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# Sydney Trains Networked digital PA

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# Introduction: Stagetec Mediagroup

## SALZBRENNER STAGETEC MEDIAGROUP



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**(nexus and consoles)**



**Delec**

**(Communications)**



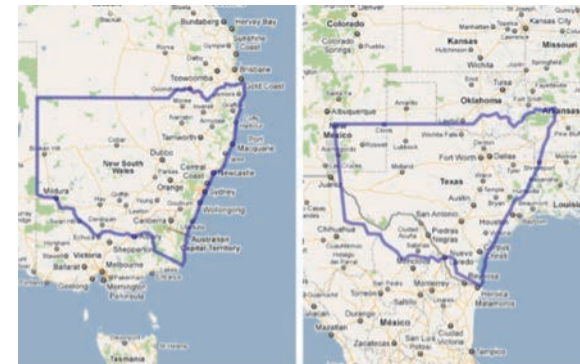
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**(Systems House)**

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# Introduction: Sydney Trains Project

- Investing in new technology
- Enhanced customer experience as mandated from the government
- Geographically large



- We had to meet the following requirements...

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# Digital PA: Audio Requirements

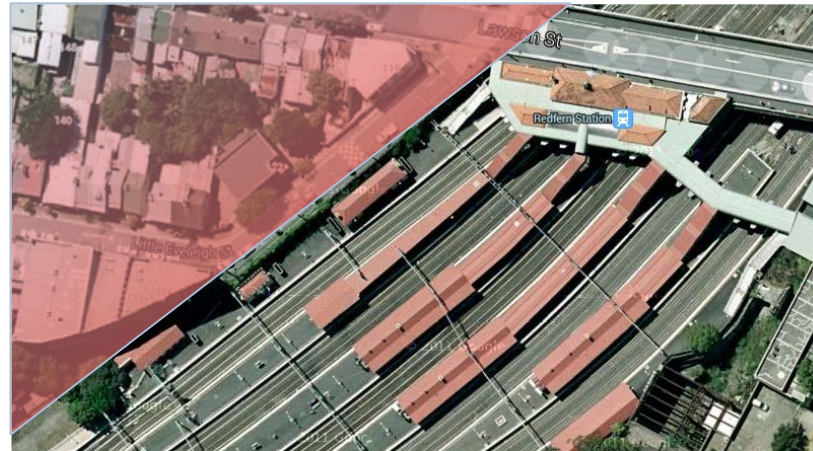
- Communicate with passengers on platforms and concourse areas throughout the Sydney Trains Network



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# Digital PA: Audio Requirements

- Environmental pollution control including Ambient Noise Control, Directional Speaker Design and Time Of Day switching



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# Digital PA: Audio Requirements

- Natural sounding speech with measurable Speech intelligibility  
(Aiming for 0.75 without a train at platform)



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# Digital PA: Audio Requirements

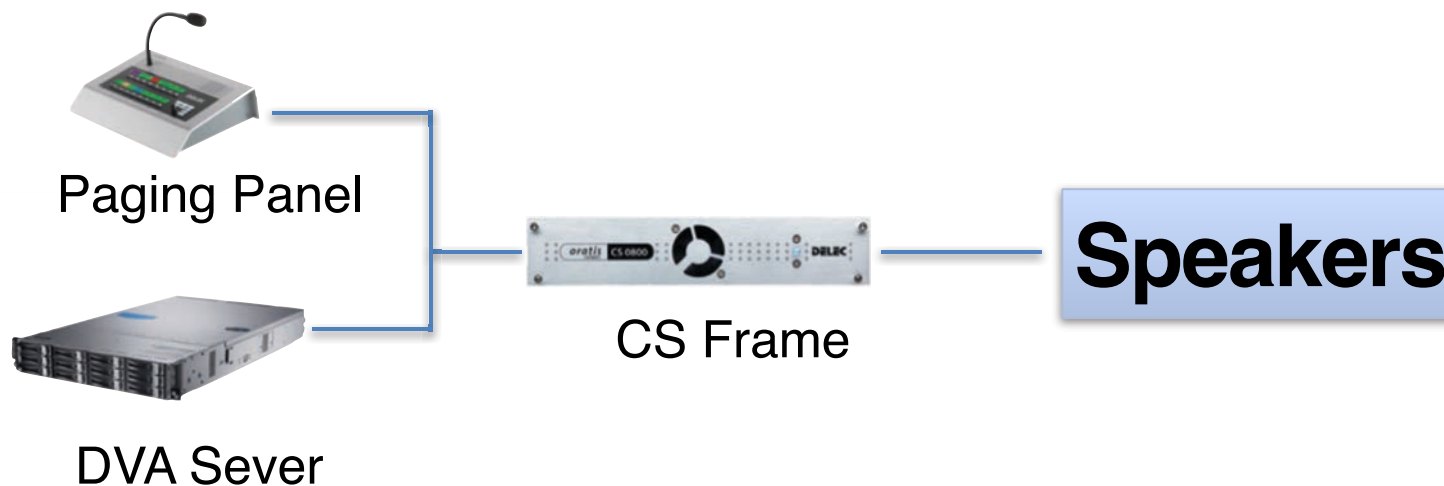
- Time Alignment along average 200 metre long platforms up to 500ms or a maximum of 1.46 seconds



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# Digital PA: Audio Requirements

- Announcements will originate from both centralised Digital Voice Announcements (DVA), local live announcements and centralised live announcements

