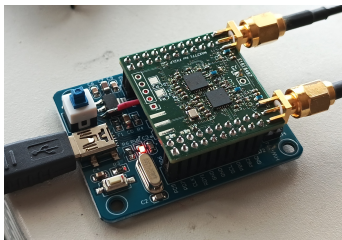


Passive and active RADAR using Software Defined Radio (SDR)

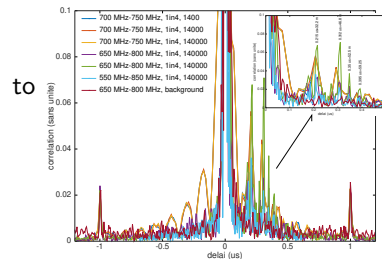
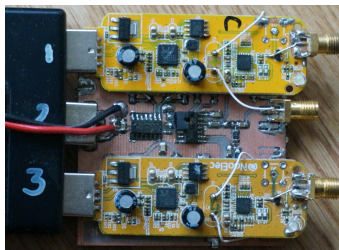


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Definition of RADiofrequency Detection And Ranging (RADAR ^{1 2 3})

- ▶ Electromagnetic waves propagate at a speed of $300 \text{ m}/\mu\text{s}$
- ▶ Electromagnetic waves are **reflected** by conducting or dielectric media
- ▶ The two-way **time of flight** t provides an estimate of the **range** d to the target
- ▶ Emitter and receiver at the same location: **monostatic** RADAR ^{a b c d}
- ▶ Emitter and receiver at separate locations: bi- or **multi-static** RADAR
- ▶ Target moving at velocity v induces (Doppler) frequency shift: $\delta f = 2 \cdot f_c \frac{v}{c}$
- ▶ Static targets backscatter at the same frequency than incoming signal: **clutter**

- ▶ **Passive RADAR**: use surrounding electromagnetic smog for target ranging

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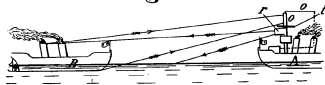
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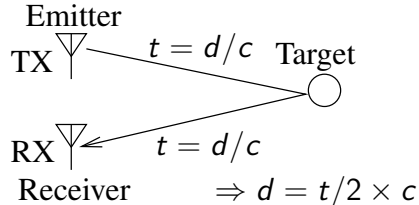
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Fig.1.



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Signal requirements: power

Energy conservation from an isotropic transmitter to an isotropic receiver:

- ▶ emitted power P_E spreads over a sphere with area $4\pi \cdot d^2$ at distance d
- ▶ receiver with area λ^2 intersects the sphere
- ▶ received power P_R normalized with the 4π steradians surrounding the receiver

$$4\pi \cdot P_R = P_E \cdot \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi \cdot d^2} \Leftrightarrow P_R = \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi \cdot d} \right)^2$$

- ▶ linear to decibel scale: $10 \log_{10}()$: Free Space Propagation Loss

$$FSPL = 20 \log_{10}(d) + 20 \log_{10}(f) - 147.55$$

$$\text{where } 20 \log_{10}(c/(4\pi)) = 147.55 \text{ (} d[\text{m}], f[\text{Hz}] \text{)}$$

- ▶ Point like target acts as a new source: $1/d^2 \times 1/d^2 = 1/d^4$

$\text{RADAR Propagation Loss} = 40 \log_{10}(d) + 40 \log_{10}(f) - 147.55 \times 2, \text{ decreasing as } d^4$

DERIVATION OF TRANSMISSION FORMULA (1)

Having defined the effective area of an antenna, it is a simple matter to derive (1). As shown in Fig. 1, consider a radio circuit made up of an isotropic transmitting

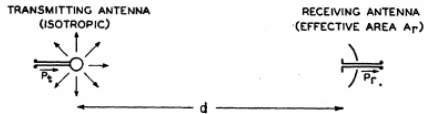


Fig. 1—Free-space radio circuit.

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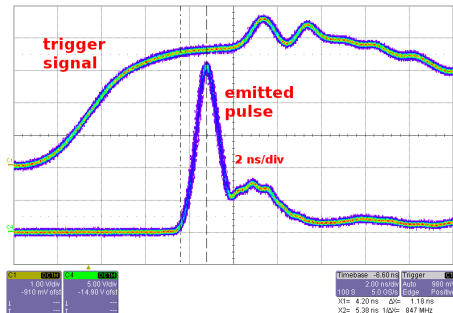
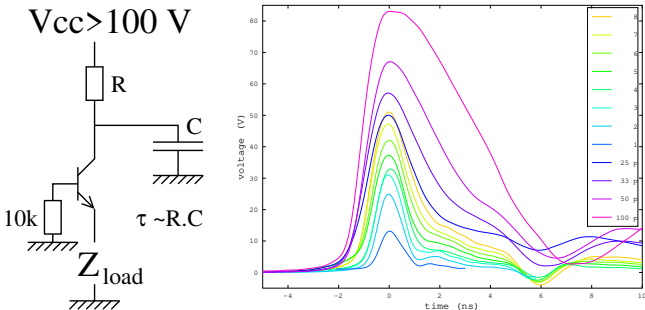
| Method | Benefit | Drawback |
|-------------------|--|--|
| Pulse | Time multiplexing of emission and reception | Energy concentrated in a short duration, challenging amplifier and pulse generator for SDR (e.g. avalanche transistor) |
| FMCW ⁴ | Beatnote receiver is audiofrequency | Linearity of the frequency swept source |
| FSCW | Narrowband IF filter for low integrated noise bandwidth (sensitive) | Probes each frequency one after the other |
| Noise | Probes all frequencies at the same time, stealth, very suitable for SDR | Heavy computational load |

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Example of pulsed RADAR using an avalanche transistor as pulse transmitter and a **stroboscopic**^{4 5} (STM32F334 HRTIM, 217 ps step=1/4.6 GS/s equivalent) recording as receiver (used in Ground Penetrating RADAR).



