An End-to-End LTE Testbed in Three Clicks

From LTE PHY to full E2E in 30 min

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SRS' FOSDEM History

2014 2015 2016 2017 2018

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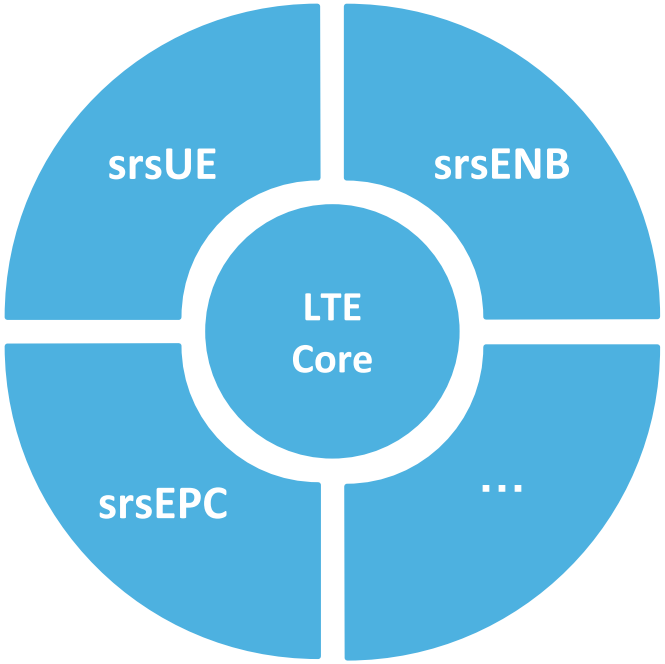
Ismael's talk:
"libLTE An Open Source LTE Library"

Paul's talk:
"Open Source LTE EPCs + eNodeBs + UEs oh my"

Ismael's talk:
"srsUE: A high-performance software radio LTE UE"

The srsLTE Ecosystem

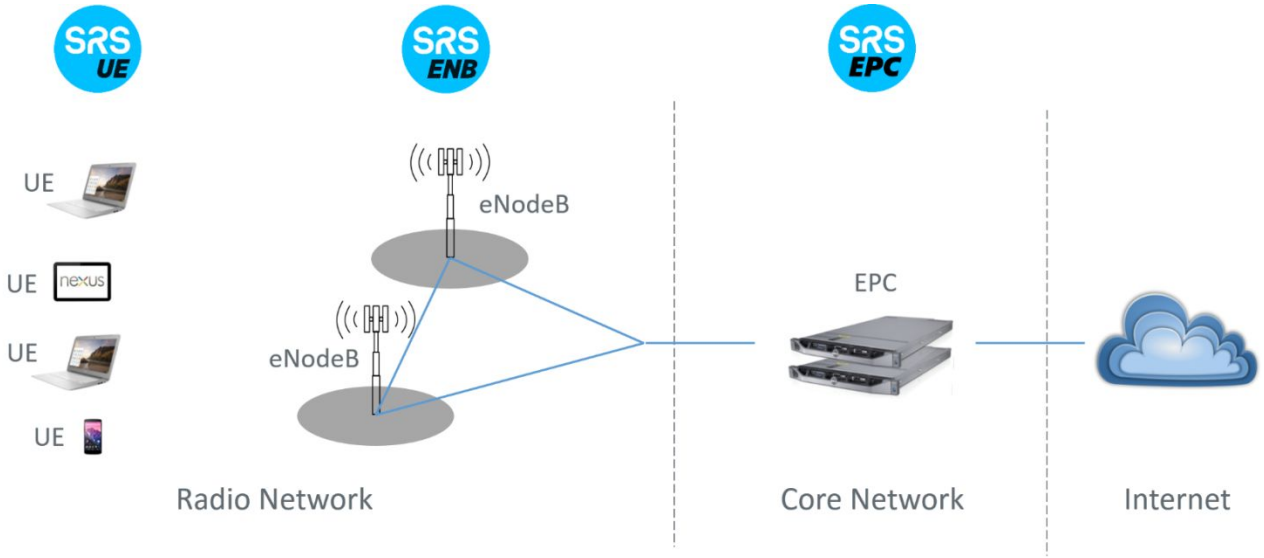
- Core LTE library
  - Modular and portable, high-performance library for LTE PHY, MAC, RLC, PDCP, RRC, NAS, S1AP and GW
  - All LTE bandwidths up to 20 MHz, TM1-4
  - Highly optimized Turbo decoder for Intel SSE4.1/AVX (150Mbps in TM3/4)
- Applications
  - srsUE: First open-source SDR LTE UE
  - srsENB: A complete SDR LTE eNodeB application
  - srsEPC: A light-weight LTE core network



