

Al and Cloud Technology in Radio

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Why Cloud-Native?

Increase efficiency and productivity

 Microservices running in containers are scalable and can be turned on and off as needed

 Save money on hardware, capital expenses and operating expenses



Traditional Playout Pain Points

Radio.Cloud Solutions

Expensive initial hardware & software costs

Save up to 90% on hardware; sustainability

Repetitive manual updates to software

Automatic updates through the cloud

System interconnection between locations

Locations connected through the cloud

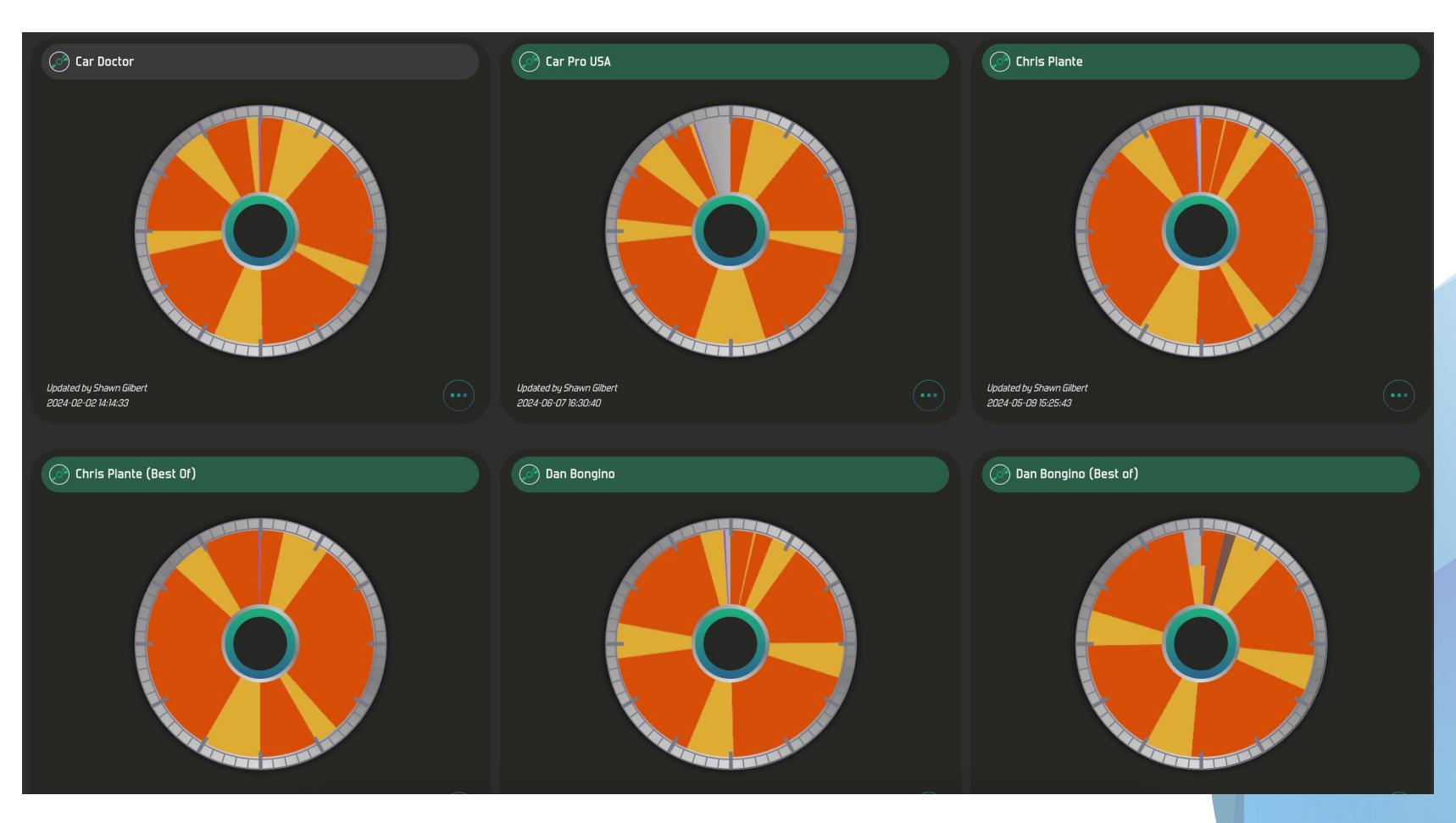
Minimal localization must be done manually

