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VDPAU

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Outline

- What is VDPAU?
- Status
- Data Flow
- Features
- Interoperability
- Demos

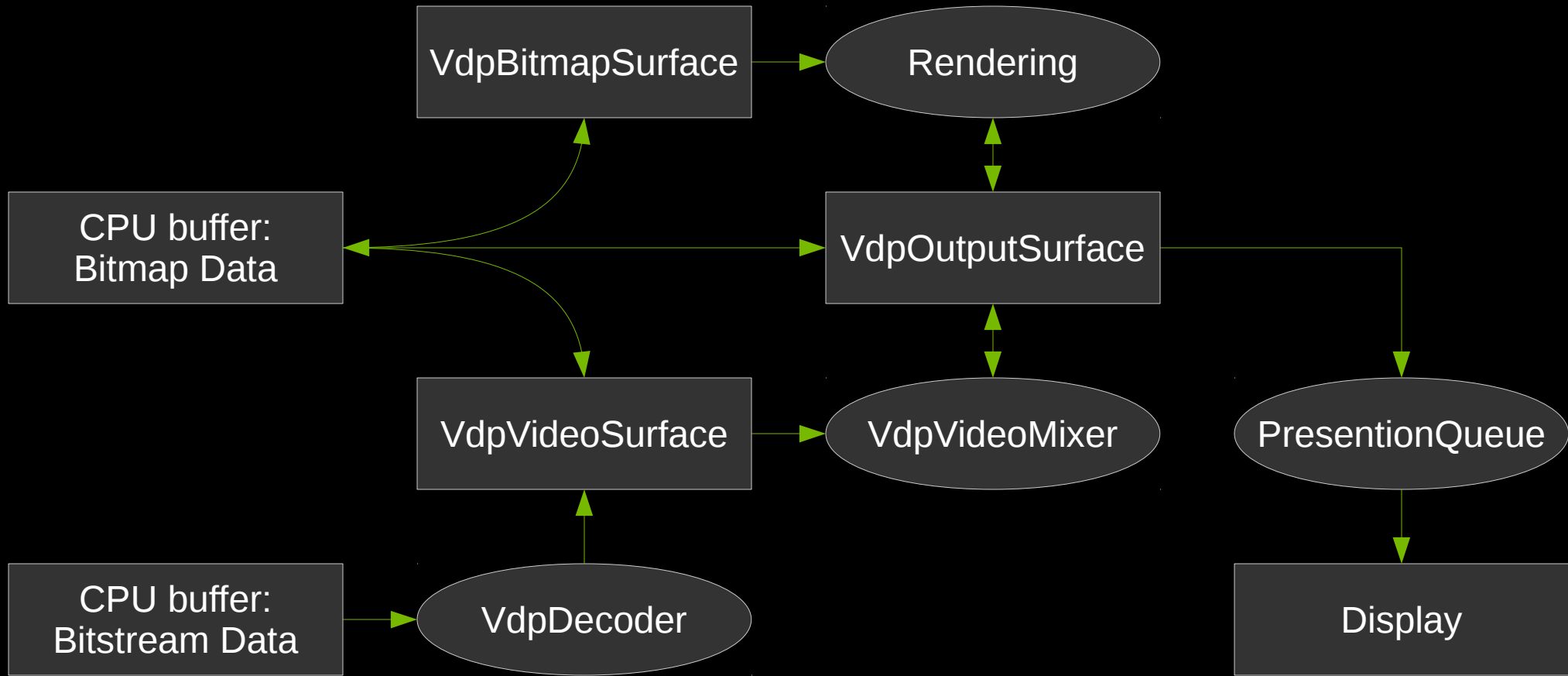
What is VDPAU?

- Unix API for
 - GPU-accelerated video decoding
 - Post-processing
 - Simple UI compositing
 - Display
 - Customization via interop

Status

- Shipping since late 2008
- Advanced interop APIs shipping since early 2010
- Supported on GeForce 8 series and higher
 - With just a few exceptions
- Runs on Linux, Solaris, and FreeBSD
- Supported by many media player applications
- Well supported by NVIDIA

Objects and Data Flow



Features – Decoding

- All formats supported by the GPU
 - MPEG-1/2
 - H.264 / AVC / MPEG-4 Part 10
 - VC-1 / WMV3
 - MPEG-4 Part 2 / DivX
- VLD level API only
 - Applications work the same way on all HW

