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OVERVIEW

Helion's experience in image processing enables designers of video surveillance, automotive, and medical imaging systems to use pre-engineered high quality IP cores directly on their camera systems.

The IONOS Imaging IP Cores can be used for pre- and post-processing, image sensor control, FPGA algorithms and DSP algorithms.

Helion offers a comprehensive selection of video pipelines, ranging from basic to advanced monochrome and color pipelines, all the way through high resolution, advanced High Dynamic Range Imaging (HDRI) color pipelines.



These cores also support Lattice FPGA devices, and are all compatible and simply connected with the Wishbone bus (direct connect without Wishbone on request).



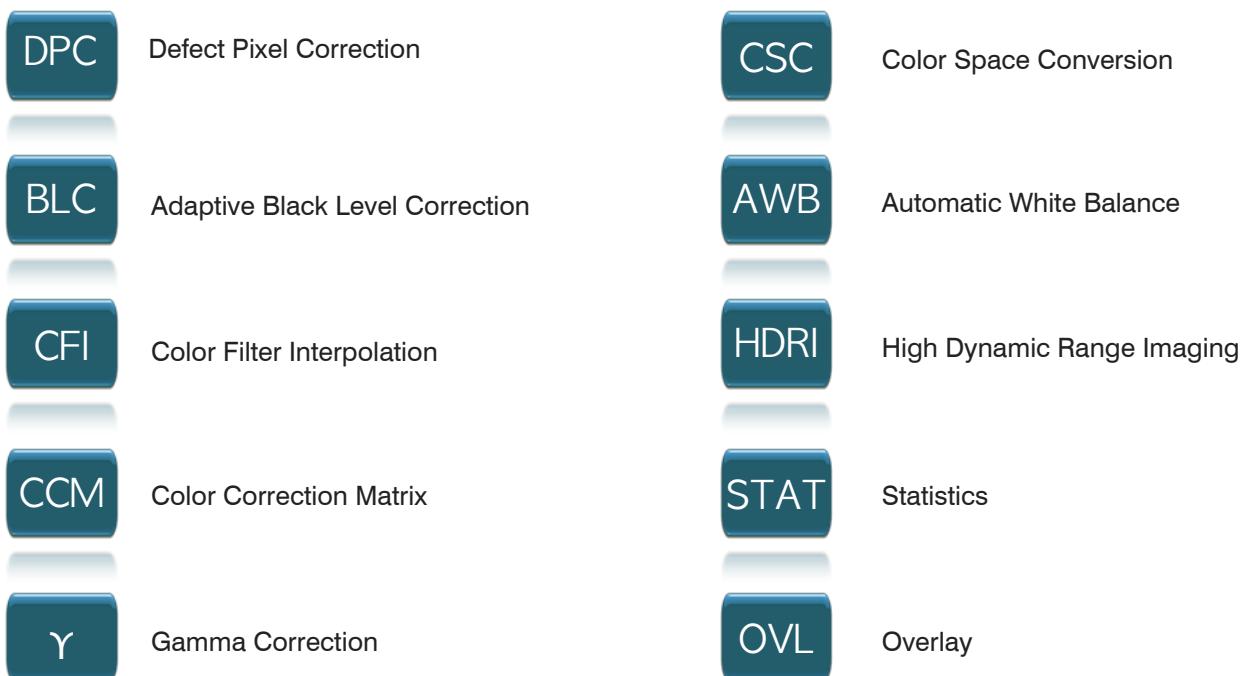
Helion is a member of the ispLeverCORE™ group of independent IP providers who have teamed up with Lattice to bring customers the highest quality, reusable IP cores optimized for Lattice's unique line of FPGA devices.

FEATURES

- Supports image sensors up to 12MP resolution
 - Offers seamless upgrade path, protects investment
 - Direct sensor interfaces and setup
- 1080p60 streaming data path through FPGA
 - Supports full HD at 60 frames per second
 - no external frame buffer required
 - Offers quality at lower system cost
 - Extremely Low latency
- IP supports up to 192 dB (32Bit) scene dynamic range
 - Maximum details under difficult lighting conditions- in both dark and light areas in a single image
 - Exceeds the 150dB automotive manufacturer-specified requirements
 - HDRI Tonemapping available
- Wishbone compatible IP and Mico32 support
 - Easy to setup and use
 - doubleclick interconnect solution
 - platform library and structure header files
- Comprehensive IP Suite
 - End to end ISP solutions



