

Yaesu System Fusion & WIRES X- THE NETWORK



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Today's Agenda

- The basic infrastructure of Yaesu System Fusion (YSF) and WIRES-X
 - Repeaters, Nodes, HotSpots and Reflectors
- The Ins & Outs of "how to get on YSF."
 - · Equipment Needed, Setup, Frequencies and Local Knowledge
- YSF Operation & Etiquette
- Useful Fusion Links

THE BASICS

What is System Fusion? It is just a name for another transmission format. Like AM, FM, and SSB System Fusion or Fusion for short is what we are calling C4FM which is way to transmit a digital signal inside an FM carrier.



Fusion Confusion! WiRES-X

HotSpot Jumbospot openSPOT Pi-star



C4FM YSF

Reflector Brandmeister



Wide-Coverage Internet Repeater Enhancement System



Yaesu Digital WORLD









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- <u>System Fusion</u> = C4FM Digital Mode
- Wires X = Analog FM & Digital Internet Connections With HRI200 box can connect to internet and join rooms
- <u>Wires-X</u> = (Wide (coverage) Internet Repeater
 Enhancement System- Digital Internet Connections signal stays digital though the whole connection
- Node = A Simplex Radio, Link Radio, or a Repeater on the network - where RF enter/leaves the internet connection
- Room = A central location where many different nodes
 can connect together on Yaesu servers It is
 like a repeater on the internet
- <u>Reflector</u> = Like a room but on a independent server



THE BASICS – C4FM MODES

What are the different modes for C4FM

<u>DN - Data & Voice</u> - Splits the 12.5KHz bandwidth for voice and data. The data stream that is transmitted along with your voice on some radios that include a GPS and call sign information that will continuously transmit your location

VM - Digital Voice - Uses the full 12.5Khz bandwidth for your voice. You will get better voice quality but lose the GPS data

<u>DATA</u> – Uses the full bandwidth for data only. Currently the main use for this mode is the camera mic's for HT. The radios itself will use this mode when you set up a Wires-X connection for getting node data.



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Types of internet connections:

- Node A radio using an HRI-200 box in between the computer & radio. It can transmit out as a simplex link or a duplex link to a repeater
- Portable Node Where the radio is directly connected the computer. In this case the radio is acting as a sound card/ interface and there will be no RF coming out of the radio



* Only FTM-400, FTM-100, FT-2DR, FT-3DR, FT5DR

Here is the System Fusion family

All of this radios can do the C4FM digital transmission.
And can connect to the Wires-X network.
Missing is the newest handhelds the FT5DR and the newest dual band mobile FTM-500/510

Some of the radios can act as node radios. The FTM-510, FTM500, FTM-400DR, and FTM300 etc... the handheld FT-2DR, Ft-3DR & FT5D can be connected directly to a computer to become a node station.



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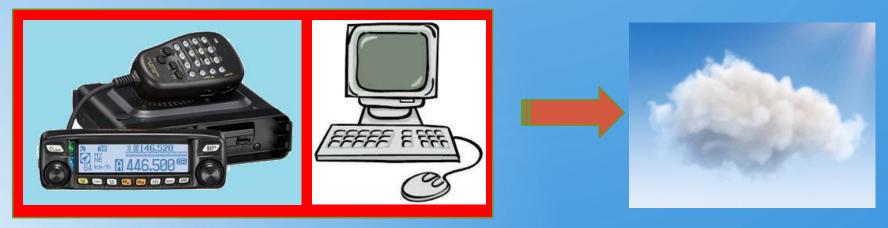
Nearby Fusion Repeater

You will just need a radio! If you can access a repeater you need no other equipment to access the Wires-X network.



THE EQUIPMENT - NO NEARBY DIGITAL REPEATERS <u>A Portable Node Setup</u>

To setup a portable node you will just need one of these radios FTM-500/400/300/200/100, FT-2DR, and FT-3DR & FT-5DR and a computer interface cable to hook to the computer. This will now let you use the radio speaker and mic to connect to any room or node you want. *Note this will turn the radio into an interface box no RF will be transmitted.



