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(54) **APPARATUSES AND METHODS TO ENABLE THE SIMULTANEOUS VIEWING OF MULTIPLE TELEVISION CHANNELS AND ELECTRONIC PROGRAM GUIDE CONTENT**

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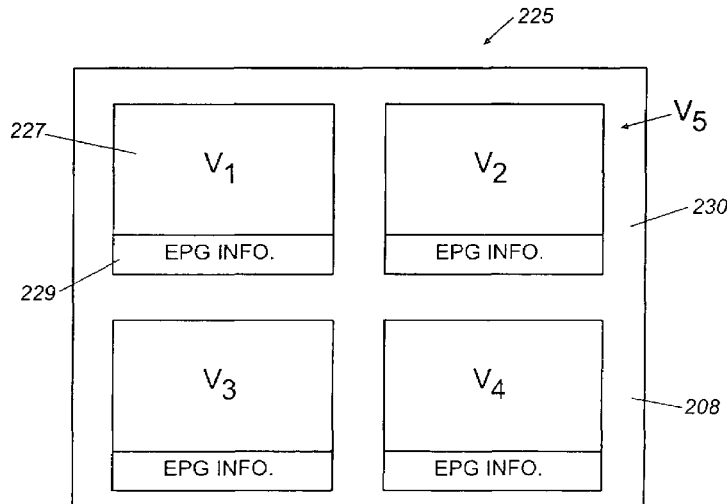
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A Digital Home Communication Terminal (DHCT) including a plurality of