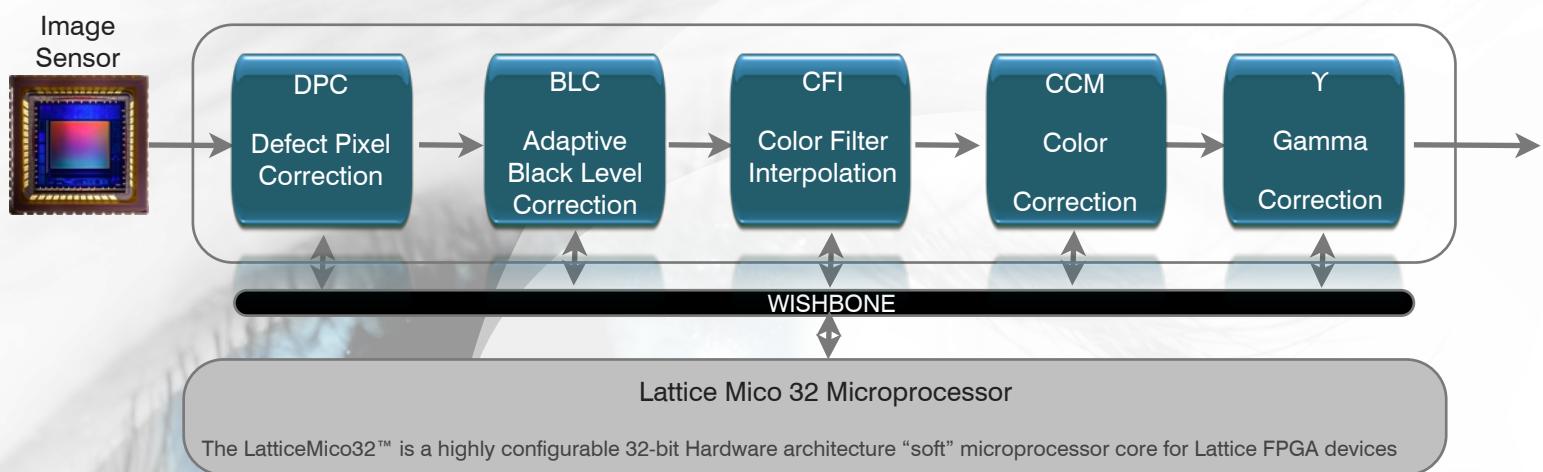
IONOS-IP-CORE OVERVIEW



IONOS-IP-Cores are optimized for Lattice device architectures, resulting in fast, small cores that uses efficiently the latest Lattice architectures.



Example Configuration of IONOS Image Processing Pipeline



DPC

Defect Pixel Correction

Description:

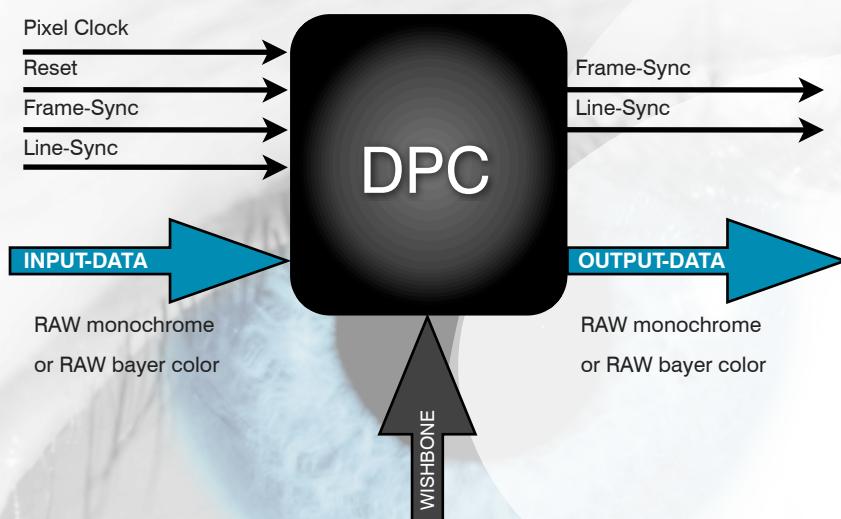
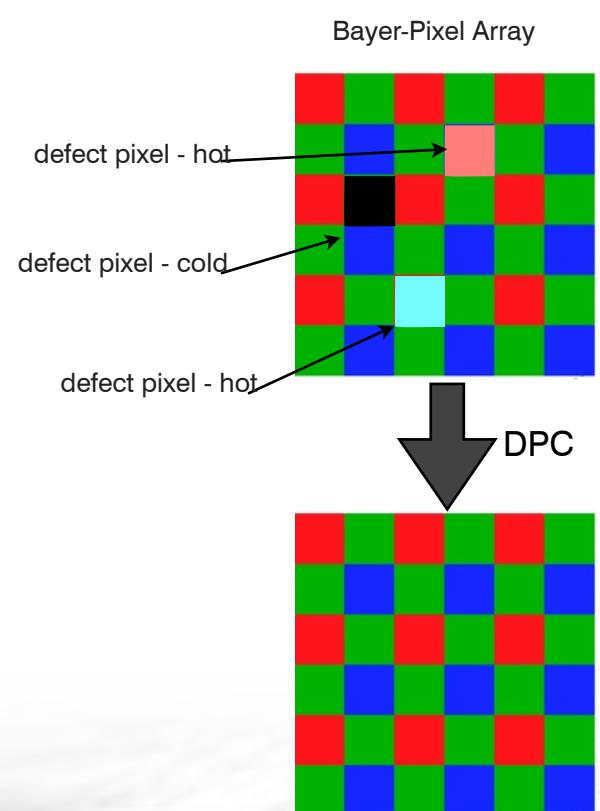
Dead or hot pixels are corrected with the defective pixel correction routine. This routine corrects the defective pixel with interpolated values based on neighbor pixels of the same color channel.

Goal:

Typical correction methods include detection of cold or hot pixels using either median or averaging estimation on immediate pixel neighborhood.

