

Evaluation of Scalable versus Single Layer Compression on Consumer HDR Displays

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- **Single Layer vs Scalable**
- Proposed Test
- Results
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Single Layer vs Scalable

- Scalable scheme: bit-rate overhead:
 - Resolution: 20% to 30%
 - SNR Scalability: 21% (http://iphome.hhi.de/wiegand/assets/pdfs/DIC_SVC_07.pdf)
- HDR and WCG introduce new type of scalability:
 - Dynamic range: ?
- We propose to assess the scalability overhead using the Call for Evidence (CfE) conditions and subjective evaluation suggestions.

Overview

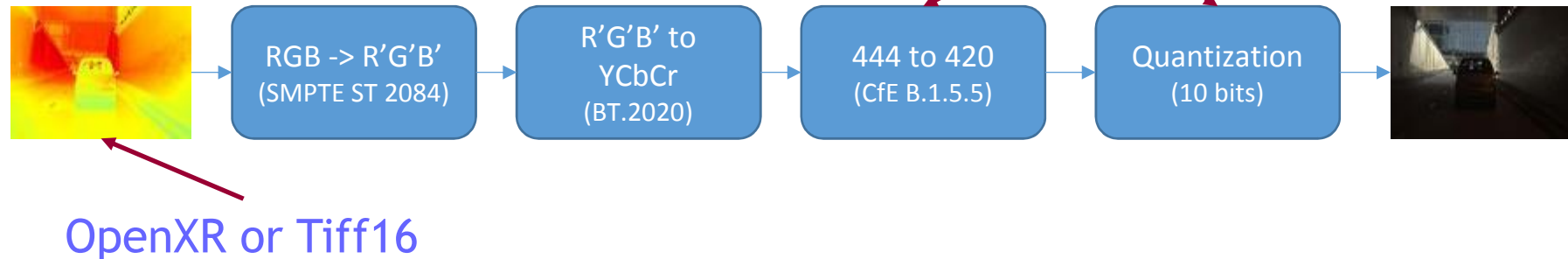
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Proposed Test

■ Source test sequences:

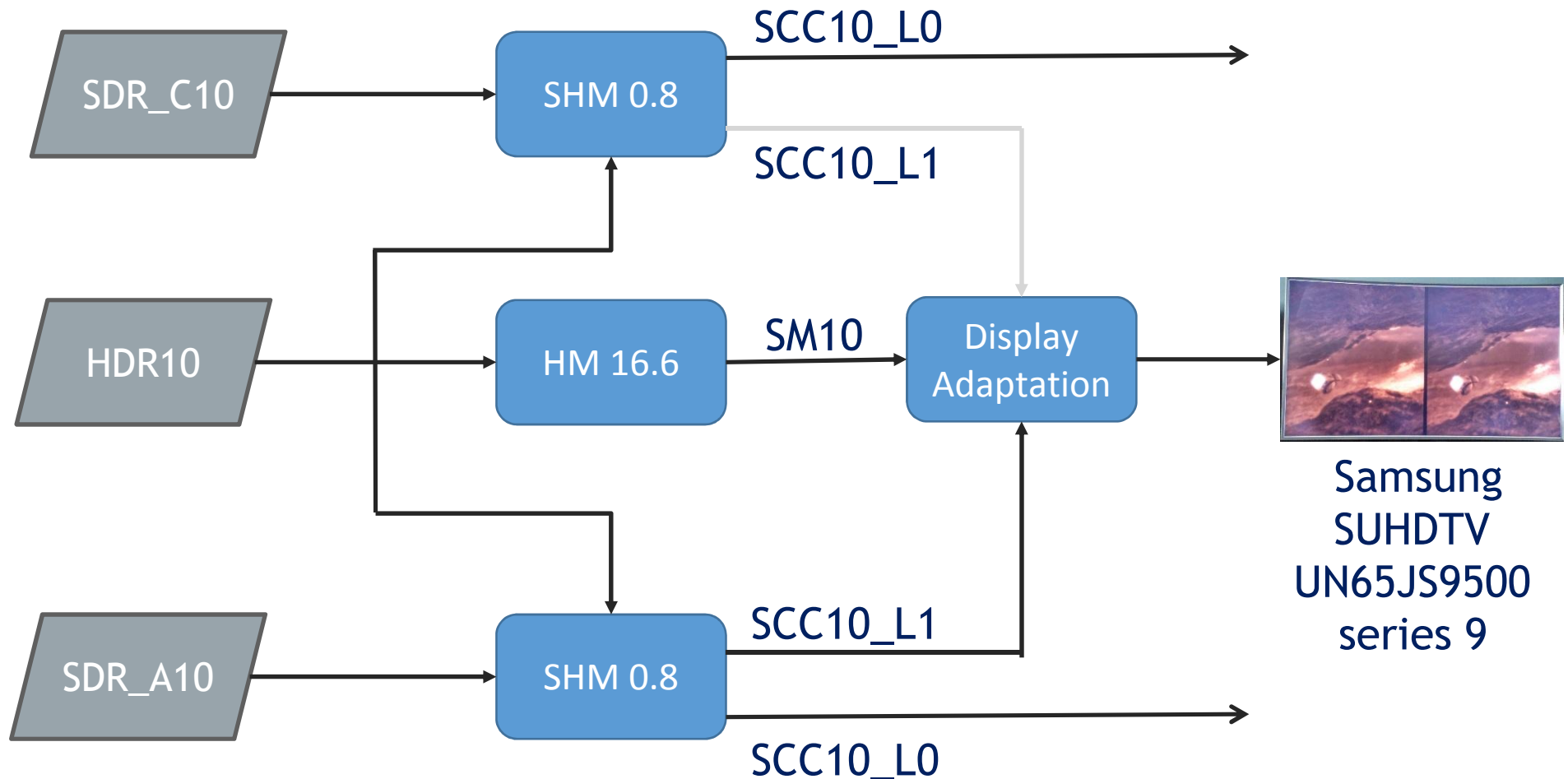
| Sequence | HDR10 | SDR_A10 (Class – Seq.) | SDR_C10 (Class – Seq.) |
|-----------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| FireEater2 | Generated | AA – SA00 | AA – SC00 |
| Tibul2 | Generated | AA – SA01 | AA – SC01 |
| AutoWelding | Generated | N/A | AA – SC03 |
| BikeSparklers | Generated | N/A | AA – SC04 |
| BalloonFestival | Generated | AA – SA08 | AA – SC08 |

