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This document identifies which television and video industry standards should be utilized for interoperability between spacecraft, spacecraft-to-ground, ground-to-spacecraft, and ground-to-ground applications. The international television and video industries have many standards and interfaces for acquiring, recording, and distributing live and recorded video. That flexibility can lead to complexity when attempting to share or monitor video from acquisition to monitoring or recording locations. This document provides system designers a subset of the larger industry set of standards to choose from, depending on the application and purpose of the video system.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this document is to provide a common reference and framework of standards for digital motion video and imagery, and to provide recommendations for utilization of international standards for sharing or distributing motion video and imagery between spacecraft elements and ground systems.

The scope of this document includes traditional real-time streaming video and television, including human and robotic spacecraft-to-spacecraft and spacecraft-to-ground systems, as well as video recorded and distributed later, either as a real-time stream or as a file transfer. In this context, real-time streaming includes all modes in which video is sent from a spacecraft in a continuous stream and is intended for immediate use when received, regardless of the latency of the transmission path. Other specialized motion imagery applications, such as high-speed scientific motion imagery and multi-spectral motion imagery, are not addressed in this document. However, if a specialized imagery camera system has a requirement to interface to spacecraft systems in a video mode, it would be required to match these interfaces.

Ground-systems-to-ground-systems video distribution is obviously a key component of the entire video system. However, this is not the primary focus of this document. Currently, there are significant differences in the ways mission video products are exchanged between the various space agencies on the ground. This is the result of differences in network topologies between space agencies and agreements for video sharing. Those differences preclude there being a standard methodology for delivering video imagery between agencies. Prior to the commencement of video transmission between space agencies, system design reviews and performance testing should be done between the ground systems in use to ensure operability when video imagery comes from spacecraft.

1.2 APPLICABILITY

This document is a CCSDS Recommended Standard. It is intended for all missions that produce, consume, or transcode video imagery from low-bandwidth video, such as web streaming, through high-bandwidth video, such as high-definition television imagery.

1.3 NOMENCLATURE

1.3.1 NORMATIVE TEXT

The following conventions apply for the normative specifications in this Recommended Standard:

a) the words ‘shall’ and ‘must’ imply a binding and verifiable specification;

b) the word ‘should’ implies an optional, but desirable, specification;
1.3.2 INFORMATIVE TEXT

In the normative sections of this document, informative text is set off from the normative specifications either in notes or under one of the following subsection headings:

- Overview;
- Background;
- Rationale;
- Discussion.

1.4 REFERENCES

The following publications contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this document. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All publications are subject to revision, and users of this document are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the publications indicated below. The CCSDS Secretariat maintains a register of currently valid CCSDS publications.


[48] Specification for RTP as Transport for Audio and Video over DTN. Recommendation for Space Data System Standards (Blue Book), CCSDS 766.3-B-1. Forthcoming.
2 OVERVIEW

In the early days of human spaceflight, motion imagery was accomplished with motion picture film cameras, set at varying frame rates depending on lighting conditions. Upon safe return, the film was processed and eventually shared with the world via documentaries or television. Inevitably live video became operationally desirable for situational awareness and to satisfy the public’s interest in high-profile events such as the Moon landings or the Apollo-Soyuz test project. Compromises were made with those first video systems to fit within the constraints of bandwidth, avionics, and transmission systems. Even in the modern era, video systems on spacecraft are a hybrid of analog and digital systems, typically made to work within the existing spacecraft’s avionics, telemetry, and command/control systems.

With the advent of digital cameras, encoding algorithms, and modulation techniques, it is desirable to treat video as data and to utilize commercially available technologies to capture and transmit live and recorded motion imagery in High Definition (HD) or even better. Thus the Recommended Standard addresses:

- Video Interfaces and Characteristics
- Video Formats and Characteristics
  Video data has a number of characteristics that need specification, such as frame rate, aspect ratio, bandwidth and compression standards, color sampling, and the inclusion of audio.
- Encapsulation and Transmission Protocols
  Video data needs to be encapsulated, transported, and distributed. Although the choice of mechanisms and protocols may not be specific to video data, certain aspects need addressing because of the high bandwidth typically required for video. Thus this part will address encapsulation schemes (e.g., IP), transport protocols, and use of CCSDS Encapsulation Packets.
- Interoperability of Standards
  Future Human Spaceflight endeavors are expected to be collaborations between many agencies, with complex interactions between spacecraft and non-Earth surface systems, with intermediate locations (EVA crew, habitats, etc.) requiring the ability to view video generated by another agency’s systems. Therefore, interoperability between these systems will be essential to mission success and in some cases crew safety. Such interoperability will only be achieved by use of common references and joint agreement on international standards, either commercial or CCSDS, or a combination of the two.

