

Orderflows Inner Circle Weekly Webinar #3

DELTA ANALYSIS

The Best Kept Secret In Order Flow

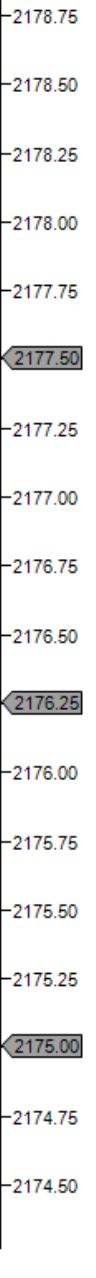
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We all know what delta is in regards to order flow, right?

It's the difference between aggressive buyers and aggressive sellers in a bar.

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Delta	82	1797	-442	1	611	2076	-1358	-1799	-107
Max. Delta	90	1869	486	260	1040	2077	774	431	1196
Min. Delta	91	-520	-573	-846	-754	-1363	-1361	-1799	-109
Cum. Delta	73	10070	9628	9629	10240	12316	10958	9159	9052

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For a trade to occur there has to be a buyer and a seller.

People like to say “The market sold off because there were more sellers than buyers.”

That’s impossible – a trade can’t occur unless there is a buyer and seller trading with each other.

Prices move up when there are more aggressive buyers.

Prices move down when there are more aggressive sellers.

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Not all prices are the same.

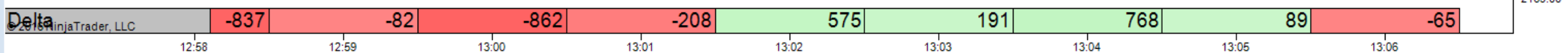
One of the key aspects of delta analysis is not all buyers and sellers are the same. There are retail traders, there are local traders, there are swing traders, there are hedgers, there are market makers, there are macro funds and much more.

What you need to realize is that each trader approaches the market in their own way and with their own analysis. They have their own timeframe for a trade.

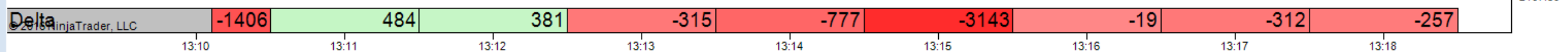
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Delta was instrumental for me when I was trading in markets that wouldn't move very much. Markets that trade in tight ranges over a period of time. By tight range I mean are just bid/offer over a long time period, 10 minutes or 15 minutes.

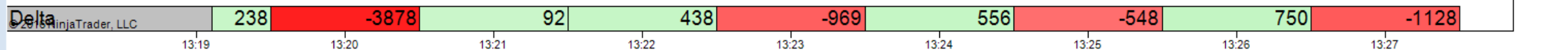
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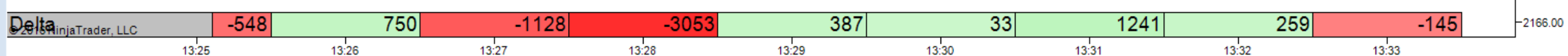
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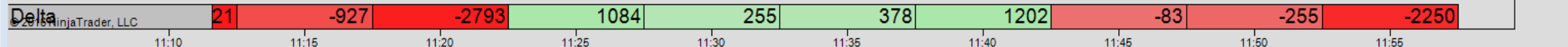
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The biggest mistake is treating each trade the same.