■ HDR10 Generation



Proposed Test

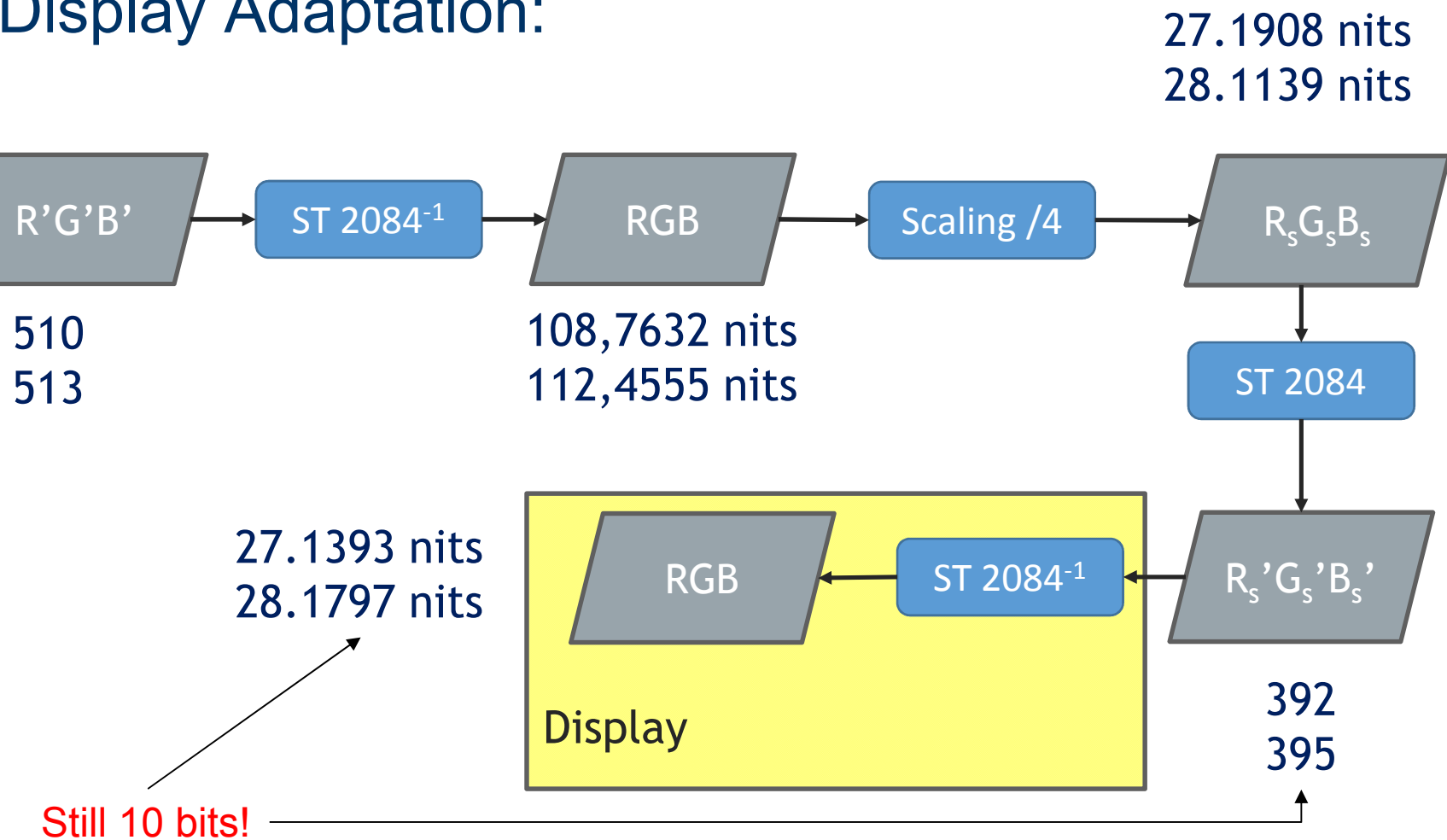
■ Test Architecture:





