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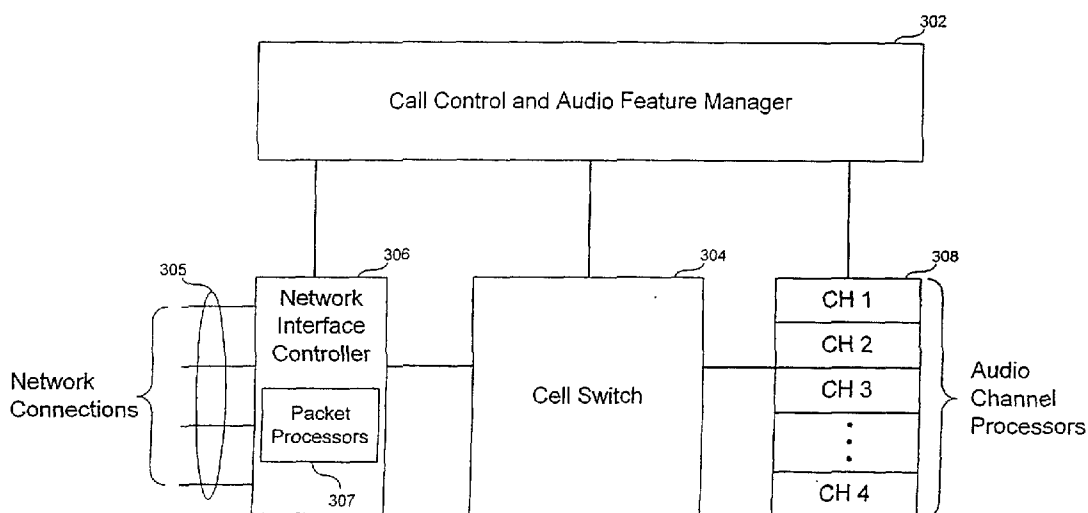
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(57) **Abstract:** The present invention provides a method and system for providing media services in Voice over IP telephony. A switch is coupled between one or more audio sources and a network interface controller. The switch can be a packet switch or a cell switch. The present invention further provides a method and system for distributed conference bridge processing in Voice over IP telephony. A distributed conference bridge multi-casts mixed audio content of a conference call in a way that reduces replication work at the mixing device. The present invention also provides a method and system for noiselessly switching between independent audio streams. Such noiseless switching preserves valid RTP information at the time of switch over.



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