

Behavioural tracking techniques
a short history
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Muybridge's Photographic Method

used on 15th June, 1878, at the Palo Alto Track.

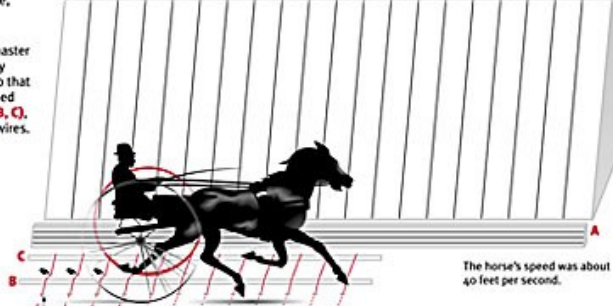
Charles Martin, Leland Stanford's master trainer, steered the sulky pulled by champion trotter Abe Edgington so that the left wheel (shown in red) passed between two low strips of wood (B, C), across which were stretched fine wires.

To ensure there was no friction with the surface, the wires were sunk into underground tubes here.

FRONT VIEW OF LEFT WHEEL AS IT GOES OVER THE WIRE

The Main Screen, set at a 20° angle and covered with white canvas, was marked with vertical black lines 21 inches apart. A much smaller screen (A) was set up in front, marked with horizontal lines four inches apart—to show the height of the horse's hooves above the ground.

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The horse's speed was about 40 feet per second.

The Track was sifted with powdered lime so that the surface appeared perfectly white in the photographs.

The raised wires were jerked down (↘) by the sulky wheel passing over them. This triggered the completion of an electrical circuit, which in turn caused the shutter to work.

The Studio contained not only the cameras but also darkrooms, so that the photographs could be developed within minutes.

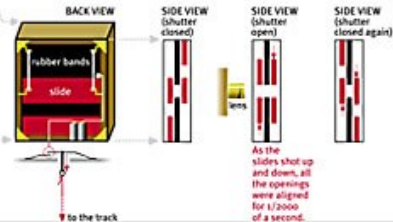


Twelve Cameras were set up in a row, opposite the first 12 numbers on the main screen. In this diagram, the fourth camera has just been triggered.

The Cameras

each had two lenses. Muybridge selected the best of the two images when making his final composite of the sequence.

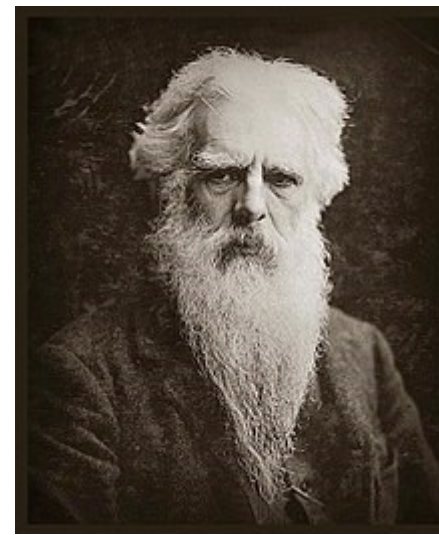
The Shutter Mechanism was housed in separate boxes that stood in front of the cameras. Two sets of slides (shown in red) passed in opposite directions across the front of the lenses. The slides were pulled by rubber bands that were released when an electric device anchoring the slides was triggered by the wires on the track.



