

*Developing the right system & silicon  
roadmap to enable the future of  
Digital Radio*

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- 1. Introduction to Frontier Silicon**
- 2. DAB market overview**
- 3. Today's technology solutions**
- 4. DAB Receiver technology going forward**
- 5. Our vision of the Next Generation radio's**

## The Company

- UK based IC & System company operating in the Digital Consumer & Mobile Digital TV arena
- Supports DAB, DAB+, T-DMB, DVB-H
- **Standard agnostic**



## Proven Execution

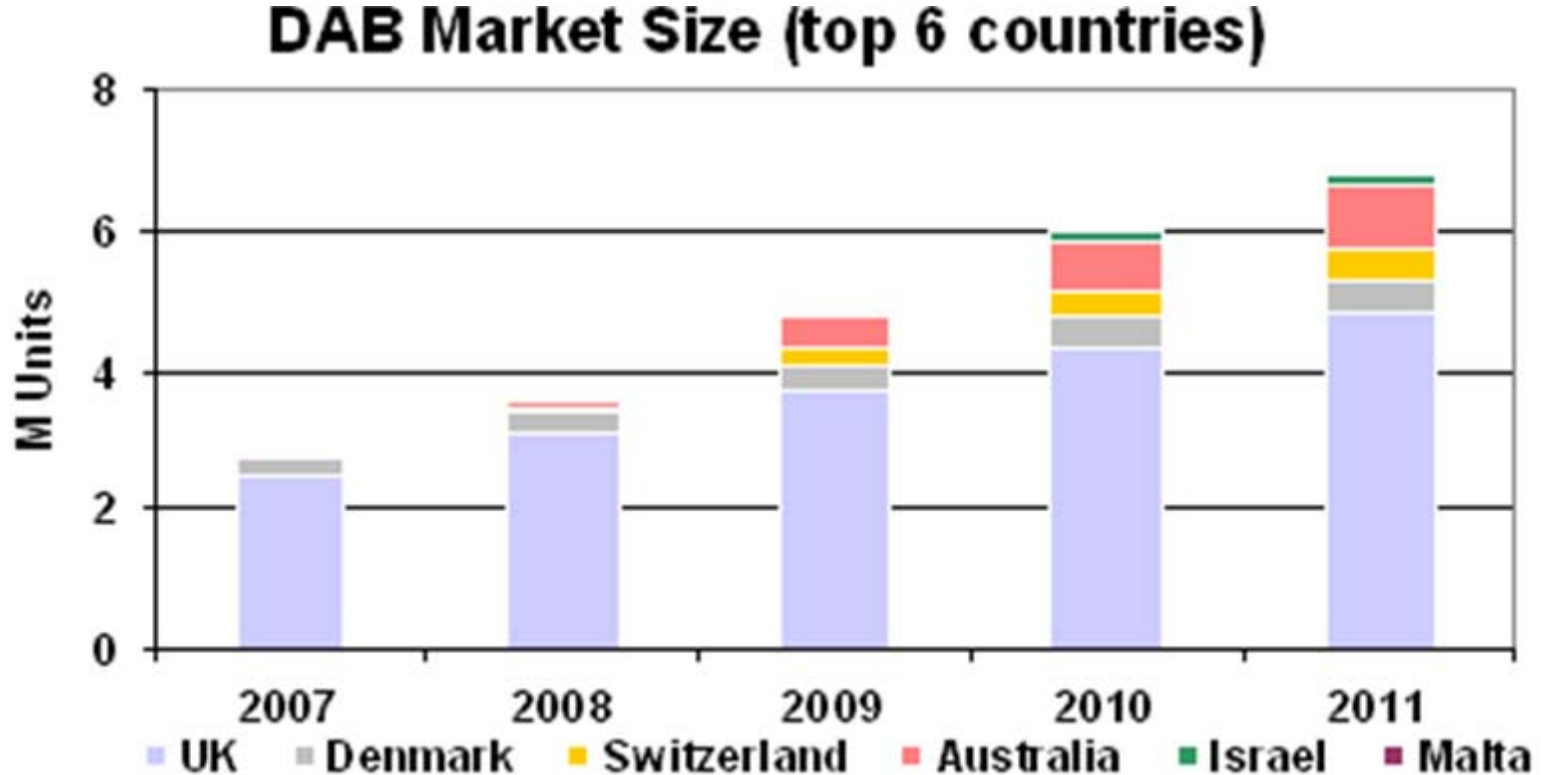
- Over 250 design wins with leading CE Brands. 5M DAB solutions shipped in 5 years
- Over 75% of EUREKA-147 audio-based products use Frontier Technology
- Leading MDTV supplier with over 1M receiver IC's shipped



