

#### The state of audio networking



How big is networked audio?



We don't know

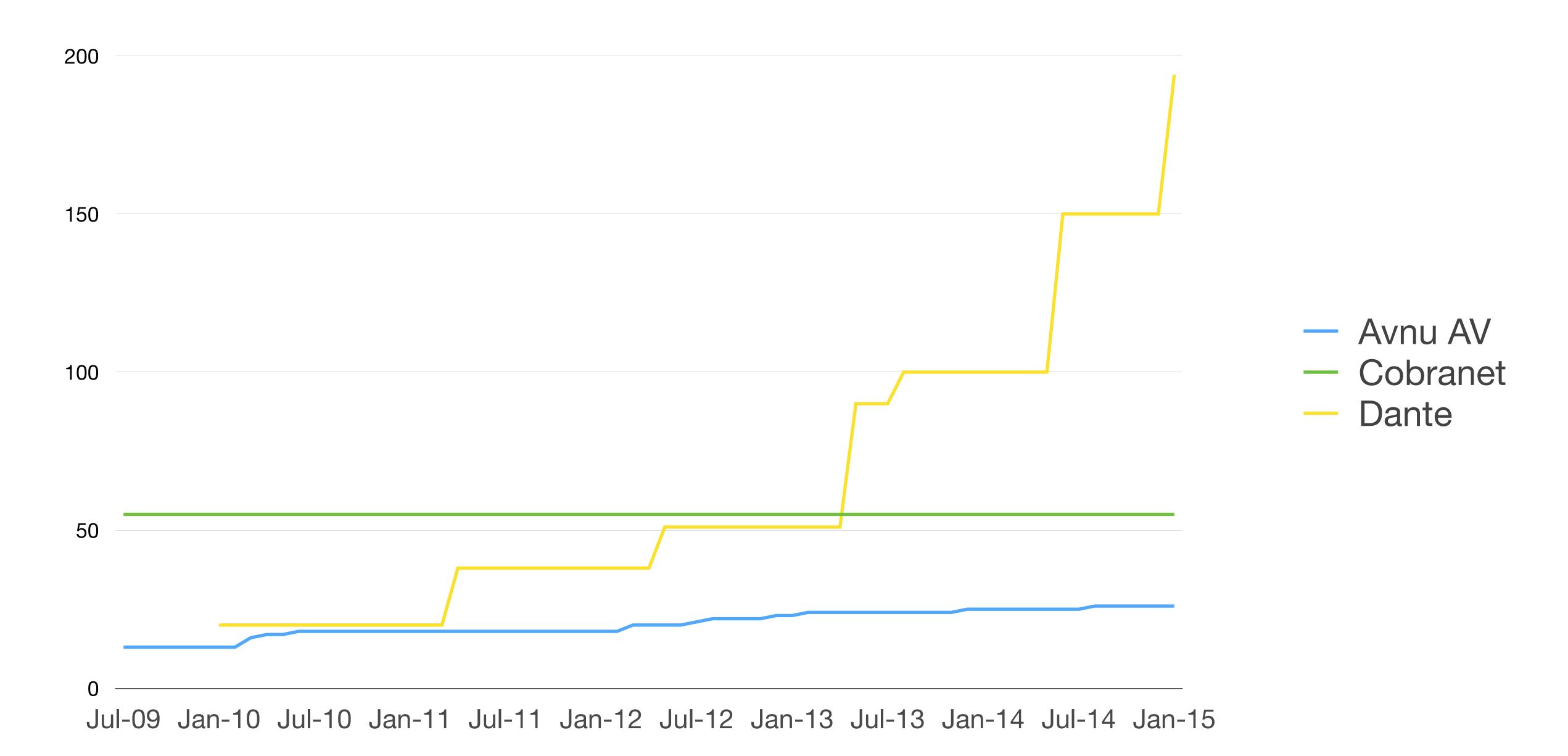
# Nobody knows

## Actually now we know a little

#### What don't we know

- Product sales volume
- Product sales price
- Product sale profit
- Where most products are used
- Was it a networked application?
- Success of the project

