



Project Update

Welcome!

15th Annual GNU Radio Conference

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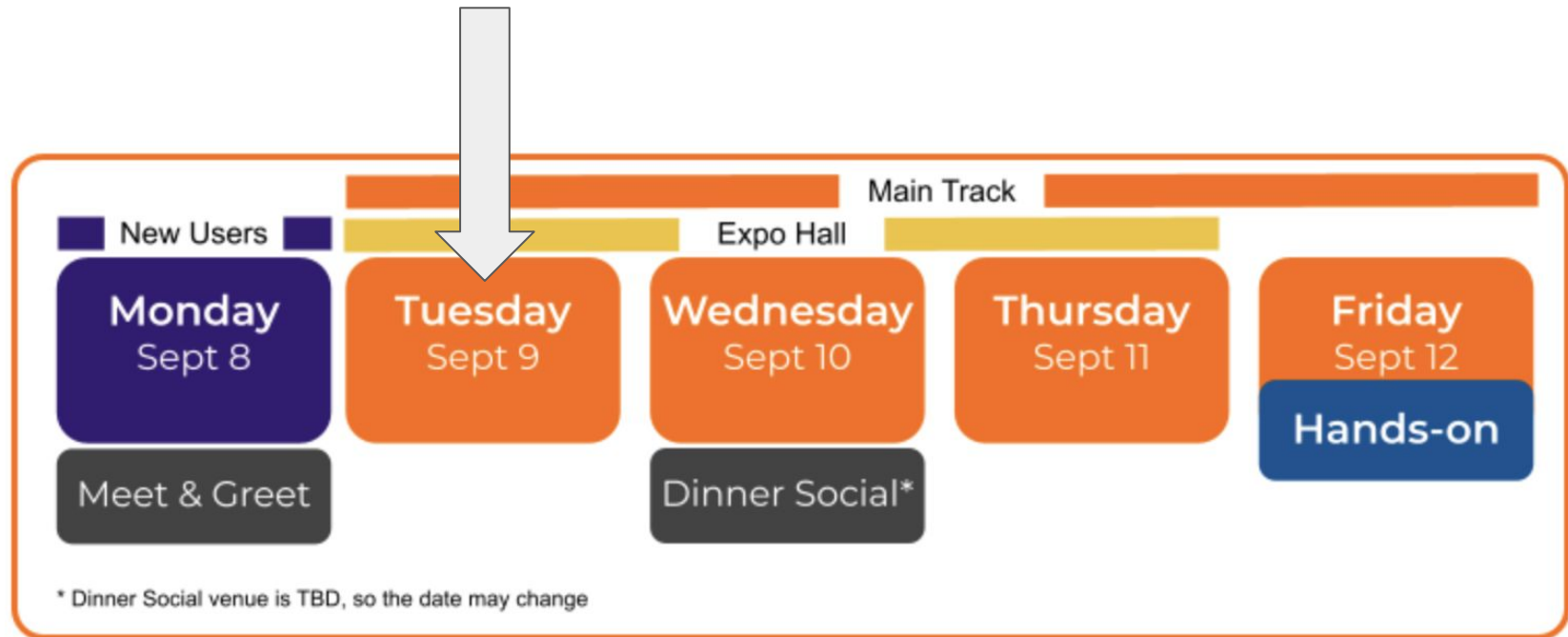
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Week at a glance



Useful Information

Food and beverages

AM and PM breaks (snacks, coffee)

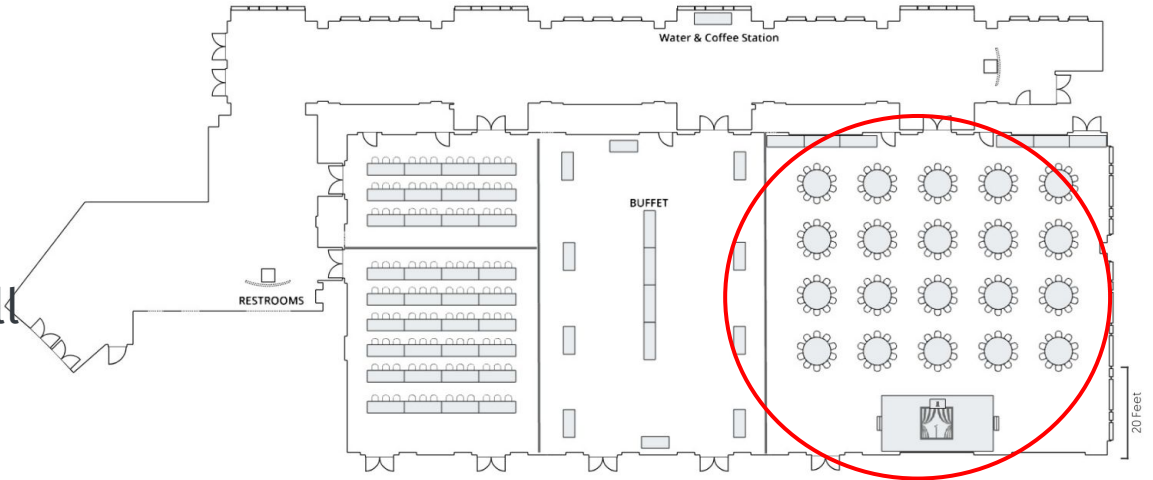
Lunch each day at noon

Social events - Monday and
Wednesday

Breaks and Lunch in Expo Hall
(Ballroom C)

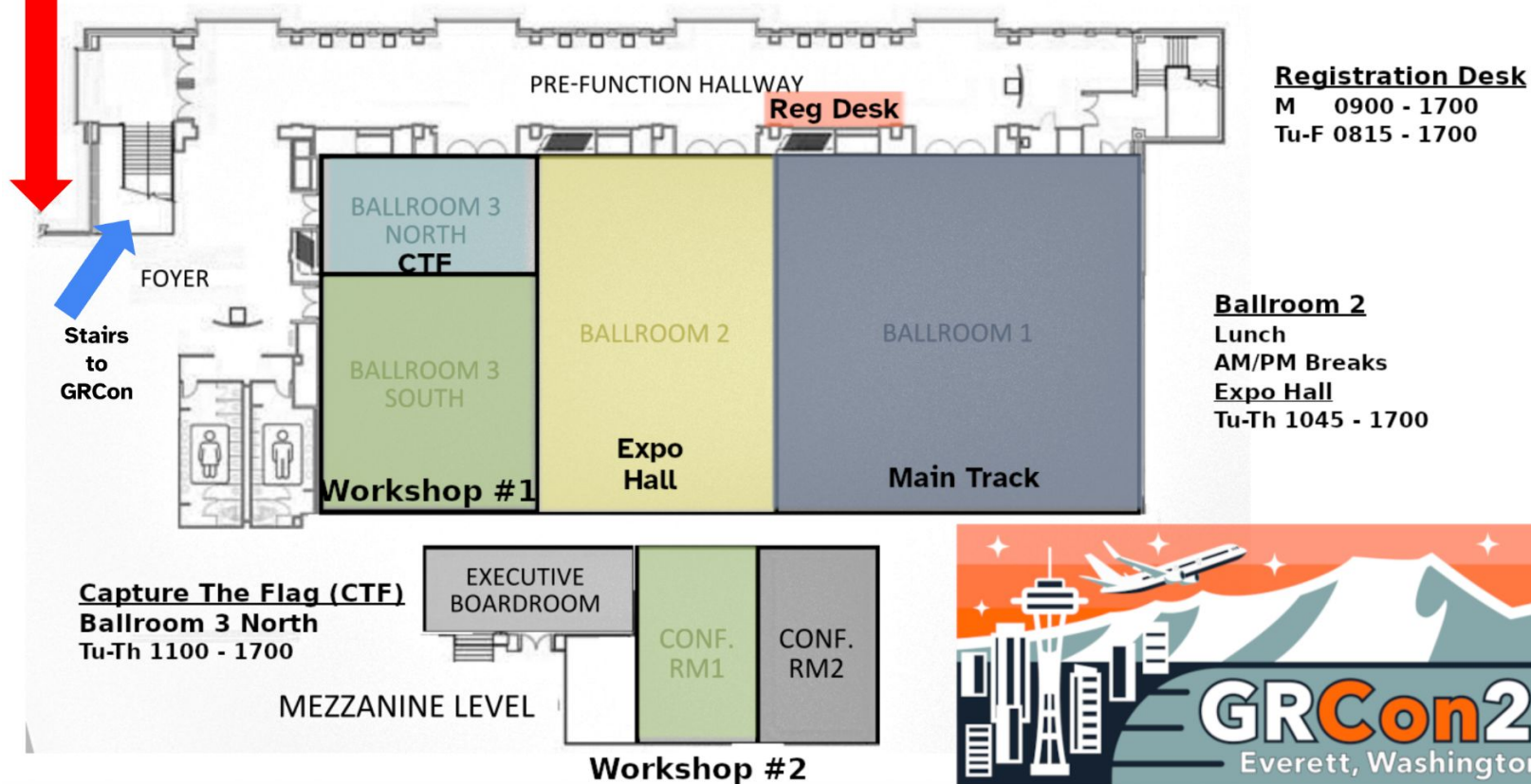
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Edward D Hanson Conference Center

Street Entrance from Hewitt Avenue



Chat Server

Join the Matrix!

