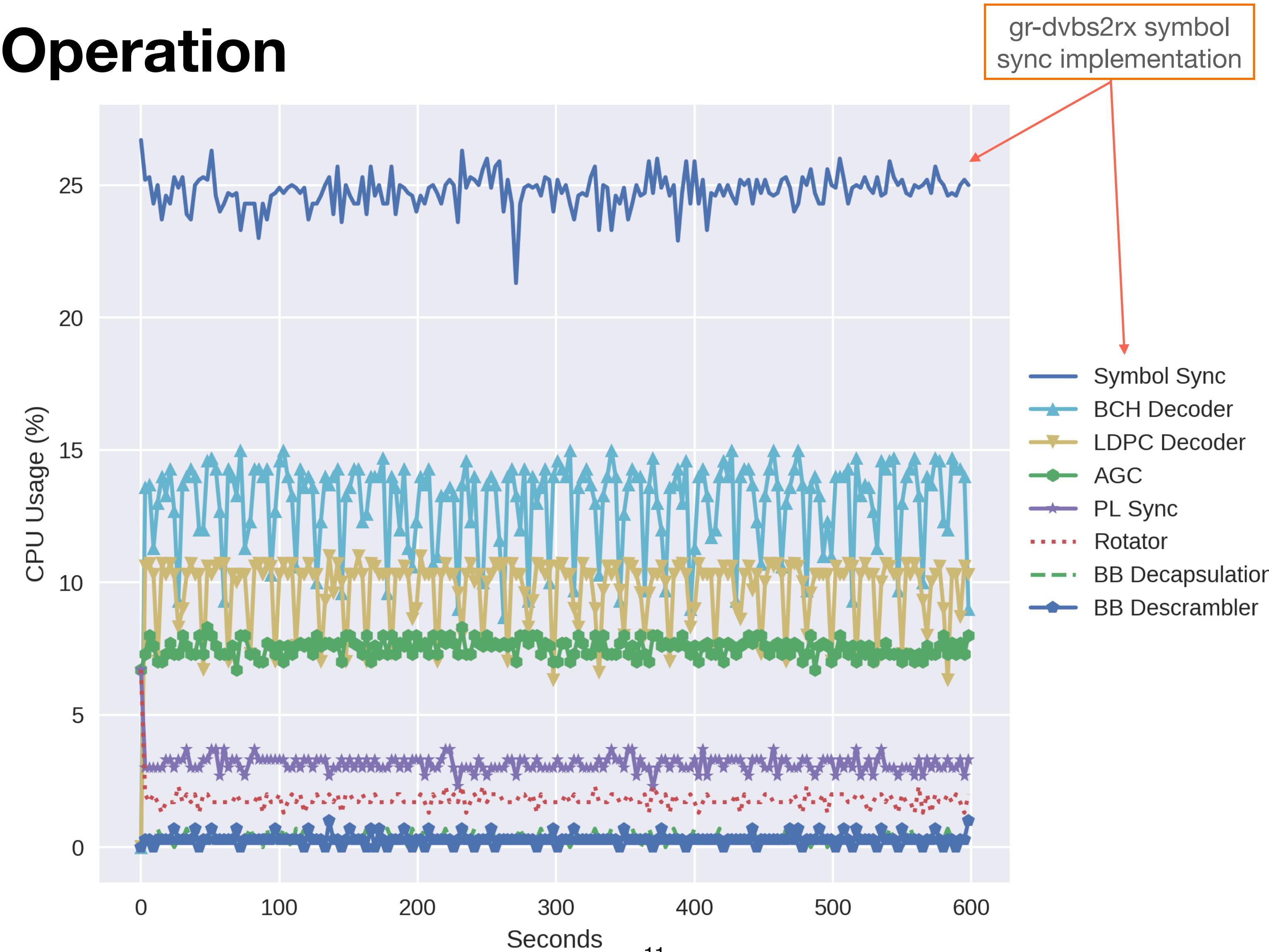
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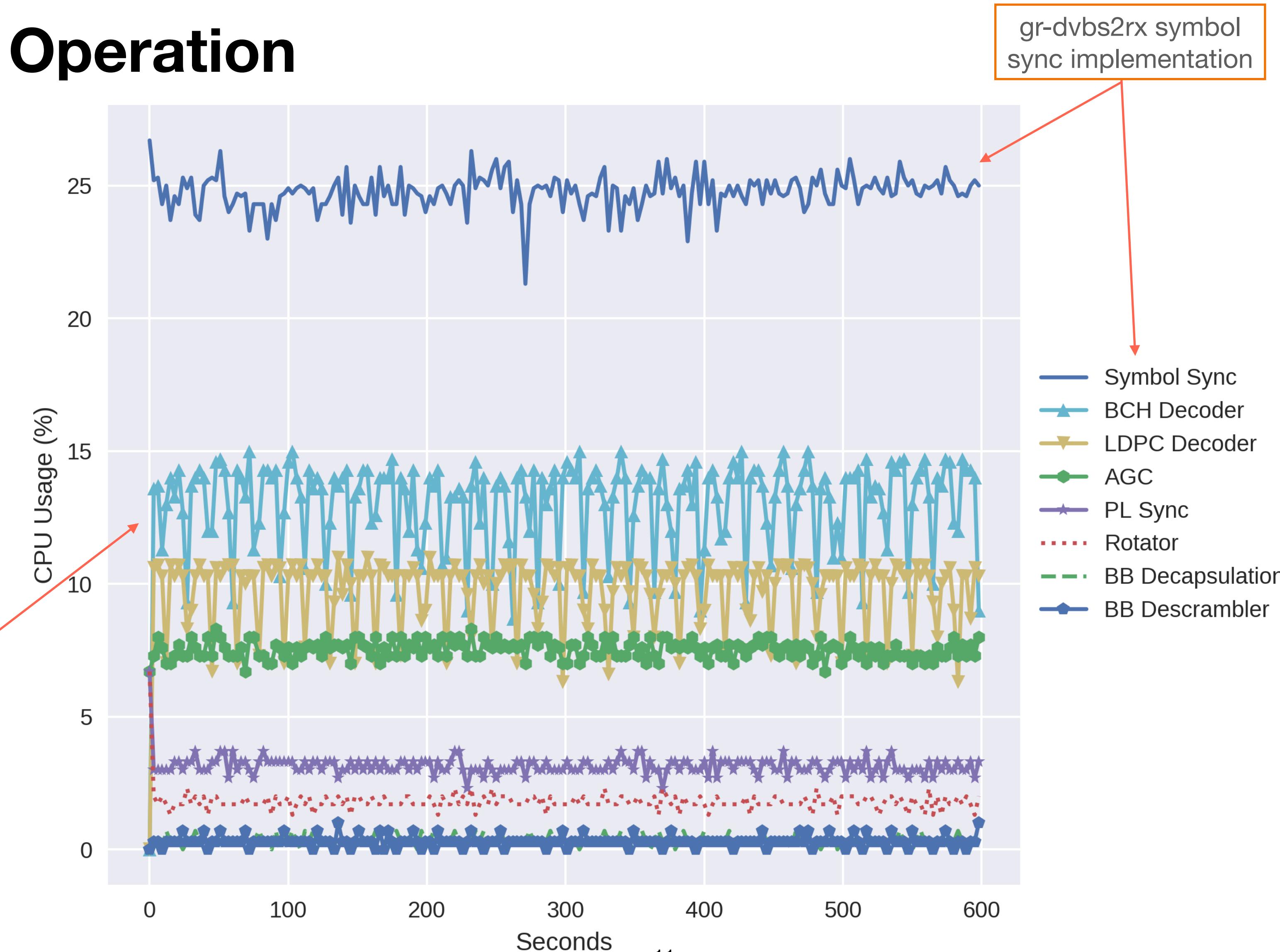