Up to 5x more localization each hour

More features requires more complex hardware

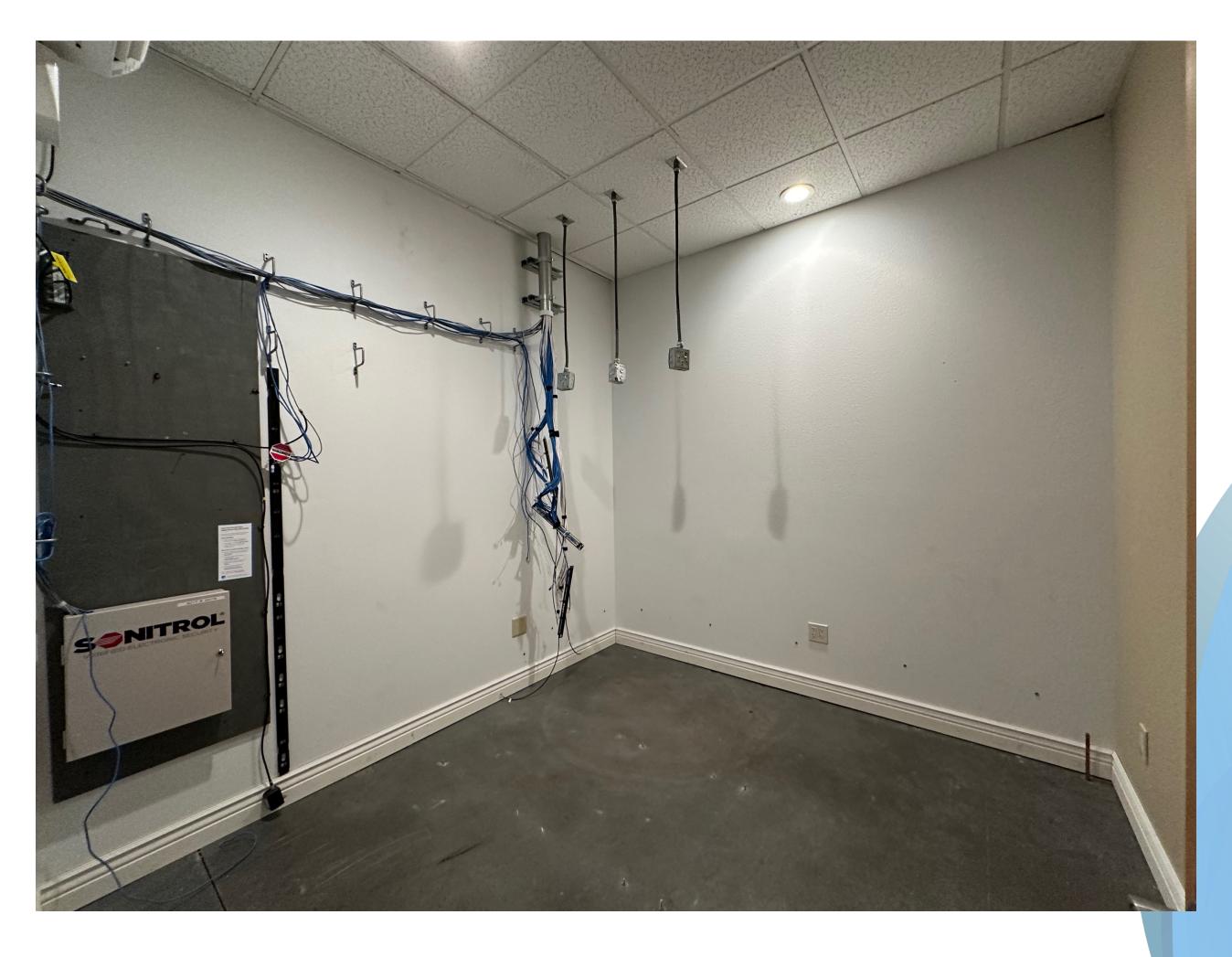
Heavy lifting of complex features done in cloud





