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- Experiments for Video Track (TREC-2002) -



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__ Feature Extraction Task __ (Face, Speech, Instrumental Sound)

Face Extraction

- Every 10th frame used for processing
- Skin colour filtering followed by cleaning-up with morphological adjustment & size/shape heuristics
- Principal Component Analysis with an example face database



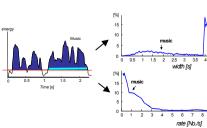
Speech Extraction

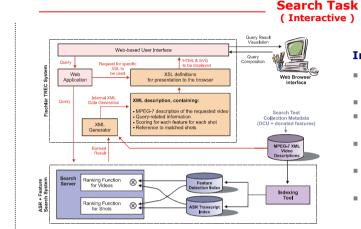
- Short width of energy peaks (<1s)
- Rates of energy peaks are concentrated around 4/s
- Necessary data is taken directly from MPEG-1 audio bitstream (Scalefactors)

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Instrumental Sound (Music) Extraction

- Wide width of energy peaks (>4s)
- Infrequent occurrence of peaks
- (e.g. 1/4s)Existence of rhythm
- Existence of harmonicity
- Necessary data is taken directly from MPEG-1 audio bitstream (Scalefactors)





Interactive searching & browsing system

- Físchlár Digital Video System tailored for the Search task
- Contains 40 hours of search test collection
- 10 Features + ASR Transcript query interface
- XML-based architecture with MPEG-7 video descriptions
- XSL stylesheets render HTML and an SVG timeline for a conventional web browser
- Shot list presents a keyframe, detected Features, ASR transcript, and query score bars for each shot in a specific video

The Interactive Search Experiment

Our objective was to evaluate the benefit of incorporating features into interactive video retrieval.

- Two different retrieval systems were compared:
 - Features + ASR Transcript searching (Trec11B)
 - ASR Transcript-only searching (Trec11C)
- 12 users, each conducting all 25 topics
- Each topic was evaluated 12 times, 6 times for each interface giving a total of 300 query evaluations
- Users were under a time-constraint of 4 minutes maximum allowed per topic
- Coffee, cookies and headphones were provided !

