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Introduction

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Audio content with Audio Definition Model (ADM) metadata is created by digital audio production and post-production tools. ADM metadata is specified in Recommendation ITU-R BS.2076 and provides an open, common metadata model for describing audio content beyond just fixed channel-based arrangements. For example, it supports channel-, object-, and scene-based audio to enable immersive and interactive experiences for broadcasting and cinema.

In many workflows (particularly for post-produced audio content) the ADM metadata is carried in BW64 files along with PCM audio (as specified in Recommendation ITU-R BS.2088). Such files can easily be converted to the ADM Audio Track Files defined in this document, allowing the content to be included in IMF Compositions. As such, the ADM-described content can be properly synchronized with related

components (such as video), and can be managed, processed, versioned, and archived by IMF systems and workflows.

An ADM Audio Track File (Clause 4):

- carries audio essence: many characteristics are inherited from the IMF Audio Track File (as defined in SMPTE ST 2067-2)
- contains one set of ADM metadata: this is carried in the single <axml> BW64 RIFF Chunk (mapped according to SMPTE ST 2131), which contains a single well-formed XML document
- utilizes all the mechanisms defined in SMPTE ST 2131:20xx (that is, the full SMPTE ST 2131
 "toolkit" is used per Clause 4 of the document and so all columns of the table would be marked as
 applicable for this application): this includes the ADM_CHNASubDescriptor, the
 ADMAudioMetadataSubDescriptor, the Audio Labeling Framework for ADM-described Content,
 and the Standard ADM Constraints configuration

As such, the example MXF file described and illustrated in SMPTE ST 2131:20xx, Clause C.1 could be a valid ADM Audio Track File.

Note that the definition of an ADM Audio Track File does not constrain:

- The Profile or Level to which the ADM metadata complies, or whether this is signaled in the ADMAudioMetadataSubDescriptor instance
- The presence of non-ADM XML elements in the <axml> BW64 RIFF Chunk XML document
- The presence of additional RIFF Chunks in the ADM Audio Track File
- The Soundfield Group Label(s) to be used in the Multichannel Audio (MCA) labeling (this means that MCALabelDictionaryID, MCATagSymbol and MCATagName in each ADMSoundfieldGroupLabelSubDescriptor instance can be set using values appropriate for the application)

The ADM Audio Virtual Track and its components are defined in Clause 5. An ADM Audio Virtual Track must conform to an Operational Mode (defined in Clause 6). Illustrated examples for the plug-in are given in Annex A.

Note that this plug-in complements the Audio with Frame-based S-ADM Metadata Plug-in defined by SMPTE ST 2067-203. Both plug-ins are designed to be as similar as possible to aid with interchange and conversion between the formats.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a plug-in mechanism to add audio with Audio Definition Model (ADM) metadata to IMF Compositions. ADM is specified in Recommendation ITU-R BS.2076. The mapping of ADM metadata (and other audio metadata RIFF Chunks) to MXF is specified in SMPTE ST 2131.

2 Normative References

The following standard contains provisions that, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this standard. Dated references require that the specific edition cited shall be used as the reference. Undated

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citations refer to the edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) current at the date of publication of this document. All standards are subject to revision, and users of this engineering document are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of any undated reference.

Recommendation ITU-R BS.2076, Audio definition model

SMPTE ST 377-1:2019, Material Exchange Format (MXF) — File Format Specification

SMPTE ST 2067-2:2020, Interoperable Master Format — Core Constraints

SMPTE ST 2067-3:2020, Interoperable Master Format — Composition Playlist

SMPTE ST 2131:20xx, Mapping Audio Definition Model (ADM) and other audio metadata RIFF Chunks to MXF (to be published)

World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) (28 October 2004), XML Schema Part 1: Structures (Second Edition)

3 Terms and Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in SMPTE ST 2131 shall apply.

4 ADM Audio Track File

4.1. General

An ADM Audio Track File shall comply with the following subclauses of SMPTE ST 2067-2:2020:

- Subclause 5.1 ("Track Files → Overall")
- Subclause 5.3.2 ("Audio Track Files → Essence")
- Subclause 5.3.3 ("Audio Track Files → Wrapping")
- Subclause 5.3.4 ("Audio Track Files → Wave Audio Essence Descriptor") except that the Channel Assignment element shall be equal to the AudioLabelingFrameworkADMContent label defined in SMPTE ST 2131
- Subclause 5.3.5 ("Audio Track Files → Additional Generic Sound Essence Descriptor Items")

4.2. ADM metadata mapping

An ADM Audio Track File shall comply with SMPTE ST 2131, with the following constraints:

- The Sound Track in the Top-Level File Package of the ADM Audio Track File shall comply with the Standard ADM Constraints configuration defined in SMPTE ST 2131
- The RIFFChunkDefinitionSubDescriptor instance that describes the <axml> BW64 RIFF Chunk shall be accompanied by an instance of the ADMAudioMetadataSubDescriptor set defined in SMPTE ST 2131 (and further constrained in Subclause 4.3)

4.3. ADMAudioMetadataSubDescriptor constraints

The ADMAudioMetadataSubDescriptor instance shall be constrained in accordance with Table 1.

Table 1 - ADMAudioMetadataSubDescriptor constraints

Item (Symbol)	Constraints	
ADMProfileLevelULBatch	Should be present	

4.4. Audio labeling

4.4.1. General

The Top-Level File Package of an ADM Audio Track File shall utilize the Audio Labeling Framework for ADM-described Content defined in SMPTE ST 2131. It shall contain one instance of the ADMSoundfieldGroupLabelSubDescriptor set for each of the soundfield groups described by the ADM metadata carried in the <axml> BW64 RIFF Chunk (see Subclause 4.4.2 and Clause 6 for additional constraints).

An ADM Audio Track File shall not contain instances of AudioChannelLabelSubDescriptor, SoundfieldGroupLabelSubDescriptor, or GroupOfSoundfieldGroupsLabelSubDescriptor.

4.4.2. ADMSoundfieldGroupLabelSubDescriptor constraints

Each ADMSoundfieldGroupLabelSubDescriptor instance shall be constrained in accordance with Table 2.

Table 2 - ADMSoundfieldGroupLabelSubDescriptor constraints

Item (Symbol)	Constraints	
MCALabelDictionaryID		
MCATagSymbol	Shall be present and shall be populated in accordance with SMPTE ST 2131	
MCATagName		
RFC5646SpokenLanguage	Shall be equal to the primary spoken language associated with the soundfield group. It shall be absent if and only if the soundfield group is not associated with a primary spoken language.	
MCAContent	Should be present	
MCAUseClass		
MCATitle		
MCATitleVersion		
MCAChannelID	Shall not be present	
ADMAudioProgrammeID_ST2131	May be present (see Clause 6 for additional constraints)	
ADMAudioContentID_ST2131	May be present (see Clause 6 for additional constraints)	
ADMAudioObjectID_ST2131	May be present (see Clause 6 for additional constraints)	

In the absence of additional provisions, other items defined for the ADMSoundfieldGroupLabelSubDescriptor may be present and shall be ignored by implementations. Related application standards may specify such additional provisions.

NOTE MCA Content, MCA Use Class, MCA Title and MCA Title Version contain human-readable descriptive text intended for display to the user. SMPTE ST 2131 defines normative requirements regarding the use of values from the MCA Controlled Vocabulary (SMPTE ST 377-41).

5 Composition

5.1. General

A Composition, as defined in SMPTE ST 2067-3, shall contain zero or more ADM Audio Virtual Tracks in accordance with Subclause 5.3.

5.2. Overview (informative)

This clause defines the ADM Audio Virtual Track and its components. An ADM Audio Virtual Track consists of one or more Sequences, with each Sequence containing one or more consecutive Resources.

Each Resource references one ADM Audio Track File.

