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Overview of Coding Tools Under Consideration in AVM

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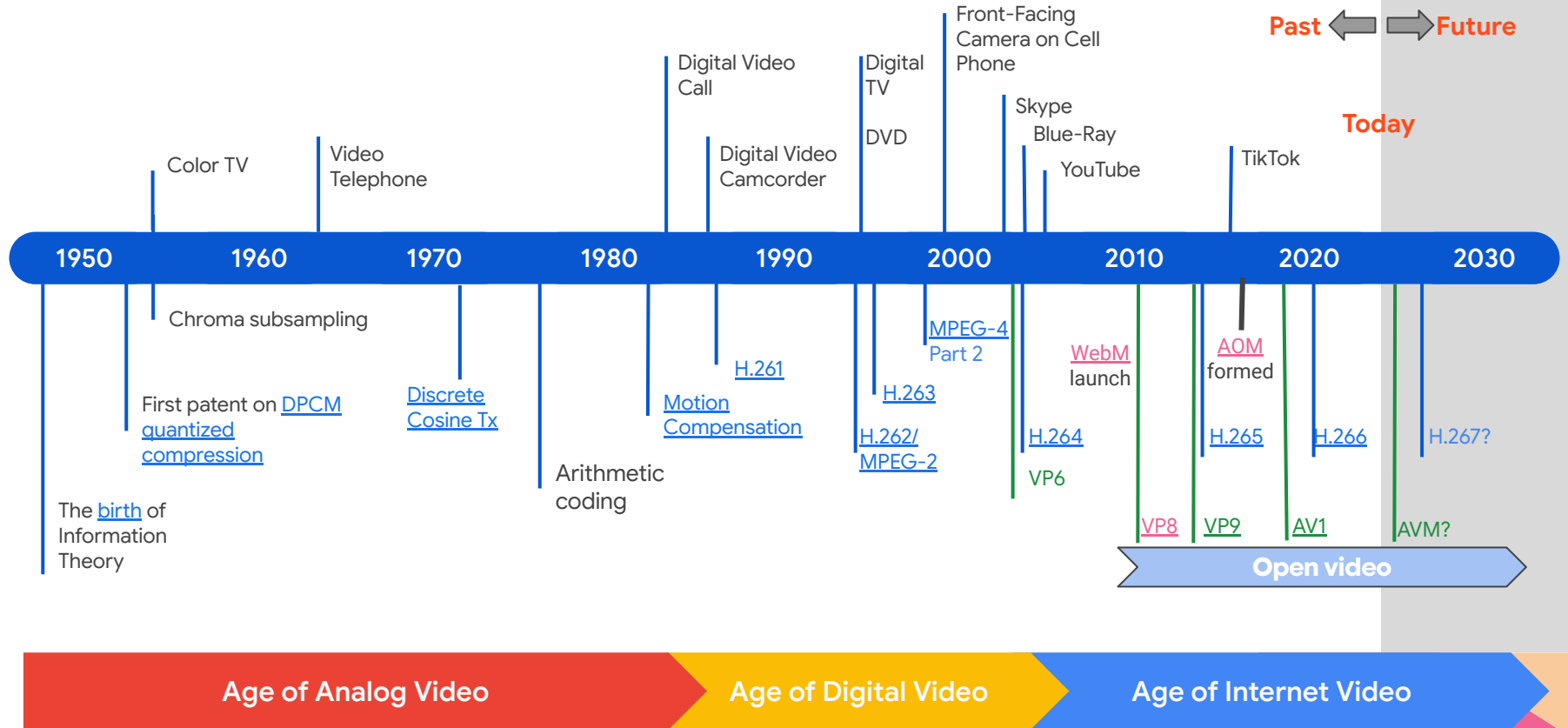
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Introduction

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Next-Gen AOM Video Codec (AVM)

- In 2020, AOM started exploratory work towards a **next-gen video codec**
- Requirements for next-gen codec:
 - Should achieve ~40% lower bandwidth than AV1 at equivalent perceptual quality
 - PSNR-wise target could be lower
 - Should not have a decoder side complexity/area of more than 2X that of AV1
- Initial phase of development (2020-21):
 - Formalized Processes to be followed during development
 - Testing Sub Working Group: Selected Test Sequences; defined Common Test Conditions (CTC)
 - Starting Codebase: *A version of libaom* - open-source AV1 codec library selected
 - Inception of **AOM Video Model (AVM)**
 - Setup of repository on gitlab: <https://gitlab.com/AOMediaCodec/avm>
 - Selection of Chairs for various working groups and sub-working groups, SW co-ordinators

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Progress so far

- In the last three years, many new tools have gone through the CWG review process and have been chosen as candidates in AVM
 - A new version of AVM is released ~ every 4 months
- **Rigorous scrutiny** for hardware decoding complexity
- Current status:
 - Latest anchor: AVM-v8.0.0
 - A good way towards our goal in terms of objective metrics
- New codec finalization schedule
 - TBD
- Disclaimer:
 - None of the tools presented here are guaranteed to exist in the final next-gen AOM codec.
 - Only covers tools that are in AVM v-8.0.0

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Coding Tool Contributors and Collaborators

- Industry Contributors:

- Amazon
- Apple
- Cisco
- Google
- Intel
- Ittiam
- Meta
- Netflix
- Oppo
- Samsung
- Tencent
- Videolan
- ...

- Academic

Collaborators:

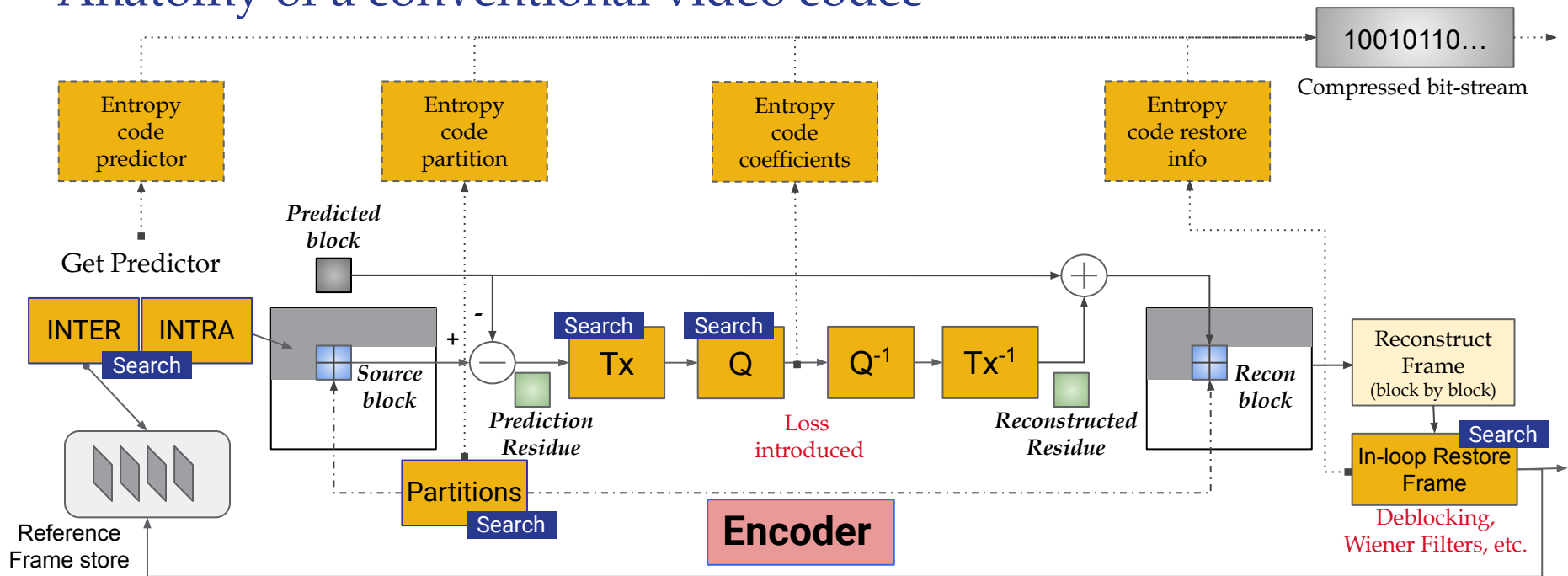
- UCSB
- USC
- NYU
- Hangzhou University
- ...