This Recommended Standard does not cover video quality. The intention of this document is to provide a framework of standards to ensure interoperability, not to define a level of quality. What is acceptable video quality varies widely with the application and requirements of users. A science experiment, for example, may have video quality requirements beyond what is available, or practical, within a spacecraft avionics system. The
science team for that experiment might elect to record video on board at high quality and transfer that video as a digital file after the conclusion of the experiment run. They might elect to do that and have a real-time downlink of lesser quality as a confirmation the experiment is working properly. A requirement for real-time video to support a docking event might sacrifice spatial resolution to lower the latency of the real-time video feed. Within the parameters listed in this document and the capabilities of any given spacecraft, users and controllers can determine how equipment should be configured for the best match to requirements.
3 SPECIFICATION

3.1 OVERVIEW

There are many system configurations that can be implemented in spacecraft video systems. Choices of interface standards, resolutions, and frame rates are based on the application, user requirements, available equipment, and spacecraft capability. There are multiple ways for signals to flow from the image source through to the spacecraft avionics system and on to the ground (see figures 3-1 and 3-2). Application of this Recommended Standard limits the overall number of options by limiting the interfaces to those that are in most common use. It should be noted that, while scientific imaging systems are excluded from this Recommended Standard, should a scientific imaging system need to interface to the spacecraft video system, the same interfaces would apply to them. It would be the responsibility of the user to provide a matching interface from the user’s imaging system.

3.2 GENERAL

Users shall select from the following interfaces and standards when designing and implementing new video systems for spacecraft.

3.3 INTERFACE STANDARDS

3.3.1 NON-COMPRESSED STANDARD DEFINITION TELEVISION SIGNALS

The interface for non-compressed Standard Definition (SD) television signals shall be Serial Digital Interface (SDI), conforming to
- ITU-R BT.601-7 (reference [1]);
- SMPTE ST 259:2008 (reference [2]).

3.3.2 NON-COMPRESSED HIGH DEFINITION AND HIGHER TELEVISION SIGNALS

3.3.2.1 Non-Compressed High Definition

The interface used for non-compressed high definition television signals shall be one of the following:

a) SDI, conforming to

1) Digital Interfaces for HDTV Studio Signals, ITU-R BT.1120-8 (reference [3]);
2) 1.5 Gb/s Signal/Data Serial Interface, SMPTE ST 292-1:2012 (reference [4]);
3) 3 Gb/s Signal/Data Serial Interface, SMPTE ST 424:2012 (reference [21]);
4) 6 Gb/s Signal/Data Serial Interface, SMPTE ST 2081 (reference [39]);

5) 12 Gb/s Signal/Data Serial Interface, SMPTE ST 2082 (reference [40]);

6) Fiber Optic versions of the 1.5, 3, 6, & 12 Gb/s serial digital interface, conforming to SMPTE ST 297-1:2015 (reference [43]);

NOTE – SMPTE ST424:2012, can be used in multiples of 4 to carry a single 12 Gb/s signal, typically a UHD 60 FPS signal. Some UHD equipment utilizing SDI interfaces only achieves 12 Gb/s using 4–3 Gb/s links (known as Quad 3G). It is recommended that a UHD video system utilizing 12 Gb/s be done primarily with single link 12 Gb/s. That may require converters to and from Quad 3G until the adoption of single stream 12 Gb/s is widespread.

b) High Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI) 1.4 or higher, as defined by the HDMI Founders and licensed by HDMI Licensing, LLC (reference [5]);

c) IP for high-speed video, SMPTE ST 2022-6:2012 (reference [41]);

d) IP for high-speed video, SMPTE ST 2110-10/20/21/30/31/40/50 (reference [42]).

NOTES

1 The choice between SMPTE 2022-6 and 2110-10 is a user choice determined by how the different parts of a video signal, for example, image audio and metadata (essences, in industry jargon), need to be accessed. SMPTE 2022-6 does not allow separation or modification of any of the three essences. SMPTE 2110-10 splits the essences into discrete packets to allow easy access to any essence stream for modification or replacement. Typically, 2022 is used for transmission and 2110 for studio-type applications. Signals can be transcoded as required between 2022-6 and 2110-10.

2 There are multiple Machine Vision Protocols that might be utilized, such as CameraLink (reference [6]), CameraLink HS (reference [45]), CoaXPress, (reference [38]), GigE Vision (reference [44]), or USB 3 Vision (reference [46]). These interface protocols are standard, but in most cases, the data formats are proprietary from each manufacturer and not interoperable. If Machine Vision protocols are utilized, the system developer will be required to interface with the video system of the spacecraft utilizing whichever protocol from 3.3.2 is selected.
3.3.2.2 Camera Synchronization

NOTE – Camera synchronization is done to ensure all the cameras in a system are sampling the same row of pixels at the same time. If video synchronization is needed, the signals are different, depending upon the video format used.

3.3.2.2.1 The synchronization signal for SD cameras shall be as defined by STANAG 3350 (reference [47], Class B for ITU-R BT.601-7 (reference [1]), and Class C for SMPTE ST 259:2008 (reference [2]).

3.3.2.2.2 For HD, Ultra High Definition (UHD), and Full Ultra High Definition (FUHD), one of the following two standards shall be used:

   a) Tri-Level Sync, as defined in ITU-R BT.1543 (reference [17]), SMPTE ST 296:2011 (reference [18]), and SMPTE ST 274:2008 (reference [20]).

   b) Precision Time Protocol (PTP), derived from Network Time Protocol (NTP), as described in SMPTE ST 2110-10 (reference [42]).

NOTES

1 Synchronizing cameras is done to facilitate a clean switch between sources in non-compressed video systems. A clean switch causes less disruptions with video encoders and other devices downstream of the switch. This may not be an issue for a spacecraft video system. If so, then a synchronization signal/system is not required.

2 Tri-level sync is common for use with SDI-based video systems. PTP is common for IP-based video systems. There are also a number of video synchronization units that can derive timing references from NTP.

