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**Digital cinema (D-cinema) distribution  
master —**

Part 19:  
**Serial digital interface signal formatting  
for additional frame rates level AFR2 and  
level AFR4**

*Souche de la distribution du cinéma numérique (cinéma D) —*

*Partie 19: Formatage du signal de l'interface numérique de série pour  
les cadences de prise de vue supplémentaire de niveaux AFR2 et  
AFR4*



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- *Part 1: Image characteristics* [equivalent to SMPTE 428-1]
- *Part 2: Audio characteristics* [equivalent to SMPTE 428-2]
- *Part 3: Audio channel mapping and channel labeling* [equivalent to SMPTE 428-3]
- *Part 7: Subtitle* [equivalent to SMPTE 428-7]
- *Part 9: Image pixel structure level 3 — Serial digital interface signal formatting* [equivalent to SMPTE 428-9]
- *Part 11: Additional frame rates* [equivalent to SMPTE 428-11]
- *Part 19: Serial digital interface signal formatting for additional frame rates level AFR2 and level AFR4* [equivalent to SMPTE 428-19]

## Introduction

This part of ISO 26428 comprises SMPTE 428-19-2010 and Annex ZZ (which provides equivalences between ISO standards and SMPTE standards referenced in the text).

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# SMPTE STANDARD

## D-Cinema Distribution Master — Additional Frame Rates Level AFR2 and Level AFR4 — Serial Digital Interface Signal Formatting



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## Foreword

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## 1 Scope

This standard defines the formatting and constraints of the DCDM SMPTE 428-11 AFR Level 2 and AFR Level 4 image Pixel Structure for transmission over the 1.485 Gb/s dual link serial digital interface SMPTE 372M or 3 Gb/s interface SMPTE 424M. The Serial Digital Interface (SDI) container parameters for DCDM AFR Level 2 and AFR Level 4 are given in Table 1.

**Table 1 – SDI container pixel array**

AFR level	System nomenclature	X' Y' Z' samples per active line (S/AL)	Lines per container (AL/F)	Frame rate (Hz)	Interface sampling frequency $f_s$ (MHz)	X' Y' Z' sample periods per total line (S/TL)	Interface total lines per frame
2	2048 x 1080/25/P	2048	1080	25	74.25	2640	1125
4	2048 x 1080/30/P	2048	1080	30	74.25	2200	1125

## 2 Conformance Notation

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## 3 Normative References

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the standards indicated below.

SMPTE 428-1 2006, D-Cinema Distribution Master (DCDM) — Image Characteristics

SMPTE 428-11-2009, Additional Frame Rates for D-Cinema

#### 4 SDI Image Data Format Constraints

4.1 The serial digital container is a fixed container size with a 2048 x 1080 pixel array. See Figure 1.

4.2 Within the serial digital container not all pixels will form the image as defined by SMPTE 428-11. Pixels not forming the image shall be called padding pixels and have a value of 010<sub>h</sub>.