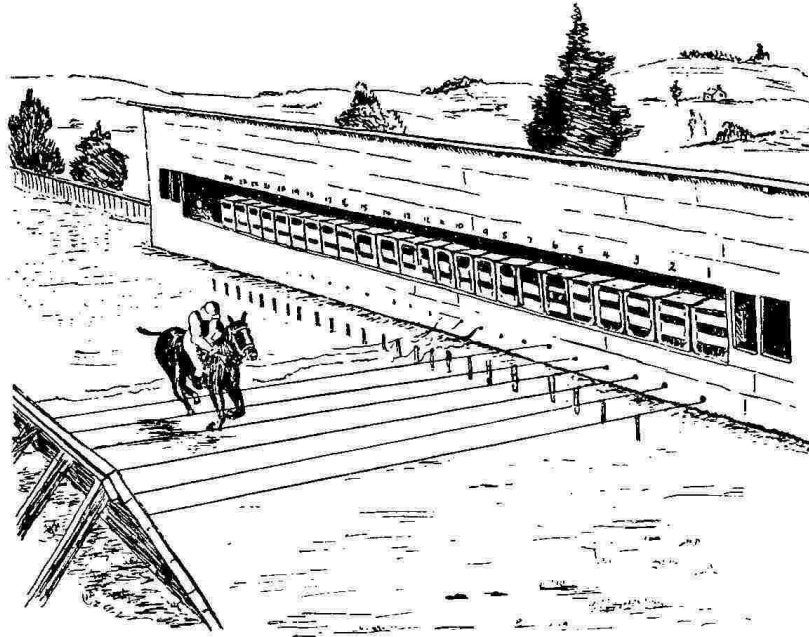
As the slides shot up and down, all the openings were aligned for 1/20000 of a second.

