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(54) **APPARATUS, AND ASSOCIATED METHOD,  
FOR ROUTING PACKET DATA IN AN AD  
HOC, WIRELESS COMMUNICATION  
SYSTEM**

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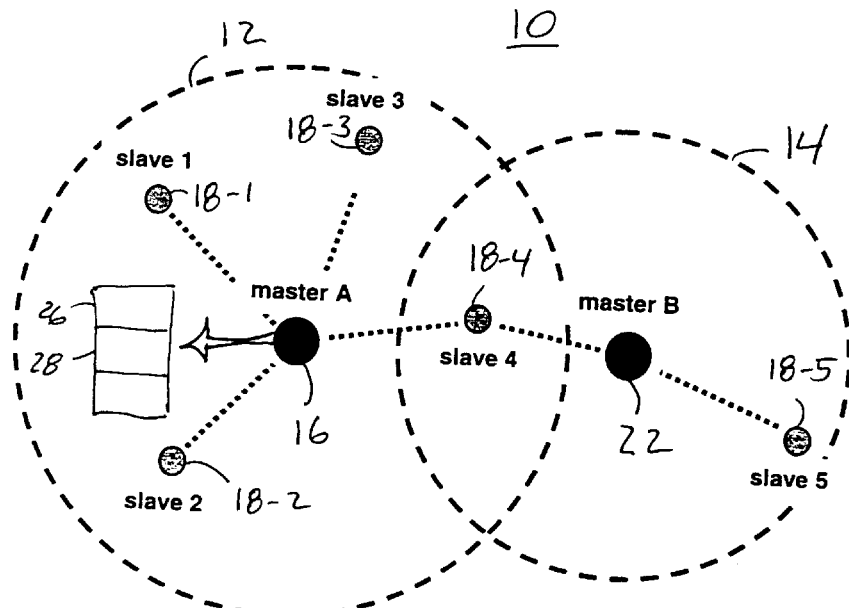
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Apparatus, and an associated method, by which to route packets of data between a data source node and a data destination node in an ad hoc, wireless network, such as a Bluetooth scatternet. Data routing tables are provided to each node, and header information extracted from a packet header is used by such tables. Routing of a packet of data is effectuated in a hop-by-hop manner to effectuate the communication of the packet from the data source node to the data destination node.

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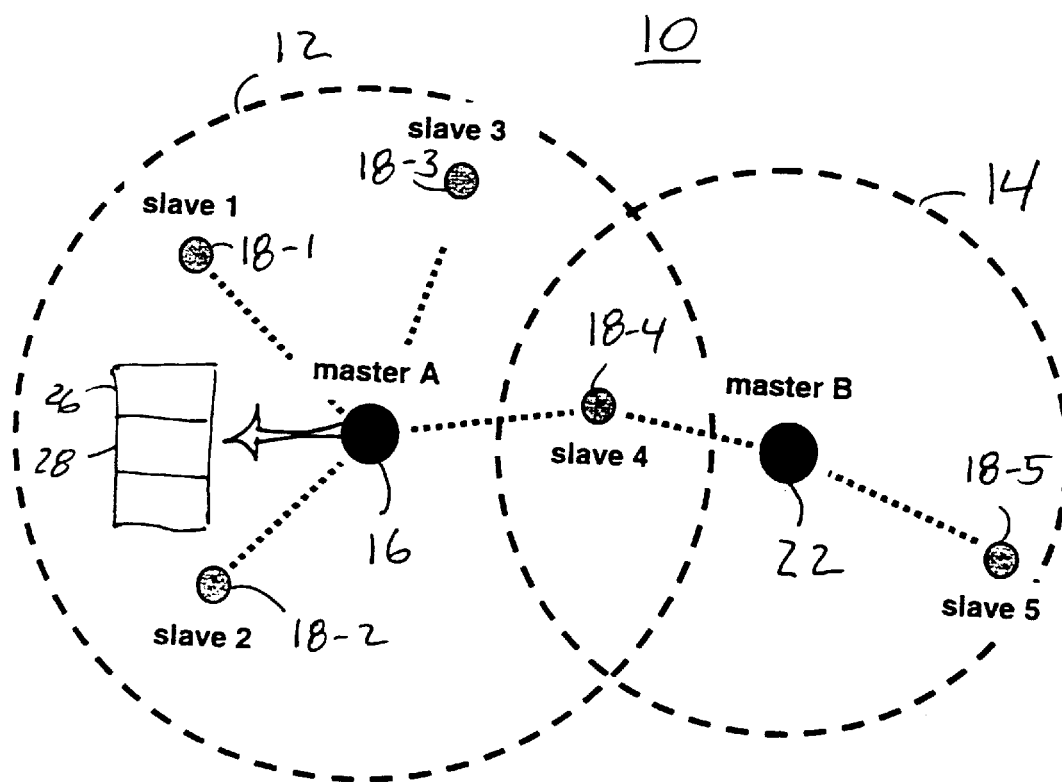


