



# VideoQ Viewer

Media Files Player / Viewer / Analyzer / Converter

*Training Presentation*

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in the upper-right corner  
of any slide for this  
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## General



- VQV is an easy-to-use 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 ideal 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 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*

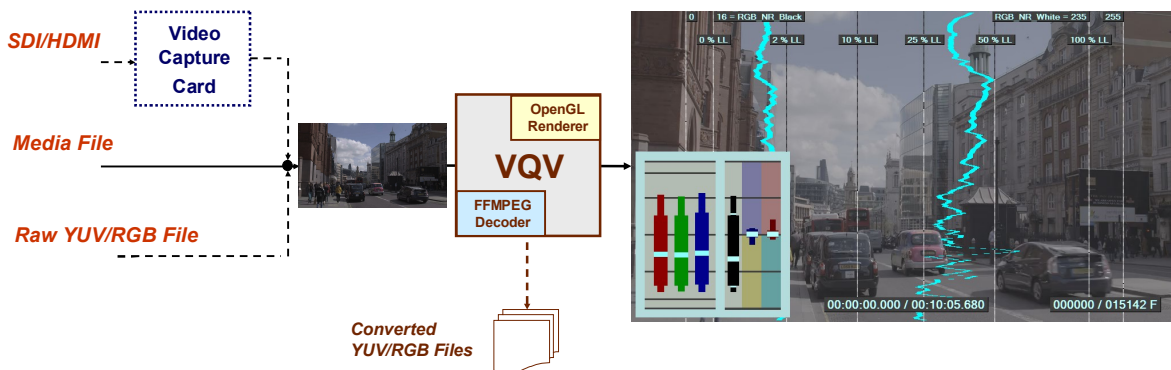
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## The Top Level Workflow Diagram



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



UHD HDR10 sample video – courtesy of newsbyte.co.uk

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## VQV Features 1



- An offline (non-real-time) video player with sophisticated viewer/analyzer/converter functionality
- Covers a wide range of frame sizes, input and output formats, up to **DC** and **UHD**, 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/m<sup>2</sup> only on shades of Gray*) or % of selected **Target Device Max Brightness**
- 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 channels, color matrices, level schemes and SDR/HDR Rendering Modes
- 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

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## 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 file in a variety of formats – JPG, PNG, TIF, etc.
- VQV opens single YUV/BMP file, folder with numbered frame files, or large multi-frame YUV/Y4M 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** ⇔ **HDR**, **YUV** ⇔ **BMP/RGB**, **YUV** ⇔ **Y4M**, **UYVY** ⇔ **Planar YUV**
- Resolutions supported:  
from **192x108** to **4096x3112**, **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 (non-real-time):  
from **-x512** to **+x512**, *actual frames-per-second speed depends on CPU/GPU power and video frame size*

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## 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 ↔ RGB and XYZ ⇒ RGB matrices:
  - **UHD** (BT.2020-NCL, BT.2021-NCL and DCP XYZ)
  - **HD** (BT.709, BT.2021-NCL and DCP XYZ)
  - **SD** (BT.601)
- Switchable YUV ↔ RGB levels mapping:
  - **Full Range (FR)**, e.g. 8 bit YUV 16-235 to 16-235 RGB rendering
  - **Narrow Range (NR)**, e.g. 8 bit YUV 16-235 to 0-255 RGB rendering, or 0-255 RGB to YUV 16-235 export
- Variety of Input and output YUV / RGB formats:
  - Interleaved, e.g. 422 UYVY (default raw data YUV format) or BGR48 – interleaved 16b RGB
  - Planar 444 RGB and YUV, 422, 411 and 420 YUV (*.YUV raw data file format or .Y4M file format with header*)
  - Proprietary VideoQ YUV or RGB interleaved 444\_16LE 48bpp, accommodating up to 16b per component raw data

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## VQV GUI: Menus & 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 set to **0**. All filters and overlays set to **Off**.

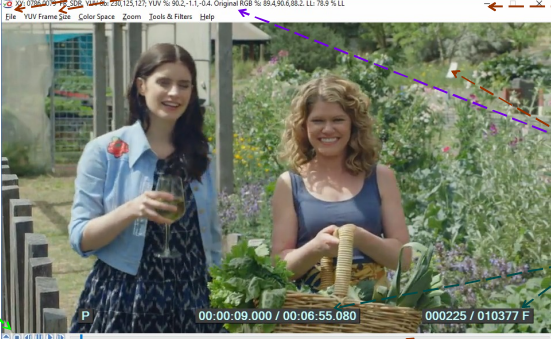
**Eject Button**  
Close (release) media file, 2<sup>nd</sup> click will re-open closed file

**Frame Back Button**  
Also stops playback

**Frame Forward Button**  
Also stops playback

**Pause Button**  
Click twice to show

**L Bargraph & Statistics Overlays**



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

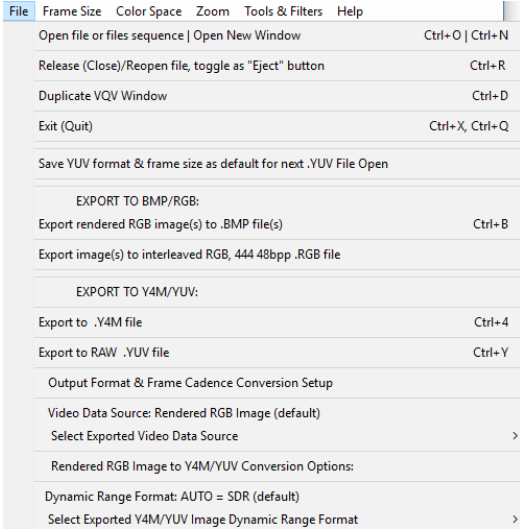
**Timeline Position Overlay Messages**


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

```
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
```

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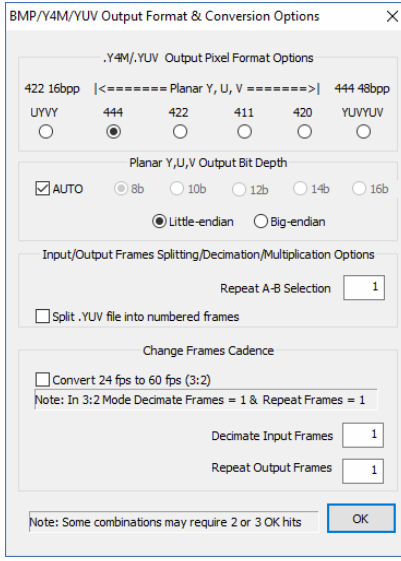
## File Menu


This menu is sub-divided into 3 sections:

- **Media File Open/Close/Quit Section:**
  - 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.
  - 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, but all tools, overlays and controls will be reset to defaults. Ctrl + Eject Button brings up standard File Open Dialog (same as Ctrl+O).
- **Export to BMP/RGB Section:**
  - Serves to export rendered RGB data "as is", without any modification. 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/YUV Section.** This section offers several conversion options:
  - Data source selector: Input YUV/RGB data or rendered (processed) RGB values
  - Output Dynamic Range selector: AUTO, SDR, HDR-PQ, HDR-HLG, LOG
  - See next slide for Y4M/YUV Export Options Dialog, which serves to configure YUV pixel format and optional frame cadence change

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


This pop-up dialog windows can be launched from File menu. It provides for handy YUV formatting & 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/GrayMeta 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.

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## 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 **AUTO detection (smart guess) mode***

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

Frame Size	Color Space	Zoom	Tools & Filters	Help
RAW .YUV/.RGB Frame Size (AUTO for all other formats)				
AUTO: On/Off, .YUV[UYVY] only				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Custom Size = 960 x 540			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Digital Cinema (4096x2160)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	UHD (3840x2160)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	HD (1920x1080) = default			
<input type="checkbox"/>	SubHD (1280x720)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	PAL (720x576)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	NTSC (720x480)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Frame Mode: 960 x 540 (0~959 x 0~539), DAR: 1.778			

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

Enter Custom Size

File Open Frame Size:

Width  Height

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 processing.

The control switching **Full Frame Mode / Active Frame Mode** is not in this menu – it is in **Tool & Filters** menu (Shortcut: **Ctrl+A**).

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## Color Space Menu and Rendering Mode Submenu



*YUV/RGB Pixel Format: Except Raw YUV/RGB files YUV format is set automatically, so this menu used for info only*

Select **YUV ↔ RGB Range Conversion Type**

For **SDR** Mode user can choose between **"Narrow"** and **"Full"** Range, but for some **HDR** Modes the selection is fixed (AUTO), so it can not be changed by user

Color Space	Zoom	Tools & Filters	Help
RAW .YUV/.RGB data file Bytes Format (AUTO for all other input formats)			
UYVY Interleaved 422, (default, 16 bpc, 8 bpc)			
YUV/RGB AM Interleaved 444, 48 bpc, 16 bpc, MSB			
YUV/RGB AM Interleaved 444, 48 bpc, 16 bpc, LSB			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YUV Planar 444, RGB/RGBA (planar or interleaved)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	YUV Planar 422		
<input type="checkbox"/>	YUV Planar 411		
<input type="checkbox"/>	YUV Planar 420		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bit Depth: 24 bpc, 8 bpc		
Select RAW .YUV Bit Depth and Endianness:			
<input type="checkbox"/>	p8		
<input type="checkbox"/>	p10le		
<input type="checkbox"/>	p12le		
<input type="checkbox"/>	p14le		
<input type="checkbox"/>	p16le		
<input type="checkbox"/>	p10be		
<input type="checkbox"/>	p12be		
<input type="checkbox"/>	p14be		
<input type="checkbox"/>	p16be		
YUV ↔ RGB Color Matrix: Fixed for PQ and HLG Modes			
AUTO (default: by file metadata, format, frame size & aspect ratio)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BT.2020-NCL (UHD-SDR), BT.2100-NCL (HDR)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	BT.709 (HD-SDR)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	BT.601 (SD) - mandatory for some graphic Image formats		
Color Gamut & DR converted for BT.709→sRGB SDR Screen On (default) / Off			
Shortcut: G			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rendering Mode: PQ_RAW.		
Extended Media Ambient CVC Mode On / Off (default)			
Shortcut: E			
SDR (default)			
Shortcut: 0			
HDR-PQ (BT.2100), Select Rendering Mode:			
HDR-HLG (BT.2100), Select Rendering Mode:			
LOG, Select Rendering Mode:			
YUV ↔ RGB Levels Mapping Scheme, Toggle NR/FR Shortcut: 9			
"Narrow YUV Range", i.e. YUV 16-235 ↔ RGB 0-255			
"Full YUV Range", i.e. YUV 0-255 ↔ RGB 0-255			
Note: For some modes/formats the Mapping Scheme is fixed			

**YUV ↔ RGB Color Matrix:** Matrix can be set automatically or manually

Select **Dynamic Range Type** used for rendering and measurements. **Default = SDR**

Select **HDR-PQ Raw Mode** or select **TDMB** value (Target Device Max Brightness)

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## Tools & Filters Menu

**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.

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## Zoom and Pan Controls

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 frame size 1:4 zoom ratio is not available.

