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Techniques are described for improving intra-subpartitioning (ISP) mode for splitting coding blocks into sub-blocks. In some cases, whether ISP mode is enabled for a coding block is based on size constraints pertaining to data units (e.g., VPDUs, transform blocks, among others). For instance, based on a size constraint related to a VPDU, the ISP mode can be disabled for coding blocks crossing VPDU boundaries. In some cases, whether to enable ISP mode may be based on comparison of the width and/or height of the coding block to size thresholds corresponding to one or more maximum transform block sizes. In some cases, where the ISP mode is enabled for a coding block, a value of a flag used for defining a type of split, horizontal or vertical, for the coding block, can be inferred based on the width and/or height of the coding block relative to one or more thresholds.

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