

**A 90nm embedded DRAM
single chip LSI
with
a 3D graphics,
H.264 codec engine,
and a reconfigurable processor**

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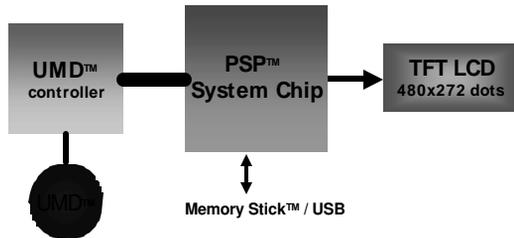
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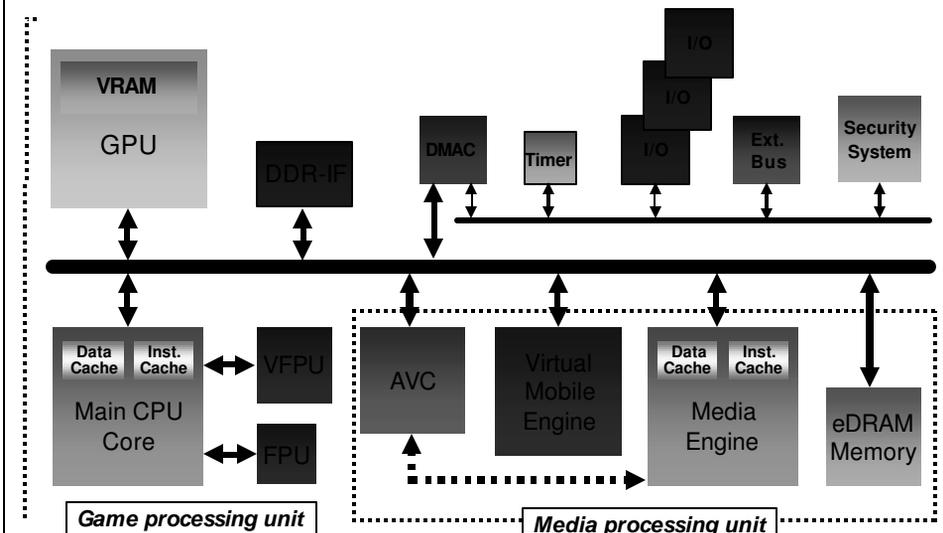
What is PlayStation® Portable (PSP™) New Handheld Video Game System



- 3D-CG Games with High Quality Video/ Sound
- 4.3 inch, Wide Screen(16:9) TFT LCD
- UMD™, High-Capacity (1.8GB) Optical Disc
- ATRAC3 plus, AAC, MP3 for Music
- AVC/ @MP for Picture/ Movie
- Li-ion Battery

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PSP™ System Chip Block Diagram



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Game/ Media processing unit

■ Game processing unit

- CPU Core
 - MIPS R4000 32bit Core:1-333MHz
 - FPU, VFPU (Vector Unit)
- 3D graphics
 - 'Rendering Engine' + 'Surface Engine'
 - 2MByte eDRAM(VRAM):512bit/ 166MHz bus I/ F

■ Media processing unit

- Media Engine
 - MIPS R4000 32bit Core with FPU
 - 1-333MHz
- H.264 codec engine
 - H.264 hardware accelerator
- VME(Virtual Mobile Engine)
 - A reconfigurable processor to decode audio/ video codec