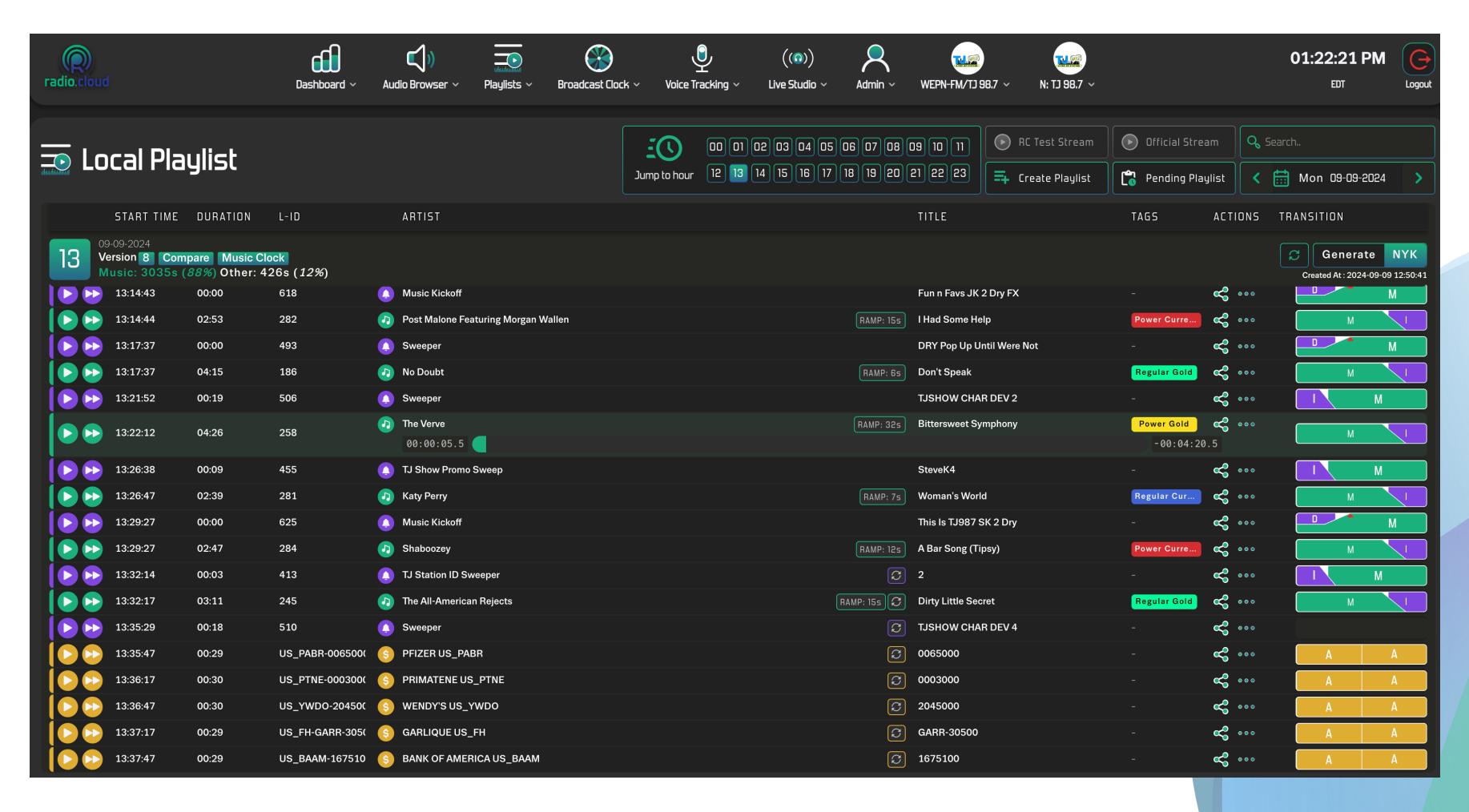
KYST-AM: all equipment at transmitter site, stayed on air during Hurricane Beryl





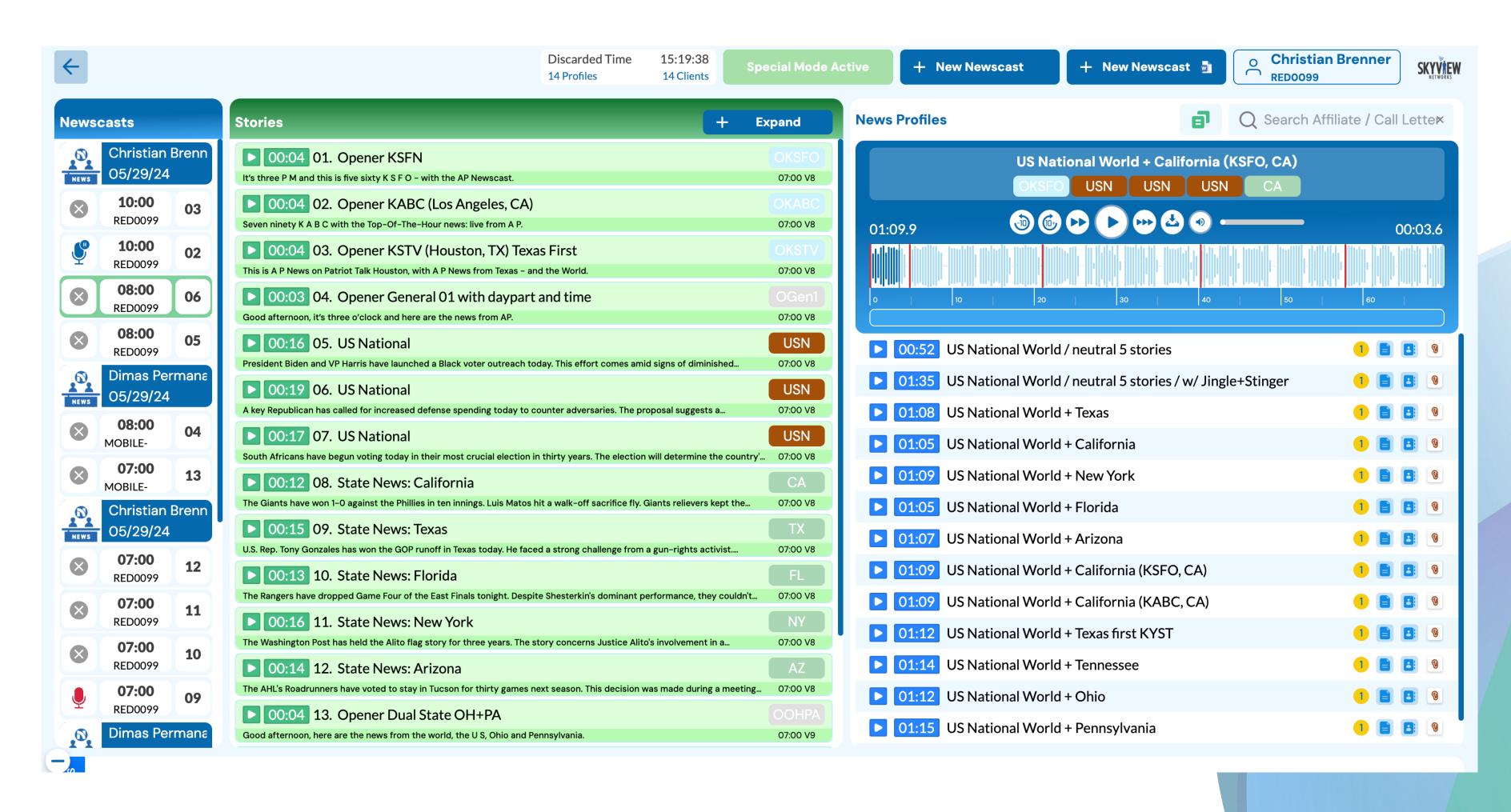
KSJO-FM: downsizing and moving buildings





