

# RDS2

## and the new infotainment architecture

A general data service.



All Electric

Intelligent

# What was RDS ?

- RDS was and is a tuner control stream for FM.
  - Identification (PI, ECC)
  - Frequency following (AF, EON)
  - Programme related text (RT)

Since 1997

- Traffic message channel (limited capacity) (TMC)

*1984* - 30 years before the first connected cars

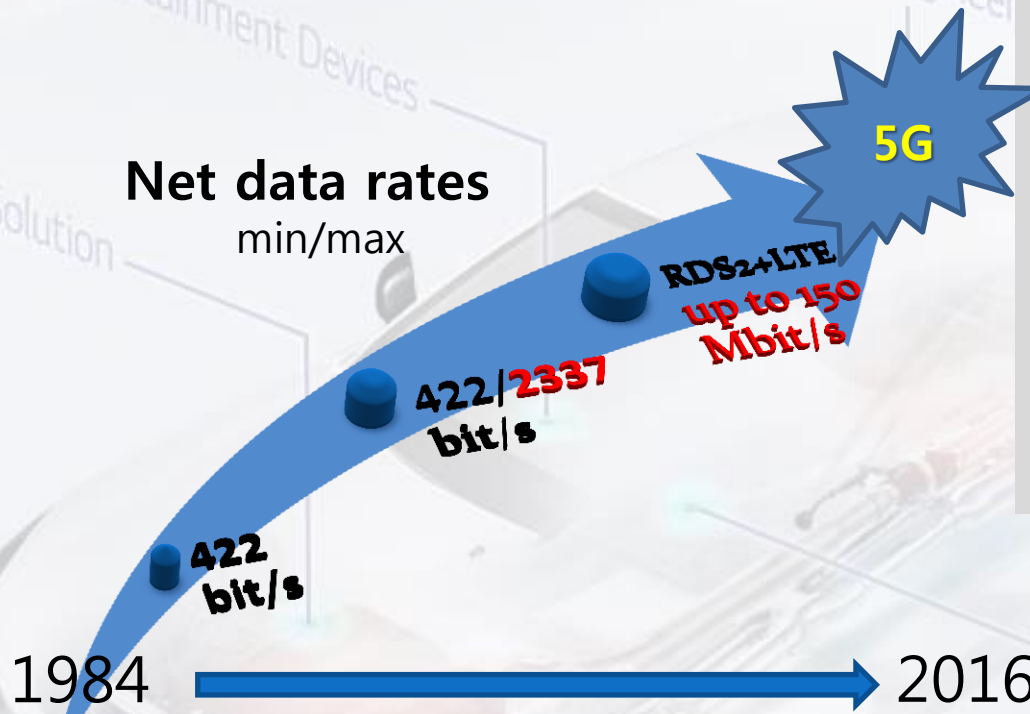


# The future of broadcasting

(and RDS)

