

# Multichannel audio: From studio to listener



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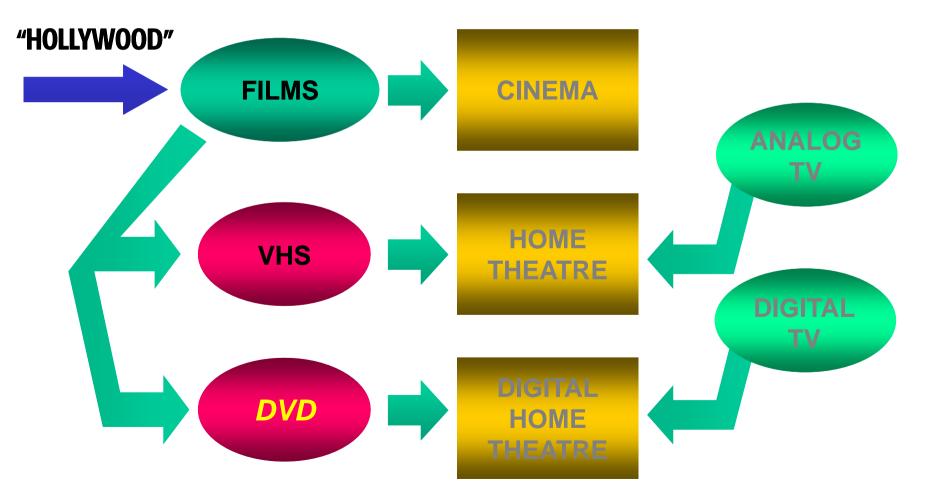
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# How multichannel audio came home....

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idea Dolby Labs.



# DVB is not only wide screen.....

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16:9-TV

It's also:



5.1 digital audio in Home Theatre



Why introduce a new audio system EBU NMC Seminar June 2004. ?

- 1. Give digital radio and television extra value
- 2. Make the digital broadcast more attractive to the public by introducing a service that is in demand.

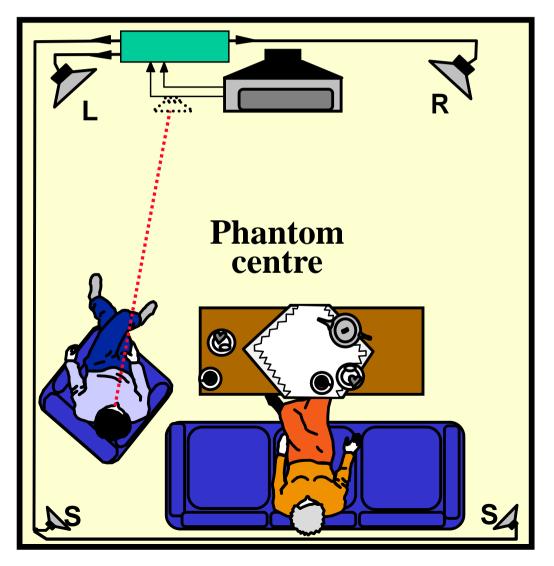


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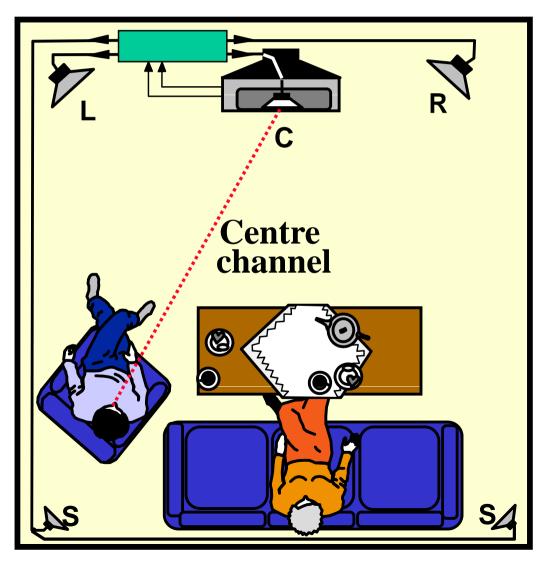


