

# Overview on AES67

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## *Topics:*

- What is AES67?
- Shortcomings from a system perspective
- AES67 in the real world: sample applications
- RAVENNA & AES67?
- Other important industry work





**AES67**

**AES67-2013 Standard for  
Audio Applications of Networks:  
*High-performance Streaming Audio-  
over-IP Interoperability***

published on September, 11th, 2013

## Scope:

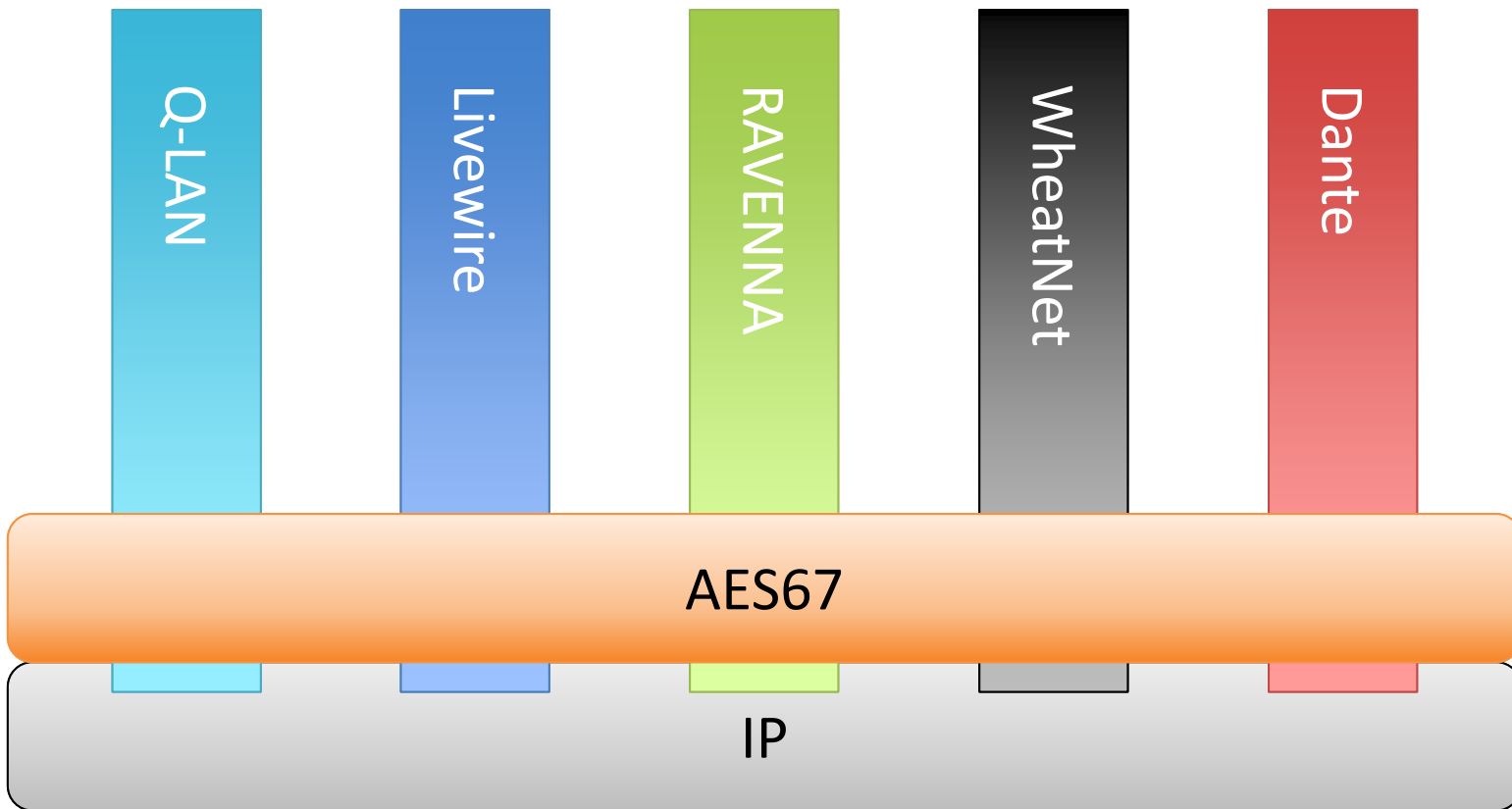
- **Interoperability guidelines** for professional, low-latency audio over campus and local area IP networks **using existing protocols wherever possible.**
- Excludes:
  - Non-IP networking
  - Low-bandwidth media
  - Data compression
  - Low-performance WANs and public Internet
  - Video (should provide good basis for follow-on video project)