4.3 The center of the DCDM Image pixel array shall correspond to the center of the SDI container.

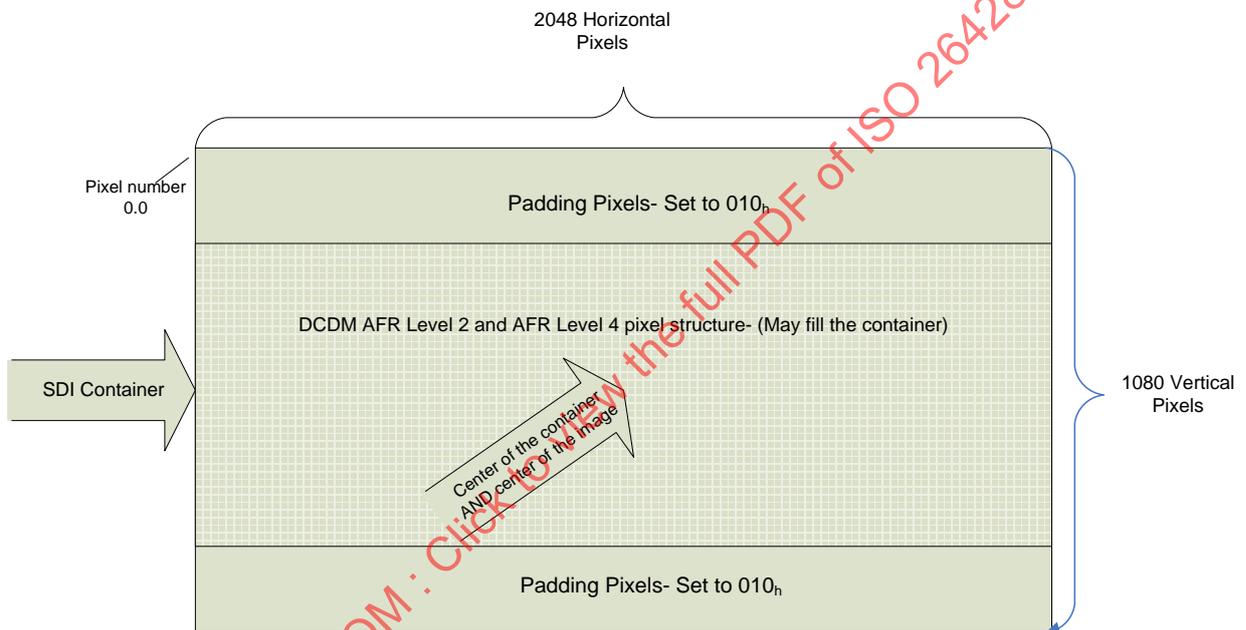


Figure 1 – Serial digital container

4.4 The DCDM AFR Level 2 and AFR Level 4 pixel image structure shall employ X', Y', Z' coding as defined in DCDM image pixel structure format, SMPTE 428-1.

4.5 X' Y' Z' code values shall be contained within the range of FEF<sub>h</sub> – 010<sub>h</sub>. Values that may exist in the source signal, beyond these defined limits shall be clipped.

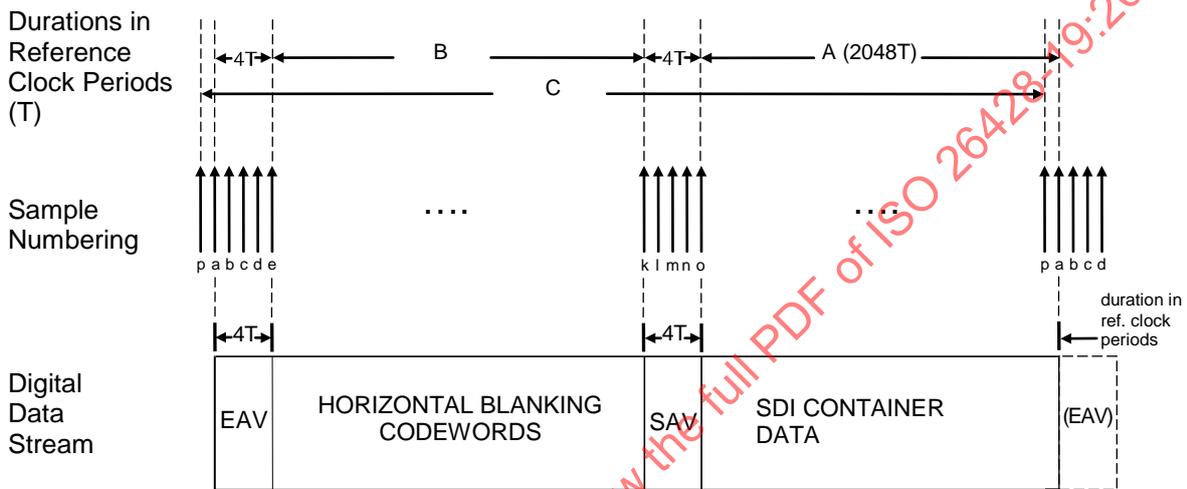
4.6 Code values FFO<sub>h</sub> – FFF<sub>h</sub> and 000<sub>h</sub> – 00F<sub>h</sub> are prohibited in the payload.

**5 Virtual Interface Data Format**

There shall be 3 data channels, X', Y', Z' each with identical data structures.

**5.1** The data format at the virtual interface of each channel shall consist of synchronizing signals (EAV and SAV), the serial digital interface container, horizontal blanking and vertical blanking. See Figures 1 and 2.

