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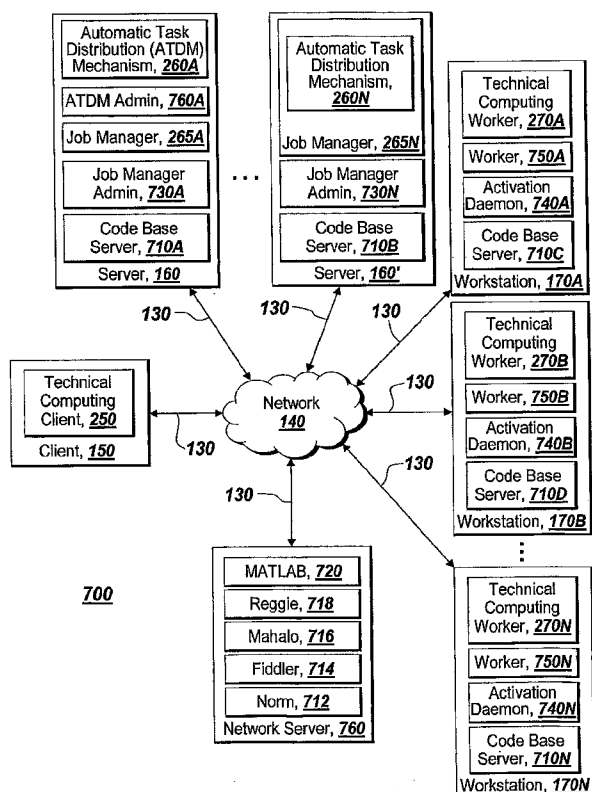
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(54) Title: INSTRUMENT-BASED DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING SYSTEMS

(57) Abstract: An instrument-based distributed computing system is disclosed that accelerates the measurement, analysis, verification and validation of data in a distributed computing environment. A large computing work can be performed in a distributed fashion using the instrument-based distributed system. The instrument-based distributed system may include a client that creates a job. The job may include one or more tasks. The client may distribute a portion of the job to one or more remote workers on a network. The client may reside in an instrument. One or more workers may also reside in instruments. The workers execute the received portion of the job and may return execution results to the client. As such, the present invention allows the use of instrument-based distributed system on a network to conduct the job and facilitate decreasing the time for executing the job.





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2. claims: 7,8,32,33,36,58,63

Method, medium, instrument and system for interacting with a measurement functionality

3. claims: 22-25,47-50,61,62

Method, medium and instrument for computing on a graphics processing unit
