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(54) **SYSTEM AND METHOD OF ENHANCING EFFICIENCY AND UTILIZATION OF MEMORY BANDWIDTH IN RECONFIGURABLE HARDWARE**

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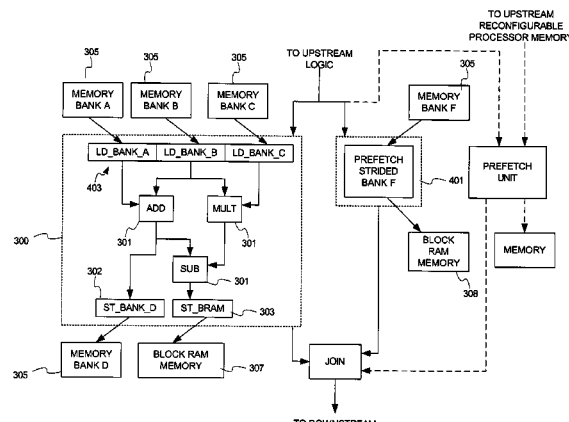
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A reconfigurable processor that includes a computational unit and a data prefetch unit coupled to the computational unit, where the data prefetch unit retrieves data from a memory and supplies the data to the computational unit through memory and a data access unit, and where the data prefetch unit, memory, and data access unit is configured by a program. Also, a reconfigurable hardware system that includes a common memory; and one or more reconfigurable processors coupled to the common memory, where at least one of the reconfigurable processors includes a data prefetch unit to read and write data between the unit and the common memory, and where the data prefetch unit is configured by a program executed on the system. In addition, a method of transferring data that includes transferring data between a memory and a data prefetch unit in a reconfigurable processor; and transferring the data between a computational unit and the data prefetch unit.

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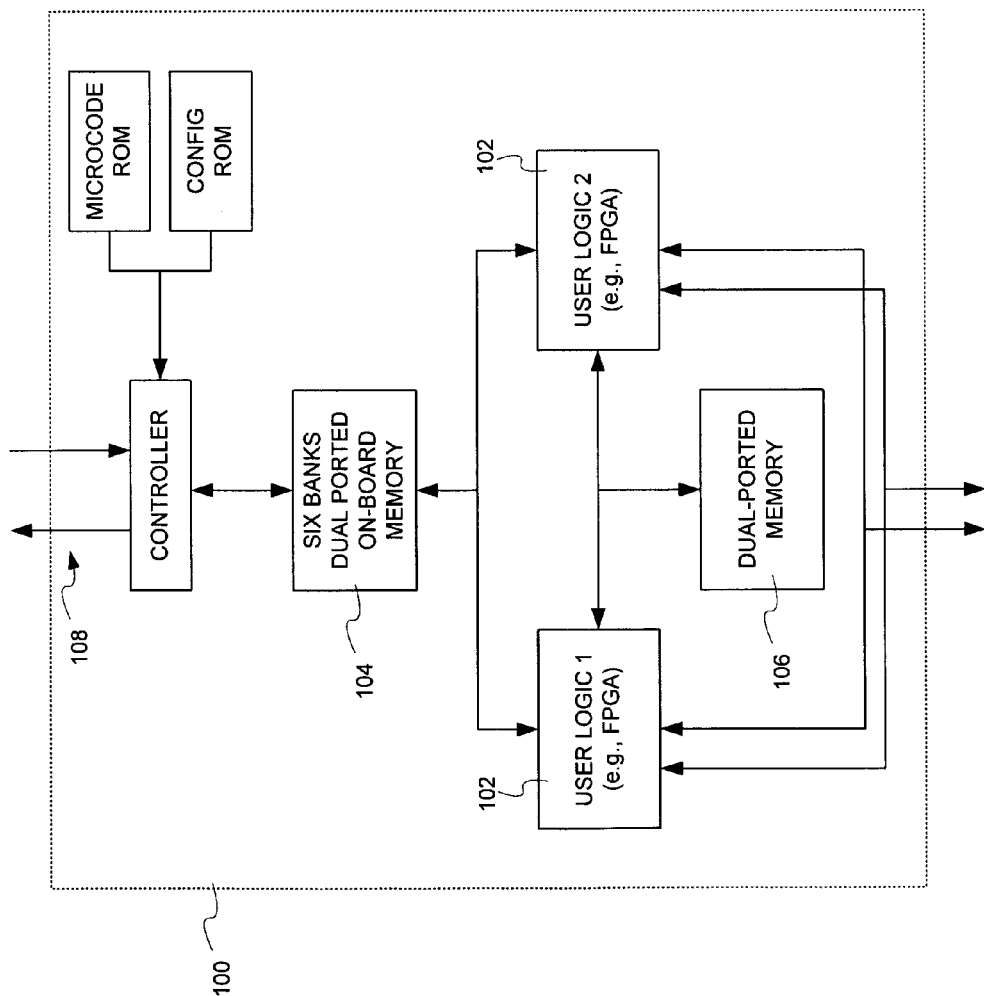


