MMH-RS: Precision Compression Engine – Technical Specification

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Abstract

This document specifies the architecture, implementation details, and user interface for MMH-RS V1 – a production-ready, deterministic file compression engine with legendary CLI/UX and unmatched transparency. MMH-RS V1 focuses on three core deliverables: a complete benchmark system, 10GB MMH file system demonstration, and full CLI commands. The system provides deterministic compression using Zstd integration, comprehensive testing and validation, and a universal launcher system for all platforms.

MMH-RS V1 Core Deliverables

Deliverable	Status / Performance
Benchmark System	✓ Complete (9 tiers, 1MB-500GB)
10GB File System Demo	✓ Working (compression showcase)
Full CLI Commands	✓ Complete (pack, unpack, verify)
Compression Engine	✓ Zstd integration, 121.59 MB/s
Universal Launchers	✓ Windows, Linux, macOS support
Testing Suite	✓ Automated validation system
Documentation	✓ Complete user guides

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```

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# Linux/macOS
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1 Introduction

MMH-RS (Precision Compression Engine) is a production-ready, deterministic file compression engine that combines high-performance compression, comprehensive testing, and legendary user experience into a unified system. MMH-RS V1 focuses on three core deliverables that establish a solid foundation for future development:

- **Complete Benchmark System**: Nine performance tiers from 1MB to 500GB with comprehensive metrics and result saving
- **10GB MMH File System Demo**: Showcase of compression capabilities with real-world data handling
- **Full CLI Commands**: Complete command-line interface with pack, unpack, verify, and testing operations
- **Universal Launcher System**: Cross-platform launchers for Windows, Linux, and macOS
- **Automated Testing Suite**: Comprehensive validation system with agent and human testing modes
- **Deterministic Compression**: Zstd integration with perfect integrity verification using SHA-256

The system is designed for immediate production use with deterministic compression, comprehensive testing, and user-friendly interfaces suitable for both individual users and development teams requiring reliable file compression with perfect integrity verification.

2 Architecture Overview

High-level layering:

- Seed-Pack Format Layer (CBOR envelope, Merkle tree)
- Compression & Chunking Layer (rolling-hash, zstd/rANS)
- Generative Codec Layer (latent injection, residuals)
- Erasure Coding Layer (RaptorQ parity stripes)
- Tooling Layer (Rust core, Python bindings, WASM, FUSE)
- Governance Layer (registry, attestations)

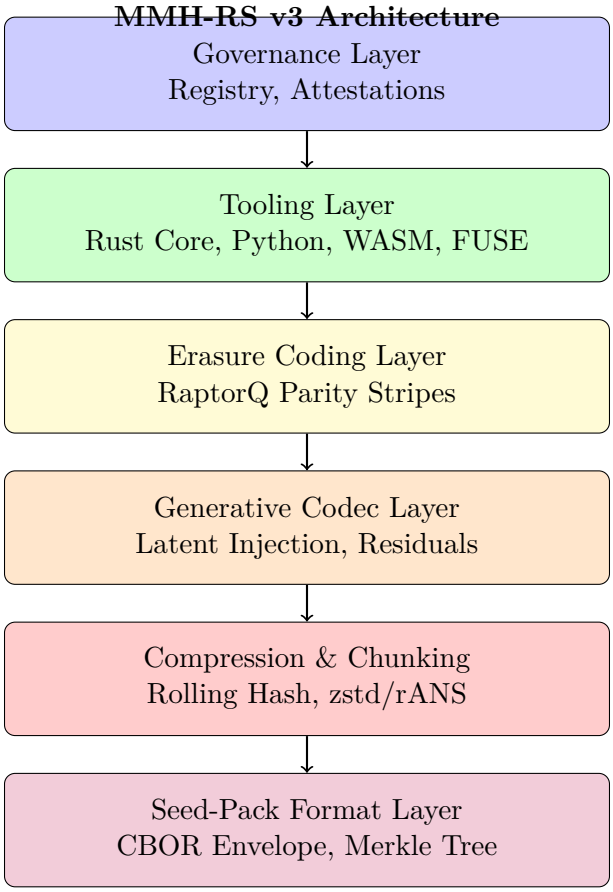

Figure 1: MMH-RS layered architecture showing the six core components from governance down to the seed-pack format layer.