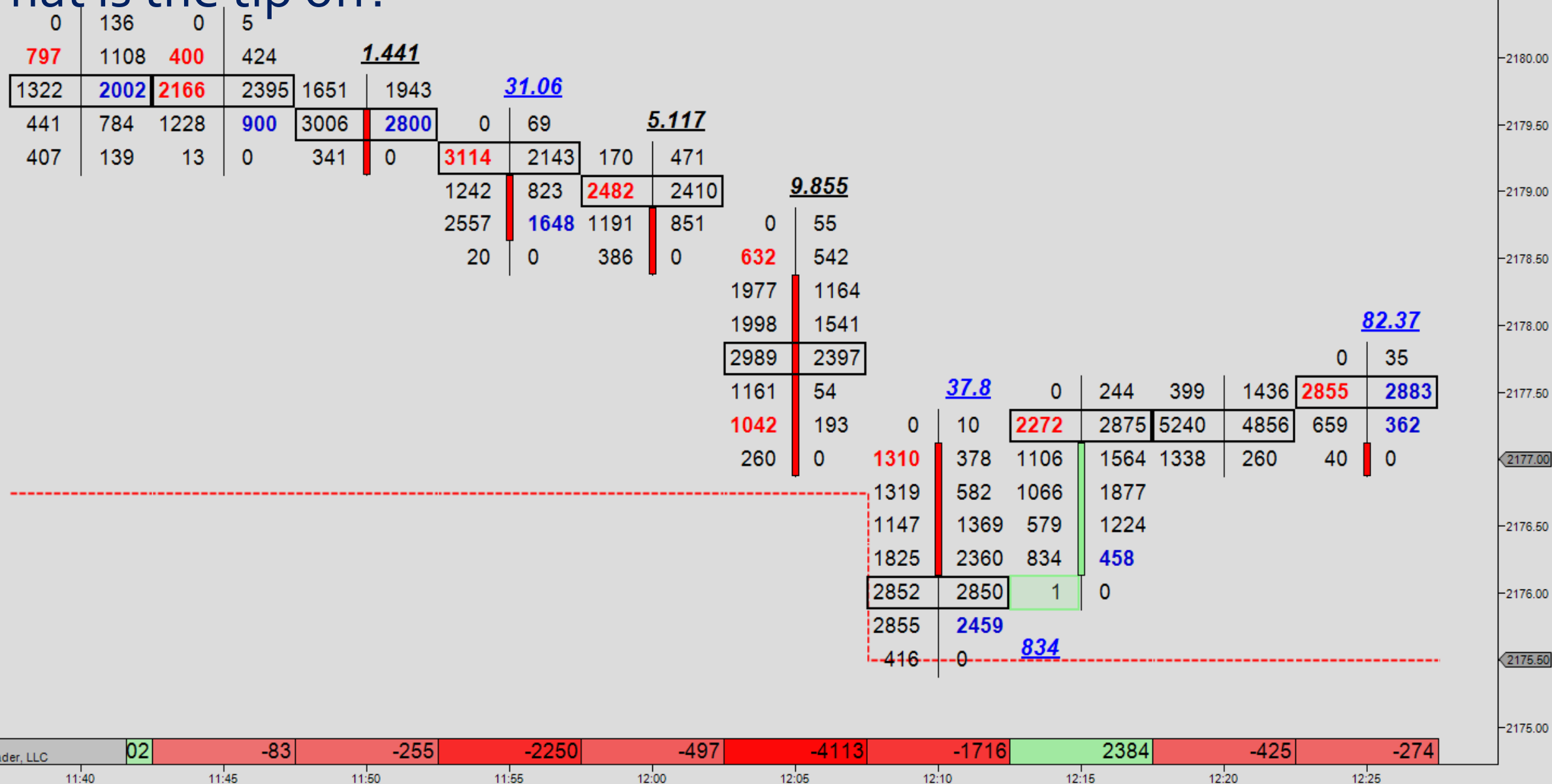
When you look at the market, you see a bid and offer. For a trade to occur, someone has to hit the bid or lift the offer – that is AGGRESSIVE behavior. People refer to this as market orders.

Without aggressive behavior the market will never move. It will just sit there. No one will be trading.

You measure aggressive behavior with DELTA.

