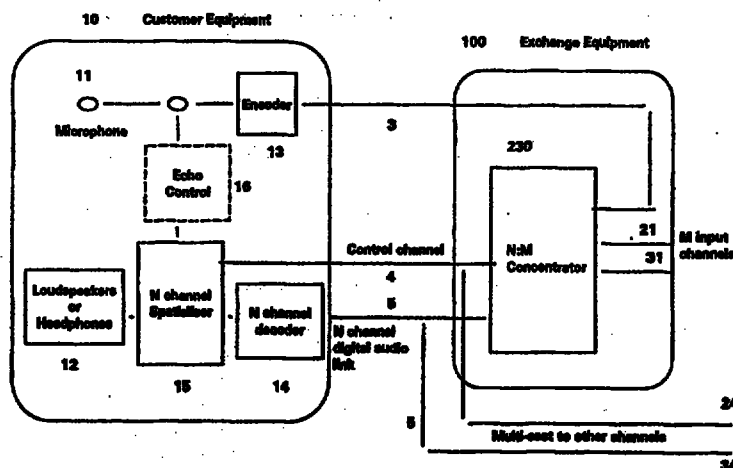




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(57) Abstract

A teleconferencing system comprises a conference bridge (100) having a multichannel connection (5) to each customer equipment (10). The customer equipment (10) has means (14) to separately process each channel (51, 52, 53) to provide one output representing each of the other participants. These outputs can be combined in a spatialiser (15) to provide a spatialised output (12) in which each participant is represented by a virtual sound source. The conference bridge (100) comprises a concentrator (230), having means to identify the currently active input channels and to transmit only those active channels over the multichannel connection, together with control information identifying the transmitted channels.