



An overview of recent and emerging JPEG formats for digital archival and long-term preservation

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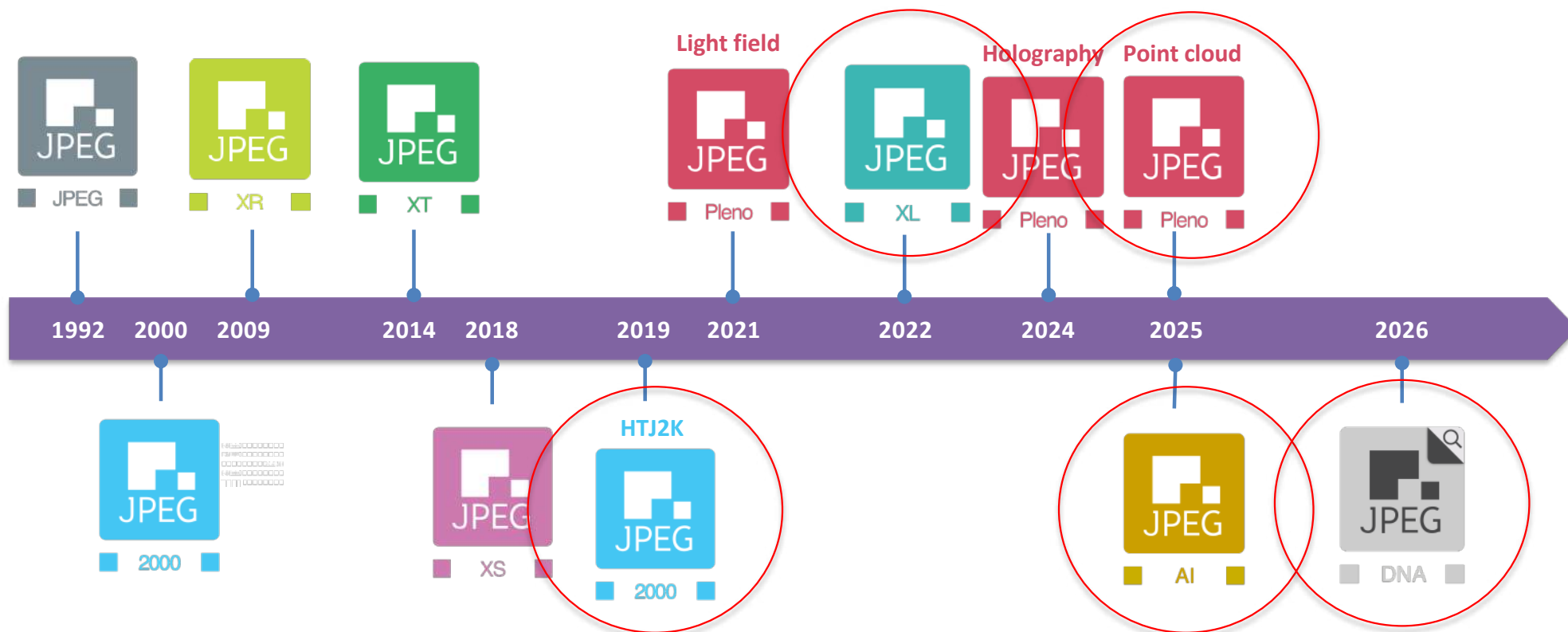
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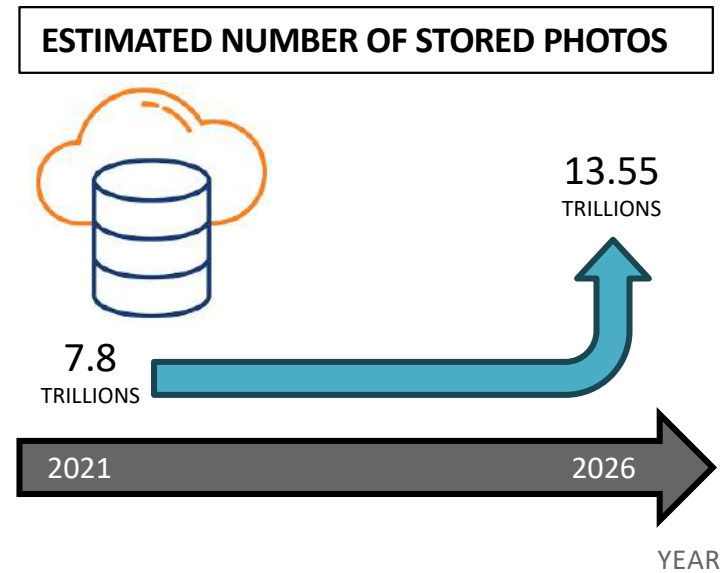
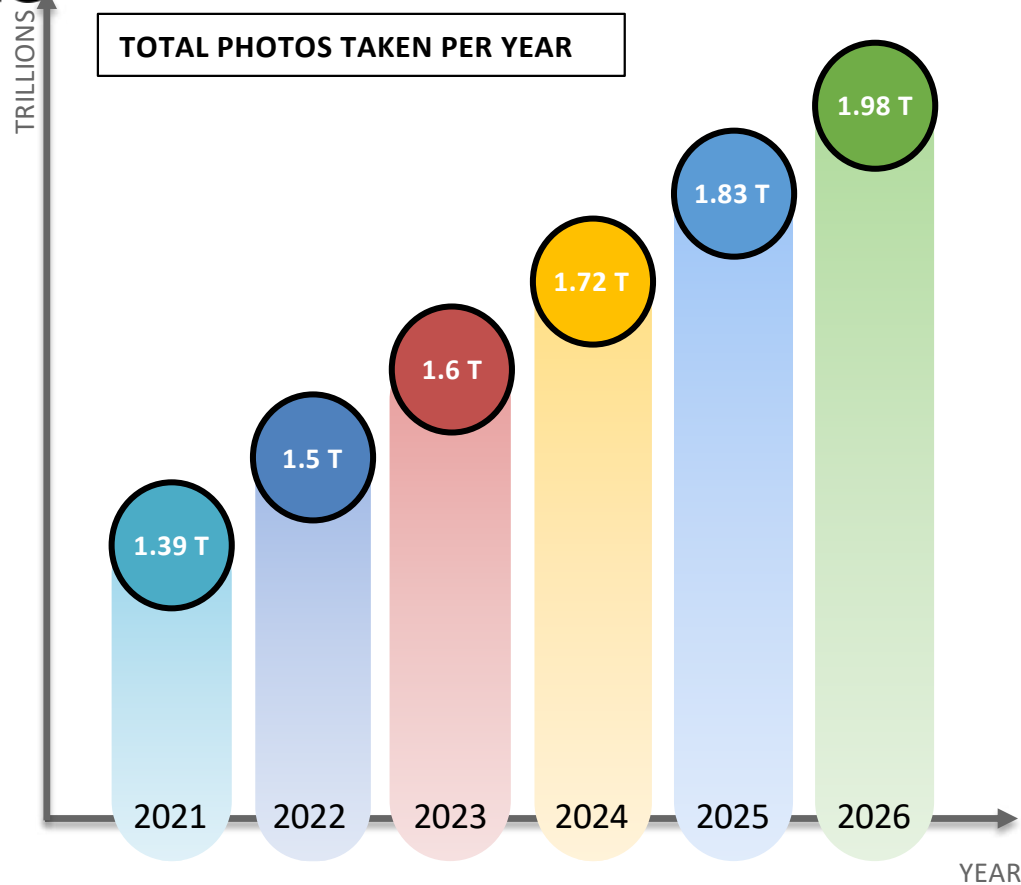


