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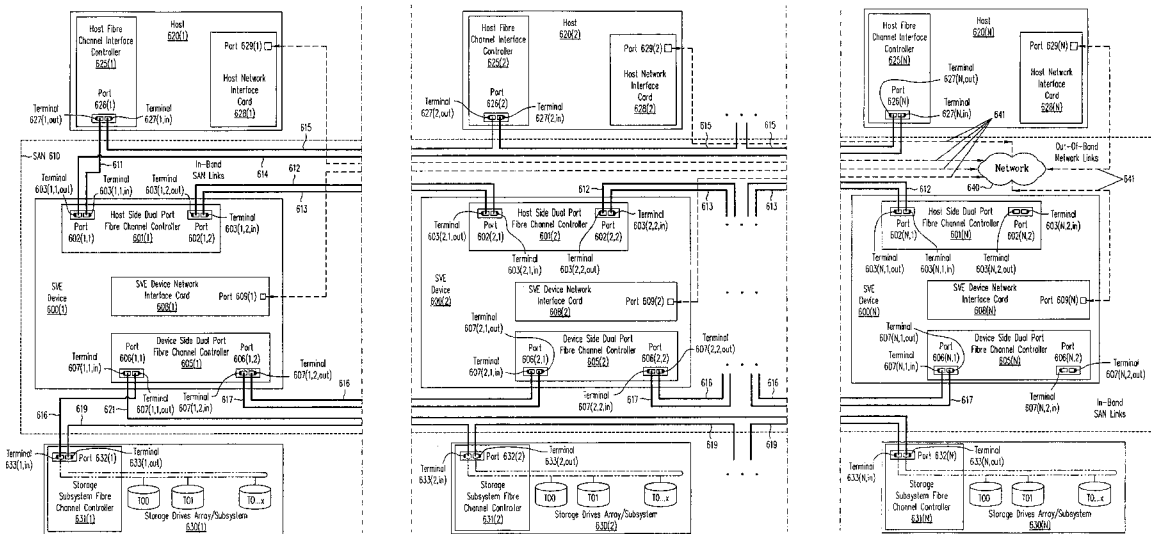
A distributed storage management platform (DSMP) architecture is disclosed. Such a DSMP architecture includes a number of