The Art Of Compression

One of our most popular titles, Anchoring presents New Yorkarchitect Steven Holl's projects from 1975 to the present. Among the worksfeatured are Void Space/Hinged Space Housing, Fukuoka; School ofArchitecture, University of Minnesota; Pace Showroom, New York; StrettoHouse, Dallas; and the Berkowitz House, Martha's Vineyard.

Compression technology has been employed for a long time, but until recently the technology was too complex for everyday applications. However, compression has now reached the stage where it can economically be applied to video and audio systems on a wide scale. This book recognises the wide applications of compression by treating the subject from first principles without assuming any particular background for the reader. An introductory chapter is included which suggests some applications of compression and how it works in a simplified form. In addition a fundamentals chapter contains all of the background necessary to follow the rest of the book. Theory is balanced with a wide range of practical applications in transmission and recording and throughout the book the reader will find notes of caution and outlines of various pitfalls for the unwary. Various descriptions are also included of the kinds of impairments which can result from the misuse of compression. John Watkinson is an independent consultant in digital video, audio and data technology. he is a fellow of the AES and presents lectures, conference papers and training courses worldwide. he is the author of numerous other Focal press books, including the Art of Digital Audio, the Art of Digital Video (both now in their second edition) and The Art of Data Recording, An Introduction to Digital Audio, An Introduction to Digital Video, The Digital Videotape recorder and RDAT. he is also co-author, with Francis Rumsey of The Digital Interface Handbook. covers basic principles no unnecessary mathematics includes a wide range of practical applications

All normal human beings alive in the last fifty thousand years appear to have possessed, in Mark Turner's phrase, "irrepressibly artful minds." Cognitively modern minds produced a staggering list of behavioral singularities--science, religion, mathematics, language, advanced tool use, decorative dress, dance, culture, art--that seems to indicate a mysterious and unexplained discontinuity between us and all other living things. This brute fact gives rise to some tantalizing questions: How did the artful mind emerge? What are the basic mental operations that make art possible for us now, and how do they operate? These are the questions that occupy the distinguished contributors to this volume, which emerged from a year-long Getty-funded research project hosted by the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford. These scholars bring to bear a range of disciplinary and cross-disciplinary perspectives on the relationship between art (broadly conceived), the mind, and the brain. Together they hope to provide directions for a new field of research that can play a significant role in answering the great riddle of human singularity.

Learn all about Codecs--how they work, as well as design and implementation with this comprehensive, easy-to-use guide to compression. After reading this book, you will be able to prepare and distribute professional audio and video on any platform including streamed to the web, broadcast on-air, stored in PVRs, Burned onto CD-ROMs or DVDs, delivered by broadband, or

viewed in Kiosk applications, PDA devices, and mobile phones.
Discusses compression technology, implementation issues, and principles to remember both before and after compression, including editing, shooting, and hosting concepts.
Data compression is one of the most important fields and tools in modern computing. From archiving data, to CD-ROMs, and from coding theory to image analysis, many facets of modern computing rely upon data compression. This book provides a comprehensive reference for the many different types and methods of compression. Included are a detailed and helpful taxonomy, analysis of most common methods, and discussions on the use and comparative benefits of methods and description of "how to" use them. Detailed descriptions and explanations of the most well-known and frequently used compression methods are covered in a self-contained fashion, with an accessible style and technical level for specialists and non-specialists.
Not long after the birth of the Web, multimedia has become an inseparable part of it. As the growth of the Web accelerates, the demand of multimedia applications and the knowledge of this field explodes. Data compression is the soul of the engine that drives the rapid development of these applications. Audio and image data can be effectively transmitted across the Web or saved in a digital storage medium (DSM) only after they have been compressed. The success of the java-based Android mobile OS has revived people's interest in java. This book presents to you the art of compressing digital video using the java programming language. you the art of compressing digital video using the java programming language. It covers traditional video compression topics including information fundamentals, RGB-YCbCr conversion, integer arithmetic, DCT, IDCT, quantization, run-level encoding, reorder, Huffman encoding, motion estimation and motion compensation. It also discusses the usage of graphics techniques to compress videos.
COMPRESSION: Meeting the Challenges of Sustainability Through Vigorous Learning Enterprises sounds a clarion that we cannot afford to ignore. Global crises are squeezing us from all directions. Mostly they have to do with not enough: not enough natural resources to maintain our standard of living, not enough carbon rich soil to grow crops enough to feed the world, not enough fresh clean water, nor air or ozone. A founding member of the Association for Manufacturing Excellence, Robert "Doc" Hall has dedicated much of his career to redefining business practices in ways that are feasible and transferable. For lasting change to occur, we need to provide stakeholders with access to new tools and new paradigms that eschew outdated learning methods. While the book does elucidate the problem, the main emphasis of its pages is on what leaders can do to change the mindset of stakeholders at all levels. Specifically, Hall shows how the Toyota model, the most successful and enduring manufacturing system ever implemented, can be applied and adapted to help identify roots of problems, eliminate waste, and create a new vision along with the path to realizing that vision. We must rethink our perpetual devotion to old ideals such as continual growth and more are always better We need to recognize that we are quickly reaching the point of critical mass where the inequities of society will force the have-nots to take matters into their own hands We need to learn to learn more effectively, in terms of individuals, organizations, and processes We must embrace the paradigm culture shift required to implement lasting constructive change that

