

SDR/DSP devroom

Software Defined Radio as **discrete time signal processing of radiofrequency signals**

Only allowed to transmit in Industrial, Scientific and Medical (ISM¹) bands

- ▶ 13.56 ± 0.007 MHz
- ▶ 27.12 ± 0.163 MHz
- ▶ 40.7 ± 0.02 MHz
- ▶ 433.92 ± 0.87 MHz (Europe)
- ▶ (868 MHz: LoRa)
- ▶ 2450 ± 50 MHz
- ▶ 5800 ± 75 MHz
- ▶ 24000 ± 125 MHz ...

FOSDEM: not a “scientific” conference. All speakers have provided a github repository for reproducing their results.

D. Wang, *Breakneck, China’s quest to engineer the future*, page 70

... these [American] agencies misunderstood the point of Shenzhen. They were still more interested in individual inventors rather than understanding it as a **community of engineering practice**. The obsession with invention has clouded Silicon Valley’s ability to appreciate China’s actual strength. Rather than seeing tools and blueprints as the ultimate ends of technological progress, I believe we should view them as milestones in the **training of better scientists and manufacturers**. **Viewing technology as people and process knowledge** isn’t only more accurate; it also empowers our sense of agency to control the technologies we are producing.

¹Limitation of radiated power from industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) equipment at

https://www.itu.int/dms_pubrec/itu-r/rec/sm/r-rec-sm.1056-1-200704-i!!pdf-e.pdf

Highlights of 2025

- ▶ Open datasets from space: LuGRE^a GNSS receiver on the Moon (Blue Ghost mission – landed March 2)
- ▶ NISAR spaceborne SAR satellite: L (1257.5 ± 40 MHz) and S-band (3200 ± 37.5 MHz²³) (and Umbra/Capella/ICEYE – X-band)
- ▶ End of NOAA POES⁴ (NOAA-15 on August 19, 2025, and NOAA-19 on August 13, 2025 following the emergency passivation of NOAA-18 on June 6, 2025), ends the continuous data collection since 1978⁵... but new Russian Meteor-M2 launches^b

^a<https://zenodo.org/records/16411687>

^bT. Lavarenne, *Satellites météo: APT s'éteint, que devient le LRPT ?*, submitted Hackable [in French]



²<https://www.eoportal.org/satellite-missions/nisar>

³<https://syntheticapertureradar.com/>

nro-extends-sar-contracts-to-capella-iceye-and-umbra-advancing-commercial-radar-strategy/

⁴J.-M Friedt, *Satellite image eavesdropping: a multidisciplinary science education project*, European Journal of Physics **26** 969–984 (2005)

⁵www.nesdis.noaa.gov/news/legacy-orbit-noaa-decommissions-the-poes-satellite-constellation

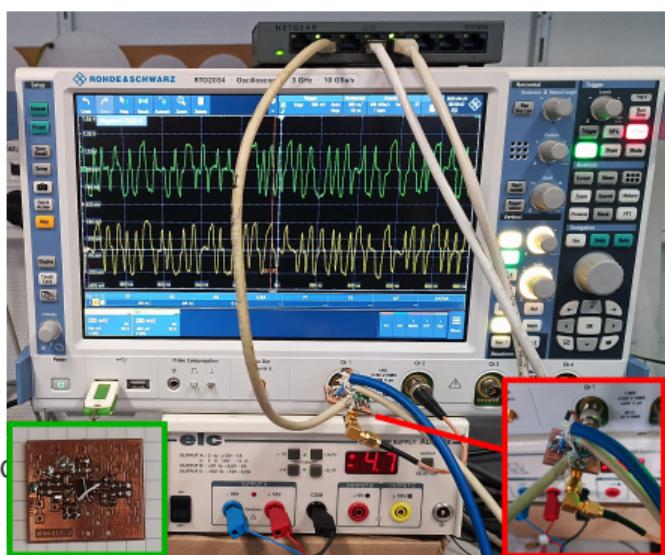
A (second) year of stable GNU Radio



- ▶ Stable GNU Radio version (3.10.x), no API change and no need to update OOTs since Debian/Bookworm (June 2023) and now Debian/Trixie (August 2025), even MS-Windows (<https://github.com/radioconda/radioconda-installer>)
 - ▶ OOT <https://github.com/jmfriedt/gr-oscilloscope> led to <https://github.com/tlavarenne/gr-ethernet>⁶

