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PATENT NO. : 7,777,753 B2
APPLICATION NO. : 12/424389
DATED : August 17, 2010
INVENTOR(S) : Jefferson Eugene Owen et al.

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title Page, Item 56 For. Pat. Doc.:
"EP 0827110 9/1998" should read -- EP 0827110 3/1998 --.

Column 16, Line 53
"for a request received from the encoder when the request" should read -- for a request received from the decoder when the request --.

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"shared memory for a request received from the video encoder" should read -- shared memory for a request received from a video decoder --.

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Inventors	:	Jefferson Eugene Owen et al.

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Date	:	August 26, 2010

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A certificate of correction is respectfully requested in the above-identified patent. The following errors have been made:

Item (56) References Cited, Foreign Patent Documents, the reference, "EP 0827110 9/1998" is incorrect. As set forth in the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the United States Patent & Trademark Office on August 28, 2009, the correct reference should read, -- EP 0827110 3/1998 --.

In the claims, column 16, issued claim 9, line 53, "for a request received from the encoder when the request" is incorrect. The correct line should read, -- for a request received from the decoder when the request --.

In the claims, column 18, issued claim 15, line 16, "shared memory for a request received from the video encoder" is incorrect. The correct line should read, -- shared memory for a request received from the video decoder --.

The errors are of a clerical nature, are of minor character, would not constitute new matter or require reexamination, and were made in good faith.

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)
(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 0 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 0 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (http://pair.uspto.gov).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571)-272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at 1-(888)-786-0101 or (571)-272-4200.

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	12/424,389	OWEN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *1/15/2010*.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *1-17*.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
   a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
      1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
      2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .
      3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

   * Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
   (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
   (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

   Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ .
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Hau H Nguyen/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2628

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-17 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art taken singly or in combination does not teach or suggest, an electronics system, *among other things*, comprising:

an arbiter circuit coupled to the processor and to the video circuit, the arbiter circuit configured to receive requests for access to the main memory from the video circuit and the processor and to control access to the main memory by:

providing access to the main memory for a request for access to the main memory when the arbiter circuit is in an idle state;

queuing a request for access to the main memory when the arbiter circuit is in a busy state; and

queuing a request for access to the main memory in an order based on a priority of the request and a priority of each of one or more other requests for access to the main memory that are currently queued when the arbiter circuit is in a queue state (claim 1);

an arbiter included in the memory interface circuit of the decoder and coupled to the memory interface circuit of the central processing unit, the arbiter configured to control access to the memory by determining a priority for requests to access the memory, each of the requests received from one of the decoder and the central processing unit, and providing access to the memory based on the determined priorities of the requests (claim 7);

for each of multiple requests for access to the shared memory received from the video decoder and one or more other devices, providing access to the shared memory for the request when the shared memory is not being accessed and no other requests to access the shared memory are currently pending;

queuing the request when the shared memory is being accessed; and

queuing the request in an order based on a priority of the request and a priority of each of one or more other requests that are currently pending when the shared memory is being accessed and the one or more other requests are currently pending (claim 13).

The closest prior art, Normile et al. (U.S Patent No. 5,461,679) in view of Gulick et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,797,028) fails to teach the above features.

Conclusion

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hau H. Nguyen whose telephone number is: 571-272-7787. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-FRI from 8:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kee Tung can be reached on (571) 272-7794.

The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-2 17-9197 (toll-free).

/Hau H Nguyen/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2628

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**** CONTINUING DATA ***************************

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to a phone conference of today, March 24, 2010, please enter the following response.

REMARKS

Examiner Nguyen placed a phone call to the below signed attorney for applicant on March 24, 2010, requesting a different form for the power of attorney and that a new terminal disclaimer be submitted. During the phone conference Examiner Nguyen indicated that he would like to have a new power of attorney, the details of which were discussed.

Attached herewith is a new power of attorney based on the discussions with Examiner Nguyen. Also attached is a new terminal disclaimer. In October 16, 2009, office action the Examiner noted that a timely filed terminal disclaimer may be used to overcome the non-statutory double patenting rejection. The Examiner noted that the power of attorney was one of the older types which was in use some years ago and named more than ten practitioners in the power of attorney. Accordingly, applicants were referred to MPEP Sections 402 and 403 to correct the problem.

Applicants' attorney has reviewed Sections 402 and 403 and in particular the first part of Section 402 which refers to 37 CFR 1.32(c)(3) and Section 403.01. Sub-part (3) of 37 CFR 1.32(c) indicates that a separate paper should be included which states which of the practitioners named in the power of attorney to be recognized by the Office as being of record in the application to which the power is directed. Further, MPEP 403.01 authorized an attorney appointed by an associate power of attorney to file such a request for associate powers dated before June 25, 2004. Accordingly, such a paper is included herewith.

The new Power of Attorney, attached, makes clear that only three persons are to be recognized as being of record in the application. Among those which are recognized in the application is David V. Carlson, who is signing the terminal disclaimer attached. Accordingly, it is believed that this terminal disclaimer attached can be validly entered in the present application. A chain of documents showing that the undersigned, David V. Carlson, has the power of attorney to file these papers is also attached, which included the power of attorney from Lisa K. Jorgenson, also attached.

These documents are believed to fully comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.32(c)(3) and also are according to the instructions from the MPEP, sections cited above. If the Examiner believes that this approach is not correct, he is invited to call applicants' attorney at the number listed below to provide specific instructions as to the preferred course of action. Having reviewed MPEP Sections 402 and 403, it is believed that the present submission should be acceptable to

satisfy the Examiner's request, and for this reason issuance of the patent to allowance is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re Application of: Jefferson Eugene Owen

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Filed: April 15, 2009

For: ELECTRONIC SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SELECTIVELY ALLOWING ACCESS TO A SHARED MEMORY

The owner*, STMicroelectronics, Inc. of 100 percent interest in the instant application hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of **prior patent** Nos. 7,321,368 and 7,542,045 as the term of said prior patent is defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173, and as the term of said **prior patent** is presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer. The owner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the **prior patent** are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, the owner does not disclaim the terminal part of the term of any patent granted on the instant application that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 and 173 of the **prior patent**, "as the term of said **prior patent** is presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer," in the event that said **prior patent** later:

expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee;
is held unenforceable;
is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction;
is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 CFR 1.321;
has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate;
is reissued; or
is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

Check either box 1 or 2 below, if appropriate.

1. ☐ For submissions on behalf of a business/organization (e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.), the undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the business/organization.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

2. ☒ The undersigned is an attorney or agent of record. Registration No. 31,153

/David V. Carlson/ — Signature

March 24, 2010 — Date

David V. Carlson — Typed or printed name

(206) 622-4900 — Telephone Number

☐ Terminal disclaimer fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d) included.

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*Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is required if terminal disclaimer is signed by the assignee (owner). Form PTO/SB/96 may be used for making this statement. See MPEP § 324.

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NEW POWER OF ATTORNEY

UNDER 37 CFR 1.32(c)(3)

Commissioner for Patents:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.32(c)(3) and MPEP 403.01, applicants hereby state that the attorneys to be recognized by the Office as being of record in the application are the following individuals:

David V. Carlson – Reg. No. 31,153

Lisa K. Jorgenson – Reg. No. 34,845

E. Russell Tarleton – Reg. No. 31,800

The above statement is made based on the power of attorney provided to Lisa K. Jorgenson in August of 1996 and her subsequent appointment of an associate power of attorney on April 12, 1999 which includes all of the individuals listed above.

A copy of the power of attorney and appointment of the associate power is provided as set forth in MPEP 402. A copy of the associate power of attorney and the authority to file this request is set forth in MPEP 403.01, which has been followed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney

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This Declaration copy is inte[illegible] for the attached Continuation application being submitted on April 15, 2009, attorney docket no 850063.553C4.

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

Video and/or Audio Decompression and/or Compression Device that Shares a Memory

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint Lisa K. Jorgenson, Reg. No. 34,845 and Irena Lager, Reg. No. 39,260 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith.

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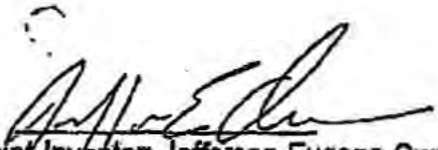
Inventor's Signature: 
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Date	:	April 12, 1999

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APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE POWER OF ATTORNEY

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TERMINAL DISCLAIMER	☐ APPROVED	☒ DISAPPROVED
Date Filed : 1/15/10	This patent is subject to a Terminal Disclaimer	

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APPL. S.N.:	12/424,389	**DATE:**	
EXAMINER:		**ART UNIT:**	
PARALEGAL:	/FELICIA ROBERTS/	**MAIL ROOM DATE:**	
NUMBER OF TD(s) FILED:	1		

INSTRUCTIONS: The paralegal has reviewed the submitted TD with the results as set forth below.
If you agree, please use the appropriate form paragraphs identified by this informal memo in your next Office action to notify applicant about the TD. If you disagree, please contact a QAS.

THIS CHECKLIST IS AN INFORMAL, INTERNAL CHECKLIST ONLY. IT MUST NOT BE MAILED TO APPLICANT. IT WILL BE SOFT SCANNED AND NOT VIEWABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

☐ The TD is PROPER and has been accepted and recorded. (See FP 14.23.)

☒ The TD is NOT PROPER and has not been accepted for the reason(s) checked below. (See FP 14.24.)

☐ The disclaimer fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d) in the amount of $ has not been submitted, nor is there any pre authorization in the application to charge to a deposit account. (See FP 14.24 and 14.26.07.)

☐ The LIE has not processed fee for TD (the Paralegal should ask LIE to process the fee).

☐ The TD does not satisfy 37 CFR 1.32(b) (3) in that the person who signed the TD has not stated either: (a) the extent of his/her ownership interest, or (b) the extent of the business/organization entity's ownership interest on whose behalf the person signed. (See FPs 14.26 and 14.26.01.)

☐ The TD lacks the – enforceable only during the period of common ownership – clause needed to overcome a double patenting 37 CFR 1.321(c). (See FP 14.27.01).

☐ The TD lacks 37 CFR 1.321(d) statement for joint research agreement under 35 U.S.C. 103(c) (2) & (3). It doesn't include the waiver and enforceability provisions of 37 CFR 1.321(d). (See FP 14.27.011.)

☐ TD is directed to a particular claim(s); this is not acceptable, since the disclaimer must be of a terminal portion of the entire patent to be granted, MPEP 1490. (See FPs 14.26 and 14.26.02).

☒ The person who signed the terminal disclaimer:

- ☐ failed to state his/her capacity to sign for the business/organization entity. (See FP 14.28.)
- ☐ is not recognized as an officer of the assignee. (See FP 14.29.)
- ☒ does not have power of attorney, and thus, is not of record. (See FP 14.29.01.)

(Note: PoA can be given to a customer number, wherein all practitioners listed under the customer number have PoA. If PoA is established by a list of practitioners, the list may not comprise more than 10 practitioners. A representative of the assignee, who is not of record, cannot sign the TD unless it is established that the representative is a party authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.)

