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**GV<sup>2</sup>**

**HD Radio<sup>®</sup>**  
Digital AM & FM

# Agenda

- 60 sec intro: GV2: Just Add Audio
- How we got here:
  - Your challenges
  - Innovation
  - Made for Radio Standards
  - Collaboration
- Deeper dive: GV2: Just Add Audio
- Demo
- Q & A



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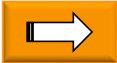


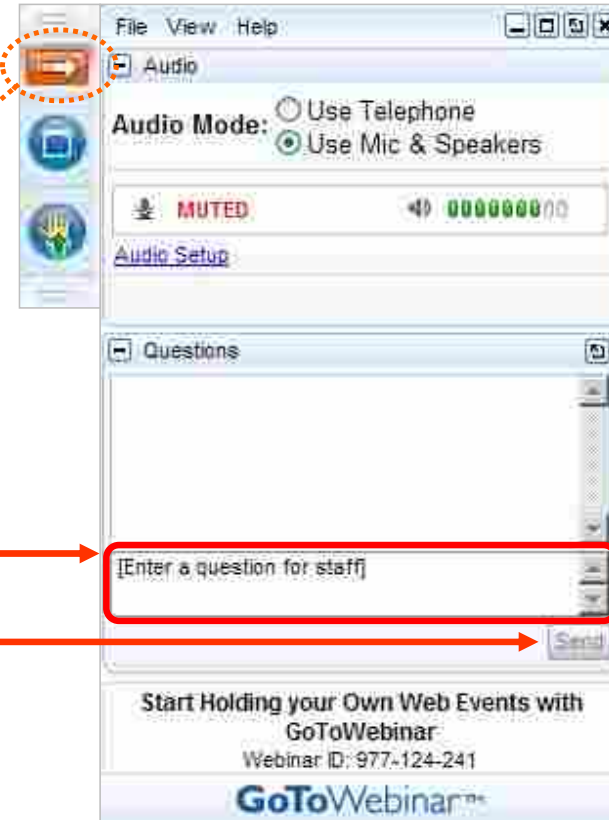
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# Q & A

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Audio In



RF Out



Everything Else Is Inside **GV²**



**Audio Processing**



**Gen4 HD Radio**



**FM+HD Modulation**



**FM+HD Locked**

"No external boxes, GPS or time alignment required"



# How we got here:

- Customers, Challenges, Technical Opportunity, Collaboration
- Apply new technologies, reduce complexity, drive out costs
- Passion for digital radio



### Why a Software Based Air Chain?

- Alignment with the IT Industry (IP Based)
  - The source of many of our standards (incl security)
  - The source of much of our hardware
- Customizable and Flexible
  - Workflows vary widely and can change (hybrid options)
  - Spin up and down instances as needed
  - Example: Telos Alliance Omnia Enterprise 9s
- More future friendly as standards and operating systems change
- Reliability/Availability/Maintainability
  - Reduce traditional dedicated broadcast hardware
    - \* (in one box per purpose) for greater redundancy
  - Less wiring / fewer site visits / remote management

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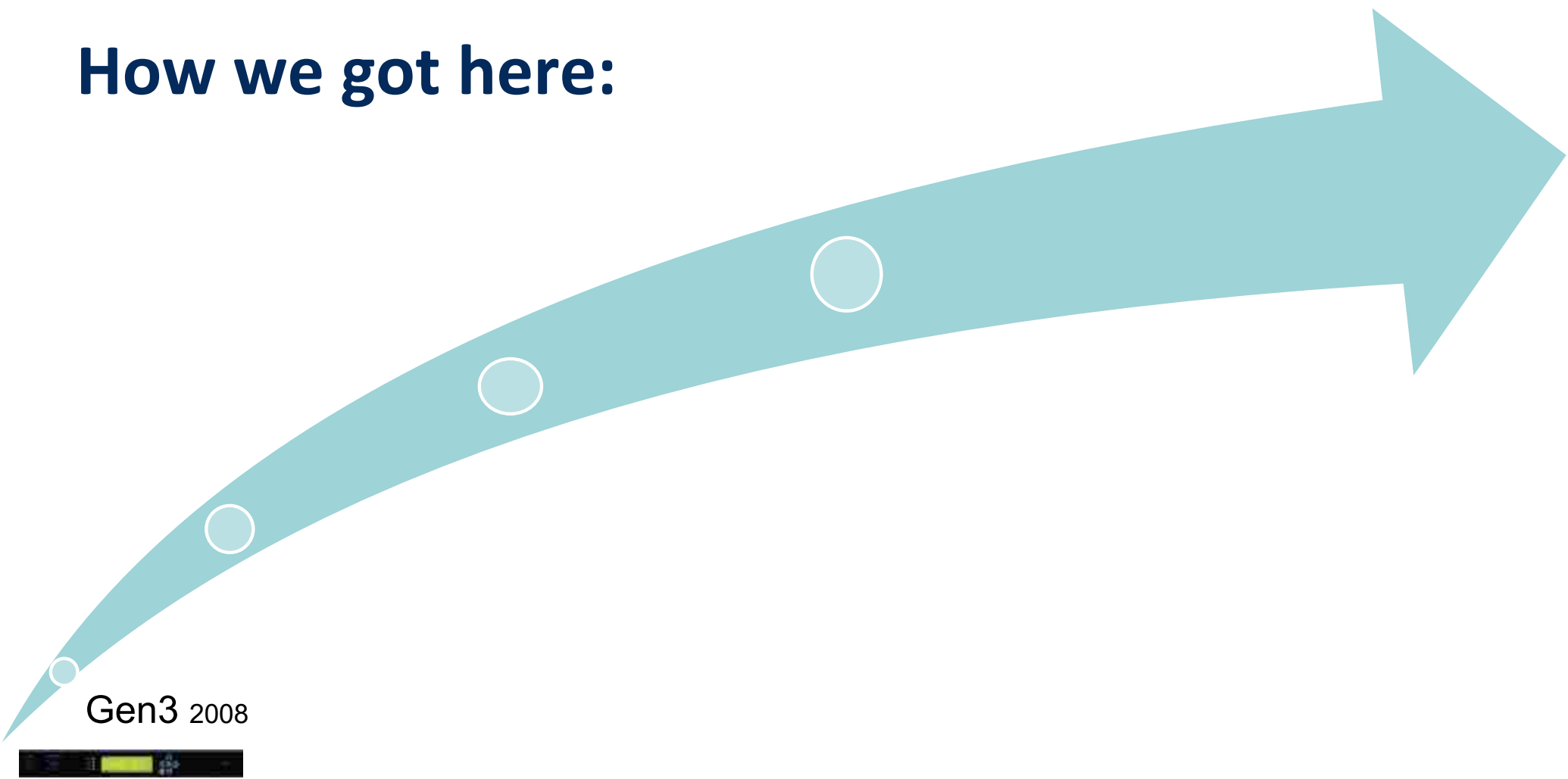
# Digital Radio matters more than ever

- >95 Million HD Radio cars
- Opportunities:
  - Auto Dashboard Presence
  - Other opportunities
    - Podcasts/Streams On-Air
    - Ethnic broadcasting
    - Leased channels
    - Sports coverage
- Over 2400 HD Radio stations
  - but vast majority are still Analog only
- Challenging for many:
  - Too complex? Too expensive? ROI?



