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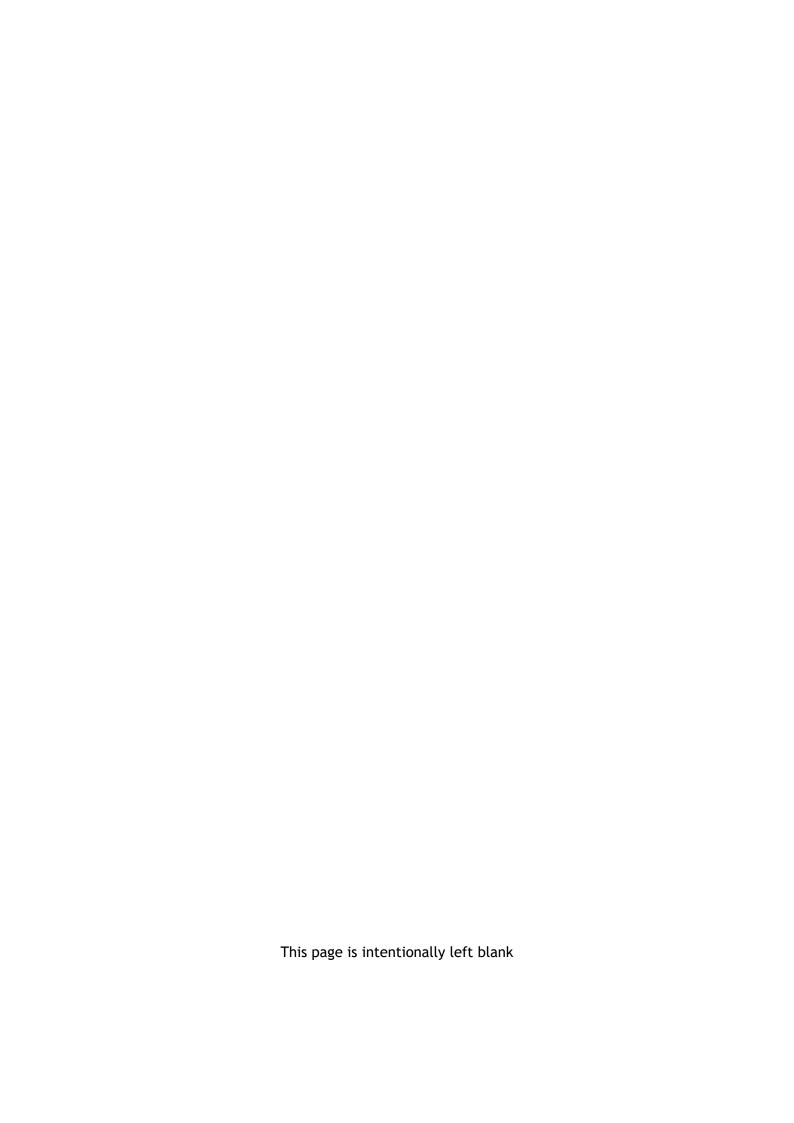# R 153

PARAMETERS FOR LIVE CONTRIBUTION OF UHD/HDR PROGRAMMES

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Intended use and area of application

This document recommends formats and parameters for live programmes where UHD-HDR content is exchanged between different partners. The document is intended as a ready-to-use guideline where no other bilateral agreements are in place and can therefore be considered as a basic set of recommendations for UHD-HDR live signal contribution via SDI or IP interfaces. These recommendations can also be used as a starting point by broadcasters and production companies just beginning in-house UHD-HDR content production or processing, and who need a simple and concise set of parameters and rules that can be used for tender and/or commissioning purposes.

The recommendations reflect well-established "best practices" in the industry at publication and are likely to be updated as compressed and more efficient formats are established as (de-facto) standards in the industry.

Please note that this publication's application is to everyday UHD material contribution and playout from broadcast centres. It is not targeted towards distribution to end-users nor is it aimed at high-end UHD movie and feature film production.

Parameters for Live Contribution of UHD/HDR Programmes

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Recommendation

The EBU, considering that:

1. Digital television image formats for HDTV and UHDTV have been specified by the ITU-R in Recommendations ITU-R BT.709, ITU-R BT.2020 and ITU-R BT.2100.

2. Modern displays are capable of reproducing images at a higher luminance, greater contrast ratio and wider colour gamut than is conventionally employed in programme production.

3. High dynamic range television (HDR-TV) has been shown to increase viewer enjoyment of television pictures.

4. Audio signals for live contribution should be accurately and reliably described.

5. EBU R 151 encourages broadcasters to adopt Recommendation ITU-R BS.2076 'Audio Definition Model' (ADM) to describe the metadata of NGA[1] programmes.