An evolving family of coding standards





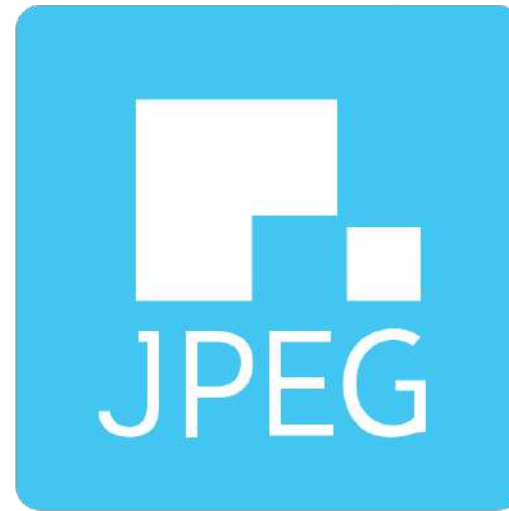
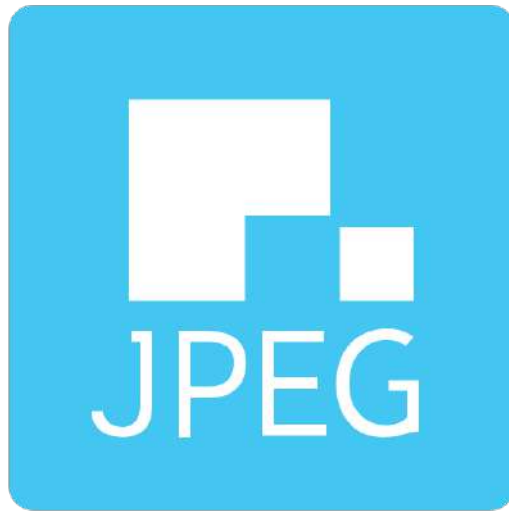
Observation



Statistics from <https://news.mylio.com/how-many-photos-taken-in-2022/>



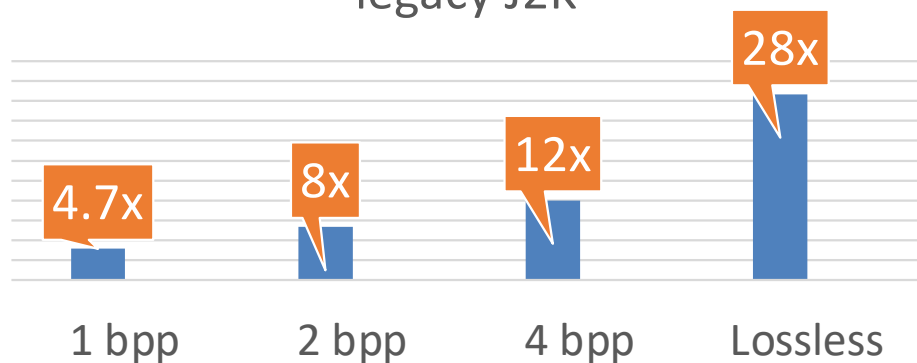
HTJ2K



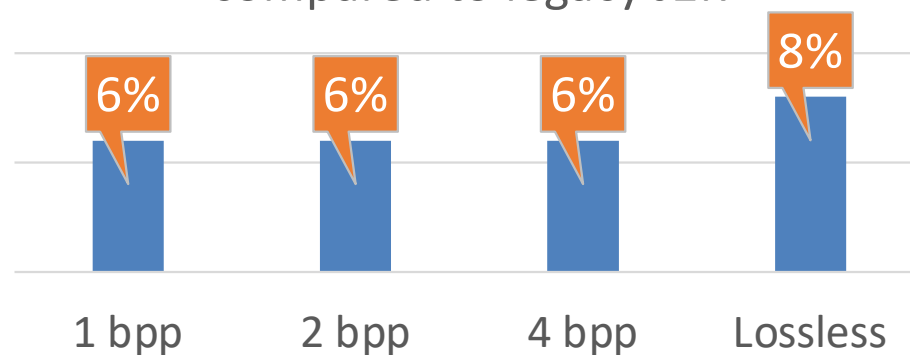


HTJ2K – A faster J2K!

Decoding speed-up compared to legacy J2K



Compression efficiency loss compared to legacy J2K





High Throughput JPEG 2000 (ISO/IEC 15444-15) *Architecture*



Numerically lossless transcoding of HTJ2K to/from legacy JPEG 2000





Features of JPEG 2000 & HTJ2K

- Up to **16'384 channels**
- Up to **38 bits per sample**
- Up to **4'294'967'295 pixels** per **dimension**
- **Lossy** and **lossless** coding
- **Progressive** encoding and decoding
 - **Quality**
 - **Resolution**
 - **Position**
 - **Channels**
- Non-iterative **optimal rate control**
 - **Single-pass**
 - **Comparable** encode and decode **complexity**
- From **sub-frame** to full-frame **latency**
- **Royalty-free**



JPEG 2000 is widely used

Domain	Example standard
Geospatial imaging	National Imagery Transmission Format (NITF)
Cinema	D-Cinema Package (DCP)
Media archival	Interoperable Master Format (IMF)
Document management	Portable Document Format (PDF)
Cultural Heritage	FADGI Technical Guidelines for Digitizing Cultural Heritage Materials
Mass digitization	International Image Interoperability Framework (IIIF)
Medical	Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM)
Video-over-IP	Video Services Forum (VSF)



Large body of implementations

[Comprimato](#) [Accusoft](#) [OpenJPEG](#) [ICT-Link](#) [OpenHTJ2K](#)
[libheif](#) [FFMPEG](#) [Kakadu SDK](#) [ISO reference software](#)
[nvJPEG2000](#) [Jasper](#) [OpenJPH](#) ... and others