☐ The TD is not supported by evidence of chain of title to the assignee signing the TD due to a failure to submit either: (a) documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original inventor(s) to the assignee and a statement affirming that the documentary evidence was, or concurrently is being, submitted for recordation; or (b) the reel and frame number(s) where such documentary evidence is recorded in the Office. 37 CFR 3.73(b). (See FPs 14.30 and 14.34)

NOTE: This documentary evidence or the specifying of the reel and frame number may be found in the TD or in a separate paper submitted by applicant.)

☐ The TD is not supported by adequate evidence of chain of title to the assignee signing the TD, because the person who signed the submission under 37 CFR 3.73(b):

☐ has failed to state his/her capacity to sign for the business entity. (See FPs 14.30.02 and 14.16.02

☐ is not recognized as an officer of the assignee. (See FP 14.30.02 and 14.16.03)

(Note: On the submission under 37 CFR 3.73(b), the signature of an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Office is not sufficient, unless the attorney or agent is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.)

☐ The TD is not signed (See FPs 14.26 and 14.26.03)

☐ The serial number of the application (or the number of the patent) which forms the basis for the double patenting is not identified (i.e., missing or incorrect) in the TD. (See FP 14.32)

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☐ The TD is not signed by all owners. See FPs 14.26 and 14.26.06.

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PATENT

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Date	:	January 15, 2010

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2009, please enter the following response.

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 16, 2009, the Examiner noted that a timely filed terminal disclaimer may be used to overcome the non-statutory double patenting rejection. The Examiner noted that the power of attorney was one of the older types which was in use some years ago and named more than ten practitioners in the power of attorney. Accordingly, applicants were referred to MPEP Sections 402 and 403 to correct the problem. Applicants' attorney has reviewed Sections 402 and 403 and in particular the first part of Section 402 which refers to 37 CFR 1.32(c)(3) and Section 403.01. Sub-part (3) of 37 CFR 1.32(c) indicates that a separate paper should be included which states which of the practitioners named in the power of attorney to be recognized by the Office as being of record in the application to which the power is directed. Further, MPEP 403.01 authorized an attorney appointed by an associate power of attorney to file such a request for associate powers dated before June 25, 2004. Accordingly, such a paper is included herewith.

The attached paper makes clear that only three persons are to be recognized as being of record in the application. Among those which are recognized in the application is David V. Carlson, who is signing the terminal disclaimer attached. Accordingly, it is believed that this terminal disclaimer attached can be validly entered in the present application.

It the Examiner believes that this approach is not correct, she is invited to call applicants' attorney at the number listed below to provide specific instructions as to the preferred course of action. Having reviewed MPEP Sections 402 and 403, it is believed that the present submission should be acceptable to satisfy the Examiner's request, and for this reason issuance of the patent to allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATEMENT OF ATTORNEYS TO BE RECOGNIZED

UNDER 37 CFR 1.32(c)(3)

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.32(c)(3) and MPEP 403.01, applicants hereby state that the attorneys to be recognized by the Office as being of record in the application are the following individuals:

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The above statement is made based on the power of attorney provided to Lisa K. Jorgenson in August of 1996 and her subsequent appointment of an associate power of attorney on April 12, 1999 which includes all of the individuals listed above.

A copy of the power of attorney and appointment of the associate power is provided as set forth in MPEP 402. A copy of the associate power of attorney and the authority to file this request is set forth in MPEP 403.01, which has been followed.

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This Declaration copy is intend. for the attached Continuation application being submitted on April 15, 2009, attorney docket no 850063.553C4.

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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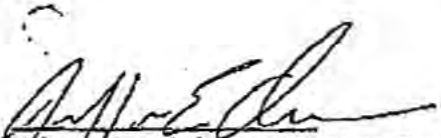
Inventor's Signature: 
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Examiner	:	Glenn Gossage
Art Unit	:	2751
Docket No.	:	96-S-12 (850063.553)
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	HAU H. NGUYEN	2628	

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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *15 April 2009*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-17* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-17* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date *8/28/2009*
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 8/28/2009 was considered by the examiner.

Double Patenting

2. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

3. Claims 1-3, 6-8, 11-14, and 17 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2, 4, 20-23 of U.S. Patent No. 7,321,368, and claims 1-3, 5-9, 12-17 of U.S. Patent No. 7,542,045. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because all the features of claims 1-3, 6-8, 11-14, and 17 of the instant application are contained in claims 1-2, 4, 20-23 of U.S. Patent No. 7,321,368, and claims 1-3, 5-9, 12-17 of U.S. Patent No. 7,542,045. Please see the tables below.

Table I:

Current Application: 12/424,389	U.S. Patent No. 7,321,368
1-3, 6-8, 11-14, and 17	1-2, 4, 20-23
	U.S. Patent No. 7,542,045
1-3, 6-8, 11-14, and 17	1-3, 5-9, 12-17

Table II: For instance, claim 1 of 7,321,368 and claim 1 of current application:

Current Application: 12/424,389	U.S. Patent No. 7,321,368
1. An electronic system comprising: a bus; a main memory coupled to the bus having stored therein data corresponding to video images; a video circuit coupled to the bus, the video circuit configured to receive data from the main memory corresponding to a current	1. An electronic system comprising: a main memory having stored therein data corresponding to images to be decoded and also decoded data corresponding to images that have previously been decoded; a bus coupled to the memory; a decoder coupled to the bus for receiving compressed images and for outputting data for

video image to be decoded and to output decoded video data corresponding to the current video image to be displayed on a display device, the current video image to be displayed adapted to be stored in the main memory; a processor coupled to the main memory, the processor for storing non-image data in the main memory and retrieving non-image data from the main memory; and an arbiter circuit coupled to the processor and to the video circuit, the arbiter circuit configured to receive requests for access to the main memory from the video circuit and the processor and to control access to the main memory by: providing access to the main memory for a request for access to the main memory when the arbiter circuit is in an idle state; queuing a request for access to the main memory when the arbiter circuit is in a busy state; and queuing a request for access to the main memory in an order based on a priority of the request and a priority of each of one or more other requests for access to the main memory that are currently queued when the arbiter circuit is in a queue state.	displaying the decoded images on a display device, the decoder receiving data from the main memory corresponding to at least one previously decoded image and to a current image to be decoded and outputting decoded data corresponding to a current image to be displayed, the current image being stored in the main memory; a microprocessor system coupled to the main memory, the microprocessor system storing non-image data in and retrieving data from the main memory; and an arbiter circuit coupled to both the microprocessor system and the decoder for controlling the access to said main memory by the decoder and the microprocessor.

From the tables above, it would have obvious to one skilled in the art to utilize the arbiter as disclosed in US Patent No. 7,321,368 to have the extra features as in the current application, since the arbiter circuit in the US Patent 7,321,368 has included all the features.

The same reasons are applied to U.S. Patent No. 7,542,045.

Applicant is also noted that the Power of Attorney filed on 04/15/2009 is invalid because it contains more than 10 practitioners. Applicant is referred to MPEP sections 402 and 403 to correct the problem.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hau H. Nguyen whose telephone number is: 571-272-7787. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-FRI from 8:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kee Tung can be reached on (571) 272-7794.

The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Hau H Nguyen/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2628

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S59	3850	(cpu microprocessor (central adj process$3 adj unit)) with arbit$6 with memory	US-PGPUB; USPAT; USOCR; FPRS; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2009/03/13 13:48
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This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 11/956,165, filed December 13, 2007, and allowed April 6, 2009; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 7,321,368, issued January 22, 2008; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 6,427,194, issued July 30, 2002; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 6,058,459, issued May 2, 2000. All of the U.S. patents, U.S. patent application publications, U.S. patent applications, foreign patents, foreign patent applications and non-patent publications referred to in this specification and/or listed in the Application Data Sheet, are incorporated herein by reference, in their entirety.

Cross-reference to Other Related Applications

The present application contains some text and drawings in common with U.S. Patent Application No. 08/702,911, filed August 26, 1996, and issued September 22, 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,812,789, entitled: "VIDEO AND/OR AUDIO DECOMPRESSION AND/OR COMPRESSION DEVICE THAT SHARES A MEMORY INTERFACE" by Raul Z. Diaz and Jefferson E. Owen, which had the same effective filing date and ownership as the present application, and to that extent is related to the present application, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Background

The present invention relates to the field of electronic systems having a video and/or audio decompression and/or compression device, and is more specifically directed to sharing a memory interface between a video and/or audio decompression and/or compression device and another device contained in the electronic system.

The size of a digital representation of uncompressed video images is dependent on the resolution and color depth of the image. A movie composed of a

sequence of such images, and the audio signals that go along with them, quickly become large enough so that, uncompressed, such a movie typically cannot fit entirely onto a conventional recording medium such as a Compact Disc (CD). It is now also typically prohibitively expensive to transmit such a movie uncompressed.

It is therefore advantageous to compress video and audio sequences before they are transmitted or stored. A great deal of effort is being expended to develop systems to compress these sequences. Several coding standards currently in use are based on the discrete cosine transfer algorithm including MPEG-1, MPEG-2, H.261, and H.263. (MPEG stands for "Motion Picture Expert Group", a committee of the International Organization for Standardization, also known as the International Standards Organization, or ISO.) The MPEG-1, MPEG-2, H.261, and H.263 standards are decompression protocols that describe how an encoded bitstream is to be decoded. The encoding can be done in any manner, as long as the resulting bitstream complies with the standard.

Video and/or audio compression devices (hereinafter "encoders") are used to encode the video and/or audio sequence before it is transmitted or stored. The resulting bitstream is decoded by a video and/or audio decompression device (hereinafter "decoder") before the video and/or audio sequence is displayed. However, a bitstream can only be decoded by a decoder if it complies with the standard used by the decoder. To be able to decode the bitstream on a large number of systems, it is advantageous to encode the video and/or audio sequences in compliance with a well accepted decompression standard. The MPEG standards are currently well accepted standards for one-way communication. H-261, and H.263 are currently well accepted standards for video telephony.

Once decoded, the images can be displayed on an electronic system dedicated to displaying video and audio, such as television or a Digital Video Disk (DVD) player, or on electronic systems where image display is just one feature of the system, such as a computer. A decoder needs to be added to these systems to allow them to display compressed sequences, such as received images and associated audio, or ones taken from a storage device. An encoder needs to be added to allow the system to compress video

and/or audio sequences, to be transmitted or stored. Both need to be added for two-way communication such as video telephony.

A typical decoder, such as an MPEG decoder 10 shown in Figure 1a, contains video decoding circuit 12, audio decoding circuit 14, a microcontroller 16, and a memory interface 18. The decoder can also contain other circuitry depending on the electronic system in which the decoder is designed to operate. For example, when the decoder is designed to operate in a typical television, it will also contain an on-screen display (OSD) circuit.

Figure 1b shows a better decoder architecture, used in the STi3520 and STi3520A MPEG Audio/MPEG-2 Video Integrated Decoder manufactured by ST Microelectronics, Inc., Carrollton, Texas. The decoder has a register interface 20 instead of a microcontroller. The register interface 20 is coupled to an external microcontroller 24. The use of a register interface 20 makes it possible to tailor the decoder 10 to the specific hardware with which the decoder 10 interfaces, or to change its operation without having to replace the decoder by just reprogramming the register interface. It also allows the user to replace the microcontroller 24, to upgrade or tailor the microcontroller 24 to a specific use, by just replacing the microcontroller and reprogramming the register interface 20, without having to replace the decoder 10.