WEPN-FM: five days to get a station on air, two weeks to flip formats and train the new staff





NewsCloud: customized/localized newscasts at scale



What's the Common Factor?

Amazon Web Services

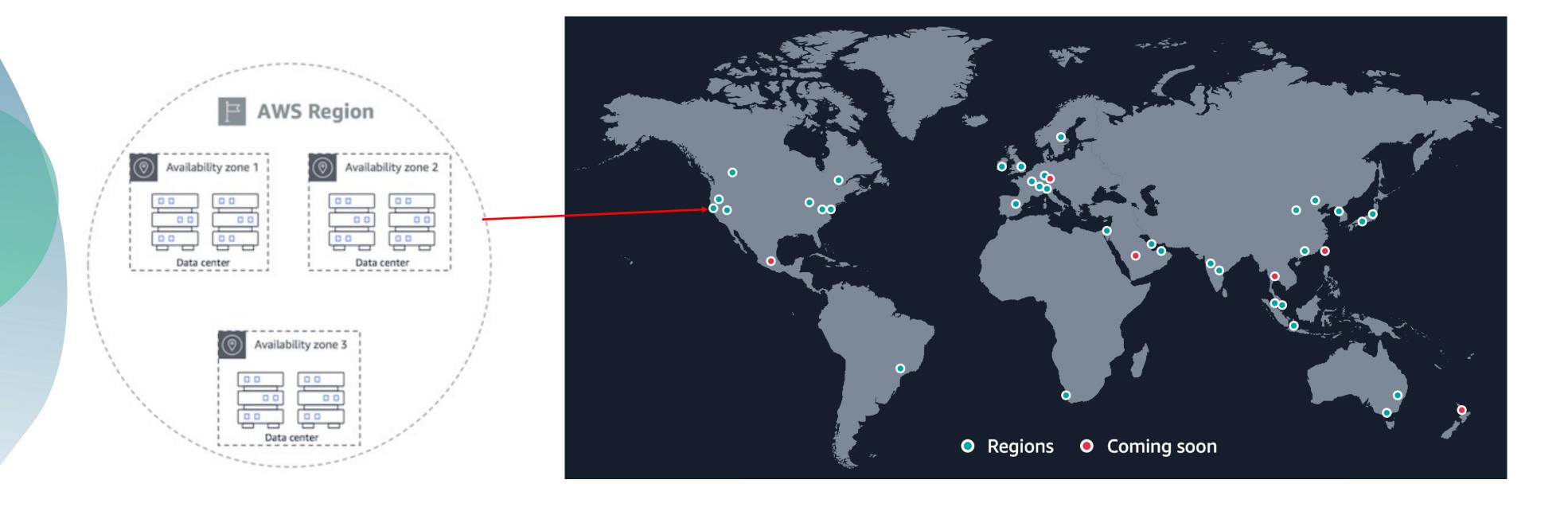
AWS Lambda & <u>serverless</u> computing

