



VideoQ VQV

Media Files Viewer-Analyzer

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1. General Info



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1.1 Top-level Workflow Diagram



Stream



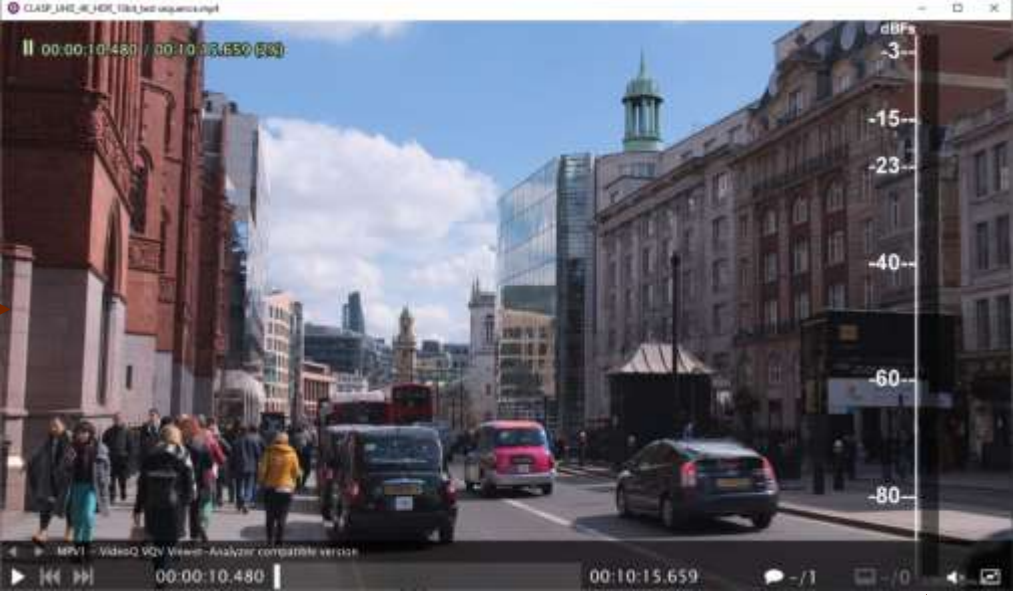
Playlist



Media File



VQMP player compatible with **VQV** (option)



Real time video playout,
up to 8K UHD HDR/SDR,
multi-channel sound,
AV analyzer overlays



A rendered image with the unique VQV
readout and VQV filters/meters overlays



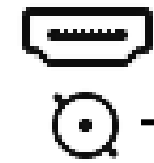
Media File



Raw YUV/RGB File



HDMI/SDI

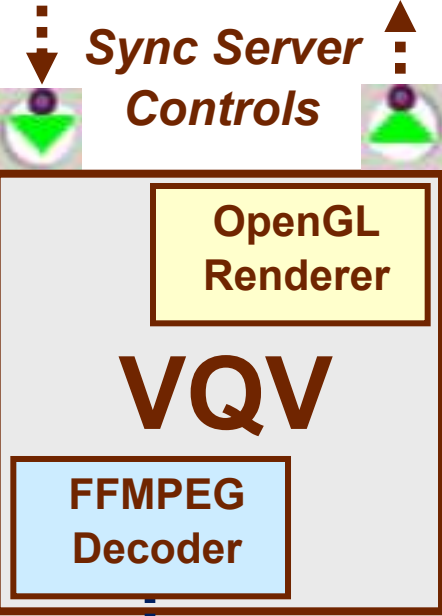


Capture
HW

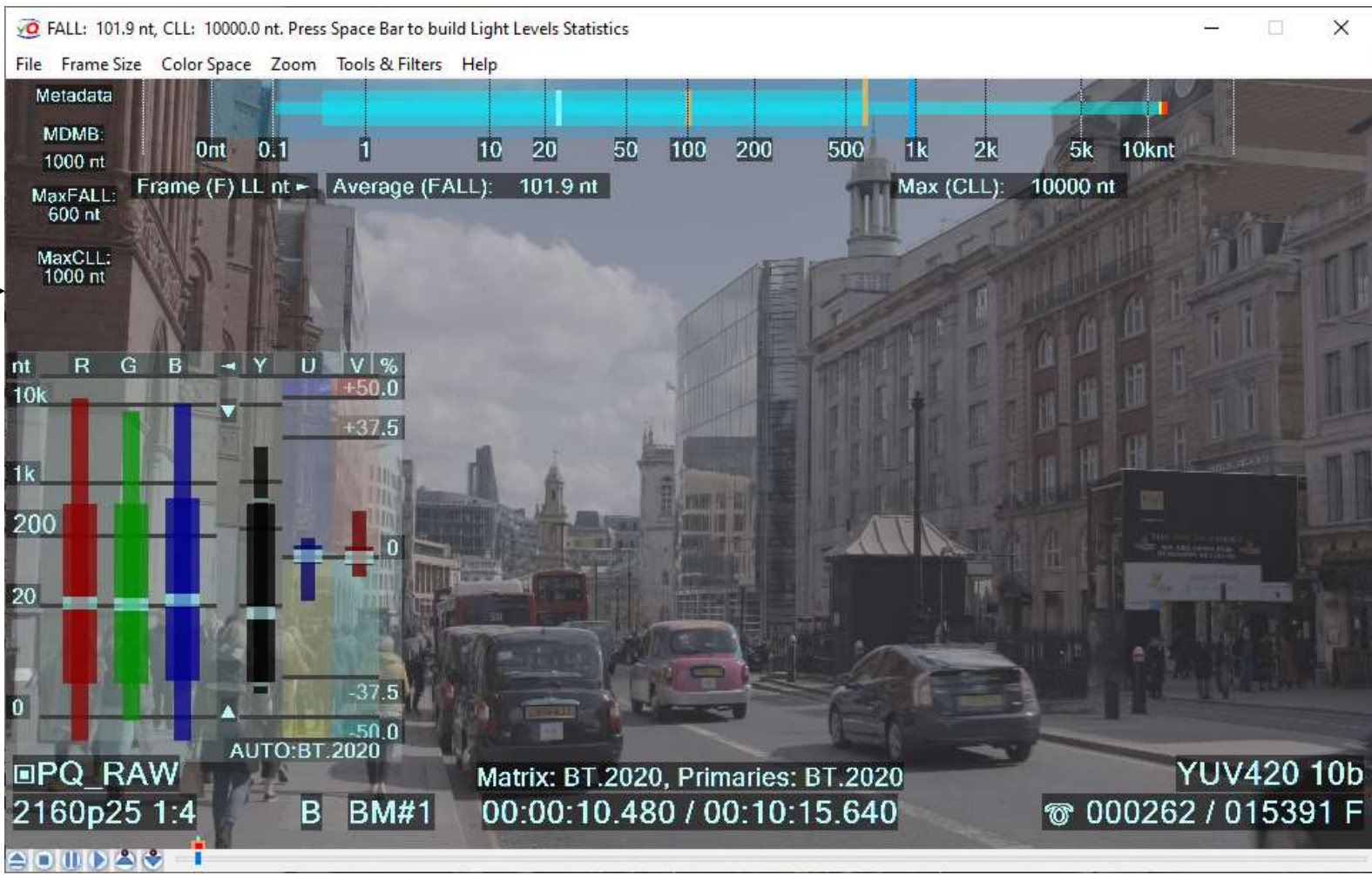
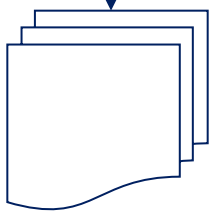
Stream



Capture
SW



Converted Raw
YUV/RGB Files



1.2. VQV Application Fields



- VQV is an Augmented Intelligence software tool, instantly revealing your video camera, codec, scaler, converter or other video HW and/or SW device/workflow performance
- Unique video data analysis and fidelity verification tool for the file-based environment
- The 4th generation smart tool for production and post-production facilities, CDN and IPTV systems, development labs, software developers and high-volume manufacturers
- An essential QA/QC tool for broadcast, prosumer and consumer video systems with LAN/WAN connectivity
- VQV displays images and analyze parameters of all compressed video files in a variety of formats, including MOV, MXF, MP4, AVI, TS, M2TS, etc.
- In addition, VQV reads, plays, converts and outputs uncompressed video material data in YUV/RGB/BMP formats, *bit by bit, pixel by pixel, frame by frame*

1.3 VQV Features 1



- An offline video player with sophisticated viewer-analyzer functionality
- Covers a wide range of frame sizes and formats, up to **8K**, including variety of **HDR** formats (**PQ**, **HLG**, and **LOG**, several user-selectable rendering modes)
- VQV displays frame by frame:
 - XY positions, YUV & RGB Levels and expected (as by selected model) Light Levels of every pixel, line, frame or segment
 - GOP structure, frame type, bitrate statistics for the selected frame or selected timeline segment
 - Light Levels (LL) values in **perceived nits** (*= cd/m² only on shades of Gray*) or % of the selected LL range limit
- Uses fast intuitive controls for timeline position, zoom, signal gain, filter mask size and position
- Contains built-in high-gain spatial and temporal high-pass filters *revealing even hardly visible artefacts*
- The user can choose:
RGB, Y, UV, R, G, B or LL view channel, color space, level scheme and SDR/HDR Rendering Mode
- A right-click submenu allows fast creation of snapshots or thumbnail .BMP images
- VQV also contains a powerful “Export as” file and data format converter
- Provides for quick frames/profiles comparison and benchmarking by running multiple VQV instances

1.4 VQV Features 2 (continued)



- For R&D and product verification work, VQV can be launched in a **Windows GUI Mode**
- For semi-automatic QA/QC operation VQV provides multiple GUI instances via **Command Line Mode**
- VQV opens and decodes any wrapped/compressed video file (*all formats supported by ffmpeg*)
- VQV opens static image files in a variety of formats – JPG, PNG, TIF, etc.
- VQV opens single frame file, folder with numbered frame files, or large multi-frame RAW video files
- Video data export processing provide for:
 - Frame cadence change: N:1 decimation, 3:2 repeat, 1:N frame repeat, and/or A-B fragment repeat
 - Color space and pixel format conversion: **SDR** \Leftrightarrow **HDR**, **YUV** \Leftrightarrow **BMP/RGB**, **UYVY** \Leftrightarrow **Planar YUV**
- Resolutions supported:
from **192x108** to **7680x4320 (8K)**, **8**, **10**, **12** or **16** bits per component
- Repeat full duration (loop) or selected fragment (**A-B loop**) playout
- Shuttle/Jog playout modes, variable forward and backward playout speed (VideoQ 'Videola'):
Actual frames-per-second speed depends on CPU/GPU power and video frame size

1.5 VQV Features 3 (continued)



- **SDR / HDR** (Standard Dynamic Range / High Dynamic Range) Modes supported:
 - **SDR** – Conventional YUV/RGB data format, selectable rendering modes
 - **HDR-PQ** (Perceptual Quantizer), selectable rendering modes, including RAW video data image
 - **HDR-HLG** (Hybrid Log Gamma), selectable rendering modes, including RAW video data image
 - **HDR LOG** (Camera LOG and DPX LOG), selectable rendering modes, including RAW video data image
- Auto and manual selection of $YUV \Leftrightarrow RGB$ and $XYZ \Rightarrow RGB$ **matrices** and color space **primaries**:
 - **UHD** and **8K** (BT.2020/BT.2100, DCI-P3)
 - **HD** (BT.709, BT.2020, DCI-P3)
 - **SD** (BT.601)
- Switchable $YUV \Leftrightarrow RGB$ levels mapping:
 - **Full Range (FR)**, e.g. 8bit **RGB 0-255** format, which **requires down-scaling** to make **YUV 16-235**
 - **Narrow Range (NR)**, e.g. 8bit **RGB 16-235** format, which **does not require down-scaling** to make **YUV 16-235**
- Variety of Input and output RAW YUV / RGB formats:
 - Interleaved, 422 UYVY 8bpc and RGB48YUV48 – interleaved 16pcb YUV/RGB
 - Planar 444 RGB and YUV, 422, 411 and 420 YUV, bit depth: 8, 10, 12, 14 or 16bpc

2. VQV GUI: Menus and Controls



2.1 Menus and Controls

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2.1 Menus and Controls

Top level menus: **File**, **Frame Size**, **Color Space**, **Zoom**, **Tools & Filters**, **Help**

Title Bar Band

shows messages about:

- media file format,
- selected modes of operation,
- current timeline position,
- measured parameters values

Stop Button forces **Jog Mode**,
current frame number resets to **0**.
All filters and overlays reset to **Off**.

Eject Button

Close (release) media file,
2nd click will **re-open** closed file

Pause Button

Play Button toggles Play/Pause.

VQMP Server Control Buttons:

Send/receive **file path** and **timeline position**
between **VQV** and **VQMP** windows

Navigation Slider Band:

When **Mouse Cursor** is in this band the **Title Bar Message** shows
media format info, current timeline position and playout speed.
Press **S** key to cycle thru the message modes, e.g.:

VQMA_1280x720_8frms_UYVY_8b.YUV
MP4[AVC] 540p25 8b 0.535 Mbps Frame: 9924 / 15142
540p59.94 8b "B" 0.010 bpp 0.317 Mbps 235 / 3634 00:00:03.921 / 00:01:00.627
540p59.94 8b "B" 662 bytes 235 / 3634 00:00:03:55 / 00:01:00:36

When **Mouse Cursor** is within the **Title Bar**,
Title Bar Message shows the file name/format:

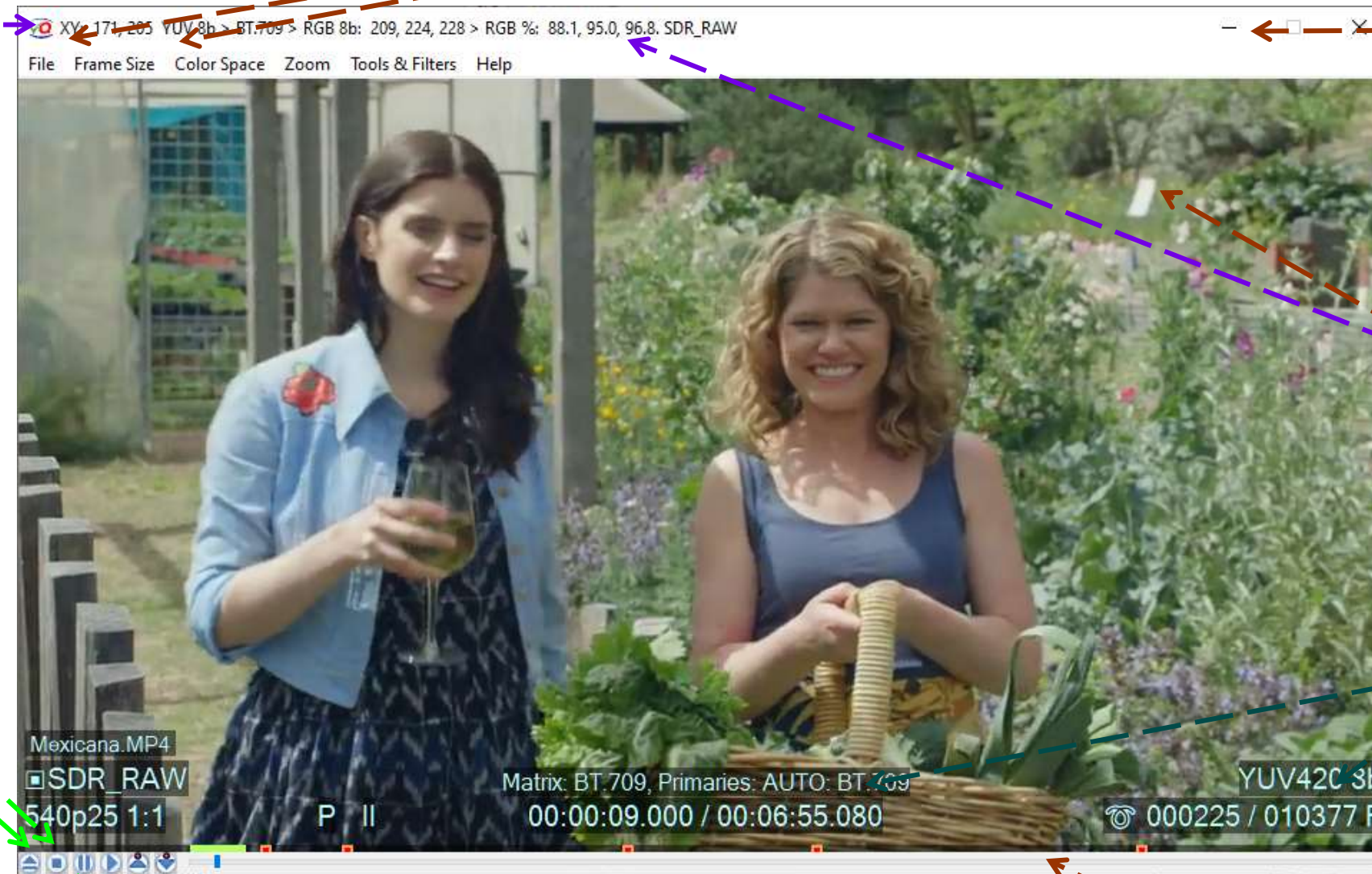
VQMA_1280x720_8frms_UYVY_8b.YUV
MP4[AVC] 540p25 8b 0.535 Mbps Frame: 9924 / 15142

When **Mouse Cursor** is within
the **Active Image Area**

S key toggles the **Title Bar Message**
e.g. between **current pixel** parameters
and **current frame** levels statistics

Text Info Overlay Messages

Press **T** key to toggle it On/Off
Ctrl+T toggles auto-hide mode On/OFF

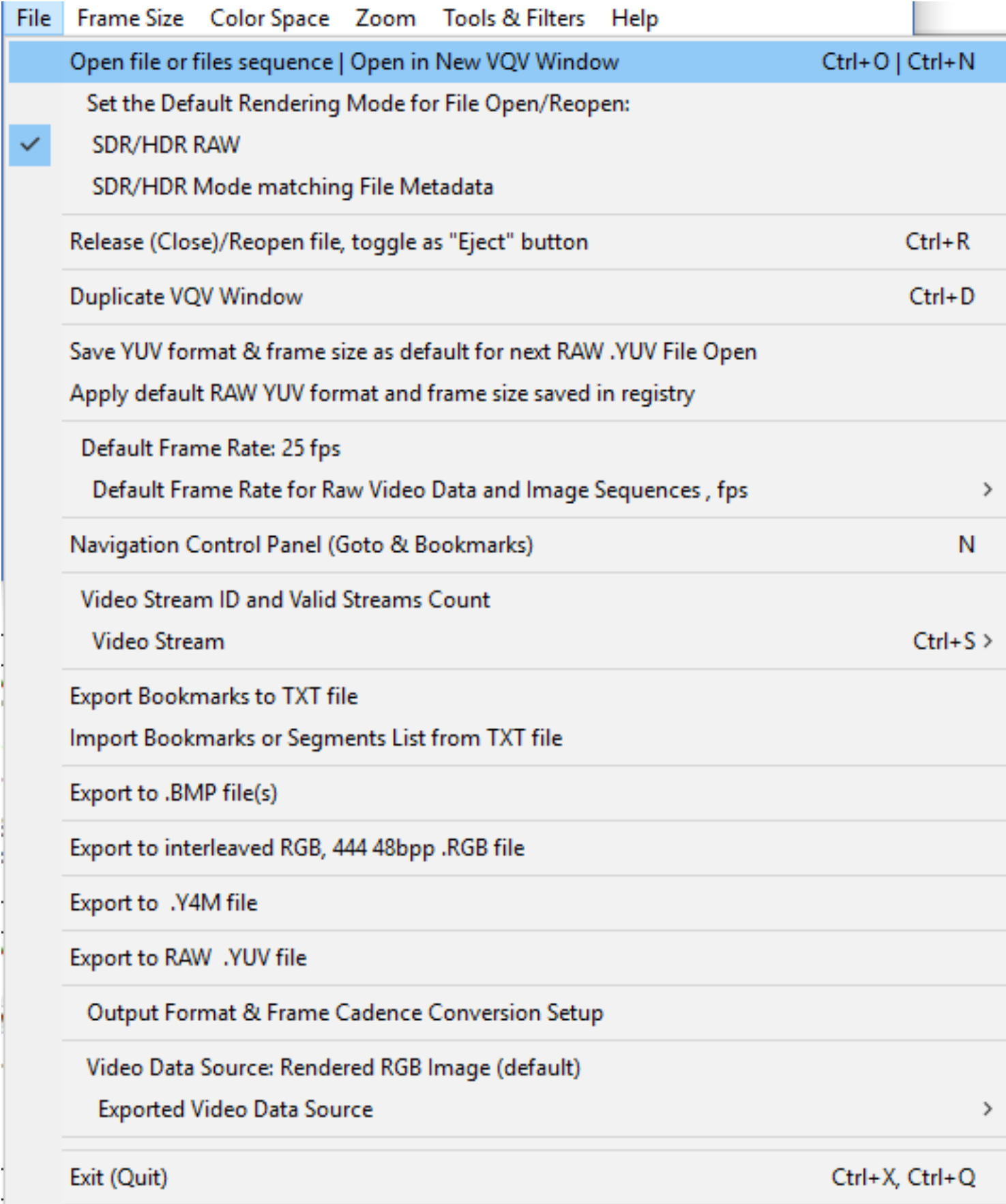




2.2 File Menu

This menu controls the following operations:

- Media File Open /Close / Quit Operations:
 - Ctrl + O** brings up standard File Open Dialog,
 - Ctrl + N** does the same, but the selected file opens in new window.
 - Ctrl + D** duplicates current VQV window.
 - Ctrl + S** cycles thru video streams (if media file streams count > 1)
 - Ctrl + X, Ctrl + Q** serve to exit (quit) VQV program
- Released (closed) file can be reopened, e.g. for iterative video codec settings optimization. **Ctrl + R** shortcut is a toggle control for this process. **Eject Button** also toggles between File Close / File Reopen.
Reopen operation restores previous timeline position preserving main controls, but some tools, overlays and controls could be reset to defaults.
Ctrl + Eject brings up standard File Open Dialog (same as **Ctrl + O**).
- File open menu options set defaults for: Rendering Mode, RAW YUV pixel format and Frame Rate,
- Files Export / Import:
 - Export / Import **Bookmarks** to / from *.**vqvbm.txt** file, or import **Segments List** from *.**vqtsf.txt**. *If present, **InFilePath.vqtsf.txt** file and/or **InFilePath.vqvbm.txt** file are auto-loaded immediately after opening InFilePath media file.*
 - Export of source or rendered RGB data to BMP / RGB file.
Multi-frame content can be saved as a folder with numbered BMP frames or as a single multi-frame RGB file (16b per component, 48b per pixel).
 - Export to Y4M / RAW YUV file with optional conversion of pixel format.





2.3 File Menu Options

Save frame size, color space & frame number as defaults for .YUV/.RGB File Open

Stored parameters application mode: Off

Select stored parameters application mode

Default Frame Rate: 25 fps

Default Frame Rate for Raw Video Data and Image Sequences , fps

✓ Do not apply stored parameters

Apply stored parameters once

AUTO: Always apply stored parameters

It is possible to save in Windows Registry current (user-selected) pixel format and frame size of RAW file, e.g. UYVY 1920x1080, thus providing for easier opening of similar files. This function has a pop-up configuration sub-menu: OFF, Apply Once, AUTO: Always Apply

Default Frame Rate, fps

Navigation Control Panel (Goto & Bookmarks) N

✓ Video Stream ID: 1, 540p25.000

Video Stream Ctrl+S >

Export Bookmarks to TXT file

Import Bookmarks from TXT file

Export to .BMP file(s)

23.976

24.000

✓ 25.000

29.970

30.000

50.000

59.940

60.000

Default Frame Rate can be selected at any time, thus providing for advanced opening of RAW data files or media files with missing, wrong or corrupted Frame Rate metadata.

Shortcut **N** brings up Navigation Control Panel pop-up window, *see next slides for more details*

Video Stream: #1 / 2, ID: 65, 1080i29.970

Video Stream Ctrl+S >

Export Bookmarks to TXT file

Import Bookmarks from TXT file

Export to .BMP file(s)

✓ Stream #1, ID: 65, 1080i29.970

Stream #2, ID: 81, 480i29.970

Stream #3: N/A

Stream #4: N/A

Stream #5: N/A

If the analyzed file contains several video streams, it is possible to select any one for analysis. Select with mouse click or shortcut; **Ctrl +S**

2.4 YUV/RGB Output Format and Conversion Options



YUV/Y4M/BMP/RGB Output Format & Conversion Options

Output Pixel Format Options

YUV / Y4M					BMP			RGB	
.YUV	<===== .YUV / .Y4M =====>				.YUV	.BMP	.RGB		
422 8 bpc	<=== Planar Y, U, V: 8~16 bpc ===>				16 bpc	8 bpc	16 bpc		
UYVY	444	422	411	420	YUVYUV	RGB	RGBRGB		
<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>		

Planar Y, U, V Output Bit Depth (Bits Per Component)

☐ AUTO ☐ 8 b ☒ 10 b ☐ 12 b ☐ 14 b ☐ 16 b

☒ Little-endian ☐ Big-endian

Data Range

☐ Full > Full

☒ Full > Narrow

☐ Narrow > Full

Input/Output Frames Splitting/Decimation/Multiplication Options

Repeat A-B Selection

☐ Auto-numbered .YUV/.BMP single frame files

Change Frames Cadence

☐ Convert 24 fps to 60 fps (3:2)

Note: In 3:2 Mode Decimate Frames = 1 & Repeat Frames = 1

Decimate Input Frames

Repeat Output Frames

Note: Raw YUV planar formats require 2 selection stages

Note: Invalid combinations are auto-corrected: press OK once more

OK

This pop-up dialog windows can be launched from File menu. It provides for YUV/RGB formatting and data range conversion options:

- YUV output pixel format selection:
 - UYVY (aka “interleaved 422”), compatible with widespread SDI stream format
 - Widespread planar 444, 422, 411, and 420 YUV formats, 8bpc ... 16bpc, LE or BE
 - VideoQ proprietary 444 interleaved 48b (16b per component) format
- Frame sequence splitting/multiplication options (BMP & YUV):
 - Repeat pre-selected A-B segment of media file several times. It is useful, e.g. for creation of dynamic video by repetition of a single static frame
 - Split selected A-B segment into a set of numbered frames (UYVY format only)
- Frame cadence conversion controls (BMP & YUV):
 - It is possible to simulate 24 fps to 60 fps frame rate conversion (3:2 cadence) by checking the corresponding box. In such case all even-numbered source frames will be repeated 3 times and all odd-numbered frames will be repeated 2 times, thus two input frames will be converted to 5 output frames.
 - Combining “Decimate” and “Repeat” numbers provides for the creation of custom frame cadences, e.g. Decimate = 2 and Repeat = 1 will simulate 50 fps to 25 fps (or 60 fps to 30 fps) frame rate reduction.



