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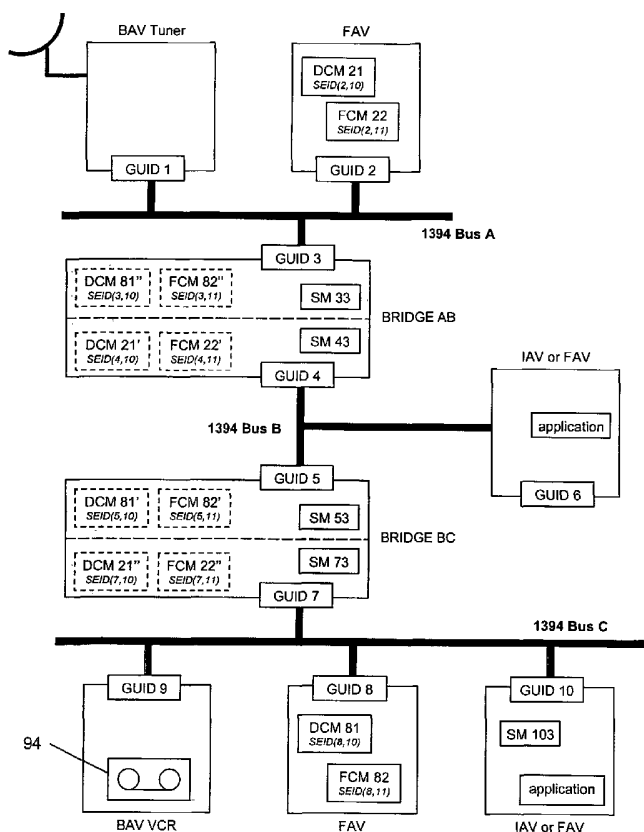
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(57) Abstract: The invention concerns a method for managing a network comprising a bridge device (AB, resp. BC), said bridge device comprising a first portal connected to a first HAVi cluster (A, resp. B) and a second portal connected to a second cluster (B, resp. C). The method comprises the steps of: representing, by each portal, DCM software elements and FCM software elements present on the portal's cluster, by proxy DCM software elements and proxy FCM software elements, wherein each proxy software element is represented on the portal's cluster using a software element identifier (SEID) based on the global unique identifier (GUID) of the portal comprising the software elements; maintaining, in said bridge device, a table of correspondence between software element identifiers of proxy software elements and the software elements they represent wherein the TargetID data structure of a proxy FCM, respectively proxy DCM software element comprises the global unique identifier of the portal containing this proxy FCM, respectively proxy DCM software element.



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