3 The distribution of synchronizing signals differs depending upon the format of the synchronizing signal and the camera interface. For STANAG 3350 and Tri-Level Sync signals, the sync signal generator generally has multiple outputs, or a distribution amplifier may be used, and a cable with the sync signal has to be supplied to each device in the system that requires synchronization. It is not good practice to use a ‘loop-through’ sync connection. If the device receiving the sync signal is removed for some reason and the sync signal not restored to the downstream devices, none of those devices will be synchronized.

4 PTP synchronization will be used primarily with video cameras and sources that connect via IP. The PTP signal can be derived by the video source from the IP connection.
3.3.3 COMPRESSED DIGITAL TELEVISION SIGNALS

The interface used for compressed digital television signals shall be either Internet Protocol (IP) or Digital Video Broadcasting-Asynchronous Interface (DVB-ASI). IP is the preferred method.

NOTE – DVB-ASI would be used with compressed digital video while still in the serial digital domain. DVB-ASI is considered to be a legacy standard, with possible use in dedicated video systems utilizing serial protocols instead of IP. New video systems rely almost exclusively on IP for all data transmission.

DVB-ASI shall conform to:

a) ITU-R BT.1577 (reference [7]);

b) SMPTE ST 305:2005 (reference [8]).

3.3.4 TELEVISION TIME CODE AND METADATA

3.3.4.1 Television time code and metadata may be inserted in non-compressed video. If time codes and/or metadata are inserted into non-compressed video, one of the following standards shall be used:

a) ITU-R BT.653-3 (reference [9]);

b) SMPTE ST 12-1:2008 (reference [10]);

c) SMPTE ST 12-2:2008 (reference [11]);

d) SMPTE ST 291:2011 (reference [12]);

e) SMPTE ST 292-1-2012 (reference [4]);

f) SMPTE ST 334-1:2007 (reference [13]);

g) SMPTE ST 335:2012 (reference [14]);

h) SMPTE RP 210.10:2007 (reference [15]);

i) SMPTE ST 2036-3:2012 (reference [16]).

NOTE – The standards listed above are primarily concerned with the serial digital standard-definition and high-definition interfaces listed in 3.3.1 and 3.3.2. Metadata inserted at a camera conforming to HDMI or Camera Link interfaces conform to the serial digital interfaces when those signals are converted.

3.3.4.2 Compressed video signals in 3.3.3, per the standards listed in 3.3.3, shall carry all television time code and metadata information inserted into a non-compressed video stream.
3.4 VIDEO FORMAT AND CHARACTERISTICS

3.4.1 VIDEO RESOLUTIONS

3.4.1.1 Overview

Traditionally, video resolution has been categorized as low resolution, standard definition, high definition, or high resolution. Low resolution is generally defined as less than 640 × 480, standard definition as 640 × 480 and 768 × 576, high definition as 1280 × 720 and 1920 × 1080, and high resolution as anything beyond 1920 × 1080, such as UHD and FUHD resolutions (3840 × 2160 and 7680 × 4320, respectively). Low resolution was used for streamed Internet video. Standard definition was used for broadcast (pre-HD) and security camera systems. High definition was limited to high-end television broadcast. High resolution was practically non-existent unless it was film based. Now, however, the distinctions are less clear. Laptop computer cameras are now often high definition, with options to stream from 320 × 240 up to 1920 × 1080. Standard definition is now in limited use for broadcast television, web streaming, and monitoring applications. High definition has become the norm for broadcast and cable television. High resolution, UHD, and FUHD cameras are replacing 35 mm motion picture film for imaging requirements beyond HD. Therefore it is more difficult to classify video in terms of resolutions than in terms of application. A given application can have a broad range of resolutions, depending upon the requirements of the user, available equipment, and bandwidth constraints. The specifications below reflect the diversity of choices available for video systems. Higher resolution applications (e.g., public affairs, critical operations) can be used to fulfill lower resolution applications (e.g., personal video conferencing).

3.4.1.2 Personal Video Conferencing

Personal video conferencing video resolution should be selected from the following range:

- 320 × 240 to 1920 × 1080, progressive scan.

NOTE – Selection of resolution is dependent on immediate requirement and available bandwidth.

3.4.1.3 Medical Conferencing

Medical conferencing video resolution should be selected from the following range:

- 320 × 240 to 1920 × 1080, bandwidth-dependent progressive or interlace scan:
  - standard definition legacy systems may be 525 or 576 interlace;
  - 640 × 480 and 768 × 576 systems shall conform to ITU-R BT.601-7 (reference [1]) or SMPTE ST 259:2008 (reference [2]).
NOTE – Lower-resolution personal video conferencing and medical conferencing applications are most likely to be performed using a personal computer or tablet-type device. All video encoding would be handled internally. Connection to the spacecraft avionics system would be through wired or wireless data connections independent of any video systems. Transmission to the ground would also be handled as part of standard data protocols and also independent of dedicated video transmission.

3.4.1.4 Situational Awareness

Situational awareness video resolution should be selected from the following range:

– 640 × 480 to 1920 × 1080, bandwidth dependent:
  a) Interlace scan for legacy SD systems shall conform to one of the following:
     1) ITU-R BT.601-7 (reference [1]); or
     2) SMPTE ST 259:2008 (reference [2]);
  b) Progressive scan for HD systems shall conform to one of the following:
     1) ITU-R BT.1543 (reference [17]);
     2) SMPTE ST 296:2011 (reference [18]); or
     3) SMPTE ST 274:2008 (reference [20]).