we can live by To implement the sort of changes that will allow civilization to prevail rather than merely endure requires a resourcefulness and ingenuity beyond any the world has ever employed. In this volume, Doc Hall shows us how to learn to learn more effectively both as individuals and organizations, and in terms of processes. He invites us to rethink our perpetual devotion to old ideals and welcome the shift in thinking that must be our first and immediate step. Stay current and become active in helping to Meet the Challenges of Sustainability Through Vigorous Learning Enterprises. You will find action steps and discussion at compression.org

With the increasing interest in holography for 3D imaging applications, there is a need to develop and use hologram compression techniques for the efficient storage and transmission of holographic data. This book gives a broad overview of the state-of-the-art techniques for the efficient compression and representation of digital holographic data, addressing both still and moving data sequences. An Introduction to the principles of digital holography A critical analysis of the techniques that have been developed Coverage of the most recent research results A summary of future research challenges

What if there was a simple way to give your mixes a professional sound before doing any real mixing. What if you could add instruments to a session and have them automatically sound like they belong. In The Bus Compression Framework you''re going to learn a big secret that mastering engineers keep to themselves. We''ve all had the experience of mixes sounding dull, lifeless and flat. For me this hadn''t been a problem for years, but I never really gave a second thought to how I solved it. That''s because after setting up this system I never really had to mess with it again. It wasn''t until I showed a student how to do this that I realized how powerful this system really is. I remember trying to help my student who was going through the phase of overly clean mixes. As it goes with overly clean mixes, his mixes were so clean, they were lifeless and sterile. I showed the student my bus compression setup--the exact numerical values, everything that I explain in this book. A couple days later he sent me an email with the before and after versions of his track. The difference between them was night and day. I was convinced he had gone through and remixed the entire track, but when he told me "No, all I did was use the formula you gave me, and oh ya, I cut a little from the pads," I was blown away. Now this student''s mix had been so clean that it had a glaringly digital feel to it. If the prescription wasn''t more cowbell then it was certainly going to be more additive EQ. Yet here he was following my 5-Bus setup and getting divine results and STILL feeling the need to EQ cut more from his mix. That was pretty much the moment I realized I had a pretty cool technique to share with you. By using the set and forget techniques inside the Bus Compression Framework you''ll achieve the kind of rich and vibrant analog sound we typically associate with expensive mastering. Not only will your mixes sound richer and more vibrant, but the 5-bus setup I''m going to show you will literally multiply the space and magnitude of your mixes. The Bus Compression Framework does this by using a combination of restrictive and open compression settings to create more contrast within your mixes. As you increase the amount of contrast in your mixes you get increasing levels of perceived depth. But like anything, if you utilize too much contrast you''ll end up with a poorly balanced mix that sounds all over the place. What''s awesome about this technique is that it''s a step by step formula for guaranteeing your mix has a professional sound. Now not all mixing is