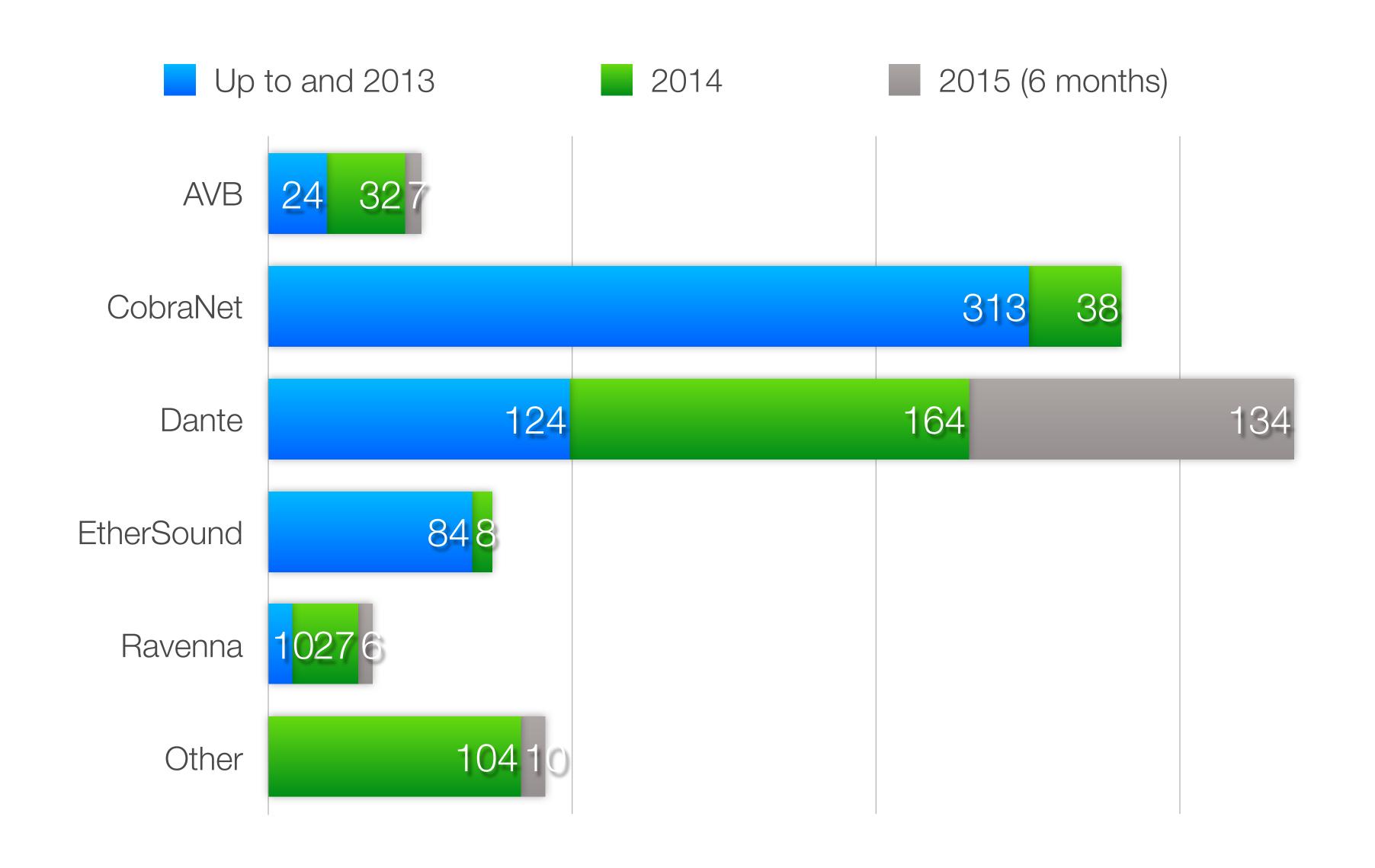
#### Licensees



#### Our research

From an end-user point of view

#### Available networked audio products



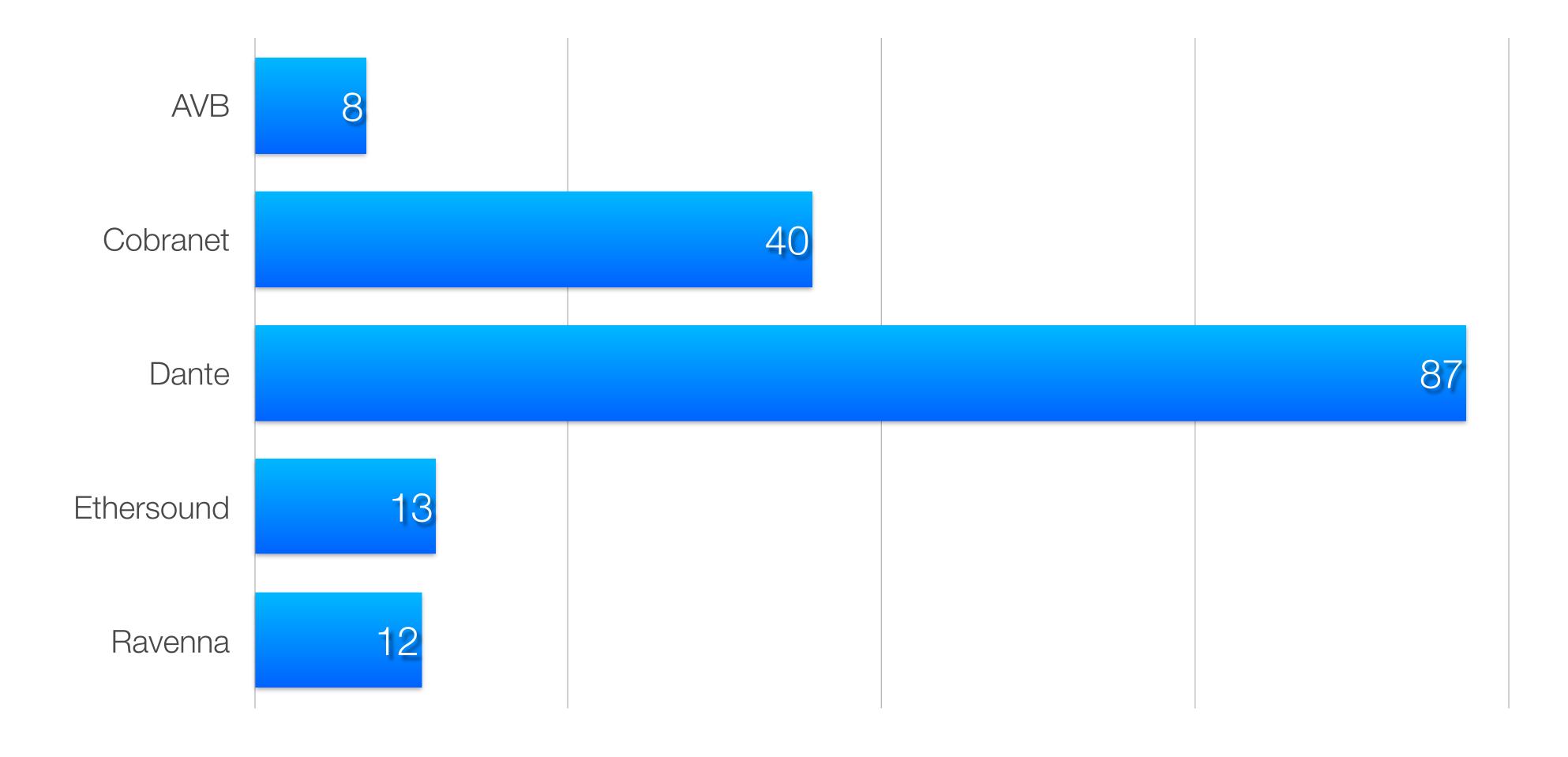
#### Caveats

- It's a small data set
- One product line skews data significantly
- Do we know enough about discontinued products?
- Sales volume, profit, actual use?
- Is it *really* shipping?