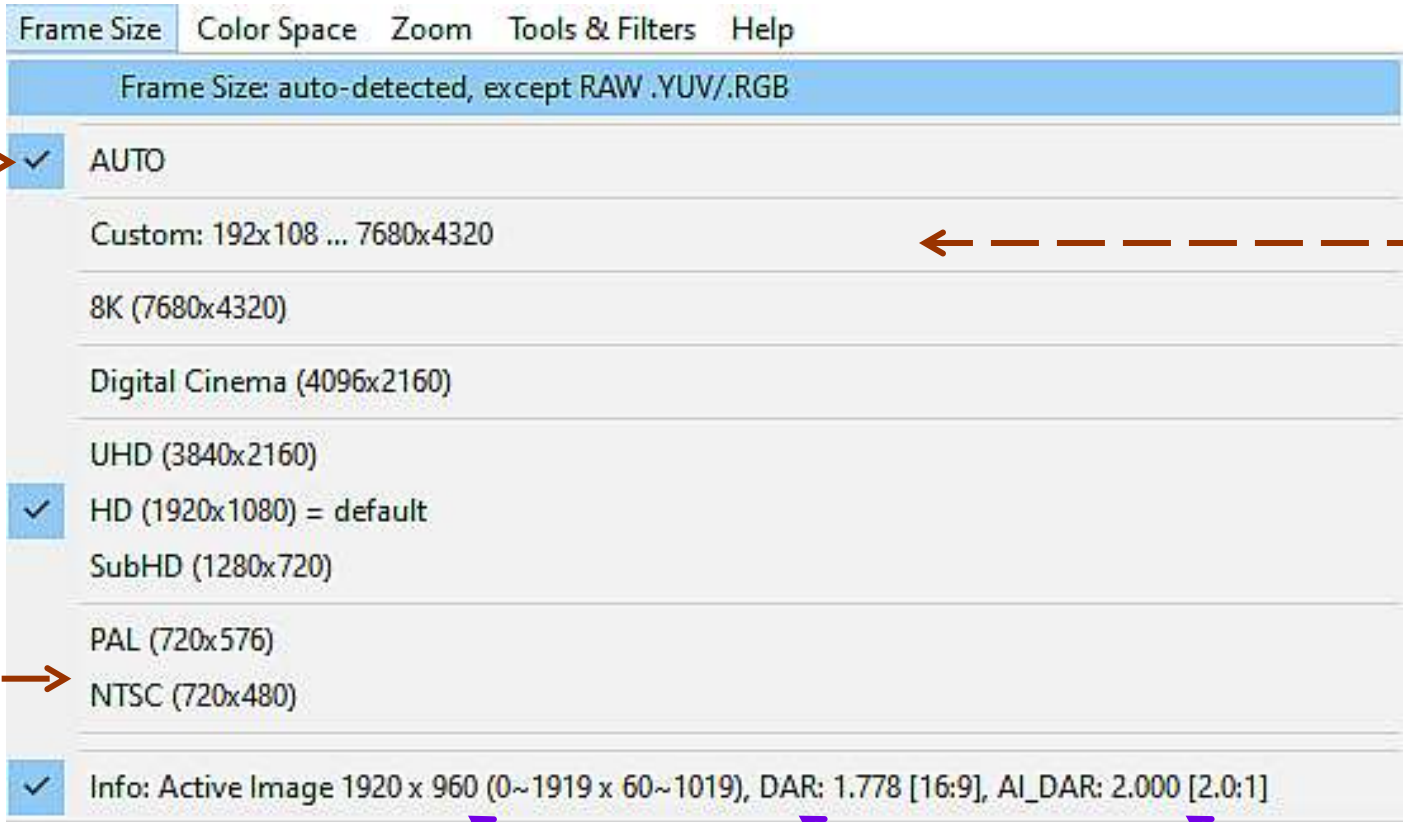
2.5 Frame Size Menu

Manual selection of **Frame Size** is required only for **RAW YUV/RGB** input format.

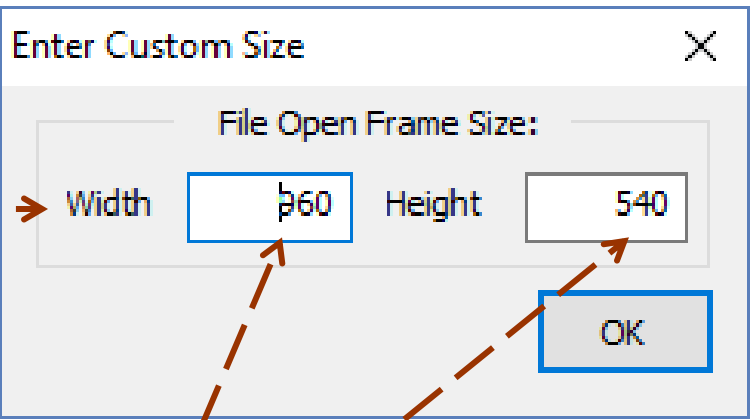
*For all other input formats Frame Size is set **automatically** and the Frame Size menu used only as **info message***

Only for **UYVY** format:
if the actual Raw YUV frame size is **unknown**, then it makes sense to enable the **AUTO** detection (smart guess) mode

It is recommended to select correct frame size before opening **RAW YUV/RGB** files.



Click on **Custom Size** will bring up the pop-up dialog window



Manual selection of **Custom Frame Size**, the values set are used only for **RAW YUV/RGB** input format.

Info Message showing currently selected **Frame Mode**, **Active Frame Size** & **Display Aspect Ratio** resulting from Black Bands (**Letterbox** / **Pillarbox**) detection and media file metadata (**PAR/DAR**) processing.

The control switching Full Frame Mode / Active Frame Analysis Modes is in Tool & Filters menu: shortcut: **Ctrl + Shift +A**.
Black Bands Meter: Shortcut: **Ctrl +A**

2.6 Color Space Menu

YUV/RGB Pixel Format:
Except Raw YUV/RGB files
the format is set automatically,
so these menu lines are used
mainly for information

**Color Gamut
Conversion Mode**
On/Off

Select
YUV ⇌ RGB
Conversion Type

For **SDR & HDR** Modes
user can choose between
“**Narrow**” and “**Full**” Data Range

For some **HDR** Modes
the selection is fixed (AUTO),
so it can not be changed by user

YUV ⇌ RGB Color Matrix:
Matrix can be set
automatically or manually

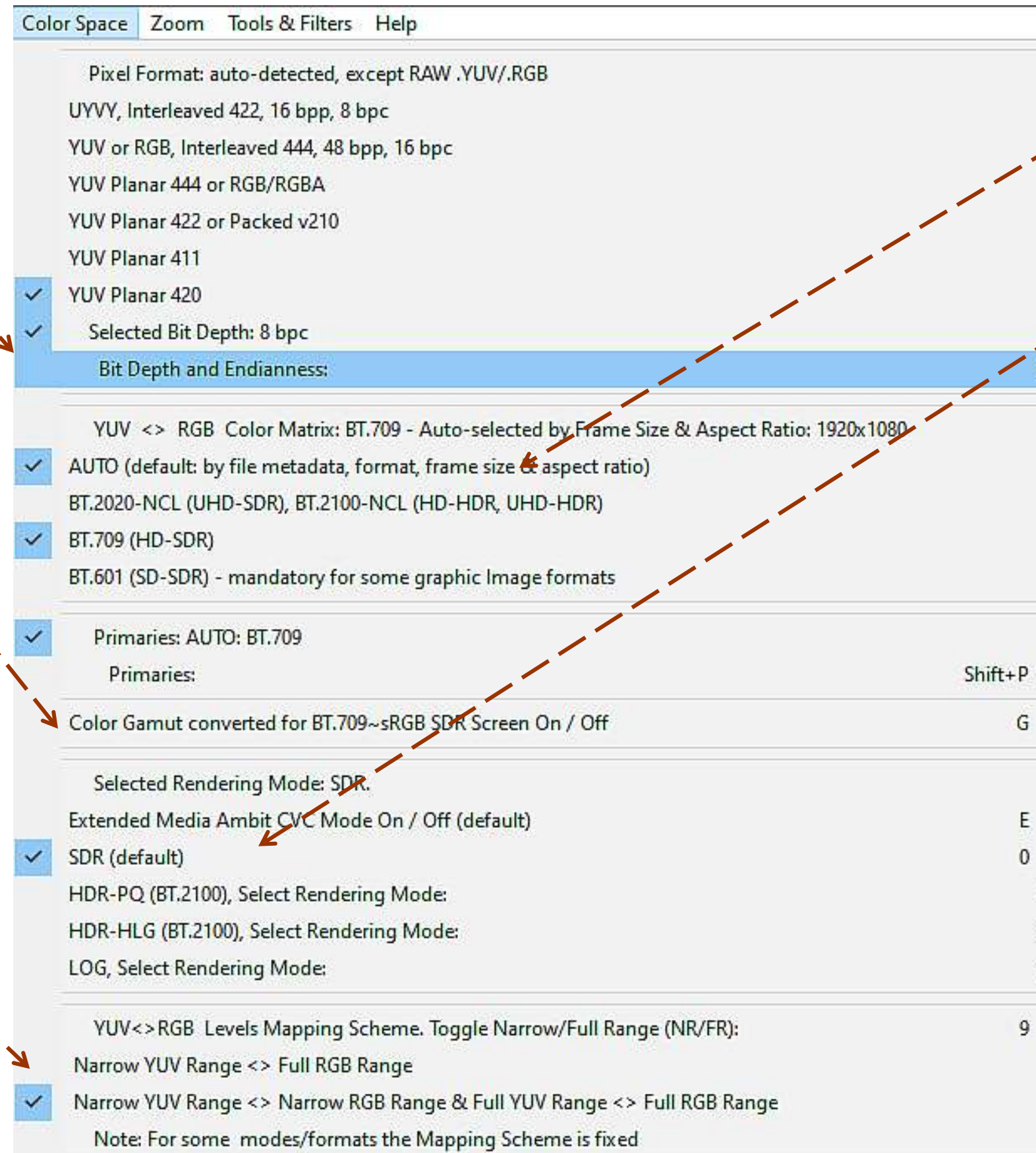
Select **Dynamic Range Type** used
for rendering and measurements:
SDR, HDR-PQ, HDR-HLG or LOG

Select **Bit Depth**
and **endianness**
Only for **RAW YUV**
inputs

Select **Primaries**

Select a sub-variant of the
selected rendering mode:

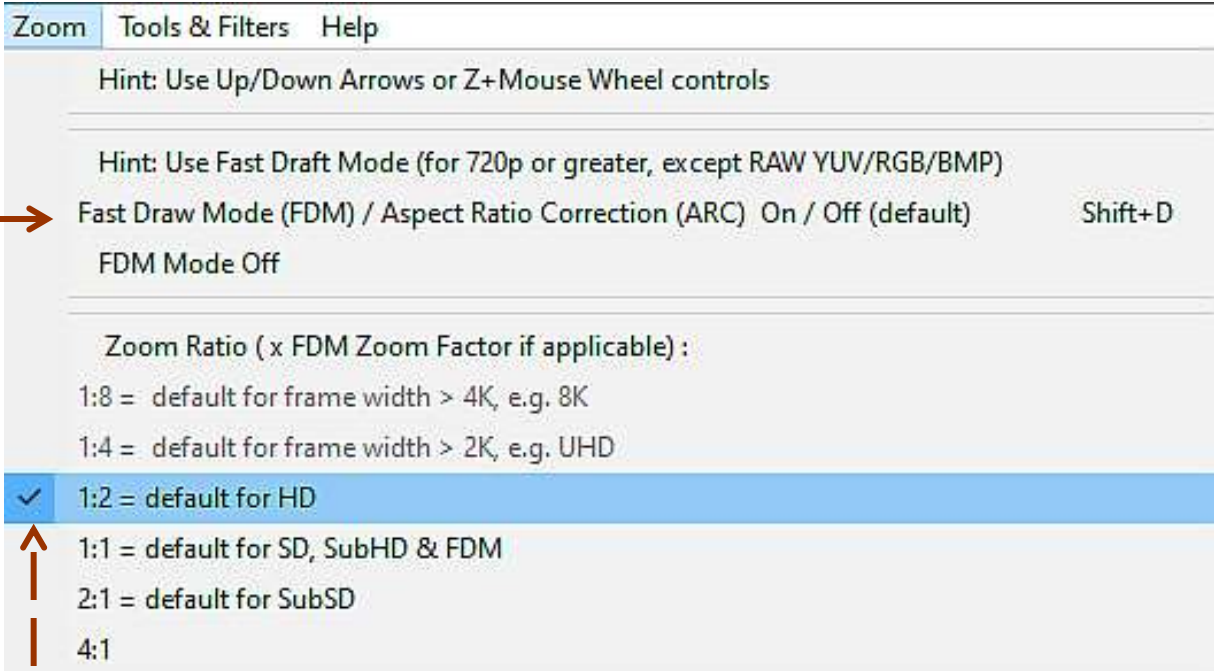
e.g. for **HDR-PQ**
select
HDR-PQ RAW
or
HDR-PQ > SDR
converted RGB





2.7 Zoom and Pan Controls

Fast Draw Mode
provides for faster analysis and
layout due to built-in frame size
converter so any input size greater
than 1280x720 is converted to
960x540 frame size



Select Rendered Image **Zoom Ratio**
*Depending on Frame Size some ratios
(too small or too big) could be excluded,
and the corresponding menu line grayed out,
e.g. for 960x540 size 1:4 zoom is not available
and for UHD frame size 4:1 zoom ratio is not
available.*

Zoom Ratio 4:1

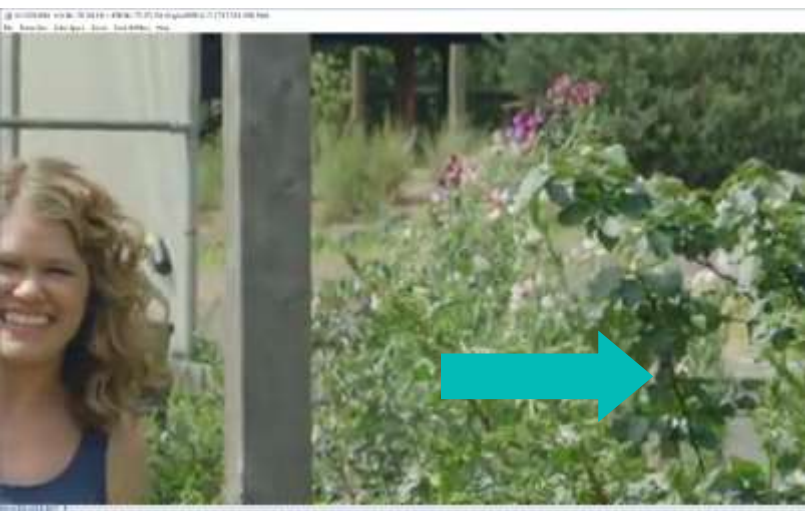
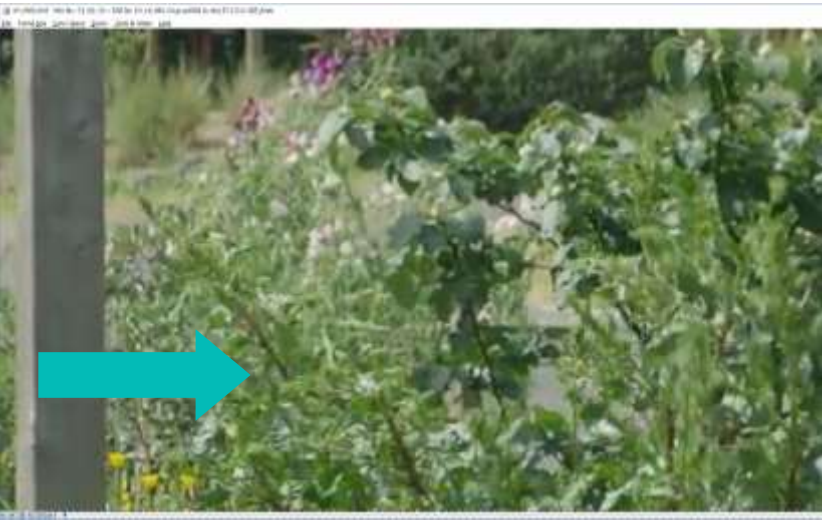


- Zoom Ratio** can be changed in three ways:
- Click on the desired line in **Zoom menu**
 - Press **Up/Down Arrows** (*image centered zoom*)
 - Point the cursor to an area of interest, press and hold **Z** key,
then rotate **Mouse Wheel** (*cursor centered zoom*)

For ratios greater than 1:1, image is magnified **by simple pixel repetition**
without any smoothing filter, thus making analyzed **artifacts more visible**

If zoomed image is larger than VQV active window dimensions (which depends
on PC monitor resolution), then press and hold **Left Mouse Button** and move the
mouse cursor in the desired direction to move the whole image (Pan Control).

Mouse Pan Control, Zoom Ratio 2:1





✓	Reset All Tools and Filters to Defaults	D
TOOLS		
Hint: General Shortcuts: K: Color Space Info, S: Messages/Modes, T: Text Info, Ctrl+M: Media Info, Ctrl+P: Print to TXT file		
	HDR & SDR Metadata Validator	Ctrl+Shift+M
	Active Image (Black Bands Detector), detect once & store	Ctrl+A
Hint: Black Bands Detector Controls: Shift+A: Show / Hide Markers, Ctrl+Shift+A: toggle ActiveImage / FullFrame Modes		
	'FrameScope' - RGB Range Frame Profile Waveform On / Off. Controls: F: Filtering Mode, S: Readout Mode	W
	Line Parade Waveforms On / Off. Controls: M: Full Frame / Selected Lines , Ctrl+M: Selection Mask, Y: YUV / RGB, P: Persistence	Ctrl+W
	Histogram On / Off. Control Shortcuts: Ctrl+H: Modes, Shift+H: RGB / LL, Ctrl+Shift+H: HDR10+ Distribution	H
	'L-Bar' - Levels Statistics Bargraph On / Off (Press "S" twice to show Levels Statistics Report Overlay)	L
	Graticule Units: LL (Light Levels), nt	
	Waveforms & Histogram Graticule Units Selector (locked for some formats/modes):	U >
	'VV-Bars' - Video Volume Bargraph (RGB & YUV statistics) On / Off. Shift+V : cycle thru RGBYUV6 / RGB3 / RGB1 modes	V
	VectorScope On / Off. Controls: "S" with cursor in VectorScope area to cycle thru the display modes	Ctrl+V
	ChromaScope - Color Gamut Meter On / Off. Controls: P: Persistence, A: Auto-Primaries, Shift+P: Primaries, M: Modes	Ctrl+C
	'C-Bar' - Compressed Video Bitrate Bargraph On / Off (Press "S" twice to show BitRate Statistics Report Overlay)	C
	Noise & Activity Meter On / Off. Shift+M toggles Mask Mode	Shift+N
	AV Sync Error Meter (requires MPC Test Pattern YUV+WAV input)	Ctrl+E
FILTERS:		
✓	All Filters On (default) / Off	Shift+F
✓	Filters Mask On (default) / Off, MaskSizeControl: M+MouseWheel	Shift+M
✓	Selected Color Component(s): RGB (default)	
	Hint: Display R, G, B, Y, UV, LL (maxRGB) Component Image On / Off:	Shift+ R, G, B, Y, U, L
	MSBs / LSBs Image Display toggle, only if Bit Depth > 8b	8
	Hint: Change Display Gain (Contrast): Shift + Up/Down Arrows or Shift + Mouse Wheel, Selected Gain: x1	
✓	Reset Display Gain x1 (default)	
	XY (spatial) Filter and/or T (temporal) Filter Controls:	
	XY (Intra-Frame) HPF/LPF/Off, default = Off	Shift+X
	T (Inter-Frame) HPF, On / Off (default)	Shift+T

Tools Section:
Controls built-in **meters & analyzers**
and the corresponding **overlays**
showing the analysis results.
See next slides for more details

- Filters Section:
- **Filter Mask** (adjustable square or full screen)
 - **R, G, B, Y, UV, LL** color channels selection
 - **MSB/LSB** image selection (if input > 8b)
 - **Display Gain** (contrast): x1, x2, x4, x8, x16
 - **XY (spatial) Filter**: HPF (details) or LPF (blur)
 - **T (temporal) Filter** shows frames differences

*XY Filter can be combined with T Filter,
e.g. T HPF cascaded with XY LPF.*

See next slides for more details.

[Help](#)

Shortcut: F1

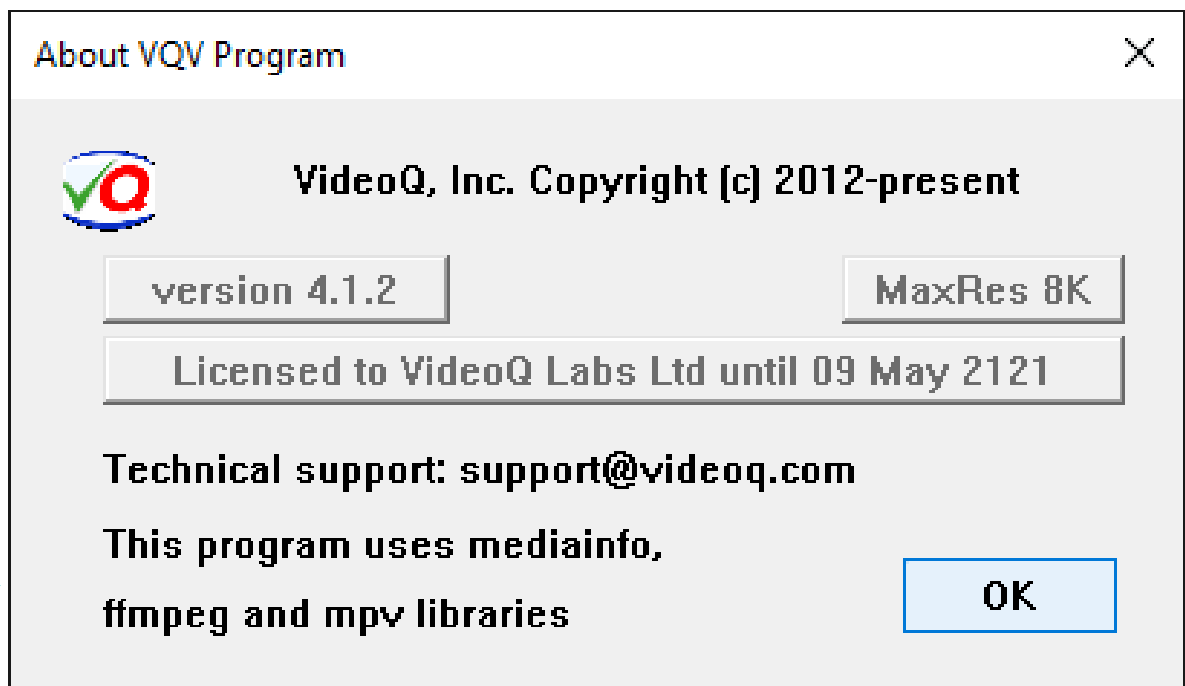
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original MPV shortcuts are still active.

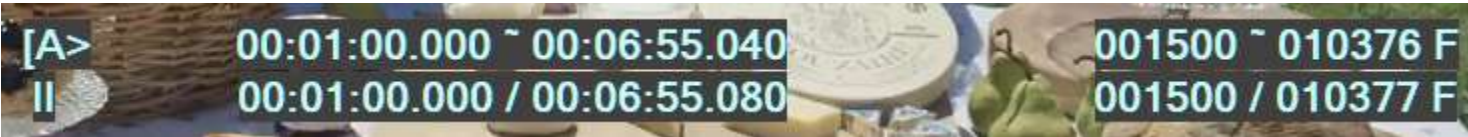




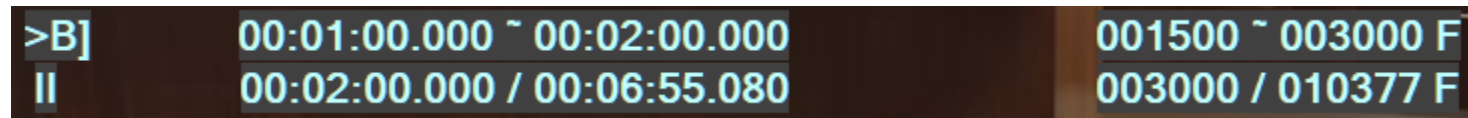
2.10 Right-click Context Menu

Save & Open BMP Snapshot in MS Paint	
Save & Open BMP Snapshot with TimeStamp in MS Paint	
Save BMP Snapshot	
Save BMP Snapshot with TimeStamp	
Playout Wraparound On / Off (default)	Ctrl+Shift+P
Bookmark current Timeline Position & Copy it to Clipboard	B
Go to the Last Used Bookmark	Ctrl+B
Create the Bookmark from Clipboard data	Ctrl+Shift+B
Clear All Bookmarks	Shift+0
Open Timeline Navigation Control Panel	N
Toggle All Overlays On (default) / Off (Clean View)	O
Toggle Timeline Info Text Overlay On (default) / Off	T
Text Overlay Auto-hide Mode On / Off (default)	Ctrl+T
Mark/Trim AB Loop Start Point: [A>	[
Mark/Trim AB Loop End Point: >B]]
Clear AB Loop Start & End Points	/

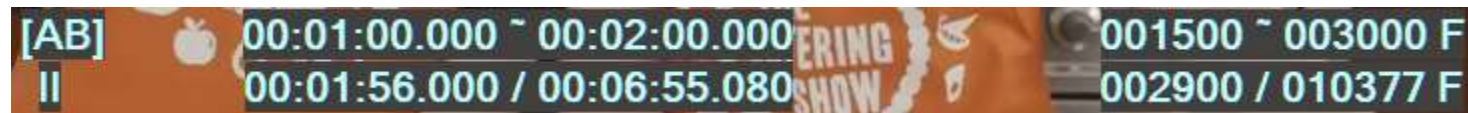
Loop start set: displayed symbol = [A>



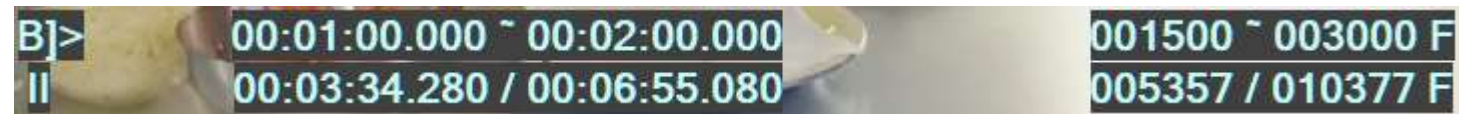
Loop end set: displayed symbol = >B]



Time position within the loop limits: displayed symbol = [AB]



Time position outside the loop limits: displayed symbol = B]>



This pop-up window can be invoked by pressing **Mouse Right Button** whilst cursor is in the **Active Image Area**.