<https://chat.gnuradio.org>

Discussions and info during the event

Chat and development year round!

GRCon25 Public Space



Welcome to

GRCon25 Space

Public space · 13 members



Welcome to the GNU Radio Conference 2025

Event Time Zone:

Schedule Overview:

Live Talks Streaming: GNU Radio Youtube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/GNURadioProject/>

There are several rooms here that you will find interesting, listed below.

We have a Code of Conduct! https://github.com/gnuradio/gr-governance/blob/main/CODE_OF_CONDUCT.md || conduct@gnuradio.org




Search names and descriptions

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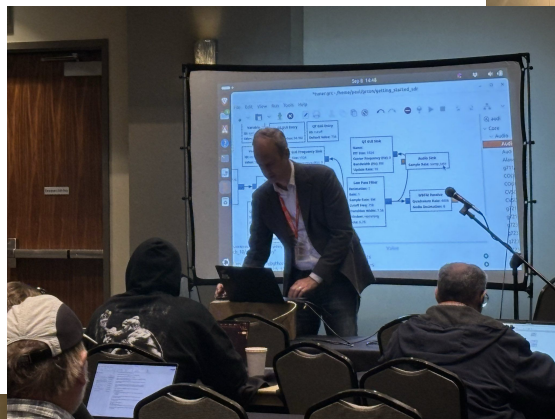
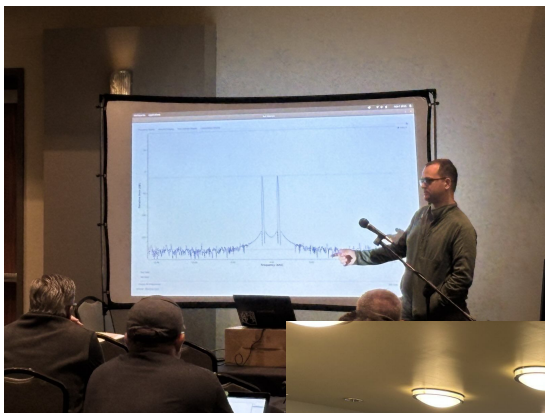
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-  **GRCon25** ✓ Joined ⓘ Suggested
19 members ☐
-  **GRCon25 CTF** ✓ Joined ⓘ Suggested
10 members ☐
-  **GRCon25 Backstage** ✓ Joined
15 members ☐



New User Day



Keynotes and Invited Speakers

Joshua Smith



Adam Anderson



Thomas Rondeau



Bradley Kuhn



Jesse Alexander



Paul Clark



Dan Boschen



Capture the Flag

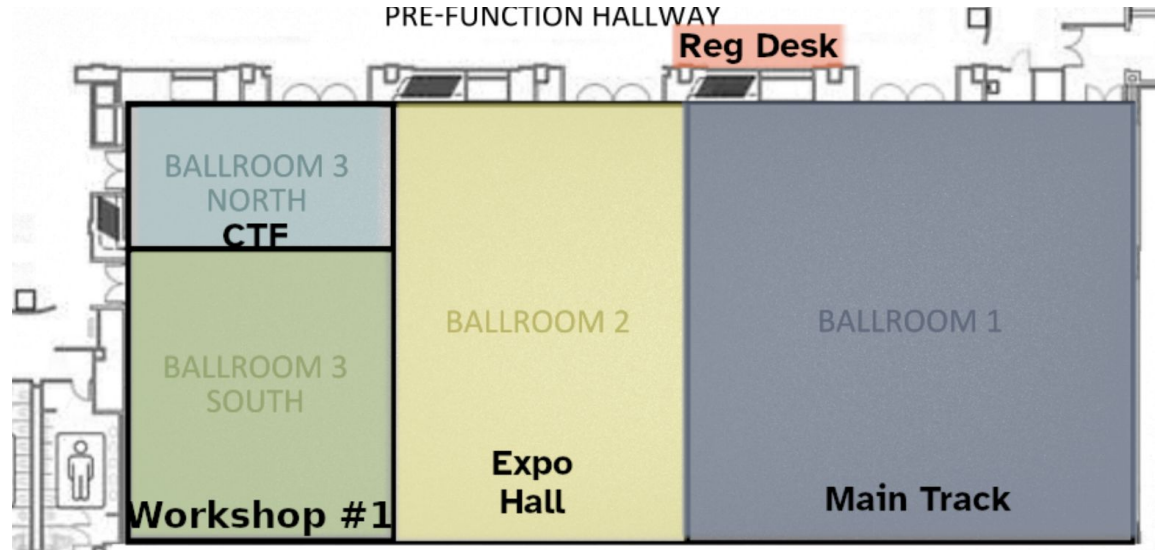


CTF Room - Conf Room

<https://ctf-2025.gnuradio.org/>



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HAM Radio Exams

Thursday 1PM, Workshop
Room

gnuradio.org/grcon25

Brought to us by Western
Washington Ham
Training Team

Info at the Registration
Desk



Amateur Radio License Exams

Amateur Radio License Exams (In-Person Only)

During GRCon25 we will be hosting Amateur Radio license exams for those interested in obtaining or upgrading their licenses (**In-Person Only**). Check out [ARRL's overview for more details about Licenses](#).

Amateur Radio License Exams will be offered on **Thursday Sept. 11 at 1:00 PM**.

There are study guides and trial exam tests available for *free* online:

- Dan Romanchik [No-Nonsense Study Guides](#)
- ARRL trial license testing [ARRL Exam Review](#)

Details About the Exams

Exams Available

All three exam levels are available: Technician, General, and Extra. Applicants may take any exam(s) they have prepared for, in any order. A lower license class exam does not have to be passed in order to take a higher license class exam. For example, the Technician Class exam does not have to be passed to take the General Class exam. **But**, both would have to be passed to be eligible for a General Class license.

Exams are closed book. No books, notes, or any other materials are allowed.

Applicants who are not successful may be allowed, at the discretion of the VEs, to retest at the same session if they were very close to passing, and there is time for another exam. Many applicants have found it helpful to take any of the on-line exams that are available, more than once, to determine whether they were ready to take their license exam (see above).

FCC Registration Number (FRN)

The FCC requires you to use a Federal Registration Number (FRN). The FRN is a unique number the FCC uses to identify you. Your Social Security number is required by the FCC when you obtain an FRN, but the FRN is used after that for your transactions with the FCC.

An FRN can be obtained [here](#). It is highly recommended that you get an FRN **before** coming to the exam session as this speeds up the process at the session. If you need assistance obtaining an FRN, a VE may be able to help you at your exam session (time permitting), and you will need access to your email at the session to do that.

Lightning Talks

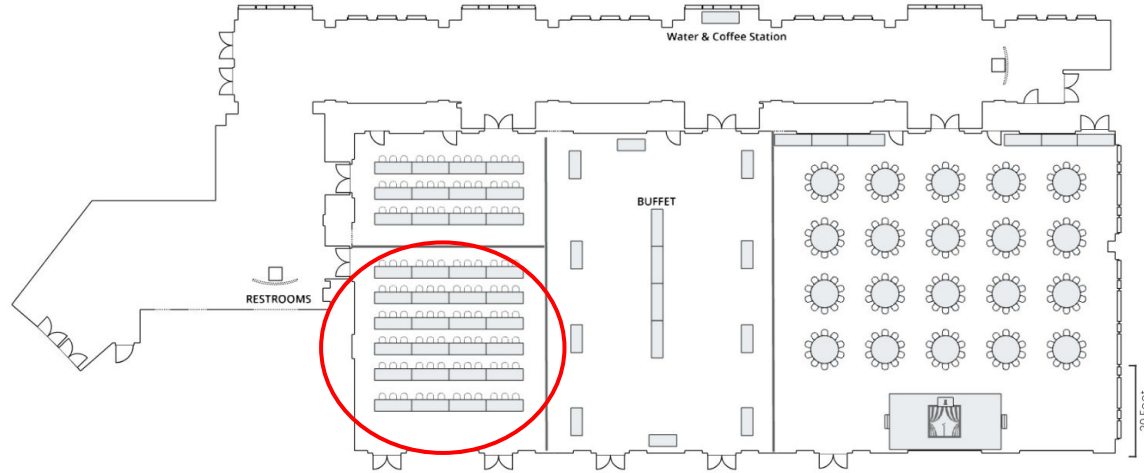
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5 minute talks

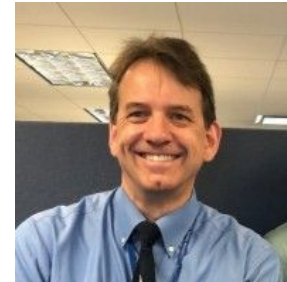
Interesting project, or idea



Workshops

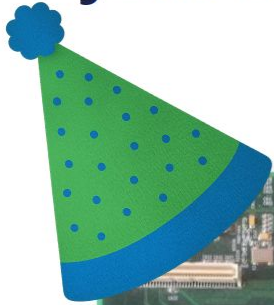


AND Conf Room 1 - DOWNSTAIRS



Dan Boschen
Invited Workshop

Join us for the USRP Birthday Party!



