

DEPLOYING AV1 FOR LIVE BROADCAST, SPORTS, AND RTC STREAMING

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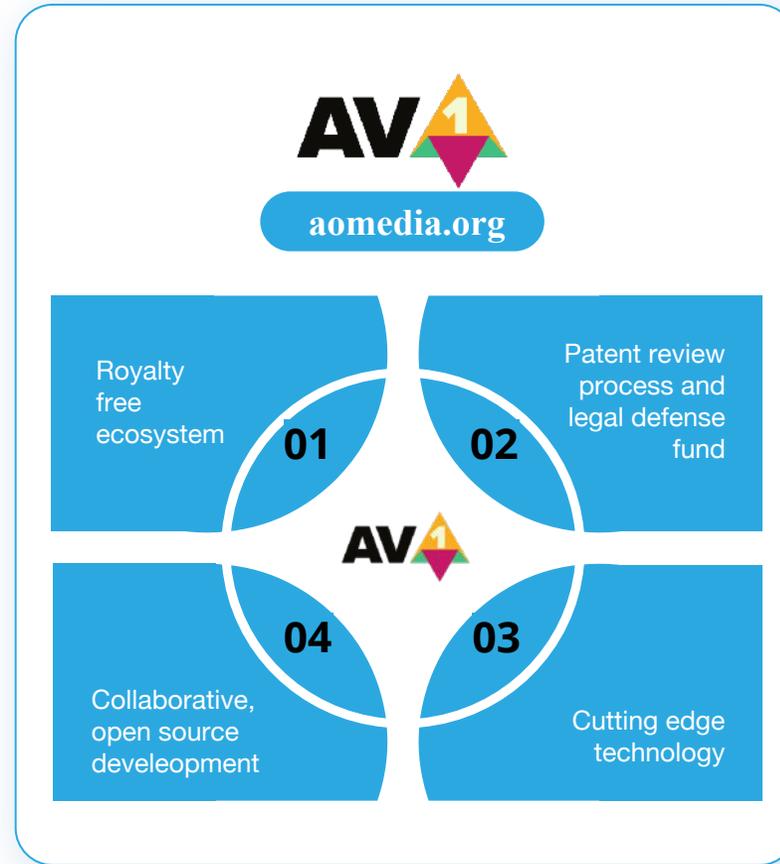
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AOM/AV1 - The Journey & Mission

- AV1 is the first video codec from AOM
- **Zero** version of AV1: VP9 (libvpx)
- Tools proposed from:
 - VP10 (Google)
 - Daala (Mozilla)
 - Thor (Cisco)
 - 100+ new tools
- Finalized in June 2018



AOM/AV1 - SW & HW Decoder Ecosystem is Growing



AV1 Streaming Protocols & Formats



Common Media Application Format (CMAF)

<https://aomediacodec.github.io/av1-isobmff/>

CMAF AV1 track format specification



DASH

Segments may contain media data

Audio/video codec agnostic

<http://wiki.webmproject.org/adaptive-streaming/instructions-to-playback-adaptive-webm-using-dash>



AV1 DRM Support

CMAF/DASH DRM, e.g. Widevine DRM



Input Format Support

1. Support for 10,12, and 16-bit color
2. Chroma subsampling 420, 422, and 444 are all supported

AV1 Codec ISO Media File Format Binding ALLIANCE FOR OPEN MEDIA
AOM Working Group Draft, 15 November 2021

This version:
<https://aomediacodec.github.io/av1-isobmff/>

Issue Tracking:
GitHub

Editors:
Cyril Concolato (Netflix)
Tom Finegan (Google)

Previously approved version:
v1.2.0

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Metadata Handling

1. HDR10: OBUs for Max Content Light Level, Max Frame Average Light Level, and Mastering Display Color Volume.
2. HDR10+: T35
3. Flexibility for metadata insertion
 - Allows per-frame insertion, or keyframe only, or upon metadata change



Color Description

1. Can specify color primaries, transfer characteristics, and color conversion matrix coefficients
 - Specified in the sequence header (General sequence header OBU syntax)

