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(54) **VIDEO BIT-RATE REDUCTION SYSTEM AND METHOD UTILIZING A REFERENCE IMAGES MATRIX**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A video bit-rate reduction system utilizing a reference images matrix and a method of operating the video bit-rate reduction system are disclosed. In one embodiment, the video bit-rate reduction system includes an encoder-side bit-rate reduction system (e.g. a video signal transmitter) with a reference images matrix matchmaker and a decoder-side bit-rate reduction system (e.g. a video signal receiver) with a reference images matrix reconstructor. The video bit-rate reduction system is designed to accommodate a reference images matrix-based symbolization, matchmaking, and reconstruction of residual signals that are processed through a support layer pathway with a high bit-rate reduction and data transmission efficiency, while retaining the high-quality of the video data without any or substantial visible degradation of image and video quality. In a preferred embodiment, a sparse linear model is applied to the reference images matrix matchmaking and the reference images matrix reconstruction for compact symbolization of the residual signals.

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