## Established Infrastructure

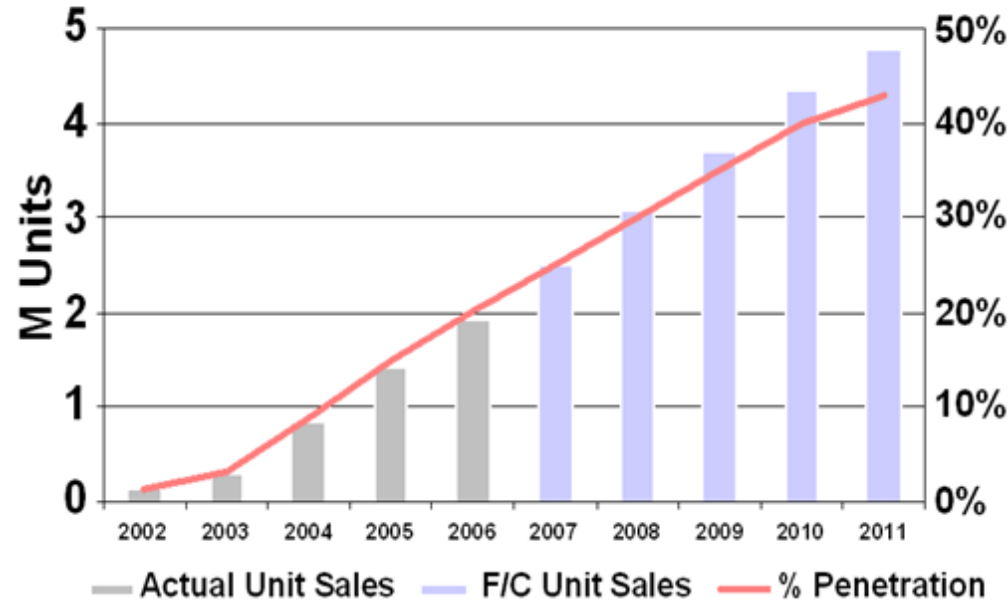
- Sales & technical support offices in Shenzhen, Hong Kong & Seoul
- Development centres in Cambridge and Dublin
- Optimised Multi-standard roadmap



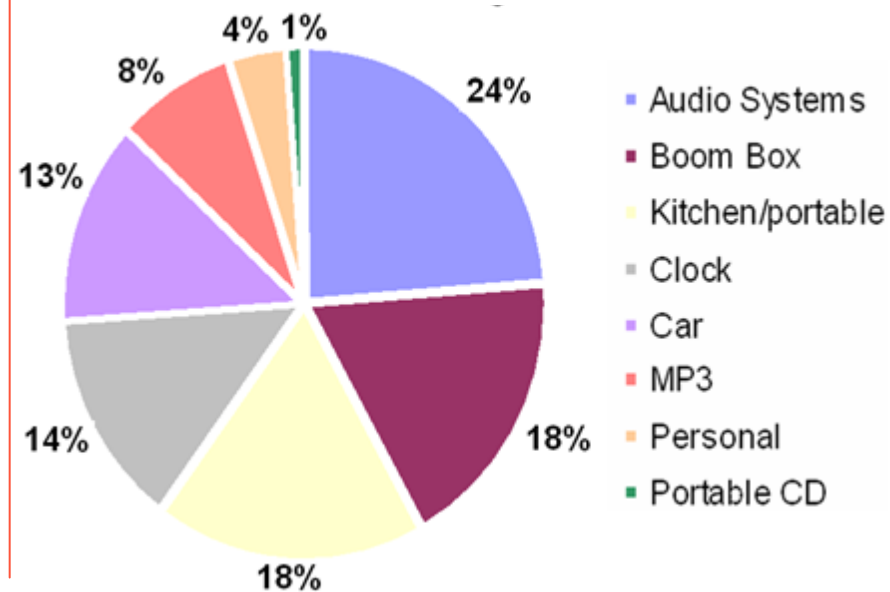


- UK expected to dominate DAB market for next 5 years
- Australia is the next significant market driven by DAB+
- Switzerland and Israel have strong potential for DAB adoption
- Germany does not figure on the DAB radar today