Because ADM Audio Track Files can carry more than one soundfield group, one or more specific soundfield groups from each ADM Audio Track File can be selected from a Resource by using the ADMAudioVirtualTrackParameterSet element in the ExtensionProperties element of a CPL.

Clause 6 defines Operational Modes constraining the ADM Audio Virtual Track.

Annex A illustrates example Use Cases.

5.3. ADM Audio Virtual Track

5.3.1. XML Schema and Namespace

The XML schema defined in this document shall conform to W3C XML Schema Part 1: Structures.

XML elements defined by this document shall conform to the XML schema definition found in the prose element and element "a" (see Annex Annex B for a list of elements).

In the event of a conflict between element "a" and the prose element, the prose element shall take precedence.

The XML schema root element shall be as defined in Table 3.

Table 3 - XML Schema root element definition

```
<xs:schema targetNamespace="http://www.smpte-ra.org/ns/2067-204/2022"
   xmlns:imfadm="http://www.smpte-ra.org/ns/2067-204/2022"
   xmlns:cpl="http://www.smpte-ra.org/schemas/2067-3/2016"
   xmlns:dcml="http://www.smpte-ra.org/schemas/433/2008/dcmlTypes/"
   xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
   elementFormDefault="qualified" attributeFormDefault="unqualified">
        <xs:import namespace="http://www.smpte-ra.org/schemas/2067-3/2016"/>
   <xs:import namespace="http://www.smpte-ra.org/schemas/433/2008/dcmlTypes/"/>
   <!-- schema definitions found in this document -->
   </xs:schema>
```

5.3.2. ADMAudioSequence element

An ADM Audio Virtual Track shall consist of one or more ADMAudioSequence elements as specified in Table 4. The ADMAudioSequence element shall be based on the SequenceType as defined in SMPTE ST 2067-3.

Table 4 – ADMAudioSequence element schema definition

```
<!-- ADMAudioSequence definition -->
<xs:element name="ADMAudioSequence" type="cpl:SequenceType"/>
```

Each ADMAudioSequence element shall contain one or more Resource elements of type TrackFileResourceType, as defined in SMPTE ST 2067-3, with each Resource element referencing an ADM Audio Track File.

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The EditRate of each Resource, as defined in Subclause 6.11.3 of SMPTE ST 2067-3:2020, shall be set to a value equal to the Edit Rate of the Essence Track in the referenced MXF file, as defined in SMPTE ST 377-1.

NOTE SMPTE ST 2067-203 requires that the Edit Rate is an integer multiple of the Edit Rate of the Main Image Virtual Track because its S-ADM metadata is "frame-based". This consideration does not apply in the case of ADM Audio Track Files and so the Edit Rate is not restricted in this way in this document.

5.3.3. Homogeneous Essence

Within a given ADM Audio Virtual Track, the following characteristics of the referenced ADM Audio Track Files shall remain constant:

- Audio sampling rate
- EditRate
- NOTE 1 No specific homogeneousness requirements for ADMSoundfieldGroupLabelSubDescriptor instances are defined. ADM processors can deal with varying soundfield group configurations within an ADM Audio Virtual Track.
- NOTE 2 The Profile to which the ADM metadata complies can vary between ADM Audio Track Files of Resources belonging to a specific Virtual Track. Consuming applications need to verify that all Profiles, to which the ADM metadata complies, can be processed.

5.3.4. ADMAudioVirtualTrackParameterSet

5.3.4.1. ADMAudioVirtualTrackParameterSet element

The ExtensionProperties element of the Composition Playlist shall include exactly one instance of the ADMAudioVirtualTrackParameterSet element for each ADM Audio Virtual Track in the Composition. The ADMAudioVirtualTrackParameterSet element shall be as defined in Table 5.

Table 5 - ADMAudioVirtualTrackParameterSet element schema definition

The values of the elements of the ADMAudioVirtualTrackParameterSet element shall be as defined in Subclauses 5.3.4.2 to 5.3.4.6.