#### Interfaces, Transport and software

- Interfaces are product enablers
- Software is one product but unlimited applications
- Transport category will eventually decline

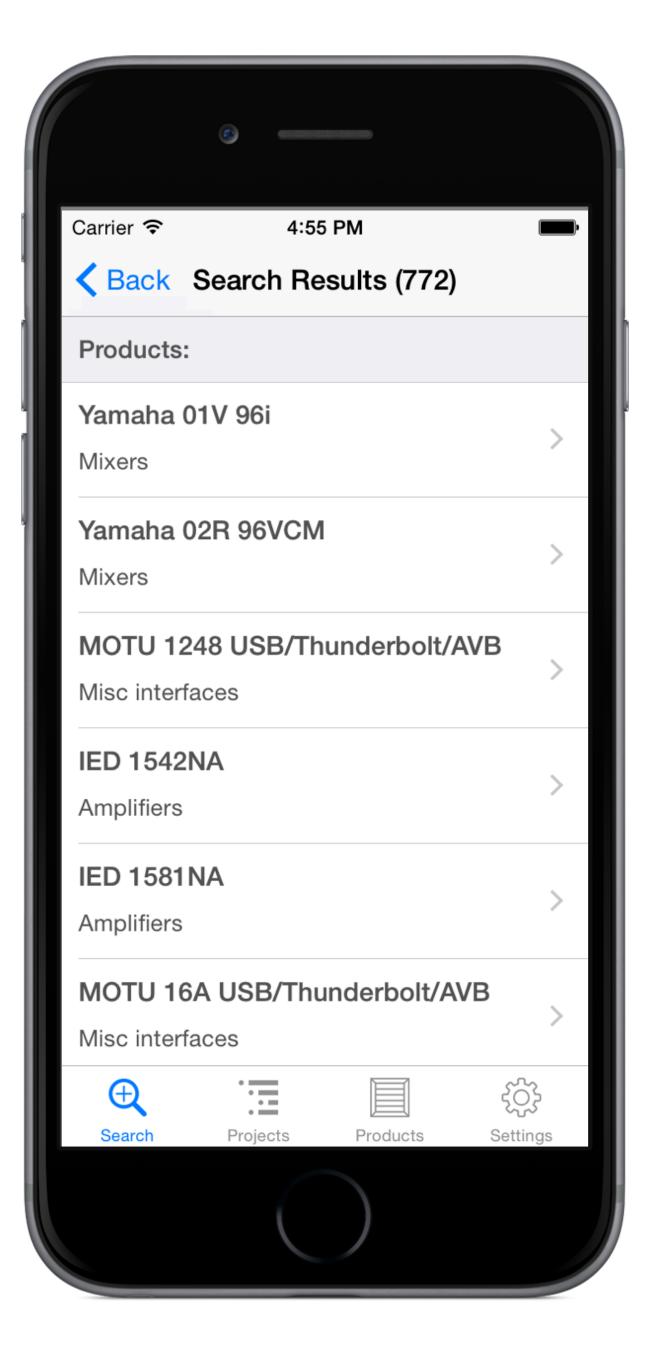
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How many manufacturers shipping for each protocol?



### Networked Audio Devices App



Protocol Loyalty AVB Cobranet Dante EtherSound Ravenna 30 75 15 45 60 90

Number of manufacturers only adopting one protocol

#### AES67

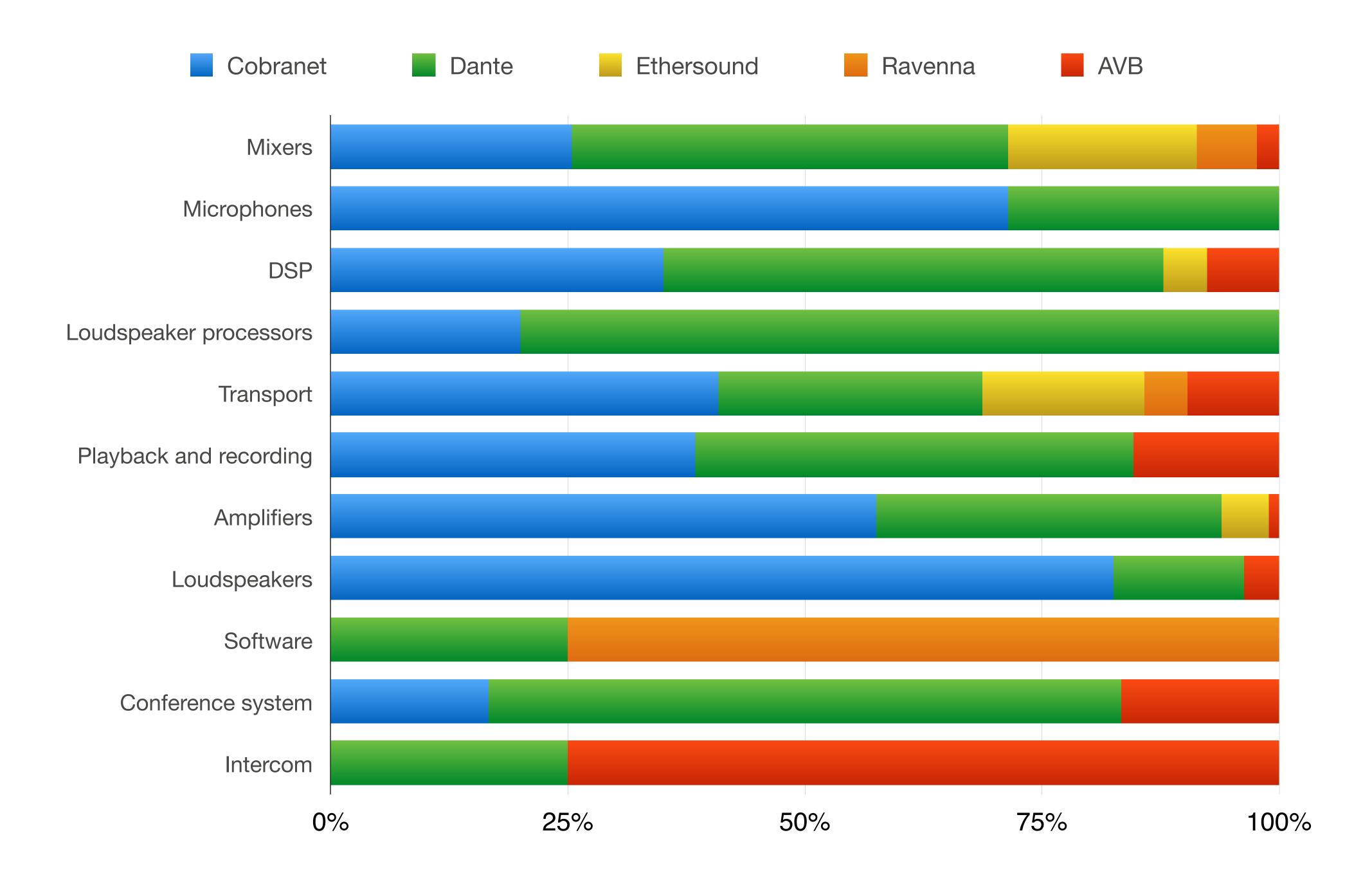
- Currently 49 products
- 471 if you include Dante products
- 55% of all networked audio products could be AES67