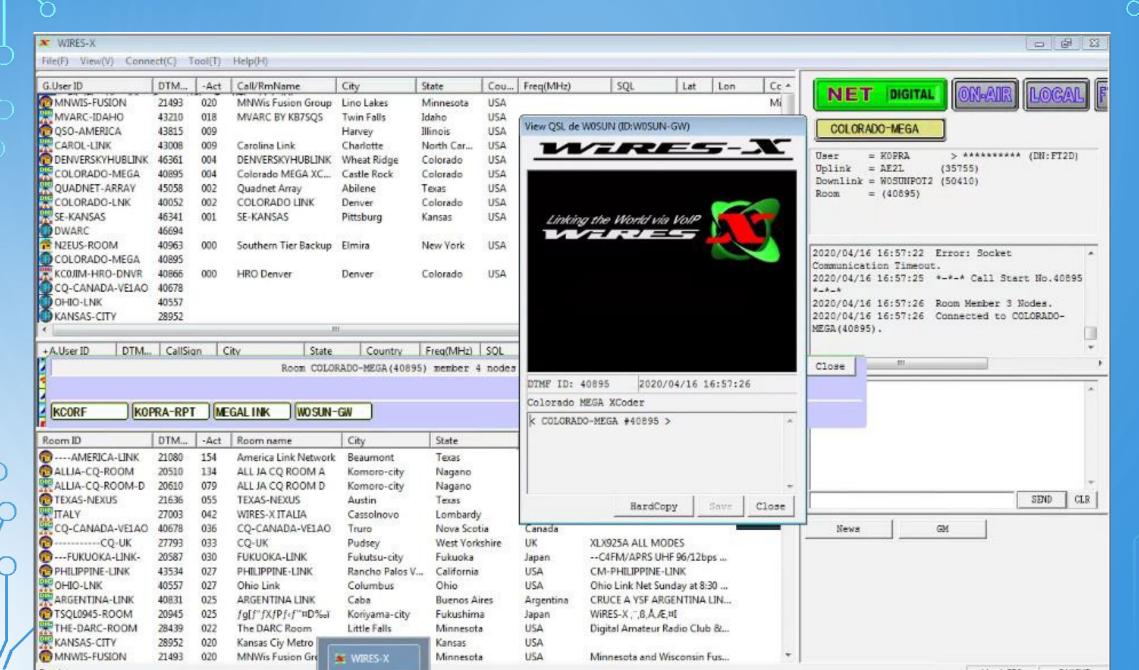
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A Node Setup

On this setup you will need two radios. One that transmit and the other to connect to your HRI-200 box. This will give you freedom to move around and communicate to any room/node if you are in range of the node radio. This is also how most repeater are hooked up to the internet.



WiRES-X Software Interface - Not Needed As a "user" of YSF (WIRES -X)



Nodes and Rooms

What is a Node and what is a room? When you sign up for a Wires-X node connection {HRI- 200} you get assigned a node number and a room number. For example Melbourne Florida Repeater W4MLB Node is 98532. By connecting directly to this node number you have a direct connection to the repeater. But only one user can connect this way. If you want to share the conversation among several users/nodes, then all the users would have to connect to the Repeater or room number 08532.

*Note if you have set up a portable node you will only get a node number and <u>no</u> room number



Wires-X Repeaters & Rooms

If your lucky enough to live close enough to a digital C4FM repeater or a node, the repeater or node will be your direct link into the world of YSF/WIRES X. You would just tune to that repeater/Node frequency and start talking using DN Mode or AMS. In Brevard County there are limited digital repeaters and Nodes that stay full time connected.



Changing from Room to Room/Nodes:

So how do they work? A few Yaesu repeaters have node connections, but currently only the W4MLB Repeater is connected to the internet. HENCE if you can connect to the W4MLB or W4MIF Node via RF you will able to change the room numbers to any room around the world. So by pressing a few buttons on your radio you can change the repeater to any other room, like "The Kansas City Wide" room # 28054 which connects you to the World! KC Wide has over 150 nodes/repeaters connected to it!



