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(54) **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
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LOCATION OF INTERNET HOSTS**

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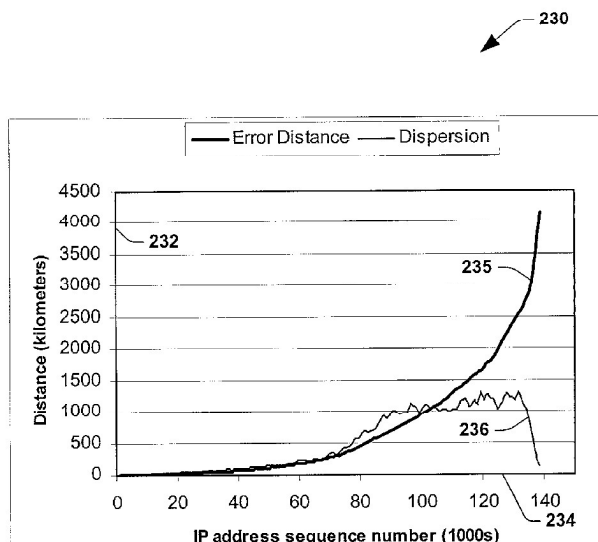
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system and methodologies are disclosed for determining
the geographic location of an Internet host. A first method
infers host location based on the DNS names of the host of
interest or other nearby network nodes. A second method
employs network delay measurements from geographically
distributed locations to triangulate the coordinates of the
host. A third method couples partial host-to-location map-