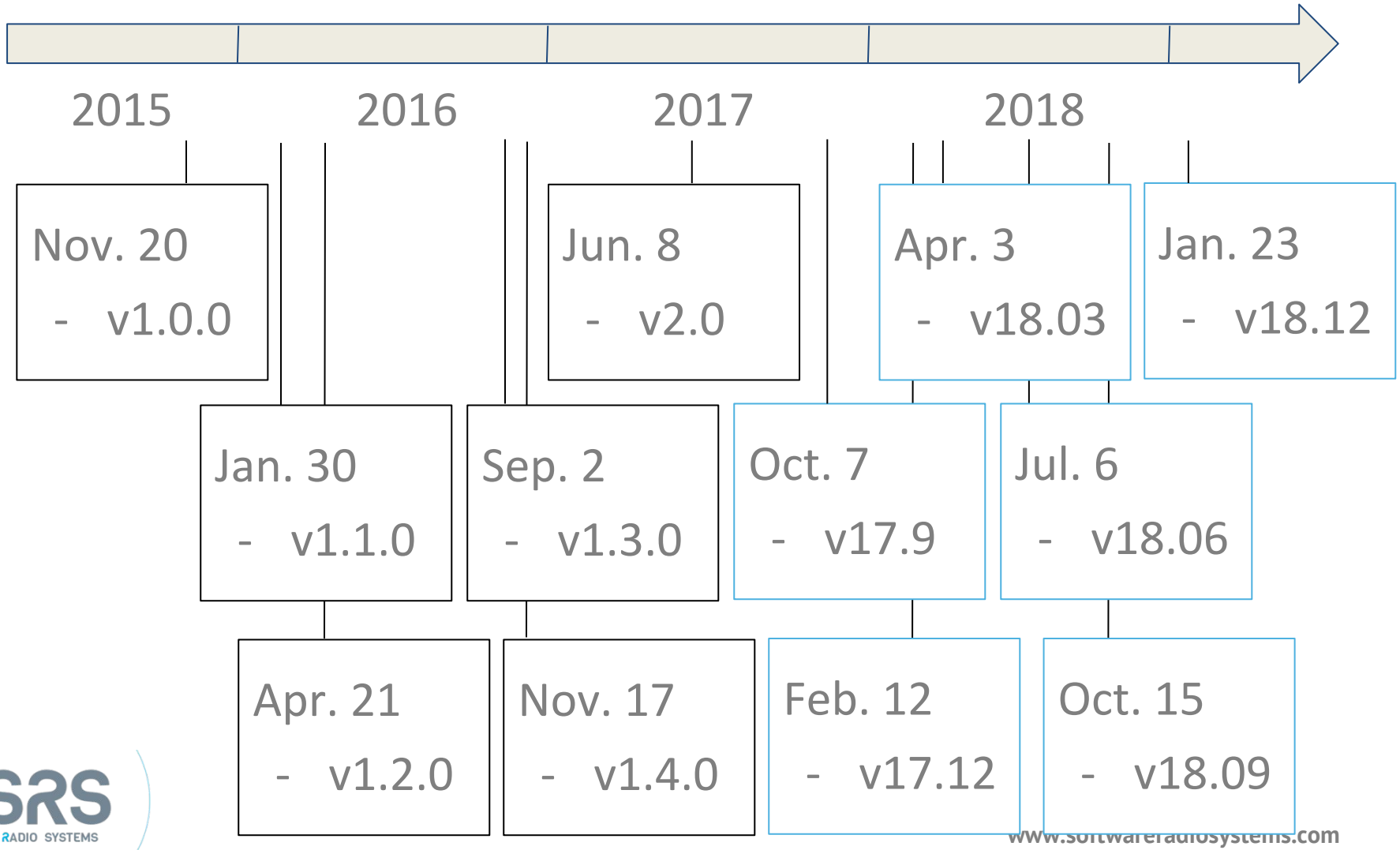
Recent Public-Funded Projects

OPENFirst

- NIST **P**ublic **S**afety **I**nnovation **A**ccelerator **P**rogram
- Fully open-source end-to-end LTE network for public safety research & development (PTT, D2D, ..)



srsLTE Release Overview



Important srsLTE Releases (1)

- srsLTE 2.0
  - Added srsENB
  - Merge srsUE code into main srsLTE repo

- srsLTE 17.09
  - 2x2 MIMO in PHY and srsUE (i.e. TM3/TM4)
  - eMBMS support in PHY

Important srsLTE Releases (2)

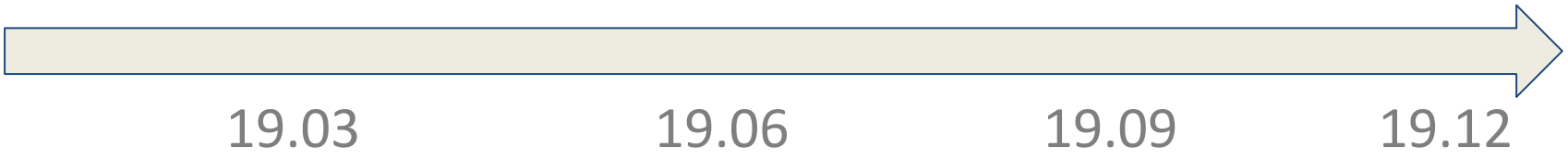
- srsLTE 17.12
  - 2x2 MIMO in srsENB
  - Added srsEPC
  - X2/S1 handover and UP encryption in srsUE

- srsLTE 18.06
  - eMBMS in srsUE/srsENB/srsEPC
  - Hard-SIM support in srsUE

Important srsLTE Releases (3)

- srsLTE 18.12
  - New ASN1 library for RRC packing/unpacking
  - Encryption for srsEPC
  - IPv6 support for srsUE

srsLTE Roadmap 2019



Early 2019:

- Closed-loop power control in srsUE
- TDD and Carrier Aggregation (CA) in srsUE
- User and developer documentation

Later 2019:

- CA in srsENB
- Sidelink (D2D/V2X) in srsUE

Binary Packaging

- Ubuntu packages
  - PPA: https://launchpad.net/~srslte
  - Maintained by SRS (added in 18.06)
- (Open-)SUSE packages
  - https://build.opensuse.org/package/show/home:mnhauke:sdr-devel/srsLTE
  - Maintained by Martin Hauke
- Debian packages
  - https://packages.debian.org/sid/srslte
  - Maintained by Ruben Undheim
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Supported RF Hardware

- Native support:
  - Ettus Research USRP B2xx, X3x0
  - Nuand bladeRF x40/x115, 2.0 micro
  - Epiq Solutions Sidekiq
- Through SoapySDR (tested):
  - RTL-SDR
  - LimeSDR
  - IIO
- Soon: ZMQ No-RF

No-RF Radio module

Motivation:

- Full stack testing without radio hardware

Advantages:

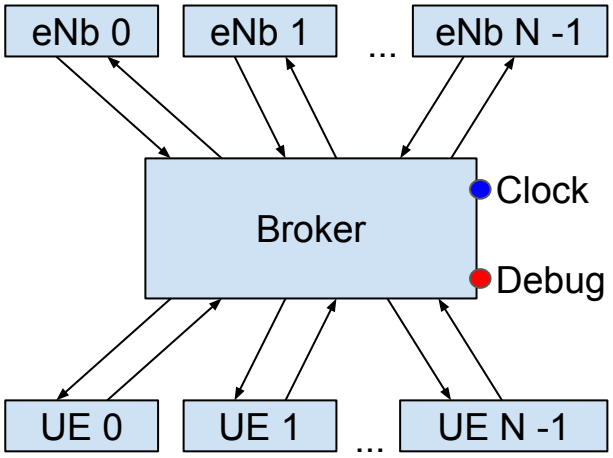
- Use tools like Valgrind, ASAN, gdb, etc.
- Run faster, slower, pause
- Model complex environments (N eNBs, M UEs, channel matrix)
- Signal visualization

Challenges:

- NO! eNB/UE changes (unless they make sense)
- Only new RF module
  - Convert btw. async and sync tx/rx model
  - Rate changes

rf_zmq_impl Prototype

- No-RF radio module (using srsLTE RF API)
- Transport IQ samples over ZMQ sockets
  - REQ/REP model for Rx/Tx
  - Blocking Rx
  - Different transports
- Timestamp synchronization
- Buffering/padding of IQ samples
- Resampling



No-RF Example (1)

