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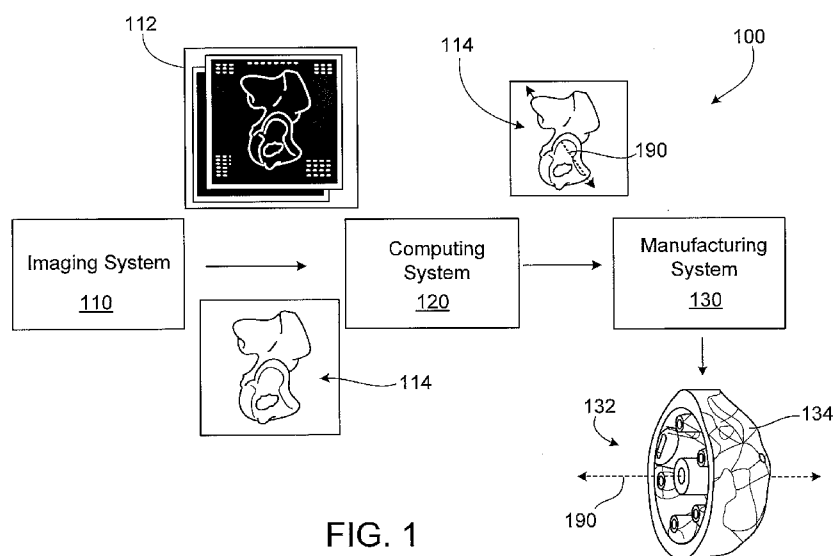


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: Methods, systems, and apparatus for implant alignment are described. For example, a method of defining an alignment axis can include accessing a model representing a ball and socket joint, the model being derived from imaging data for the joint. A portion of the model representing a socket portion of the joint can be identified. A substantially spherical approximation of the identified portion can be generated. A location corresponding to the center of the substantially spherical approximation can be identified. An axis that intersects the identified location can be defined relative to the model.

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