**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*)

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).

For ratios greater than 1:1, image is magnified by simple pixel repetition without any smoothening filter, thus making artifacts even more visible.  
For example, the image on the left is damaged by camera overexposure, probably caused by sunlight reflections.

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## Right-click Context Menu



Save BMP Snapshot 1:1	
Save BMP Snapshot 1:1 with TimeStamp	
Save BMP Thumbnail 1:4	
Toggle Timeline Info Text Overlay On (default) / Off	Shortcut T
Text Overlay Auto-hide Mode On (default) / Off	Shortcut Ctrl+T
Mark/Trim AB Loop Start Point: [A>	Shortcut [
Mark/Trim AB Loop End Point: >B]	Shortcut ]
Clear AB Loop Start & End Points	Shortcut /

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

The menu contains 3 sections allowing to:

- Save current rendered frame **snapshot** in BMP format, full size or ¼ size
- Control Timeline & Info **Text Overlay**
- 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\_thm.BMP" for thumbnail (¼ size) file.

Full size 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 above or below active image, e.g. in the timeline slider area.

Default AB Loop limits (frame numbers) are:

A = 0, B = frames\_count - 1, so it is possible to mark just one side.

For example if frames\_count = 100, and user marked only A point = 20, then loop playback will start at frame 20, continue until frame 100 and restart at frame 20.

Loop start set: displayed symbol = [A>

[A>	00:01:00.000	00:06:55.040	001500	010376	F
	00:01:00.000	00:06:55.080	001500	010377	F

Loop end set: displayed symbol = >B]

>B]	00:01:00.000	00:02:00.000	001500	003000	F
	00:02:00.000	00:06:55.080	003000	010377	F

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

[AB]	00:01:00.000	00:02:00.000	001500	003000	F
	00:01:56.000	00:06:55.080	002900	010377	F

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

B]>	00:01:00.000	00:02:00.000	001500	003000	F
	00:03:34.280	00:06:55.080	005357	010377	F

## Help Menu – Short Guide Pop-up



Help

Short Guide (Shortcut: F1)

Fixed size Short Guide pop-up window can be invoked via Help menu or by pressing keyboard F1 button.

It contains version and copyright details as well as brief instructions how to use menus and shortcuts.

See full list of shortcuts in a separate section of this presentation.

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VQV version 2.21 Media Files Player/Viewer/Analyzer/Converter www.videoq.com  
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Usage: Frame size: from 192x108 to 4096x3112

1a. WinGUI: Drop file/folder icon or browse to open media file (MP4, YUV, BMP, etc.)  
1b. Command Line: To open single media file or folder in GUI mode: VQV.EXE "InputName"  
InputName = file or folder name, local or full path. Use double quotes if it contains spaces  
If InputName is a folder, then first found valid file or sequence of numbered files will be opened

2. Command Line for YUV: VQV format: VQV.EXE "InputName" [YUV\_ResSwitch]  
Optional YUV\_ResSwitch: Width Height (custom size), u = UHD, h = HD, s = SubHD, p = PAL, n = NTSC  
If YUV\_ResSwitch is omitted, VQV auto-detects YUV frame size

3. Command Line for planar YUV formats: VQV.EXE "InputName" Width Height Format  
Width, Height and Format values are mandatory. Format = 444, 422, 411 or 420

4. Play (Shuttle)/Pause/Log: "Play" Button, Space Bar or Mouse Middle Button ("Stop"), jump to the 1st frame

5. Zoom Control: Up/Down Arrows (image centered) or Z + Mouse Wheel (cursor centered)

6. Image or Filter Mask Position Control: Move Mouse with Left Button pressed, then release

7. Filter Mask Size: M + Mouse Wheel

8. Timeline Position: Mouse Wheel in Jog Mode, [C]H+ and/or [S]H+ and Left/Right Arrows or PgUp/PgDn, or Slider

9. Play Speed: Mouse Wheel during playback (Shuttle Mode). Speed Range: -512x...-1, 0, +1...+512x

10. Tools & Filters Shortcuts:  
Contrast (Gain) x1, x2, x4, x8, x16, x1... Shift + Mouse Wheel or Shift + Up/Down Arrows  
Contrast Slicing Preference Color (Panel ColorPick) Ctrl + Mouse Left Button (+Shift restores mid Gray)  
Contrast Slicing Offset (Reference Brightness) Ctrl + Shift + Mouse Wheel

SH+Y, U [UV], R, G or B: Display selected Color Component as Monochrome Image On/Off  
Ctrl + A: Detect/Reset Active Frame Size. Shift + A: Active Frame Markers On/Off

C: "C-Bar" (Compressed Video Bitrate Bargraph) On/Off. Click "Pause" twice for Frame(s) Statistics Info  
Ctrl + C: ChromaScope On/Off. Press S to cycle thru Display Modes  
Shift + D: All Tools & Filters reset to defaults  
E: Extended Media Anmbt OVC Mode On/Off

Shift + F: Activated Filters On/Off (preserving filters control values)

H: Histogram On/Off, Ctrl + H: Histogram Mode. Shift + H: RGB(A)

I: Interleaved Frame Display Modes: Cycle: Normal (Interleaved Fields) / Top-bottom Split / Fields Difference

L: L-Bar (RGB/L Levels Statistics Bargraph) On/Off. Click "Pause" twice for Frame(s) Statistics Info

Shift + M: Filters applied to Mask Area or Full Screen (Mask On/Off)

Shift + N: Noise and Activities Meter On/Off

S: Select (cycle/hoggle) Timeline Info Messages. Message content also depends on mouse cursor position  
Ctrl + S: Select (cycle/hoggle) the video stream ID

T: Timeline Position, Frame Type & Rendering Mode Text Message Overlay On/Off

V: "V-Bar" (Levels Meter Bargraph) On/Off. Shift + L: RGB(UV) / RGB / RGBRange. S: change TitleBar Info

Ctrl + V: VectorScope On/Off. Press S with cursor in VectorScope area to cycle thru Display Modes

W: Waveform & Histogram On/Off. P: Profile/AVFM. F: WFM FF.LS, Y: WFM YUV/RGB, Shift+W: WFM Persistence

Shift + X: Spatial filter HFF/LFF/DF. Shift+T: Temporal filter HFF On/Off (X and/or T combined)

S: Analysis Reports Statistics (Report file opened in minimized Notepad)

Ctrl + F: Frame Info & Statistics. Ctrl + M: Media Info. Ctrl + P: Prev Analysis Data Item to VQV.LDG

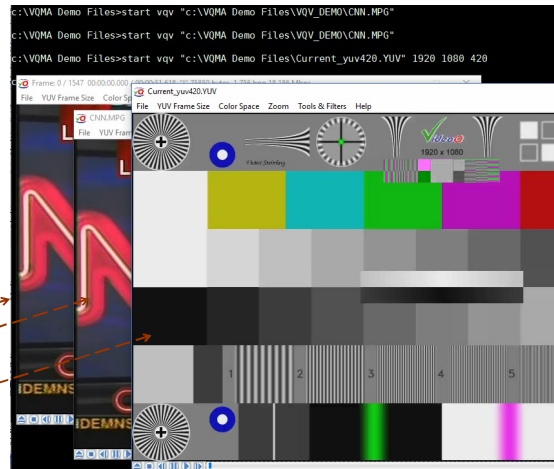
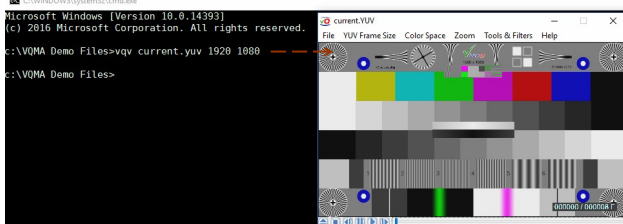
OK



## 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.*

## Opening Media File via CLI 2 (continued)

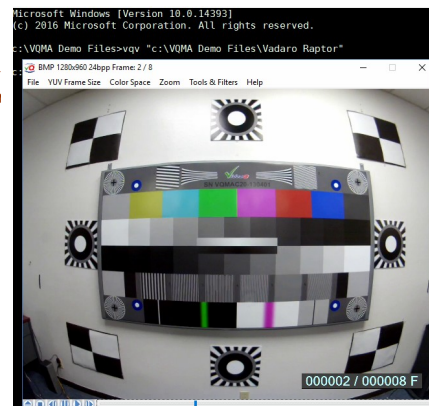


If Input Name is a FOLDER, containing **numbered YUV or BMP files**, then the file with the **lowest number** belonging to the **numbered frame sequence** found **within the folder** will be opened first, and the whole sequence can be played, e.g.

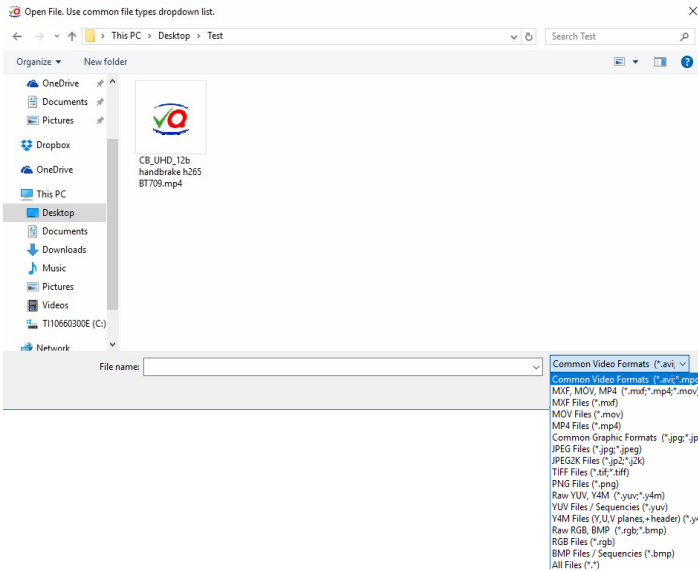
**vqv "c:\VQMA Demo Files\Vadaro Raptor"**