#### AES67 Growth

PositivesNegativesDanteCobranetRavennaAVBQ-LanLivewire

Layer-2

Layer-3



### A tiny proportion of projects

- Too difficult to do
- Lack of true interoperability between products
- Still a pro-audio niche

#### End-Points

- Until everything is networked, getting signal on and off the network is the key
- Build networking into microphones
- Setting up 'dumb' products is tricky

#### End-Points

- Get it into non-pro-audio products
- RAVENNA and Dante software democratise networked audio

White paper on audio networking

Released 17th February 2015

### What is the networking business?

- It can be tracked like any other new business
- New technology has both invention and a new business model
- Networking technology is a product that needs development and support

#### Protocols are not standards

- Protocols are products
- Protocols are ecosystems
- Protocols should not be standards
- Protocols should use standards as building blocks to allow interoperability

### Types of standard

- De facto private companies
- De jure committees and consortia



### Product Support

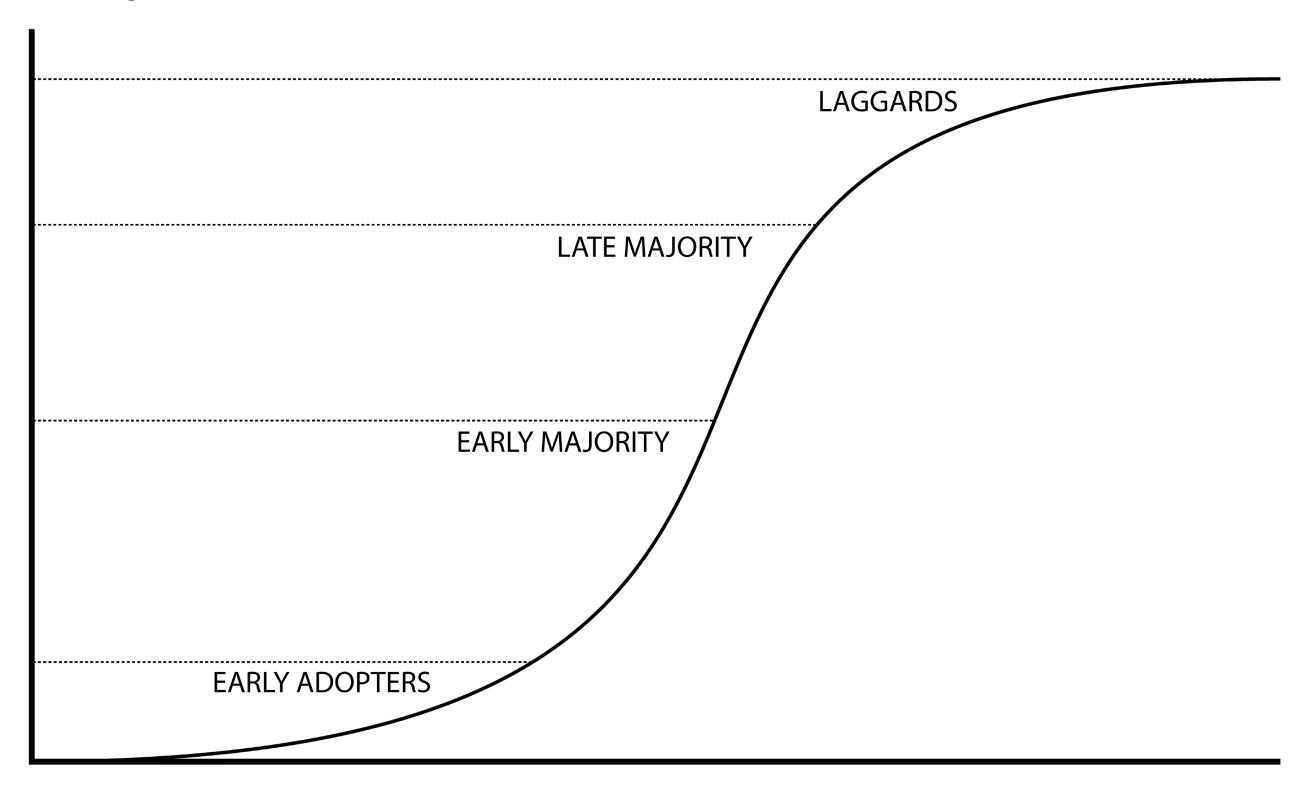
- Difference between AVnu and Dante
- Learn, adapt, develop
- AVnu requires interoperability testing
- Dante carry out bug fixes

### Product development

Product	Year	
Dante Legacy Module	2008	
Dante Virtual Soundcard	2009	
Dante Brooklyn	2010	
Dante Brooklyn II	2011	
Dante PCI-e card	2011	
Dante Ultimo 2x2	2013	
Dante HC	2014	
Dante Ultimo 4x4	2014	
Dante Via	2015	

