Interlacing and HD for DATV Express

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GB3ZZ the Bristol Digital Amateur Television Repeater



- Run by Severnside Television Group
- ▶ 23cm 1.3 GHz output
- ► DVB-S 4 MS/s
- ► Two channel MUX
- ▶ Widescreen 16:9
- ▶ 23cm and 70cm inputs
- ► HD-compatible inputs



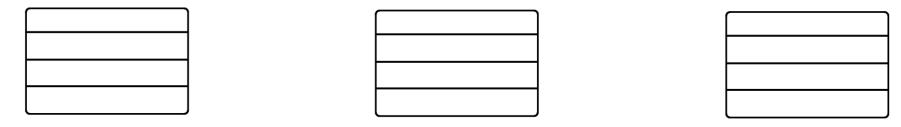
What do I need to receive GB3ZZ on 1.3GHz



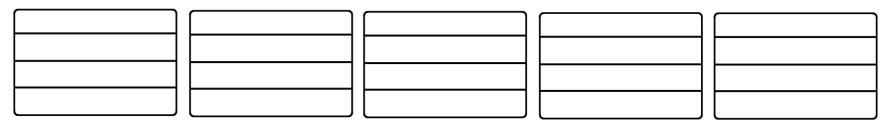


INTERLACING: 1930s Lossy video compression technology

25 Hz progressive scan (25P)



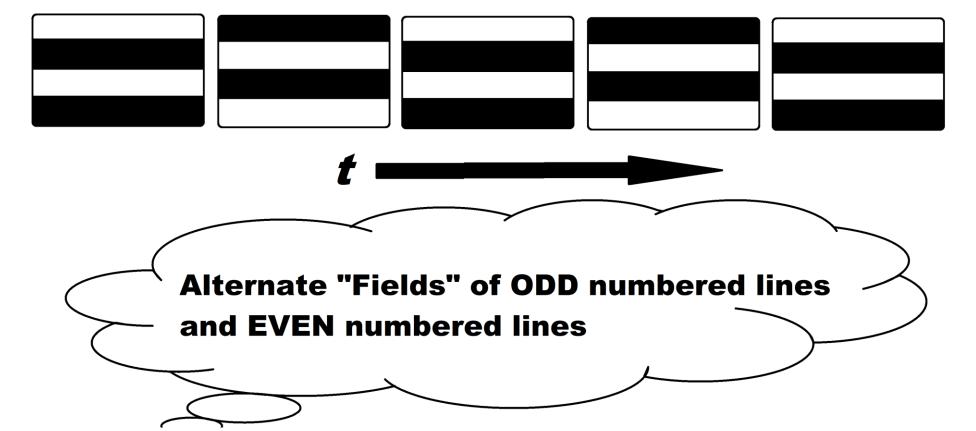
50 Hz progressive scan (50P)





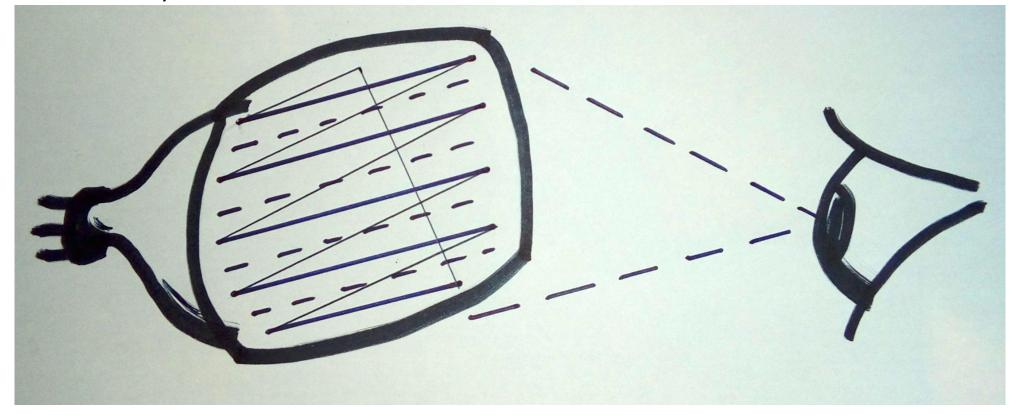
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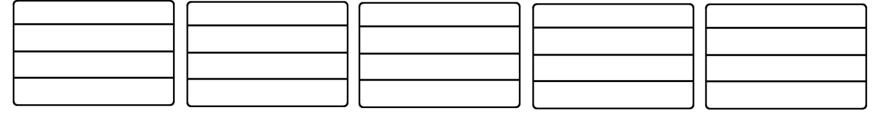
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Cathode Ray Tube: Your retina is the FRAMESTORE!

