



JCTVC-00142/JCT3V-F0055: Conditional SPS extension syntax for RExt, SHVC, and MV-HEVC

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Motivation

- RExt, MV-HEVC, SHVC being developed in parallel
 - Each extension contains syntax elements in the SPS extension
 - Recent drafts of the RExt (JCTVC-N1005_v3) and MV-HEVC (JCT3V-E1004) extensions have incompatible SPS extension syntax
- Desirable to be able to implement a decoder for a particular extension without being aware of other unrelated extensions
- Proposal: to conditionally include syntax elements in the SPS
 - Similar to previous JCTVC-M0045 proposal #4

Undesirable option: chained extension flags

- Problem of incompatible extensions could be solved by the undesirable option of chained extensions flags
 - Not proposed – described only for comparison purposes
- The N+1-th extension must parse all syntax elements related to the 1st through N-th extensions

Undesirable option: chained extension flags

...	
sps_extension_flag0	u(1)
if(sps_extension_flag0) {	
sps_extension0()	
sps_extension_flag1	u(1)
if(sps_extension_flag1) {	
sps_extension1()	
sps_extension_flag2	u(1)
if(sps_extension_flag2) {	
sps_extension2()	
sps_extension_flag3	u(1)
if(sps_extension_flag3)	
while(more_rbsp_data()	
sps_extension_data_flag	u(1)
}	
rbsp_trailing_bits()	
}	

Proposal: conditional SPS extension syntax

- When `sps_extension_present_flag` is set, add 8 flags to include presence of groups of syntax elements associated with particular extensions
- 8th flag can be used as an escape for additional chained extensions
- Avoids the need to parse syntax elements of unrelated extensions
 - A profile may require that
 - Flag indicating needed extension syntax elements are present
 - Flags indicating that unrelated extensions are not present
- Allows future combinations of extensions

Proposal: conditional SPS extension syntax

...	
sps_extension_present_flag	u(1)
if(sps_extension_present_flag) {	
for (i = 0; i < 8; i++)	
sps_extension_flag[i]	u(1)
if(sps_extension_flag[0]) {	
sps_extension0()	
if(sps_extension_flag[1]) {	
sps_extension1()	
if(sps_extension_flag[2]) {	
sps_extension2()	
...	
if(sps_extension_flag[7])	
while(more_rbsp_data())	
sps_extension_data_flag	u(1)
}	
rbsp_trailing_bits()	
}	

Conclusion

- Problem of incompatible syntax between RExt and MV-HEVC should be addressed
- Preferable to avoid requiring decoders to parse syntax elements of unrelated extensions
- Same proposed approach could be used for PPS extension syntax, if found to be necessary
 - However, current extension drafts do not use the PPS extension flag