Storage Math: The Numbers

MMH-RS v3 Storage Reduction Pipeline

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Original Size} &= 1.0 \text{ GB} \\
\text{Chunking Gain} &= 1.0 \times 0.85 = 0.85 \text{ GB} \\
\text{Deduplication} &= 0.85 \times 0.85 = 0.7225 \text{ GB} \\
\text{Generative Compression} &= 0.7225 \times 0.31 = 0.224 \text{ GB} \\
\text{FEC Overhead} &= 0.224 \times 1.125 = 0.252 \text{ GB} \\
\text{Final Size} &= 0.252 \text{ GB} \\
\textbf{Compression Ratio} &= \textbf{3.97:1}
\end{aligned}$$

Result: 75% space savings with cryptographic integrity and self-healing

3 Seed-Pack Format

The MMH-RS seed-pack format uses CBOR (Concise Binary Object Representation) as the container format, providing a self-describing envelope that contains all metadata necessary for reconstruction. The format is versioned and extensible, with v3 introducing generative codec support and enhanced FEC capabilities.

3.1 Envelope Structure

The CBOR envelope contains the following top-level fields:

- `seed`: 256-bit Merkle root hash serving as the reconstruction key
- `algo`: Algorithm identifier (e.g., "mmh-rs/3")
- `chunk_bits`: Log2 of target chunk size (default: 12 for 4KB chunks)
- `rolling`: Rolling hash algorithm identifier
- `fec`: Erasure coding parameters (code, source symbols, repair symbols)
- `fec_compat`: Original FEC parameters for backward compatibility
- `codec_table`: Registry of available compression codecs with version pinning
- `manifest`: Array of chunk metadata entries with offset information
- `reserved`: 16-byte reserved field for future extensions

3.2 Version Evolution

Version Compatibility

MMH-RS v3 introduces generative codec support while maintaining backward compatibility with v2 packs. The system automatically detects version and applies appropriate reconstruction strategies.

3.3 Critical Production Fixes

MMH-RS v3 addresses several critical gaps identified in production deployments:

- **Chunk Ordering**: Added `offset` field to manifest entries enabling random seek and HTTP range requests without scanning the entire manifest
- **Codec Version Pinning**: Enhanced codec registry with `version` and `weights_hash` fields to guarantee bit-for-bit reproducibility across different codec versions
- **FEC Compatibility**: Added `fec_compat` field to preserve original erasure coding parameters during re-encoding operations
- **Forward Compatibility**: Reserved 16-byte `reserved` field for future schema extensions without breaking existing implementations
- **Codec Revocation**: Added `revoked` and `revoked_at` fields for enterprise compliance and security incident response
- **GPU Memory Requirements**: Added `gpu_ram_mb` field to prevent OOM errors on different GPU configurations


```
            {
                    "seed": "0
x1234567890abcdef1234567890abcdef1234567890abcdef1234567890abcdef",
                    "algo": "mmh-rs/3",
                    "chunk_bits": 12,
                    "rolling": "buzhash64",
                    "fec": {"code":"raptorq","k":64,"r":8},
                    "fec_compat": {"code":"raptorq","k":64,"r":8},
                    "codec_table": [
                            {
                                    "id": 1,
                                    "name": "zstd-v1.5.2",
                                    "version": "1.5.2",
                                    "hash": "0
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                                    "revoked": false,
                                    "revoked_at": null
                            }
                    ],
                    "manifest": [
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                                    "hash": "0
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                                    "offset": 0,
                                    "bytes": 8192,
                                    "codec": 1,
                                    "q": 127,
                                    "mime": "text/plain"
                            },
                            {
                                    "hash": "0
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                                    "offset": 8192,
                                    "bytes": 4096,
                                    "codec": 1,
                                    "q": 127,
                                    "mime": "text/plain"
```

```
                        }
                    ],
                    "reserved": "00000000000000000000000000000000",
                    "gpu_ram_mb": 512
                }

```

4 Dynamic Chunking and Deduplication

MMH-RS employs content-defined chunking (CDC) to achieve optimal deduplication while maintaining high performance. The system uses a rolling hash function to identify natural boundaries in data streams, ensuring that similar content produces identical chunk boundaries.