5.3.4.2. Id

The Id element shall identify the ADMAudioVirtualTrackParameterSet instance. No two ADMAudioVirtualTrackParameterSet instances shall have the same Id values.

5.3.4.3. Trackld

The value of the TrackId element shall be the TrackId (as defined in SMPTE ST 2067-3) of the ADM Audio Virtual Track described by the ADMAudioVirtualTrackParameterSet instance.

5.3.4.4. ADMOperationalMode

The value of the ADMOperationalMode element shall be the URI of the Operational Mode to which the ADM Audio Virtual Track conforms (see Clause 6).

5.3.4.5. ADMSoundfieldGroupSelector

The ADMSoundfieldGroupSelector element can be used to select specific soundfield groups from an ADM Audio Track File referenced by a Resource.

The ADMSoundfieldGroupSelector element shall be of type ADMSoundfieldGroupSelectorType. The ADMSoundfieldGroupSelectorType type is defined in Subclause 5.3.5.

There shall be zero or one ADMSoundfieldGroupSelector elements for each Resource in the ADM Audio Virtual Track.

Each ADMSoundfieldGroupSelector element shall use the Resourceld child element (defined in Subclause 5.3.5.2.) to identify which of these Resources it describes.

Each ADMSoundfieldGroupLinkID child element (defined in Subclause 5.3.5.3) shall reference the MCALinkID of one ADMSoundfieldGroupLabelSubDescriptor instance present in the ADM Audio Track File referenced by this Resource.

Within each ADMSoundfieldGroupSelector element, no ADMSoundfieldGroupLabelSubDescriptor instance shall be referenced more than once.

If there is no ADMSoundfieldGroupSelector element for a Resource then all soundfield groups present in the ADM Audio Track File referenced by this Resource shall be selected from the Resource.

If there is an ADMSoundfieldGroupSelector element for a Resource then only those soundfield groups referenced by an ADMSoundfieldGroupLinkID child element shall be selected from the Resource.

Annex A illustrates the soundfield group selection mechanism.

5.3.4.6. xs:any (informative)

The xs:any element is a placeholder for future or application-specific extensions.

5.3.5. ADMSoundfieldGroupSelectorType type

5.3.5.1. General

The ADMSoundfieldGroupSelectorType shall be as defined in Table 6.

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The values of the elements in instances of ADMSoundfieldGroupSelectorType shall be as defined in Subclauses 5.3.5.2 and 5.3.5.3.

Table 6 – ADMSoundfieldGroupSelectorType type schema definition

5.3.5.2. Resourceld

The value of the Resourceld element shall be the Id (as defined in SMPTE ST 2067-3) of the Resource from which soundfield groups are being selected.

5.3.5.3. ADMSoundfieldGroupLinkID

The value of each ADMSoundfieldGroupLinkID element shall be the MCALinkID of one ADMSoundfieldGroupLabelSubDescriptor instance present in the ADM Audio Track File referenced by the Resource identified by the value of the Resourceld element.

6 Operational Modes

6.1. General

An ADM Audio Virtual Track shall conform to an Operational Mode defined in this document or elsewhere. Each Operational Mode shall be uniquely identified by a predefined URI.

NOTE Each Operational Mode defines a set of constraints that reflect a specific ADM workflow configuration selected during authoring. The constraints can apply to the properties of the ADM Audio Virtual Track and/or its underlying Track Files.

6.2. Operational Mode A

6.2.1. General

Operational Mode A represents the simplest form of an ADM workflow where each ADM Audio Track File contains all the audio essence and all ADM metadata required for processing.

6.2.2. ADM Audio Track File constraints

The ADM metadata contained in each ADM Audio Track File shall define at least one ADM audioProgramme element.

Each ADM Audio Track File shall contain all of the audio samples required for all the ADM entities defined by the ADM metadata it contains.

Each ADM Audio Track File shall contain exactly one instance of the ADMSoundfieldGroupLabelSubDescriptor set for each ADM audioProgramme element defined by the ADM metadata contained in the Track File.