formulaic, but my students have said that the formulaic techniques in this book coupled with The 3-Space Reverb Framework literally upgraded the sound of their mixes by leaps and bounds. Not only will your mixes become more expansive but instruments will play together like they were meant to. Now when I say this technique gives your mixes a perfectly analog sound I mean all the benefits of analog. That means you get the organically pleasing sound of analog while avoiding the pitfalls of emulating analog within a DAW. It''s easy to tell when people fail at emulating analog. Their mixes are too colored, overly murky and they lack detail because they''ve used too much saturation. If you keep adding harmonics everywhere then they''ll eventually clog up your mix. As you read this book, I''ll be showing you how to infuse your mixes with analog richness while also maintaining the type of clarity expected from modern recordings. By using The Bus Compression Framework your mixes will naturally come together. Mixing will feel much more organic and you''ll actually have fun mixing instead of feeling like you''re solving problem after problem. Now if you want an immediately professional, radio ready sound, then pick up your copy of The Bus Compression Framework.

Steven Holl celebrates the thirtieth anniversary of his landmark book Anchoring with Compression, a collection of thirty-five major projects from the past decade. Holl applies concepts from neuroscience, literature, social science, and philosophy to develop the idea of compression: the condensation of material and social forces to create meaningful and sustainable architecture. A diverse roster of international works includes an expansion of the Museum of Fine Arts Houston ; academic facilities for Columbia University, Princeton University, and the Glasgow School of Art; urban plans; a harbor gateway for Copenhagen; and an extension of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. All demonstrate Holl's poetic attention to light, space, and water; a subtle and tactile employment of material and color; and an awareness of architecture's potential to connect people through inspiring public spaces.

Video compression is not a new process; however, it is forever evolving. New standards, codecs, and ways of getting the job done are continually being created. Newcomers to video compression and seasoned veterans alike need to know how to harness the tools and use them for specific workflows for broadcast, the Web, Blu-rays, set-top boxes, digital cinema, and mobile devices. Here to guide you through the multitude of formats and confusing array of specifications, Andy Beach and Aaron Owen use a practical, straightforward approach to explaining video compression. After covering the fundamentals of audio and video compression, they explore the current applications for encoding, discuss the common workflows associated with each, and then look at the most common delivery platforms. The book includes examples from the authors’ projects as well as recipes that offer a way to define some of the best practices of video compression today. This invaluable resource gives you: proven techniques for delivering video online, or via disc or other devices. clear, straightforward explanations that cut through the jargon. step-by-step instructions for using a wide variety of encoding tools. workflow tips for performing either stand-alone or batch compressions. insight and advice from top compression professionals sprinkled throughout.

Bus compression is one of the most powerful tools for gluing your mix together and giving it that professional sound. What some producers don't realize is that bus compression can also be used to create a deeper, more 3-dimensional mix. When we use bus

compression to create more depth, it becomes what I call pocket compression. Just like you carve out pockets with EQ to create space; with bus compression you can intensify and shape these spaces into what are called 'dynamic pockets'. In this book I will be showing you how to use bus compression to bring instruments together, as well as push them apart. This will allow you to easily create the professional separation and harmony your mixes deserve.

Image and Video Compression Standards: Algorithms and Architectures presents an introduction to the algorithms and architectures that underpin the image and video compression standards, including JPEG (compression of still images), H.261 (video teleconferencing), MPEG-1 and MPEG-2 (video storage and broadcasting). In addition, the book covers the MPEG and Dolby AC-3 audio encoding standards, as well as emerging techniques for image and video compression, such as those based on wavelets and vector quantization. The book emphasizes the foundations of these standards, i.e. techniques such as predictive coding, transform-based coding, motion compensation, and entropy coding, as well as how they are applied in the standards. How each standard is implemented is not dealt with, but the book does provide all the material necessary to understand the workings of each of the compression standards, including information that can be used to evaluate the efficiency of various software and hardware implementations conforming to the standards. Particular emphasis is placed on those algorithms and architectures that have been found to be useful in practical software or hardware implementations. Audience: A valuable reference for the graduate student, researcher or engineer. May also be used as a text for a course on the subject.