FIG. 1

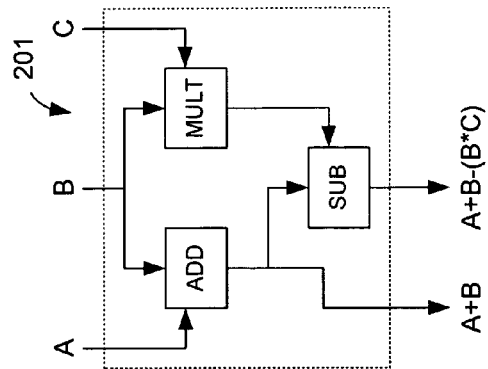


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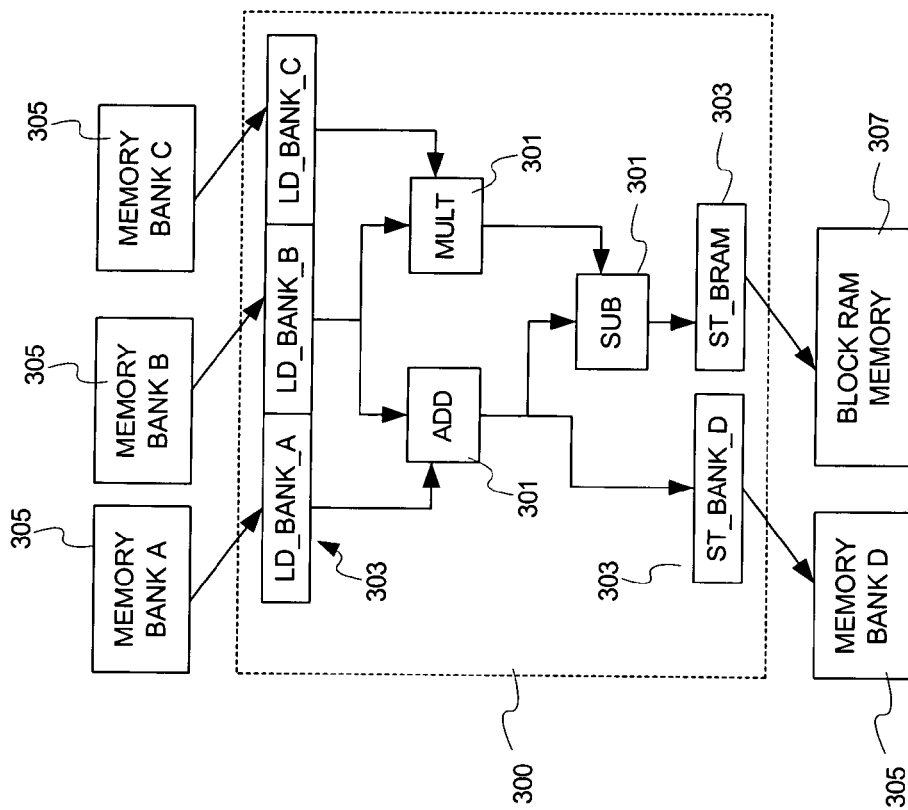