The menu contains 4 sections allowing to:

- Save current frame **Snapshot** as **BMP** file and optionally open it with **Microsoft Paint**
- Control **Playout Wraparound Mode** and **Bookmarks** creation and usage
- Control **Timeline & Info Text Overlays**
- Mark **A-B loop** timeline segment boundaries (Start and End points)

Snapshot file name is automatically appended by current frame number and frames count, e.g.
“TestSDR_frame_225_of_10377.BMP”.
Snapshot file name can be optionally appended by PC local date and time, e.g.
“TestSDR_frame_225_of_10377_20170308_205801.BMP”

There are 3 modes of Text Overlay presentation: **On**, **Off**, and **Auto-hide**.
In Auto-hide Mode two lines of Text Overlay are displayed only when mouse cursor is below the active image, i.e. in the timeline slider area.

Default AB Loop limits (frame numbers) are: A (Start) = 0, B (End) = frames_count -1
If Start > 0 or End < frames_count -1, AB limits are shown in the **top row** of Text Overlay
For example if frames_count = 100, and user marked only A point = 20, then loop playout will start at frame 20, continue until frame 100 and restart at frame 20 if Wraparound Mode is ON.

3. Opening Media File

[3.1 Opening Media File via Windows GUI Dialog](#)

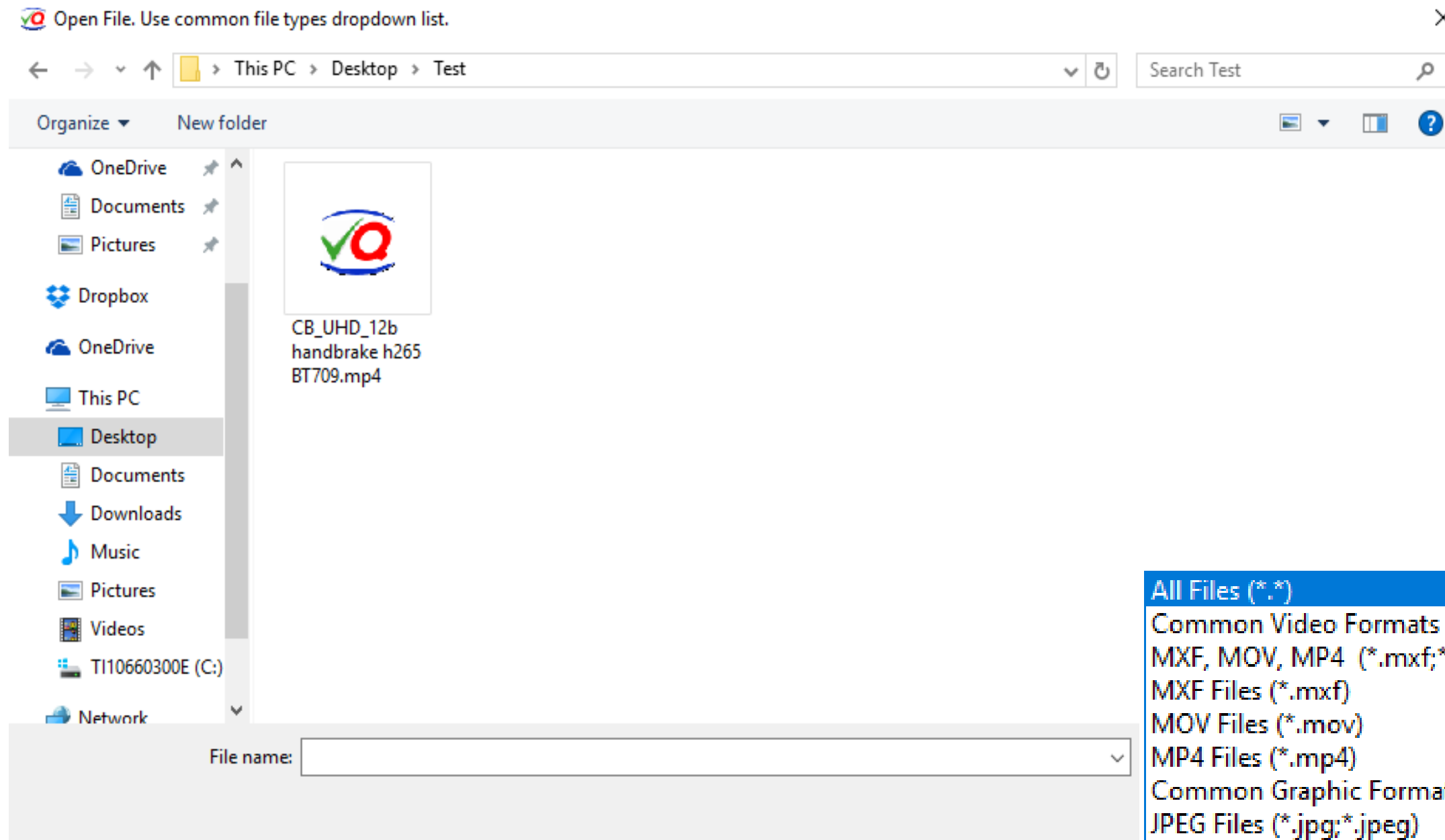
[3.2 Opening Media File via Drag-And-Drop](#)

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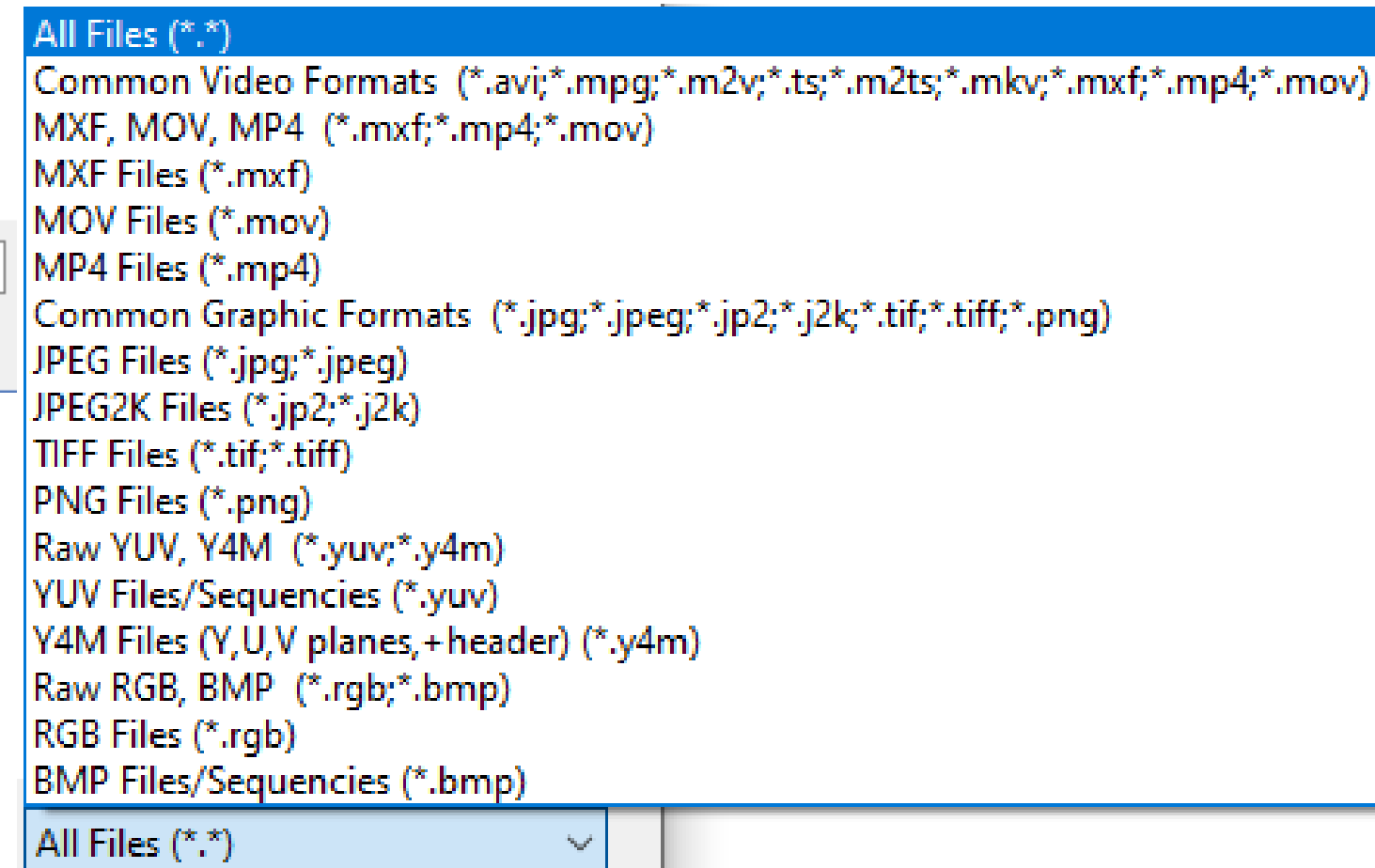
[3.5 Opening Media File via CLI 2 \(continued\)](#)

3.1 Opening Media File via Windows GUI Dialog



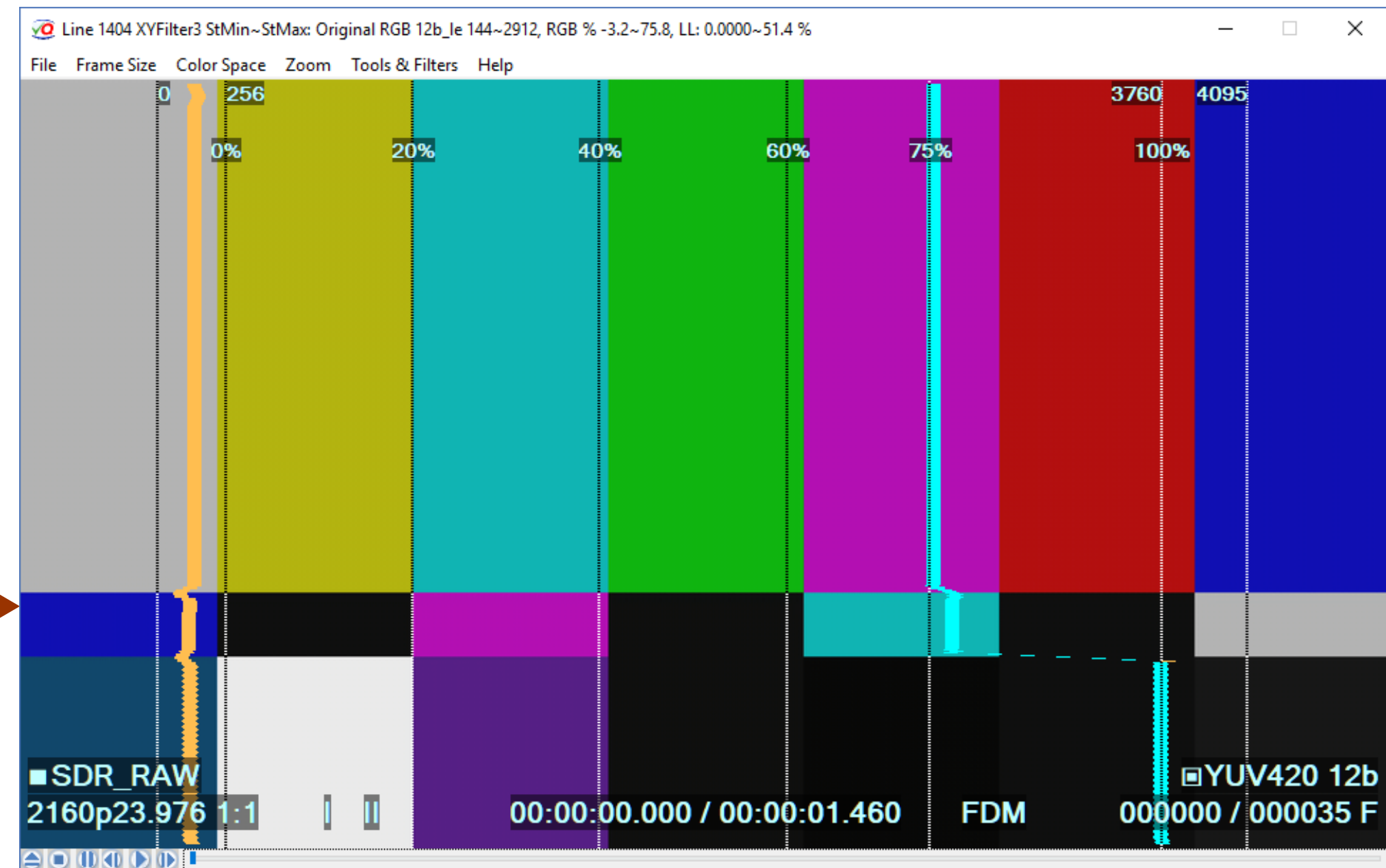
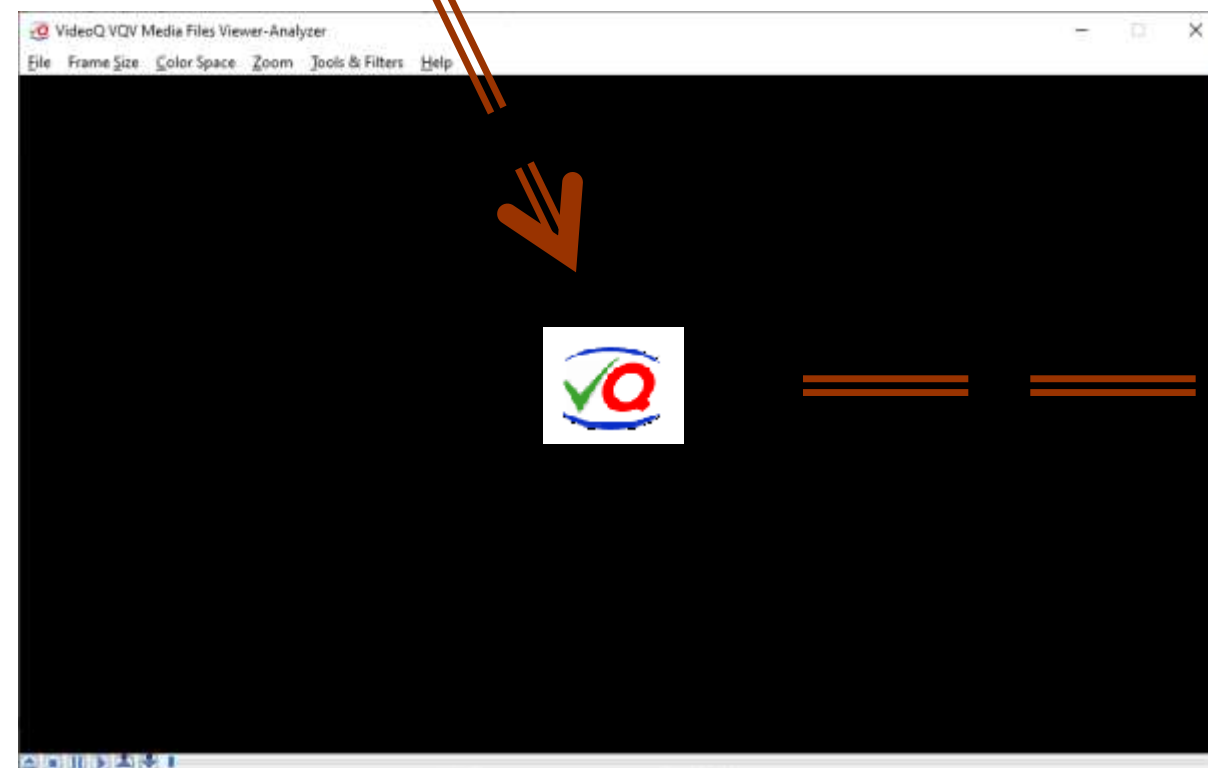
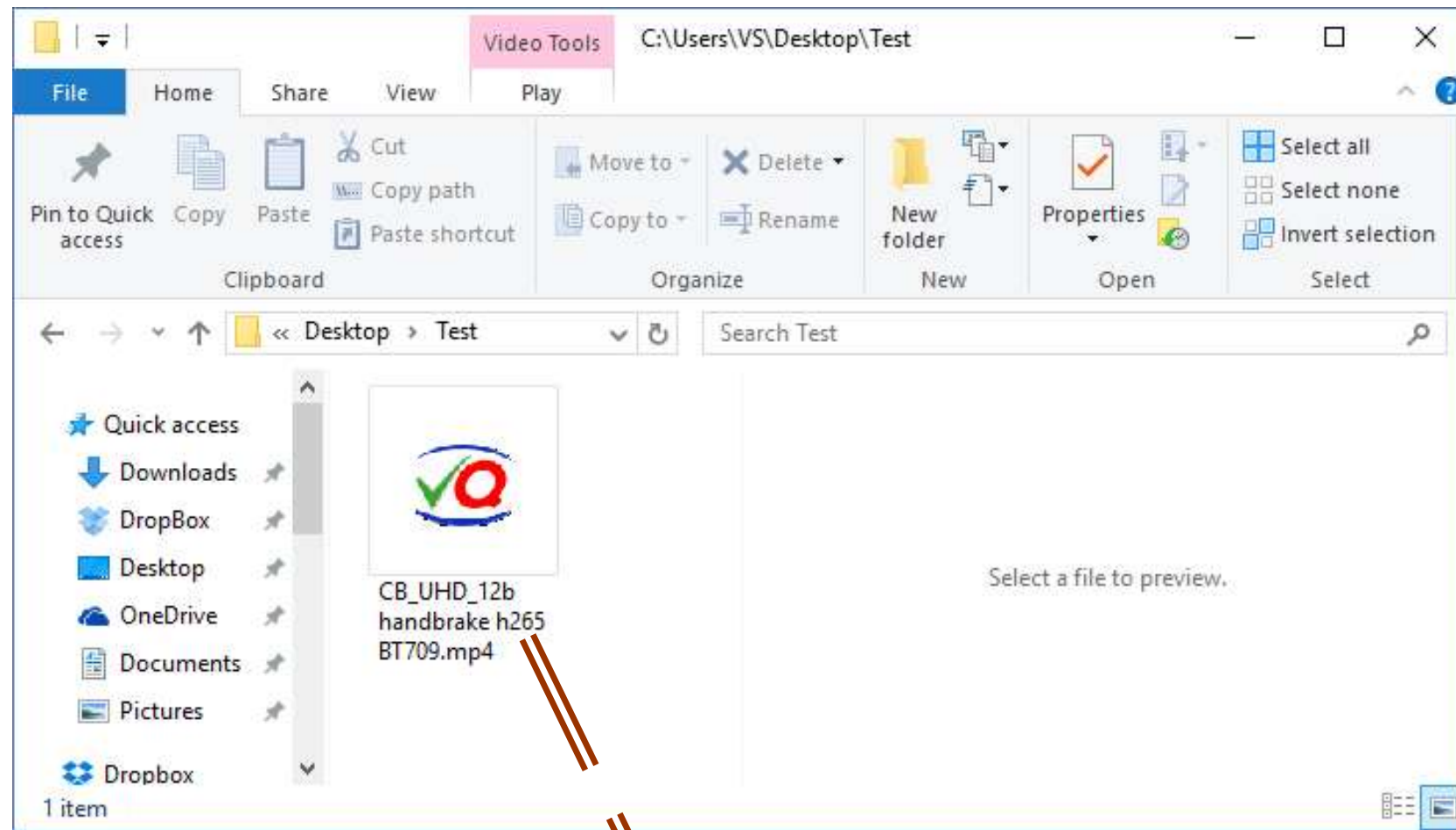
VQV GUI Menu File/Open (Shortcut Ctrl+O) brings up standard Windows dialog.

User can use wildcards, type specific file type, e.g. *.mp4, or select the appropriate line from **drop-down list**.



3.2 Opening Media File via Drag-And-Drop

VQV supports Windows standard file extension association procedure, as well as **drag-and-drop** (quick & easy) opening procedure.



3.3 VQV and VQMP Synchronization




VQV is a **master control point**, launching **VQMP** player
(*and sync server running in the background*) as needed.


Video files can be opened in VQV and/or in VQMP, so there are
several cases:

- VQV and VQMP render **the same file**, *possibly at different timeline positions.*
- VQV and VQMP render **two different files**, *even of two different types, e.g., video file by VQV, audio file by VQMP*

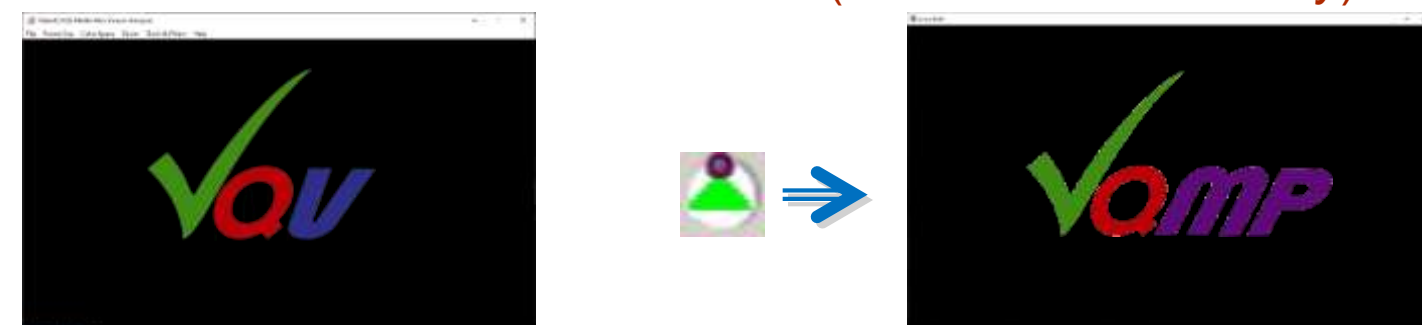
In any case, VQV can exchange with VQMP short command messages containing:

- Full path to media file
- Timeline position in s.ms format

Click on VQV  button or use **Ctrl+ Up Arrow**
to send message **from VQV to VQMP**

Click on VQV  button or use **Ctrl+ Down Arrow**
to request and receive message **from VQMP to VQV**

Idle VQV **launches** idle VQMP (*server initialization only*)



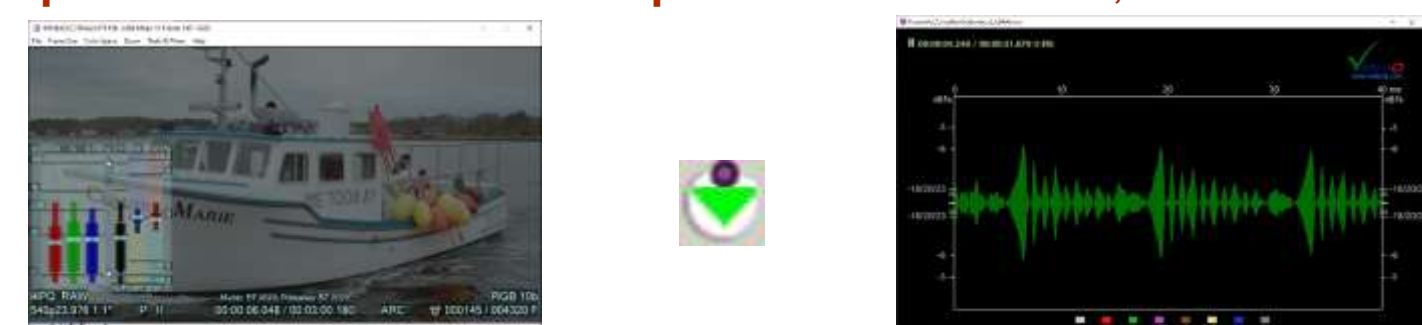
VQV **sends** to VQMP current SDR file path and timeline position