This synthesis lecture presents the current state-of-the-art in applying low-latency, lossless hardware compression algorithms to cache, memory, and the memory/cache link. There are many non-trivial challenges that must be addressed to make data compression work well in this context. First, since compressed data must be decompressed before it can be accessed, decompression latency ends up on the critical memory access path. This imposes a significant constraint on the choice of compression algorithms. Second, while conventional memory systems store fixed-size entities like data types, cache blocks, and memory pages, these entities will suddenly vary in size in a memory system that employs compression. Dealing with variable size entities in a memory system using compression has a significant impact on the way caches are organized and how to manage the resources in main memory. We systematically discuss solutions in the open literature to these problems. Chapter 2 provides the foundations of data compression by first introducing the fundamental concept of value locality. We then introduce a taxonomy of compression algorithms and show how previously proposed algorithms fit within that logical framework. Chapter 3 discusses the different ways that cache memory systems can employ compression, focusing on the trade-offs between latency, capacity, and complexity of alternative ways to compact compressed cache blocks. Chapter 4 discusses issues in applying data compression to main memory and Chapter 5 covers techniques for compressing data on the cache-to-memory links. This book should help a skilled memory system designer understand the fundamental challenges in applying compression to the memory hierarchy and introduce him/her to the state-of-the-art techniques in addressing them.

Satellite Data Compression covers recent progress in compression techniques for multispectral, hyperspectral and ultra spectral

data. A survey of recent advances in the fields of satellite communications, remote sensing and geographical information systems is included. Satellite Data Compression, contributed by leaders in this field, is the first book available on satellite data compression. It covers onboard compression methodology and hardware developments in several space agencies. Case studies are presented on recent advances in satellite data compression techniques via various prediction-based, lookup-table-based, transform-based, clustering-based, and projection-based approaches. This book provides valuable information on state-of-the-art satellite data compression technologies for professionals and students who are interested in this topic. Satellite Data Compression is designed for a professional audience comprised of computer scientists working in satellite communications, sensor system design, remote sensing, data receiving, airborne imaging and geographical information systems (GIS). Advanced-level students and academic researchers will also benefit from this book.

The 21 chapters in this handbook are written by the leading experts in the world on the theory, techniques, applications, and standards surrounding lossless compression. As with most applied technologies, the standards section is of particular importance to practicing design engineers. In order to create devices and communication systems that can communicate and be compatible with other systems and devices, standards must be followed. *Clearly explains the process of compression and transmission of multimedia signals *Invaluable resource for engineers dealing with image processing, signal processing, multimedia systems, wireless technology and more

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In Mastering Multi-Band Compression I'm going to be giving you the step by step formula for using multiband compression. By using this formula you'll get rid of the confusion and discover the benefits of multiband compression. This isn't another wishy-washy difficult to grasp book on mixing theory. I'm not in the camp of people who will tell you "It all depends." Well actually it does depend-- it depends on the situation. And there are only 2 situations a multiband compressor deals with: Transient Control and Volume Leveling on a per-frequency band basis. By identifying whether you need Transient Control or Volume Leveling you can then literally copy/paste any of my 17 techniques and get the sound you're after. If you know anything about my mixing philosophy then you know that I'm always aiming for 70% of my instruments to blend together and 30% of my instruments to contrast against that blended backdrop. This allows me to achieve more vibrant levels of contrast and with that 70/30 split a mix becomes increasingly more spacious and clear. This is how we create depth. We like depth. Depth is in fact the exacted result of the formulaic processes I teach. In the end mixing is art and I want the act of doing art to feel simple for you. I already went through my phase of hating presets and it only slowed down my progress. Once I realized that presets are just tutorials, my skills improved geometrically. I'm telling you this because at every level of mixing my primary goal is to simplify the process with set and forget presets. Every skilled producer/engineer I've met does this to some degree. Whether we realize it or not habitual mix decisions are in fact presets. As my students have already discovered in "The 3-Space Reverb Framework" and "The Bus Compression Masterclass," some of the most difficult parts of mixing are actually very formulaic. This means they can be replicated and

repeated for consistent results across many mediums. Now in this book I'm giving you everything you need to know about multiband compression before even using it. I've then gone step by step through each of the 17 ways we use multiband compression. This means I explain exactly how to do something as well as why it works. These 17 step by step techniques will blow you away with their simplicity and effectiveness. You'll experience the types of actual results you've been needing to make those mental connections and reach the final tier of mixing. So buy your copy of Mastering Multi-Band Compression and you'll never be overwhelmed by Multiband Compression again.

