

[54] **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR MANAGING BANDWIDTH RESOURCES IN A FAST PACKET SWITCHING NETWORK**

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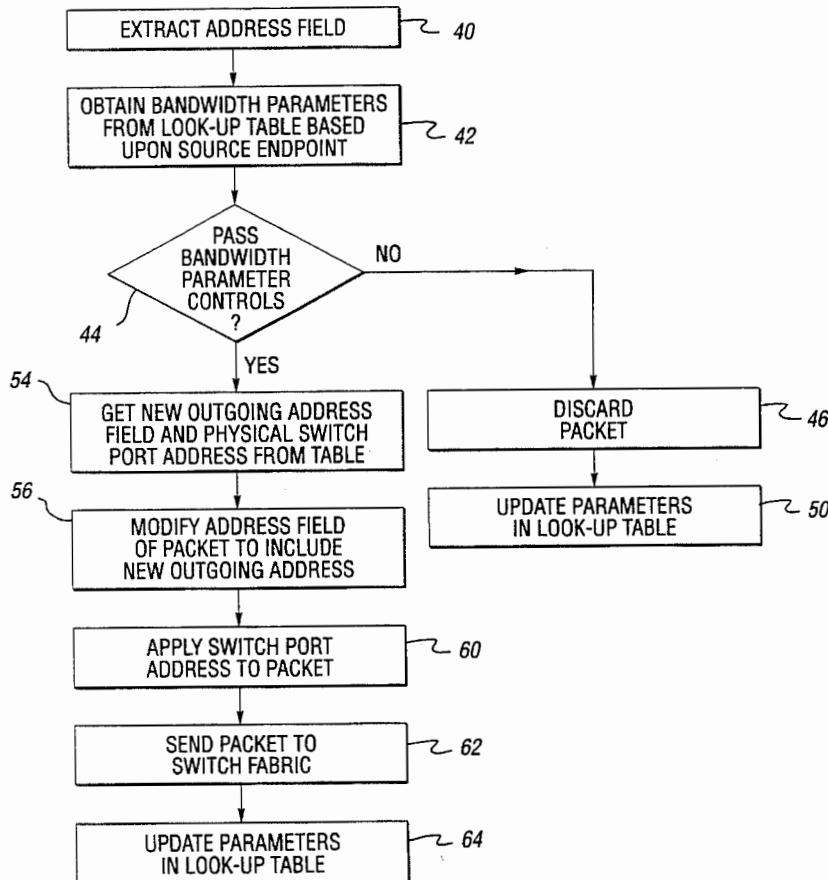
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Methods and systems for resource management in a fast packet switching communication network are disclosed. A packet containing an address field identifying a source endpoint and a destination endpoint is received. A bandwidth constraint based upon the source endpoint, but independent of the destination endpoint, is enforced for the packet. In a communication network wherein a plurality of virtual connections are provisioned from a single source endpoint to a plurality of destination endpoints, the bandwidth constraint is associated with bandwidth usage over all of the virtual connections.

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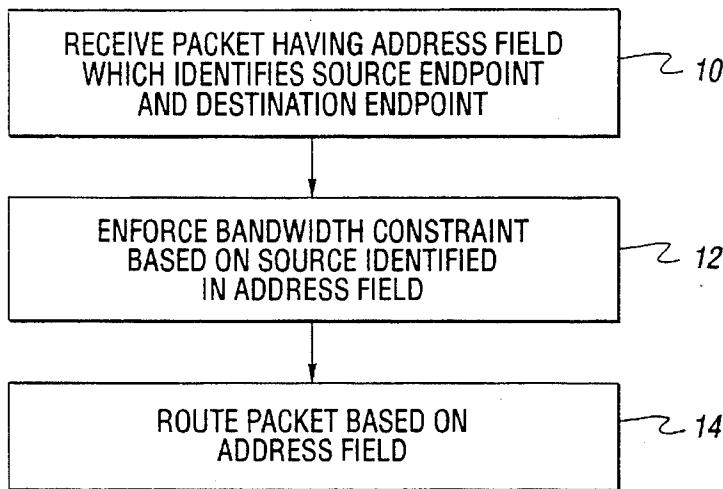


