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| *Title:* | **AHG6: Independent luma and chroma SAO on/off control at slice level** | | |
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# Abstract

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# Introduction

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| --- | --- |
| if( sample\_adaptive\_offset\_enabled\_flag ) { |  |
| **slice\_sample\_adaptive\_offset\_flag[** 0 **]** | u(1) |
| if( slice\_sample\_adaptive\_offset\_flag[ 0 ] ) { |  |
| **slice\_sample\_adaptive\_offset\_flag[** 1 **]** | u(1) |
| **slice\_sample\_adaptive\_offset\_flag[** 2 **]** | u(1) |
| } |  |
| } |  |

**Table 1. HM7.0 SAO syntax in slice header**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| if( sample\_adaptive\_offset\_enabled\_flag ) { |  |
| **slice\_sample\_adaptive\_offset\_flag[** 0 **]** | u(1) |
| **slice\_sample\_adaptive\_offset\_flag[** 1 **]** | u(1) |
| **slice\_sample\_adaptive\_offset\_flag[** 2 **]** | u(1) |
| } |  |

**Table 2. Proposed SAO syntax in slice header**

# Test Settings and Conditions

The simulations of this document have used HM7.0 software, the simulation platform is LSF equipped with Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU X5570 64 bits Linux machines of different frequencies, the common test conditions and reference configurations specified in [1] are followed.

# Experimental results

Table 3 summarizes the experimental results of proposed change, no BD-rate difference is observed. The bitsteams are not bi-exact in some cases, indicating that chroma SAO could be on when luma SAO is off.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | All Intra Main | | | All Intra HE10 | | |
|  | Y | U | V | Y | U | V |
| Class A | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Class B | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Class C | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Class D | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Class E | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| **Overall** | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
|  | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Class F | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Enc Time[%] | 96% | | | 100% | | |
| Dec Time[%] | 95% | | | 99% | | |
|  |  | | |  | | |
|  | **Random Access Main** | | | **Random Access HE10** | | |
|  | Y | U | V | Y | U | V |
| Class A | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Class B | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Class C | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Class D | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Class E |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Overall** | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
|  | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Class F | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Enc Time[%] | 102% | | | 101% | | |
| Dec Time[%] | 103% | | | 101% | | |
|  |  | | |  | | |
|  | **Low delay B Main** | | | **Low delay B HE10** | | |
|  | Y | U | V | Y | U | V |
| Class A |  | | |  | | |
| Class B | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Class C | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Class D | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Class E | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| **Overall** | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
|  | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Class F | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Enc Time[%] | 100% | | | 100% | | |
| Dec Time[%] | 98% | | | 98% | | |
|  |  | | |  | | |
|  | **Low delay P Main** | | | **Low delay P HE10** | | |
|  | Y | U | V | Y | U | V |
| Class A |  | | |  | | |
| Class B | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Class C | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Class D | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Class E | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| **Overall** | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
|  | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Class F | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Enc Time[%] | 97% | | | 96% | | |
| Dec Time[%] | 95% | | | 91% | | |

**Table 3. Experimental results of proposed algorithm**

# Conclusions

# The proposed change removes the normative SAO encoder restriction and makes the encoder more flexible. It is recommended to adopt this change.

# References

[1] F. Bossen, “Common test conditions and software reference configurations,” JCT-VC Document, JCTVC-I1100, 9th Meeting: Geneva, Switzerland, 27 April – 07 May, 2012

[2] [B. Bross](mailto:benjamin.bross@hhi.fraunhofer.de), [W.-J. Han](mailto:wjhan.han@samsung.com), [J.-R. Ohm](mailto:ohm@ient.rwth-aachen.de), [G. J. Sullivan](mailto:garysull@microsoft.com), [T. Wiegand](mailto:thomas.wiegand@hhi.fraunhofer.de) “High Efficiency Video Coding (HEVC) text specification draft 7,” JCT-VC Document, JCTVC-I1003, 9th Meeting: Geneva, Switzerland, 27 April – 07 May, 2012.

