

Drifter Hive Systems Anomalies

Descriptive Report

Overview

Five shattered wormhole systems have been identified as stabilized by Drifters. All five systems contain a Hive Complex¹ and five stable artificial cosmic anomalies. The following report details the features of those twenty-five cosmic anomalies.

Several sites resemble each other remarkably though it is hard to see valid relationships. The following table gives an overview:

Redoubt	Ship Graveyard	Caged Wormhole	Spacial Rift Generator	Sleeper Enclave	Hollow Asteroid
Sentinel	Monolith	Wormhole in Rock Circle	Opposing Spatial Rifts	Sleeper Enclave Debris	Crystal Resource
Barbican	Wrecked Ships	Unstable Wormhole	Spatial Rift	Heavily Guarded Spatial Rift	Crystals
Vidette	Ship Graveyard	Sleeper Engineering Station	Spatial Rift	Sleeper Enclace in Coral Rock	Crystals and Stone Circle
Conflux	Monolith	Caged Wormhole	Rock Formation and Wormhole	Particle Acceleration Array	Guarded Asteroid Station

Currently, none of the 25 sites have a stationary *active* defence. Drifter patrols regularly visit the sites and usually engage explorers.

Video Footage

Video footage has been taken by explorers from all sites. They are ready for review under following links:



¹ See report "Drifter Hive Complexes" by Xindi Kraid for more details on this topic.

Report on artificial anomalies in 'Redoubt'

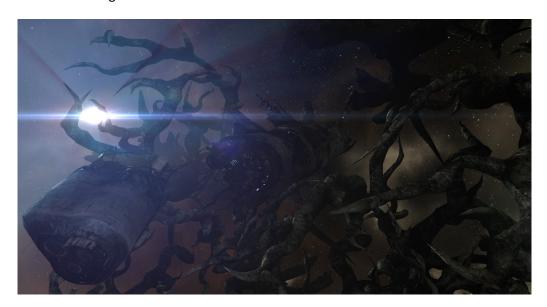
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While attention rests heavily on the central 'redoubt' site of J174618, comrade Jaret Victorian and I took some time to investigate the few other unique features of this system. Some minor details are compiled elsewhere. I would like to focus on the cosmic anomalies which seem to be constantly present in this system.

System: J174618 Codename: Redoubt Access via R259

Site 1: 'Ship Graveyard'

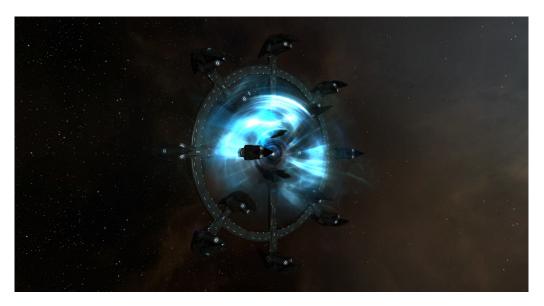
A coral rock formation, containing several ghost ships. We could not specify any details of their origins.



Site 2: 'Caged Wormhole'

This site is remarkable. It contains a violent wormhole, framed by 16 thermoelectric converters. The solid frame seems to cage the wormhole. Is it an experiment? An alayzation? Or the way how violent wormholes are created? Whatever it is, the structure appears to be fully operational and intentionally placed. A close observation

shows a unique green star cloud on the far side of the wormhole, usually attributed to the Thera region.





This violent wormhole shows the same specifics as violent wormholes at epicenter sites in other shattered systems.

Site 3: 'Spacial rift generator'

This site shows two spacial rifts, usually thought to be created by Talocan stargates. The rifts are located close to each other and are framed by four partical acceleration

superstructures each. Dangerously close, a Sleeper Engineering Unit is placed. The whole arrangement suggests advanced spacial experiments. It should be noted that, normally, those rifts are deadly and impossible to use. But the Redoubt site in J174618 contains permeable spacial rifts. Are we witnessing here how Drifter or Sleeper are creating and programming spatial rifts?



Site 4: Sleeper Enclave

A single Sleeper Enclave resides here, cloaked in blue dust. I could find nothing else special about it.



Site 5: Hollow Asteroid with Mysterious Probe

This site contains a hollow asteroid, modified with an asteroid station. A Sleeper Engineering Station is located beneath. Between the station and the asteroid there is a single, dormant probe, identified as 'Mysterious Probe'. Analysis shows that it is of unknown origin and material. It seems to be inactive, except a regular orange flashlight.