## Goal:



- Technology providers may choose to implement interoperability as a special mode, or transition to it as their native mode

# AES Standard for Audio Applications of Networks - High-performance Streaming Audio-over-IP Interoperability



## *AES67 technology components*

Discovery	Not specified
Connection Management	SIP (unicast), IGMP (multicast) + ???
Session Description	SDP (RFC4566, RFC7273)
Encoding	L16/L24, 1..8 ch, 48 samples
QoS	Differentiated Services
Transport	RTP / UDP / IP, unicast & multicast
Media Clock	48 kHz
Synchronisation	IEEE 1588-2008 (PTPv2)

## *Discovery & Connection Management in AES67*

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⇒ **No simple interoperability!**

## *Discovery & Connection Management in AES67*

- Problem solver #1: **RAVENNA-2-SAP Converter**
  - Converts selected or all RAVENNA announcements into SAP and vice versa
  - Provides full SDP read-out and manual entry through UI





## *Discovery & Connection Management in AES67*

### **OPEN INTEROPERABILITY**

SMPTE ST 2110 & AMWA IS-04



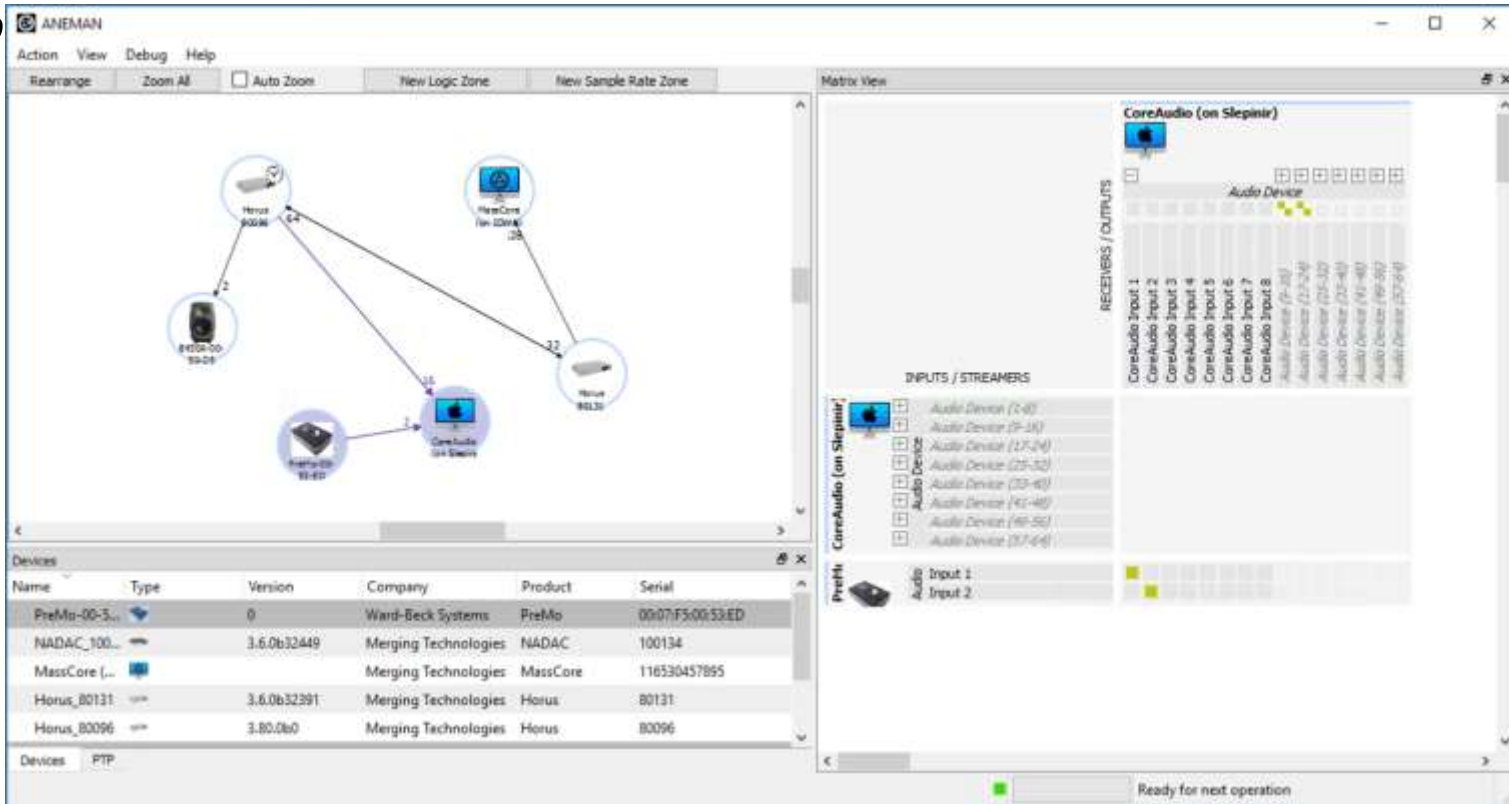
### **CONNECTION MANAGEMENT**

AMWA NMOS IS-05



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The screenshot shows the ANEMAN software interface. The main window displays a network diagram with nodes representing devices and their connections. Below the diagram is a 'Devices' table listing various audio devices.

Name	Type	Version	Company	Product	Serial
PreMa-00-3...		0	Ward-Beck Systems	PreMa	00:07:FS:00:53:ED
NADAC_100...		3.6.0b32449	Merging Technologies	NADAC	100134
MassCore (...)			Merging Technologies	MassCore	116530457895
Horus_80131		3.6.0b32391	Merging Technologies	Horus	80131
Horus_80096		3.80.0b0	Merging Technologies	Horus	80096

The interface also shows a 'Matrix View' on the right with sections for 'RECEIVERS / OUTPUTS' and 'INPUTS / STREAMERS', and a status bar at the bottom indicating 'Ready for next operation'.

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What can it do?



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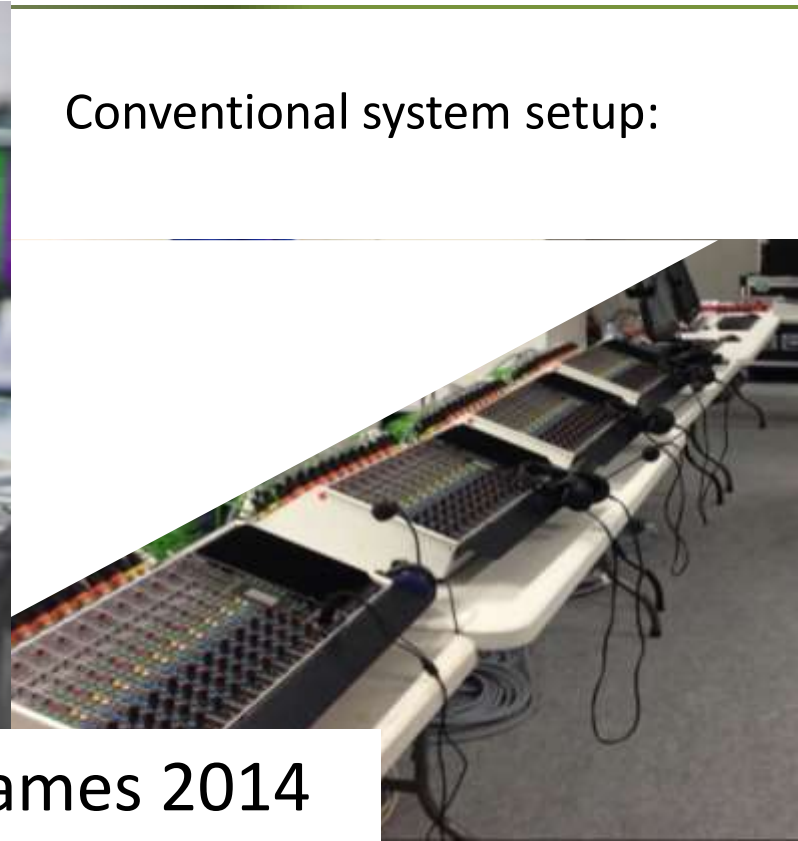