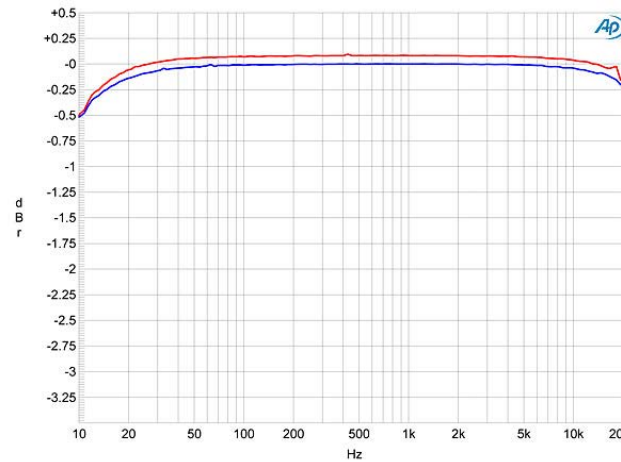


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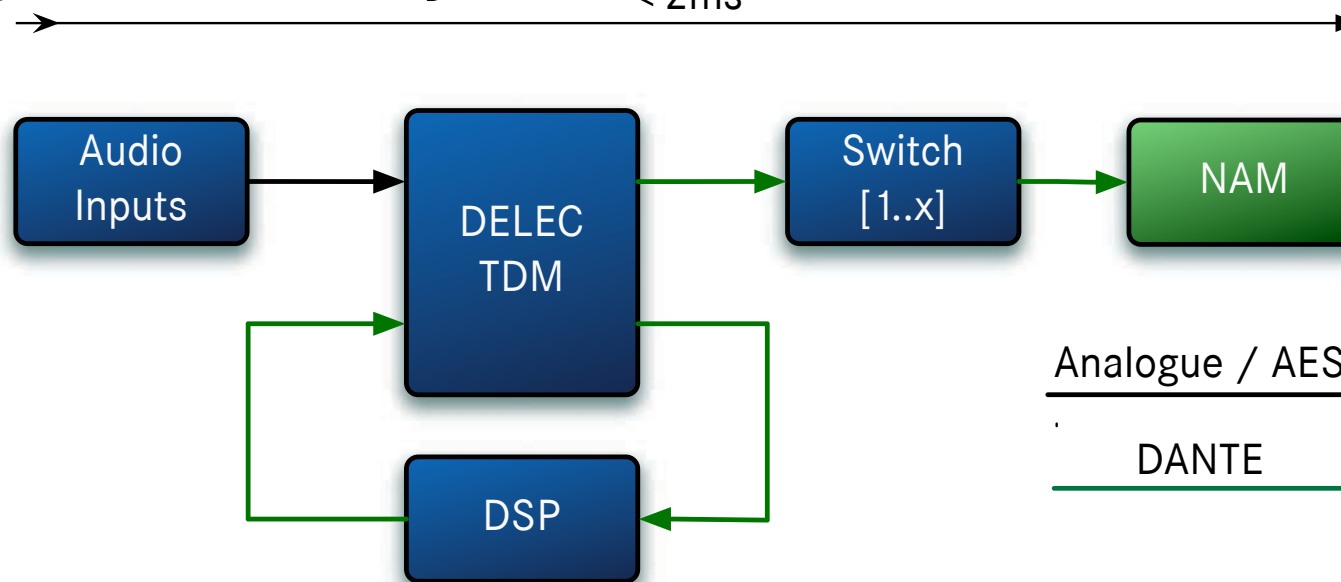
- Full Bandwidth Linear Audio IP in real time



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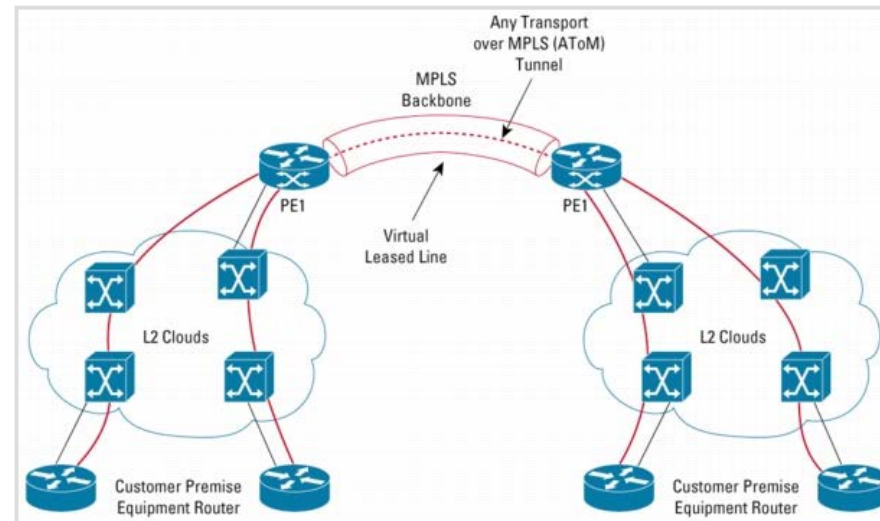
# Digital PA: Audio Requirements

- The System had to have less than 2ms delay throughout entire system < 2ms



# Digital PA: Network Requirements

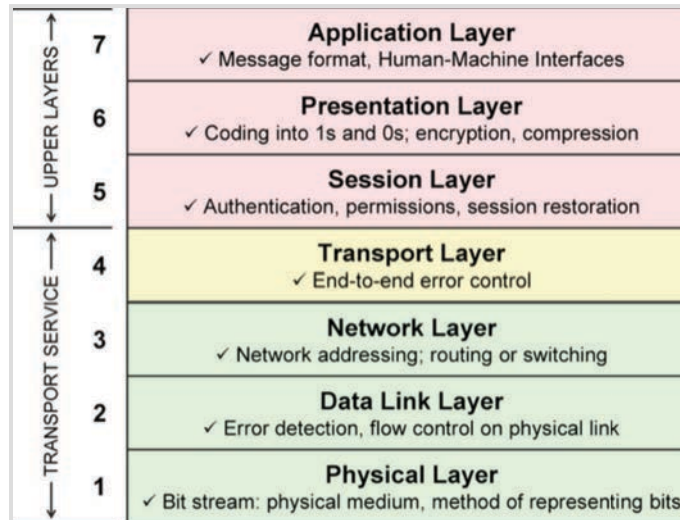
- Must exist on the Sydney Trains MPLS Network called the OCDN



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# Digital PA: Network Requirements

- Must be based on standard TCP/IP protocols





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# Digital PA: Network Requirements

- All local stations are linked by an IP network and must be controllable and monitored from the CNMS



