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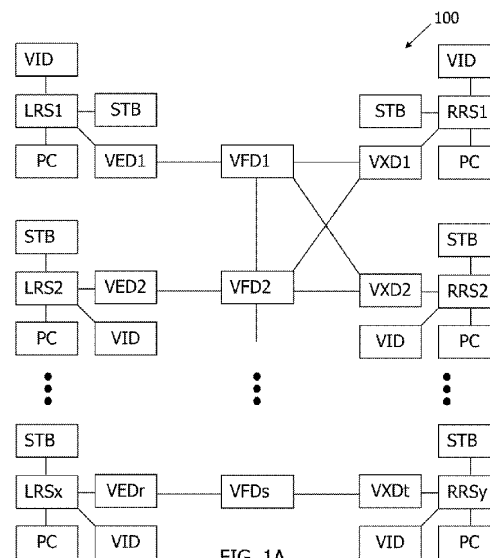
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(57) Abstract: A method of forming a virtual network (100) includes forming an arrangement of virtual fibers from physical fiber optic cables that interconnect virtual entry devices (VED), virtual forwarding devices (VFD/1000/1100), and virtual exit devices (VXD) together. The virtual entry devices (VED) combine data and frames to allow a number of sources (STB/PC/VID) with data and frame rates that are less than a predetermined frame rate of a physical port (216) to be output from the physical port (216).

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