

# The future backbone of our industry

ETHERNET WILL ALWAYS WIN, BUT WHAT VERSION  
WILL WE USE?

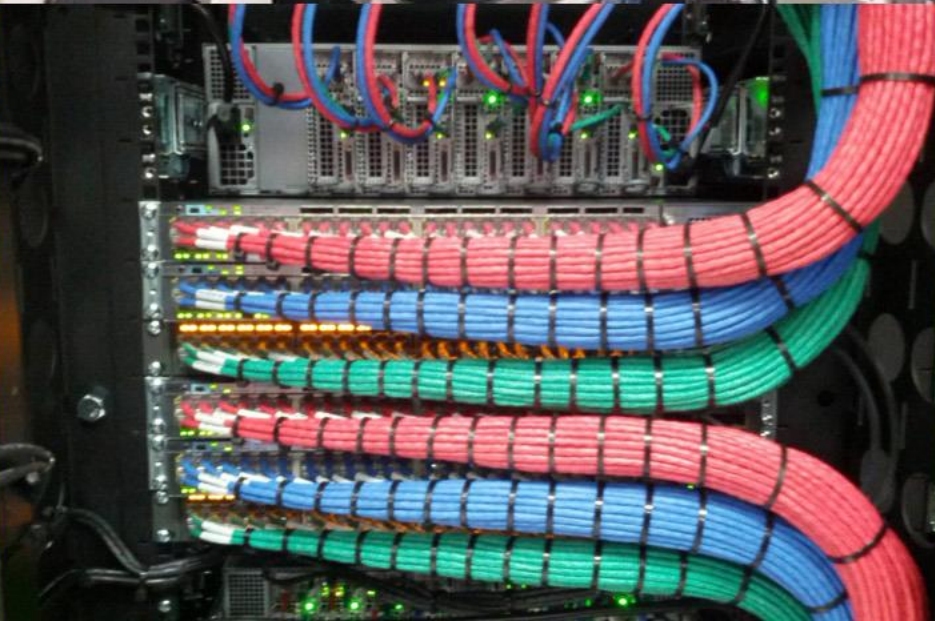
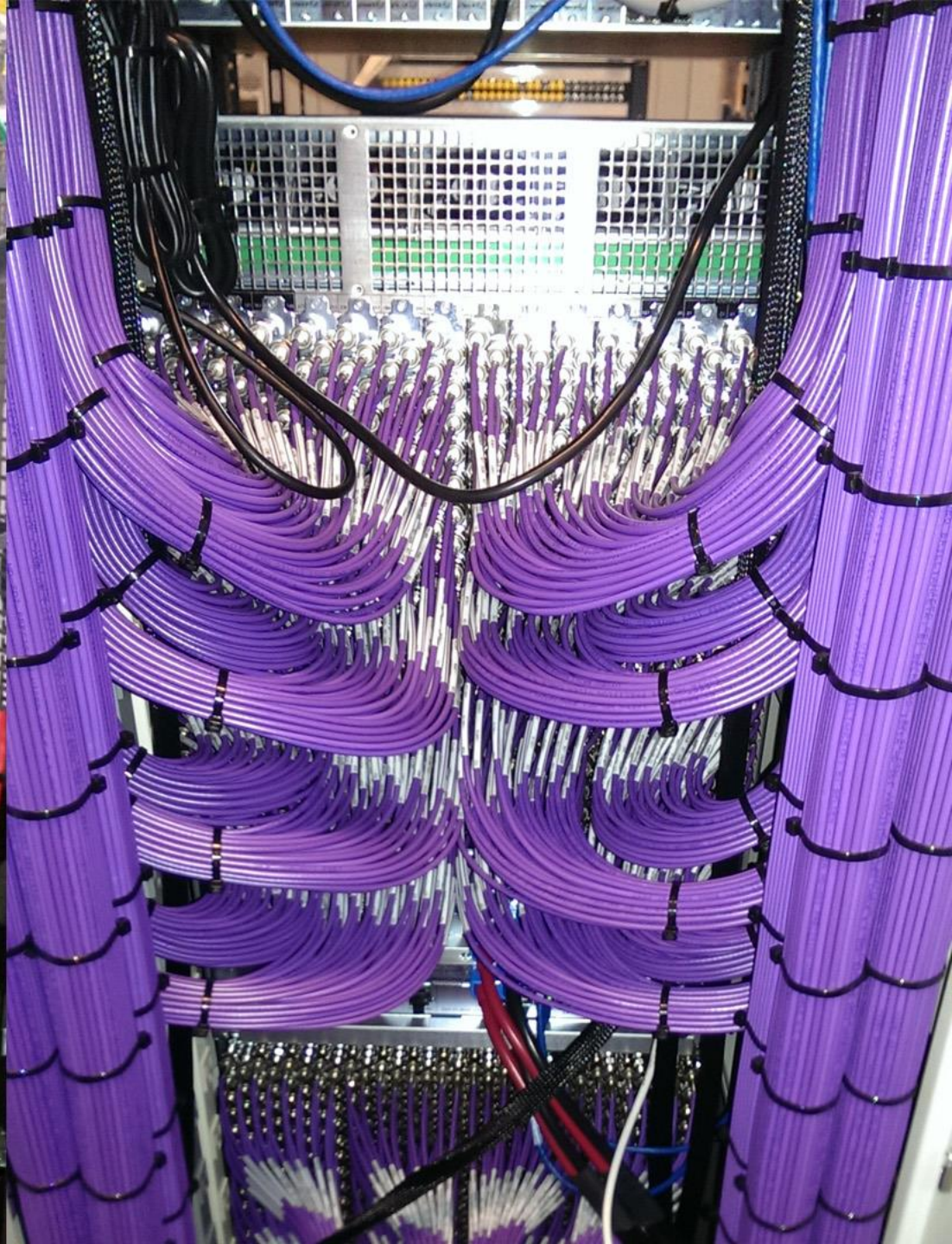
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Our precious broadcast  
industry







