TECHNOLOGIES SecVid MPEG-4 coding implementation



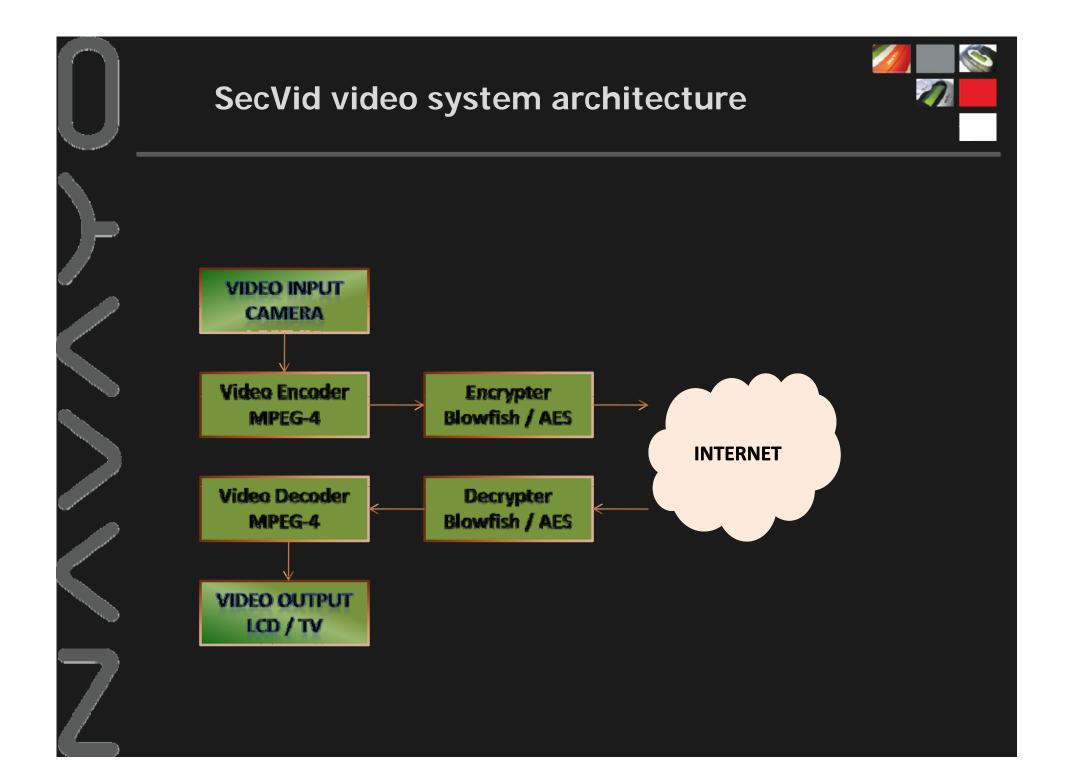
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Secure Video Phone System



Features of the SecVid secure video phone system:

- Records video input
- Encodes the video input using MPEG-4 coding
- Encrypts the coded MPEG stream (EAS / Blowfish)
- Sends the encrypted data to the receiver
- Receives the encrypted data from the other party
- Decrypts the data received
- Decodes the decrypted video stream
- Displays the decoded video



Alchemy Au1200



MIPS32 CPU core

- Camera Interface Module (CIM)
 - Can connect CMOS or CCD sensors
 - Bayern RGB or CCIR 656