The memory interface 18 is coupled to a memory 22. A typical MPEG decoder 10 requires 16 Mbits of memory to operate in the Main Profile at Main Level mode (MP at ML). This typically means that the decoder requires a 2Mbyte memory. Memory 22 is dedicated to the MPEG decoder 10 and increases the price of adding a decoder 10 to the electronic system. In current technology, the cost of this additional dedicated memory 22 can be a significant percentage of the cost of the decoder.

An encoder also requires a memory interface 18 and dedicated memory. Adding the encoder to an electronic system again increases the price of the system by both the price of the encoder and its dedicated memory.

Figure 1c shows a conventional decoder inserted in a computer architecture. A conventional computer generally includes a peripheral bus 170 to connect several

necessary or optional components, such as a hard disk, a screen, etc. These peripherals are connected to bus 170 via interfaces (e.g., a display adapter 120 for the screen) which are provided directly on the computer's motherboard or on removable boards.

A Central Processing Unit (CPU) 152 communicates with bus 170 through an interface circuit 146 enabling a main memory 168 of the computer to be shared between CPU 152 and peripherals of bus 170 which might require it.

The decoder 10 is connected as a master peripheral to bus 170, that is, it generates data transfers on this bus without involving CPU 152. The decoder receives coded or compressed data CD from a source peripheral 122, such as a hard disk or a compact disk read only memory (CD-ROM), and supplies decoded images to display adapter 120. Recent display adapters make it possible to directly process the "YUV" (luminance and chrominance) image data normally supplied by a decoder, while a display adapter is normally designed to process "RGB" (red, green, blue) image information supplied by CPU 152.

Display adapter 120 uses memory 12-1 for storing the image under display, which comes from the CPU 152 or from the decoder 10. A conventional decoder 10 also uses dedicated memory 22. This memory is typically divided into three image areas or buffers M1 to M3 and a buffer CDB where the compressed data are stored before they are processed. The three image buffers respectively contain an image under decoding and two previously decoded images.

Figure 1d illustrates the use of buffers M1 to M3 in the decoding of a sequence of images I0, P1, B2, B3, P4, B5, B6, P7. I stands for a so-called "intra" image, whose compressed data directly corresponds to the image. P stands for a so-called "predicted" image, the reconstruction of which uses pixel blocks (or macroblocks) of a previously decoded image. Finally, B stands for a so-called "bidirectional" image, the reconstruction of which uses macroblocks of two previously decoded images. The intra and predicted images are likely to be used to reconstruct subsequent predicted and bidirectional images, while the bidirectional images are not used again.

Images I0 and P1 are respectively stored in buffers M1 and M2 during their decoding. The filling and the emptying of a buffer in Fig. 1d are indicated by oblique lines. The decoding of image P1 uses macroblocks of image I0. Image I0, stored in buffer M1, is displayed during the decoding of image B2, this image B2 being stored in buffer M3. The decoding of image B2 uses macroblocks of images I0 and P1. Image B2 is displayed immediately after image I0. As the locations of buffer M3 become empty, they are filled by decoded information of image B3. The decoding of image B3 also uses macroblocks of images I0 and P1. Once image B3 is decoded, it is displayed immediately, while image P4 is decoded by using macroblocks of image P1. Image P4 is written over image I0 in buffer M1 since image I0 will no longer be used to decode subsequent images. After image B3, image P1 is displayed while buffer M3 receives image B5 under decoding. The decoding of image B5 uses macroblocks of images P1 and P4. Image P1 is kept in buffer M2 until the decoding of image B6, which also uses macroblocks of images P1 and P4, and so on.

Referring again to Figure 1c, when any component needs access to the main memory 168 either to read from or write to the main memory 168, it generates a request which is placed on the bus 170. When the request is a write, the data to be written is also placed on the bus 170. The request is processed and the data is then either written to or read from the main memory 168. When data is read from the main memory 168, the data is now placed on the bus and goes to the component that requested the read.

There are typically many components in the computer systems that may require access to the main memory 168, and they are typically all coupled to the same bus 170, or possibly to several buses if there are not enough connectors on one bus to accommodate all of the peripherals. However, the addition of each bus is very expensive. Each request is typically processed according to a priority system. The priority system is typically based on the priority given to the device and the order in which the requests are received. Typically, the priority system is set up so no device monopolizes the bus, starving all of the other devices. Good practice suggest that no device on the bus require more than approximately 50% of the bus's bandwidth.

The minimum bandwidth required for the decoder 10 can be calculated based on the characteristics and desired operation of the decoder. These characteristics include the standard with which the bitstream is encoded to comply, whether the decoder is to operate in real time, to what extent frames are dropped, and how the images are stored. Additionally, the latency of the bus that couples the decoder to the memory should be considered.

If the decoder does not operate in real time, the decoded movie would stop periodically between images until the decoder can get access to the memory to process the next image. The movie may stop and wait quite often between images.

To reduce the minimum required bandwidth and still operate in real time, the decoder 10 may need to drop frames. If the decoder 10 regularly does not decode every frame, then it may not need to stop between images. However, this produces very poor continuity in the images. This is problematic with an image encoded to the MPEG-1 or MPEG-2 standards, or any standard that uses temporal compression. In temporal (interpicture) compression, some of the images are decoded based on previous images and some based on previous and future images. Dropping an image on which the decoding of other images is based is unacceptable, and will result in many poor or even completely unrecognizable images.

The computer can also contain both a decoder and encoder to allow for video telephony, as described above. In this case, not operating in real time would mean that the length of time between the occurrence of an event such as speaking at one end of the conversation until the event is displayed at the other end of the conversation--is increased by the time both the encoder and then the decoder must wait to get access to the bus and the main memory. Not being able to operate in real time means that there would be gaps in the conversation until the equipment can catch up. This increases the time needed to have a video conference, and makes the conference uncomfortable for the participants.

One widely used solution to allow a component in a computer system to operate in real time is to give the component its own dedicated memory. Thus, as shown in Figure 1c, the decoder 10 can be given its own dedicated memory 22, with a dedicated bus

26 to connect the decoder 10 to its memory 22. The dedicated memory 22 significantly increases the cost of adding a decoder 10 to the computer. A disadvantage of a computer equipped with a conventional decoder is that it has a non-negligible amount of memory which is unused most of the time.

Indeed, memory 22 of the decoder is only used when decoded images are being viewed on the computer screen or need to be encoded, which amounts to only a fraction of the time spent on a computer. This memory--inaccessible to the other peripherals or to the CPU--has a size of 512 Kbytes in an MPEG-1 decoder and Mbytes in an MPEG-2 decoder. Further, this memory is oversized, since it is obtained by using currently available memory components.

Summary of the Invention

The present application discloses an electronic system that contains a first device and video and/or audio decompression and/or compression device capable of operating in real time. Both the first device and the video and/or audio decompression and/or compression device require access to a memory. The video and/or audio decompression and/or compression device shares the memory with the first device. The two devices are coupled to the memory through a fast bus having a bandwidth of at least the minimum bandwidth needed for the video and/or audio decompression and/or compression device to operate in real time.

In one preferred embodiment of the invention the two devices share an arbiter. The arbiter and Direct Memory Access (DMA) engines of the video and/or audio decompression and/or compression device and of the first device are configured to arbitrate between the two devices when one of them is requesting access to the memory. This allows both the video and/or audio decompression and/or compression device and the first device to share the memory.

When the video and/or audio decompression and/or compression device used in an electronic system, such as a computer, already containing a device that has a memory the video and/or audio decompression and/or compression device can share that

memory, and the memory of the video and/or audio decompression and/or compression device can be eliminated. Eliminating the memory greatly reduces the cost of adding the video and/or audio decompression and/or compression device to the electronic system.

The decoder memory is part of the main memory of the computer. The computer should have a fast bus (such as a memory bus, a PCI -"Peripheral Component Interconnect" - bus, a VLB -"VESA (Video Electronics Standards Association) Local Bus", or an AGP - "Advanced Graphics Port" - bus, or any bus having a bandwidth sufficient to allow the system to operate in real time) which will accept high image rates between the decoder, the main memory and the display adapter.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the decoder directly supplies a display adapter of the screen with an image under decoding which is not used to decode a subsequent image.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the main memory stores predicted images which are obtained from a single preceding image and also stores intra images which are not obtained from a preceding image. The images directly supplied to the display adapter are bidirectional images obtained from two preceding intra or predicted images.

According to an embodiment of the present invention, the decoder is disposed on the computer's motherboard.

An advantage of the present invention is the significant cost reduction due to the fact that the video and/or audio decompression and/or compression device does not need its own dedicated memory but can share a memory with another device and still operate in real time.

A further advantage of the present invention is that the video and/or audio decompression and/or compression device can share the memory with a device without being integrated into this device, allowing the first device to be a standard device with some adjustments made to its memory interface.

Other advantages and objects of the invention will be apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art having reference to the following specification together with the drawings.

Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1a and 1b are electrical diagrams, in block form, of prior art decoders.

Figure 1c is an electrical diagram, in block form, of a computer architecture including a conventional decoder.

Figure 1d, illustrates the use of image buffers in the processing of an image sequence by a conventional MPEG decoder.

Figure 2 is an electrical diagram, in block form, of an electronic system containing a device having a memory interface and an encoder and decoder.

Figure 3 is an electrical diagram, in block form, of a computer system containing a core logic chipset designed for the CPU to share a memory interface with an encoder and/or decoder according to one embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 4 is an electrical diagram, in block form, of a computer architecture including an encoder and/or decoder according to another embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 5 illustrates the use of image buffers in the processing of an image sequence by an MPEG decoder according to the present invention.

Figure 6 is an electrical diagram, in block form, of an embodiment of an MPEG decoder architecture according to the present invention.

Figure 7 is an electrical diagram, in block form, of a computer system containing a graphics accelerator designed to share a memory interface with an encoder and/or decoder.

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment

Figure 2 shows an electronic system 40 containing a first device 42 having access to a memory 50, and a decoder 44 and encoder 46, having access to the same memory 50. First device 42 can be a processor, a core logic chipset, a graphics accelerator, or any other device that requires access to the memory 50, and either contains or is coupled to a memory interface. In the preferred embodiment of the invention, electronic system 40 contains a first device 42, a decoder 44, an encoder 46, and a memory 50, although, either the decoder 44 or encoder 46 can be used in the video and/or audio decompression and/or compression device 80 without the other. For ease of reference, a video and/or audio decompression and/or compression device 80 will hereinafter be referred to as decoder/encoder 80. The decoder/encoder 80 may be a single device, or a cell in an integrated circuit; or it may be two separate devices, or cells in an integrated circuit. In the preferred embodiment of the invention, the first device 42, decoder/encoder 80, are on one integrated circuit, however, they can be on separate integrated circuits in any combination.