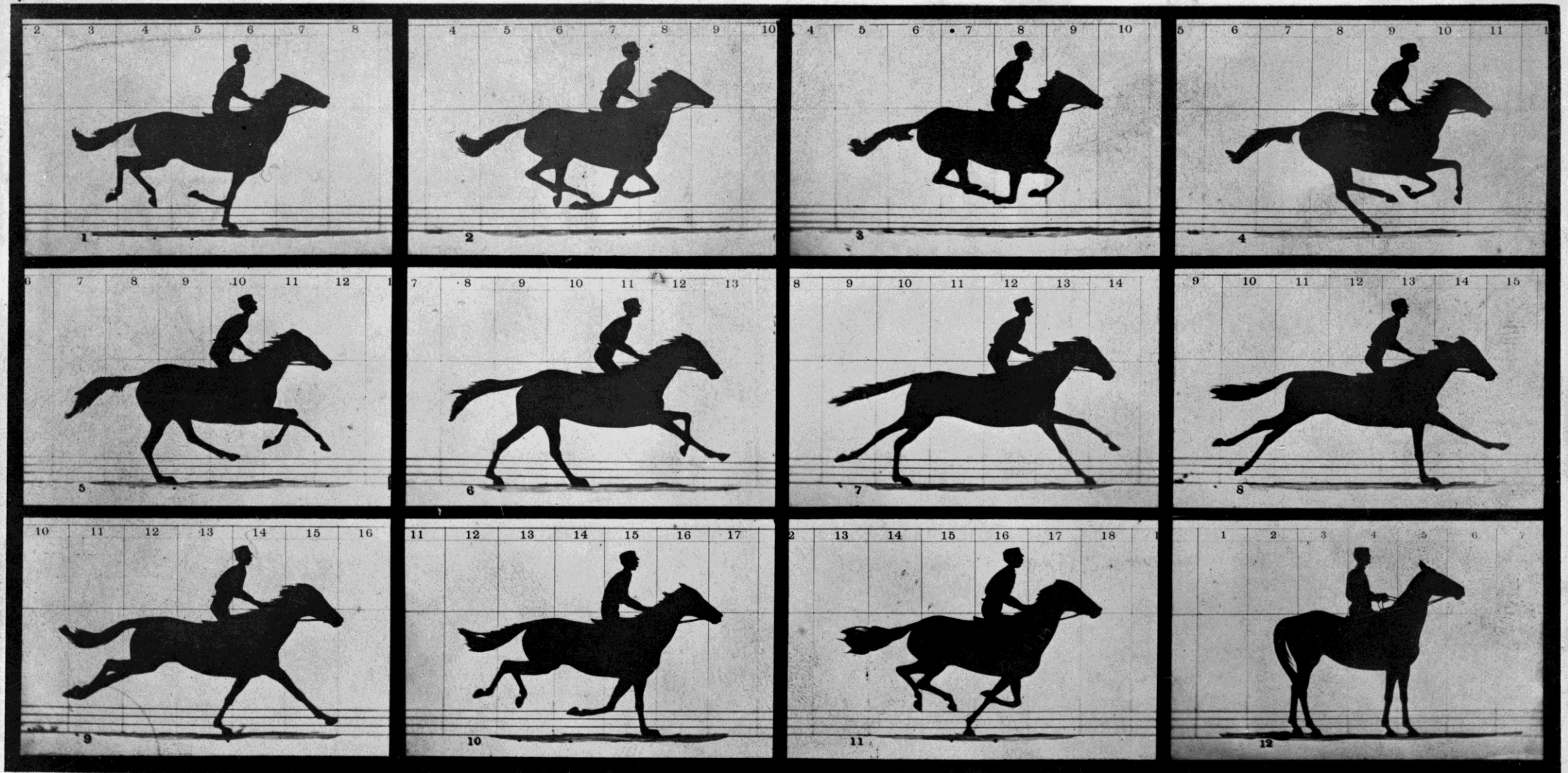
Later the same day,

Muybridge photographed Stanford's racehorse Sallie Gardner. To do this, wires had to be stretched across the track at a height of about three feet, where the horse's chest would break them (—). This had the same triggering effect on the camera's shutter mechanism as the sulky wheel going over the wire on the ground. Within months, Muybridge developed a system of electrically timed shutter releases, which removed the need for any mechanical triggering. (It also allowed him to take pictures of birds in flight and other nonlinear movements.)



Edward James Muybridge 1830-1904





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THE HORSE IN MOTION.

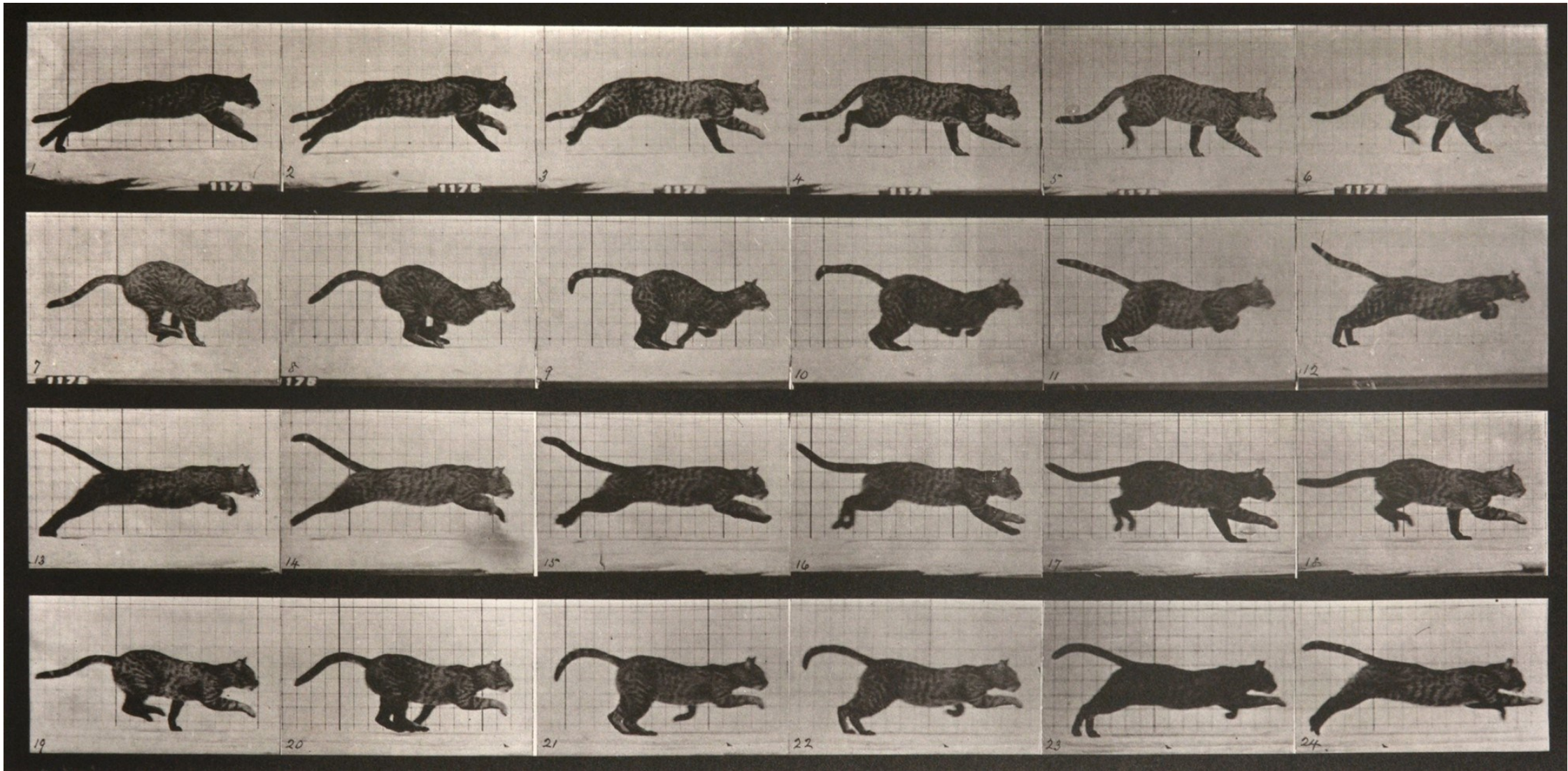
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AUTOMATIC ELECTRO-PHOTOGRAPH.