Adaptive Protocol: **MPEG DASH / HLS**

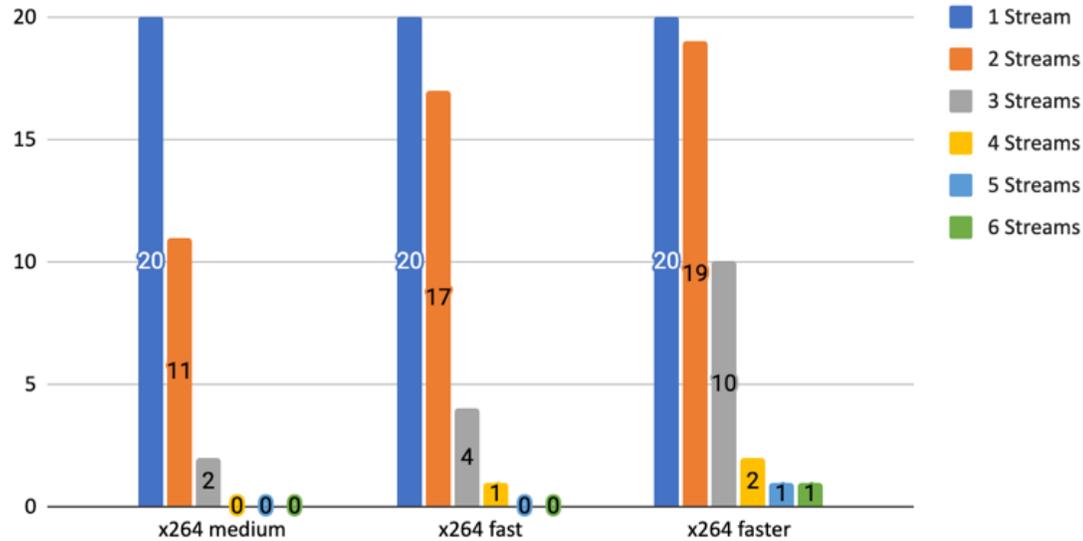
Container: **fMP4 (CMAF)**

Encryption: **CBC / CTR**

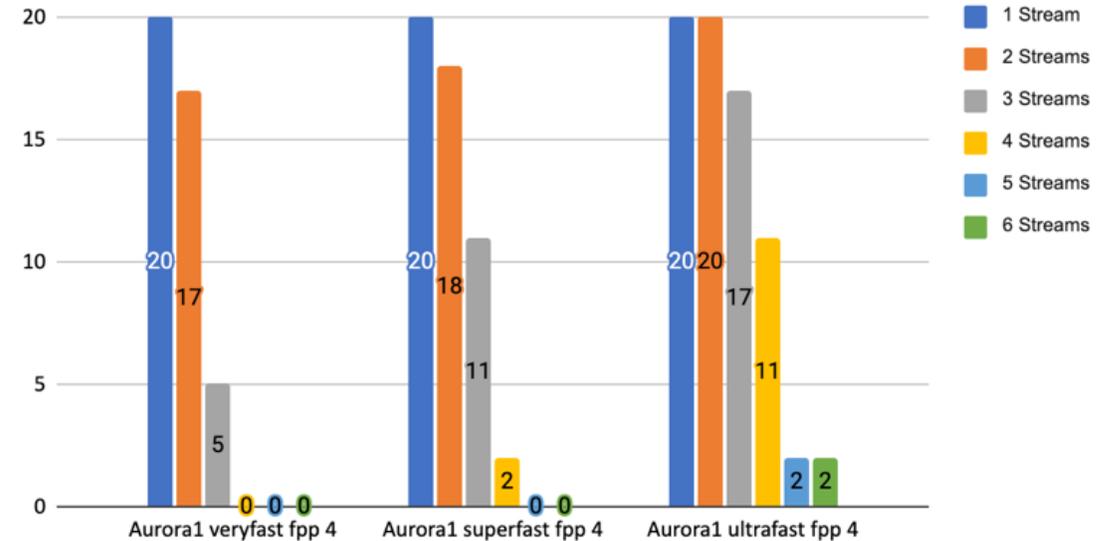
Video Codec
H.264/AVC
H.265/HEVC
AOM/AV1

AV1 vs. H.264 - Aurora1 compared to x264

Concurrent Live Streams Using x264
AMD EPYC 7R32 16C/32T



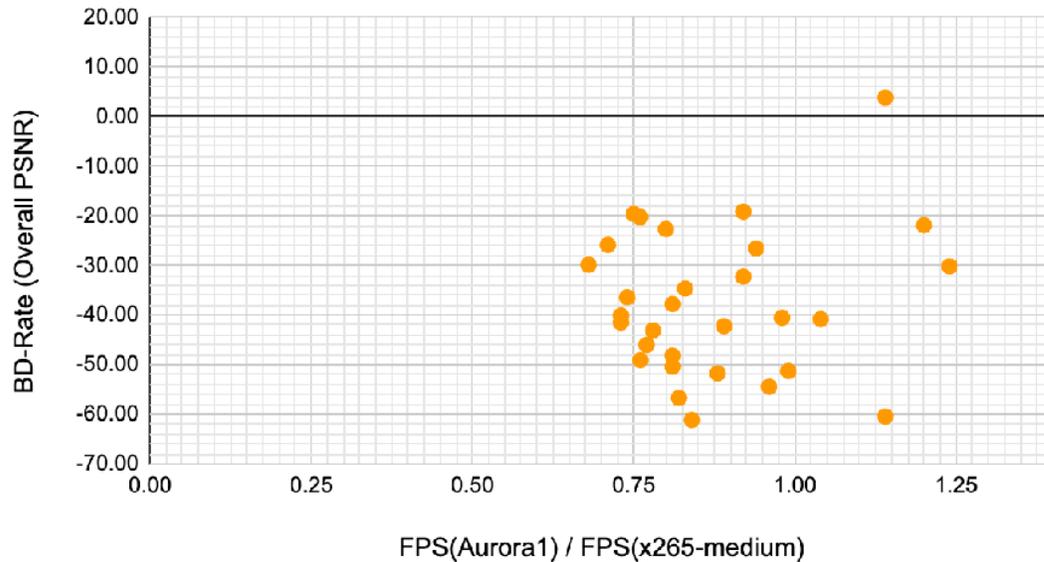
Concurrent Live Streams Using Aurora1 AV1 (-fpp4) 
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Aurora1 AV1 vs x264 BD-rate	Overall PSNR	PSNR-Y	SSIM-AVG	SSIM-Y	VMAF
x264 medium vs Aurora veryfast fpp4	-40.94	-42.54	-46.63	-46.85	-42.51
x264 medium vs Aurora superfast fpp4	-39.16	-41.22	-45.08	-45.74	-36.87
x264 medium vs Aurora ultrafast fpp4	-25.18	-28.34	-31.55	-32.49	-22.92