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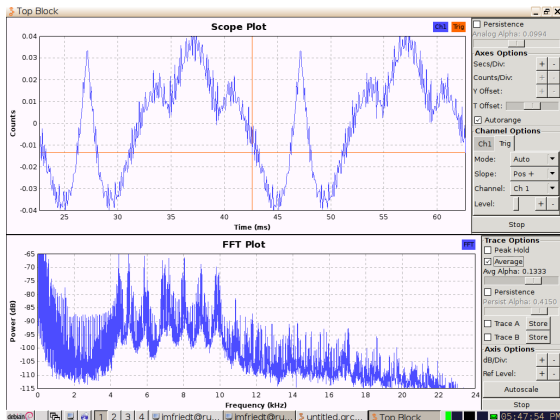
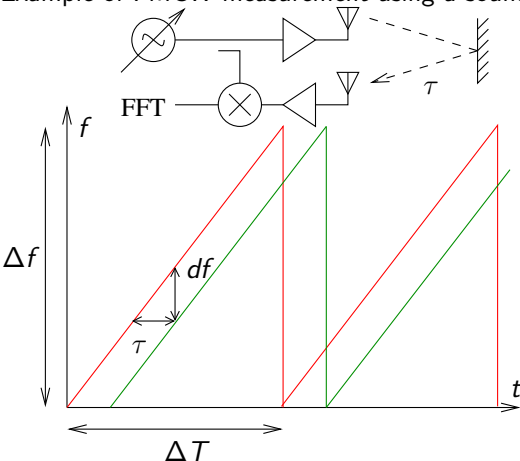
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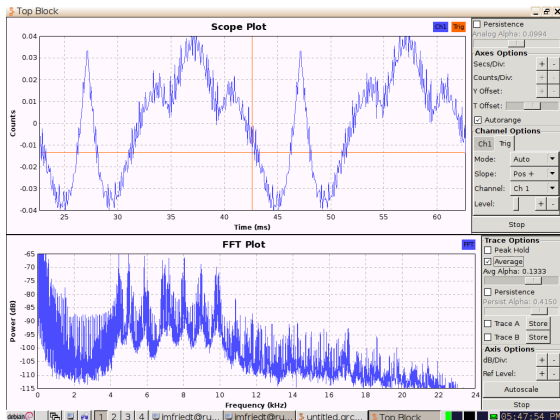
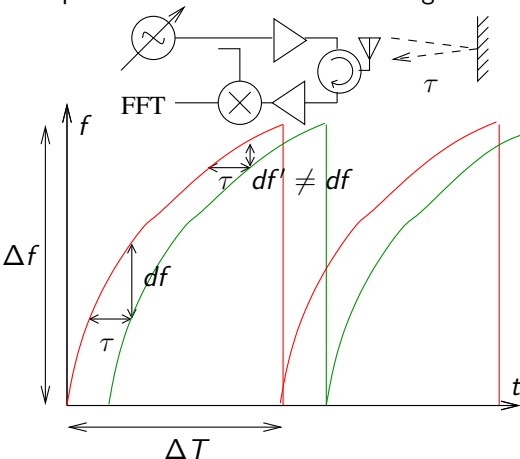
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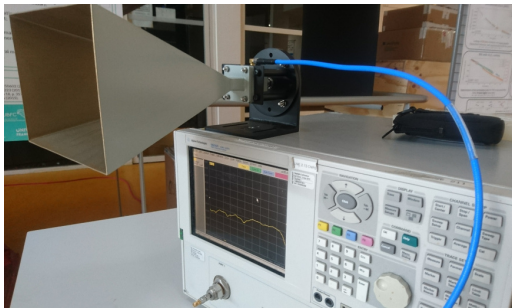
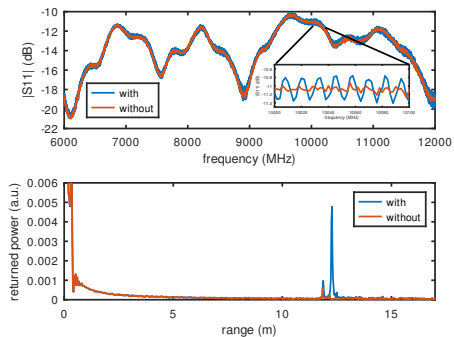


Challenge of the linearity of the VCO frequency output with time: $df' \neq df$ spreads the Fourier peaks

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Timestep $1/B \Rightarrow PRI = N/B$ for N samples/measurement

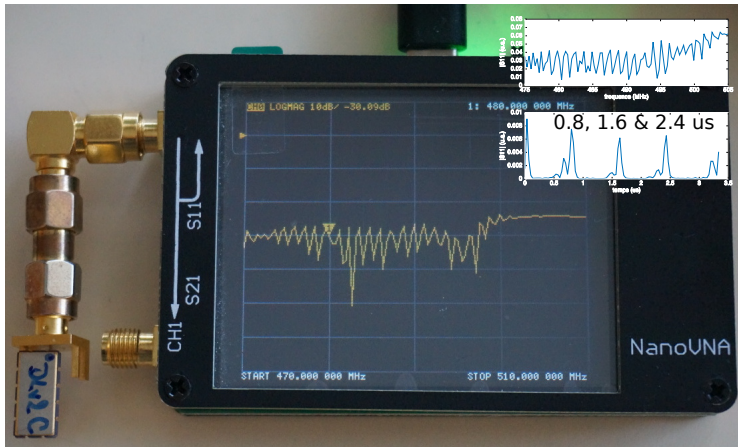


Example of FSCW measurement using a commercial vector network analyzer ⁴.

⁴see NanoVNA – <https://nanovna.com/> – for low-cost embedded versions

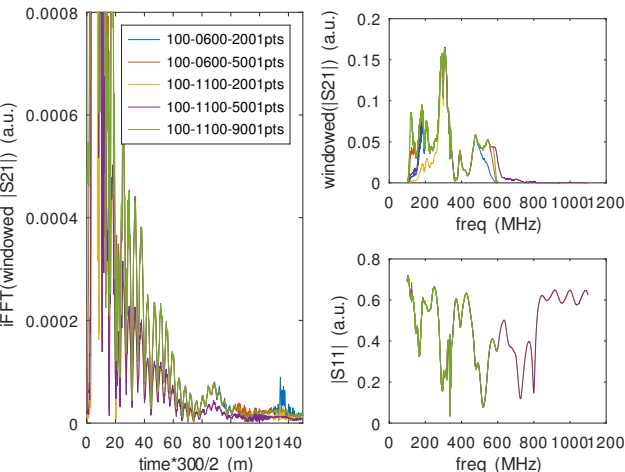
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See LibreVNA – <https://github.com/jankae/LibreVNA> – for a practical broadband embedded version.