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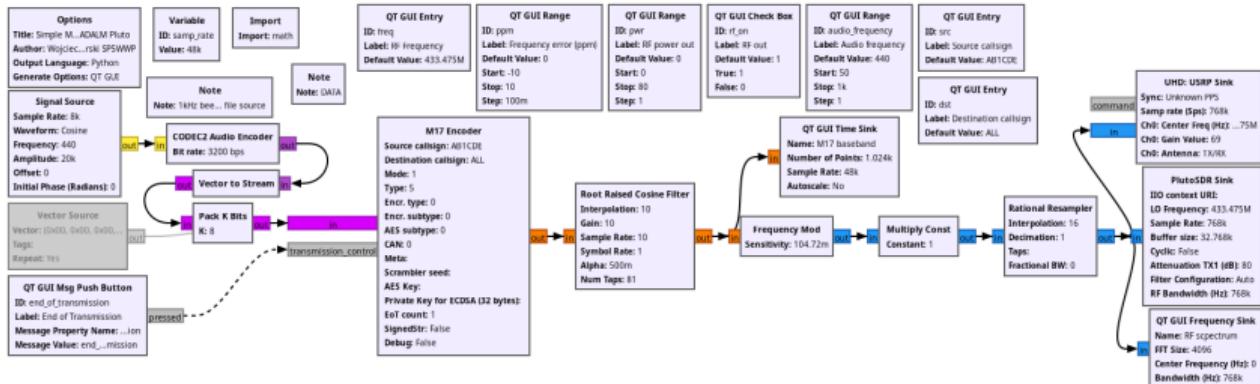
⁶T. Lavarenne, *Ethernet à la loupe : de la couche physique au décodage des trames*, Hackable 61 (Jul. 2025) [in French]

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 - ▶ <https://wiki.gnuradio.org/index.php?title=Special:ActiveUsers> for the main contributors, under supervision of Barry Duggan
 - ▶ <http://wiki.gnuradio.org/index.php?title=Special:MediaStatistics> for a statistics on updates (130 text files, > 1400 images)
 - ▶ visit <https://chat.gnuradio.org/#/room/#docs:gnuradio.org>

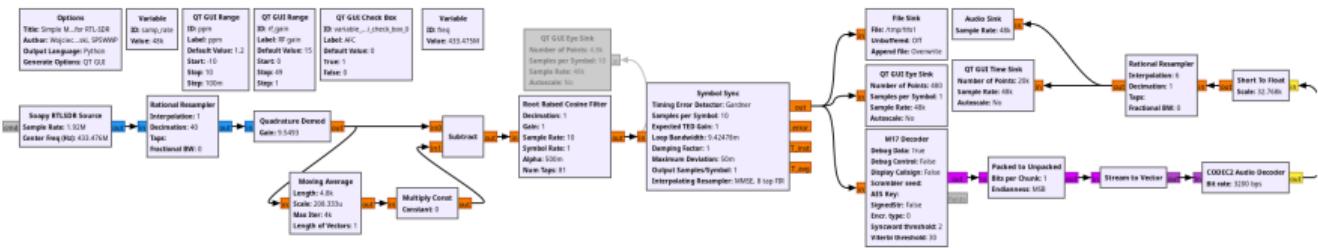
⁷<https://github.com/buildroot/buildroot/blob/master/package/gnuradio/gnuradio.hash>

⁸<https://github.com/balister/sdr-build>

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 - ▶ <http://wiki.gnuradio.org/index.php?title=Special:MediaStatistics> for a statistics on updates (130 text files, > 1400 images)
 - ▶ visit <https://chat.gnuradio.org/#/room/#docs:gnuradio.org>
 - ▶ Meetings: SDRA (June 28, 2025), EuGRD workshop (July 16–18, 2025 by C. Morin⁷), WHY2025 (Aug. 8–12, 2025), M17 (Sep. 6–7, 2025), GRCon (Sep. 8–12, 2025 → **Sep. 21–24, 2026**)

⁷<https://gnuradio.blogspot.com/2025/06/european-gnu-radio-days-2025-updates.html>

Program (9h20–17h):

Open Source Digital Voice for Space and Terrestrial Communications	Abraxas3d (Open Research Institute)
Very low frequency (VLF) time and frequency transfer signal analysis using KiwiSDR recordings	JM Friedt
wSDR – web based SDR processing	Sergey
FIR filter design with Parks-McClellan Remez	D. Estévez
ZigRadio: a lightweight, ergonomic flow graph signal processing framework for SDR	V. Sergeev
Digital RF distribution at CERN	T. Gingold
White Rabbit for the masses: distributed coherent SDR on generic FPGA boards	É. Decoux, JM Friedt
Machine Learning on Air: Overview and Tutorial on Open-Source Machine Learning Frameworks for DSP and Radio	A. Rode
Autonomous SDR platform based on Zynq/AD9361 (extension of PlutoSDR architecture)	F5OEO
VRT IQ tools at the Dwingeloo Radio Telescope	T. Telkamp
MAX2771 broadband SDR: impact of low bit resolution and application to passive radar measurements	JM Friedt