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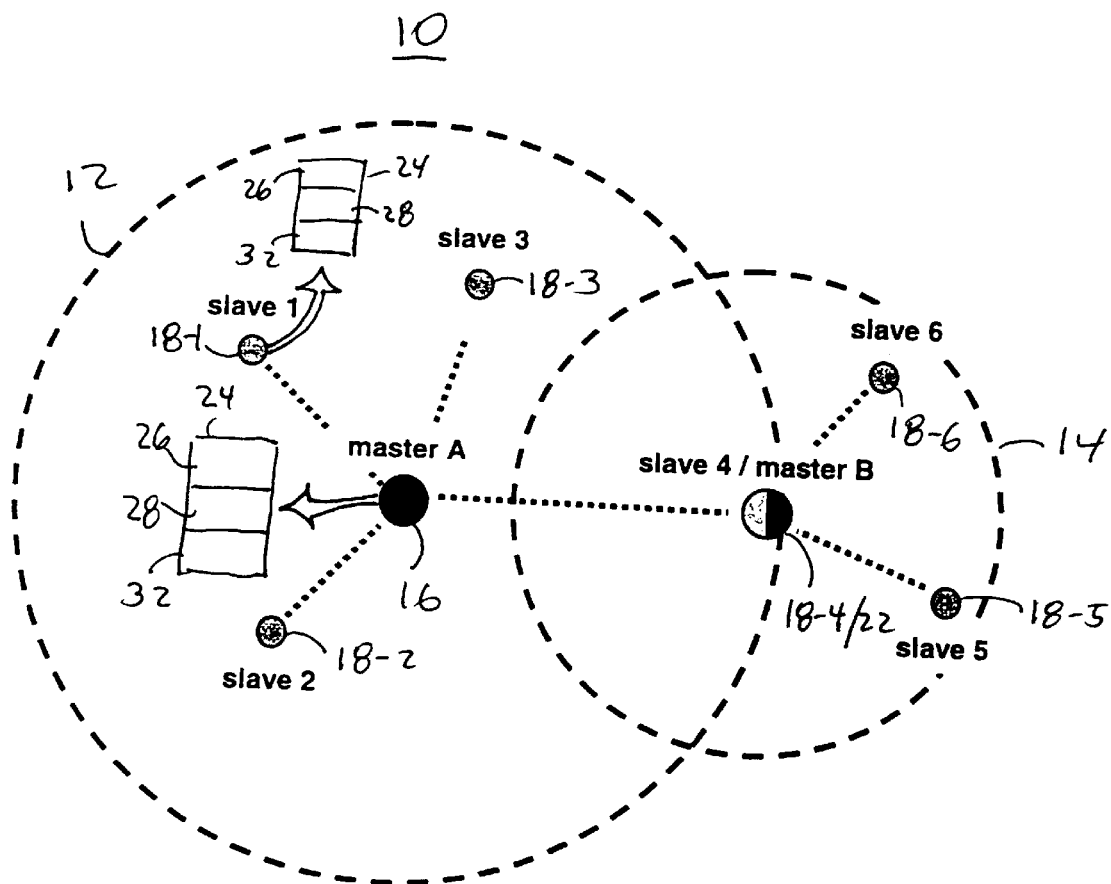


FIG. 2

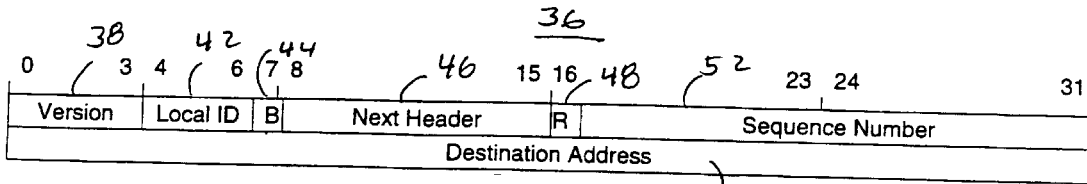


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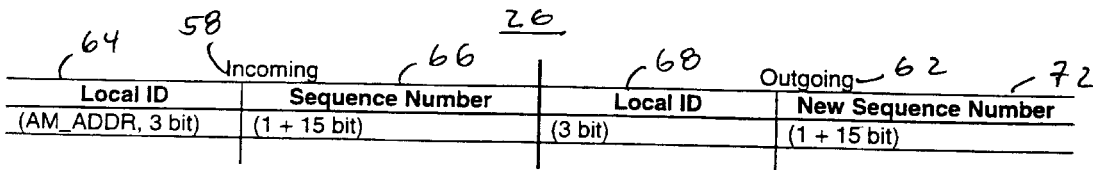


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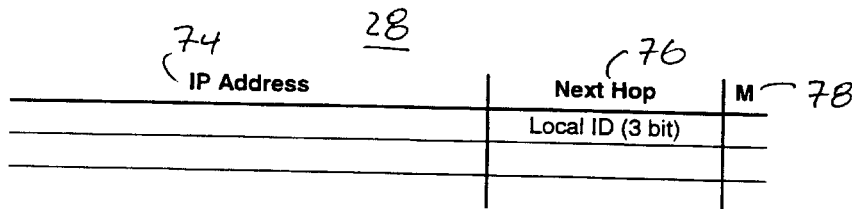


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