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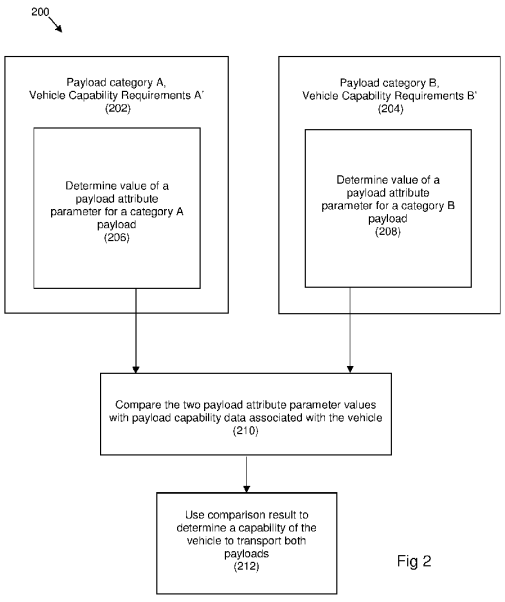



Fig 2

(57) Abstract: Communications server apparatus (102) for managing payloads (202, 204) for transport by a vehicle (408), and methods for the operation thereof. The communications server apparatus is configured to, for a plurality of payloads of respective different payload categories (202, 204), each payload category being associated with unique vehicle capability requirements, determine (206), for a first payload of a first payload category, a value of a first payload attribute parameter indicative of a first vehicle capability requirement. For a second payload of a second payload category, a value of a second payload attribute parameter indicative of a second vehicle capability requirement is determined (208). The values for the first and second payload attribute parameters are compared (210) with payload capability data associated with the vehicle, and a comparison result is used (212) to determine a capability of the vehicle to transport both the first and second payloads.

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