NOTE – Situational awareness may be required in situations in which only low-bandwidth transmission is available, such as S-Band, which would likely limit resolution to as low as 320 × 240. In such cases, best effort is acceptable. The requirement to have visual confirmation of events may be higher than a specific resolution. This should be considered the exception and not the norm.

3.4.1.5 Public Affairs

3.4.1.5.1 Public affairs video resolution should be selected from the following range:

– 640 × 480 to 1920 × 1080, bandwidth dependent:
  a) Interlace scan for legacy SD systems shall conform to one of the following:
     1) ITU-R BT601-7 (reference [1]); or
     2) SMPTE ST 259:2008 (reference [2]);
  b) Progressive scan for HD systems shall conform to one of the following:
     1) ITU-R BT.1543 1280 (reference [17]);
     2) SMPTE ST 296:2011 (reference [18]); or
     3) SMPTE ST 274:2008 (reference [20]).
3.4.1.5.2 Multiple resolutions may be used to accommodate mission requirements.

NOTE – There are situations in which HD formats are not required. It saves considerable bandwidth to use SD systems. Whether these are US or European standard resolutions and frame rates is not an issue. Regardless of the actual video format, the interface standards allow virtually all current equipment to route and encode the video. Once encoded and packetized, it is not an issue for spacecraft avionics, as the video is compatible data packets. That part of the system is format agnostic. Regardless of the interface chosen for a particular spacecraft, routing and encoding utilize the same components.

3.4.1.6 High Resolution Digital Imaging

3.4.1.6.1 High resolution digital imaging video resolution should have a minimum resolution of 1920 × 1080, progressive scan:

a) 1080 HD systems shall conform to one of the following:
   1) ITU-R BT.709-5 (reference [19]); or
   2) SMPTE ST 274:2008 (reference [20]);

b) Up to 30 Frames Per Second (FPS) systems shall conform to one of the following:
   1) ITU-R BT.1120-8 (reference [3]); or
   2) SMPTE ST 292-1:2012 (reference [4]);

c) Above 30 FPS shall conform to one of the following:
   1) ITU-R BT.1120-8 (reference [3]); or
   2) SMPTE ST 424:2006 (reference [21]).

3.4.1.6.2 Systems above 1920 × 1080, UHD, and FUHD shall conform to:

a) SMPTE ST 2036 Standards Suite, ST 2036 1–3:
   1) ST 2036-1:2009 Image Parameter Values for Program Production—Ultra High Definition Television (reference [22]);
   2) ST 2036-2:2008 Ultra High Definition Television—Audio Characteristics and Audio Channel Mapping for Program Production (reference [23]);

b) SMPTE ST 2048 Standards Suite ST 2048-1–2:
   1) ST 2048-1:2011 2048 × 1080 and 4096 × 2160 Digital Cinematography Production Image Formats FS/709 (reference [24]);
   2) ST 2048-2:2011 2048 × 1080 Cinematography Production Image FS/709 Formatting for Serial Digital Interface (reference [25]);

NOTE – 1920 × 1080 and above is to accommodate users with special requirements. Typically, these systems will have on-board recording and downlink video as file transfers. Any real-time requirement will include that the video system provide a compatible signal to spacecraft video systems.

3.4.1.7 Spacecraft to Spacecraft

Spacecraft-to-spacecraft video resolution should follow 3.4.1.2–3.4.1.6.

NOTE – Selection of spacecraft-to-spacecraft video resolution is dependent on mission requirements.

3.4.2 FRAME RATE

3.4.2.1 Video frame rates shall be selected from the following ranges for the following applications:

a) personal video conferencing: 10 – 60 FPS;
b) medical video: 10 – 60 FPS;
c) situational awareness: 25 – 60 FPS;
d) public affairs: 24, 25, or 60 FPS;
e) high resolution digital imaging: 24 – 120 FPS.

NOTES

1 These are considered optimum frame rates for these applications. However, bandwidth constraints may not allow even the lower frame rates to be utilized. In these cases, best effort should be made to accommodate the recommendations based on available bandwidth for imaging applications.

2 Spacecraft-to-spacecraft frame rates are dependent on mission requirements.

3 The listing of specific video applications above does not necessarily imply discrete equipment sets dedicated for each application. Most cameras, for example, can be used at multiple resolutions and frame rates allowing them to be used for multiple applications.
3.4.3 ASPECT RATIO

Aspect ratio of original material shall be maintained from origination through delivery to end user.

NOTE – By definition within industry standards, HDTV, UHD, and FUHD resolution video have an aspect ratio of 16:9.

3.4.4 VIDEO COMPRESSION

3.4.4.1 Overview

There are three compression standards listed below. Each have different applications. H.264, Advanced Video Coding (AVC) (references [27] and [28]) Part 10 is primarily intended for real-time applications in which live, or nearly live, video needs to be monitored at a ground location during an event or experiment. H.264 may also be used for recording applications in which the quality level is determined to be sufficient. H.265 High Efficiency Video Coding (HEVC) (reference [37]) is a more advanced video codec now in widespread use. H.265 can be used to give higher video quality than H.264 at the same data rates, or equivalent video quality at lower data rates, up to 50 percent less than to H.264. JPEG2000 (reference [31]) is intended for requirements for higher quality or when each individual frame needs to be maintained intact. The data rate required for JPEG2000 would normally preclude JPEG2000 from being used for live transmission. The normal operating mode for JPEG2000 is to record the video and downlink it later as a data file. However, if the bandwidth is available, live transmission of JPEG2000 offers very low latency and may be preferable for operations in which low video latency is preferable.