- AVM is an open-source project!
- We are always welcoming new contributors

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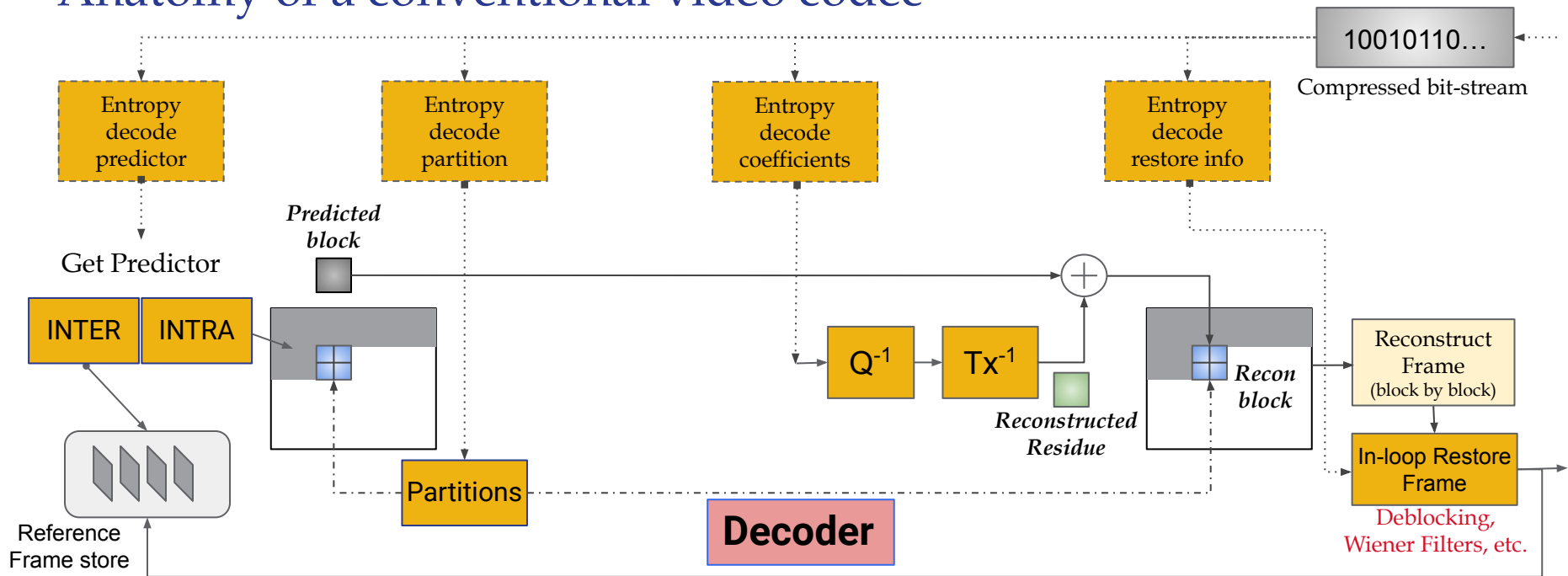
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- **Intra Predictor**
 - Multiple Reference Line Selection
 - Adaptive Intra Mode Coding
 - Intra Bi-Prediction
 - Local Intra Block Copy
 - Improved CfL Prediction
- **Inter Predictor**
 - Reference Framework
 - Temporal Interpolated Frame
 - Optical Flow MV Refinement
 - MV Prediction
 - MV Coding
 - Enhanced Warp Prediction
 - Extended Wedge Compound Mode
 - Block Adaptive Weighted Prediction
 - Skip Mode Enhancement
- **Quantization**
 - Extended Quantization
- **Partitioning**
 - Extended Recursive Partitioning
 - Semi-Decoupled Partitioning
- **Transform Coding**
 - New Transform Partitioning
 - Primary Transforms
 - Secondary Transforms
 - Cross Component Transform
- **Entropy Coding**
 - Parity Hiding & Forward Skip Coding
 - Coefficient Coding Improvements
 - Arithmetic Coding Improvements
- **In-Loop Filtering**
 - Improved Deblocking Filters
 - Cross Component Sample Offset
 - Extended Loop Restoration Filters

Quantization

Quantization: Extended Quantization Redesign

- AV1 Quantizer
 - Quantization Index (QP) to step-size mapping are given by predefined look-up tables
 - 256 quantization levels
 - Different tables used for 8/10/12-bit content as well as AC/DC
- AVM New Quantizer
 - Quantization Index (QP) to step-size mapping given by a unified exponential formula
 - 10-bit, 12-bit quantizers and AC/DC modifiers are shifts on indices
 - Steps double for every 24
 - 256/304/352 levels for 8/10/12-bit content
 - Range expanded to cover wider range of qualities

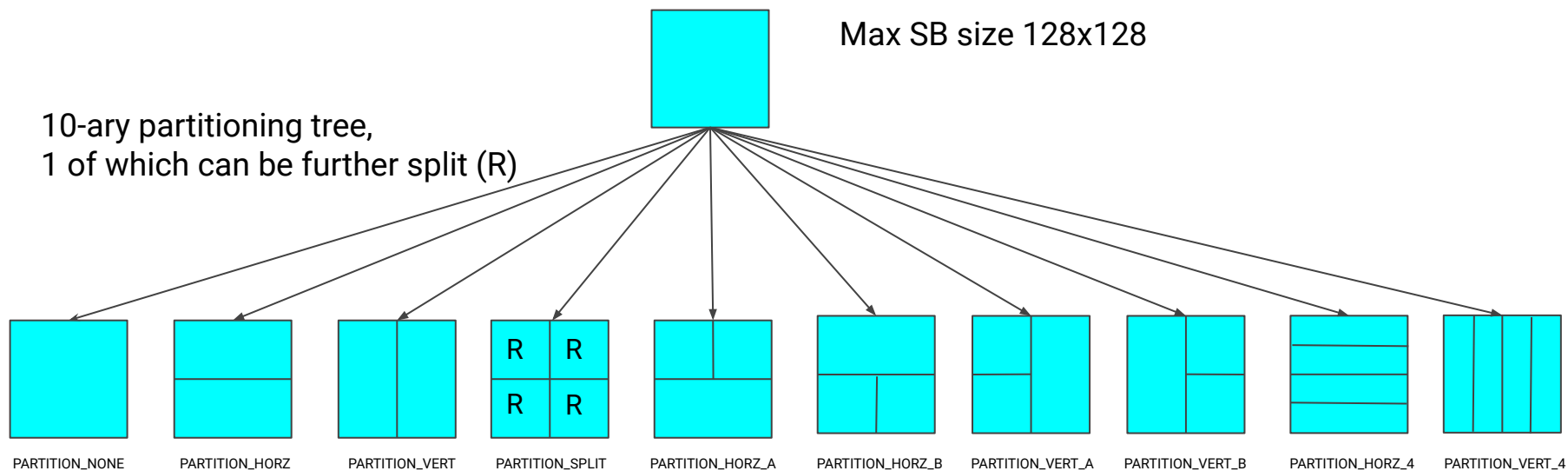
$$Q_{step} = \begin{cases} 32 & q_{index} = 0 \\ \text{round}\left(2^{\frac{q_{index}+127}{24}}\right) & q_{index} \text{ in } [1, 24] \\ Q_{step}[(q_{index}-1) \% 24] + 1 * \left(2^{\lfloor \frac{q_{index}-1}{24} \rfloor}\right) & q_{index} \geq 25 \end{cases}$$

Partitioning Tools

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Partitioning: Extended Recursive Partitions (ERP)

- AV1 partitioning types



R = Recursive

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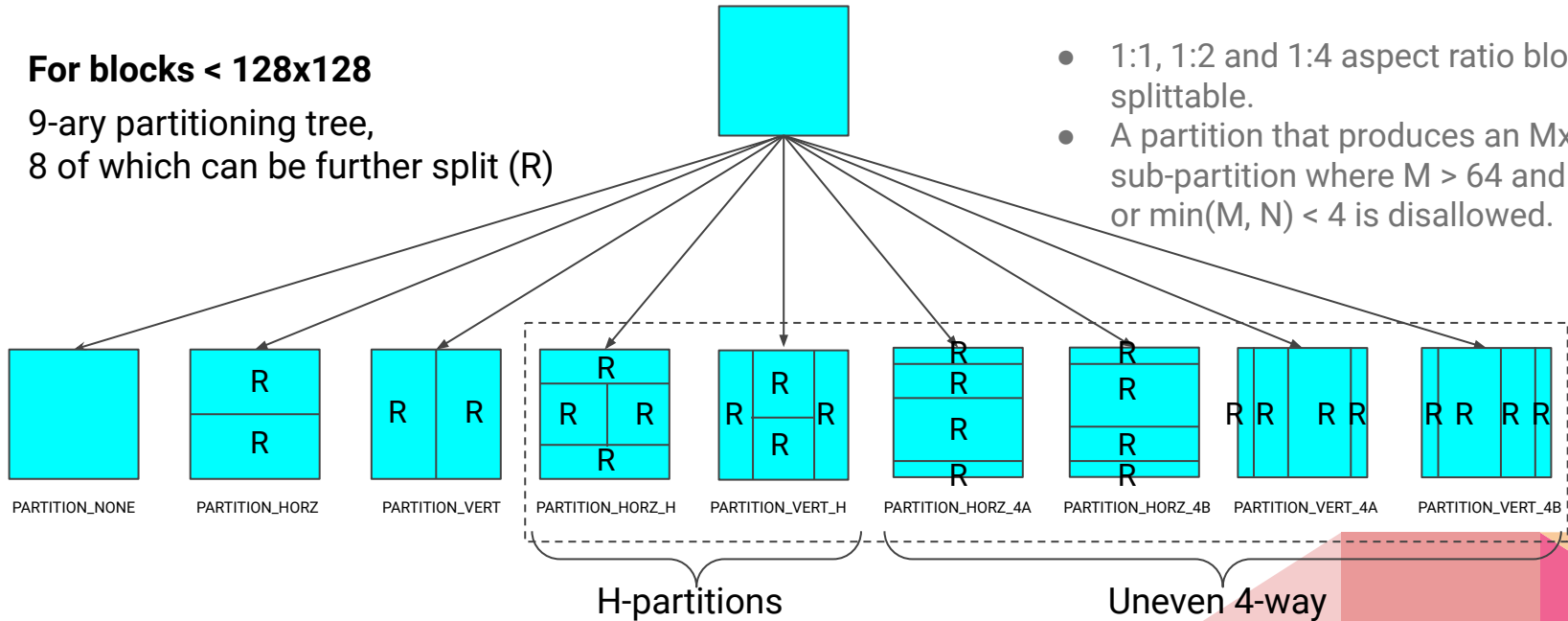
- AVM partitioning tree (so far)

Max SB size 256x256, processing unit is still 64x64

For blocks < 128x128

9-ary partitioning tree,
8 of which can be further split (R)

- 1:1, 1:2 and 1:4 aspect ratio blocks are splittable.
- A partition that produces an $M \times N$ sub-partition where $M > 64$ and $N < 64$, or $\min(M, N) < 4$ is disallowed.