VQV **requests and receives** from VQMP HDR file path and timeline position



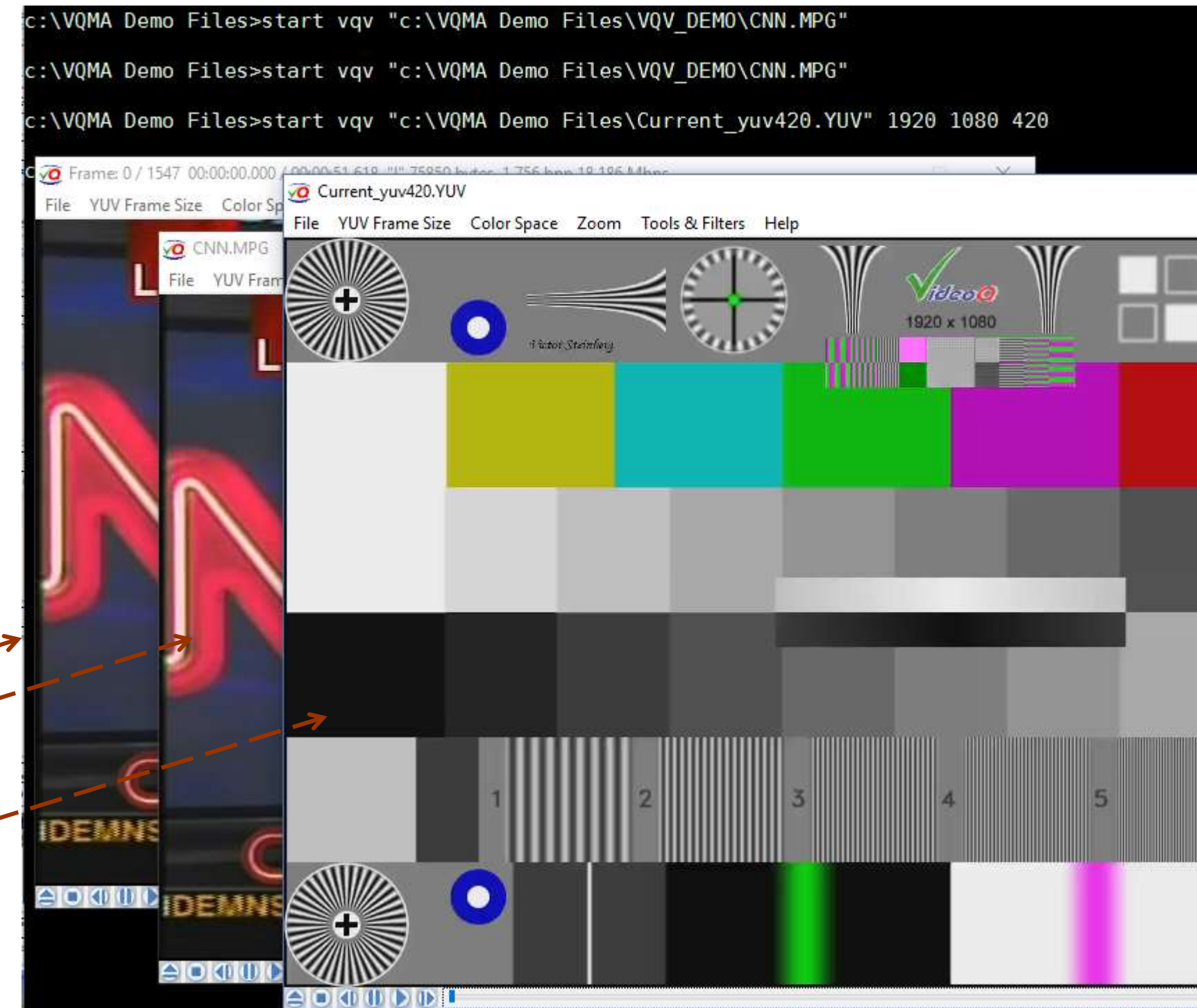
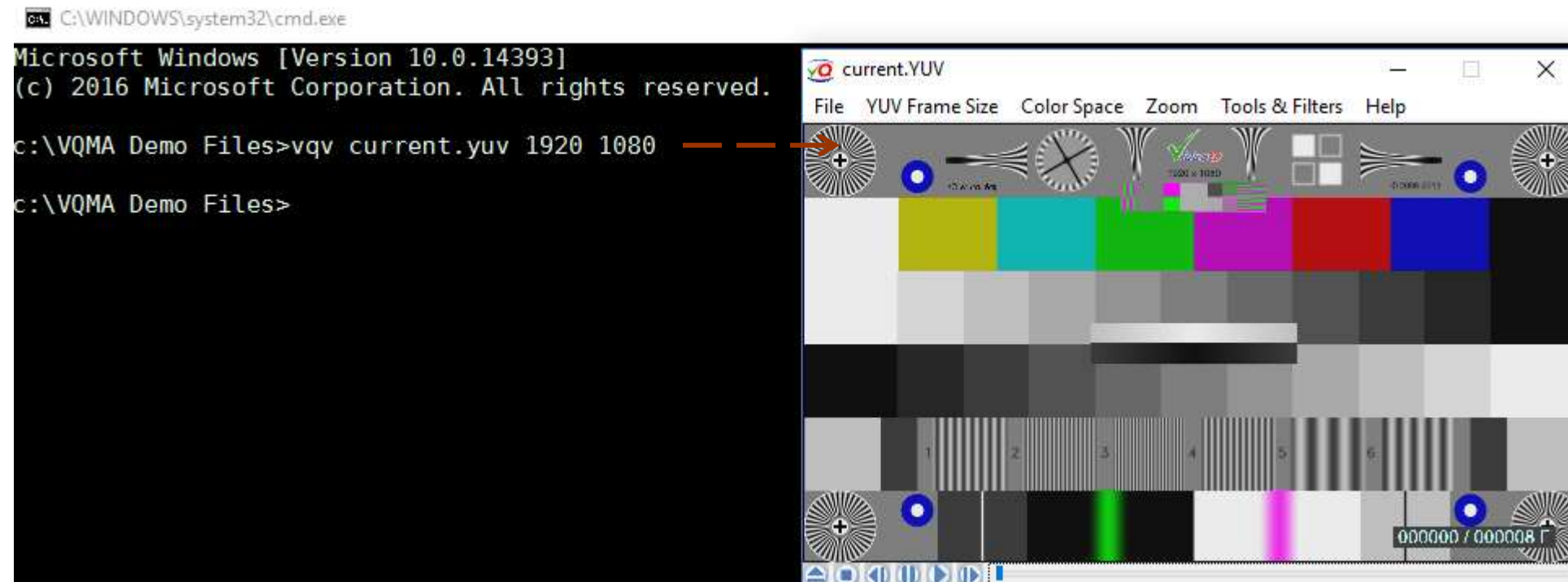
Special case: VQV can not open audio file/stream, but VQMP can



3.4 Opening Media File via CLI 1



Simple Example: Single raw UYVY data .YUV file opened via command line interface



Advanced Example: Launch multiple VQV instances, using 'start' prefix:

Open several files or open the same file in several separate windows

start vqv "c:\VQMA Demo Files\VQV_DEMO\CNN.MPG"

start vqv "c:\VQMA Demo Files\VQV_DEMO\CNN.MPG"

start vqv "c:\VQMA Demo Files\Current_yuv420.YUV" 1920 1080 420

Such batch opening is very useful for benchmarking and iterative tests – because it allows side-by-side comparison of “before and after” variants.

3.5 Opening Media File via CLI 2 (continued)



If Input Name is a FOLDER, containing **numbered YUV or BMP files**, then the file with the **lowest number** belonging to the **numbered frame sequence** found **within the folder** will be opened first, and the whole sequence can be played, e.g.

vqv "c:\VQMA Demo Files\Vadaro Raptor"

If Input Name designates **any numbered file** within a folder, then the file with the **lowest number** belonging to the **numbered frame sequence** will be found, and the whole sequence can be played, e.g. the command line **vqv "c:\VQMA Demo Files\Vadaro Raptor\RV_25Apr13_3.bmp"** produces the same result as the command line above

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.14393]
(c) 2016 Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

