

SOURCE : JAPAN

TITLE : Hardware consideration on line scanning conversion

PURPOSE: Information

1. Introduction

Line scanning conversion (i.e. interlace scanning to progressive scanning conversion) is one of the most important technique for SCIF format conversion. A consideration is made from the view point of hardware implementation.

2. Line Scanning conversion

Several line scanning conversion models are adopted for the consideration. The examples of models are illustrated in Fig.1. For each model, rough cost of Camera, hardware of scanning converter, hardware size of video codec, coding efficiency and picture quality are estimated. Table 1 shows the results of the consideration.

3. Conclusion

The progressive scanning format improves the picture quality for only who have expensive cameras (or complicated scanning converters) and progressive monitors. The format does not make remarkable improvements for the rest. The format decrease the coding efficiency in comparison with interlace scanning format.

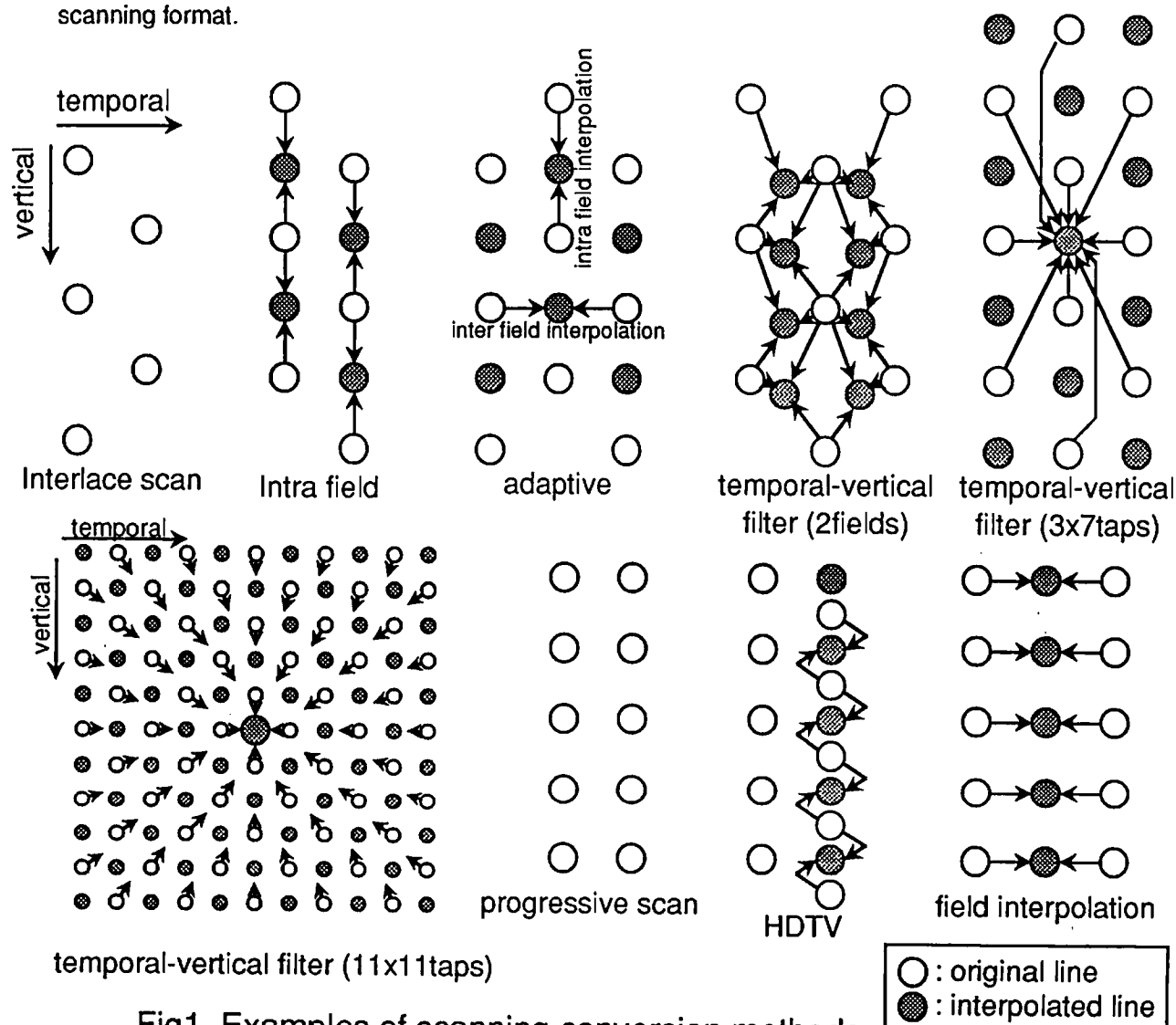


Fig1. Examples of scanning conversion methods

Table 1. Hardware consideration on line scanning conversion

Picture Format	Camera		Scanning Converter		VideoCODEC			Picture Quality (*1)				
		relative cost		hardware	relative pixel rate	relative hardware size	relative bit rate(*2)	on interlace monitor	on progressive monitor			
525/2:1 (reference)	Interlace	1	—	—	1	1	1	C I P C I P	C I P C I P			
			Intra field interpolation	line memory	2	2	1.3~1.5	C I P	C I P			
motion adaptive Interpolation			2 x field memory									
temporal-vertical filter (2fields)			1 x field memory									
temporal-vertical filter (3x7 taps)			2 x field memory									
temporal-vertical filter (11x11 taps)			10 x field memory									
525/1:1	progressive 60Hz	10	—	—	1.5~1.8		1.5~1.8	C I P	C I P			
	HDTV (interlace)	10	Intra field interpolation	line memory						1.5~1.8	C I P	C I P
	progressive 30Hz	2~5	field interpolation	1 x field memory								

(*1): subjective picture quality C I P C I P
 (*2): bit rate for a INTRA field in fixed quantized coding
 C I P C I P