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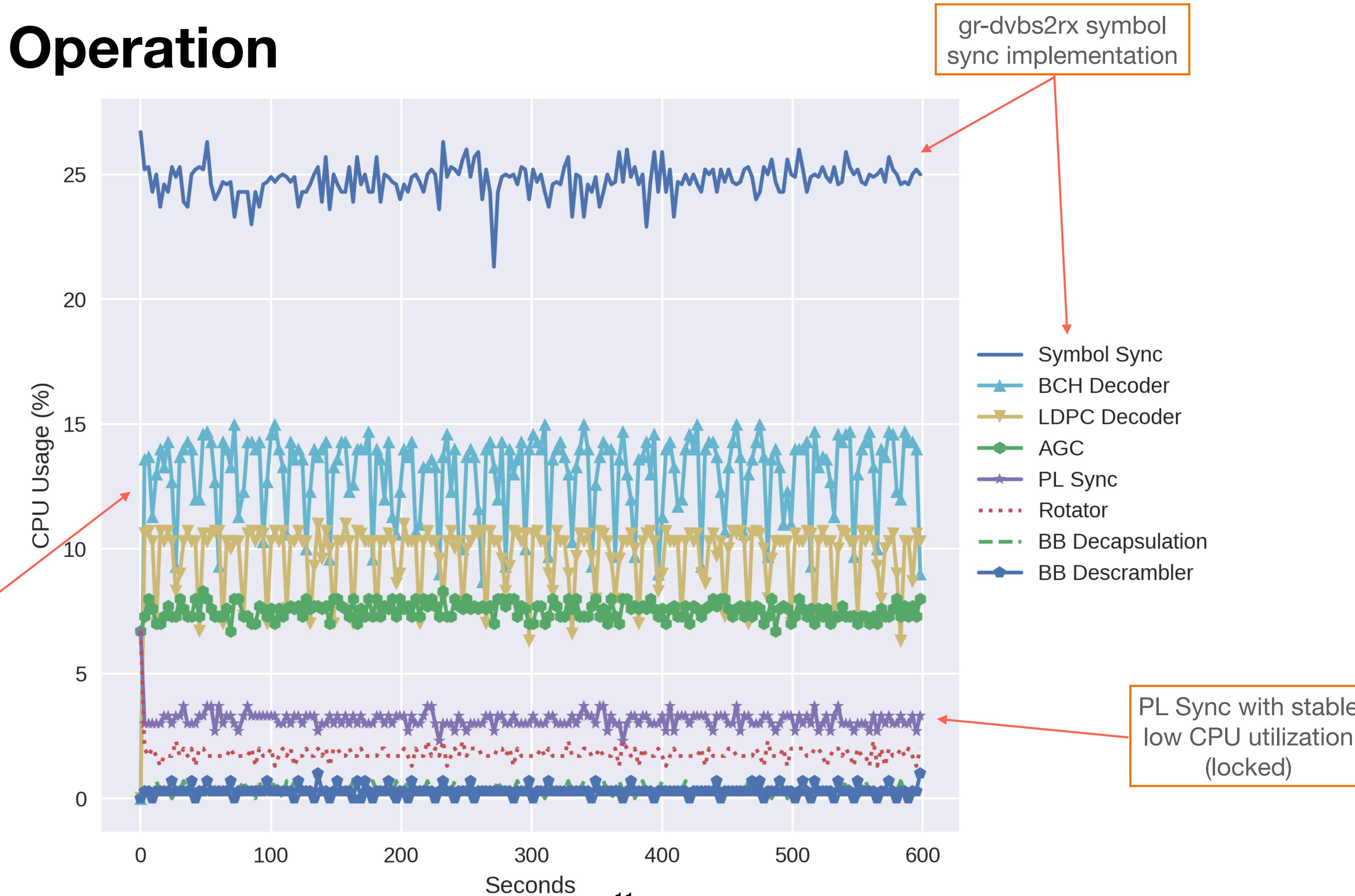
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