Cheaper, Easier, More Flexible Air-Chain Solutions

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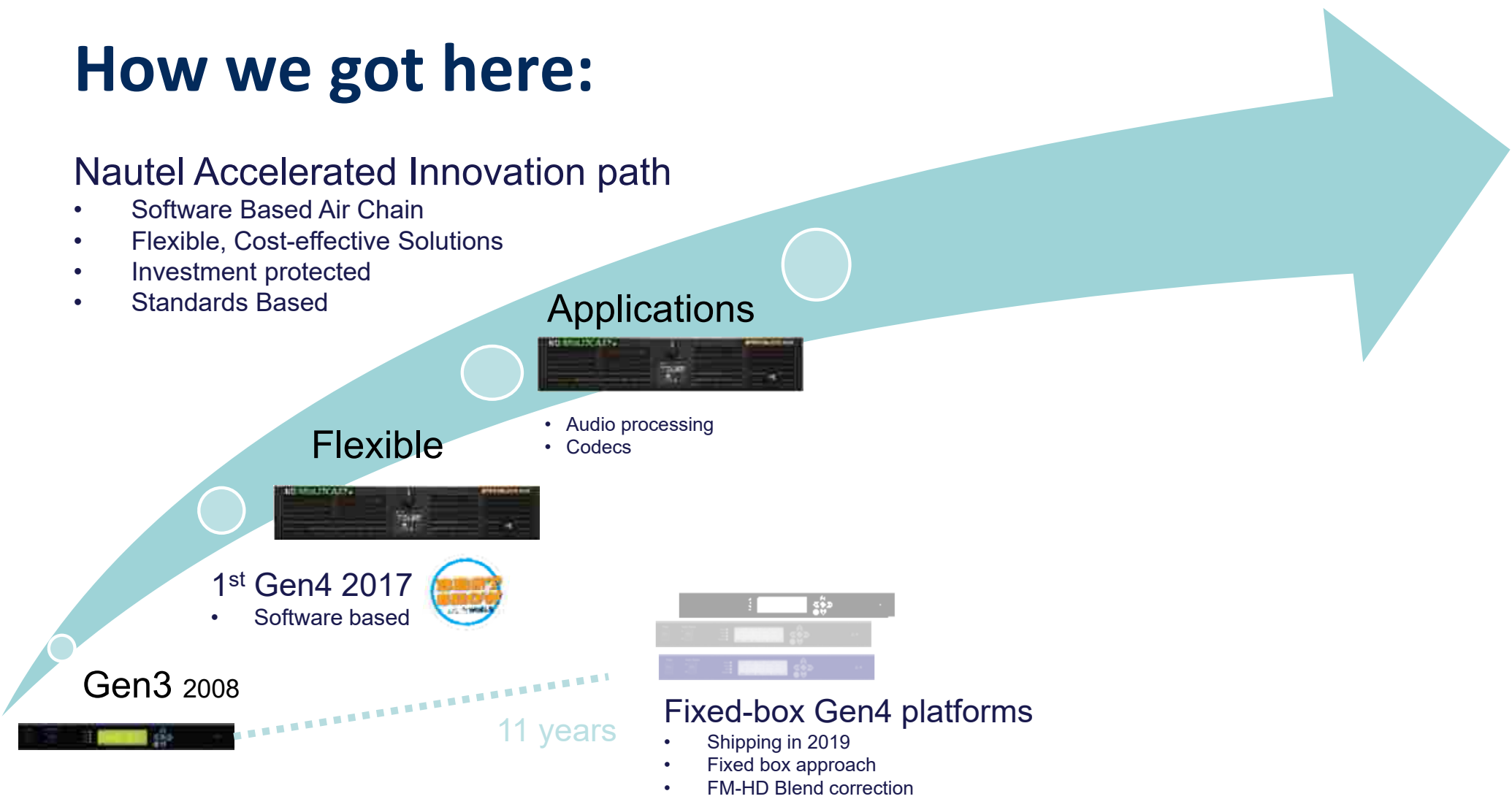
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# How we got here:

## Nautel Accelerated Innovation path

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### Applications



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- Codecs

### Flexible



### 1st Gen4 2017

- Software based



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11 years



### Fixed-box Gen4 platforms

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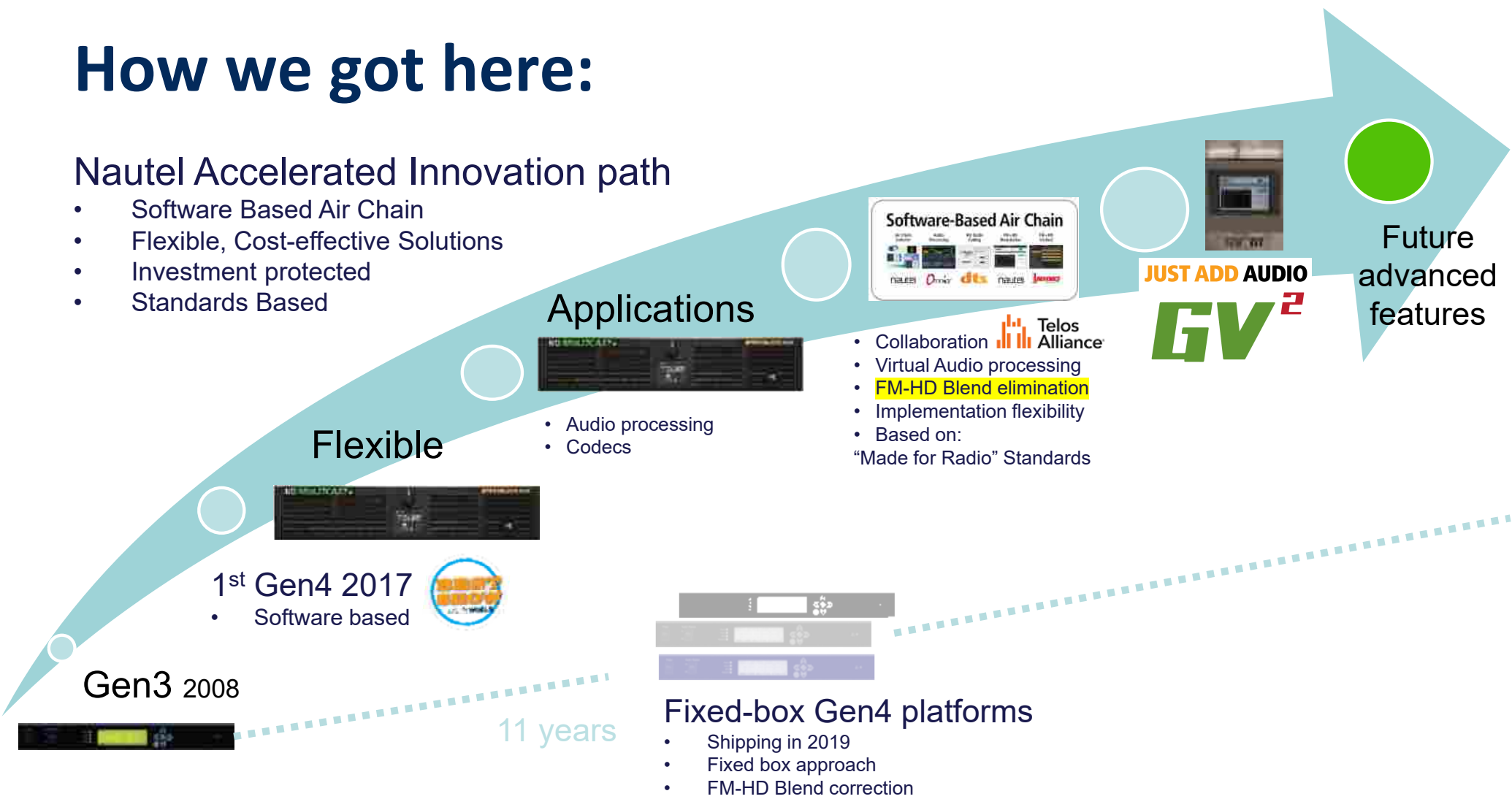
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Future advanced features