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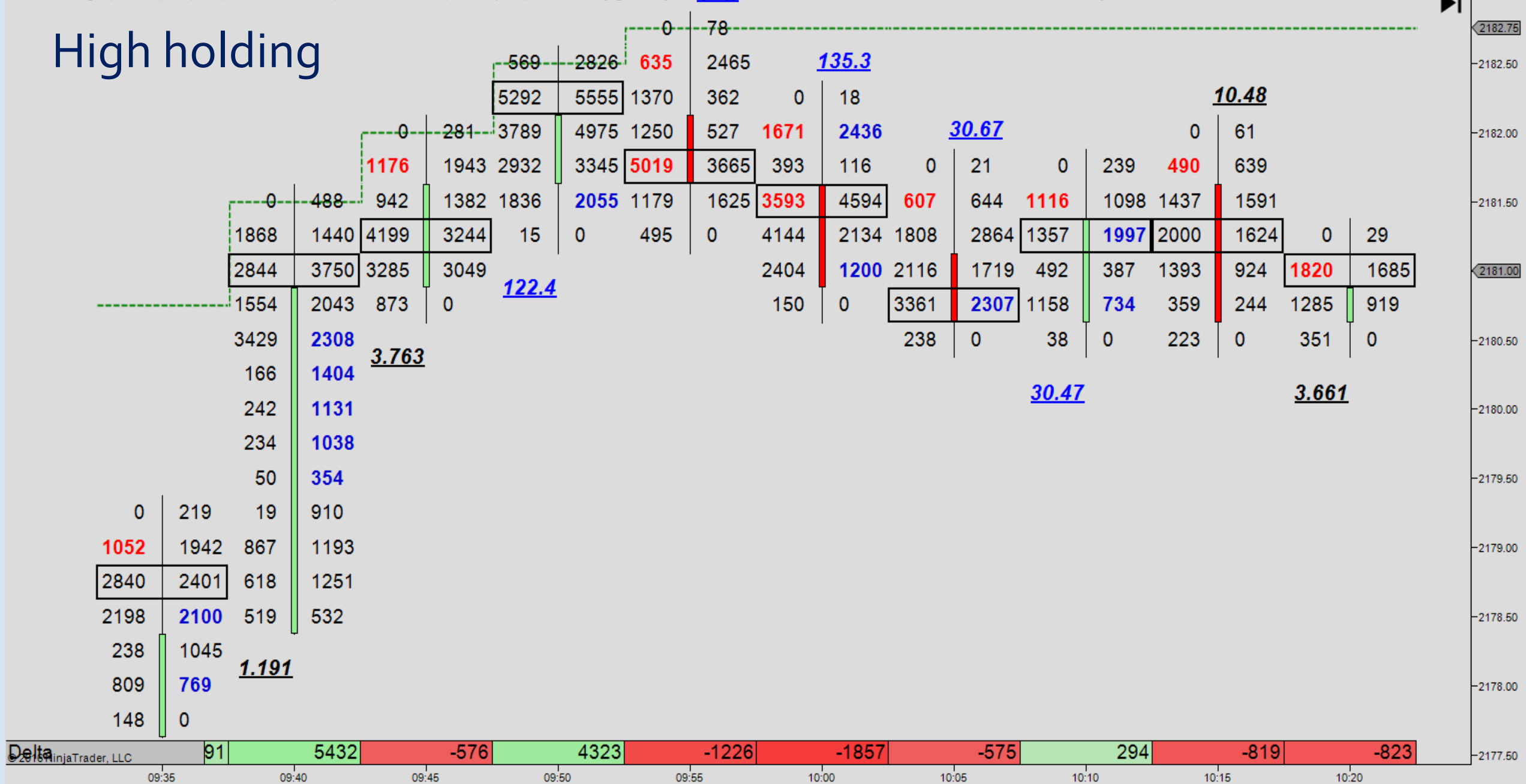
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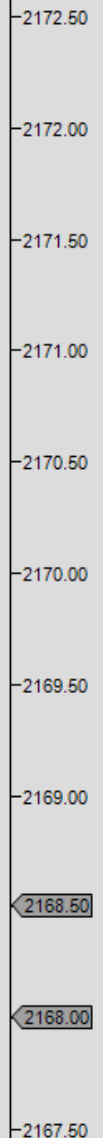


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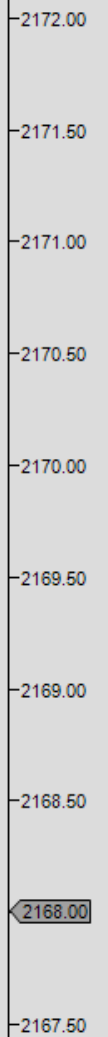


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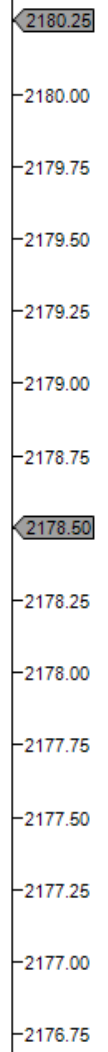