**5.2** The horizontal blanking area does not contain image pixels and shall be set to the padding pixel value of 010h.



**Figure 2 – Data Format – Interface horizontal line**

Notes –

- 1 Horizontal axis not to scale.
- 2 A line of SDI container extends from the first word of EAV through the last word of container data.
- 3 The number of samples of the SDI container data (sample number 'o' through 'p' in Figure 2) is 2048. That is, the letter 'o' denotes sample number 0 and the letter 'p' denotes sample number 2047 in the SDI container.
- 4 The number of reference clock periods per second equals the interface sampling frequency

**Table 2 – Values for SDI container array structure**

AFR level	fps	Sample numbering											Durations in reference clock periods (T)		
		a	b	c	d	e	k	l	m	N	o	p	A	B	C
2	25	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2636	2637	2638	2639	0	2047	2048	584	2640
4	30	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2196	2197	2198	2199	0	2047	2048	144	2200

**5.3** SAV (start of active video) and EAV (end of active video) digital synchronizing sequences shall define synchronization across the serial digital interface. Figures 1, 2 and 3 show the relationship of the SAV and EAV sequences to SDI container data.

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**5.4** An SAV or EAV sequence shall comprise four consecutive code words: a code word of all ones, a code word of all zeros, another code word of all zeros, and a code word including F (frame), V (vertical), H (horizontal), P3, P2, P1, and P0 (parity) bits. An SAV sequence shall be identified by having H = 0; EAV shall have H = 1 (Tables 3 and 4 show details of the coding).

**5.5** Interface line numbers:

The interface shall have 1125 total number of lines, 1 thru 1125 inclusive. The vertical blanking area shall consist of lines 1 through 41 inclusive and lines 1122 through 1125 inclusive.

The vertical blanking area does not contain image pixels and shall be set to the padding pixel value of 010h.

The SDI Image container shall be 1080 lines, starting at line 42 (top of container) through 1121 (bottom of the container) inclusive.

**5.6** In a progressive system, the EAV and SAV of all lines shall have F = 0;

- The EAV and the SAV of lines 1 through 41 inclusive and lines 1122 through 1125 inclusive shall have V = 1;

- The EAV and SAV of lines 42 through 1121 inclusive shall have V = 0.

**5.7** In a PsF system:

- The EAV and SAV of lines 1 through 563 inclusive shall have F = 0. The EAV and SAV of lines 564 through 1125 inclusive shall have F = 1;

- The EAV and SAV of lines 1 through 20, lines 561 through 583, and lines 1124 and 1125 shall have V = 1;

- The EAV and the SAV of lines 21 through 560 and lines 584 through 1123 shall have V = 0.

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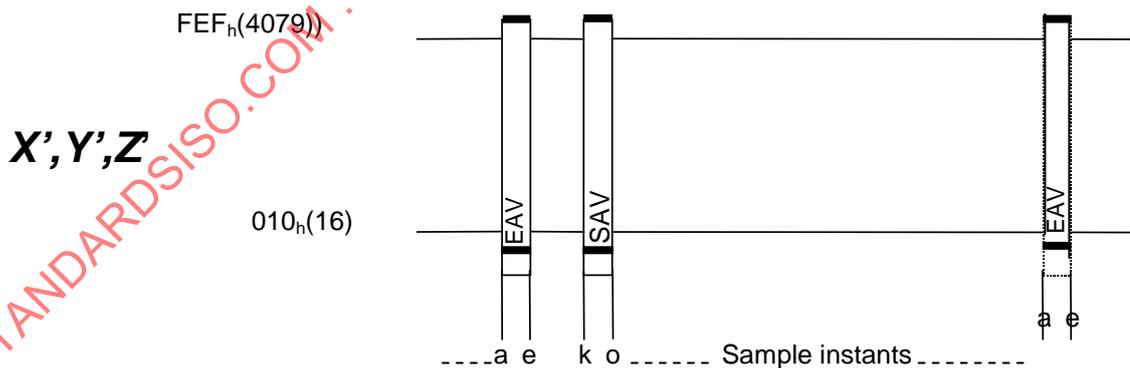


Figure 3 – Digital levels and timing

Table 3 – Timing reference codes<sup>1</sup>

Bit number		11 (MSB)	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0 (LSB)
Word	Value												
0	FFFh (4095)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	000h (0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	000h (0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3		1	F	V	H	P3	P2	P1	P0	0	0	0	0

Table 4 – Protection bits for SAV and EAV

Bit number	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	1	F	V	H	P3	P2	P1	P0	0	0	0	0
	Fixed								Fixed	Fixed	Fixed	Fixed
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
3	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
4	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
5	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
6	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Terminology used in Table 3 is consistent with terminology used for television signals

**Annex A Progressive Segmented Frame System (Normative)**

**A.1** A Progressive segmented Frame system shall transmit a progressive image as if it were an interlaced Image. This provides a means of carrying a progressive image as two equally divided segments mapped onto an interlace interface.