Each ADMSoundfieldGroupLabelSubDescriptor instance shall be further constrained in accordance with Table 7.

Table 7 - ADMSoundfieldGroupLabelSubDescriptor constraints for Operational Mode A

Item (Symbol)	Constraints	
MCATitle	Shall be equal to the first audioProgrammeLabel sub-element of the associated audioProgramme, as defined in Rec. ITU-R BS.2076. If no audioProgrammeLabel sub-element is present, the audioProgrammeName attribute should be used.	
ADMAudioProgrammeID_ST2131	Shall be present	
ADMAudioContentID_ST2131	Shall not be present	
ADMAudioObjectID_ST2131	Shall not be present	

NOTE In Operational Mode A, each ADMSoundfieldGroupLabelSubDescriptor instance represents the entire soundfield defined by the ADM audioProgramme element identified by the ADMAudioProgrammeID_ST2131 item. In Operational Mode A, the ADMSoundfieldGroupLabelSubDescriptor instance does not provide a way of referencing subelements of the soundfield of an ADM audioProgramme element.

6.2.3. Operational Mode identification

Operational Mode A shall be identified by the following URI: http://www.smpte-ra.org/ns/2067-204/2022#Operational-Mode-A

Annex A Illustrated examples for Audio with ADM Metadata Plug-in use cases (informative)

The following figures illustrate example use cases for the Audio with ADM Metadata Plug-in in IMF Compositions.

Figure A.1 depicts an example for a Composition Playlist (CPL) with ADM Audio Virtual Tracks, as defined in Subclause 5.3, and constrained by Operational Mode A, as defined in Subclause 6.2.

Figure A.1 is for illustrating the soundfield group selection mechanism, and does not contain all mandatory SMPTE ST 2131 SubDescriptors.

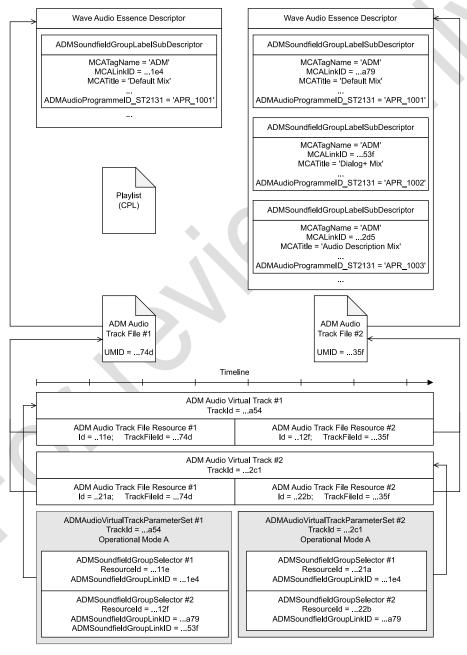


Figure A.1 – Example CPL with ADM Audio Virtual Tracks (Operational Mode A) [Some mandatory SubDescriptors (and other details) are not shown]

As shown in Figure A.1, the Wave Audio Essence Descriptor of the first ADM Audio Track File (UMID = ..74d) contains one ADMSoundfieldGroupLabelSubDescriptor instance, which corresponds to the soundfield group with MCATitle "Default Mix" defined by the ADM audioProgramme element with audioProgrammeID "APR 1001".

The Wave Audio Essence Descriptor of the second ADM Audio Track File (UMID = ..35f) contains three ADMSoundfieldGroupLabelSubDescriptor instances, which correspond to the soundfield groups with MCATitle "Default Mix", "Dialog+ Mix", and "Audio Description Mix" defined by the ADM audioProgramme elements with audioProgrammeID "APR_1001", "APR_1002" and "APR_1003".