Signal requirements: correlation and ambiguity function

- ▶ Search for a pattern p in a signal s : cross-correlation

$$xcorr(s, p)(\tau) = \int s(t) \cdot p^*(t + \tau) dt \quad \underbrace{\longrightarrow}_{\text{discrete time}} \quad xcorr(s, p)_n = \sum s_k \cdot p_{k+n}^*$$

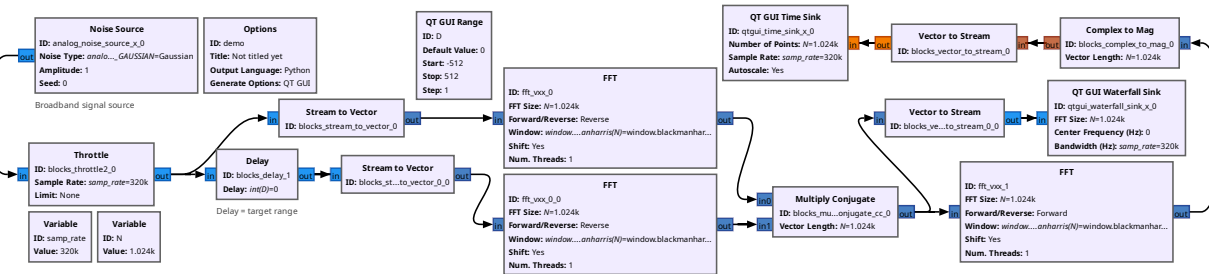
- ▶ When s includes p : matching capability determined by autocorrelation $xcorr(p, p)$
- ▶ Doppler shift for moving target: extend to the Ambiguity Function

$$AF(\tau, f) = \int p(t) \cdot p^*(t + \tau) \cdot \exp(j2\pi ft) dt$$

- ▶ Energy will not accumulate in the correlation peak if the **frequency shift between surveillance and reference** (s and p) bigger than a fraction of the inverse of the duration of p
- ▶ Computationally intensive operation: N multiplication for N values of $\tau \Rightarrow O(N^2)$ complexity

Correlation in the Fourier domain: demonstration using GNU Radio

- ▶ Demonstration using GNU Radio... but no $xcorr()$ block in GNU Radio
- ▶ computing the cross-correlation in the Fourier domain: $FT(xcorr(s, p)) = FT(s) \cdot FT^*(p)$
- ▶ Fourier transform in GNU Radio: Fast Fourier Transform FFT block ($O(N \ln(N))$)
- ▶ computing the integral $X(f) = \int x(t) \exp(j2\pi ft)$ requires accumulating enough samples: stream to vector
- ▶ Fourier transform is linear: $f(ax + by) = af(x) + bf(y) \Rightarrow$ multiple targets at different ranges will be individually detected even though the receiving antenna receives the sum of the backscattered signals

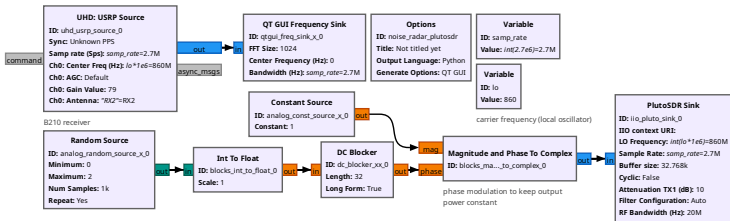


Monostatic active noise ^{4 5 6} RADAR demonstration

- ▶ PlutoSDR as noise source generator
- ▶ Record a minute fraction of the transmitted signal (coupler): reference channel
- ▶ Record the backscattered signal: surveillance channel
- ▶ Cross-correlate surveillance and reference

A Proposed Technique for the Improvement of Range Determination with Noise Radar*

In certain radar systems continuous wide-band noise signals are transmitted and target-range determination is made by cross correlating the returned signal with a delayed duplicate of the transmitted signal. The target range corresponds to the delay time giving the maximum in the resulting cross correlation. For white noise the cross correlation is of the form of a delta function and the maximum is easily located. In prac-

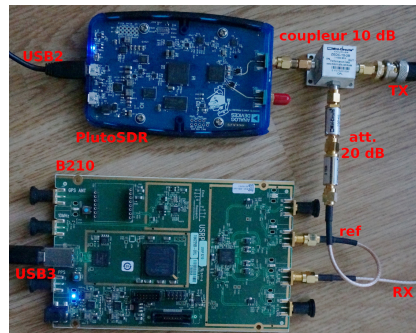
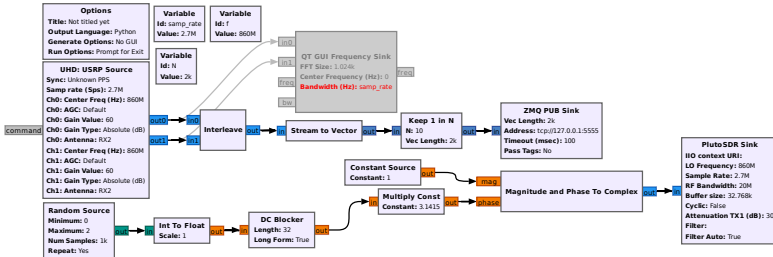


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Experimental setup



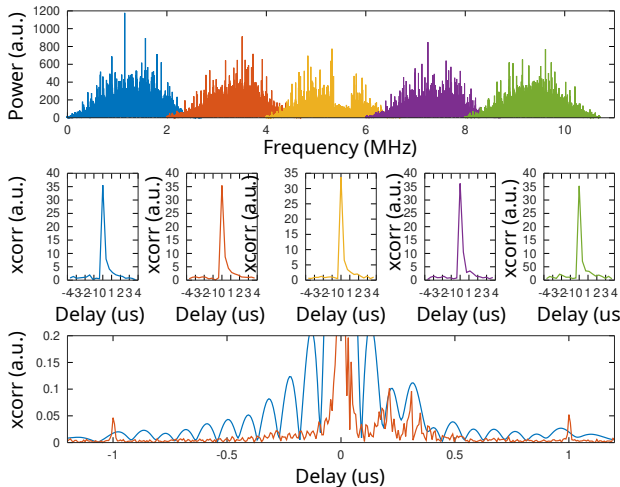
- ▶ Ettus Research B210 AD9361 RF frontend shares a common RX LO to both channels (coherent acquisition)^a
- ▶ Datastream too fast for real time computation
- ▶ No need for continuous stream processing: grab a snapshot of broadcast signal and received signal for processing
- ▶ ZeroMQ Publish-Subscribe for non-blocking stream to C/Python/GNU Octave...