storage routers. Each one of the storage routers comprises a number of interface controllers. One of the interface controllers of each one of the storage routers is communicatively coupled to one of the interface controllers of at least one other of the storage routers.

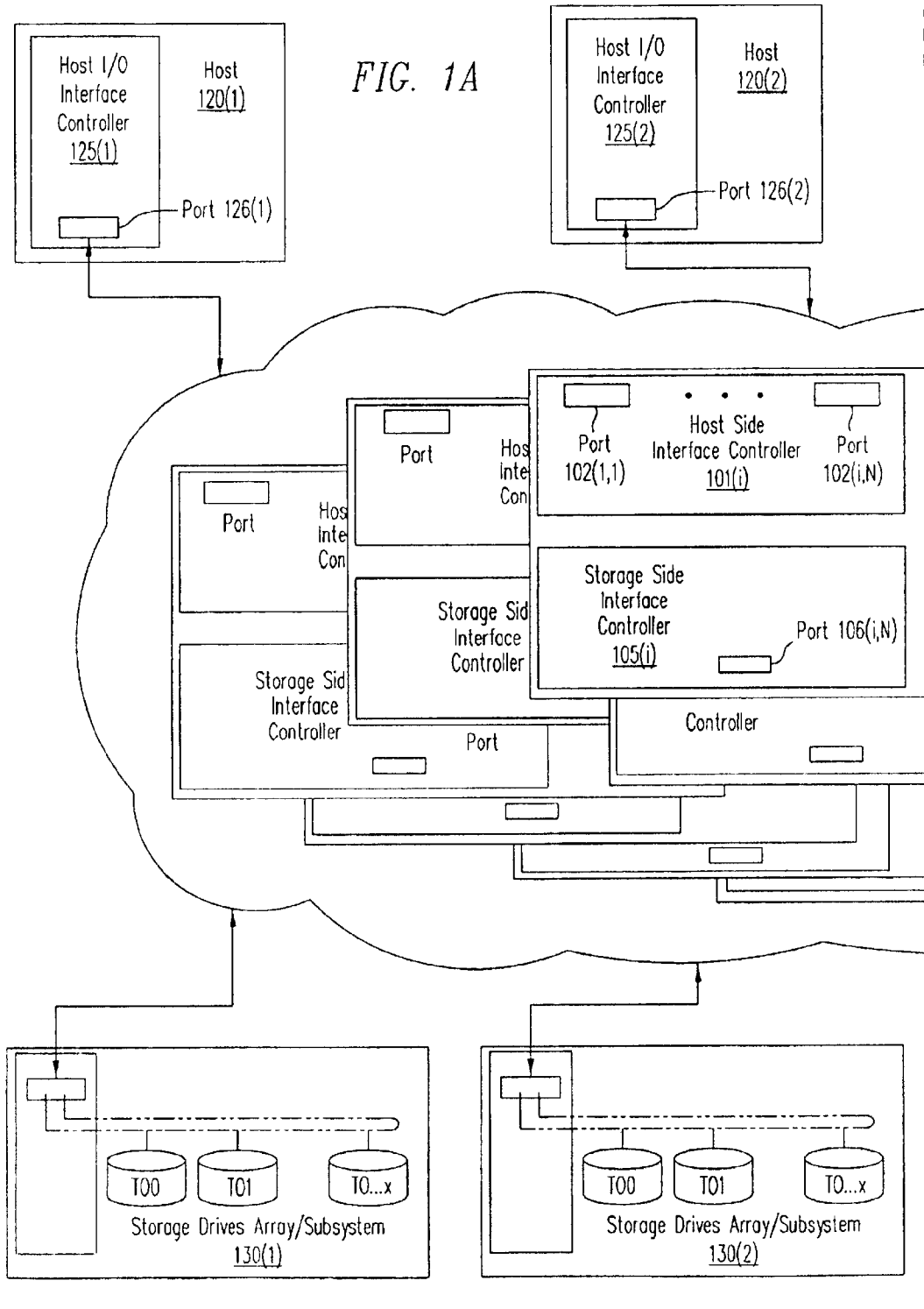
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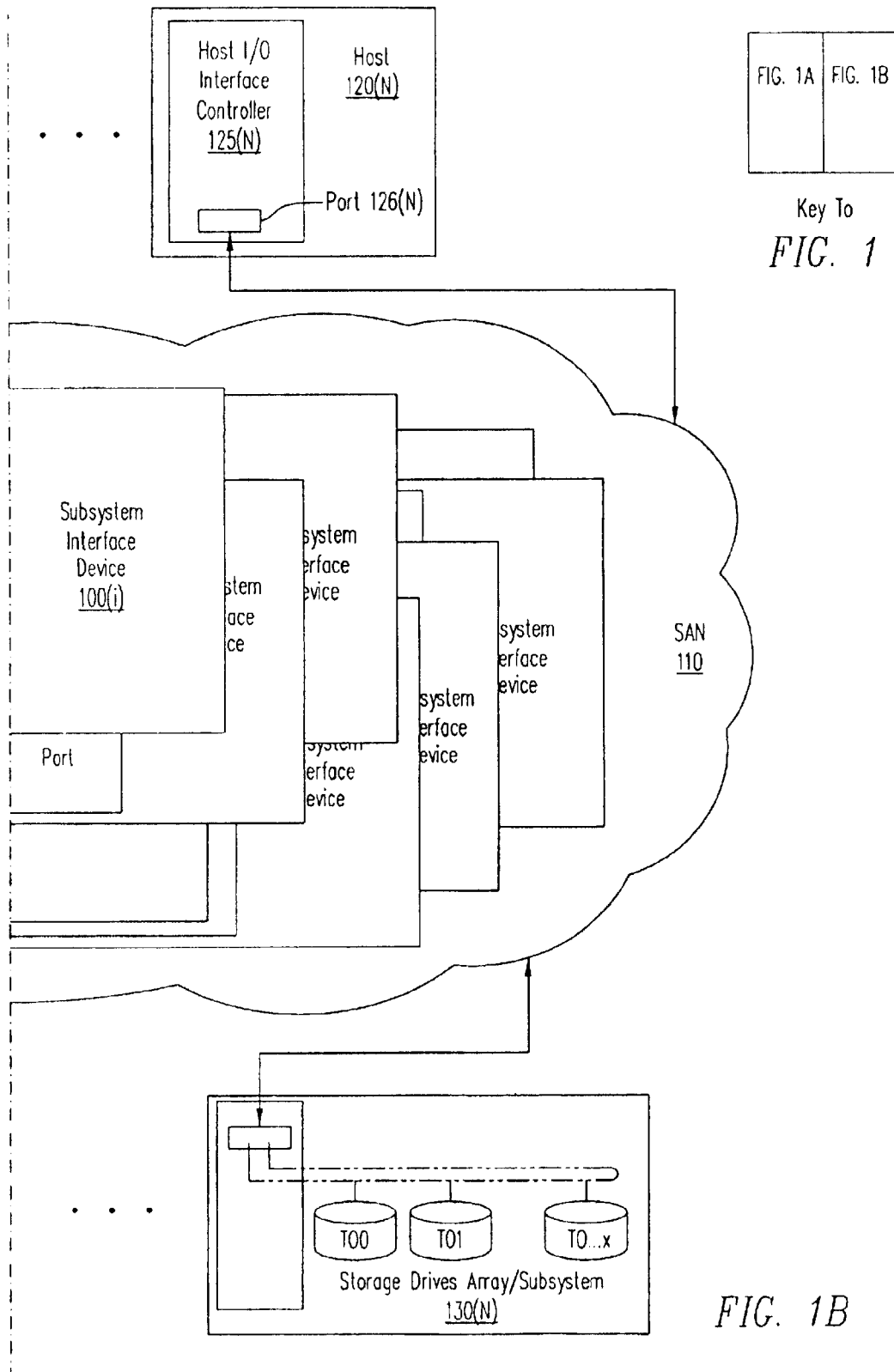