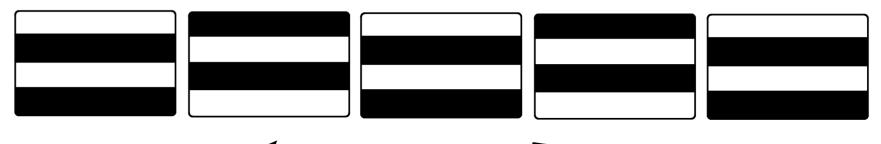


INTERLACING TODAY: Producing interlaced video - discard

50 Hz progressive scan (50P) - From image sensor



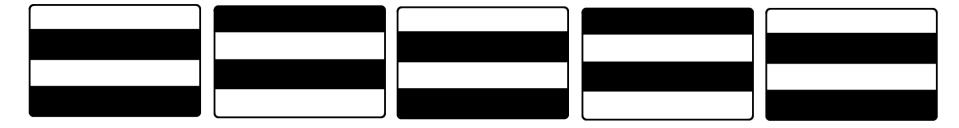
50 Hz interlaced scan (50i) - Transmitted



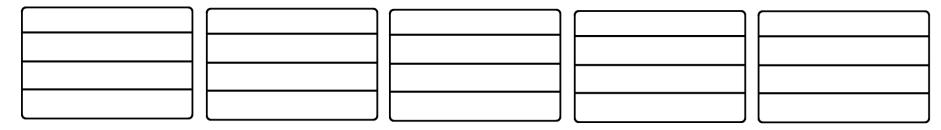
INTERLACING TODAY:

De-interlacing at the receiver - interpolate

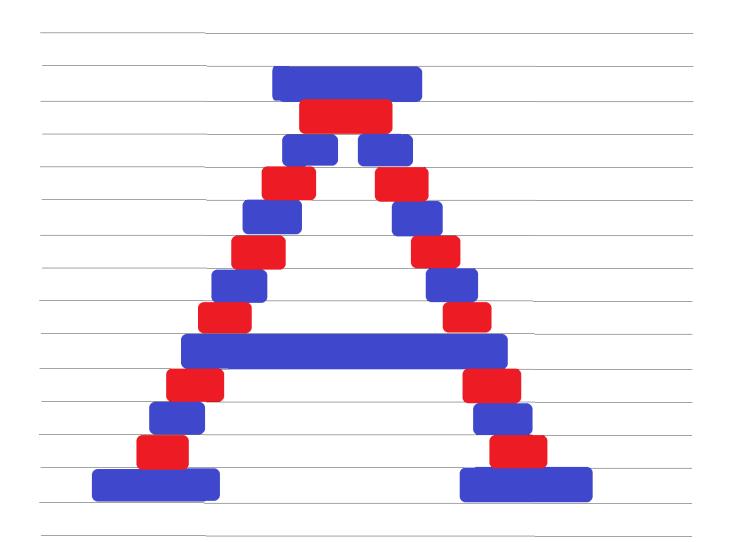
50 Hz interlaced scan (50i) - Received



50 Hz progressive scan (50P) - Goes to Display







INTERLACING TODAY:

Intelligent, motion adaptive De-interlacing algorithm re-constructs missing picture information

INTERLACING
TODAY:

Digital SD and 1080i HD broadcasts still use interlacing

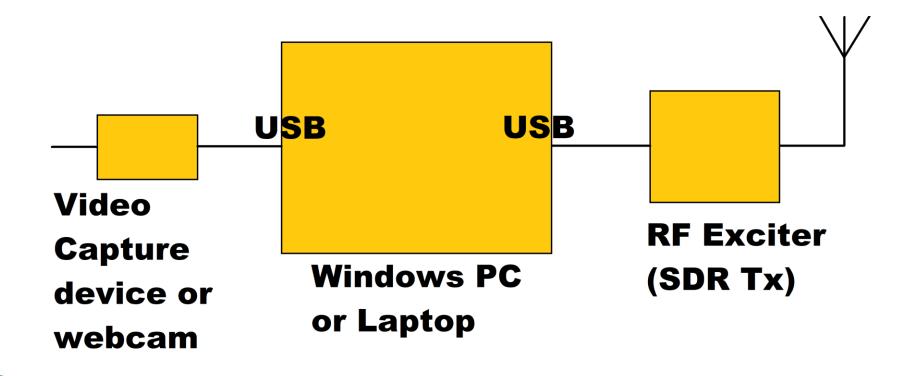
SD & HD Broadcast TV

- ► Commonly used picture resolutions
- ► 576i (SD) = 625 line interlaced
- ▶720p 50Hz
- ▶ 1080i 25Hz interlaced
- ▶ 1080p 25Hz progressive (film)
- ▶ 1080p 50Hz not well supported

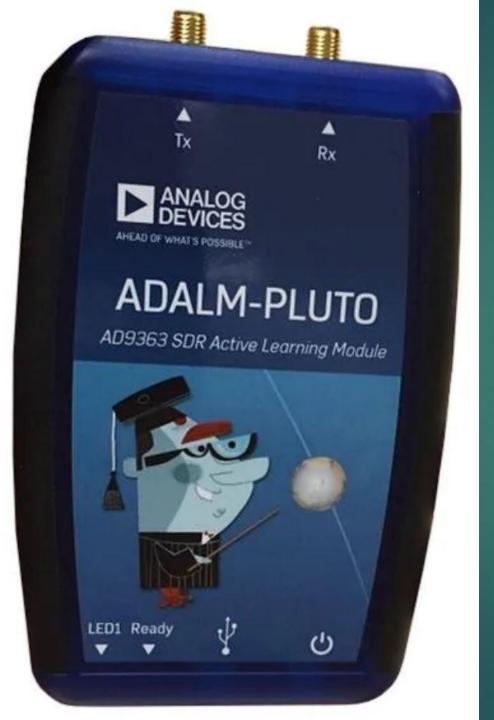
Getting on the air with Digital Amateur Television (DATV)

► SOFTWARE

- ►BATC Portsdown for Raspberry Pi
- ► DATV Express for Windows PC covered in this talk