IP-Features

- selectable bitwidth (1..32Bit) for input pixel data, HDR/WDR ready
- image resolution more than 10MP possible, HD ready (720p/1080p)
- RAW monochrome (3x3) or RAW Bayer color (5x5) filter array
- Median or mean value filter version available
- correct delay for sync signals - implied synchronization
- reset-input to allow local or global reset
- dynamic setup with wishbone-interface
 - extrapolation or skipping of picture border pixels
 - switch-off of complete module (bypass function)
 - ready to use platform library and structure header files for Mico32



Example Resource Utilization Lattice Diamond 1.0

12-Bit-Raw-Bayer Data 1920x1080 5x5 Median	XP2 -7C	ECP2M -7C	ECP3 -8C
Slices	1562	1562	1395
DSP-Sites	0	0	0
EBR-Blocks	8	8	8
Max.Pixelclock in MHz after map trace	135	158	140

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BLC

Automatic Black Level Correction

Description:

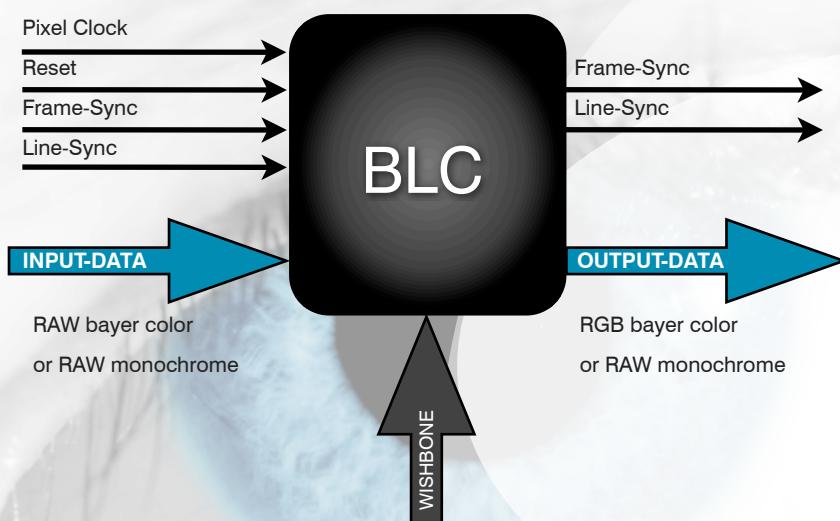
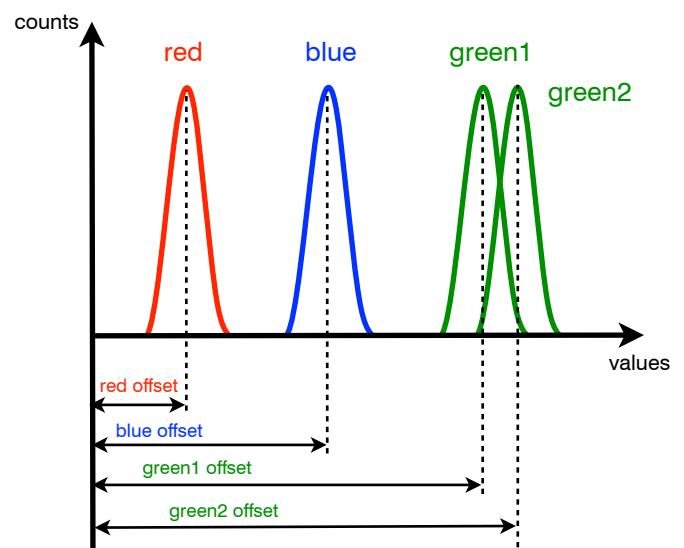
Each color channel has a time dependet offset. Color processing requires linear signal behaviours. Therefore all signals must be without any offset. CMOS image sensors have a so called dark rows output to measure this avarage offset for each color channel.

Goal:

Subtraction of the color channel-specific, line-depending base noise, to achieve an optimal black level result.

IP-Features

- selectable bitwidth (1..32Bit) for input pixel data, HDR ready
- image resolution more than 10MP possible,
- HD ready (720p/1080p)
- Sync signal synchronization to image without black rows/columns
- reset
- each channel processed separately
- Dynamic Setup via wishbone-interface
 - adjustable integration time for black offset identification
 - selectable position of dark rows/columns



Example Resource Utilization Lattice Diamond 1.0

12-Bit-RAW-Bayer	XP2 -7C	ECP2M -7C	ECP3 -8C
Slices	1070	1074	1071
DSP-Sites	0	0	0
EBR-Blocks	0	0	0
Max.Pixelclock in MHz after map trace	210	239	270

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CFI

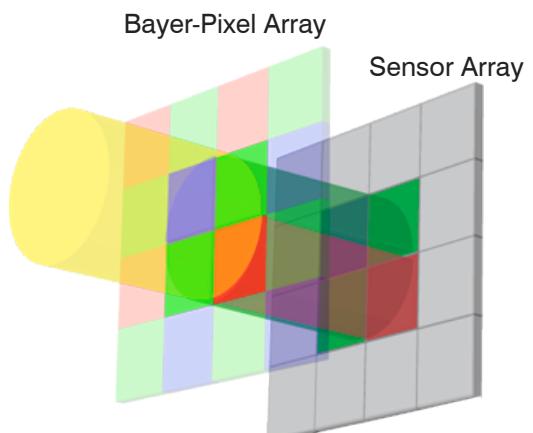
Color Filter Array Interpolation

Description:

Since each pixel has a filter with one of three colors (R/G/B), two-thirds of the color data is missing from each. To obtain a full-color image, various demosaicing algorithms can be used to interpolate a set of complete red, green, and blue values for each pixel.