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"
```



## Opening Media File via Windows GUI Dialog



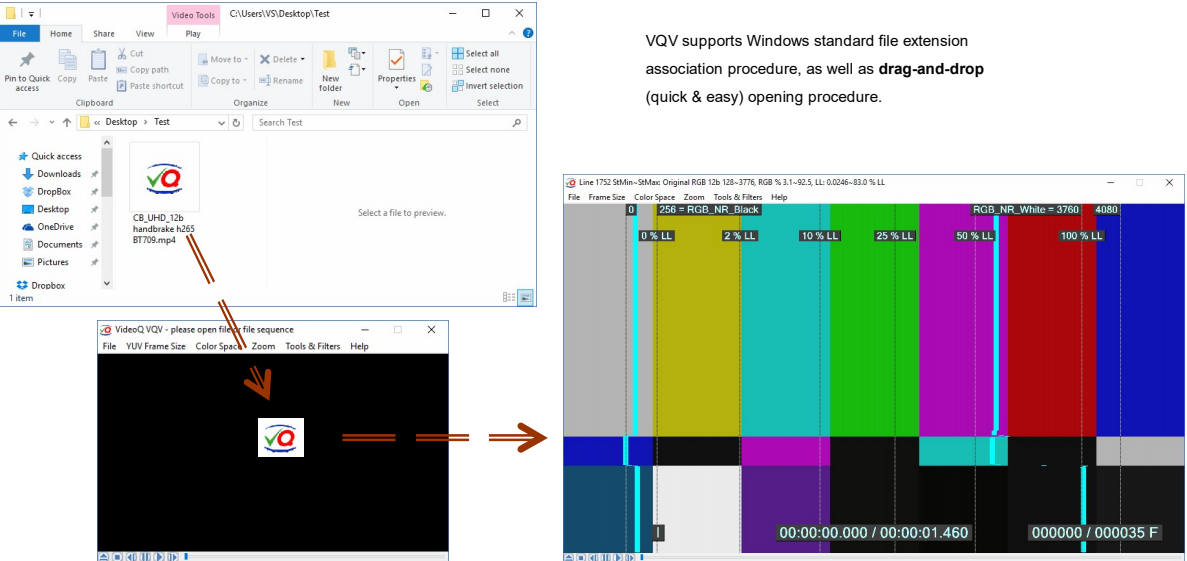
**VQV GUI Menu File/Open** (Shortcut Ctrl+O) brings up standard Windows dialog.

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

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## 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.

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## Timeline Navigation and Playback




**Current speed, frame number and time code are shown in the Title Bar independent of the Text Info Overlay shown at the bottom of Active Image**

**Current playback speed**  
from -512 to +512 (Shuttle Mode); pause symbol II means Jog Mode

**Current Frame Type**  
(shown only for compressed video), e.g. 'I', 'P', 'B'

**DR Mode & Scanning Standard**  
- Selected Dynamic Range Mode  
- Frame Height, Interlace, Rate  
(both hidden on playback)

**Timeline Position** can be changed by moving the **Slider** or clicking **Mouse Left Button** somewhere on the slider band in the desired direction ("big jumps"). This action also enables Jog Mode (Pause).



**Jog Mode Timeline Navigation**  
(Fixed Step Size 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

**Timeline Position & Zoom**

- CurrentTimeCode/DurationTimeCode
- CurrentFrameNo/TotalFramesCount
- Zoom Ratio (*hidden on playback*)

Press **T** key to toggle Text Info overlays On/Off, **Ctrl + T** toggles Auto-hide Mode


Play speed is controlled by **Mouse Wheel**  
Every video frame is decoded and displayed at speed values -1, 0 and +1.  
Any other speed means decimation, e.g. speed +4 means that every 4<sup>th</sup> frame is shown.

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

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## Tools & Meters



- VQV analyzers and meters can be sorted out into 3 categories:
  - YUV & RGB **Levels Analyzers**, providing for several secondary analyzers, such as **Frame Lines RGB Range Profile**, **Video Volume Meter**, **VectorScope**, **ChromaScope**, etc.
  - Intra-frame Activity and Inter-frame **Activity Analyzers**, also providing for **Noise Level Meter**
  - **Bitrate Statistics Analyzers**
- For all 3 categories the analysis results are presented in two formats:
  - **Graphical overlays** – Bargraphs, Waveforms and VectorScope Display formats
  - **Numerical readouts**, shown as Title Bar Message and/or Text Overlay
- Some analyzers, filters and overlays can be combined, some others are mutually exclusive
- See next slides for detailed description of:
  - Active Image Size Meter
  - Video Volume Meter – VV-Bars™
  - VectorScope
  - ChromaScope
  - Frame Profile and Line Parade RGB/YUV Waveforms
  - RGB/Light Levels Histograms
  - RGB/Light Levels Frame Statistics Analyzer – L-Bar™
  - Bitrate Analyzer – C-Bar™
  - Noise Meter

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## Active Image Frame Size Meter



Press **Ctrl + A**  
to detect once / reset  
**Active Image Size**

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

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



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	155	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 (SALL):	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), if present, may significantly affect image levels and activities statistics.*

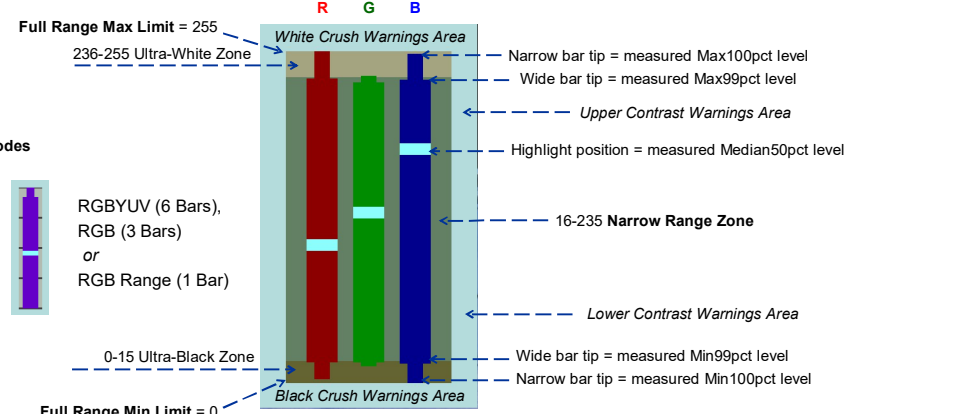
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## Video Volume Bars™ – VV-Bars™ Overlay



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

Press **Shift + V**  
to cycle thru **6/3/1 VV Bars Modes**



Full Range Max Limit = 255  
 236-255 Ultra-White Zone  
 White Crush Warnings Area  
 Narrow bar tip = measured Max100pct level  
 Wide bar tip = measured Max99pct level  
 Upper Contrast Warnings Area  
 Highlight position = measured Median50pct level  
 16-235 Narrow Range Zone  
 Lower Contrast Warnings Area  
 0-15 Ultra-Black Zone  
 Black Crush Warnings Area  
 Wide bar tip = measured Min99pct level  
 Narrow bar tip = measured Min100pct level  
 Full Range Min Limit = 0


RGBYUV (6 Bars),  
 RGB (3 Bars)  
 or  
 RGB Range (1 Bar)

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.

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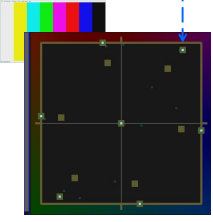
## Smart VectorScope



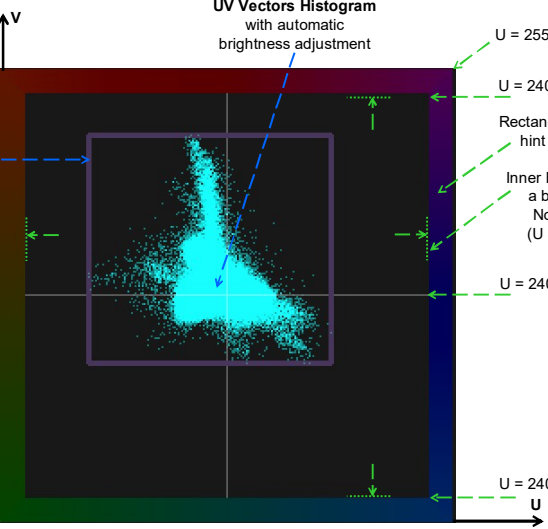
Press **Ctrl + V** to toggle On/Off VectorScope Overlay



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



**UV Vectors Histogram** with automatic brightness adjustment



U = 255, V = 255  
 U = 240, V = 240  
 Rectangular **Palette** is a visual hint for UV vectors hues.  
 Inner Palette edge serves as a boundary marker for Nominal Range Area (U & V from 16 to 240)  
 U = 240, V = 128  
 U = 240, V = 16  
 U  
 V  
 U = 0, V = 0


**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

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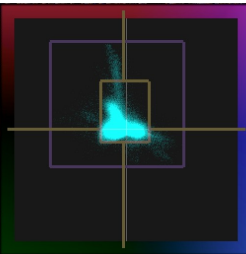
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## VectorScope Modes



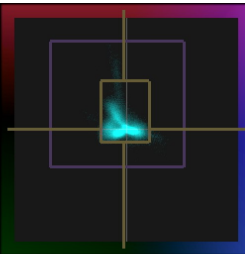
4 Display Modes: Press **S** whilst **Mouse Cursor** is in the VectorScope area to change the display mode

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



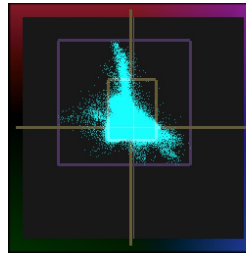
Suitable for **majority of use cases**.  
 Waveform brightness (Gain) is auto-adjusted to fit measured Chroma Volume limits.  
 Due to the built-in **Color Bars Detector** Mode 1 automatically switches to Mode 4 if Color Bars or similar test patterns are presented, so there is no need to switch modes manually.

**Mode 2: Fixed Gain x1**



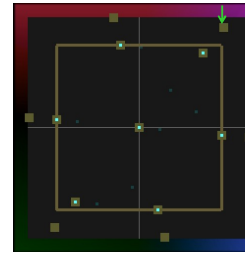
x1 Gain provides for better visibility of **dominant colors distribution** (2D contour shape).  
 However, in this Mode low probability colors (e.g. colors of small size objects) are hardly noticeable.

**Mode 3: Fixed Gain x8**



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

**Mode 4: Color Bars**



**Target Boxes** are enabled automatically by Color Bars Detector

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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## Smart ChromaScope



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

Low contrast semi-transparent image of CIE 1931 xy Chromaticity Diagram showing all colors within the spectral locus

Select **Color Space** via main "Color Space" and ChromaScope "Primaries" menus:

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

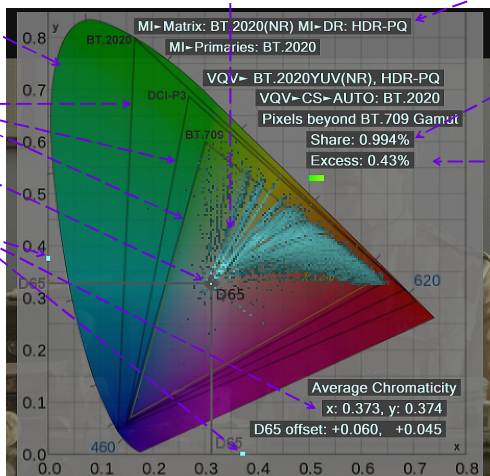
White point is not selectable, always **D65**

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.

Moving **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 rather close to the D65 point, but for the example shown the dominance of red-yellow colors is clearly visible.*

Cyan colored overlay:  
**Video Image Chromaticity Histogram**  
(depends on the Color Space selection)



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


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. colors illegal for the ubiquitous HD color space.

The integrated **Excess** value helps to estimate the relevance of such pixels. For fast estimation the Excess value is also displayed as color-coded **Bargraph** – from green to red.

**BT.2020, HDR-PQ**  
**Pixels beyond BT.709 Gamut**  
**Share: 75.10%**  
**Excess: 74.98%**

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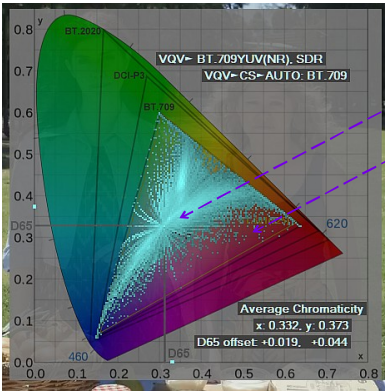