FIG. 3

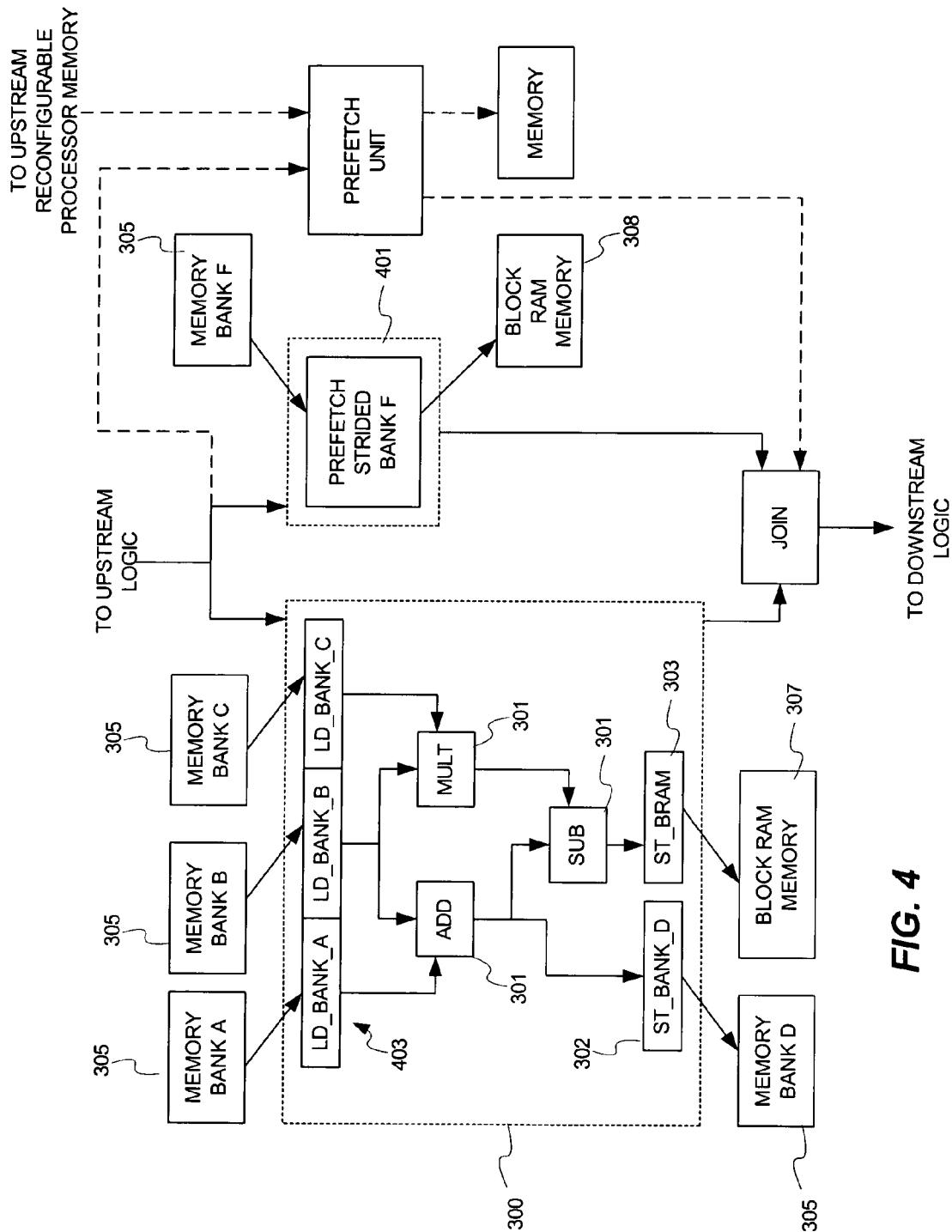


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