## Net data rates

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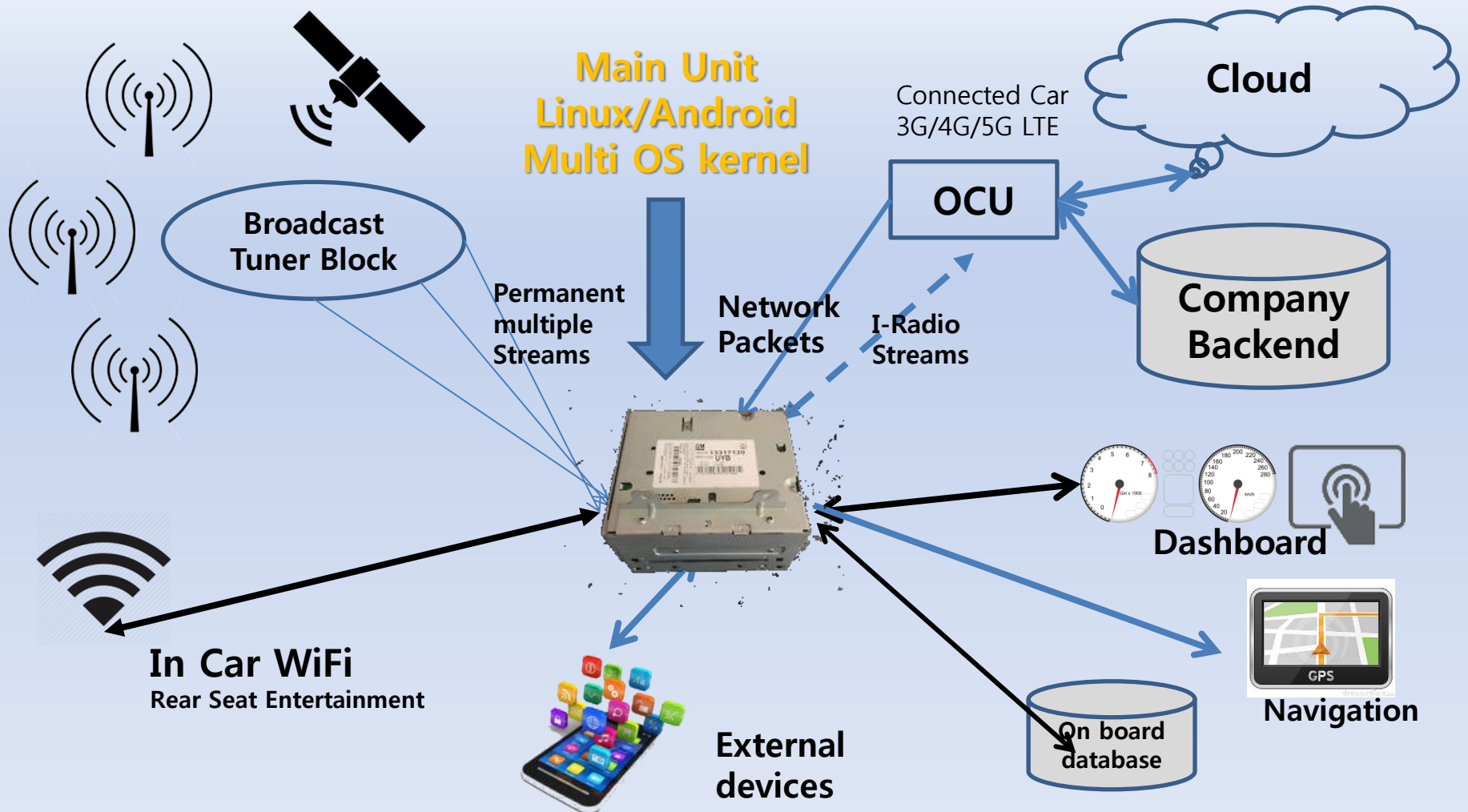


RDS =  
Radio Data System  
not just  
FM Data System !!

**RDS2** must and will  
Work also on LTE/5G  
Investments in **RDS2**  
will be preserved.

Internet have occupied the **postal services, telephone technology, television including DVD-rentals**. Today exists more **internet radio** stations as AM,FM,SAT and Digital together. In few years are all cars connected and we have in the air the same overcapacity of data as on the cable today.  
**Traditional broadcast remains important but not unique.**

# Typical modern car infotainment system 201X



# Modern Car Infotainment

## Multi source – Audio and Data

### *Terrestrial*

AM (also HD/DRM)  
FM  
CDR (China Digital Radio)  
HD-Radio  
DAB / DAB+  
DMB / T-DMB  
DARC (VICS)  
DRM30 / DRM+

### *Satellite*

SDARS SiriusXM

### *Internet*

Streaming/Podcast  
NextRadio  
RadioDNS  
Traffic , etc.....



A car radio has to switch between all receivable bearer and this should be seamless if possible. A car infotainment is a multiprocessor system with multiple operating systems and a lot of communication channels. (We need to reduce the complexity maybe with generalized protocols)

# **RDS2** in Infotainment systems

**FM is still the central part of all infotainment systems worldwide on all markets**

**Most of the FM stations are equipped with RDS**

**The second most important part is the Internet and is also available worldwide. Most of the FM stations have simulcast over Internet.**

**Some claim the order will change - but: both together have wider reach than one alone.**

Actually : digitalized audio broadcast plays only locally a role.