## ChromaScope Display Modes



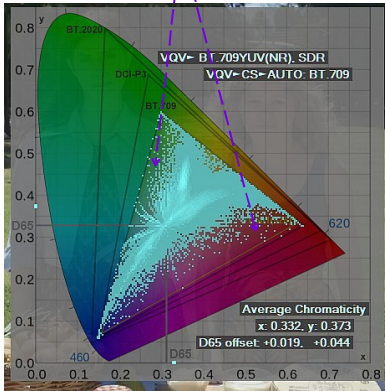
Press **S** to change the **Display Mode**

In the default **Display Mode 0** the overlay color intensity is proportional to the logarithm of the probability (events frequency). Total range is 100 dB (5 decimal orders).

In **Display Mode 1** the overlay color intensity logarithmic range is reduced and minimum brightness is lifted up; even very low probability events are clearly visible.



High probability events look much brighter, thus allowing to see 2D distribution profile, but extremely low probability events could be difficult to see.



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## ChromaScope HDR Application Example

**RGB 16 bit, TIFF, HDR-PQ Original**

**RGB 16 bit ⇒ YUV 8 bit ⇒ RGB 8 bit**

Original and converted RGB images looks very similar.

**Magic bit!**

Smooth distribution on the left vs. "herringbone" pattern on the right

**QV ChromaScope reveals YUV coarse quantization artifacts:**

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## Frame Profile Waveform

Press **W** key to toggle On the **Waveforms Overlay**. The default **WF Mode** is **Frame Profile**

**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

16 = RGB\_NR Black      RGB\_NR White = 235      255

0%      20%      40%      60%      80%      100%

**Frame Profile Waveform** shows the **Current Line RGB / LL Range** from **Min(R,G,B)** to **Max(R,G,B)**

**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: **Ctrl + U**.  
In **SDR** mode the graticule lines are simply from 0% to 100%. In **HDR RAW** modes the graticule vertical dotted lines represents BT.2100 light levels.  
In down- and cross-conversion modes 100% line represents **TDMB** (Target Device **Max** Brightness).

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## Frame Profile Waveform Filtering Options

Press **F** key to cycle through the Frame Profile Filtering Options

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## HDR Light Levels Frame Profile Example

Press **1** to enable the PQ-RAW Mode

Data range min 8 bit limit = 0

Nominal Black = 16

Press **W** to toggle On the Frame Lines Profile Waveform Overlay

Light Levels Reference Markers (dotted lines) overlay

0 nit   1 nit   10 nit   100 nit   1000 nit   10000 nit

More than 10,000 nit!  
Very strong overexposure, due to the bright object (swimming pool glass door)

Data range max 8 bit limit = 255  
Nominal White = 235

Checking HDR10 content. HDR10 metadata specify Narrow YUV Range and TDMB = 1000 nit

Analysis conclusion: Though, this is a valid HDR-PQ clip, formatted into **Narrow Range YUV**, and on average **matching** the declared **1,000 nit TDMB** limit, but in this particular frame the lightest pixels are not only above **1,000 nit**, but above the **10,000 nit** limit of the **Narrow Range YUV** format.

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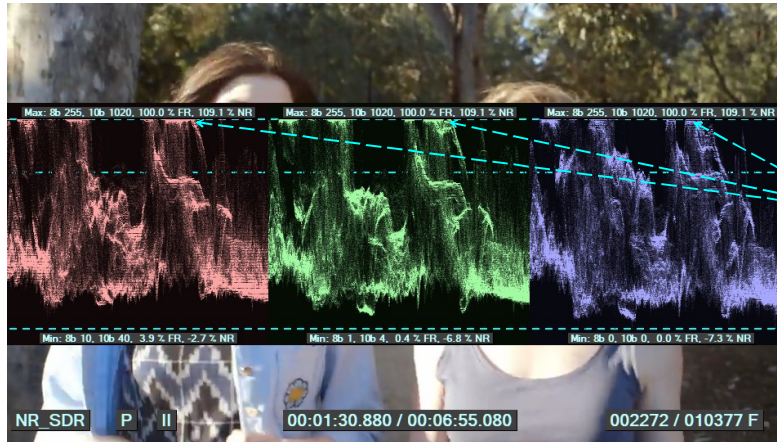


## Line Parade Waveform – Visual Detection Tool



Press **W**  
to toggle On the  
Waveforms Overlay

Press **P**  
to toggle On the  
Line Parade Waveform  
instead of the default  
Frame Profile Waveform



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

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

It means massive clipping of white and yellow tones

## Line Parade Waveform Options



Press **W**  
to toggle On the  
Waveforms Overlay

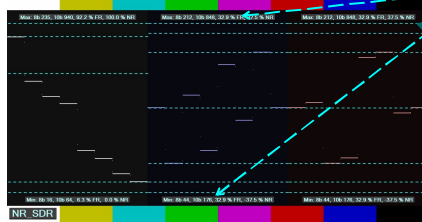
Press **P**  
to toggle On the  
Line Parade Waveform  
instead of the default  
Frame Profile Waveform

**Y**  
In Line Parade Mode  
toggles  
RGB / YUV

**9** key  
toggles  
Full / Narrow  
YUV Range Mode

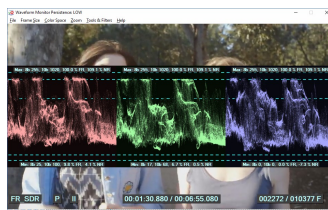
**Shift + W**  
controls the  
Persistence  
strength:  
Low / Medium / High

YUV Narrow Range Line Parade, 75% UHD Color Bars

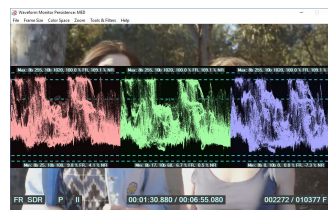


Waveform Monitor displays the numerical readouts of: **Min & Max** values for R, G, B, Y, U and V channels in **8b, 10b, and percents**.

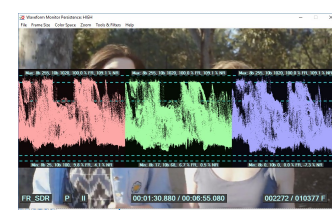
- Critical Reference Levels Markers** (cyan dotted lines):
- Full Range Limits: from **8b 0** to **8b 255**,
  - Narrow Range Limits:  
 Y: from **8b 16** (10b 64, 0%) to **8b 235** (10b 940, 100%),  
 UV: from **8b 16** (10b 64, -50%) to **8b 240** (10b 960, +50%),
  - 75% Sub-range Limits (for HLG Reference White and Color Bars):  
 Y: **8b 180** (10b 720, 75%),  
 UV: from **8b 44** (10b 176, -37.5%), to **8b 212** (10b 848, +37.5%)



**Low Persistence** (default mode) is useful for the general assessment, e.g. for the "white crush" check



**Medium Persistence** reveals pixel values of a lower occurrence rate (smaller objects)



**High Persistence** reveals pixel values of the lowest occurrence rate (the smallest objects)

## Line Select Mode

Press **W** to toggle On the Waveforms Overlay

Press **P** to toggle On the Line Parade Waveform instead of the default Frame Profile Waveform

**F** Step 2 →  
In Line Parade Mode toggles Full Frame / Line Select Modes

**Ctrl + F** enables Mask Controls Step 1 →

**Line Range Mask (Vertical Position):**  
Mouse Cursor

**Mask Size:**  
Mouse Wheel.

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## Frame Histogram Overlay

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 1000 nt
- 3 – HLG-RAW
- 4 – HLG-100%
- 5 – LOG-RAW
- 6 – LOG>HLG
- 7 – LOG>SDR
- 8 – reserved for future use
- 9 – YUV range toggle

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

Some **white clipping** takes place, but **0.129 %** of the total screen area is an **acceptable** value

All sub-ranges are more or less **evenly populated**. It means **good SDR** image

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

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## Sub-ranges Histogram

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

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

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

Some **white clipping** takes place, but **0.129 %** of the total screen area is an **acceptable** value

All sub-ranges are more or less **evenly populated**. It means **good SDR image**

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## Sub-ranges Histogram Alarms

**Strong white clipping** ("White Crush") takes place. **4.4 %** of the screen area is above the **4 % Red Alarm Threshold**

**Red Alarm Highlighter** indicates the affected sub-range above 100% White

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## RGB Logarithmic Histogram



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

Press **Shift + H**  
to toggle On the  
**RGB Logarithmic  
Histogram**

Press **Shift + H**  
again to restore  
**LL Histogram**

*Shift + H toggles LL / RGB*

**Patterned Gray** central area designate the case where all 3 **R, G and B** histogram **channels** overlap.

**Colored** areas shows the **dominant color channel(s)**, e.g. transparent **green** color means that for **this level** the **G** channel has **more hits** than two other channels, i.e. **R and B**.


**Yellow** area color means that **both R and G** have **more hits** than **B**. **Magenta** color means that for these levels **G** channel has less hits than **R and B**, etc.

Big advantage of this mode is the **logarithmic vertical scale**, so the events of **very low occurrence rate** (few pixels per frame) are still visible.