The decoder 44 includes a video decoding circuit 12 and an audio decoding circuit 14, both coupled to a register interface 20. The decoder 44 can be either a video and audio decoder, just a video encoder, or just an audio decoder. If the decoder 44 is just a video decoder, it does not contain the audio decoding circuitry 14. The audio decoding can be performed by a separate audio coder-decoder (codec) coupled to the first device 42, or through software. In the preferred embodiment of the invention, when the decoder/encoder 80 is in a system containing a processor and is coupled to the processor, the audio decoding is performed in software. This frees up space on the die without causing significant delay in the decoding. If the audio decoding is performed in software, the processor should preferably operate at a speed to allow the audio decoding to be performed in real time without starving other components of the system that may need to utilize the processor. For example, current software to perform AC-3 audio decoding takes up approximately 40% of the bandwidth of a 133 MHz Pentium. The encoder 46 includes a video encoding circuit 62 and an audio encoding circuit 64, both coupled to a register interface 20. The encoder 46 can be either a video and audio encoder, just a video encoder, or just an audio

encoder. If the encoder 46 is just a video encoder, it does not contain the audio encoding circuitry 64. The audio encoding can be performed by a separate audio codec coupled to the first device 42, or through software. In the preferred embodiment of the invention, when the decoder/encoder 80 is in a system containing a processor and is coupled to the processor, the audio encoding is performed in software, presenting the same advantages of freeing up space on the die without causing significant delay in the encoding, as in the case of decoding discussed above. The register interfaces 20 of the decoder 44 and encoder 46 are coupled to a processor.

The decoder 44 and encoder 46 are coupled to the Direct Memory Access (DMA) engine 52. The decoder and encoder can be coupled to the same DMA engine as shown in Figure 2, or each can have its own DMA engine, or share a DMA engine with another device. When the decoder/encoder 80 are two separate devices or cells, decoder 44 and encoder 46 can still be coupled to one DMA engine 52. When the decoder/encoder is one device or is one cell on an integrated circuit, the DMA engine 52 can be part of the decoder/encoder 80, as shown in Figure 2. The DMA engine 52 is coupled to the arbiter 82 of the memory interface 76. The arbiter 82 is preferably monolithically integrated into the memory interface 76 of the decoder or into the memory interface 72 of the first device. However, the arbiter 82 can be a separate cell or device coupled to the memory interfaces 76, 72 of the decoder/encoder 80 and the first device 42. The arbiter 82 is also coupled to the refresh logic 58 and the memory controller 56 of the device into which it is monolithically integrated. The refresh logic 58, like the arbiter 82, can be monolithically integrated into the memory interface 76 of the decoder, into the memory interface 72 of the first device, or can be a separate cell or device coupled to the arbiter 82.

The first device 42 also contains a memory interface 72 and a DMA engine 60. The DMA engine 60 of the first device 42 is coupled to the memory interface 72 of the first device 72.

Both memory interfaces 72 and 76 are coupled to a memory 50. The memory controllers 56 are the control logic that generates the address the memory interfaces 72, 76 access in the memory 50 and the timing of the burst cycles.

In current technology, memory 50 is typically a Dynamic Random Access Memory (DRAM). However, other types of memory can be used. The refresh logic 58 is needed to refresh the DRAM. However, as is known in the art, if a different memory is used, the refresh logic 58 may not be needed and can be eliminated.

The decoder/encoder 80 is coupled to the memory 50 through devices, typically a bus 70, that have a bandwidth greater than the bandwidth required for the decoder/encoder 80 to operate in real time. The minimum bandwidth required for the decoder/encoder 80 can be calculated based on the characteristics and desired operation of the decoder, including the standard with which the bitstream is encoded to comply, whether the decoder/encoder 80 is to operate in real time, to what extent frames are dropped, and which images are stored. Additionally, the latency of the bus 70 that couples the decoder/encoder 80 to the memory 50 should be considered.

A goal is to have the decoder/encoder 80 operate in real time without dropping so many frames that it becomes noticeable to the movie viewer. To operate in real time the decoder/encoder 80 should decode and/or encode images fast enough so that any delay in decoding and/or encoding cannot be detected by a human viewer. This means that the decoder/encoder 80 has a required bandwidth that allows the decoder/encoder 80 to operate fast enough to decode the entire image in the time between screen refreshes, typically 1/30 of a second, with the human viewer unable to detect any delay in the decoding and/ or encoding. To operate in real time, the required bandwidth should be lower than the bandwidth of the bus. In order not to starve the other components on the bus, i.e., deny these components access to the memory for an amount of time that would interfere with their operation, this required bandwidth should be less than the entire bandwidth of the bus. Therefore, a fast bus 70 should be used. A fast bus 70 is any bus whose bandwidth is equal to or greater than the required bandwidth. In current technology, there are busses, including the Industry Standard Architecture (ISA) bus, whose bandwidth is significantly below the bandwidth required for this.

In the preferred embodiment of the invention, the decoder/encoder 80 is coupled to the memory 50 through a fast bus 70 that has a bandwidth of at least the

bandwidth required for the decoder/encoder 80 to operate in real time, a threshold bandwidth. Preferably the fast bus 70 has a bandwidth of at least approximately twice the bandwidth required for the decoder/encoder 80 to operate in real time. In the preferred embodiment, the fast bus 70 is a memory bus, however, any bus having the required bandwidth can be used.

The decoder/encoder 80 only requires access to the memory during operation. Therefore, when there is no need to decode or encode, the first device 42 and any other devices sharing the memory 50 have exclusive access to the memory and can use the entire bandwidth of the fast bus 70.

In the preferred embodiment, even during decoding and encoding, the decoder/encoder 80 does not always use the entire required bandwidth. Since the fast bus 70 has a bandwidth a little less than twice the size of the required bandwidth, the decoder/encoder 80 uses at most 60% of the bandwidth of the fast bus 70.

The required bandwidth is determined based on the size and resolution of the image and the type of frame (I, P, or B). In the preferred embodiment the decoder/encoder typically will be using less than 40% of the bandwidth of the fast bus 70. This frees up the remaining bandwidth to be used by the other devices with which the decoder/encoder 80 is sharing the memory 50.

The decoder/encoder 80 can decode a bitstream formatted according to any one or a combination of standards. In the preferred embodiment of the invention, the decoder/encoder 80 is a multi-standard decoder/encoder capable of decoding and encoding sequences formatted to comply with several well accepted standards. This allows the decoder/encoder 80 to be able to decode a large number of video and/or audio sequences. The choices of which standards the decoder/encoder 80 is capable of decoding bitstreams formatted to, and of encoding sequences to comply with, are based on the desired cost, efficiency, and application of the decoder/encoder 80.

In the preferred embodiment, these standards are capable of both intrapicture compression and interpicture compression. In intrapicture compression the redundancy within the image is eliminated. In interpicture compression the redundancy between two

images is eliminated, and only the difference information is transferred. This requires the decoder/encoder 80 to have access to the previous or future image that contains information needed to decode or encode the current image. These previous and/or future images need to be stored and then used to decode the current image. This is one of the reasons the decoder/encoder 80 requires access to the memory, and requires a large bandwidth. The MPEG-1 and MPEG-2 standards allow for decoding based on both previous images and/or future images. Therefore, for a decoder/encoder 80 capable of operating in real time to be able to comply with the MPEG-1 and MPEG-2 standards, it should be able to access two images--a previous and a future image--fast enough to decode the current image in the 1/30 of a second between screen refreshes.

An MPEG environment is asymmetrical; there are much fewer encoders than decoders. The encoders are very difficult and expensive to manufacture, and the decoders are comparatively easy and cheap. This encourages many more decoders than encoders, with the encoders in centralized locations, and decoders available such that every end user can have a decoder. Therefore, there are many receivers but few transmitters.

For video telephony and teleconferencing, each end user must be able to both receive and transmit. H.261, and H.263 are currently well accepted standards for video telephony. An encoder that can encode sequences to comply with the H.261 and H.263 standards is less complicated, having a lower resolution and lower frame rate than an encoder that complies with the MPEG-1 or MPEG-2 standards, possibly making the quality of the decoded images somewhat lower than those from an encoder that complies with the MPEG-1 or MPEG-2 standards. Since it should be inexpensive and operate in real time, such an encoder is also less efficient than an encoder to encode sequences to comply with the MPEG-1 or MPEG-2 standards, meaning that the compression factor--which is the ratio between the source data rate and the encoded bitstream data rate--of such an encoder is lower for a given image quality than the compression factor of an MPEG encoder. However, because such an encoder is less complicated, it is much cheaper and faster than an encoder capable of complying with the MPEG-1 and/or MPEG-2 standards. This makes

video telephony possible, since both a long delay in encoding the signal and a cost that is prohibitively expensive for many users is unacceptable in video telephony.

In the preferred embodiment, the decoder/encoder 80 is capable of decoding a bitstream formatted to comply with the MPEG-1, MPEG-2, H.261, and H.263 standards, and encoding a sequence to produce a bitstream to comply with the H.261, and H.263 standards. This allows the decoder/encoder 80 to be able to be used for video telephony. The encoding to comply with the H.261 and H.263 standards but not the MPEG-1 and MPEG-2 standards balances the desire to reduce the cost of transmission and storage by encoding to produce the highest compression factor and the desire to keep cost low enough to be able to mass market the device.

Figure 3 shows one embodiment of a computer where the decoder/encoder 80 is sharing a main memory 168 with a core logic chipset 190. The core logic chipset 190 can be any core logic chipset known in the art. In the embodiment shown in Figure 3, the core logic chipset 190 is a Peripheral Component Interconnect (PCI) core logic chipset 190, which contains a PCI core logic device 158, the processor interface 154, a memory interface 72, and bus interface 156 for any system busses 170 to which it is coupled. The core logic chipset 190 can also contain an Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP) 160 if a graphics accelerator 200 is present in the computer, and an Enhanced Integrated Device Electronics (EIDE) interface 186. The core logic chipset 190 is coupled to a processor (Central Processing Unit or CPU) 152, peripherals such as a hard disk drive 164 and a Digital Versatile Disk (DVD) CD-ROM 166, a bus such as a PCI bus 170, the arbiter 82, and the main memory 168.

In this embodiment, the main memory 168 is the memory 50 to which the memory interfaces 72 and 76 are coupled. The main memory 168 is coupled to the memory interfaces 72 and 76 through a memory bus 167. In current technology the memory bus 167, which corresponds to the fast bus 70 for coupling the core logic chipset to the memory, is capable of having a bandwidth of approximately 400 Mbytes/s. This bandwidth is at least twice the bandwidth required for an optimized decoder/encoder 80, allowing the decoder/encoder 80 to operate in real time.

The core logic chipset 190 can also be coupled to cache memory 162 and a graphics accelerator 200 if one is present in the computer. The PCI bus 170 is also coupled to the graphics accelerator 200 and to other components, such as a Local-Area Network (LAN) controller 172. The graphics accelerator 200 is coupled to a display 182 and a frame buffer 184. The graphics accelerator can also be coupled to an audio codec 180 for decoding and/or encoding audio signals.