ping information obtained from one or more sources with
BGP or other routing information in order to infer location
of the host of interest.

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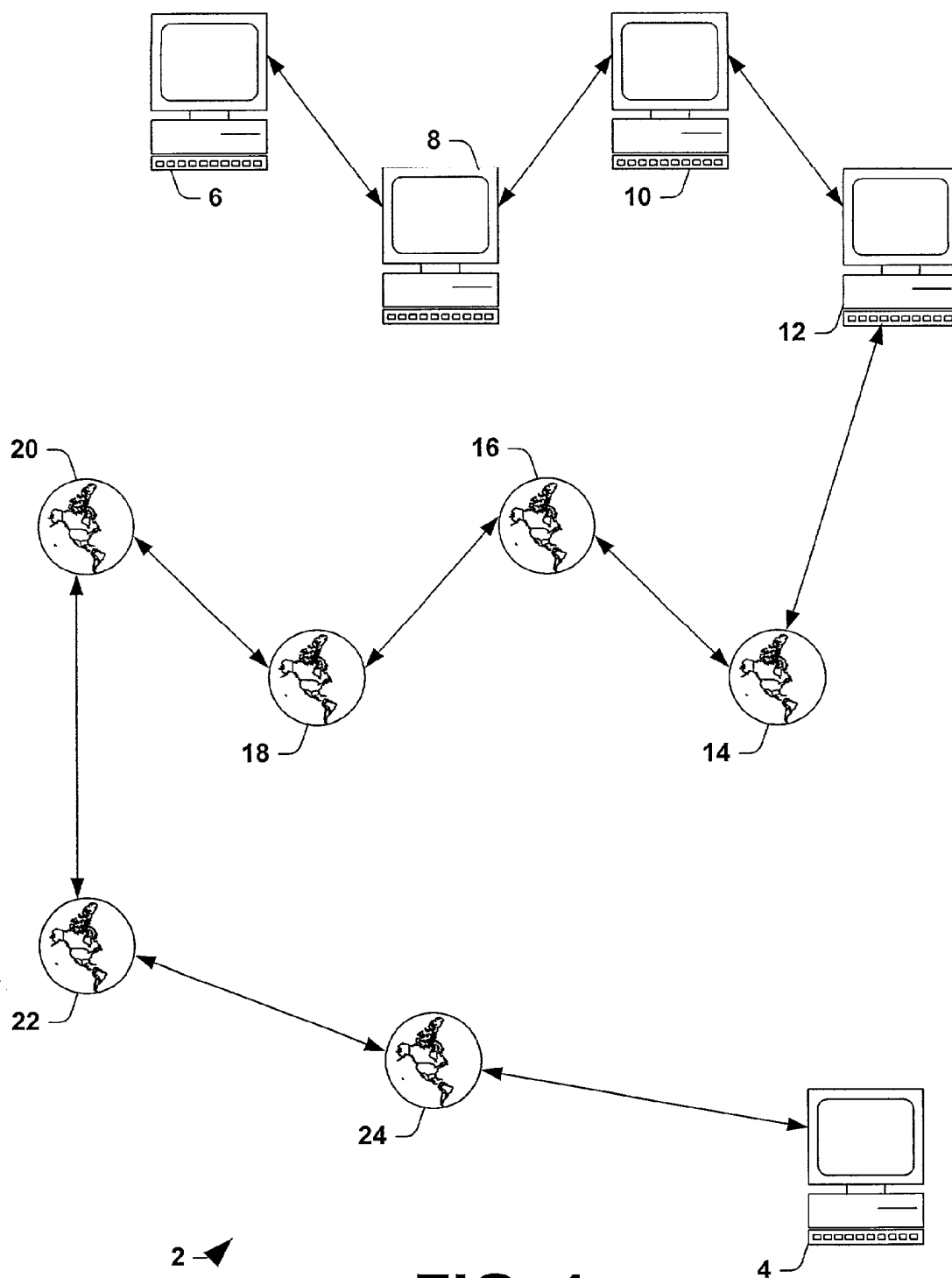
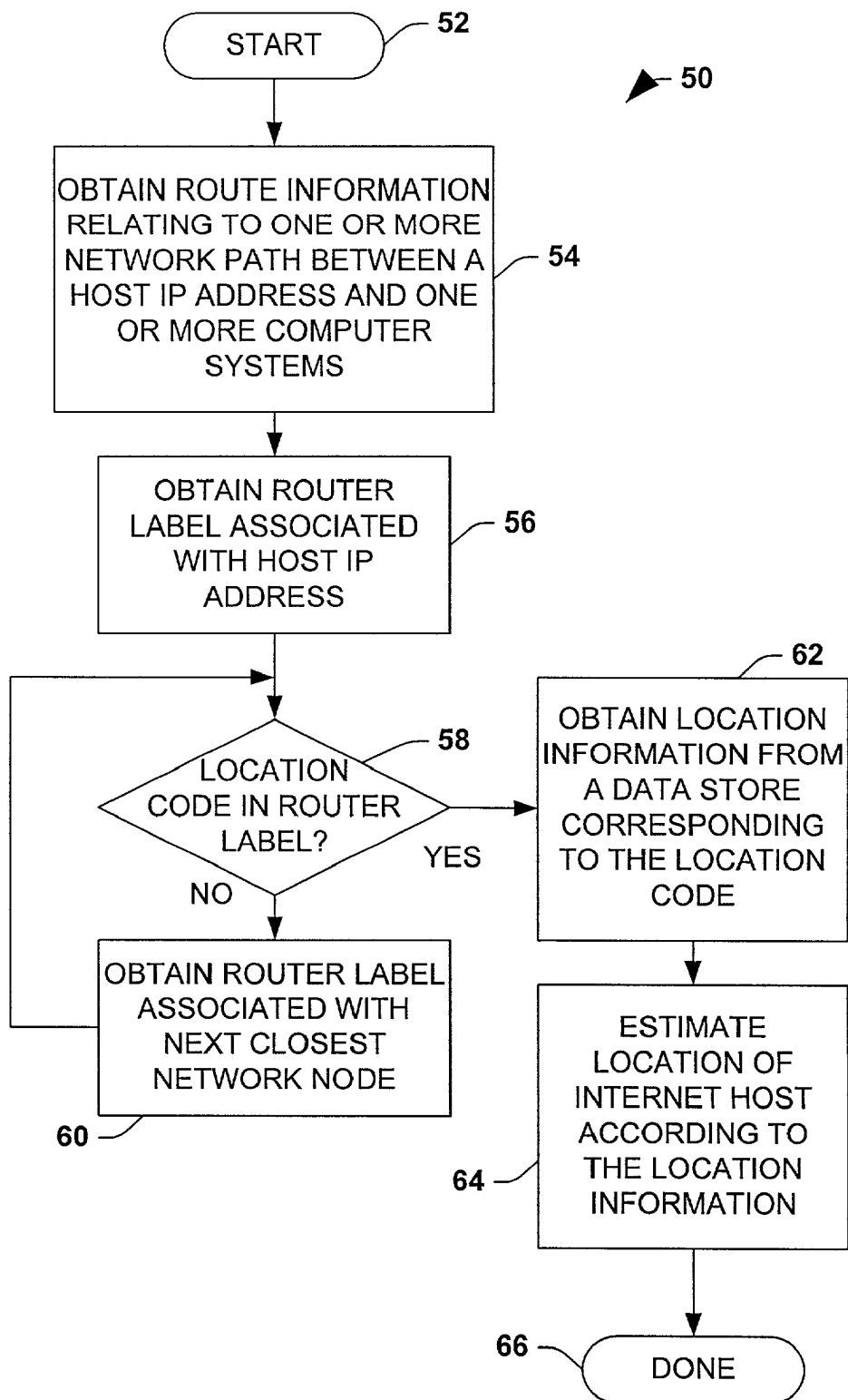
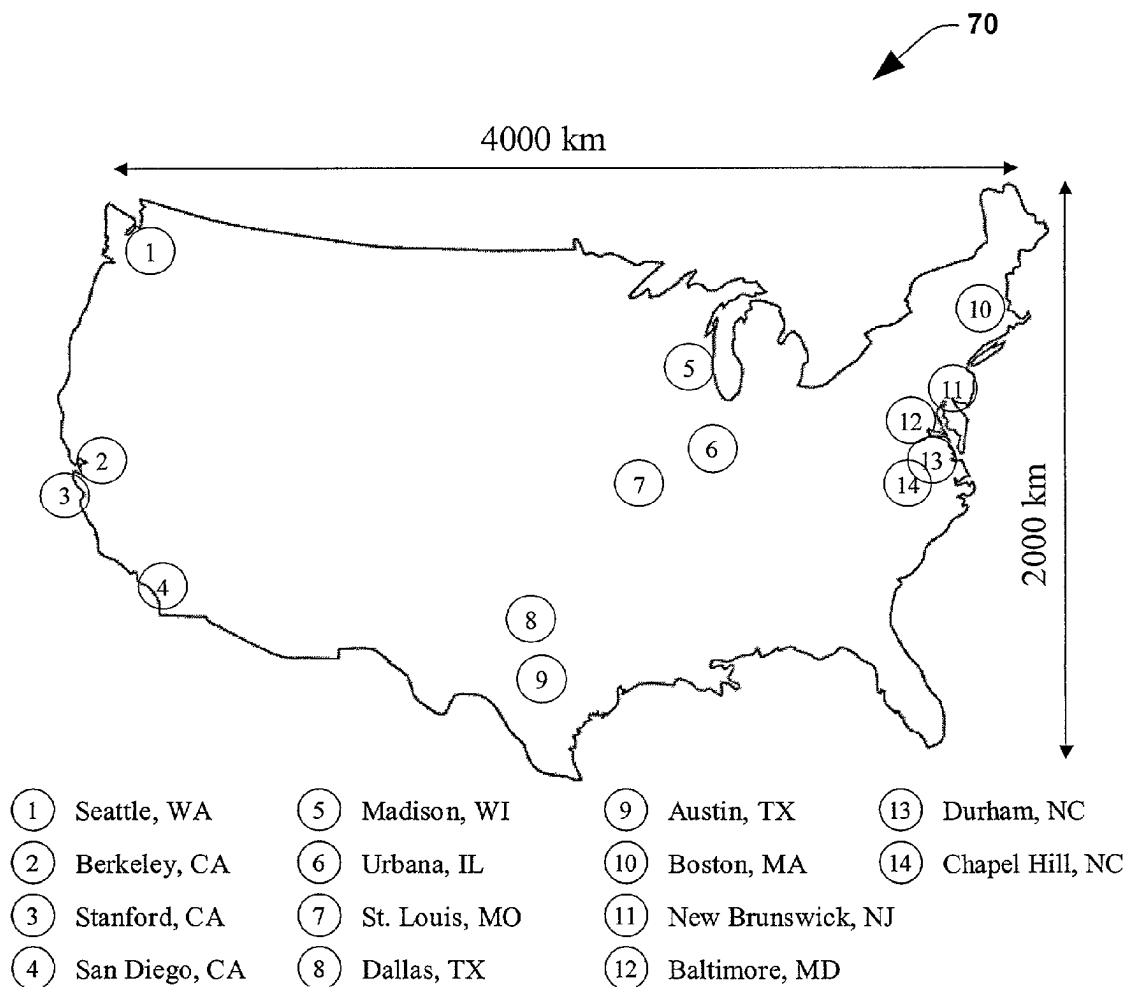


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