Why again did we want to  
abandon SDI in favor of IT  
equipment?







It looks like the introduction of Ethernet is causing a mess

# The main reasons to abandon SDI?

- COTS – Commercial Of The Shelf (no propriety model)
  - Lower cost ..... ✓
  - Lower cost of ownership ..... ???
- We want more flexibility
  - Like a single network for all data ..... ???
  - Distributed routing ..... ✓
- We want a backbone that is agnostic to all current and future formats
  - 4K, 8K, HDR ..... these standards are not ideal to run over a dedicated wire like SDI

Ethernet should meet these  
requirements



Even though Ethernet in its  
basic form doesn't work for  
this application

# Why Ethernet doesn't work right out of the box

- Best-Effort Delivery Strategy
  - The data will arrive but don't ask me when
- Non-Deterministic
  - Ethernet is random
- No Concept of Isochronous Delivery
  - There is no sense of time and timing
- Is Not Content-Aware
  - All data is treated equally



Ethernet will always win

We just need to enhance  
Ethernet with a protocol  
that will allow the above  
features to work



How difficult can this be?



SMPTE

UNITED STATES



So what has our industry  
come up with so far?

# Technologies that are offered:

- AVB (with future TSN on Layer 3)
- ST2022-6 (Sony with 2022-6 (?) GV with 2022-6)
- VSF-TR03
- VSF-TR04 (not part of this presentation)
- VSF-TR05 (not part of this presentation)
- The Advanced Media Workflow Association (AMWA NMI project)
- ASPEN by Evertz (how open is this?)
- Dante
- Ravenna
- AES67



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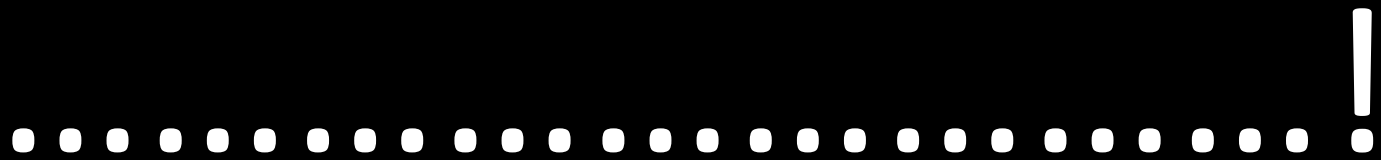
Open IT Standard

# Self Management

QoS included



DEC included



AVB still is a superior  
technology compared to all  
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The tribal wisdom of the Dakota Indians passed on from generation to generation says:

When you discover that you are riding a dead horse the best strategy is to dismount

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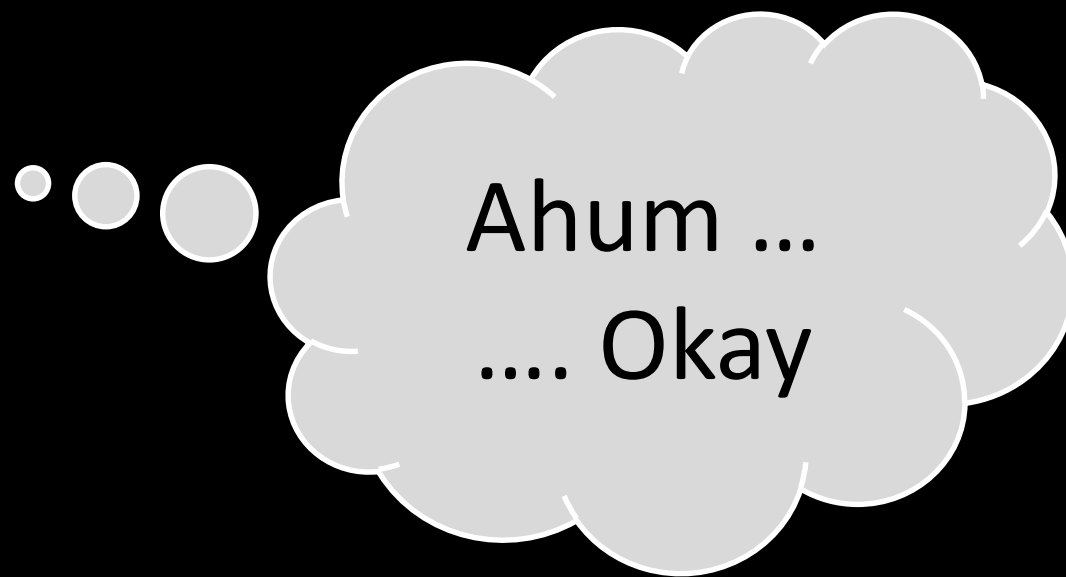
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ST 2022-6