Ways to communicate with Fusion

- Simplex promoting National Calling Frequency of 145.5625
 MHz (FM users will hear digital "noise")
- Repeaters See repeater chart
- WiRES-X like voip communicate over internet
- PDN Personal Digital Node
- Hotspots YSF reflectors are NOT Yaesu and cannot connect directly to Wires-X

PDN – Portable HRI mode

- Digital and analog FM
- Note addition of audio cables
- Install USB cable driver first!
- Set radio to low power
- Use direct or hotspot mode-No HRI Hardware needed
- Use your radio
- USB Cable, audio cables (SCU-XX Cable Sold at HRO etc)
- Windows pc or tablet
- No special Internet setup
- Cannot host your own room
- FT70, FTM3200, FTM3207, FTM7250 do not have this capability
- Also need audio cable for mixed mode
- Runs on Windows 10 & 11
- Use at home or travel

Getting started with PDN

- 1. Can use only with FT2, FT3, FTM100, FTM400, FTM500/510 and FTM300 radios at this time.
- 2. Submit for WiRES-X registration at the following Yaesu website:

 https://www.yaesu.com/jp/en/wires-x/regist/index.php You need to register
 separately each radio you plan on using for PDN. Will need the radio ID. Instructions
 for how to read the ID are in the radio manual.
- 3. Order the USB and the audio cables if you plan on operating in mixed mode rooms with analog users.
- 4. Make sure your radio firmware is updated to the latest. There is main, sub and dsp firmware
- 5. <u>Download and install the Wires-x software, ver. 1.53 or later on your windows pc.</u>
 <u>Note that there are minimum pc hardware and internet speed requirements</u>
- 6. Help for setting up the pc here: https://wp.hamoperator.com/?page_id=41
- 7. N9RIM has put together a good document on the Southern Tier System Fusion Facebook page that goes into more detail on setting up a Wires-x HRI-200 and a Portable Digital Node.
- 8. The USB cable driver is a separate download and that must be installed for your particular radio BEFORE you plug it into your pc.
- 9. Set up communication port
- 10. Activate the Wires-x software.
- 11. Transceiver settings.
- 12. <u>Download the additional manuals at the Yaesu website for the radio and the Wires-x</u> software which is under the HRI-200 tab.

Local YSF & WIRES X Repeaters

FREQUENCY A	OFFSET	ACCESS	CALL	LOCATION	ST/PR	USE	MODE	МІ	STATUS
146.850	-0.6 MHZ	DG-00	W4MLB	Melbourne	FL	OPEN	FM/YSF/ WIRES-X	0.00	
<u>444.7250</u>	+5 MHz	107.2	К4СРЈ	Vero Beach	FL	OPEN	FM EchoLink YSF WIRES-X	33.34 SSE	•
444.4250	+5 MHz	107.2	W4MLB	Melbourne, Hospital	FL	OPEN	FM YSF	0.46 NW	•
444.3250	+5 MHz	107.2	K4DCS	Melbourne, Trinity Towers	FL	OPEN	FM YSF	0.00 SSE	•
441.5000	+5 MHz	156.7	N4TDX	Titusville	FL	OPEN	FM YSF	42.76 NNW	
<u>147.3450</u>	+0.6 MHz	107.2	W4AKH	Fort Pierce, WQCS-FM Tower	FL	OPEN	FM EchoLink YSF WIRES-X	48.23 SSE	•
147.2550	+0.6 MHz	107.2	K4DCS	Palm Bay	FL	OPEN	FM YSF	3.59 SSE	•
146.7900	-0.6 MHz	103.5	W4SIE	Saint Cloud	FL	OPEN	FM YSF	42.93 WNW	•
146.6400	-0.6 MHz	107.2	К4ЈС	Vero Beach	FL	OPEN	FM EchoLink YSF	25.76 SSE	•
145.3100	-0.6 MHz	107.2	W4IRC	Vero Beach, Indian River Med Center	FL	OPEN	FM YSF	33.34 SSE	•
145.1300	-0.6 MHz	107.2	AB4AZ	South Vero Beach	FL	OPEN	FM YSF WIRES-X	33.34 SSE	•

HOW IT WORKS - Local Access

W4MLB - 146.850 C4FM Repeater

Located at PCARS Club Station

W4MIF - 145.5625 YSF Node

Located Central Merritt Island

N4URW -434.850 YSF Node

Located Palm Bay - Currently Down due to lightening strike.