# Digital PA: Network Requirements

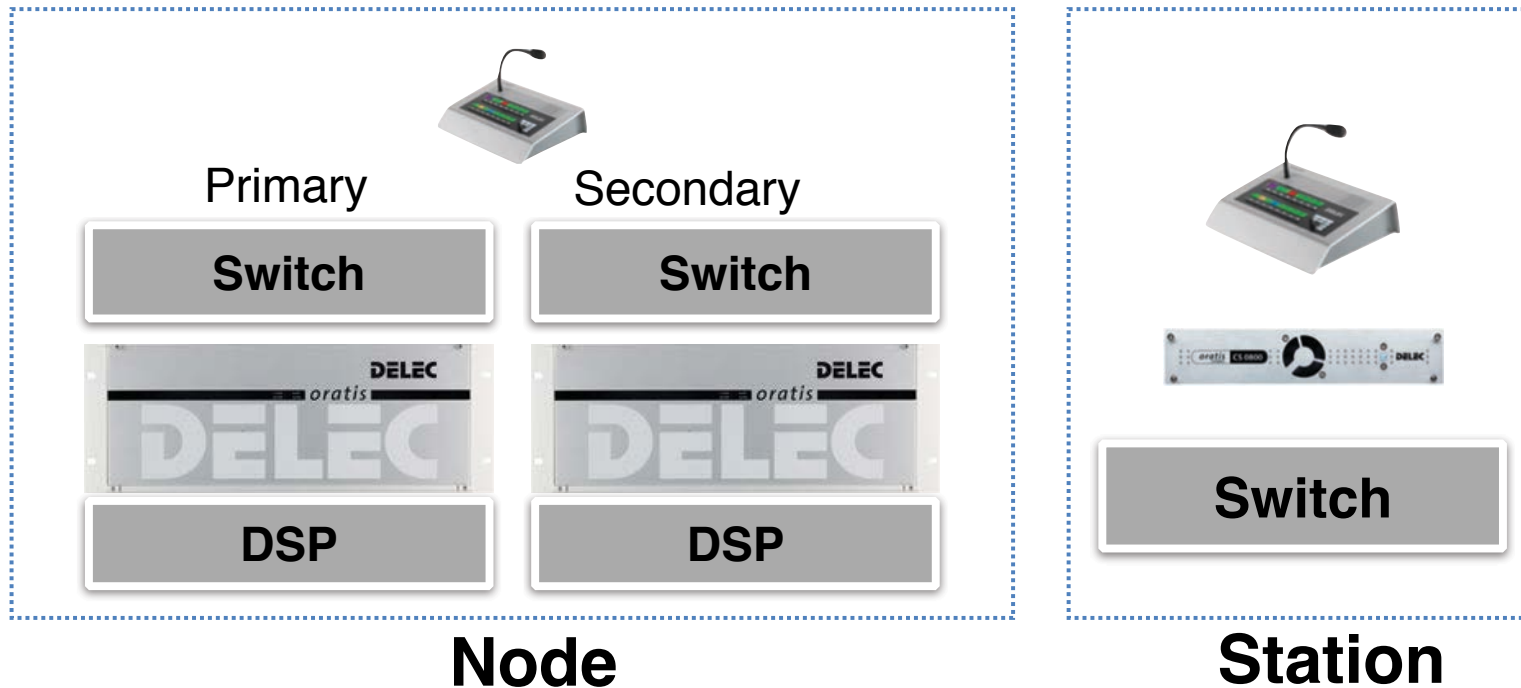
- Audio and control must travel over the same IP network



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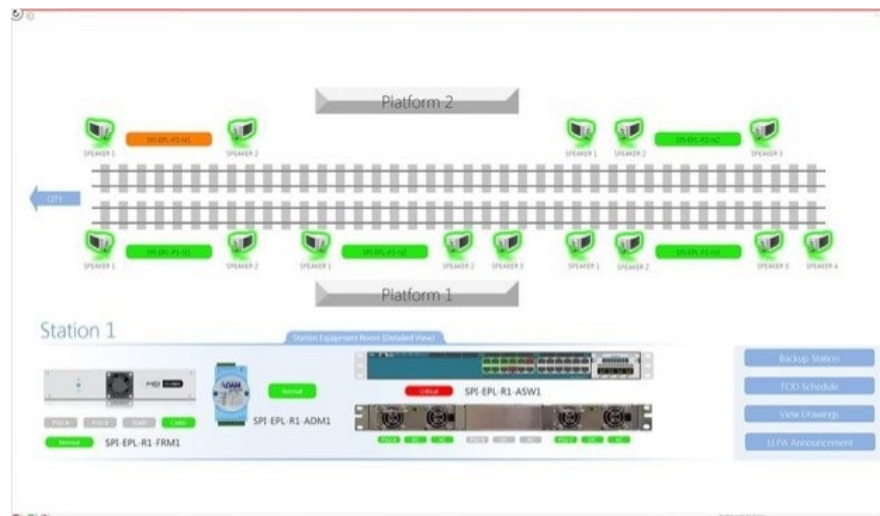
# Digital PA: Design Requirements

- The Centralisation of voice based announcements using a Node Based design to allow for minimal equipment installed on remote sites



# Digital PA: Design Requirements

- **Ease of Maintenance with network connectivity and monitoring on every device all the way to the speaker for Central Network Management System (CNMS) integration**





# Digital PA: Design Requirements

- **CNMS must have complete control of all systems, programming, monitoring, audio routing, operation and monitoring.**



# Digital PA: Design Requirements

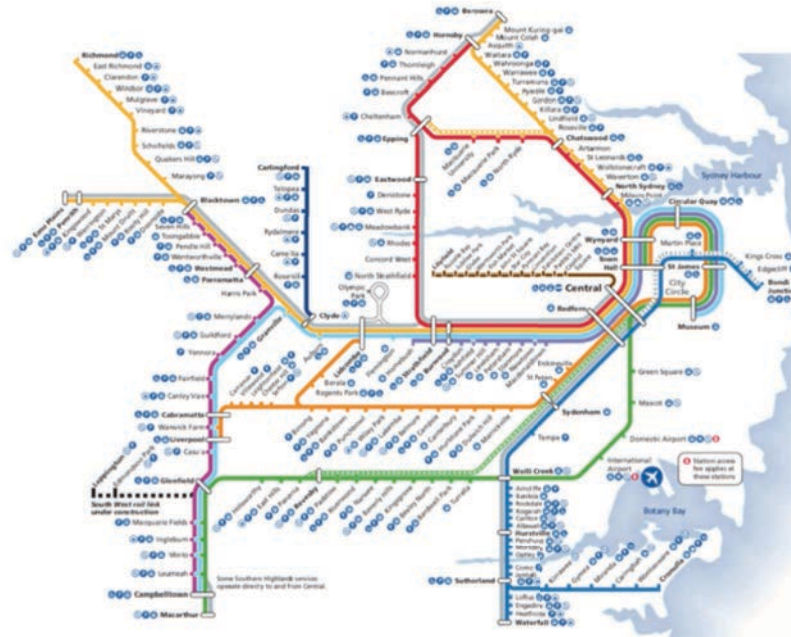
- A hardware based design is preferred



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# Digital PA: Design Requirements