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eDRAM & I/ O

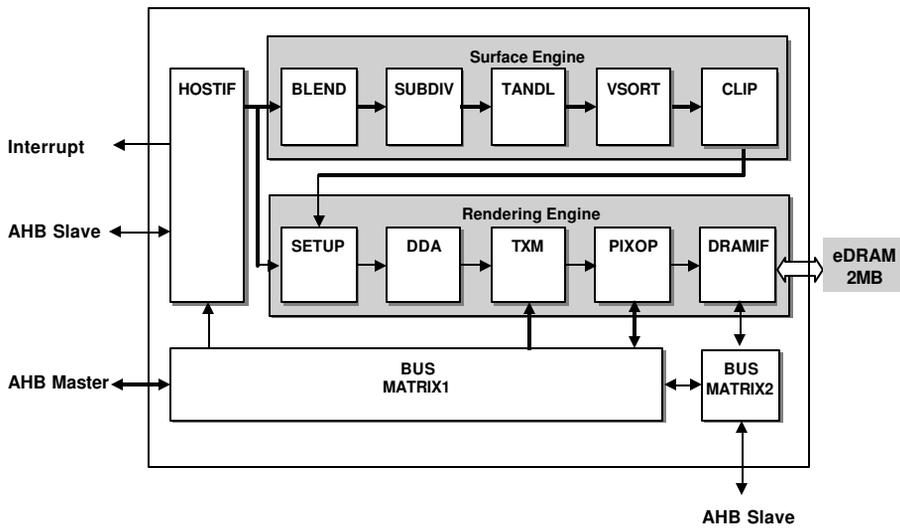
- eDRAM
 - Total capacity of 4Mbytes
 - One half for the game processing unit
 - The other half for the media processing unit
- I/ O
 - Mobile DDR I/ F
 - USB 2.0(Device)
 - Memory Stick™

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3D-Graphics Module

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Block Diagram 3D Graphics Module Block Diagram



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Surface Engine Specification

Surface Technology

- High-speed tessellation logic of Bezier and Spline Surfaces.
- Hardware Transformation and Lighting.

Geometry Blending

- (up to 8 matrices) for skinning.

Vertex Blending

- (up to 8 vertices) for morphing.

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Surface Technology

These two models have the same data size



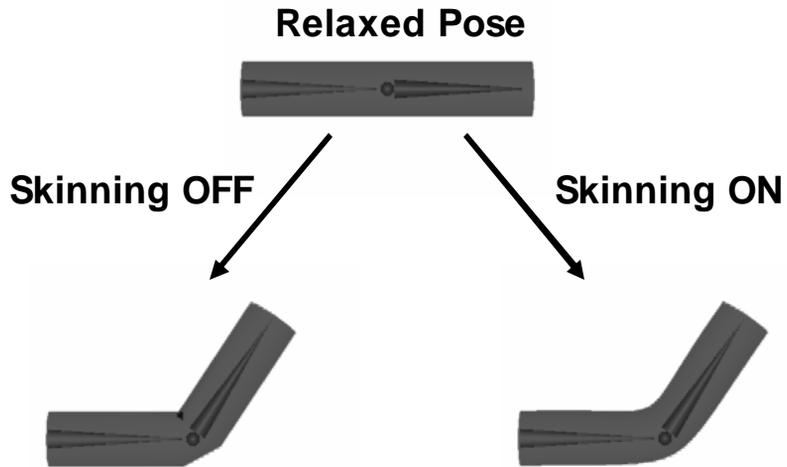
Surface model



Polygon model

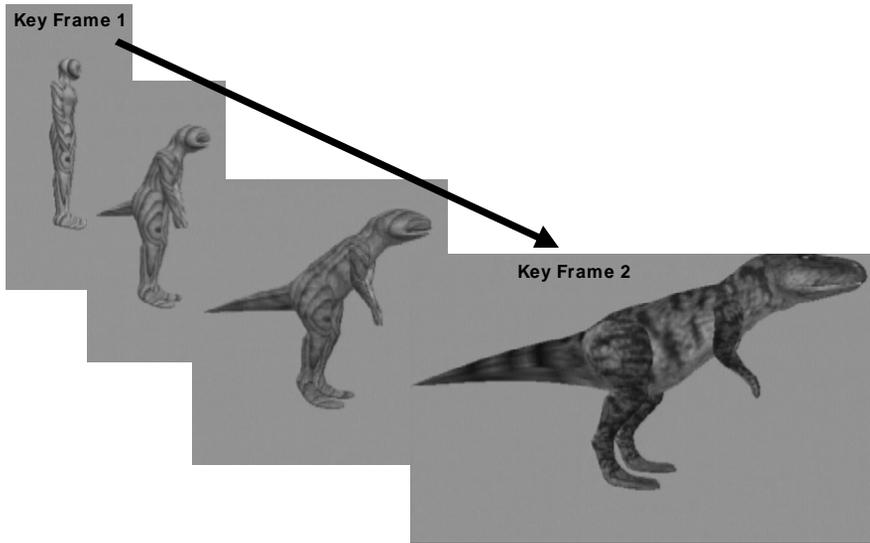
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Geometry Blending (Skinning)