WIRES X Connection (The RED X Button!)



Hotspots

- Many choices
- Price ranges
- Basically tunnels
- Connection to YSF, FCS, XLX reflectors
- Pi-Star is popular software
- Can add custom displays and cases
- Will cross-mode
- Will NOT connect to Wires-X



Amazon – MMDVM Hotspot





Shark RF – OpenSpot 4

Digital World on a Budget

FUSION Yaesu FT-70D \$150

Jumbospot \$70-\$100



DMR TYT MD-380 \$80-\$100

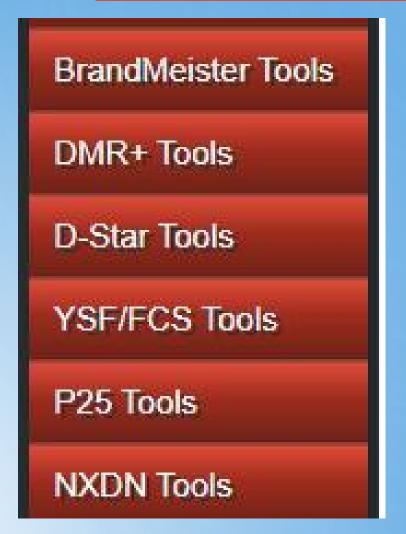


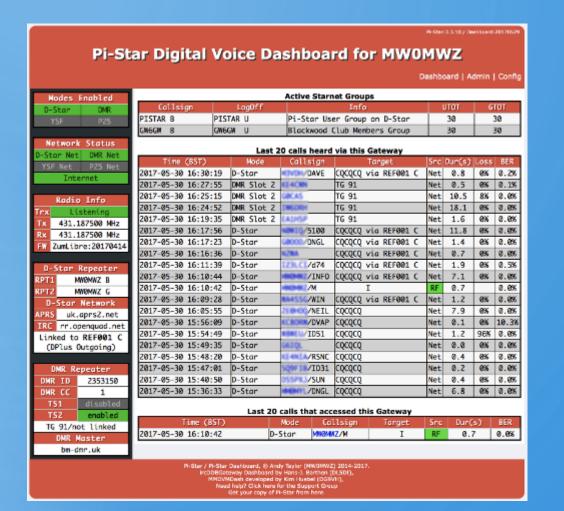
Build Your Own Hotspot - \$40 https://www.dmr-utah.net/hotspot



Where To Begin?







Active Room List

http://www.yaesu.com/jp/en/wires-x/id/active_room.php

Active Node List

https://www.yaesu.com/jp/en/wires-x/id/active_node.php

LATEST WIRES-X ACT	Update every 20 min						
ROOM ID	DTMF ID	<u>Act▼</u>	Room Name	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Comment</u>
ALLJA-CQ-ROOM	20510	112	ALL JA CQ ROOM A	Komoro-city	Nagano	Japan	*CQ ROOM* for JA ALLmodes - CQが出せる広域レビ けます
AMERICA-LINK	21080	106	America Link Network	Beaumont	Texas	USA	America Link Network-Central
ALLJA-CQ-ROOM-D	20610	045	ALL JA CQ ROOM D	Komoro-city	Nagano	Japan	*CQ ROOM* for PDN and Digital http://cqwires.com
TEXAS-NEXUS	21636	044	TEXAS-NEXUS	Austin	Texas	USA	Howdy! Linking Texans and Texans at Heart together.
ITALY	27003	042	WIRES-X ITALIA	Cassolnovo	Lombardy	Italy	WIRES-X ITALIA - http://www.wires-x-italia.it
FUKUOKA-LINK-	20587	030	FUKUOKA-LINK	Fukutsu-city	Fukuoka	Japan	C4FM/APRS UHF 96/12bps yousers Group
CQ-UK	27793	028	CQ-UK	Pudsey	West Yorkshire	UK	XLX925A ALL MODES
OHIO-LNK	40557	027	Ohio Link	Columbus	Ohio	USA	Ohio Link Net Sunday at 8:30 PM Eastern.
TSQL0945-ROOM	20945	026	トーンスケルチ愛好会	Koriyama-city	Fukushima	Japan	WiRES-X おめでとう!
CQ-CANADA-VE1AO	40678	025	CQ-CANADA-VE1AO	Truro	Nova Scotia	Canada	
MNWIS-FUSION	21493	023	MNWis Fusion Group	Lino Lakes	Minnesota	USA	Minnesota and Wisconsin Fusion room