Celebrating 20 years!

Wednesday, September 10th
6-8pm at Carleton Farm

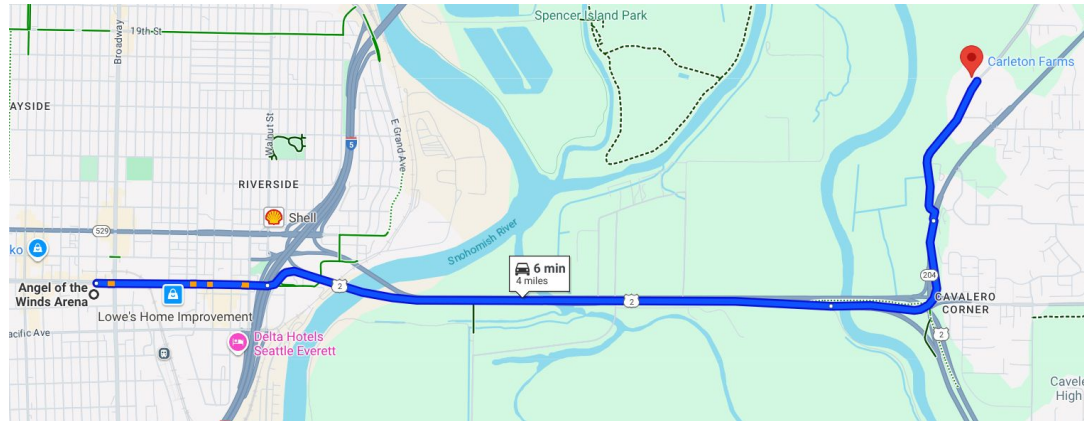
Sponsored by:



Carleton Farm

630 Sunnyside Blvd SE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258

Dinner + Drinks + Games + Prizes





Our Organizers

Samantha Palazzolo - Lead

Neil Rogers - Technical Chair

Toby Flynn

Seth Hitefield - A/V

Andrej Rode

Chuck - AE4CT

Steve Stroh

Tina Stroh

Marcus Müller

Neel Pandeya

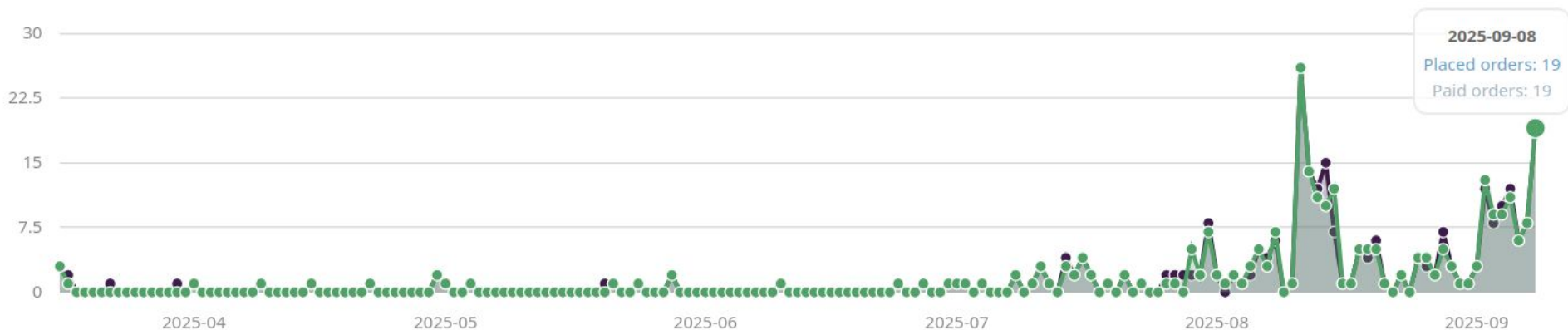
Michael West

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Helping with the conference



Thank you to everyone who registered early!



GRCon26 Planning Session Friday!

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GNU Radio

THE FREE & OPEN SOFTWARE RADIO ECOSYSTEM



What is the GNU Radio Project?

The codebase of the core, VOLK, and SigMF

The dozens of supporting projects and infrastructure

The active contributors

The ecosystem of modules, applications, and interfaces

This conference, EU GNU Radio Days, other events

You - everyone that is interested in making open source software radio even better



Where is GNU Radio Used

Wireless Communications

RADAR

4G/5G/6G

Radio Astronomy

Spectrum Monitoring

IOT and Sensors

Space Comms

Particle Accelerators

Education

Amateur Radio

Physics Research

Security Research

Public Safety

Citizen Science

Transportation

Recreation (CtF)

Weather

Medical

RFML

...

Packaging



Installing GNU Radio has gone from headache to trivial over the past several years

Thanks to the packagers in our community

Debian(/Ubuntu) - Maitland Bottoms

RadioConda - Ryan Volz

...

radioconda

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josh@josh-Alienware-m15-R3:~$ sudo apt install gnuradio
[sudo] password for josh:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following additional packages will be installed:
  gnuradio-dev libboost-filesystem1.83-dev libgnuradio-dev
  libgnuradio-audio3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-bluetooth3.10.9t64
  libgnuradio-channels3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-complex3.10.9t64
  libgnuradio-dtv3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-fec3.10.9t64
  libgnuradio-filter3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-gnuradio3.10.9t64
  libgnuradio-network3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-pmt3.10.9t64
  libgnuradio-runtime3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-soapy3.10.9t64
  libgnuradio-trellis3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-uhd3.10.9t64
  libgnuradio-video-sdl3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-wavelet3.10.9t64
  python3-networkx python3-pyqt5.q
Suggested packages:
  gqrx-sdr gr-fosphor gr-osmosdr rtl-sdr
  python3-pydot python3-pygraphviz
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  gnuradio gnuradio-dev libboost-filesystem1.83-dev
  libgnuradio-analog3.10.9t64 libgnuradio-audio3.10.9t64
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Parrot	3.10.3.1
PCLinuxOS	3.10.10.0
pkgsrc current	3.10.12.0
PLD Linux	3.10.11.0
PureOS amber	3.7.13.4
PureOS byzantium	3.8.2.0
PureOS landing	3.10.12.0
Raspbian Oldstable	3.8.2.0
Raspbian Stable	3.10.5.1
Raspbian Testing	3.10.12.0
Rosa 2021.1	3.10.9.2
Rosa 13	3.10.12.0
SlackBuilds	3.10.12.0
SlitTaz Cooking	3.7.13.4
Solus	3.10.12.0
Spack	3.8.2.0
Trisquel 10.0	3.8.1.0~rc1
Trisquel 11.0	3.10.1.1
Ubuntu 14.04	3.7.2.1
Ubuntu 16.04	3.7.9.1
Ubuntu 18.04	3.7.11
Ubuntu 20.04	3.8.1.0~rc1
Ubuntu 22.04	3.10.1.1
Ubuntu 24.04	3.10.9.2
Ubuntu 24.10	3.10.11.0
Ubuntu 25.04	3.10.11.0
Ubuntu 25.10	3.10.12.0
Void Linux x86_64	3.10.11.0
Wikidata	3.10.12.0





GNU Radio Maintenance

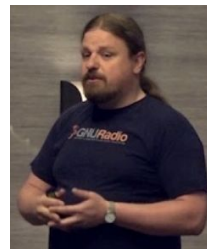
Jeff Long has officially stepped down as maintainer

Marcus Mueller officially has taken on the lead maintainer role

Looking for additional maintainers!

- Be a recognized part of the maintenance team
- Own a module or group of modules (e.g. gr-qt, gr-soapy, gr-zeromq)
- Be responsible for ensuring relevant PRs are reviewed and merged
- Help backport merges to maint-3.10

Email: info@gnuradio.org for more information



How is GNU Radio Governed?