# RDS2 compatibility

**RDS2** was planned as a 100% compatible extension of RDS. This was prevented by the chip industry, so compatibility had to be redefined. Now is legacy RDS compatible to **RDS2** and can be tunneled over this.

**RDS2** with the the "C"-Type groups are now compatible with the Internet and opens totally new possibilities for the future. So can **RDS2** coexist unchanged with the future 5G broadcasting and make the bridge between the two worlds.

The **NFM (NonFM)** packet format, defined in **Annex D**, allows the usage of RDS also by pure internet radios and also special-interest channels for stations that have not enough terrestrial frequencies. This simplifies the handling within infotainment systems, since the unique identification is also given there and standardized interfaces and decoders can be used. Since each additional variant of receivers costs money is this a big contribution to the acceptance in the industry.

# What is **RDS2** ?

- **Superficially:**

- A tuner control system like RDS
- extended with a small data transfer system

- **In fact:**

- It can be a new business model carrier
- Effective connection to internet broadcasting and services
- New infotainment architecture
- The first real usable broadcast data system





# Additional features

## The C-Type Group:

Up to 34 new data groups per second in 7 byte format on FM.

Supports 64 new ODA services parallel to the legacy ODA-s.

**C-Type groups have no PI-Code** in header, must carry some stream-0 data outside the tuner/decoder for source identification.

## **C-type groups are not limited to the single RDS stream.**

A multi-tuner or multi bearer environment needs an own packet structure.

So the infotainment system can collect data from multiple sources

**The sources are no longer limited to the FM broadcast**, and also no longer limited to the FM capacity, because the internet and FM sources can be mixed.

**NFM Packets (Annex D** in the new standard) are C-Type groups with tunneling of all RDS Data over all possible bearers: Including all legacy groups.

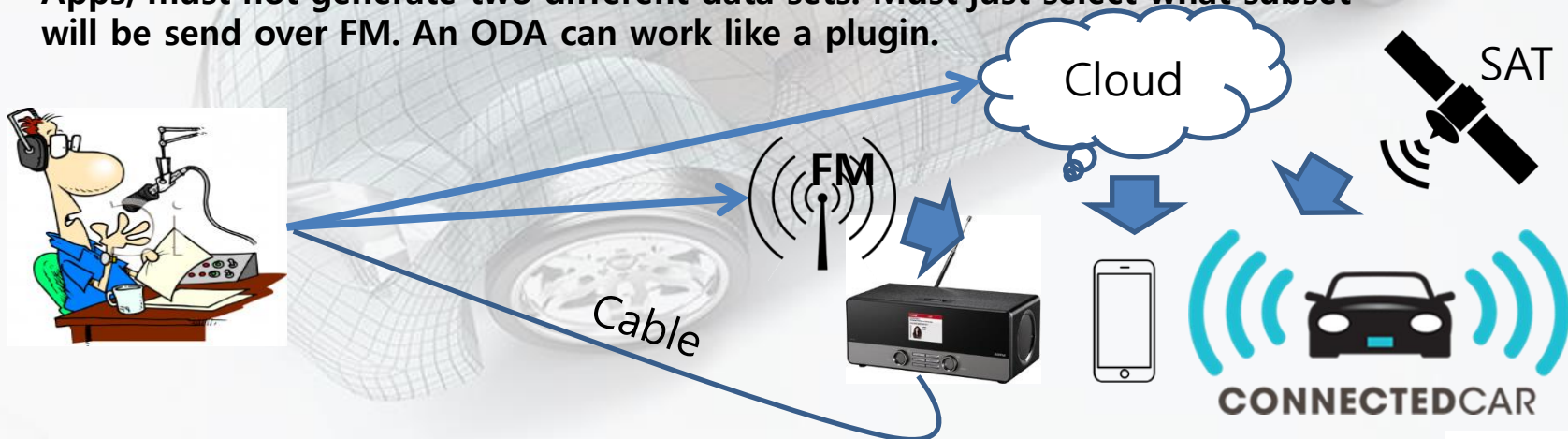
USB-Cable; WiFi inside the car or buildings, also FM-rebroadcasts; Bluetooth; Internet (e.g. UDP); Cable (e.g. DVB-C) ; Satellite (e.g. DVB-S); and all others that have at least 4 kBit transfer capacity. (DAB not excluded)

