The contribution encoding capabilities of the Monarch EDGE encoder and decoder pair provide broadcasters with a means to easily add additional or complimentary backhaul feeds, or redundant contribution channels of their primary feeds. These small-footprint, low-power appliances deliver quad-channel broadcast quality with 4:2:2 10-bit HD streams. The Monarch EDGE encoder has enough encoding horsepower to simultaneously generate low-bitrate 4:2:0 proxy streams for each input, which can be monitored by any device on the network.
Built for High Quality 10-bit H.264 Encoding and Decoding

The optimized H.264 engine powering Monarch EDGE keeps data rates exceptionally low without sacrificing quality. If quality is of the highest importance, streams can be encoded up to 120 Mbps. Four inputs can be streamed at resolutions up to 1080p60, or one input at 2160p60 using the High 4:2:2 H.264 encoding profile. Furthermore, multiple processes can be performed on each input by powerful scaling and de-interlacing engines. This enables each input to be streamed at multiple resolutions and bitrates simultaneously, which is useful for remote monitoring.

Exceptionally Low Latency

In live productions, long encode, transmission, and decode latencies can have adverse effects on the production. With a “glass-to-glass” latencies as low as 100ms between video input at encoder and video output at the decoder, Monarch EDGE achieves some of the lowest latencies on the market while using standard 1GbE networks.

Flexible Protocols

There are a variety of streaming protocols available to Monarch EDGE users. On closed networks, MPEG-2 TS or RTSP streams can be selected for delivery. For cloud-based destinations, or when the network is congested, SRT or RTMP may be more appropriate. SRT is a new open-source format that provides the reliability of RTMP, while reducing latency, for use on open networks. SRT streams can also be encrypted if security is a concern. The Monarch EDGE decoder supports the processing of MPEG-2 TS, RTSP, and SRT protocols.

Versatile Recording

Monarch EDGE offers the ability to record SDI inputs— at the user’s quality of choice — while simultaneously streaming using the user’s preferred transport protocol. Recordings can be saved to USB 3.0 attached storage or to local networks. Monarch EDGE makes sharing post-event recordings easier than ever with the ability to record to the popular H.264 codec with MOV and MP4 wrapper options. This Monarch EDGE feature allows for ISO recordings of SDI inputs, which can be used for post-event editing or serve as backup recordings.

Comprehensive Connectivity

Both the Monarch EDGE encoder and decoder devices offer flexible, future-proof video connectivity with 3G, 12G SDI, and ST 2110 over 25 GbE network connections. Each of the Monarch EDGE encoder’s SDI inputs supports 16 channels of embedded audio. Eight of these channels can be included in each stream using MPEG-2 or SRT protocols. Delivering multi-lingual or multi-channel productions is easy with Monarch EDGE.

Convenient, Centralized Control

Monarch EDGE Control Hub is a powerful application that provides management and configuration remotely over all Monarch EDGE units on the network. This convenient software provides authorized users with high-level views of all devices on the network, and enables full access and control from a single, easy-to-use interface.

Localized Preview

Offering up to four simultaneous input (encoder) or output (decoder) previews on a single desktop monitor, Monarch EDGE’s DisplayPort output allows operators to ensure that SDI and ST 2110 signals are valid and ready to use. Monarch EDGE Control Hub allows users to effortlessly configure how they would like to preview audio sources of input. From the DisplayPort and line out, users can choose to monitor one audio input at a time, or mute all.
Robust and Practical Design

Both the Monarch EDGE encoder and decoder were built with reliability in mind. An LCD screen on the front of the appliance allows the user to quickly access its status and configuration settings. A locking power connector safeguards against connection loss during production. Redundant Ethernet (1 GbE) ports allow users to control the device from one port while the second port transfers media. Alternatively, with the encoder, users can opt to send the same streams taking completely separate network paths from each port. Finally, Monarch EDGE’s compact design ensures it can be installed in a fly-pack or with a second Monarch EDGE unit in a 1RU-rack space.

Matrox Monarch EDGE Encoder Decoder Connections

1. USB 1
2. USB 2
3. Power LED
4. Reset Button
5. LCD Panel
6. Navigation and Configuration Buttons
7. Analog Audio Output
8. Analog Audio Input
9. Genlock
10. Balanced Audio
11. Tally Signals
12. 3G SDI
13. 12G SDI
14. *SFP28 Ports
15. DisplayPort
16. USB 3
17. Gigabit Ethernet Port
18. Power Connection
19. Power Switch

*SFP module supplied by third party
Technical Specifications

Connectivity

Input connections
- 1x 12G SDI per SMPTE ST 2082
- 3x 3G SDI per SMPTE ST 425 (Level A mapping only)
- UHD support using 4x SDI per SMPTE ST 425
  - Square division
  - 2x sample interleave
- 2x SFP 28 network ports (up to 25 Gbps)
- Capture up to four independent 3 Gbps video streams or one 12 Gbps (4Kp60) stream encapsulated per SMPTE ST 2110-10, -20, and -21. Seamless protection (redundancy) according to SMPTE ST 2022-7.