- srsENB using rf_zmq radio as Tx

```
$ ./srsenb/src/srsenb ../srsenb/enb_zmq.conf
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- pdsch_ue as Rx

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$ ./lib/examples/pdsch_ue -I zmq -a rx_port=5558 -r 0x1234
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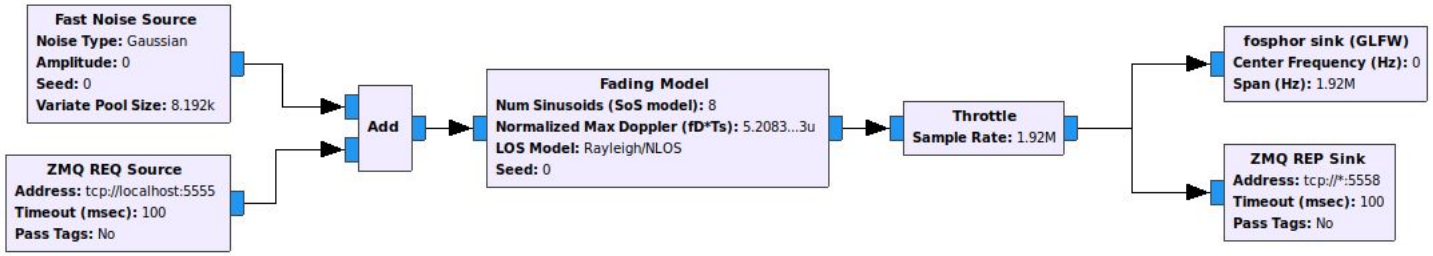
- GNU Radio as broker adding noise and fading



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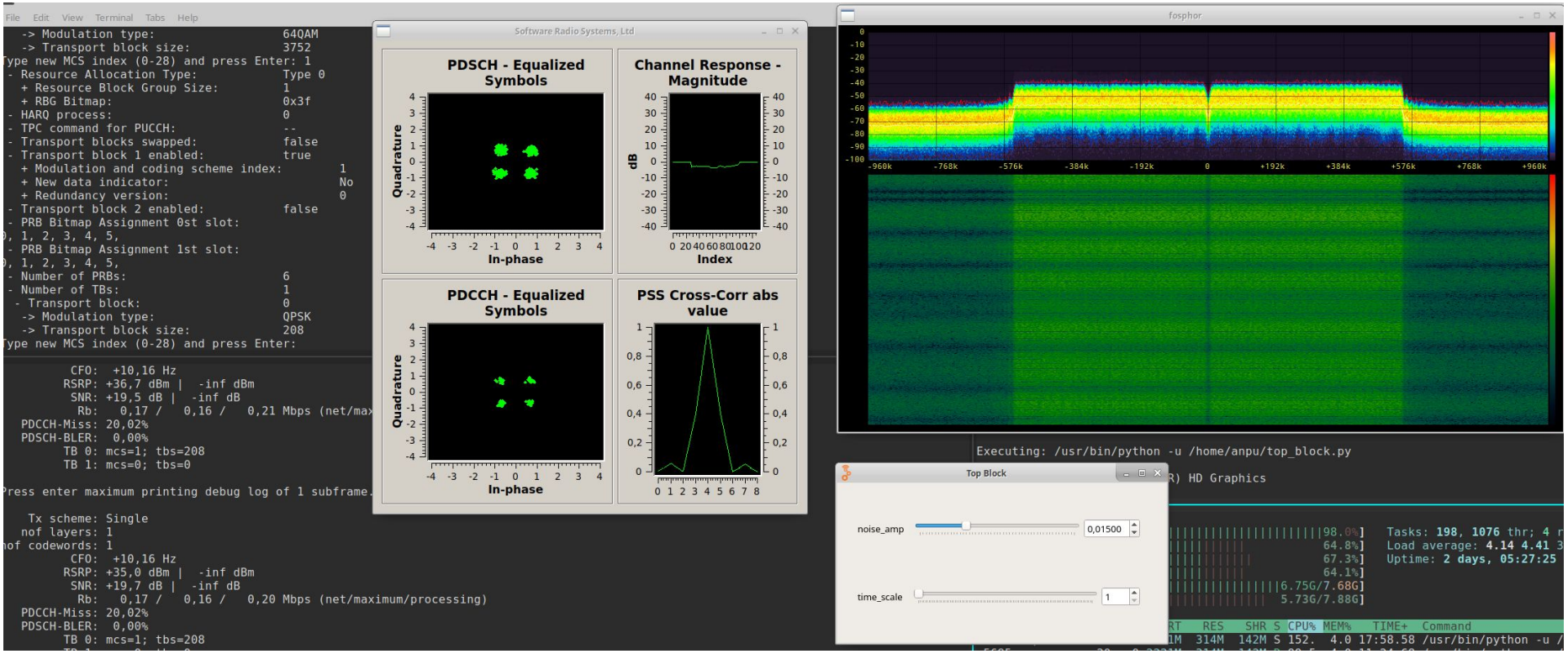

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What's the Three Clicks Thing?

PPA package not in Software-Center!

```
$ sudo add-apt-repository ppa:srslte/releases
$ sudo apt-get update
$ sudo apt-get install srslte -y
$ srsepc_if_masq.sh <ethX>
$ sudo srsepc
$ sudo srsenb
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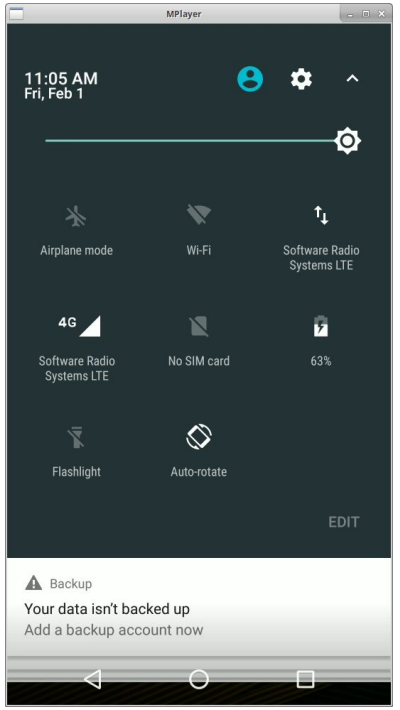

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