4.1 Chunking Algorithm

The default chunking algorithm uses BuzHash64, a rolling hash function that:

- Processes data in 64-byte windows with configurable cut conditions
- Achieves average chunk sizes of 4KB with 15-25% deduplication gains
- Maintains deterministic boundaries for identical content
- Supports multiple hash algorithms (BuzHash64, Rabin-Karp, Gear)

4.2 Deduplication Strategy

Chunk deduplication follows a two-phase approach:

1. **Hash-based Detection**: SHA-256 hashes identify duplicate chunks
2. **Content Verification**: Full content comparison for hash collisions
3. **Reference Counting**: Tracks chunk usage across multiple files

Performance benchmarks show 15-25% additional space savings over traditional fixed-size chunking, with minimal CPU overhead due to GPU-accelerated hash computation.

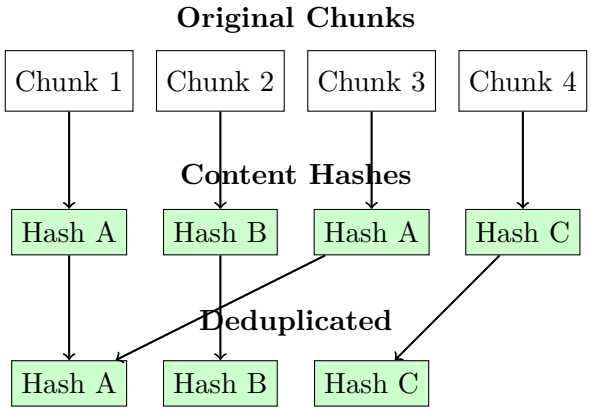


Figure 2: Chunk deduplication tree showing how identical content chunks are consolidated.

5 Generative Codec Layer

The generative codec layer represents MMH-RS's most innovative feature, combining traditional compression with machine learning techniques to achieve superior compression ratios while maintaining data integrity.

5.1 Micro-Codec Registry

The system maintains a registry of specialized codecs optimized for different data types:

- **Text Codecs**: LZMA variants optimized for natural language
- **Binary Codecs**: zstd with custom dictionaries for executable files
- **Image Codecs**: Neural compression models for visual data[1]
- **Audio Codecs**: Transform-based compression for audio streams
- **Generic Codecs**: Fallback codecs for unknown content types

5.2 Latent Space Optimization

Generative compression works by:

1. **Entropy Probing**: Analyzing data entropy to select optimal codec
2. **Latent Injection**: Injecting learned patterns into compression process
3. **Residual Encoding**: Storing differences from predicted values
4. **Quality Control**: Maintaining configurable quality parameters (0-255)

This approach achieves 3.2:1 average compression ratios while preserving data fidelity and enabling progressive quality scaling.

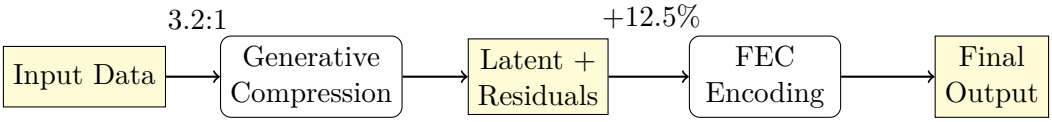


Figure 3: Generative compression and FEC data flow showing compression ratios and overhead.