"SALLIE GARDNER," owned by LELAND STANFORD; running at a 1.40 gait over the Palo Alto track, 19th June, 1878.

The negatives of these photographs were made at intervals of twenty-seven inches of distance, and about the twenty-fifth part of a second of time; they illustrate consecutive positions assumed in each twenty-seven inches of progress during a single stride of the mare. The vertical lines were twenty-seven inches apart; the horizontal lines represent elevations of four inches each. The exposure of each negative was less than the two-thousandth part of a second.

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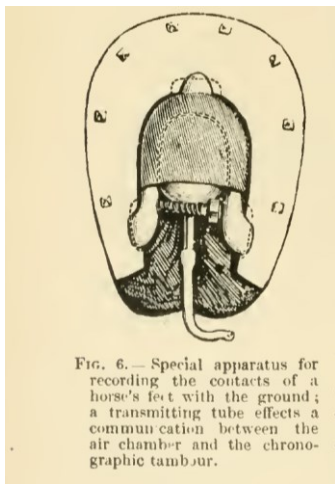


FIG. 6.—Special apparatus for recording the contacts of a horse's feet with the ground; a transmitting tube effects a communication between the air chamber and the chronographic tambour.



FIG. 7.—Horse at a full trot. The point indicated on the chart corresponds to the position of the horse represented in the figure.



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1830-1904
Chronophotography



FIG. 41.—Man dressed in black, with white lines and points for the chronophotographic study of the movement of the important parts of the body.

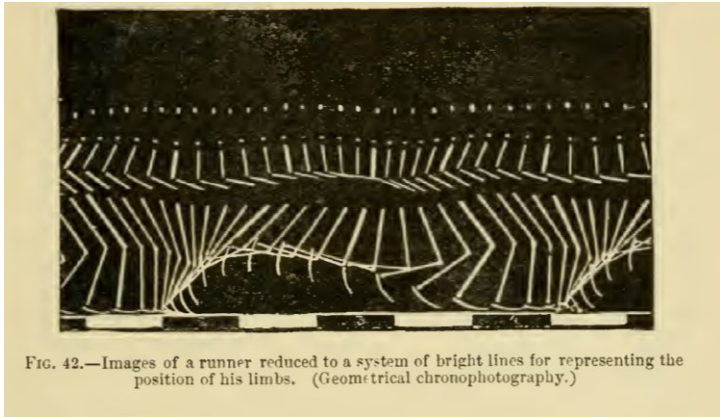


FIG. 42.—Images of a runner reduced to a system of bright lines for representing the position of his limbs. (Geometrical chronophotography.)