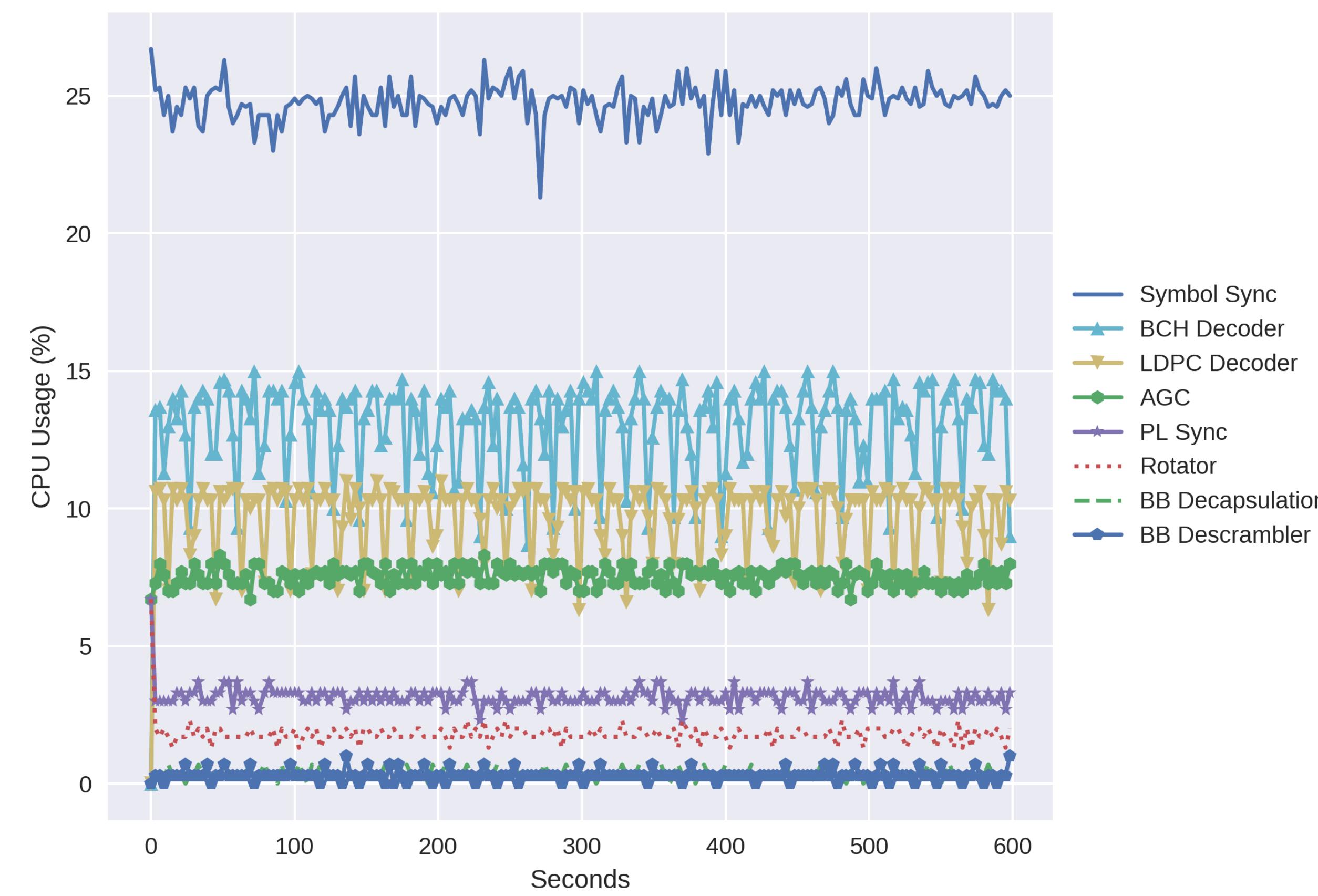
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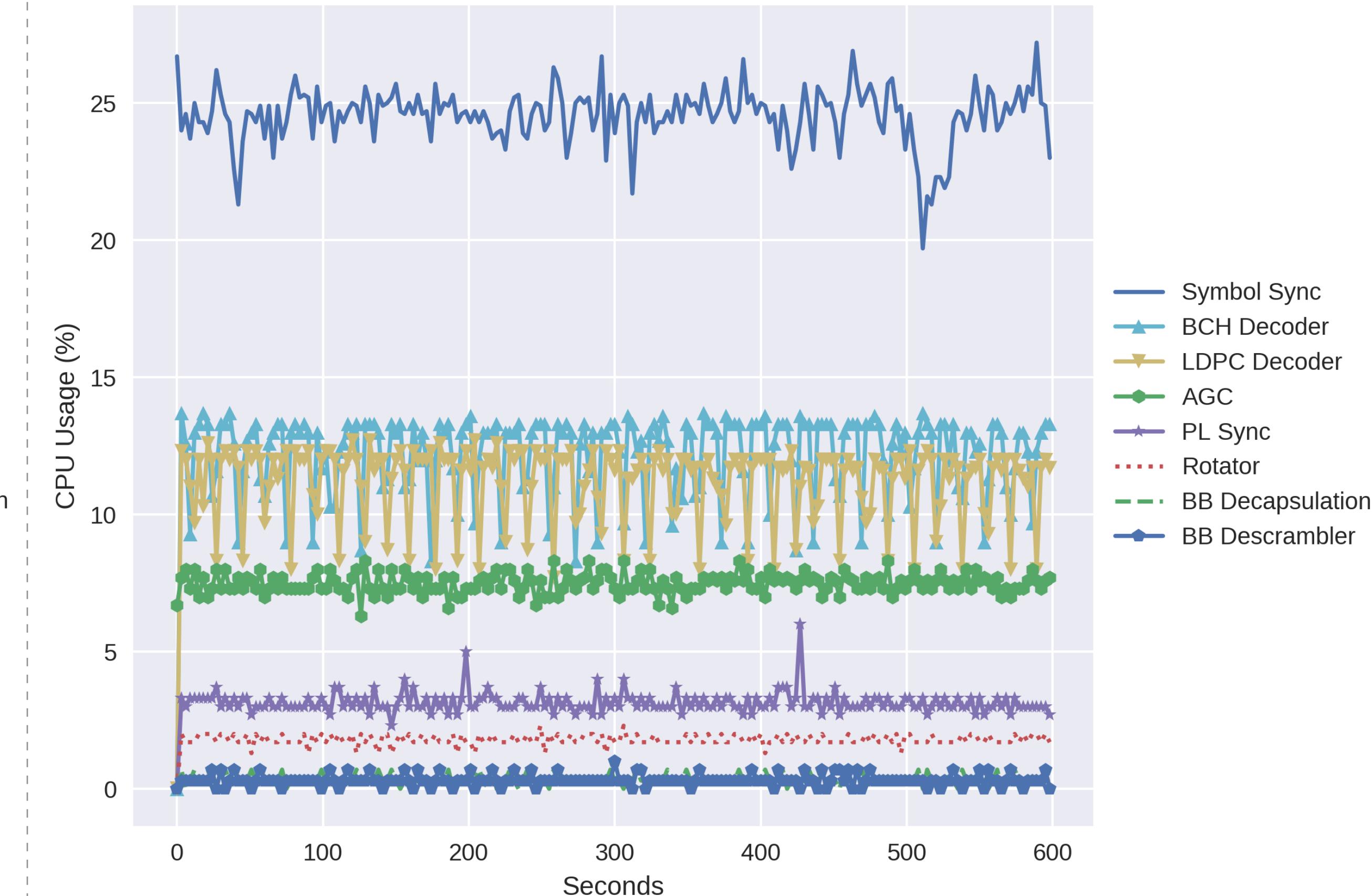
