Layer Based Parameter Set NAL Unit Constraints

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This patent application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/905,236 filed September 24, 2019 by Ye-Kui Wang, and titled "Video Coding Improvements".

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] The present disclosure is generally related to video coding, and is specifically related to improvements in signaling parameters to support coding of multi-layer bitstreams.

BACKGROUND

[0003] The amount of video data needed to depict even a relatively short video can be substantial, which may result in difficulties when the data is to be streamed or otherwise communicated across a communications network with limited bandwidth capacity. Thus, video data is generally compressed before being communicated across modern day telecommunications networks. The size of a video could also be an issue when the video is stored on a storage device because memory resources may be limited. Video compression devices often use software and/or hardware at the source to code the video data prior to transmission or storage, thereby decreasing the quantity of data needed to represent digital video images. The compressed data is then received at the destination by a video decompression device that decodes the video data. With limited network resources and ever increasing demands of higher video quality, improved compression and decompression techniques that improve compression ratio with little to no sacrifice in image quality are desirable.

SUMMARY

[0004] In an embodiment, the disclosure includes a method implemented by a decoder, the method comprising: receiving, by a receiver of the decoder, a bitstream comprising a picture parameter set (PPS) in a PPS network abstraction layer (NAL) unit and a coded picture comprising a set of video coding layer (VCL) NAL units, wherein a particular VCL NAL unit does not refer to the PPS NAL unit unless a value of a NAL unit header layer identifier (nuh_layer_id) of the PPS NAL unit is less than or equal to a value of a nuh_layer_id of the

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method implemented by a decoder, the method comprising:

receiving, by a receiver of the decoder, a bitstream comprising a picture parameter set (PPS) in a PPS network abstraction layer (NAL) unit and a coded picture comprising a set of video coding layer (VCL) NAL units, wherein a particular VCL NAL unit does not refer to the PPS NAL unit unless a value of a NAL unit header layer identifier (nuh_layer_id) of the PPS NAL unit is less than or equal to a value of a nuh_layer_id of the particular VCL NAL unit; and

decoding, by a processor of the decoder, the coded picture from the set of VCL NAL units based on the PPS in the PPS NAL unit to produce a decoded picture.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the bitstream further comprises an adaptation parameter set (APS) in an APS NAL unit, and wherein the particular VCL NAL unit does not refer to the APS NAL unit unless a value of a nuh_layer_id of the APS NAL unit is less than or equal to the value of the nuh_layer_id of the particular VCL NAL unit.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the particular VCL NAL unit comprises a slice of the coded picture and a header containing data elements pertaining to the slice, and wherein the header specifies an APS identifier (ID) of the APS.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the particular VCL NAL unit comprises a slice of the coded picture, wherein the slice is associated with a header that contains syntax elements that apply to the slice of the coded picture, and wherein the header specifies a PPS ID of the PPS.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the bitstream is a result of a sub-bitstream extraction process that removes NAL units from the bitstream based on nuh_layer_id value.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the set of VCL NAL units are part of a layer when the set of VCL NAL units all have a particular value of nuh_layer_id.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the layer includes non-VCL NAL units that are associated with the set of VCL NAL units that all have a particular value of nuh_layer_id.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving, by the decoder, a second bitstream comprising a second PPS in a second PPS NAL unit and second coded picture comprising a second set of VCL NAL units, wherein a second VCL NAL unit refers to the second PPS NAL unit with a value of a nuh_layer_id of the second PPS NAL unit is not less than or equal to a value of a nuh_layer_id of the second VCL NAL unit; and

in response to the receiving, taking some other corrective measures to ensure that a conforming bitstream corresponding to the second bitstream is received prior to decoding the coded picture from the second set of VCL NAL units.

9. A non-transitory computer-readable medium storing computer instructions that when executed by at least one hardware processors, cause the at least one hardware processors to perform the method of any one of claims 1 to 8.

10. A decoding device, comprising:

a receiver configured to receive a bitstream comprising a picture parameter set (PPS) in a PPS network abstraction layer (NAL) unit and a coded picture comprising a set of video coding layer (VCL) NAL units, wherein a particular VCL NAL unit does not refer to the PPS NAL unit unless a value of a NAL unit header layer identifier (nuh_layer_id) of the PPS NAL unit is less than or equal to a value of a nuh_layer_id of the particular VCL NAL unit;

a memory coupled to the receiver, the memory storing instructions; and

a processor coupled to the memory, the processor configured to execute the instructions to cause the decoding device to perform the method according to any one of claims 1 to 8.