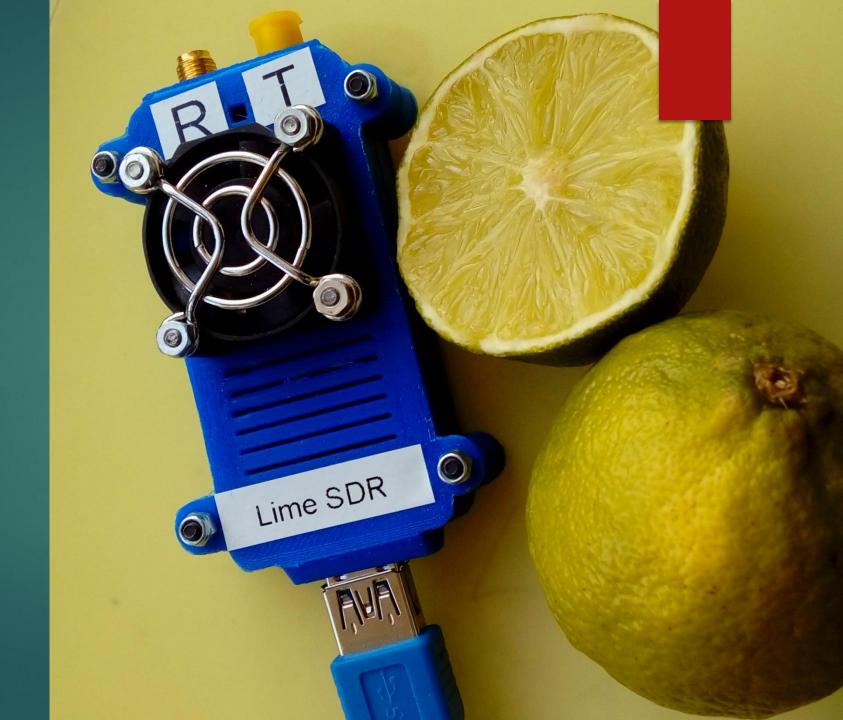


HARDWARE you'll need to get on air with free DATV Express Software



RF Exciters: PLUTO

RF Exciters: Lime SDR mini



Digital Capture SD

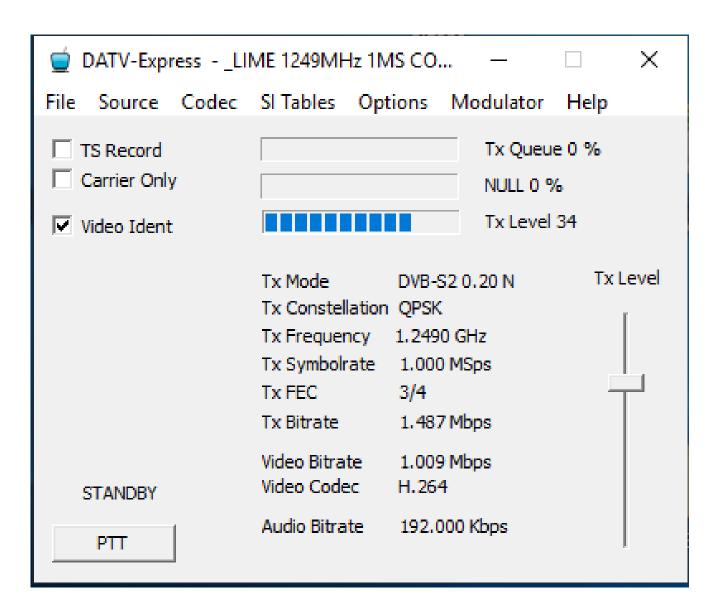
Fushicai
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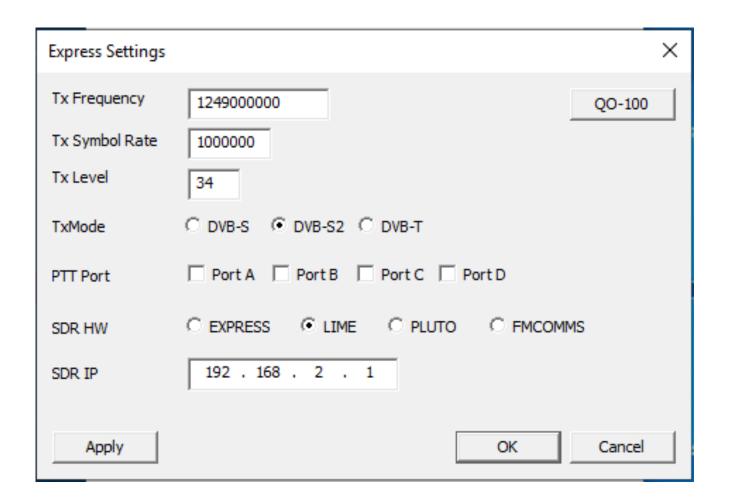
Digital Capture HD