c:\VQMA Demo Files>vqv "c:\VQMA Demo Files\Vadaro Raptor\RV_25Apr13_3.bmp"
```



4. Timeline Navigation and Playout

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4.1 Timeline Navigation and Playout Controls

Shuttle Mode – Speed Controls VideoQ Videola™

Mouse Wheel

or **Right/Left Arrows**:

Preset speed values:

+/- 0, 1, 2, 5, 10 frames,
1, 2, 5, 10, 20 s, 1 m (60 s)

Also available are fractional
playout speeds (slow motion):

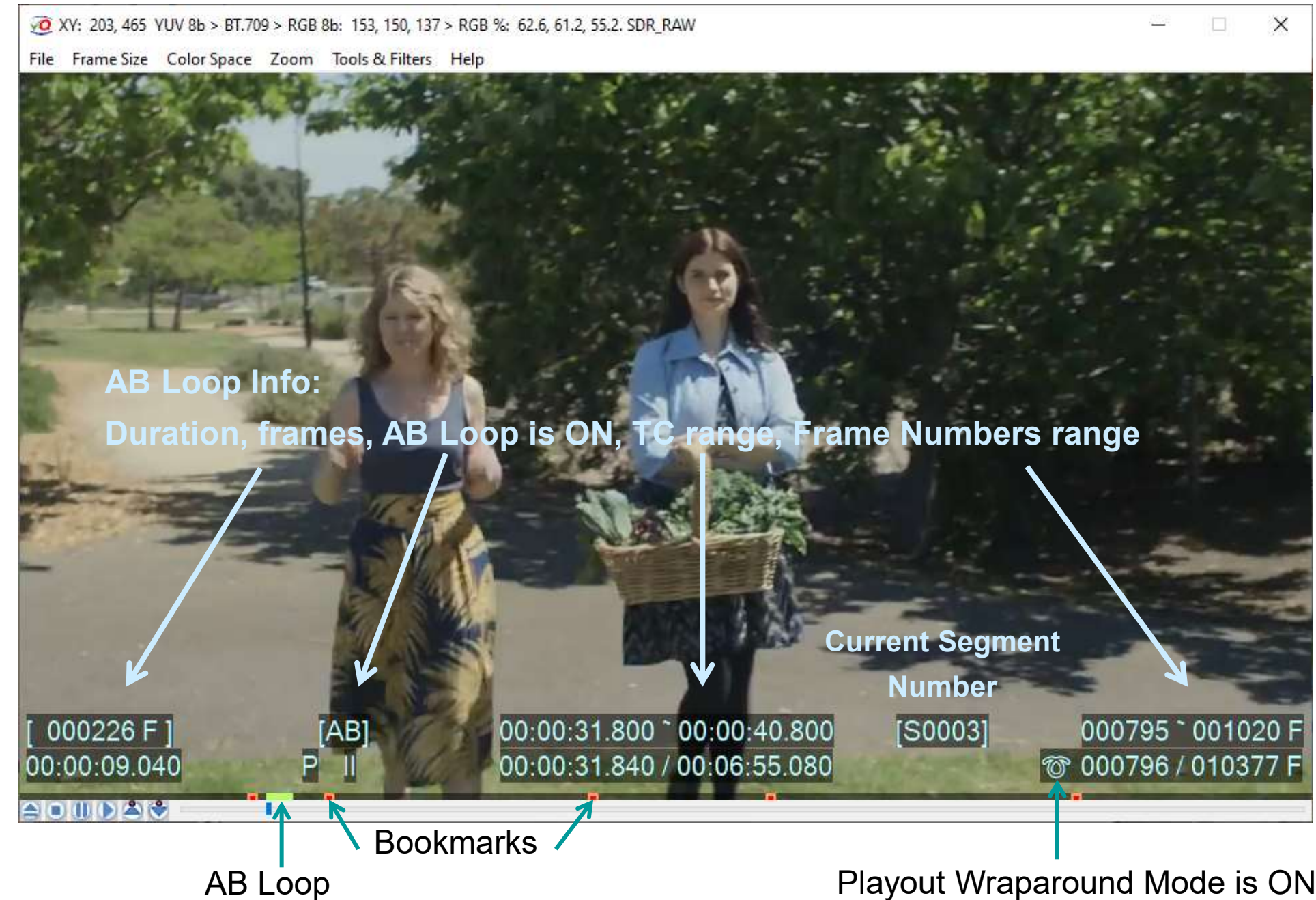
+/- 0.1, 0.2 and 0.5

of the media file frame rate.

Ctrl + Mouse Left Button

and cursor position
within Image Area

On release of Mouse Left Button
or Ctrl key playout continues at
the last selected speed.



Play Button, Space Bar

and **Mouse Middle Button** toggle between:

- **Play** (aka **Shuttle Mode**)
- **Pause** (aka **Jog Mode**)

Pause button always enables **Jog Mode**

Shift + Mouse Left Button click

within Image Area also toggle between:

- **Play**
- **Pause**

and reset playout speed to +1.0

Jog Mode – Timeline Position Controls

- **Mouse Wheel** +/- 1 frame
- **Right/Left Arrows** +/- 1 frame
- **Ctrl + Right/Left Arrows** +/- 10 frames
- **PgDn/PgUp** +/- 1 s
- **Shift + PgDn/PgUp** +/- 10 s
- **Ctrl + PgDn/PgUp** +/- 1 m
- **Ctrl + Shift + PgDn/PgUp** +/- 10 m

Ctrl + Mouse Left Button

and cursor position within Image Area
Seek with variable speed.

On release of Mouse Left Button or Ctrl key
playout will **pause** at **last shown frame**

Ctrl + Shift + P toggles



Playout Wraparound Mode On/Off.

*In Shuttle Mode every video frame is decoded
and displayed only at speed values -1, 0 and +1.
Any other speed means decimation, e.g. speed
+5.0 means that every 5th frame is shown.*



4.2 Segments Info Overlay Options

Press **Shift + S**
to cycle thru 3 Text Info Display Modes:
Segments, AB Loop, Regular Video
(only if Segment List Data available)

Press **< or >** to browse Bookmarks / Segments by Number
or
Ctrl + < or > to browse Bookmarks by Position or Segments +/- 10 (50)

Press **Ctrl + 0**
to toggle Segments Info Text Overlay:
On/Off
(Segments List data are preserved)

Regular Video Mode with optional Segments Info

The video frame shows a woman in a garden. The bottom overlay contains the following information:

- Current Segment Number & Duration:** [S0000] P BM#1 00:00:02.840 / 00:06:55.080
- Current Bookmark Number & Position:** 000071 / 010377 F
- Other Bookmarks:** [S0019] P II 00:02:01.000 / 00:06:55.080
- Technical Info:** SDR_RAW 540p25 1:1, Matrix: BT.709, Primaries: AUTO, BT.709, YUV420 8b

Segments Info Mode

Duration Frames & TC1000	Segment Number	Segment Start ~ End TC1000	Segments Count	Start ~ End Frames
[000524 F] 00:00:20.960	[S0019] P II	00:02:00.960 ~ 00:02:21.880 00:02:01.000 / 00:06:55.080	66 S	003024 ~ 003547 F 003025 / 010377 F

Current Segment (points to [S0019])

Current Time Position TC1000 & Frames (points to 00:02:01.000 / 00:06:55.080)

AB Loop Mode with optional Segments Info

Loop Duration Frames & TC1000	Loop Start ~ End TC1000	Loop Start ~ End Frames
[000524 F] 00:00:20.960	[AB] P II 00:02:00.960 ~ 00:02:21.880 00:02:01.000 / 00:06:55.080	[S0019] 003024 ~ 003547 F 003025 / 010377 F

AB Loop Mode Markers (points to [AB] and the loop range)

Segment Number (if matching AB Loop Start & End Positions) (points to [S0019])

4.3 Seek and Play Controls and Indicators



Jog Seek Mode – Position Control:
Mouse Left Button within *Slider Area*



Jog Seek Mode – Position Control: **Ctrl + Mouse Left Button** within *Image Area*,
also **Ctrl** and/or **Shift** + **Left/Right Arrows** or **PhDn/PgUp**



Shuttle Mode Speed Control by Mouse Wheel,
also **Left/Right Arrows**



Shuttle Mode – Speed Control: **Ctrl + Mouse Left Button** within *Image Area*





4.4 Timeline Navigation Panel

Text Edit Boxes:

Enter / copy / paste *either* **Segment Number**, **Frame Number** or **Time Position**: s[.ms], TC1000 or SMPTE Time Code of the **Target Timeline Position**. All related boxes content will be auto-updated after confirmation.

If confirmed by **Enter** key or **OK** button (1st OK to review, 2nd OK to confirm), VQV will create new **Bookmark** and go this position.

Timeline Navigation

Segments

Count

66

Segment #

20

Full Timeline Duration Info

Frames Count

10377

TC1000

00:06:55.080

Frame Rate

25

SMPTE TC

00:06:55:02

Enter/copy/paste Target Frame Number, Time_s or Time Code

Frame #

3612

Time_s / TC1000

00:02:24.480

SMPTE TC

00:02:24:12

Edit the bookmarks and/or select one to go to

	Frame #	Time_s / TC1000	SMPTE TC
#1	71	00:00:02.840	00:00:02:21
#2	1021	00:00:40.840	00:00:40:21
#3	1362	00:00:54.480	00:00:54:12
#4	7435	00:04:57.400	00:04:57:10
#5	-1	null	null
#6	2362	00:01:34.480	00:01:34:12
#7	3112	00:02:04.480	00:02:04:12
#8	3612	00:02:24.480	00:02:24:12
#9	4112	00:02:44.480	00:02:44:12

VQV Timeline Position Controls

N: Open Timeline Navigation Control Panel (this box)

T: Toggle Timeline Info Text Overlay On / Off

Ctrl + 0: Toggle Segments Info Overlay On / Off

B: Bookmark current Timeline Position & Copy it to Clipboard

Ctrl + B: Go to the Last Used Bookmark

Ctrl + Shift + B: Create the Bookmark from Clipboard data

Shift + 0: Clear all bookmarks

Bookmarks/Segments Import and Bookmarks export: use File Menu

Shift+S: Segment Mode / AB Loop / Regular Playout 3-way switch

AB Loop Shortcuts: Start Point: [End Point:] Clear: /

Shift + 1 ... 9: Bookmark current Timeline Position

Ctrl + 1 ... 9: Go to bookmark

>(,), or <(,): Go to next or previous Bookmark/Segment Number

Ctrl + > or <: Go to next or previous Bookmark/Segment Position

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This Panel Controls

Check any disabled (vacant) bookmark to store current Timeline Position in it

Target Frame Number or Time Code editing fills & select first vacant Bookmark

If there are no vacant Bookmarks, Bookmark #9 will be overwritten

Enter Frame Number -1 to disable any not checked bookmark(s)

CANCEL

Press Enter to apply edited value(s), or click OK twice to review & confirm all values:

OK

Press **N**
to invoke
Navigation Panel
pop-up window

Timeline Info Boxes
(not editable)

Target Segment
(if segments data available)

Target Time Position
Direct Control Boxes

9 Radio Buttons
serve for direct selection of
the **Target Time Position**

Frame Number -1 means
disabled (vacant) **Bookmark**

At the dialog start
the selected Radio Button
designates
the Last Used Bookmark

It is possible to edit more than one **Bookmark Box**
Note that Frame Numbers and Time Code strings should
be **confirmed** by 2nd **OK** click.

Entering Frame Number **-1** disables (vacates) the edited
bookmark.

Bookmarks / Segments Shortcuts:
(active only when Navigation Panel closed)
To **record** bookmark on pause or during playout
press **B** or **Shift + Digit Key** from **1** to **9**.

To **go to** the recorded bookmark press
Ctrl + Digit Key from **1** to **9** at any time.

It is possible to **clear** all bookmarks on pause or during
playout by pressing **Shift + 0**

To go to the **Next** or **Previous Bookmark Number** or
Segment Number press **<** or **>** key

To go to the **Next** or **Previous Bookmark Position**
press **Ctrl + <** or **>**.
Ctrl + B: go to the **Last Used Bookmark**.

Ctrl + 0 toggles Segments Info On/Off

Review all Frame Numbers and Time Code strings, then **confirm** them by 2nd **OK** click

4.5 Bookmarks Info Report and Bookmarks Controls



Use **File>Export Bookmarks** Menu

to save **InFilePath.vqvbm.txt** and open in minimized Notepad window.

Report file name is fixed and it is co-sited with the analyzed media file.

VQV v 2.2.1. Copyright (c) 2012-2018 VideoQ, Inc.

Bookmarks Info Report created: 2018-11-25T22:06:53

Media File: "C:\VQV_Test_HDR_Test_Sample_1knt_10b.mp4"

Frames Count: 0015000, Duration: 00:10:00.000, Frame Rate: 25

#, FrameNo, TC1000, SMPTE_TC

1, 0000000, 00:00:00.000, 00:00:00:00

2, 0009000, 00:06:00.000, 00:06:00:00

3, 0003000, 00:02:00.000, 00:02:00:00

4, 0006000, 00:04:00.000, 00:04:00:00

5, null, null, null

6, null, null, null

7, null, null, null

8, null, null, null

9, null, null, null

== DO NOT EDIT ABOVE THIS LINE ==

== ADD YOUR NOTES BELOW =====

It is possible to rename the saved bookmarks file as needed.

It is also possible to add explanatory notes **after** the bookmarks data.

For QA/QC purposes it is helpful to add comments about the bookmarked timeline positions, e.g. "Frame 9000 Frame Average Light Level is beyond the specified limit".

Added comments are ignored in case of opening of the modified bookmarks file via **File>Import Bookmarks** menu.

