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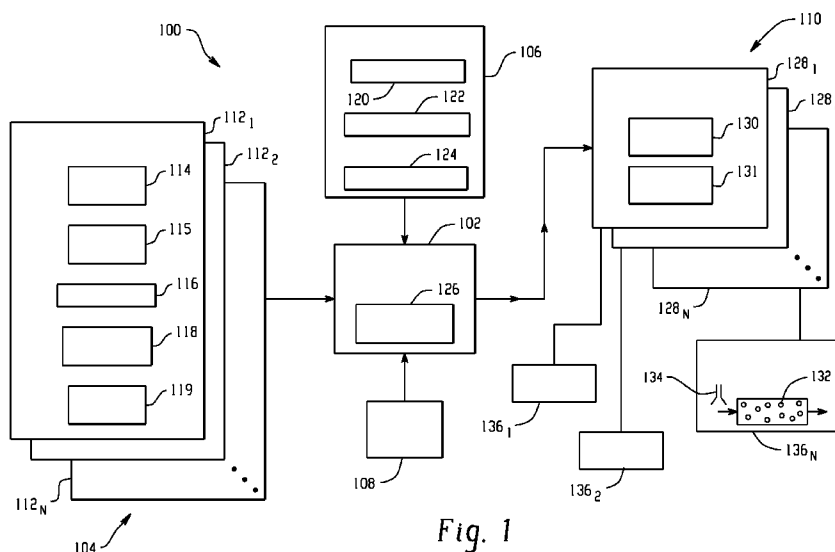


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: A treatment planning apparatus (100) includes a treatment modeler (102). The treatment (104) modeler uses models (112_{1-N}) of a plurality of treatment modalities in a treatment space (104) to generate a treatment protocol (110) that includes one or more the modalities in the treatment space. In one implementation, a treatment modality includes the removal of targeted treatment agents from an object.

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