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Conventional system setup:

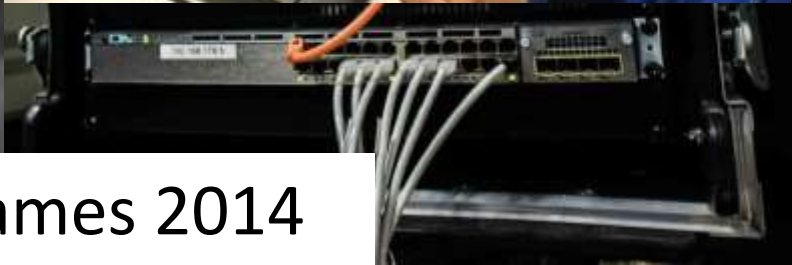
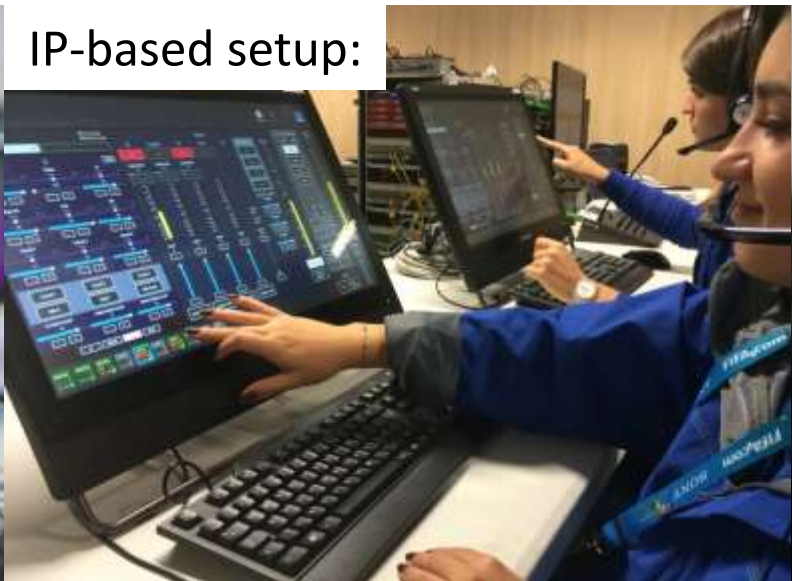


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IP-based setup:



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- 120x V\_\_link4  
(12 pro venue)
- 264x V\_\_remote4  
(19-20 per venue, 73 at IBC)
- 130x A\_\_mic8  
(13 pro venue)
- 480 video streams
- ~1000 audio channels
- 22x Arista 7150S (2 per venue, 2 at IBC)