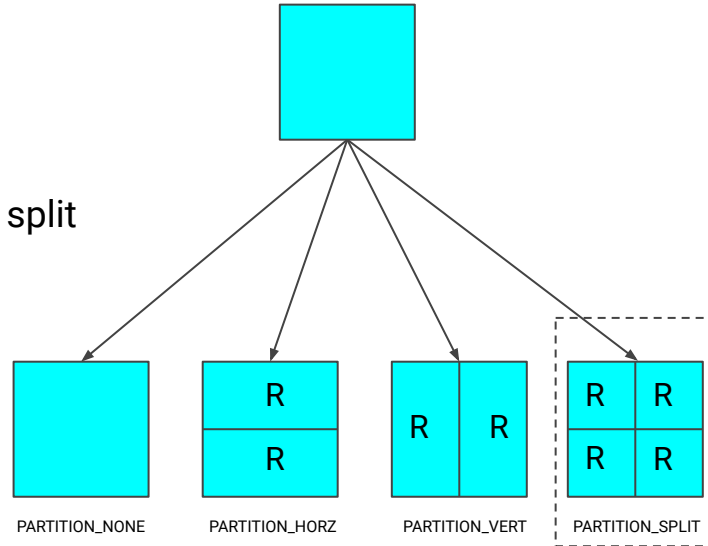
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**For 256x256, 128x128,
256x128, 128x256**

4-ary partitioning tree,
3 of which can be further split



Partitioning: New Rectangular Block Sizes and Tx Sizes

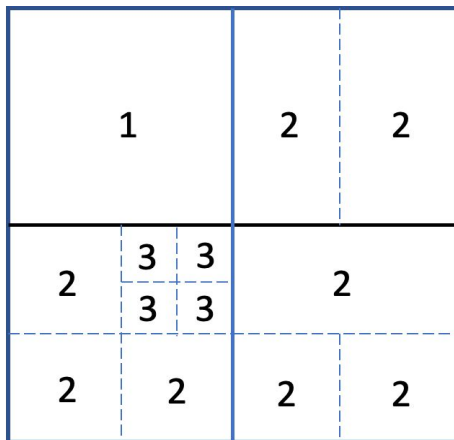
- Coding block sizes:
 - Square: 4x4, 8x8, 16x16, 32x32, 64x64, 128x128, **256x256**
 - Rectangular 1:2/2:1: 4x8, 8x4, 8x16, 16x8, 16x32, 32x16, 32x64, 64x32, 64x128, 128x64, **128x256, 256x128**
 - Rectangular 1:4/4:1: 4x16, 16x4, 8x32, 32x8, 16x64, 64x16
 - **Rectangular 1:8/8:1: 4x32, 32x4, 8x64, 64x8**
 - **Rectangular 1:16/16:1: 4x64, 64x4**
- Transform block sizes:
 - Square: 4x4, 8x8, 16x16, 32x32, 64x64
 - Rectangular 1:2/2:1: 4x8, 8x4, 8x16, 16x8, 16x32, 32x16, 32x64, 64x32
 - Rectangular 1:4/4:1: 4x16, 16x4, 8x32, 32x8, 16x64, 64x16
 - **Rectangular 1:8/8:1: 4x32, 32x4, 8x64, 64x8**
 - **Rectangular 1:16/16:1: 4x64, 64x4**

■ **New blocksizes added**

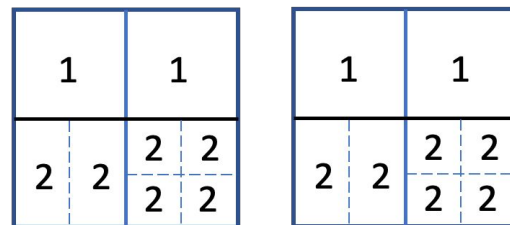
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Partitioning: Semi Decoupled Partitioning (SDP)

- In AV1, partition structure is shared between luma and chroma
- SDP
 - Same luma & chroma partition structure up to BLOCK_64X64.
 - Independent luma & chroma partition structure at smaller block sizes.



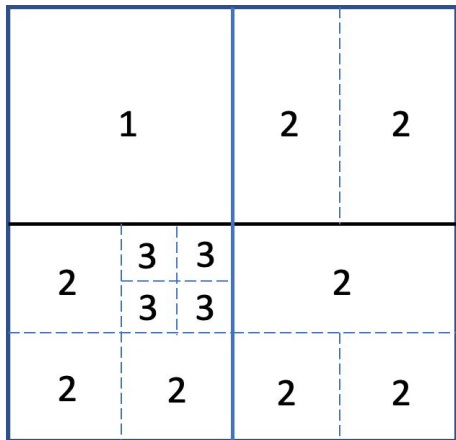
Luma coding block partition



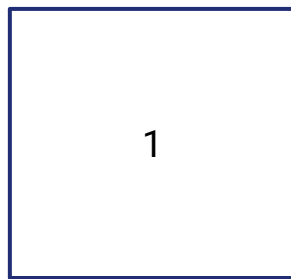
Chroma coding block partition

Partitioning: Semi Decoupled Partitioning (SDP) in Inter Frames

- Coding blocks \leq BLOCK_64X64 may use semi-decoupled partitioning
- If SDP is used for a coding block:
 - luma channel can be further partitioned recursively
 - chroma channel cannot be partitioned further.
 - All sub-blocks within this coding block will use intra prediction only



Luma coding block partition

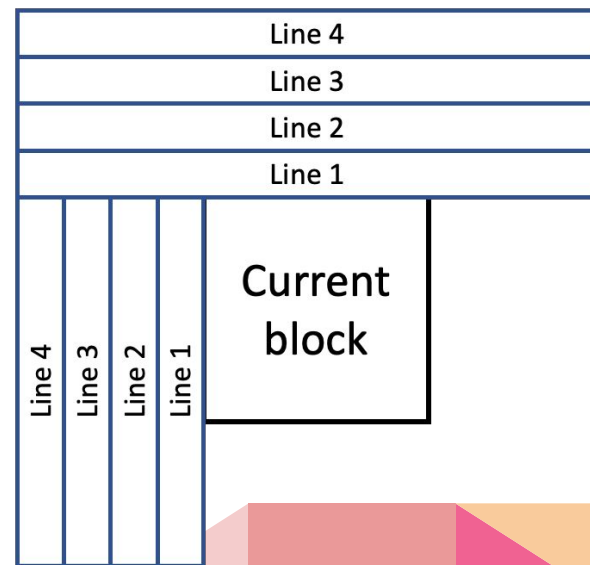


Chroma coding block partition

Intra Coding Tools

Intra: MRLS & AIMC

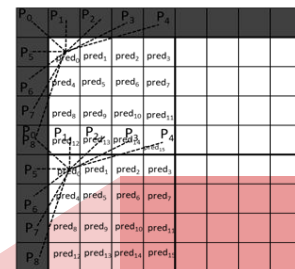
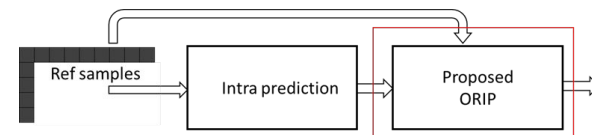
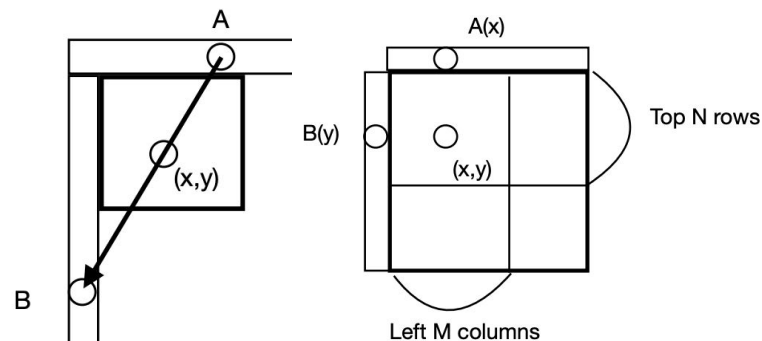
- Multiple Reference Line Selection (MRLS)
 - Select and signal one among 4 top/left reference lines for intra prediction
 - Applied to luma component only
 - Applied to all directional prediction modes
 - For blocks at SB boundary, 1 top and 4 left reference lines
 - Angle refinement $\{-1, 0, 1\}$ is applied to different MRL
- Adaptive Intra Mode Coding (AIMC)
 - Rank available intra modes based on those of neighboring/colocated intra mode info
 - Split the ranked modes into mode sets, then signal
 - mode set idx
 - mode idx within mode set
 - Top ranked sets/modes are cheaper to signal.