AV1 vs. HEVC - Aurora1 compared to x265

Aurora1 Fast vs. x265 - Medium



BD-rate (%)Overall PSNR	BD-rate (%)PSNR	BD-rate (%)SSIM	BD-rate (%)VMAF	FPS(Aurora1) / FPS(x265)
-37.69	-36.67	-38.18	-35.50	0.88

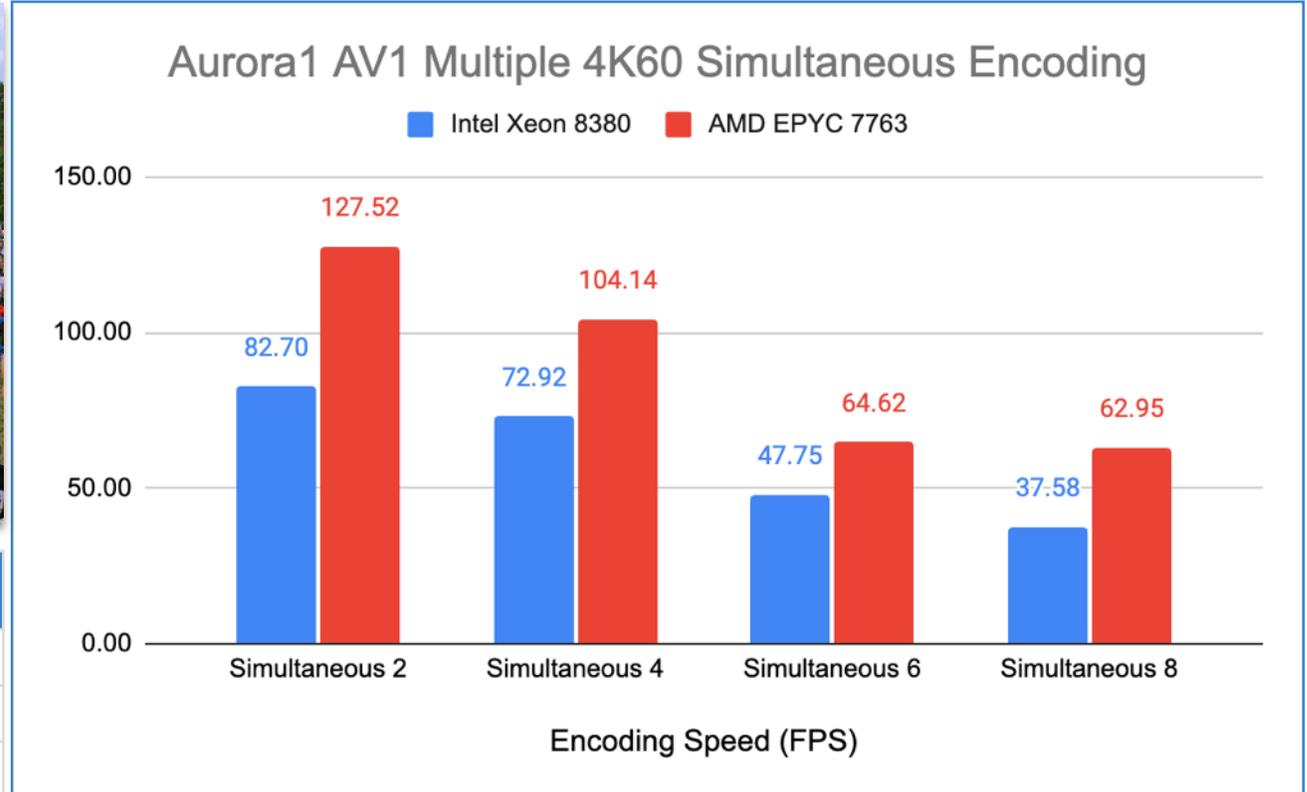
- Aurora1 Fast vs x265 medium: Over the AOM standard test set (object-1-fast, also a longer version for SIWG CTC) containing 30 videos of various resolutions - 16 1080p, 7 720p, and 7 360p, mainly 60fps, qualities, content types, and visual characteristics.
- Encoders operated on AMD Ryzen 9 3900X 12-Core Processor 12C24T.
- Aurora1 Fast on averages achieves a BD-rate gain of **37.69% in Overall PSNR**, **36.67% in Average PSNR**, **38.18% in SSIM**, and **35.50% in VMAF**, and meanwhile,
- Aurora1 Fast runs at 88% of the speed of x265-medium.