Features – Post-Processing

- De-interlacing
 - Weave, Bob, and two more advanced algorithms
 - Inverse-telecine
- Color-space conversion
- “Procamp” (brightness, contrast, saturation, hue)
- Noise reduction
- Sharpness

Compositing

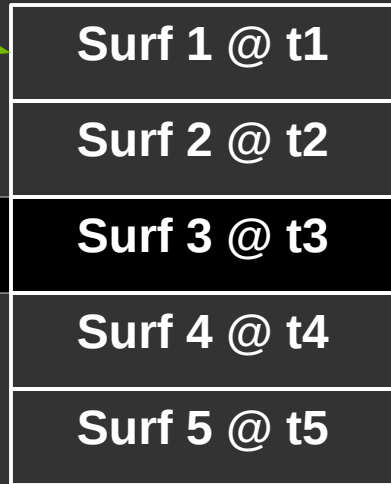
- During post-processing of video ...
- Scale video
- Extract a sub-rectangle
- Alpha-blending with other n surfaces
 - Each scaled and with a sub-rectangle extracted
- Result can be looped back to blend n video streams

Presentation Queue

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for ever:
    parse bitstream
    vdp_decoder_render(bitstream, vid_surf)
    vdp_mixer_render(vid_surf, out_surf)
    vdp_pq_display(out_surf, timestamp)
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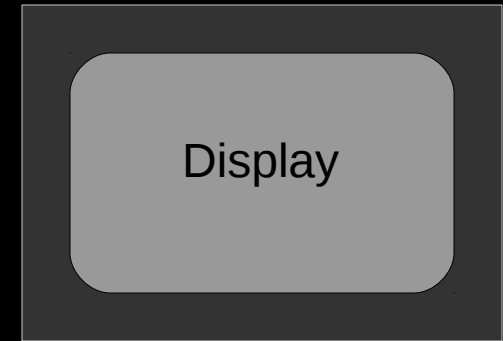
CPU

Push asynchronously



GPU

Pop at first VSYNC after t



Interop – CPU

- “Put Bits”: Upload surface content from CPU to GPU
 - VdpVideoSurface, VdpOutputSurface, VdpBitmapSurface
- “Get Bits”: Download surface content from GPU to CPU
 - VdpVideoSurface, VdpOutputSurface
- Limited format conversions available in some cases
- CPU memory can be used by any other API
 - File I/O, X11 rendering, OpenGL texture upload, ...
- Slowest path if extracted data to be processed on GPU

Interop – X Pixmaps

- Presentation Queue can render to
 - X Window, for end-user display
 - X Pixmap, for interop
 - GLX_EXT_texture_from_pixmap
- Only a single X pixmap per presentation queue
 - Limits pipelining/concurrency

Interop – VdpOutputSurface

- Native format is a single wxh ARGB surface



Interop – VdpVideoSurface

- Each field exposed as separate sub-surfaces
- Luma and chroma exposed as separate sub-surfaces
- \Rightarrow Two $w \times (h/2)$ surfaces for luma
- With appropriate chroma sub-sampling
- \Rightarrow Two $w \times (h/2)$ or $w \times (h/4)$ surfaces for chroma

Interop – CUDA

- Exposes VDPAU surfaces as CUDA arrays
- VDPAU surfaces readable and writable
- Well-defined ordering between VDPAU and CUDA accesses
- Access n surfaces at a time
- Fits into standard CUDA interop API style in CUDA 3.1
- Both driver-level and toolkit-level APIs

Interop – CUDA

- `cuVDPAUCtxCreate`
- `cuGraphicsVDPAURegister{Video,Output}Surface`
- `cuGraphicsMapResources`
- `cuGraphicsSubResourceGetMappedArray`
- Read from CUDA array, or memcpy to it
- `cuGraphicsUnmapResources`
- `cuGraphicsUnregisterResource`

Interop – OpenGL

- Gives VDPAU surfaces OpenGL texture names
- VDPAU surfaces readable and writable
- Well-defined ordering between VDPAU and GL rendering
- Access n surfaces at a time
- `GL_NV_vdpau_interop`

Interop - OpenGL

- VDPAUInitNV
- VDPAURegister{Video,Output}SurfaceNV
- VDPAUMapSurfacesNV
- Texture from the surface, or render to it
- VDPAUUnmapSurfacesNV
- VDPAUUnregisterSurfaceNV
- VDPAUFiniNV

Demos

- Basic Decoding
- Interop with CUDA
- Interop with OpenGL



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