Report on anomalies in 'Sentinel'

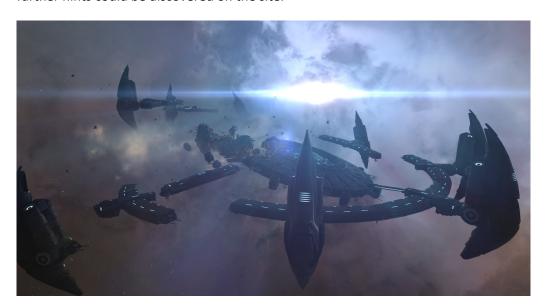
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As time continues, so do the efforts to explore the newly exposed drifter-stabilized wormhole systems. Given the strange anomalies located in 'Redoubt', we decided to spend some efforts on 'Sentinel' anomalies as well. Both systems are not easy to access and naturally rather dangerous to explore. So, hopefully, the following brief report will describe the basic anomaly features to those who do not have time or possibilities to go and see for themselves.

First pictures on Sentinel anomalies were provided by Dr. Frenjo Borkstar on the <u>2nd of June</u>. We had the chance to enter 'Sentinel' during 6th and 7th of June. It follows a brief description of the five anomalies encountered there. Hopefully, some of you will come across more peaces of the great riddle they currently present.

Site 1: Sleeper Enclave Debris

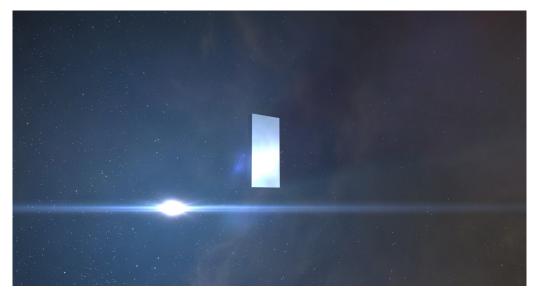
Suspiciously unremarkable, this anomaly is made up by a single, devastated Sleeper Enclave. There is nothing else to report. The damage to the structure is severe. No further hints could be discovered on the site.



System: J055520 Codename: Sentinel Access via S877

Site 2: Monolith and Mysterious Probe

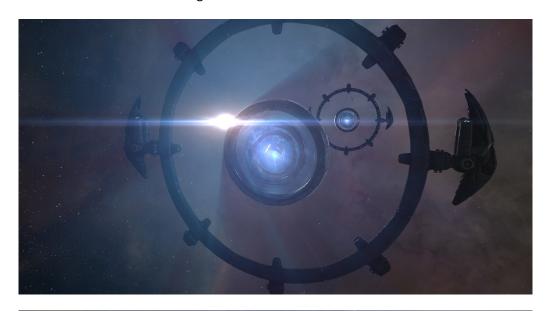
Just like in the 'Redoubt' system (J174618), there is a site with a small mysterious probe which adds a startling accentuation. The black monoliths are well known to explorers across New Eden. This anomaly site consists only of one such monolith, and a diminutive mysterious probe, floating directly in front of the huge monolith. The probe seems to be dormant, just like in 'Redoubt'.





Site 3: Opposing Spatial Rifts

Similar to 'Redoubt', this anomaly is focusing on Spatial Rift phenomena. Two artificial Spatial Rifts are located in the center of two particle acceleration superstructures. Both structures are aligned and opposed to each other. Pictures from Dr. Borkstar showed drifter vessels crossing in between.





Site 4: Violent Wormhole Rock Circle

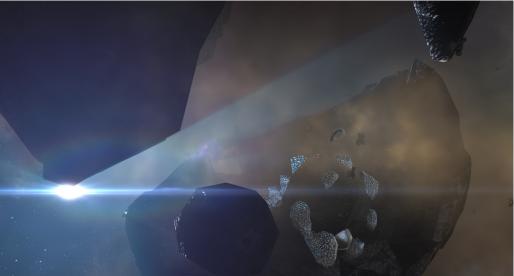
Not the best label, I suppose, but as descriptive as possible. Site 4 is dominated by one violent wormhole. Again, this corresponds to the 'Redoubt' anomalies. But in this case, the violent wormhole is not caged in a technological superstructure but in the center of a crude stone circle. The whole arrangement reminds me of relic sites found throughout New Eden. Though religious association is tempting, we are best advised to abstain and just except it as it is: a violent wormhole surrounded by rocks. Most remarkable detail: there is something placed in the center of this wormhole that I have never seen before. A glowing rock formation, propably. It could first be seen on a still from Dr. Borkstar in the 2nd of June. Following pictures are from 7th of June. The site revealed no further hints on what this strange rock formation may be.



Site 5: Unknown Crystal Resource

Last but not least, site 5 shows two broken asteroids, revealing unknown crystal resources. One asteroid contains blue, the other one orange crystal structures. Closeups speak for themselves. I strongly suggest a dedicated exploration mission, lead by seasoned prospectors. Maybe those crystal rocks are known from other parts of New Eden?





The color of both crystal formations match the color of the stelar phenomena in the background. This was intentionally done by me choosing the camera vector. But the color of the crystals is not the result of different light color from the stelar phenomena. The material itself is colored. Anyway, that blue and orange match the color of the Wolf Rayet system may be a coincidence.