3.4.4.2 Compression Standards

The following video compression standards shall be used as indicated:

   a) H.264 Part 10 (references [27] and [28]) for real-time transmission and recording:

      1) 0.5 to 25 Mb/s—application and user requirement-driven data rates;

      2) constant bit rate or variable bit rate acceptable—defined by interface to spacecraft system;

      3) Group of Pictures (GOP) from 1 – 30—defined by user requirement;

      4) Constrained Baseline Profile for conferencing type applications (Personal and Medical Video Conferencing);

      5) Main Profile for SD applications (8-bit, 4:2:0);

      6) High, High 10, or High 422 Profiles for HD applications (8-bit or 10-bit sampling, 4:2:0 or 4:2:2 color sampling;
7) metadata as required by user:
   i) shall conform to one of the following:
      – ITU-R BT.1301-1 (reference [29]),
      – SMPTE ST 291:2011 (reference [12]),
      – ITU-R BT.656-4 (reference [30]) for ancillary data,
      – SMPTE ST 335:2001 (reference [14]), or
   ii) shall be read and passed by encode/decode systems;
   iii) may include system status and control feedback data;
   iv) may include embedded television time code conforming to one of the following:
      – ITU-R BT.1301-1 (reference [29]),
      – SMPTE ST 12-1:2008 (reference [10]), or

NOTE – Per specification and established practice, embedded television time code is used as the time reference for the MPEG transport stream time code value.

b) H.265 (reference [37]) for real-time transmission and recording:
   1) 0.5 to 25 Mb/s—application- and user-requirement-driven data rates;
   2) Main 10, Main 4:2:2 10, and Main 4:4:4 Profiles (8-bit, 10-bit, or 12-bit sampling; 4:2:0, 4:2:2, or 4:4:4 color sampling);
   3) constant bit rate or variable bit rate acceptable—defined by interface to spacecraft system;
   4) GOP—defined by user requirement;
   5) Up to H.265 Level 3.1 for conferencing type applications (Personal And Medical Video Conferencing);
   6) Level 3.1 for SD applications;
   7) Levels 4, 4.1, 5, and 5.1 for HD and UHD applications;
   8) Levels 6, 6.1, and 6.2 for UHD and FUHD applications;
   9) metadata as required by user
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– SMPTE ST 291:2011 (reference [12]),
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NOTE – Per specification and established practice, embedded television time code is used as the time reference for the MPEG transport stream time code value.

c) JPEG2000 (reference [31]) for analysis and high-quality recording requirements for video stored and transferred as files and real-time transmission:

1) 45 to 140+ Mb/s—application and user requirement-driven;

2) 10-bit (or greater) sampling;

3) metadata as required by user

   i) shall conform to one of the following:

   – SMPTE ST 291:2011 (reference [12]),
   – ITU-R BT.653-3 (reference [9]) for ancillary data,
   – SMPTE ST 335:2001 (reference [14]), or

   ii) shall be read and passed by encode/decode systems;

   iii) may include system status and control feedback data;

   iv) may include embedded television time code.
3.4.5 COLOR SAMPLING

Color sampling should be as follows:

a) 4:2:0 for real-time requirements;

b) 4:2:2 for high resolution digital imaging:
   1) science and engineering,
   2) production and digital cinema applications;

c) 4:4:4 for special applications.

3.4.6 DYNAMIC RANGE

In addition to handling Standard Dynamic Range (SDR) imagery, all systems shall be capable of passing imagery created in High Dynamic Range (HDR), with associated decoding metadata.

NOTE – HDR is primarily a camera function. Most non-compressed transmission systems can pass HDR without modification. Encoding systems for HDR typically have additional software to handle compressing an HDR image stream. However, on-board displays, unless they are HDR equipped, will show an image of apparent compressed dynamic range, appearing as if there is very low contrast in the image. HDR for real-time work will need an HDR-capable monitor.

3.4.7 DISCUSSION—VIDEO SYSTEM BLOCK DIAGRAMS

The diagrams below illustrate typical video system connectivity and what interfaces are associated with each stage in the system for a typical human spaceflight video system. These diagrams assume separate components for each of these functions. While the same functions occur with the use of a laptop- or tablet-based video system used for medical or personal video conferencing, they are internal, with an IP connection to the spacecraft avionics system for transmission.
Figure 3-1: Video System Elements—Non-Compressed Video Design

1. SDI, Ref. 3.3.1, 3.3.2
2. DVB-ASI or IP, Ref 3.3.3
3. Defined Outside MIA by spacecraft system design
4. Defined Outside MIA by spacecraft and communications system design

Figure 3-2: Video System Elements—Compressed Video Design

1. SDI, Ref. 3.3.1, 3.3.2
2. DVB-ASI or IP, Ref 3.3.3
3. Defined Outside MIA by spacecraft system design
4. Defined Outside MIA by spacecraft and communications system design
3.5 AUDIO

3.5.1 AUDIO AS PART OF VIDEO STREAM

Audio as part of a video stream should conform to the following standards:

- Advanced Audio Coding (AAC) (reference [32]) for compressed audio;
- AES/EBU-3 (reference [33]) for uncompressed audio.