Use **B** shortcut to bookmark **current Timeline Position** and copy the TC1000 time code string of this position to Windows Clipboard.

Use **Ctrl + B** to go to the **Last Used Bookmark** timeline position.

Ctrl + Shift + B shortcut can be used to create bookmark from Clipboard data, e.g. for fast bookmark transfer from any document or from one VQV instance to another VQV instance.

The supported data string format options are:

- Frame Number, e.g. "018002"
- TC1000 Time Code, e.g. "00:06:00.040"
- SMPTE Time Code, e.g. "00:06:00:02"

4.6 Text Info Overlay

If mouse **cursor** is in the **slider area**, then speed, frame number and time code are shown in the **Title Bar** thus duplicating the **Text Info Overlay** shown at the bottom of Active Image

Current playout speed
i.e. Shuttle Mode timeline steps in frames, seconds, or minutes.

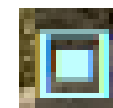
Pause symbol  = Jog Mode

Current Frame Type

(only for compressed video),
e.g. 'I', 'P', 'B'

DR Mode & Scanning Standard

- Selected Dynamic Range Mode
- Frame Height, Interlace, Rate, and Zoom (*hidden on playout*)



YUV ⇔ RGB **Narrow Range** (NR) Symbol



YUV ⇔ RGB **Full Range** (FR) Symbol



Press **T** key to toggle
Text Info overlays On/Off,

Ctrl + T toggles Text Overlay
Auto-hide Mode

Video Format Info
(*hidden on playout*)

Timeline Position Info:

CurrentTimeCode / DurationTimeCode

Timeline Position Info:-

CurrentFrameNo / TotalFramesCount

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5.1 Tools and Meters Categories



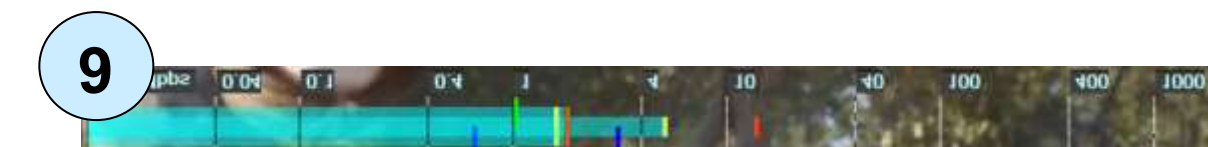
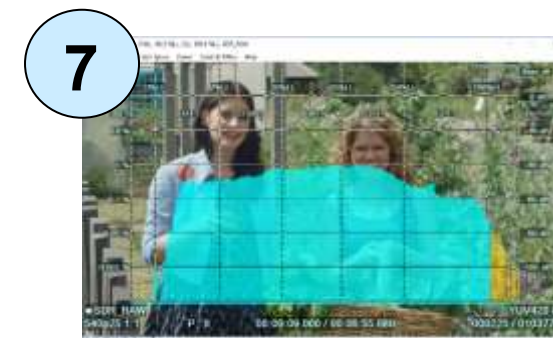
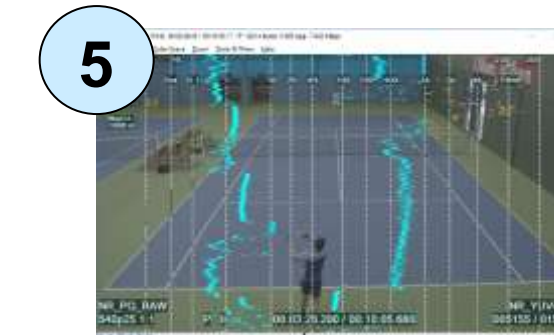
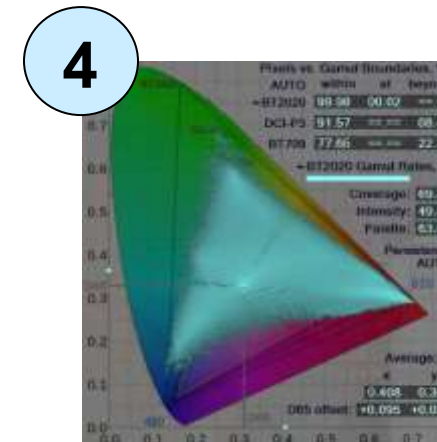
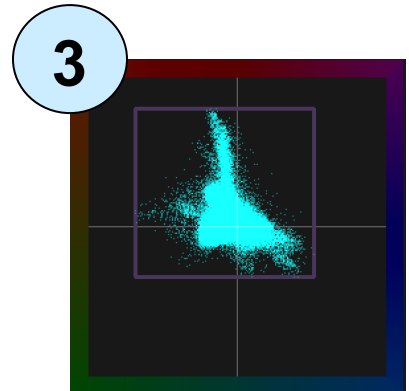
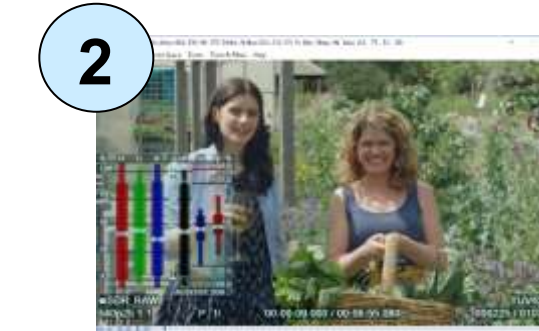
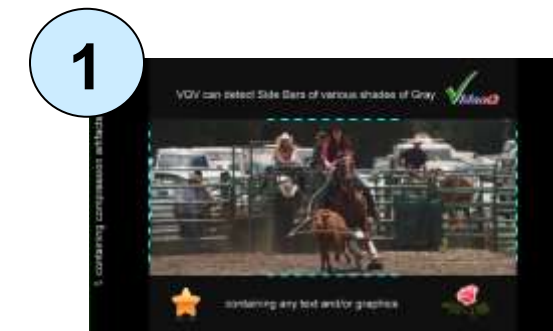
- VQV analyzers and meters can be sorted out into 3 categories:
 1. YUV & RGB **Levels Analyzers**, providing for several secondary analyzers, such as **Frame Lines RGB Range Profile**, **Video Volume Meter**, **VectorScope**, **ChromaScope**, etc.
 2. Intra-frame Activity and Inter-frame **Activity Analyzers**, also providing for **Noise Level Meter**
 3. **Bitrate, Packet Size and GOP Structure Statistics Analyzers**
- For all 3 categories the analysis results are presented in two formats:
 1. **Graphical overlays** – Bargraphs, Waveforms and Vector Display formats
 2. **Numerical readouts**, shown as Title Bar Message and/or Text Overlay
- Some analyzers, filters and overlays can be combined, some others are mutually exclusive

5.2 Tools and Meters Overview



See next slides for detailed description of:

1. **Active Image Size Meter**
2. Video Volume Meter – **VV-Bars**™
3. **VectorScope**
4. **ChromaScope**
5. RGB Frame Profile Monitor – **FrameScope**™
6. RGB/YUV Line Parade **Waveform Monitor**
7. RGB/Light Levels **Histograms**
8. RGB/Light Levels Analyzer – **L-Bar**™
9. Bitrate Analyzer – **C-Bar**™
10. **Noise Meter**





5.3 Active Image Frame Size Meter

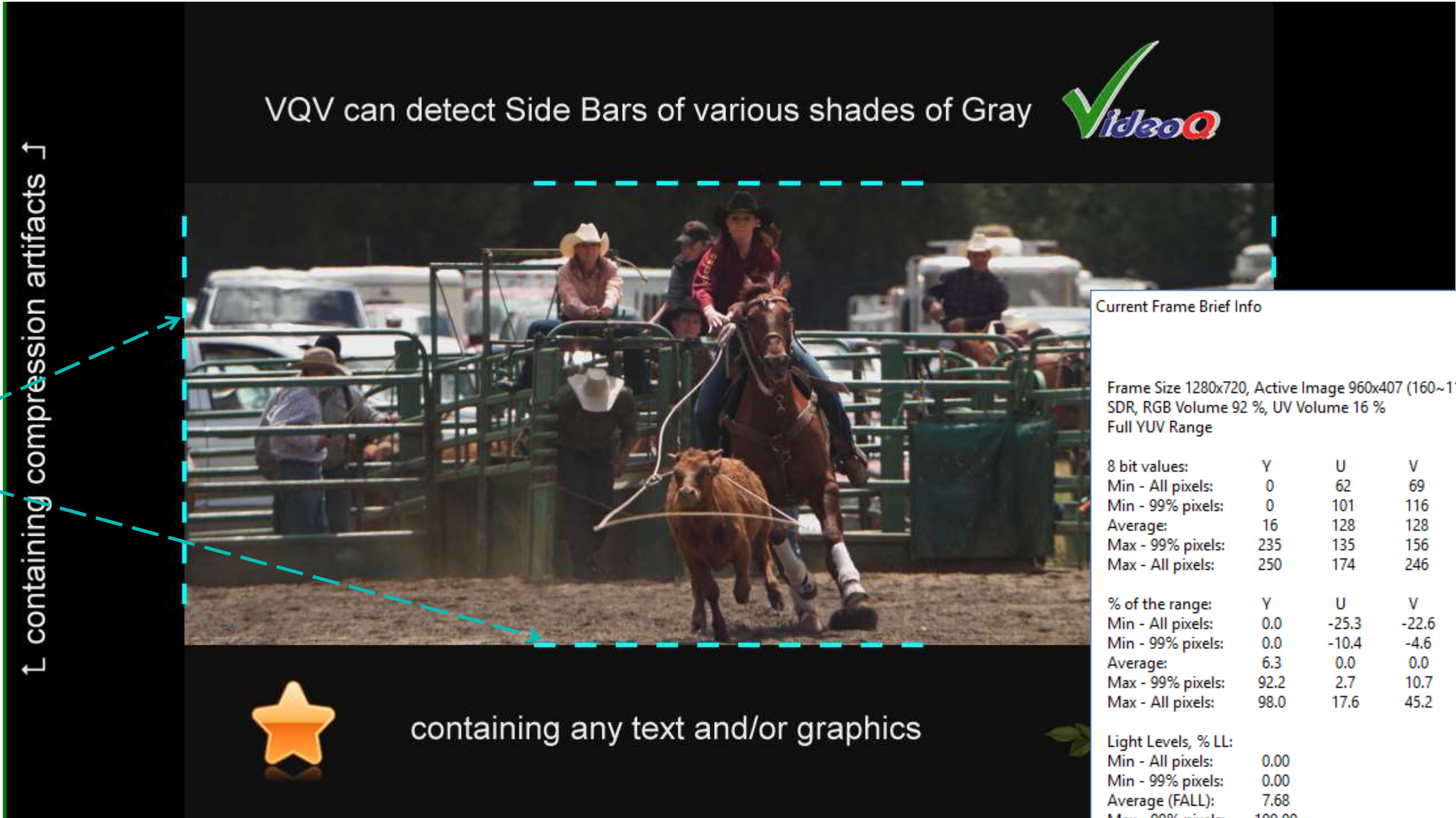
Press **Ctrl + A**
to detect
Active Image Size

Also used as Statistics Analysis Area
Full Frame / Active Image switch

Press **Shift + A**
to show/hide
Active Image Size
Markers

Ctrl + Shift + A
Analyzed Area toggle:
Active Image / Full Frame

*Active Image Size Meter
results are not affected*



Current Frame Brief Info

Frame Size 1280x720, Active Image 960x407 (160~1119x160~566)
SDR, RGB Volume 92 %, UV Volume 16 %
Full YUV Range

8 bit values:	Y	U	V	R	G	B
Min - All pixels:	0	62	69	0	0	0
Min - 99% pixels:	0	101	116	0	0	0
Average:	16	128	128	45	43	39
Max - 99% pixels:	235	135	156	235	235	233
Max - All pixels:	250	174	246	255	254	254

% of the range:	Y	U	V	R	G	B
Min - All pixels:	0.0	-25.3	-22.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Min - 99% pixels:	0.0	-10.4	-4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Average:	6.3	0.0	0.0	17.6	16.9	15.3
Max - 99% pixels:	92.2	2.7	10.7	92.2	92.2	91.4
Max - All pixels:	98.0	17.6	45.2	100.0	99.6	99.6

Light Levels, % LL:
Min - All pixels: 0.00
Min - 99% pixels: 0.00
Average (FALL): 7.68
Max - 99% pixels: 100.00
All pixels Max (CLL): 100.00

Save full info to machine-readable "VQV_FrameInfoReport.TXT" ?

Yes

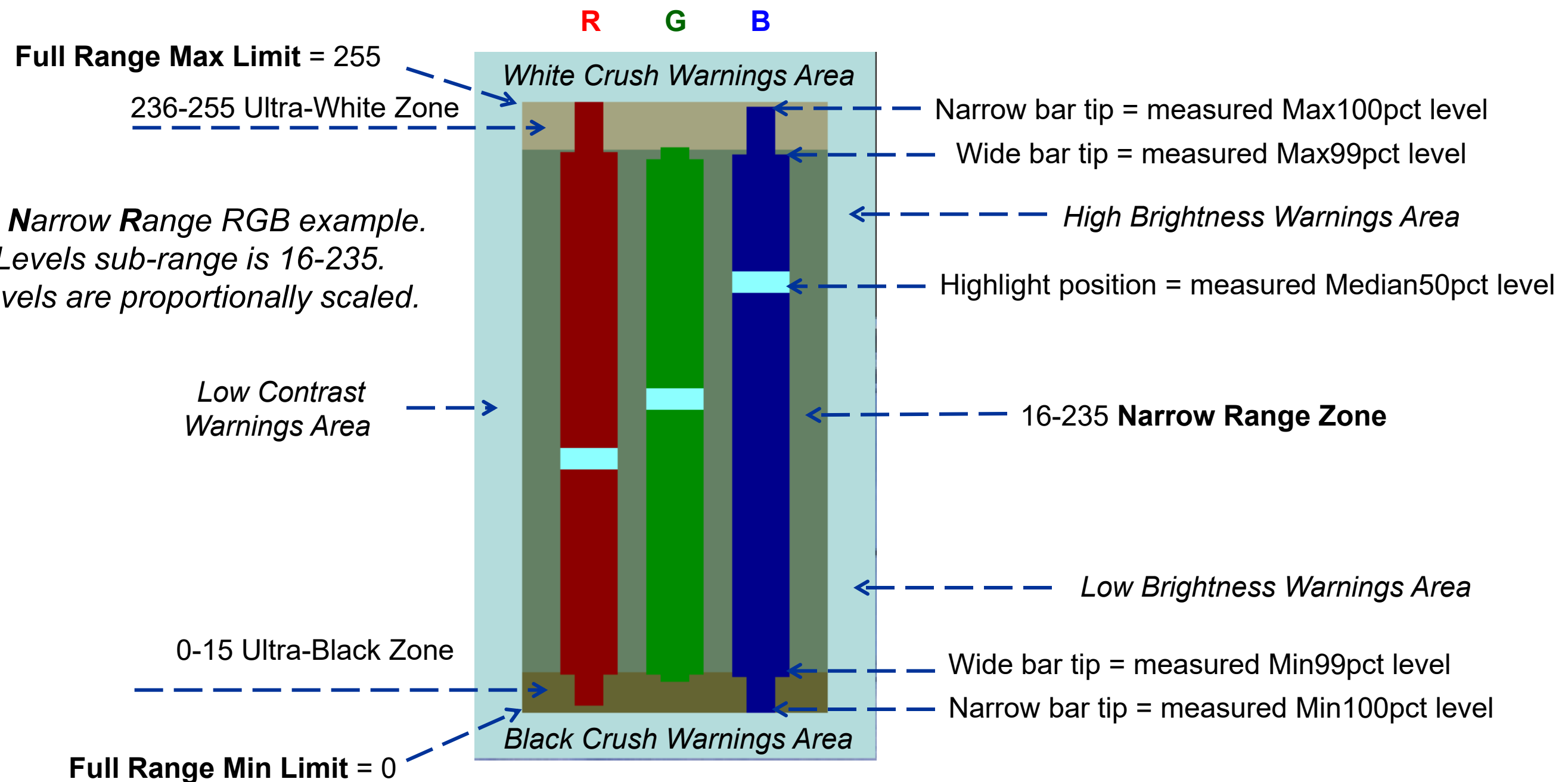
No

Active Image Size Detection affects the results of all other Meters because the black bands (Letterbox, Pillarbox, PostStamp) may significantly affect image levels and activities statistics.

5.4 Video Volume Bars – VV-Bars Overlay

Press **V**
to toggle On/Off
VV Bars Overlay

*This slide shows typical 8 bit **Narrow Range** RGB example.
For 8 bit NR encoding Valid Levels sub-range is 16-235.
For Bit Depth > 8 bit these levels are proportionally scaled.*



Each **Wide Bar** represents the color component range for **reliable 98%** of current frame pixels, ignoring specular highlights, whilst corresponding **Narrow Bar** shows **extreme** values for **all (100%)** pixels - they are nearly random and may vary a lot.

This explains the drastic difference in the dynamic behavior of two bars on live video playback:

Wide Bar size and position typically do not change significantly from frame to frame, but Narrow Bar tips are moving very fast.

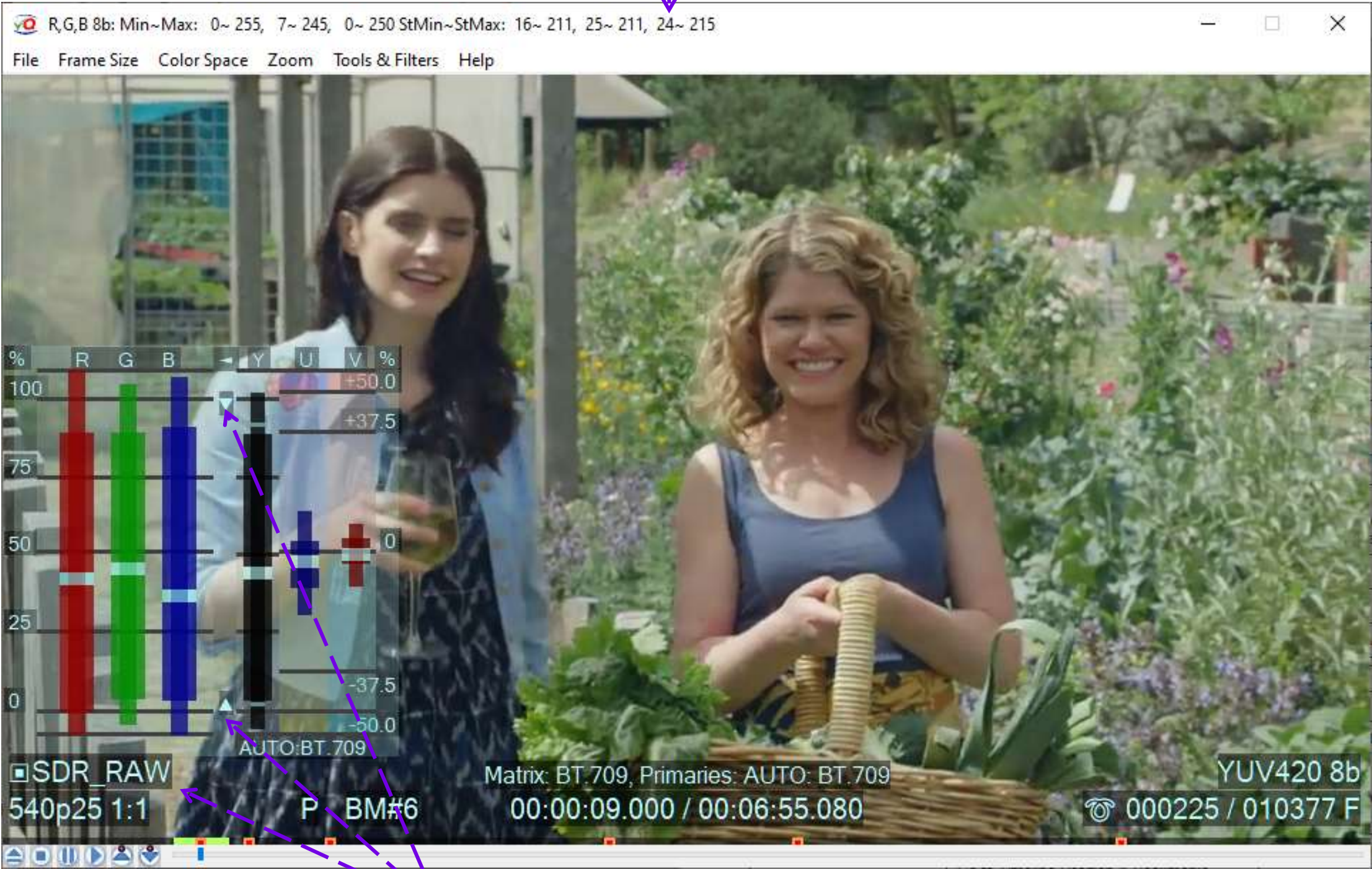


5.5 VV-Bars Variants

Press **V**
to enable **VV-Bars**

Press **S**
and put **Mouse Cursor** in the **VV-Bars** area.
VQV Title Bar shows VV-Bars statistics numerical values

Press **Shift + V**
to cycle thru 3 Display Modes:
YUVRGB (6 Bars), **RGB** (3 Bars), **RGB Range** (1 Bar)



Selected YUV ⇌ RGB Conversion Parameters:
YUV RAW (Narrow Range within Full Range), Matrix BT.709

Selected YUV ⇌ RGB Conversion Parameters:
YUV Narrow Range ⇒ RGB Full Range, Matrix BT.709

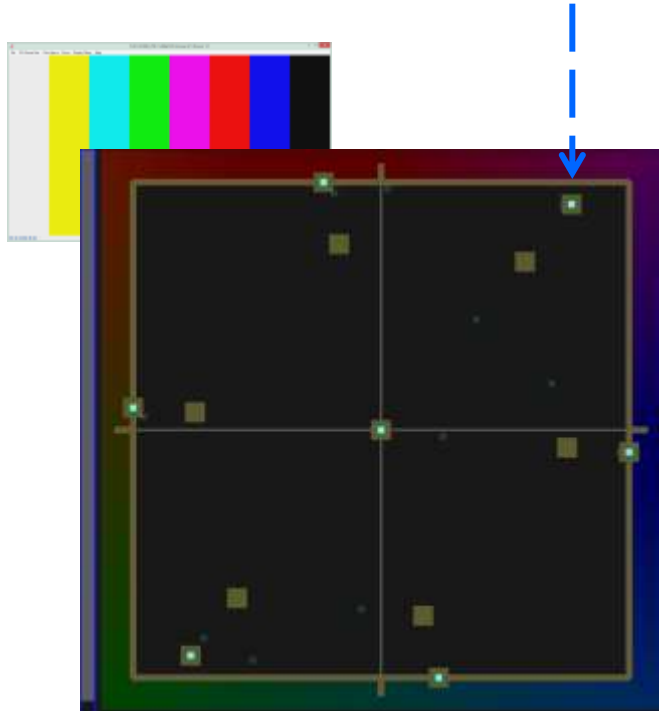
SDR sample video – courtesy of Kate McCartney & Kate McLennan, Australia

5.6 Smart VectorScope

Press **Ctrl + V**
to toggle On/Off
VectorScope Overlay



*If Test Pattern input detected,
the rectangle limits are auto-adjusted
to **measured** UV levels.*
Target boxes (dark yellow)
designate 75% & 100% Color Bars

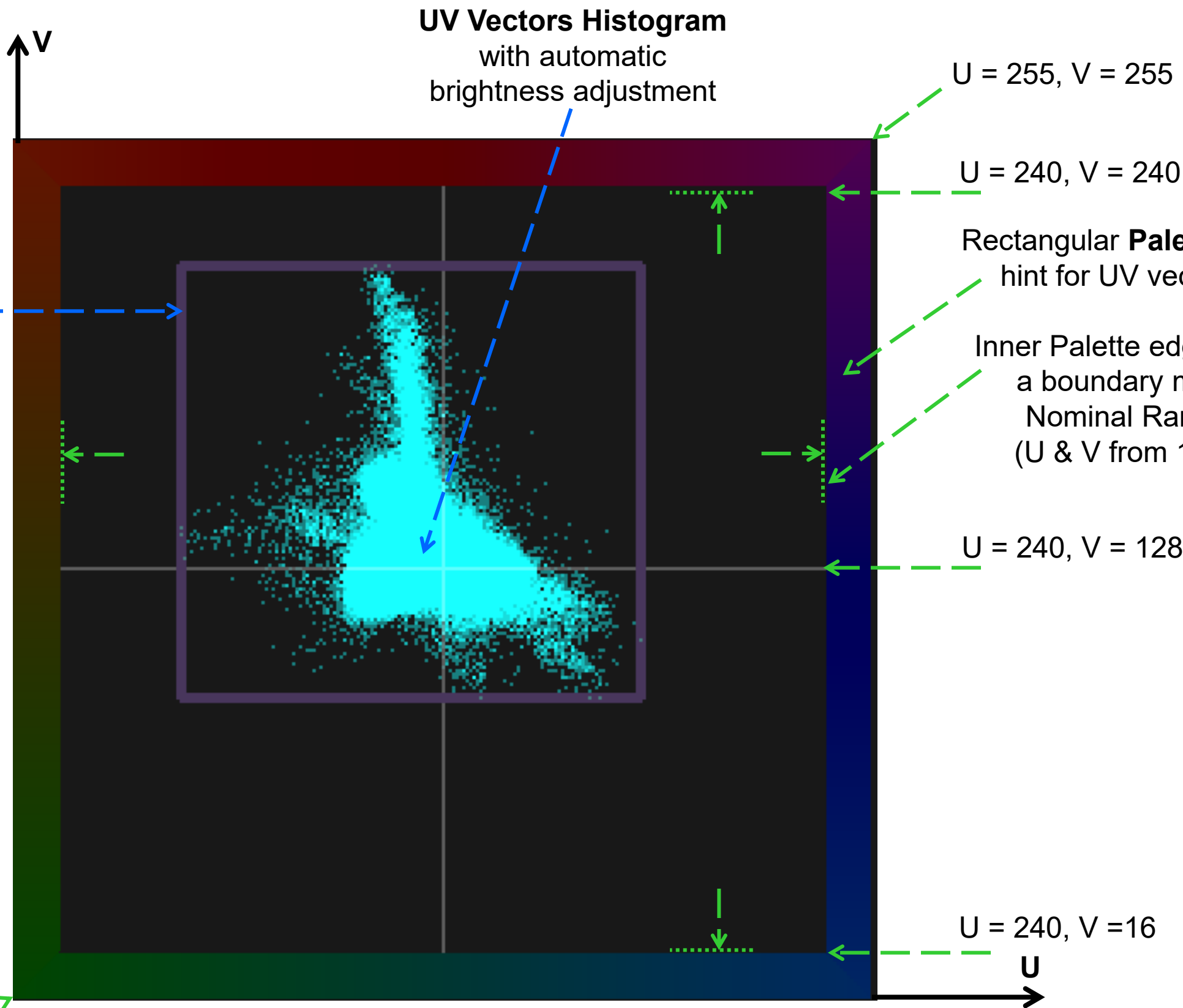


Peak Levels Marker
Rectangle limited by:
U & V
Min & Max values

4 Display Modes

Press **S** whilst
Mouse Cursor
is in **VectorScope** area
to change
display modes

U = 0, V = 0



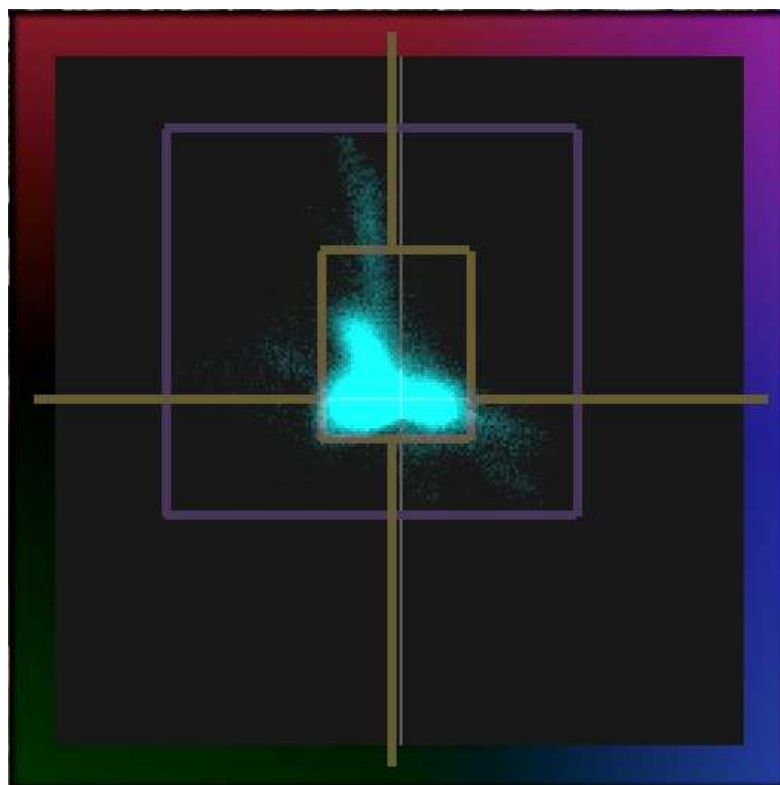
5.7 VectorScope Modes



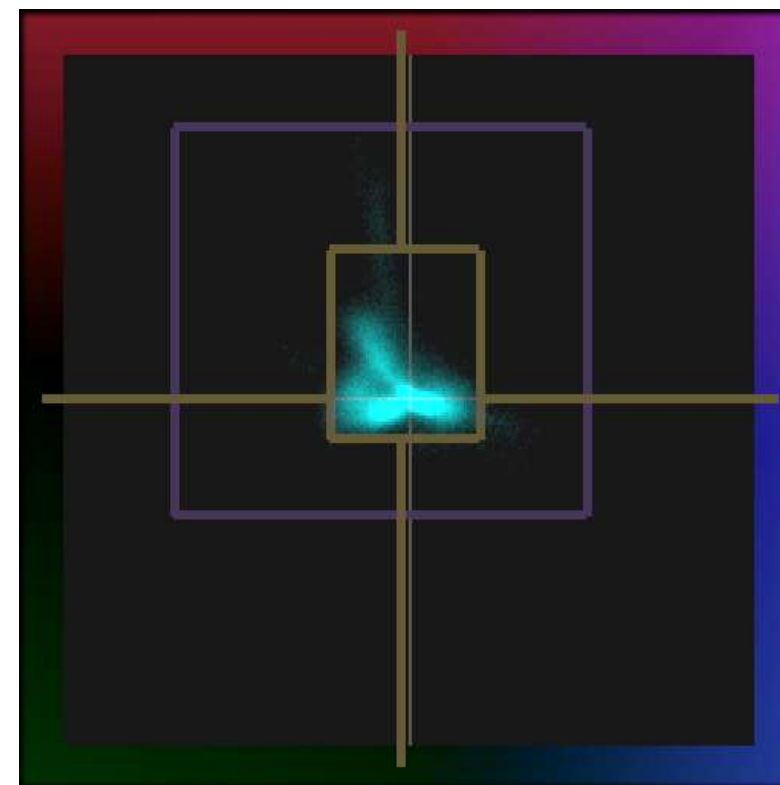
4 Display Modes: Press **S** whilst **Mouse Cursor** is in the VectorScope area to change the display mode

Target Boxes
are enabled automatically
by VQV Color Bars Detector

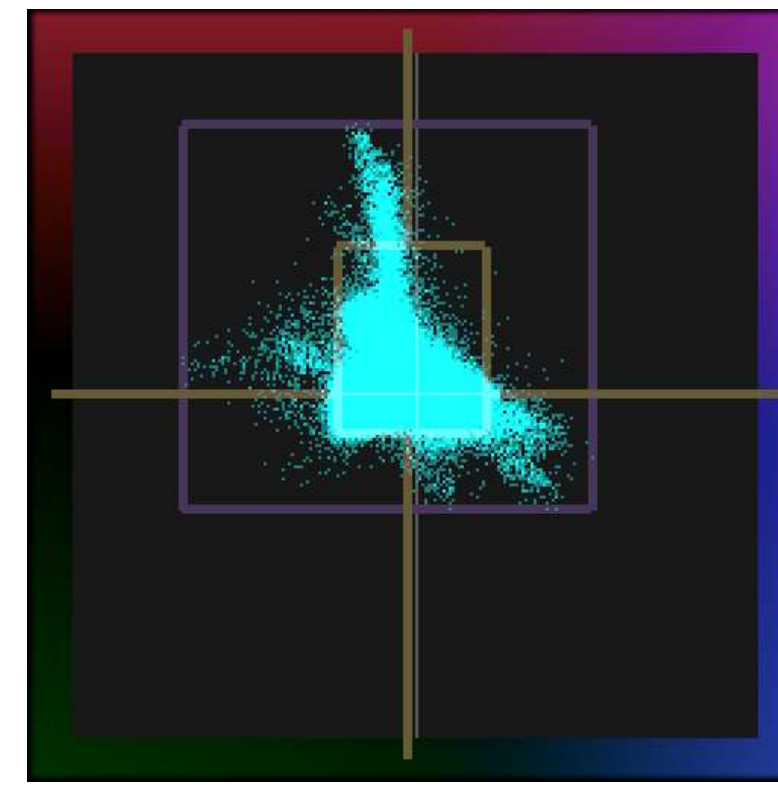
Mode 1: (default) - **AUTO**



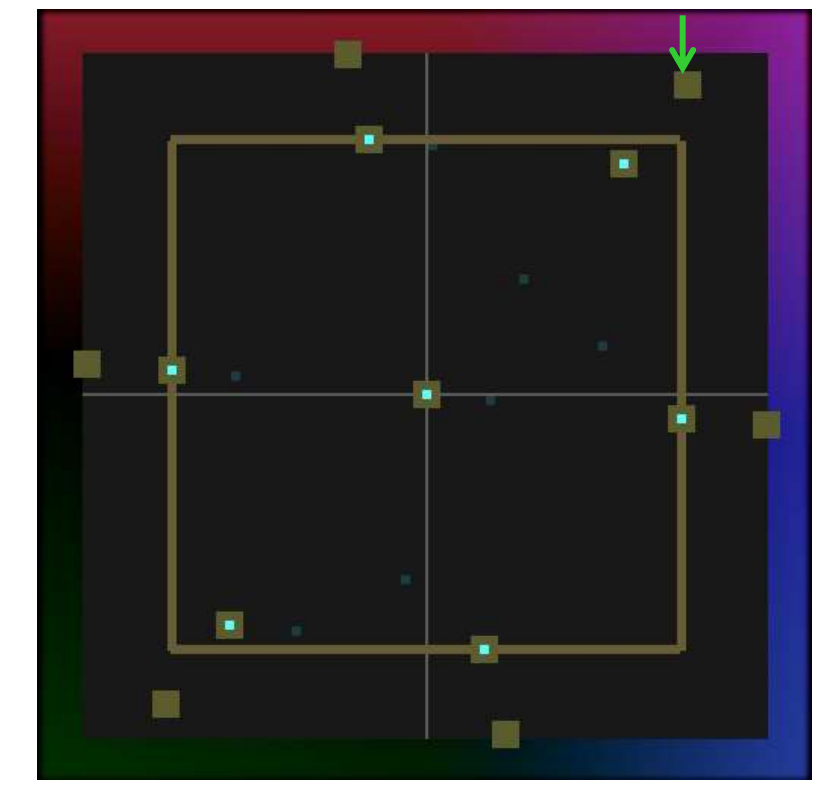
Mode 2: **Fixed Gain x1**



Mode 3: **Fixed Gain x8**



Mode 4: **Color Bars**



Suitable for **majority of use cases**.

Waveform brightness (Gain) is auto-adjusted to fit measured Chroma Volume limits.

Due to the built-in **Color Bars Detector** Mode 1 automatically switches to Mode 4 if Color Bars or similar test patterns are presented, so there is no need to switch modes manually.

x1 Gain provides for better visibility of **dominant colors distribution** (2D contour shape).

However, in this Mode low probability colors (e.g. colors of small size objects) are hardly noticeable.

x8 Gain provides for better visibility of **low probability colors** (e.g. colors of small size objects).

Mode 4 enables **Color Bars Target Boxes** (dark yellow squares) for: SD (BT.601), HD (BT.709), UHD (BT.2100), 75% **and** 100% Color Bars

Also Gain value is adjusted and spot size increased providing for better visibility of actual Color Bars UV values and reduced visibility of spurious low probability colors, such as transitions and overshoots.

Medians and 100% peaks display disabled.

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5.8 Smart ChromaScope



Press **Ctrl + C**
to toggle On/Off
ChromaScope Overlay

The background is the low contrast
semi-transparent image of the
Chromaticity Diagram showing all
colors within the **spectral locus**

Cyan colored overlay represents
Video Image Chromaticity Histogram
(depending on the Color Space selection)

File **Metadata Info** relevant for ChromaScope:
Color Matrix, Primaries and **Transfer** function

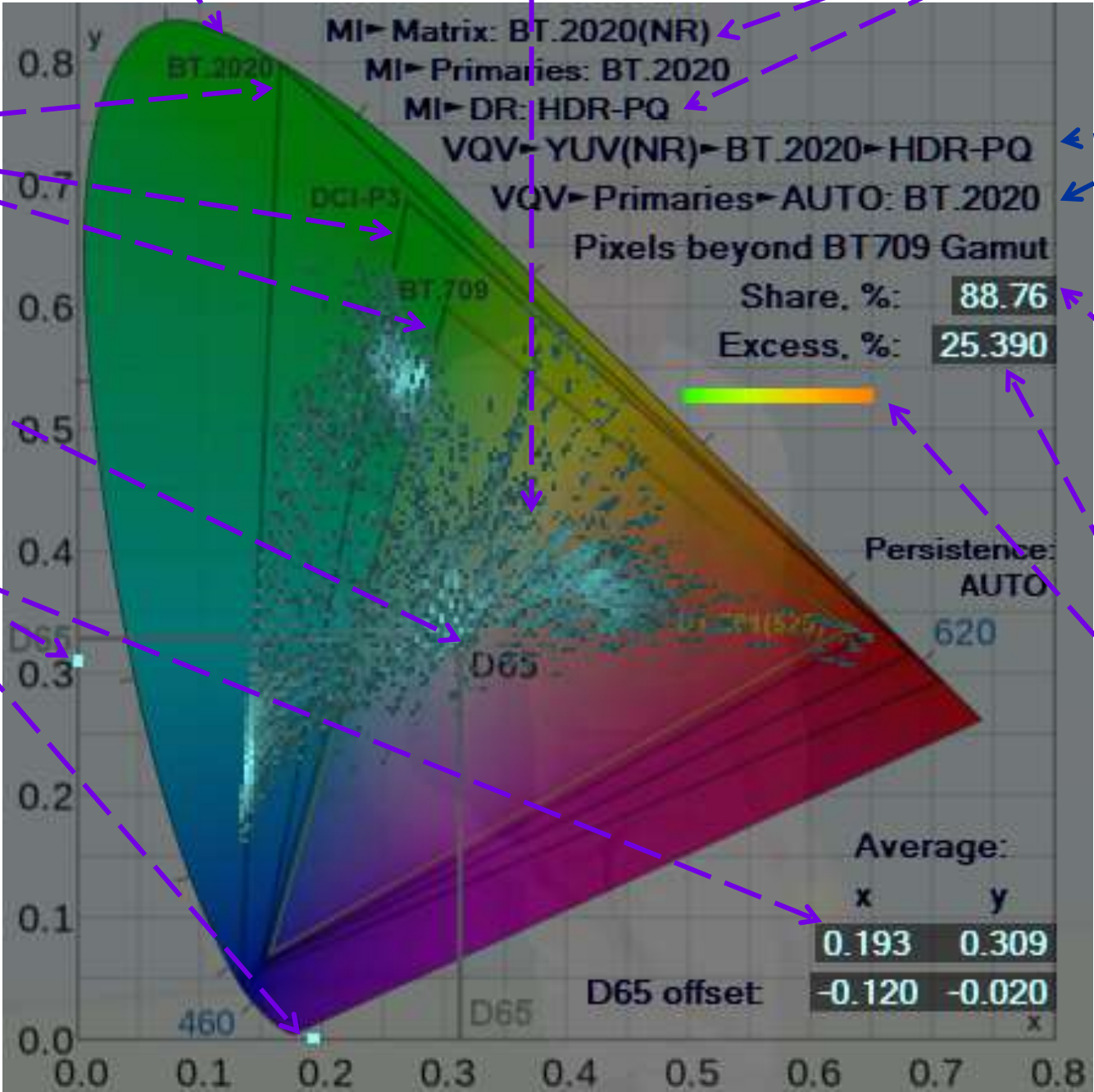
BT.2020, DCI-P3, BT.709 and **BT.601 Primaries**
Gamut Boundaries (color triangles)

Select **Color Space** via main 'Color Space'
menu and 'ChromaScope Primaries' submenu.
White point is not switchable, always **D65**

ChromaScope calculates and displays the
x and **y** values of **Average Chromaticity**
point and the offset of this point vs. the **D65**
Reference White point.