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Vertex Blending (Morphing)



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Rendering Engine Specification

Drawable Primitives

•supports Point, Line, Triangle, Rectangle, Bezier and Spline.

Graphics Functions

- Directional/ Point/ Spot Lighting
- Clipping
- Environment Mapping
- Projection Mapping
- Texture Mapping
- Fogging
- Alpha Blending
- Depth Test
- Stencil Test
- Dithering
- 16/ 32 bit pixel color

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Frequency&Peformance

Frequency

Frequency	166 MHz
Graphics Memory	2 Mbytes

Performance(@166MHz)

Surface Tessellation (divide by 16x16)	58 K Patches/ sec
Geometry	35 M Polygons/ sec
Rendering Setup	35 M Polygons/ sec
Pixel Fill Rate	664 M Pixels/ sec

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H.264(AVC) Decoder

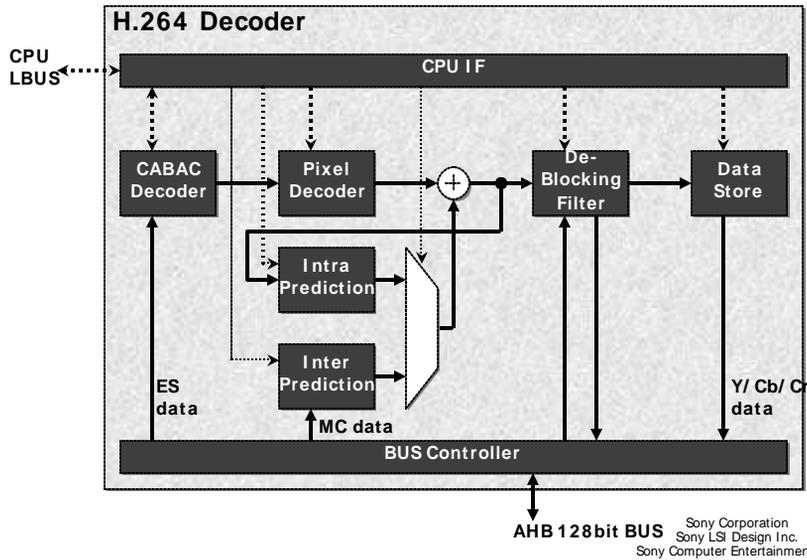
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Features

- **H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10(MPEG-4 Part10) Decoder**
- **Supports Main Profile**
- **Supports Up to Level3 (720x480 @30fps)**

