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Extension to AVC video descriptor and signalling of operation points for MVC

1) Clause 1.2.2

In 1.2.2, Paired Recommendations | International Standards equivalent in technical content, replace:

- ITU-T Recommendation H.264 (2009), *Advanced video coding for generic audiovisual services*.
- ISO/IEC 14496-10:2009, *Information technology – Coding of audio-visual objects – Part 10: Advanced video coding*.

with:

- Recommendation ITU-T H.264 (2010), *Advanced video coding for generic audiovisual services*.
- ISO/IEC 14496-10:2010, *Information technology – Coding of audio-visual objects – Part 10: Advanced Video Coding*.

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2) Clause 2.1.83

At the end of 2.1.83, add the following Note:

NOTE – An MVC video sub-bitstream or MVC base view sub-bitstream based on a specific MVC view_id subset may not include view components for all view_id values included in that MVC view_id subset. One or more view order index values may be skipped if the view associated with a missing view order index value is not required for decoding the transmitted views.

3) New clause 2.1.93

After 2.1.92, add the following:

2.1.93 MVC operation point: An MVC operation point is identified by a temporal_id value representing a target temporal level and a set of view_id values representing the target output views. One MVC operation point is associated with an AVC video stream which conforms to one or more profiles defined in Annex H of Rec. ITU-T H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10. The AVC video stream associated with an MVC operation point is re-assembled from a set consisting of one or more of the following items: AVC video sub-bitstream of MVC, MVC base view sub-bitstream, MVC video sub-bitstreams.

4) Clause 2.6.1

a) In 2.6.1, replace:

The following semantics apply to the descriptors defined in 2.6.2 through 2.6.34.

with:

The following semantics apply to all descriptors defined in 2.6.2 through the end of 2.6.

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b) In 2.6.1, Semantic definition of fields in program and program element descriptors, replace Table 2-45 with:

Table 2-45 – Program and program element descriptors

| descriptor_tag | TS | PS | Identification |
|----------------|-----|-----|--|
| 0 | n/a | n/a | Reserved |
| 1 | n/a | X | Forbidden |
| 2 | X | X | video_stream_descriptor |
| 3 | X | X | audio_stream_descriptor |
| 4 | X | X | hierarchy_descriptor |
| 5 | X | X | registration_descriptor |
| 6 | X | X | data_stream_alignment_descriptor |
| 7 | X | X | target_background_grid_descriptor |
| 8 | X | X | video_window_descriptor |
| 9 | X | X | CA_descriptor |
| 10 | X | X | ISO_639_language_descriptor |
| 11 | X | X | system_clock_descriptor |
| 12 | X | X | multiplex_buffer_utilization_descriptor |
| 13 | X | X | copyright_descriptor |
| 14 | X | | maximum_bitrate_descriptor |
| 15 | X | X | private_data_indicator_descriptor |
| 16 | X | X | smoothing_buffer_descriptor |
| 17 | X | | RECOMMENDATION_descriptor |
| 18 | X | | IBP_descriptor |
| 19-26 | X | | Defined in ISO/IEC 13818-6 |
| 27 | X | X | MPEG-4_video_descriptor |
| 28 | X | X | MPEG-4_audio_descriptor |
| 29 | X | X | IOD_descriptor |
| 30 | X | | SL_descriptor |
| 31 | X | X | FMC_descriptor |
| 32 | X | X | external_ES_ID_descriptor |
| 33 | X | X | MuxCode_descriptor |
| 34 | X | X | FmxBufferSize_descriptor |
| 35 | X | | multiplexBuffer_descriptor |
| 36 | X | X | content_labeling_descriptor |
| 37 | X | X | metadata_pointer_descriptor |
| 38 | X | X | metadata_descriptor |
| 39 | X | X | metadata_STD_descriptor |
| 40 | X | X | AVC video descriptor |
| 41 | X | X | IPMP_descriptor (defined in ISO/IEC 13818-11, MPEG-2 IPMP) |
| 42 | X | X | AVC timing and HRD descriptor |
| 43 | X | X | MPEG-2_AAC_audio_descriptor |
| 44 | X | X | FlexMuxTiming_descriptor |
| 45 | X | X | MPEG-4_text_descriptor |
| 46 | X | X | MPEG-4_audio_extension_descriptor |
| 47 | X | X | Auxiliary_video_stream_descriptor |
| 48 | X | X | SVC extension descriptor |
| 49 | X | X | MVC extension descriptor |
| 50 | X | n/a | J2K video descriptor |
| 51 | X | X | MVC operation point descriptor |
| 52-63 | n/a | n/a | Rec. ITU-T H.222.0 ISO/IEC 13818-1 Reserved |
| 64-255 | n/a | n/a | User Private |