## Typical adoption curve

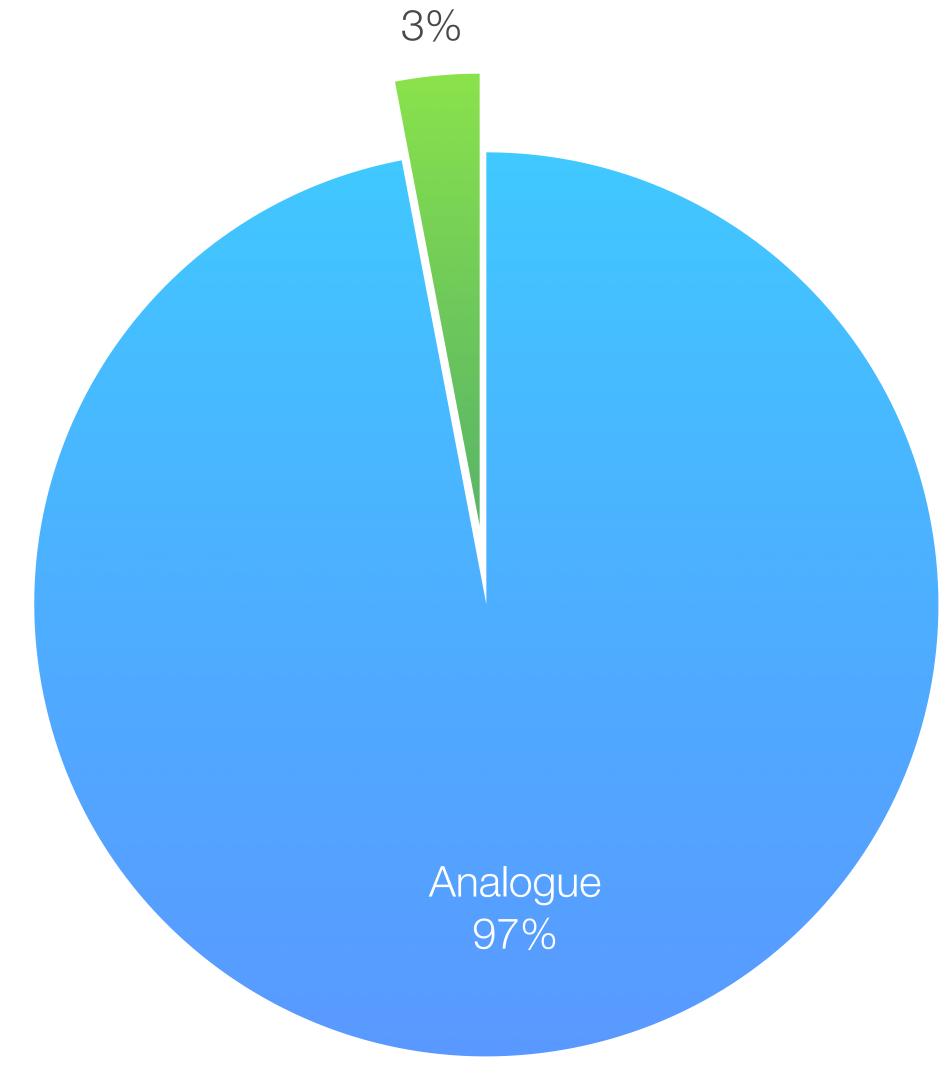
#### PENETRATION



### Tracking adoption

- Audio networking is 18 years old
- We don't know where we are on the adoption curve
- Perhaps 1 to 3% of projects?

