

Status update on the Content of the Large Scale Database new Metrics and How to Visualize them

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Context

- JEG-Hybrid Large Scale Database. Current status:
 - 59,520 HEVC-encoded video sequences (1,920 HRCs)
 - 10 sources, 250 frames each, 25 fps
 - 3 resolutions: 1920x1080, 1280x720, 960x544 (details in references, already presented in previous meetings)
 - Distortion due to encoding
 - Distortions due to encoding + data (packet) loss (~500,000 samples)



Recent Additions

- 59,520 HEVC-encoded video sequences (1,920 HRCs)
 - 5 metrics already available: PSNR, SSIM, VIF, VQM, PVQM
 - 3 new metrics have been computed and made available recently:
MS-SSIM, VMAF (model v. 0.6.0 and 0.6.1)
 - $PSNR_{sf}$, $SSIM_{sf}$, $MS-SSIM_{sf}$, VIF_{sf} metrics also mapped to a 1-5 scale with sigmoidal fitting (parameters fitted on VQEG HDTV database and its MOS scores, thanks to Marcus Barkowsky)



Current Developments (in progress)

- Adding new temporal pooling methods
- Trying to better visualize the metrics to identify combinations / spots to be further analyzed through subjective experiments
- New content is being added
 - (Already presented in Los Gatos)
 - Netflix Chimera sequence
 - 8 episodes (5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18)
 - 46 scenes (14, 1, 8, 3, 5, 8, 6, 1)
 - Frames: 21,880 total (about 12 min)
(for each episode:
3420, 4300, 2310, 3090, 2400, 2250, 2910, 1200)
 - Resolution: 4K, 2K, 1K
(through downsampling)
 - Frame rate: 29.97 fps
 - Encoder: x265 with different presets



Temporal Pooling (in progress)

- For the “frame based” metrics PSNR, SSIM, MS-SSIM, VIF, VMAF:
 - Pooling proposed in the VMAF software
 - Average of consecutive absolute differences (Total_variation), average of simple or exponential moving averages, harmonic mean, $L(n)$ norm, 1,5,10,20-th percentile
 - Pooling (“collapsing function”) suggested in NTIA TR-02-392
 - 10, 25, 50, 90-th percentile, above90%tail (i.e., mean of above90 values minus value at 90)
 - Others?
 - Geometric mean
 - std deviation (indication of variation over time)