5) **Clause 2.6.7**

In 2.6.7, replace the semantics of *hierarchy_embedded_layer_index* from:

hierarchy_embedded_layer_index – The *hierarchy_embedded_layer_index* is a 6-bit field that defines the *hierarchy_layer_index* of the program element that needs to be accessed and be present in decoding order before decoding of the elementary stream associated with this *hierarchy_descriptor*. This field is undefined if the *hierarchy_type* value is 15 (base layer).

to:

hierarchy_embedded_layer_index – The *hierarchy_embedded_layer_index* is a 6-bit field that defines the *hierarchy_layer_index* of the program element that needs to be accessed and be present in decoding order before decoding of the elementary stream associated with this *hierarchy_descriptor*. This field is undefined if the *hierarchy_type* value is 15.

6) **Clause 2.6.64**

Replace 2.6.64 with:

2.6.64 AVC video descriptor

For Rec. ITU-T H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10 video streams, the AVC video descriptor provides basic information for identifying coding parameters of the associated AVC video stream, such as on profile and level parameters included in the SPS of an AVC video stream.

The AVC video descriptor also signals the presence of AVC still pictures, AVC 24-hour pictures as well as 3D rendering assistance SEIs such as frame packing arrangement SEI message or stereo video information SEI message in the AVC video stream. If this descriptor is not included in the PMT for an AVC video stream in a transport stream or in the PSM, if present, for an AVC video stream in a program stream, then such AVC video stream shall not contain AVC still pictures, shall not contain AVC 24-hour pictures and may or may not contain frame packing arrangement SEI message or stereo video information SEI message (see Table 2-89).

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7) **Table 2-89** <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/dbd4d4ec-29dd-4602-901f-29187e3471e3/iso-iec-13818-1-2007-amd-6-2011>

Replace Table 2-89 with:

Table 2-89 – AVC video descriptor

| Syntax | No. of bits | Mnemonic |
|---|-------------|---------------|
| AVC_video_descriptor() { | | |
| descriptor_tag | 8 | uimsbf |
| descriptor_length | 8 | uimsbf |
| profile_idc | 8 | uimsbf |
| constraint_set0_flag | 1 | bslbf |
| constraint_set1_flag | 1 | bslbf |
| constraint_set2_flag | 1 | bslbf |
| constraint_set3_flag | 1 | bslbf |
| constraint_set4_flag | 1 | bslbf |
| constraint_set5_flag | 1 | bslbf |
| AVC_compatible_flags | 2 | bslbf |
| level_idc | 8 | uimsbf |
| AVC_still_present | 1 | bslbf |
| AVC_24_hour_picture_flag | 1 | bslbf |
| Frame_Packing_SEI_not_present_flag | 1 | bslbf |
| reserved | 5 | bslbf |
| } | | |

8) **Clause 2.6.65**

a) In 2.6.65, *Semantic definition of fields in AVC video descriptor*, replace:

profile_idc, constraint_set0_flag, constraint_set1_flag, constraint_set2_flag, constraint_set3_flag, AVC_compatible_flags and level_idc – These fields, with the exception of AVC_compatible_flags shall be coded according to the semantics for these fields defined in ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10. The semantics of AVC_compatible_flags are exactly equal to the semantics of the field(s) defined for the 4 bits between the constraint_set3 flag and the level_idc field in the Sequence Parameter Set, as defined in ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10. The entire AVC video stream to which the AVC descriptor is associated shall conform to the profile, level and constraints signalled by these fields.

with:

profile_idc, constraint_set0_flag, constraint_set1_flag, constraint_set2_flag, constraint_set3_flag, constraint_set4_flag, constraint_set5_flag and AVC_compatible_flags and level_idc – These fields, with the exception of AVC_compatible_flags, shall be coded according to the semantics for these fields defined in Rec. ITU-T H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10. The semantics of AVC_compatible_flags are exactly equal to the semantics of the field(s) defined for the 2 bits between the constraint_set5 flag and the level_idc field in the sequence parameter set, as defined in Rec. ITU-T H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10. The entire AVC video stream to which the AVC descriptor is associated shall conform to the profile, level and constraints signalled by these fields.

b) In 2.6.65, add:

Frame Packing_SEI_not_present_flag – If this flag is set to '0', then the AVC video stream shall contain either the frame packing arrangement SEI message or stereo video information SEI message. If the AVC video descriptor is present and this flag is set to '1', then the presence of either of these SEI messages is unspecified.