- Scalable to 400+ sites



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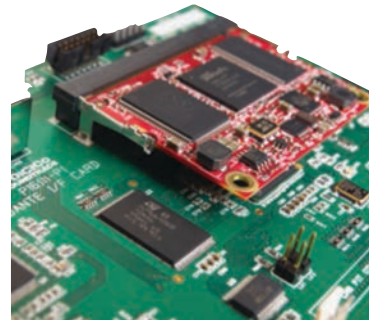
- Interoperable with different products with the same standards



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# Digital PA: Chosen Components

- Dante Audio over IP



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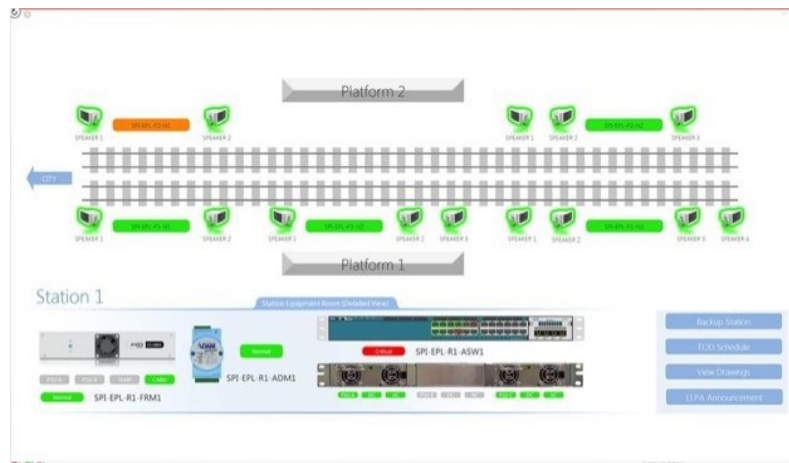
# Digital PA: Chosen Components

- **Delec digital PA Hardware Including:**
  - MF4 TDM Based Fully Summing Communications Router
  - CS Compact TDM Based Communications router
  - NAM Network amplifier module
  - Delec Paging and Intercom Panels