FGPA

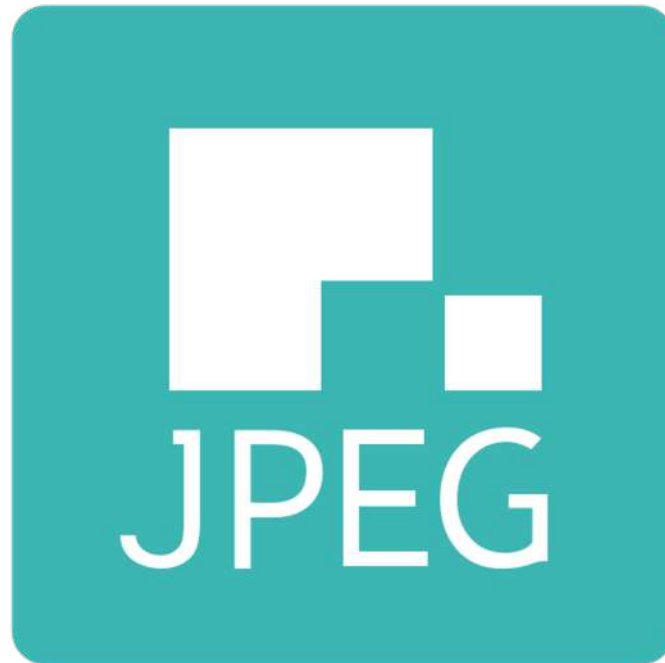
CPU

JS

ASIC

GPU

Open source and commercial





JPEG XL use cases and applications



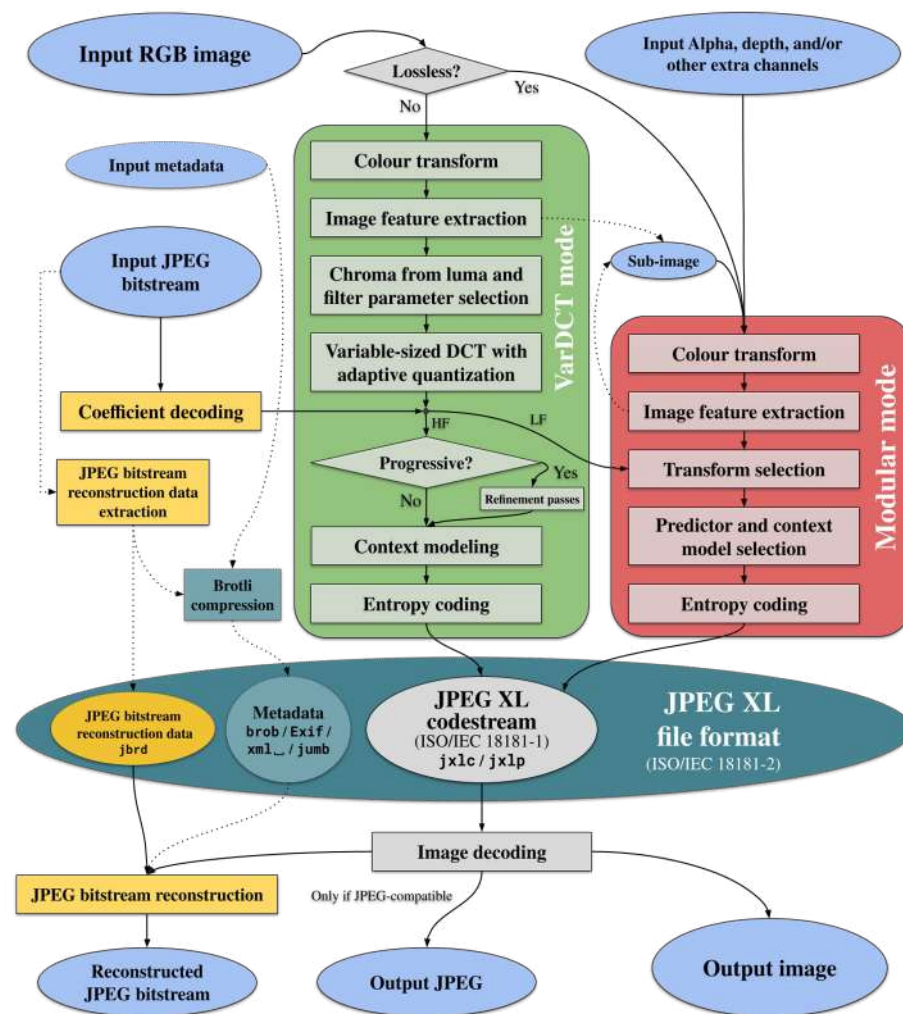
General-purpose image compression:

- Web & mobile apps image delivery
(Social media, **cloud storage**, websites, game assets, ...)
- Photography (capture, editing, **storage**)
- **Scientific imaging** (multi-spectral, high-precision)
- **Medical imaging**
- Printing
- **Archival**
- ...



JPEG XL architecture

- **Lossless module**
Very flexible, signalled transforms and context model
- **Lossy module (variable size DCT)**
Variable-sized DCT (2x2 to 256x256, including non-square);
uses Modular for the 1:8 LF image and auxiliary signalling
- **JPEG recompression**
Uses a subset of VarDCT mode (only 8x8)





JPEG XL benefits

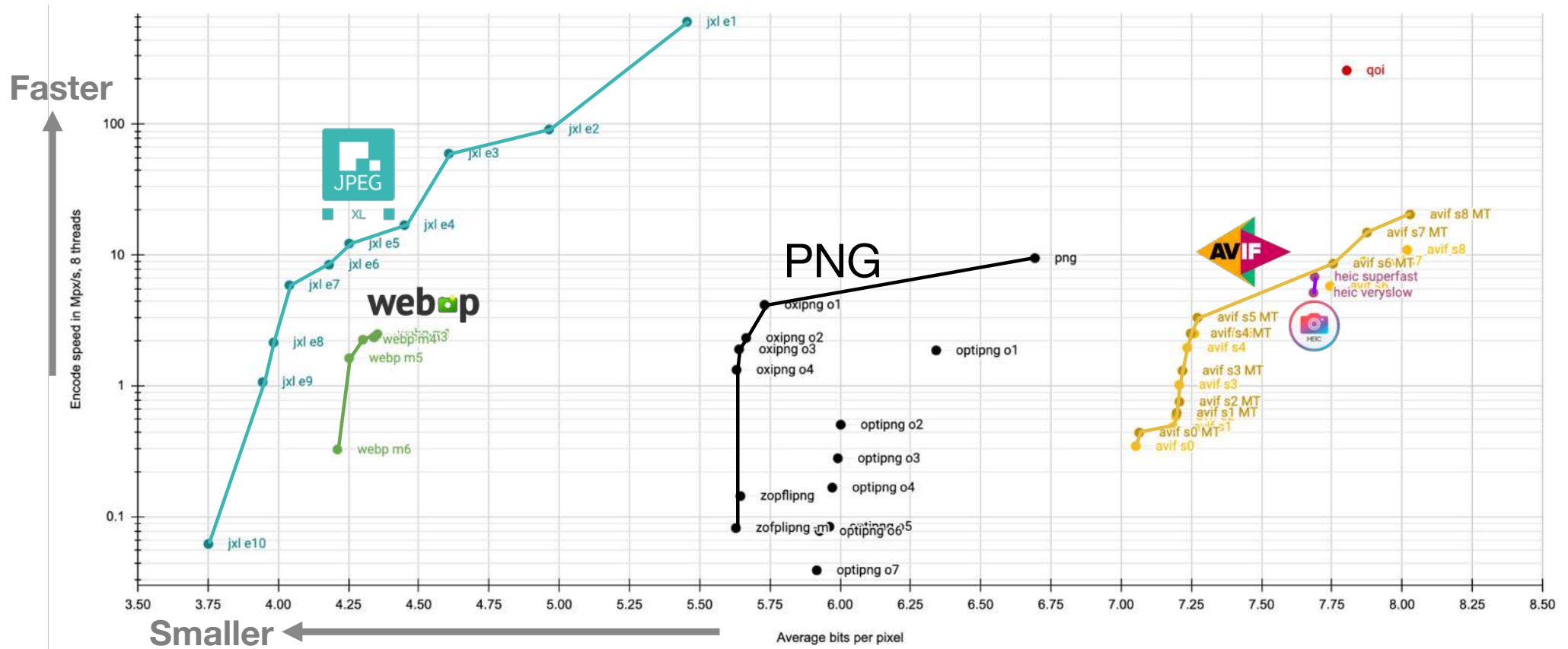


- Substantially **better compression**
50% smaller than JPEG for the same quality, 30-50% smaller than PNG
- Legacy-friendly: **lossless JPEG recompression**
20% file size reduction, bit-exact file reconstruction
- **High-fidelity**, high-precision, **high dynamic range**, consistent quality
Visually lossless or mathematically lossless: best compression
- **Fast** encoding and decoding
Designed to be fast on today's CPUs
- Optimized for **web delivery**
Progressive decoding, minimal header overhead
- Perfect **interchange format** for **authoring workflows**
Layers, selection masks, low generation loss
- Free to use for anyone: **royalty-free** and FOSS
Not patent-encumbered, free and open source production-ready reference software available



JPEG XL

Performance (lossless, non-photo)