D65 Offset Markers on x and y axes are
helpful for at-glance detection of the
significant color shifts.

*Typical color balanced video images have
Average Chromaticity close to the D65
point, though for the example shown the
dominance of green and blue colors is
clearly visible.*



User-selectable **VQV Color Processor**
parameters, such as **Color Matrix, Primaries**
and **Transfer** function, may or may not match
the analyzed media file metadata.

If the selected Color Space is **BT.2020**
or **DCI-P3** ChromaScope calculates and
displays the **Share** of pixels having
chromaticity beyond the limits of **BT.709**
triangle, i.e. the percentage of colors **illegal** for
the ubiquitous HD color space.

The integrated **Excess** value helps to estimate
the relevance of such “difficult” pixels.
For fast estimation the Excess value is also
displayed as color-coded **Bargraph**
growing from Green to Red (logarithmic scale).

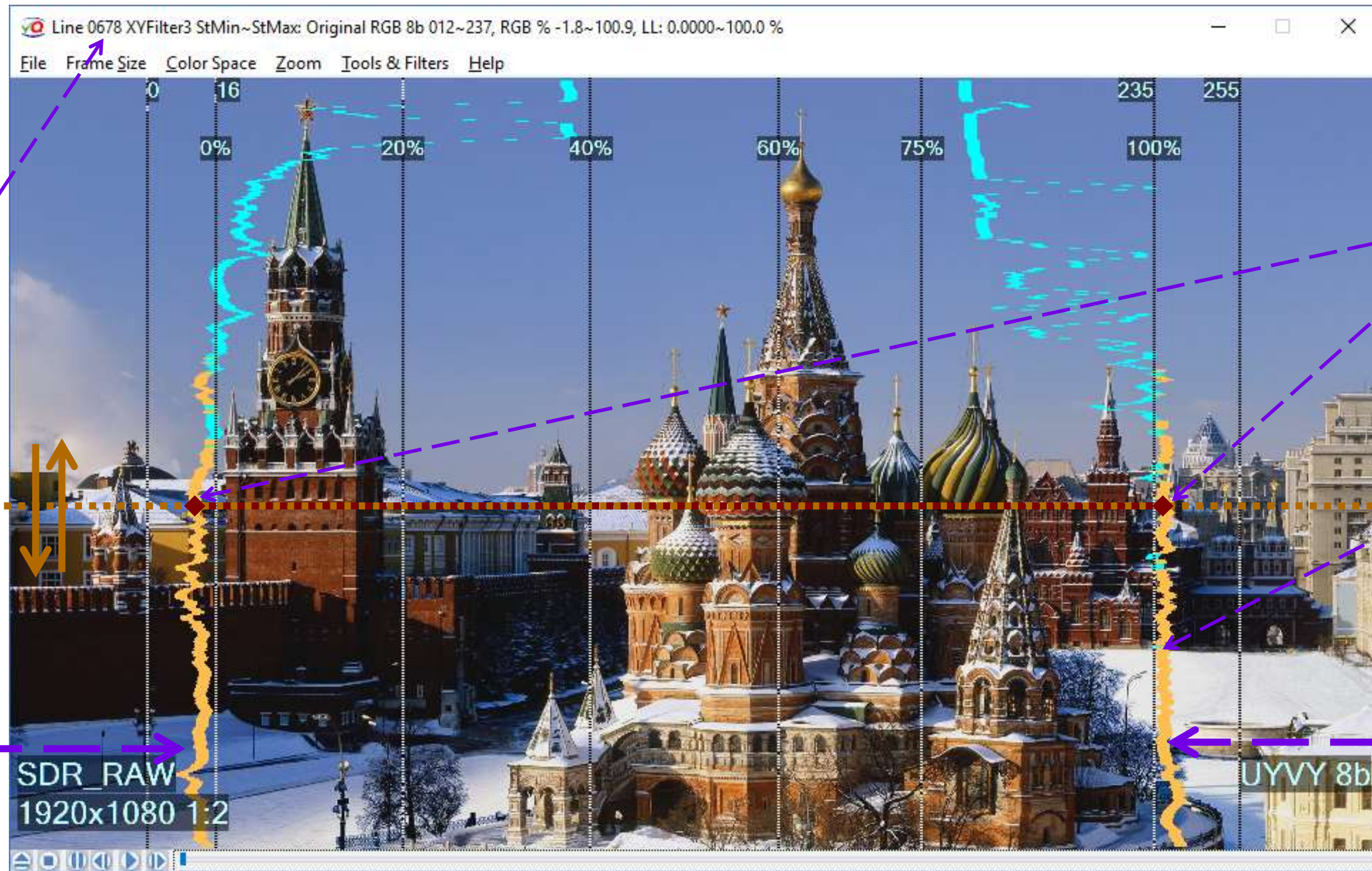
5.9 FrameScope Waveform Tool



Press **W** key
to toggle On the
FrameScope™
Overlay.
(Frame Profile Waveform)

Line Number and
the corresponding
Title Bar
Numerical Readout
values are defined
by the **Mouse Cursor**
vertical position

RGB / LL Line Statistics
Min value
updated line-by-line



Frame Profile Waveform
shows the
Current Line
RGB / LL Range
from $\text{Min}(R,G,B)$ to $\text{Max}(R,G,B)$

RGB / LL
Min & Max value
beyond the valid range
(from 0 % to 100 %)
are shown in **Yellow**

RGB / LL Line Statistics
Max value
updated line-by-line

The **Graticule** vertical lines positions can be switched from **RGB Levels** in **percents** of the Reference White to **Light Levels** in **nits** or **percents** – Shortcut: **U**.

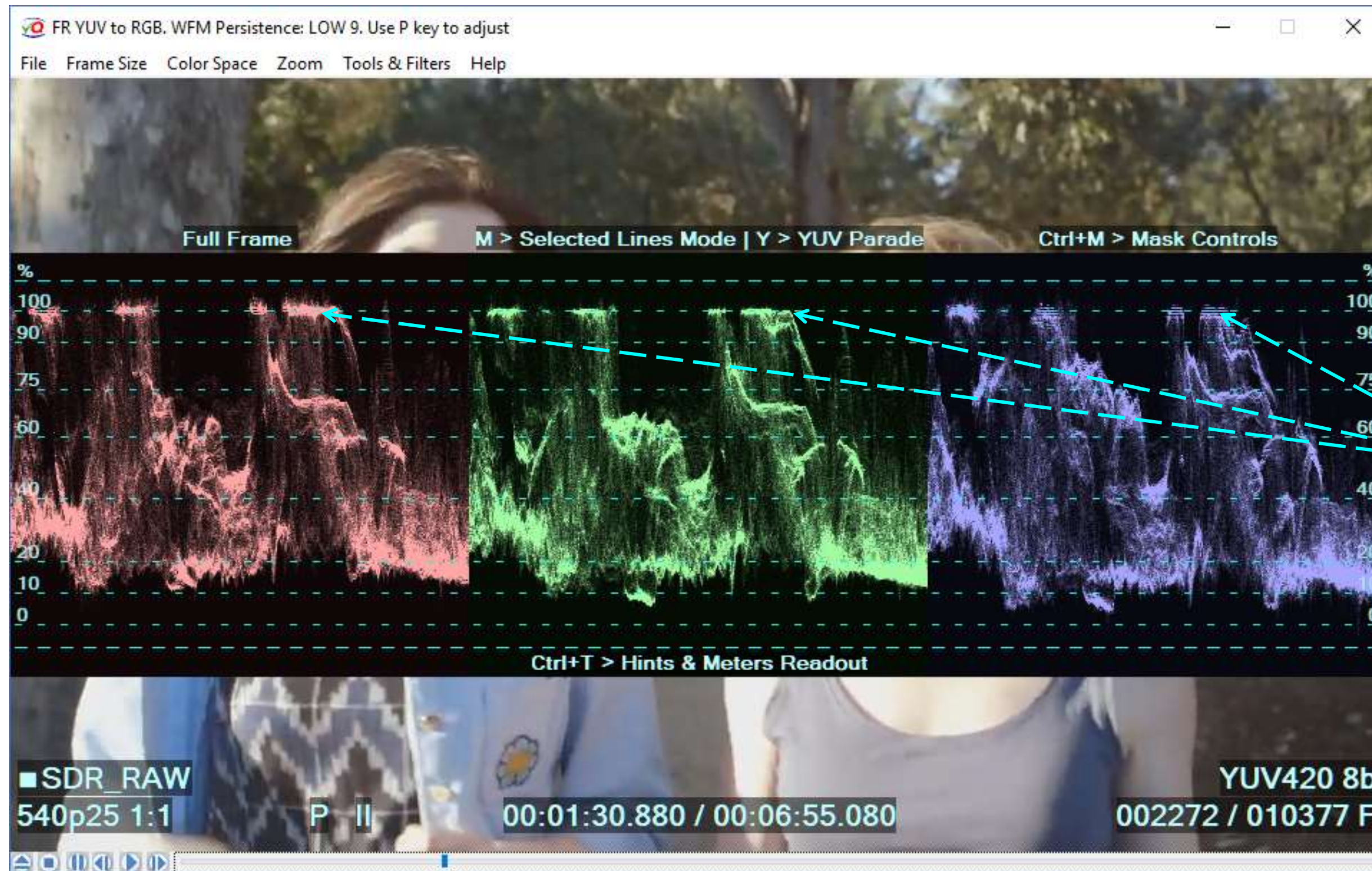
In **SDR** mode the graticule units are percents of RGB or LL range. In **HDR RAW** modes the graticule vertical dotted lines represents BT.2100 light levels.

In down- and cross- conversion modes 100% line may represent the selected **TDMB** (Target **D**evice **M**ax **B**rightness) value.

5.10 Line Parade Waveform Monitor Tool



Press **Ctrl + W**
to toggle On the
Line Parade Waveform



RGB Line Parade Waveform Mode provides for easy **correlation** of the object **horizontal position** and the corresponding video **signal levels**

Note the **high density** of **Red & Green Waveforms** near the **100% (Ref.White)** marker of the Graticule (*not so strong for **Blue***).

It means massive clipping of white and yellow tones



5.11 Frame Histogram Tool

Press **H**
to toggle On the
Frame Histogram
Overlay

*Digits keys are shortcuts
to some common
Dynamic Range Modes:*

- 0 – SDR = default mode
- 1 – HDR-PQ RAW
- 2 – HDR-PQ>SDR
- 3 – HDR-HLG RAW
- 4 – HDR-HLG>SDR
- 5 – LOG-RAW
- 6 – LOG>HLG
- 7 – LOG>SDR
- 8 – MSB/LSB Images
- 9 – YUV range toggle

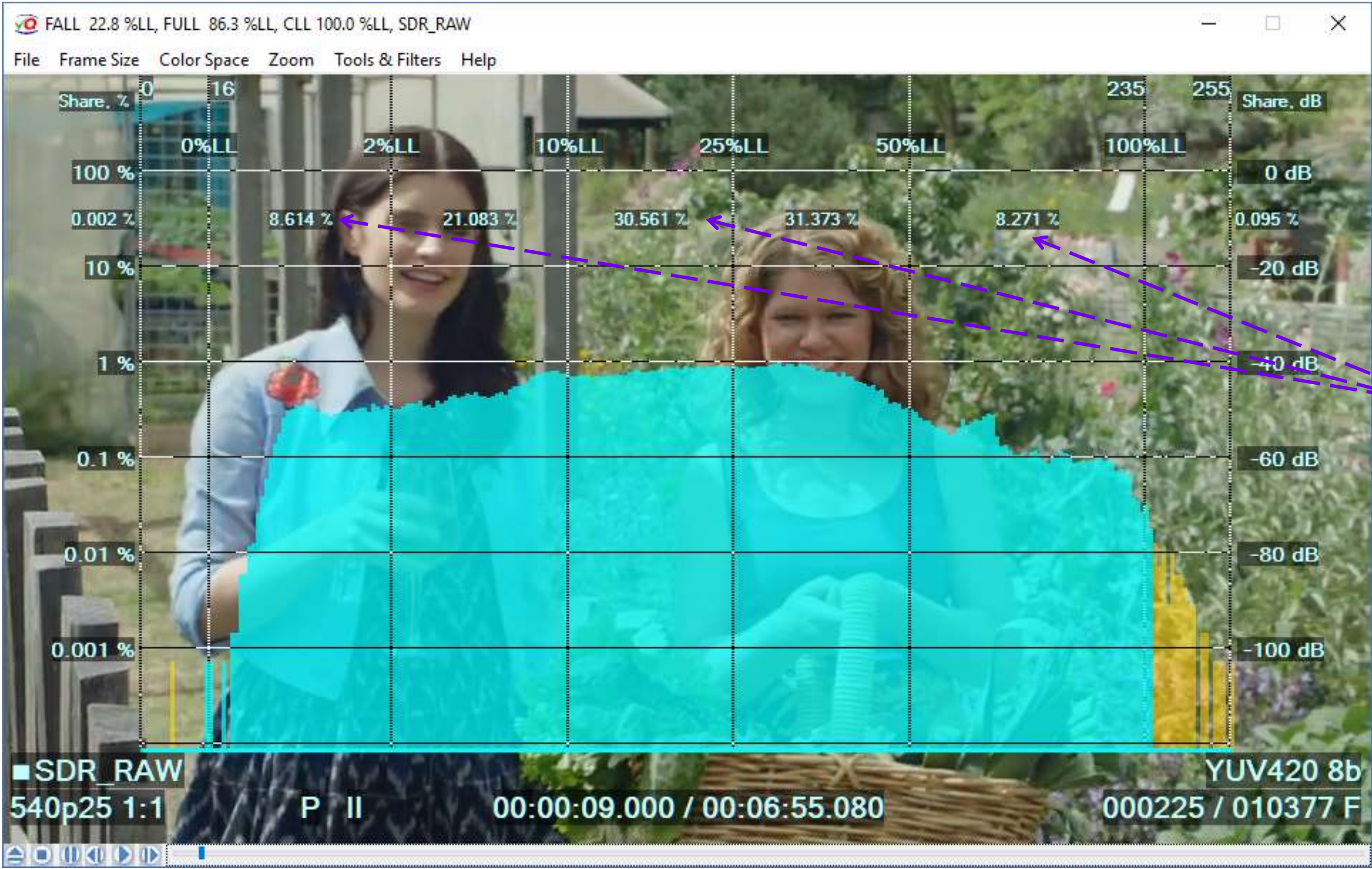
E.g. press **0**
to enable the default
SDR RAW Mode

Press **Ctrl + H**
to toggle On the
Alternative
Sub-ranges Histogram

All sub-ranges are
more or less
evenly populated.

It means
good SDR image

Press **U**
to toggle the
RGB / Light Levels
Units & Graticules



The default **Histogram Overlay Mode** is the **Light Levels Histogram** shown above



5.12 L-Bar – Video Frame Levels Statistics

Press **L** to toggle On the **L-Bar**.
Press **Play Button** or **Space Bar**
to start collecting
Segment Statistics Data.

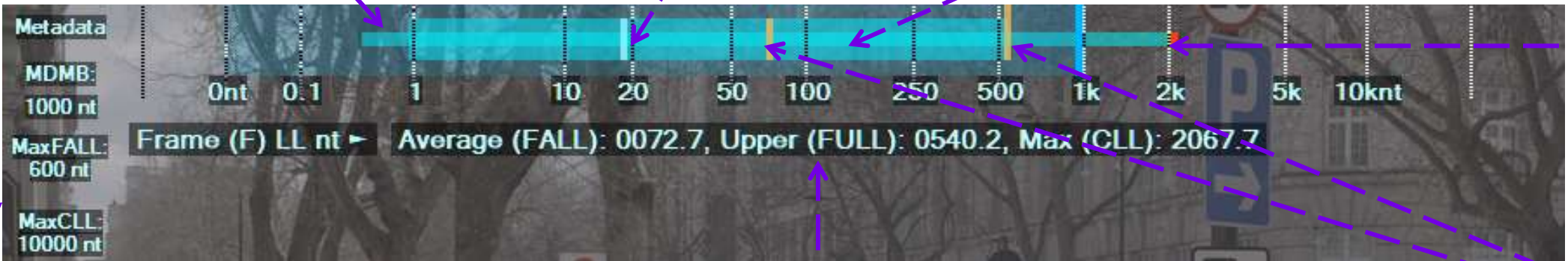
At the end of wanted fragment
press **S**.

Statistic Report will be printed
as text overlay. To save it to text file
press **Ctrl + P**

Narrow Bar
shows 100% of pixels
(full frame RGB range)
Min & Max limits,

Cyan Highlight
shows Median Level
(50% of frame pixels)

Wide Bar
shows 99% of pixels
(most relevant RGB range)
Min & Max limits,



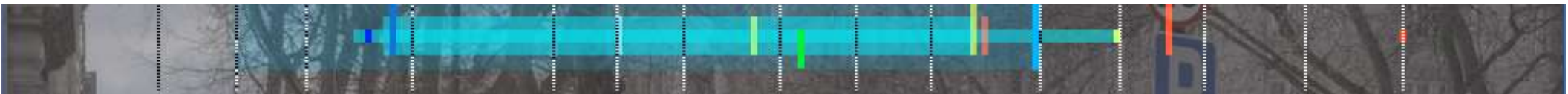
Light Levels Metadata
Numerical Readout
(if available)

Current Frame
Statistically Relevant Light Levels
Numerical Readout

Yellow Marker:
Frame Max Light Level
(CLL)
of the current frame
updated frame-by-frame

Yellow Markers:
Frame Average Light Level
(FALL)
&
Frame Upper Light Level
(FULL)
of the current frame
updated frame-by-frame

Press **T** to toggle ON/OFF text labels and numerical readout messages:



5.13 L-Bar and Video Fragment Statistics

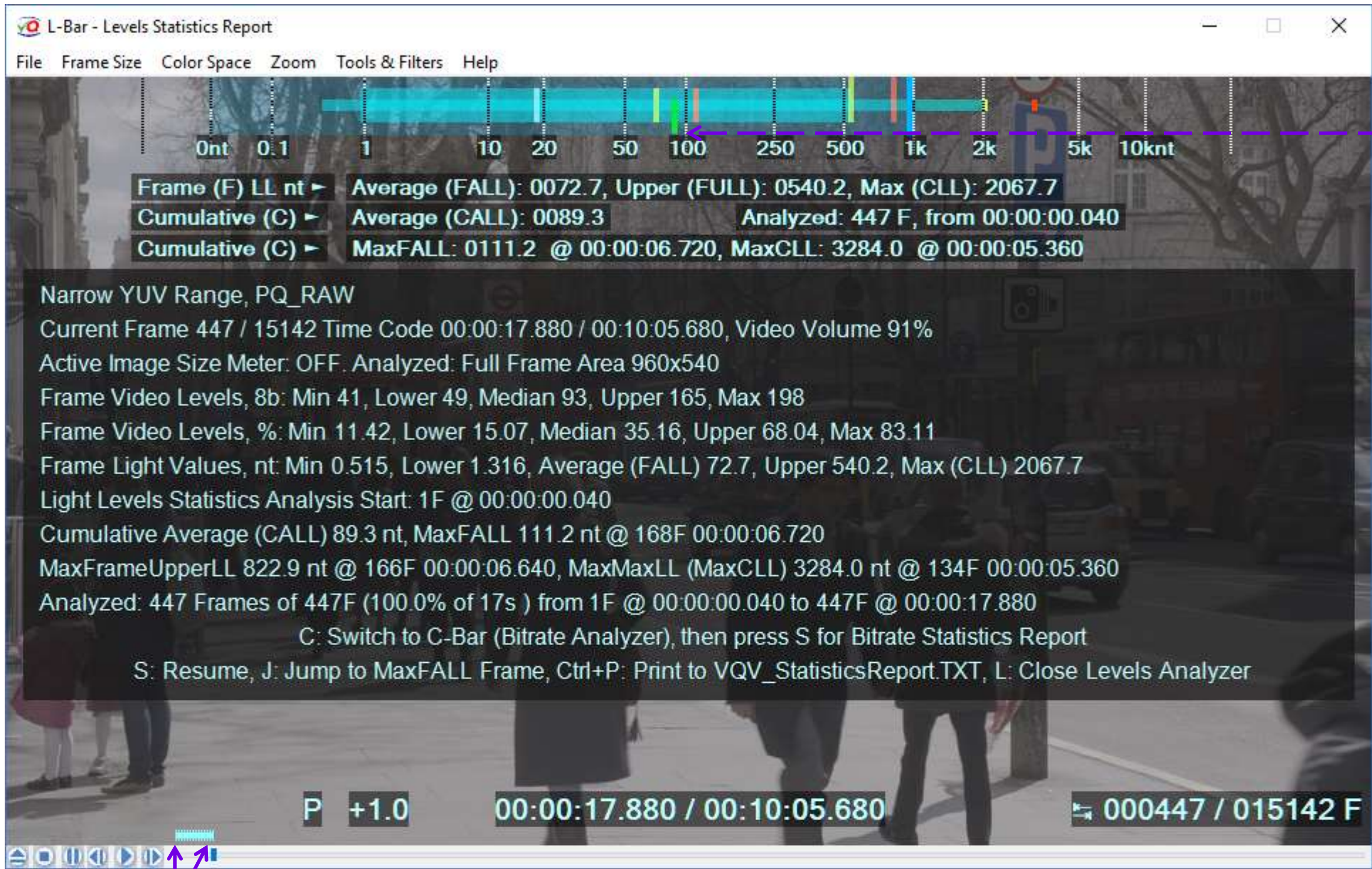
At the end of wanted fragment press **S**.

Statistic Report will be printed as text overlay.

To save it to text file press **Ctrl + P**

On-screen Report: - - - - ->

**RGB & Light Levels
Current Frame Statistics
&
Fragment Statistics**
up to the current frame



Green Marker:
Segment Average LL

Red Markers
max values of the
corresponding **Yellow**
markers within the segment

C-Bar Bitrate Analyzer is running in the background when **L-Bar** is enabled. Press **C** to switch between L-Bar and C-Bar Modes.

Analysis Progress Bar:
From the selected start frame to the current frame

5.14 C-Bar – Compressed Video Bitrate Analyzer



Press **C** to enable the Bitrate Analyzer tool

Press Play Button to collect and display **Bitrate Statistics Data**

At the wanted fragment end press **S** Statistic Report will be printed as text overlay; to save it press **Ctrl + P**

On-screen Report: . — — — — — **Codec Info & Compressed Data Statistics** up to the current frame

Logarithmic Bitrate Graticule covers very wide range: from **0.01 Mbps** to **1,000 Mbps**



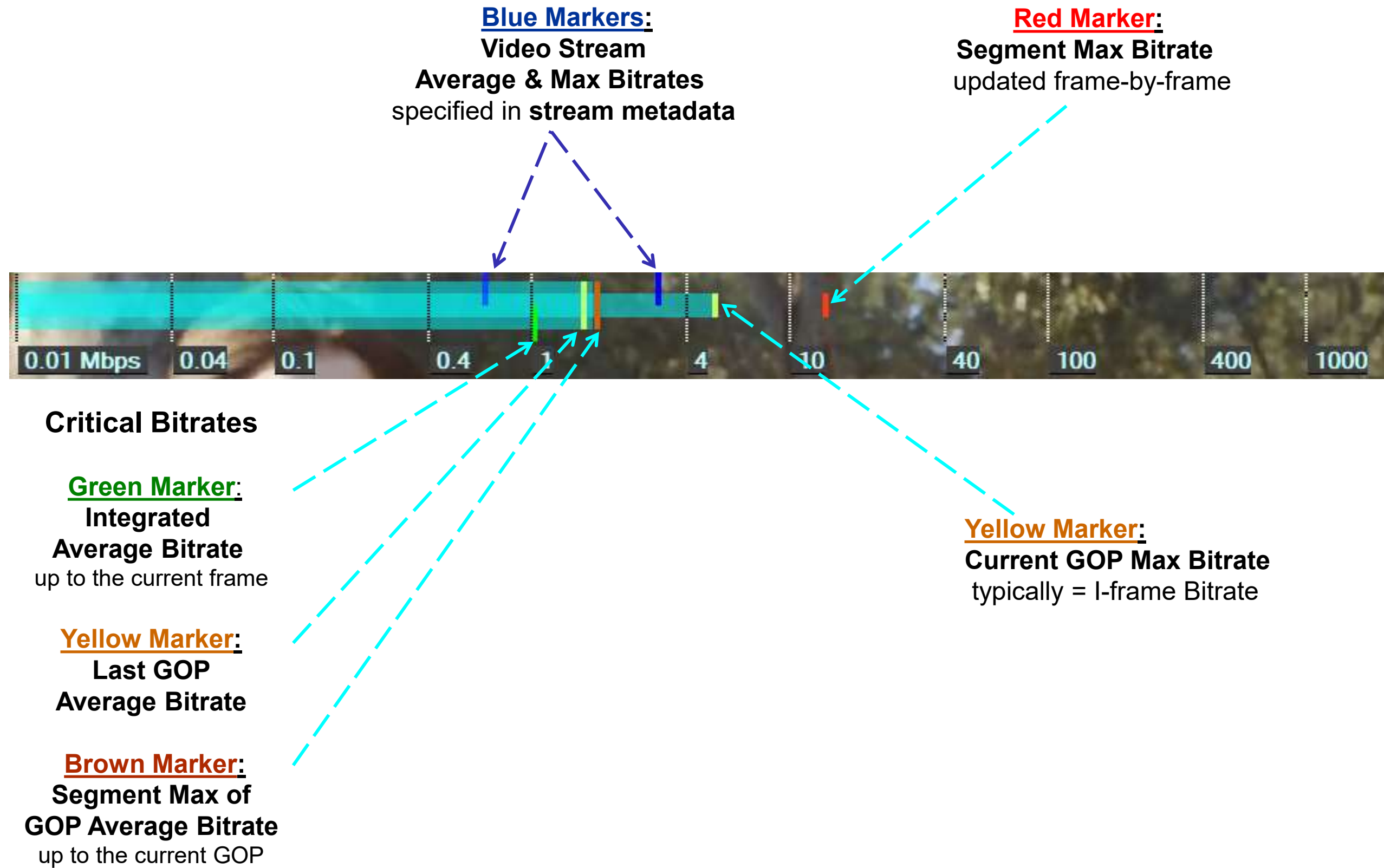
C-Bar Overlay
Narrow Bar: 'I' Frame Bitrate,
Wide Bar: 'P'/'B' Frame Bitrate

C-Bar Bitrate Analyzer is running in the background when **L-Bar** is enabled.
In such case press **C** to switch between L-Bar and C-Bar Modes, otherwise pressing **C** will switch **C-Bar** Off.

Statistics Progress Bar: From the start frame to the current frame

*Note that **full** Bitrate Statistics Report is available only if VQV plays at the nominal **+1** speed, otherwise only current frame brief report is available.*

5.15 C-Bar Bitrate Markers

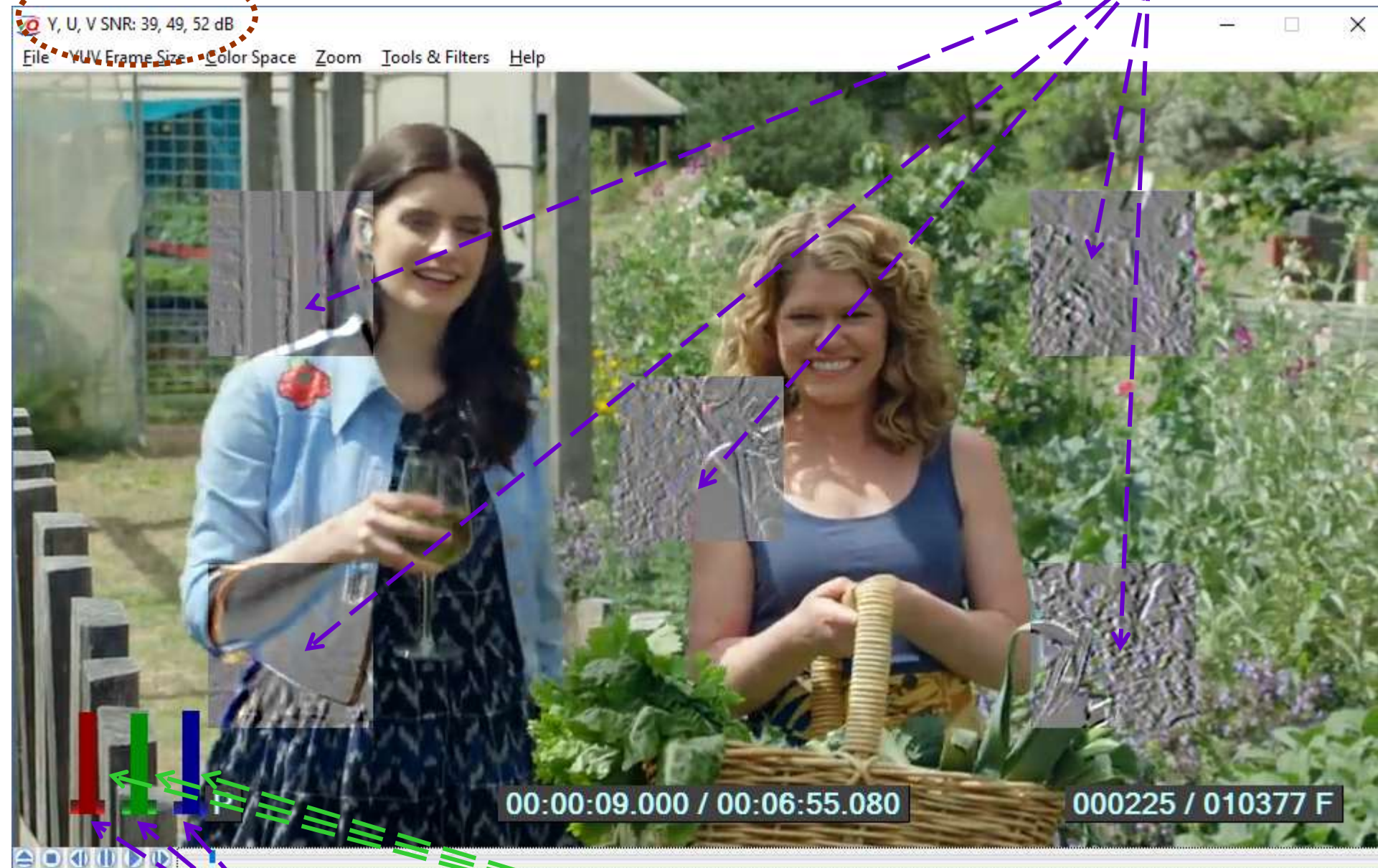


5.16 Noise and Inter-frame Activity Meter

Press **Shift + N**
to toggle On the
Noise Meter

Y SNR = 39 dB,
U SNR = 49 dB,
V SNR = 52 dB

5 SNR Meter Zones



*Relatively poor Y SNR value is
probably caused by strong Intra-
frame and Inter-frame Activities
creating problems for the camera
noise reducer*

Noise Distribution
BarGraph Display

Inter-Frame Activity
BarGraph Display

6. Displayed Image Filters

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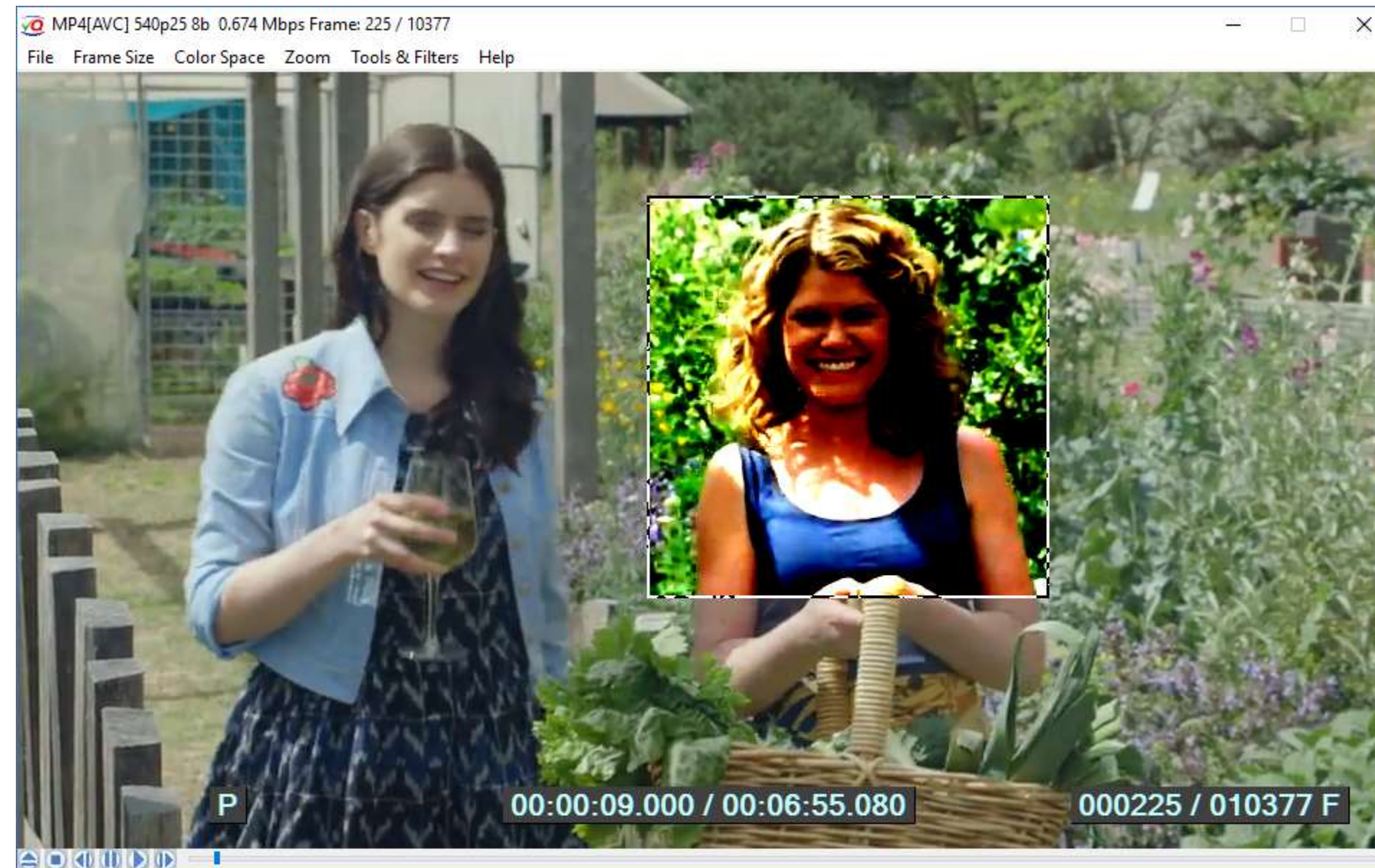
[6.7 Compression Artifacts Filter](#)

6.1 Displayed Image Filters Overview

- VQV displayed image filters can be sorted out into 4 categories:
 - **Color Components Filters:** RGB, R, G, B, Y, UV or LL images with out of range highlighter and heat map options.
 - **Digital Levels Filters:** Gain, Brightness offset, MSB/LSB selector
 - **Spatial Filter:** HPF (High Pass Filter) or LPF (Low Pass Filter) providing for intra-frame activity assessment
 - **Temporal Filter:** HPF (High Pass Filter) providing for inter-frame activity and frames repetition cadence assessment
 - Filters can be applied to:
 - Screen area limited by square mask with adjustable size and position
 - Full screen area
- **Shift + M** toggles between Mask / Full Screen modes, the default mode depends on the selected filter(s).
 - To adjust Mask Size: put mouse cursor inside the mask area, press **M** key and use **Mouse Wheel**, then click inside the mask to finish
 - To change Mask Position: put cursor in the mask area, hold **Mouse Left Button** and move the mask
- **D** key and **ESC** key **reset** all filter controls to the **default** (Off) state.
Stop Button does the same, but also resets the Timeline Position to media file start.
- **Shift + F** toggles On/Off all filters, **preserving** all filter controls and settings
- **I** key cycles thru 3 de-interlaced display modes:
 - Interleaved Fields,
 - Top-Bottom Fields
 - Fields Difference
- Display filters can be combined, but filters concatenation order is fixed and can not be changed
- See next slides for detailed description and examples.

6.2 Gain Filter

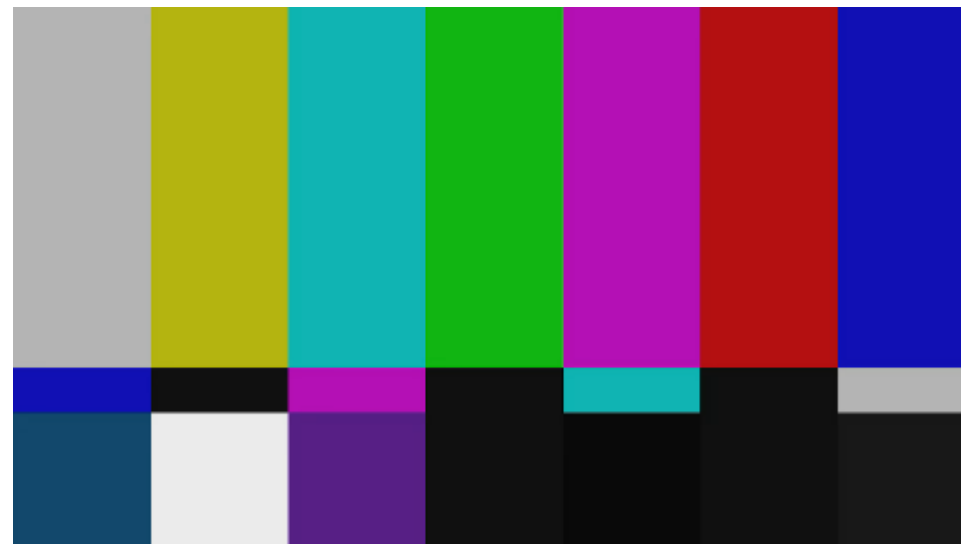
Shift + Mouse Wheel (and **Shift + Up/Down Arrows**) controls displayed image Gain (contrast): x1, x2, x4, x16.
Example below: Gain = **x4** within the Mask area.



*If necessary, use **Ctrl + Shift + Mouse Wheel** to adjust the Slicing Level (brightness offset)*

6.3 Color Components Filters

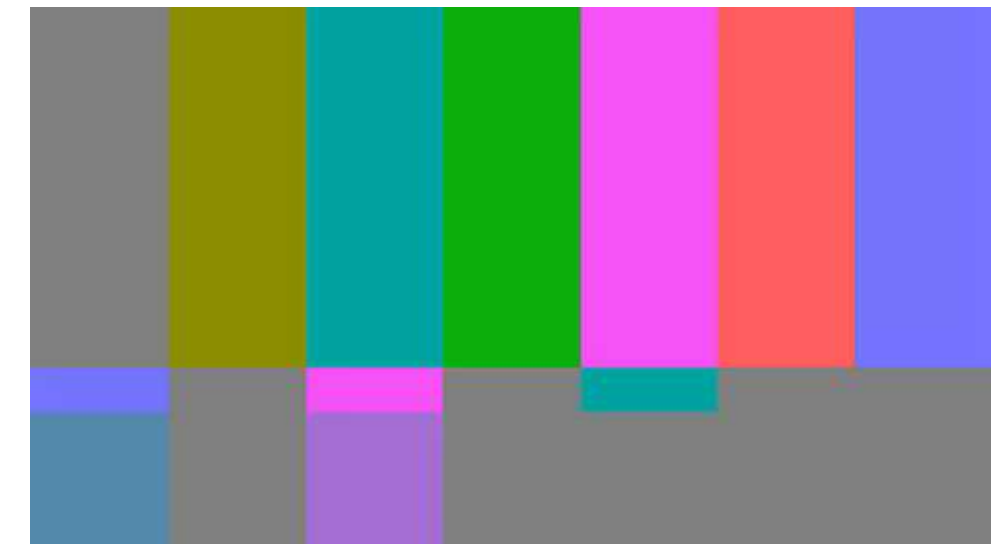
ESC or **D**: Default RGB Image



Shift + Y: Luminance



Shift + U: Chrominance (UV)



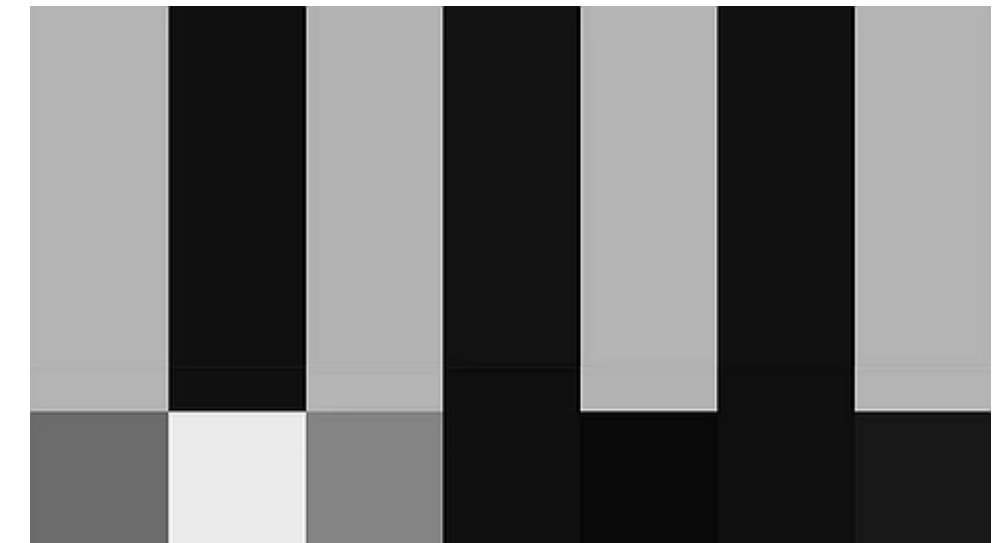
Shift + R: Red Component



Shift + G: Green Component