Report on Unknwon Anomalies in 'Barbican'

Date: 09/06/YC117

System: J110145 Codename: Barbican Access via B735 Luckily I found "Barbican" right when we all got in those new systems, study was made 02/06/YC117 and 03/06/YC117. Less luckily I had to stay in for some days and so I decided to investigate the anomalies (as did Haria Haritimado in the previous report) while I couldn't do more with the principal site itself, blocked because of the gates.

Site 1: Wrecked Ships

The site is made of an Hollow Asteroid (same as in some places in Empire) and of two ships wrecks.





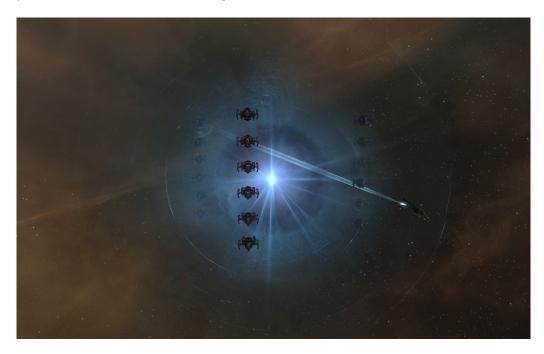
Site 2: Spatial Rift

This site is similar to some others reported as we find some kind of wormhole identified by computers as a spatial rift and it is also surrounded by Rocks. The Rift is emiting radiations. The Rock Formation around the Rift are similar to others around New Eden. Further studies need to be made to understand all that better.



Site 3: Heavily Guarded Spatial Rift

Again we see a "Spatial Rift" with the same radiations (need more studies) as the previous one, difference is here that it is a heavily guarded site. All around the "wormhole" you can see 24 sentries. They were apparently inactive at the time but I didn't try to go further on their study as danger might have been very high for my frigate. This must be an important one to have so many sentries. You'll also remark on the pictures that a Drifter was scanning the sentries.



Site 4: Probe and Crystal

Here we find an old probe, completely different from known ones, near a Broken Orange Crystal Asteroid. I had no equipment that could have permitted me to analyze the Crystal or the probe. Maybe that we could retrieve the probe for further analizes? Maybe taking some Crystal samples would help to get better understanding about its composition? Further studies could give us more informations.





Site 5: Unstable Wormhole

The last site is a special phenomenon. This is identified (or at least the best approximation that my computer could give) as an Unstable Wormhole and it has 2 Sleepers structures near it. This wormhole is different from the other Spatial Rifts as it isn't

emiting radiations. It's also different from the usual wormholes we meet as it seems to not be natural according to the readings.

I tried to go through it but nothing happened. (note that i did it with a circadian seeker near and it didn't react and it warped out. New or same one came right after and engaged me while trying to use the wormhole and while trying to interact with the structures. A lock was made on a structure and the wormhole so maybe that's why it engaged me and of course i had to warp out).



Around it you can see frequently seen now 2 Sleepers structures. When looking closer you can see 2 others that are connected to the first ones that I'll call "box". Need further analizes. Two of the sites are remarkable as one is guarded and the other is a seemingly new wormhole, in a way "locked". Further studies are needed of course to give us a better understanding.

Report on anomalies in 'Vidette'

Date: 06/15/YC117

System: J164710 Codename: Vidette Access via V928 Due to Mr. Elendil's thankworthy contribution of a report on 'Barbican's' anomalies we are now proceeding with the fourth drifter-stabilized system. Its central beacon is labeled 'Vidette' and fits well in line with the other three staging systems, 'Barbican', 'Sentinel', 'Redoubt'. A fifth system, labeled 'Conflux', has been explored as well. A proper investigation of Conflux's cosmic anomalies still has to be conducted.

The five anomalies in the 'Vidette' system show similar features, comparable to the other three systems yet explored. Anyway, conclusions are still very problematic. I will make some suggestions elsewhere.

Site 1: Broken Crystal, Stone Circle and Mysterious Probe

As on site 5 in 'Sentinel' this anomaly presents a crystal resource unknown to me. But unlike 'Sentinel' site 5, the broken orange crystal formation is placed in the center of an artificial stone circle. Remarkable features are the remains of an asteroid, seemingly cracked open like in 'Sentinel'. This asteroid contains remnants of orange crystal. A second asteroid stands out by its red color. Both seem to have been shattered and fragmented by considerable force. As mysterious dormant probe and an unknown ship wreck are present between the debris as well.





One more thing should be pointed out on the next picture. Please behold the orange glowing, fractured surface in the left part of the image below. It appears to be concentric, with a color gradient from dull yellow to reddish orange. This color phenomenon was pulsing in an constant interval of approximately four seconds. This debris still seems to be active on a visible wavelength. Is something embedded within?