Both the first and second ADM Audio Virtual Tracks are constrained by Operational Mode A and both contain two Resource elements. Each Resource references one of the ADM Audio Track Files, placing them on the Composition timeline. Within the first ADM Audio Virtual Track (TrackId = ...a54), two soundfield groups of the second ADM Audio Track File are selected via the ADMSoundfieldGroupLinkID elements. Within the second ADM Audio Virtual Track (TrackId = ...2c1) just one soundfield group of the second ADM Audio Track File is selected.

The ADMAudioVirtualTrackParameterSet elements corresponding to ADM Audio Virtual Track #1 and ADM Audio Virtual Track #2, as depicted in Figure A.1, are given as EXAMPLE 1 and EXAMPLE 2, respectively.

EXAMPLE 1: ADMAudioVirtualTrackParameterSet for Virtual Track #1

EXAMPLE 2: ADMAudioVirtualTrackParameterSet for Virtual Track #2

Figure A.2 depicts examples for consuming applications of ADM Audio Virtual Tracks. In the first example, the ADM Audio Virtual Track is converted into one or more MGA S-ADM MXF files according to SMPTE ST 2127-10, which can be used later for:

real-time content playout of MGA S-ADM over IP. In this example, the associated audio essence
is transported according to SMPTE ST 2110-30, and the S-ADM metadata is transported
synchronously by a separate IP stream.

- creation of an MGA S-ADM Virtual Track in an IMF Composition according to SMPTE ST 2067-203
- encoding for distribution using an MGA S-ADM audio encoder

In the second example, an ADM Audio Virtual Track is exported as one or more MXF files with ADM metadata mapped according to SMPTE ST 2131 (or as one or more BW64 files), which can be used later:

- in Post Production systems for re-mastering
- · in distribution encoding systems

In the third example, an ADM PCM Renderer is used to generate an Audio Track File (containing no ADM metadata) according to SMPTE ST 2067-2 and SMPTE ST 382.

The definition of detailed processing blocks and their requirements for PCM + ADM Conversion and ADM PCM Rendering can be further studied in the context of the IMF Output Profile List (OPL) framework described in SMPTE ST 2067-100. The "Control Parameters" illustrated have no editorial effect: they configure technical aspects of the output format in each case.

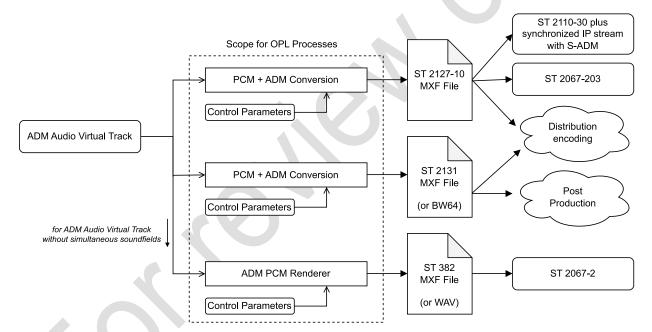


Figure A.2 – Examples for Consuming Applications of ADM Audio Virtual Tracks

Annex B Additional elements (informative)

This annex lists non-prose elements of this document.

Non-prose element	File name	Description
а	st2067-204a- <mark>20XX</mark> .xsd	XML schema document (normative)



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SMPTE ST 330, Unique Material Identifier (UMID)

SMPTE ST 377-41, MXF Multichannel Audio Controlled Vocabulary

SMPTE ST 377-42, MCA Label Controlled Vocabulary

SMPTE ST 382, Material Exchange Format — Mapping AES3 and Broadcast Wave Audio into the MXF Generic Container

SMPTE ST 2067-100, Interoperable Master Format - Output Profile List

SMPTE ST 2067-203, Interoperable Master Format – Audio with Frame-based S-ADM Metadata Plug-in

SMPTE ST 2110-30, Professional Media Over Managed IP Networks: PCM Digital Audio

SMPTE ST 2127-1, Mapping Metadata Guided Audio (MGA) signals into the MXF Constrained Generic Container

SMPTE ST 2127-10, Mapping Metadata Guided Audio (MGA) signals with S-ADM Metadata into the MXF Constrained Generic Container