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Intra: Intra Prediction

- Intra Bi-Prediction (IBP)
 - Prediction is the weighted average of A, and B.
 - Weights defined based on (mode, bsize, x, y)
- Offset based refinement of intra prediction (ORIP)
 - The offsets are generated from top and left neighboring prediction samples.
 - The refinement is applied to top-most 4x4 left-most 4x4 sub-blocks

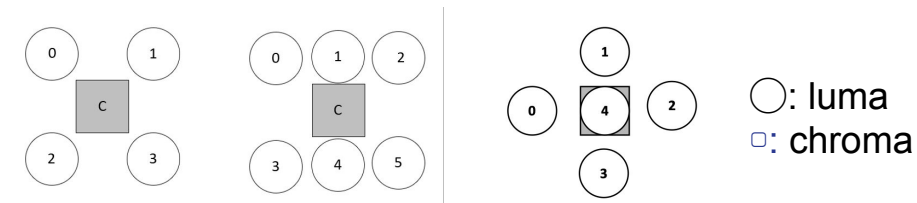


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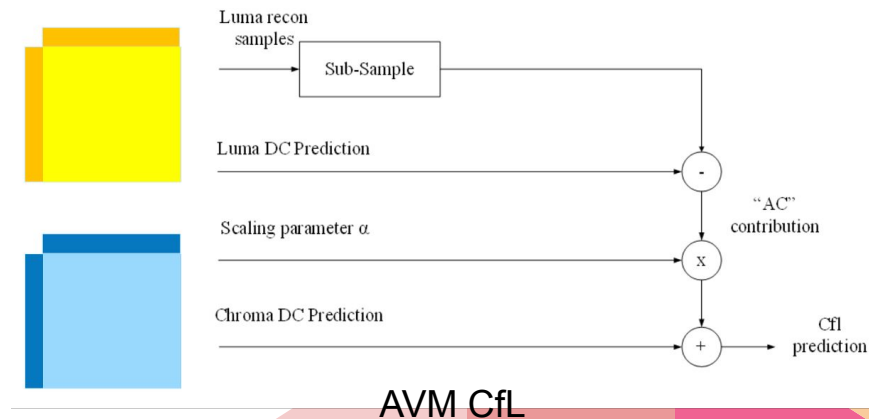
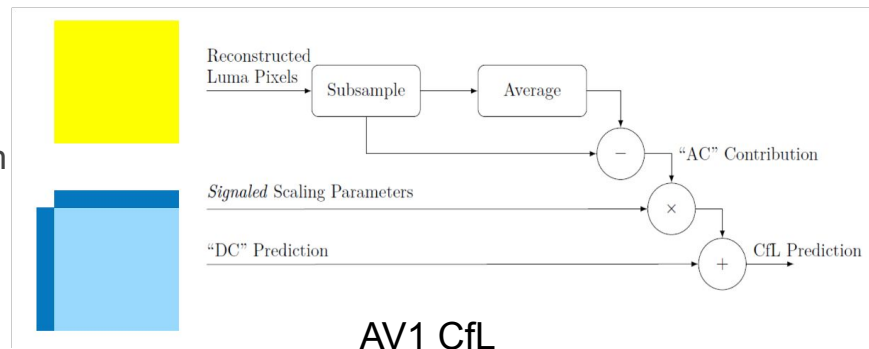
Intra: Improved Chroma from Luma (CfL) Prediction

- AV1 CfL
 - Fixed 4-tap luma downsampling filter
 - $\text{Pred}_c = a (\text{Rec}_y - \text{DC}_y) + \text{DC}_c$
 - a is searched by encoder and signaled in the bitstream

- Improved CfL
 - Luma downsampling filter
 - Three filter types (4-, 5- or 6-tap)
 - Filter selection signaled in sequence header



- Additional CfL mode with implicitly derived a
 - $a = \text{argmin} \sum (\text{Rec}_c - a * \text{Rec}_y)^2$ over the L-shape region



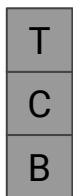
Intra: Multi Hypothesis Cross Component Prediction (MHCCP)

- Extend the reference lines for deriving the model parameters

Two shapes are supported in MHCCP, and 5 parameters are derived in each shape

$$E = (C^2 + F) \gg \text{bit_depth}$$

$$F = 1 \ll (\text{bit_depth} - 1)$$

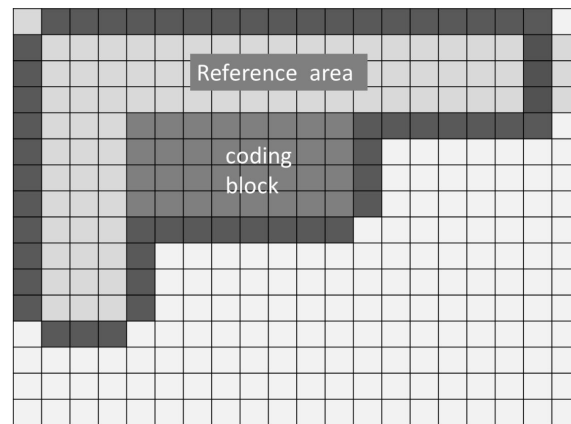
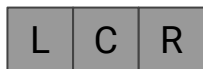


Vertical shape:

$$\text{chroma} = w_0 \cdot C + w_1 \cdot T + w_2 \cdot B + w_3 \cdot E + w_4 \cdot F$$

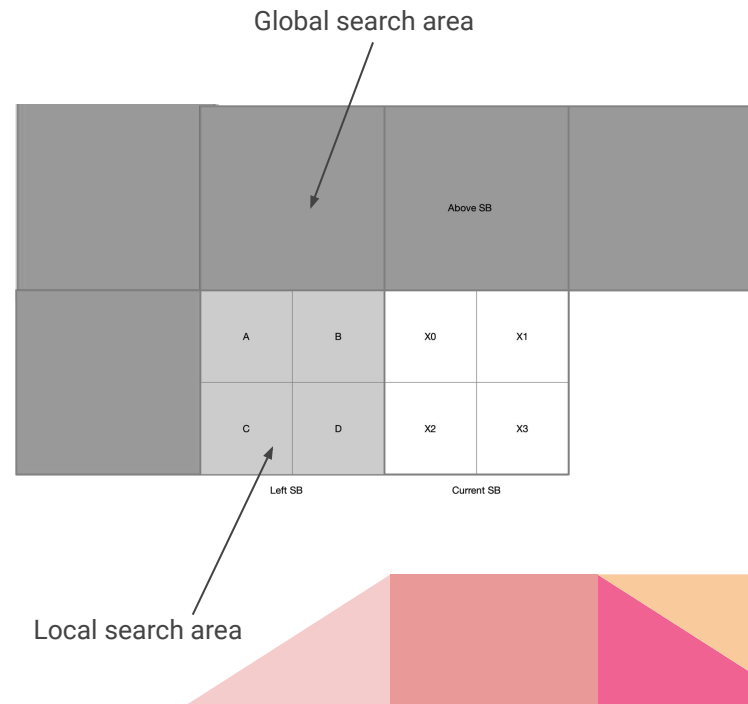
Horizontal shape:

$$\text{chroma} = w_0 \cdot C + w_1 \cdot L + w_2 \cdot R + w_3 \cdot E + w_4 \cdot F$$



Intra block copy improvement

- Block vector prediction improvement
- Existing (hardware) on-chip 128x128 buffer for nearby pixels as an additional search area.
- Supports additional mode to generate linear predictor from top and left template.
- Modified signaling to enable for natural camera capture content.
 - Signaling of frame level intrabc flag does not depend on the “allow_screen_content_tool” flag.



Inter Coding Tools

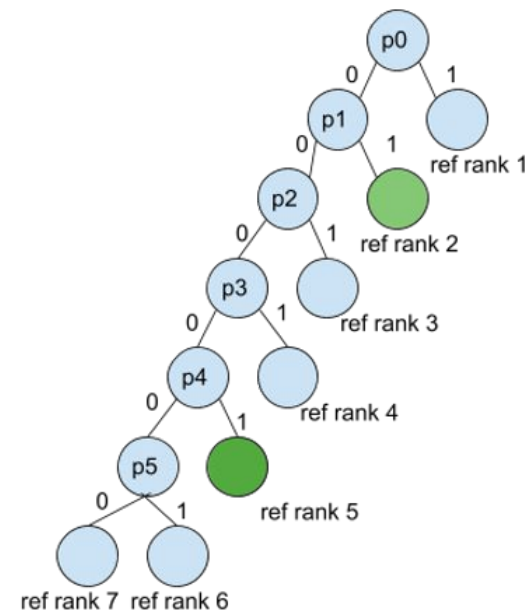
Inter Coding: Reference Frame Framework

- New Reference Signaling

- Replace named references by ranked references
 - LAST/LAST2/LAST3/GOLDEN/BWDREF/ALTREF2/ALTREF ⇒ ref rank indices 0-6
- No signaling overhead for reference mapping
 - Ranks and num_total_refs are implicitly derived.
 - Ranking based on 1) temporal distance to reference frame (d) and 2) quantizer (q) of reference frame

$$\text{cost} = 64 * d + q$$

- Bitstream syntax
 - Unary codeword for reference frame index signaling



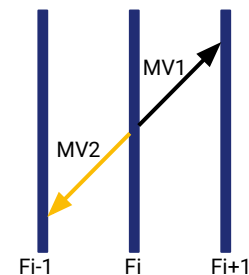
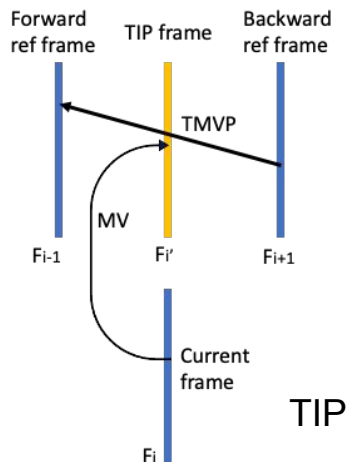
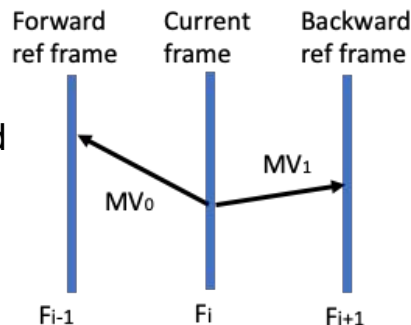
Example: compound with refs ranked 2 & 5