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H.264 Decoder Block Diagram

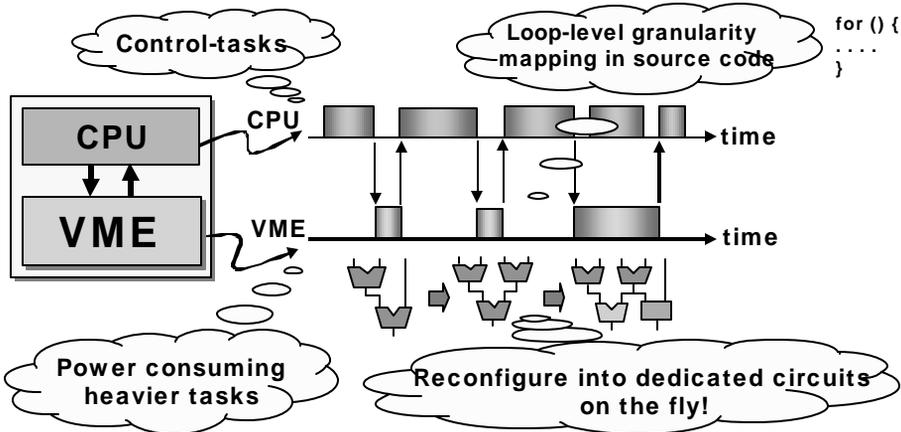


Reconfigurable Processor (Virtual Mobile Engine™)

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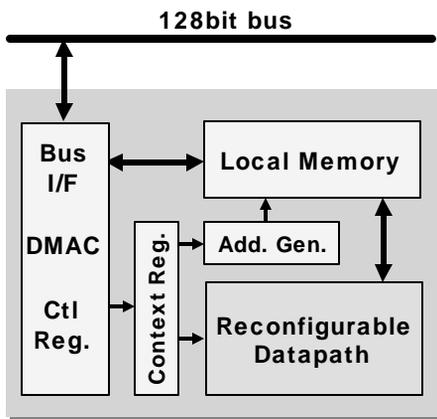
Virtual Mobile Engine™ (VME) Concept

VME is “*virtual dedicated accelerator*”
using **Dynamic Reconfigurable Architecture**
for **Low-power and Programmability**



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VME Structure

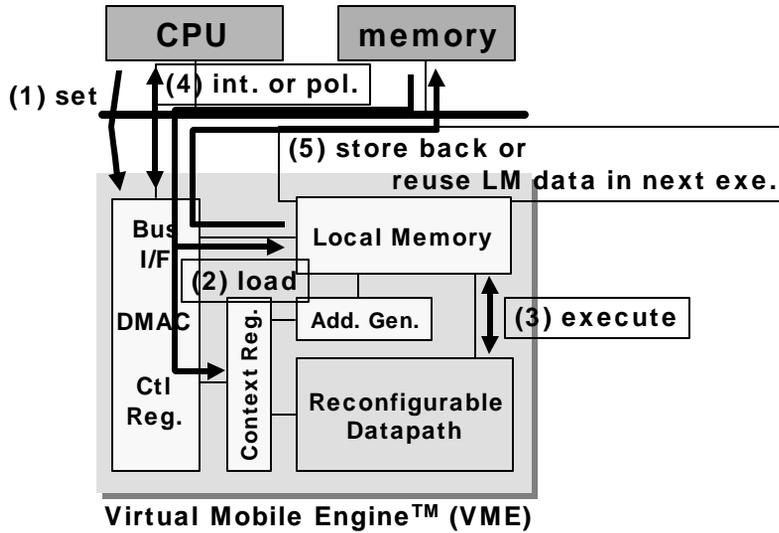


Virtual Mobile Engine™ (VME)

- Works as Dynamic Reconfigurable vector engine
- Reconfigured on the fly
- One cycle context switch
- Coarse grain heterogeneous type
- Native 24bit data-width
- Max Clock Freq. 166MHz

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Typical VME Operation



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VME Applications

Only existing low-power Dynamic Reconfigurable Engine used for Consumer Product

World's First Consumer Product using Reconfigurable architecture!