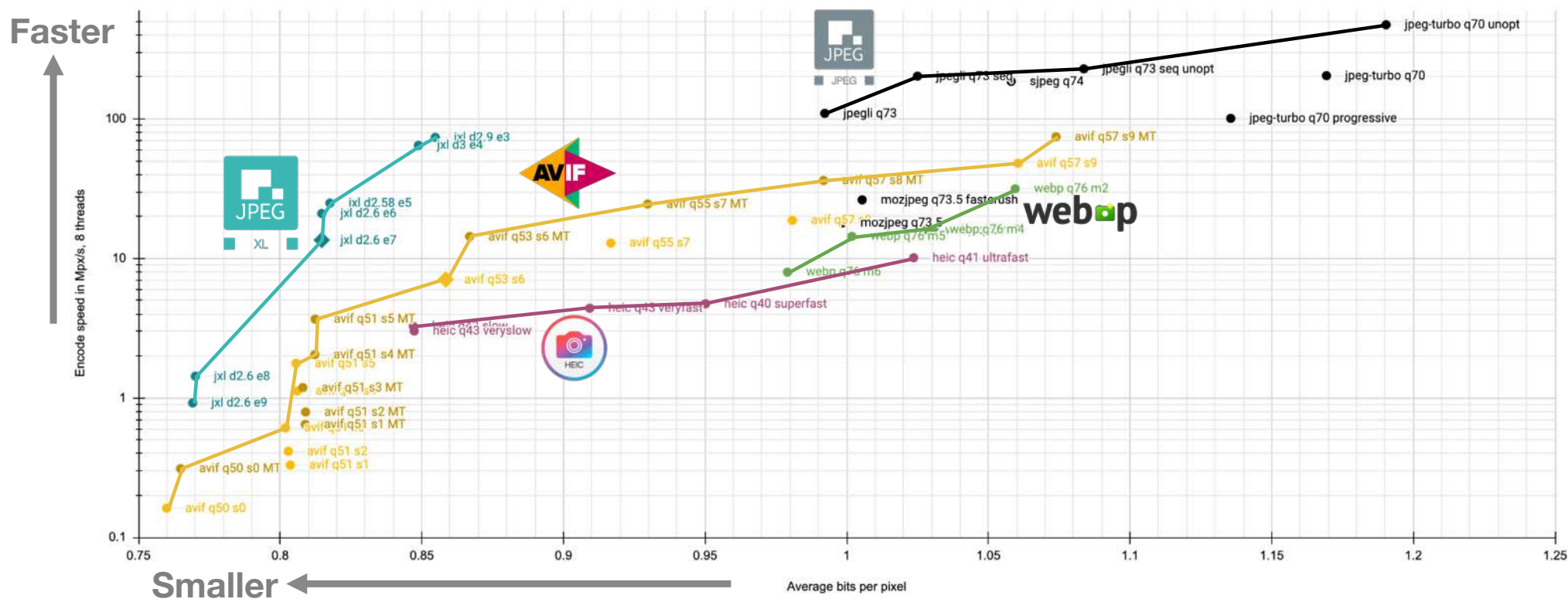


JPEG XL

Performance (lossy, web quality, photo)



Web quality lossy compression (Daala test set, 49 images ~1Mpx each, avg SSIMULACRA2 = 70 ±1)



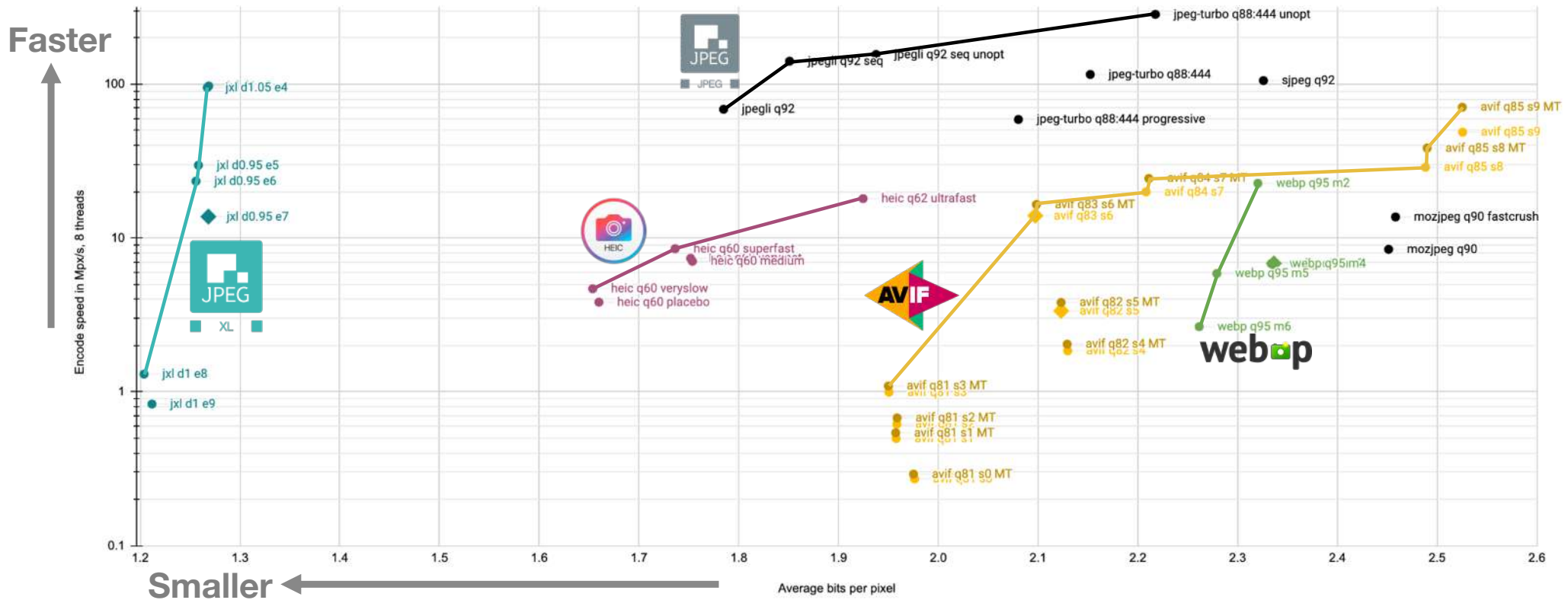


JPEG XL

Performance (lossy, high quality, photo)



High quality lossy compression (imagecompression.info, 8-bit, average image size 11 Mpx, avg SSIMULACRA2 = 85 ±0.5)





JPEG XL adoption







JPEG AI scope



The JPEG AI scope is the creation of a learning-based image coding standard offering a **single-stream, compact**, compressed domain representation, targeting both **human visualization**, with significant compression efficiency improvement over image coding standards in common use at equivalent subjective quality, as well as effective performance for **image processing** and **computer vision** tasks, with the goal of supporting a **royalty-free baseline**



Applications & Use Cases

- **Cloud storage**
- Visual surveillance
- Autonomous vehicles and devices
- **Image collection storage** and management
- Live monitoring of visual data
- Media distribution
- 360° photo sharing

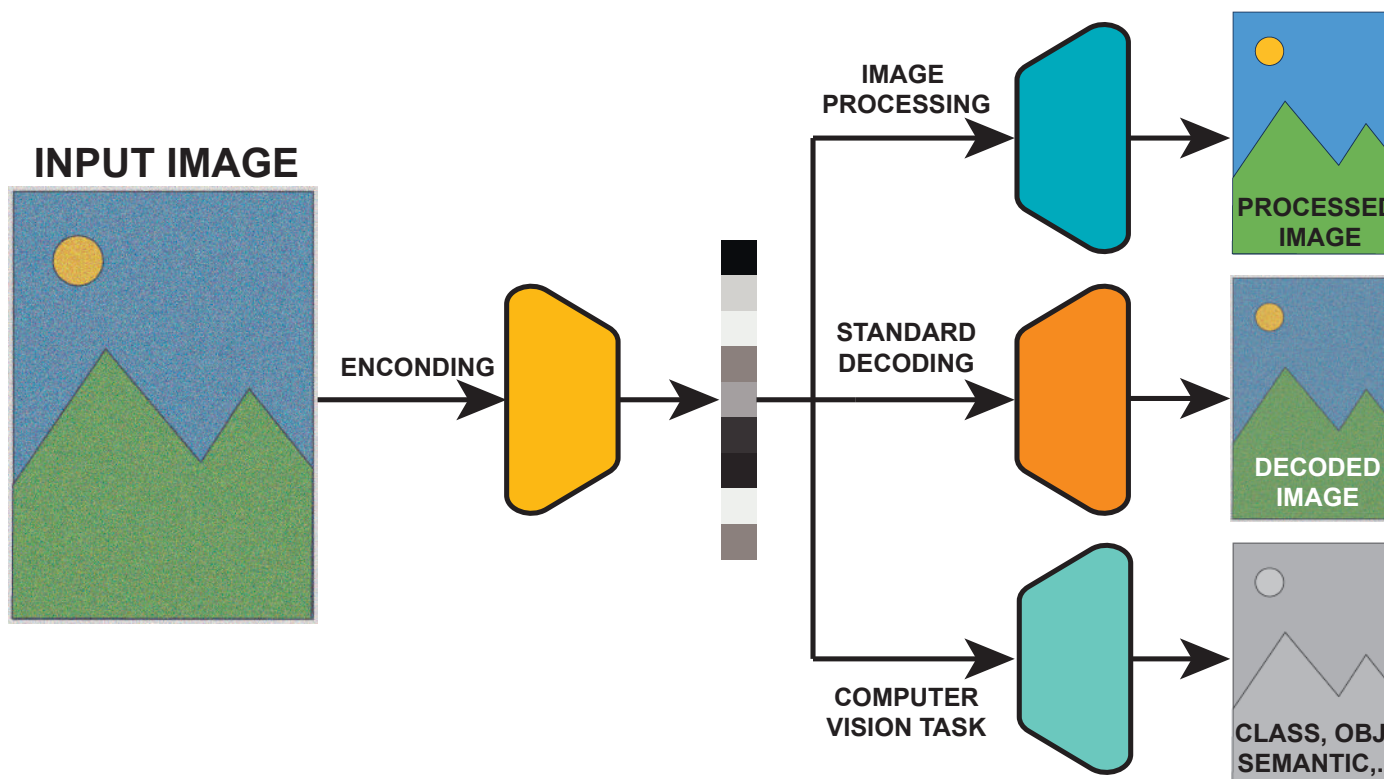




Application-driven Requirements

- **High coding efficiency** is important for many applications such as **cloud storage** or **media distribution**
- **Content understanding** is vital for many applications such as visual surveillance, autonomous vehicles, image collection management, etc.
 - **Objects may need to be recognized**
 - **Images may need to be classified** for organization purposes
 - **Actions or events may need to be recognized**
- **Content consumed by humans** in many applications such as in **media distribution**
 - **Noise can be reduced**
 - **Resolution can be increased**
 - **Colors can be corrected**

