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(57) Abstract: A system and method for time synchronized splicing operation on a broadcasting stream is disclosed. In one embodiment, the method for time synchronized splicing operation on the broadcasting stream comprises scheduling the splicing operation on the broadcasting stream in accordance of a schedule, and performing the splicing operation on the scheduled broadcasting stream in accordance with one or more events of the schedule.

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