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# Introduction

MPAI’s standards development is based on projects evolving through a workflow extending on 6 + 1 stages.

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| **#** | **Acr** | **Name** | **Description** |
| 0 | IC | Interest Collection | Collection and harmonisation of use cases proposed |
| 1 | UC | Use cases | Proposals of use cases, their description and merger of compatible use cases |
| 2 | FR | Functional Reqs | Identification of the functional requirements that the standard in­cluding the Use Case should satisfy |
| 3 | CR | Commercial Reqs | Development and approval of the framework licence of the stan­dard |
| 4 | CfT | Call for Technologies | Preparation and publication of a document calling for technologies supporting the functional and commercial requirements |
| 5 | SD | Standard development | Development of the standard in a specific Development Com­mit­tee (DC) |
| 6 | MS | MPAI standard | The standard is approved by the General Assembly after its has been successfully completed and approved by the DC and all Members have made the appropriate declarations |

A project progresses from one stage to the next by resolution of the General Assembly.

The stages of currently (MPAI-9) active MPAI projects are graphically represented by *Figure 1*.



*Figure 1 – Snapshot of the MPAI work plan*

# Areas at stage 5 (SD)

## MPAI-AIF

Artificial Intelligence Framework (MPAI-AIF) enables creation and automation of mixed ML-AI-DP processing and inference workflows for the application areas work currently considered at stages 1, 2 and 3 of the MPAI work plan. MPAI-AIF will be extended to support new applications areas, if the need will arise.

The said areas of work share the notion of an environment (the Framework) that includes 6 com­ponents – Management and Control, Execution, AI Modules (AIM), Communication, Storage and Access. AIMs are connected in a variety of topologies and executed under the super­vision of Management and Control. AIMs expose standard interfaces that make them potentially re-usable in different applications. *Figure 2* shows the general MPAI-AIF Reference Model.



*Figure 2 – Reference model of the MPAI AI Framework*

Public MPAI documents supporting the MPAI-AIF project at the current stage are:

1. MPAI-AIF Use Cases & Functional Requirements, N74 [1]
2. MPAI-AIF Call for Technologies, N100 [2]
3. MPAI-AIF Framework Licence, N101 [3]

Stage 6 is expected to be reached in July 2021.

# Areas at stage 4 (CT)

## MPAI-CAE

Context-based Audio Enhancement (MPAI-CAE) improves the user experience for several audio-related applications including entertainment, communication, teleconferencing, gaming, post-production, restoration etc. in a variety of contexts such as in the home, in the car, on-the-go, in the studio etc. using context information to act on the input audio content using AI, processing such content via AIMs, and potentially deliver the processed output via the most appropriate prot­ocol.

So far, MPAI-CAE has been found applicable to 11 usage examples, for 4 of which the definition of AIM interfaces is at an advanced stage: Emotion enhanced speech, Audio Recording Preser­vation, Enhanced Audioconference Experience and Audio-on-the-go. *Figure 3* addresses the Emotion enhanced speech Use Case.

MPAI documents supporting the MPAI-CAE project at the current stage are:

1. MPAI-CAE Use Case and Functional Requirements, N151 [4]
2. MPAI-CAE Call for Technologies, N152 [5]
3. MPAI-CAE Framework Licence, N171 [6]



*Figure 3* – *An MPAI-CAE Use Case: Emotion-enhanced speech*

## MPAI-MMC

Multi-modal conversation (MPAI-MMC) aims to enable human-machine conversation that emul­ates human-human conversation in completeness and intensity by using AI.

So far, 3 Use Cases have been identified for MPAI-MMC: Conversation with emotion, Multimodal Question Answering (QA) and Personalized Automatic Speech Translation.

*Figure 4* addresses the Conversation with emotion Use Case.

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*Figure 4* – *An MPAI-MMC Use Case: Conversation with emotion*

MPAI documents supporting the MPAI-MMC project at the current stage are:

1. MPAI-MMC Use Case and Functional Requirements, N153 [7]
2. MPAI-MMC Call for Technologies, N154 [8]
3. MPAI-MMC Framework Licence, N173 [9]

## MPAI-CUI

Compression and understanding of industrial data (MPAI-CUI) aims to enable AI-based filtering and extraction of key information to predict company performance by applying Artificial Intellig­ence to governance, financial and risk data.

MPAI-CUI requires standardisation of all data formats to be fed into an AI machine to extract information that is relevant to the intended use. Converted data undergo a further conversion and are then fed to specific neural networks. This is depicted in *Figure 5*.

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*Figure 5* – *The MPAI-CUI Use Case*

MPAI documents supporting the MPAI-CUI project at the current stage are:

1. MPAI-CUI Use Cases and Functional Requirement, N200 [10]
2. MPAI-CUI Call for Technologies, N201 [11]
3. MPAI-CUI Framework Licence, N202 [12]

# Areas at stage 2 (FR)

## MPAI-SPG

Server-based Predictive Multiplayer Gaming (MPAI-SPG) aims to minimise the audio-visual and gameplay discontinuities caused by high latency or packet losses during an online real-time game. In case information from a client is missing, the data collected from the clients involved in a particular game are fed to an AI-based system that predicts the moves of the client whose data are missing. The same technologies provide a response to the need to detect who amongst the players is cheating.