tuners, each of which can select one of a plurality of transmission channels provided by a Digital Broadband Delivery System (DBDS). The multiple tuners enable the DHCT to tune to a plurality of downstream media and data transmissions, thereby allowing a subscriber to tune simultaneously to multiple channels and content transmitted in the downstream transmission via the DBDS, an advantage over conventional DHCTs. The present invention enables subscribers to receive and view multiple channels and associated content, including electronic program guide information, at will. Furthermore, using the multiple-tuner DHCT of the present invention, subscribers can view multiple television stations and program content simultaneously, without degradation to television signals or pictures.

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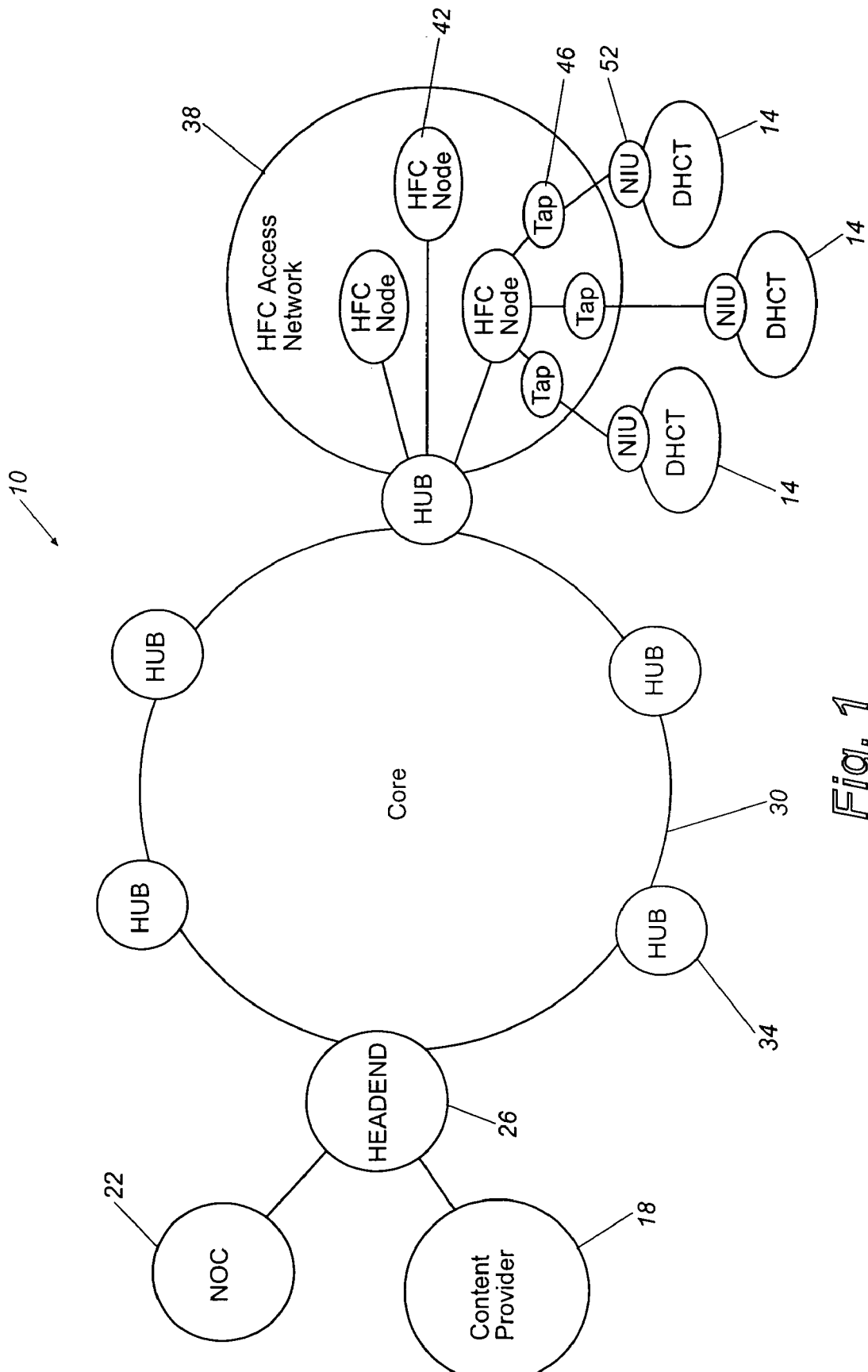


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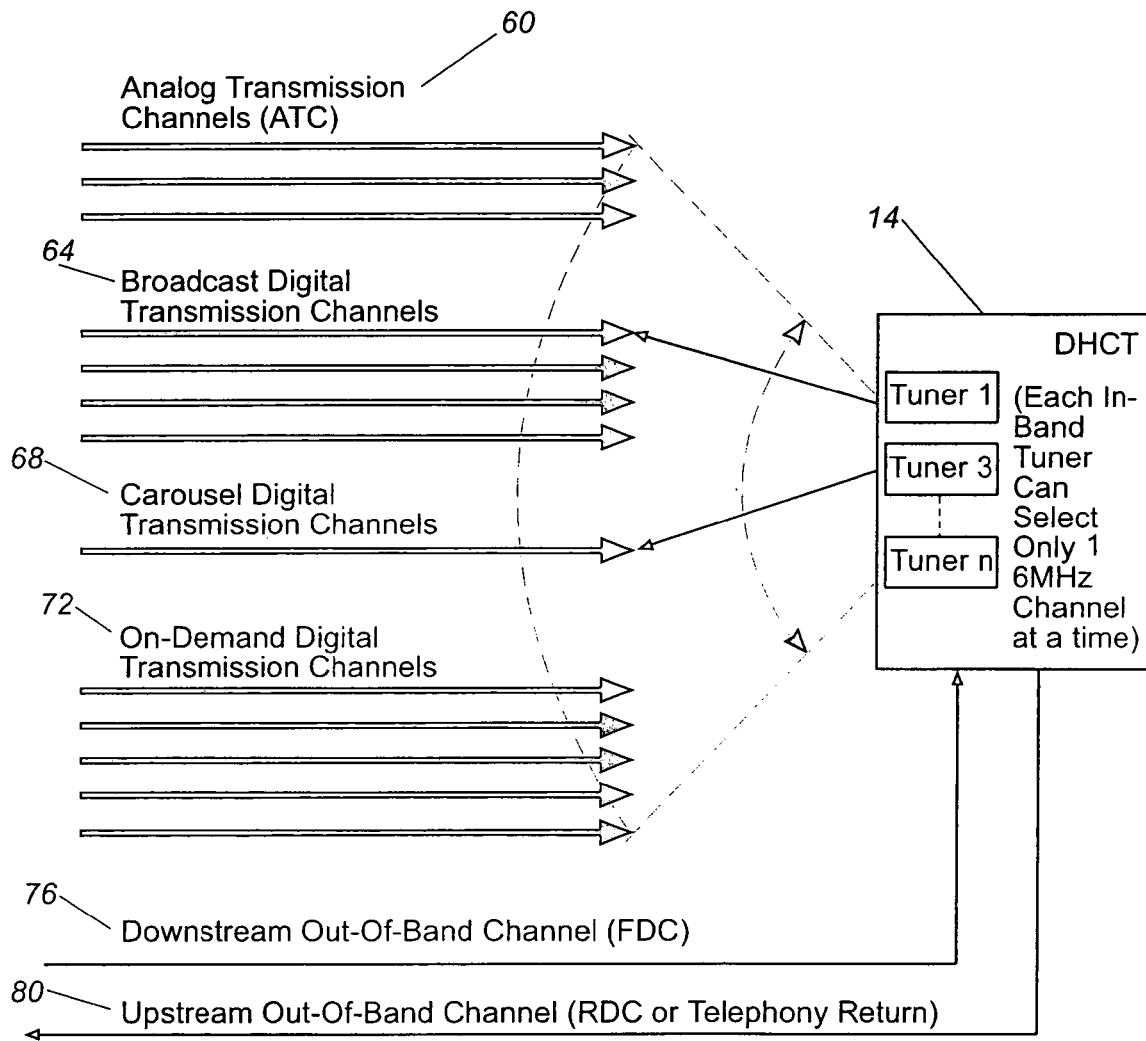


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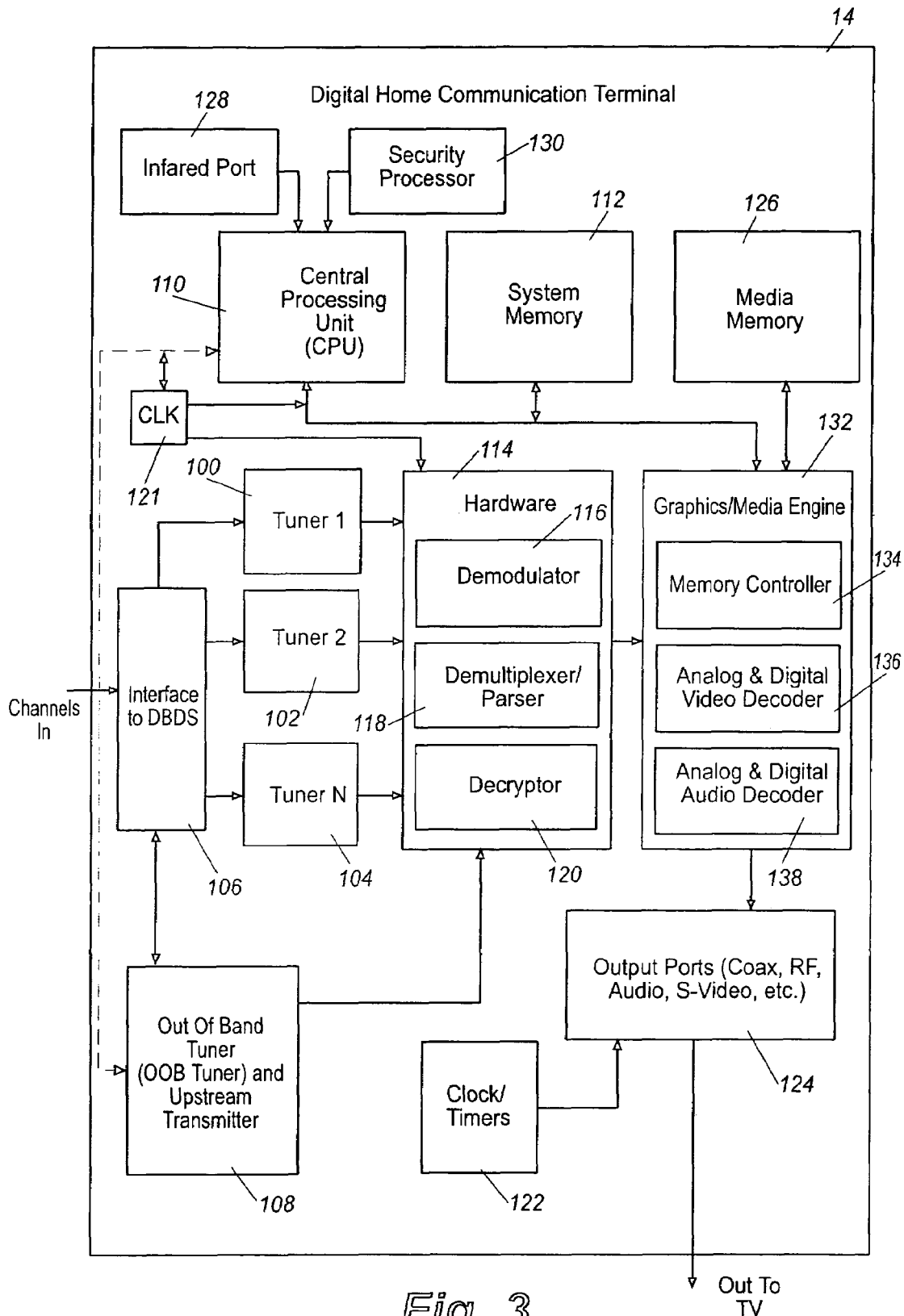


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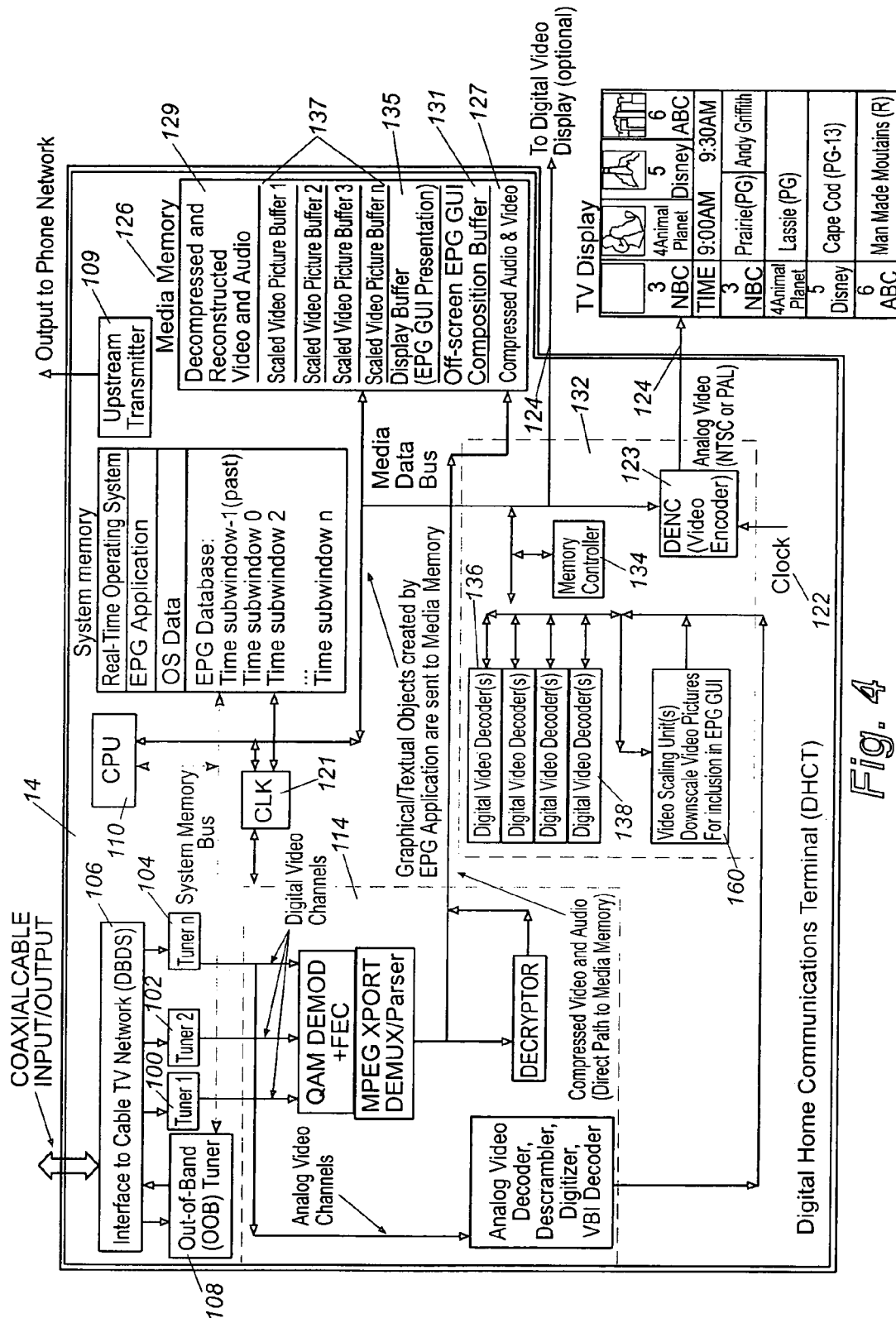


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