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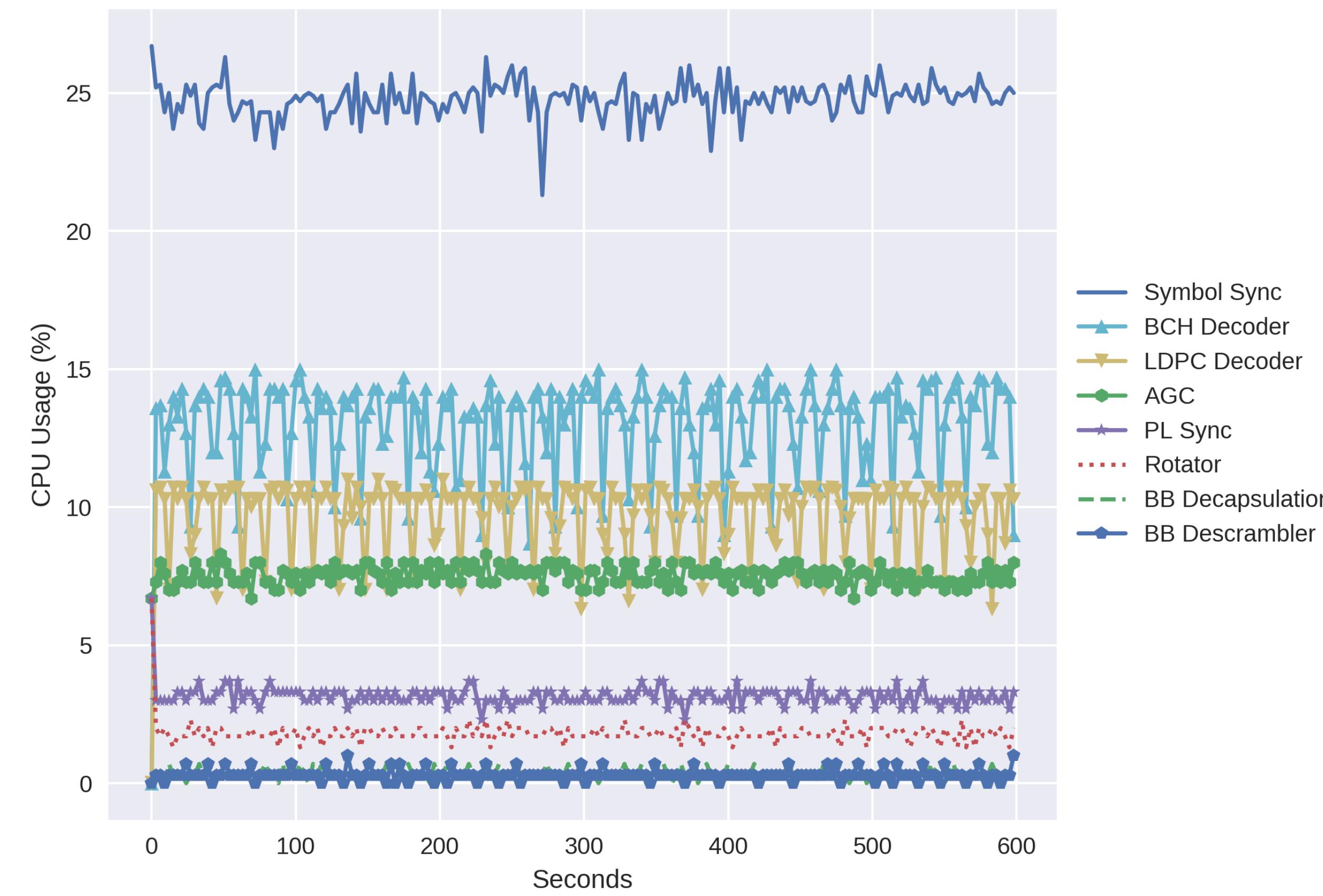