Scalable, cost-effective and fast





AWS Availability Regions & Zones



32 worldwide regions, each with 3-6 availability zones

This allows for maximum redundancy and security of your data



Switching Gears to Al

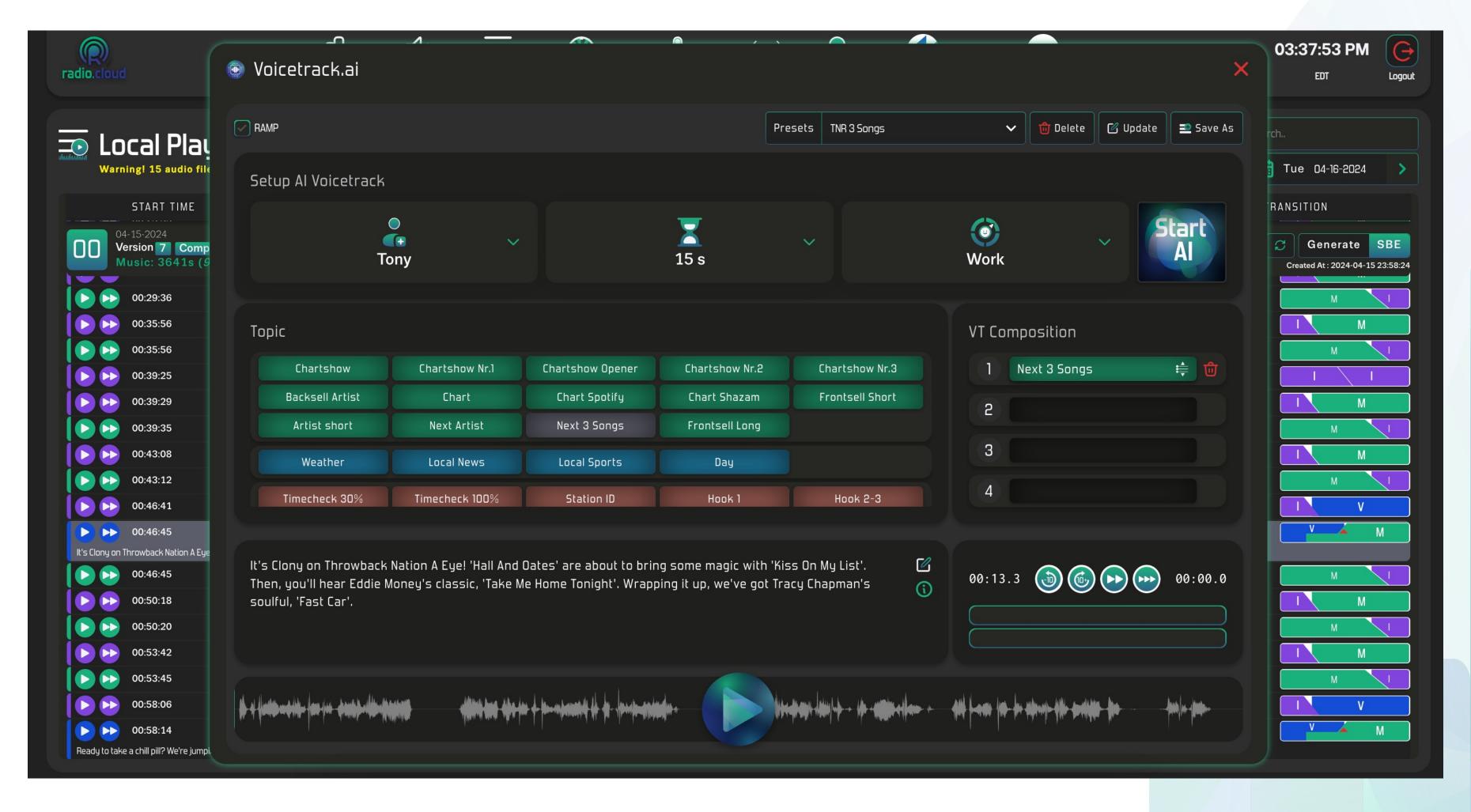