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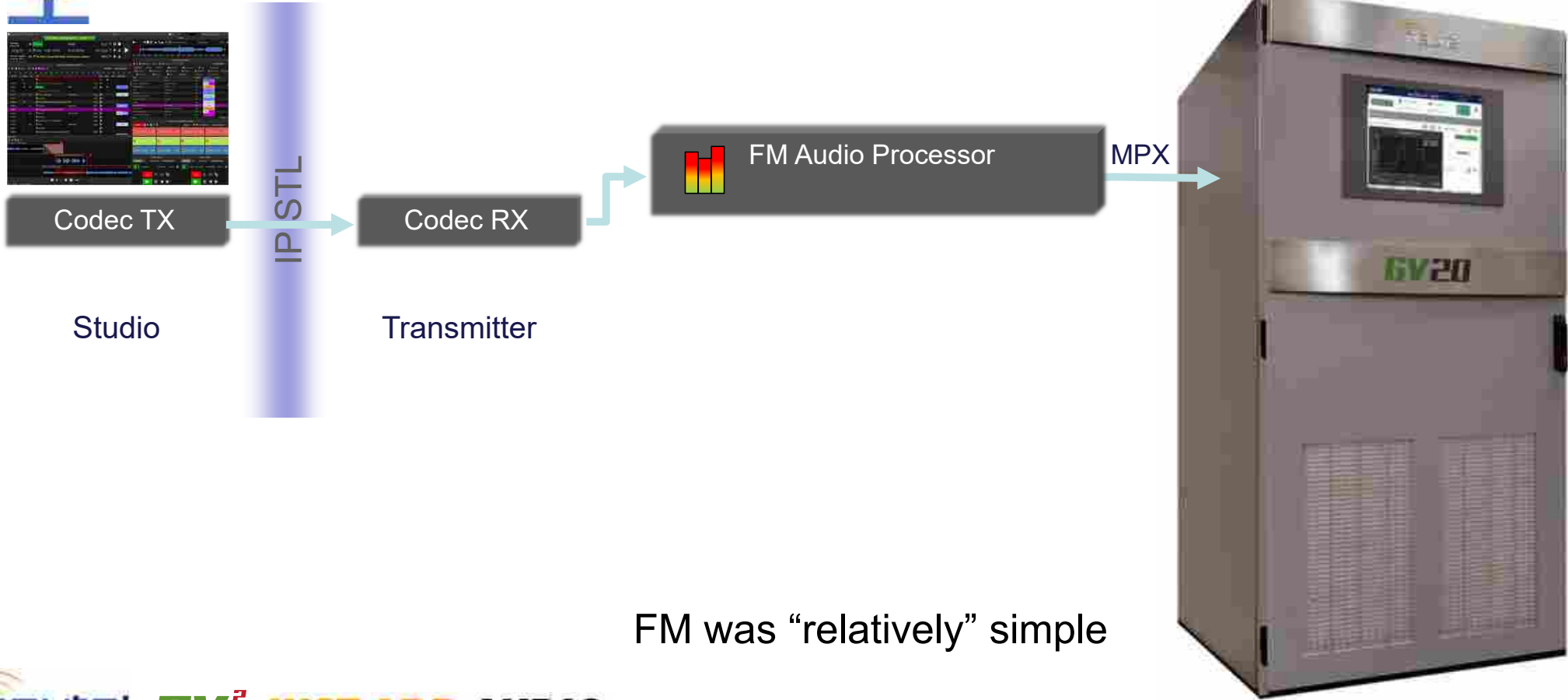
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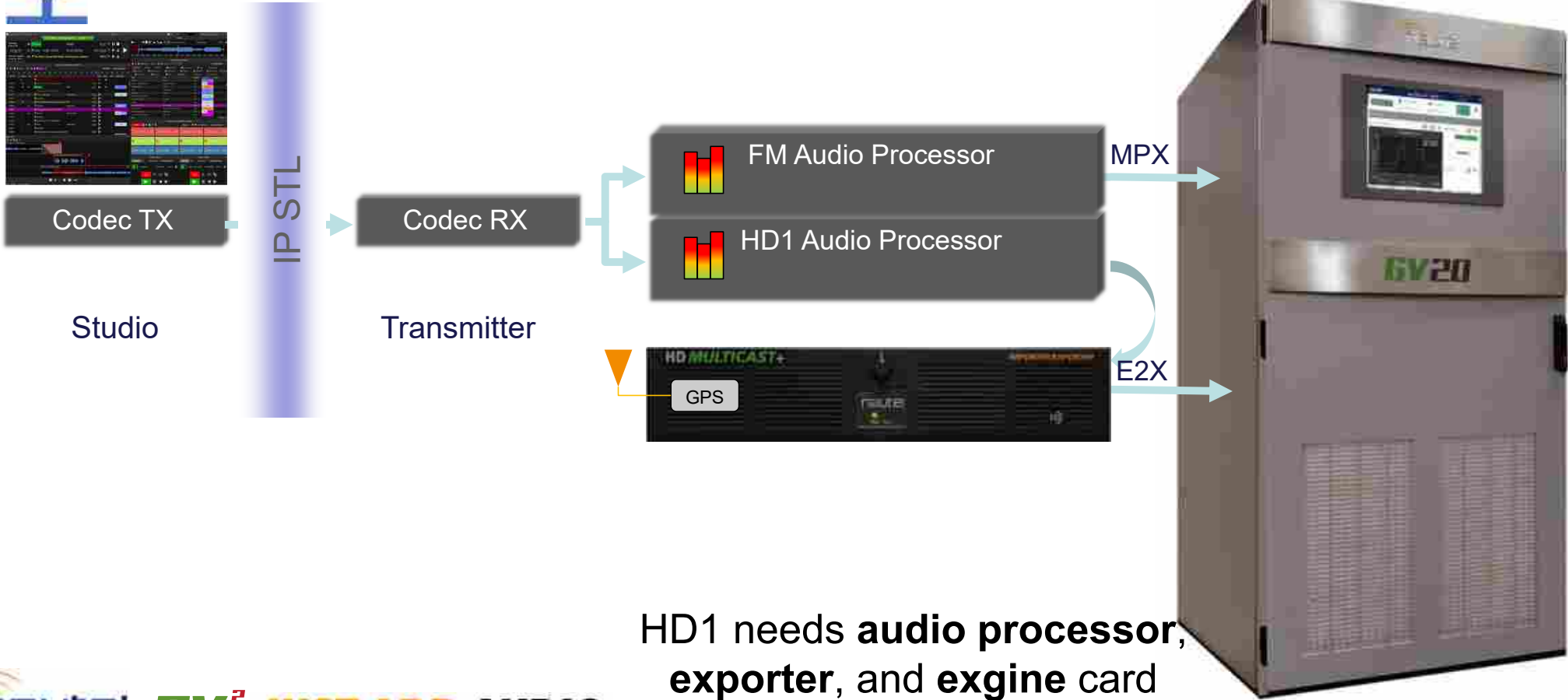


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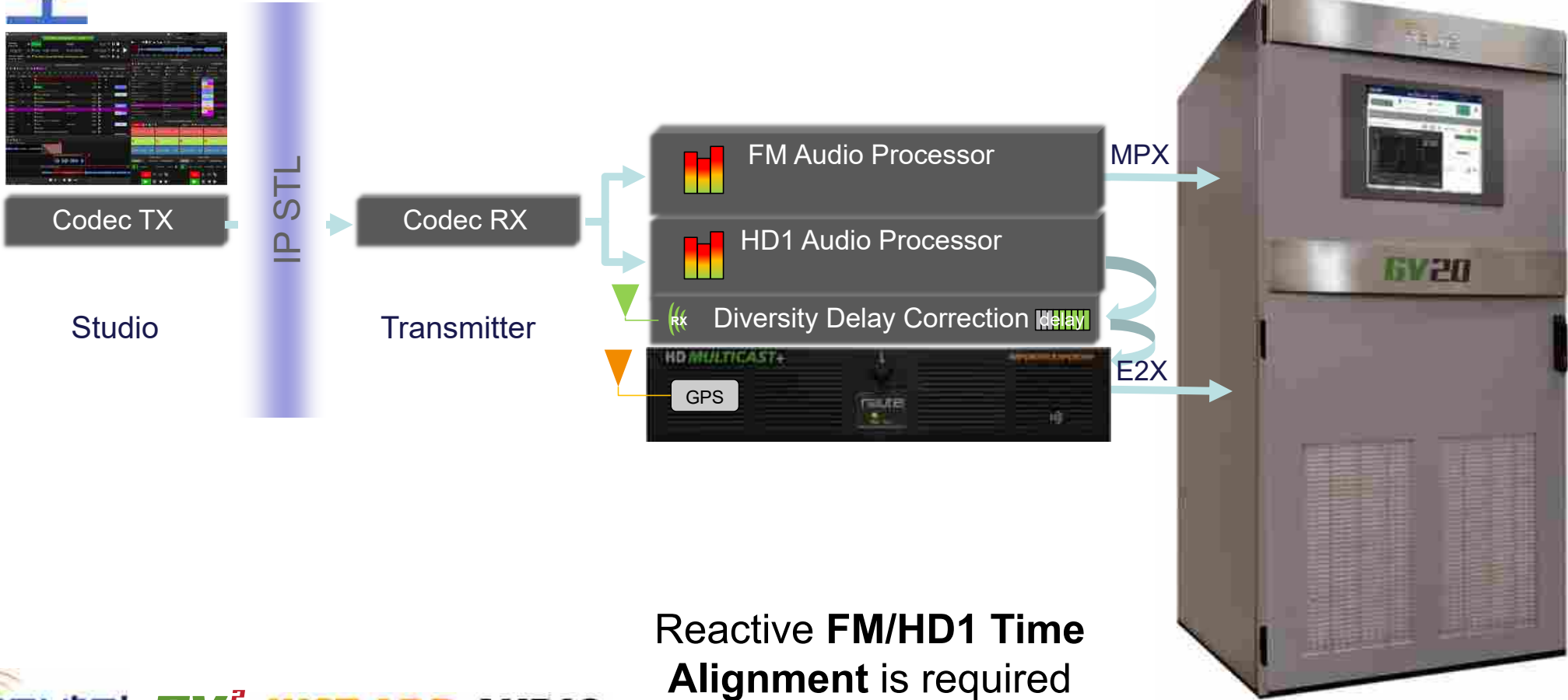
FM was “relatively” simple

