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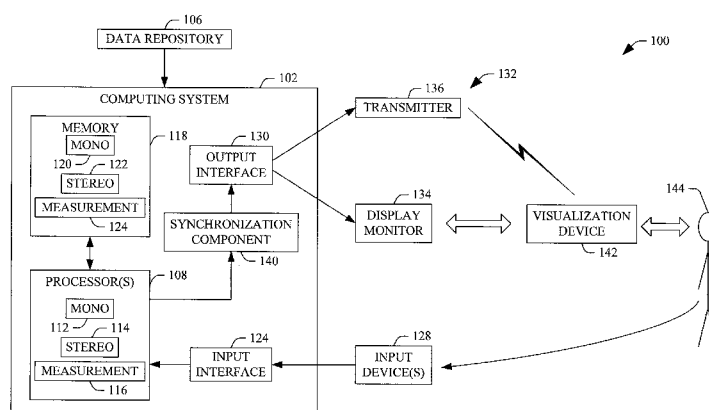


FIGURE 1

(57) Abstract: A method includes displaying three dimensional medical imaging data in three dimensions via a display monitor (134) by generating and visually presenting a stereoscopic view of the three dimensional medical imaging data in the display monitor. A system includes a stereo processor (114) that processes three dimensional medical imaging data and generates two images from two different viewpoints, which are shifted from each other by a predetermined distance and are angled by a predetermined angle, and a display monitor (134) used to alternately display the two images, thereby creating a stereoscopic view.

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Stereoscopically displaying images, the special technical feature alleged to make a contribution over the prior art being the presentation of medical images according to a user selected viewpoint. This special technical feature solves the problem of allowing a user to easily grasp a threedimensional structure of a part of a human body and causes the effect of varying the stereoscopic representation according to a user input.

2. claims: 13, 14, 19, 20

Stereoscopically displaying images, the special technical feature alleged to make a contribution over the prior art being a method and means for measuring distances and angles in the stereoscopic image. This special technical feature solves the problem of allowing a user to determine the size of an object in a medical image and causes the effect that the size of an object, e.g. the length of an embryo is displayed.

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