Aurora1 AV1 on EPYC 7763 & Intel 8380



Encoding Speed (FPS)	Simultaneous 2	Simultaneous 4	Simultaneous 6	Simultaneous 8
Intel Xeon 8380	82.70	72.92	47.75	37.58
AMD EPYC 7763	127.52	104.14	64.62	62.95
Speedup	54.20%	42.82%	35.34%	67.50%

Test Video	Resolution	Frame-Rate (fps)	Frames
crowd_run	3840x2160	50	500



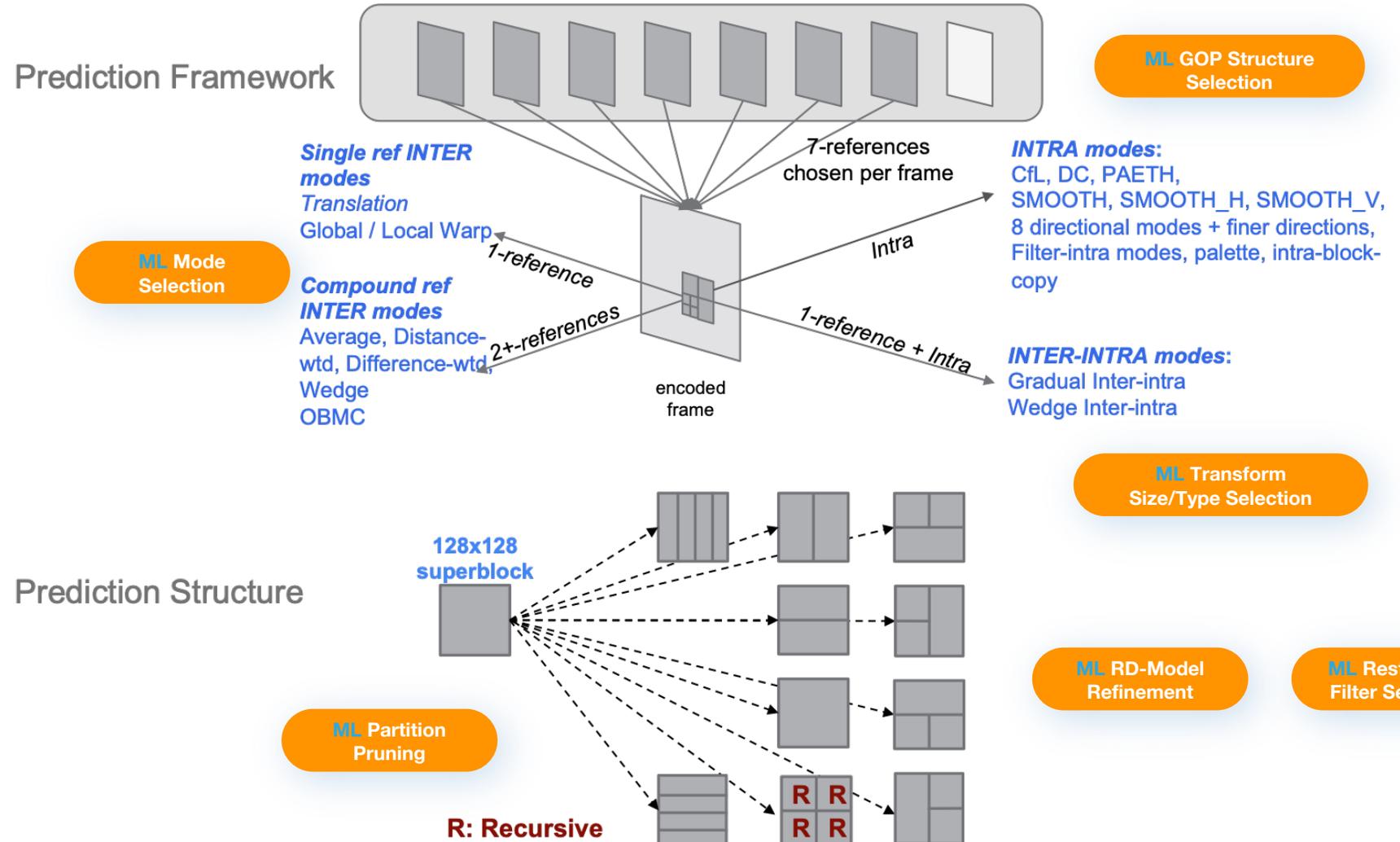
Machine Learning For AV1 Encoding Optimization