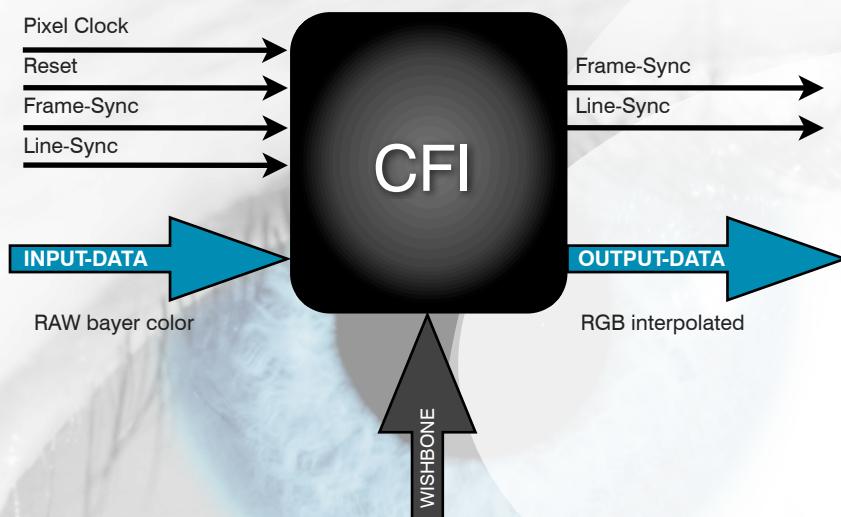
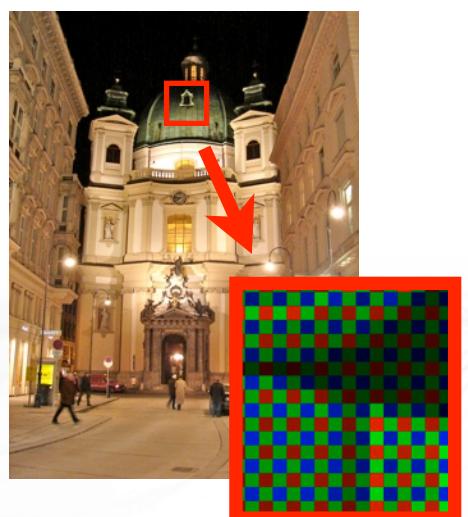
Goal:

Full color information for each pixel of the sensor. Different versions are available.



IP-Features

- selectable bitwidth (1..32Bit) for input pixel data, HDR ready
- image resolution more than 10MP possible,
HD ready (720p/1080p)
- Arbitrary picture size
- Reset input
- Sync signal synchronization
- 3x3 bilinear, 5x5 high-quality or 3x3 smart debayer with edge detection
- Dynamic setup with Mico32
 - Border extrapolation
 - Definition of first phase
 - ready to use platform library and structure header files for Mico32



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Example Resource Utilization Lattice Diamond 1.0

12-Bit-Raw-Bayer Data 1920x1080 3x3 smart debayer	XP2 -7C	ECP2M -7C	ECP3 -8C
Slices	1028	1028	1028
DSP-Sites	0	0	0
EBR-Blocks	4	4	4
Max.Pixelclock in MHz after map trace	135	158	140

CCM

Color Correction Matrix

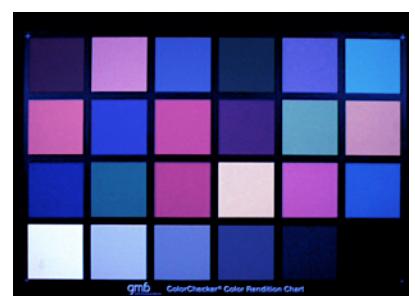
Description:

In order to provide high quality images, acquisition is most important in respect to all further processing steps. A whole variety of current image sensors possess incorrect color rendition due to so called crosscolor effects. This effects leads to wrong color images (e.g. green with too much blue).

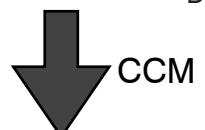
Goal:

Modification of each single color channel by a 3x3 correction matrix.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{red-out} &= rr * \text{red} + rg * \text{green} + rb * \text{blue} \\ \text{green-out} &= gr * \text{red} + gg * \text{green} + gb * \text{blue} \\ \text{blue-out} &= br * \text{red} + bg * \text{green} + bb * \text{blue}\end{aligned}$$