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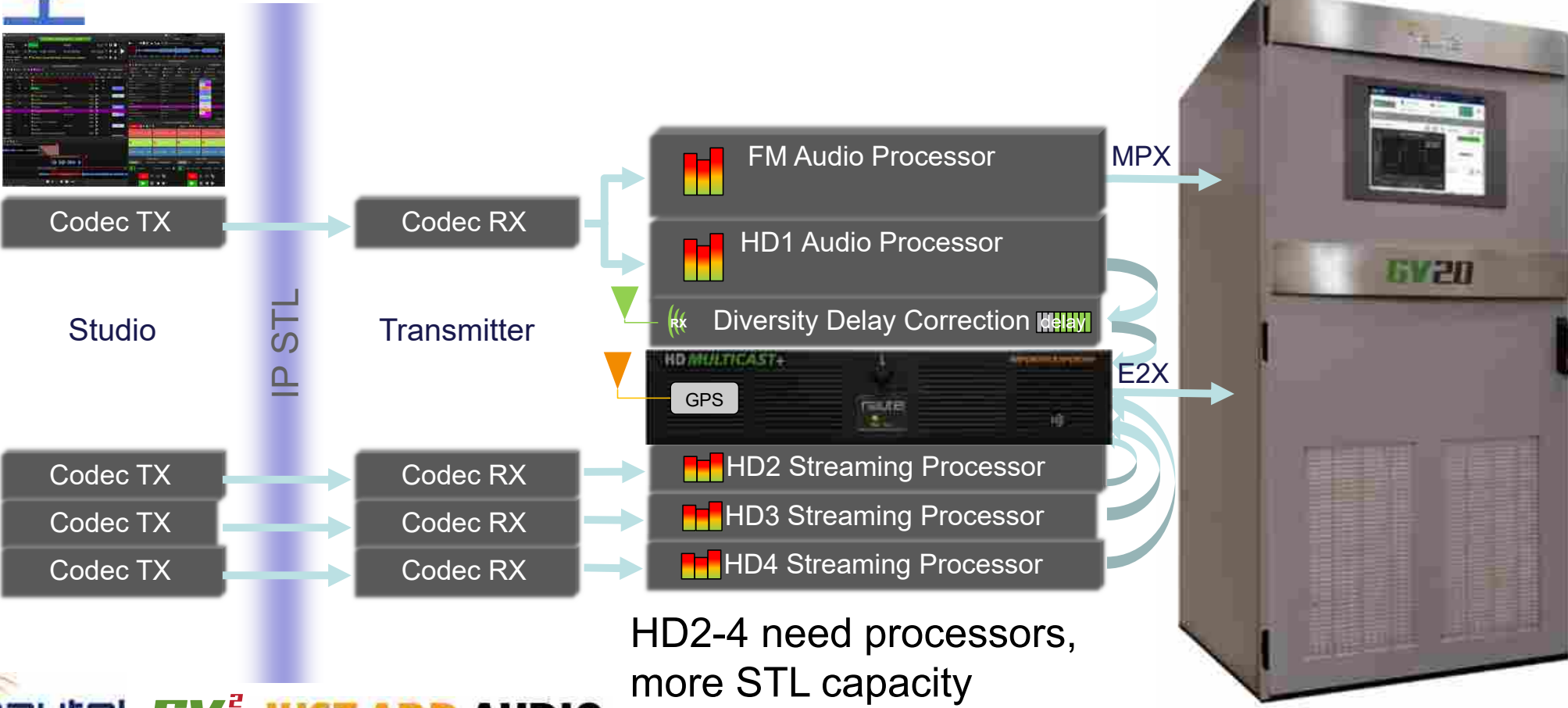
HD1 needs **audio processor**,  
**exporter**, and **engine card**

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Reactive FM/HD1 Time Alignment is required

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HD2-4 need processors, more STL capacity