*Brad Gilmer of VSF;*

“The VSF developed SMPTE 2022 for long-haul video transport over IP networks,”

“It quickly found its way inside facilities, which is **not** what the inventors of 2022 intended”





We said so .....

ST-2022 takes SDI in its  
entirety over IP/RTP as a  
single stream

ST-2022 tells nothing about  
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tendency to use ST-2059

Unfortunately ST-2059  
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VSF has corrected their  
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direction and VSF-TR03  
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(Networked Media Incubator)

The technical goals of the group will be guided by the Reference Architecture (RA) published by the Joint Task Force on Networked Media.

JT-NM (EBU/SMPTE/VSF)

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Aspen

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AES67 patent claim on the  
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This makes implementing  
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(If you license Dante you get  
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Dante, Ravenna and AES67  
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# Timing & Latency

Timing is a challenge in IP networks but enough has been developed and tested that in the future this should be no problem

Audio, video and data locking is also a challenge but with individual timestamps a correct sync is easier than before

All timing based on IEEE 1588  
has the option to use a defined  
starting point  
(Jan 1, 1970)

Latency is as much a challenge  
as it is in current SDI systems

Seamless  
switching



Seamless switching is important  
in our industry

ST 2022-7 seamless Protected  
Switching of 2022 IP datagrams

A way to send two matching streams of packets from a source to a destination over different paths, and have the receiver switch seamless between them.

We call this “destination switching”  
and is not a difficult method

“source switching” on the other hand is quite difficult and can only be managed in a tightly controlled environment of hard and software

Compression

There will be some:

VC2 (Dirac)

Tico

LLVC

....

Is it worth it ... ?

SDN

or

Self Management



The broadcast industry tends to put  
QoS and management in the hands of  
an SDN!

And .....

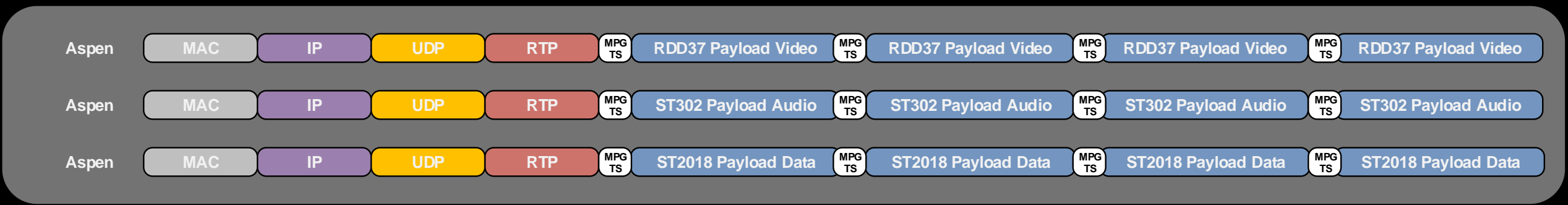
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An alternative is TSN  
(Time Sensitive Networks)  
aka AVB2

TSN is the future of big  
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## So where does this leave you as an end-user

- Too many choices
- Poor interoperability
- An SDN for all offerings (except AVB)
- To compress or not to compress TiCo/VC2/LLVC?
- Do I invest in this now?



# And where does that leave us manufacturers?

- Too many choices
- Every flavor costs time and money
- You can waste quite a bit of both



The Future?

?

If you need to built  
something now ....

Use SDI.

(and be very happy with it)

If you need to built  
something now on IP ....

Use ST 2022-6

(and be sure you will need to change soon)

If you need to built  
something in the future ....

Use VSF-TR03  
(or TR04 or TR05 or ....)

If you need to built something soon on IP, and be ready for anything that might come ....

Use a vendor that will follow all future formats



No 3<sup>rd</sup> party IP cores

We are adapting our core to all above proposals and become agnostic on the used encapsulation format

THANK YOU

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