# Digital PA: Chosen Components

- Dataminer CNMS



# Digital PA: Chosen Components

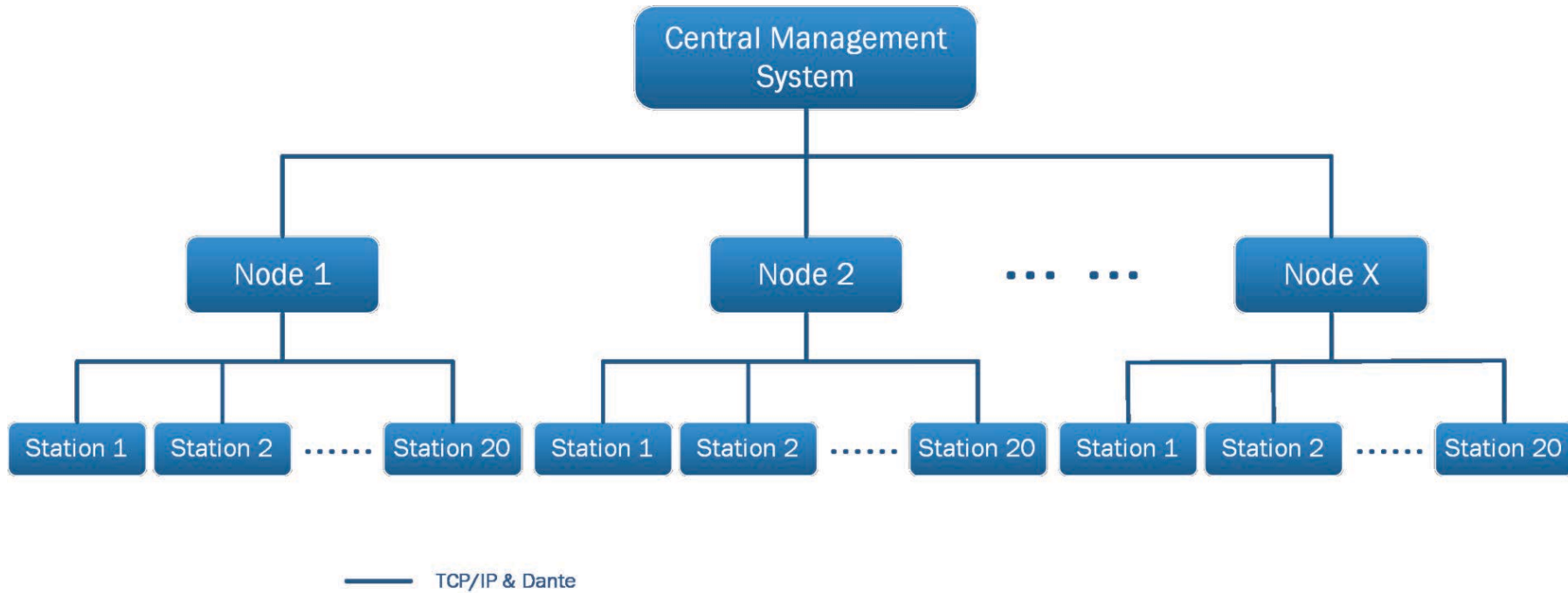
- Cisco and Microsoft



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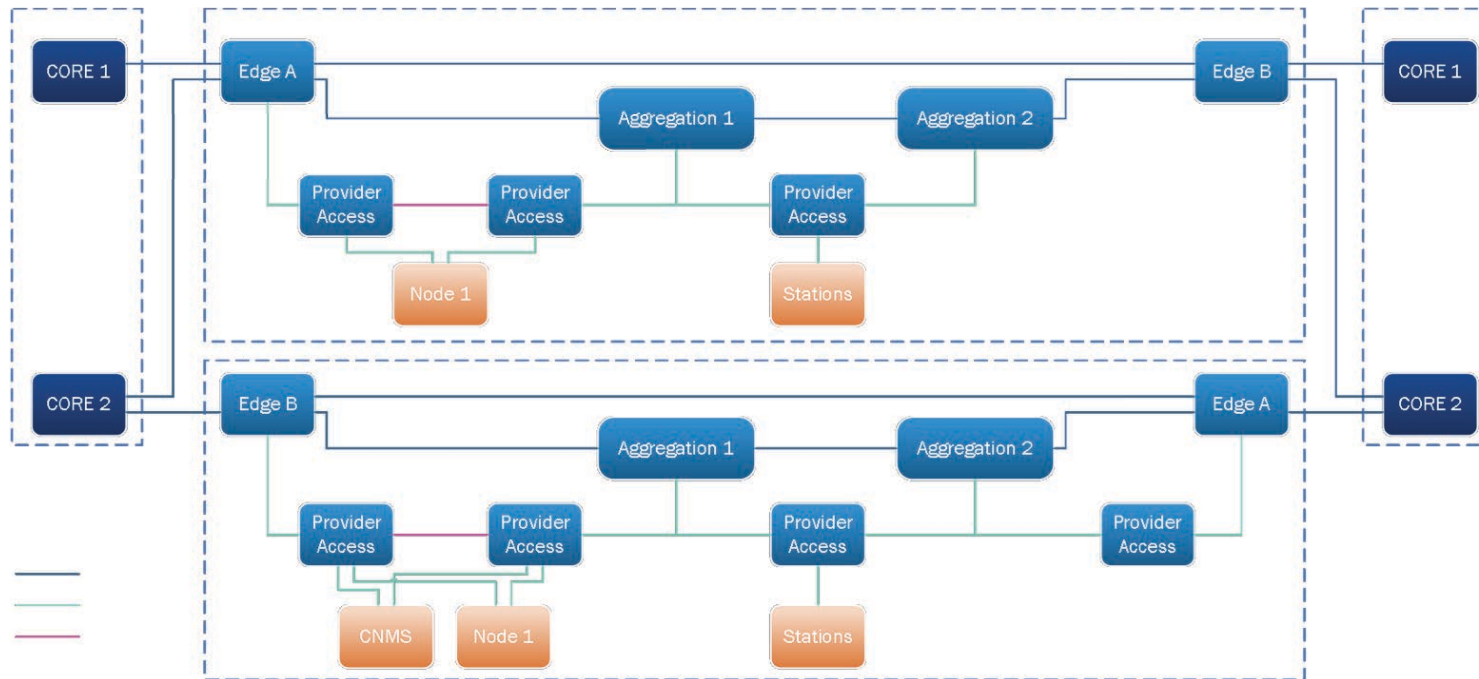


# Digital PA: System Concept



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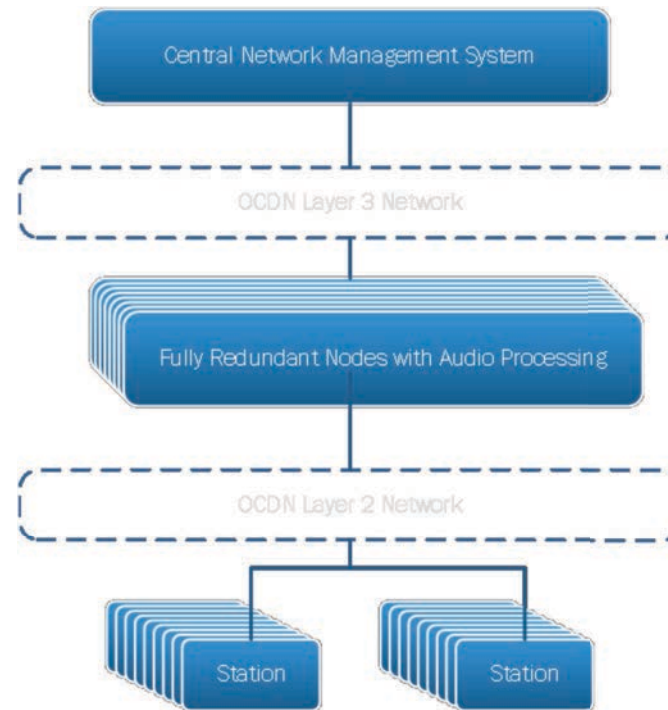
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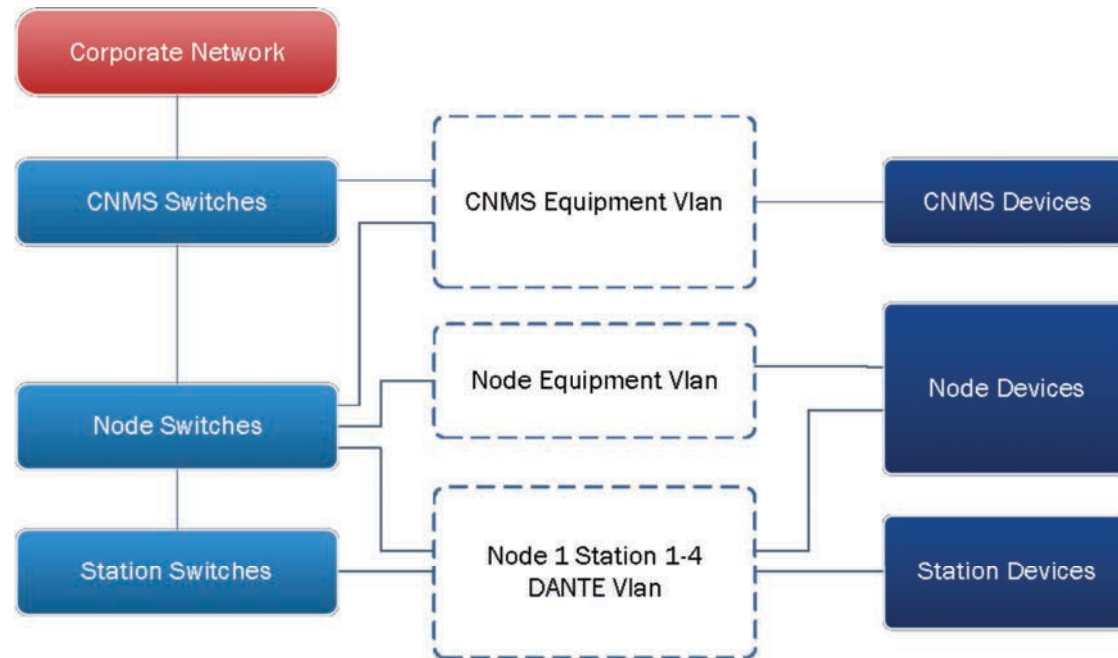
- OCDN Integration Concept