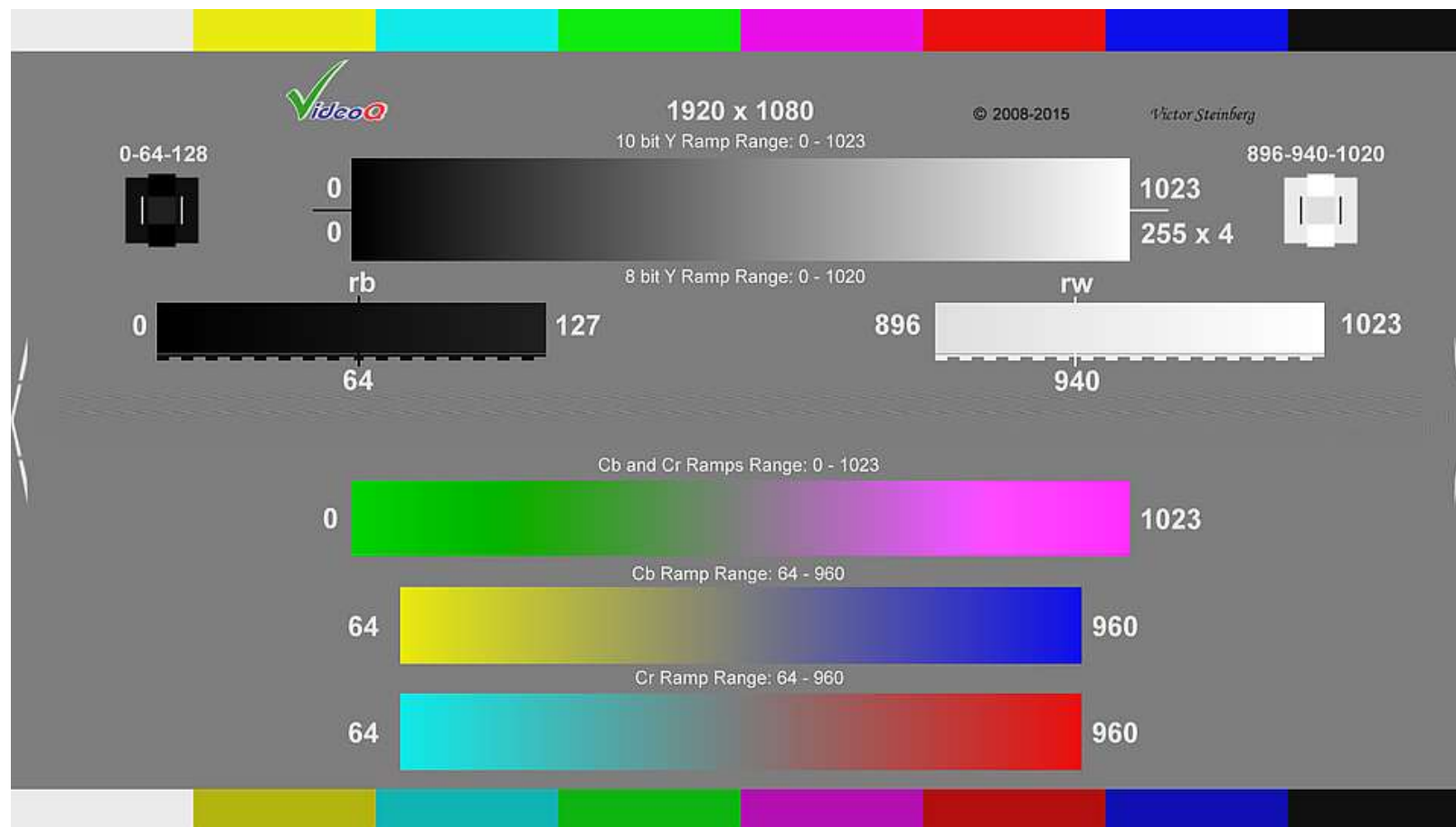
Shift + B: Blue Component



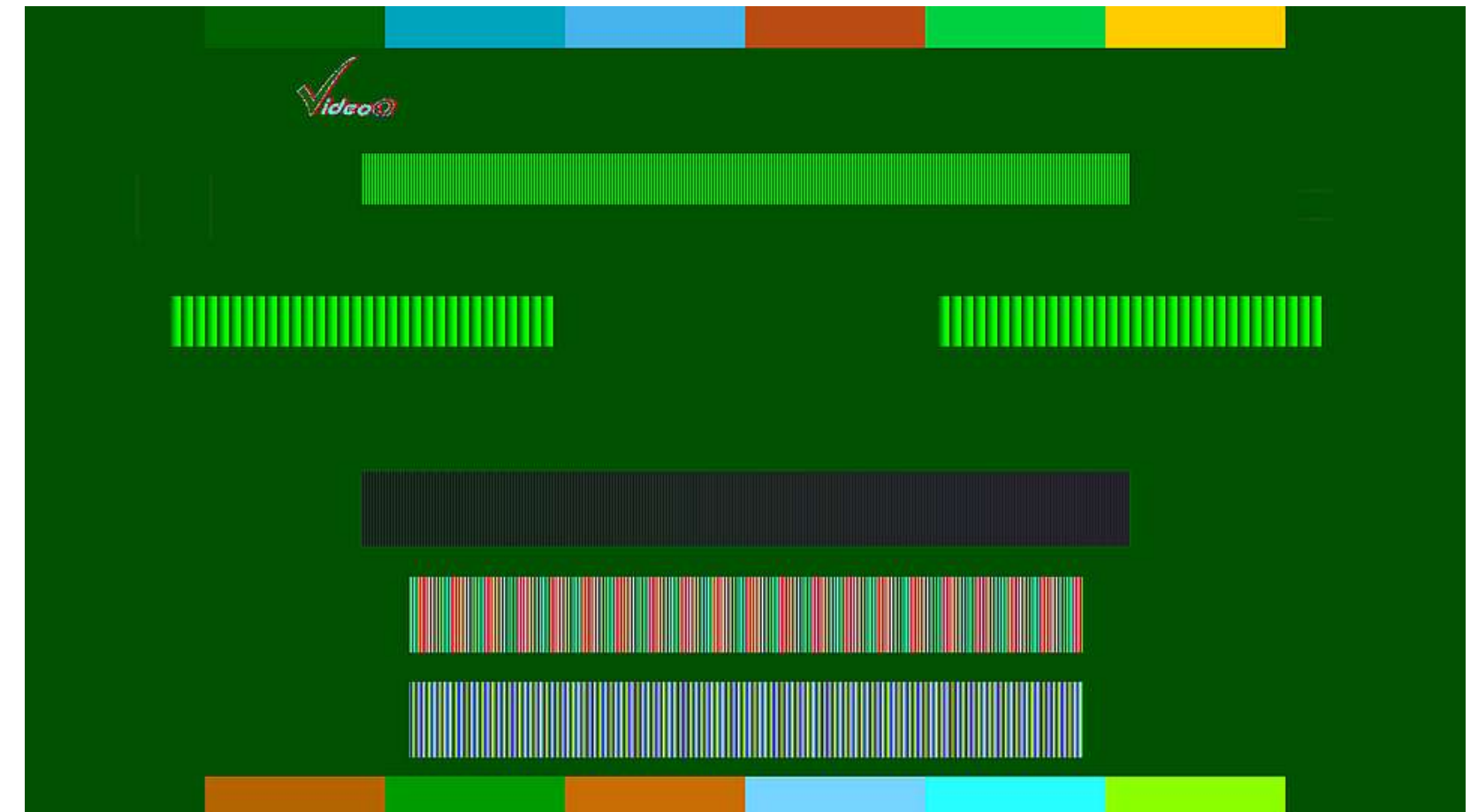
6.4 MSB/LSB Filter

Press **8** to toggle between MSB and LSB images (*only if the input bit depth is greater than 8 bit*)

MSB: 8b RGB image derived from 16b RAW YUV media file



LSB: 8b RGB image derived from 16b RAW YUV media file



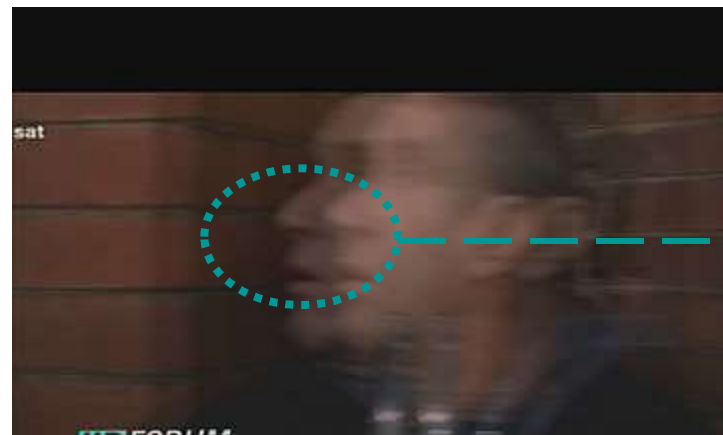
Both MSB and LSB images are equally suitable for VQV filters/meters. For example it s possible to select color components, display video data values of any pixel, apply spatial HPF, etc

6.5 De-interlaced Display Filter

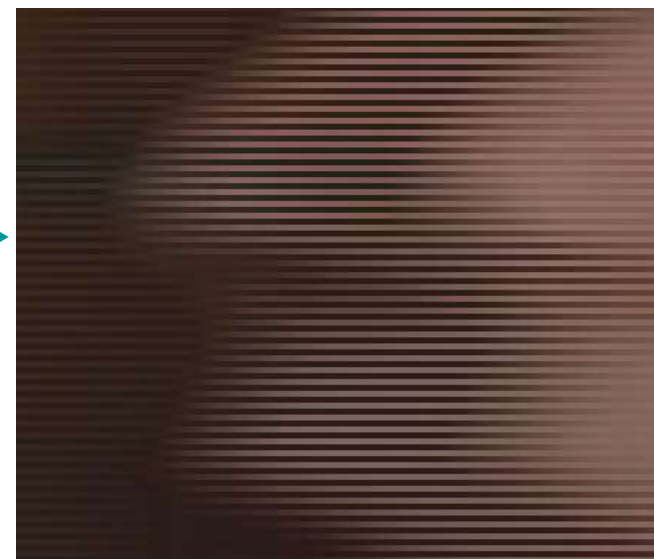


Press **I** to cycle thru 3 de-interlaced display modes: Interleaved Fields (default), Top-Bottom Fields, Fields Difference

Interleaved Fields



Zoom 4:1 (fragment)



Top-Bottom Fields



Fields Difference



Brief Media Info

Container:

MXF, 18.176992 MB, 00:00:05.040

Streams: Video 1

Video:

126F, 00:00:05.040, BFF, 25.000i, 720x576

yuv411p, YUV, 4:1:1, 8 bit

24.442 Mbps, DV [0D01030102024102-04010202020200]

Save full info to machine-readable "VQV_MediaInfoReport.TXT" ?

Yes

No

Brief Media Info

Container:

MPEG Video, 64.318682 MB, 00:01:40.440

Streams: Video 1

Video:

2511F, 00:01:40.440, TFF, 25.000i, 720x576

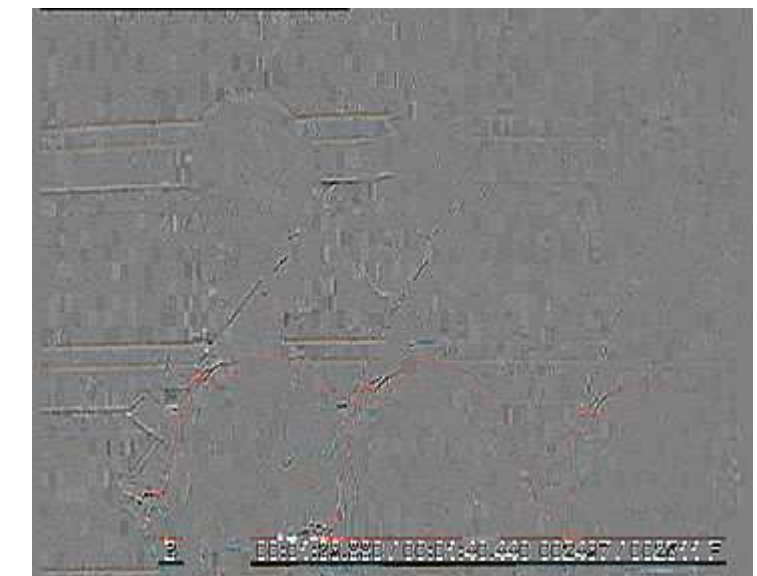
yuv420p, YUV, BT.601, BT.470 System B, BT.470 System G, 4:2:0, 8 bit

5.123 Mbps, MPEG Video, Main@Main, GopSize 12

Save full info to machine-readable "VQV_MediaInfoReport.TXT" ?

Yes

No



This example shows that despite **the same 25i** declared format, only the content in the 1st row is **truly interlaced**,
The 2nd row images are in fact **25psf** (Progressively Scanned Fields), i.e. 25p original was converted to 25i – probably, for distribution purposes.

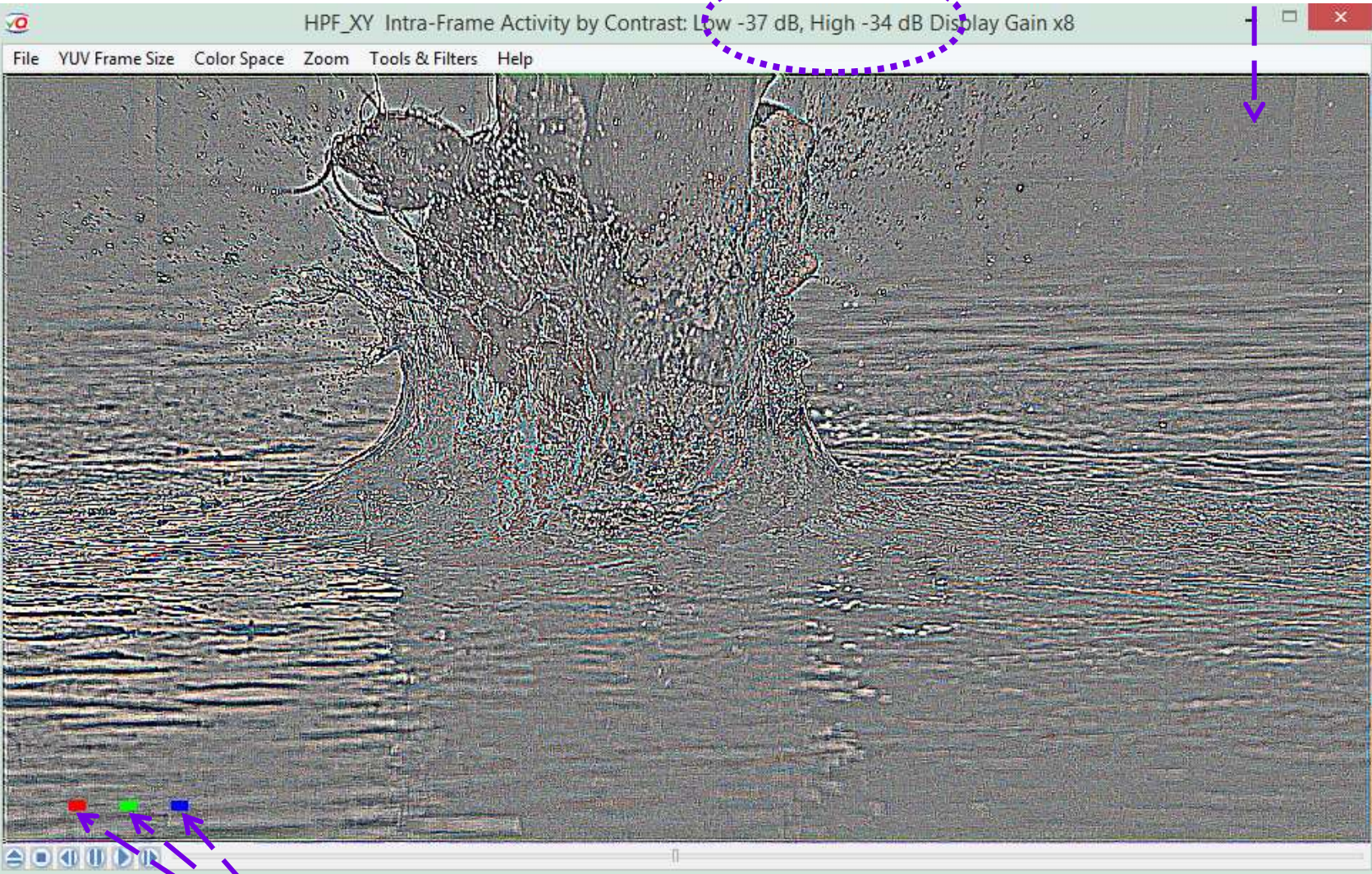


6.6 Spatial and Temporal Filters



Intra-Frame Activity
Readout in dB

Intra-Frame Activity
Image



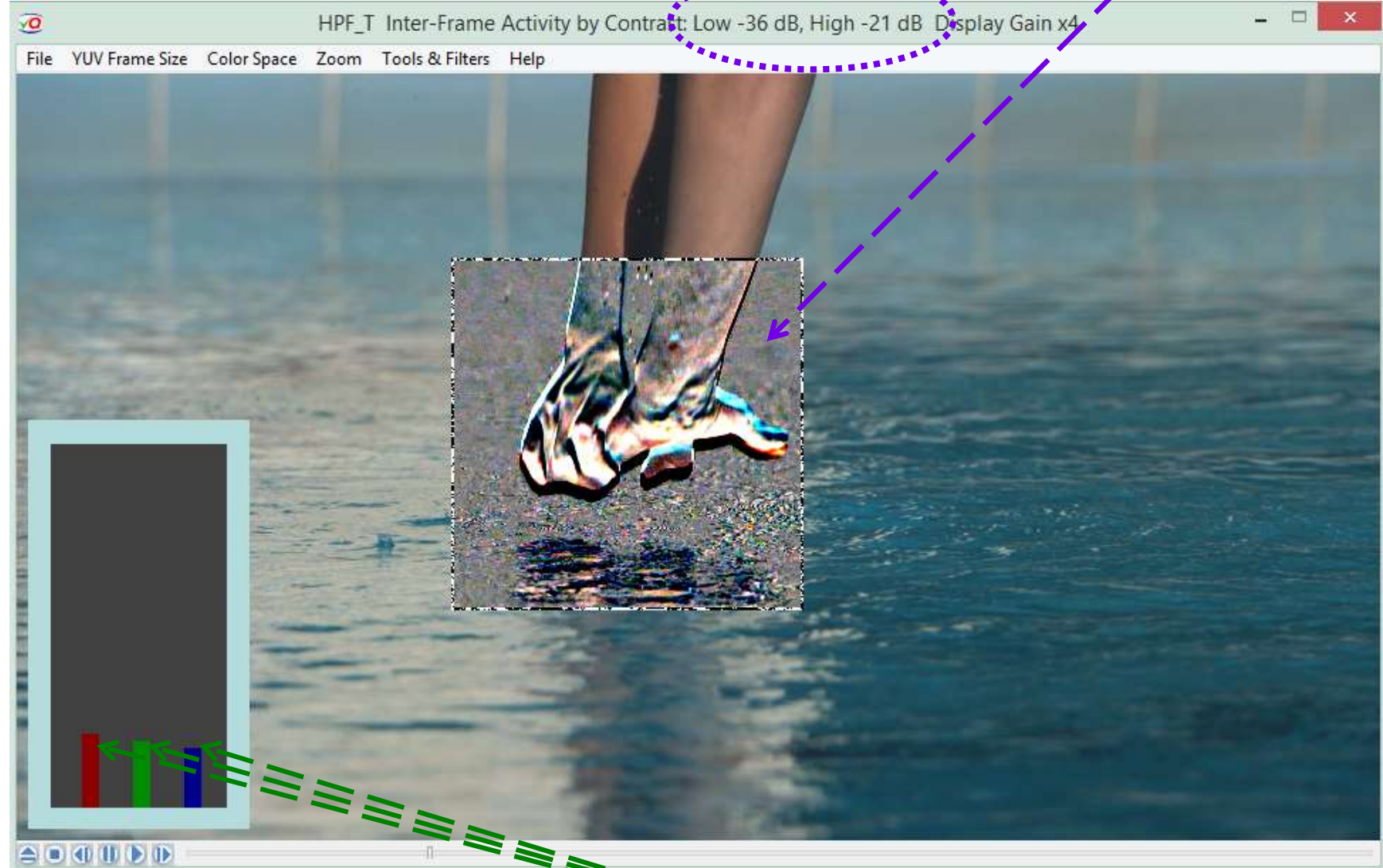
Intra-Frame Activity
BarGraph Display

Press **Shift + X**, and/or **Shift + T** to control spatial and temporal filtering



Inter-Frame Activity
Readout in dB

Inter-Frame Activity
Image

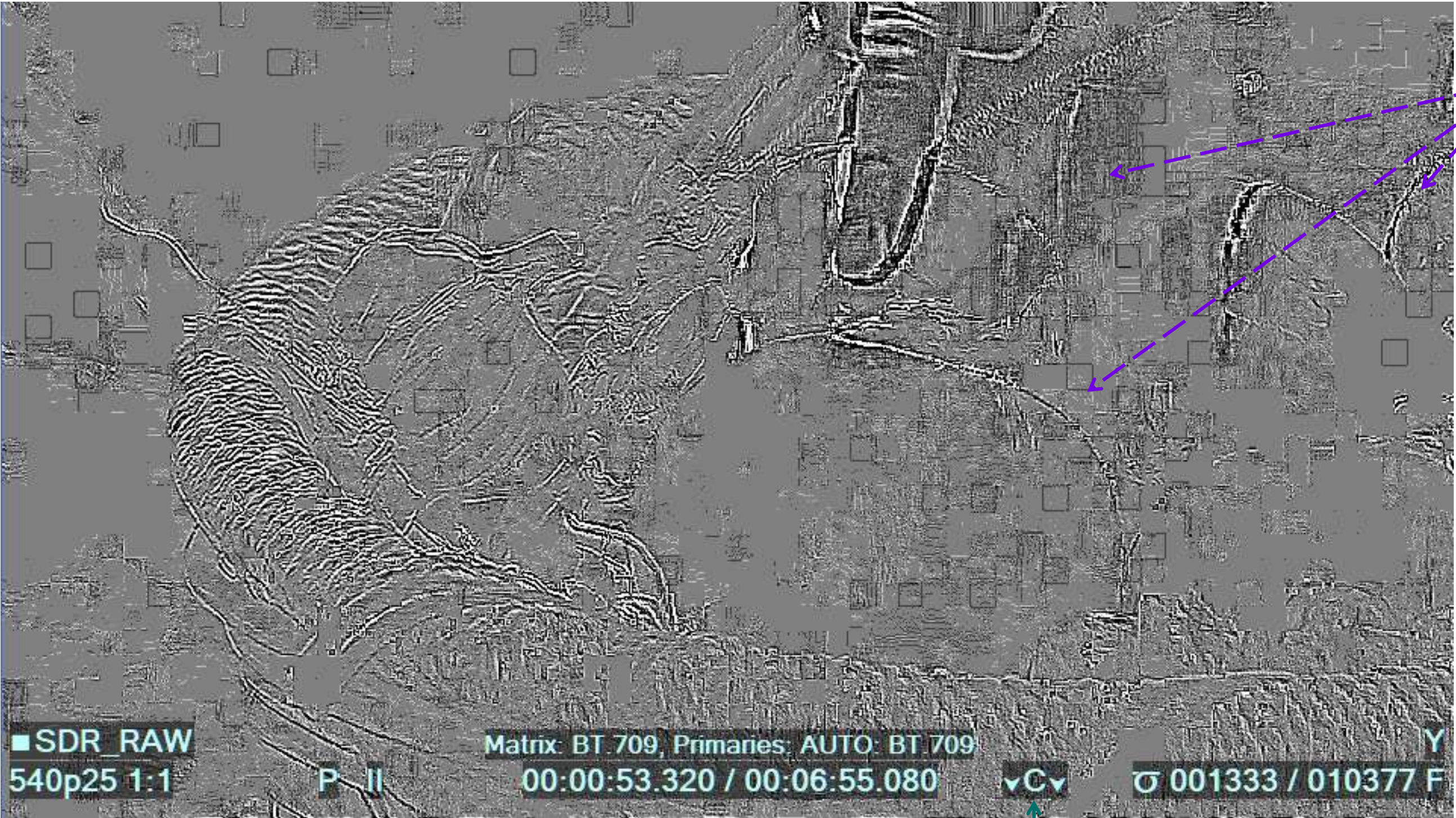


Inter-Frame Activity
BarGraph Display

6.7 Compression Artifacts Filter



Press **Shift + C** to toggle this filter On/Off



Press **Shift + F** to disable the filter and see normal picture: 

Filter is ON



7. Full List of VQV Shortcuts 1 (p 1/3)

‘Videola’ – Jog & Shuttle Timeline Navigation Tool: Ctrl + Mouse Left Button + Cursor Horizontal Position within Image Area Cursor position controls the speed selection; preset timeline step values: +/- 0, 1, 2, 5, 10 F, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 s, 1 m (60 s) In Jog Mode (i.e. starting from pause) – Seek with variable speed . On release of Mouse Left Button or Ctrl key – pause at last shown frame; In Shuttle Mode (during playout) – Play with variable speed . On release of Mouse Left Button or Ctrl key – continue playout at last selected speed. Select fractional playout speeds (slow motion) with Mouse Wheel or Left/Right Arrows : +/- 0.1, 0.2 and 0.5 of media file frame rate				
Key	Result	Shift + Key	Ctrl + Key	Ctrl + Shift + Key
Mouse Wheel	Jog Mode: +/- 1 frame , Shuttle Mode: Speed up/down,	Display Gain : up/down		Display Gain Filter Brightness Offset : up/down
Mouse Move	In Active Image: Pixel Value readout, In Mask Area: Masked Filter readout			
Mouse Middle Button	Jog/Shuttle toggle			
Mouse Left Button + Mouse Move	In Active Image: Image Position In Mask Area: Mask Position	Click in the image area: Start/Stop playout, speed: +1F	Hold and move the slider: Timeline Scroll	Click in the image area: Continue playout, reset speed: +1F
M + Mouse Wheel	Mask Size up/down			
Z + Mouse Wheel	Zoom up/down (<i>cursor centered</i>)			
Mouse Right Button	In Active Image: Context Menu			
Up/Down Arrows	Zoom up/down (<i>image centered</i>)	Display Gain : up/down	VQV to/from VQMP message	Display Gain Slicing Level up/down
Right/Left Arrows	Jog Mode: +/- 1 frame , Shuttle Mode: Speed control	Jog Mode: +/- 10 frames	In Jog Mode: Seek, variable speed	
PageDown/PageUp	Jog Mode: +/- 1 s	Jog Mode: +/- 10 s	Jog Mode: +/- 1 m	Jog Mode: +/- 10 m
0	SDR RAW	Clear all Bookmarks	Segments Info On/Off	
1	HDR-PQ RAW	Record Bookmark #1	Go to Bookmark #1	
2	HDR-PQ ⇒ SDR , Max 1000 nt	Record Bookmark #2	Go to Bookmark #2	
3	HDR-HLG RAW	Record Bookmark #3	Go to Bookmark #3	
4	HDR-HLG ⇒ SDR , Max 100% LL	Record Bookmark #4	Go to Bookmark #4	

7. Full List of VQV Shortcuts 2 (p 2/3)



Key	Result	Shift + Key	Ctrl + Key	Ctrl + Shift + Key
5	HDR-LOG RAW	Record Bookmark #5	Go to Bookmark #5	
6	HDR-LOG ⇒ HLG Compatible SDR	Record Bookmark #6	Go to Bookmark #6	
7	HDR-LOG ⇒ SDR	Record Bookmark #7	Go to Bookmark #7	
8	MSB / LSB Image toggle (if media file > 8 bit)	Record Bookmark #8	Go to Bookmark #8	
9	Full / Narrow YUV Range toggle (RGB <> YUV conversion mode)	Record Bookmark #9	Go to Bookmark #9	
Space Bar	Jog / Shuttle toggle (same as Play Button)	Jog / Shuttle toggle speed reset to default +1F		
A	Auto-select Primaries for: - Color Gamut Converter - ChromaScope	Active Image Size Markers Show / Hide toggle	Active Image Size Meter (Black Bars Detector): Detect once & store results; also enables Active Image Area Analysis Mode	Analyzed Area toggle: Active Image / Full Frame Applies to most meters; Active Image Size Meter results are not affected
B	Bookmark current Timeline Position and copy it to Clipboard	B component Image (Blue)	Go to the last used Bookmark	Create the Bookmark from Clipboard data
C	C-Bar (Compression Analyzer) toggle On/Off	ChromaScope Primaries	ChromaScope On/Off	
D	All Filters Off, same result as ESC key: <i>settings reset to defaults</i>	- Fast Draw Mode (FDM) - Aspect Ratio Correction (ARC)	Duplicate currently opened file in new VQV window	
E	Enhanced Rendering Mode On/Off, Color Vector Correlation™ (CVC) processing		AV Sync Error Meter (on MPC Test Pattern)	
F	Frame Profile Waveform Filtering Modes,	All Filters On/Off (settings preserved)	Frame Info Report pop-up, or Line Range Selection Mask	
G	Gamut Conversion On/Off	G component Image (Green)		
H	Histogram Overlay toggle On/Off	RGB / Light Levels Histogram toggle	Histogram Mode toggle	HDR10+ Analyzer On/Off, also enables L-Bar

7. Full List of VQV Shortcuts 3 (p 3/3)



Key	Result	Shift + Key	Ctrl + Key	Ctrl + Shift + Key
I	Cycle thru 3 Deinterlacing Modes			
L	L-Bar toggle On/Off	Light Levels (MaxRGB) Image, S : Highlighter / Heat-Map	Transfer Function Plot: On/Off	
M	WFM Mask toggle: Full Frame/Line Select, Mask Size control, ChromaScope Modes	Filters Mask On/Off	Media Info Report pop-up or WFM Mask Controls	
N	Navigation Control Panel pop-up (Go to Timeline Position & Bookmarks)	Noise Meter toggle On/Off	File Open in New Window	
O			File Open Dialog	
P	ChromaScope & WFM Persistence	Select Primaries for: - Color Gamut Converter - ChromaScope	Print analysis data to: <i>VQV.Log, VQV_Statistics.TXT, etc.</i>	
Q			Quit (Exit) VQV	
R		R component Image (Red)	Release / Reopen media file <i>same as 'Eject' button</i>	
S	Switch / Start / Select Text Messages / Display Modes		Select Video Stream # <i>if the number of video streams > 1</i>	
T	Text Overlay Messages On/Off	T-Filter (Temporal High Pass)	Text Overlay Auto-hide On/Off	
U	Histogram, WFM, FrameScope and ChromaScope Units selection	UV components Image	Graticule Grid Units toggle: RGB % vs. Light Level % or nits	
V	VV-Bars toggle On/Off	Cycle thru 3 VV Bars Modes	VectorScope toggle On/Off	
W	FrameScope On/Off		Waveform Monitor On/Off	
X		XY-Filter (Spatial HPF/LPF)	Exit (Quit) VQV	
Y	Waveform Monitor: RGB/YUV toggle	Y components Image		
Z	Zoom with Mouse Wheel – see above			

8. About VideoQ



Customers & Partners



Company History

- Founded in 2005
- Formed by an Engineering Awards winning team sharing between them decades of global video technology.
- VideoQ is a renown player in calibration and benchmarking of Video Processors, Transcoders and Displays, providing tools and technologies instantly revealing artifacts, problems and deficiencies, thus raising the bar in productivity and video quality experience.
- VideoQ products and services cover all aspects of video processing and quality assurance - from visual picture quality estimation and quality control to fully automated processing, utilizing advanced VideoQ algorithms and robotic video quality analyzers, including latest UHD and HDR developments.

Operations

- Headquarters in CA, USA
- Software developers in Silicon Valley and worldwide
- Distributors and partners in several countries
- Sales & support offices in USA, UK