Nude Descending a Staircase, No. 2
Marcel Duchamp 1912

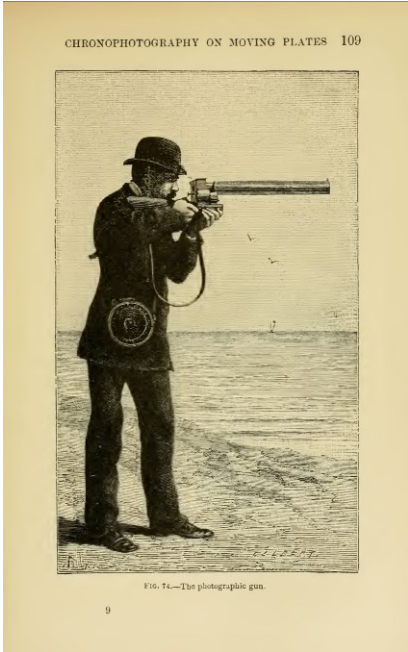


FIG. 71.—The photographic gun.

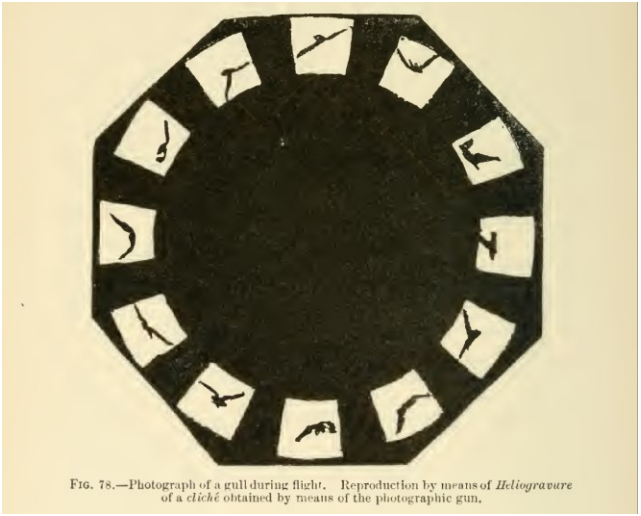


FIG. 78.—Photograph of a gull during flight. Reproduction by means of *Heliogravure* of a *clické* obtained by means of the photographic gun.

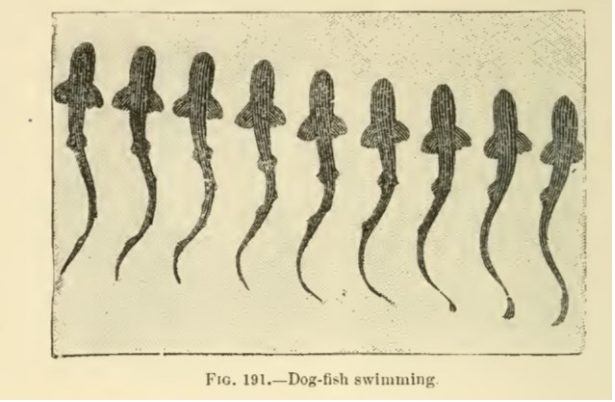


FIG. 191.—Dog-fish swimming.



Fig. 2. Outline contours of a walking and a running subject (A) and the corresponding dot configurations (B).

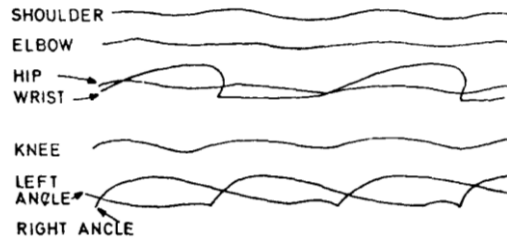


Fig. 3. Typical motion paths of seven elements representing the motions of thigh side joints plus the ankle joint of the left leg of a walking person.

