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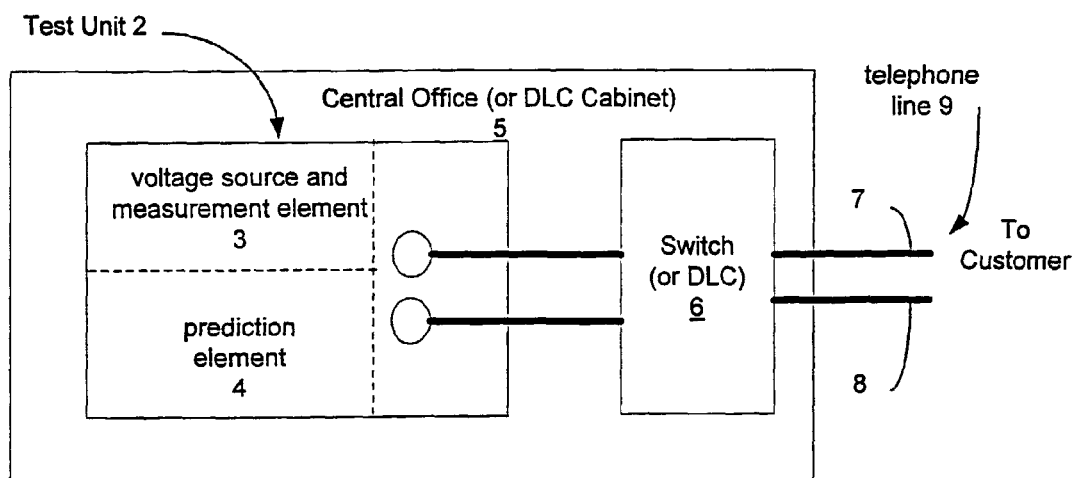
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(57) **Abstract:** The present invention provides a method and apparatus for performing line qualification tests, and binning the results of such testing. The results are binned according to certain criteria and to provide an easily discernable status of the line. Different categories are used to indicate whether the line will or will not support high speed data services. An additional category might be used to indicate that the line could support data service at a particular data rate if a repair were made to the line. Yet another category might be used to indicate that the system is unable to make a prediction as to the performance of the line with sufficient accuracy. Each category may be assigned a respective color in order to make the status of the line easily discernable to a human user.

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