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- a) ITU-R BT.2020 colour spaces added in Clause 6;
- b) ITU-R BT.2100 colour spaces added in Clause 6.

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## INTRODUCTION

New technologies in capturing and displaying wide-gamut colour images enable a new market of wide-gamut video colour content and high dynamic range video content creation. Recent video standards for wide gamut colour space encoding such as ITU-R BT.2020 (UHDTV) and IEC 61966-2-4 (xvYCC) were established in order to be able to distribute content with a colour gamut that is extended with respect to classical colour gamuts such as defined by colorimetry standards ITU-R BT.601 (standard-definition television) and ITU-R BT.709 (high-definition television). Recent video standards for high dynamic range (HDR) colour space encoding, such as ITU-R BT.2100, were established in order to be able to distribute content with a colour gamut and a dynamic range that are both extended with respect to classical colour encoding, such as that defined by ITU-R BT.709. With the increasing popularity of wide gamut and high dynamic range content and displays, the variety of colour gamuts of displays is expected to increase. This issue can be an obstacle for adopting wide-gamut video colour content in professional content creation since the compatibility of the content to the employed displays as well as the compatibility among different displays is not ensured. The term display includes here any video colour reproduction equipment, such as direct view displays and projectors. Thanks to improvements of technology, the variety of colour gamut and colour reproduction capacities of displays increases, while the colour gamut and the colour encoding rules of existing colour space encoding standards are fixed.

To address this issue, ~~the IEC standard Gamut ID (IEC 61966-12-1)~~ this document specifies a colour gamut metadata scheme for video systems including information for colour reproduction. This metadata can amend a video content or a display. More specifically, improvements can be achieved if the wide-gamut colour content is created with the knowledge of the display colour gamut as well as if the colour reproduction in the display is done with the knowledge of the colour gamut of the pictorial content.

~~This standard enables video systems defining~~ This document permits video systems to define their own colour gamut. This document defines necessary metadata that allows managing inhomogeneous video systems with different colour gamuts. This document generalizes existing colour space encoding standards having a fixed colour gamut.

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# MULTIMEDIA SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT – COLOUR MEASUREMENT AND MANAGEMENT –

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### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61966 defines the colour gamut metadata scheme for video systems and similar applications.

The metadata can be associated with wide-gamut video colour content or to a piece of equipment to display the content.

When associated with content, the colour gamut metadata defines the gamut for which the content was created. It can be used by the display for controlled colour reproduction even if the display's colour gamut is different from that of the content.

When associated with a display, the colour gamut metadata defines the display colour gamut. It can be used during content creation to enable improved colour reproduction.

The colour gamut metadata ~~may~~ can cover associated colour encoding information, which includes all information required for a controlled colour reproduction, when such information is not provided by the colour encoding specification.

The colour gamut metadata scheme provides scalable solutions. For example, more flexible solutions will be used for the professional use, while much simpler solutions will be used for consumer use with easier product implementation.

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This part of IEC 61966 only defines the colour gamut metadata scheme. Vendor-specific solutions for creation and end-use of this metadata are allowed.

### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60050-845:~~1987~~, *International electrotechnical vocabulary – Chapter 845: Lighting*

IEC 61966-2-4:2006, *Multimedia systems and equipment – Colour measurement and management – Part 2-4: Colour management – Extended-gamut YCC colour space for video applications – xvYCC*

ISO 15076-1:~~2005~~2010, *Image technology colour management – Architecture, profile format and data structure – Part 1: Based on ICC.1:~~2004-10~~2010*

~~ISO 22028-1:2004, *Photography and graphic technology – Extended colour encodings for digital image storage, manipulation and interchange – Part 1: Architecture and requirements*~~

ITU-R BT.709-~~5~~2002, *Parameter values for the HDTV standards for production and international programme exchange*

CIE 15:2004, *Colorimetry*

SMPTE 274M:2005, *SMPTE Standard for Television - 1920 x 1080 Image Sample Structure, Digital Representation and Digital Timing Reference Sequences for Multiple Picture Rates*

ITU-R BT.2020, *Parameter values for ultra-high definition television systems for production and international programme exchange*

ITU-R BT.2100, *Image parameter values for high dynamic range television for use in production and international programme exchange*

### 3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

~~For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions as well as the terms and definitions of colour space, illuminance, luminance, tristimulus, and other related lighting terms of IEC 60050(845) apply.~~

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-845 and the following apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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##### 3.1.1 content

video content in production, post-production or consumption

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##### 3.1.2 gamut

solid in a colour space

Note 1 to entry: A solid in a colour space, such as specified by ITU-R BT.2100, can contain colours with high luminance.