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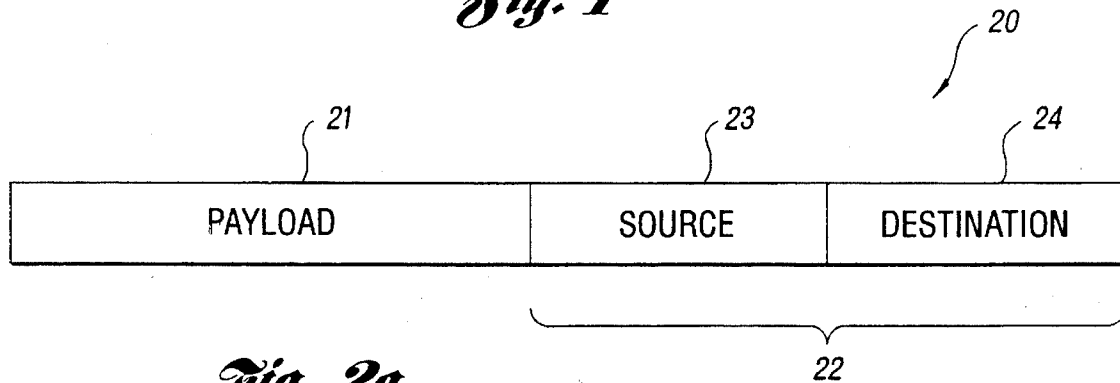


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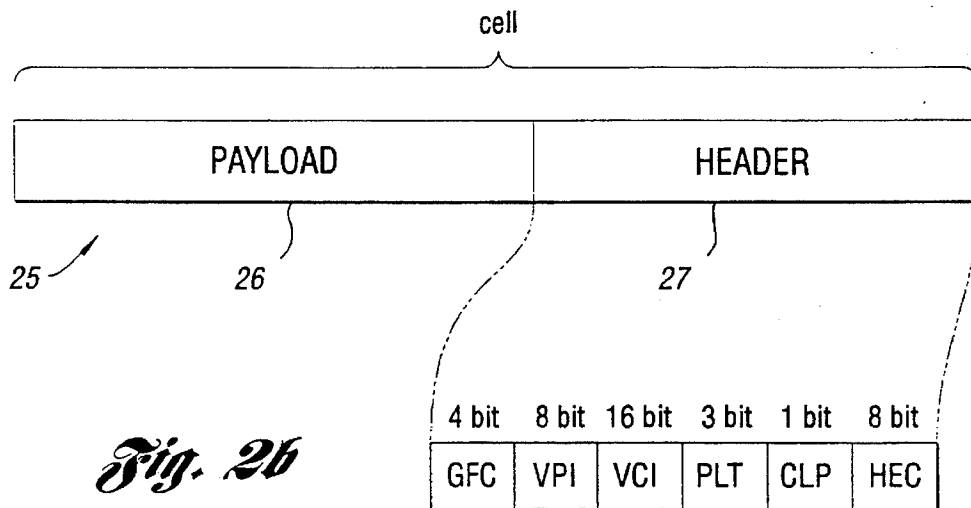


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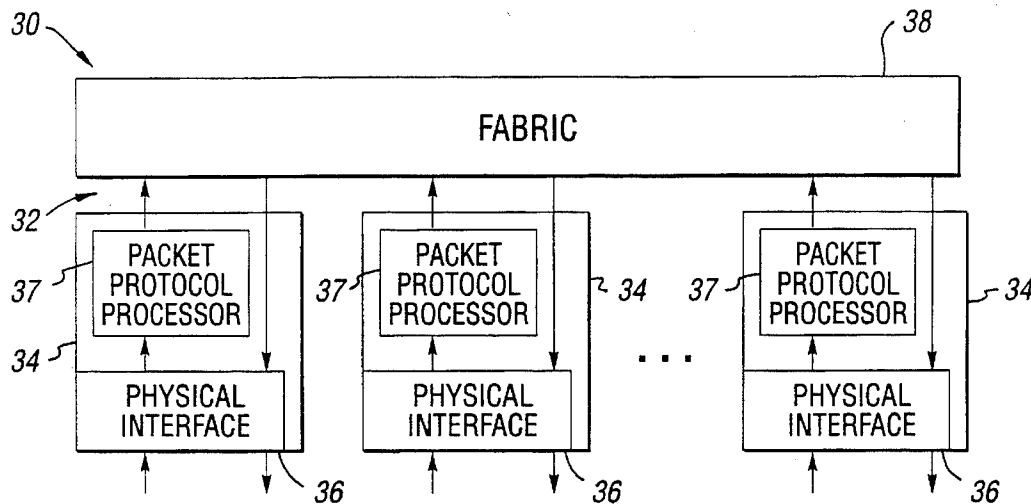