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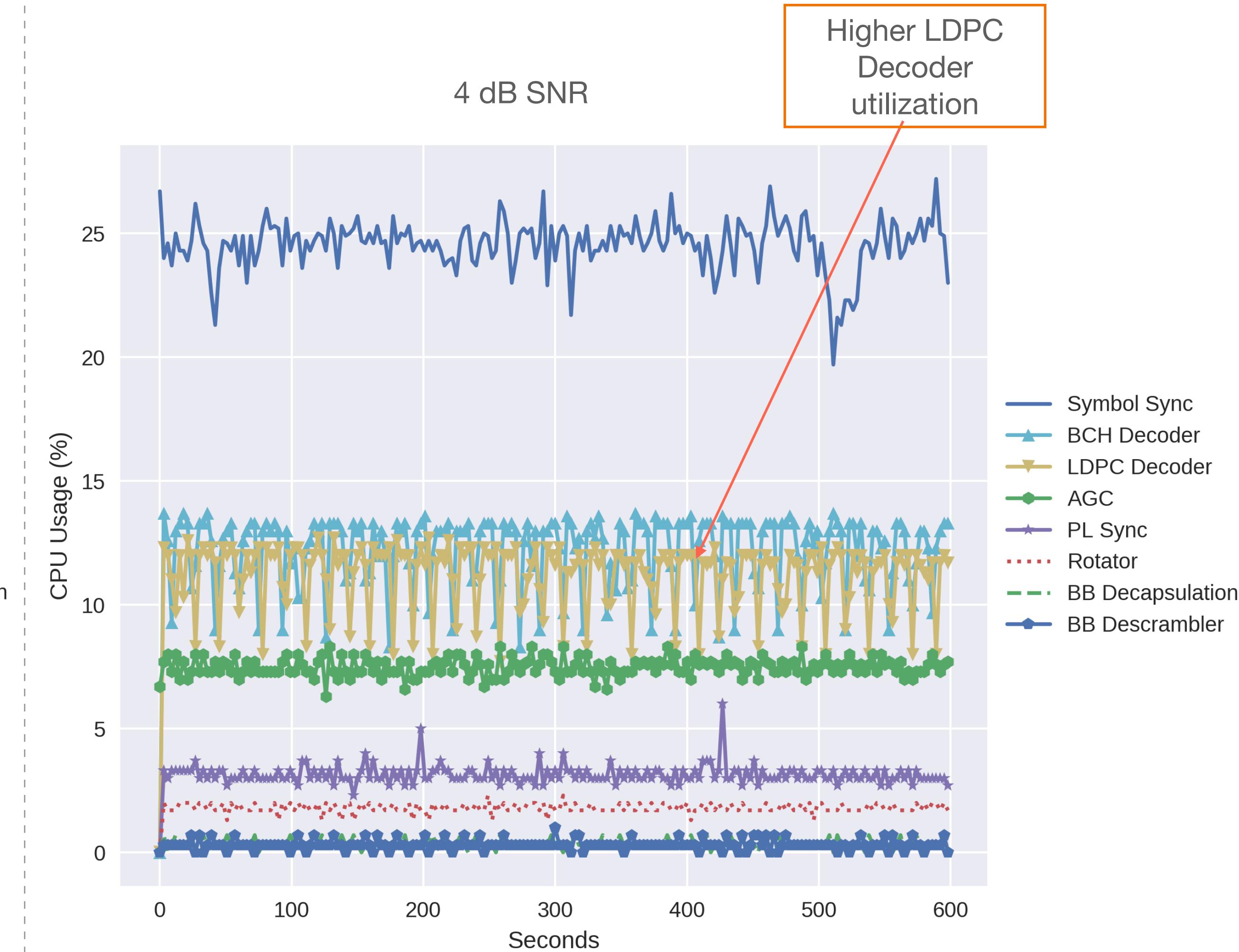
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