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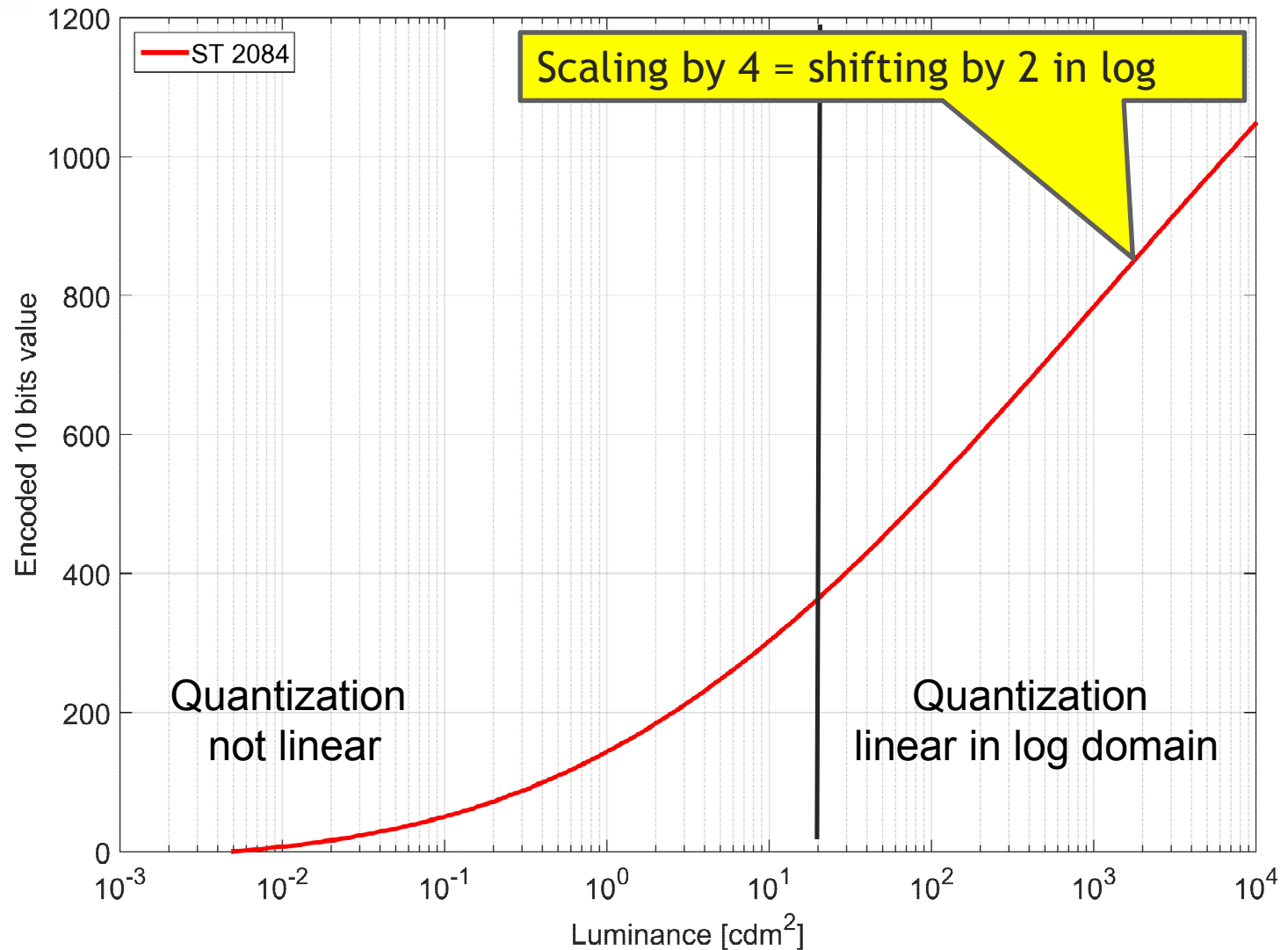
■ Display Adaptation:





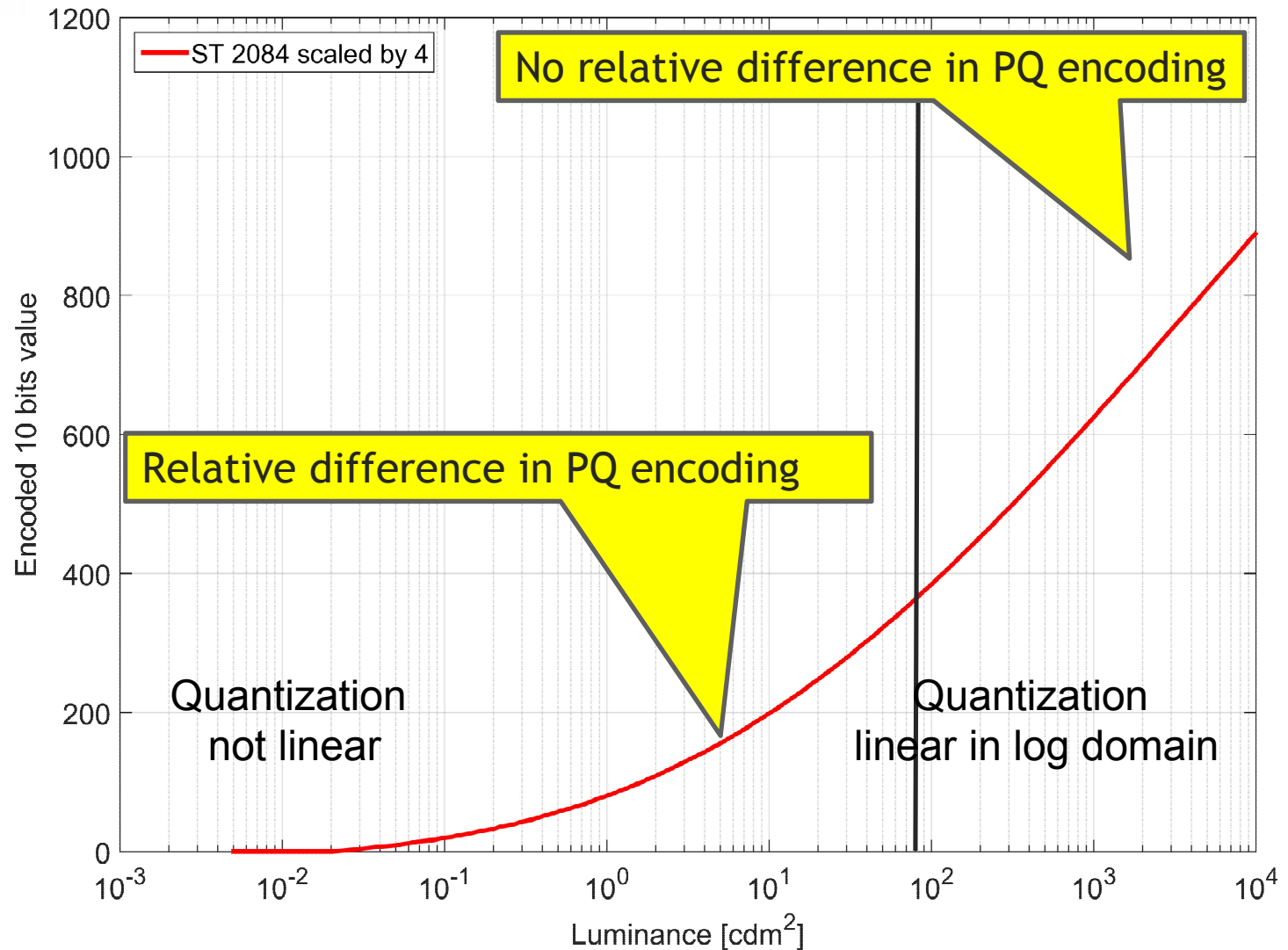
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■ Scaling-Pros:

- ☐ Minimal loss of information in bright areas => coherent with PQ CSF (log-shift),
- ☐ Preservation of spatio-temporal coherency of the video,
- ☐ Coherent relative contrast,
- ☐ No clipping in highlights,

■ Scaling-Cons

- ☐ Loss of colorfulness (Hunt's effect),
- ☐ Overall brightness shifted (absolute contrast),
- ☐ Quantization loss in dark areas (when luminance is lower than ~ 40 nits),

Proposed Test

■ Test characteristics:

- ☐ Two side-by-side cropped Full HD (original versus Tested)
- ☐ R'G'B' in BT.2020 container 10 bits
- ☐ Scratch player for 10 bits driving

■ Display characteristics:

- ☐ Peak luminance: 1,000 nits
- ☐ Color gamut: P3
- ☐ Diagonal: 65"
- ☐ Bit-depth: 10 bits

■ Experiment

- ☐ 20 subjects with 5 outliers

Proposed Test

■ Test procedure:

52 tests

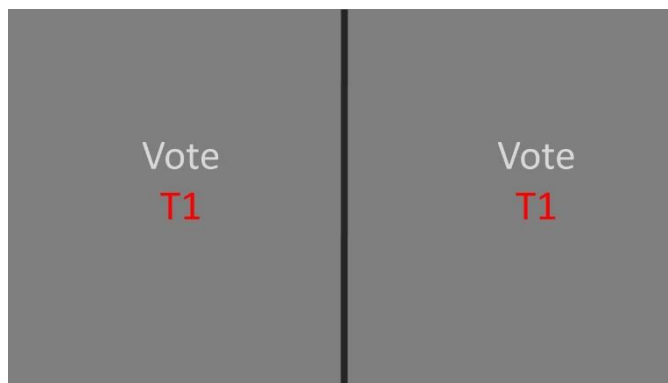
2 s.



Video



3 s.



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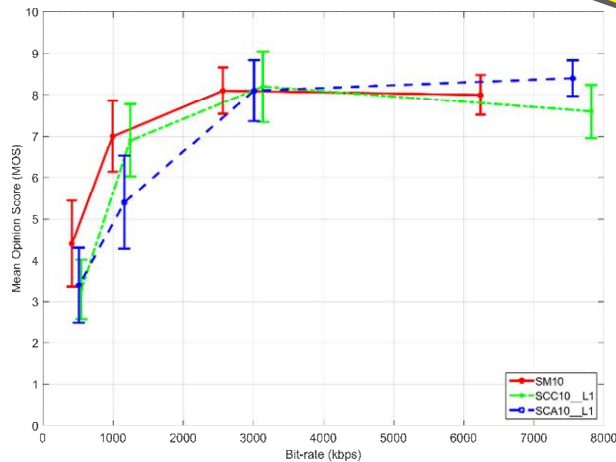
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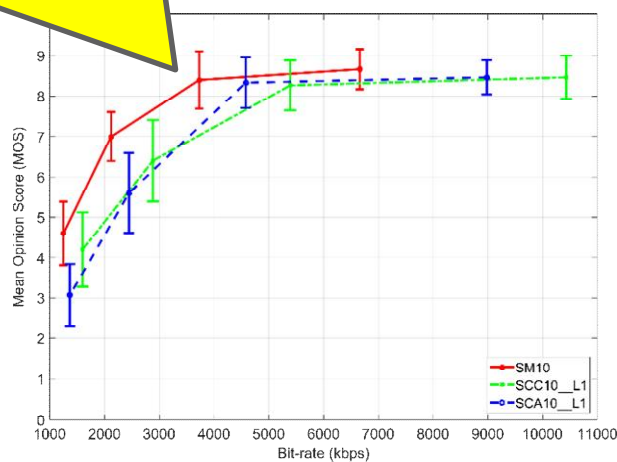
General trend:

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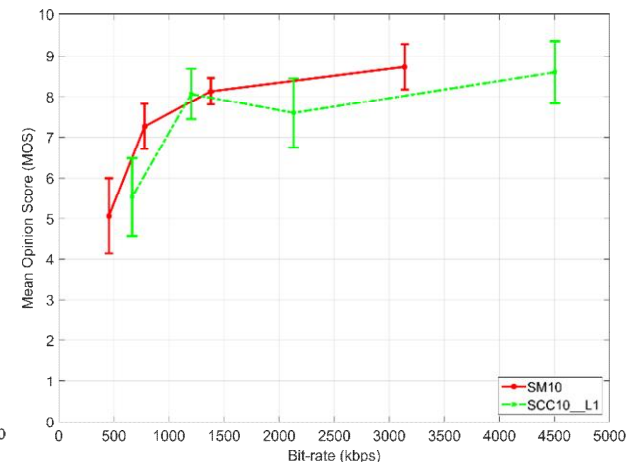
SM10 tends to outperform scalable techniques for 3 out of 5 sequences