JPEG AI Framework





JPEG AI roadmap



VERSION 1

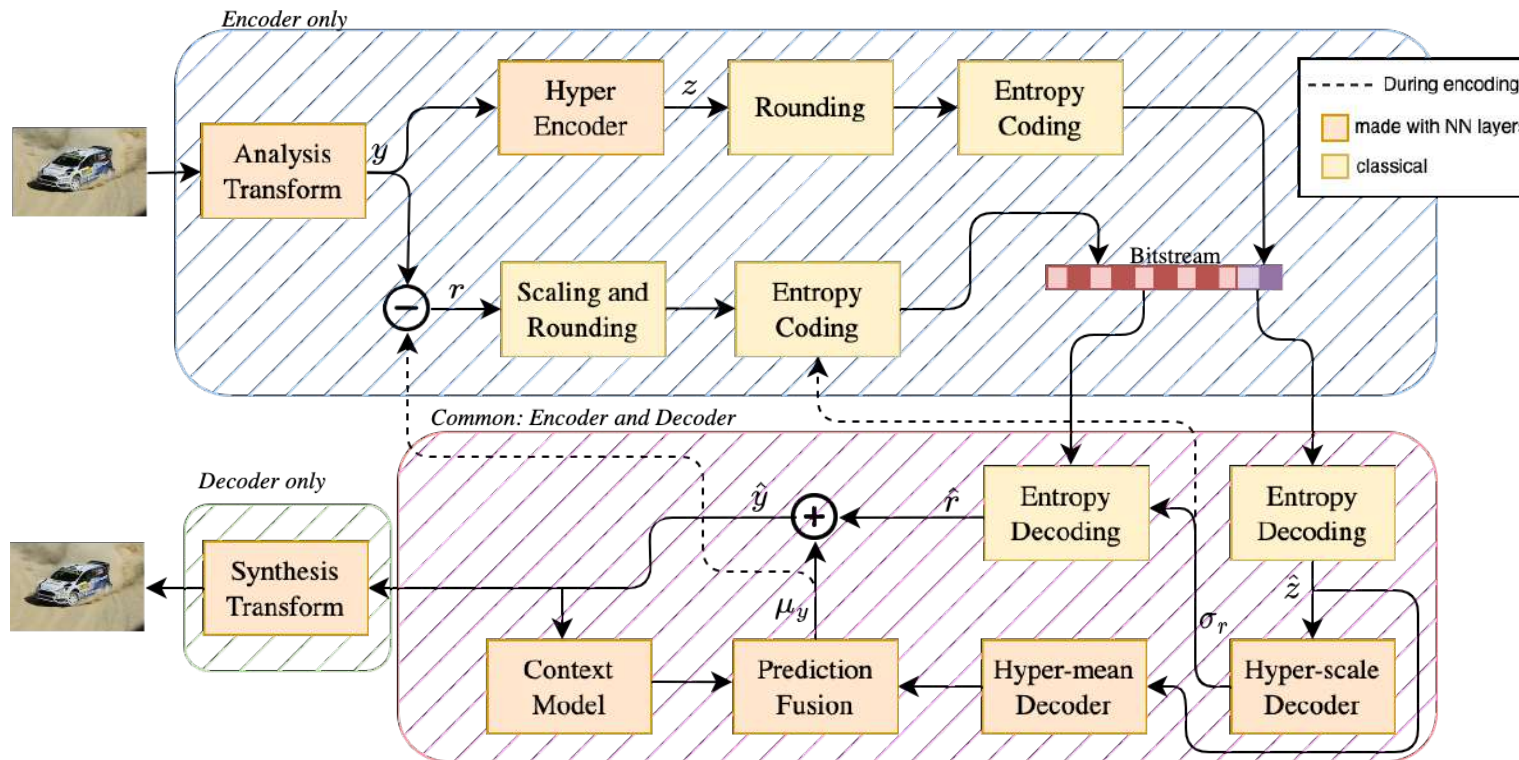
- Version 1 addresses several (but not all) JPEG AI ‘core’ and ‘desirable’ requirements with emphasis on compression efficiency.

VERSION 2

- Version 2 will address/include:
 1. JPEG AI requirements not yet addressed in Version 1, e.g. processing and computer vision tasks
 2. Significantly improved solutions for JPEG AI requirements already addressed in Version 1, e.g. compression efficiency.



JPEG AI Architecture





Addressing Complexity Issues

- The **lightest operating points** provides **10% compression gains (tools-off)** over VVC Intra, at just **20 kMAC/pxl** and **15% compression gains (tools-on)** at approx. **30 kMAC/pxl**
- The **highest operating points** provide **30% compression gains** at approx. **200 kMAC/pxl**