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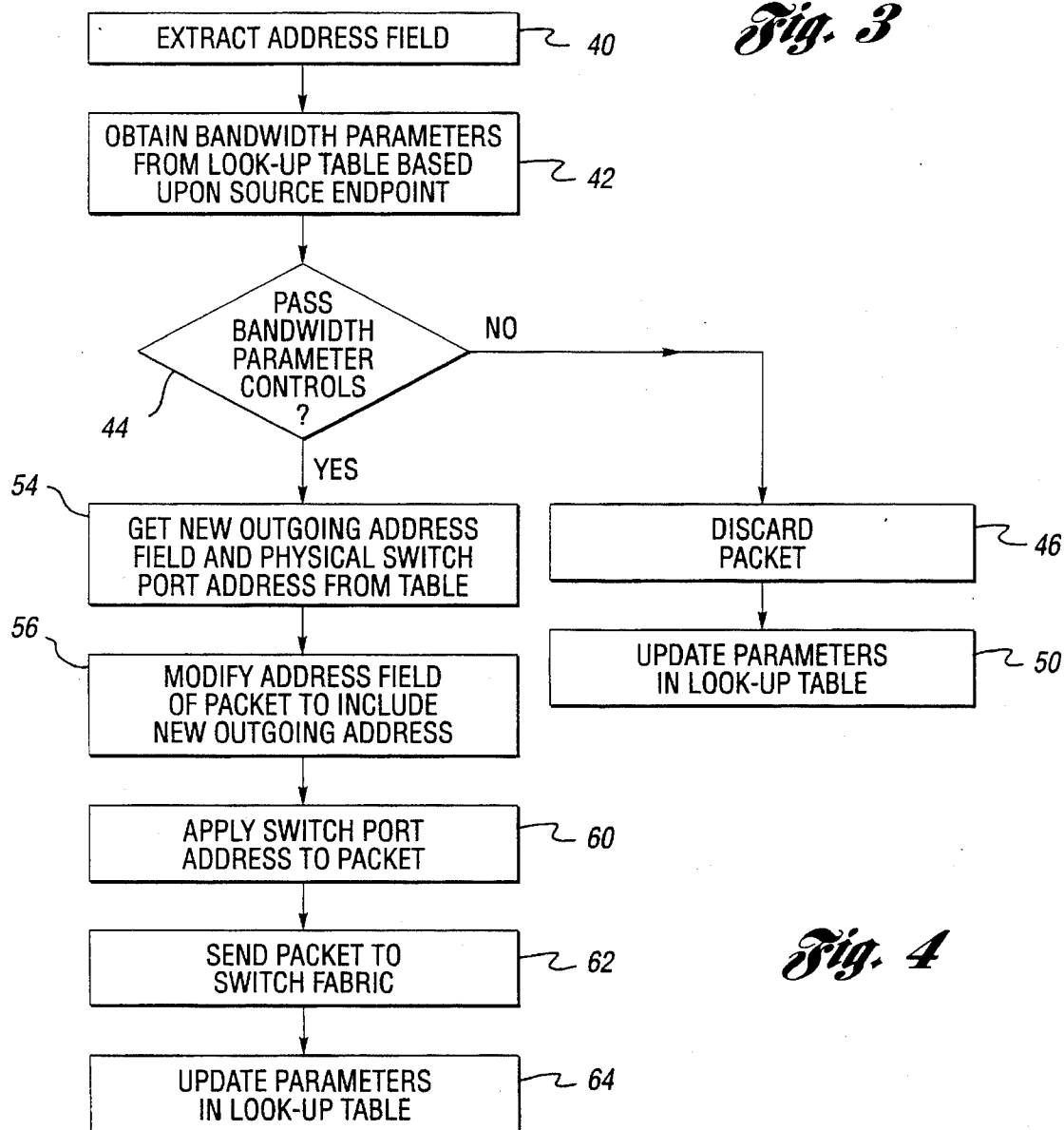