Figure 4 shows another embodiment of a computer where the decoder/encoder 80 is sharing the main memory 168. In this embodiment, the main memory 168 corresponds to the shared memory 50 of Figure 2. In Figure 4, the decoder/encoder 80 according to the present invention is connected as a peripheral to a conventional computer equipped with a fast peripheral bus 170, for example, a PCI bus, although the bus can be VESA Local Bus (VLB), an Accelerated Graphics Port (AGP) bus, or any bus having the required bandwidth. In this embodiment, the fast peripheral bus 170 corresponds to the fast bus 70. As shown, the decoder/encoder 80 does not have a dedicated memory, but utilizes a region 22' of the main memory 168 of the computer.

Region 22' includes a Compressed Data Buffer (CDB), into which image source 122 writes the compressed image data, and two image buffers M1 and M2 associated with intra or predicted images. As will be seen hereafter, a buffer associated with bidirectional images is not required, these bidirectional images B being directly supplied to display adapter 120 as they are being decoded.

Thus, in the system of Figure 4, compressed or coded data CD are transferred from image source 122 to buffer CDB of memory 168. These same compressed data are then transferred to the decoder/encoder 80 which, if they correspond to intra or predicted images, retransmits them in decoded form to buffers Ml and M2 of memory 168. In the case where the compressed data correspond to bidirectional images, the decoder/encoder 80 decodes these data and directly supplies display adapter 120 with the decoded data. The display adapter then supplies these data to a display device such as a screen. The intra or predicted images stored in buffers M1 and M2 are transferred to

display adapter 120 at the appropriate time and are used in the decoding of subsequent predicted or bidirectional images.

With a decoder/encoder 80 according to the invention, the rates on peripheral bus 170 are particularly high, which is why a fast bus is needed. However, the rate required is substantially decreased due to the bidirectional images not being stored in main memory 168, but being directly sent to display adapter 120. According to the invention, the bandwidth used on a PCI bus is approximately 20% with an MPEG-1 decoder/encoder and approximately 80% with an MPEG-2 decoder/encoder. These bandwidths correspond to worst case situations. The bandwidth in typical operation can be lower.

Of course, the storage capacity of the main memory 168 available for other uses is reduced during the operation of the decoder/encoder 80 because the decoder/encoder 80 is using the memory region 22'. However, in this embodiment the size of region 22' is decreased from the size of the dedicated memory 22 used in the prior art (Figures 1a and 1c) by one image buffer. The memory region 22' is also only occupied while viewing video sequences. When the decoder/encoder is no longer used, memory region 22' can be freed at once for the other tasks.

The modifications to be made on the computer to use a decoder/encoder according to the invention primarily involve software changes and are within the capabilities of those skilled in the art, who will find the necessary information in the various standards relating to the computer. For the computer to be able to use its peripherals, it conventionally executes background programs called peripheral drivers, which translate specific addresses issued by the CPU or a master peripheral (such as the decoder/encoder 80) into addresses adapted to the variable configuration of the computer.

For example, a peripheral driver associated with the decoder/encoder according to the invention translates the fixed addresses issued by the decoder/encoder 80 to have access to its image memory into addresses corresponding to the physical location of region 22', this region being likely to be variably assigned by the operating system according to the occupancy of memory 168. Similarly, this peripheral driver answers

requests issued by image source 122 to supply compressed data by transferring these data into buffer CDB of region 22'.

In an alternative embodiment the third image buffer M3 (Figure 1c) remains in the memory region 22' used for the decoder/encoder 80. A conventional decoder/encoder should be able to be used in several applications, especially to supply television images. In the case of television, the images are supplied in interlaced form, that is, all the odd lines of an image are supplied prior to the even lines. An MPEG decoder generally reconstructs the images in progressive form, that is, it supplies the image lines consecutively. The third image buffer M3 is then necessary to store the bidirectional images in the order of arrival of the lines (in progressive form) and then reread this image in interlaced form. The third image buffer M3 may also be needed if there is a delay between when the images are decoded and when they can be viewed, requiring the images to be stored.

Figure 5 illustrates the use of memory region 22' in the decoding according to the invention of sequence I0, P1, B2, B3, P4, B5, B6, P7. Image I0 is stored in buffer M1 during its decoding. As the decoding and the storage in buffer M2 of image P1 begins, image I0 is displayed. The macroblocks used to decode image P1 are fetched from buffer M1. Images B2 and B3 are displayed as they are being decoded, the macroblocks used for their decoding being fetched from buffers M1 and M2. Image P1 is displayed while image P4 is being decoded and stored in buffer M1 in the place of image I0. Image P1 is kept in buffer M2 until image B6 is decoded and displayed, and so on.

Figure 6 shows an architecture of an MPEG decoder according to the invention. Like any conventional MPEG decoder, this decoder includes a Variable Length Decoder (VLD) receiving compressed data from a First-In, First-Out (FIFO) memory 30. The VLD is followed by a Run-Level Decoder (RLD), an inverse quantization circuit Q-1 and an inverse discrete cosine transform circuit DCT-1. The output of circuit DCT-1 is supplied to a first input of an adder 32, a second input of which receives macroblocks of a previously decoded image via a filter 34 and a FIFO 35. The decoded image data are

supplied by the output of adder 32 and via a FIFO 37. FIFO 30 is supplied with compressed data from bus 10 via an interface circuit PCI I/F 39.

A decoder according to the invention differs from a conventional decoder in that the interface circuit 39 also connects FIFOs 35 and 37 to bus 170. A memory controller 41 calculates and supplies through bus 170 the addresses corresponding to the various exchanges required.

The management of the addresses of buffers M1 and M2 is similar to that performed by the memory controller of a conventional decoder, since these addresses are, according to the invention, translated according to the physical location of these buffers in memory 168 by a peripheral driver. Moreover, the memory controller of a decoder/encoder 80 according to the preferred embodiment of the invention is substantially simplified due to the absence of the third image buffer M3. The memory controller of a conventional decoder has to manage this buffer in a specific way to avoid a bidirectional image under decoding being written over a bidirectional image under display.

Figure 7 shows a computer where the decoder/encoder 80 is sharing a frame buffer 184 with a graphics accelerator 200. The graphics accelerator 200 can be any graphics accelerator known in the art. In the embodiment shown in Figure 7, the graphics accelerator 200 contains a Two-Dimensional (2D) accelerator 204, a Three-Dimensional (3D) accelerator 206, a Digital to Analog Converter (DAC) 202, a memory interface 72, and bus interface 210 for any system busses 170 to which it is coupled. The graphics accelerator 200 can also contain an audio compressor/decompressor 208, here an AC-3 decoder. The graphics accelerator 200 is coupled to a display 182, and a frame buffer 184.

In this embodiment, the frame buffer 184 is the memory 50 to which the memory interfaces 72 and 76 are coupled. The frame buffer 184 is coupled to the memory interfaces 72 and 76 through a memory bus 185. In this embodiment, memory bus 185 corresponds to the fast bus 70. In current technology the memory bus 185 for coupling a graphics accelerator to a memory is capable of having a bandwidth of up to 400 Mbytes/s. This bandwidth is more that twice the bandwidth required for an optimized decoder/encoder 80. This allows the decoder/encoder 80 to operate in real time.

The graphics accelerator 200 can also be coupled to an audio codec 180 for decoding and/or encoding audio signals. The PCI bus 170 is also coupled to a chipset 190, and to other components, such as a LAN controller 172. In the present embodiment the chipset is a PCI chipset, although it can be any conventional chipset. The chipset 190 is coupled to a processor (CPU) 152, main memory 168, and a PCI bridge 192. The PCI bridge bridges between the PCI bus 170 and the ISA bus 198. The ISA bus 198 is coupled to peripherals, such as a modem 199 and to an EIDE interface 186, which is coupled to other peripherals, such as a hard disk drive 164 and a DVD CD-ROM 166, although, if the peripherals are compatible to the PCI bus the EIDE interface 186 can be integrated into the PCI chipset 190 and the peripherals 164 and 166 can be coupled directly to the PCI chipset, eliminating the PCI bridge 192 and the ISA bus 198.

Referring to Figure 2, the operation of the arbiter 82 during a memory request will now be described. During operation the decoder/encoder 80, the first device 42, and the refresh logic 58, if it is present, request access to the memory through the arbiter 82. There may also be other devices that request access to the memory 50 through this arbiter. The arbiter 82 determines which of the devices gets access to the memory 50. The decoder/encoder gets access to the memory in the first time interval, and the first device gets access to the memory in the second time interval. The Direct Memory Access (DMA) engine 52 of the decoder/encoder 80 determines the priority of the decoder/encoder 80 for access to the memory 50 and of the burst length when the decoder/encoder 80 has access to the memory. The DMA engine 60 of the first device determines its priority for access to the memory 50 and the burst length when the first device 42 has access to the memory.

The decoder/encoder 80 or one of the other devices generates a request to access the memory 50. The request will be transferred to the arbiter 82. The state of the arbiter 82 is determined. The arbiter typically has three states. The first state is idle when there is no device accessing the memory and there are no requests to access the memory. The second state is busy when there is a device accessing the memory and there is no other

request to access the memory. The third state is queue when there is a device accessing the memory and there is another request to access the memory.

It is also determined if two requests are issued simultaneously. This can be performed either before or after determining the state of the arbiter. Access to the memory is determined according to the following chart.

Arbiter state	Simultaneous requests	Action
Idle	Yes	One of the requests gets access to the memory based on the priority scheme, and the other request is queued.
Busy	Yes	Both requests are queued in an order based on the priority scheme.
Queue	Yes	Both requests are queued in an order based on the priority scheme.
Idle	No	The device gets access to the memory.
Busy	No	The request is queued.
Queue	No	The requests are queued in an order based on the priority scheme.

The priority scheme can be any priority scheme that ensures that the decoder/encoder 80 gets access to the memory 50 often enough and for enough of a burst length to operate properly, yet not starve the other devices sharing the memory. The priority of the first device, device priority, and the priority of the decoder/encoder 80, decoder priority, are determined by the priority scheme. This can be accomplished in several ways.

To operate in real time, the decoder/encoder 80 has to decode an entire image in time to be able to display it the next time the screen is refreshed, which is typically every 1/30 of a second. The decoder/encoder 80 should get access to the memory to store and retrieve parts of this and/or of past and/or future images, depending on the

decoding standard being used, often enough and for long enough burst lengths to be able to decode the entire image in the 1/30 of a second between screen refreshes.

There are many ways to do this. One way is to make the burst length of the first device and any other device like the screen refresh that shares the memory and memory interface (hereinafter sharing device) have short burst lengths, and to make sure that the same device is not the next device to get access to the memory when other devices have been waiting for a long time. Another way is to preempt the sharing device if its burst length exceeds a burst length threshold and again to make sure that the same device is not the next device to get access to the memory when other devices have been waiting for a long time. Preferably, when the preemption is used the sharing device would be preempted when its burst length exceeds 16 words. A third way is to limit the bandwidth available to the sharing devices. This way the decoder/encoder 80 always has enough bandwidth to operate in real time. Preferably the bandwidth of the sharing devices is limited only when the decoder/encoder 80 is operating. In the preferred embodiment a memory queue such as a FIFO in the decoder/encoder 80 generates an error signal when it falls below a data threshold. The error is sent to the CPU 152 and the CPU 152 can either shut down the system, drop an image frame or resume the decoding/encoding process.