NOTE – Generally, audio as part of a compressed bitstream for live applications (H.264) will be compressed. There are several different audio codecs available. AAC was chosen as the highest quality, most widely used audio codec for this application. Non-compressed AES/EBU-3 is another possibility supported by a number of audio/video codecs. It is less common, but might be a requirement based on user needs.

3.5.2 DISCUSSION—AUDIO SEPARATE FROM VIDEO STREAM

For those applications in which audio is distributed separately from video, audio/video synchronization (lip sync) is handled on the ground. Time stamps in the audio stream, corresponding to time stamps in the video stream, are recommended to aid in synchronization.

3.6 REAL-TIME NETWORKED VIDEO DISTRIBUTION

3.6.1 GENERAL

If video data is distributed via IP and/or Bundle Protocol networks, the following recommendations must be followed.

3.6.2 REAL-TIME VIDEO ENCAPSULATION AND TRANSMISSION

3.6.2.1 RTP data conveyed over IP-based networks must follow the IETF RTP standards.

3.6.2.2 Secure RTP may be used; if this is the case, the missions Management Information Base must be extended with the necessary primitives to control key management, etc.

3.6.2.3 RTP data conveyed over Bundle Protocol networks must be compliant with reference [48].

NOTE – RTP-based decoders need to be aware of and manage out-of-order arrival.
3.6.3 INTERNET PROTOCOL TRANSPORT STREAM

3.6.3.1 If MPEG-2 Transport Streams are used, video shall be encapsulated with unique Packet Identifiers (PIDs) for transport in MPEG-2 Transport Streams.

3.6.3.2 If multiple programs are encapsulated in a single Multi-Program Transport Stream (MPTS), each program shall have a unique channel number.

NOTE – There is no requirement that channel numbers are consistent; the choice of channel numbers is implementation-specific.

3.6.3.3 JPEG2000 for transmission shall adhere to Video Services Forum (VSF) TR-01 Transport of JPEG2000 Broadcast Profile video in MPEG TS (reference [36]).

NOTE – TR-01 maps JPEG2000 encoding to an MPEG Transport Stream. This makes JPEG2000 compatible with MPEG-TS interfaces as used for H.264 and H.265 compression.

3.6.3.4 IP datagrams shall be encapsulated for transmission over the CCSDS space link as specified in reference [34].

3.6.3.5 It is not recommended to transport Transport Stream datagrams over Bundle Protocol networks.

3.6.4 JITTER AND BIT ERROR RATES

For Transport-Stream based networks, the real-time video delivery jitter and Bit Error Rate (BER) shall be limited as follows:

- jitter (packet delay variation) not to exceed 10 ms (assumes 300 ms decoder buffer);
- BER not to exceed $1 \times 10^{-6}$.

However, it cannot be assumed that Bundle Protocol networks will possess similar quantities. Therefore buffering should be used to ensure a smooth input from the space-based network into decoders.

NOTE – Real-time Transport Protocol (RTP) and Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) are commonly used for video transmission. HTTP is common for computer-based applications, such as family video conferencing. In this application, it is not only acceptable, but may be the only methodology available on that type of platform. However, for higher bandwidth video transmission in which transport streams are utilized, HTTP is not efficient. The use of Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) for video over space-based networks is also not recommended.
3.7  RECORDED VIDEO AND AUDIO

3.7.1  ACQUISITION AND STORAGE OF VIDEO DATA

3.7.1.1  Recordings shall be file based.

NOTE  –  This is required to allow for transfer of recorded video data via established file transfer methodologies. This standard does not dictate how an application might create a video file, and specific file formats will vary based on systems being used.

3.7.1.2  Encoding shall be H.264, H.265, or JPEG 2000, dependent upon the application.

3.7.1.3  Specific file formats will change based on systems being used. Data rates to be used for recording shall be determined by user requirements.

3.7.2  FILE TRANSFER OF RECORDED VIDEO

3.7.2.1  Recorded File Transmission

Recorded video shall be transmitted as files via the CCSDS File Delivery Protocol (CFDP) Class 1 or Class 2 (reference [35]).

3.7.2.2  CFDP

3.7.2.2.1  Discussion

CFDP provides the following two classes for file transmission:

–  Class 1—Unreliable CFDP;
–  Class 2—Reliable CFDP.

3.7.2.2.2  Requirements

Class-1 CFDP should be used for the transmission of video data files. For reliable transmission, class-1 CFDP should be used over a reliable unitdata transfer layer, with closure requested.

3.8  DISTRIBUTION OF VIDEO DATA

3.8.1  DISCUSSION

Generally, the requirements stated in 3.6 may be reused for ground-segment data distribution. However, some requirements might need to be expanded in order to satisfy the unique requirements of various user classes and capabilities.
3.8.2 REQUIREMENTS

3.8.2.1 Ground segments shall provide a decoding capability for real-time video distribution.

NOTE – Format conversion may be required to meet local user requirements for display (i.e., conversion from 525i to 625i and vice versa, 50/60 Hz frame rate conversion, up-conversion, or down-conversion).