# Step 1: Simplify HD2-4



Codec TX

Studio

Codec TX

Codec TX

Codec TX

IP STL

Codec RX

Transmitter

Codec RX

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Codec RX



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Omnia for Nautel  
HD2-HD4



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# Step 2: Simplify FM+HD1



Codec TX

Studio

IP STL

Codec RX

Transmitter



MPX

MPX E2X



No more external FM and HD1 Audio Processor

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# Step 2: Simplify FM+HD1



Codec TX

Studio

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Codec RX

Transmitter



No more diversity  
delay correction  
No GPS required



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## Step 2: Simplify FM+HD1



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IP STL



Axia  
xNode

Livewire



All input over Livewire  
Including FM/HD1

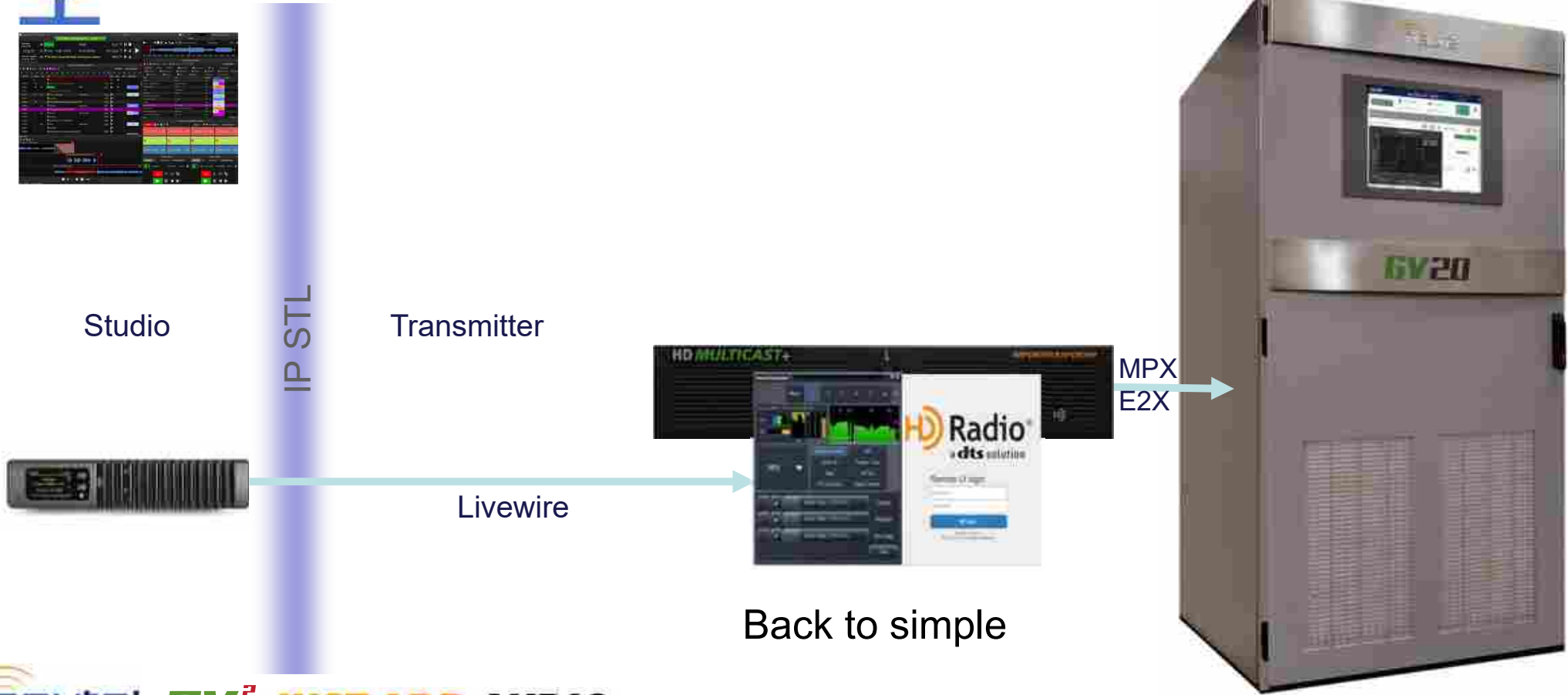
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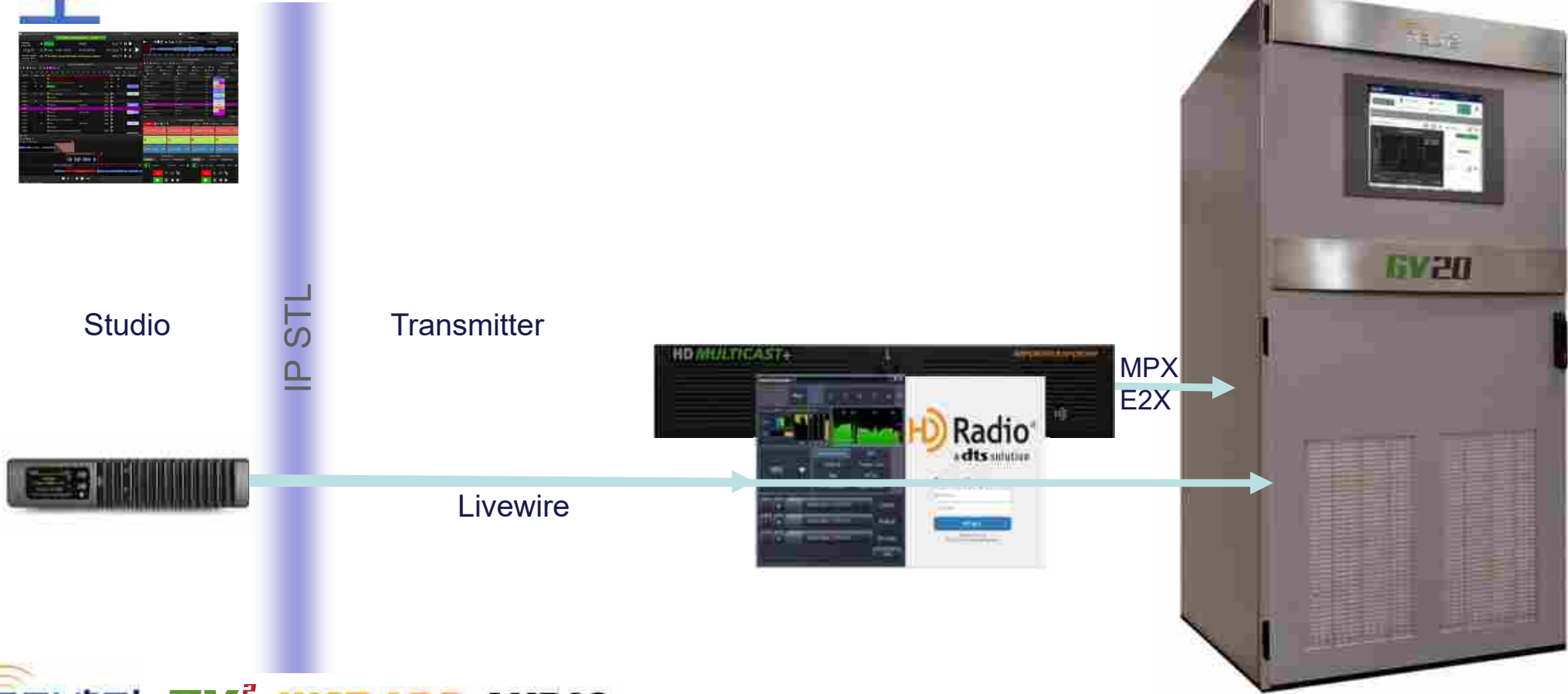


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# Step 3: Introducing ... **GV<sup>2</sup>**



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Studio



IP STL

Transmitter

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Livewire

Integrated HD  
Audio Processing  
STL solution



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# Introducing **GV<sup>2</sup>**



Integrated  
Gen4  
HD Radio



New HTML5  
User Interface



Integrated  
Omnia for  
Nautel  
4 cores: FM/HD1,2,3,4

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# New HTML5 AUI

Ground-up redesign

No more Flash

Works on mobile

New SW architecture

Embedded Linux

Enables virtualization

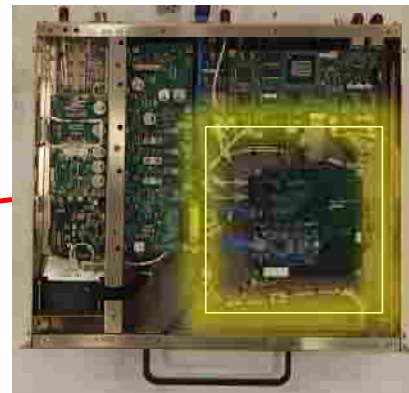
Added SW Apps

Shipping in VX series



# HD Radio Implementation

- New GV controller – already in production
- New exciter interface card in GV exciter
- All Gen4 Xperi code as SW modules



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# Omnia for Nautel

## Omnia.9

Multi-Band AM/FM Audio Processor



AES67  
Livewire+

Route & Monitor with  
Pathfinder

Unrivaled flexibility, audio integrity, and sonic impact.

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- "Undo" for audio source restoration
- Psychoacoustic composite embedder for extra loudness
- Built-in oscilloscopes, spectrum analyzers, and RTA instrumentation
- MPX composite baseband
- Phase Correction with Mono Bass reduces multipath distortion
- Two to seven bands of multi-band AGC and limiting
- Streaming engine supports Shoutcast 2 and lossless streaming
- Livewire+™ AES67