There are also many ways to make sure that the same device is not the next device to get access to the memory when other devices have been waiting for a long time. This both ensures that the decoder/encoder 80 gets access to the memory 50 often enough, yet does not starve the other devices sharing the memory. One way to do this is to disallow back-to-back requests. Another is to have shifting priority, where a particular request starts with a lower priority when first made, and the priority increases with the length of time the request is in the queue, eventually reaching a priority above all of the other requests. In the preferred embodiment, the decoder/encoder 80 has a one-clock cycle delay between requests to allow a sharing device to generate a request between the decoder/encoder requests.

In the preferred embodiment of the invention, the burst length of the decoder/encoder is relatively short, approximately four to seventeen words. This allows the

graphics accelerator more frequent access to the memory to ensure that the display is not disturbed by the sharing of the memory interface 48 and memory 50 when the decoder/encoder shares a memory with the graphics accelerator 200.

An electronic system 40, shown in Figure 2, containing the first device 42 coupled to the memory 50, the decoder/encoder 80 coupled to the same memory 50, where the decoder/encoder 80 shares the memory 50 with the first device 42 provides several advantages. Referring to Figure 2 and Figure 1b simultaneously, the decoder 44 and encoder 46 according to the preferred embodiment of the invention do not each need their own dedicated memory 22 that was necessary in the prior art for the decoder/encoder to operate in real time, resulting in significant reduction in the cost of the device. Allowing the decoder/encoder 80 to share the memory 50 with a first device 42 and to allow the decoder/encoder 80 to access the memory 50 through a fast bus 70 having a bandwidth of a least the bandwidth threshold permits the decoder/encoder to operate in real time. This reduces stops between images and the dropping of a significant number of frames to a point where both are practically eliminated. This produces better images and eliminates any discontinuities and delays present in the prior art.

Additionally, in the embodiment of the invention where the fast bus 70 is a system bus to which the decoder/encoder 80 is already coupled, the number of pins of the decoder/encoder 80 is considerably smaller than that of a conventional decoder. The decoder/encoder according to the invention only requires the signals of the peripheral bus 170 (49 signals for the PCI bus), while a conventional decoder further includes an interface with its dedicated memory 22, which is typically an external memory.

Thus, decoding in a computer can be performed according to the invention by means of a low-cost (due to the small number of pins) single integrated circuit, without the additional, costly, dedicated memory 22. This single integrated circuit can be directly placed on the computer motherboard for a low additional cost. Of course, the decoder/encoder according to the invention can be mounted, as is conventional, on an extension board to be connected to a bus.

A further advantage of the present invention is that the video and/or audio decompression and/or compression device can share memory with the first device without being integrated into the first device. This allows the first device to be a standard device with some adjustments made to its memory interface.

Further background on compression can be found in: International Organization for Standards, *Information Technology - Coding of Moving Pictures and Associated Audio for Digital Storage Media at up to About 1.5 Mbits/S*, Parts 1-6, International Organization for Standards; International Standards Organization, *Information Technology - Generic Coding of Moving Pictures and Associated Audio Information*, Parts 1-4, International Organization for Standards; Datasheet "STi3500A" Datasheet of SGS-THOMSON Microelectronics; STi3500A - Advanced Information for an MPEG Audio/ MPEG-2 Video Integrated Decoder" (June 1995); Watkinson, John, *Compression in Video and Audio*, Focal Press, 1995; Minoli, Daniel, *Video Dialtone Technology*, McGraw-Hill, Inc., 1995. Further background on computer architecture can be found in Anderson, Don and Tom Shanley, *ISA System Architecture*, 3rd ed., John Swindle ed., MindShare Inc., Addison-Wesley Publishing Co., 1995. All of the above references are incorporated herein by reference.

While the invention has been specifically, described with reference to several preferred embodiments, it will be understood by those of ordinary skill in the prior art having reference to the current specification and drawings that various modifications may be made and various alternatives are possible therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. For example: Although the memory is described as DRAM, other types of memories including read-only memories, Static Random Access Memories (SRAMs), or FIFOs may be used without departing from the scope of the invention.

Any conventional decoder including a decoder complying to the MPEG-1, MPEG-2, H.261, or H.261 standards, or any combination of them, or any other conventional standard can be used as the decoder/encoder.

We claim:

1. An electronic system comprising:

a bus;

a main memory coupled to the bus having stored therein data corresponding to video images;

a video circuit coupled to the bus, the video circuit configured to receive data from the main memory corresponding to a current video image to be decoded and to output decoded video data corresponding to the current video image to be displayed on a display device, the current video image to be displayed adapted to be stored in the main memory;

a processor coupled to the main memory, the processor for storing non-image data in the main memory and retrieving non-image data from the main memory; and

an arbiter circuit coupled to the processor and to the video circuit, the arbiter circuit configured to receive requests for access to the main memory from the video circuit and the processor and to control access to the main memory by:

providing access to the main memory for a request for access to the main memory when the arbiter circuit is in an idle state;

queuing a request for access to the main memory when the arbiter circuit is in a busy state; and

queuing a request for access to the main memory in an order based on a priority of the request and a priority of each of one or more other requests for access to the main memory that are currently queued when the arbiter circuit is in a queue state.

2. The electronic system of claim 1, wherein the data corresponding to video images that is stored in the main memory further includes data corresponding to video images to be decoded and data corresponding to video images that have been

previously decoded, and wherein the video circuit is further configured to receive data from the main memory corresponding to at least one previously decoded video image.

3. The electronic system of claim 1, wherein the video circuit directly supplies a display adapter with an image under decoding which is not used to decode a subsequent image.

4. The electronic system of claim 1, wherein the arbiter circuit is further configured to control access to the main memory by preempting access control for a request received from the processor and providing access control for a request received from the video circuit when the request received from the processor exceeds a burst length threshold.

5. The electronic system of claim 1, wherein the video circuit is further configured to have a one-clock cycle delay between issuing requests for access to the main memory.

6. The electronic system of claim 1, wherein the video circuit and the arbiter circuit are integrated into a computer motherboard.

7. An electronic circuit for use with a memory, comprising:

a bus coupleable to a memory;

a decoder coupled to the bus for receiving encoded video images and for outputting data for displaying decoded video images on a display device, the decoder configured to receive data from the memory corresponding to at least one previously decoded image and to a current image to be decoded and outputting decoded data corresponding to a current image to be displayed, the current image being output for storing in the memory, the decoder having a memory interface circuit;

a central processing unit coupled to the bus for accessing the memory, the central processing unit having a memory interface circuit; and

an arbiter included in the memory interface circuit of the decoder and coupled to the memory interface circuit of the central processing unit, the arbiter configured to control access to the memory by determining a priority for requests to access the memory, each of the requests received from one of the decoder and the central processing unit, and providing access to the memory based on the determined priorities of the requests.

8. The electronic circuit of claim 7, wherein the arbiter is further configured, when simultaneous requests for access to the memory are received from the decoder and the central processing unit, to:

provide access to the memory for at least one of the simultaneous requests based on the priority of each of the simultaneous requests when the arbiter is in an idle state;

queue the simultaneous requests in an order based on the priority of each of the simultaneous requests when the arbiter is in a busy state; and

queue the simultaneous requests in an order based on the priority of each of the simultaneous requests and the priority of each of one or more other requests that are currently queued when the arbiter is in a queue state.

9. The electronic system of claim 7, wherein the arbiter is further configured to preempt access for a request received from the central processing unit and to provide access control for a request received from the encoder when the request received from the central processing unit exceeds a burst length threshold.

10. The electronic system of claim 7, wherein the arbiter is further configured to increase the priority associated with each of the requests according to an amount of time the request has been waiting for access to the memory.

11. The electronic system of claim 7, wherein the arbiter and the decoder are integrated into a computer motherboard.

12. The electronic system of claim 7, wherein the arbiter and the decoder are integrated into a single chip.

13. A method, comprising:

storing in a shared memory data corresponding to video images and other data that does not correspond to video images;

receiving in a video decoder data corresponding to a compressed current video image and data corresponding to at least one previously decoded video image from the shared memory, and outputting from the video decoder decoded video data corresponding to the compressed current video image; and

for each of multiple requests for access to the shared memory received from the video decoder and one or more other devices,

providing access to the shared memory for the request when the shared memory is not being accessed and no other requests to access the shared memory are currently pending;

queuing the request when the shared memory is being accessed; and

queuing the request in an order based on a priority of the request and a priority of each of one or more other requests that are currently pending when the shared memory is being accessed and the one or more other requests are currently pending.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein at least some of the multiple requests for access to the shared memory include simultaneous requests received from the video decoder and at least one of the one or more other devices, the method further comprising:

providing access to the shared memory for at least one of the simultaneous requests based on a priority of each of the simultaneous requests when the shared memory

is not being accessed and no other requests to access the shared memory are currently pending;

queuing the simultaneous requests in an order based on the priority of each of the simultaneous requests when the shared memory is being accessed; and

queuing the simultaneous requests in an order based on the priority of each of the simultaneous requests and the priority of each of one or more other requests that are currently pending when the shared memory is being accessed and the one or more other requests are currently pending.

15. The method of claim 13, further comprising preempting access to the shared memory for a request received from the one or more other devices and providing access to the shared memory for a request received from the video encoder when the request received from the one or more other devices exceeds a burst length threshold.

16. The method of claim 13, further comprising increasing the priority associated with each of any currently pending requests according to an amount of time the request has been pending.

17. The method of claim 13, wherein the one or more other devices are one or more of a processor, a core logic chipset, and a graphics accelerator.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An electronic system, an integrated circuit and a method for display are disclosed. The electronic system contains a first device, a memory and a video/audio compression/decompression device such as a decoder/encoder. The electronic system is configured to allow the first device and the video/audio compression/decompression device to share the memory. The electronic system may be included in a computer in which case the memory is a main memory. Memory access is accomplished by one or more memory interfaces, direct coupling of the memory to a bus, or direct coupling of the first device and decoder/encoder to a bus. An arbiter selectively provides access for the first device and/or the decoder/encoder to the memory based on priority. The arbiter may be monolithically integrated into a memory interface. The decoder may be a video decoder configured to comply with the MPEG-2 standard. The memory may store predicted images obtained from a preceding image.