3.8.2.2 Ground segments shall have the ability to record data streams from real-time applications.

3.8.2.3 Ground segments shall have the ability to use and store video files from transfer operations.

3.8.2.4 Ground segments shall have the ability to decode and play the stored files.
ANNEX A

PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION
CONFORMANCE STATEMENT PROFORMA

(NORMATIVE)

A1 OVERVIEW

This annex provides the Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) Requirements List (RL) for an implementation of Digital Motion Imagery (CCSDS 766.1-B-3). The PICS for an implementation is generated by completing the RL in accordance with the instructions below. An implementation claiming conformance must satisfy the mandatory requirements referenced in the RL.

The RL support column in this annex is blank. An implementation’s completed RL is called the PICS. The PICS states which capabilities and options have been implemented. The following can use the PICS:

- the implementer, as a checklist to reduce the risk of failure to conform to the standard through oversight;
- a supplier or potential acquirer of the implementation, as a detailed indication of the capabilities of the implementation, stated relative to the common basis for understanding provided by the standard PICS proforma;
- a user or potential user of the implementation, as a basis for initially checking the possibility of interworking with another implementation (it should be noted that, while interworking can never be guaranteed, failure to interwork can often be predicted from incompatible PICSes);
- a tester, as the basis for selecting appropriate tests against which to assess the claim for conformance of the implementation.

A2 CONVENTIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

A2.1 COLUMNS

A2.1.1 General

In order to reduce the size of tables in the PICS proforma, notations have been introduced that have allowed the use of a multi-column layout, in which the columns are headed ‘Status’ and ‘Support’. The definition of each of these follows.
A2.1.2 Status Column

The ‘Status’ column indicates the level of support required for conformance to the standard. The values are as follows:

M  Mandatory support is required.

O  Optional support is permitted for conformance to the standard. If implemented, it must conform to the specifications and restrictions contained in the standard. These restrictions may affect the optionality of other items.

O.n  The item is optional, but support of at least one of the options labeled with the same number \( n \) is mandatory. The definitions for the qualification statements used in this annex are written under the tables in which they first appear.

C.n  The item is conditional (where \( n \) is the number that identifies the applicable condition). The definitions for the conditional statements used in this annex are written under the tables in which they first appear.

n/a  The item is not applicable.

A2.1.3 Support Column

The ‘Support’ column is completed by the supplier or implementer to indicate the level of implementation of each feature. The proforma has been designed such that the only entries required in the ‘Support’ column are:

Y  Yes, the feature has been implemented.

N  No, the feature has not been implemented.

–  The item is not applicable.

A2.2 ITEM REFERENCE NUMBERS

Within the PICS proforma, each line that requires implementation detail to be entered is numbered at the left hand edge of the line. This numbering is included as a means of uniquely identifying all possible implementation details within the PICS proforma. The need for such unique referencing has been identified by the testing bodies.

The means of referencing individual responses is to specify the following sequence:

a) a reference to the smallest subclause enclosing the relevant item;

b) a solidus character, ‘/’;

c) the reference number of the row in which the response appears;
d) if, and only if, more than one response occurs in the row identified by the reference number, then each possible entry is implicitly labeled a, b, c, etc., from left to right, and this letter is appended to the sequence.

A3 INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE PICS PROFORMA

The implementer shall complete all entries in the column marked ‘Support’. In certain clauses of the PICS proforma, further guidance for completion may be necessary. Such guidance shall supplement the guidance given in this clause and shall have a scope restricted to the clause in which it appears. In addition, other specifically identified information shall be provided by the implementer as requested. No changes shall be made to the proforma except the completion, as required. Recognizing that the level of detail required may, in some instances, exceed the space available for responses, a number of responses specifically allow for the addition of appendices to the PICS.

A4 REFERENCED BASE STANDARDS

Motion Imagery and Applications (MIA, this document) is the only base standard referenced in the RL. In the tables below, numbers in the Reference column refer to applicable subsections within this document.

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A5.5 GLOBAL STATEMENT OF CONFORMANCE

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NOTE – If a positive response is not given to this box, then the implementation does not conform to the standard.

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ANNEX B

SECURITY, SANA, AND PATENT CONSIDERATIONS

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B1 SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS

B1.1 INTRODUCTION

Aside from the generic security needs of computing systems, security concerns are applicable to motion imagery when there are specific requirements to ensure that transmitted imagery not be disclosed, altered, spoofed, or redistributed without authorization.

Robotic space systems that transmit imagery frequently need the capability to control access to the imagery, whether for proprietary reasons or for national security. Human space applications frequently have the additional requirements to provide private video teleconferencing capabilities for communications with families, physicians, ground operations personnel, and/or news media outlets. Ground systems that receive and/or redistribute motion imagery have additional threats and countermeasures as well.

The focus of this discussion is on the specific protocols and methods recommended earlier in this document. It may be necessary to implement security services at other layers within the protocol stack, to account for distributed processing and cross support, to account for different classes of data or end users, or to account for protection of data during unprotected portions of the complete end-to-end transmission (e.g., across ground networks). The specification of security services at other layers is outside the scope of this document.

B1.2 SECURITY CONCERNS WITH RESPECT TO THE CCSDS DOCUMENT

The most common method of applying security to digital video and audio streams is through the use of multimedia container formats. Containers provide a file-based mechanism for exchanging, processing, and storing interleaved fragments of video, audio, metadata, and/or other data such as subtitles and still images. Most container files may be read or written by ordinary computer systems in the same manner as other files.