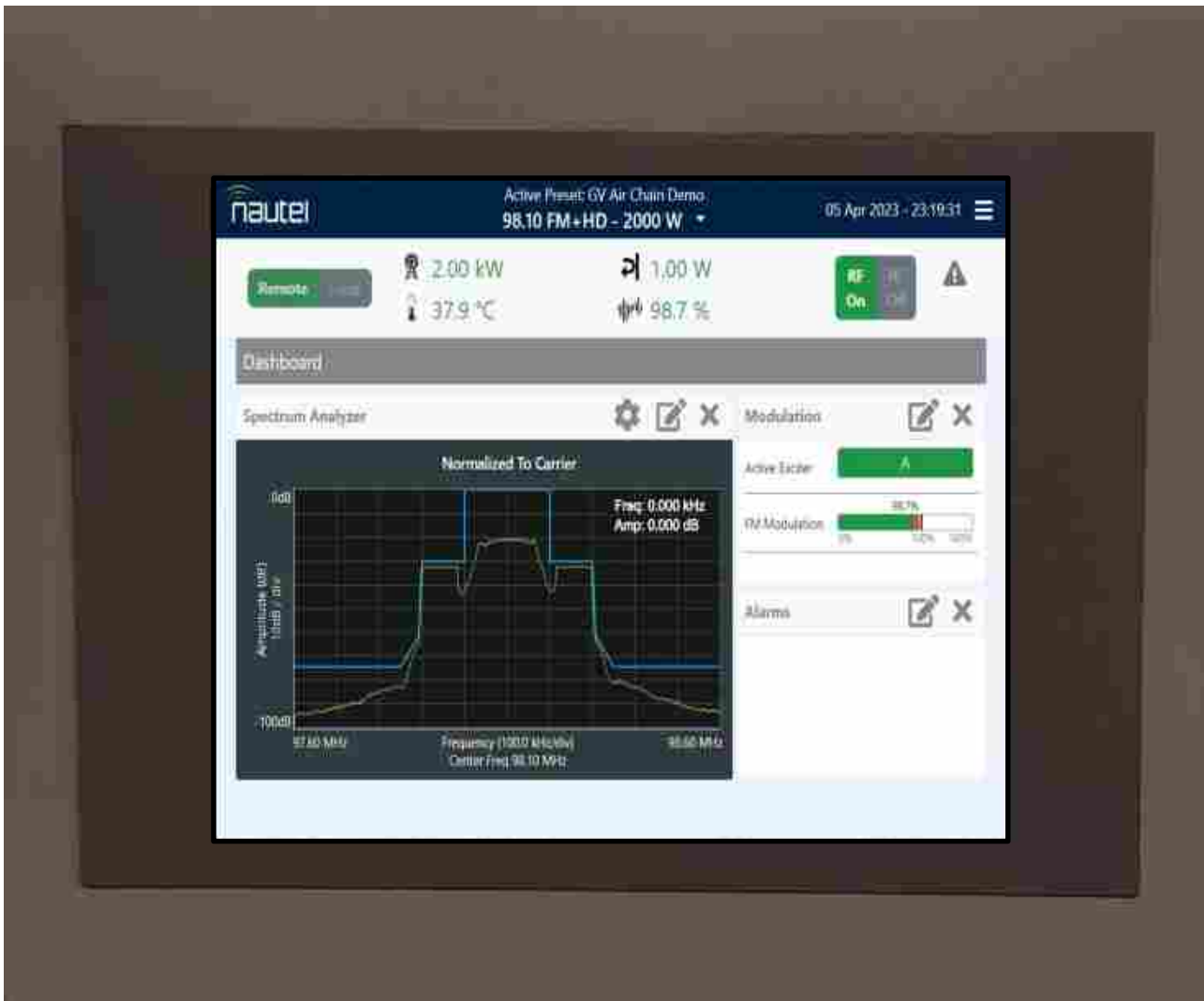
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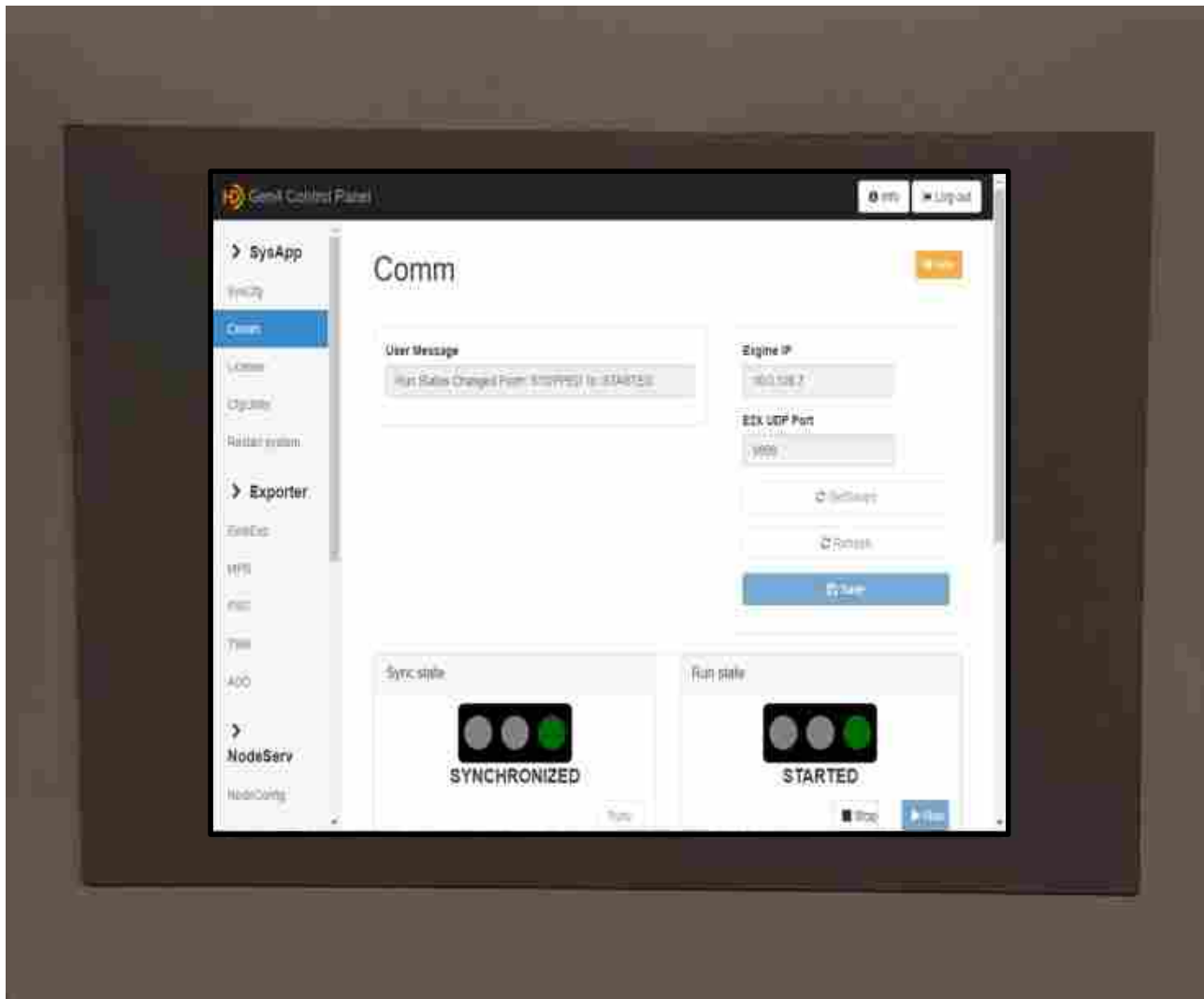
# Demo: HTML5 AUI



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# Demo: Gen4 HD Radio



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# Demo: Omnia for Nautel



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# A New Architecture: Our Vision

To create an FM+HD transmitter receiving **ALL** its modulation content over a **synchronous IP link** all the way back to a **cloud based air-chain** or **changeover** to a **backup air-chain**.