If you want to attract and retain users in the booming mobile services market, you need a quick-loading app that won’t churn through their data plans. The key is to compress multimedia and other data into smaller files, but finding the right method is tricky. This witty book helps you understand how data compression algorithms work—in theory and practice—so you can choose the best solution among all the available compression tools. With tables, diagrams, games, and as little math as possible, authors Colt McAnlis and Aleks Haecky neatly explain the fundamentals. Learn how compressed files are better, cheaper, and faster to distribute and consume, and how they’ll give you a competitive edge. Learn why compression has become crucial as data production continues to skyrocket Know your data, circumstances, and algorithm options when choosing compression tools Explore variable-length codes, statistical compression, arithmetic numerical coding, dictionary encodings, and context modeling Examine tradeoffs between file size and quality when choosing image compressors Learn ways to compress client- and server-generated data objects Meet the inventors and visionaries who created data compression algorithms

"This book was created to clear up any confusion regarding EQ and Compression as well as to streamline your mixing process so you get better results faster and more intuitively." -- Back cover.

Video is the Internet these days and as the growing trend toward viewing video on mobile devices increases too, the attention is turning toward creating a good user experience for downloading and viewing that video. One of the keys to this is delivering video in the correct format with the proper compression for that delivery. Real World Video Compression is one of the first books on this topic to demystify the various approaches to compression. It begins by describing the basic concepts of video compression, explains why you might choose a particular compression tool over another, and covers important workflow practices. After the groundwork is laid, readers will learn how to compress their video according to the specific requirements of their projects and will learn some best practices by following the author's own tips and recipes. Experts in the field lend their own solutions in several sidebars throughout the book, making this a valuable learning tool for anyone learning to encode video, whether they are bloggers, DVD authors, video editors, or students. Contents at a Glance Chapter One: Understanding Video and Audio. Chapter Two: The Language of Compression Chapter Three: Best Practices Chapter Four: Preprocessing Interview with a Compressionist: John Howell Chapter Five: Compression Tools Interview with a Compressionist: Nico Puertollano Chapter Six: Compressing for DVDs Interview with a Compressionist: Ben Waggoner Chapter Seven: Compressing for the Web Interview with a Compressionist: Jim Rohner Chapter Eight: Compressing for Mobile Interview with a Compressionist: Ryanne Hodson Chapter Nine: Compressing for

Set-Top Boxes Interview with a Compressionist: Andy Beach "In the highly accessible REAL WORLD VIDEO COMPRESSION, Andy Beach illuminates the dark-art of encoding and provides candid insight from working professionals. Andy's fluid style and easy prose decode this often misunderstood and often misinformed world...he is the Carl Sagan of compression." Brian Gary Filmmaker, Compressionist Author of the COMPRESSOR 3 QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Although it's true that image compression research is a mature field, continued improvements in computing power and image representation tools keep the field spry. Faster processors enable previously intractable compression algorithms and schemes, and certainly the demand for highly portable high-quality images will not abate. Document and Image Compression highlights the current state of the field along with the most probable and promising future research directions for image coding. Organized into three broad sections, the book examines the currently available techniques, future directions, and techniques for specific classes of images. It begins with an introduction to multiresolution image representation, advanced coding and modeling techniques, and the basics of perceptual image coding. This leads to discussions of the JPEG 2000 and JPEG-LS standards, lossless coding, and fractal image compression. New directions are highlighted that involve image coding and representation paradigms beyond the wavelet-based framework, the use of redundant dictionaries, the distributed source coding paradigm, and novel data-hiding techniques. The book concludes with techniques developed for classes of images where the general-purpose algorithms fail, such as for binary images and shapes, compound documents, remote sensing images, medical images, and VLSI layout image data. Contributed by international experts, Document and Image Compression gathers the latest and most important developments in image coding into a single, convenient, and authoritative source.