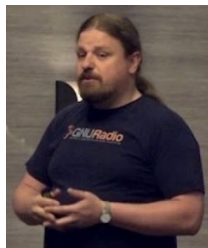


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John Sallay - GR 4.0

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SigMF - sigmf@gnuradio.org

VOLK - volk@gnuradio.org

Infrastructure - admin@gnuradio.org

Education and Academic Outreach - education@gnuradio.org

Remember - GNU Radio is a completely
volunteer run organizations

Getting Involved

Join Chat - <https://chat.gnuradio.org>

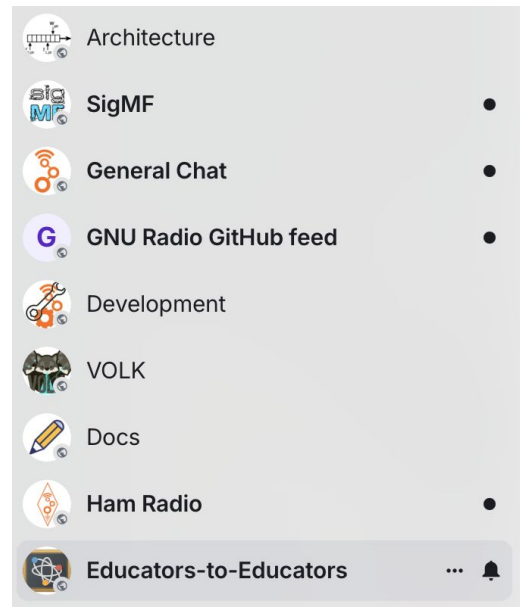
Join the Mailing List - discuss-gnuradio

File issues - <https://github.com/gnuradio>

Review issues, add details, recreate ones

Improve the tutorials - <https://tutorials.gnuradio.org>

Give a talk about GNU Radio - ~1200 publications in 2024 mentioning GNU Radio



Getting Involved

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Latest GNU Radio Project Releases



GNU Radio 3.10.12

- GRC-QT Parity
- UHD/RFXNoC
- Other tooling updates

VOLK 3.2.0

- New/improved kernels
- Modernized CI
- Improved tests

SigMF v1.2.5

- Spec fixes and updates

SigMF

Standardized Data Format

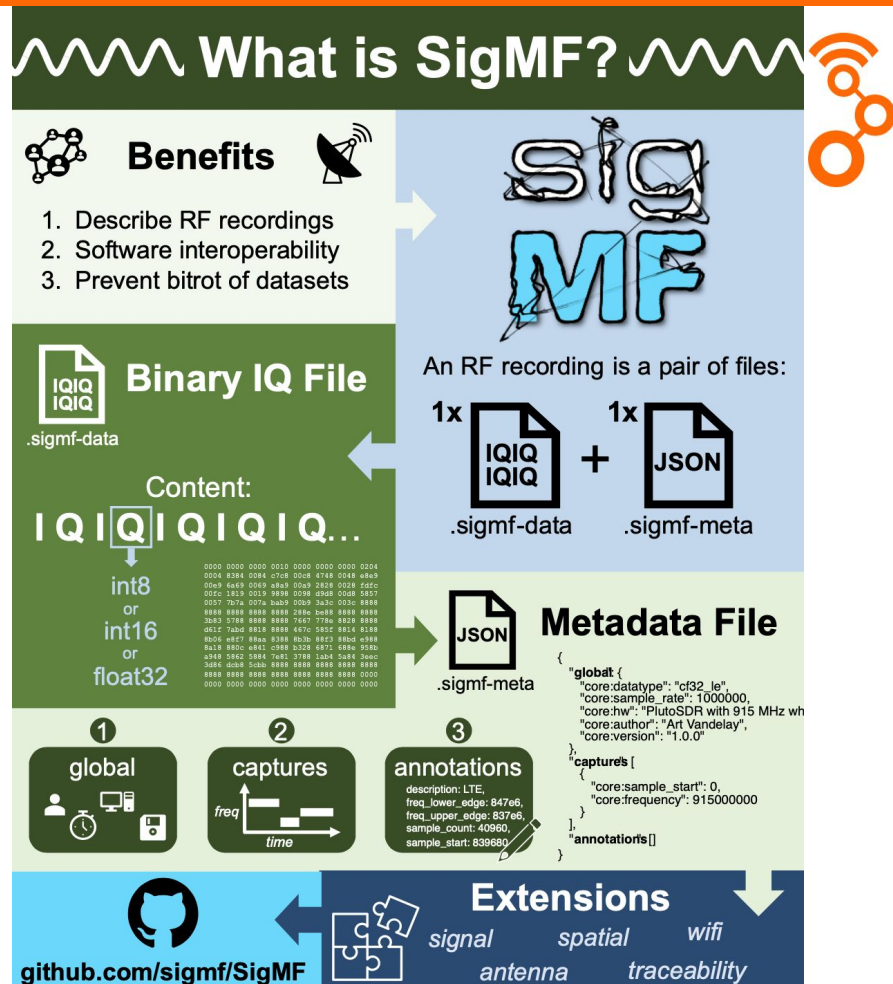
- Common way to describe IQ Data captures with metadata
- Portable format - widely adopted

Training and Evaluation Pipeline

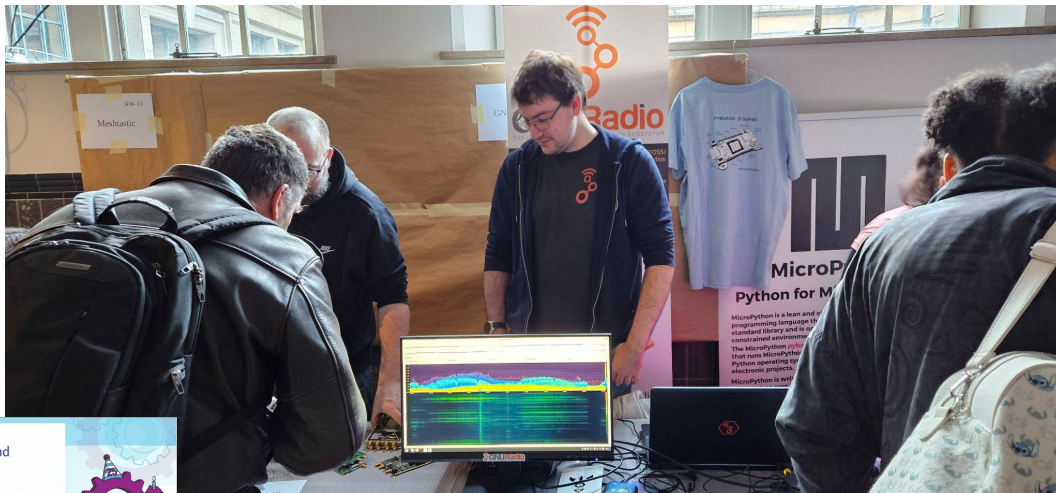
- Unified input format for ML training, validation, testing
- Simplified integration with frameworks like PyTorch

Applications

- RFML, Spectrum Sensing, signal identification, ...



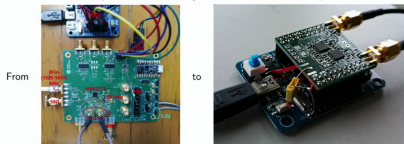
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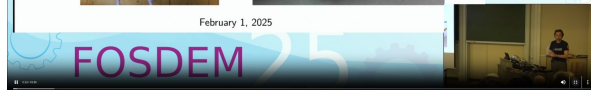
Efficient USB communication under GNU/Linux for a wideband
(MAX2771-based) L-band (GNSS) SDR receiver

J.-M. Friedt

FEMTO-ST Time & Frequency, Besançon, France
associate professor at University of Franche-Comté in Besançon



February 1, 2025



EU GR Days 2025



Australian GR Days

	Tuesday 23rd	Wednesday 24th	Thursday 25th	Friday 26th
9:00	Registration	Radar Basics S. Drake – Flinders University	Keynote Future Gen. Wireless Technologies T. Rondeau - FutureG	Classified Sessions Software Defined Radio: Threats and Opportunities
9:30	Keynote GNU Radio Community D. Kozel – GNU Radio	TBD M. Piyyaratna – Solinnov Wireless		
10:00		Network Security S. Rehman – Flinders University	TiW Detection w CSI Capt. via SDR D. Naotunna – Solinnov Wireless	
10:30	Coffee Break			
11:00	Introduction GNU Radio Companion A. Lammass – Flinders University	ADSB Doppler Detection on a FPGA D. Bezborodow – Flinders University	Allan on SDR A. Wiegelmann – Flinders University	
11:30	Antenna Fundamentals S. Chen – Flinders University	AI for Wireless with SDRs Y. Chen – Matlab	SDR-Based Direction Finding R. Abdullah – Adelaide University	
12:00	Geolocation Basics S. Drake – Flinders University	Lunch	Dist. One-step Passive Geolocation A. Newcome – Flinders University	
12:30		Travel Time		
13:00	Lunch	INOVOR TECHNOLOGIES	Lunch	
13:30	Electromagnetic Propagation S. Chen – Flinders University			
14:00	Enhancing Antenna Systems H. Dang – RF Shop	Travel Time	Antenna Parameters S. Chen	
14:30	Build Your Own RF Anechoic Chamb. N. Brown – Flinders University	Coffee Break		
15:00	Coffee Break	GNU Radio Companion: Under the Hood D. Kozel	Coffee Break	
15:30	GNU Radio Companion: The Basics A. Lammass		ADSB Spoofing Verification S. Drake	
16:00			Closing – S. Drake	
16:30				
17:00	Drinks	Travel Time		
18:00		Dinner		
21:00	Cyberspectrum			



<https://events.gnuradio.org/e/AustralianGRDays25>

Australian GNURadio Days 2025

THE FREE & OPEN SOFTWARE RADIO ECOSYSTEM

23rd - 26th September
Adelaide, Australia

What to Expect

The workshop will bring together academic researchers, RF and signal-processing engineers, enthusiasts, industry, and defence around the GNU Radio open-source infrastructure.