Tibul2



BalloonFestival



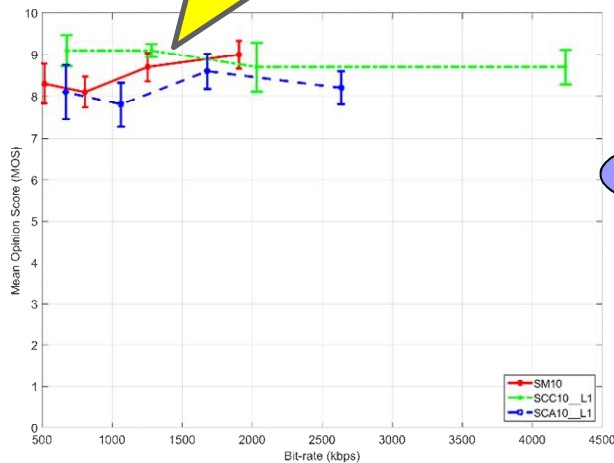
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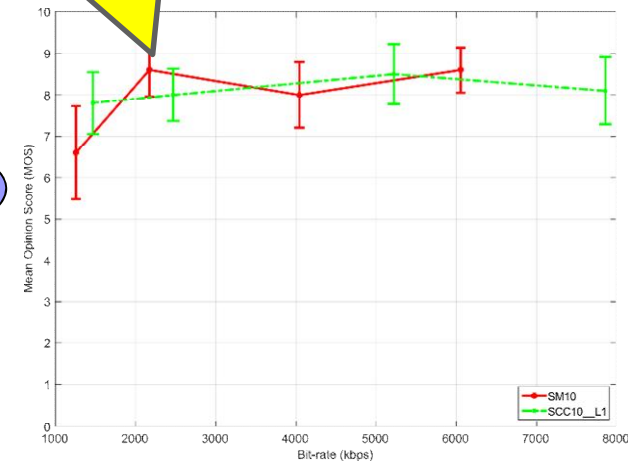
Quality similar for all bit-rates



FireEater2

Need of lower bit-rates (Higher QPs)

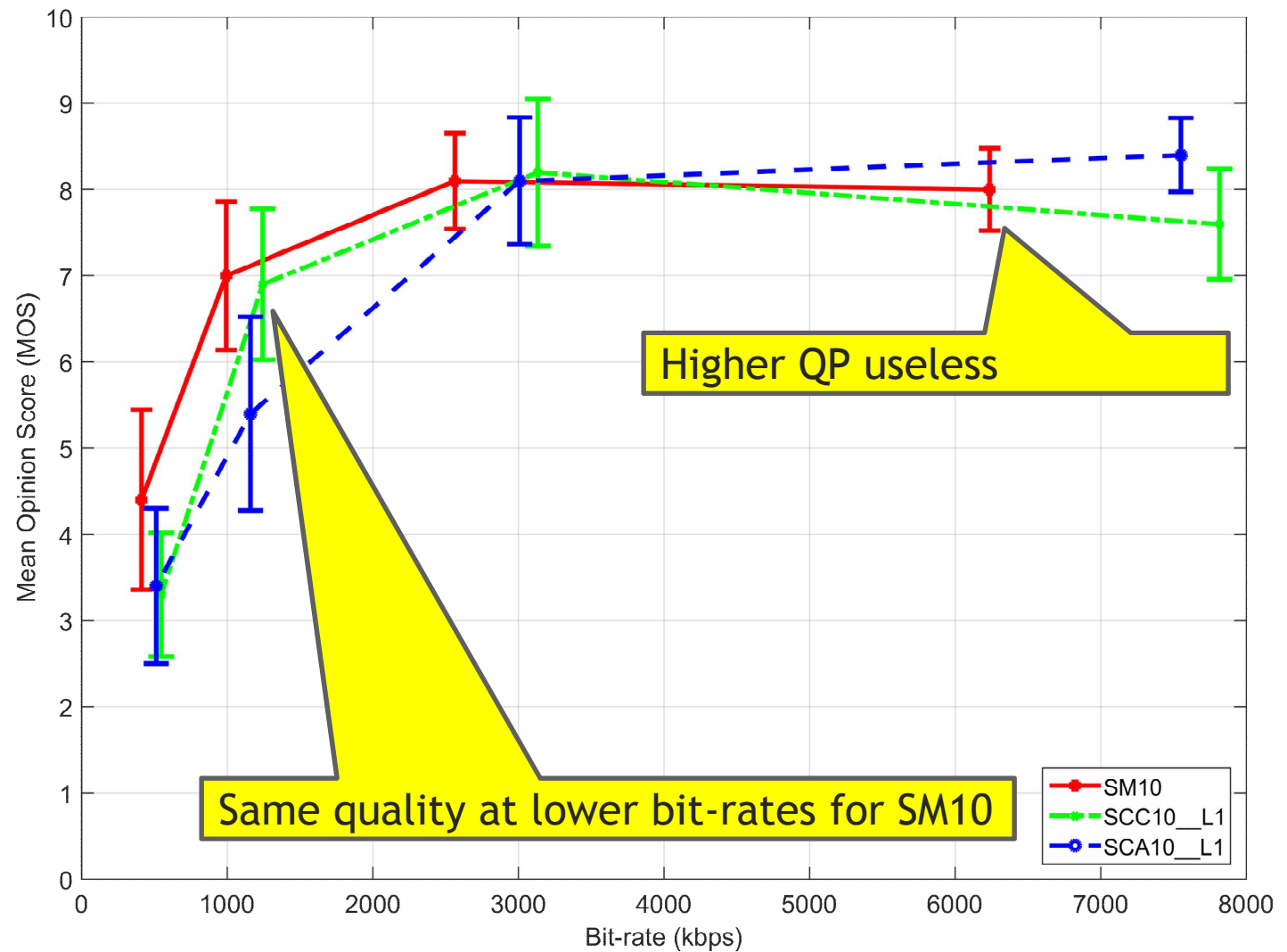
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BikeSparklers

