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MOTION BASED EVENT DETECTION [54] SYSTEM AND METHOD

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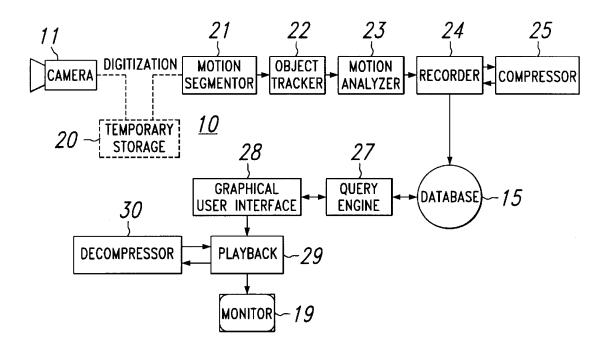
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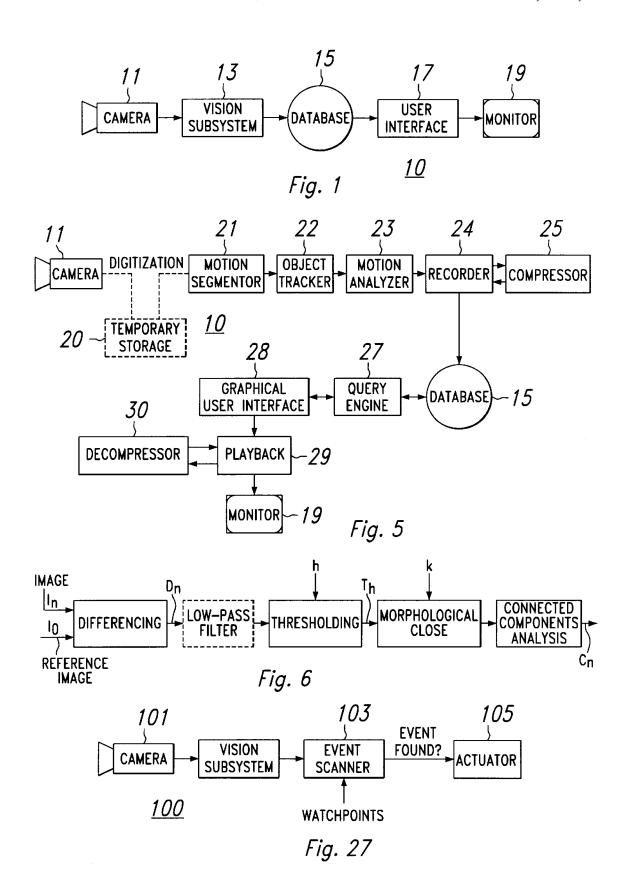
ABSTRACT [57]

A method to provide automatic content-based video indexing from object motion is described. Moving objects in video from a surveillance camera 11 detected in the video sequence using motion segmentation methods by motion segmentor 21. Objects are tracked through segmented data in an object tracker 22. A symbolic representation of the video is generated in the form of an annotated graphics describing the objects and their movement. A motion analyzer 23 analyzes results of object tracking and annotates the graph motion with indices describing several events. The graph is then indexed using a rule based classification scheme to identify events of interest such as appearance/ disappearance, deposit/removal, entrance/exit, and motion/ rest of objects. Clips of the video identified by spatiotemporal, event, and object-based queries are recalled to view the desired video.