100+ coding tools

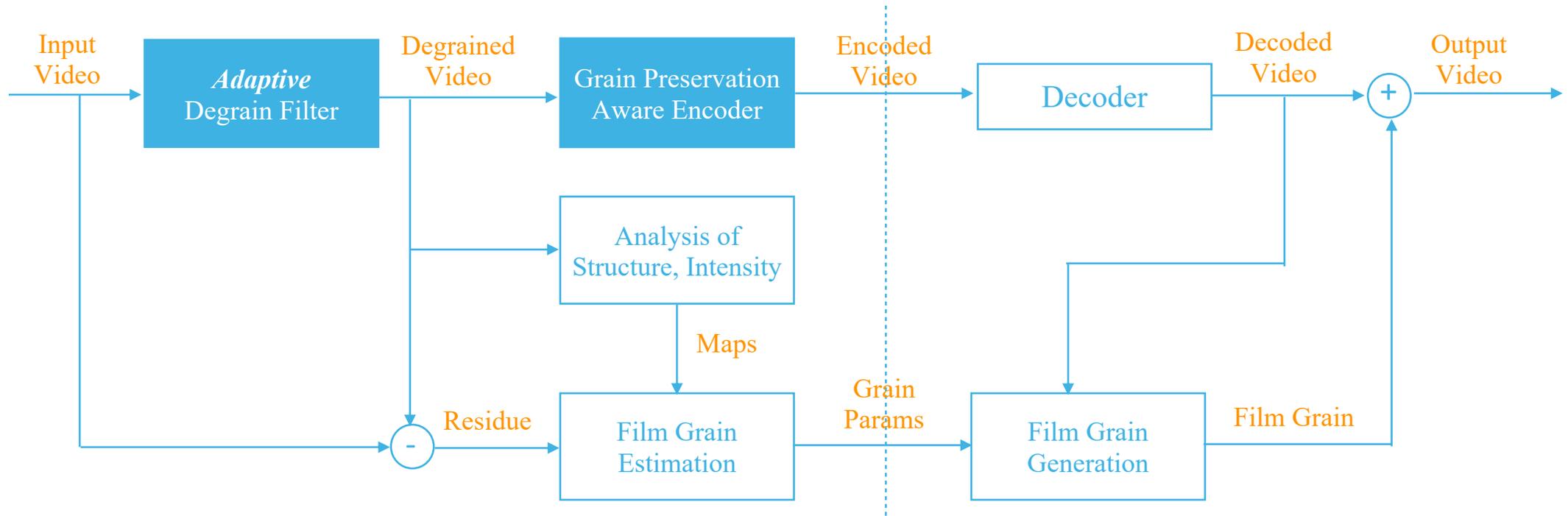


AOM Supported



Courtesy Dr. Debargha Mukherjee, Google Inc.

Aurora1 Film Grain – Synthesis + Grain Preservation



Temporal filter
Temporal Dependency Modeling (TPL)
Inter-/Intra prediction
Optimize_b
In-loop post-processing
Hierarchical GOP-structure

- ➔ Multi-frame smoothness detection
- ➔ Cascaded two-stage degrading
- ➔ Effective anti-banding encoding

ML for AV1 Film Grain - Aurora1 Dithering



AV1 Encoder Optimization - Decoder Complexity Aware

Case Study: VOD

- dav1d 0.7.1 FFmpeg
- Encoding a 1920x1080 60fps 30-sec long gaming video clip:
 - Target bitrate: 10Mbps
 - HW: Intel i5 cpu notebook
 - Player: Chrome as the player
 - Additional "bullet comments" special effects imposed, adding another layer of playback complexity.

Overall PSNR	PSNR	SSIM	VMAF
4.84	4.96	5.21	-0.11

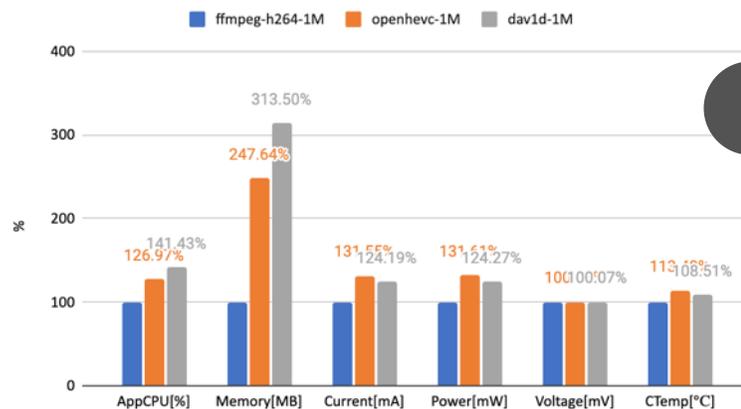
Encoder Algorithms	Decoding Speed (fps)	Decoding Speed vs. Source Frame Rate i.e. 60fps	Decoder Speedup (vs baseline)
BASE_CFG (baseline)	78	1.30x	-
Adaptive motion mode selection	88	1.46x	12.82%
Adaptive frame-level parallel setup	85	1.41x	8.97%
Adaptive loop filtering mode selection	89	1.48x	14.10%
Minimum partition size pruning	83	1.38x	6.41%
Adaptive GOP structure configuration	89	1.49x	14.10%
Overall	134	2.24x	71.79%