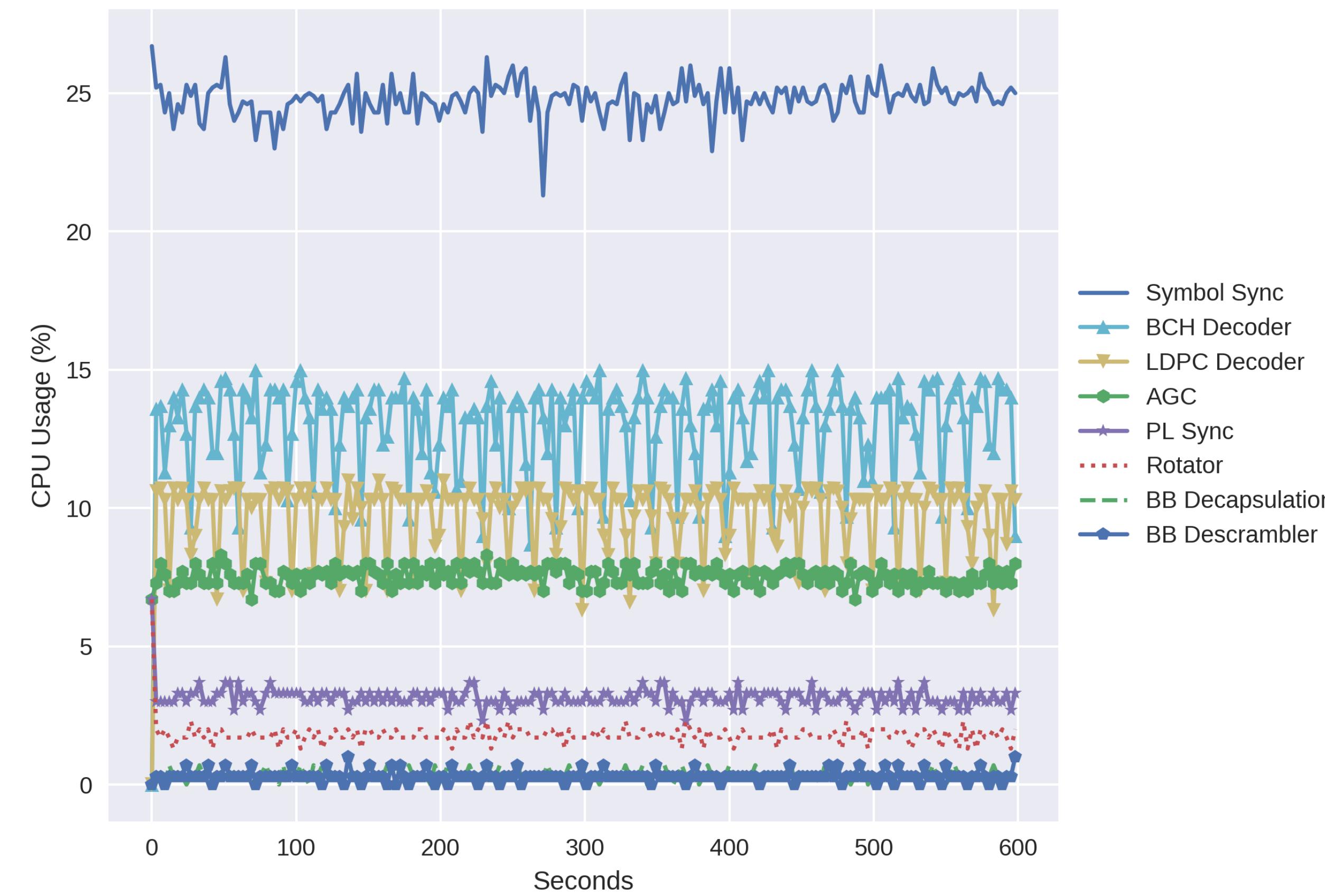


Higher LDPC Decoder utilization

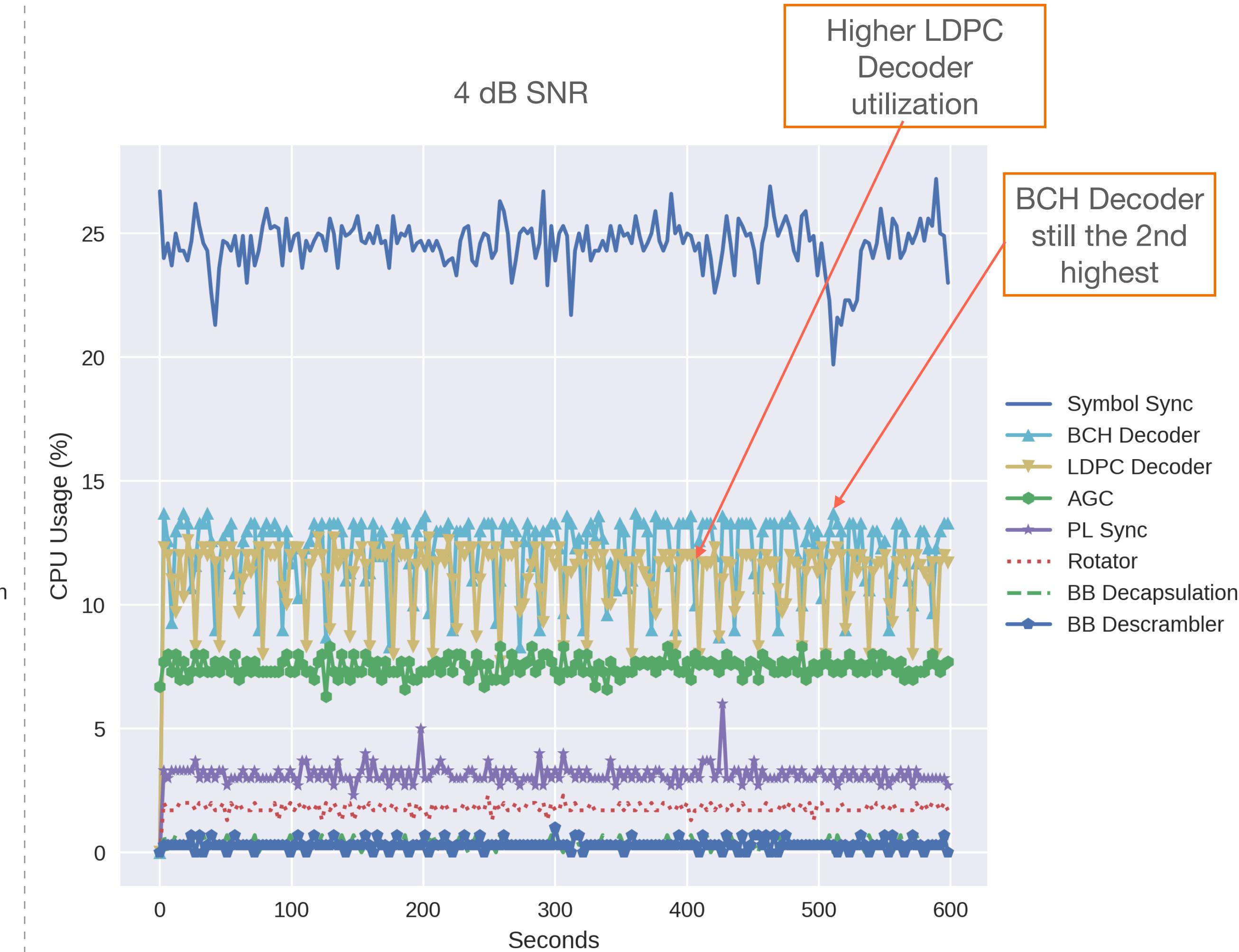