**NFM packets are not limited to the 34 groups on higher capacity bearers.**

# Broadcaster's business

- can use the possibilities of the new receiver generation. (Computer, Touchscreen, etc)
- can use the capacity itself (+34 groups on FM, near unlimited additional on Internet)
- can sell the capacity for others (groupwise or quantitative) „provider business“
- can mix different C-Type streams also from external to one joint stream
- can extend the broadcasted RDS2 stream with internet RDS2 stream
- RDS ODA-s are not longer limited to special receivers because the car infotainment and the smartphones or other kind of smart radios are updateable and extendable with APP-s.

The broadcaster has a single interface to all possible Apps regardless the transport medium. So not need separate internet Apps and Radio-Receiver Apps, must not generate two different data sets. Must just select what subset will be send over FM. An ODA can work like a plugin.

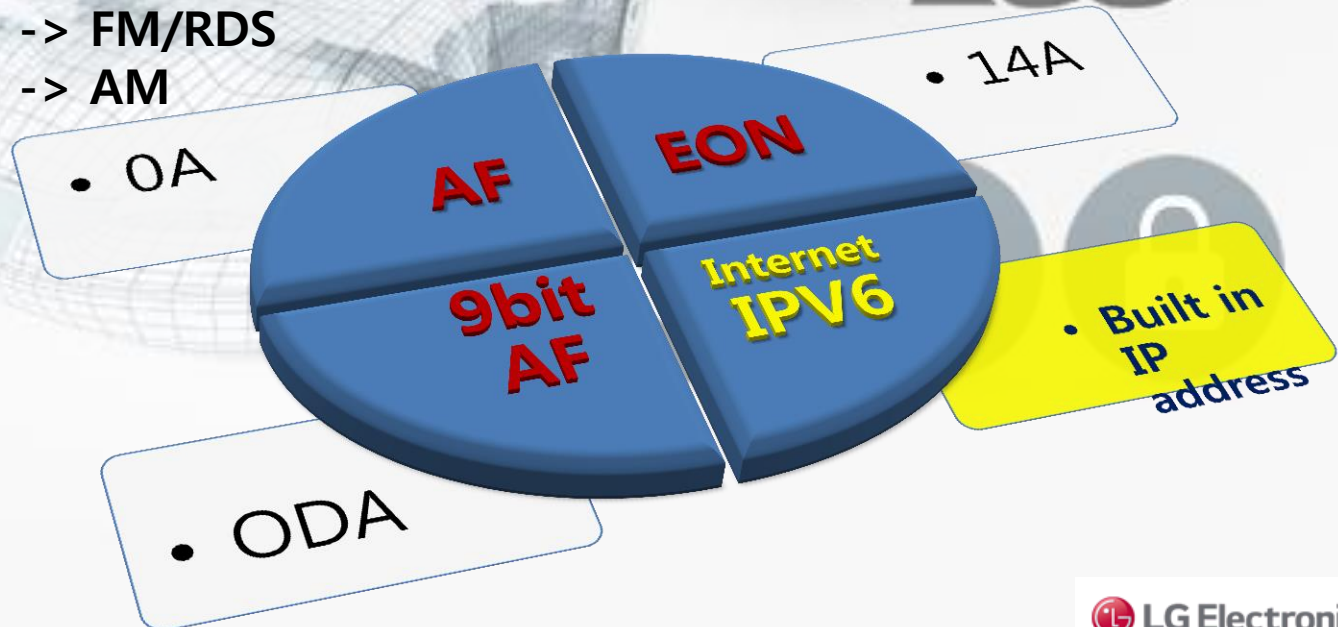


# The infotainment system

Can now handle additional data streams with the same decoder software also from internet