Radio Operating Etiquette

- Check your mic gain. Over modulating will cause distortion and dropouts over networks. Your special mic or Bluetooth mic might be handy but some sound like crap on digital...
- Leave 2 second gap between transmissions
- Push PTT then wait a second before talking. When done talking wait another second before releasing the PTT
- Call signs show up on the radios. You do not need to give both call signs at the beginning and end of each transmission. Identify per FCC rules every 15 minutes as normal as some network connections may not pass your call sign
- Do NOT quick key like you do to connect and disconnect. It disrupts the network and interferes with existing QSO's. Use WiRES-X for control to find out if repeater is connected and what room it is connected to or to change rooms.
- On FM/YSF Repeater First ask if the repeater is in use before going to Digital. Always "disconnect" WIRES-X after using digital side of repeaters. (Usually the "*" key on Mic for 2 3 seconds. Or the "Band Key" on FT5D

HOW IT WORKS – WIRES–X ROOMS

Here are some of the most popular Wires-X rooms

28054 - Kansas City Wide -150

21080 - America Link Network - 97

21636 - TEXAS-NEXUS - 44

27003 - WIRES-X ITALIA - 41

27793 - CQ-UK - 25

40557 - Ohio Link - 18

40678 - CQ-CANADA - 24

Room Number – Name – Number of Connections



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Here are some of the Wires-X Nets

America Link Net - Saturday 8:00PM - 21080

Digital Amateur Net {TX} - Saturday 8:00PM - 21636

Ohio Link - Sunday 8:30 PM - 40557

Some even have their own logos and ads on

Facebook:





Useful YSF Links

System Fusion Links... Official Yaesu US Website: https://www.yaesu.com/ Official Yaesu Japan Website (English): http://www.yaesu.com/jp/en/index.html Official Yaesu Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/yaesuusa/ Official Yaesu Fusion Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/YaesuSystemFusionOfficial/ Good for maps and general (but not updated in a while): http://c4fm.xyz/ Hotspot history and what they are: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TuEpFJbXNq4 Finding Fusion rooms: fusion.ke5eo.com
Difference between Yaesu WiRES-X and hotspots: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RghsOLCv_mU
What is System Fusion:http://systemfusion.yaesu.com/what-is-system-fusion/ RTSystems Programming https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pT8FiVvDQNs&fbclid=lwAR19uRJJ8tXHFLQhi4Uk5JVZZ_zWnegWNTb_MFkkcUROK7hxkOb_6SYxNwM Southern Tier System Fusion
Network:https://www.facebook.com/groups/174762320398275/145.5625 Fusion Simplex: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1731516706988359/ Yaesu's WIRESX:https://www.facebook.com/groups/wiresx.fusion/ Excellent site with great info: https://hamoperator.com Information on Fusion and MMDVM projects:http://vel.cra.net/main/ysf.html

Yaesu FT-70DR Wires X Control https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_luhryJODP4&t=2s Yaesu FT-70DR Wires X Operations https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_T43pSLgol How to use Wires-X on the FT3D: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NsZR9K4EhY0 FTM-100 Wires-X Portable Digital Node + Firmware update: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qpu1QjH0k00 (Laboenligne.ca) Yaesu USA Soundcloud:https://soundcloud.com/user-620300163 YSF Reflectors: https://register.ysfreflector.de/FCS Reflectors: http://fcs001.xreflector.net/ Yaesu Wires-X active node list: https://www.yaesu.com/jp/en/wires-x/id/active_node.php Lots of info on digital modes and pi-star hotspots: https://amateurradionotes.com Pi-Star main page: pistar.uk and youtube videos on pi-star setup by W1MSG: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcjYjtognBaSAaZLk3EU2A/videos

This Presentation with Links can be downloaded at

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