Network Walkman (Flash mem.)
 - audio codec
 - sound effect

CD Walkman
 - audio ATRAC3 Dec
 4mW @1.2V,0.18um

MD Walkman
 - audio codec
 - sound effect

Network Walkman (HDD)
 - game sound
 - audio codec
 - sound effect
 - video codec

PSP™

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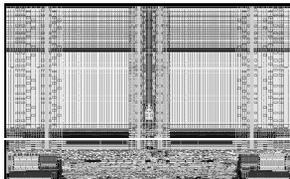
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Embedded DRAM

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Specification

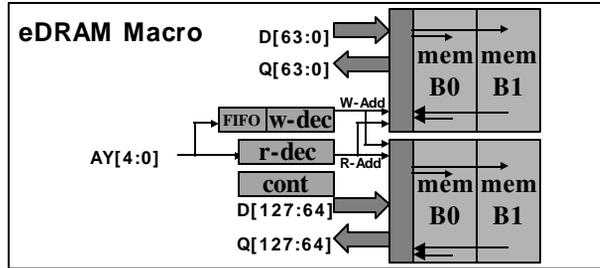
- **Configuration**
 - [1024row x 32col x 128bits x 2Bank] x 4Macro
- **AC Spec**
 - tCK(min.): 6ns < 166MHz>
 - tRC(min): 30ns
 - CAS latency: 2clk
- **Special Function**
 - 1Cycle Read-Modify-Write operation for 3D graphics



PSP™ 1MB eDRAM (128bit 2Bank)

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eDRAM Macro Configuration

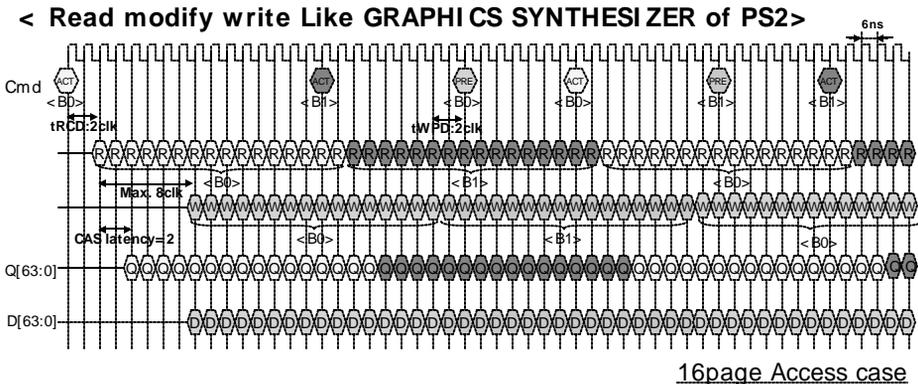


Read modify write

- 128bit Read + 128bit Write
- Data can be read and written at the same time in generating 3D graphics
- Normal read/ write mode is also available

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RMW TimingChart



- 8 state write address FIFO
- 2 Bank interleave operation

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Chip implementation

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Low power control

- **Core voltage control**
 - VDD= 0.8- 1.2V
- **Clock frequency control**
 - 1-333MHz :CPU clock
 - 0.5-166MHz :Bus clock
- **Clock ON/ OFF control**
 - Clock supply is gated at clock control unit.
 - CPU can control clock supply to each block
- **Independent power ON/ OFF control**
 - 3D- Graphics unit
 - H.264 unit
 - reconfigurable engine (VME)

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Physical chip implementation

Specifications

Process	90 nm CMOS technology 7 layer Cu metals
Gate	6M gates
CPU frequency	1-333MHz
Bus frequency	0.5-166MHz
eDRAM Size	4 Mbytes
Package	540pin LFBGA
Power Consumption	< 500mW @H.264(AVC)Decode
VDD(Core)	0.8V-1.2V
VDD(I/O)	2.5/3.3V

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Conclusion

- **A 90nm embedded DRAM single chip LSI for PSP™ has been developed.**
- **It has**
 - **3D-graphics module**
with **Rendering Engine + Surface Engine**
 - **H.264(AVC) H.W. Decoder**
 - **Reconfigurable processor (VME)**
 - **4Mbyte eDRAM**
- **This chip will be manufactured by Sony Semiconductor Kyushu Corporation at NAGASAKI, Japan.**

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