D65

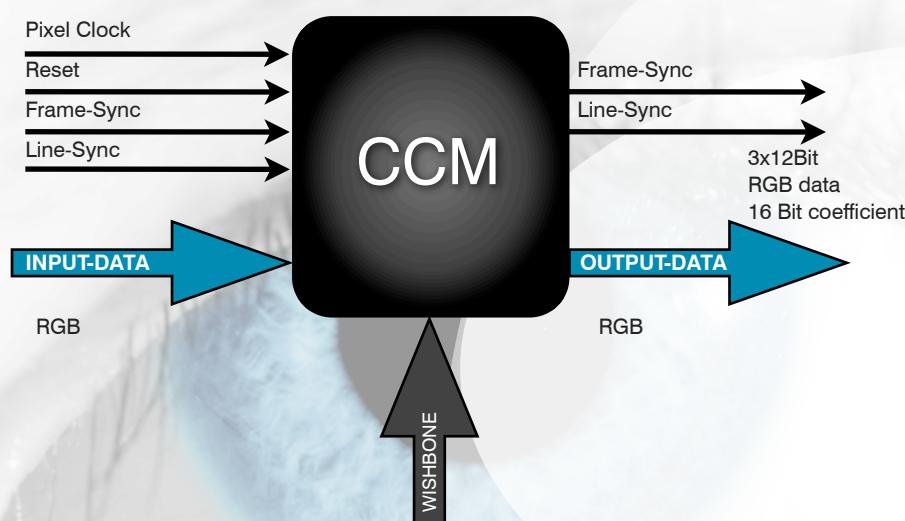


D65

Corrected Image

IP-Features

- selectable bitwidth (1..32Bit) for each color channel data, HDR ready
- image resolution more than 10MP possible, HD ready (720p/1080p)
- selectable bitwidth (1..32 Bit) for coefficients /selectable fixcommabits
- Full color RGB in- and output
- Auto saturation detection
- Dynamic setup with wishbone interface
 - each matrix coefficient is a fixcomma number
 - switch off complete module (bypass function)
 - ready to use platform library and structure header files for Mico32



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Example Resource Utilization Lattice Diamond 1.0

12-Bit-Raw-Bayer	XP2 -7C	ECP2M -7C	ECP3 -8C
Slices	1113	1113	1071
DSP-Sites	18	18	18
EBR-Blocks	0	0	0
Max.Pixelclock in MHz after map trace	278	274	319

GAMMA

Gamma Correction

Description:

Pixels are illuminated in a linear way. To provide pixel data to common video systems a conversion to a non-linear value encoding may be needed.

Goal:

Conversion of a RGB-input signal from linear to non-linear value or otherwise under usage of arbitrary gamma correction factors.

IP-Features

- selectable bitwidth (1..32Bit) for each color channel data, HDR ready
- image resolution more than 10MP possible, HD ready (720p/1080p)
- selectable output datawidth (for RGB)
- automatic interpolation between look up table entries (for use of smaller tables)
- for all colors, one look up table which is mapped into the wishbone address space
- implied sync signal synchronisation
- Reset-input for global/local reset
- Separate correction for each single color channel
- Dynamic Setup via wishbone-interface
 - flexible modification of correction parameters
 - ready-to-use platform library and structure header files for Mico32
 - Gamma Compression or Gamma expansion possible to switch during processing

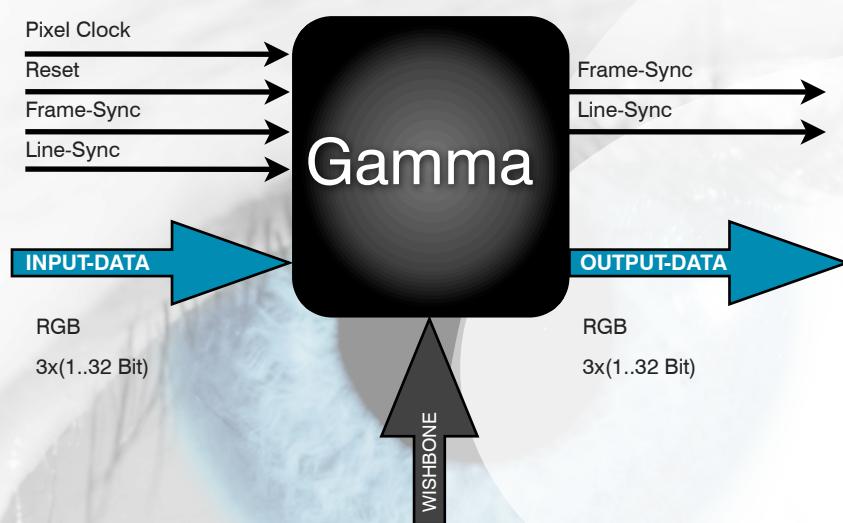


$\gamma = 1.0$

↓
Gamma
Correction



$\gamma = 0.5$



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Example Resource Utilization Lattice Diamond 1.0

12-Bit-Raw-Bayer	XP2 -7C	ECP2M -7C	ECP3 -8C
Slices	53	53	68
DSP-Sites	0	0	0
EBR-Blocks	6	6	6
Max.Pixelclock in MHz after map trace	218	272	243

CSC

Color Space Conversion and Chroma up/down sampling

Description:

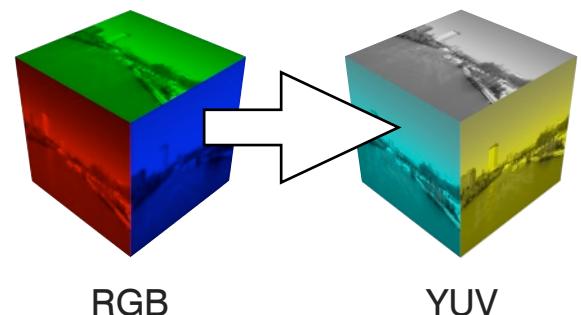
Many processes need other input format than RGB. Especially data formats with decreased size, achieved by color downsampling are commonly used (e.g. encoders).