(Technical Reference). More than simply the book of the award-winning DVD set, Art & Science of Sound Recording, the Book takes legendary engineer, producer, and artist Alan Parsons' approaches to sound recording to the next level. In book form, Parsons has the space to include more technical background information, more detailed diagrams, plus a complete set of course notes on each of the 24 topics, from "The Brief History of Recording" to the now-classic "Dealing with Disasters." Written with the DVD's coproducer, musician, and author Julian Colbeck, ASSR, the Book offers readers a classic "big picture" view of modern recording technology in conjunction with an almost encyclopedic list of specific techniques, processes, and equipment. For all its heft and authority authored by a man trained at London's famed Abbey Road studios in the 1970s ASSR, the Book is also written in plain English and is packed with priceless anecdotes from Alan Parsons' own career working with the Beatles, Pink Floyd, and countless others. Not just informative, but also highly entertaining and inspirational, ASSR, the Book is the perfect platform on which to build expertise in the art and science of sound recording.

(Technical Reference). Here, in a replica of a recently exhumed tome (miraculously preserved within the chassis of a Sound Tools rig at the bottom of the La Brea Tar Pits), we present Mixerman's philosophies on the art of mixing. Well known for his hilarious exploits in The Daily Adventures of Mixerman , the author now provides his tactical reasoning without the colored lens of absurdist big-label disasters. In Rev 2 , Mixerman distills a successful mixing career's worth of lessons and realizations into understandable

and sensible terms for both enthusiastic musician and professional technician alike. This enhanced multimedia edition brings mixers deeper into the concepts covered in the text. In nearly two hours of video clips, Mixerman provides invaluable insight into the various aspects of mixing: creating the rough mix, EQ, parallel compression, automation, and more. As Mixerman points out, "If you change how you think about mixing, you'll be well on your way to learning how to mix." This new edition features an updated "Gear" chapter.

Described by Jeff Prosise of PC Magazine as one of my favorite books on applied computer technology, this updated second edition brings you fully up-to-date on the latest developments in the data compression field. It thoroughly covers the various data compression techniques including compression of binary programs, data, sound, and graphics. Each technique is illustrated with a completely functional C program that demonstrates how data compression works and how it can be readily incorporated into your own compression programs. The accompanying disk contains the code files that demonstrate the various techniques of data compression found in the book.

Here is a fully readable introduction to the basic technologies, infrastructures, costs, and applications for digital audio and video compression. Delivering a concise account of compression's terms, techniques, and tricks in an easy-to-read style, it covers the basic principles underlying digital signal processing and compression; how human beings see and hear; how audio and video are reproduced; all of the existing and emerging compression standards; video and audio compression techniques; and compression and reproduction requirements of different applications, including videoconferencing.

Each edition of Introduction to Data Compression has widely been considered the best introduction and reference text on the art and science of data compression, and the fourth edition continues in this tradition. Data compression techniques and technology are ever-evolving with new applications in image, speech, text, audio, and video. The fourth edition includes all the cutting edge updates the reader will need during the work day and in class. Khalid Sayood provides an extensive introduction to the theory underlying today's compression techniques with detailed instruction for their applications using several examples to explain the concepts. Encompassing the entire field of data compression, Introduction to Data Compression includes lossless and lossy compression, Huffman coding, arithmetic coding, dictionary techniques, context based compression, scalar and vector quantization. Khalid Sayood provides a working knowledge of data compression, giving the reader the tools to develop a complete and concise compression package upon completion of his book. New content added to include a more detailed description of the JPEG 2000 standard New content includes speech coding for internet applications Explains established and emerging standards in depth including JPEG 2000, JPEG-LS, MPEG-2, H.264, JBIG 2, ADPCM, LPC, CELP, MELP, and iLBC Source code provided via companion web site that gives readers the opportunity to build their own algorithms, choose and implement techniques in their own applications

CD-ROM contains: Encoders and decorders for DCT, Wavelet, and Fractal algorithms -- Video samples.