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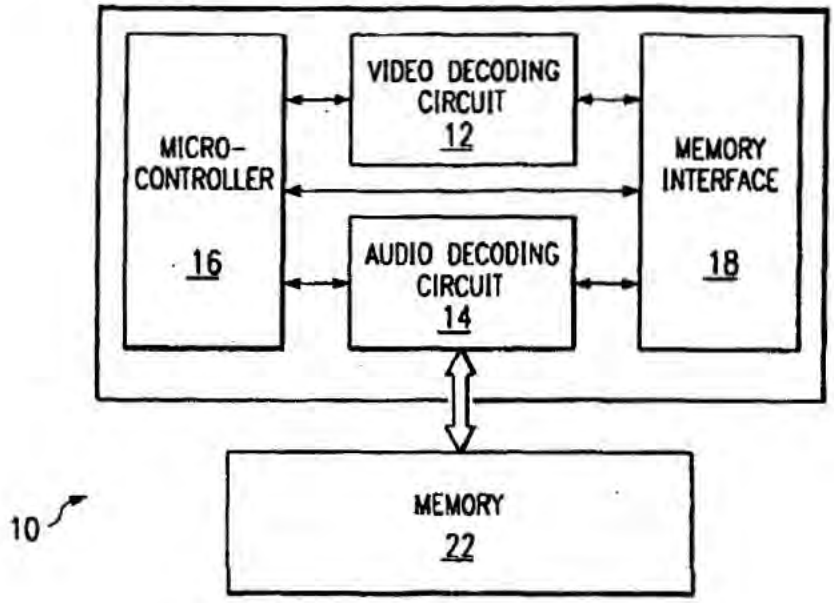

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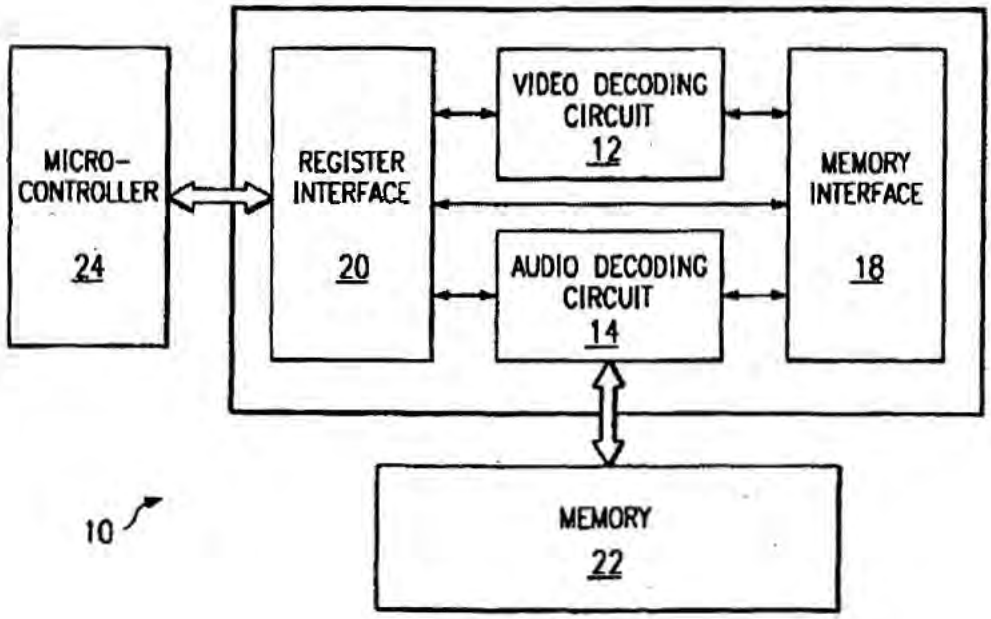

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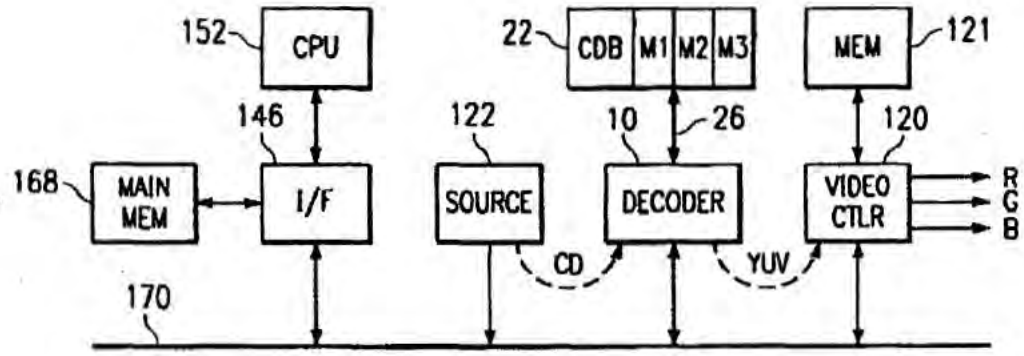

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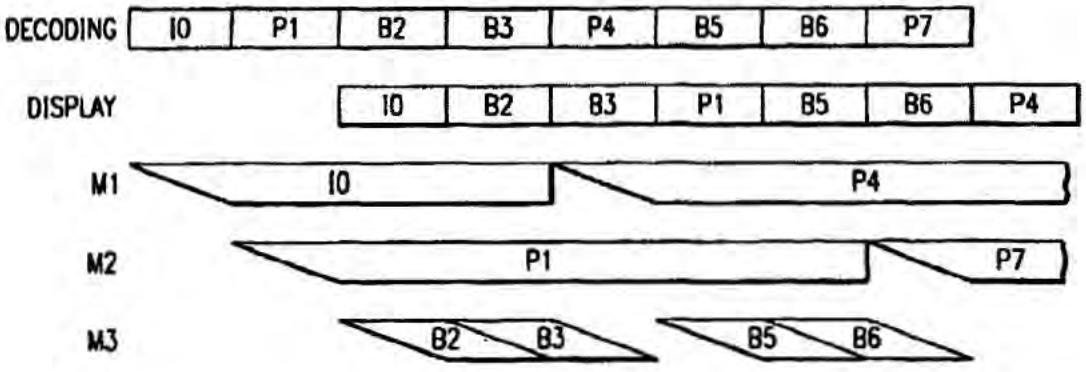

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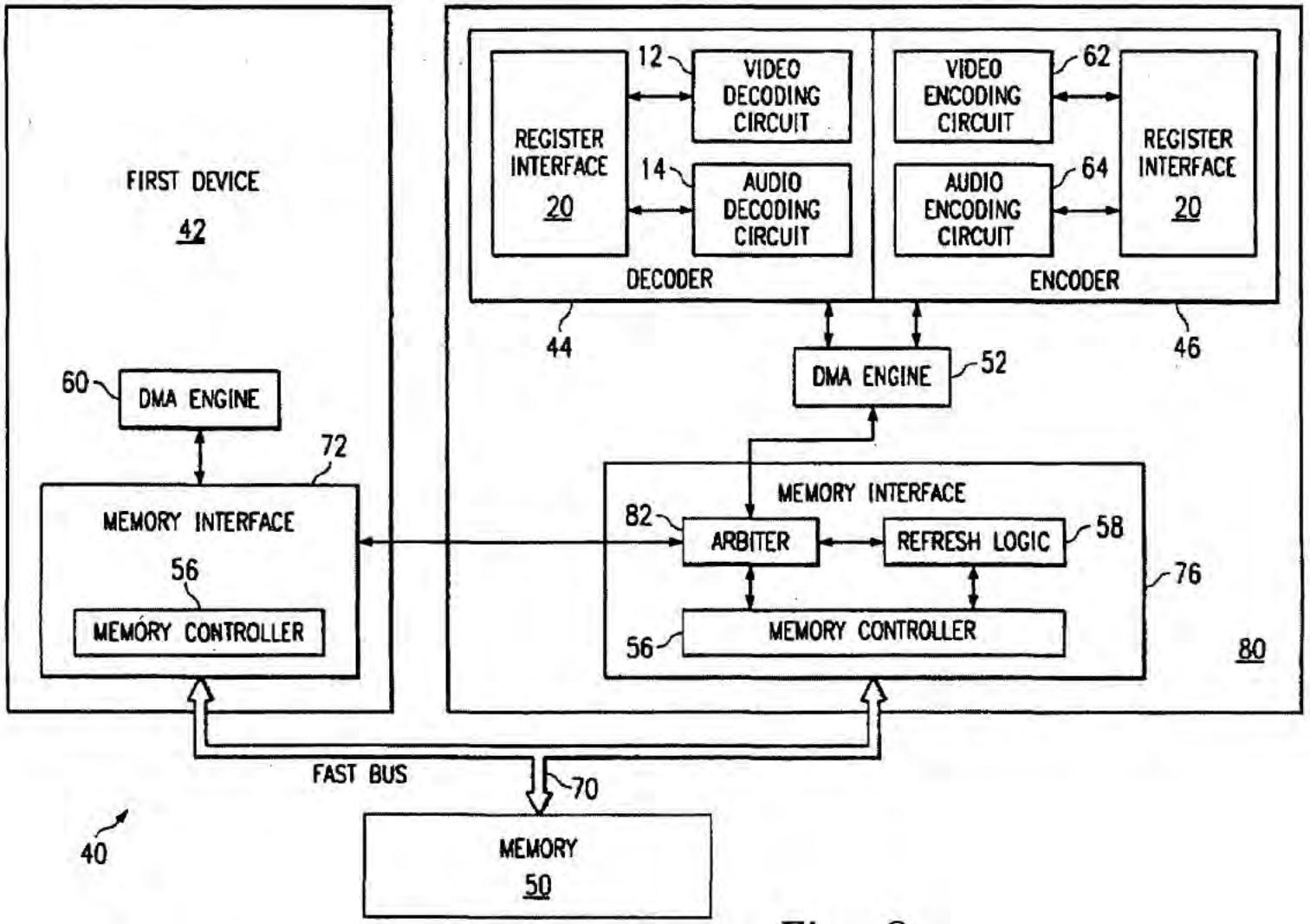
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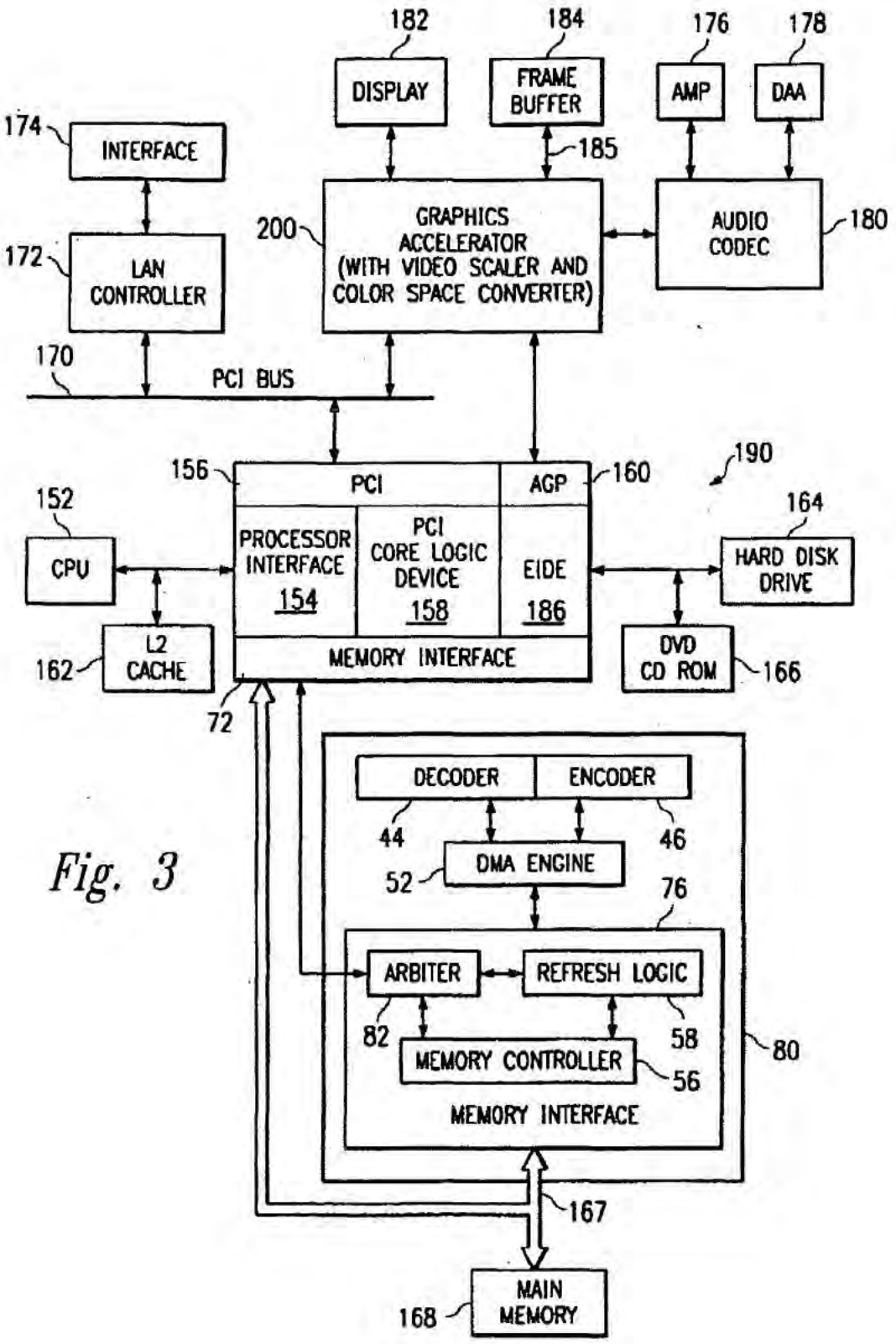
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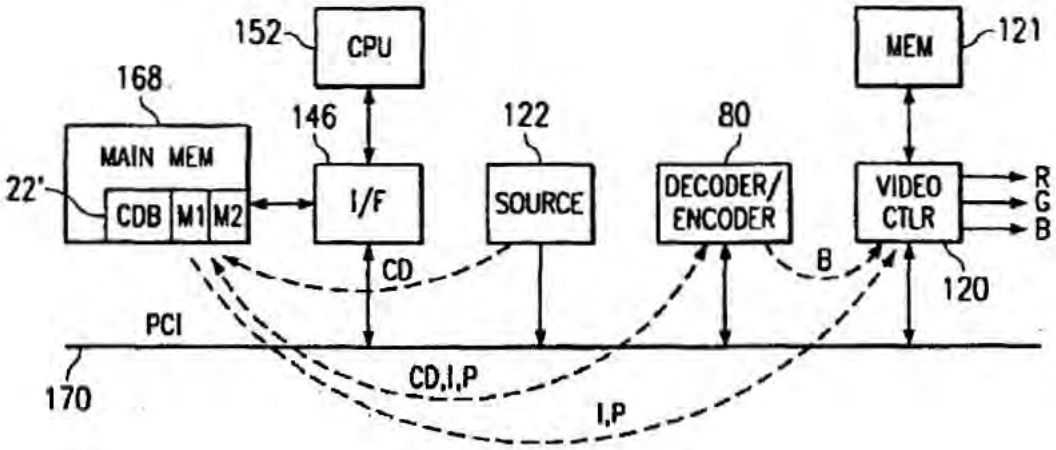