## Annual UK DAB Sales



## UK Market Segmentation



- **Approx 10M Radios sold each year in the UK**
- **2.5M DAB radio sales forecast for 2007**
- **DAB penetration of 5% p/a reaching 25% in 2007**
- **New national multiplex (Channel 4) will help continued adoption**

- **Denmark next most advanced market after UK**
  - DR estimate 500K receivers sold so far
- **Norway estimate 170k**
- **Australia announced that they will launch DAB+ in Jan 2009**
  - Trial broadcasts on the air now
  - Initial on air promotion planned for June 2008
- **Switzerland, Israel and Malta seen as high probability for DAB+**
- **Sweden, Italy & Switzerland considering re-launch using DAB+**
- **Canada, Czech Republic, Israel, Hungary, Kuwait, Malaysia, Singapore, New Zealand and Slovakia evaluating DAB+**
- **France still considering options for Digital Broadcast**
  - DMB Audio is favourite (broadcasters looking for rich media options)
  - Still under discussion with various parts of the CE industry lobbying for DAB+

- **Very good DAB infrastructure but based on LBAND**
  - Fewer receivers available at higher prices
  - More dual band solutions expected in future
- **Signal strength concerns**
  - Transmission power limited by NATO
  - Higher sensitivity receivers becoming available
- **Lack of original content on DAB compared to FM**
- **No space for new programmes before RRC**
  - DAB+ would enable 3x stations compared to DAB
- **Result – little draw for consumers to move to DAB**
- **DAB+ offers a great opportunity to kick-start Digital Radio again**

Huge variety of products on sale, all major brands  
From £20 - £2000



**SANYO**



**HITACHI**



**SONY**



**GRUNDIG**

**PHILIPS**



**JVC**



**SHARP**



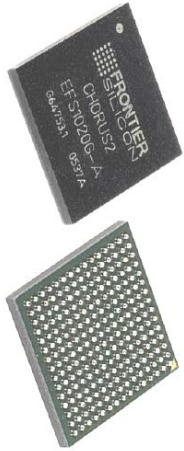
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DIGITAL**



**BOSE**

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## RF Baseband



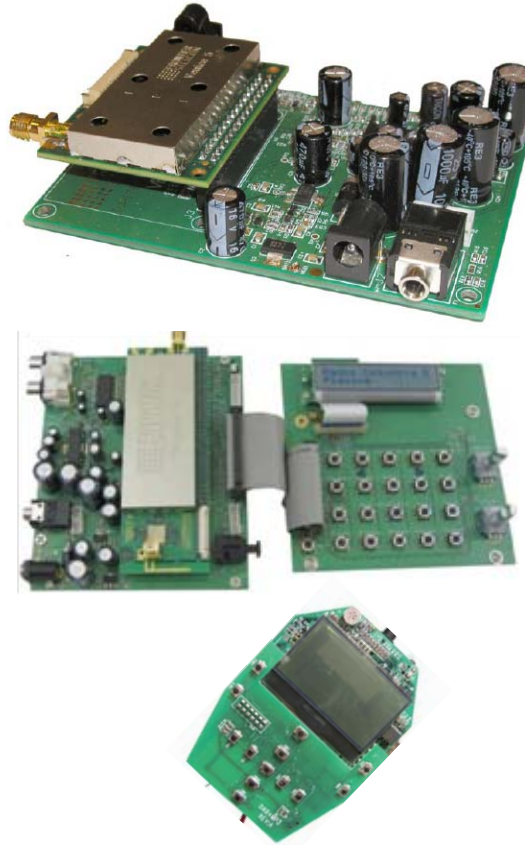
Chipsets

## FM/DAB/DAB+ WiFi



Modules

## Kitchen/Pocket/...



Platforms

FM / RDS

DAB / DAB+

CODECs

EPG

Clock Radio

WiFi iRadio

Field upgrades

Streaming Audio

- **Lower power enabling increased battery life**
  - 80Hr today (6 C cells) going to 120Hrs
- **Lower technology cost**
  - enabling sub 30 Euro today going to sub 20 Euros with 2 years
- **Increasing functionality & capability**
  - Integrated DAB+ within this year (available as software upgrade)
  - Slide show, EPG and TPEG (traffic)
  - Increasing RF Sensitivity enabling better coverage (lower returns)
- **Single Chip for DAB & FM decoding with iPod docking**
  - Lower silicon geometries 0.13 moving to 65nm
  - Lower power & price with higher component integration and reduced BOM
- **2 line displays moving to TFT (new services & revenue streams)**
- **DAB with FM transmission enabling Automotive after market**

## Broadcasters

- + Standard optimised for AUDIO
- + More stations per multiplex
- + Lower **transmission costs**
- + **DLS**, PAD, service-linking
- + International adoption → more receivers → more listeners!