Image and video signals require large transmission bandwidth and storage, leading to high costs. The data must be compressed

without a loss or with a small loss of quality. Thus, efficient image and video compression algorithms play a significant role in the storage and transmission of data.Image and Video Compression: Fundamentals, Techniques, and

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This book discusses efficient prediction techniques for the current state-of-the-art High Efficiency Video Coding (HEVC) standard, focusing on the compression of a wide range of video signals, such as 3D video, Light Fields and natural images. The authors begin with a review of the state-of-the-art predictive coding methods and compression technologies for both 2D and 3D multimedia contents, which provides a good starting point for new researchers in the field of image and video compression. New prediction techniques that go beyond the standardized compression technologies are then presented and discussed. In the context of 3D video, the authors describe a new predictive algorithm for the compression of depth maps, which combines intra-directional prediction, with flexible block partitioning and linear residue fitting. New approaches are described for the compression of Light Field and still images, which enforce sparsity constraints on linear models. The Locally Linear Embedding-based prediction method is investigated for compression of Light Field images based on the HEVC technology. A new linear prediction method using sparse constraints is also described, enabling improved coding performance of the HEVC standard, particularly for images with complex textures based on repeated structures. Finally, the authors present a new, generalized intra-prediction framework for the HEVC standard, which unifies the directional prediction methods used in the current video compression standards, with linear prediction methods using sparse constraints. Experimental results for the compression of natural images are provided, demonstrating the advantage of the unified prediction framework over the traditional directional prediction modes used in HEVC standard.

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This paper provides a review of the state-of-the-art of advanced composite materials compression test methods. The problem of evaluating the compression properties for advanced composite materials is addressed by surveying the different test methods that are in use. Compression test methods are categorized in four groups according to method of load application. Each group was evaluated according to test specimen configuration, loading fixture and/or testing apparatus, data acquisition, and data interpretation. The results of the evaluation of the state-of-the-art of advanced composite materials compression test methods are: 1) There is no current compression test method that is universally accepted throughout the composite testing community, and 2) The two contenders for best compression methods are: a) The uniaxially wedge action friction grips loaded coupon IITRI test method, and b) The honeycomb core sandwich beam in four-point bending. This paper provides recommendations of what actions need to be taken in order to adapt a compression test method to be universally acceptable to the composite testing community. (Author).

In recent years, a substantial number of imaging studies have addressed the neuronal processes underlying recovery after stroke. Although difficult to achieve, several longitudinal studies assessed both clinical recovery and imaging patterns over time and give important inside into the plasticity of the stroked brain. This tendency is supported by the fact that it has become possible to depict biological processes at the cellular and molecular level. Of primary interest is the development of methods using MRI and PET with which the different kinds of progress of therapy in acute ischemic stroke can be monitored and graphically displayed. The emerging studies of brain plasticity and its modulation by drugs and other therapies indicate potentially useful approaches to the rehabilitation of adults with brain damage, including damage resulting from cerebral ischaemia. State-of-the-art imaging technology is already being developed to image genes and their impact on cellular function in laboratory animals. Eventually, this may also be possible in humans. Main attention is given to imaging the post-stroke phase and its implication on treatment. This book gives important insight in the future of imaging in stroke and their interaction with clinical aspects. Stroke care has become a specialised field, requiring input from different sub-specialists forming a multidisciplinary team.

With essays by Cao Yiqiang, Rita Eder, James Elkins, Arlene K. Fleming, Derek Gillman, Jyotindra Jain, Cecelia F. Klein, Yves Le Fur, Dominic Marner, Anitra Nettleton, John Onians, Edmund P. Pillsbury, Michael Rinehart, David Summers, Wilfried van Damme, and Georges S. Zouain _____ How do we do justice to art when we treat it not as a discrete European or other regional tradition, but as a worldwide phenomenon with a long history? In this groundbreaking book, leading academics, curators, bibliographers, and representatives of international organizations from every continent explain the ways they deal with the conflict between the need to compress and the desire to express. Anyone who faces this challenge, whether in developing a course at university or

school, writing a textbook, installing a museum collection, mounting an exhibition, or otherwise presenting the world’s cultural heritage will want to read it.