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# Digital PA: System Concept

- Network Design



# Digital PA: Audio Protocol

- **Dante**

- Very easy to implement on layer 2 networks
- Routable over layer 3 networks
- Lossless / Full bandwidth Audio
- Low latency and Clocked
- Conforms to IP standards
- Does not require dedicated switching hardware
- Dante Virtual Sound card (DVS)
- Large range of 3rd party products available
- Global Support and Engineering Teams



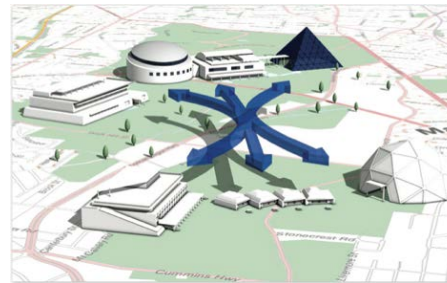
# Digital PA: System Concept

- **Dante for Layer 2 Segments in the OCDN and the layer 2 at the Stations**
- **Using Dante within a Layer 2 network is easy even over a WAN**
  - DHCP
  - DNS (for management)
  - QOS already available out of the box
  - Dante Controller
  - Dante Virtual Sound card (DVS)



# Digital PA: System Concept

- Dante for Layer 3 Segments with Netspander
- Even with TDM Based Audio Routers we had the requirement to route Dante Via Layer 3 Networks because of OCDN Design



# Digital PA: System Concept

- **Solution is Netspander along with**
  - Dynamic DNS Updates
  - In order to manage the routed network, the Dataminer CNMS provides clock and layer 3 dante configuration as well as monitoring





# Digital PA: System Concept

- **The Station**

- Depending on the size of the station, different DELEC engines are deployed



# Digital PA: System Concept

- **THE NAM: Dante Enabled Network Amplifier Module**
  - Can receive either Unicast or Multi-Cast Streams
  - Processes audio locally minimising switched bandwidth.



Indoor NAM

Outdoor NAM



# Digital PA: System Concept

- **Built In:**
  - Precision Delay for time alignment
  - 1000 point FIR Filter per individual channel for STI and speaker processing
  - Audio DSP Possible (EQ DYN etc)
  - Speaker health monitoring (individual channels)



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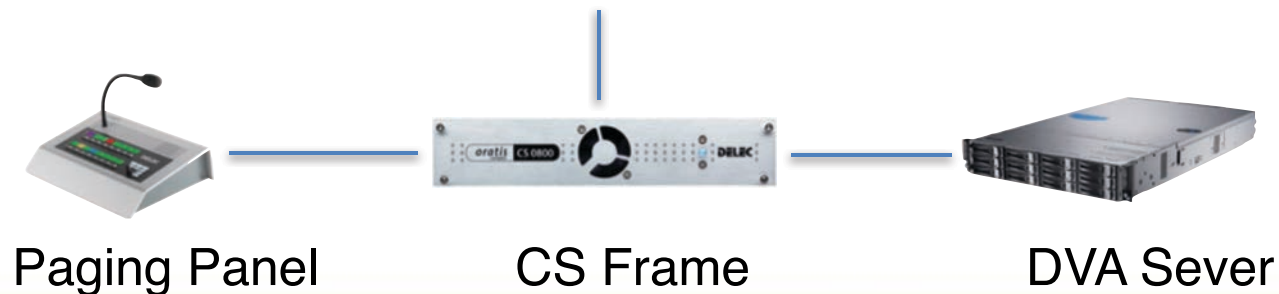
- **Additional Features:**

- Dante enabled with inter-vendor support
- FULL API available including backup of all parameters
- Optional IP66 Enclosure for harsh environments
- 4 x 12 watts or 2 x 24 watts
- Microphone PreAmp for ANS microphone input



# Digital PA: System Concept

- **The Station Engines are used for:**
  - Local DVA insertion, Live Announcements
  - Dante and inter-vendor support including wireless microphone systems etc.
  - Node uplink; local station continues to operate if a network failure occurs



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# Digital PA: System Concept

- Purposely developed cardioid speakers assist in harsh acoustic environments



Cardioid Speaker



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# Digital PA: System Concept

## • The Node:

- Uses the Modular DELEC Engine
- Built in hardware logic for prioritisation
- Centralised DVA insertion, advertising and background music
- Audio DSP (Realtime ANS, EQ DYN etc)
- Dante and inter-vendor support
- VCOM and Mobile Applications
- CNMS UPLINK