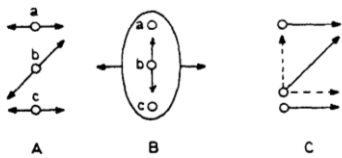
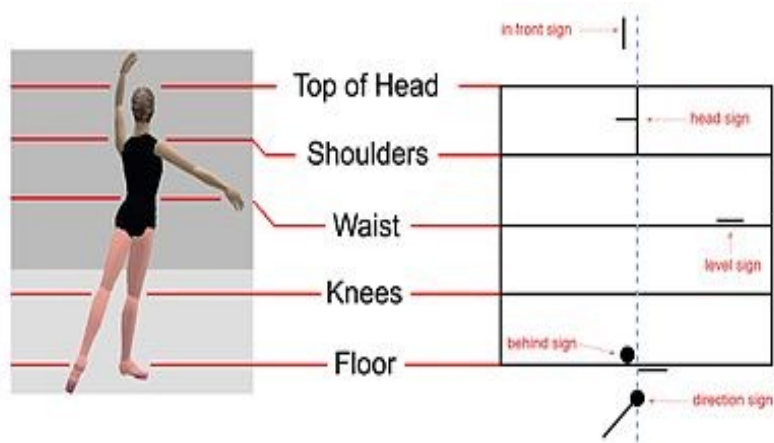


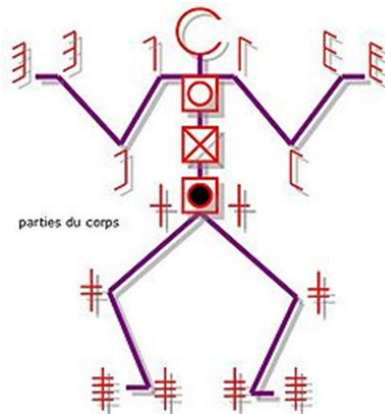
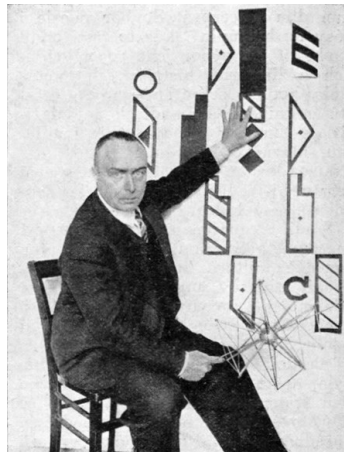
Fig. 4. Examples of the main principle in visual vector analysis. (A) Proximal pattern; (B) diagram of the percept from this stimulus combination; (C) vector analysis of the motion of the middle point corresponding to the percept. For further description see text.