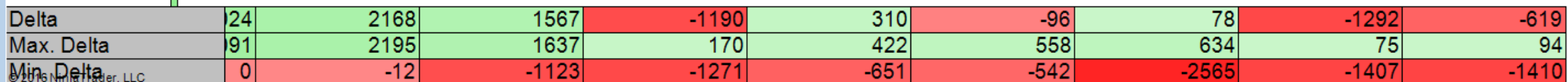
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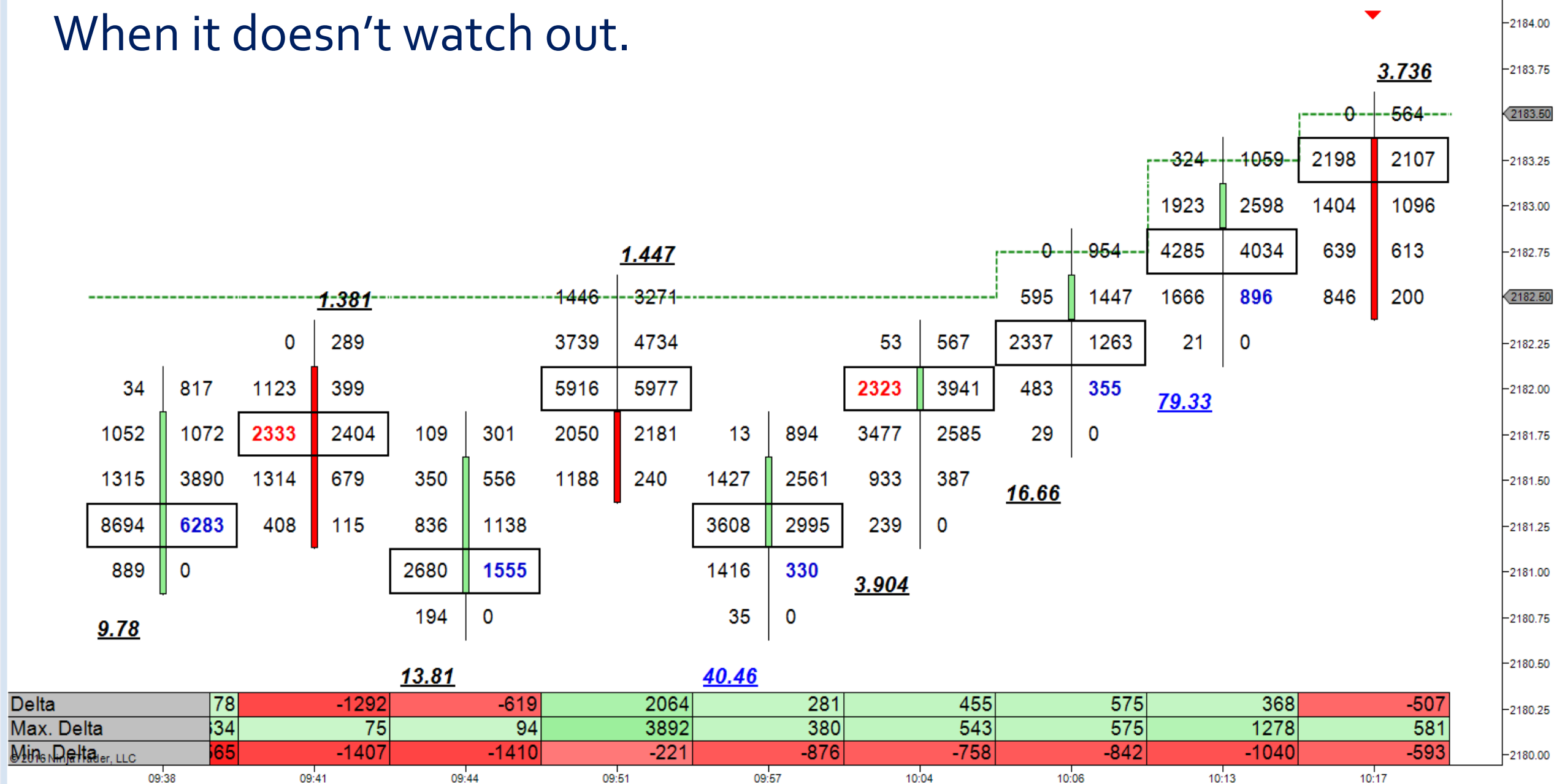
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When it doesn't watch out.