# Digital PA: System Concept

- VCOM and Mobile Applications



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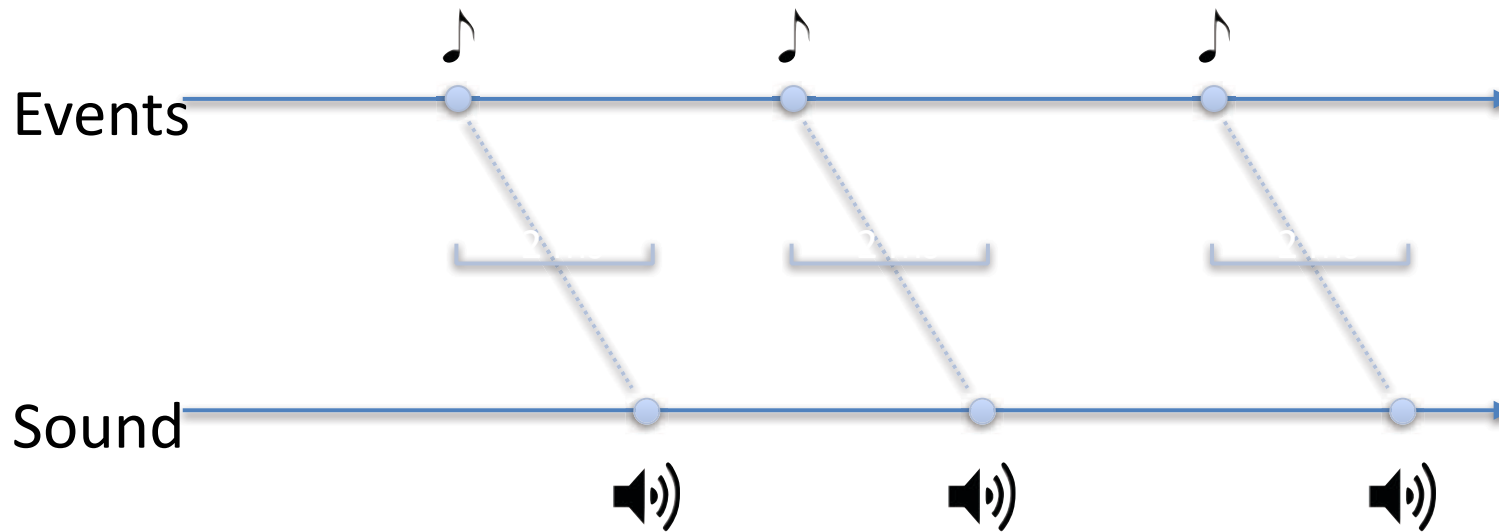
# Digital PA: System Concept

- **CNMS**
  - 256 channel fully summing audio engine with DANTE
  - Ability to monitor entire system (ANS, Speakers, ALL DEVICES)
  - Ability to backup all devices
  - Web Based CNMS - only servers in entire network



# Digital PA: Network considerations

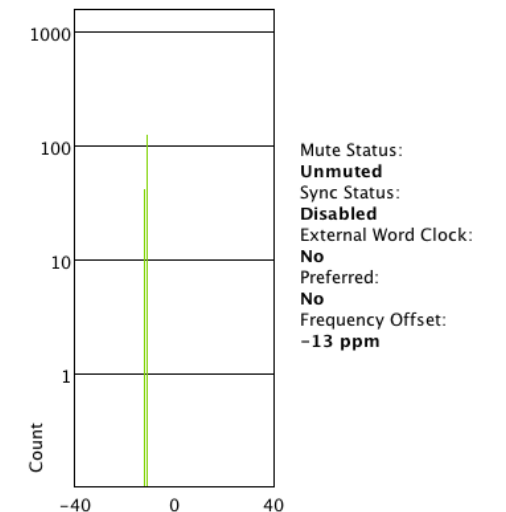
- **Latency**



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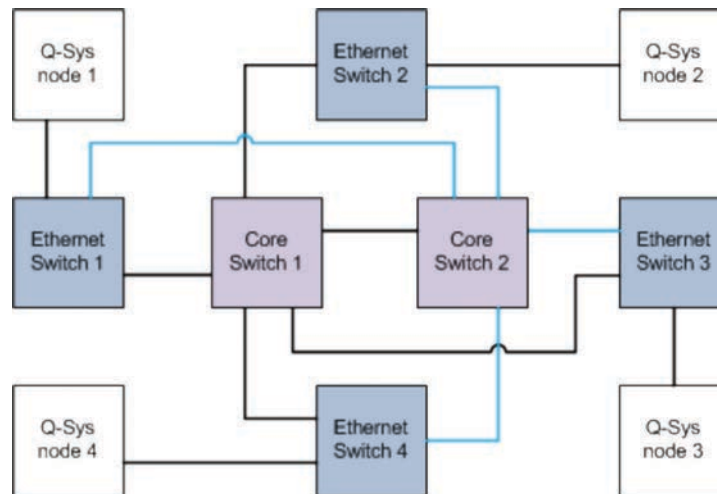
# Digital PA: Network considerations

- **Jitter (especially for the health of clock)**



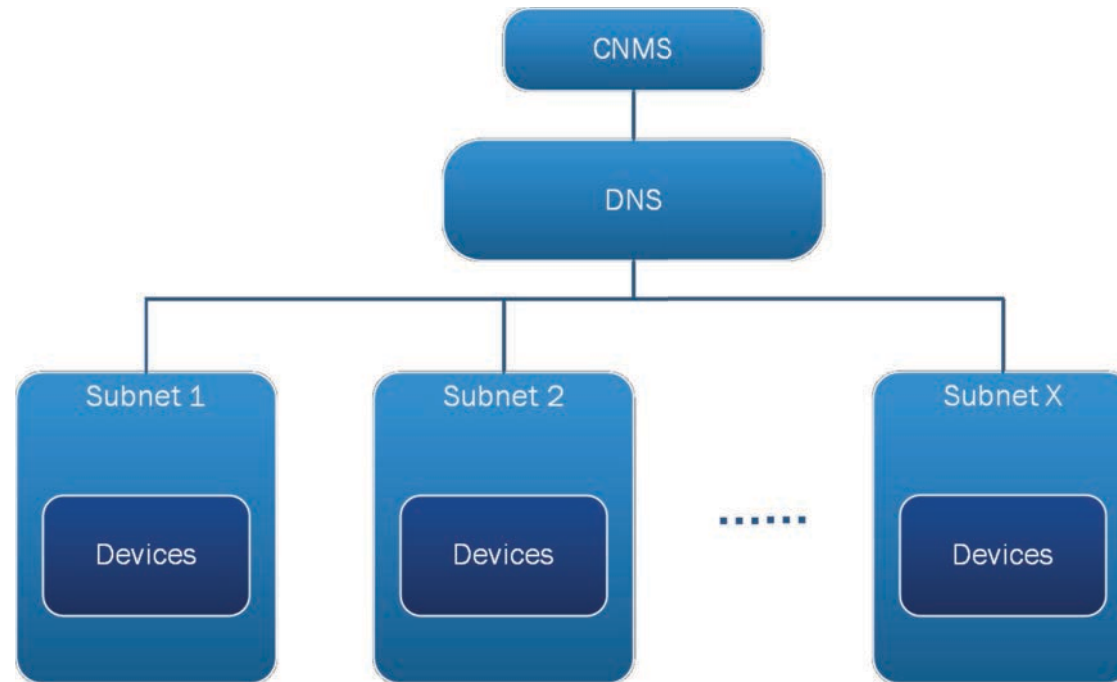
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- Number of Switch hops