^abut TX LO \neq RX LO

Frequency stacking

- ▶ Transmitter bandwidth limited by communication bus data rate
- ▶ Cross-correlation calculation in the Fourier domain: accumulate spectra collected in adjacent frequency bands
- ▶ Spectrum stacking *requires a constant phase* over carrier scan duration
- ▶ Replace PlutoSDR transmitter with e.g. WiFi broadcast: using Bastian Bloessel's packetspammer at <https://github.com/bastibl/gr-ieee802-11>:

```
ifconfig wlan0 down  
iwconfig wlan0 mode monitor  
ifconfig wlan0 up  
# loop on CHANNEL and collect @ each carrier  
iwconfig wlan0 channel ${CHANNEL}  
packetspammer wlan0 -n 1000000 -r 500 -s 1450
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Passive RADAR⁷

- ▶ Hitchhike existing transmitters: powerfull ($1/d^4$) and broadband \Rightarrow DVB-T transmitters
- ▶ Benefit from Doppler shift to separate moving targets from clutter (especially close to sea shore)

$$df = 2f_0 \frac{v}{c}$$

- ▶ Computationally intensive Doppler-range maps: compute

$$RD(\tau, df) = \int sur(t) \cdot ref^*(t + \tau) \exp(j2\pi df \cdot t) dt$$

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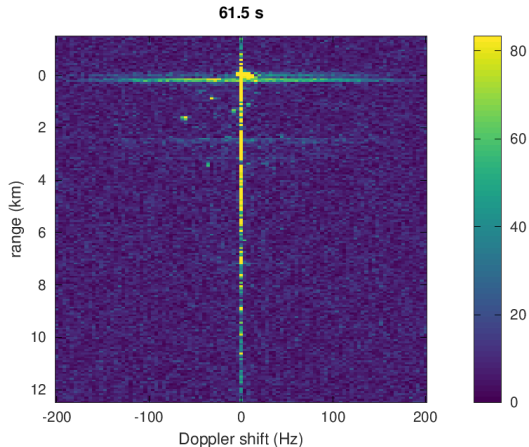
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Vivaldi (left) v.s Yagi-Uda (right) surveillance antenna

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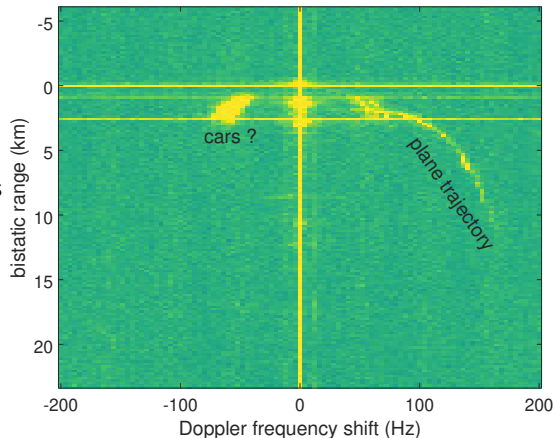
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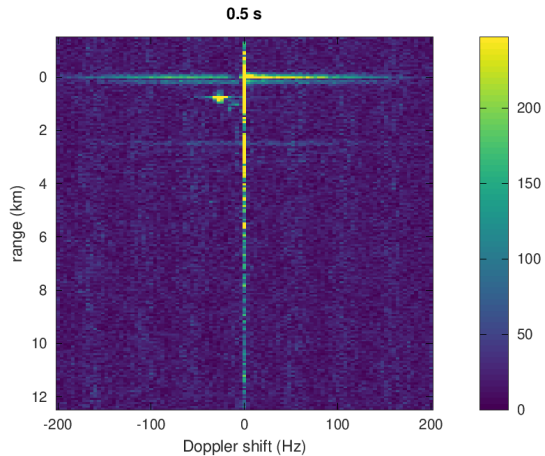
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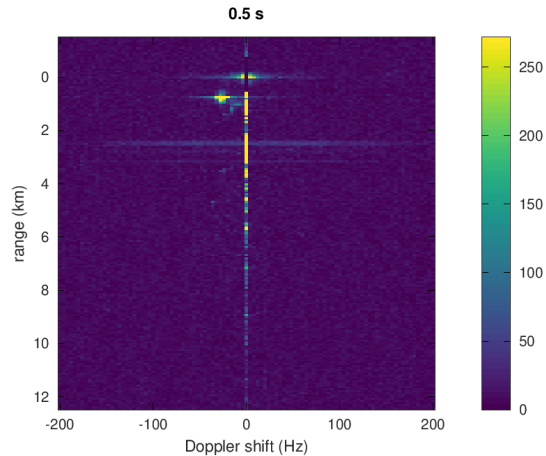
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Left: no Direct Signal Interference (DSI) removal



Right: with DSI removal

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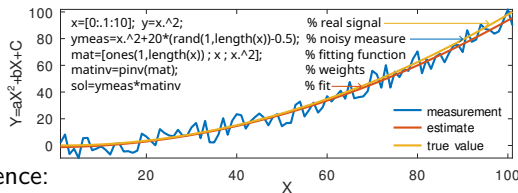
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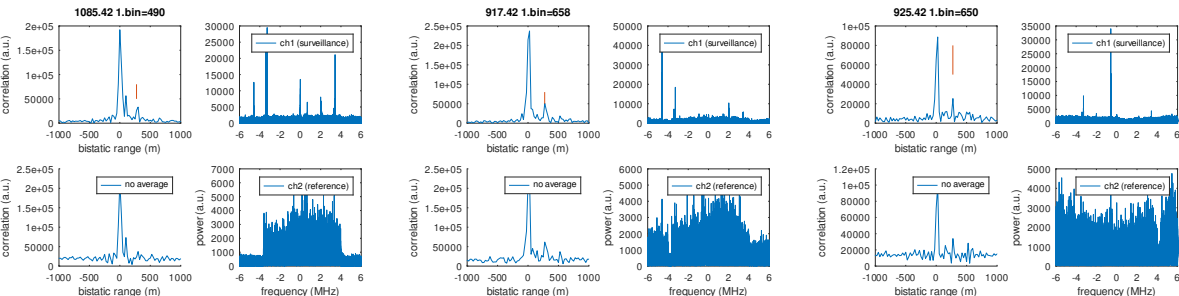
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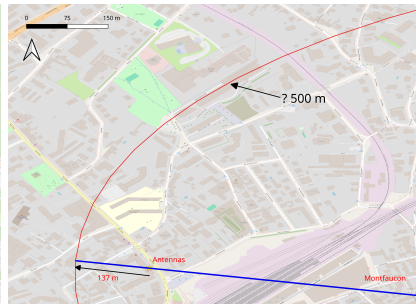
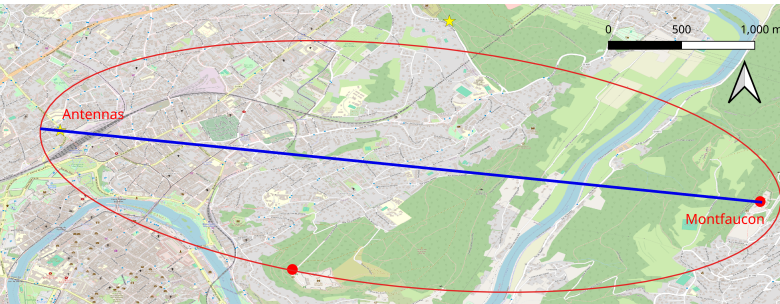


- ▶ Data collected using (PocketSDR) dual-MAX2771 receivers (2 bit ADC but up to 44 MS/s)⁸ with external frequency transposition to reach GNSS L1 band
- ▶ Vertical line at 913 ns i.e. $(300 \text{ m}/\mu\text{s})$ 274 m = $2 \times 137 \text{ m}$ but where is the target?

⁸https://github.com/jmfriedt/max2771_fx2lp/tree/main/250608_no_preamp

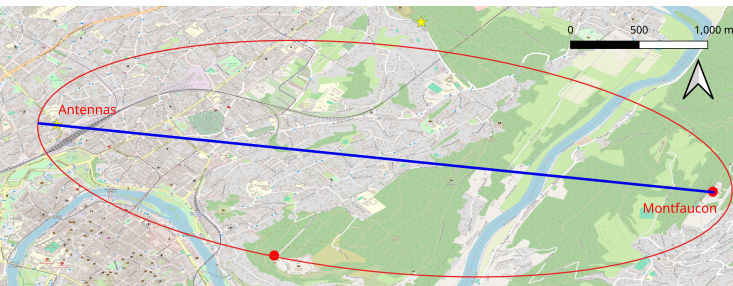