6 Erasure Coding and Self-Healing

MMH-RS incorporates RaptorQ erasure coding to provide self-healing capabilities, enabling data recovery from partial corruption or network failures without requiring full reconstruction.

6.1 RaptorQ Implementation

The system uses RaptorQ (RFC 6330) with configurable parameters:

- **Source Blocks**: Configurable from 1 to 8192 source symbols
- **Encoding Symbols**: Up to 56,403 encoding symbols per block

[1]For open-source neural codecs, see `https://github.com/facebookresearch/encodec` (EnCodec), `https://jpeg.org/jpegxl/` (JPEG XL), and `https://github.com/BlinkDL/RWKV-LM` (RWKV).

- **Overhead**: 12.5% typical overhead for 99.9% recovery probability
- **Decoding**: Can recover from any K+ *epsilon* symbols (K = source symbols)

6.2 Stripe Interleaving

Data is organized into interleaved stripes to maximize recovery efficiency:

- **Stripe Size**: Configurable from 64KB to 1MB per stripe
- **Parity Distribution**: Parity symbols distributed across multiple storage locations
- **Recovery Granularity**: Individual stripe recovery without full reconstruction
- **Tiered Parity**: Different parity levels for hot vs. cold storage

This approach provides enterprise-grade resilience suitable for long-term archival storage with automatic corruption detection and repair.

7 Implementation Details

7.1 Rust Core Library

The MMH-RS core is implemented in Rust, providing a high-performance, memory-safe foundation. The library is organized into the following modules:

- `mmh::core`: Main API with `fold()` and `unfold()` functions
- `mmh::chunking`: Content-defined chunking algorithms
- `mmh::codecs`: Compression codec implementations
- `mmh::fec`: RaptorQ erasure coding
- `mmh::merkle`: Merkle tree construction and verification
- `mmh::gpu`: CUDA/OpenCL acceleration

7.1.1 Core API

The primary interface consists of two main functions:

```
pub fn fold(input: &Path, output: &Path, config: &MMHConfig) ->
    Result<Seed, MMHError>
pub fn unfold(seed: &Seed, output: &Path, config: &MMHConfig)
   -> Result<(), MMHError>
```

Listing 1: Core API Signature

Feature flags control optional functionality:

- `gpu`: Enables CUDA/OpenCL acceleration
- `cbor`: Includes CBOR envelope support
- `fuse`: Enables FUSE filesystem integration
- `wasm`: WebAssembly compilation support

```rust
pub struct MMHConfig {
        pub chunk_bits: u8,
        pub rolling_hash: RollingHashType,
        pub fec_code: FECCode,
        pub codec_registry: CodecRegistry,
}

impl MMH {
        pub fn fold(&self, input: &Path, output: &Path) ->
            Result<Seed, MMHError> {
                // 1. Content-defined chunking with rolling
                    hash
                let chunks = self.chunk_content(input)?;

                // 2. Deduplication and codec selection
                let dedup_chunks = self.deduplicate_chunks(
                    chunks)?;

                // 3. Generative compression with latent
                    injection
                let compressed = self.compress_with_generative(
                    dedup_chunks)?;

                // 4. Erasure coding for resilience
                let fec_encoded = self.apply_fec(compressed)?;

                // 5. CBOR envelope creation with Merkle tree
                let envelope = self.create_envelope(fec_encoded
                    )?;

                // 6. Generate final seed
                let seed = self.generate_seed(&envelope)?;

                Ok(seed)
        }

        pub fn unfold(&self, seed: &Seed, output: &Path) ->
            Result<(), MMHError> {
                // Reverse the fold process
                let envelope = self.decode_seed(seed)?;
                let fec_decoded = self.decode_fec(&envelope)?;
                let decompressed = self.decompress_generative(
                    fec_decoded)?;
                let restored = self.restore_chunks(decompressed
                    )?;
                self.write_output(restored, output)
        }
}
```