Choreology Dance Notation



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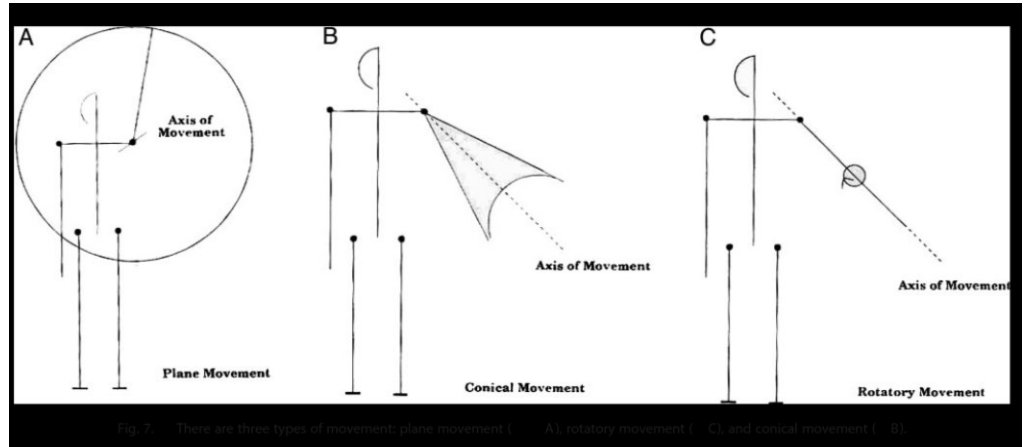
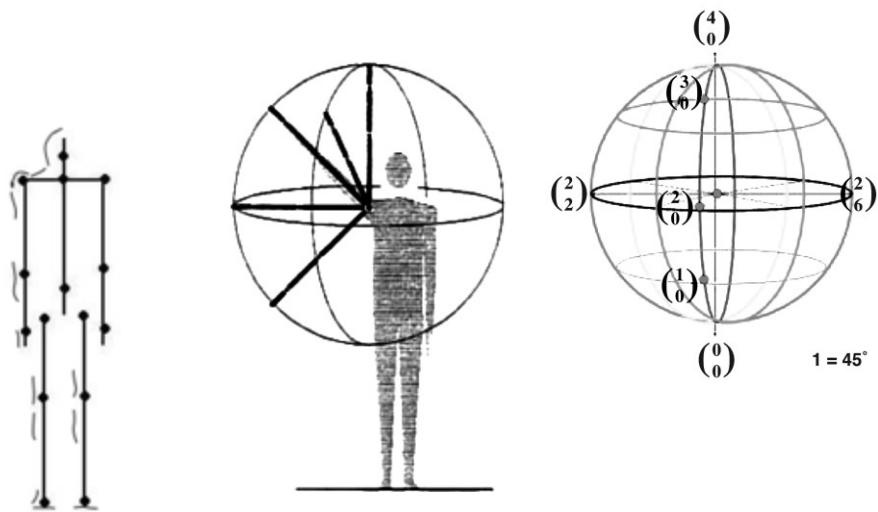
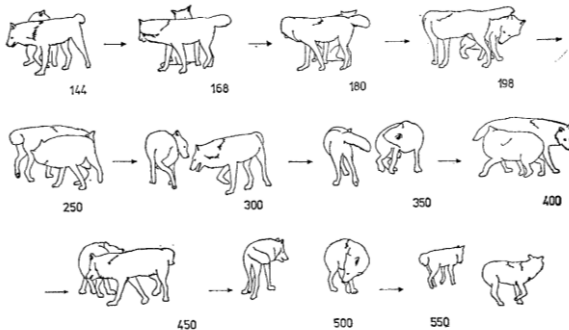
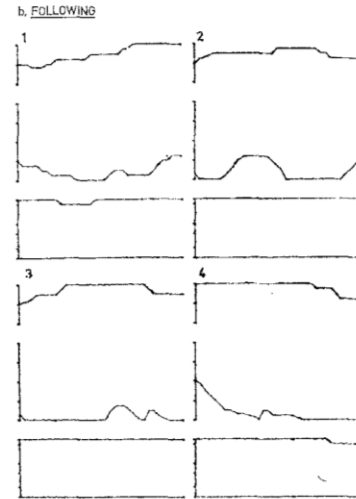
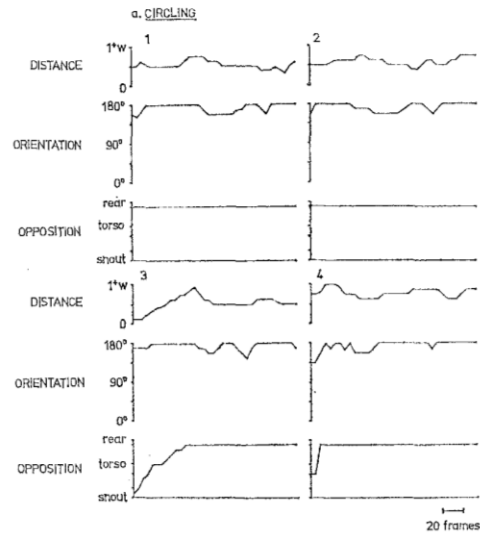
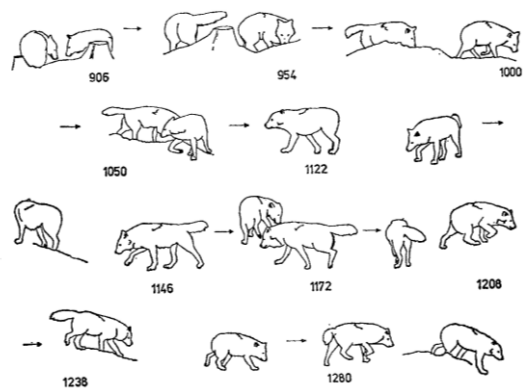