 **@ EURO 2016**





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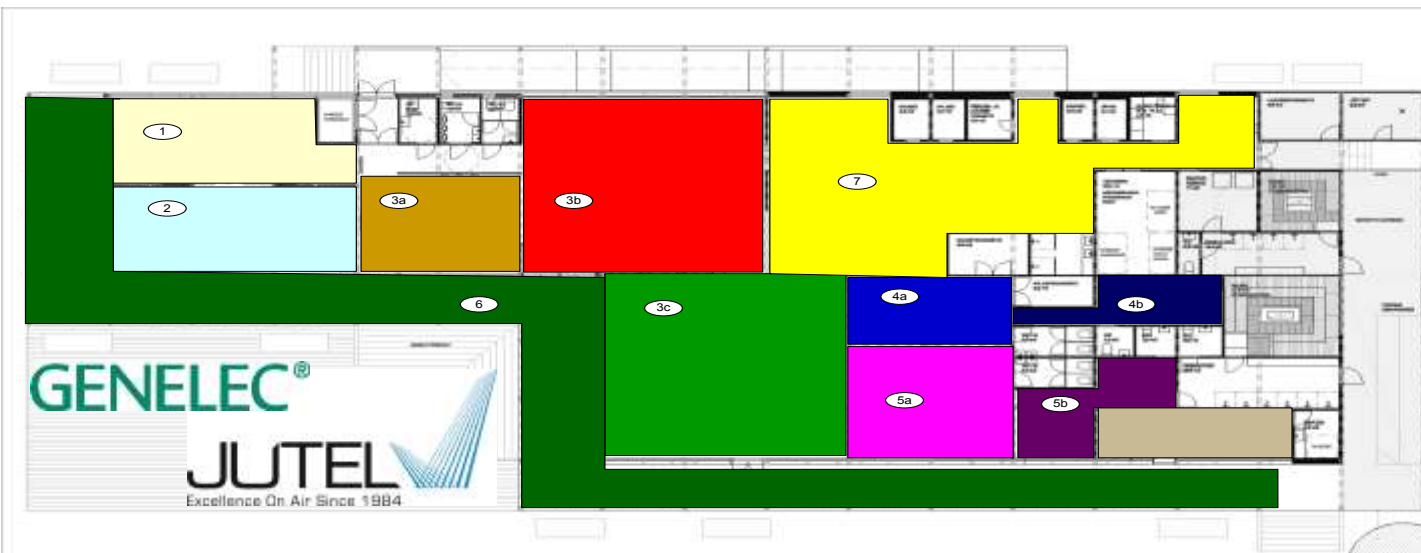


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## AES67 Installed Sound Pilot: Nallikari restaurant complex, Oulu, Finland:



### NALLIKARI, ääniryhmät Jutel Oy, Jki 10.12.2012

1. Ravintolakabinetti 1
  2. Ravintolakabinetti 2
  - 3a. Ravintola lounge
    - 3b. Aularavintola
    - 3c. Ravintolasali
  - 4a. Saunakabinetti 1
    - 4b. Sauna 1
  - 5a. Saunakabinetti 2
    - 5b. Sauna 2
  6. Terassi
  7. Keittiö ja henkilökunta
- Lisäksi orkesteri / lavalaitteet