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## RGB Linear Histograms



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

Press **Ctrl + H**  
to enable the  
**Alternative  
Histogram Mode**

Press **Shift + H**  
to enable  
**3 separate R, G, B  
Linear Histograms**

*Shift + H toggles LL / RGB*

This mode serves mainly for **general assessment** of **R, G and B** levels distribution **shape, horizontal position and horizontal extent**.


All 3 (**R, G and B**) histograms are separately **normalized** to the corresponding **peak values**.

**R, G and B** levels are presented in a **relative linear scale**.

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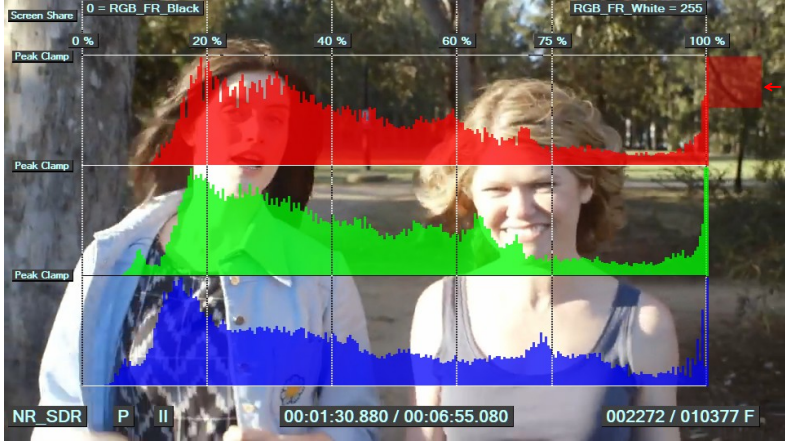
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## RGB Linear Histograms Alarms



Note the **high probabilities** of **Red & Green** histograms near the 100% limit on the right side (not so strong for **Blue**).

It means massive clipping of white and yellow tones




**Strong white clipping** ("White Crush") takes place, **Red Alarm Flag** is raised

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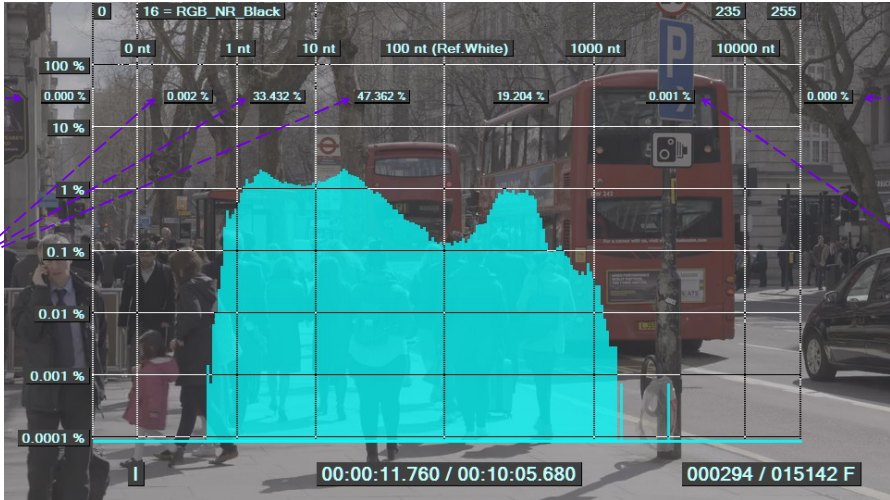
## HDR10 Light Levels Histogram Example



Press **1** to enable: **PQ-RAW Mode**

The **below black sub-range** is measured to check for "Black Crush"

VQV calculates shares of **screen area** for several **sub-ranges** of a Histogram



The **above white sub-range** is measured to check for "White Crush"


**0.001 % value** means that there are not so many pixels above 1000 nt, i.e. **no TDMB overload**

Logarithmic scale of histogram bins display covers very large range of values from 100 % of screen area (in case of solid flat color the bin count may be in millions) down to 0.0001 % (even single pixel events are visible)

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## L-Bar™ – Levels Statistics Visual Summary



Press **L** to toggle On the **L-Bar**.

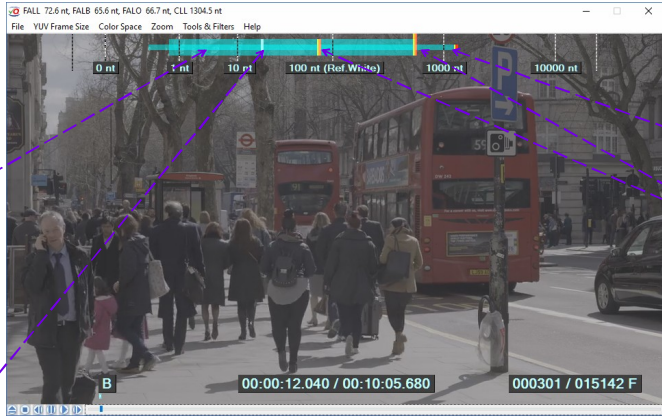
Press **Play Button** to start collecting **Segment Statistics Data**.

At the end of wanted segment press the **Pause Button** twice. Statistic Report will be printed as text overlay.

To save it press **Ctrl + P**

**L-Bar:**

- Narrow Bar** shows 100% of pixels (full frame RGB range) Min & Max limits,
- Wide Bar** shows 99% of pixels (most relevant RGB range) Min & Max limits,
- Cyan Highlight** shows Median Level (50% of frame pixels)



Current Frame Statistically Relevant Light Levels


**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 of the current frame updated frame-by-frame

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## L-Bar & Light Levels Histogram

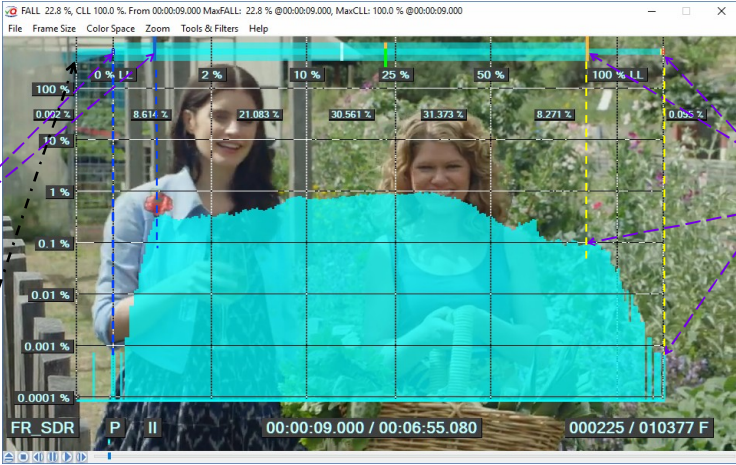


Use **H, Ctrl + H, Shift + H, Ctrl + U** to select the desired Histogram Mode, e.g. **Light Levels Histogram**

Then press **L** to enable **L-Bar**

Absolute LL Min and Relevant LL Min **Blue Markers** always correlate with the left edge of **LL Histogram** profile.

But min (R, G, B) value, i.e. **Narrow Bar** left edge, may go lower than the **LL Histogram** left edge, e.g. on colored shadows




Frame Light Level Relevant Max and Absolute Max (aka CLL) **Yellow Markers** always correlate with the right edge of **LL Histogram** profile

**L-Bar** provides for **fast and reliable** RGB and LL parameters **assessment** even when the actual histogram is **hidden**

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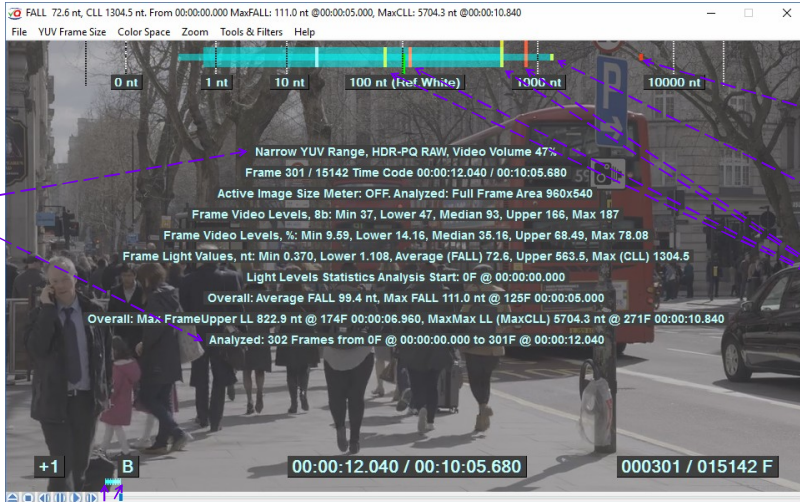
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## L-Bar & Video Segment Statistics Example



**Text Messages**

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



**Light Levels Profile Markers:**


- Red Marker:** MaxCLL up to the current frame updated frame-by-frame
- Yellow Marker:** CLL of the current frame updated frame-by-frame
- Yellow Markers:** FALL & FULL of the current frame updated frame-by-frame
- Red Markers:** MaxFALL & MaxFULL up to the current frame updated frame-by-frame
- Green Marker:** Global Average LL up to the current frame

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

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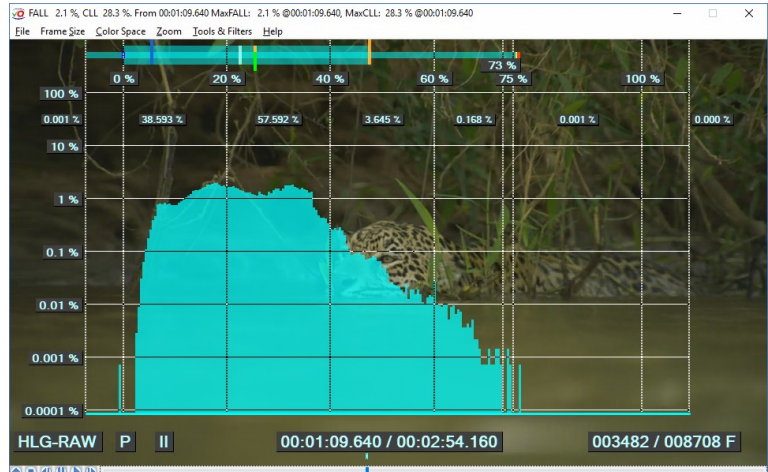
## L-Bar & Histogram of HLG Video



Press **3**  
to enable the  
**HLG-RAW** mode

Press **L** and **H**  
to enable the  
**L-Bar + Histogram**  
combination

Press **U**  
to select the  
desired Graticule Units  
e.g. **RGB Range %** mode



VQV calculates screen area in percents for several **sub-ranges**. The **most populated** RGB signal **sub-range** is **20% to 40%**, it occupies 57.6 % of screen area. Such histogram distribution means that on "compatible" SDR display a viewer will see rather **dark image**.

Note that there are no practically **no pixels** related to two bands **above Reference White** Level (75% signal, 26 % LL) – histogram counts are 0.001% and 0 %.

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## C-Bar™ – Compressed Video Analyzer Overlay



Press **C** to enable the Compression Video Analyzer tool overlay

**Critical Bitrates**

**Blue Stripe Marker:**  
Video Stream Average Bitrate  
From stream metadata

**Green Stripe Marker:**  
Integrated Average Bitrate  
up to the current frame

**Yellow Stripe Marker:**  
Last GOP Average Bitrate

**Brown Stripe Marker:**  
Global Max of GOP Average Bitrate  
up to the current GOP

**Text Message**

Codec Info & Compressed Data Statistics  
up to the current frame

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



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

**Red Stripe Marker:**  
Global Max Bitrate updated frame-by-frame

**Bitrate Graticule**  
kbps/Mbps auto-fit


**Current GOP Max Bitrate**  
typically = I-frame Bitrate

Press **C** key,  
then **Play Button** to collect **Bitrate Statistics Data**.  
At the wanted segment end press **Pause Button**.  
Statistic Report will be printed as text overlay; to save it press **Ctrl + P**

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## Compressed Video Parameters & Title Bar Messages

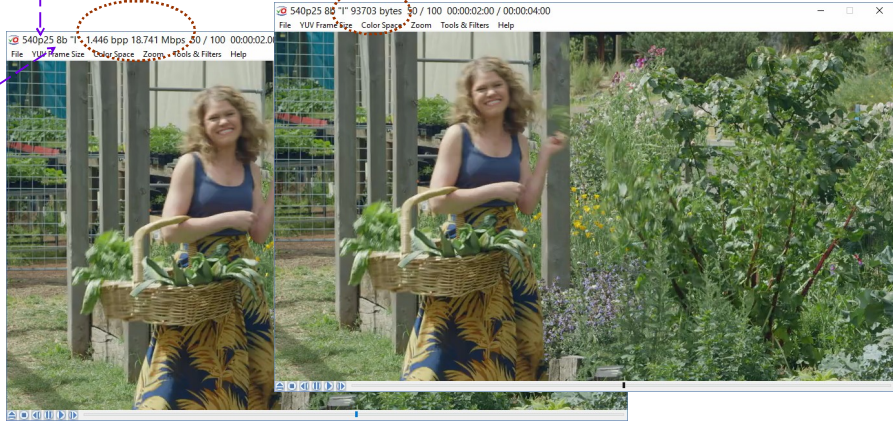


Frame Size, Frame Rate, Interlace symbol

Frame Type, Bits Per Pixel, current Bitrate, Mbps

Message Display option (press **S**):  
Compressed frame size, bytes

**Bits Per Component (Bit Depth)**




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## Tools Combinations

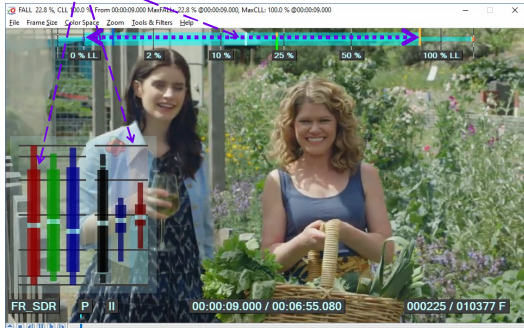


Press **L** and **V**  
to enable two overlays:  
**L-Bar & VV-Bars**

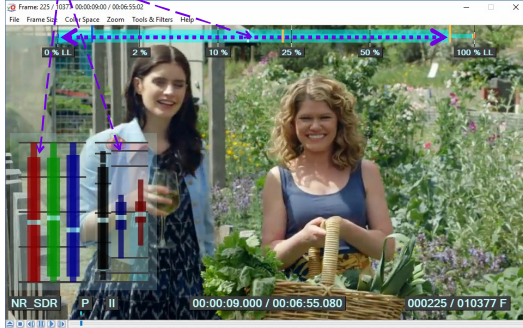
Press **9**  
to switch between two  
YUV to RGB Range Mapping Modes:  
**Full Range (FR) vs. Narrow Range (NR)**

**C-Bar, L-Bar, VV-Bars and VectorScope** can be used together in any combination, but not in combination with the **Frame Profile Waveform**.  
*The Histogram overlay can be used together with L-Bar, but not with the C-Bar, VV-Bars, VectorScope or Waveform.*

**Full YUV Range Mode** means  
**reduced contrast** of rendered RGB image




**Narrow YUV Range Mode** means  
**higher (normal) contrast** of rendered RGB image



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## L-Bar combined with VV-Bars




**SDR RAW – Full Range (QC) Mode**


Press **9**  
to switch between two  
RGB<-> YUV Level Mapping Modes:  
**Full vs. Narrow**

**SDR – Narrow Range (Regular Viewing) Mode**

**R channel Upper Level** is  
at the Full Range Max Limit Level,  
*i.e. above the White Crush threshold*



