

6.6 Video channels

Support for H.261 is optional. Support for MPEG-4 is optional. MPEG-4 provides error concealment as part of the simple profile through Data Partitioning (DP), Reversible Variable Length Coding (RVLC), Resynchronization Marker (RM) and header extension code. MPEG-4 is baseline compatible with H.263.

When opening a logical channel for MPEG-4 Visual, configuration information (Visual Object Sequence Header, Visual Object Header, and Video Object Layer Header) shall be sent in the decoderConfigurationInformation parameter. The same information shall also be sent in the MPEG-4 video bitstream. If the operational mode of MPEG-4 encoder needs to be changed, the existing MPEG-4 video logical channel shall be closed and H.245 procedures for opening a new MPEG-4 video logical channel shall be started. The new operational mode shall be indicated in the parameters of the new logical channel.

6.6.1 Requirements for MPEG-4 usage

The following requirements (a)-(e) apply to the usage of specific parameters within MPEG-4.

- a) Each 3G-324M MPEG-4 decoder shall be able to decode all frame-rates up to 15 frames per second, but need not support higher rates when MPEG-4 Simple Profile Level 1 is used.
- b) Each 3G-324M MPEG-4 encoder shall use a fixed f-code value of 1 when MPEG-4 Simple Profile Level 1 is used.
- c) Each 3G-324M MPEG-4 encoder shall use a fixed intra_dc_vlc_threshold of 0 when MPEG-4 Simple Profile Level 1 is used.
- d) Each 3G-324M MPEG-4 decoder shall be able to decode all horizontal luminance pixel resolutions up to 176 pels/line when MPEG-4 Simple Profile Level 1 is used. The decoder shall not be required to support higher horizontal resolutions even if the resulting number of MBs was within the 99 MB limit stipulated in MPEG-4 Simple Profile Level 1.
- e) Each 3G-324M MPEG-4 decoder shall be able to decode all vertical luminance pixel resolutions up to 144 pels/VOP when MPEG-4 Simple Profile Level 1 is used. The decoder shall not be required to support higher vertical resolutions even if the resulting number of MBs was within the 99 MB limit stipulated in MPEG-4 Simple Profile Level 1.

6.6.2 MPEG-4 Interface to multiplex

As H.263 encoders align picture start codes with the start of an AL-SDU, the same concept applies to MPEG-4 encoders. The following are the requirements of the MPEG-4 interface to the H.223 multiplex.

- a) Each 3G-324M MPEG-4 encoder shall align each visual object sequence start code with the start of an AL-SDU.
- b) Each 3G-324M MPEG-4 encoder shall align each group of vop_start_code (the beginning of a GOV field) with the start of an AL-SDU unless the GOV field immediately follows configuration information.
- c) Each 3G-324M MPEG-4 encoder shall align each vop_start_code with the start of an AL-SDU unless the vop_start_code immediately follows configuration information or a GOV field.

In these requirements, GOV stands for Group_of_VideoObjectPlane() and Configuration information consists of Visual Object Sequence Header, Visual Object Header, and Video Object Layer Header.