The MP4 standard, ISO/IEC 14496-14 (reference [C6]), is a multimedia container format standard specified as a part of H.264 and also used in H.265. The ‘Secure JPEG 2000’ standard, ISO/IEC 15444-8 (reference [C7]), is a multimedia container format standard specified as a part of JPEG 2000.
B1.3 DATA PRIVACY

The first major area of security concern is privacy, the requirement that the imagery not be disclosed to any other than the intended recipient(s). Limited privacy can be achieved through the use of data scrambling, which weakly obfuscates the data stream using a reversible non-cryptographic mechanism, or through employment of protected data transport at lower layers and restricting distribution.

Better privacy can be achieved using cryptographic techniques, which may be applied to all or part of a container format. Since any transcoding or decoding system must be able to read and pass metadata in order to process the stream, imagery metadata must be visible at these points. It is therefore highly desirable to have the capability to perform selective encryption of container file fields (e.g., imagery but not metadata, or imagery and imagery metadata but not cryptographic metadata). ‘Secure JPEG 2000’ includes mechanisms for selective encryption of JPEG 2000 image content and metadata. Additionally, the MPEG transport stream includes facilities such as MPEG Common Encryption (MPEG-CENC) to encrypt data that are typically used for pay-per-view television. This allows H.264 & H.265 streams to be encrypted via a standard mechanism.

The encryption of RTP data is also robust and well-established, and a variety of mechanisms can be used, such as Secure RTP. If MPEG transport streams are transmitted via RTP, secure RTP may be used to ensure data privacy.

B1.4 DATA INTEGRITY

The second major area of security concern is data integrity, the requirement that the imagery not be altered, whether to introduce false imagery or to interfere with decoding. Integrity verification mechanisms can be used for data validation to prevent security problems due to non-compliant or malicious data. Like privacy, data integrity is commonly provided at other layers of the protocol stack or through a container format. ‘Secure JPEG 2000’ includes mechanisms for cryptographic verification of JPEG 2000-compliant data.

B1.5 AUTHENTICATION OF COMMUNICATING ENTITIES

Source authentication is the requirement that the imagery be attributable to a known origin. Closely related to data integrity, it can also be used for data validation. Source authentication, if provided, is commonly provided at other layers of the protocol stack or through a container format. ‘Secure JPEG 2000’ includes digital signature mechanisms for authentication of JPEG 2000-compliant data.

B1.6 CONTROL OF ACCESS TO RESOURCES

The third major area of security concern is access control, the requirement that the imagery be restricted from unauthorized further use by the recipient(s). Access control is commonly provided at other layers of the protocol stack. Various methods also exist for attempting
access control through the inclusion of proprietary metadata in a container format, although it should be noted that many similar techniques in the past have been defeated by determined attackers. As discussed in B1.3 above, some protocols provide for selective encryption of imagery (e.g., high-resolution imagery encrypted while metadata or a low-resolution preview is unencrypted). This method may be used to provide controlled access to imagery.

**B1.7 AUDITING OF RESOURCE USAGE**

Auditing of imagery usage falls under the controversial category of so-called Digital Rights Management (DRM), that is, ‘copy protection’. As discussed with respect to access control in B1.6 above, copy protection is commonly an application of proprietary techniques to container formats. A more robust mechanism is the use of digital *watermarking* to embed identifying data within imagery or metadata in order to provide legally actionable evidence of the data’s origin that is difficult to remove from second- or later-generation copies. ‘Secure JPEG 2000’ includes digital watermarking mechanisms for JPEG 2000-compliant data.

**B1.8 POTENTIAL THREATS AND ATTACK SCENARIOS**

It is possible to interfere with the decoder at the receiving end by injecting non-compliant data streams. This attack can result in a denial of service (if the decoder crashes) or a system compromise (if the decoder is software-based). Deliberate overflow of receiving buffers is a widespread attack method in ground-based computing systems.

With some digital imagery formats, it is possible to embed arbitrary data within the metadata sent as part of the overall imagery stream and thereby use the ancillary data as a covert channel for transmitting other unrelated information. This technique is called *steganography*.

**B1.9 CONSEQUENCES OF NOT APPLYING SECURITY TO THE TECHNOLOGY**

If confidentiality is not implemented, imagery might be visible to unauthorized entities, resulting in disclosure of sensitive or private information.

Without source authentication or integrity verification, valid imagery could be corrupted or invalid imagery substituted in its place. Without access controls, authorized entities might be able to redistribute sensitive or proprietary information to unauthorized third parties.

**B2 SANA CONSIDERATIONS**

The recommendations of this document do not require any action from SANA.
NOTE – The systems described in this document are either standalone or connect to existing communications facilities. Those communication facilities, however, would require a SANA registry entry. Motion Imagery is another service among many utilizing a given spacecraft’s communication system and therefore does not require an additional SANA entry.

B3 PATENT CONSIDERATIONS

It is expected that implementation of this Recommended Standard by space-agency users will occur through the use of commercial off-the-shelf equipment that implements the referenced standards, and that patent-rights issues for such equipment will have been settled between the equipment manufacturer and the patent-right holders. It is not expected that space-agency users will develop new equipment based on the standards referenced herein. Therefore patent rights for the referenced standards are outside the scope of this Recommended Standard.
ANNEX C

INFORMATIVE REFERENCES

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# ANNEX D

## ABBREVIATIONS

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