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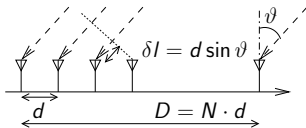
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Adding azimuth resolution

- ▶ Complement range measurement with direction of arrival for {azimuth, range} mapping
- ▶ Requires a narrow beam \Rightarrow large antenna (diameter D) since beamwidth $\simeq \lambda/D$
- ▶ Impractical \Rightarrow synthesize an equivalent antenna by multiplying emitter/receivers along baseline with length D
- ▶ MISO (Multiple Inputs Single Output)/MIMO (Multiple Inputs Multiple Outputs)^a well suited but challenging due to phase calibration of each receiving/emitting element

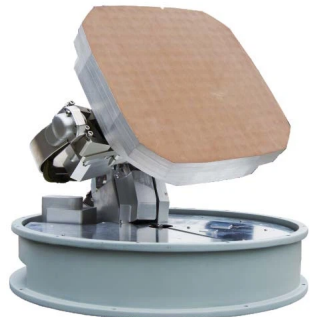


- ▶ Move a single emitter/receiver at different locations (constant phase offset at all positions): Synthetic Aperture RADAR (SAR)

^a<https://hforsten.com/mimo-radar-antenna-arrays.html>



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Synthetic aperture RADAR (SAR): Ground-Based ... (SDR-GB-SAR)

- Directional antenna requires aperture $\gg \lambda$ (hardly practical)
- Adding **azimuth resolution** with spatial diversity: Shannon sampling theorem in the spatial domain (dependent on the carrier frequency): move antenna with step δp :

$$\delta p \leq \lambda/4$$

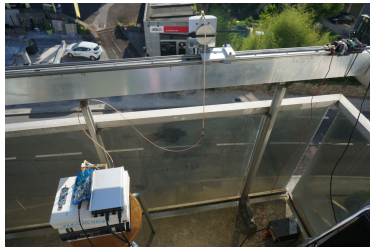
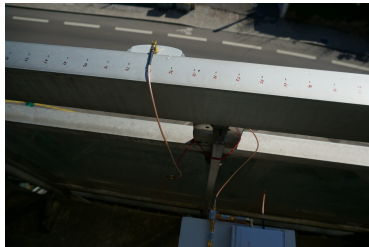
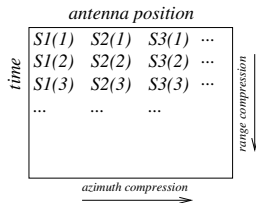
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- 2.45 GHz WiFi $\Rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{2} = \frac{300}{2 \times 2450} = 6.12 \text{ cm}$
- aperture $\simeq 2 \text{ m} \Rightarrow 200/6.12 \simeq 32 \text{ steps}$
- phase increment along antenna displacement: $d\varphi = 2\pi \frac{\delta p}{\lambda} \sin \vartheta$
- azimuth compression: Fourier transform along the antenna displacement axis \Rightarrow accumulate energy in $\sin \vartheta$ bin



SAR signal processing:

- for each antenna position $N \times \delta p$, collect a time domain vector from reference and surveillance $ref(t)$, $sur(t)$
- Fourier transform each time domain vector and multiply conjugate: $FT(sur) \cdot FT^*(ref)$
- 2D iFT of the resulting matrix for range-azimuth compression: $(p, f) \xrightarrow{iFT} (\sin \vartheta, \underbrace{c\tau}_r)$
- project $(\sin \vartheta, range)$ to polar coordinates $(\vartheta, range)$

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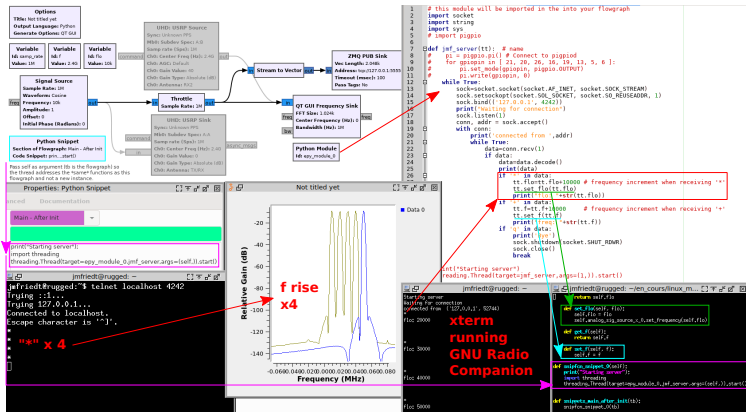