Elgato HD60 **S** HDMI to USB3.0



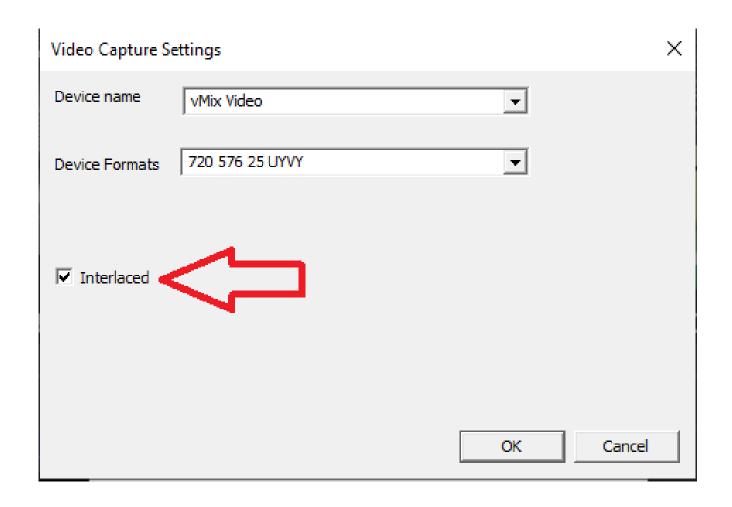


DATV Express



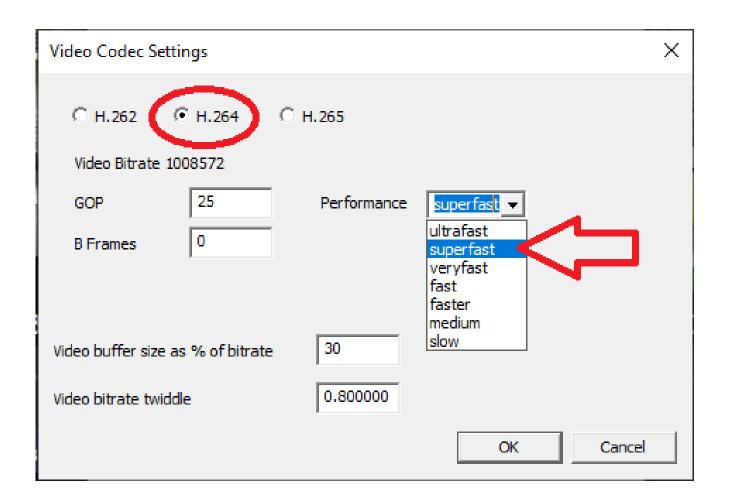
DATV Express:

Supported RF exciters



DATV Express:

Video capture setting



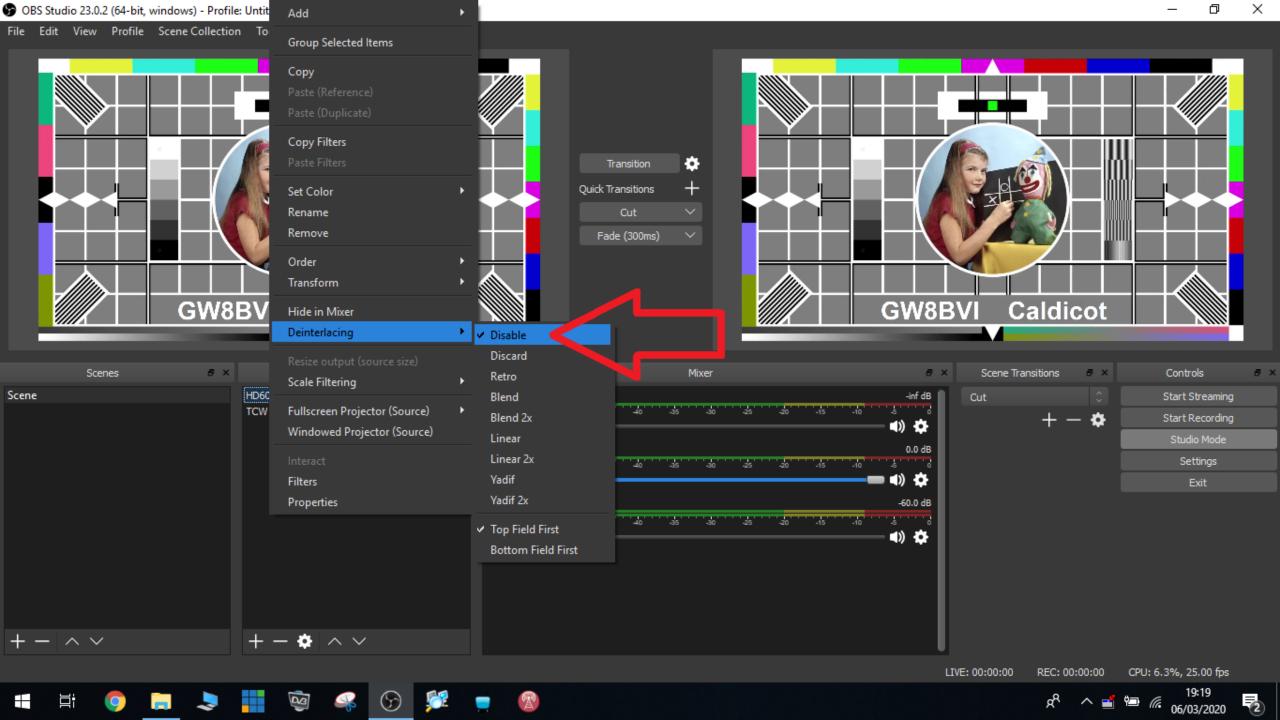
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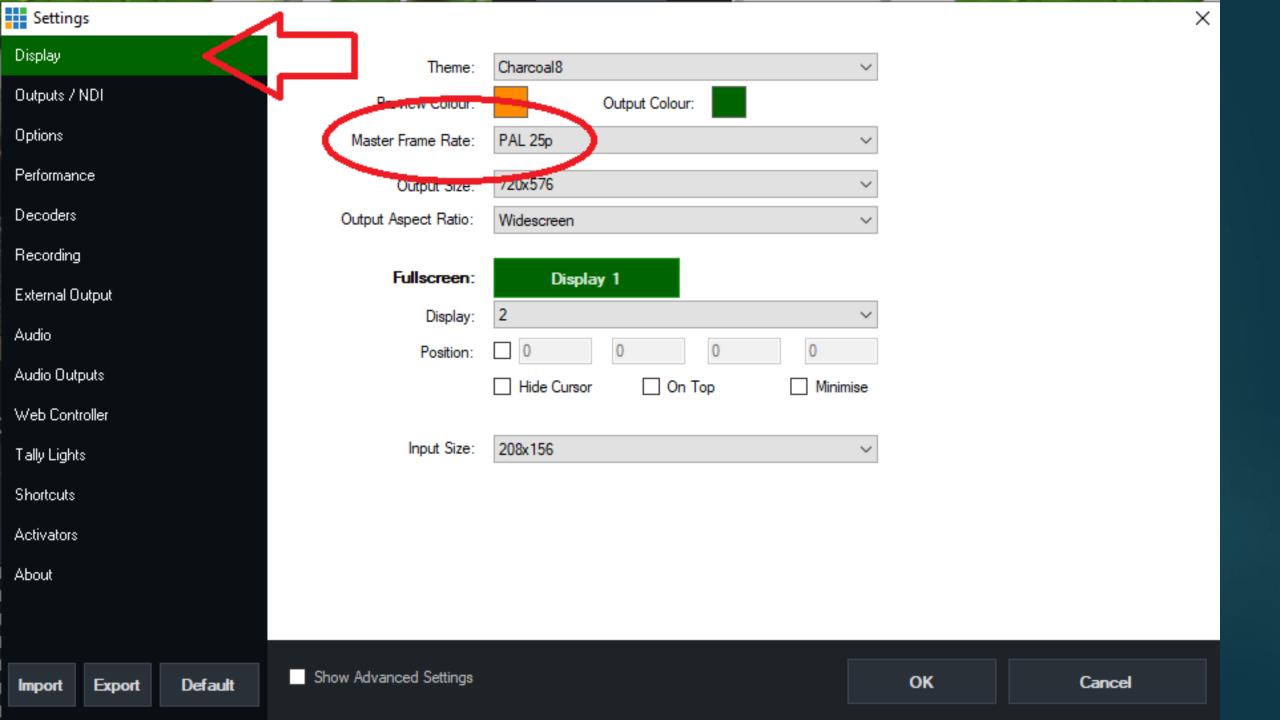
H.264
Codec
setting