- 010001, if num_refs>5
- 01000, if num_refs=5

Inter Coding: Compound Modes

- Temporal Interpolated Prediction (TIP) frame
 - Interpolated intermediate frame between forward and backward reference frames
- TIP mode at block level
 - Only one motion information required
 - On-the-fly decoder implementation

Traditional compound prediction



- Joint MVD coding
 - Signal MVD_0 , and derive MVD_1 by scaling MVD_0
 - Scaling factor can be either derived from temporal distances or explicitly signaled.

Inter Coding: Optical Flow MV Refinement

- MVs are refined for each (8x8 or 4x4) subblock in bi-directional prediction block
 - P0, P1: Reference blocks after MC.
 - Cur: Current source block.
 - $(MV_{i_x}, MV_{i_y}) \leftarrow (MV_{i_x} + di * vx, MV_{i_y} + di * vy)$

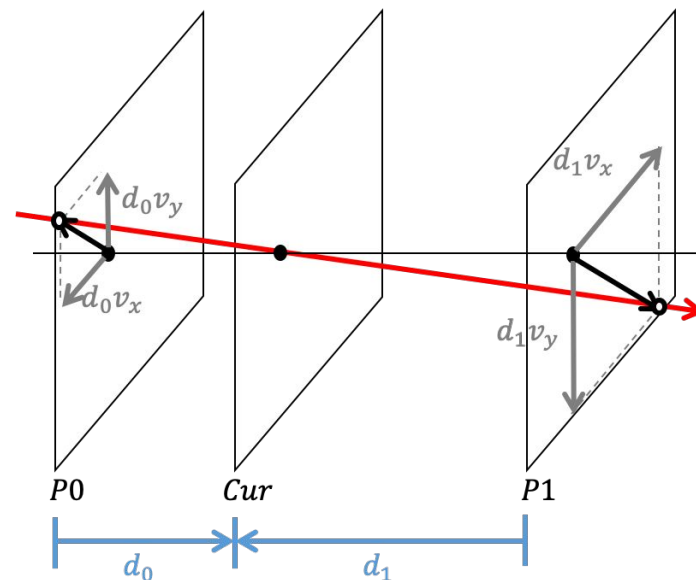
$$0 = \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} + v_x \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial I}{\partial y}$$

$\begin{matrix} \nearrow P0 \\ \searrow P1 \end{matrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= P0 - Cur + v_x \frac{\partial P0}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial P0}{\partial y}, \\ 0 &= P1 - Cur + v_x \frac{\partial P1}{\partial x} + v_y \frac{\partial P1}{\partial y} \end{aligned}$$

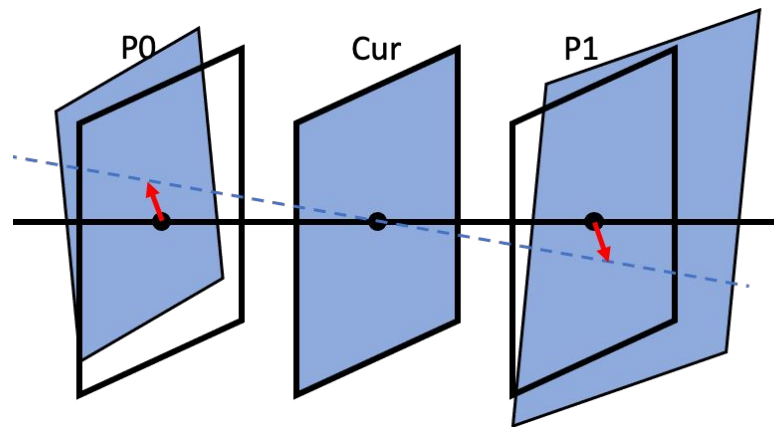
↓ subtraction

$$0 = (P0 - P1) + v_x \left(\frac{\partial P0}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial P1}{\partial x} \right) + v_y \left(\frac{\partial P0}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial P1}{\partial y} \right)$$



Inter Coding: Decoder Side Affine Motion Refinement (DAMR)

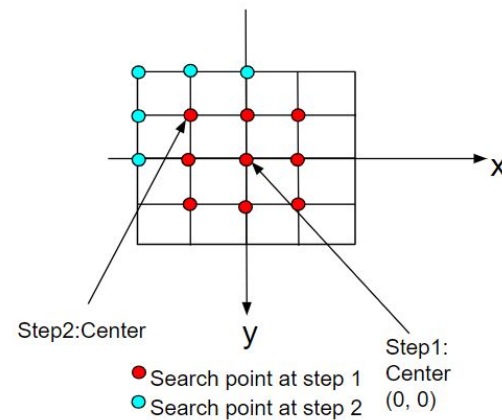
- In optical flow refinement
 - Solve two translational parameters per subblock
- DAMR
 - 1st step: solve 4 affine parameters (rotation ϕ , scaling α , translational t_x & t_y) for whole block
 - Formulation based on the optical flow equation
 - Parameter are assumed to be small, which allows 4-parameter least squares solution
 - 2nd step: solve 2 translational parameters per subblock
 - Same as optical flow refinement
 - Recon step: compound warped prediction per subblock using parameters from two steps combined



$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = (1 + \alpha)^{\Delta t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\Delta t \phi) & -\sin(\Delta t \phi) \\ \sin(\Delta t \phi) & \cos(\Delta t \phi) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \Delta t \begin{pmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \end{pmatrix} \\ \approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \alpha \Delta t & -\Delta t \phi \\ \Delta t \phi & 1 + \alpha \Delta t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \Delta t \begin{pmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \end{pmatrix}$$

Inter Coding: Sub-Block Based MV Refinement

- Compound mode
- Divide a block into N 16x16 sub-blocks
- For each sub-block:
 - Search 5x5 region with MV_0 , MV_1 (initial MVs) as center
 - For each offset (ΔMV)
 - Generate first predictor P_0 using $(MV_0 + \Delta MV)$.
 - Generate second predictor P_1 using $(MV_1 - \Delta MV)$
 - Compute SAD between P_0 and P_1
 - Find best offset (ΔMV_{best}) with minimum SAD
 - Final motion compensation using $(MV_0 + \Delta MV_{best})$ and $(MV_1 - \Delta MV_{best})$



Inter Coding: Compound Weighted Prediction (CWP)

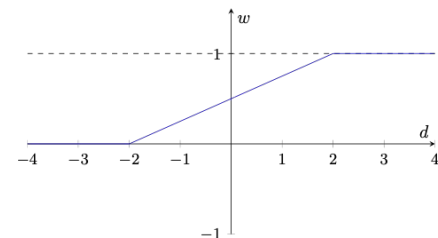
- Adaptive weighting compound mode
 - P0, P1: Reference blocks after MC
 - $P=(W \times P0+(16-W) \times P1+8) \gg 4$

	Weighting factors (W)
Two ref frames are from different directions	8, 10, 6, 12, 4
Two ref frames are from same directions	8, 12, 4, 20, -4

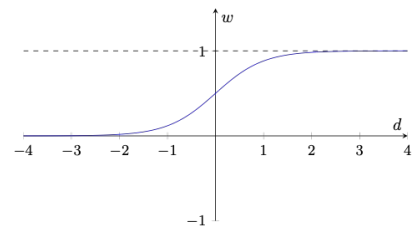
- Only applies to:
 - COMPOUND_AVERAGE mode
 - Some inter modes (NEAR_NEARMV, JOINT_NEWMV, or JOINT_AMVDNEWMV)

Inter Coding: Extended Wedge Compound Mode

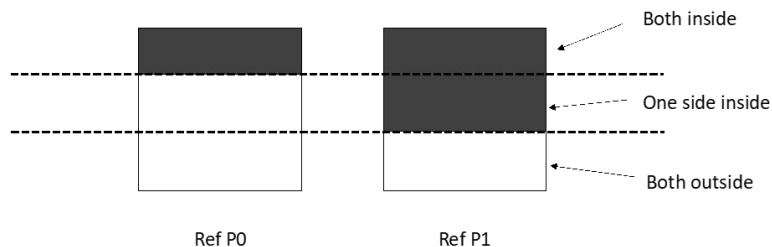
- Explicit wedge mask signaling
 - Wedge mode is extended from 32x32 to 64x64 block
 - Wedge mode is extended from 16 to 68 modes
 - Blending function based on sigmoid function
- Implicit wedge mask
 - Handling prediction samples outside frame boundary