### The real competition



#### What does the industry say?



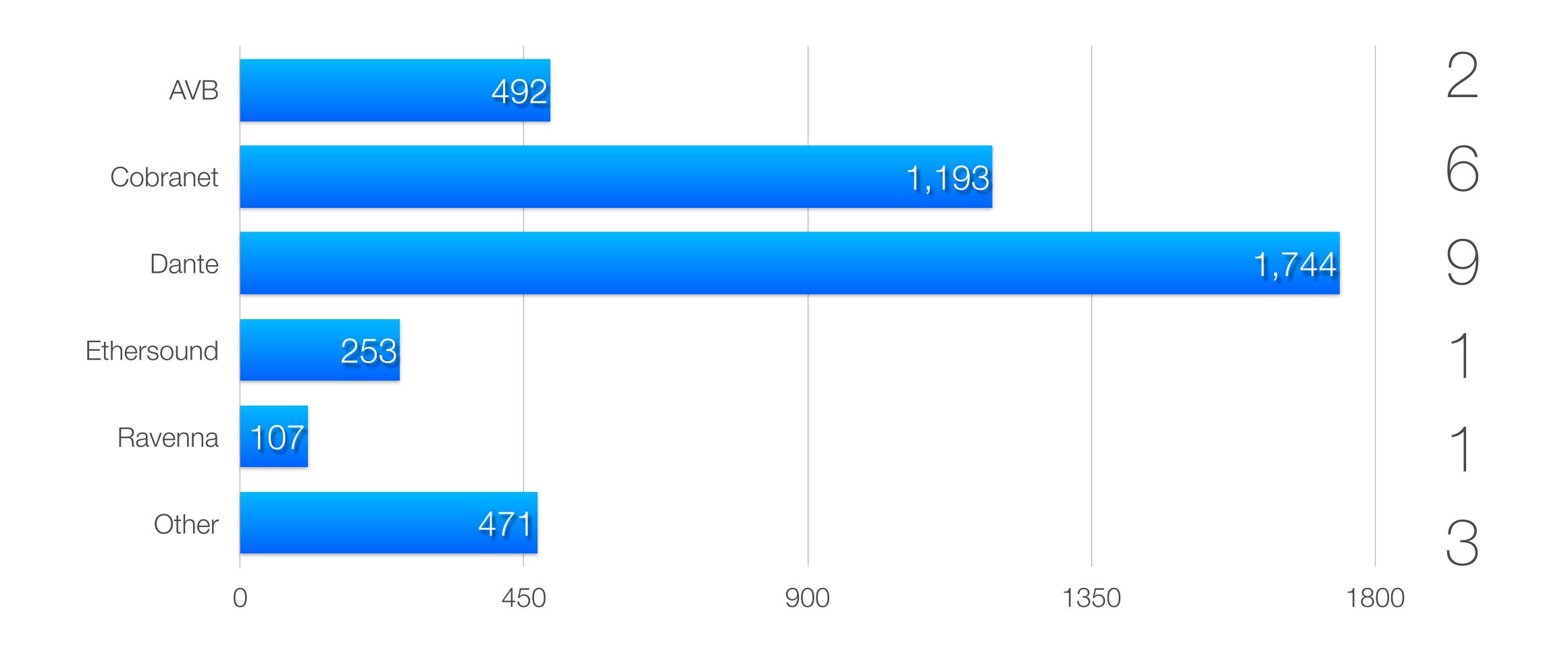




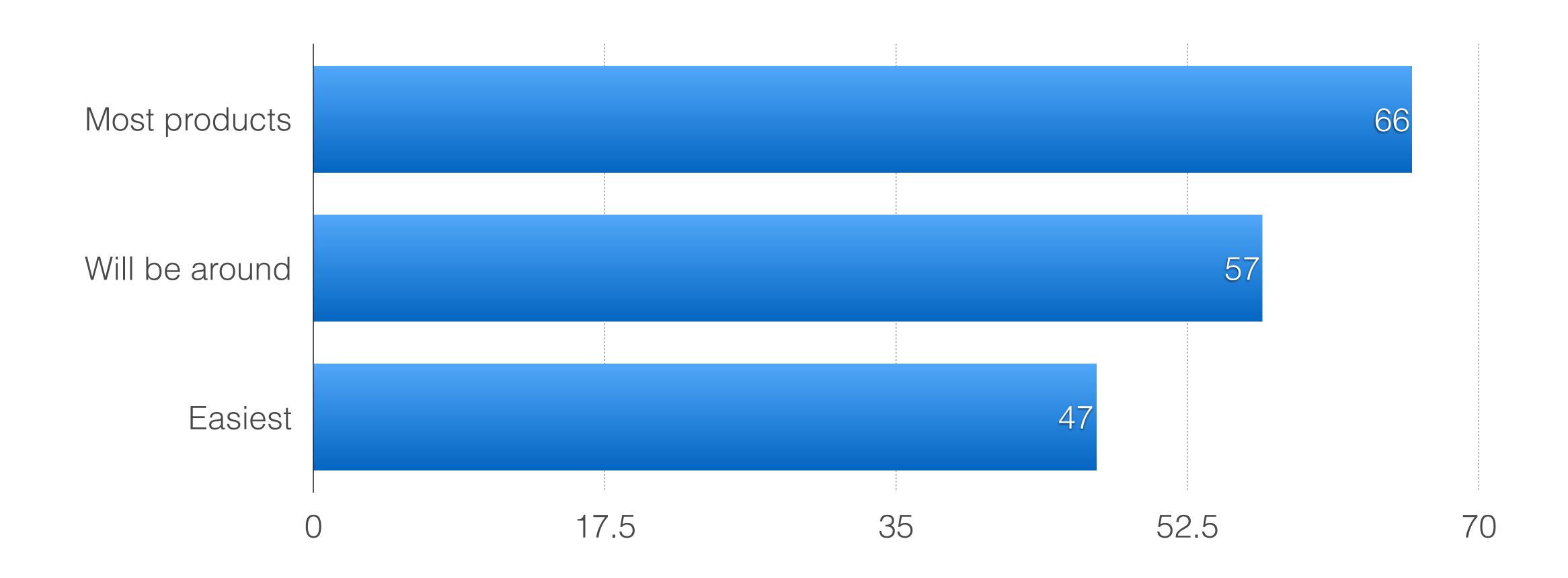
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### Audio networking use

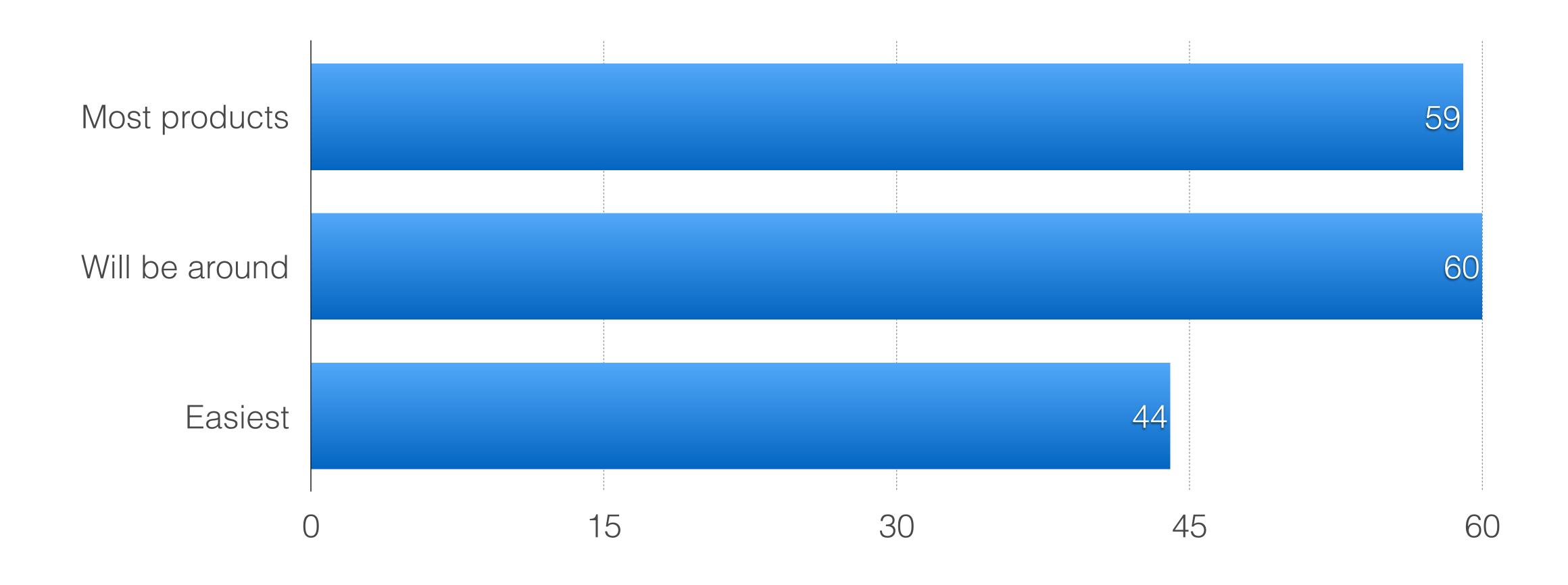
- 75% had done at least one networked project
- 66% used one of the 'standard' network protocols (9% custom or proprietary)