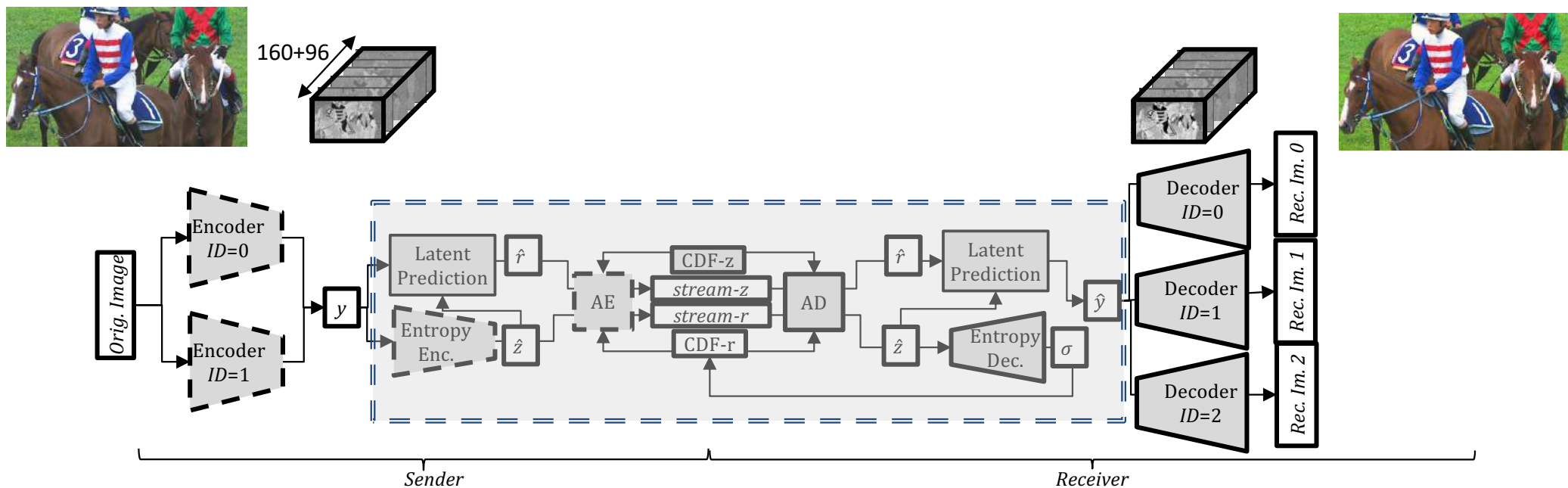


VS



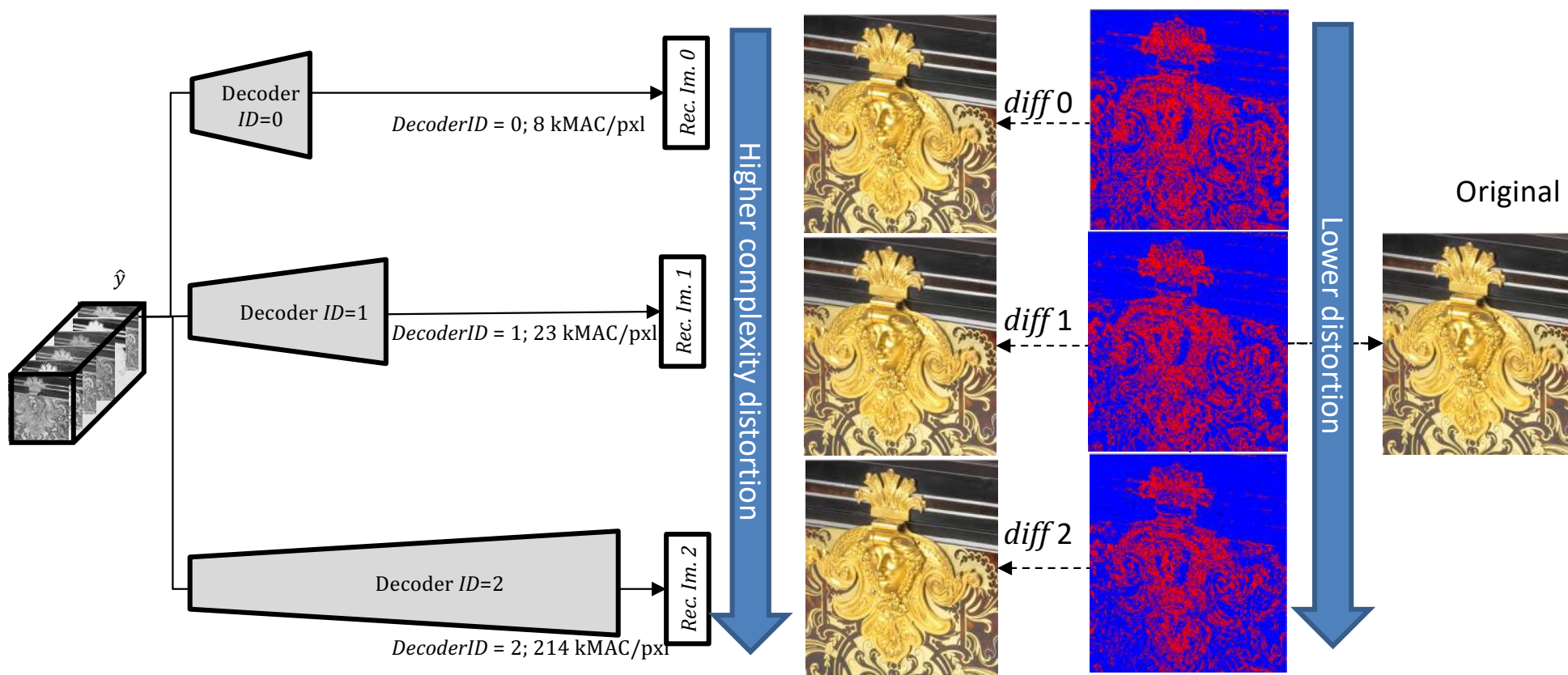


JPEG AI: Single Stream but Multiple Decoders



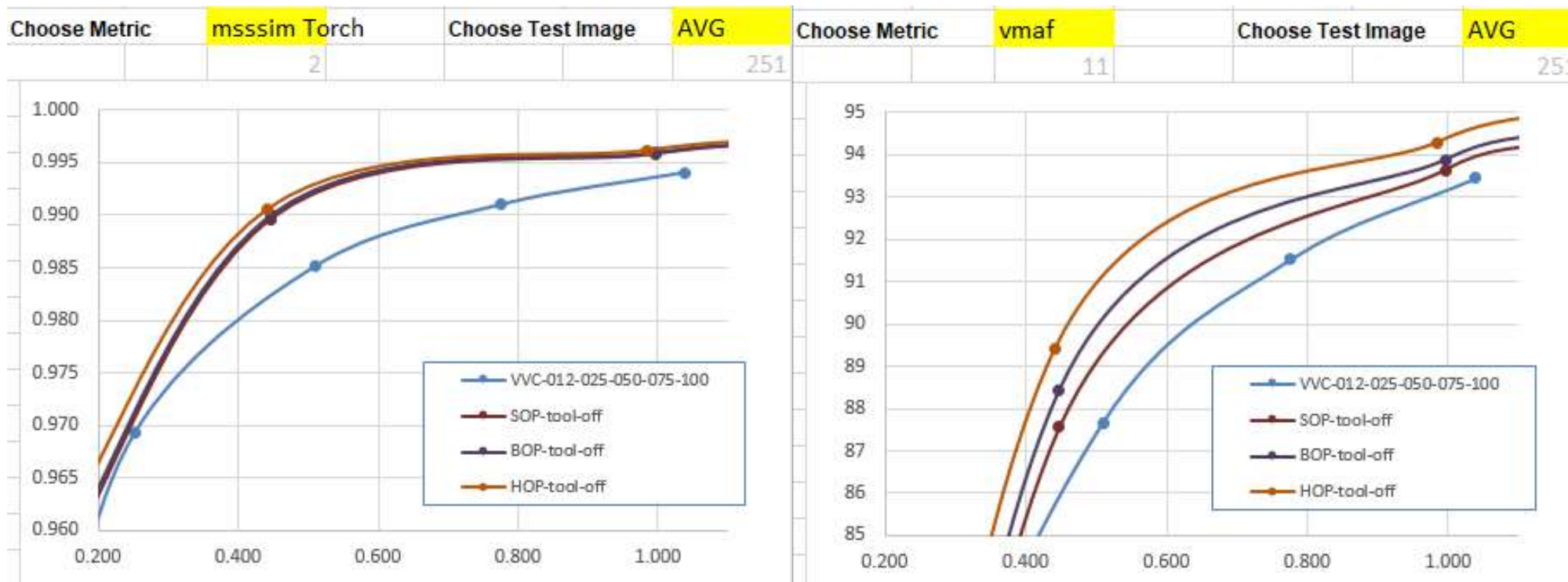


JPEG AI: Single Stream but Multiple Decoders





RD Performance





Overall Performance

- SOP decoder as fast on CPU as VVC Intra
- BOP decoder is only twice slower on CPU compared to VVC Intra

Codec	8K Encoding, s
JPEG	5
HEVC / H.265	2689
VVC / H.266	18725
JPEG AI	5 (Enc0) or 20 (Enc1)

Test	BD-Rate AVG	Dec.			Enc.
		kMAC/pxl	Time GPU, ×	Time CPU, ×	Time GPU, ×
HEVC-SCC Intra	7.5%	-	0.8 (CPU)	0.8 (CPU)	0.8 (CPU)
VTM-11 Intra	0.0%	-	1 (CPU)	1 (CPU)	1 (CPU)
VM6.1-Enc0Dec0-tools-off	-12.0%	8	0.36	1.05	0.0005
VM6.1-Enc0Dec0-tools-on	-16.2%	14	0.41	2.4	0.0011
VM6.1-Enc0Dec1-tools-off	-16.7%	23	0.38	2.1	0.0005
VM6.1-Enc0Dec1-tools-on	-20.2%	28	0.41	3.3	0.0011
VM6.1-Enc1Dec2-tools-off	-24.0%	212	0.61	214	0.0012
VM6.1-Enc1Dec2-tools-on	-27.0%	215	0.64	215	0.0018