Adaptive Al driven voice tracking

Chat GPT-40 and beyond

Best uses for AI? As an Assistant

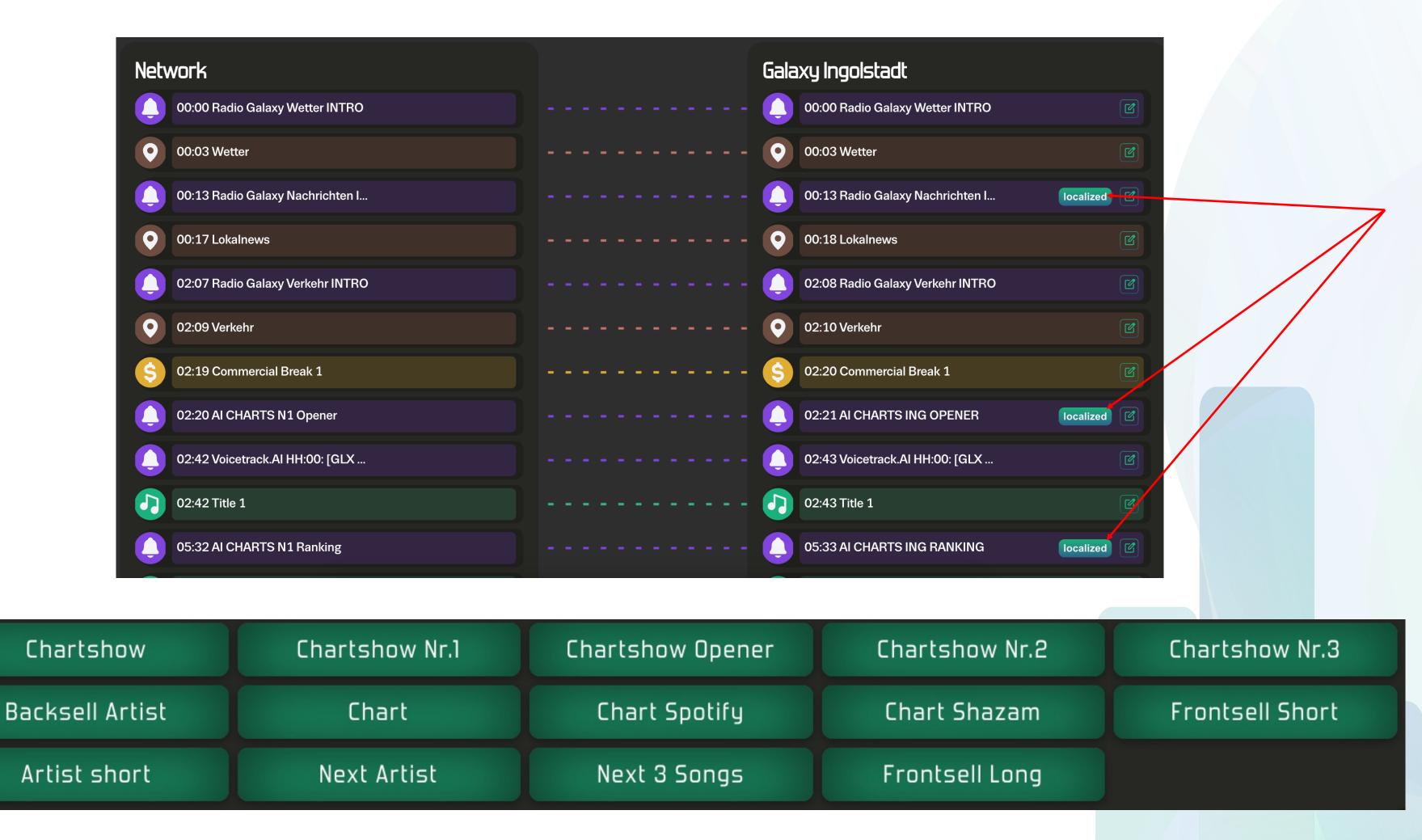






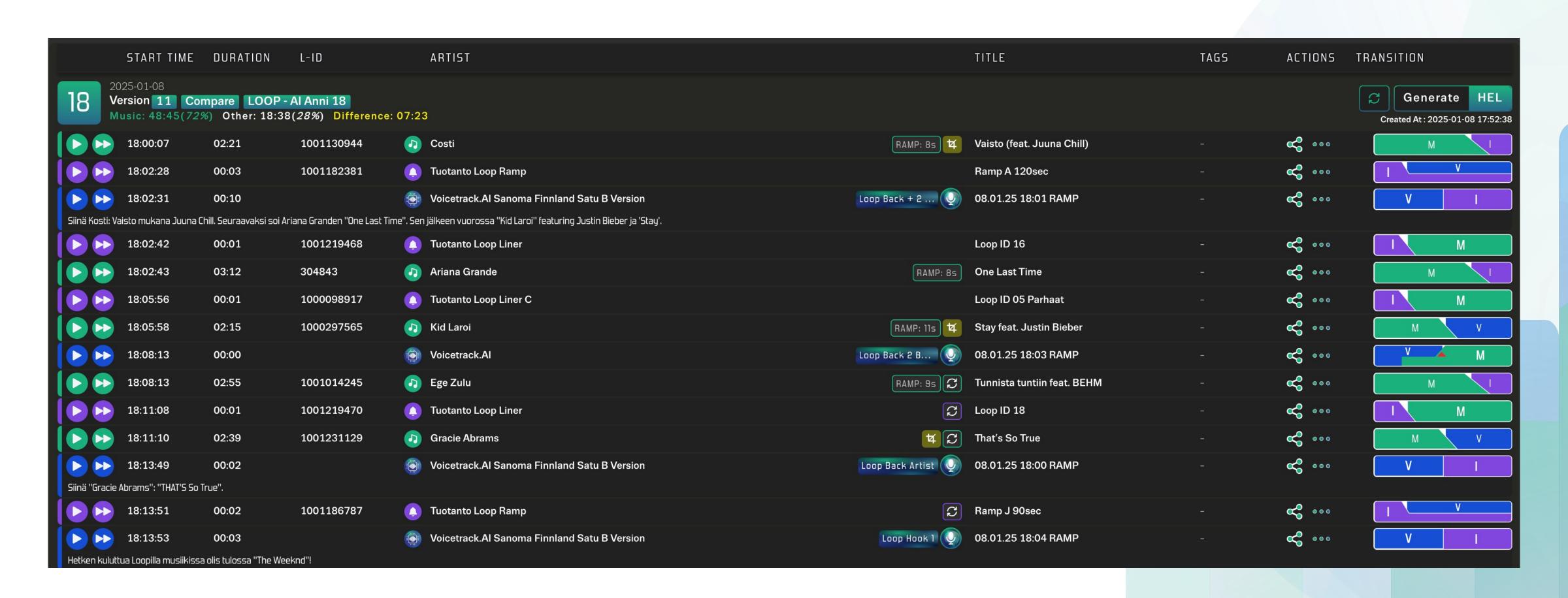
Voicetrack.ai: empowering programmers worldwide