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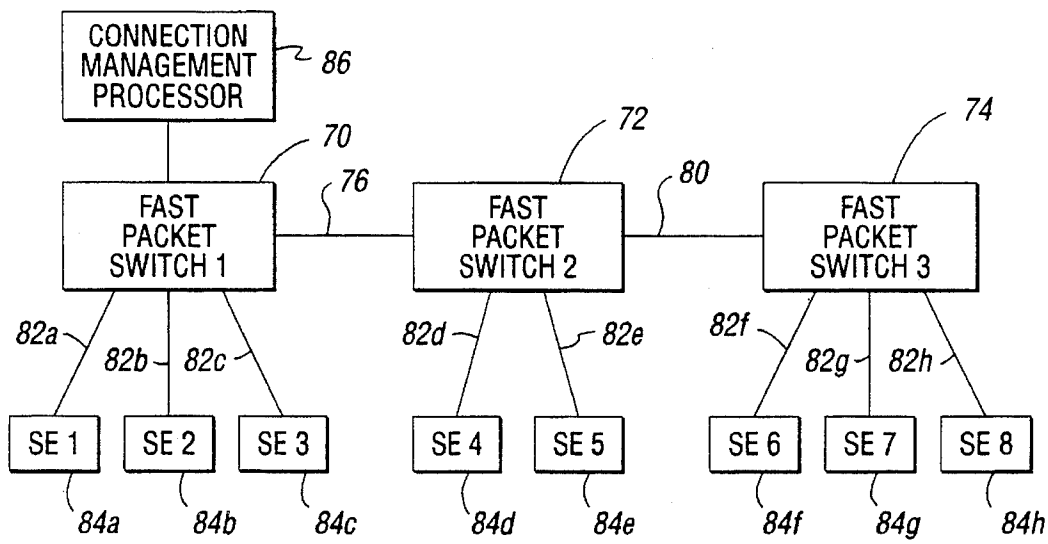


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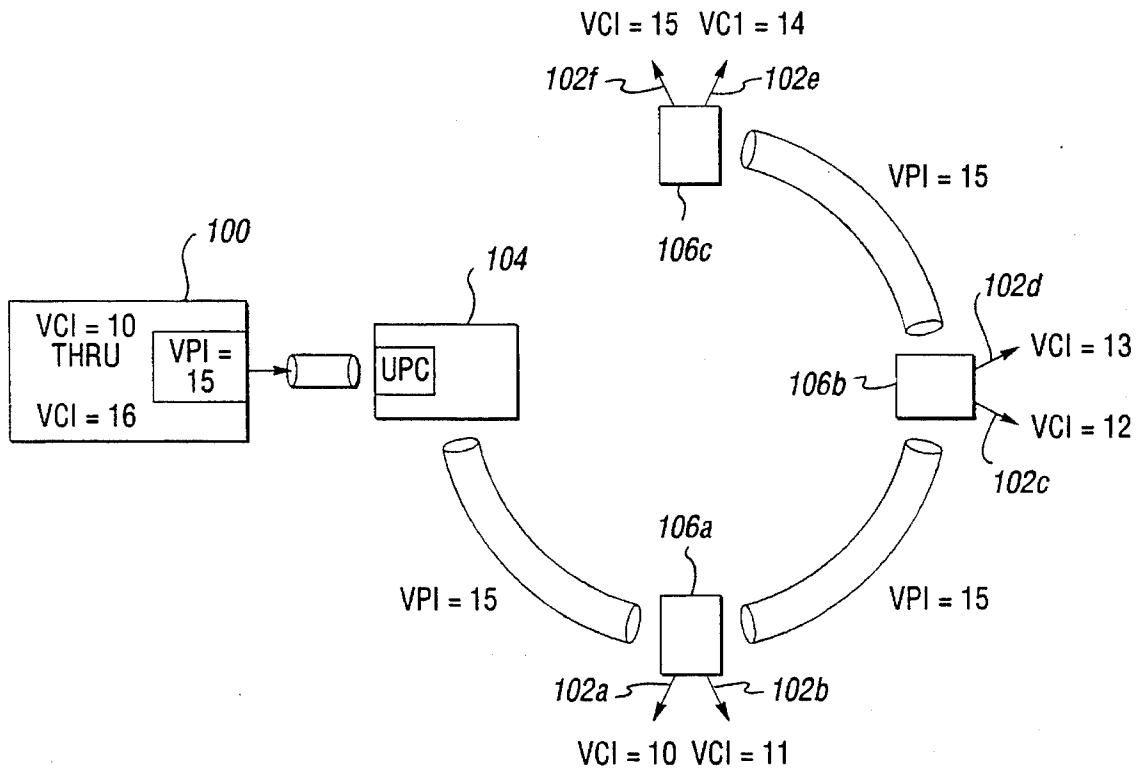