**White Crush Markers** are On in all 3 channels,  
**R** is the most affected channel




**B channel Lower Level** is  
slightly below the Narrow Range Min Limit Level  
*Black Crush is possible*

**B channel:**  
Medium strength **Black Crush Marker**

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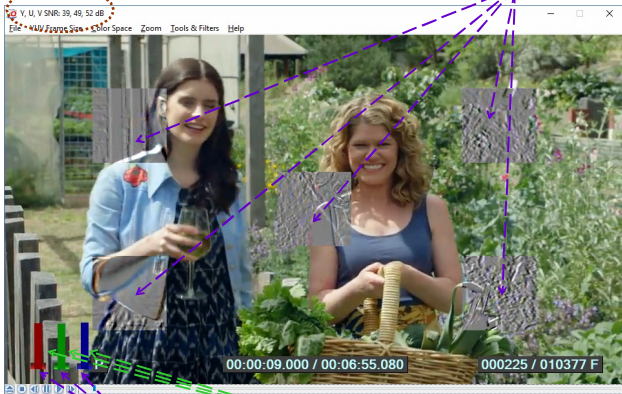


## Noise & Inter-frame Activity Meter

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

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## Displayed Image Filters

- VQV displayed image filters can be sorted out into 4 categories:
  - Color Components selector: RGB, R, G, B, Y, UV or LL images.
  - Digital Levels Filters: Gain, Brightness offset, MSB/LSB selector
  - Spatial Filter: HPF (High Pass Filter) or LPF (Low Pass Filter)
  - Temporal Filter: HPF (High Pass Filter)
- 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 is Mask
- **Hold M** and use **Mouse Wheel** to adjust Mask size
- To change mask position: put cursor in the mask area, **hold Mouse Left Button** and move the mask
- **Shift + D** or **Stop Button**, as well as media file opening or re-opening, **reset** all filter controls to the **default** (off) state
- **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.

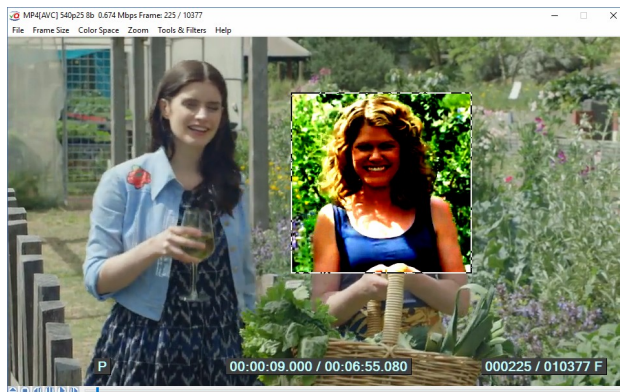
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## Gain Filter



**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.

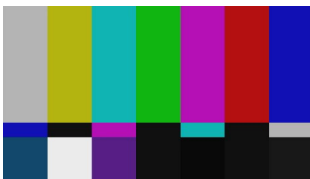


If necessary, use **Ctrl + Shift + Mouse Wheel** to adjust the Slicing Level (brightness offset)

## Color Components Filter



**Shift + D**: Default RGB Image



**Shift + Y**: Luminance



**Shift + U**: Chrominance (UV)



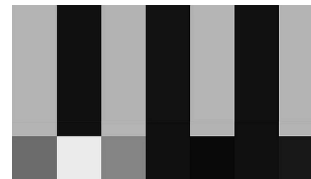
**Shift + R**: Red Component




**Shift + G**: Green Component




**Shift + B**: Blue Component



## Color Components Filter – Light Levels Image



**Overexposed HDR-PQ Image**

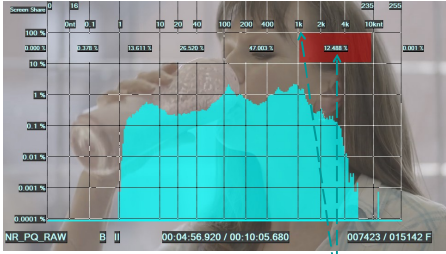


Press **1**  
to enable the  
**PQ-Raw** Mode

→

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

**Light Levels Histogram**




**Shift + L:**  
Light Levels (MaxRGB)  
Image

→

**Ctrl + Shift + H:**  
Raw Video  
Overexposed Pixels  
Highlighter

**Light Levels (MaxRGB) Image**




More than 12%  
of pixels are above  
1knt threshold

Overexposed areas  
are clearly visible

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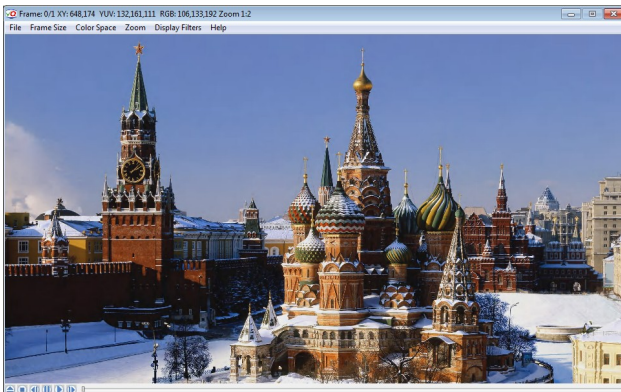
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## Combined Color, Gain and Mask Filters Example

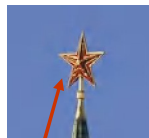


1. Press **Shift + Y** to select Y color component,
2. Adjust mask size (**M + Mouse Wheel**) and position (**Mouse Left Button + Mouse Move**),
3. Adjust zoom ratio (cursor centered): **Z + Mouse Wheel**,
4. Adjust the gain: **Shift + Mouse Wheel**

**1920x1080 image, decoded lossy JP2K, Zoom 1:2**

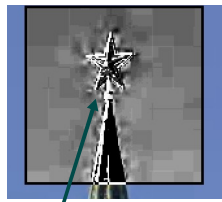


**Zoom 2:1**



Just noticeable  
compression  
artefacts

**Zoom 2:1, Y, Gain x16**




Clearly visible  
compression  
artefacts

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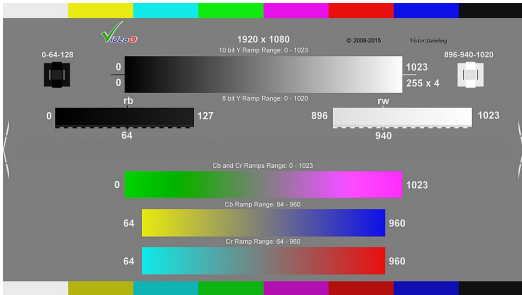
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## MSB/LSB Filter

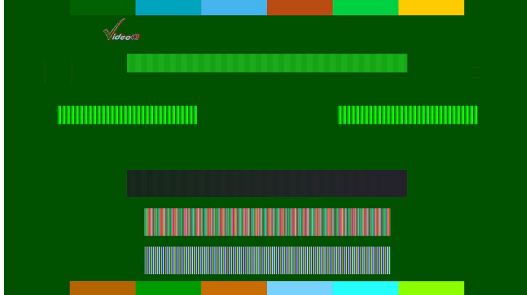


**Ctrl + 8** toggles between MSB and LSB images (*only if the input bit depth is greater than 8 bit*)

**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 is possible to select color components, display video data values of any pixel, apply spatial HPF, etc

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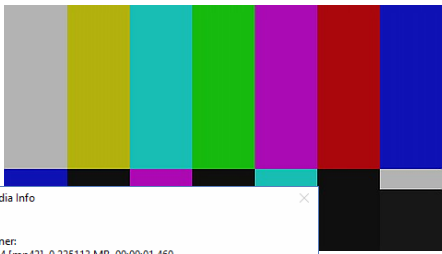
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## MSB/LSB Filter Application Example

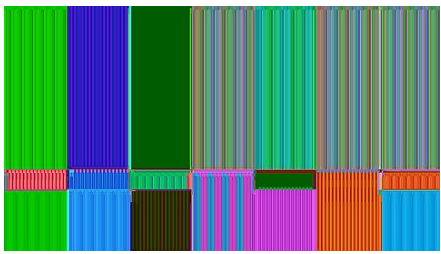


**Ctrl + 8** toggles between MSB and LSB images (*only if the input bit depth is greater than 8b*)

**MSB:** 8b RGB image derived from 12b UHD media file



**LSB:** 8b RGB image derived from 12b UHD media file



**Brief Media Info**

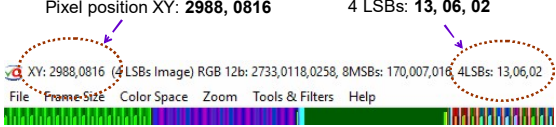
Container:  
MPEG-4 [mp42], 0.225113 MB, 00:00:01.460  
Streams: Video 1

Video:  
35F, 00:00:01.460, 23.976p, 3840x2160  
yuv420p12le, YUV, BT.709, BT.709, 4:2:0, 12 bit  
1.221 Mbps, HEVC [hev1], @L5@Main

Save full info to machine-readable "VQV\_MediaInfoReport.TXT" ?

Yes No

Pixel position XY: **2988, 0816**      4 LSBs: **13, 06, 02**




This example shows that used encoder (UHD HEVC) is far from being 12 bit accurate: even on relatively easy flat color objects 4 LSB values are in fact random – pixel-by-pixel readout displays various numbers from 0 to 15.

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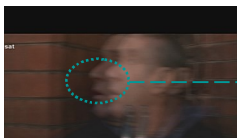
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## De-interlaced Display Filter

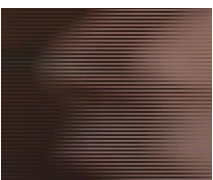


Press **I** to cycle thru 3 de-interlaced display modes: Interleaved Fields (default), Top-Bottom Fields, Fields Difference

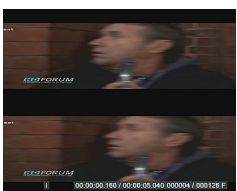
**Interleaved Fields**



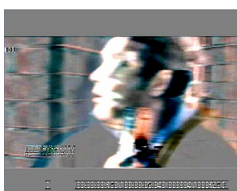
**Zoom 4:1 (fragment)**



**Top-Bottom Fields**



**Fields Difference**



**Brief Media Info**

Container:  
MXF, 18.176992 MB, 00:00:05.040  
Streams: Video 1

Video:  
128F, 00:00:05.040, BFF, 25.000, 720x576  
yuv411p, YUV, 4:1:1, 8 bit  
24.442 Mbps, DV [0001030102024102-0401020202020200]

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, 25.000, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> row images are in fact **25psf** (Progressively Scanned Fields), i.e. 25p original was converted to 25i – probably, for distribution purposes.

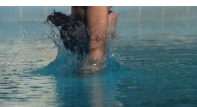
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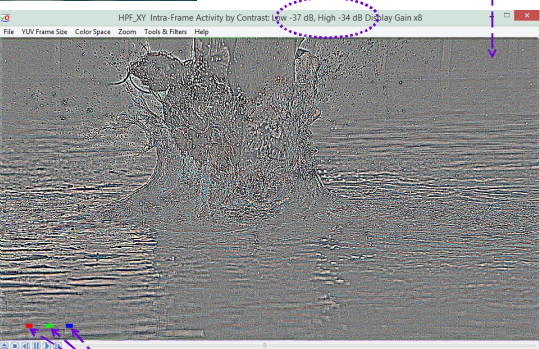
## Spatial and Temporal Filters



**Intra-Frame Activity**  
Readout in dB




**Intra-Frame Activity**  
Image

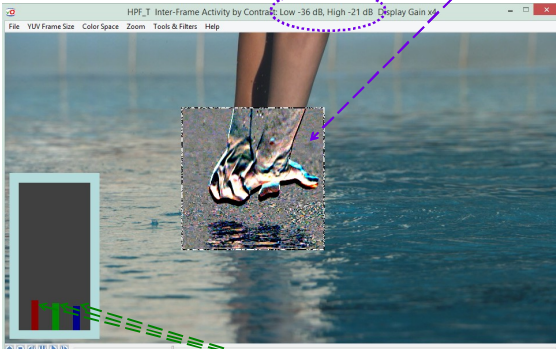


Intra-Frame Activity  
BarGraph Display

**Inter-Frame Activity**  
Readout in dB



**Inter-Frame Activity**  
Image



Inter-Frame Activity  
BarGraph Display

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

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## Reports and Log Files



VQV can display two specific reports as pop-up windows:

- **Media Info Report (Ctrl + M)**, optionally saved in **VQV\_MediaInfoReport.TXT**
- **Frame Info Report (Ctrl + F)**, optionally saved in **VQV\_FrameInfoReport.TXT**

Report file names are fixed and can not be changed.

Each time the existing report will be overwritten, then opened in minimized Notepad window.

If necessary, user can edit/save/rename this text file.

VQV user can also create/append VQV.Log text file; Press **Ctrl + P** to store in VQV.Log any textual information currently displayed in the Title Bar Message or as an Overlay.

Each time VQV.Log will be immediately opened in minimized Notepad window.

If necessary, user can edit/save/rename this text file.

## Media Info Report



Press **Ctrl + M**

to get **Brief Media Info Report** in pop-up window,

More text data can be optionally saved in **VQV\_MediaInfoReport.TXT** and opened in minimized Notepad window.

**Brief Media Info**

Container:  
MPEG-4 [isom], 41.856374 MB, 00:06:55.080  
Streams: Video 1 Audio 1

Video:  
10377F, 00:06:55.080, 25.000p, 960x540  
yuv420p, YUV, 4:2:0, 8 bit  
0.674 Mbps, AVC [avc1], Main@L3, GopSize 50

Audio:  
2 Ch, 48.000 kHz, 128.000 kbps, AAC, LC

Save full info to machine-readable "VQV\_MediaInfoReport.TXT" ?