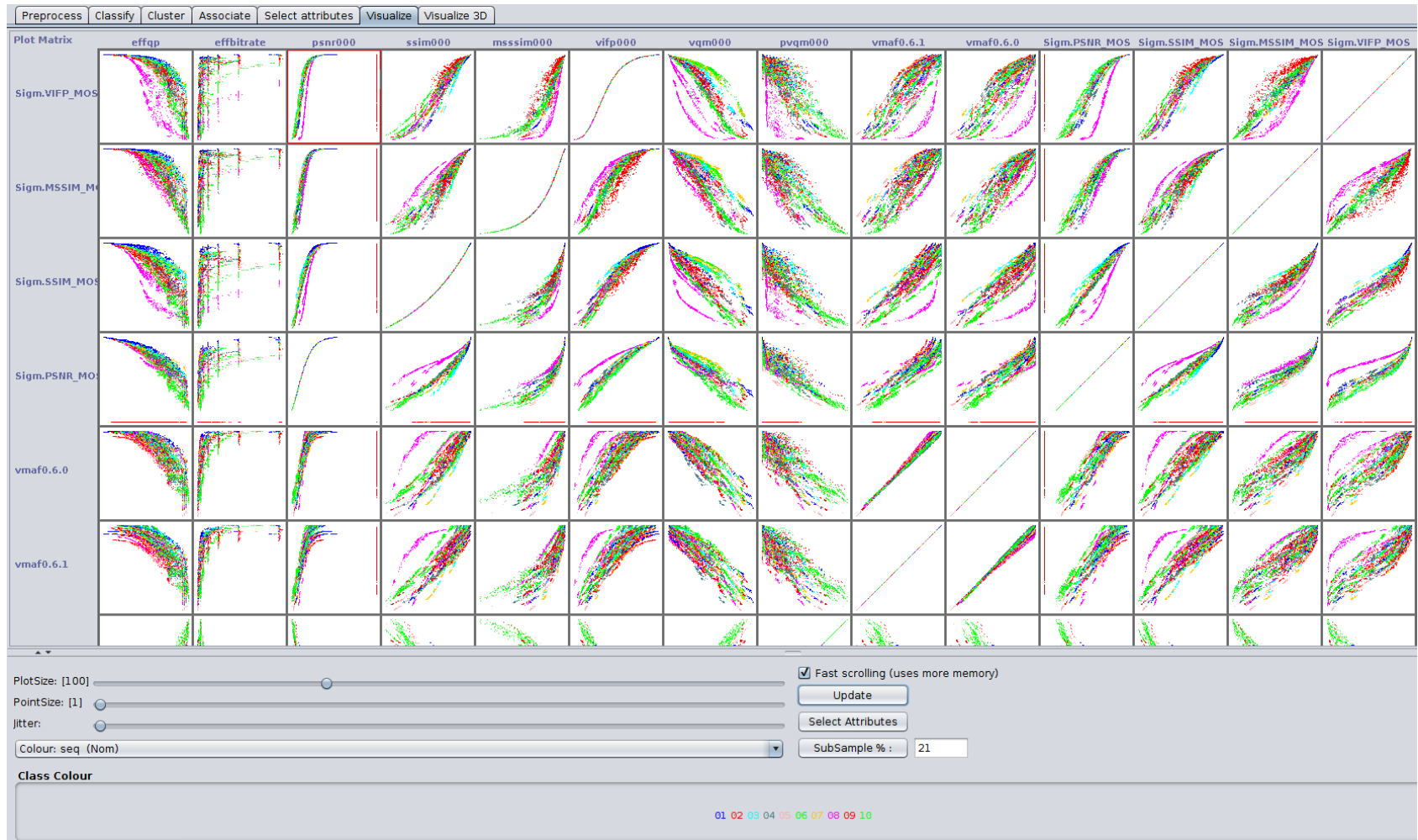
Metric Visualization

- Better understanding of:
 - Current database content
 - Relations or unexpected behaviors in metrics
- Identifying sequences and/or parameters that deserve further investigation
 - Example: even with just objective metrics (SSIM or VIF vs PSNR), we can identify sequences that deserve further investigation, e.g., seq08 (quite noisy at highest res)