9) **New clauses 2.6.82 and 2.6.83**

Insert the following new clauses after 2.6.81: standards.iteh.ai

2.6.82 MVC operation point descriptor

The MVC operation point descriptor (see Table AMD6-1) provides a method to indicate profile and level for one or more operation points each constituted by a set of one or more MVC video sub-bitstreams. If present, the MVC operation point descriptor shall be included in the group of data elements following immediately the program_info_length field in the program_map_section. If an MVC operation point descriptor is present within a program description, at least one hierarchy descriptor shall be present for each MVC video sub-bitstream present in the same program.

NOTE – In order to indicate different profiles, one MVC operation point descriptor per profile is needed.

Table AMD6-1 – MVC operation point descriptor

| Syntax | No. of bits | Mnemonic |
|--|-------------|---------------|
| MVC_operation_point_descriptor() { | | |
| descriptor_tag | 8 | uimsbf |
| descriptor_length | 8 | uimsbf |
| profile_idc | 8 | uimsbf |
| constraint_set0_flag | 1 | bslbf |
| constraint_set1_flag | 1 | bslbf |
| constraint_set2_flag | 1 | bslbf |
| constraint_set3_flag | 1 | bslbf |
| constraint_set4_flag | 1 | bslbf |
| constraint_set5_flag | 1 | bslbf |
| AVC_compatible_flags | 2 | bslbf |
| level_count | 8 | uimsbf |
| for (recommendation =0; recommendation < level_count; i++) { | | |
| level_idc | 8 | uimsbf |

Table AMD6-1 – MVC operation point descriptor

| Syntax | No. of bits | Mnemonic |
|--|-------------|---------------|
| operation_points_count | 8 | uimsbf |
| for (j =0; j< operation_points_count; j++) { | | |
| reserved | 5 | bslbf |
| applicable_temporal_id | 3 | uimsbf |
| num_target_output_views | 8 | uimsbf |
| ES_count | 8 | uimsbf |
| for (k =0; k< ES_count; k++) { | | |
| reserved | 2 | bslbf |
| ES_reference | 6 | uimsbf |
| } | | |
| } | | |
| } | | |

2.6.83 Semantic definition of fields in MVC operation point descriptor

profile_idc – This 8-bit field indicates the profile, as defined in Rec. ITU-T H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10, of all operation points described within this descriptor for the MVC bitstream.

constraint_set0_flag, constraint_set1_flag, constraint_set2_flag, constraint_set3_flag, constraint_set4_flag, constraint_set5_flag – These fields shall be coded according to the semantics for these fields defined in Rec. ITU-T H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10.

AVC_compatible_flags – The semantics of **AVC_compatible_flags** are exactly equal to the semantics of the field(s) defined for the 2 bits between the **constraint_set2** flag and the **level_idc** field in the sequence parameter set, as defined in Rec. ITU-T H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10.

level_count – This 8-bit field indicates the number of levels for which operation points are described.

level_idc – This 8-bit field indicates the level, as defined in Rec. ITU-T H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10, of the MVC bitstream for the operation points described by the following groups of data elements.

operation_points_count – This 8-bit field indicates the number of operation points described by the list included in the following group of data elements.

applicable_temporal_id – This 3-bit field indicates the highest value of the **temporal_id** of the VCL NAL units in the re-assembled AVC video stream.

num_target_output_views – This 8-bit field indicates the value of the number of the views, targeted for output for the associated operation point.

ES_count – This 8-bit field indicates the number of **ES_reference** values included in the following group of data elements. The elementary streams indicated in the following group of data elements together form an operation point of the MVC video bitstream. The value 0xff is reserved.

ES_reference – This 6-bit field indicates the hierarchy layer index value present in the hierarchy descriptor which identifies a video sub-bitstream.

NOTE – The profile and level for a single operation point, e.g., the entire MVC video bitstream, can be signalled using the AVC video descriptor. Beyond that, MVC allows for decoding different view subsets which can require different profiles and/or levels. The specification of the MVC operation point descriptor supports the indication of different profiles and levels for multiple operation points.