Goal:

Conversion of picture stream data into different data formats.

IP-Features

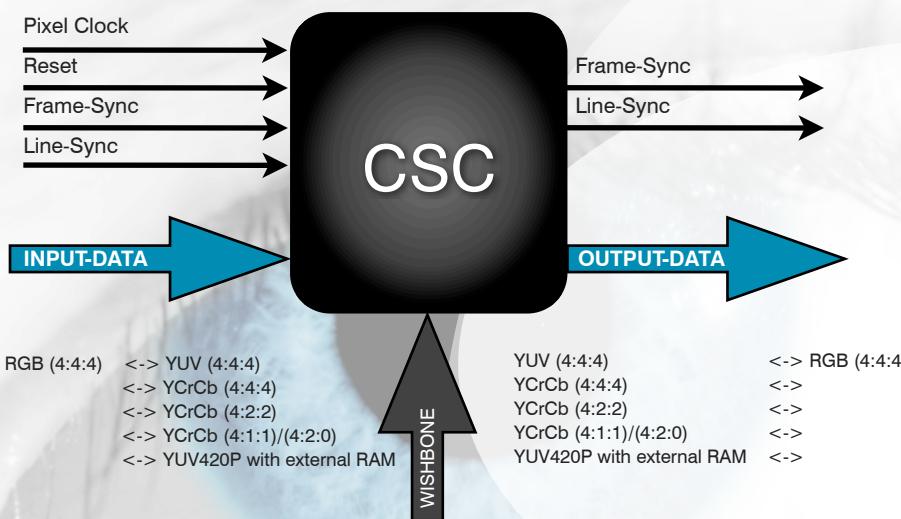
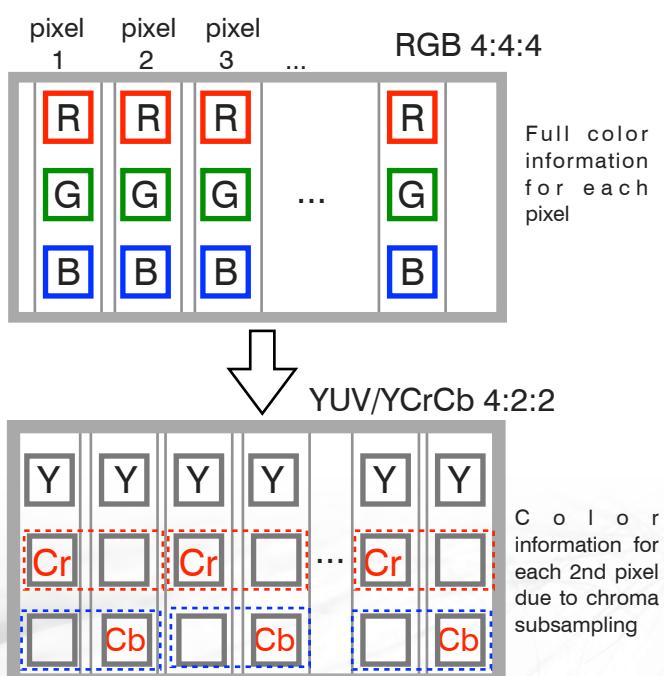
- selectable bitwidth (1..32Bit) for input pixel data, HDR ready
- image resolution more than 10MP possible,
HD ready (720p/1080p)
- Sync signal synchronization
- planar or interleaved data formats
- selectable output formats:
 - RGB->YUV420P, YCrCb422
- Color space calculation and color up/down sampling
- dynamic setup with wishbone-interface
 - extrapolation or skipping of picture border pixels
 - switch-off of complete module (bypass function)
 - ready to use platform library and structure header files for Mico32
 - Output data sorting
 - YCrCb output format adjustment



RGB

YUV

Data stream with RGB values for each pixel.



Example Resource Utilization Lattice Diamond 1.0

RGB (4:4:4) ->YUV420p (4:1:1)	XP2 -7C	ECP2M -7C	ECP3 -8C
Slices	541	542	537
DSP-Sites	9	9	9
EBR-Blocks	3	3	3
Max.Pixelclock in MHz after map trace	115	130	128

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HDRI

High Dynamic Range Imaging

Description:

Fully configurable comprehensive High Dynamic Range (HDR) pipeline, works with industry standard HDR sensors, and delivers outstanding HDR performance in one of the industry's most innovative FPGA based HDR implementations.

Goal:

Extremely wide 120dB-HDR-IP ensures that no detail in dark areas is lost even when an intruder shines a flashlight directly into the camera lens, while HDR, working in close conjunction with a fast-auto-exposure rapidly adjusts exposure in changing light conditions to offer a system dynamic range of 170dB.