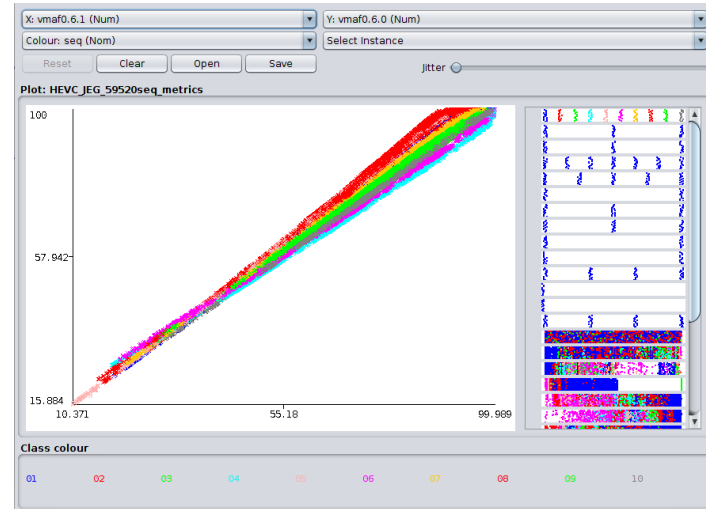
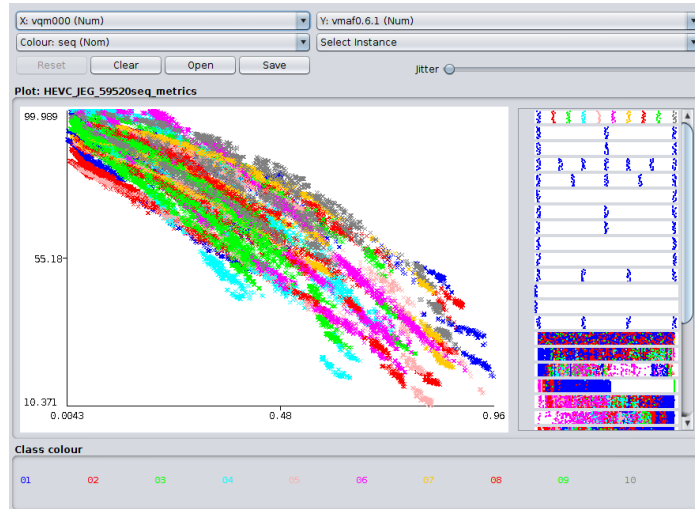
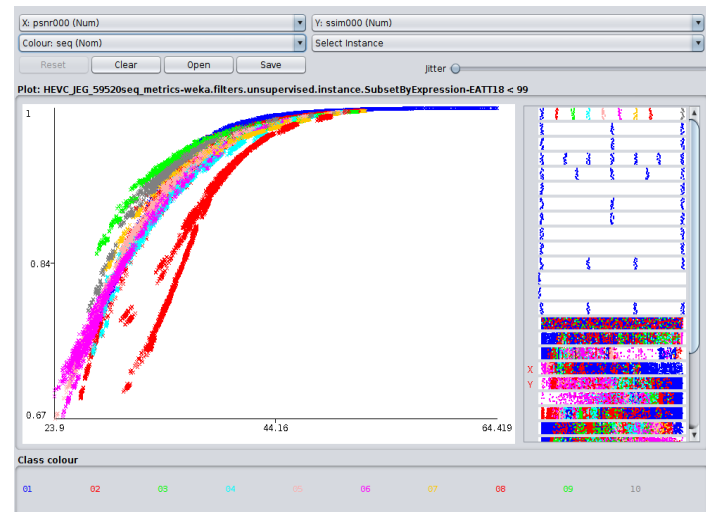
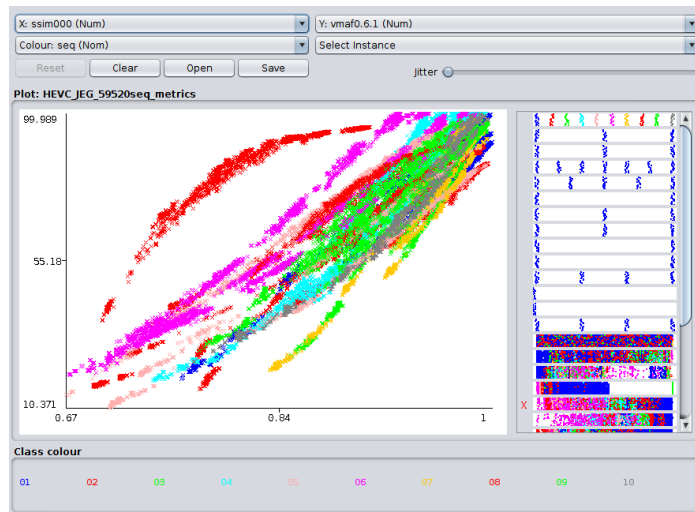
- Currently experimenting with the tool “Weka”