Linear blending function (AV1)



Sigmoid blending function (AVM)



Weights = {32, 32}

Weights = {0, 64}

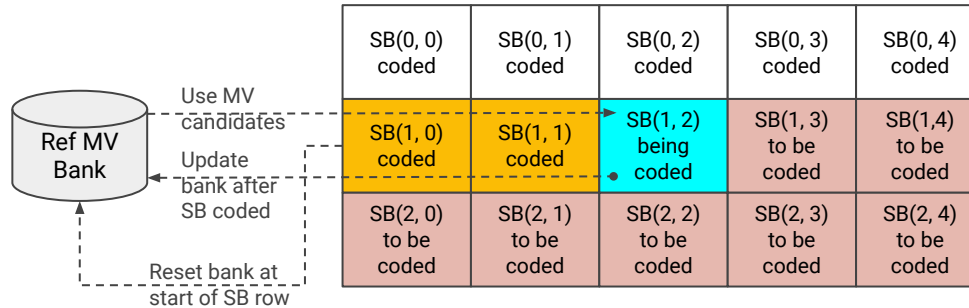
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Inter Coding: MV Prediction

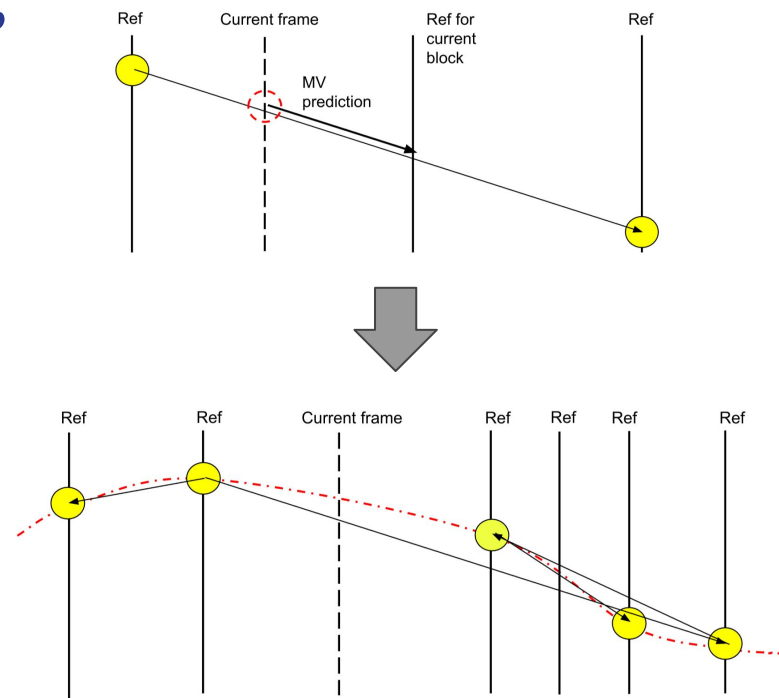
- Temporal and Spatial MV Prediction (TMVP/SMVP) Improvements
- Reference MV Bank



Tools Overview

Inter Coding: MV trajectory tracking

- In addition to linear projection, track the trajectory of blocks by concatenating the decoded MVs in the reference frames.
 - Stored as a two-way mapping table
 - Block \Leftrightarrow trajectory ID
 - Improves both TMVP and SMVP
- Utilizes past motion information more efficiently
- Adaptive to non-linear motion
 - e.g. camera shake, objects moving along a curved path



Inter Coding: Motion Vector Resolution

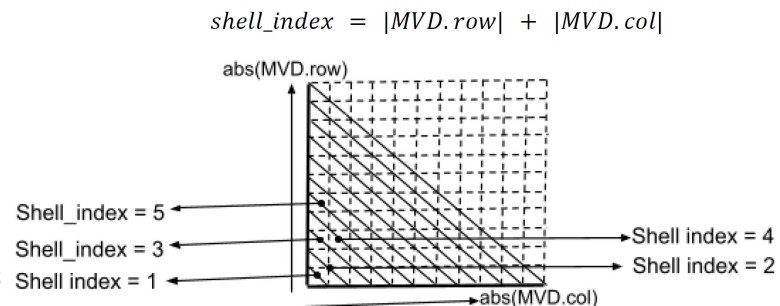
- Adaptive MV Difference (AMVD)
 - Implicit adaptive MVD resolution
 - Only applies to some inter modes (NEAR_NEW, NEW_NEAR, JMVD_AMVD, AMVD_NEWMV)
 - A look-up table based approach where a set of predefined absolute MVD values are allowed.
 - For MVD magnitude > 1 pel, allow MV magnitudes of 2, 4, 8, ..., 2048 only, leading to reduction in the signaling cost of motion vector difference (down to 8 bits)

amvd set	index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	row/col in unit of $\frac{1}{8}$ pel	0	2	4	6	8	16	32	64	128

- Adaptive MV Resolution (AMVR)
 - Signaled adaptive MVD resolution
 - AMVD precision from $\{8, 4, 2, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}\}$ pixel selected and signaled.

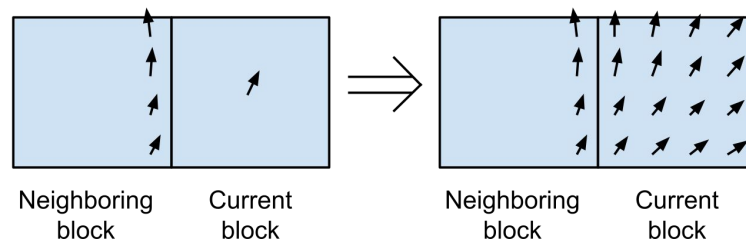
Inter Coding: Joint Motion Vector Coding

- Joint coding of absolute row and column
 - Decode shell_index
 - Decode absolute value of col
- Sign derivation for MVD
 - Sign is predicted from the sum of absolute values row and col.
 - Sign of last non-zero MVD component is equal to the parity of the sum of absolute values of the all mvd components.



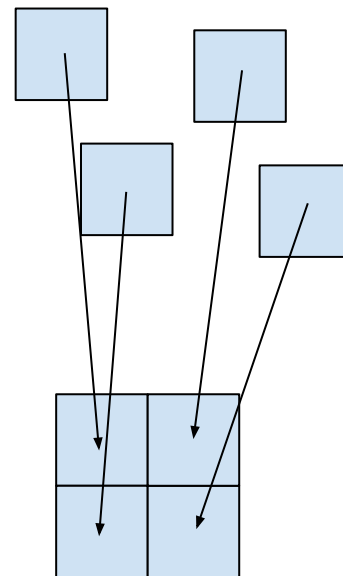
Inter: Extended Warp Prediction

- Non-translation prediction
 - Affine model, up to 6 parameters
- WARP_EXTEND motion mode
 - Keep continuity with neighbour at block edge
 - Match signaled MV at block center
- WARP_DELTA motion mode
 - Take a nearby warp model, and select/signal the delta w.r.t. the nearby warp model
 - Warp reference list (WRL): constructed by adding warp models from
 - Warp model derive from the 3 corner MVs
 - Models from the spatial neighboring blocks
 - Warp parameter bank: circular buffer to store previously coded models in the SB row
 - (If there are still available slots) Global motion and pre-defined models
- WARPMV mode
 - Supports WARP_CAUSAL and WARP_DELTA mode
 - MV is predicted from the warp reference list (instead of DRL)



Inter Coding: New Warp Filter

- AV1 warp filter: Break an affine transformation up into two shears
 - Very efficient, but can only handle small amounts of warping
- New warp filter for stronger warps
 - Split block into 4x4 units
 - Translate each 4x4 unit independently
 - Deblock boundaries between 4x4 units
- Greatly extends the range of warps we can perform



Inter Coding: BAWP and Skip Mode

- Block Adaptive Weighted Prediction (BAWP)

- Illuminance compensation in the form

$$ax + b$$

Parameters \mathbf{a} can be implicitly derived or explicit signaled, parameter \mathbf{b} is implicitly derived

- Implicit derivation: minimal SSE between reconstructed and predicted L-shape causal neighbors

$$(\mathbf{a}^*, \mathbf{b}^*) = \underset{(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})}{\operatorname{argmin}} \operatorname{SSE} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{Reconstructed} \\ \text{Current block} \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \mathbf{a} * \text{Pred}() + \mathbf{b} \\ \text{Current block} \end{array} \right)$$

- Explicit signaling: selection from a set of candidate values of \mathbf{a} is signaled