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# CD text

in section 7.3.3 Slice header syntax, modify the syntax as highlighted in yellow.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| slice\_header( ) { | Descriptor |
| **first\_slice\_in\_pic\_flag** | u(1) |
| **pic\_parameter\_set\_id** | ue(v) |
| if( !first\_slice\_in\_pic\_flag ) |  |
| **slice\_address** | u(v) |
| if( dependent\_slice\_enabled\_flag && !first\_slice\_in\_pic\_flag ) |  |
| **dependent\_slice\_flag** | u(1) |
| if( !dependent\_slice\_flag ) { |  |
| **slice\_type** | ue(v) |
| if( output\_flag\_present\_flag ) |  |
| **pic\_output\_flag** | u(1) |
| if( **separate\_colour\_plane\_flag** = = 1 ) |  |
| **colour\_plane\_id** | u(2) |
| if( RapPicFlag ) { |  |
| **rap\_pic\_id** | ue(v) |
| **no\_output\_of\_prior\_pics\_flag** | u(1) |
| } |  |
| if( !IdrPicFlag ) { |  |
| **pic\_order\_cnt\_lsb** | u(v) |
| **short\_term\_ref\_pic\_set\_sps\_flag** | u(1) |
| if( !short\_term\_ref\_pic\_set\_sps\_flag ) |  |
| short\_term\_ref\_pic\_set( num\_short\_term\_ref\_pic\_sets ) |  |
| else |  |
| **short\_term\_ref\_pic\_set\_idx** | u(v) |
| if( long\_term\_ref\_pics\_present\_flag ) { |  |
| **num\_long\_term\_pics** | ue(v) |
| for( i = 0; i < num\_long\_term\_pics; i++ ) { |  |
| **poc\_lsb\_lt**[ i ] | u(v) |
| **delta\_poc\_msb\_present\_flag**[ i ] | u(1) |
| if( delta\_poc\_msb\_present\_flag[ i ] ) |  |
| **delta\_poc\_msb\_cycle\_lt**[ i ] | ue(v) |
| **used\_by\_curr\_pic\_lt\_flag**[ i ] | u(1) |
| } |  |
| } |  |
| } |  |
| if( sample\_adaptive\_offset\_enabled\_flag ) { |  |
| **slice\_sample\_adaptive\_offset\_flag[** 0 **]** | u(1) |
| ~~if( slice\_sample\_adaptive\_offset\_flag[ 0 ] ) {~~ |  |
| **slice\_sample\_adaptive\_offset\_flag[** 1 **]** | u(1) |
| **slice\_sample\_adaptive\_offset\_flag[** 2 **]** | u(1) |
| ~~}~~ |  |
| } |  |
| if(adaptive\_loop\_filter\_enabled\_flag ) |  |
| **aps\_id** | ue(v) |
| if( slice\_type = = P | | slice\_type = = B ) { |  |
| if( sps\_temporal\_mvp\_enable\_flag ) |  |
| **pic\_temporal\_mvp\_enable\_flag** | u(1) |
| **num\_ref\_idx\_active\_override\_flag** | u(1) |
| if( num\_ref\_idx\_active\_override\_flag ) { |  |
| **num\_ref\_idx\_l0\_active\_minus1** | ue(v) |
| if( slice\_type = = B ) |  |
| **num\_ref\_idx\_l1\_active\_minus1** | ue(v) |
| } |  |
| } |  |
| if( lists\_modification\_present\_flag ) |  |
| ref\_pic\_list\_modification( ) |  |
| if( slice\_type = = B ) |  |
| **mvd\_l1\_zero\_flag** | u(1) |
| if( cabac\_init\_present\_flag && slice\_type != I ) |  |
| **cabac\_init\_flag** | u(1) |
| **slice\_qp\_delta** | se(v) |
| if( deblocking\_filter\_control\_present\_flag ) { |  |
| if( deblocking\_filter\_override\_enabled\_flag ) |  |
| **deblocking\_filter\_override\_flag** | u(1) |
| if( deblocking\_filter\_override\_flag ) { |  |
| **slice\_header\_disable\_deblocking\_filter\_flag** | u(1) |
| if( !slice\_header\_disable\_deblocking\_filter\_flag ) { |  |
| **beta\_offset\_div2** | se(v) |
| **tc\_offset\_div2** | se(v) |
| } |  |
| } |  |
| } |  |
| if( pic\_temporal\_mvp\_enable\_flag ) { |  |
| if( slice\_type = = B ) |  |
| **collocated\_from\_l0\_flag** | u(1) |
| if( slice\_type != I &&   ((collocated\_from\_l0\_flag && num\_ref\_idx\_l0\_active\_minus1 > 0) | |  (!collocated\_from\_l0\_flag && num\_ref\_idx\_l1\_active\_minus1 > 0) ) |  |
| **collocated\_ref\_idx** | ue(v) |
| } |  |
| if( ( weighted\_pred\_flag && slice\_type = = P) | |  ( weighted\_bipred\_idc = = 1 && slice\_type = = B ) ) |  |
| pred\_weight\_table( ) |  |
| if( slice\_type = = P | | slice\_type = = B ) |  |
| **five\_minus\_max\_num\_merge\_cand** | ue(v) |
| if( adaptive\_loop\_filter\_enabled\_flag ) { |  |
| **slice\_adaptive\_loop\_filter\_flag** | u(1) |
| if( slice\_adaptive\_loop\_filter\_flag && alf\_coef\_in\_slice\_flag ) |  |
| alf\_param( ) |  |
| if( slice\_adaptive\_loop\_filter\_flag && !alf\_coef\_in\_slice\_flag ) |  |
| alf\_cu\_control\_param( ) |  |
| } |  |
| if( seq\_loop\_filter\_across\_slices\_enabled\_flag &&  ( slice\_adaptive\_loop\_filter\_flag | | slice\_sample\_adaptive\_offset\_flag | |  !disable\_deblocking\_filter\_flag ) ) |  |
| **slice\_loop\_filter\_across\_slices\_enabled\_flag** | u(1) |
| } |  |
| if( tiles\_or\_entropy\_coding\_sync\_idc = = 1 | |  tiles\_or\_entropy\_coding\_sync\_idc = = 2 ) { |  |
| **num\_entry\_point\_offsets** | ue(v) |
| if( num\_entry\_point\_offsets > 0 ) { |  |
| **offset\_len\_minus1** | ue(v) |
| for( i = 0; i < num\_entry\_point\_offsets; i++ ) |  |
| **entry\_point\_offset**[ i ] | u(v) |
| } |  |
| } |  |
| if( slice\_header\_extension\_present\_flag ) { |  |
| **slice\_header\_extension\_length** | ue(v) |
| for( i = 0; i < slice\_header\_extension\_length; i++) |  |
| **slice\_header\_extension\_data\_byte** | u(8) |
| } |  |
| byte\_alignment( ) |  |
| } |  |