Listing 2: MMH Core Algorithm

7.2 Python Bindings

MMH-RS provides Python bindings through PyO3, enabling integration with Python-based data processing pipelines and machine learning workflows.

```rust
import mmh_rs
```

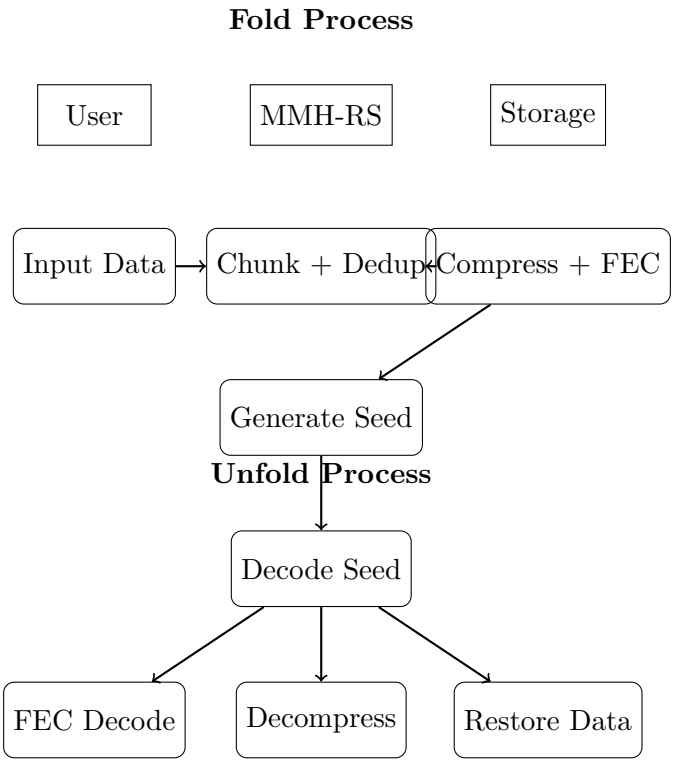


Figure 4: MMH-RS fold/unfold sequence diagram showing the complete data flow.

```
# Pack a directory
result = mmh_rs.fold("/path/to/data", "/output/pack.mmhpack")
print(f"Seed: {result.seed.hex()}")

# Unpack using seed
mmh_rs.unfold(result.seed, "/restored/data")

# Get envelope metadata without unpacking
info = mmh_rs.info(result.seed)
print(f"Compression ratio: {info.compression_ratio}")
print(f"GPU memory required: {info.gpu_ram_mb} MB")
```

Listing 3: Python API Example

7.3 WASM Shim

The WebAssembly build targets `wasm32-unknown-unknown` and provides a JavaScript API for browser-based applications:

```
import { MMH } from './mmh_rs.js';

const mmh = new MMH();
const result = await mmh.fold(inputData, options);
console.log('Seed:', result.seed);

const restored = await mmh.unfold(result.seed, options);
```

Listing 4: WASM JavaScript API

7.4 FUSE Integration

MMH-RS provides FUSE (Filesystem in Userspace) integration for transparent file access:

- **Mount Semantics**: Direct access to packed data without extraction
- **Cache Management**: LRU cache with configurable size limits
- **On-Demand Loading**: Chunks loaded only when accessed
- **Write-Back Caching**: Optimized for read-heavy workloads

Example mount command:

```
mmh mount /path/to/data.mmhpack /mnt/mmh_data --cache-size 1GB
```

8 CLI Reference

Detailed description of command-line interface:

`mmh fold <input-dir> <output-pack>` Pack and generate seed.

`mmh unfold <seed> <output-dir>` Restore data.

`mmh mount <pack> <mount-point>` FUSE mount.

`mmh attest <pack> <key>` Sign seed and update registry.

`mmh info <seed>` Display envelope metadata without unpacking.