JPEG AI Smartphone Demos

Huawei Mate50 Pro



Iphone 14 Pro Max





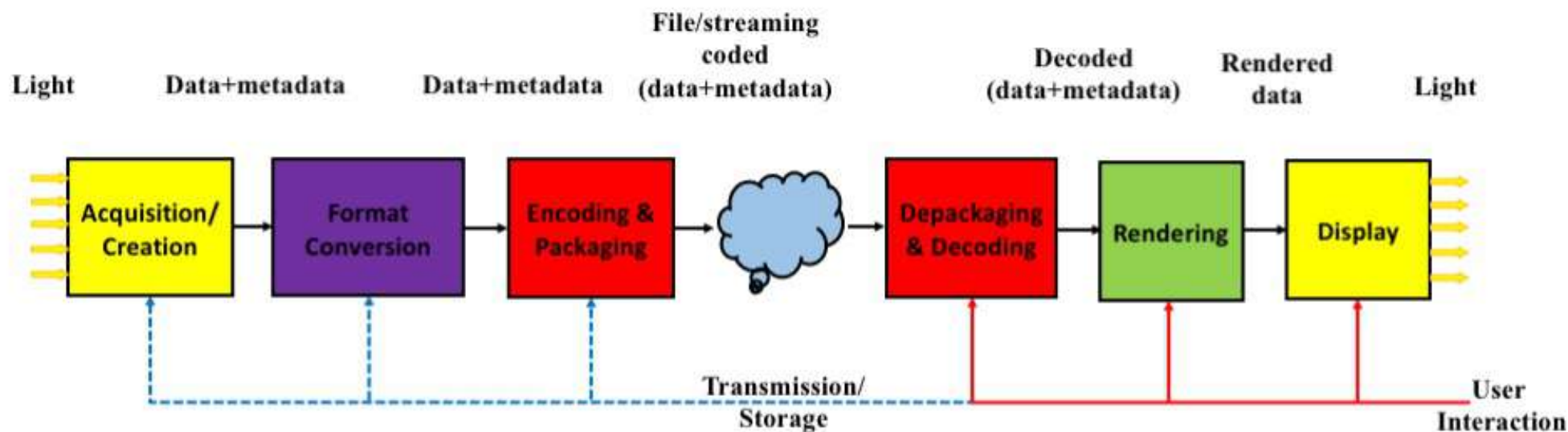
Point cloud



■ Pleno ■

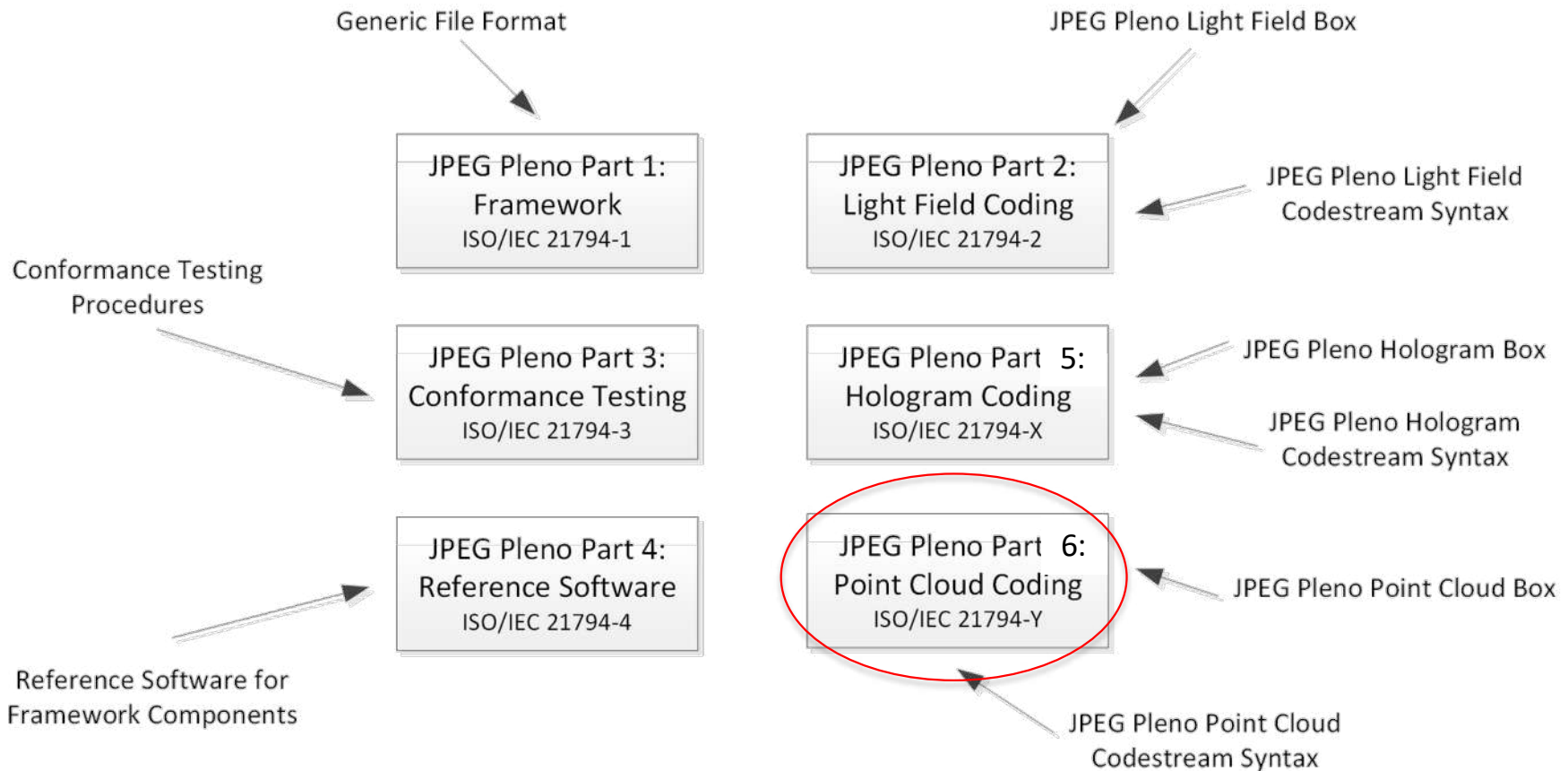


JPEG Pleno end-to-end processing chain





JPEG Pleno Framework





Scope of JPEG Pleno Point Cloud Coding

Point cloud

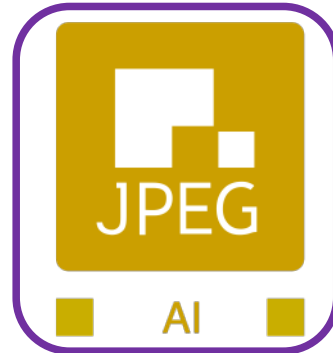
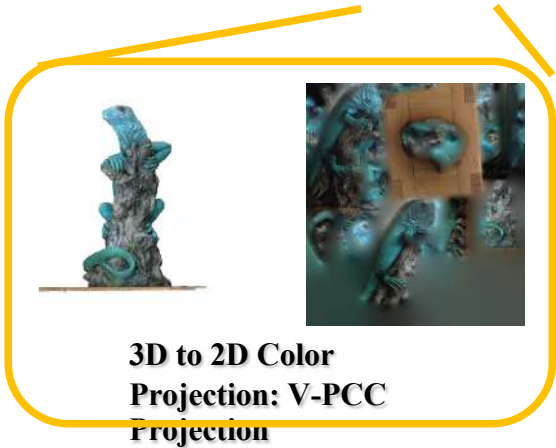
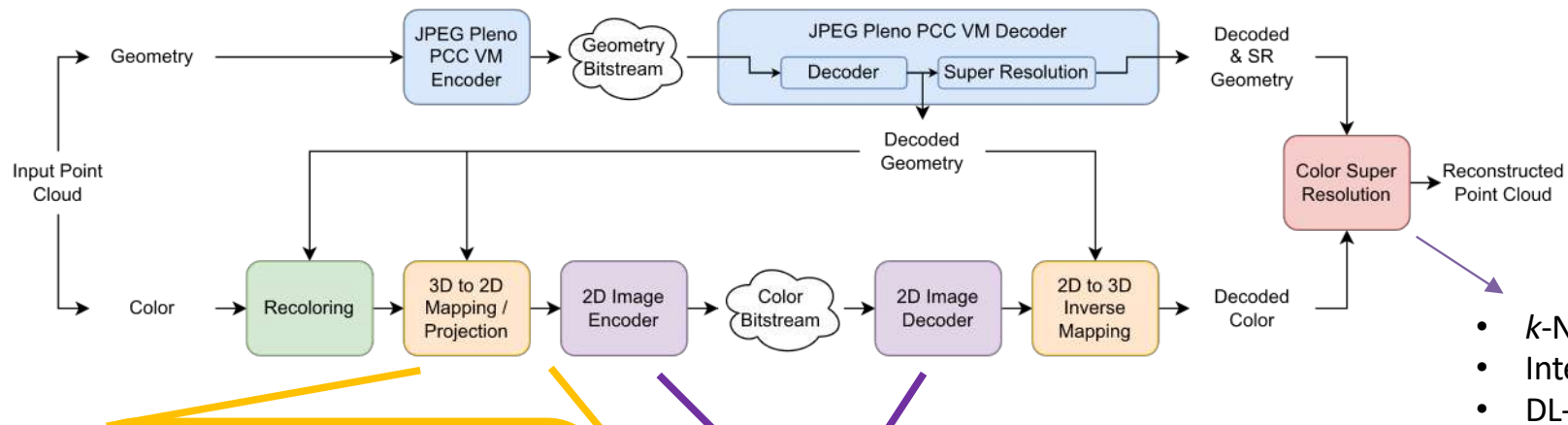