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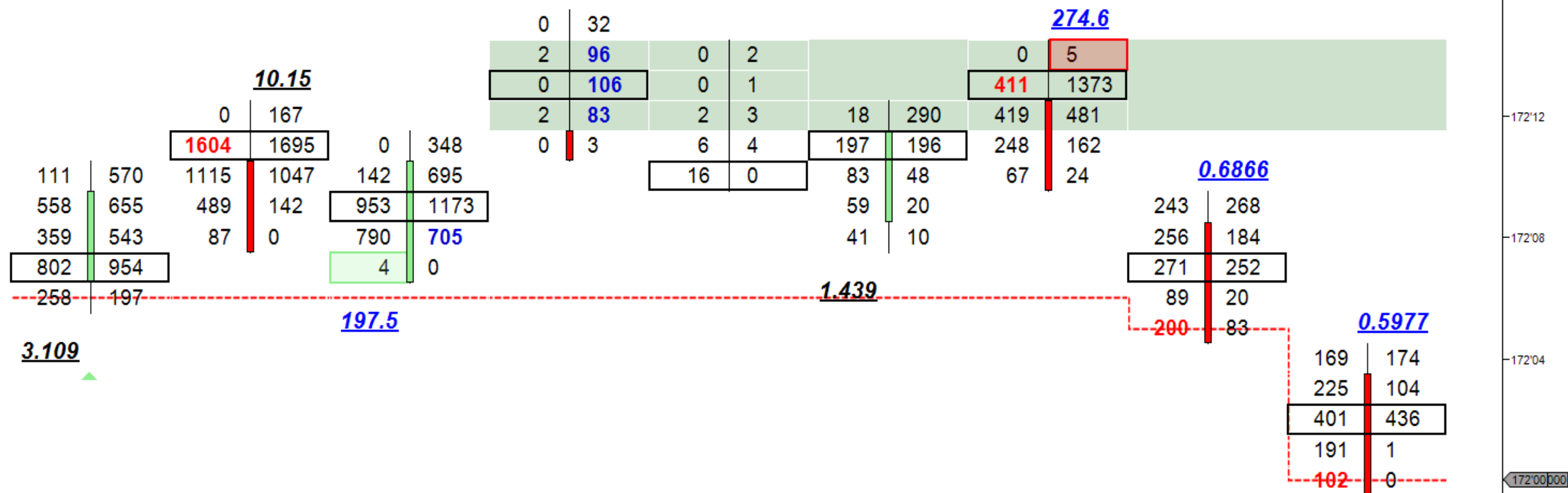
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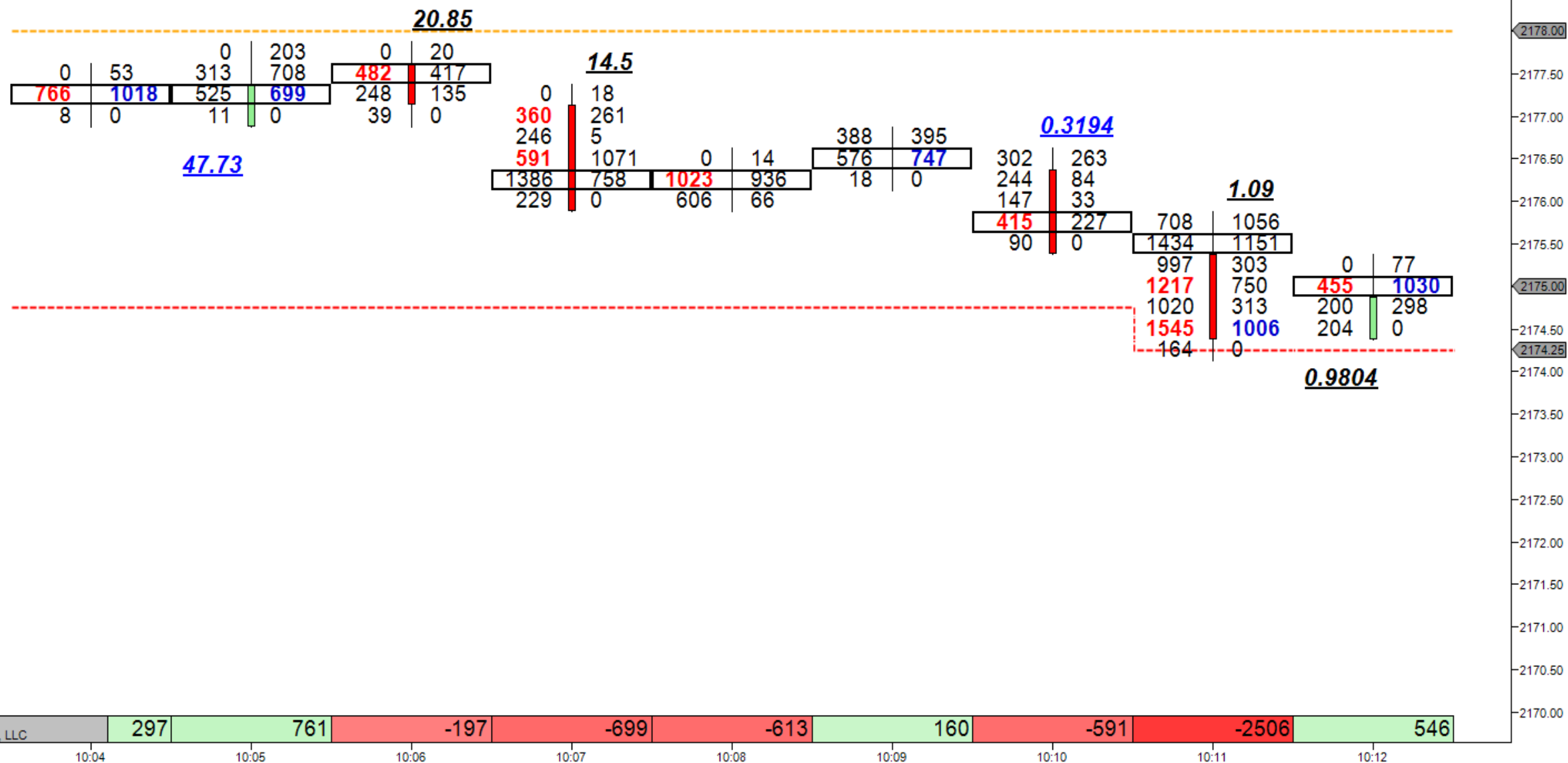
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Min. Delta	2	-77	-1068	-193	-71	0	-714	-186	-586
Cum. Delta	6	113	-887	-573	-141	103	-559	-405	-991
Volume	0	3037	6158	924	2856	4394	4728	1736	1288
Cum. Volume	0	70447	76605	77529	80385	84779	89507	91243	92531