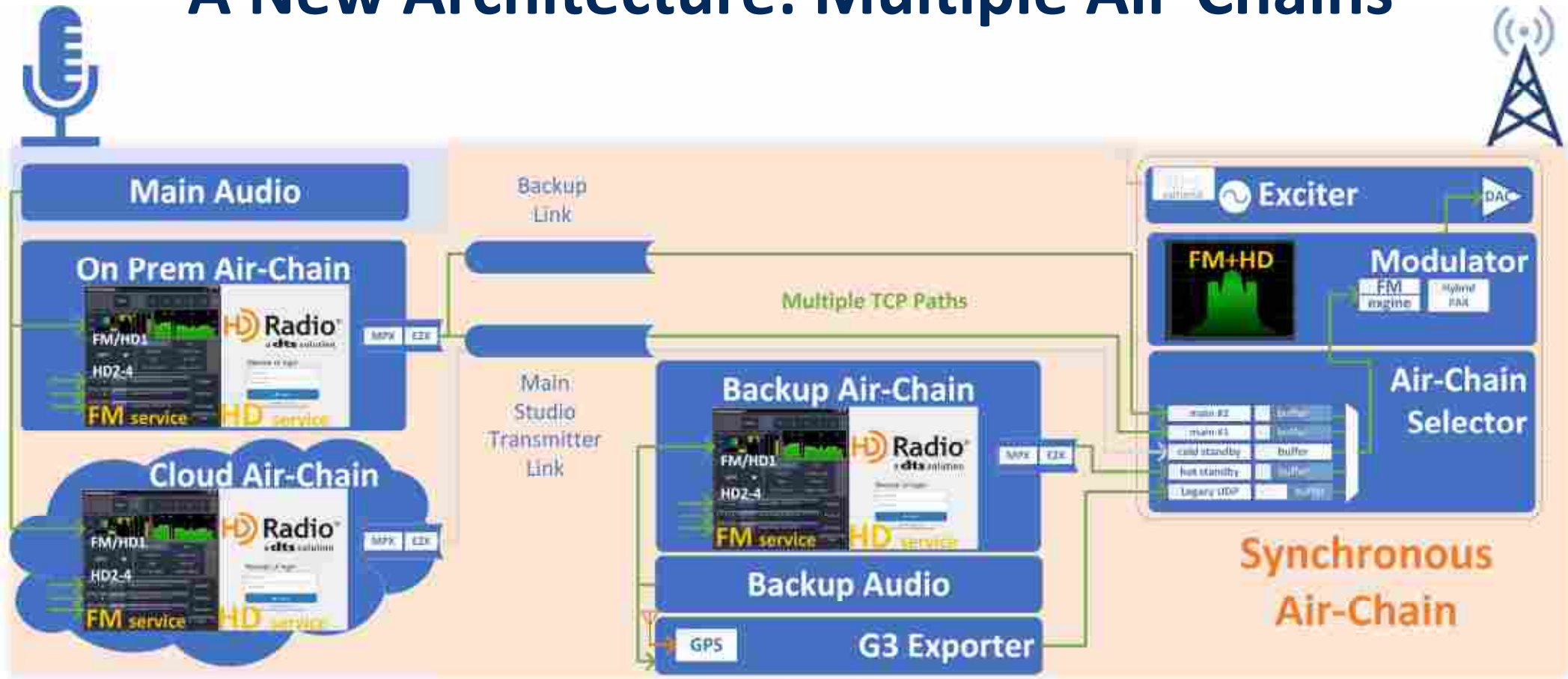
Software  
Air-Chain

IP link: FM + optional HD

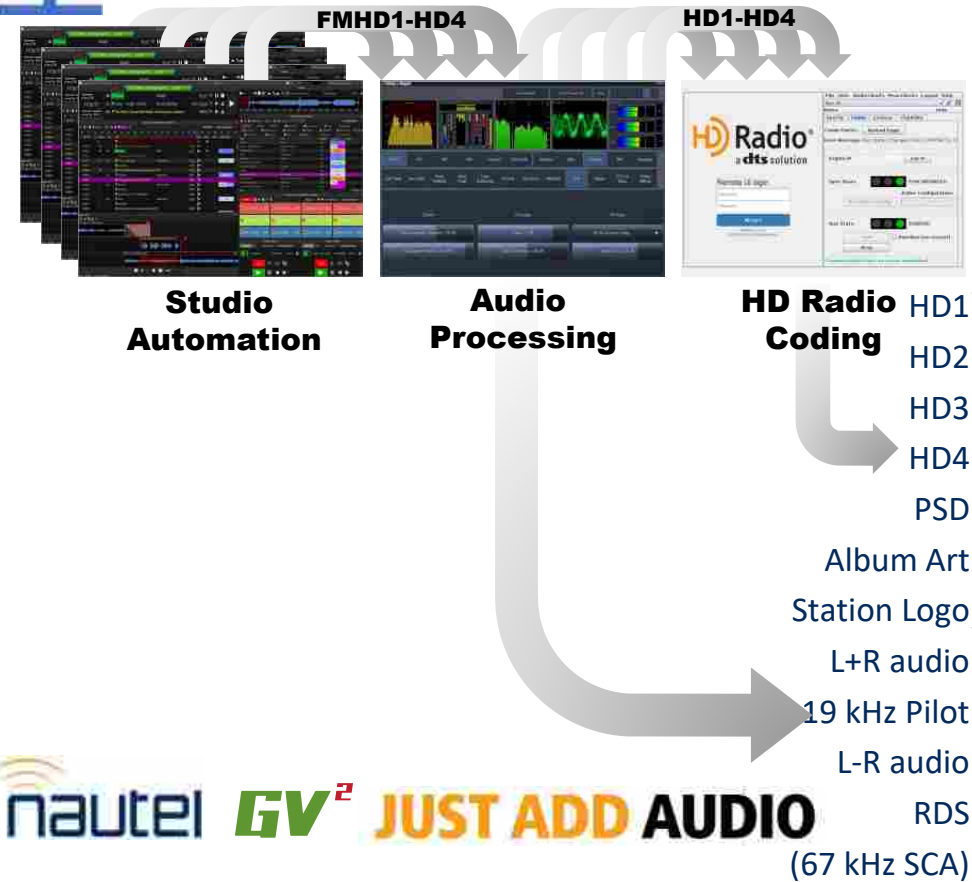




# A New Architecture: Multiple Air-Chains



# Air-Chain Integrated Transport



**Exporter 2 Engine (E2X)**



**Composite (MPX)**



**FM+HD Modulation**



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# Fixed FM-HD1 Delay across Change Overs



HD Radio blending creates a graceful *crossfade* into the new air-chain

- Receiver buffers 4.5s of HD audio
- Blends into the new FM signal
- An integrated transport fixes FM HD1 delay
- No GPS required

# Demo: Air-Chain Selector and Blend Lock



The screenshot shows the 'Air-Chain Selector' window. At the top, it displays 'Name: HD #176Kbps', 'Type: FM HD Air Chain', 'Address: 10.10.10.10', and 'Port: 9901'. Below this, there are three rows of 'Configured Connections':

- Row 1: 'disconnect', 'manual', 'ACTIVE', 'AWS Cloud', '53550 kbps', '1', '2'
- Row 2: 'disconnect', 'manual', 'CONNECTED', 'HD StudioCast+', '118541 kbps', '1', '2'
- Row 3: 'disconnect', 'full standby', 'CONNECTED', 'GV20 Internal', '227556 kbps', '1', '2'

This screenshot shows the '98.1 HD JUSTIN808' web interface. The 'FMHD Measurements' section is active, displaying a table with columns for 'Measured Delay' and 'Applied Delay'. Below the table, there are several input fields for 'Delay' and a 'Delay History' graph at the bottom.

This screenshot shows the '98.1 HD JUSTIN808' web interface with the 'FM/HD Alignment' section active. At the top, there is a scale from -4 to 4. Below it, a 'Now Playing' section shows 'FMHD Measurements' with the following data:

HD Samples	HD Milliseconds	Samples	Milliseconds
0	0.00	0	0.00

The 'Status' section indicates 'FM and HD1 are aligned (40k)'. Below that, the 'HD Level' is 0.63 dB, 'HD Gain' is 0.00 dB, and 'Phase' is Normal. At the bottom, there is a 'Delay History' graph showing a line fluctuating around a zero baseline.



# KVSC Field Trial April 15, 2022

KVSC, St. Cloud, MN:  
First transmitter fully sourced  
by the Cloud.