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- 1. The Centre channel
- 2. Greater sound experience
- 3. Possibility for META DATA, such as "Dialogue level" and "DRC"



### Infrastructure

- SDI with embedded audio for TV

   a) Stereo sound in first AES/EBU pair, Group1
   b) 5.1 audio encoded as DTS/Dolby E signal in second AES/EBU pair, Group 1
- 2. AES/EBU for radio, encoded as DTS or Dolby E
- 3. Normal bitrate for TV broadcast
  5.1 audio 384 kbit/s (448 kbit/s)
  Stereo 192 kbit/s (256 kbit/s)



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#### Infrastructure



Example of an 5.1 audio installation in a TV broadcast environment.

Dolby E decoder

Dolby Digital encoder

NICAM stereo encoder

SVT 1

NICAM stereo encoder
 Dolby E decoder
 Dolby Digital encoder
 CD player for test music during test pattern

SVT 2



## What has happened so far ?

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# The MCA work within the EBU.

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 EBU B/MCAT (MultiChannel Audio Transmission)
 EBU broadcasters are actively supporting multichannel audio for both radio and

television.

2. EBU P/AGA (Advisory Group on Audio)



# The MCA work within the EBU.

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- 1. Make the EBU Eurovision network capable for MCA broadcast. (Among others B/MCAT)
- 2. Market implementation matters (B/MCAT)
- 3. Updating EBU Recommendations (P/AGA)
- 4. Specification for a MC version of the BWF (P/AGA)



### Production

- 1. Today nothing is right or wrong in MCA production.
- 2. Do not forget the centre channel. Essential in TV production
- 3. In TV production you have the picture to consider. In Radio you do not



#### Production

#### Listen to 5.1 radio examples from Swedish Radio

#### www.sr.se/multikanal/english/e\_index.stm







- 1. More difficult going from mono to stereo than from stereo to 5.1.
- Digital TV production means problems with A/V sync.
   No difference in 5.1 production.



## Production

# DELAYS:

- 1. CCD Camera
- 2. Videomixer with DVE
- 3. Dolby E encoding
- 4. Dolby E decoding
- 5. Flat screen displays
- 6. STUs, receivers

1/2 frame

- 1 frame
- 1 frame
- 1 frame
- 2 frames
- different delays



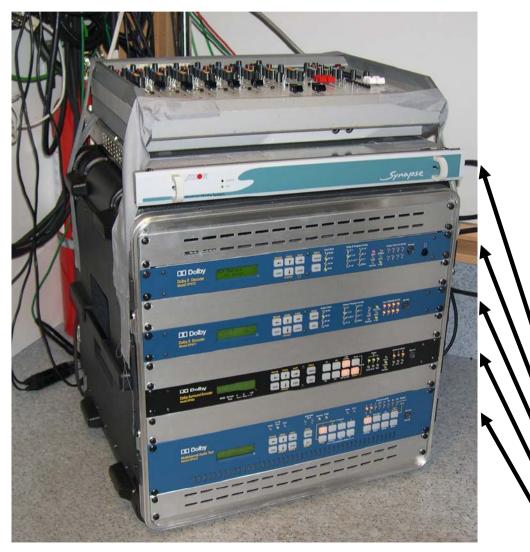
### Production

Downmix to stereo:

- 1. Static downmix from 5.1 mix via a separate mixer
- 2. Downmix from 5.1 mix via Dolby ProLogic 2 encoder
- 3. Totally separate stereomix



**Production** 



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#### Stereo down mix using a Seeport



Axon SDI embedder Dolby E decoder Dolby E encoder Dolby Prologic 2 encoder Dolby Multichannel Audio Tool

CODING TROLLEY



# First 5.1 audio live broadcast at SVT

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#### 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2003

A sing-along program

"Allsång på Skansen"





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The remote control for the Dolby Multichannel Audio Tool used for monitor listening





# Thank You for listening

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