Presentations and Workshops

GNU Radio: From Introduction to Mastery

Presentations and workshops will span a whole spectrum of levels and topics, from the introduction to the GNU Radio environment and community to the latest developments and applications in SDR from academia and industry.

Classified Day

Software Defined Radio: Threats and Opportunities

A day with seminars and tutorials focused on the impact of SDR on defence.
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RFShop

SouthTech Systems

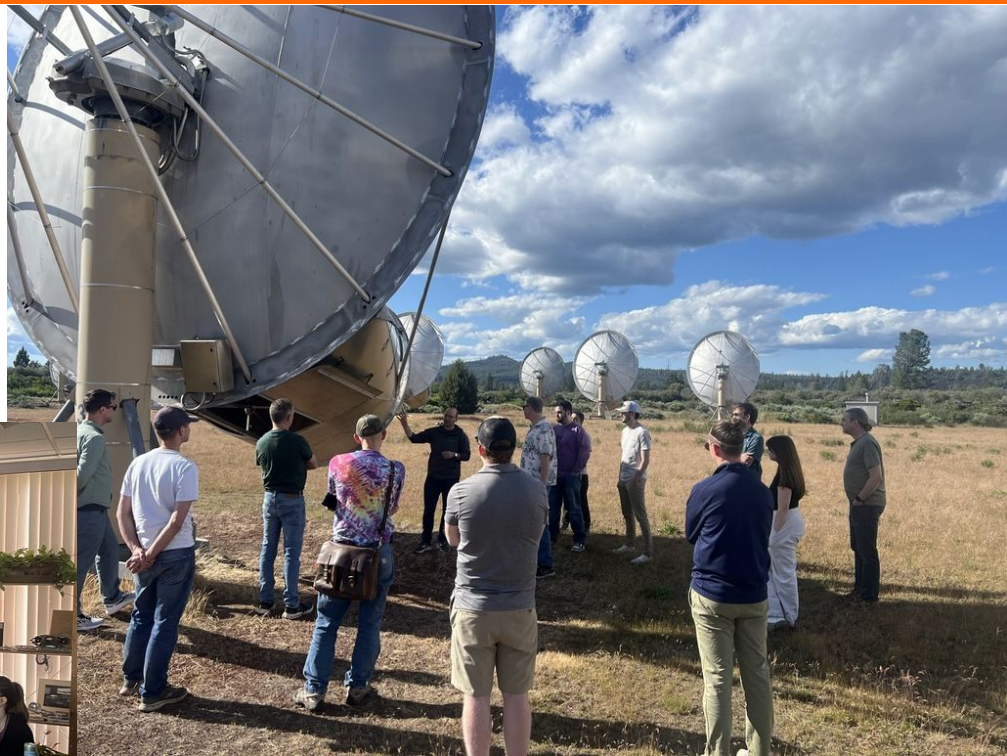
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Flinders University

SETI Hackathon

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Allen Telescope Array



SETI ARISE

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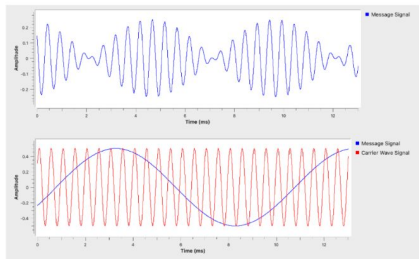


News

SETI Institute Launches ARISE Lab, Bringing SETI and Radio Astronomy to Community Colleges

Possible Types of Extraterrestrial Intelligence Radio Transmissions

In this lab, students dive into the field of SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) by exploring the types of radio transmissions that may be detected from extraterrestrial sources. This module covers essential concepts in signal processing, including the Nyquist sampling theorem, filtering techniques, and modulation. Students will examine various possible SETI signal types, such as beacons, leakage signals, narrowband vs. wideband signals, as well as continuous wave and pulsed transmissions. The hands-on component involves designing and implementing an AM transmitter and receiver, allowing students to apply their understanding of signal characteristics and modulation. By the end of the lab, students will gain practical experience in signal processing while considering the broader implications of detecting signals from extraterrestrial intelligence in SETI research.



Lecture Notes

Pre-Lab Reading

Teaching Resources

Communication Systems Engineering with GNU Radio: A Hands-on



Approach 1st Edition

by [Jean-Michel Friedt](#) (Author), [Herve Boeglen](#) (Author)

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An approachable guide to an invaluable radiofrequency communication toolkit

Software-defined radio (SDR), which emerged in the 1990s, has become a core development method in certain high-profile fields, including military and space communications. High cost and problems with hardware availability, however, prevented this technology from being widely disseminated. The advent of low-cost hardware beginning in the 2010s, however, has made GNU Radio—the leading open-source software toolkit for developing SDR systems—an increasingly viable and even critical tool for a new generation of radiofrequency communication engineers.

Communication Systems Engineering with GNU Radio provides an accessible overview of this toolkit and its applications. Beginning with the fundamentals of using GNU radio for digital signal processing, the volume then moves to the practicalities of decoding data and the advantages of accessing raw data normally unavailable in hardware-defined radiofrequency receivers. The result is a potentially crucial tool for engineers looking to adopt this cost-effective and flexible standard for transmitting and processing radiofrequency signals.

Readers will also find:

- A careful balance of radio communications theory with GNU Radio practicalities
- Practical implementation examples employing well-developed open-source GNU Radio platforms
- Extensive accompanying documentation and explanation

Communication Systems Engineering with GNU Radio is ideal for graduate and undergraduate students in communications systems courses, as well as professionals working in SDR.

Available now!

<https://a.co/d/cXoltKj>

COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS ENGINEERING WITH GNU RADIO

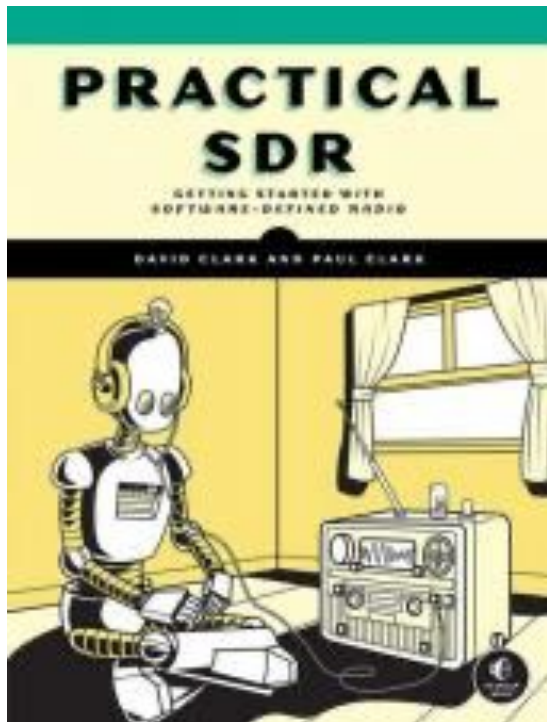
A HANDS-ON APPROACH

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Practical SDR - No Starch Press

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Introduction

Part I: Building a Basic Receiver

Chapter 1: What Is a Radio?

Chapter 2: Computers and Signals

Chapter 3: Getting Started with GNU Radio

Chapter 4: Creating an AM Receiver

Part II: Inside the Receiver

Chapter 5: Signal Processing Fundamentals

Chapter 6: How an AM Receiver Works

Chapter 7: Building an FM Radio

Part III: Working with SDR Hardware

Chapter 8: The Physics of Radio Signals

Chapter 9: GNU Radio Flowgraphs with SDR Hardware

Chapter 10: Modulation

Chapter 11: SDR Hardware Under the Hood

Chapter 12: Peripheral Hardware

Chapter 13: Transmitting

Matrix Chat room for Educators



chat.gnuradio.org

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Educators-to-Educators

#edu:gnuradio.org



Public room



Not encrypted

Discussing how to use GNU Radio in
education



Project Vision

STRENGTHEN

Ongoing improvement of the core framework

SPREAD

Grow and expand the reach of the project

SUSTAIN

Keep the ecosystem healthy and active

GNU Radio Funding



→ **GNU Radio Conference**

→ **Grants**

→ **Donations**

→ ...