Pleno

The scope of the JPEG Pleno Point Cloud activity is the creation of a **learning-based coding standard** for point clouds and associated attributes, offering **compact compressed domain representation, supporting advanced flexible data access functionalities**. This standard targets both **interactive human visualization**, with competitive compression efficiency compared to state of the art point cloud coding solutions in common use, and **effective performance for 3D processing and machine-related computer vision tasks**, and has the goal of supporting a **royalty-free baseline**.



JPEG's Point Cloud Coding Solution



Expands on the JPEG ecosystem of learning-based coding while taking advantage of the power of the emerging JPEG AI standard.



Key Features of JPEG Pleno Learning based Point Cloud Coding



- **Flexible control of Color and Geometry** Encoding Chains allowing for precise control over bitrate allocation to color and geometry components of point cloud
- **Color coding pipeline leverages the strong coding performance of JPEG AI** and fits into the JPEG learning-based coding ecosystem.
- Both the **Geometry and Colour pipelines utilize deep learning-based super-resolution** to increase the reconstructed quality at no additional rate cost.



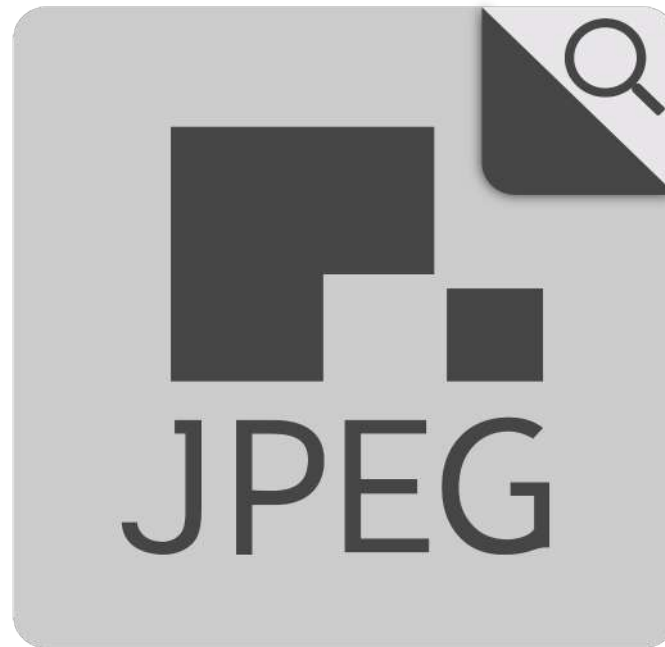
JPEG Pleno timeline

Point cloud



Pleno

Part	Title	WD	CD	DIS	FDIS	IS
1	JPEG Pleno: Framework	18/01	19/03	19/07	20/01	20/10
2	JPEG Pleno: Light Field Coding	18/04	19/01	19/07	20/04	21/04
3	JPEG Pleno: Conformance Testing	19/11	20/07	20/10	-	21/04
4	JPEG Pleno: Reference Software	19/11	20/07	20/10	21/07	22/04
5	JPEG Pleno: Holography	22/01	22/10	23/04	24/01	24/10
6	JPEG Pleno: Learning-based Point Cloud Coding	22/10	24/01	24/07	-	25/01

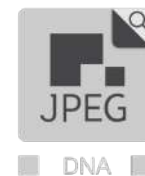


■ DNA ■



Why DNA data storage?

- DNA-based media storage is very interesting because:
 - Storage **density** seems to be **extremely high**, notably beyond any available storage technology
 - Storage is also extremely **stable**, in the order of **thousands of years** in good conditions, as demonstrated by the complete genome sequencing of a fossil horse that lived more than 500'000 years ago
 - Does not require much **energy**, i.e. **ecologically friendly**
- DNA-based storage may be a **very powerful alternative to the current data-storage solutions** which have rather serious limitations, notably in terms of storage capacity, duration and energy consumption.





JPEG DNA scope

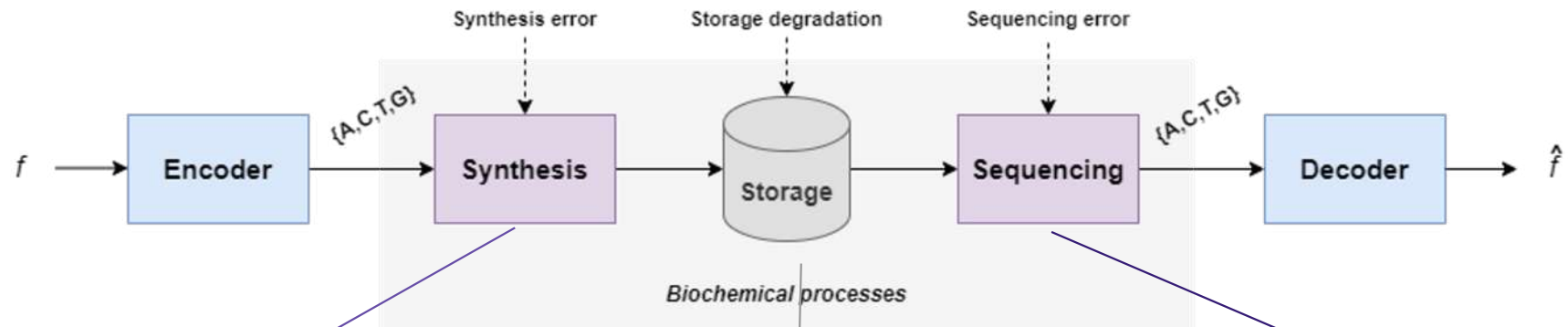


The scope of JPEG DNA is the creation of a standard for **efficient coding of images that considers biochemical constraints** and offers **robustness to noise introduced by the different stages of the storage process that is based on DNA synthetic polymers.**





A biologically constrained problem



- Length limited to 300 nts
- Errors increase exponentially for longer oligos

- DNA is prone to chemical decay if not stored under optimal conditions.

- Main source of errors
- Higher error if: homopolymers, patterns and unbalanced %GC



Applications and use cases

- Long Term Media Archives and Cultural Heritage Preservation
- Social Networks Cold Media Storage
- Preservation of Medical Images
- Preservation of Large-scale Repositories of Biomedical Data:
Beyond Local Data Storage
- DNA Coding for Traceability



JPEG DNA Timeline

- 2023 January: Draft Call for Proposals
- 2023 April: Final Call for Proposals
- 2023 October: Evaluation of proposals
- 2024 April: First Working Draft (WD)
- **2025 January: Committee Draft (CD)**
- 2025 July: Draft International Standard (DIS)
- 2026 International Standard (IS)



Thanks for your attention!

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