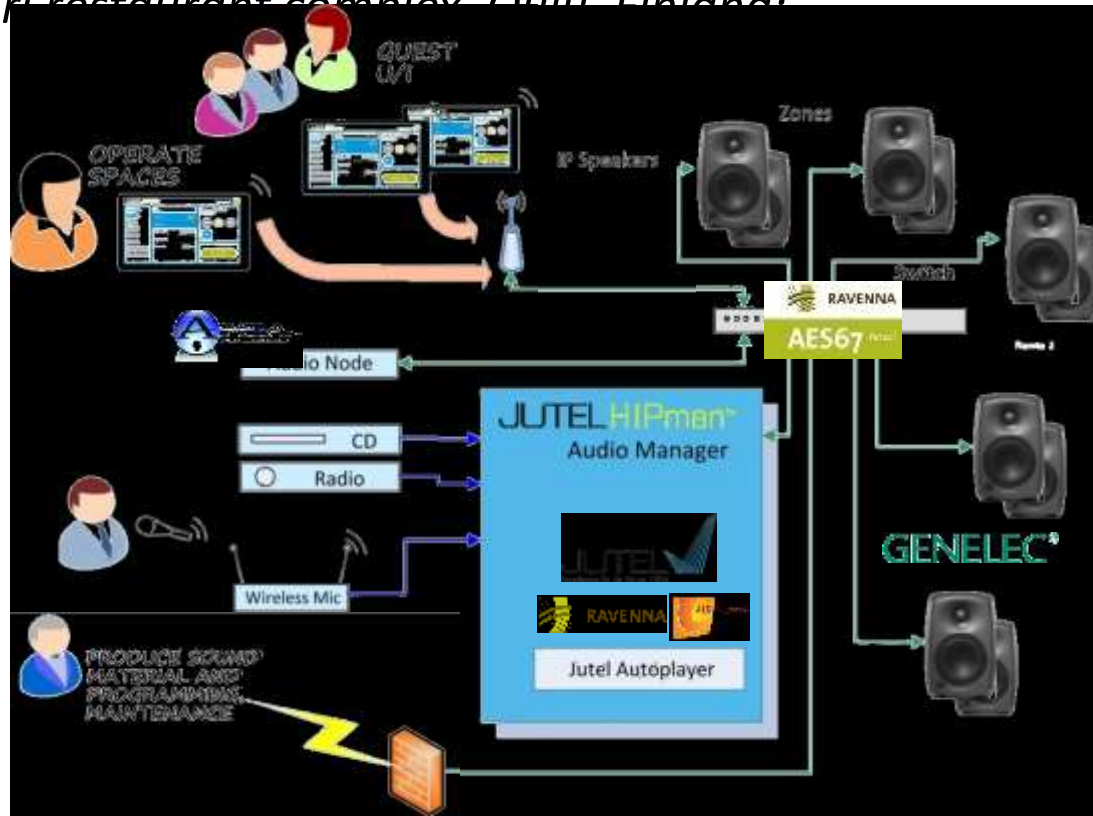
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- Multi-zone restaurant environment with programmable background music
- Audio processing, playout, routing and remote control functions
- Wireless user control via Android tablets



## AES67 Installed Sound Pilot: Nallikari restaurant complex, Oulu, Finland

- Jutel HIPman audio management, processing & play-out system w/ RAVENNA Virtual Sound Card
- 30 IP-driven Genelec speakers
- Axia xNode for PTP GM and utility audio I/O (mic, monitoring)
- Android tabs for wireless control
- Remote maintenance access
- Common network for all services
- RAVENNA/AES67 audio streaming



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- 10 Neumann DMI-8 (78 digital mics)



- 2 Lawo MC<sup>2</sup>56



- 1 Merging Pyramix



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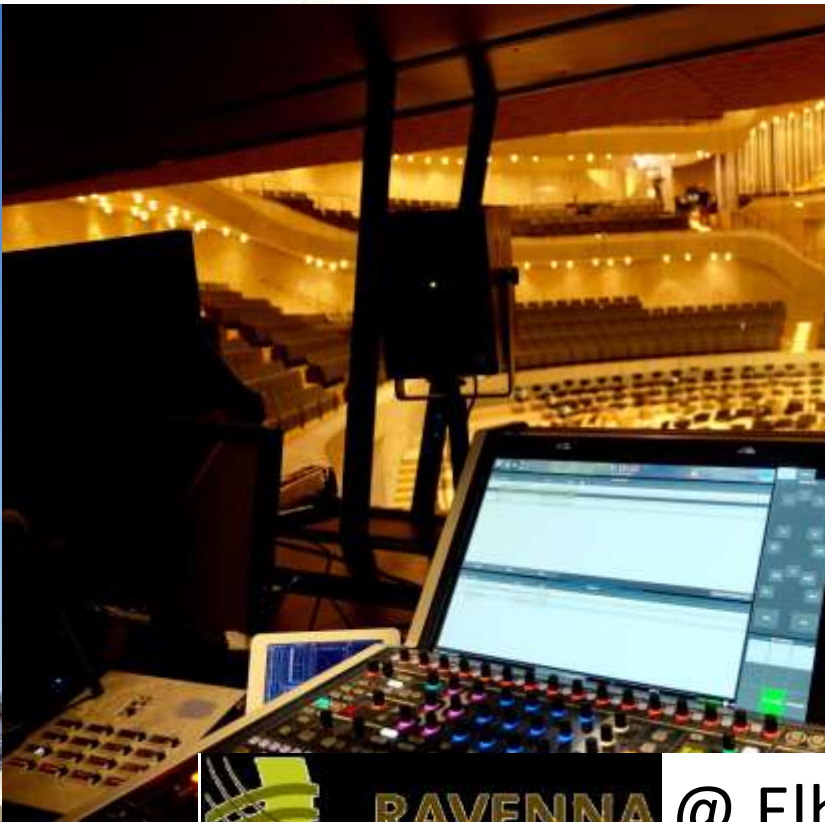