##### 3.1.3 gamut boundary description

description of the boundary of a colour gamut

##### 3.1.4 radiometrically-linear colour space coordinates

colour space coordinates that are linear with respect to image radiance

#### 3.2 Abbreviated terms

- GBD gamut boundary description  
LSB least significant bit  
MSB most significant bit  
GI gamut instance  
GH gamut hull  
GC gamut component

## 4 Overview

This document specifies metadata called "Gamut ID metadata" providing information on an actual colour gamut.

The Gamut ID metadata contains four parts and its format is summarized in Table 1.

**Table 1 – Format of Gamut ID metadata**

Byte # hex	Metadata content
0h0000	Header of Gamut ID metadata
ID_G	Description of gamut geometry
ID_E	Description of colour reproduction

Clause 5 specifies the header of Gamut ID metadata.

Clauses 6 and 7 specify the description of gamut geometry that corresponds to one of three profiles as listed below:

- full profile;
- medium profile;
- simple profile.

Clause 6 specifies the full profile of the description of gamut geometry. The medium and simple profiles are specified in Clause 7.

Clause 8 specifies the description of colour reproduction.

Annex A discusses the size of Gamut ID metadata.

Annex B gives background information.

Annex C discusses the use of simple, medium and full profiles.

## 5 Header of Gamut ID metadata

The Gamut ID metadata starts with the header shown in Table 2.

**Table 2 – Header of Gamut ID metadata**

Byte # hex	Size Bytes	Symbols	Description								Values	
			7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0		
00	1	N, P	R	ID_PROFILE	ID_PRECISION	ID_GBD_SPACE						R = reserved = 0b0 (1bit) ID_PROFILE (2 bits): 0b00: Full profile 0b01: Medium profile 0b10: Simple profile 0b11: Reserved ID_PRECISION (2 bits): 0b00: 8 bits 0b01: 10 bits 0b10: 12 bits 0b11: Reserved ID_GBD_SPACE (3bits): 0b000: ITU-R BT.709 RGB 0b001: xvYCC-601 (IEC 61966-2-4 -SD) YCC 0b010: xvYCC-709 (IEC 61966-2-4 -HD) YCC 0b011: XYZ (see below) 0b100: <b>Reserved</b> ITU-R BT.2020 R'G'B' 0b101: <b>Reserved</b> ITU-R BT.2020 Y' <sub>C</sub> ' <sub>B</sub> C' <sub>R</sub> 0b110: <b>Reserved</b> ITU-R BT.2020 Y' <sub>C</sub> ' <sub>C'</sub> <sub>BC</sub> C' <sub>RC</sub> 0b111: <b>Reserved</b> ID_GBD_SPACE_EXT
01	2	ID_G	Byte # of start of the description of gamut geometry								[0h0009;0hFFFF]	
03	2	ID_E	Byte # of start of the description of colour reproduction								[0;0hFFFF]	
05	2		<del>Reserved. Shall be zero.</del>								0h0000	
07	2		<del>Reserved. Shall be zero.</del>								0h0000	

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Byte # hex	Size Bytes	Symbols	Description	Values
05	1		ID_GBD_SPACE_EXT	0h00: ITU-R BT.2100 R'G'B' PQ narrow 0h01: ITU-R BT.2100 R'G'B' PQ full 0h02: ITU-R BT.2100 R'G'B' HLG narrow 0h03: ITU-R BT.2100 R'G'B' HLG full 0h04: ITU-R BT.2100 Y'C' <sub>B</sub> C' <sub>R</sub> PQ narrow 0h05: ITU-R BT.2100 Y'C' <sub>B</sub> C' <sub>R</sub> PQ full 0h06: ITU-R BT.2100 Y'C' <sub>B</sub> C' <sub>R</sub> HLG narrow 0h07: ITU-R BT.2100 Y'C' <sub>B</sub> C' <sub>R</sub> HLG full 0h08: ITU-R BT.2100 IC <sub>T</sub> C <sub>P</sub> PQ narrow 0h09: ITU-R BT.2100 IC <sub>T</sub> C <sub>P</sub> PQ full 0h0A: ITU-R BT.2100 IC <sub>T</sub> C <sub>P</sub> HLG narrow 0h0B: ITU-R BT.2100 IC <sub>T</sub> C <sub>P</sub> HLG full 0h0C – 0hFF: reserved
06	3		Reserved. Shall be zero.	0h000000

ID\_PROFILE indicates the profile of the Gamut ID metadata and shall be one of

- 0b00: Full profile,
- 0b01: Medium profile,
- 0b11: Simple profile.