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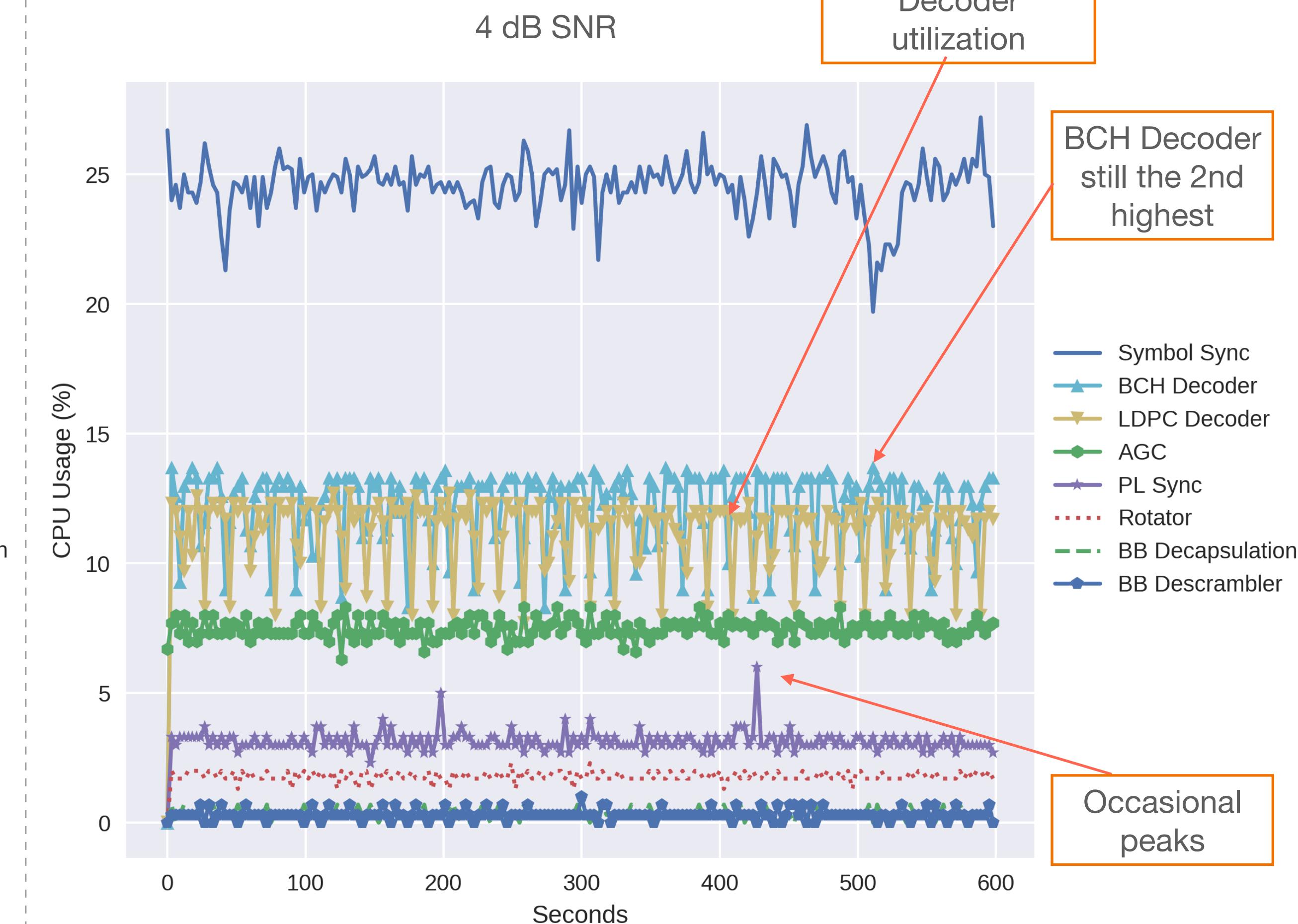


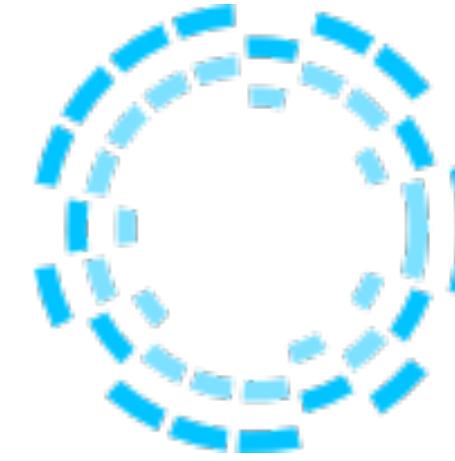
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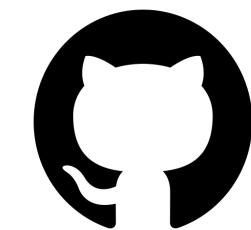




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