6. S-ADM is specified in Recommendation ITU-R BS.2125 and is designed for use in linear workflows such as live or real-time production for broadcasting and streaming applications.

7. The standardized method to carry S-ADM is specified in SMPTE ST 2116:2019 and uses AES3 with SMPTE ST 337 formatting.

8. The EBU ADM Broadcast Production profile is described in EBU Tech 3392.

And recognising that

9. It strongly encourages innovation in personalised sound experiences within the 15 audio channels plus a descriptive metadata (S-ADM) track, providing added value to UHD programmes.

Recommends that,

The formats and parameters listed in Annex A be used for Live UHD-TV content contribution. Annexes B & C are informative.

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[1] SMPTE documents use the term Metadata Guided Audio (MGA)

Annex A: Parameters for Live UHD Contribution (normative)

Video

Video Parameters

Image Container Shape	16:9
Container Pixel Count	3840 x 2160
Pixel Aspect Ratio	1:1
Frame Frequency	50 Hz or 60/1.001 Hz
Transfer Function	ITU-R BT.2100 Table 5 (Hybrid Log-Gamma)
Colour Primaries	ITU-R BT.2100 Table 2
Colour Matrices	ITU-R BT.2100 Table 6
Video Format	10-bit 4:2:2 Y'C'BC'R
Video Range	EBU R 103 Preferred Minimum/Maximum Range

NOTES FOR CLARIFICATION:

- *use of a Standard Dynamic Range (SDR) transfer function is not allowed,*
- *High Frame Rate (HFR >60 fps) content is NOT recommended at this time for baseline exchange,*
- *Hybrid Log-Gamma HLG is the recommended transfer function in this document,*
- *resolutions greater than 3840 x 2160 (e.g., "8k") are not recommended in this document.*

Exposure

Programme productions should follow the exposure guidelines suggested in the nominal and primary signal levels tables of ITU-R BT.2408 when creating video for exchange.

Object	Signal Level %
18% Grey Card	38
Greyscale Chart Max (83% reflectance)	71
Greyscale Chart Max (90% reflectance)	73
HDR Reference White / Diffuse White / Graphics White	75
Light Skin Tone	55 – 65
Medium Skin Tone	45 – 60
Dark Skin Tone	25 – 45
Grass	40 – 55

Video Signalling and Metadata

Video data streams shall have signalling to enable equipment to correctly identify video formats and set their operational mode.

Where appropriate and to assist with signal format and conversion identification, the EBU HLG Colour Bars described in EBU Tech 3373 should be used.

Given the current state of UHD/HDR implementation, where an HD SDR version is required, Report ITU-R BT.2408 '*Guidance for operational practices in HDR television production*' provides guidance on conversion between HDR and SDR.

Graphics elements that have a CICP value indicating that they are *ITU-R BT.2100 Table 5* compliant shall be directly overlaid in the Programme video data stream.

Video Transport

Uncompressed over SDI

- 12G-SDI (SMPTE ST 2082-10:2018) or Quad 3G-SDI (SMPTE ST 425-5:2019) may be used.
- If Quad 3G-SDI is in use, then Two Sample Interleave (2SI) pixel formatting and level A mapping shall be used.
- For both 12G-SDI and Quad 3G-SDI, Payload Identifiers in accordance with SMPTE ST 352 (V-PID) shall be present.

Uncompressed over IP (SMPTE ST 2110)

SMPTE ST 2110-20 (uncompressed active video over IP) shall be used. The Session Description Protocol (SDP) shall reflect the parameters of the video transport as described in SMPTE ST 2110-10 and SMPTE ST 2110-20.

Annex B gives Informative guidance on video as it is used for live contribution.

Audio

Audio Parameters

For conventional channel-based formats complying with EBU R 123	min 2, max 16 channels for legacy formats
For Metadata-Guided Audio (MGA)	min 2, max 15 channels plus 1 S-ADM track (full frame mode)
Format	PCM
Sampling Rate	48 kHz
Bit Depth	24 bit
Loudness Normalisation	EBU R 128

Synchronisation

To avoid audio "phasing" or even cancellation when multi-channel audio is downmixed, timing differences between correlated audio channels (i.e., the timing between each channel of the six audio tracks of a surround sound signal) must be no more than 0.2 sample periods.

Audio Transport

For conventional channel-based formats, the track allocation must be agreed between the two parties, in accordance with EBU R 123.