Output connections
- 1x 12G SDI per SMPTE ST 2082
- 3x 3G SDI per SMPTE ST 425 (Level A mapping only)
- UHD support using 12G SDI per SMPTE ST 2082
  - Square division
  - 2x sample interleave
- 2x SFP 28 network ports (up to 25 Gbps)
- Output up to four independent 3 Gbps video streams or one 12 Gbps (4Kp60) stream encapsulated per SMPTE ST 2110-10, -20, and -21. Seamless protection (redundancy) according to SMPTE ST 2022-7.

Resolutions
- 2160p at 50, 59.94, 60 fps
- 1080p at 23.98, 24, 25, 29.97, 30, 50, 59.94, 60 fps
- 1080 at 25, 29.97, 30 fps
- 720p at 50, 59.94, 60 fps

Genlock
- Bi-level genlock output (encoder)
- Bi-level or tri-level genlock input (decoder)

Digital audio
- 16x channels of embedded SDI audio is supported per input
- 8x channels of audio support per encode using SRT or MPEG2 TS

Analog audio
- 2x channels of balanced analog audio input via XLR connector
- 2x channels of balanced analog audio output via XLR connector
- 1 channel of unbalanced stereo audio output via 1/4” TRS connector

Audio processing
- Embedded or analog audio channels can be compressed as a stereo pair or processed as PCM (uncompressed audio)
- Multi-channel audio support as separate audio pairs

USB ports
- 2x USB 2.0 (front)
- 1x USB 3.0 (back)

Confidence preview
- 1x DisplayPort 1.1
- Maximum resolution: 1920x1080

Multi-unit support
- Yes

Control and management

Access
- Monarch EDGE Control Hub dedicated Windows® application
- RESTful HTTP API®

Physical
- On-device buttons and screen for basic set up and monitoring operations

Compression

Codecs
- Video: H.264/MPEG-4 part 10 (AVC)
- Audio: AAC-HE and AAC-LC

Bitrate per stream
- Video: Up to 120 Mbps
- Audio: From 32 to 256 Kbps

Chroma sub-sampling
- 4:2:2 (8-bit and 10-bit), 4:2:0 (8-bit and 10-bit – MDG4/E10/I)
- 4:2:2 (8-bit only) – MDG4/E6/I
- 4:2:0 (8-bit and 10-bit), 4:2:2 (8-bit and 10-bit – MDG4/D)

Encoding controls
- Up to 5.2 level support
- GOP size and structure
- Variable and constant bit rate support
- Average max/min data rate controls
- Encoding frame rates offered independent of input frame rates

Decoding controls
- Scaling of HD/UHD resolutions
- Frame rate conversions

Profile
- Up to High 4:2:2 profile (Hi422P)

Latency
- Encode latency as low as 100ms glass-to-glass (network transfers not included in value)

Encode density/workflow examples
- 4:2:0 - 1x 3840x2160p @60fps
- 4:4:4 - 1x 3840x2160p @60fps
- Plus proxy stream

VANC ancillary data processing (SDI and IP)
- Closed captioning (CC) embedded in VANC processing as CEA-608/708
- Vertical interval timecode (RP-188)
- HDR and colorimetry metadata

Networking

Product dimensions
(length x width x height)
- 8.5x7.45x1.68 in (21.7x18.9x4.3 cm)
- Rack-mountable, two Monarch EDGE appliances can fit in 1 RU space

Power
- Line voltage: 120 volts
- Power consumption: 45 watts [avg.]
- Connector: DIN 4

Power supply
- Line voltage: 100-240 VAC
- Frequency: 50-60 Hz
- Input: external AC/DC adapter - IEC320-C14
- DIN4 locking power connector

Regulatory
- EMI: FCC Class A, CE Mark Class A, ACMA C-Tick Mark, VCCI
- Power-supply safety: UL/CUL(UL60950-1), TUV-GS(EN60950-1), T-LICENSE(BS EN60950-1), CCC(GB4943.1-2011), PSE(J60950), SA(AS/NZS60950-1), KC-MARK(K60950), S-MARK(IEC60950-1)
- RoHS directive 2002/95/EC

Warranty
- Two-year limited warranty with free online or telephone support

Ordering information

MDG4/E10/I
- Monarch EDGE appliance with 4:2:0 8-bit, 4:2:0 10-bit, and 4:2:2 10-bit encoding
- Includes IEC-C14 power cord (US, UK, AUS, EUR)

MDG4/E8/I
- Monarch EDGE appliance with 4:2:0 8-bit encoding
- Includes IEC-C14 power cord (US, UK, AUS, EUR)

MDG4/D/I
- Monarch EDGE appliance with 4:2:0 8-bit, 4:2:0 10-bit, and 4:2:2 10-bit decoding
- Includes IEC-C14 power cord (US, UK, AUS, EUR)

MDG4/RT/KIT
- Monarch Rack Mount Kit. Can fit up to two Monarch EDGE units in a 1RU space

PWRSUP/MDG
- Monarch EDGE power supply unit. Does not include IEC-C14 power cord. These cables must be sourced locally.

MDG/AUD/CBL
- Monarch EDGE break out audio cable. Provides two input channels and two output channels. DB15 to XLR I/O.

Accessories

NRG Redundant Power Supply
- NRG-5-1DB: Rack tray with one NRG RPSU pre-installed
- NRG-5-2DB: Rack tray with two NRG RPSU pre-installed

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