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- ZeroMQ Publish-Subscribe (\approx UDP broadcasting) transfer of data from GNU Radio
- TCP/IP server thread (Python module) for controlling the antenna position/emitter-receiver frequency...
- ... launched from a Python snippet.
- Octave/Python client for collecting data, processing and displaying (remotely)

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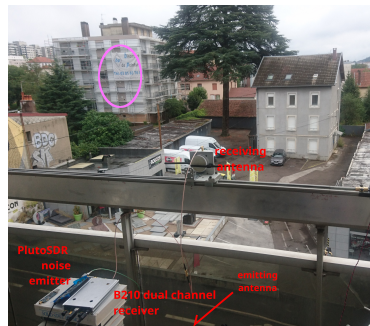
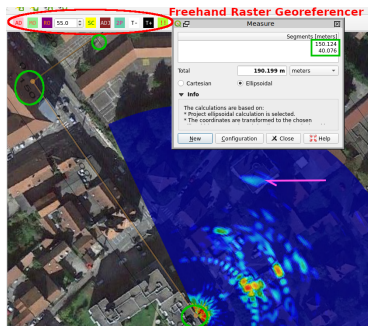
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- ▶ Using WiFi 5.8 GHz frequency band for “smaller” antennas



Use of QGIS Freehand Raster Georeferencer to import $(\theta, range)$ maps: position $(0, 0)$ on RADAR location, scale to match X and Y distances, and adjust orientation to match targets

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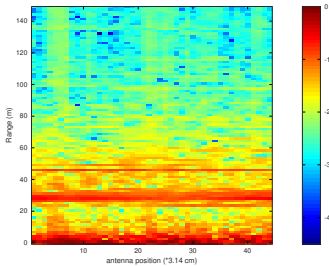
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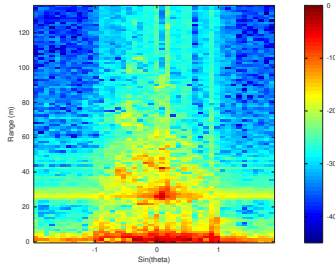
No degree of freedom in mapping the targets once positioning step and frequency bandwidth is determined, other than SDR-GB-SAR location and azimuth orientation

Software Defined Radio-Ground Based-Synthetic Aperture RADAR

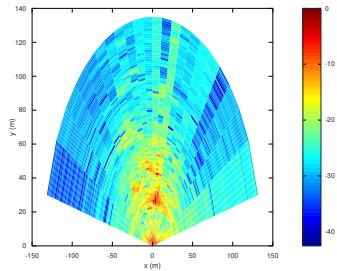
Check acquisition and processing step by step:



- ▶ Antenna position along the X-axis
- ▶ Cross-correlation along the Y-axis ($iFFT(FFT(sur) \cdot FFT^*(ref))$ or $iFFT(FFT(sur)/FFT(ref))$ to cancel amplitude variations during frequency stacking).



- ▶ Azimuth compression with iFFT along the X-axis



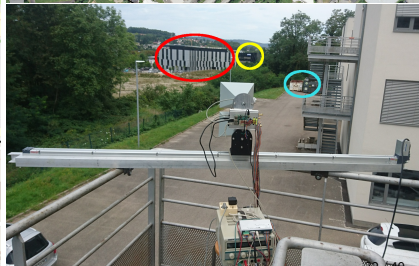
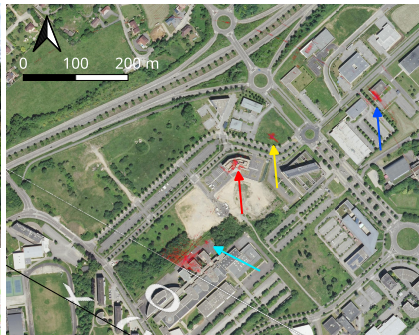
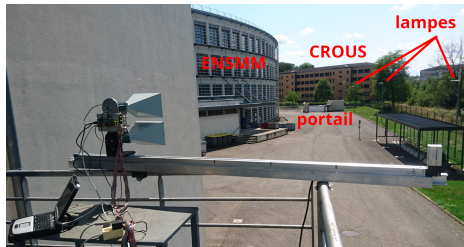
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Nf = 100 % number of frequencies
Na = 73  % number of ant. pos,
c = 3e8  % speed of light
f = 2.45e9 % center frequency
df = 1e6; % freq. sweep step
lambda = c/f;
dx = lambda/4;
fs_r = 1/df;
r = (0:Nf-1)*fs_r/Nf*c/2;
fs_a = 1/dx;
alpha = (0:Na-1)*fs_a/Na-fs_a/2;
sin_t=alpha*lambda/2;

[R,ST]=meshgrid(r,sin_t(abs(sin_t)<=1));
X = R.*ST;Y = R.*sqrt(1-ST.^2);
Z=img(:,(abs(sin_t) <= 1));
pcolor(X.', Y.', 10*log10(Z));
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Software Defined Radio-Ground Based-Synthetic Aperture RADAR

- ▶ 5 GHz WiFi emitter as pseudo-random signal source
- ▶ SDR sampling at 5 MS/s each frequency band controlled by a Raspberry Pi4
