

COMPRESSION EFFICIENCY OF THE EMERGING VIDEO CODING TOOLS

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Context

- **HEVC** standard: enable a rate-distortion gain up to 50% compared to H.264/AVC;
- Emerging video applications: Virtual Reality (VR 360), High Dynamic Range (HDR), High resolution (4K, 8K) are a new veritable challenge for video coding community;
- New coding tools have been integrated within the HEVC reference software (HM);
- Goal of this platform, called JEM (Joint Exploration Model): provide a bit rate saving between 25-30%.

- Main tools included in the **JEM** software:
- Expected total BD-rate gain: 32%.

Acronym	Tool name	Gain
AMT	Adaptive Multiple Transforms	5%
PMMVD	Pattern Matched Motion Vector Derivation	5%
QTBT	Quad-Tree Plus Binary Tree	4%
ALF	Adaptive Loop Filters	4%
BIO	Bidirectional Optical Flow	2%
NSST	Secondary Transforms	2%
AMVR	Adaptive Motion Vector Resolution	2%
OBMC	Overlap Block Motion Compensation	2%

Subjective Quality Assessment

Purpose: Evaluating the quality of two codecs (HM, JEM) for HD and 4K resolutions

Experimental environment:

- IETR lab. psycho-visual room, complying with the ITU-R BT.500;
- 18 participants (10 men & 8 women, aged from 18 to 44 years);
- An UHD 75" Sony HDR TV KD-75X9405C.



- Sequences:

- Six video sequences from MPEG and 4EVER databases;
- A total of 96 videos: 6 (original) x 4 (BR) x 2 (codec) x 2 (HD,4K)).
- **Evaluation procedure:**
 - Used method: DCR (Degradation Category Rating);
 - Collected Mean Opinion Score (MOS).

Psycho-Visual Room.



Video sequences used in the experiment.



Objective results: comparison-based PSNR.

Subjective results: comparison-based MOS.

- JEM codec enables a significant subjective quality improvement compared to the HM reference software; At high bitrates, the HM codec enables a high video quality and reaches the quality of the video coded with the JEM;
- Bit rate savings of about 25% can be achieved by the JEM codec for the same perceived video quality, depending on video content and resolution.