Uncompressed over SDI

For programmes with Metadata-Guided Audio, one of the following templates should be used:

- The S-ADM & ADM template for production of Personalized Sound Experience (PSE) content with a focus on accessibility and personalisation use-cases, is described in Annex C as "Broadcast Production Template 1". It consists of a 0+5+0 Music & Effects (M&E) bed, at least one language channel, and, if required, an Audio Description channel. Template 1 should be the default template.
- The S-ADM & ADM template for production of immersive audio content is described in Annex C as "Broadcast Production Template 2". It consists of a 4+5+0 M&E bed, at least one language channel and, if required, an Audio Description channel.

Uncompressed over IP (SMPTE ST 2110)

- For conventional channel-based audio formats SMPTE ST 2110-30 (PCM digital audio over IP) shall be used.
- For Metadata-Guided Audio multiple streams over SMPTE ST 2110-30, using level A shall be used. Care should be taken to allocate the most closely related channels (e.g., those of a stereo or surround bed) together to the same stream: this reduces the effect on down-mix of synchronisation errors between streams.

SMPTE ST 2110-31 (AES3 transparent transport over IP) shall be used to transport the S-ADM metadata packed in accordance with SMPTE ST 2116 (S-ADM in AES3). Further testing might be necessary to verify that this will work for the actual use-case.

Annex C gives Informative guidance on audio as it is used for live contribution.

Access Services

Subtitles

Subtitle carriage is not mandatory. Where required, subtitles may be supplied as a separate file according to EBU STL (EBU Tech 3264).

Signing

Signing carriage is not mandatory. Where required, the signing shall be delivered as a timecode synchronous separate UHD video stream with a monochromatic background to allow overlay.

Glossary

A glossary for UHDTV is available from the EBU web site at https://tech.ebu.ch/uhdtv/glossary.

Annex B: UHD-HDR Live Video Contribution (informative)

This Annex is a brief introduction to the requirements for live television programme production. For a full discussion on the production of UHD HDR video, ITU-R BT.2390-8 or later may be referenced.

Conversion of non-compliant video for use in Programmes

Video elements in accordance with ITU-R BT.709 or ITU-R BT.2020 can either be directly mapped such that their peak white value is mapped to HDR Reference White (75%) or they can be up-mapped with a highlight expansion which does not significantly affect skin tones.

Video elements in accordance with ITU-R BT.2100 Table 4 (Perceptual Quantization) can be converted in accordance with Reports ITU-R BT.2408 and ITU-R BT.2446

Conversion of graphics for use in Programme

Graphics elements in accordance with ITU-R BT.709 or sRGB can be directly mapped such that their peak white value is mapped to HDR Reference White (75%) in the Programme video data stream.

Exposure Guidelines Note

Exposure guidelines are taken from ITU-R BT.2408 and are important to ensure high quality conversion to standard dynamic range video with static down-mapping. Exposure guidelines may be revised when dynamic down-mapping equipment and HDR production monitors become prevalent.

Session Description Protocol Example

Parameters dedicated to the transport of UHD/HDR are highlighted in the example below.

