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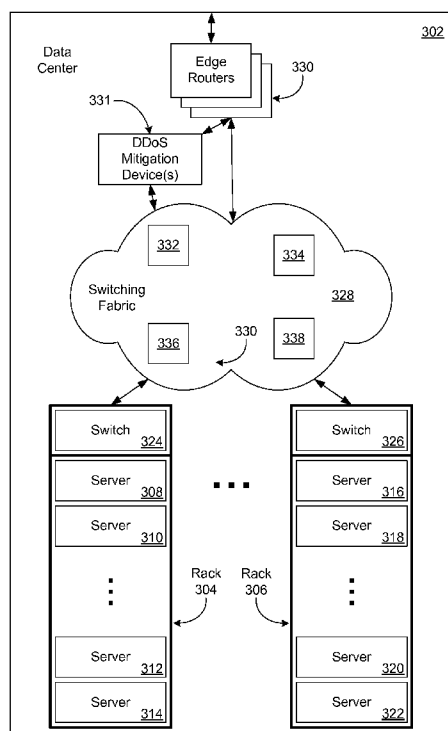


Figure 3

(57) **Abstract:** Systems and methods protect against denial of service attacks. Remotely originated network traffic addressed to one or more network destinations is routed through one or more locations. One or more of the locations may be geographically proximate to a source of a denial of service attack. One or more denial of service attack mitigation strategies is applied to portions of the network traffic received at the one or more locations. Network traffic not blocked pursuant to the one or more denial of service attack mitigation strategies is dispatched to its intended recipient. Dispatching the unblocked network traffic to its intended recipient may include the use of one or more private channels and/or one or more additional denial of service attack mitigation strategies.



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