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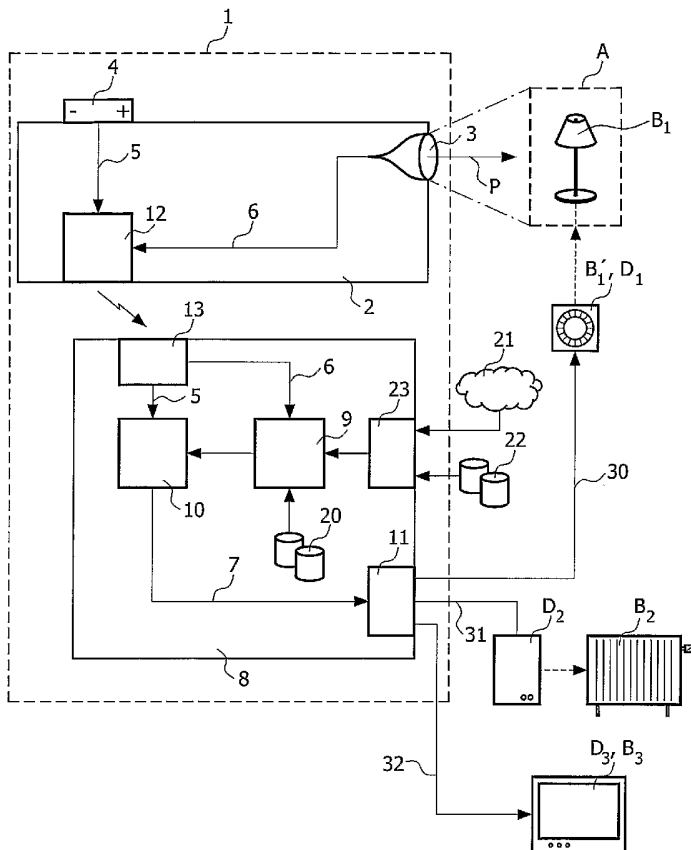
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(54) Title: METHOD FOR CONTROL OF A DEVICE



(57) Abstract: The invention describes a method for control of a device (D₁, D₂, D₃, D₄), which method comprise aiming a pointing device (2) comprising a camera (3) at an object (B₁, B₁', B₂, B₃, B₄) representing a property of the device (D₁, D₂, D₃, D₄) to be controlled and manipulating a control input (4) on the pointing device (2) to specify a degree of change (5) for the property. An image (6) of a target area (A) aimed at by the pointing device (2) is generated by the camera (3). The target area image (6) is interpreted to identify the chosen object (B₁, B₁', B₂, B₃, B₄), and to deduce the property of the device (D₁, D₂, D₃, D₄) to be controlled based on the chosen object (B₁, B₁', B₂, B₃, B₄). A control signal (7) is then generated for the device (D₁, D₂, D₃, D₄) to be controlled according to the degree of change (5) for the deduced property. The invention also describes a pointing device (2), a device control interface (8, 8') and a system comprising such a pointing device (2), a device control interface (8, 8') suitable for applying this method.

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