VideoLAN

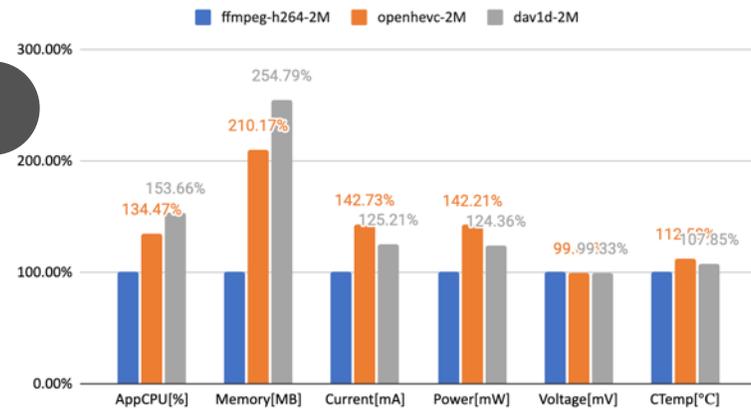


ONEPLUS A6010 Decoder Performance Comparison (1080p 30fps Playback)



Snapdragon 845

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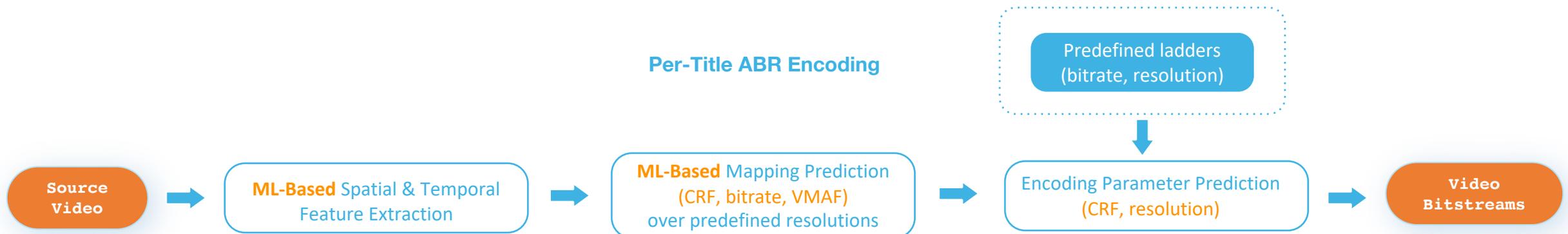
Aurora1 Multi-stream Output

- Aurora1 AV1 can deliver **Adaptive BitRate (ABR)** multi-bitstream encoding.
- **Single** AV1 encoder instance: Aurora1 is able to take one *single* source video input whereas output *multiple*, **GOP-aligned** encoded AV1 bitstreams of various (resolution, bitrate) renditions.
- Aurora1 AV1 is capable of fast **Per-Title** encoding leveraging the use of *machine learning*.

GOP-Aligned

Keyframe's position is synchronized across varying resolutions and bitrates settings.

- May output keyframe positions to a log file.
- May take an external log file to enforce keyframe positions.



Tools for RTC – Speed, Temporal Scalability, SCC

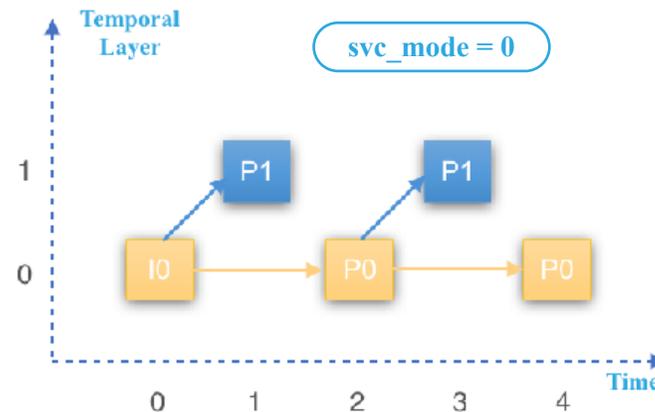
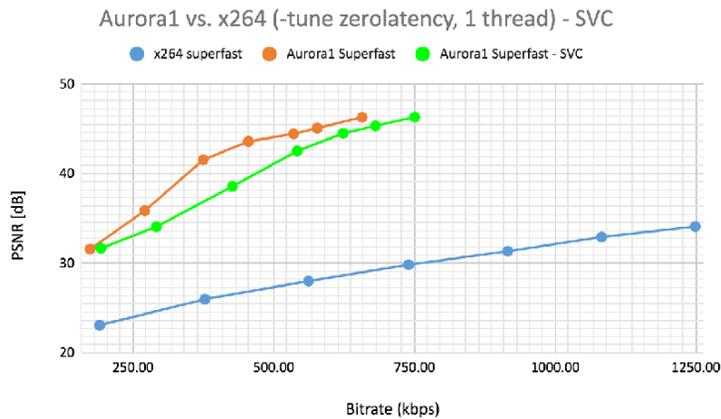
- **Source:** 1080p/30fps screen content
- **Test platform:** AMD Ryzen 7
- **CPU usage:** ~100% (configured with single thread)