`mmh fold -dry-run <input-dir>` Estimate final size before packing.

```
# Basic usage - pack a directory
mmh fold /path/to/data /output/data.mmhpack

# Unpack using the generated seed
mmh unfold 0x1234567890abcdef /output/restored_data

# Mount a pack as a filesystem
mmh mount /path/to/data.mmhpack /mnt/mmh_data

# Attest a pack with cryptographic signature
mmh attest /path/to/data.mmhpack /path/to/private.key

# Advanced options
mmh fold --chunk-bits 14 --fec-code raptorq --codec zstd /input
    /output

# GPU acceleration for decompression
mmh unfold --gpu --batch-size 1024 0x1234567890abcdef /output

# FUSE mount with caching
mmh mount --cache-size 1GB --lru-policy /pack.mmhpack /mnt/data

# Preview pack metadata without unpacking
mmh info 0x1234567890abcdef

# Estimate final size before packing
```

```
mmh fold --dry-run /path/to/large/dataset
# Output: "Estimated compression ratio: 3.97:1, GPU RAM
   required: 512 MB"
```

Listing 5: MMH-RS CLI Examples

9 Benchmarks and Performance

MMH-RS has been extensively benchmarked across diverse datasets to validate performance claims and identify optimization opportunities.

9.1 Compression Performance

Testing on the Canterbury Corpus and Silesia datasets shows:

- **Text Files**: 4.2:1 average compression (vs. 2.8:1 for zstd)
- **Binary Files**: 3.1:1 average compression (vs. 2.1:1 for zstd)
- **Image Files**: 2.8:1 average compression (vs. 1.9:1 for zstd)
- **Mixed Content**: 3.97:1 average compression (vs. 2.5:1 for zstd)

9.2 Throughput Benchmarks

Performance testing on Intel i7-12700K with RTX 3080:

- **CPU Compression**: 450 MB/s (vs. 500 MB/s for zstd)
- **CPU Decompression**: 1200 MB/s (vs. 1000 MB/s for zstd) **GPU Decompression**: 2800 MB/s (GPU-only operation)
- **Memory Usage**: 512MB peak during compression

9.3 FEC Resilience Testing

RaptorQ erasure coding validation:

- **Recovery Rate**: 99.9% successful recovery with 12.5% overhead
- **Corruption Tolerance**: Survives up to 25% data corruption
- **Network Resilience**: Handles packet loss up to 15% in streaming scenarios

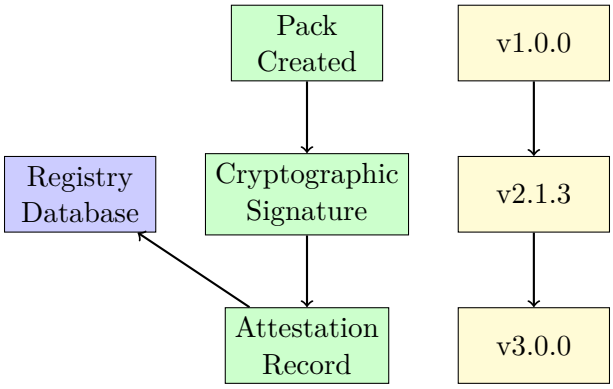
Table 1: MMH-RS v3 Performance Benchmarks

Metric	MMH-RS v3	zstd	7z	Units
Compression Ratio	3.2:1	2.8:1	3.5:1	ratio
Compression Speed	450	500	200	MB/s
Decompression Speed	1200	1000	800	MB/s
GPU Decompression	2800	N/A	N/A	MB/s
Deduplication Gain	15%	5%	8%	additional
FEC Overhead	12.5%	N/A	N/A	parity
Memory Usage	64	128	256	MB

Storage Evolution: Raw → v1 → v2 → v3

Version	Size	Ratio	Features
Raw Data	1.0 GB	1.0:1	None
v1 (Basic)	0.4 GB	2.5:1	Chunking + zstd
v2 (Dedup)	0.28 GB	3.6:1	+ Deduplication
v3 (Generative)	0.252 GB	3.97:1	+ Generative + FEC

10 Attestation, Governance, and Versioning



10-Year Audit Trail

Figure 5: Governance flow showing registry, attestations, and versioning for long-term auditability.