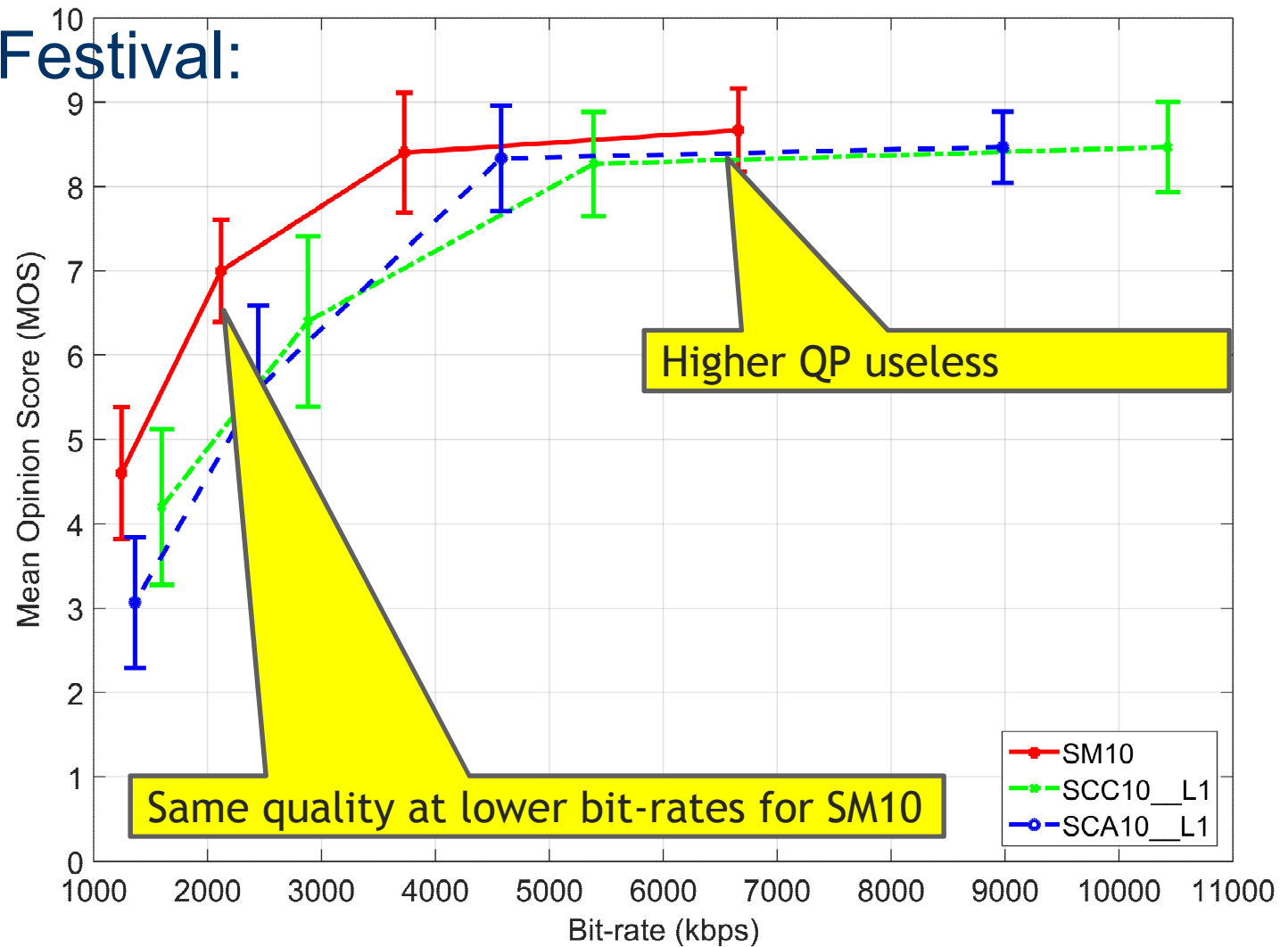
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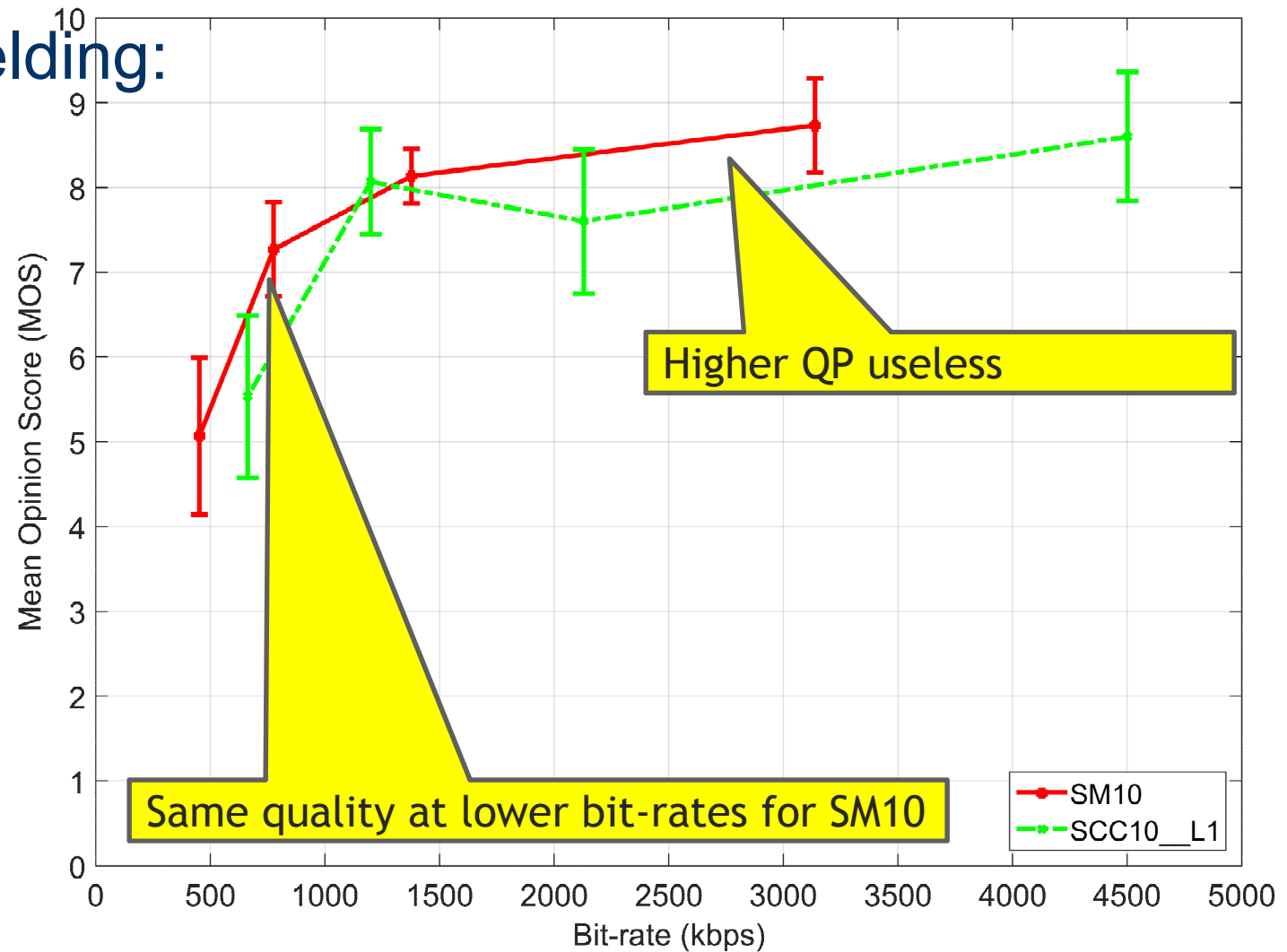
