

Low-Delay Codec: Activity

- Project aim:
 - Transmit audio with very low latency (<10 ms)
 - High-quality speech and music
- Features:
 - From ~32 kbps for speech, ~48 kbps for music
 - Good quality stereo at 128 kbps
 - Small footprint



Low-Delay Codec: Challenges

- Very short frames (<10 ms)
 - Poor frequency resolution, leakage
 - Very few bits for meta information (every bit counts)
- Patents, patents, patents
- Math-intensive



Low-Delay Codec: Dependencies

- Libraries in use:
 - No dependency
 - But reusing Timothy's entropy coding code
- Projects that *would* depend on us:
 - Pulseaudio
 - VoIP apps
 - Software for remote live performances



Low-Delay Codec: Next Steps

- Find a good name
- Lots of things to add
 - Psycho-acoustics/bit allocation
 - Multi-channel support (for $N > 2$)
- Finalise bit-stream over the next 12 months
- Convert code to fixed-point