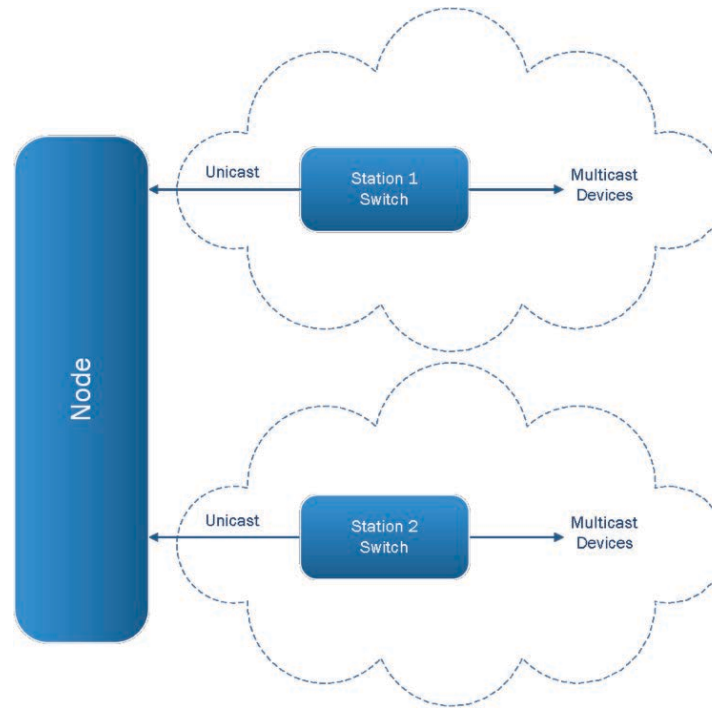
# Digital PA: Network considerations

- **Scalable (DNS is a major factor)**



# Digital PA: Network considerations

- Multicast Boundaries and IGMP



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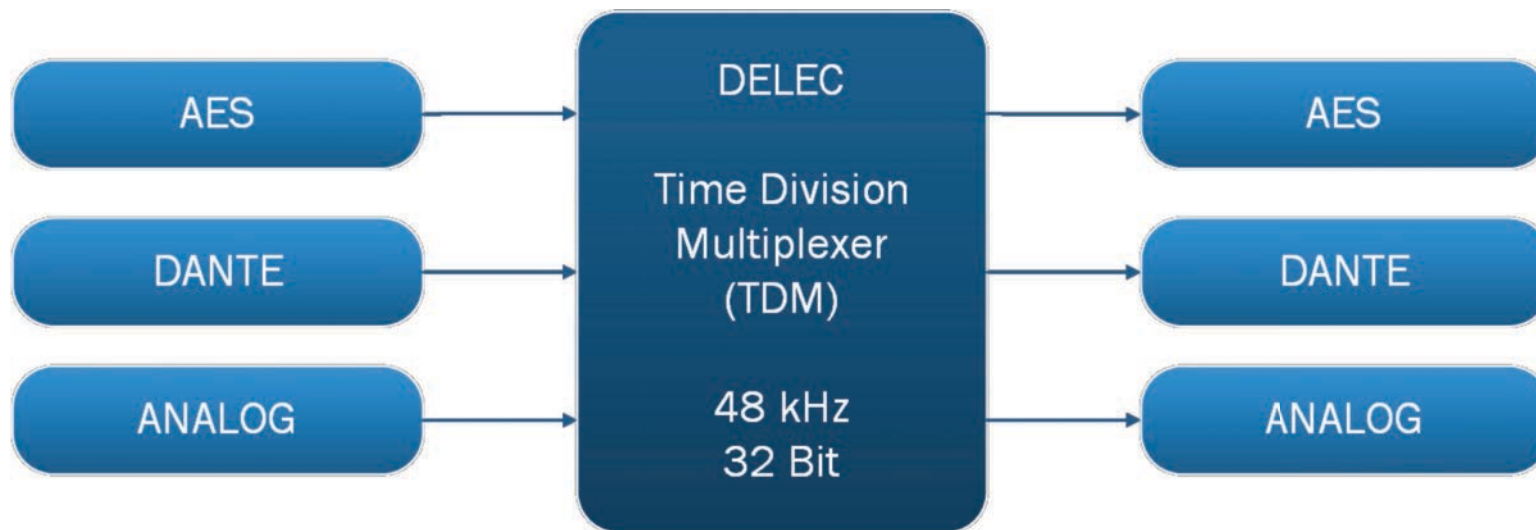
- **DANTE**

- Allows seamless integration to a huge amount of products
- DVS and software nearly unlimited
- Routable over IP Networks
- Redundancy



# Using right products in right place

- TDM Audio Routing with FPGA based Processing for scalability (DANTE simply transport medium).





# Using right products in right place

- Network Amplifier Module with distributed DSP allows for large scale implementations and unlimited zoning.





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# Using right products in right place

- Web CNMS for centralised management



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# Result

- Hugely scalable system
- Minimal Limitations of Product Integration especially for both hardware and software (DVS)
- Seamlessly integrates to existing IP infrastructures

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# Result

- Allow for sites from 4 speakers to 1000's of speakers
- Everything is monitored, backed up and managed centrally
- Minimal and proactive maintenance
- Completely future proof and upgradeable
- Predictable High STI (0.6 with train, 0.75 without train)

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# Questions



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