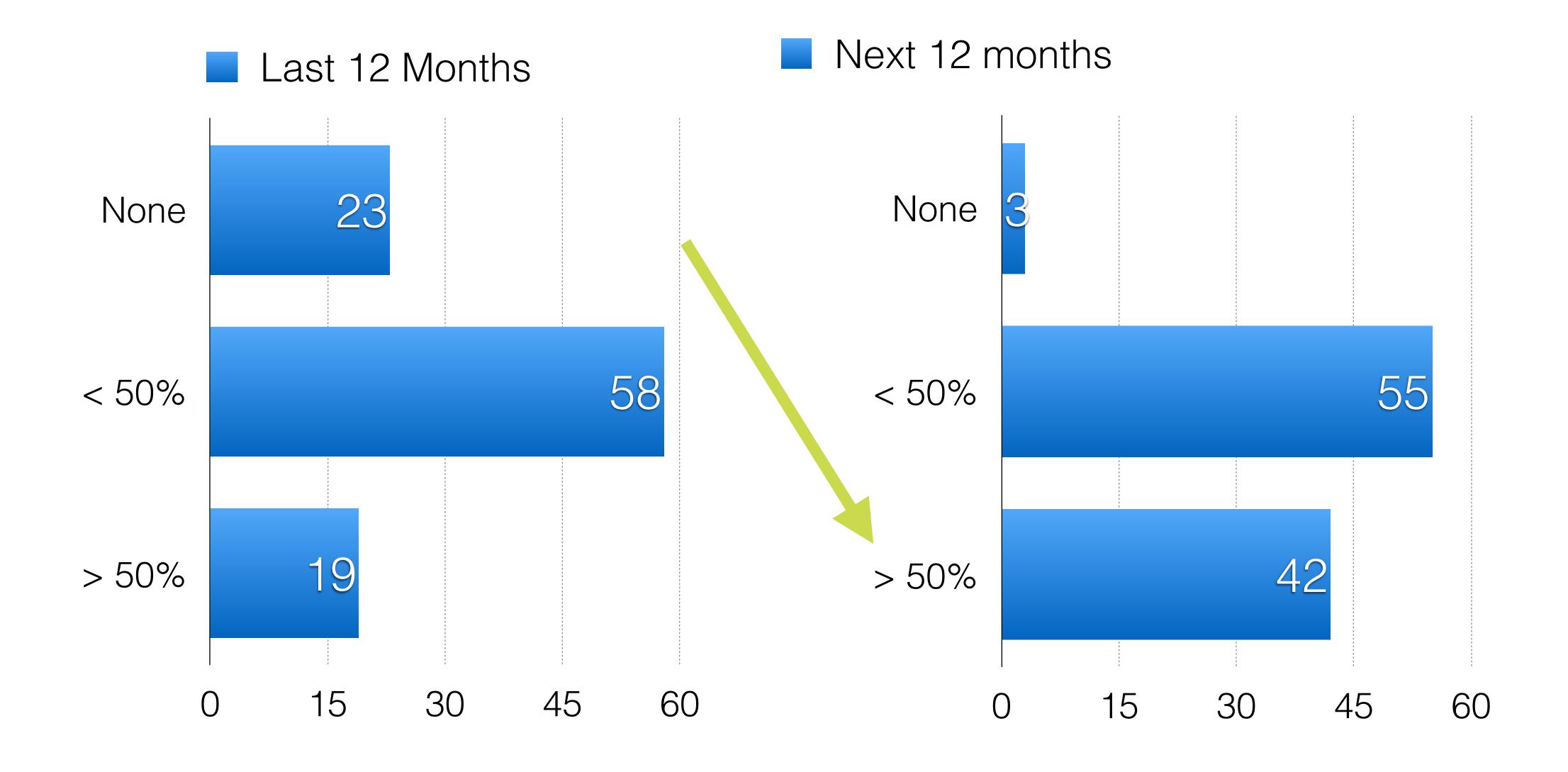
### Reasons for most used protocol?