```

VideoQ VQV v2.2.1 copyright (c) 2012-2016.
Media File Info Report
MediaInfoLib v0.7.92.1
Media Info Report Time = 2017-03-08T18:49:24
File = "C:\Users\VS\Desktop\Mexicana.mp4"
FileExtension = MP4

General File Info:
EncodedDate_UTC = NULL
TaggedDate_UTC = NULL
LastModificationDate_UTC = 2016-05-04T07:13:20.716Z
LastModificationDate_LOCAL = 2016-05-03T23:13:20.716
WrittenTime_UTC = 2016-05-04T07:13:15.13Z
WrittenTime_LOCAL = 2016-05-03T23:13:15.13Z
ContainerFormat = MPEG-4
ContainerCodecID = json
FileSize_byte = 41856374
OverallBitRateMode = VBR
Duration_ms = 415123
Duration_TC1000 = 1918.000000
CountOfVideoStreams = 1
CountOfAudioStreams = 1
CountOfImages = 0
CountOfTexts = 0

Video:
EncodedDate_UTC = NULL
TaggedDate_UTC = NULL
Duration_ms = 415000
FramesCount = 10377
ScanType = Progressive
TopFieldFirst = NULL
FrameRateMode = NULL
FrameRate = 25.000
FrameWidth = 960
FrameHeight = 540
ColorSpace = YUV
ColorPixelFormat = yuv420p
ColorMatrix = NULL
ColorPrimaries = NULL
ColorRange = NULL
TransferCharacteristics = NULL
ChromaSubsampling = 4:2:0
BitsPerComponent = 8
StreamSize_byte = 34978735
AverageBitRate_bps = 874159
EncodingFormat = AVC
CodecID = avc1
EncodingProfile = Main@L3
Encoding CABAC = Yes
GOPSize = 50, N=50
NumberOfReferenceFrames = 4

Audio:
EncodedDate_UTC = NULL
TaggedDate_UTC = NULL
Language = en
Duration_ms = 415123
StreamSize_byte = 6642006
ChannelNumber = 2
ChannelPositions = Front: L R
SamplingRate = 48000
SamplesCount = 19925904
FramesCount = 19459
BitRateMode = CBR
BitsPerComponent = NULL
BitRate_bps = 128000
EncodingFormat = AAC
EncodingProfile = LC
    