RDS2 can follow the program in 4 ways

FM/RDS+RDS2 -> AM ;  
FM/RDS+RDS2 <-> DAB ;  
FM/RDS2 <-> Internet ;  
Internet/RDS2 -> FM/RDS  
Internet/RDS2 -> AM



# Car dashboard 2020

From car manufacturer required dashboard for the near future:

- Permanent online
- App driven
- “Software as product”
- Downloads for new functions and updates.
- Fully graphical, touch screens
- No mechanics.
- Seamless switching



The next radio generation (regardless which technology) must be fit and survive in this electronic “biotope”. Of course with **RDS2** over broadcast and online.

# Listener has all in one

The image shows a large grid of various radio and music application icons, representing a multitude of separate apps. A hand holding a pen points to a smartphone in the foreground. The smartphone screen displays the LG FM app interface, which includes a list of radio stations: Music FM, LG FM (highlighted with a yellow star), Create RADIO, Stylus FM, and FM. The background of the phone screen shows a man in a suit with the text "Write. Create. Play. LG Stylus 2".

Instead hundred of APPS  
just one receiver for all -  
FM and Internet together

*\*The DAB+ network is currently available in 5 metropolitan capital cities (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth). Headphones (included) required to enable DAB+ feature.*

# Modern Pocket Radio

**LG** Smartphone with built-in DAB+ digital radio (and of course FM / RDS2)



Next: also with **RDS2 FM** and Internet and **DAB**

# Summary:

The industry orders (and strategy) show that FM remains the world's most important broadcast media at least for the next 3-4 vehicle generations.

Digitization is unstoppable, but that business goes into the internet market, new, expensive infrastructure has less chance.

LTE, 4G and 5G creates enough capacity in the phone cells for radio broadcasting over the Internet, but it remains fragmentary on big areas.

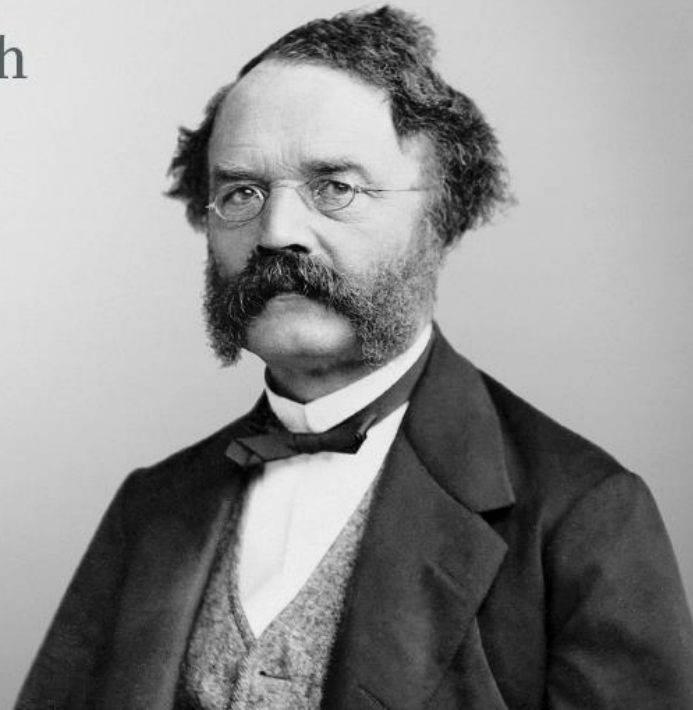
Where additional large data capacities are needed, mobile internet will also be available.

**Because RDS2 is able to work cooperative on both (and more) transmission chains we have found together with the ODA technology the best future-oriented solution. Cheap and flexible.**

# The most important:

„Ideen an und für sich haben nur einen sehr geringen Wert. Der Wert einer Erfindung liegt in ihrer praktischen Durchführung.“

Werner von Siemens  
Brief an seinen Bruder Carl, 1865



**Ideas have in and of itself a very little value. An innovation's importance lies in its practical implementation.**





**LET'S  
DO IT!**

Thank You