When delta and bar color don't match



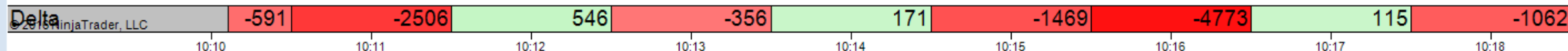
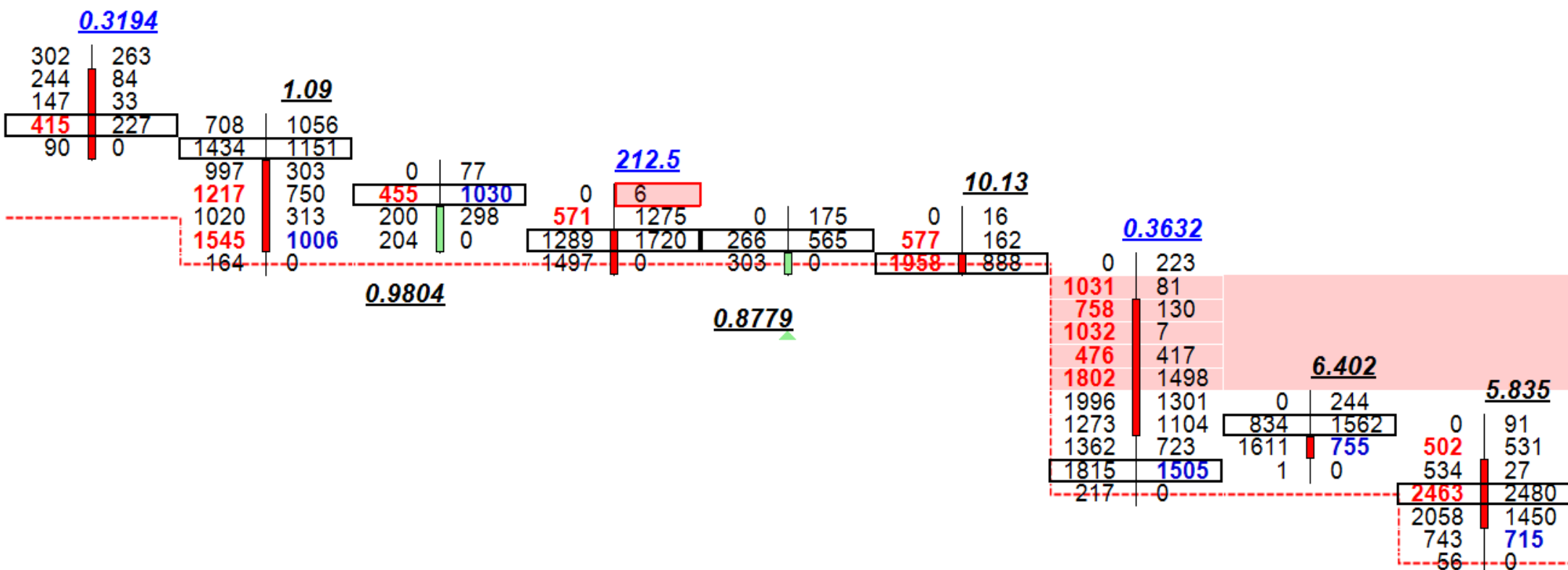
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Min. Delta	1	-244	-94	0	-14	-153	0	-254	-373
Cum. Delta	5	981	2013	2329	2315	2481	3381	3129	2756
Volume	7	6346	4810	324	34	962	3190	1866	1803
Cum. Volume	9	97545	102355	102679	102713	103675	106865	108731	110534

How delta helps you with a time based chart...