Example: scatter plot of everything vs everything

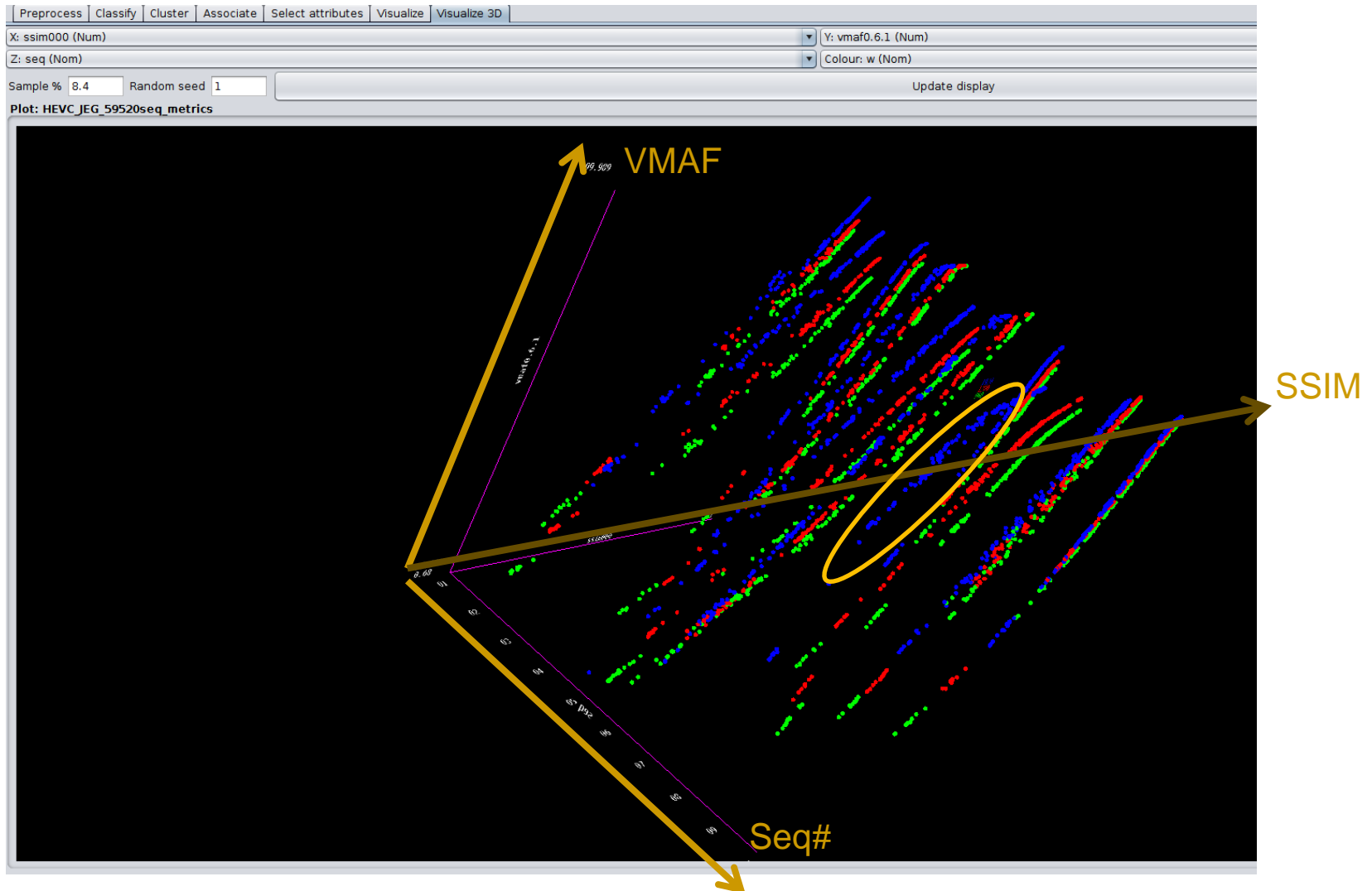
- All metrics + actual bitrate, actual avg QP



Some Examples



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Next Steps

- Experimenting with available clustering/classification algorithms

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