IP-Features

- selectable bitwidth (1..32 Bit) for each color channel
- especially for HDR input data
- selectable output bitwidth
- image resolution more than 10MP possible,
HD ready (720p/1080p)
- embedded statistics engine
- every 2nd frame - complete new setup of all embedded look up table
- auto adaptive global and local tonemapping
- no external memory needed, for real-time view

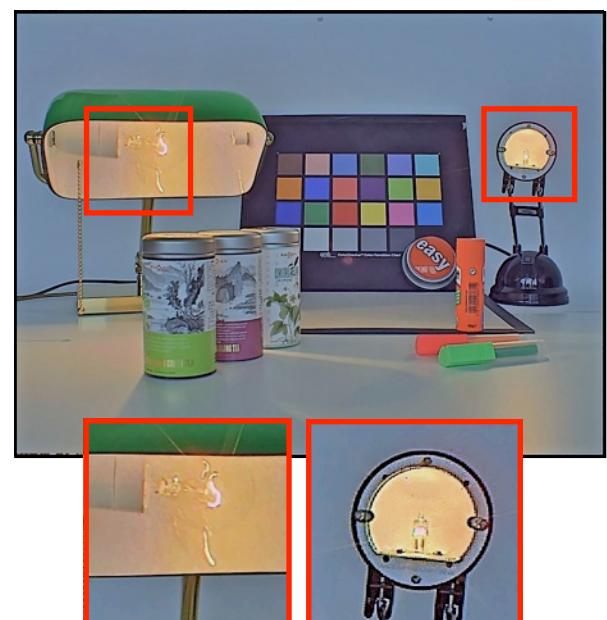
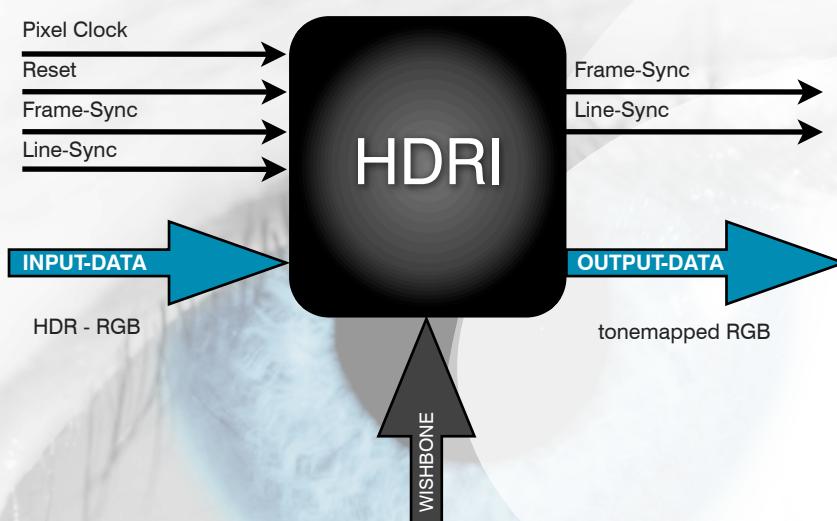


Image Processing via
BLENDFEST-HDRI
Color-Pipeline



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Example Resource Utilization Lattice Diamond 1.0

120dB HDR 20-Bit-Raw-Bayer 1920x1080	ECP2M -7C	ECP3 -8C
Slices	8069	9172
DSP-Sites	120	118
EBR-Blocks	68	68
Max.Pixelclock in MHz after map trace	187	132

IONOS- IP-CORE OVERVIEW

IP-Block-Function	Sub-Function	Shortcut	Options
COLOR PIPELINE			
	Color Correction	CCM	Color Correction Matrix
	Color Interpolation	CFI-3B	Color Interpolation, 3x3 Bilinear
	Color Interpolation	CFI-3S	Color Interpolation, 3x3 Smart Debayer
	Color Interpolation	CFI-5HQ	Color Interpolation, 5x5 HQ Debayer
	Defect-pixel Correction	DPC-1M	Defect Correction (1D) only monochrome
	Defect-pixel Correction	DPC-2C	Defect Correction (2D) color
	Defect-pixel Correction	DPC-2M	Defect Correction (2D) monochrome
	Gamma	GC	Gamma Correction
	Green-Channel Balancing	GCB	Defect Correction Green Channel
	Test Pattern	TG	Test Pattern Generator
COLOR SPACE CONVERSION & MANAGEMENT			
		CSF-HDR	Color Separation and Fusion for HDR Operations
		CSC-RGB/YCrCb	Color Space Conversion RGB (4:4:4) -> YCrCb (4:2:2)
		CSC-RGB/YUV	Color Space Conversion RGB (4:4:4) -> YUV420P (4:2:0)
		CSC-YCrCb/RGB	Color Space Conversion YCrCb (4:2:2) -> RGB (4:4:4)
SENSOR SETUP & CONTROL			
	Auto Exposure	AE-AFL	Antiflicker
		AE-DRE	Dynamic Range Enhancement
		AE-LDR	Base Package Fast Response for LDR
		AE-HDR	Base Package Fast Response for HDR
		AE-SIA	Base Package Slow iterative Approach
	Auto White Balancing	AWB	Base Package
	Linearization (HDR-Mode)	HDR-LIN (APTINA-MT9M023/M033)	Data Linearization for HDR operations
		HDR-LIN (APTINA-MT9V022/023/032/033)	Data Linearization for HDR operations