→ **Sustainability**

Google Summer of Code

This year we had 4 sponsored projects!

Thanks to Google, the students, and the mentors



Contributor	Mentor
<Aaditya/>	Michael Petry
5G CELL SCANNER	
This project develops an open-source 5G cell scanner utilizing GNU Radio and SDR hardware to passively detect and decode 5G signals, extracting key...	
View project details	
Contributor	Mentor
Daniel Paul	Marcus Müller
GNU Radio FT8/WSPR OOT Module	
This project aims to develop a comprehensive Out-of-Tree (OOT) module for GNU Radio that enables amateur radio enthusiasts to incorporate FT8 and...	
View project details	
Contributor	Mentor
KrishGupta	Josh M
Expanding the GNU Radio 4.0 Block Set	
I propose to migrate and enhance critical signal-processing blocks from GNU Radio 3.x to the next-generation GNU Radio 4.0 architecture. Leveraging...	
View project details	
Contributor	Mentor
StudHamza	noc0lour
FM Broadcast Radio application	
In this project, I aim to develop a fully fledged FM broadcast receiver application with integrated RDS and spectrum scanning. The application should...	
View project details	



Fund your projects/ideas through grants

Small Grants through GNU Radio - \$5-\$15k
Nov. 15 Deadline - info@gnuradio.org

Grant Ideas

Similar to the [GSoC Ideas](#) page, this is a list of things we could potentially ask for grant money to accomplish, or even just volunteers who want something specific to dive into:

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 - 1.4 [Coming up with a system for exporting and versioning wiki](#)
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AMATEUR RADIO DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

The NumFOCUS Small Development Grants program is a community collaboration which addresses project needs while also engaging dedicated volunteers. See the process below:



How to Support GNU Radio



Get Involved

Advertise that you use GNU Radio

Write a letter of support

Publish a whitepaper

Join a team

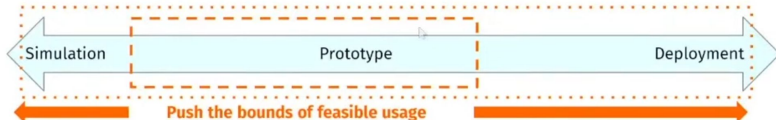


Technical vision remains unchanged

... but is starting to become reality

From GRCon22

GNU Radio in the development workflow



Through the 4.0 architecture, expand feasible usage from simulation through to deployment

Technical Vision for GNU Radio 4.0

Modular CPU Runtime

- Scheduler as plugin
- Application-specific schedulers

Heterogeneous Architectures

- Seamless integration of accelerators (e.g., FPGAs, GPUs, DSPs, SoCs)

Distributed DSP

- Setup and manage flowgraphs that span multiple nodes

Straightforward implementation of (distributed) SDR systems that make efficient use of the platform and its accelerators

GR 4.0 Timeline



2019: Benchmarking of GR scheduler, identification of optimization opportunities. Attempts to implement in current codebase

2020: SDR 4.0 - enhance GNU Radio capabilities on to heterogeneous compute platforms

2020: newsched project - fresh start on architectural concepts

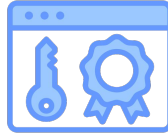
2022: GRCon22 - newsched modularity and usability demonstration

2022: GSI/FAIR commits resources and takes on deeper changes to scheduler and API

2024: EU GR Days - @GSI/FAIR hands on workshops

2024: EU GR Days - Demonstration of packet modem in GR 4.0

Permissive Licensing



Our goal is for free and open software defined radio to get into the hands of as many people as possible.

GNU Radio is boxed out of many ecosystems because of (often misunderstood) GPL constraints

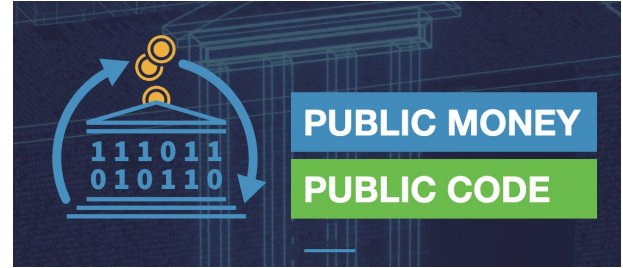
GR4 will have a permissive MIT licensed core and minimal blockset

Allows derived works to be licensed *at the discretion of the author*

- We envision a healthy GPLv3 ecosystem of OOT modules

Gain access to new applications / markets / ecosystems

Note: no relicensing of GR3 - ported code will remain GPLv3



The future of the GNU Radio framework



Imagine ...

GNU Radio that is suitable for mission critical and enterprise grade applications

GNU Radio flowgraphs that can be designed as prototypes and be deployed as products with minimal additional effort

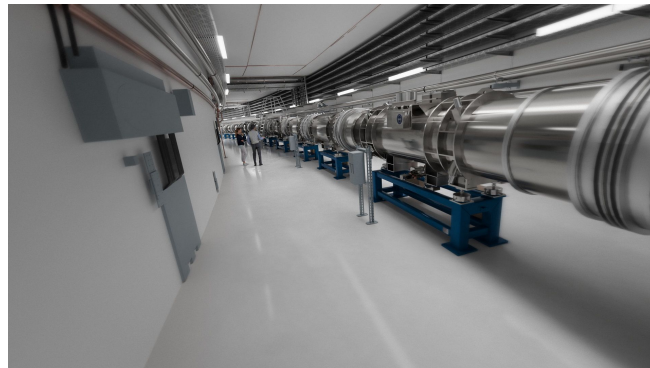
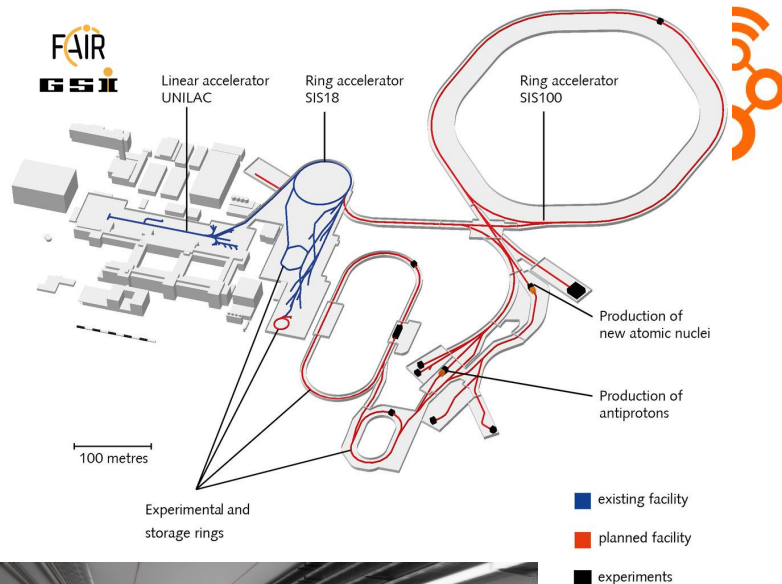
GNU Radio development workflows and data pipelines that better enable AI tools and AI/ML applications

Mission Critical

GR4 was developed as the measurement and sample processing solution for the particle accelerators at FAIR

Designed to run on **critical infrastructure**, and thus *meet higher standards for **safety**, **cybersecurity**, and **product liability**.*

- Redesigned from the ground up
- Modern C++ and Best Practices
- Lean, clean codebase
- High throughput and low latency demands





From prototype to deployed product

Block based development is a powerful concept - rapid application development based on modularity, reuse - but how well can a general purpose framework allow this to become a “product”

How these blocks get executed is highly dependent on the runtime framework

- Optimal scheduling across available compute resources
 - Custom scheduler to meet application needs
- Heterogeneous compute
 - Custom buffers to suit specific compute resources
- Maximize CPU performance
 - Lock Free buffers, constexpr optimization, std::simd standardization, Block Merging