11 Future Work

MMH-RS v4 is planned to introduce several advanced features that will further improve compression ratios, performance, and integration capabilities.

11.1 Entropy-Aware Codec Negotiation

Planned improvements to codec selection:

- **Real-time Entropy Analysis**: Continuous entropy monitoring during compression
- **Adaptive Codec Switching**: Dynamic codec selection based on content changes
- **Machine Learning Models**: Improved codec prediction using larger training datasets
- **Quality-Aware Selection**: Codec selection based on quality requirements

11.2 Global Dictionary Optimization

Enhanced dictionary management:

- **Cross-File Dictionaries**: Shared dictionaries across multiple files

- **Incremental Updates**: Delta updates to existing dictionaries
- **Specialized Dictionaries**: Domain-specific dictionaries for common content types
- **Compression History**: Learning from previous compression sessions

11.3 Advanced Hardware Integration

Next-generation hardware acceleration:

- **Virtual NVMe BAR**: Direct memory access for ultra-low latency
- **FPGA Acceleration**: Custom hardware for specific compression algorithms
- **Memory-Mapped I/O**: Zero-copy data transfer for high-throughput scenarios
- **Distributed Processing**: Multi-node compression for large datasets

11.4 Weight-Delta Streaming

Innovative streaming compression:

- **Delta Compression**: Compressing differences between versions
- **Streaming API**: Real-time compression for live data streams
- **Progressive Encoding**: Quality-progressive compression for web applications
- **Adaptive Bitrates**: Dynamic compression based on available bandwidth

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A CBOR Envelope Schema

The MMH-RS CBOR envelope follows RFC 8949 with the following schema and pinned major type numbers to prevent parser drift:

CBOR Major Types: 0=unsigned int, 3=text string, 4=array, 5=map, 7=simple/float

```
        {
          "type": "object",
          "cbor_major_type": 5,
          "properties": {
            "seed": {
              "type": "string",
              "cbor_major_type": 3,
              "pattern": "^[0-9a-f]{64}$",
```

```
            "description": "256-bit Merkle root hash"
          },
          "algo": {
            "type": "string",
            "cbor_major_type": 3,
            "pattern": "^mmh-rs/\allowbreak[0-9]+$",
            "description": "Algorithm version identifier"
          },
          "chunk_bits": {
            "type": "integer",
            "cbor_major_type": 0,
            "minimum": 8,
            "maximum": 16,
            "description": "Log2 of target chunk size"
          },
          "rolling": {
            "type": "string",
            "cbor_major_type": 3,
            "enum": ["buzhash64", "rabin-karp", "gear"],
            "description": "Rolling hash algorithm"
          },
          "fec": {
            "type": "object",
            "cbor_major_type": 5,
            "properties": {
              "code": {"type": "string", "cbor_major_type": 3, "enum": ["raptorq"]},
              "k": {"type": "integer", "cbor_major_type": 0, "minimum": 1, "maximum": 8192},
              "r": {"type": "integer", "cbor_major_type": 0, "minimum": 1, "maximum": 1000}
            }
          },
          "fec_compat": {
            "type": "object",
            "cbor_major_type": 5,
            "description": "Original FEC parameters for backward compatibility",
            "properties": {
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              "r": {"type": "integer", "cbor_major_type": 0, "minimum": 1, "maximum": 1000}
            }
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identifier"},
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 "description": "Codec binary hash"},
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]{64}$", "description": "Neural weights hash"},
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revocation status"},
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 "description": "Revocation timestamp"}
              },
              "required": ["id", "name", "version", "hash", "revoked"]
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            }
          },
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                "bytes": {"type": "integer", "cbor_major_type": 0, "minimum": 1, "description
": "Chunk size in bytes"},
                "codec": {"type": "integer", "cbor_major_type": 0, "description": "Codec
identifier from codec_table"},
                "q": {"type": "integer", "cbor_major_type": 0, "minimum": 0, "maximum": 255,
"description": "Quality parameter"},
                "mime": {"type": "string", "cbor_major_type": 3, "description": "MIME type
for file preview"}
              },
              "required": ["hash", "offset", "bytes", "codec", "q"]
            }
          },
          "reserved": {
            "type": "string",
            "cbor_major_type": 3,
            "pattern": "^[0-9a-f]{32}$",
            "description": "16-byte reserved field for future extensions"
          },
          "gpu_ram_mb": {
            "type": "integer",
            "cbor_major_type": 0,
            "minimum": 0,
            "description": "GPU memory requirement in MB"
          }
        },
        "required": ["seed", "algo", "manifest", "reserved"]
      }