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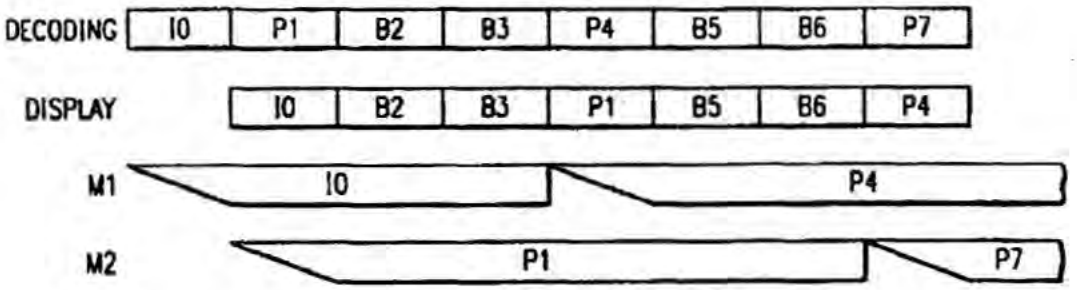

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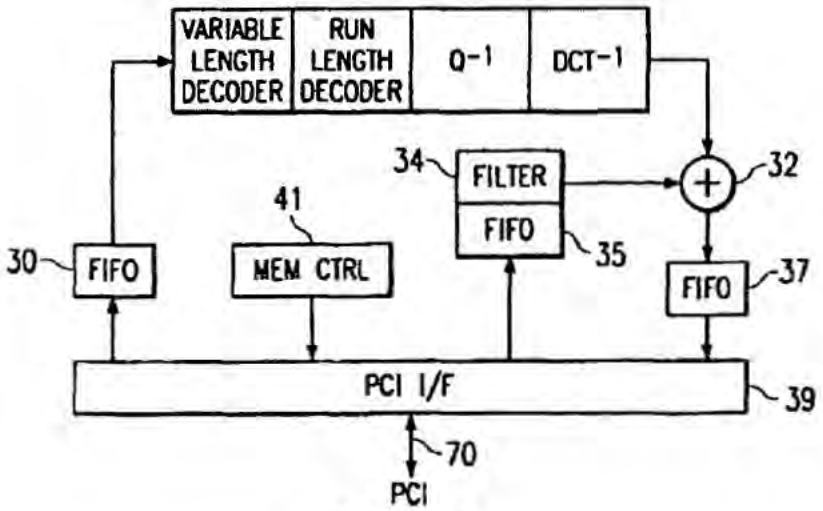

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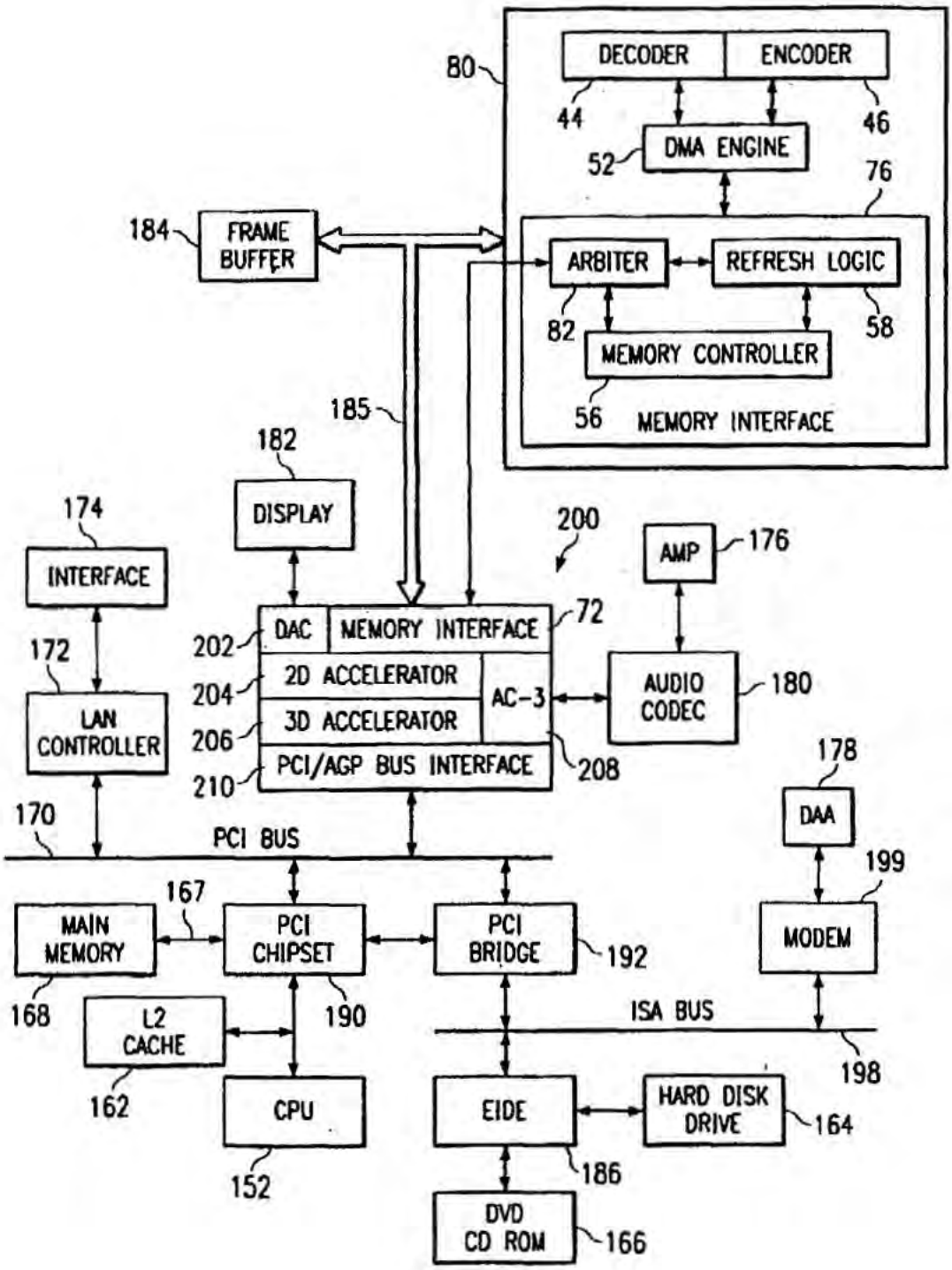
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(j))			195			390	
			TOTAL			TOTAL	1090

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2.

APPLICATION AS AMENDED – PART II

		(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY RATE ($)	SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL FEE ($)	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY RATE ($)	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL FEE ($)
AMENDMENT A	Total (37 CFR 1.16(i))	*	Minus	**	=	x =		OR	x =	
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(h))	*	Minus	***	=	x =		OR	x =	
	Application Size Fee (37 CFR 1.16(s))									
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(j))					N/A		OR	N/A	
						TOTAL ADD'T FEE		OR	TOTAL ADD'T FEE	

		(Column 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Column 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Column 3) PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY RATE ($)	SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL FEE ($)	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY RATE ($)	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL FEE ($)
AMENDMENT B	Total (37 CFR 1.16(i))	*	Minus	**	=	x =		OR	x =	
	Independent (37 CFR 1.16(h))	*	Minus	***	=	x =		OR	x =	
	Application Size Fee (37 CFR 1.16(s))									
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(j))					N/A		OR	N/A	
						TOTAL ADD'T FEE		OR	TOTAL ADD'T FEE	

* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.
** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".
*** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".
The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.