GR4 Killer Features

Lean on compiler for efficient optimizations

Type strictness and constraints

Code is single source of truth

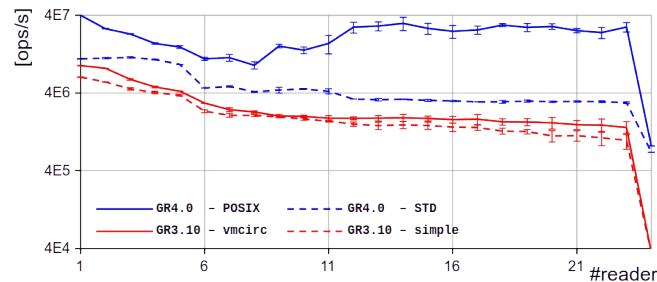
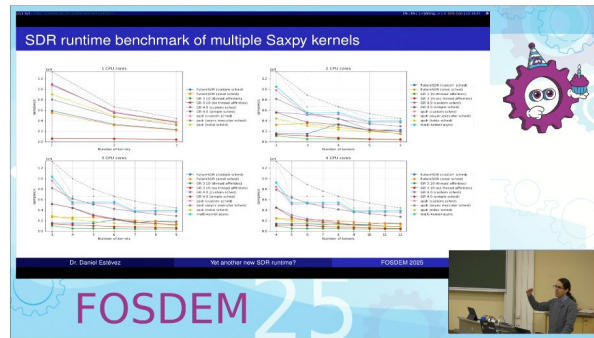
SIMD and Merge API

Direct testing of blocks without flowgraph

Lock free circular buffers

Modular Scheduling

Ease of Development



benchmark:		cache misses	mean	stddev	max	ops/s
merged src->sink		1.3k / 3k = 46%	626 ns	110 ns	952 ns	16.4G
merged src->copy->sink		391 / 971 = 40%	957 ns	106 ns	1 us	10.7G
merged src(N=1024)->b1(Ns128)->b2(N=1024)->b3(N=32...128)->sink		398 / 960 = 41%	957 ns	103 ns	1 us	10.7G
merged src->mult(2.0)->div(2.0)->add(-1)->sink		401 / 1k = 40%	3 us	108 ns	4 us	3.0G
merged src->(mult(2.0)->div(2.0)->add(-1))^10->sink		470 / 1k = 42%	41 us	189 ns	42 us	248M
runtime src->sink		9k / 174k = 5%	42 us	98 us	336 us	241M
runtime src(N=1024)->b1(Ns128)->b2(N=1024)->b3(N=32...128)->sink		20k / 648k = 3%	125 us	328 us	1 ms	81.7M
runtime src->mult(2.0)->div(2.0)->add(-1)->sink - process_one(..)		24k / 663k = 4%	105 us	259 us	882 us	97.5M
runtime src->mult(2.0)->div(2.0)->add(-1)->sink - process_bulk(..)		24k / 664k = 4%	152 us	358 us	1 ms	67.3M
runtime src->(mult(2.0)->div(2.0)->add(-1))^10->sink		56k / 686k = 8%	127 us	28 us	198 us	80.6M



GR4 in practice

This is a completely functional GR4 block

```
struct Square : Block<Square> {  
    using Description = Doc<"@brief Squares the input value">;  
  
    PortIn<float> in;  
    PortOut<float> out;  
  
    GR_MAKE_REFLECTABLE(Square, in, out);  
  
    [[nodiscard]] constexpr float processOne(float input) const noexcept { return input*input; }  
};
```

Join the GR4 Block Tutorial to learn
more hands-on



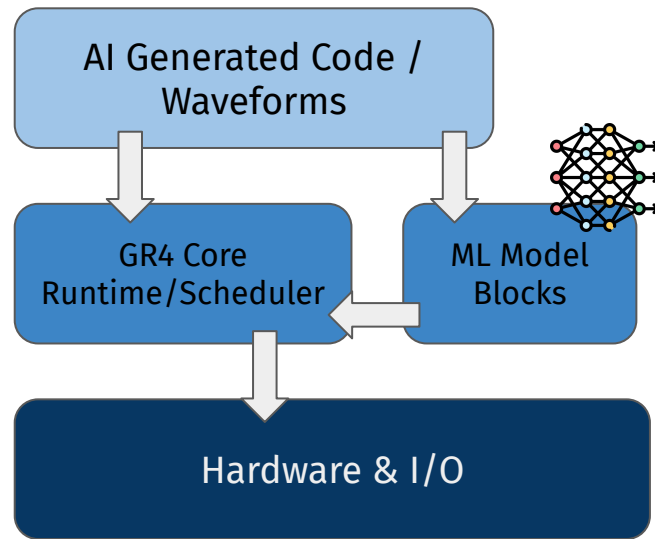
GR4 as a low barrier entrypoint for AI enabled SDR

AI-enabled SDR starts with an easy to use, high-performance framework.

Without a stable, performant core, developers waste time reinventing DSP chains, schedulers, and I/O handling.

GR4 provides a production-grade signal processing engine so AI-generated code and AI-driven waveforms can focus on innovation, not reimplement.

A shared foundation means AI models and outputs are immediately deployable and interoperable with other SDR components.





AI Ready Data Model

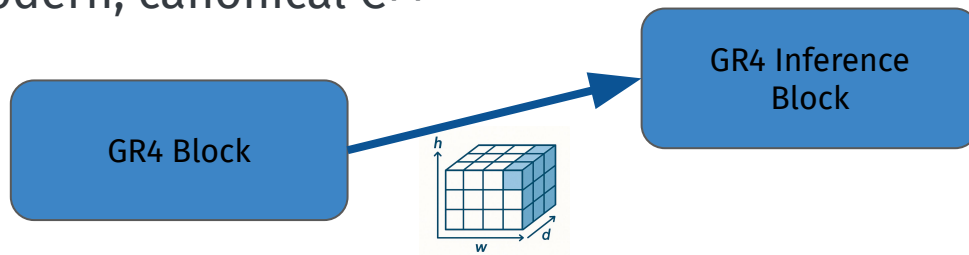
PMT Tensors: superset of vectors with shape, dtype, rank.

Fits naturally with PyTorch, TensorFlow, ONNX workflows.

Rich metadata (time/frequency/antenna) travels with data → training & inference ready.

PMT typed ports: simplify sending structured data between blocks

More sane PMT API - modern, canonical C++





Data Movement and Compute Placement

Custom buffers and zero-copy GPU/accelerator paths.

- Custom Buffer architecture in place
- SYCL as one prototyped option for compute abstraction

Modular schedulers allow a vast ecosystem of custom and future domain-specific schedulers

- Async & batch execution to match AI inference engine behavior.

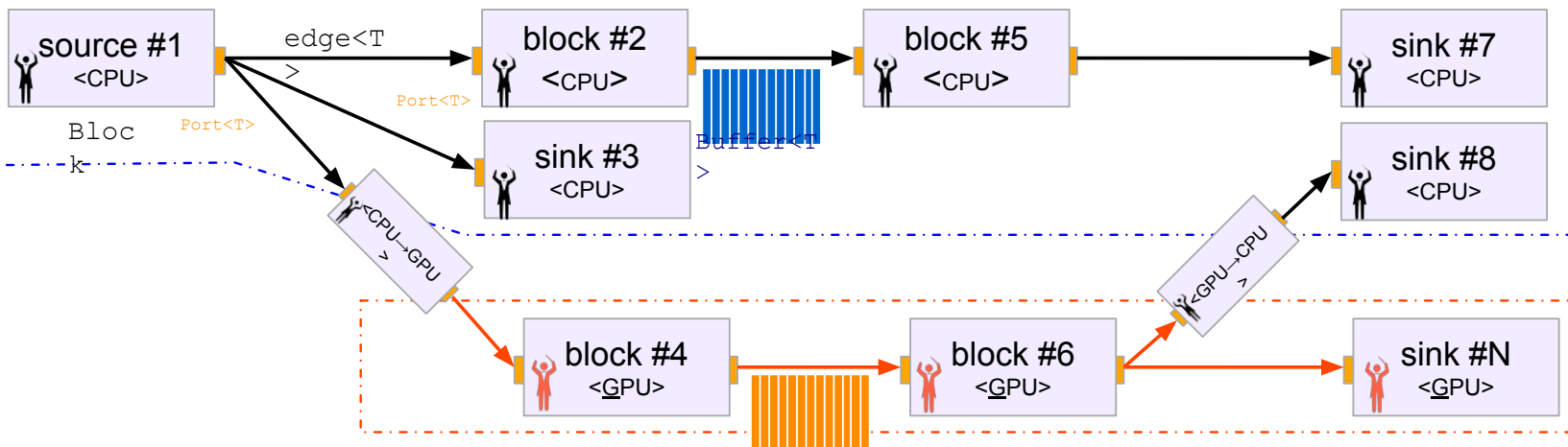


Graph-Based Signal-Flow Description

GR3.x→4: multiple compute domains & inverted scheduler paradigm Block → Graph

flow-graph (global scheduler)

sub-flow-graph: e.g. CPU scheduling domain



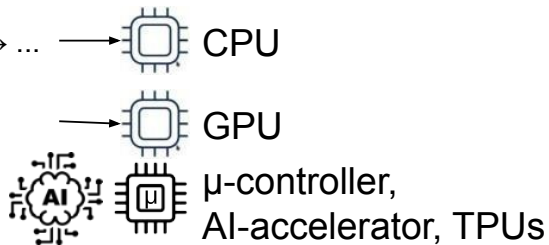
sub-flow-graph: e.g. GPU scheduling domain

flow-graph → schedule



sink#3:work() → block#2 → block#5 → ... → CPU

scheduler#2 → block#4:work() → block#6 → ...