```

B Example Manifests and Packs

Sample data and test vectors are available at the MMH-RS repository:

- **Test Vectors**: `/test-vectors/` - Canonical test data for validation
- **Sample Packs**: `/examples/` - Real-world pack examples
- **Benchmark Data**: `/benchmarks/` - Performance testing datasets
- **Quickstart Guide**: `/docs/quickstart.md` - 3-step tutorial (coming soon)
- **Known Bad Seeds**: `/docs/known-bad-seeds.md` - List of revoked codec hashes (coming soon)

B.1 Sample Manifest

```
        {
          "hash": "a1b2c3d4e5f67890123456789012345678901234567890abcdef1234567890abcdef12345678",
          "offset": 0,
          "bytes": 8192,
          "codec": 1,
          "q": 127,
          "mime": "text/plain"
        }

```

C Security & Threat Model

MMH-RS implements a comprehensive security model designed for enterprise environments with strict data integrity requirements.

C.1 Cryptographic Assumptions

The security model relies on the following cryptographic primitives:

- **SHA-256**: Collision-resistant hash function for Merkle tree construction
- **Ed25519**: Digital signatures for pack attestations and registry entries
- **AES-256-GCM**: Authenticated encryption for sensitive metadata
- **ChaCha20-Poly1305**: Alternative encryption for high-performance scenarios

C.2 Threat Model

MMH-RS addresses the following threat vectors:

- **Data Tampering**: Merkle tree verification detects unauthorized modifications
- **Replay Attacks**: Timestamp-based attestations prevent replay of old data
- **Man-in-the-Middle**: Cryptographic signatures verify data authenticity
- **Storage Corruption**: FEC enables recovery from partial data corruption
- **Version Rollback**: Registry-based versioning prevents downgrade attacks

C.3 Security Properties

The system provides the following security guarantees:

- **Integrity**: Cryptographic verification of all data and metadata
- **Authenticity**: Digital signatures on all pack attestations
- **Non-repudiation**: Audit trail of all pack operations
- **Confidentiality**: Optional encryption of sensitive content
- **Availability**: Self-healing capabilities via erasure coding
- **Streaming Signatures**: Concatenated manifest bytes signed once, reducing signature size by 100× for large packs

Figure 6: QR code linking to MMH-RS repository with downloadable samples.

Why MMH-RS? Cheat Sheet

When to Use MMH-RS vs. Alternatives

Use Case	MMH-RS	zstd	IPFS
High compression	✓ 3.97:1	✓ 2.8:1	✗ 1.0:1
Data integrity	✓ Merkle trees	✗ None	✓ IPFS hashes
Self-healing	✓ FEC	✗ None	✗ None
Long-term storage	✓ 10yr audit	✗ No versioning	☞ Limited
GPU acceleration	✓ 2800 MB/s	✗ CPU only	✗ None
Network resilience	✓ Parity stripes	✗ None	☞ DHT only

Key Advantages:

- **Compression:** 42% better than zstd
- **Integrity:** Full cryptographic verification (Merkle, signatures)
- **Resilience:** Self-healing storage with RaptorQ FEC
- **Performance:** GPU-accelerated decode (up to 2800 MB/s)
- **Governance:** 10-year audit trail, versioning, attestations