## Consumer

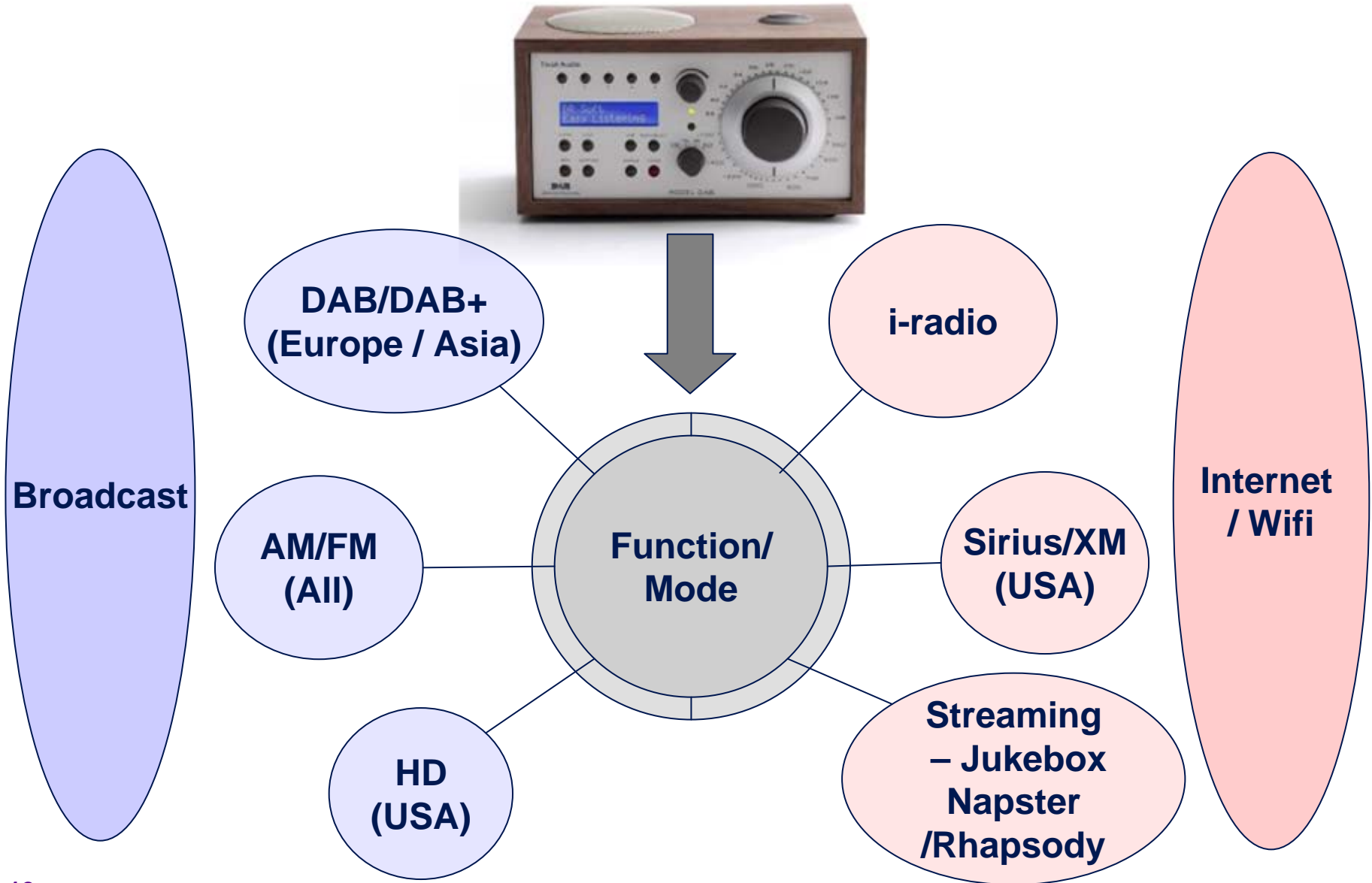
- + **Greater station** choice
- + Fast **channel retuning** / zapping
- + **Better quality** audio
- + **Data** services possible
- + Lower IP costs, lower radio costs
- + International adoption → receivers usable in more countries