*Figure 6* depicts the MPAI-SPG reference model including the cloud gaming model.



*Figure 6* – *Identification of MPAI-SPG standardisation area*

Public MPAI document supporting the MPAI-SPG work area is:

1. MPAI-SPG Use Cases and Functional Requirement, N214 [14]

MPAI is currently engaged in the MPAI-SPG Design Verification Project.

## MPAI-GSA

Integrative Genomic/Sensor Analysis (MPAI-GSA) uses AI to understand and compress the res­ult of high-throughput experiments combining genomic/proteomic and other data, e.g., from video, motion, location, weather, medical sensors.

So far, MPAI-GSA has been found applicable to 4 Use Areas (collections of compatible Use Cases):

1. Integrative analysis of ‘omics datasets
2. Smart Farming
3. Genomics and phenotypic/spatial data
4. Genomics and behaviour

*Figure 7* addresses the Smart Farming Use Case.



*Figure 7* – *An MPAI-GSA Use Case: Smart Framing*

MPAI documents supporting the MPAI-GSA project at the current stage are:

1. Draft MPAI-GSA Use Cases and Functional Requirement, N194 [13];

## MPAI-EVC

AI-Enhanced Video Coding (MPAI-EVC) is a video compression stan­dard that substantially en­hances the performance of a traditional video codec by improving or replacing traditional tools with AI-based tools. Two approaches – Horizontal Hybrid and Vertical Hybrid – are envisaged. The **Horizontal Hybrid** approach introduces AI based algorithms combined with trad­itional image/video codec, trying to replace one block of the traditional schema with a machine learn­ing-based one. This case can be described by *Figure 8* where green circles represent tools that can be replaced or enhanced with their AI-based equivalent.

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*Figure 8* – *A reference diagram for the Horizontal Hybrid approach*

The **Vertical Hybrid** approach envigaes an AVC/HEVC/EVC/VVC base layer plus an enhanced machine learning-based layer. This case can be represented by *Figure 9*.



*Figure 9* – *A reference diagram for the Vertical Hybrid approach*

MPAI is engaged in the MPAI-EVC Evidence Project seeking to find evidence that AI-based technologies provide sufficient improvement to the Horizontal Hybrid approach. A second project on the Vertical Hybrid approach is being considered.

Approved MPAI documents supporting the MPAI-EVC work area are:

1. MPAI Application Note #3 R1 - MPAI-EVC, N61 [15]
2. MPAI-EVC Use Cases and Requirements, N92 [16]
3. Collaborative Evidence Conditions for MPAI-EVC Evidence Project Rev.1, N69 [17]
4. Operational Guidelines for MPAI-EVC Evidence Project, N70 [18]
5. Status report of MPAI-EVC Evidence Project, N271 [19].

## MPAI-CAV

Connected Autonomous Vehicles (CAV) is a Use Case addressing the Connected Autonomous Vehicle (CAV) domain and the 3 main operating instances of a CAV:

1. Autonomous Motion, i.e., the operation of the portion of a CAV that enables its autonomous motion
2. Human-CAV interaction, i.e., the operation of the portion of a CAV that responds to hum­ans’ commands and queries and senses humans’ activities
3. The CAV-environment interaction, i.e., the operation of the portion of a CAV that commun­icates with other CAVs and sources of information.



*Figure 10* – *The reference model of the Autonomous Motion portion of MPAI-CAV*

Approved public MPAI document supporting the MPAI-CAV work area is:

1. MPAI Application Note #9 - MPAI-CAV, N273 [20]
2. MPAI-CAV Use Cases and Functional Requirements, N273 [21]

# Areas at stage 1 (UC)

## MPAI-OSD

Visual object and scene description is a collection of Use Cases sharing the goal of describe visual object and locate them in the space. Scene description includes the usual des­cription of objects and their attributes in a scene and the semantic description of the objects.

Unlike proprietary solutions that address the needs of the use cases but lack interoperability or force all users to adopt a single technology or application, a standard representation of the ob­jects in a scene allows for better satifaction of the requirements.

Approved MPAI document supporting the MPAI-OSD work area is:

1. MPAI Application Note #8 - MPAI-OSD, N93 [22]

# Areas at stage 0 (IC)

## Mixed-Reality Collaborative Spaces

New technologies are emerging which equip developers to deliver mixed-reality collaborative space (MCS) scenarios where biomedical, scientific, and industrial sensor streams and recordings are to be viewed.

Artificial intelligence can be utilized throughout MCS systems for immersive presence, spatial maps (e.g. Lidar scans, inside-out tracking) rendering, and multiuser synchronization.

Approved MPAI document supporting the MPAI-MCS work area is:

1. MPAI Application Note #10 - MPAI-MCS, N93 [23]

## Vision-to-Sound Transformation

It is possible to give a spatial representation of an image that visually impaired people can hear with two headphones as a localization and description medium. It is a conversion (compression) technique from one space to a different interpretation space.

# Other possible areas

Several potential areas for standardisation are likely to emerge from [24].

## Anomalous service access

A machine that has learnt "typical" service access values for a particular service provider can detect attempts beyond "typical" values.

## Anomalous vibrations

A machine learns from the data generated by inertial sensors (accelerometer with gyroscope) to distinguish between regular and anomalous vibrations.

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