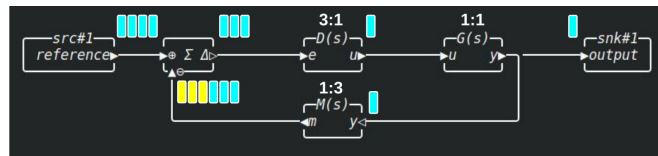
Latest GR4 Features

New/properly integrated features

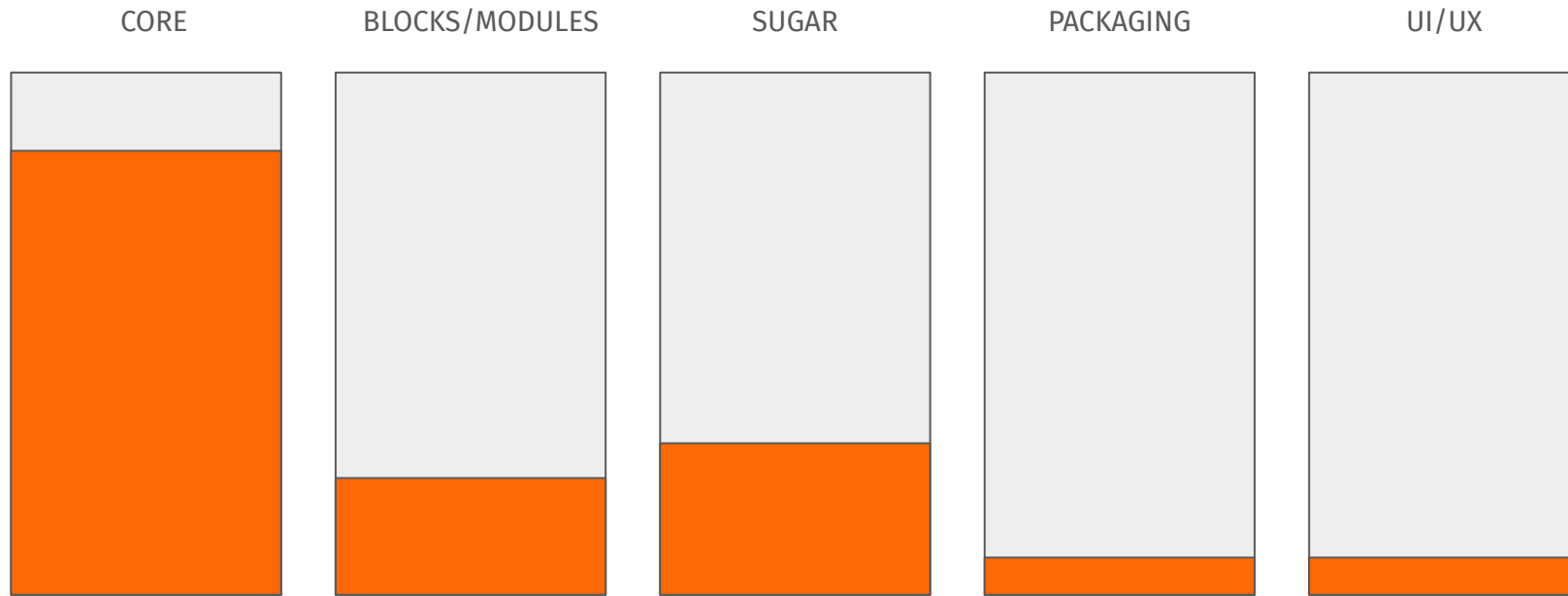
- custom user-defined scheduler
- low-latency schedulers ($< \sim 10$ us worst-case latencies, chain of 5 blocks)
- message passing API to read/write/modify graphs from a non-C++ context (important for GUI developments)
- fully compile-time static/runtime polymorphic (plugin) block API
- unmanaged + managed (WIP) polymorphic sub-graphs (plugin-API)
- ... finalising the Buffer, Port, Block, Graph, Scheduler API, ...
- ... reduced the overhead for tag-processing (~ 35 M tags/s possible)
- ... feedback-loop integration (WIP)
- new `<simd>-FFT` (MIT-licensed, as-fast/faster than FFTW)

Tentative proof-of-concepts:

- tentative Windows support (Chris Gorman et al.)
- SYCL integration (GPUs, FPGAs, ...)
- ONNX integration (vendor-neutral ML integration) -> needs user-driven examples
- `Tensor<T>` support (John Sallay et al.)



Goals for GR4 - to be broadly adoptable





Low Hanging Fruit

What are some things that the community could jump on *right now*

Blocks / Modules

- Porting things from GR3
- SigMF
- ONNX, other AI model frameworks

REST/HTTP Integration

Example flowgraphs - AM/FM/Digital modulation/demodulation

Performance Benchmarks



How to Engage

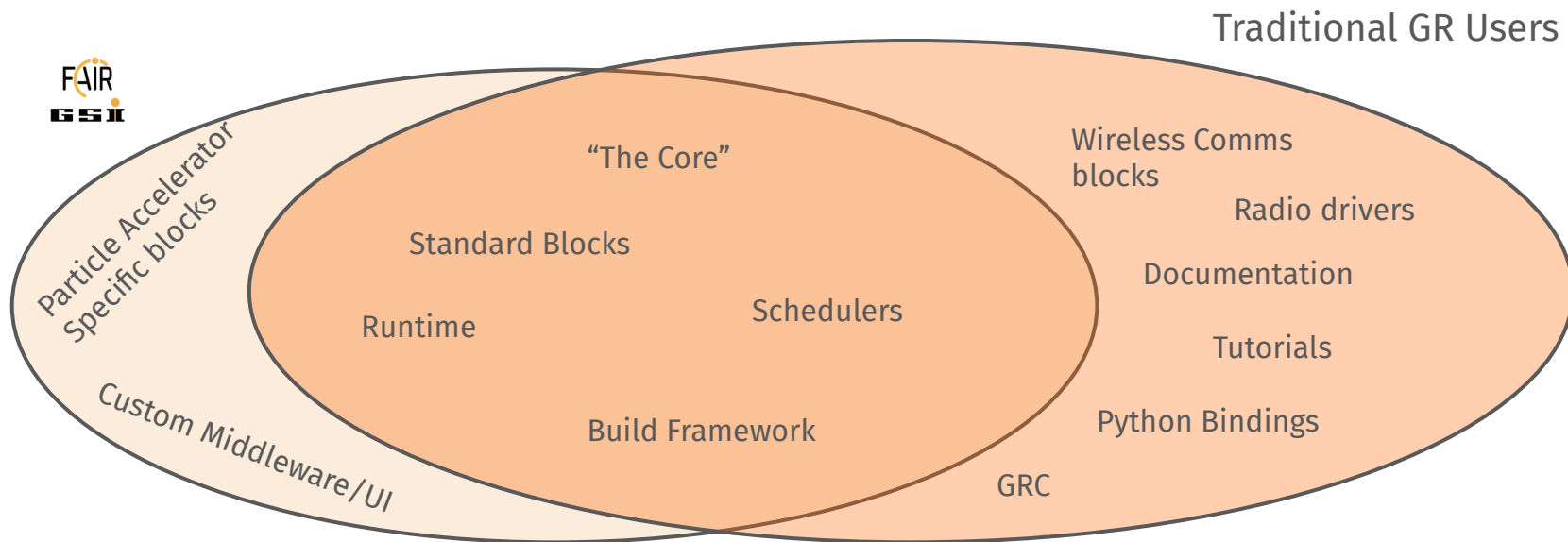
Architecture Working Group -

- This is where we discuss what is going on with GR4
- 4th Thursday of every month (mostly) - 12PM ET
- <https://groups.io/g/gnuradio-scheduler>
 - To get meeting invites
- #Architecture Channel on chat.gnuradio.org
- Topics:
 - We would like to have more community driven topics - show what you are doing with GR4, issues you might be running into, how you would like to use it
 - Apart from that general updates and feature planning

Community Maintainership



Goal is to transition ownership / maintenance to the GNU Radio community



Let's Make this a Reality!



Reach a level of community maintainership

Expand the blockset (join the GR4 block tutorial tomorrow, and hackfest Friday)

Create new and exciting applications that demonstrate the functionalities and performance advantages





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