Hyper-localized chart shows produced and hosted by Al

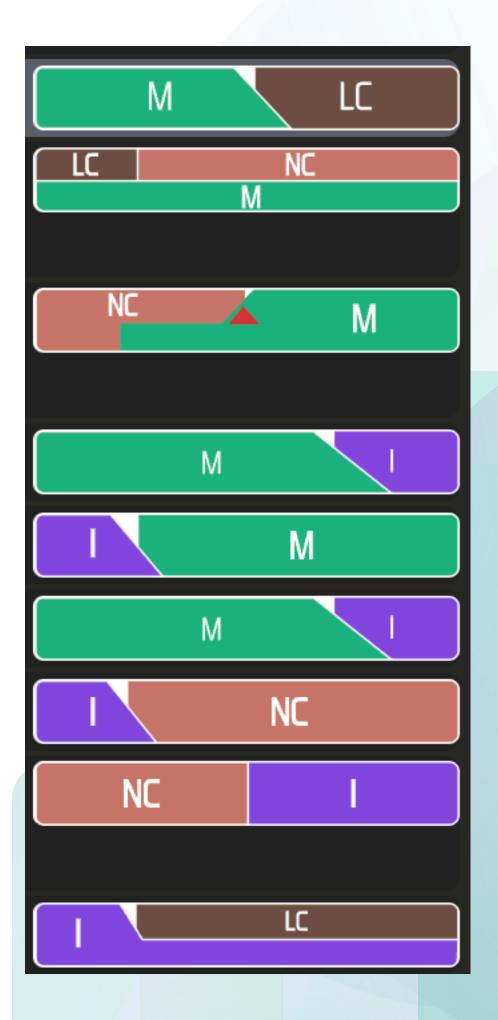




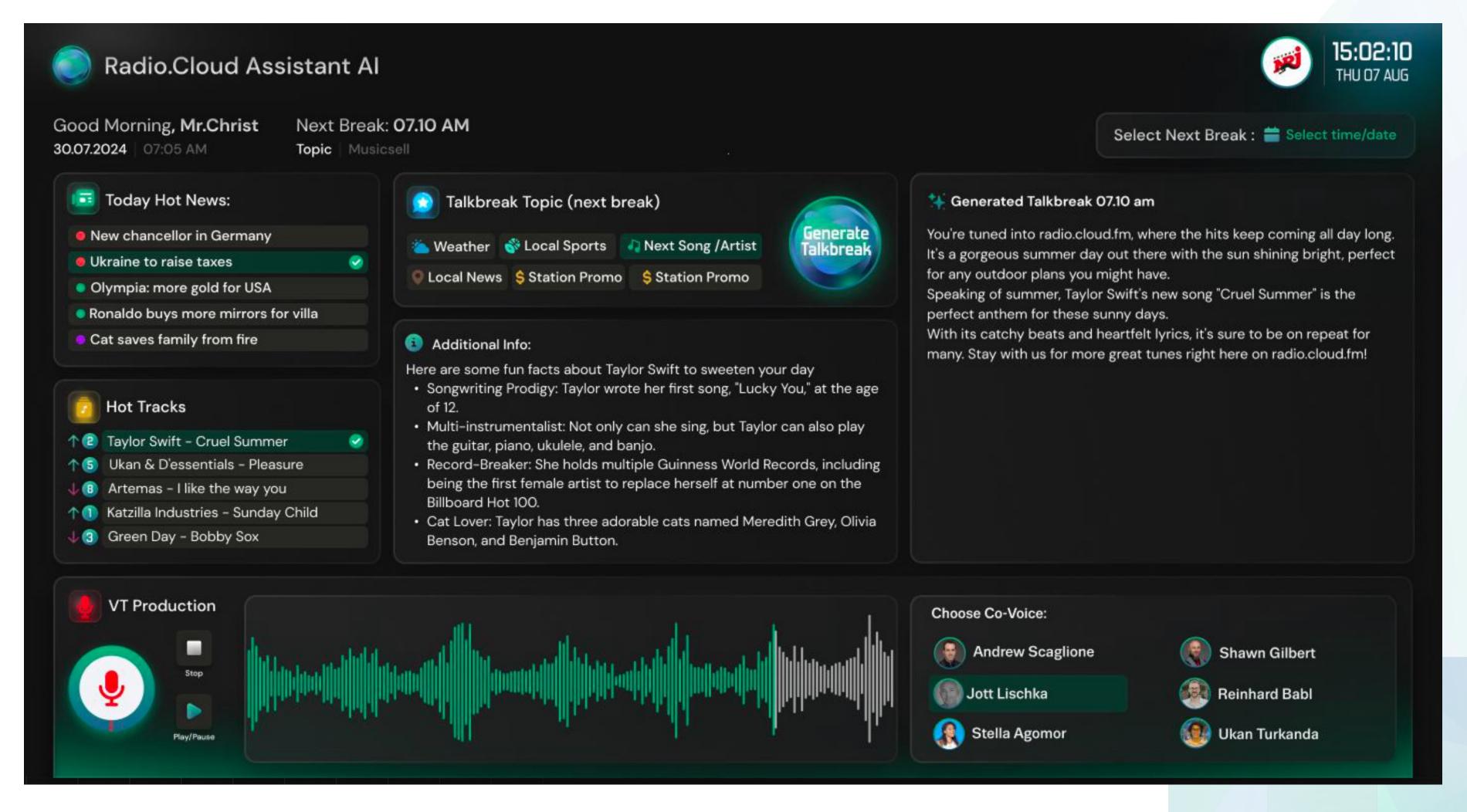
Sanoma Media in Finland running daily four-hour drive time shift on a national FM station, customized, produced and hosted by Al