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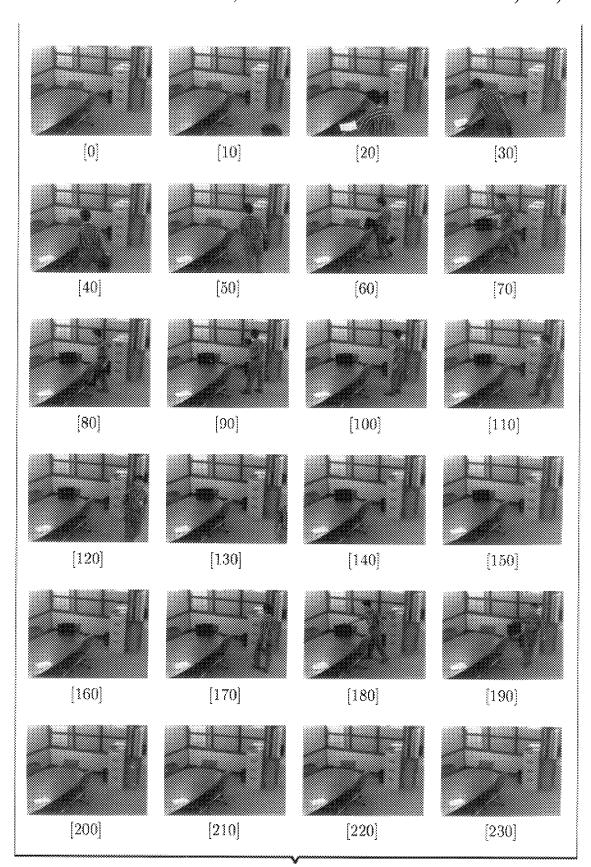


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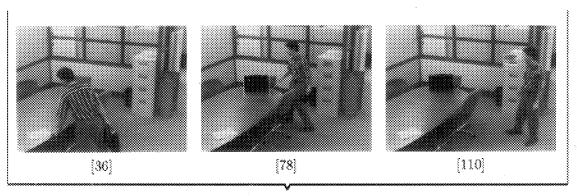


Fig. 3

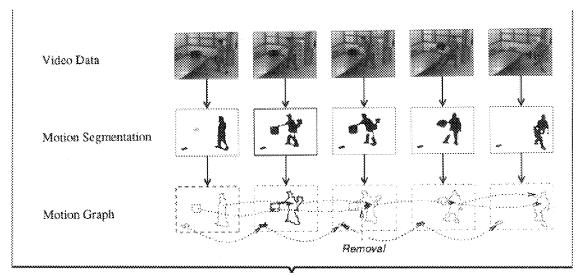


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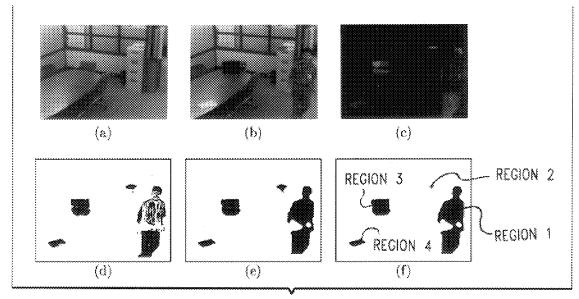
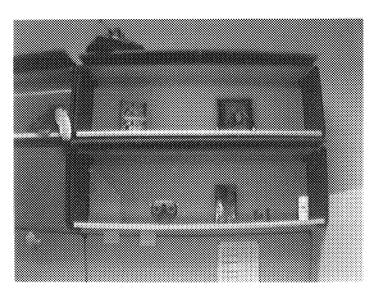


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Fig. 8

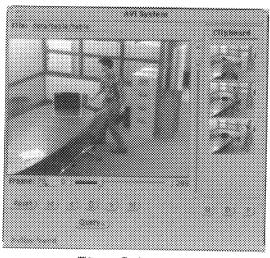


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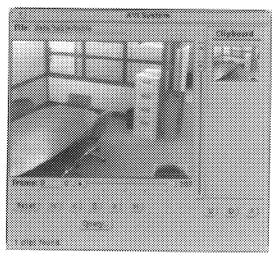


Fig. 24b

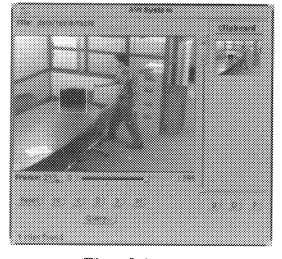


Fig. 24c

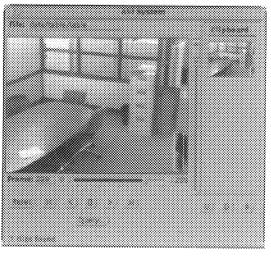


Fig. 24d



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