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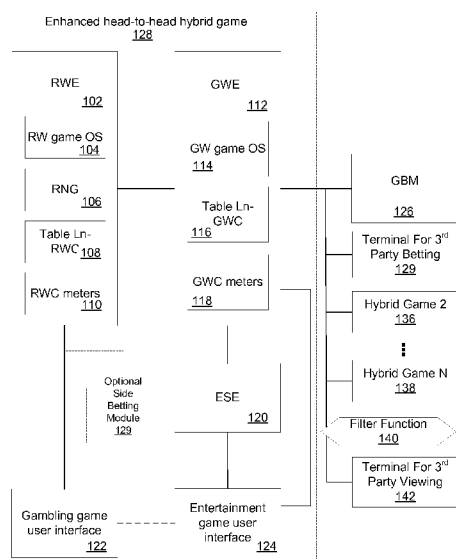


FIG. 1A

(57) Abstract: A method and system for an enhanced head-to-head hybrid game are provided. An enhanced head-to-head hybrid game system has a gambling game with a real world engine that provides a randomly generated payout for the gambling game, an entertainment software engine that executes an entertainment game providing outcomes upon a player's execution of the entertainment game, and manages a user interface of the entertainment game, a game world engine that manages the entertainment software engine and communicates gameplay gambling event occurrences based upon a player's execution of the entertainment game that trigger the randomly generated payout for the gambling game to the gambling game. The system also has a global betting manager that receives player performance measurements for the at least one player from the game world engine, determines eligibility of the at least one player for play in a tournament, assigns a handicap for the tournament to the at least one player based at least in part upon the performance measurements for the at least one player from the game world engine and sends information concerning tournament eligibility and handicaps to the game world engine that configures the game world engine to implement each assigned handicap and tournament eligibility within the enhanced head-to-head hybrid game.