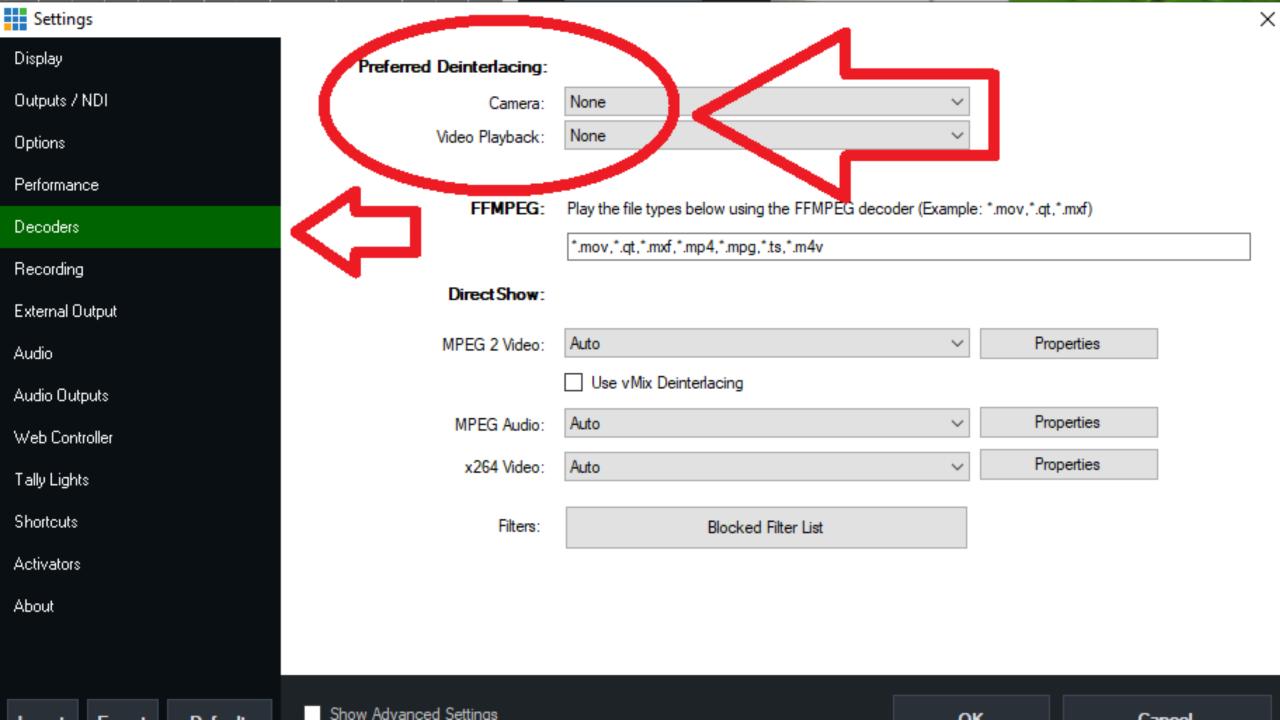
Video Mixer companion apps to DATV Express