- ▶ frequency stacking prior to correlation calculation by sweeping the carrier from 5480 to 5720 MHz
- ▶ 250 MHz bandwidth \Rightarrow 60 cm range resolution
- ▶ targets visible to a 500 m range (850 samples)
- ▶ narrow beam due to high gain horn antenna
- ▶ \simeq 20 min/data collection
- ▶ 20 W total power consumption

<https://github.com/jmfriedt/SDR-GB-SAR>

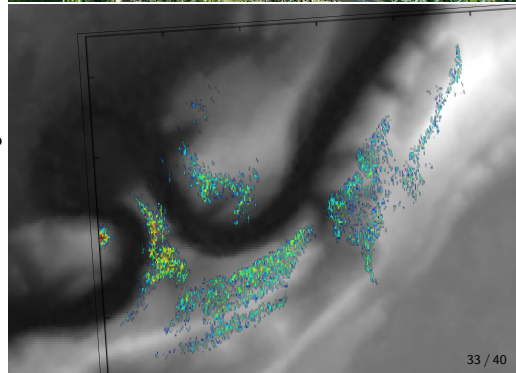
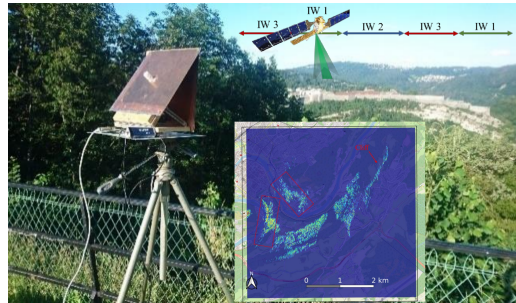


Passive Synthetic aperture RADAR (SAR)

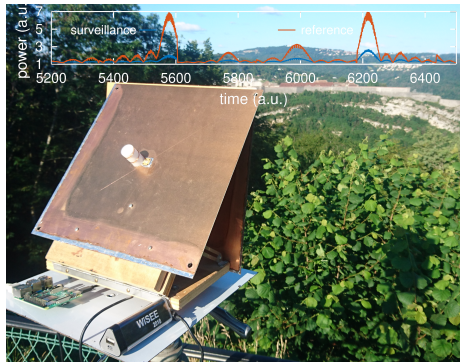
- ▶ Moving TX/fixed RX: Sentinel1 spaceborne C-band RADAR ^a
- ▶ Worth generalizing to the many spaceborne signals now available (communication satellites, RADAR satellites: P-band Biomass, L and S-band NISAR, Ku-band ICEYE-X2^b)
- ▶ P-band: 435 ± 3 MHz
- ▶ L-band: 1257 ± 40 MHz (also for GNSS)
- ▶ S-band: 3200 ± 37.5 MHz
- ▶ C-band: 5405 ± 50 MHz (also military G-band RADARs)
- ▶ Ku-band: 9650 ± 75 MHz
- ▶ ... determine the azimuth resolution and penetration in foliage/snow/ice...
- ▶ spaceborne DVB-S receiver LNB are 9.75 GHz LO to transfer Ku to VHF/UHF (Starlink 11325 MHz beacon to 1575 MHz, in the GNSS L1 band!)

^aW. Feng, J.-M. Friedt, P. Wan, *SDR-implemented passive bistatic SAR system using Sentinel-1 signal and its experiment results*, MDPI Remote Sensing **14**(1) pp.221– (2022)

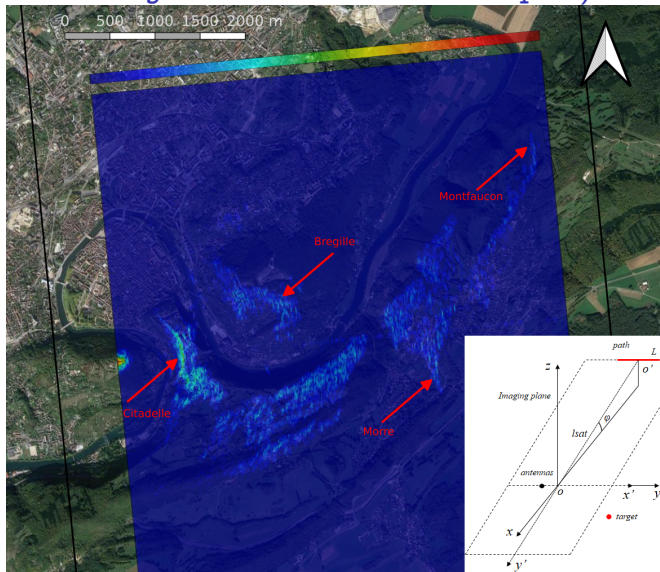
^bB. Fałęcki & al., *Passive Bistatic SAR Imaging Using ICEYE-X2 Satellite as an Illuminator of Opportunity: First Experimental Results*, Proc. IEEE RADAR Conference (2025)



Passive bi-static measurement using Sentinel1 spaceborne RADAR as non-cooperative source (github.com/jmfriedt/sentinel1_pbr)



- ▶ no need for accurate satellite position computation: only satellite velocity is needed with pulse repetition interval
- ▶ assumption that satellite-target distance \gg target-receiver distance
- ▶ accurate scale and positioning of reflectors over aerial image \rightarrow



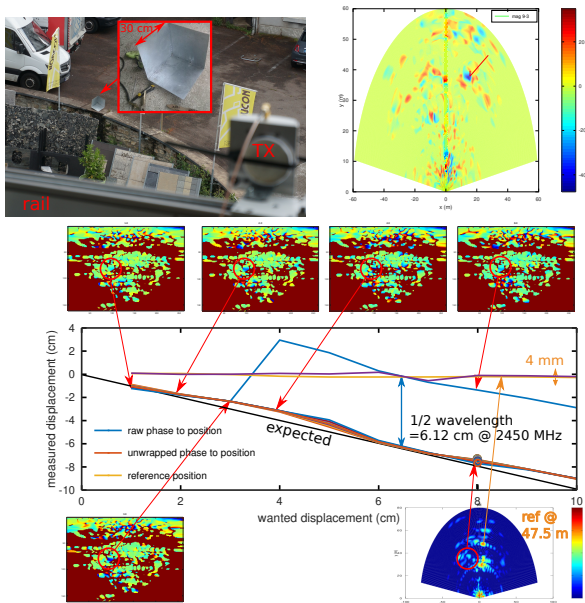
Sub-wavelength motion detection: using the phase of the correlation

- ▶
$$d\varphi = \frac{2 \times 2\pi \cdot dr}{\lambda} \Leftrightarrow dr = \frac{d\varphi \cdot c(T,P,RH)}{4\pi f}$$
- ▶ Dependent on atmospheric conditions: requires one reference fixed target to assess the impact of temperature T , pressure P and moisture RH variations on time of flight