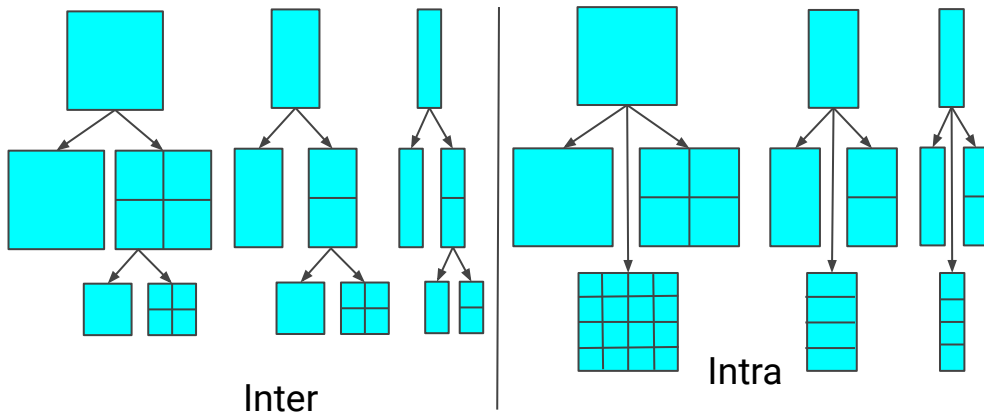
- Skip mode enhancement

- Allow MV candidate selection (DRL) and residual signaling

Transform Coding Tools

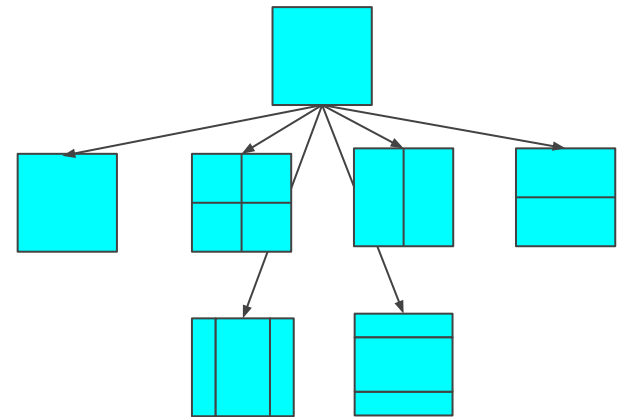
Tools Overview

Transform Coding: New Transform Partitions



AV1 transform partition

Inter/Intra

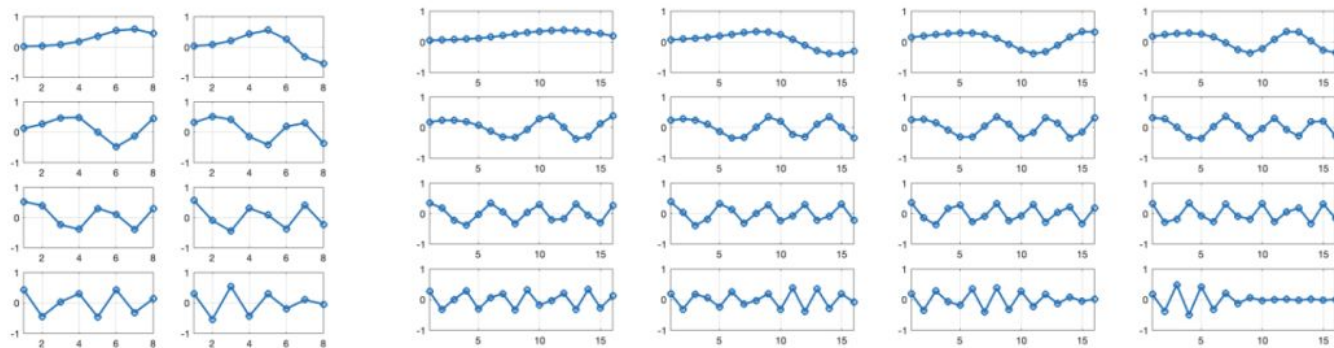


AVM: New transform partition (NTP)

- Removal of recursive scheme used in AV1
- Allowed partitions: PARTITION_NONE, PARTITION_SPLIT, PARTITION_VERT, PARTITION_HORZ, PARTITION_HORZ_M, PARTITION_VERT_M

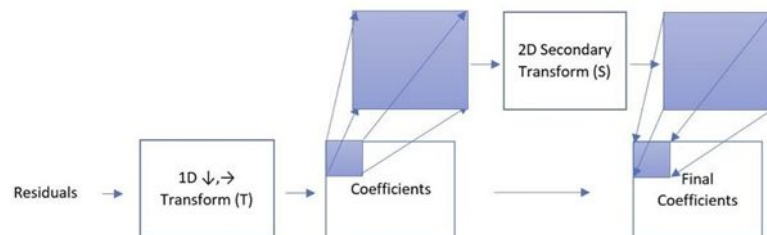
Transform Coding: Primary Transforms

- ADST type replacement for intra residuals
 - Replace 4-point ADST of type DST-VII to DST-IV.
 - Replace 8-point ADST of type DST-IV with a generalized unitary transform.
 - Replace 16-point ADST of type DST-IV to DST-VII.
- ADST type replacement for inter residuals with Data-driven primary transform kernels (DDTX)
 - Used for 8-point and 16-point only.



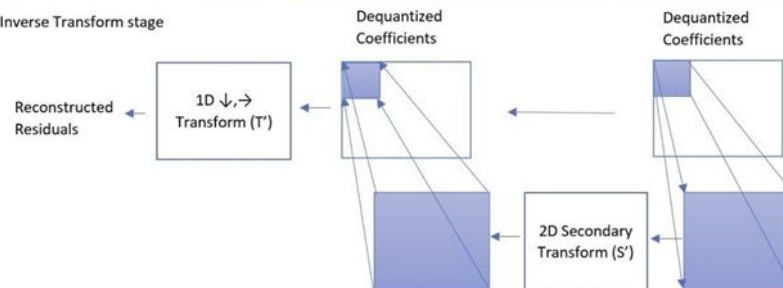
Transform Coding: Secondary Transforms

- Secondary transform on low frequency transform coefficients.
- Enabled when primary transform is
 - DCT_DCT or ADST_ADST (Intra).
 - DCT_DCT (Inter).
- 14 transform sets, each set with 3 offline trained kernels.
- Signaled transform set and kernel index (Intra).
- Only kernel index signaled for inter blocks.



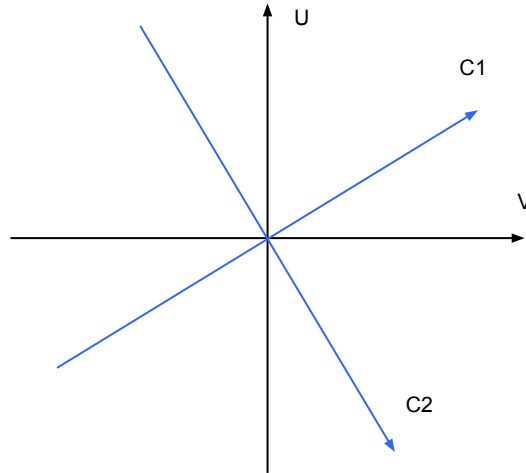
Forward Transform stage

Inverse Transform stage



Transform Coding: Cross chroma component transform (CCTX)

- 2D rotations applied to the colocated u and v transform coefficients. $(U,V) \rightarrow (C1,C2)$.
- 7 rotation angles (0, 30, 45, 60, -30, -45, -60 degrees) for selection.



Entropy Coding Tools

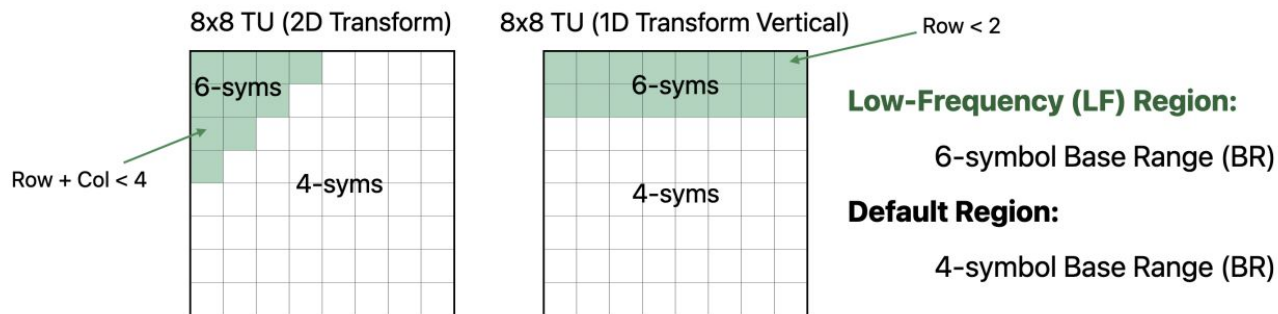
Entropy Coding: Parity Hiding & Forward Skip Coding

- Parity Hiding
 - Luma DC coefficient parity can be implicitly derived.
 - Is applied when there are 3+ non-zero AC coefficients.
 - Parity is obtained from the sum of base range (BR) and low range (LR) AC coefficient levels.
- Forward Skip Coding (FSC)
 - Separate residual coding scheme is applied for prediction residuals using identity transform
 - Forward coefficient scan for BR, LR and sign coding passes.
 - Refined context modeling.
 - Implicit end of block (EOB) derivation.
 - Context coded sign values.



Entropy Coding: Coefficient Coding Improvements

- Region based coefficient coding.
- 6-ary base range (BR) symbol in LF region.
- 4-ary low range (LR) symbol for both default and LF region.
- Truncated Rice coding of high range (HR) symbol.
- Overall reduction and refinement of contexts for luma and chroma coefficient coding.
- Unify the scan order → always use up-right diagonal scan.