ID\_GBD\_SPACE indicates the colour space and the colour space encoding for colour vertices in the description of gamut geometry and shall be one of:

- 0b000: ITU-R BT.709, RGB space, encoding in accordance with SMPTE 274M,
- 0b001: xvYCC-601, YCbCr space, encoding in accordance with IEC 61966-2-4 – SD,
- 0b010: xvYCC-709, YCbCr space, encoding in accordance with IEC 61966-2-4 – HD,
- 0b011: XYZ; encoding shall use the XYZNumber format of ICC profiles specified in ISO 15076-1:2005 taking 12 bytes for one XYZ triple.
- 0b100: ITU-R BT.2020, RGB space, encoding in accordance with ITU-R BT.2020 R', G', B',
- 0b101: ITU-R BT.2020, YCbCr space', encoding in accordance with ITU-R BT.2020 Y', C'<sub>B</sub>, C'<sub>R</sub>,
- 0b110: ITU-R BT.2020, YCbCr space, encoding in accordance with ITU-R BT.2020 Y<sub>C</sub>', C'<sub>BC</sub>, C'<sub>RC</sub>,
- 0b111: colour space and colour space encoding are indicated by ID\_GBD\_SPACE\_EXT.

If ID\_GBD\_SPACE equals 0b111, ID\_GBD\_SPACE\_EXT indicates the colour space and the colour space encoding for colour vertices in the description of gamut geometry and shall be one of:

- 0h00: ITU-R BT.2100 R'G'B', PQ format, narrow range,

- 0h01: ITU-R BT.2100 R'G'B', PQ format, full range,
- 0h02: ITU-R BT.2100 R'G'B', HLG format, narrow range,
- 0h03: ITU-R BT.2100 R'G'B', HLG format, full range,
- 0h04: ITU-R BT.2100 Y'C<sub>B</sub>C<sub>R</sub>, PQ format, narrow range,
- 0h05: ITU-R BT.2100 Y'C<sub>B</sub>C<sub>R</sub>, PQ format, full range,
- 0h06: ITU-R BT.2100 Y'C<sub>B</sub>C<sub>R</sub>, HLG format, narrow range,
- 0h07: ITU-R BT.2100 Y'C<sub>B</sub>C<sub>R</sub>, HLG format, full range,
- 0h08: ITU-R BT.2100 IC<sub>T</sub>C<sub>P</sub>, PQ format, narrow range,
- 0h09: ITU-R BT.2100 IC<sub>T</sub>C<sub>P</sub>, PQ format, full range,
- 0h0A: ITU-R BT.2100 IC<sub>T</sub>C<sub>P</sub>, HLG format, narrow range,
- 0h0B: ITU-R BT.2100 IC<sub>T</sub>C<sub>P</sub>, HLG format, full range.

**ID\_PRECISION**, **ID\_GBD\_SPACE** and **ID\_GBD\_SPACE\_EXT** specify, in accordance with Table 3, the number *N* of bits that are used per colour channel in order to define the coordinates of a colour in a colour space.

**Table 3 – Bit depth for encoding of a colour space coordinate**

<b>ID_GBD_SPACE</b>	<b>ID_PRECISION</b>	<b>Bit depth <i>N</i></b>
0b000 or 0b001 or 0b010	0b00	8 bits
	0b01	10 bits
	0b10	12 bits
	0b11	Reserved
0b011	Any	32 bits
0b100 or 0b101 or 0b110 or 0b111	Any	Reserved

<b>ID_GBD_SPACE</b>	<b>ID_PRECISION</b>	<b>Bit depth <i>N</i></b>
0b011	Any	32 bits
else	0b00	8 bits
	0b01	10 bits
	0b10	12 bits
	0b11	Reserved

If **ID\_GBD\_SPACE** equals 0b011 for XYZ encoding, bit depth *N* shall be 32 independent of **ID\_PRECISION**.

BT.2020 and BT.2100 encodings are defined by the ITU-R for bit depths of 10 or 12, only.

**ID\_G** indicates the offset in bytes from the beginning of Gamut ID metadata to the beginning of the description of gamut geometry.

If **ID\_E** is different from 0h0000, the Gamut ID metadata contains a description of colour reproduction and **ID\_E** indicates the offset in bytes from the beginning of Gamut ID metadata to the beginning of the description of colour reproduction. If **ID\_E** has the value 0h0000, the Gamut ID metadata does not contain a description of colour reproduction.