**A.2** In a Progressive segmented Frame system, the assignment of lines within a progressive image shall be the same as that of an interlaced image. More specifically, the assignment of each even line of a progressive image shall correspond to lines 1 through 562 of a segmented frame system image, and each odd line of a progressive image shall correspond to lines 563 through 1125 of a segmented frame system image. The relationship of line N of a progressive system image and line M of a segmented frame system image shall be as shown by the following equation and as shown in Figure A.1.

$$M = N/2 \quad \text{where } N = 2, 4, 6, \dots, 1124$$

$$M = (N+1125)/2 \quad \text{where } N = 1, 3, 5, \dots, 1125$$

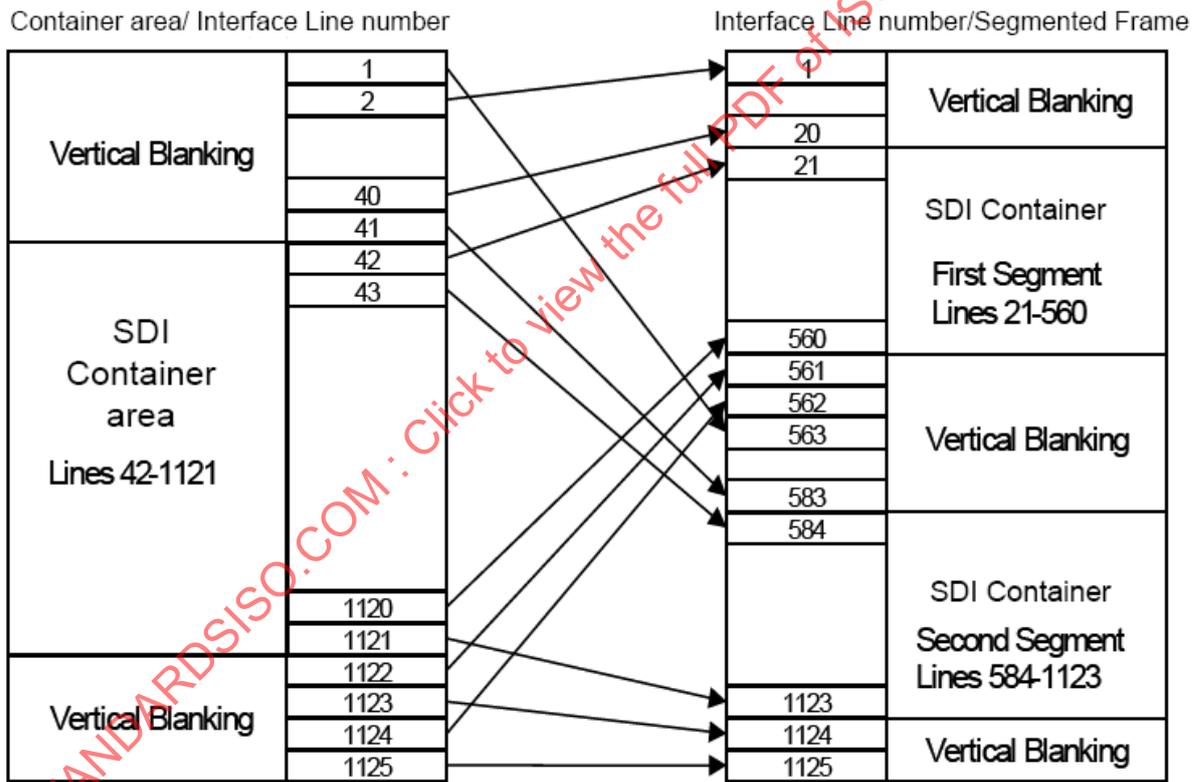


Figure A.1 – Progressive segmented Frame system