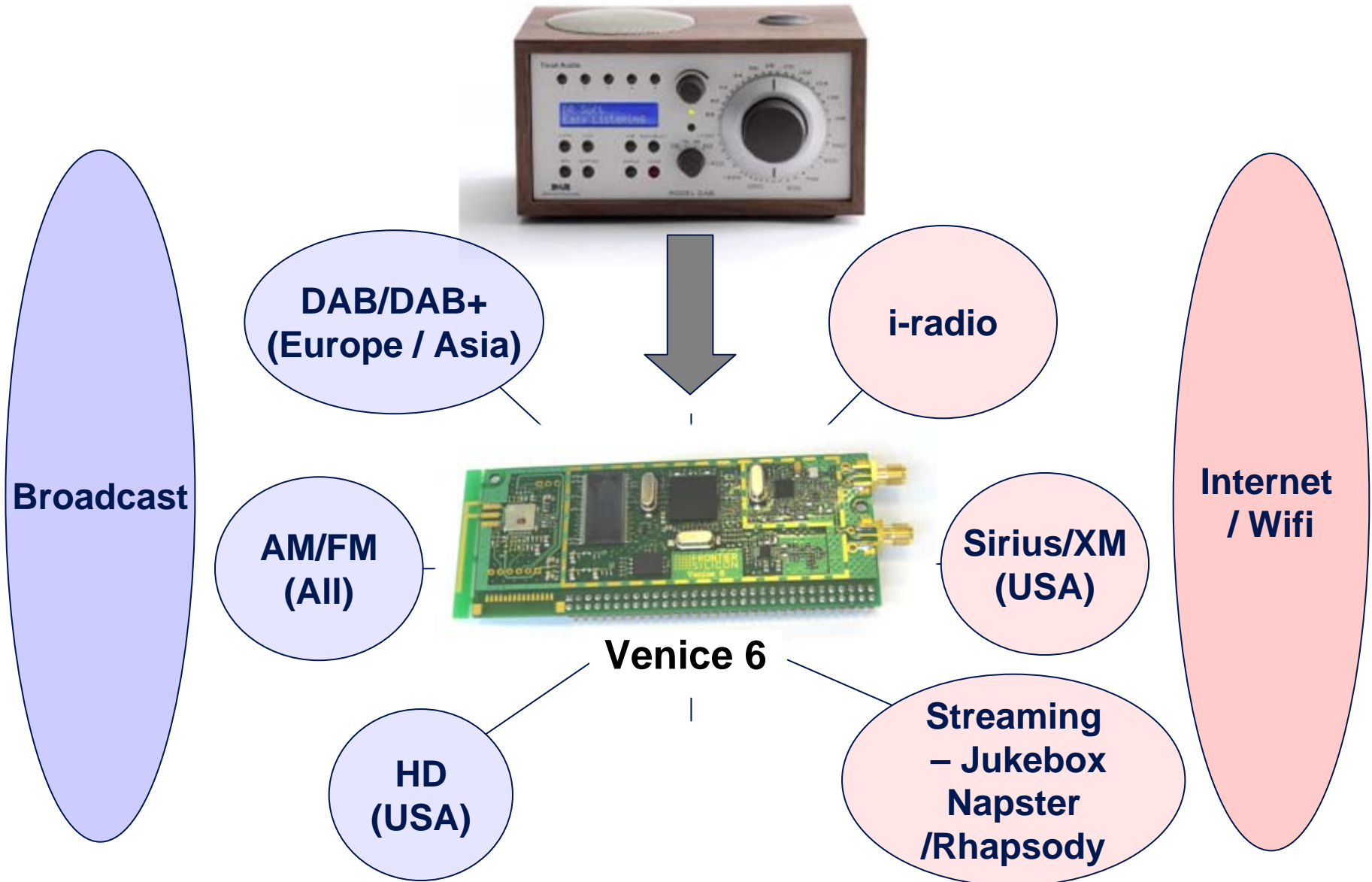
## Technology provider

- + Technology similar to DAB
- + More efficient standard, **trigger for new** markets
- + **Easy to implement** given ETSI standardisation
- + International adoption → wider TAM → incentive to develop

## Manufacturer

- + Solutions available now
- + Can **easily convert** existing radios to DAB+ capable
- + **Economies of scale** makes cost of development lower
- + International adoption → wider TAM → incentive to develop





# Thank you

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