Assistant AI: prep and research done for hosts



Bonus Al Idea

 Train your own GPT (Generative Pre-Trained Transformer) to improve station/company efficiency

 Using instruction (guidelines/prompts), knowledge (supporting documentation) and capabilities (Al is excellent at data sourcing, analysis and summarization)

 Plug in listener metrics, sales data, marketing campaigns, or even hardware/architectural diagrams

 Output over time will be an assistant that knows your station better than you do and saves you time on analyzing efficiencies



Sustainability

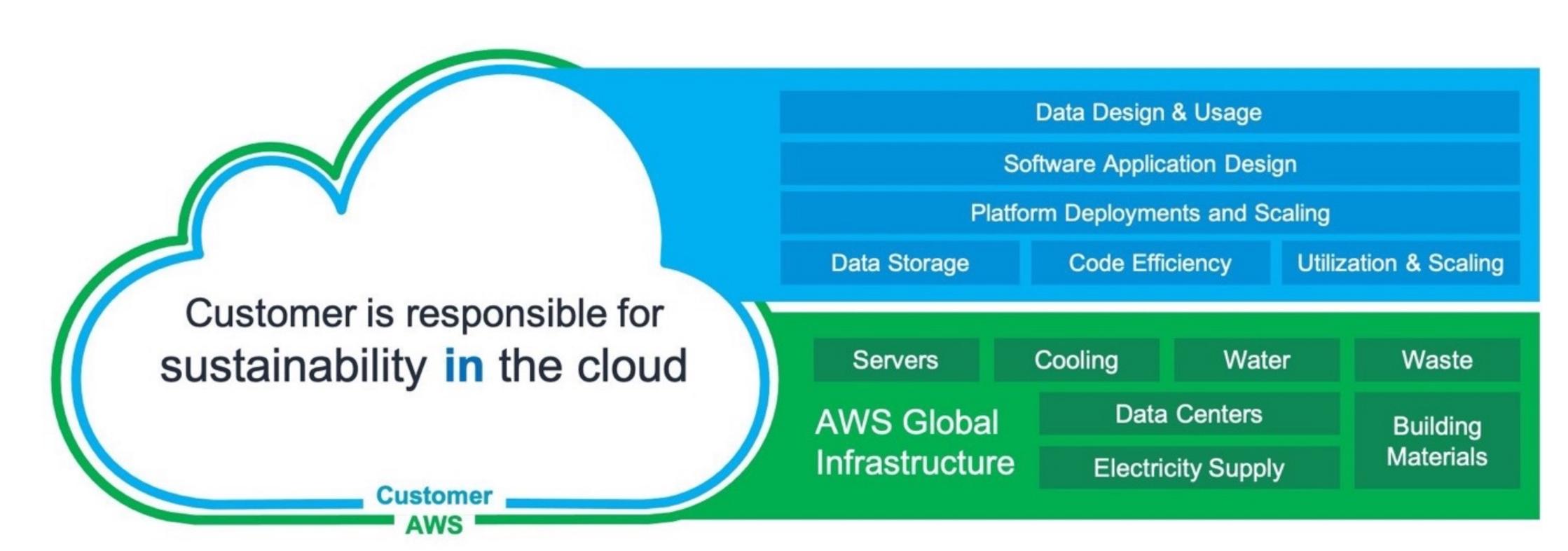
Reduced hardware footprint

Scalable ("renting" AWS servers)

Electric bills go down, on-site maintenance decreases



Sustainability



AWS is responsible for sustainability of the cloud



Moving to a Cloud-Based Operating System...

Provides global reliability, flexibility, scalability & security

 Gives you an ever-evolving software, meaning you always have the newest version with no additional work on your side

 Introduces possibilities for downsizing hardware and studio space that were previously doable, but not nearly as simple to achieve



Questions?



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