A vertical number line is shown, ranging from 2170.00 to 2179.50 with major tick marks every 0.50 units. A red shaded region is located between 2173.00 and 2174.00. Three callouts point to specific values on the line: 2171.00, 2171.50, and 2178.00.

Value	Location
2171.00	Below the red shaded region
2171.50	Below the red shaded region
2178.00	Within the red shaded region



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When delta is positive you have more aggressive buyers.

When delta is negative you have more aggressive sellers.

But you already know that... so what?

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Why is it that a bar can have negative delta but close higher? When you see negative delta you expect the market to be going lower since sellers are in control of the market.

In the opposite case, why can a bar have a positive delta and close lower? When you see positive delta you expect the bar to close higher.

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For a green bar with negative delta it implies there was a lot of selling early in the bar and it was met with supportive buying and the selling dried up as it was absorbed by the buyers and when there is no more selling pressure, what will happen to the market? It will rally.

For a red bar with positive delta it implies there was a lot of buying early in the bar and it was met with resistant selling, when the buying dried up as the sellers absorbed that buying, who is left to buy to move the market higher? No one and the market will drop.

What can cause these events to happen?

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It can be an iceberg order in the market.

It can be an aggressive buyer turning the market bid.

It can be an aggressive seller turning the market offered.

Or it can be a combination of an aggressive buyer turning the market bid and working an iceberg on the balance of the order and people don't realize just how aggressive the bid is.

For a sell, just think in the opposite of a bid.

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Go with the direction of the bar, not the direction of the delta when there is an intra bar divergence. Meaning if the bar is red and has a positive delta, sell as the tendency for the market is to continue in the direction of the bar. If the bar is green and the delta is negative, go long as the tendency is for the market to continue in the direction of the bar.

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A question that comes up once in a while is “is an iceberg order considered aggressive behavior or passive behavior?”

It depends.

Icebergs are used by just about every big trader with a legitimate order.

Big traders don't always go in and buy at the market, when trading large size you have to finesse your order and to do that you use iceberg orders.

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Think like a big trader with a lot of size to move. Do you want to show your hand to the world so everyone knows what you are trying to do? Of course not. You will do your best to hide your intention and build your position.

Its like real estate, a developer wants to build a big shopping mall and needs extra space for parking, will they buy up the surrounding properties after they announce the construction of a shopping mall? When everyone knows there will be a big shopping mall there? Or will they do it quietly while they are still in the planning stages when the property prices haven't increase yet?

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The successful trader understands that what didn't happen may actually be more important than what actually did happen.

The successful trader can cope in all market environments.

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Let's look at some examples...

Will this high hold or be taken out?

The chart displays a series of price levels on the right side, ranging from 44.32 to 44.60. Each level has a corresponding volume bar. The bars are color-coded: green for buy volume and red for sell volume. The chart is divided into several sections by horizontal dashed lines. The top section shows a high of 44.60. The middle section shows a high of 44.52. The bottom section shows a high of 44.32. The chart is annotated with various numbers, including 1.449, 2.833, 5.692, 4.273, 0.75, 0.04854, and 12.75. A summary table at the bottom provides a breakdown of the data.