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v=0
o=- 123456 11 IN IP4 192.168.100.2
s=Example of a SMPTE ST2110-20 signal
i=this example is for 2160p video at 50Hz
t=0 0
a=recvonly
a=group:DUP primary secondary
m=video 50000 RTP/AVP 112
c=IN IP4 239.100.9.10/32
a=source-filter:incl IN IP4 239.100.9.10 192.168.100.2
a=rtpmap:112 raw/90000
a=fmtp:112 sampling=YCbCr-4:2:2; width=3840; height=2160; exactframerate=50; depth=10; TCS=HLG; colorimetry=BT2020;
PM=2110GPM; SSN=ST2110-20:2017;
a=ts-refclk:ptp=IEEE1588-2008:39-A7-94-FF-FE-07-CB-D0:37
a=mediaclk:direct=0
a=mid:primary
m=video 50020 RTP/AVP 112
c=IN IP4 239.101.9.10/32
a=source-filter:incl IN IP4 239.101.9.10 192.168.101.2
a=rtpmap:112 raw/90000
a=fmtp:112 sampling=YCbCr-4:2:2; width=3840; height=2160; exactframerate=50; depth=10; TCS=HLG; colorimetry=BT2020;
PM=2110GPM; SSN=ST2110-20:2017;
a=ts-refclk:ptp=IEEE1588-2008:39-A7-94-FF-FE-07-CB-D0:37
a=mediaclk:direct=0
a=mid:secondary
```

Annex C: Broadcast Production Audio Templates for UHD Live Contribution (informative)

It is possible to accommodate familiar track allocations in the 16 audio channels (the minimum standard for audio for UHDTV, reflecting the channel-based audio production paradigm). With the introduction of object-based audio, scene-based audio ("Ambisonics") and hybrid solutions for "Next-Generation Audio" systems, the number of potentially different track allocations becomes very high indeed. This is addressed in the Audio Definition Model (ADM) and its derivative S-ADM (Serial-ADM).

The first step towards practical use cases for the ADM is to facilitate dialogue enhancement. This is generally achieved by keeping speech (for example, commentary or narration) separate from M&E for all content versions, not just when international clean audio is required. It is recommended to use at least a 5-channel surround M&E bed for UHD-TV.

The Audio Definition Model (ADM) is intentionally very generic, to support a wide variety of different application areas. The EBU "ADM broadcast production profile", specified in EBU Tech 3392, constrains the ADM to simplify implementations and to prevent interoperability problems in the production of Next Generation Audio broadcast programmes.

Figures C1 & C3 show the two specific configurations recommended in the context of this document, which can be accommodated in Level 1 of EBU Tech 3392.
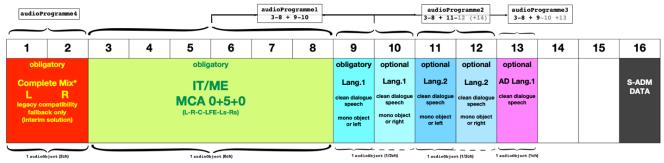
Note: these templates, based on EBU Tech 3392, can be adapted to production needs and deployment scenarios or new ones can be created.

Broadcast Production Template 1: 0+5+0 (aka 5.1) for two languages and one audio description

Based upon EBU Tech 3392 ADM Broadcast Production Profile Level 1:

* 4 audioProgrammes (presentations)
* 5 audioObjects
* 13 trackCount

Note: 16-channels are the minimum standard for audio for UHDTV. The amount and understanding of `audioProgrammes` depends on the options actually used

*Ideally created through 2.0 rendering from ADM-Mix. Alternatively, from legacy 2.0 manual mixing

Figure C1: Tracks allocation according to Template 1

Although there are only 11 channels used in Template 1, the ADM description with three audioProgrammes (ignoring the 2.0 fallback #4) can create up to nine different mixes that could be relayed into current channel-based distribution options:

Three formats each with two languages plus one AD:

- ◦ 2.0
- ◦ 5.1
- ◦ binaural

In the purely channel-based world, this would add up to a total of 30 channels, and still would not have the capability of feeding an NGA distribution system to provide personalization and interactivity.

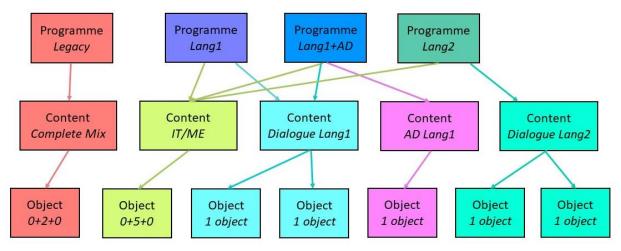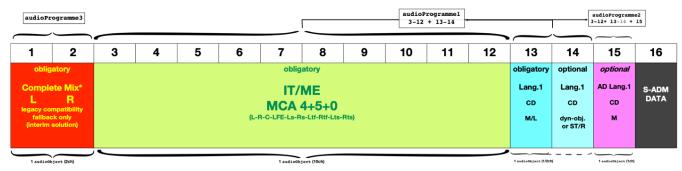The graph of the AXML provides a similarly clear and comprehensive view of its structure.

Figure C2: AXML graph for Template 1

Broadcast Production Template 2: 4+5+0 for one language plus audio description

Based upon EBU Tech 3392 ADM Broadcast Production Profile Level 1:

- 3 audioProgrammes (presentations)
- 4 audioObjects
- 15 trackCount

> *Note:*   *16-channel are the minimum standard for audio for UHDTV. The amount and understanding of* `audioProgrammes` *depends on the options actually used.*

*Ideally created through 2.0 rendering from ADM-Mix. Alternatively, from legacy 2.0 manual mixing

Figure C3: Tracks allocation according to Template 2

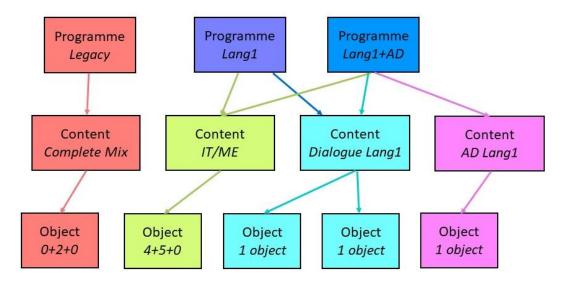The graph of the AXML provide a similar clear and comprehensive view of its structure.

Figure C4: AXML graph for Template 2

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