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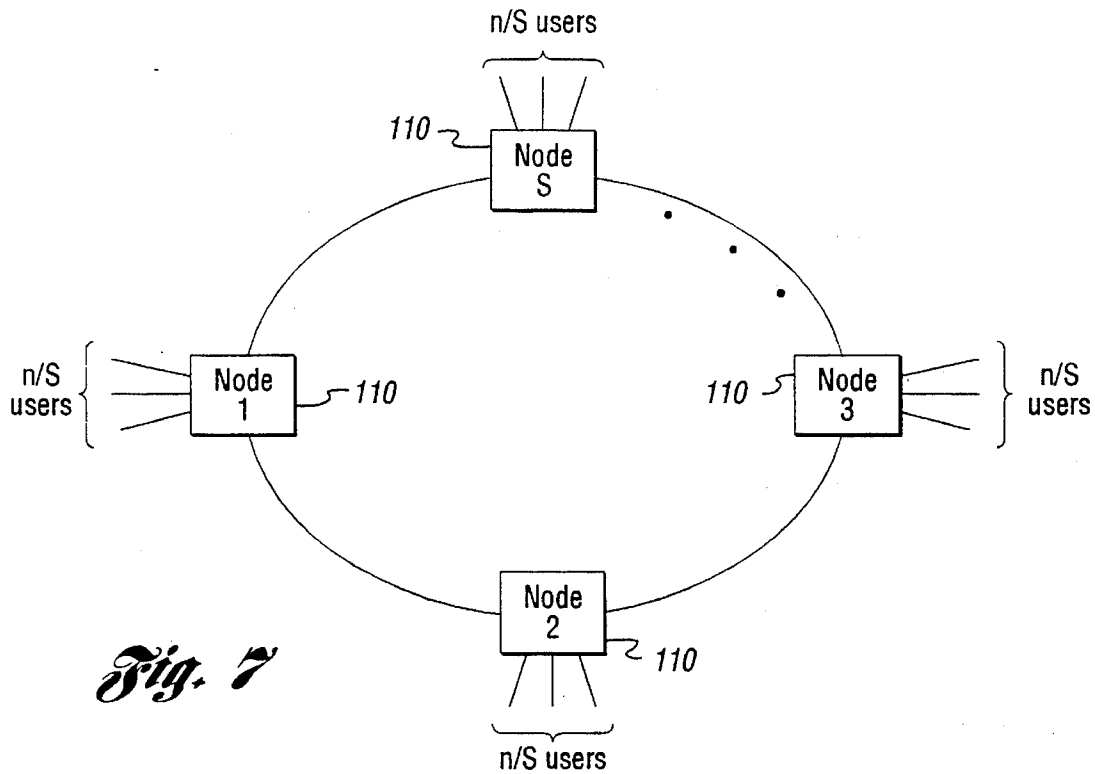


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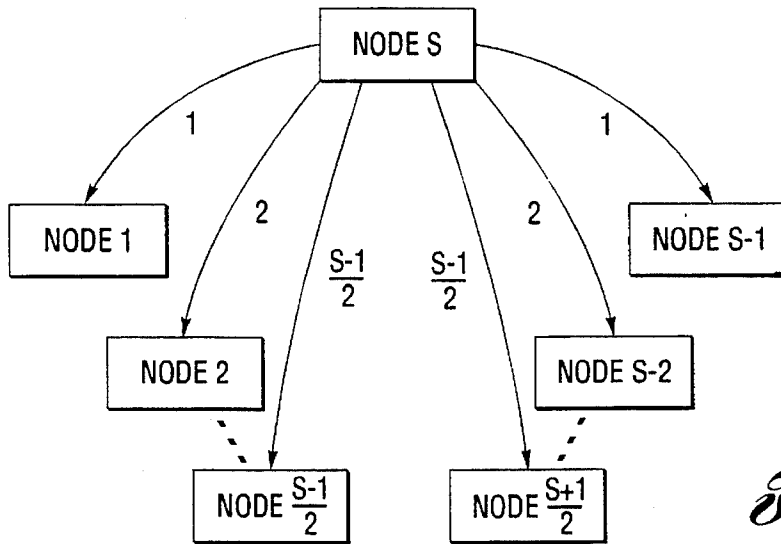


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