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**Pyramix**  
DIGITAL AUDIO WORKSTATION





Common infrastructure for live mixing and broadcast production

1 mc<sup>2</sup>66 + 5 mc<sup>2</sup>36 consoles, DALLIS I/O systems + Nova73 router

Common access to all sources w/ integrated access rights management

Uplink to OB van



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@ Elbphilharmonie Hamburg 2017





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**WINNERS**  
**AV AWARDS** 2017  
BROADCAST/MEDIA PROJECT OF THE YEAR

**LAWO**

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Who will support it?



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What is **RAVENNA**?

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## An “Open Technology” platform:

- Based on **technology publicly available**
  - ⇒ *No proprietary “black box” design*
- Utilizes **standard protocols**
  - ⇒ *Proven technology, widely supported*
- Designed to work on **existing networks**
  - ⇒ *No new network equipment required*
- **No proprietary licensing** policy
  - ⇒ *No cost per channel, suits all performance needs*
- Draft on operating principles **published** since June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## What is **RAVENNA**?

RAVENNA Draft on  
Operational Principles



### Ingredients:

- 20 ml PTPv2
- 500 g RTP
- 1 pkt multicast
- 1 pinch of Bonjour

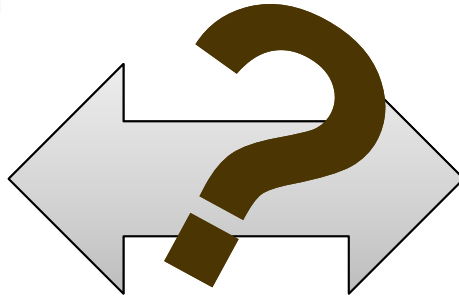
### Cooking order:

1. Stew PTP to order
2. Add RTP
3. Mingle with multicast
4. Add Bonjour on top

**Serve hot and Enjoy!**

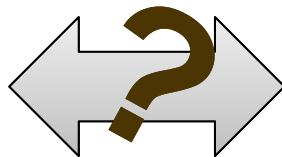


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QoS three classes

Media Format L16/L24 PCM

48 Samples per packet

1-8 Audio channels

Encoding 48kHz

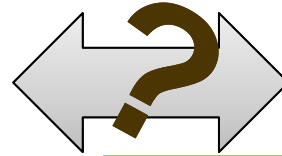


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+ Discovery

+ Redundancy

QoS three classes

+ classes adjustable

Media Format L16/L24 PCM

+ AES/EBU, DSD/DXD, Video

48 Samples per packet

+ 1, 6, 12, 64...

1-8 Audio channels

+ 64, 128...

Encoding 48kHz

+ 44.1, 96, 192, 384kHz...



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**More Features**

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**More Options**



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## Beyond?!

Other important standards / industry alliances:



AES67, AES70



Promoting adoption of AES67



ST2110, ST2059



Promoting adoption of IP standards  
for media industry



IP-related suite of protocols



NMOS IS-04/05/06 (D&R, connection  
management, network control)



Ethernet authority (802.x), PTP (1588)



Important tech docs on broadcasting  
(ACIP)



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