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| Target | Contribution to MPAI-EVC |
| Purpose | Proposal |

# Abstract

The Operational Guidelines aim to facilitate the implementation of the Collaborative Evidence Conditions [1]. The Operational Guidelines are periodically revised to reflect the ongoing work of MPAI-EVC.

# Introduction

The purpose of these Operational Guidelines is to provide practical guidance to MPAI-EVC members to achieve, step by step, the common goal of starting from an existing standard and try to replace tools in that architecture with published tools that claim to perform well (Figure 1).

The current objectives are the following:

1. The starting point is the MPEG-EVC baseline (Essential Video Coding).
2. The MPAI-EVC members pick up an AI tool form the Table Tools (Table 1) upon they wish to operate.
3. The members then share their approach/results in the working group.
4. The Cross-checker then begin to express the pros and cons of each implementations
5. The members are expected to work in a common/collaborative process.
6. Each member realizes that it is in their best interests for themselves and of all the experts in the group to align processes as closely as possible.

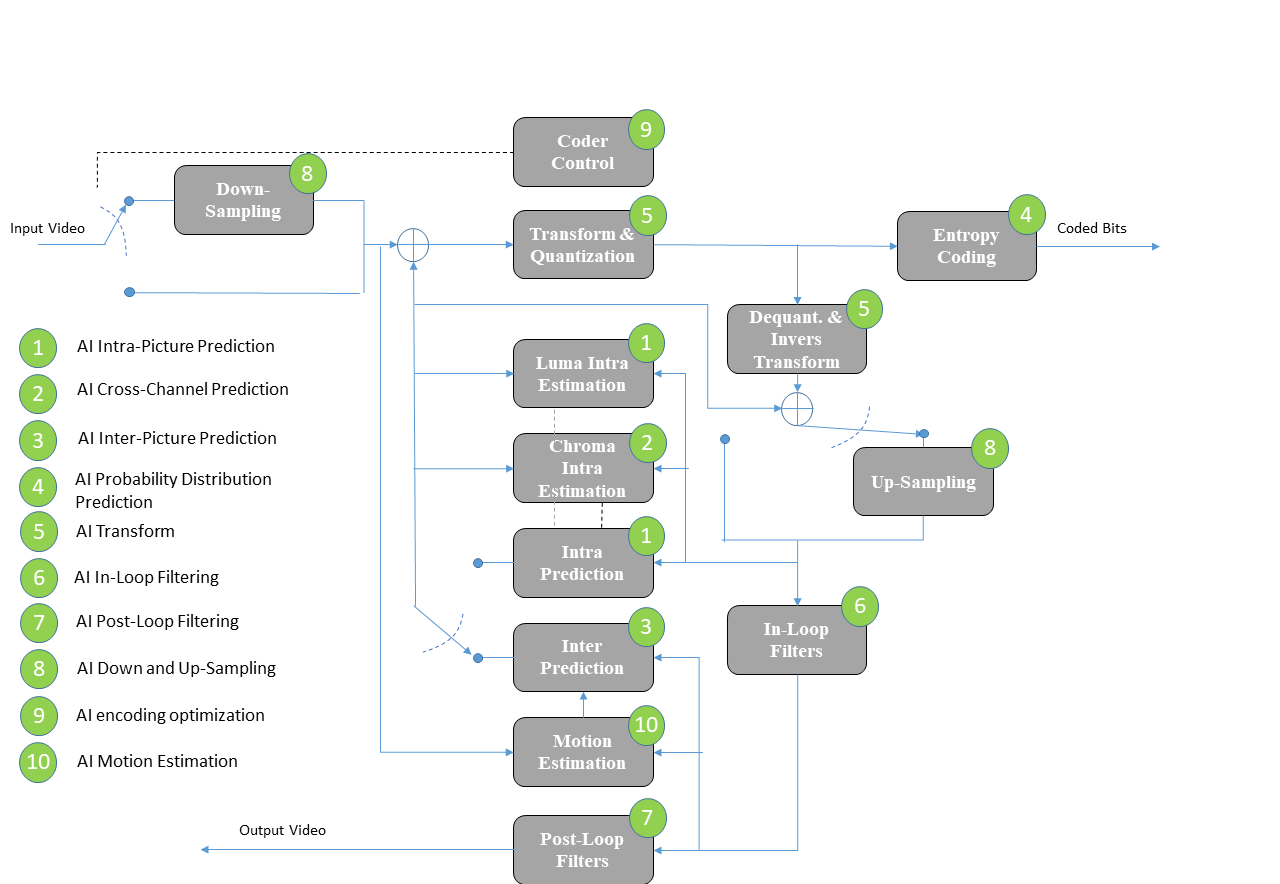


Figure 1: Essential Video Coding scheme (Horizontal Hybrid approach)

# AI tools to add

In the following the list of deep tools to be added in the EVC schema:

**Table 1** Table Tools

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| **AI-tool** | **Paper** | **R** | **Link to Source Code** | **MPAI-EVC member** | **Cross-checker** |
| AI Intra-Picture Prediction | Neural network based intra prediction for video coding | 6 |  |  |  |
| JVET-J0037-v1, Intra prediction modes based on neural networks | 2 |
| AI Cross-Channel Prediction | A hybrid neural network for chroma intra prediction | 8 |  |  |  |
| AI Inter-Picture Prediction | Generative adversarial network-based frame extrapolation for video coding | 7 |  |  |  |
| AI Probability Distribution Prediction | Convolutional neural network-based arithmetic coding of DC coefficients for HEVC intra coding | 13 |  |  |  |
| AI Transform |  |  |  |  |  |
| AI In-Loop Filtering | CNN-based in-loop filtering for coding efficiency improvement | 9 |  |  |  |
| m54991, Preliminary results of Neural Network Loop Filter | 3 |
| AI Post-Loop Filtering | The multi-scale deep decoder for the standard HEVC bitstreams | 12 |  |  |  |
| An Integrated CNN-based Post Processing Filter For  Intra Frame in Versatile Video Coding | 5 |
| AI Down and Up-Sampling | Convolutional Neural Network-Based Block Up-sampling for Intra Frame Coding | 10 |  |  |  |
| On Versatile Video Coding at UHD with Machine-Learning-Based Super-Resolution | 4 |
| AI encoding optimization |  |  |  |  |  |
| AI Motion Estimation |  |  |  |  |  |
| AI Coder control- rate control | A convolutional neural network-based approach to rate control in HEVC intra coding | 11 |  |  |  |

# Gantt

A detailed timeline planned activities is presented in the Gantt chart in Figure 2.

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| Contact authors scientific papers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Setting the environment |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AI Intra-Picture Prediction |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AI Cross-Channel Prediction |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AI Inter-Picture Prediction |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AI Probability Distribution Prediction |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AI Transform |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AI In-Loop Filtering |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AI Post-Loop Filtering |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AI Down and Up-Sampling |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AI encoding optimization |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AI Motion Estimation |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| AI Coder control - rate control |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Evaluation Table |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Figure 2: A Gantt chart representing the detailed timeline of the activities

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