Entropy Coding: Arithmetic Coding Improvements

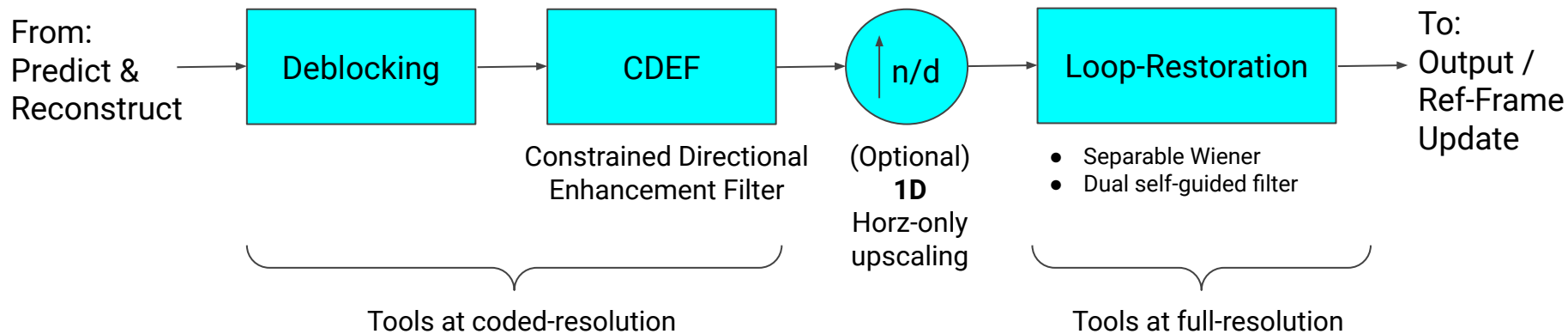
- Uses a multi-symbol arithmetic coder
 - Supports M-ary symbols, where M can range from 2 to 16.
- AVM Improvements
 - Probability Adjustment Rate Adaptation (PARA)
 - Improves symbol probability estimation by flexible adjustment of update rate.
 - Offset is jointly optimized for different symbol groups and symbol frequency.
 - Bypass coding improvement
 - Avoids complex scaling and range normalization between bypass symbols.
 - Allows processing of 8+ consecutive bypass symbols in one cycle, compared with 1 or 2 symbols per cycle currently possible with AV1 hardware implementations.



In-loop Filtering Tools

Tools Overview

In-loop Filtering: AV1 pipeline

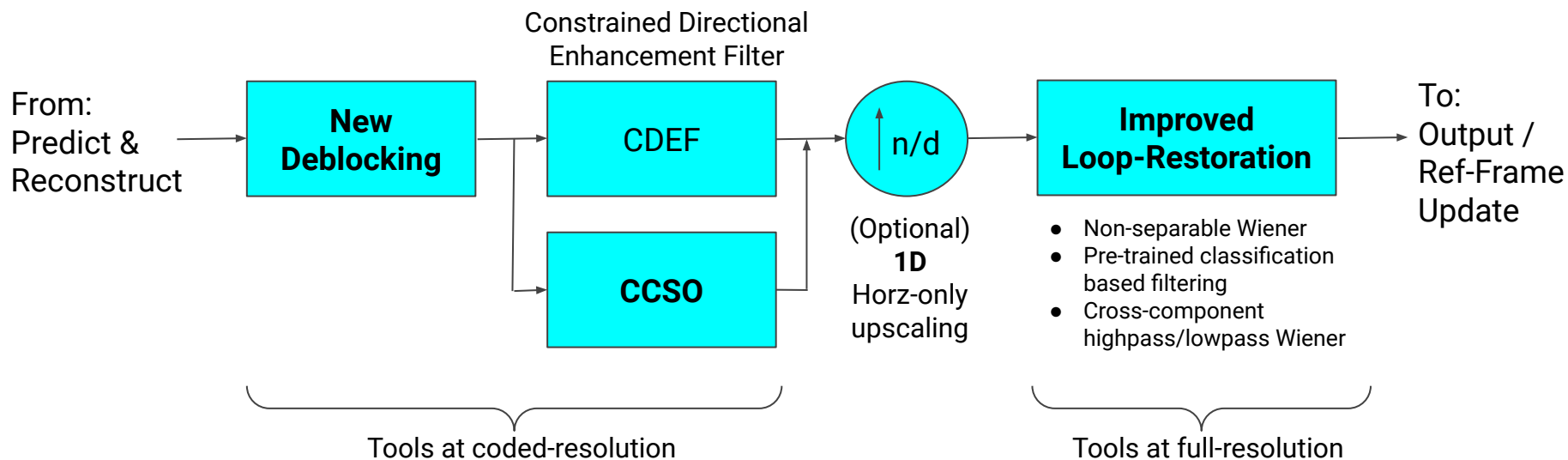


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In-loop Filtering: Intended AVM pipeline



Super-resolution mode:

- Each frame could be coded at a few lower resolution options, then upscaled in-loop with filtering
- 2D upscaling is under development

In-loop Filtering: New Deblocking Filter

- Several different filters in av1 are replaced with one generalized filter
 - One formula for any filter length, but carefully designed decision logic
- Some decision logics (at very high level)
 - Boundaries are examined based on signal smoothness
 - Decision thresholds are q-dependent
 - Many more details...
- Number of samples modified at each side of block boundary
 - AV1: 1,2,3, or 6 for luma, 1 or 2 for chroma
 - NEW_DF: 1-12 for luma, 1-5 for chroma

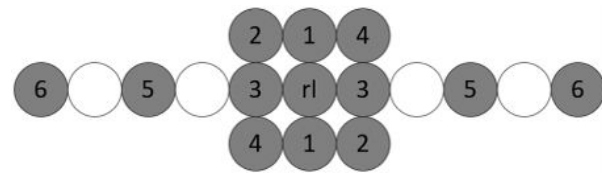


In-loop Filtering: Cross-Component Sample Offset (CCSO)

- CCSO

- Main idea: use luma pixels to refine both luma and chroma reconstruction pixels
- Nonlinear filtering process applied on all three color components. Steps:
 - d_0, d_1 : quantized luma delta values in $\{-1, 0, 1\}$, p_0, p_1 - locations determined by filter index
 - Get component band index b , where $\#bands = \{1, 2, 4, 8\}$
 - $s = LUT(d_0, d_1, b)$
 - Component output $rc' = clip(rc + s)$
- $\#Bands$, quantization step, filter shape and LUT entries are all signaled at the frame level

6 Filter shapes
(locations of p_0, p_1)



○: luma

□: luma/chroma

$d_0 = \text{Quantize}(\text{val}(p_0) - \text{val}(rl))$

$d_1 = \text{Quantize}(\text{val}(p_1) - \text{val}(rl))$

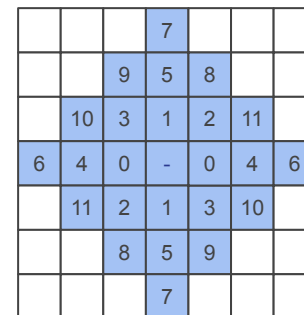
In-loop Filtering: Improved Loop Restoration

- AV1 LR: Separable Wiener + Guided Filter
- New filters for AVM
 - Pixel Classification based pre-trained Wiener filter
 - Pre-trained 13 tap diamond-shaped filters for Luma
 - Gradient based 64-ary classification in 4x4 units
 - No side-info overheads!
 - Explicitly signaled non-separable Wiener filter
 - Explicit signaling of coefficients
 - Luma: diamond-shaped 12 tap symmetric filters
 - Chroma: small diamond shaped
 - In-component + cross-component
 - Cross-component portion has no symmetry constraints

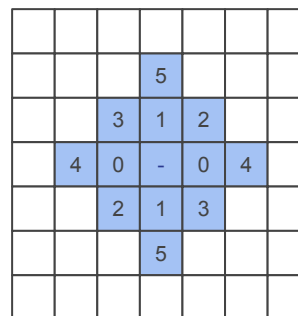
Chroma



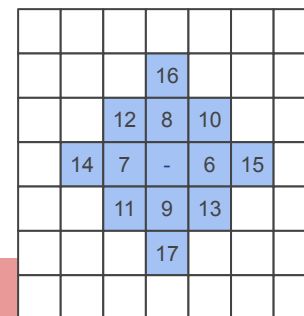
Pixel-classified Luma



Explicit Filter: Luma



Explicit Filter:
In-component Chroma



+ Explicit Filter: Cross-component
Luma (Subsampled)

Luma

In-loop Filtering: Improved Loop Restoration (cont'd)

- Frame level explicitly-signaled classified Wiener filters
 - Flexible number of classes derived from master 64-ary classifier
 - Explicitly signal filters for each class at frame level
- Syntax Optimization
 - Allows multiple RUs to share the same side information
 - Circular bank of previously used filters can be used as predictor for the next RU
 - Flexible mechanism to turn on/off tools at sequence/frame level



Conclusion

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- Development of coding tools for next-gen royalty-free codec from AOM continues as AVM
- Status
 - More than 100 candidate coding tools available
 - ~25.70% (YUV-PSNR 14:1:1) coding gain compared to AV1 with candidate tools;
~27.55% (YUV-PSNR 6:1:1)
 - All tools in AVM-8.0 rigorously vetted for decoder hardware complexity
 - Encoder - very slow right now !
- Plan & future work
 - Extend objective gain to 30% and perceptual coding gain to 40% bitrate reduction over AV1.
 - Optimization and encoder-complexity reduction



Thank You!