• Integrated LCD controller

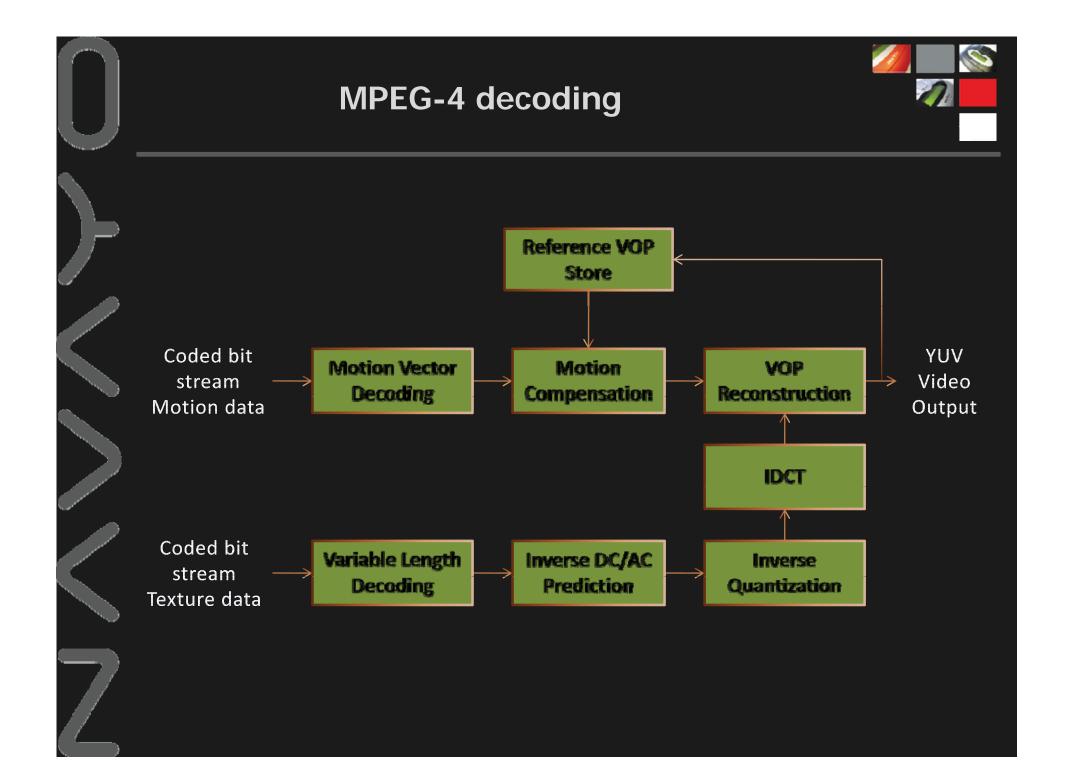
- Drives industry standard grayscale or color panels
- Spatio-temporal dithering for STN panels
- 4 overlay window with double buffering, alpha blending and optional 256 entry color palette
- AES
- Media Accelerator Engine (MAE)

MPEG-4 decoding



MPEG-4 decoding created YUV frames from the video stream:

- The video stream is parsed and decoded into motion and texture sub-streams
- Using the motion vectors of the macroblocks the corresponding regions of the reference page are copied into the actual frame
- Texture sub-stream holds the data that describes the whole macroblock completely (I frames), or compensates the pixel differences of the moved macroblock (P and B frames)



Au1200 MAE decoding features

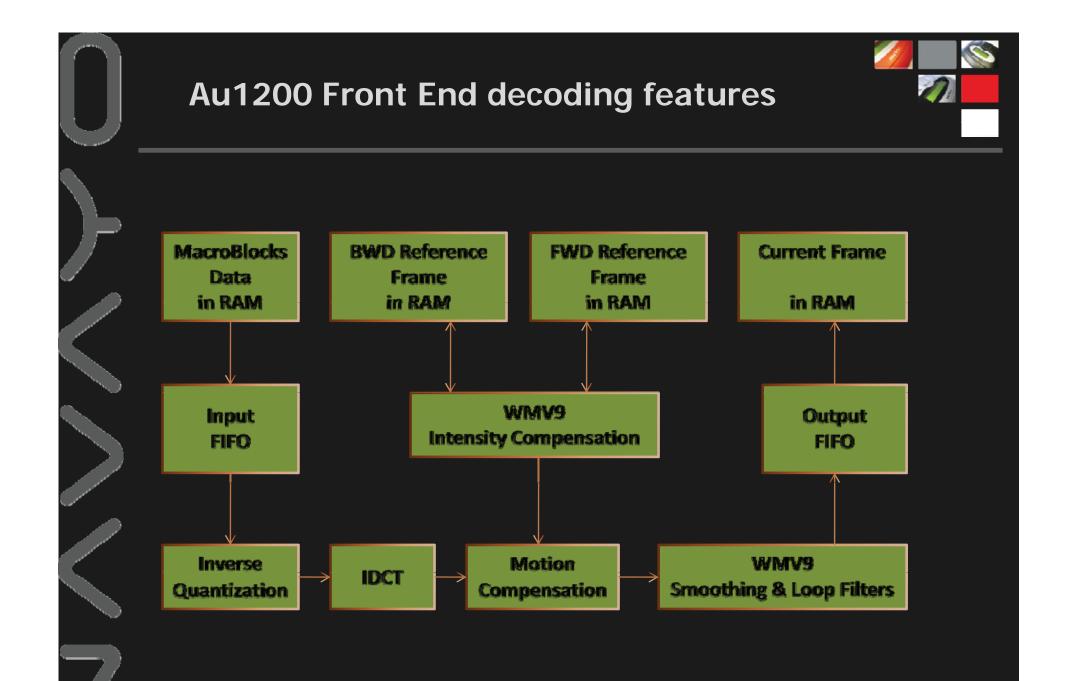


Au1200 Front End Features

- Supports up to 720 x 480 / 30 fps MPEG4 decoding
- Flexible inverse discrete cosine transformation (iDCT)
- Motion compensation for P and B frames
- Supports 1, 2, and 4 motion vectors
- Supports interlaced decoding (field prediction)
- Full, half and quarter pel motion compensation
- WMV9 overlap smoothing and in-loop deblocking