Fig. 7. There are three types of movement: plane movement (A), rotatory movement (C) and conical movement (B).

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b. FOLLOWING

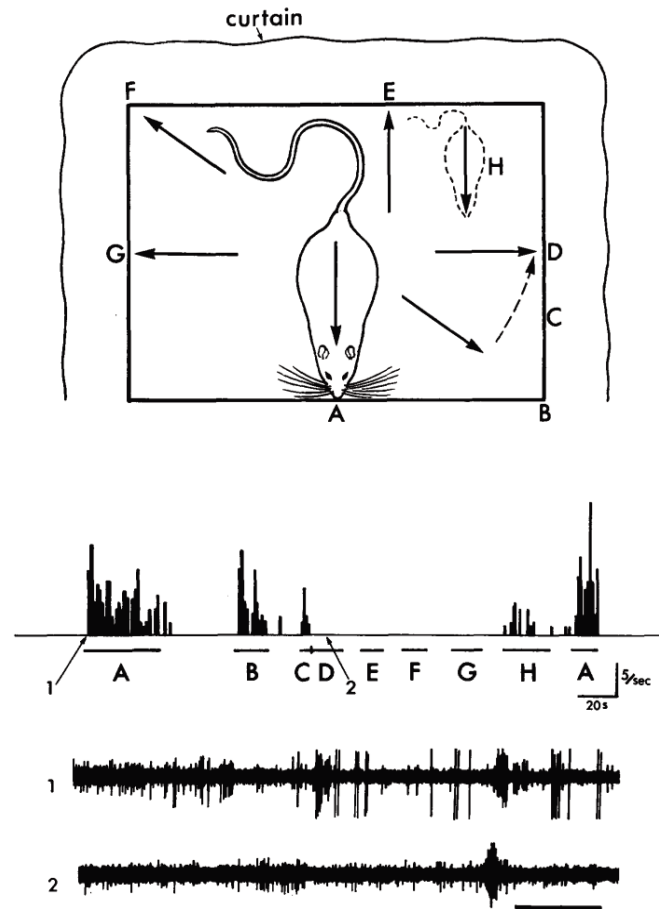


A DESCRIPTION OF RELATIONAL PATTERNS OF MOVEMENT DURING 'RITUALIZED FIGHTING' IN WOLVES

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Short Communications

The hippocampus as a spatial map. Preliminary evidence from unit activity in the freely-moving rat



The Contributions of Position, Direction, and Velocity to Single Unit Activity in the Hippocampus of Freely-moving Rats

B.L. McNaughton , C.A. Barnes , and J. O'Keefe 1983

The XY coordinates of the animal's position on the maze were measured with an 8 x 8-bit video tracking system ([HVS Imaging Systems, U.K.](#)) which detected the position of a small DC lamp which was part of the headstage assembly. The animal's position was continuously sampled by the computer at a rate of 10 Hz. The resolution in the position measure was estimated at about 0.5 cm. Since instantaneous velocity was calculated from the distance moved between sampling points its resolution was therefore about 5 cm/sec.