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Max. Delta	305	162	183	168	176	161	584	293	700						
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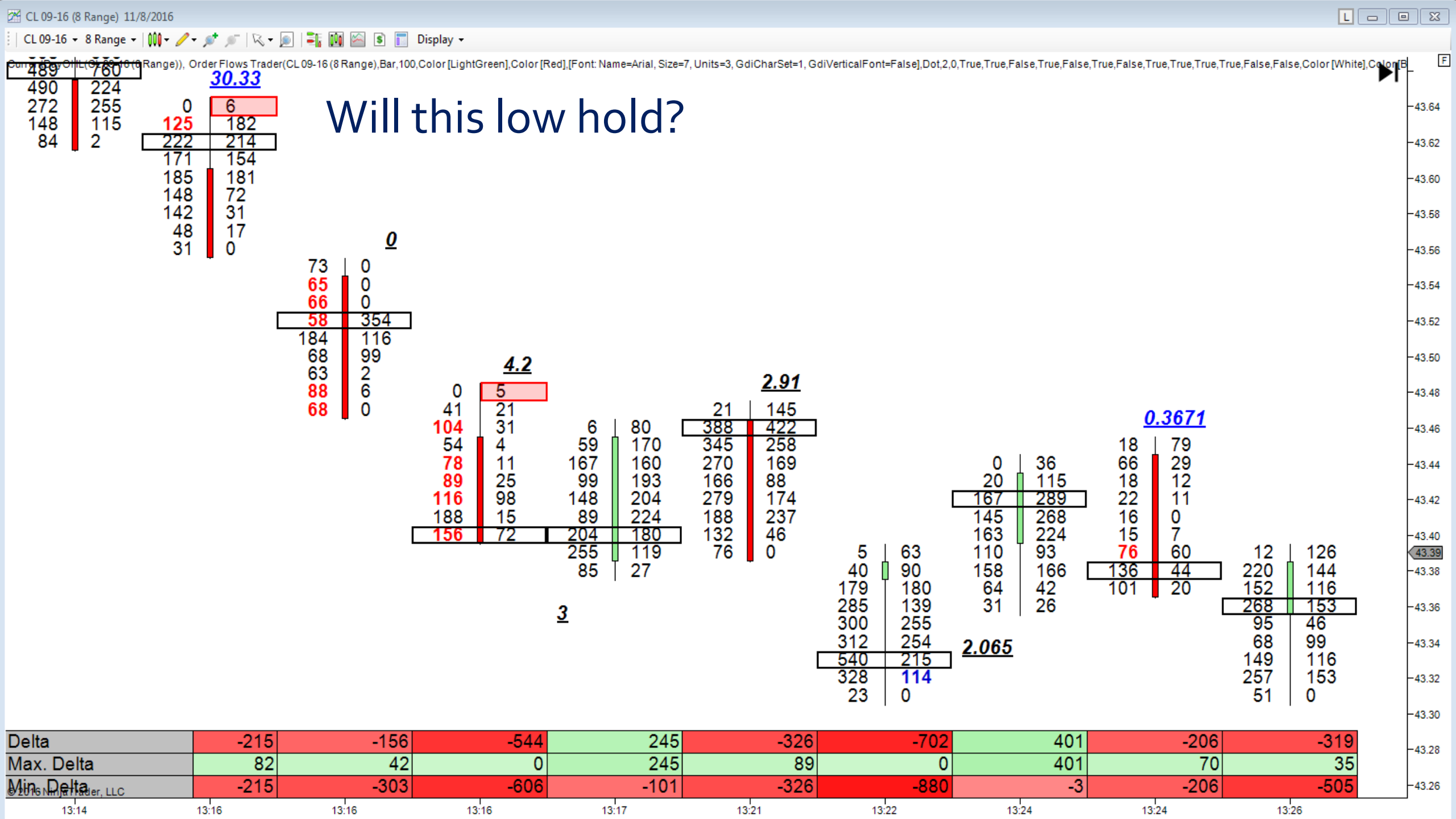
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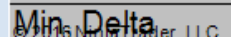
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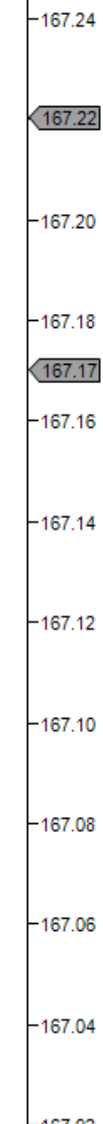




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Delta	2	625	-893	442	-78	326	331	-1250	377
Max. Delta	0	861	0	589	107	350	553	0	477
Min. Delta	2	-197	-955	-122	-287	-61	0	-1306	-43
Cum. Delta	4	-2059	-2952	-2510	-2588	-2262	-1931	-3181	-2804
Volume	6	4977	4443	2168	2144	2226	3925	2622	2291
Cum Volume	1	130798	135241	137409	139553	141779	145704	148326	150617

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Key areas to watch delta:

Highs

Lows

Sideways markets

Pay attention to intra bar divergence of delta and bar color, red bar with positive delta and green bar with negative delta. Go in the direction of the bar because the delta is a residual leftover from earlier in the bar and price action shows the bar's make up has changed. The market's psychology has changed in the bar.

Thank You!