Au1200 Back End features

- Color space converter (YUV <-> RGB)
- Frame buffer filtering / scaling

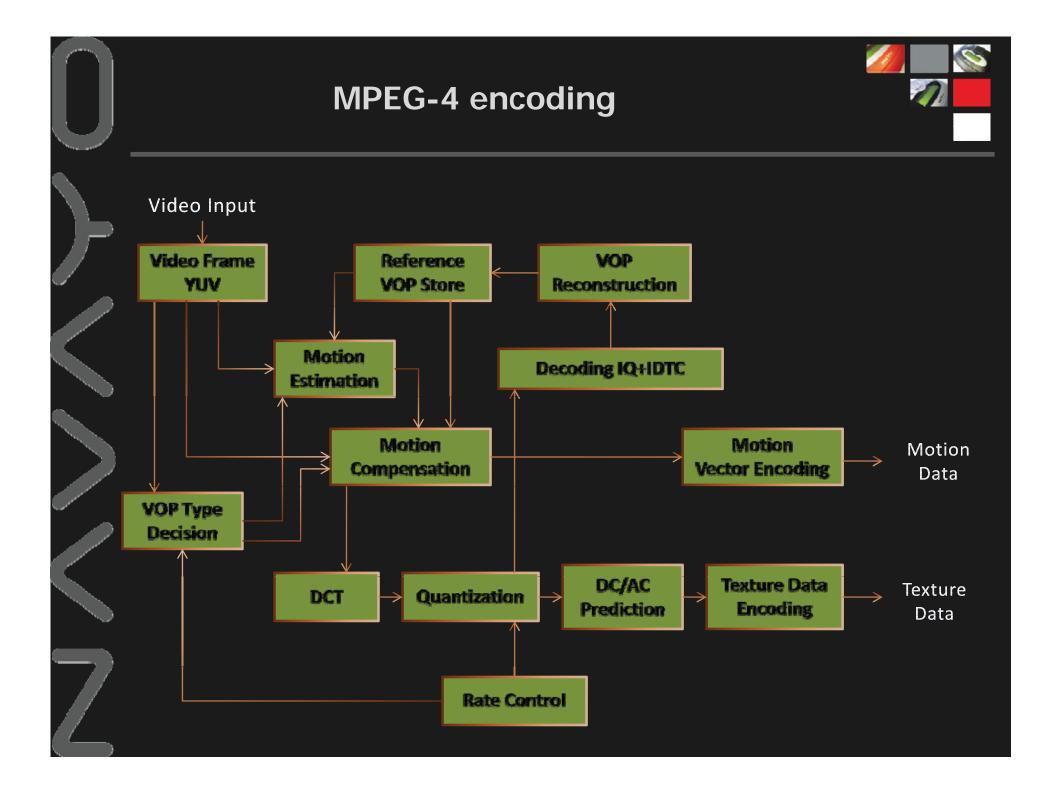


MPEG-4 encoding



MPEG-4 encoding creates the video stream form the video input stored in YUV format:

- The first step is to decide the frame type (I or P)
- For P frames the motion vectors should be computed
- Motion Compensation step calculates the differences between the current and reference plane
- DCT step transforms these values into frequency domain, quantization removes the coefficients with lower importance
- The quantized values are scanned in a special order and coded with VLE and Huffman encoding
- Compressing rate can be controlled by configuring quantization or frame type decision



MPEG-4 Encoding implementation

Motion estimation

- Diamond searching [1]
- Fast three-step searching [2]
- Adaptive rood pattern searching [3]
- SAD (Sum of Absolute Differences) value calculation
- Half pixel Motion vector estimation [4]

• DCT and Quantization

- Prediction of not coded block from SAD values
- Last position of non-zero coefficient
- Multiplications instead of division

MPEG-4 Encoding implementation

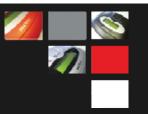
• Bitstream creation

- Using stored last positon of non-zero coefficient

• Architecture level optimizations

- Using MAE Front-end iDCT and inverse Quantization
- Reducing function all overhead
- Bit-stream packing

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