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IP-Block-Function	Sub-Function	Shortcut	Options
IMAGE ENHANCEMENT			
	Noise Reduction	NR	Adaptive Noise Reduction, Temporal Noise Removal (+ext.RAM)
	Distortion Correction	DC	Distortion Correction (+ext.RAM)
	Dithering	DI-1W	Error Diffusion Dithering 1-Way / Color Reduction
	Dithering	DI-2W	Error Diffusion Dithering 2-Way / Color Reduction
	Aperture Correction	AC	Filter Kernel with 3x3 user matrix, e.g. Aperture Correction
	Lens Shading Correction	LSC-1C	Lens Shading Correction (Luminance) / 1 Channel
	Lens Shading Correction	LSC-3C	Lens Shading Correction (RGB) / 3 Channel
	Rotation	ROT	Image Rotation (+ext.RAM)
SCALING			
	Soft-Scaler X-Axis	SOSC-X	Soft Scaler X-Axis / without ext.RAM
	Soft-Scaler Y-Axis	SOSC-Y	Soft Scaler Y-Axis / without ext.RAM
PICTURE IMPROVEMENT & TONEMAPPING: WIDE DYNAMIC RANGE			
	HDR/WDR	BF-DRI-C-12	BLENDFEST-Dynamic Range Increase-Color, 12bit/ Color Channel
	HDR/WDR	BF-DRI-M-12	BLENDFEST-Dynamic Range Increase-Monochrome, 12bit/Input Channel
	HDR/WDR	BF-DRI-C-24	BLENDFEST-Dynamic Range Increase-Color, 24bit/Color Channel
	HDR/WDR	BF-DRI-M-24	BLENDFEST-Dynamic Range Increase-Monochrome, 24bit/Input Channel
	Gamma Tone Mapping	GTM-EDR1	GTM, HDR Adaptive Algorithm for Efficient Dynamic Range (EDR)
	Gamma Tone Mapping	GTM-EDR2	GTM, LDR Adaptive Algorithm for Efficient Dynamic Range (EDR)
	Gamma Tone Mapping	GTM-24	GTM, HDR up to 24 bit input / Static Gamma Luminance
	Gamma Tone Mapping	GTM-10	GTM, LDR up to 10 bit input / Static Gamma Luminance

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IP-Block-Function	Sub-Function	Shortcut	Options
INTERFACING			
	APIX	INT-AP-RX	APIX-RX Interface and ROM Emulation
	APIX	INT-AP-TX	APIX-TX Interface and ROM Emulation
	Frame Rate Converter	INT-FRC	30fps->60fps (+ext.SRAM)
	i2C Interface	INT-i-WC/FC	Fast Frame wise Configurator / every frame configuration
	i2C Interface	INT-i-1024/S	Slave with 1024 Byte Register / slave for FPGA side configuration
	Sensor Interface	SI	Image Sensor Setup: Aptina MT9V022/V023/V024/V032/V033/V034 MT9T031/P031/E001/N001/J001/J003 MT9M023/M033
	Output Interface	OI-DVI	Output Interface for DVI Transmitter
	Output Interface	OI-TFT	Output Interface for TFT-Panel
	Output Interface	OI-1120	Output Interface for BT1120
	Output Interface	OI-656	Output Interface for BT656
	Output Interface	OI-DSP	Output Interface for DSP
	Wishbone	WB-MI	I2C like master interface
	Wishbone	WB-SI	I2C like slave interface (256 Registers)
MICROCONTROLLER AND PERIPHERALS			
	8-bit CPU	CPU-8	8-bit CPU with Wishbone mapping
	32-bit soft-CPU	CPU-s32	MICO32 based, with Helion features

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IP-Block-Function	Sub-Function	Shortcut	Options
PERIPHERALS			
	Memory Interface	MEM-INT-D1	Memory Interface DDR1 SDRAM Interface Controller
	Memory Interface	MEM-INT-D2	Memory Interface DDR2 SDRAM Interface Controller
	Memory Interface	MEM-INT-QD	Memory Interface QDR DDR SDRAM Interface Controller
	Memory Interface	MEM-INT	Memory Interface SDR SDRAM Interface Controller
	Wishbone	WB-HS-EBR	Statistic Engine / Wishbone Histogram Statistics 128 tiles EBR based
	Wishbone	WB-HS-LUT	Statistic Engine / Wishbone Histogram Statistics 128 tiles LUT based
	Wishbone	WB-MB/DM	Wishbone Memory Block / Dual Port Memory
	Wishbone	WB-SQ-IN	Wishbone Slave Quad in port / 4x32 bit Input Port
	Wishbone	WB-SQ-OUT	Wishbone Slave Quad out port / 4x32 bit Output Port
OSD / OVERLAY			
	Character Map	OSD-CM	OSD Character Map (OSD-CM) 2048 Characters (256x8 128x16 64x32 32x64 16x 128 8x256) 16x16 Pixel per Character up to 4 OSD-CG (64 up to 256 different Characters) user defined resolution and position
	Character Generator	OSD-GEN	OSD Character/Symbol Generator (OSD-CG) 16x16 Pixel, 16 Colors(24 bit/ Color) 64 Characters/Symbols user defined
	Overlay	OVL	Overlay with 1 graphical object selectable color, transparency and dimension / Bitmap
EMBEDDED DATA			
	Parameter Inserting	PI	Data insertion into image stream (selctable)