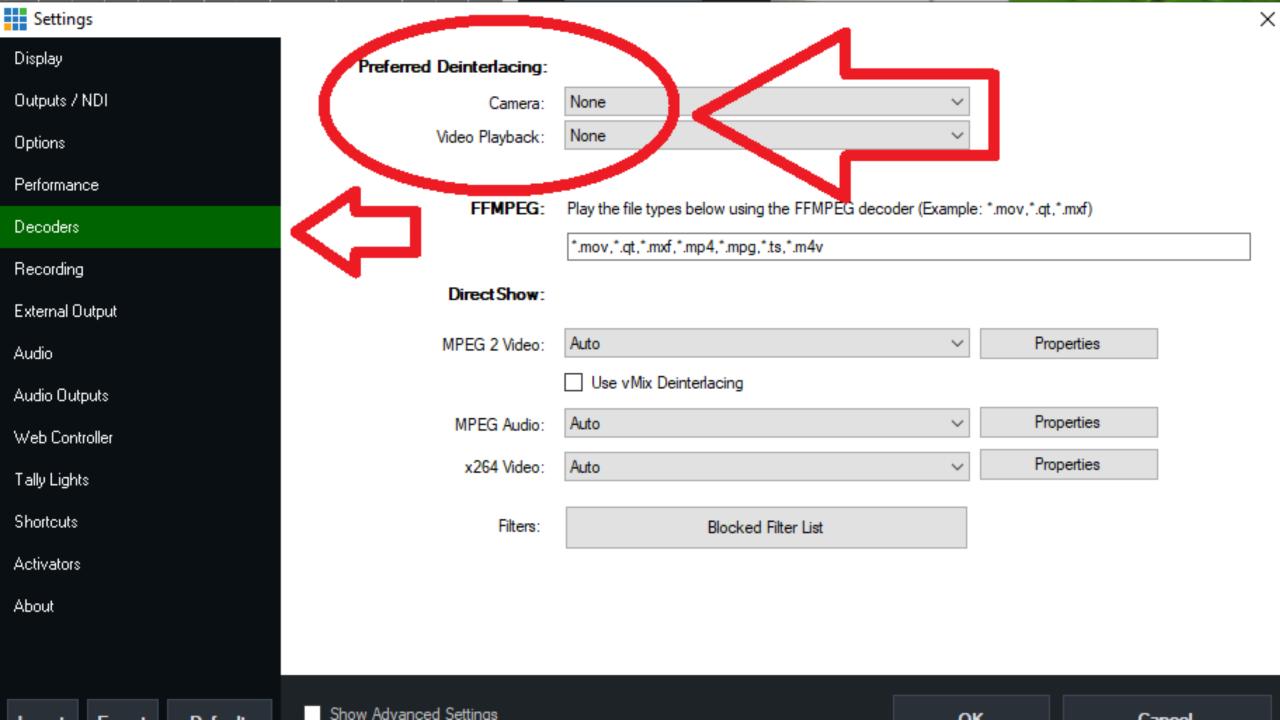
An entire broadcast studio on your PC

- Vmix (free SD, paid HD)
- OBS (free, including HD)









INTERLACING: FIELD ORDER

Top Field First (tff)

Bottom Field First (bff)

INTERLACING: WRONG FIELD ORDER... what does it look like?

Extreme motion judder

But stationary objects look OK

Pairs of fields are being displayed swapped in time sequence

Extreme motion judder?? Fix that wrong field order!!