x264
commands

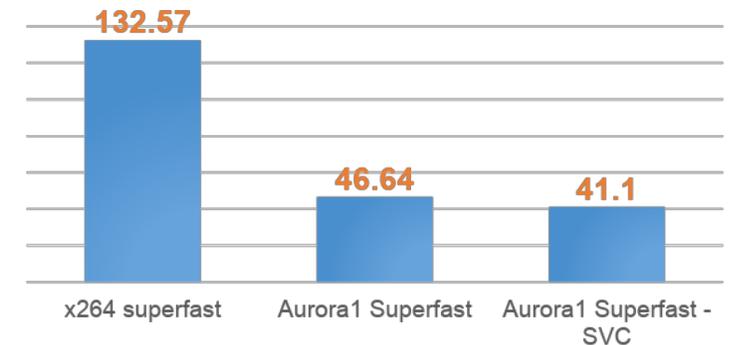
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ffmpeg -threads 1 -r 30 -s 1920x1080 -c:v
libx264 -x264-params bframes=0 -tune
zerolatency -preset superfast -threads 1
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Aurora1
non-SVC

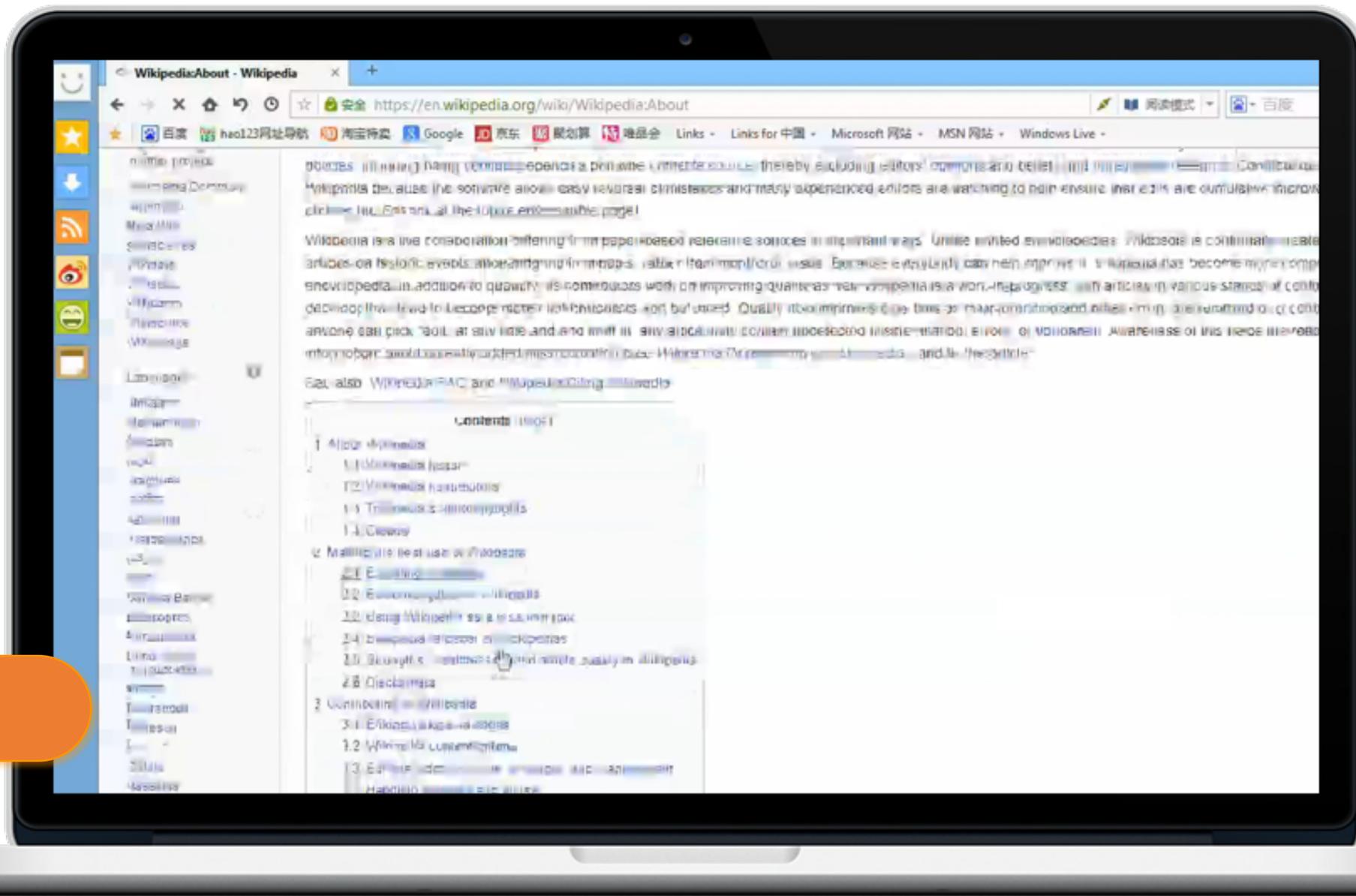
- BD-rate (PSNR): -81.25% BD-PSNR: 13.95dB
- Aurora1 runs at a speed of ~1/3 as that of x264