```



## Frame Info Report

Press **Ctrl + F**  
to get **Brief Frame Info Report** in pop-up window,  
More text data can be optionally saved in **VQV\_FrameInfoReport.TXT** and opened in minimized Notepad window.

**Current Frame Brief Info**

Frame 238/10377, 00:00:09.520  
 Frame Size 960x540, Active Image 960x540 (0-959x0-539)  
 SDR, RGB Volume 77 %, UV Volume 20 %  
 Full YUV Range, yuv420p, Y SNR 40 dB, P' 0.120 bpp

8 bit values:	Y	U	V	R	G	B
Min - All pixels:	7	68	62	0	9	0
Min - 99% pixels:	25	99	107	17	26	27
Average:	116	117	123	112	119	100
Max - 99% pixels:	207	149	146	213	209	201
Max - All pixels:	243	159	186	255	246	247

% of the range:	Y	U	V	R	G	B
Min - All pixels:	2.7	-23.0	-25.3	0.0	3.5	0.0
Min - 99% pixels:	9.8	-11.1	-8.1	6.7	10.2	10.6
Average:	45.5	-4.2	-1.9	43.9	46.7	39.2
Max - 99% pixels:	81.2	8.1	6.9	83.5	82.0	78.8
Max - All pixels:	95.3	11.9	22.2	100.0	96.5	96.9

Light Levels, % LL:

Min - All pixels: 0.00  
 Min - 99% pixels: 0.28  
 Average (FALL): 24.10  
 Max - 99% pixels: 84.34  
 All pixels Max (CLL): 100.00

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 Frame Info Report Time: 2017-03-09T00:51:23  
 File: "C:\Users\VS\Desktop\Mexicana.mp4"

Duration\_ms:41906000, Duration\_TC:1000, 19:18:00.000  
 Frame 238/10377, 00:00:09.520, TimePosition\_ms:8620, TimePosition\_TC:1000, 00:00:09.520  
 Frame Size 960, x 540, Active Image 960, x 540, (0 - 959 x 0 - 539)  
 YUV8b from Rgb, RGB converted from YUV, Full Range to Full Range, BT709  
 Selected RGB Rendering Mode: SDR

RGB\_Volume\_pct:77, UV\_Volume\_pct:20

Video Levels Statistics, 8b values  
 Channel: Y,U,V,R,G,B  
 Min - All pixels: 7,68,62,0,9,0  
 Min - 99% pixels: 25,99,107,17,26,27  
 Average: 116,117,123,112,119,100  
 Max - 99% pixels: 207,149,146,213,209,201  
 Max - All pixels: 243,159,186,255,246,247

Video Levels Statistics, Percents of Nominal Range  
 Channel: Y,U,V,R,G,B  
 Min - All pixels: 2.7,-23.0,-25.3,0.0,3.5,0.0  
 Min - 99% pixels: 9.8,-11.1,-8.1,6.7,10.2,10.6  
 Average: 45.5,-4.2,-1.9,43.9,46.7,39.2  
 Max - 99% pixels: 81.2,8.1,6.9,83.5,82.0,78.8  
 Max - All pixels: 95.3,11.9,22.2,100.0,96.5,96.9


Special Pixels Count, percents of Total Pixels Count  
 Channel: R,G,B  
 On Min of All Pixels Level: 0.0008, 0.0008, 0.0139  
 On Max of All Pixels Level: 0.0008, 0.0008, 0.0023  
 Below Nominal Black: 0.0000, 0.0000, 0.0000  
 Above Nominal White: 0.0000, 0.0000, 0.0000

Light Levels:  
 Min - All pixels: 0.00  
 Min - 99% pixels: 0.28  
 Average (FALL): 24.10  
 Max - 99% pixels: 84.34  
 All pixels Max (CLL): 100.00

SNR, dB:  
 R,GB,Y,U,V, (YUV SNRs derived from RGB)  
 40.40,41.40,49.52

Inter-Frame Activities, dB:  
 R,GB  
 -22,-22,-21

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## VQV.Log Report

Press **Ctrl + P**  
to create/append **VQV.Log** and store in it any text currently displayed in the Title Bar Message or as an Overlay;  
VQV.Log will be immediately opened in minimized Notepad window.

VQV v2.2.1. Copyright (c) 2012-2017 VideoQ, Inc.  
 Selected Analysis Data Items Log Created: 2017-03-09T01:03:05

File Open Time: 2017-03-09T01:03:05  
 File: "C:\Users\VS\Desktop\Mexicana.mp4"  
 Item: 0, FrameNo: 325  
 Full YUV Range, SDR, Video Volume 77%  
 Frame 325 / 10377 Time Code 00:00:13.000 / 00:06:55.080  
 Active Image Size Meter: OFF, Analyzed: Full Frame Area 960x540  
 Frame Video Levels, 8b: Min 0, Lower 21, Median 114, Upper 217, Max 255  
 Frame Video Levels, %: Min -7.31, Lower 2.28, Median 44.75, Upper 91.78, Max 109.13  
 Frame Light Values, %: Min 0.000, Lower 0.217, Average (FALL) 23.2, Upper 84.3, Max (CLL) 100.0  
 Light Levels Statistics Analysis Start: 238F @ 00:00:09.520  
 Overall: Average FALL 26.5 %, Max FALL 28.1 % @ 261F 00:00:10.440  
 Overall: Max FrameUpper LL 100.0 % @ 249F 00:00:09.960, MaxMax LL (MaxCLL) 100.0 % @ 238F 00:00:09.520  
 Analyzed: 88 Frames from 238F @ 00:00:09.520 to 325F @ 00:00:13.000  
 Item: 1, FrameNo: 325  
 Line 0260 StMin-StMax: Original RGB Bb 009-246, RGB % 3.5-96.5, LL: 0.0327-91.7 % LL  
 Item: 2, FrameNo: 470  
 MP4(AVC) 960x540 25p 8b, Media Info: Average 0.674 Mbps, 0.052 bpp  
 Current Frame: 470 / 10377F, 00:00:18.800 / 00:06:55.080, P', 0.223 Mbps, 0.017 bpp  
 Bit Rate Statistics Segment Start: 325F @00:00:13.000  
 Current GOP: Start 450F @00:00:18.000, # (Chunk ID) 9, I Frame (Max) 8.859 Mbps  
 Last GOP: Size 50F, Average 1.175 Mbps  
 Min GOP Size 50F @00:00:12.000, Max GOP Size 50F @00:00:12.000  
 Analyzed: 146 Frames from 325F @00:00:13.000 to 470F @00:00:18.800  
 Overall: Average 1.197 Mbps, Max 12.501 Mbps @00:00:16.000, GOP Average Max 1.381 Mbps @00:00:16.000

File Open Time: 2017-03-09T01:15:02  
 File: "C:\Users\VS\Desktop\HDR\_10minutes\_test\_960x540\_1000nit\_lp3.MP4"  
 Item: 0, FrameNo: 0  
 Narrow YUV Range, HDR-PQ Max 1000 nit to SDR, Video Volume 73%  
 Frame 0 / 1512 Time Code 00:00:00.000 / 00:10:05.880  
 Active Image Size Meter: OFF, Analyzed: Full Frame Area 960x540  
 Frame Video Levels, 8b: Min 5, Lower 9, Median 65, Upper 195, Max 255  
 Frame Video Levels, %: Min 1.96, Lower 3.53, Median 25.49, Upper 76.47, Max 100.00  
 Frame Light Values, nt: Min 0.080, Lower 0.421, Average (FALL) 86.9, Upper 525.3, Max (CLL) 1000.0

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### Full List of VQV Shortcuts 1

Key	Result	Shift + Key	Ctrl + Key	Ctrl + Shift + Key
Mouse Wheel	Jog Mode: +/- 1 frame, Shuttle Mode: <b>Speed</b> up/down,	Display <b>Gain</b> : up/down		Display Gain Filter Brightness <b>Offset</b> : up/down
Mouse Move	In Active Image: <b>Pixel Value</b> readout, In Mask Area: <b>Masked Filter</b> readout			
Mouse Middle Button	In Slider Area: <b>Jog/Shuttle</b> toggle			
Mouse Left Button + Mouse Move	In Active Image: <b>Image Position</b> In Mask Area: <b>Mask Position</b>			
M + Mouse Wheel	<b>Mask Size</b> up/down			
Z + Mouse Wheel	<b>Zoom</b> up/down ( <i>cursor centered</i> )			
Mouse Right Button	In Active Image: <b>Context Menu</b>			
Up/Down Arrows	<b>Zoom</b> up/down ( <i>image centered</i> )	Display <b>Gain</b> : up/down		
Right/Left Arrows	Jog Mode: +/- 1 frame, Shuttle Mode: <b>Pause</b> => +/- 1 frame		Jog Mode: +/- 10 frames	
PageDown/PageUp	Jog Mode: +/- 1 s	Jog Mode: +/- 10 s	Jog Mode: +/- 1 m	Jog Mode: +/- 10 m
0	<b>SDR RAW</b>			
1	<b>HDR-PQ RAW</b>			
2	<b>HDR-PQ</b> => <b>SDR</b> , Max 1000 nt			
3	<b>HDR-HLG RAW</b>			
4	<b>HDR-HLG</b> => <b>SDR</b> , Max 100% LL		<b>Export to Y4M</b> file	

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### Full List of VQV Shortcuts 2 (continued)

Key	Result	Shift + Key	Ctrl + Key	Ctrl + Shift + Key
5	<b>HDR-LOG RAW</b>			
6	<b>HDR-LOG</b> => <b>HLG Compatible SDR</b>			
7	<b>HDR-LOG</b> => <b>SDR</b> , Max = Ref.White			
8			<b>MSB / LSB Image</b> toggle (if media file > 8 bit)	
9	<b>Full / Narrow YUV Range</b> toggle (RGB <-> YUV conversion mode)			
Space Bar	<b>Jog / Shuttle</b> Modes toggle (same as Play Button)			
A		Active Image Size <b>Markers</b> Show / Hide toggle	Active Image Size <b>Detector</b> Detect Once / Reset <small>Also selects Statistics Analysis Area: Full Frame / Active Image</small>	
B		<b>B</b> component Image ( <b>Blue</b> )	<b>Export to BMP</b> file(s)	
C	<b>C-Bar</b> (Compression) toggle On/Off		<b>ChromaScope</b> On/Off	
D		All <b>Filters Off</b> ( <i>settings reset to defaults</i> )	<b>Duplicate</b> currently opened file in new VQV window	
E	<b>Enhanced Rendering</b> toggle On/Off VideoQ Auto DR Processing - <b>DRAE</b>		<b>AV Sync Error</b> Meter (on MPC Test Pattern)	
F	Frame Profile Waveform <b>Filtering Modes</b> , or Line Parade <b>Full Frame/Line Select</b> toggle	All <b>Filters Disable / Enable</b> ( <i>settings preserved</i> )	<b>Frame Info</b> Report pop-up, or <b>Line Range Selection Mask</b>	
G		<b>G</b> component Image ( <b>Green</b> )		
H	<b>Histogram</b> Overlay toggle On/Off	<b>RGB / Light Levels</b> <b>Histogram</b> toggle	<b>Histogram Mode</b> toggle	Raw Video Overexposed Pixels <b>Highlighter</b> On/Off

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<b>Full List of VQV Shortcuts 3 (continued)</b>				
<b>Key</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Shift + Key</b>	<b>Ctrl + Key</b>	<b>Ctrl + Shift + Key</b>
<b>I</b>	Cycle thru 3 <b>Deinterlacing Modes</b>			
<b>L</b>	<b>L-Bar</b> toggle On/Off	<b>Light Levels</b> (MaxRGB) Image		
<b>M</b>		<b>Mask / Full Screen</b> toggle	<b>Media Info</b> Report pop-up	
<b>N</b>		<b>Noise Meter</b> toggle On/Off	File Open in <b>New Window</b>	
<b>O</b>			File <b>Open</b> Dialog	
<b>P</b>	<b>Line Parade</b> vs. <b>Frame Profile</b> toggle		<b>Print</b> text data to <b>VQV.Log</b>	
<b>Q</b>			<b>Quit</b> (Exit) VQV	
<b>R</b>		<b>R</b> component Image ( <b>Red</b> )	<b>Release / Reopen</b> media file <i>same as 'Eject' button</i>	
<b>S</b>	Cycle thru the <b>Text Message</b> types		<b>Select Video Stream #</b> <i>if the number of video streams &gt; 1</i>	
<b>T</b>	<b>Timeline Info Overlay</b> toggle On/Off	<b>T-Filter</b> (Temporal High Pass)	<b>Overlay Auto-hide</b> On/Off	
<b>U</b>		<b>UV</b> components Image	Graticule Grid <b>Units</b> toggle: <i>RGB % vs. Light Level % or nits</i>	
<b>V</b>	<b>VV-Bars</b> toggle On/Off	Cycle thru 3 <b>VV Bars Modes</b>	<b>VectorScope</b> toggle On/Off	
<b>W</b>	<b>Waveform Overlay</b> On/Off	<b>Line Parade Persistence:</b> Low, Medium, High		
<b>X</b>		<b>XY-Filter</b> (Spatial HPF/LPF)	<b>Exit</b> (Quit) VQV	
<b>Y</b>	In Line Parade Mode WF: <b>RGB/YUV</b> toggle	<b>Y</b> components Image	<b>Export</b> to RAW <b>YUV</b> file	
<b>Z</b>	<b>Zoom</b> with <b>Mouse Wheel</b> – see above			

## About VideoQ



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

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