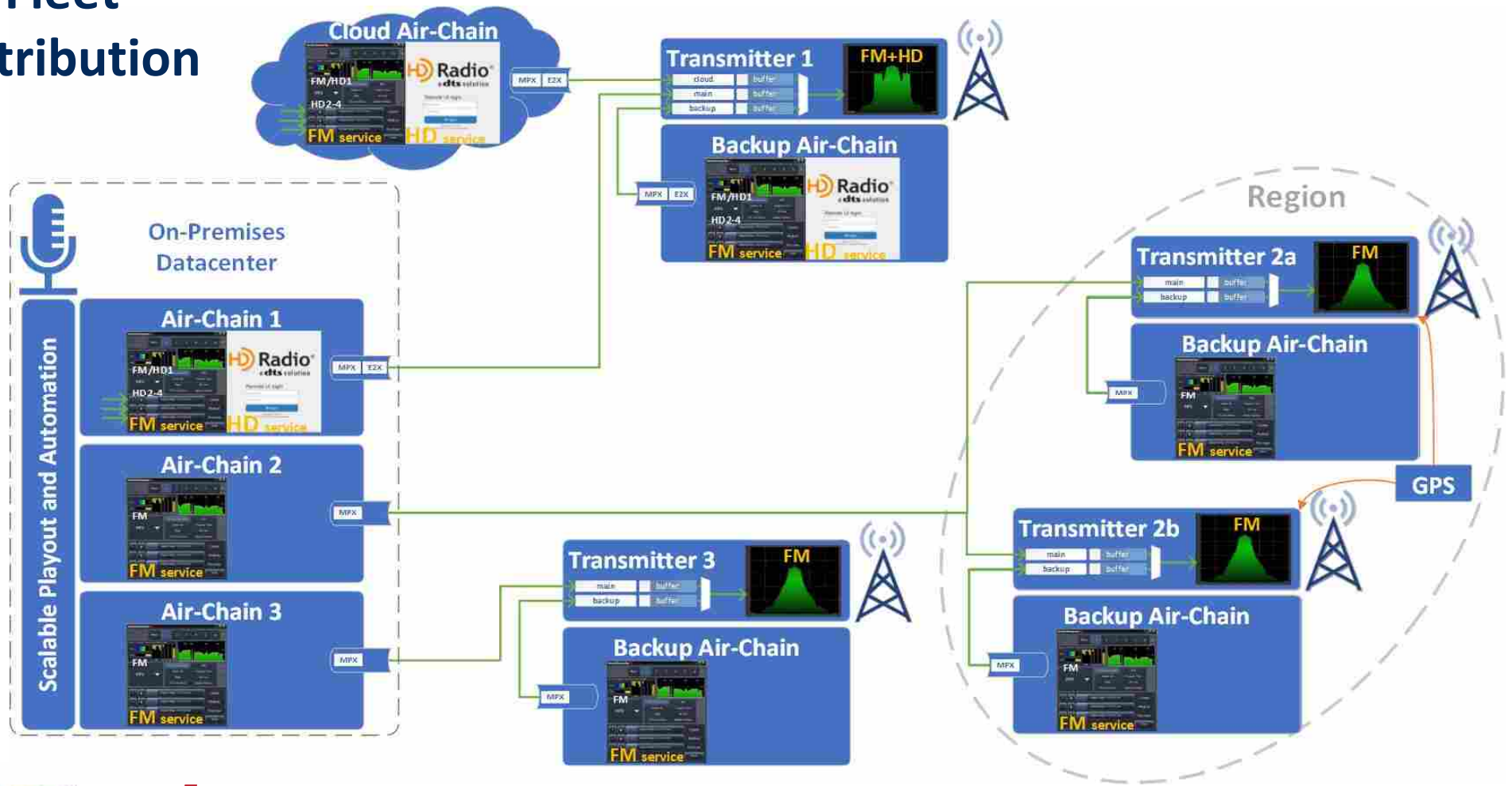


Changeover: Performed  
software update on idle  
air-chain

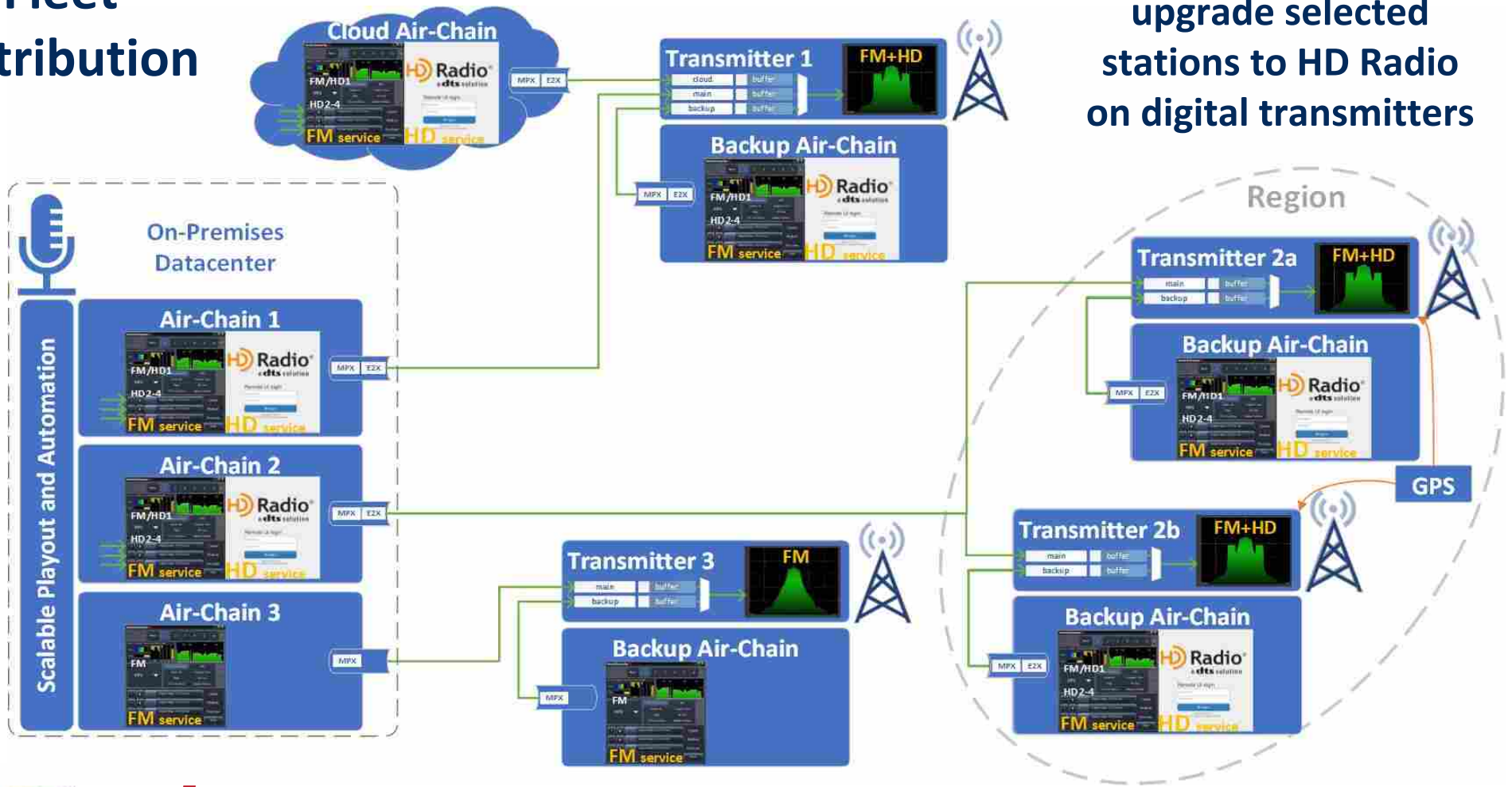
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# Fleet Distribution



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upgrade selected stations to HD Radio on digital transmitters

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Integrated  
Gen4  
HD Radio



New HTML5  
User Interface



Integrated  
Omnia Audio  
Processors (5x)  
FM, HD1-HD4

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# Summary

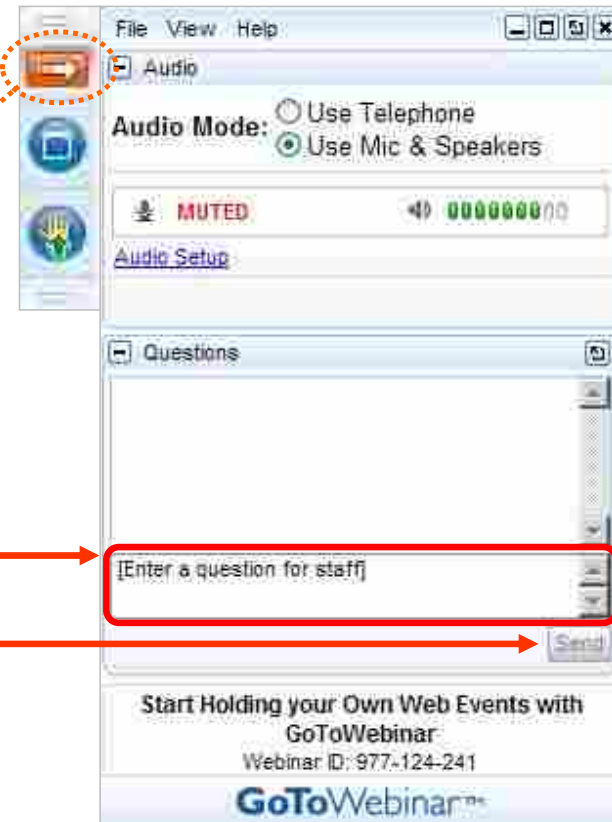
- Easiest path to HD Radio broadcasting
  - Less hardware, reduced cost & complexity
- New capabilities with more to come
  - Air Chain Selector, Blend Lock, Flexible Implementation
- Availability
  - **GV<sup>2</sup>** Hardware platform: Q2 orders, Q3 deliveries
  - **GV<sup>2</sup>** Air Chain Inside Software Load: Q4
  - Audio Processing
    - HD2-3-4 on HD Multicast+: Now
    - Full Suite Omnia for Nautel: Q3



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Radio Technology Forum

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Sunday, April 16  
**Flamingo Las Vegas**

## EVENTS

- **NUG@NAB**  
Radio Technology Forum
- **AUI session**
- **HD session**
- **HD Radio Event (Monday)**
- **Booth W2843**
- **Cake!**

## PRODUCTS

- **VX Series**
- **GV + HD Air Chain**
- **AUI**
- **NX**
- **NVLT**
- **SC4**

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