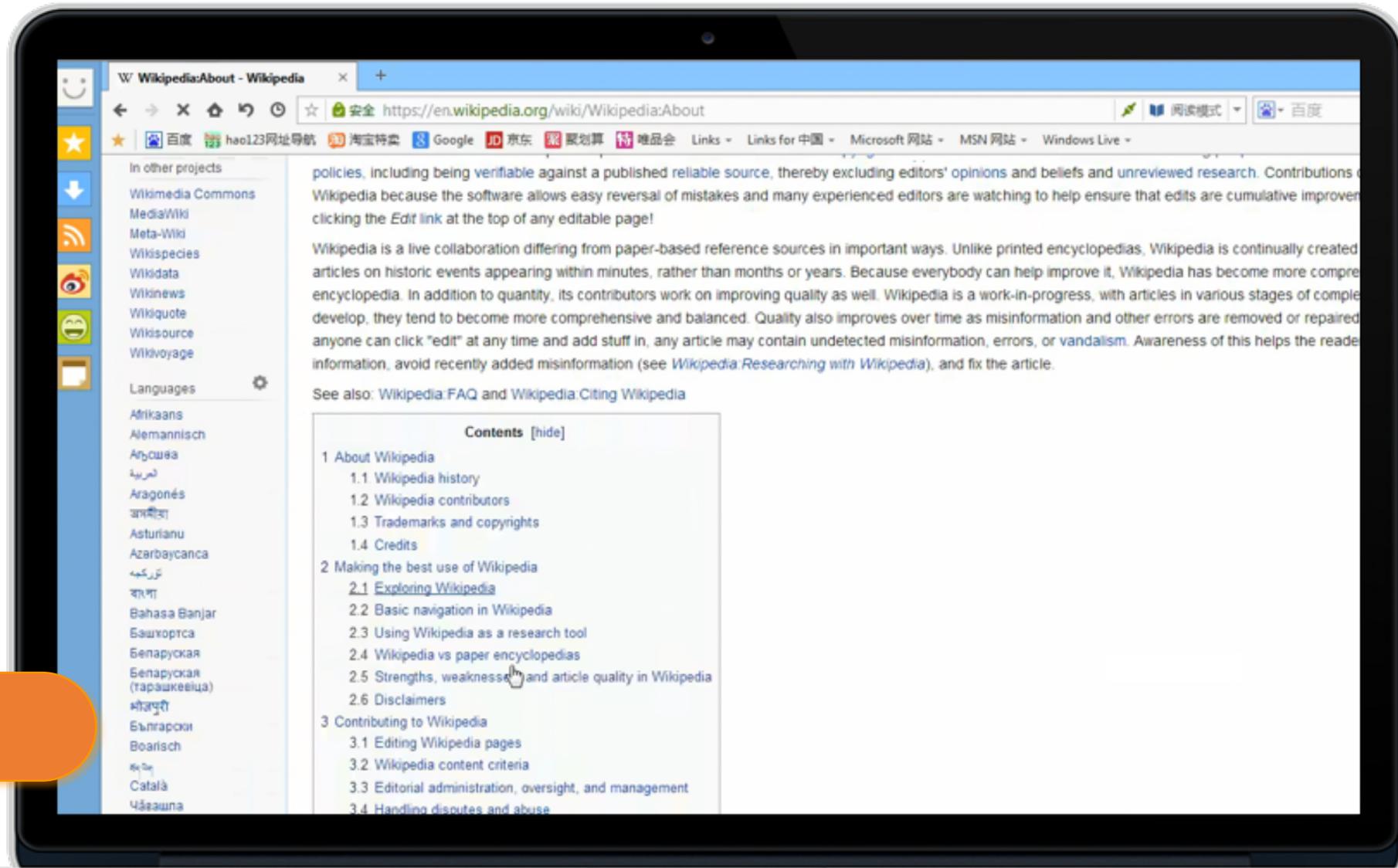
Encoding Speed (-tune zerolatency, 1 thread)



Screen Content Coding x264 example



x264 medium
800kbps



Aurora1
400kbps

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