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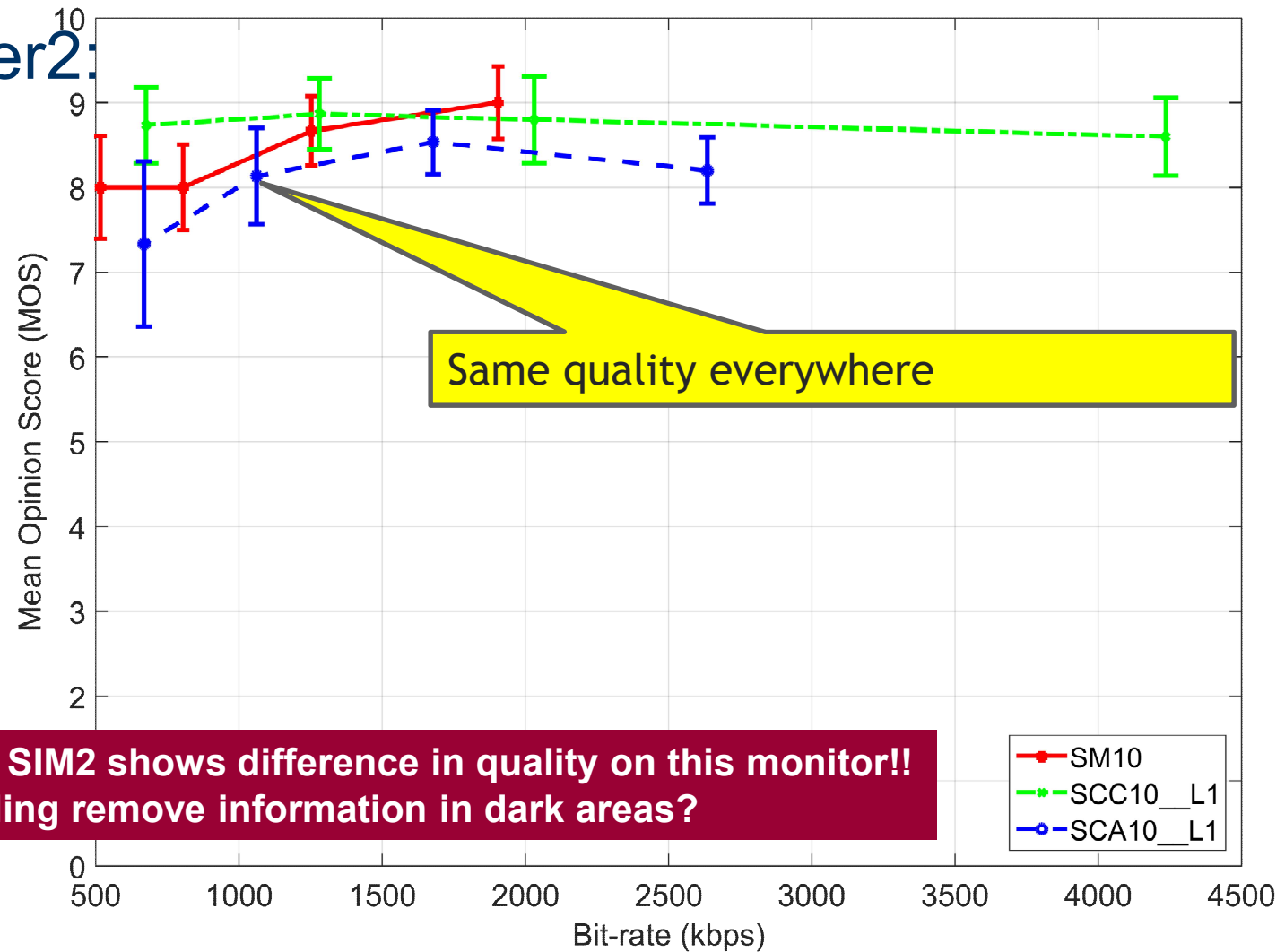
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Results