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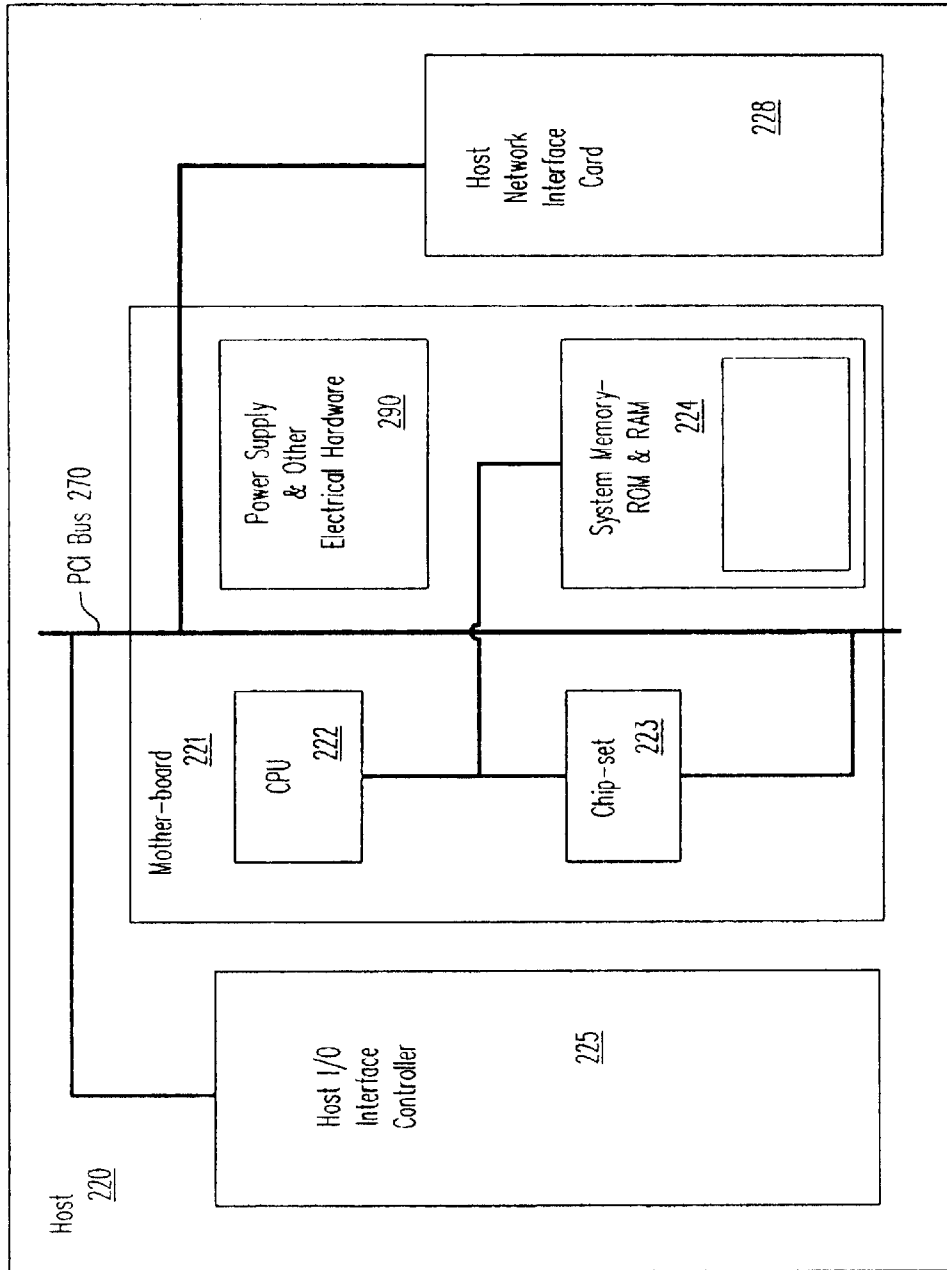


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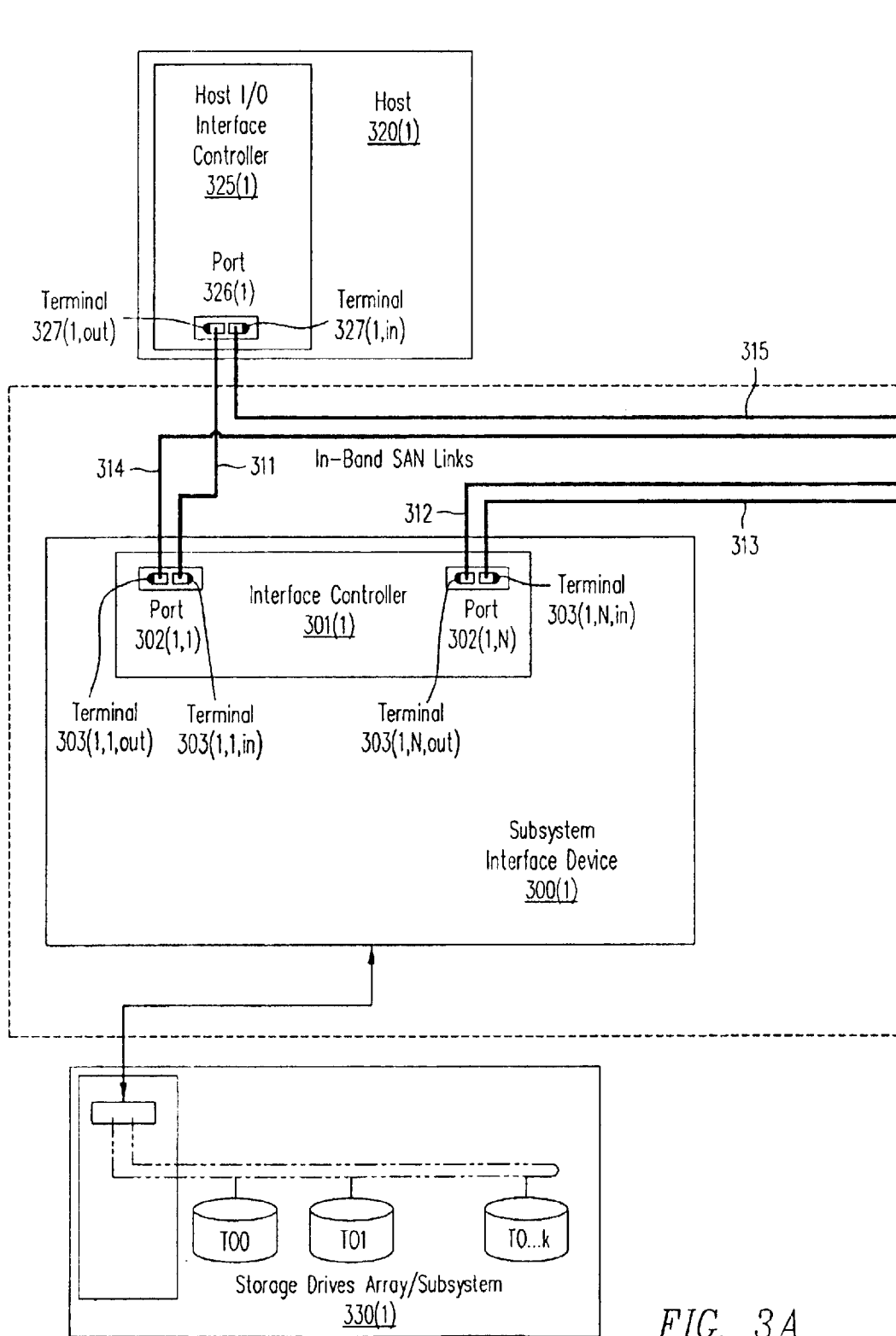


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