Site 2: Sleeper Enclave in Coral Rock

This site contains a single Sleeper Enclave with Thermal Converters. The structure is 'entangled' in a coral rock formation. Remarkable is the strong red dust cloud which engulfs the whole site. Chemical composition unknown.



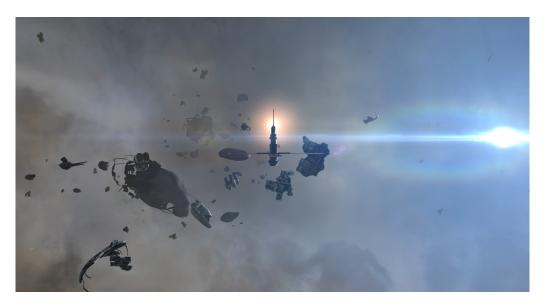
Site 3: Sleeper Engineering Station

A symetric Sleeper Enclave structure rests silently in space. As strange as those structures are, they are well known to those who travel the regions of space formerly or presently occupied by Sleepers. This structure's unique feature is a blue dust, cloaking the central segment.



Site 4: Ship Graveyard and Mysterious Probe

The fourth site is hard to capture in single images. It is a greyish dust cloud with an abundance of small and medium sized debris and wreck parts. I label it 'ship grave-yard', but I am not totally pleased with it. Some wreck parts clearly suggest the destruction of space ships. But wether larger structures were destroyed as well, wether the site was salvaged long ago or not, is unknown. In the middle of this tight dust cloud, another Mysterious Probe is floating.



Site 5: Spatial Rift

Sleeper Thermoelectric Converters and Engineering Stations are strangely grouped around an artificial spatial rift. Those rifts are a regular phenomenon throughout all drifter-stabilized shattered wormholes so far. Another testing facility? Another structure for the creation of spatial rifts? Are the engineering stations exploiting the spatial rift in some way, or just stabilizing?



Report on anomalies in 'Conflux'

Date: 06/15/YC117

With this report, the description of the known 'drifter stabilized' wormholes and their cosmic anomalies is brought to a tentative conclusion. It should be stressed that the five reports were descriptive in nature. Their aim was to spread the knowledge among capsuleers and - hopefully - to support subsequent work on and interpretations of the anomalies. Most important seems to me the question if those anomalies really show some unique features or if similar things can be seen elsewhere in New Eden. But first the results from 'Conflux':

System: J200727 Codename: Conflux Access via C414

Site 1: Particle Acceleration Array

Six Sleeper Engineering Stations are grouped around a chain of 30 aligned Particle Accelerator Superstructures. The huge and impressive formation seems to be active and inactive at the same time. The superstructures are still rotating but scanner results suggest that there is lack of power or some other kind of defect. There was no sign of additional structures or objects on site; neither probes nor thermal converters or linking structures.



Site 2: Guarded Asteroid Station with Mysterious Probe

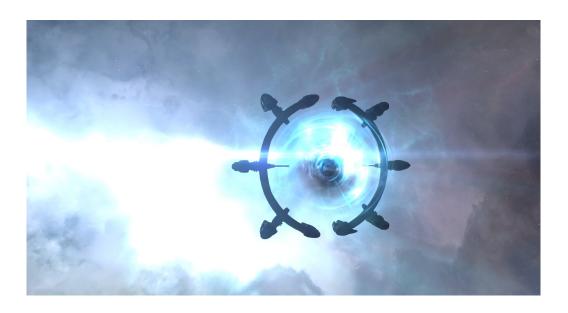
A silvery-white stalagmite towers above a much smaller asteroid station. The station is dark and stained but with a still active power core within. Between both objects is another idle Mysterious Probe placed. Five dormant Sentry Guns are placed around the asteroid station. Everything appears to be inactive and abandoned.





Site 3: Caged Violent Wormhole

Very similar to a site located in 'Redoubt', this place shows a single feature. A violent wormhole is tightly fit into some circular Sleeper structure. I called it 'caged wormhole' earlier. But again, we do not know if this structure is supposed to analyze, control, or even create a wormhole. No further Sleeper facilities are nearby.



Site 4: Conflux Monolith and Mysterious Probe

Very similar to the 'Sentinel' system, this site is dominated by a huge mirroring monolith and a single Mysterious Probe. The Probe is easily missed due to its insignificant profile next to the massive monolith. The site offers no further clues.



Site 5: Rock Formation, Shattered by Violent Wormhole

In simple words: a violent wormhole, next to a Broken Crystal Asteroid (blue) and a ship wreck of unknown origin. The significance of the arrangement might be of much more relevance though. Did the violent wormhole crack the asteroid open and destroy the ship nearby? The impression lasts: it is very unlikely that the close placement

of a violent wormhole, a shipwreck and an alien crystal rock formation did happen by pure chance.



