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Cracks in Concrete -- Integration of Local and Global Shape Analysis for Logo Classification -- Motion Tracking of Animals for Behavior Analysis -- Head Model Acquisition from Silhouettes.

Sommario/riassunto

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 4th International Workshop on Visual Form, IWVF-4, held in Capri, Italy, in May 2001. The 66 revised full papers presented together with seven invited papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 117 submissions. The book covers theoretical and applicative aspects of visual form processing. The papers are organized in topical sections on representation, analysis, recognition, modelling and retrieval, and applications.