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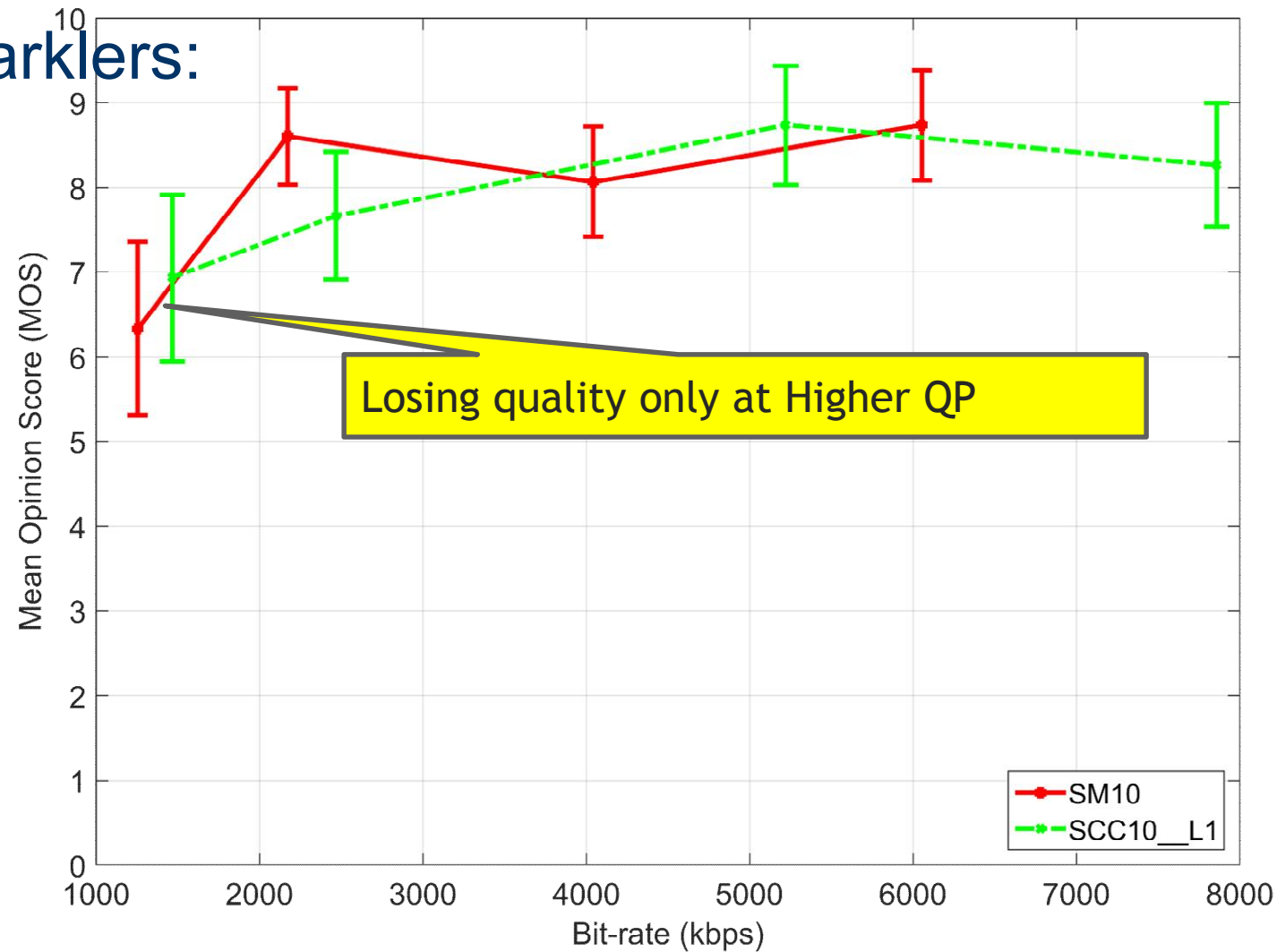


Experiments on SIM2 shows difference in quality on this monitor!!
Scaling remove information in dark areas?



Results

■ BikeSparklers:



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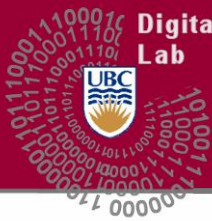
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- Single layer seems to outperform scalable
- Results are different depending to the display used

Recommendations

- Change QP setting to have same bit-rates between scalable and single layer
- Higher QP for most sequences should be considered
- Graded content for a display should always be tested on this display and optionally on others



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