### Reasons for change to a different protocol



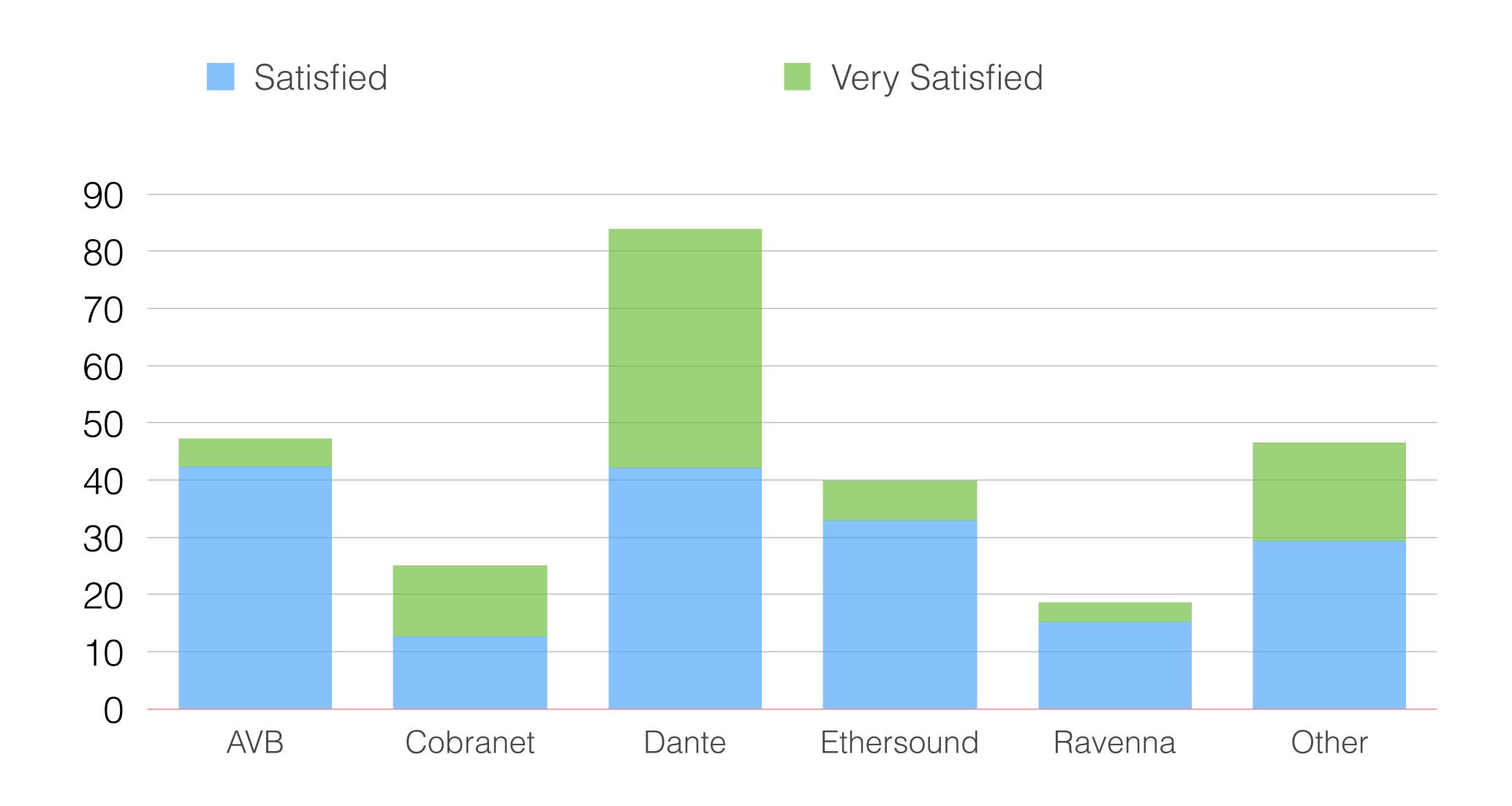
### More networked projects



#### Reasons for not using...

- AVB product availability, switches & support
- Cobranet Old, Latency
- Dante No consensus
- Ethersound not needed, not supported, limited, support
- RAVENNA Don't know it, broadcast only

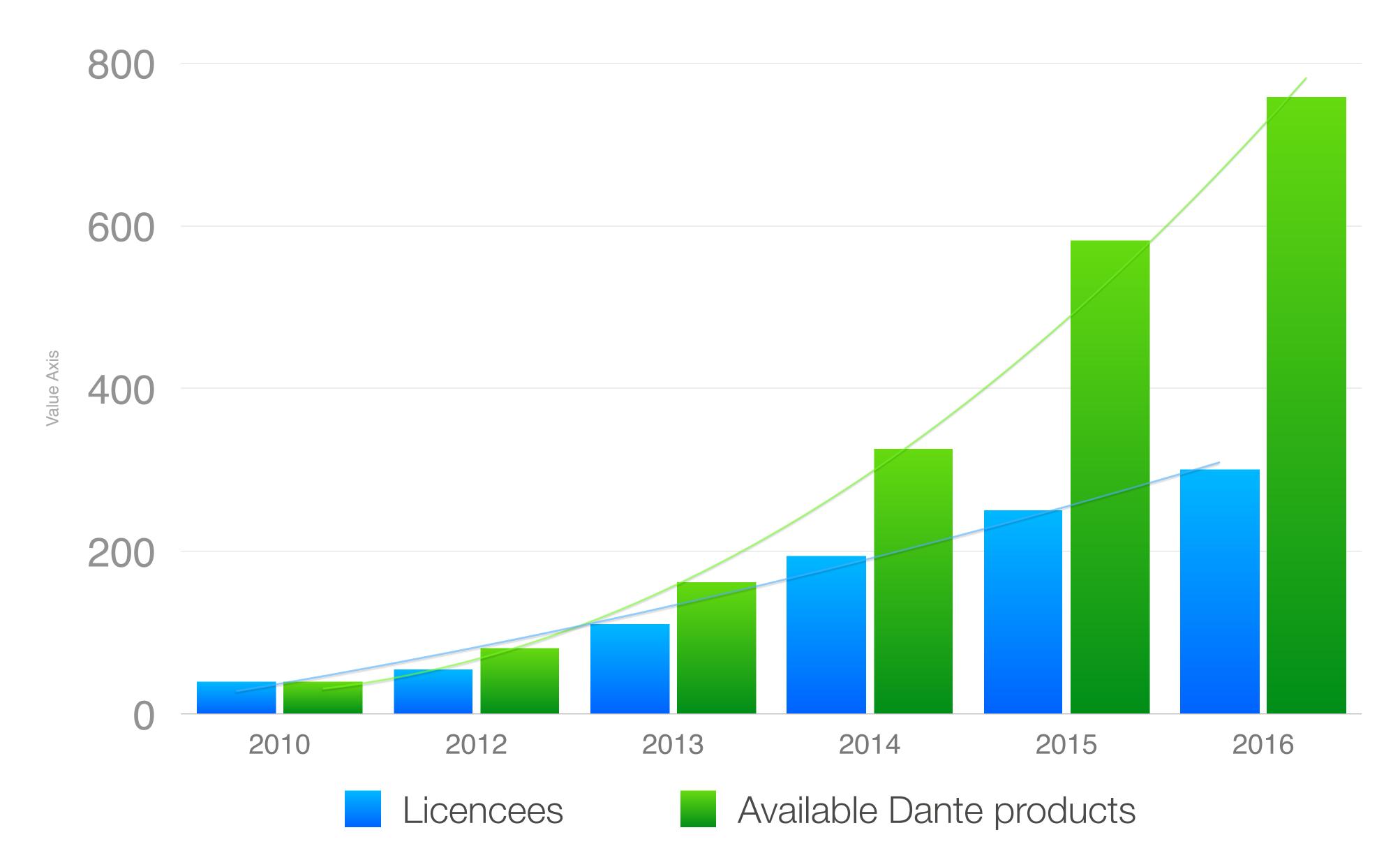
#### Protocol satisfaction



#### Who controls the market

- 127 people have decided to adopt audio networking
- 87 have opted for Dante

### 2015 and beyond



#### Where is Dante?

- Offering an integrated solution
- Evolving into modular phase AES67 support
- Becoming the De facto standard

### Will control points change?

- Initially a few control points create a virtual monopoly
- Later, consumers wrestle control of that decision away from manufacturers

#### Summary

- Audinate are market leader
- Planning to evolve if they need to
- Dante makes a profit for its customers
- Competitors are slow to market, diminishing or focussed on a niche
- Adoption is increasing rapidly