- ▶ Sentinel1 spaceborne RADAR ^a: repeat pass of 12 days for each satellite ^b, 6 days for A/C \Rightarrow InSAR analysis for fine displacement measurement using natural or artificial scatterers

^ahttps://github.com/jmfriedt/sentinel1_level0

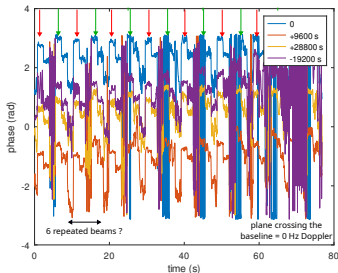
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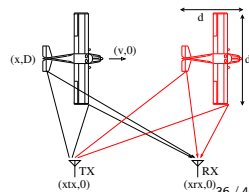
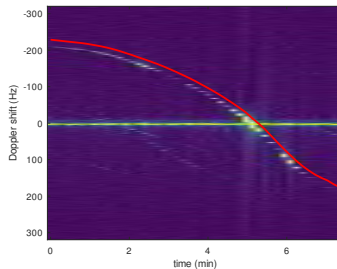
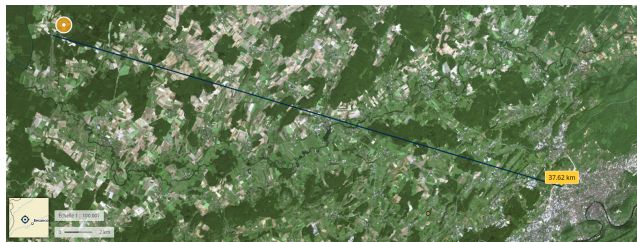
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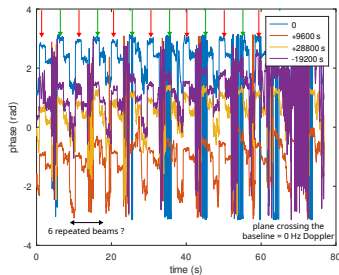
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GRAVES emitter located 40 km from Besançon



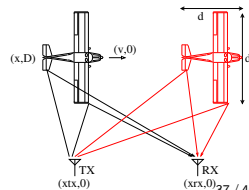
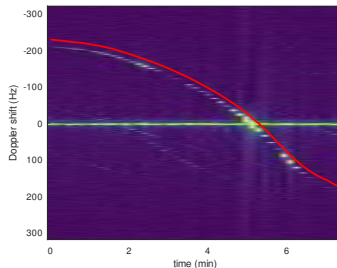
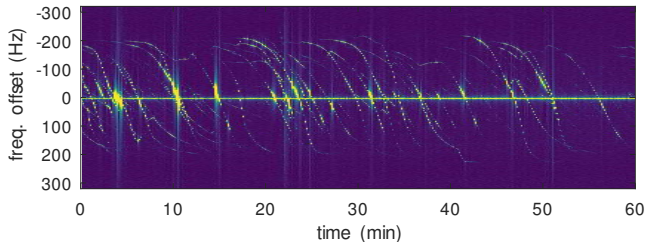
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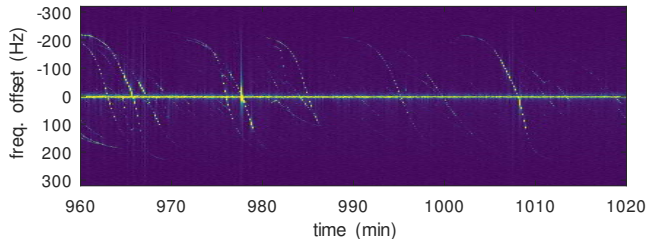
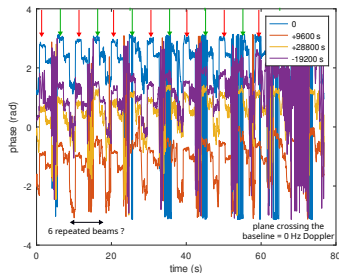
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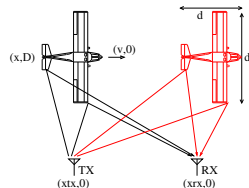
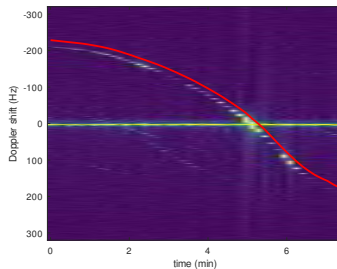


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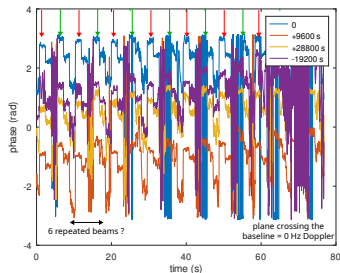


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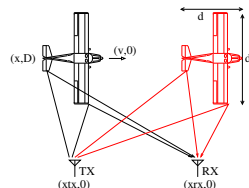
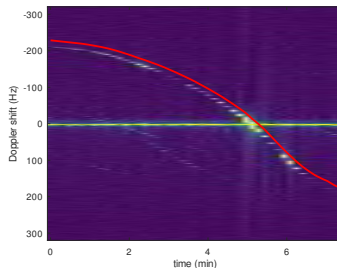
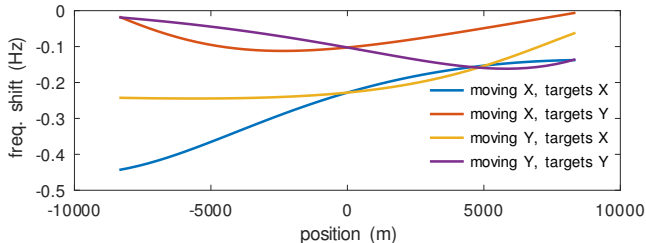
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Simulated Doppler shift depending on plane path v.s TX/RX orientation



Conclusion

Experimenting with RADAR using SDR:

- ▶ all signal processing concepts related to RADAR signal analysis simulated with **GNU Radio** ...
- ▶ ... using flowcharts readily compatible with samples collected from real hardware (RTL-SDR, B210, PlutoSDR, oscilloscope)
- ▶ Many more applications available, including radio-astronomy, GNSS ^a signal processing, GNSS jamming and spoofing mitigation.
- ▶ **Heterogeneous** processing framework: collect and pre-process using GNU Radio, ZMQ stream to remote/offline processing (GNU Octave, Python) compatible with **embedded** systems (Raspberry Pi): GNU Radio provided with Buildroot (“never compile on the target”)
- ▶ **Passive** RADAR benefits from the many signals broadcast in the radiofrequency bands without requiring a license for emitting.

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^aGlobal Navigation Satellite Systems positioning using time-flight measurement of spaceborne atomic clock signals and trilateration.

