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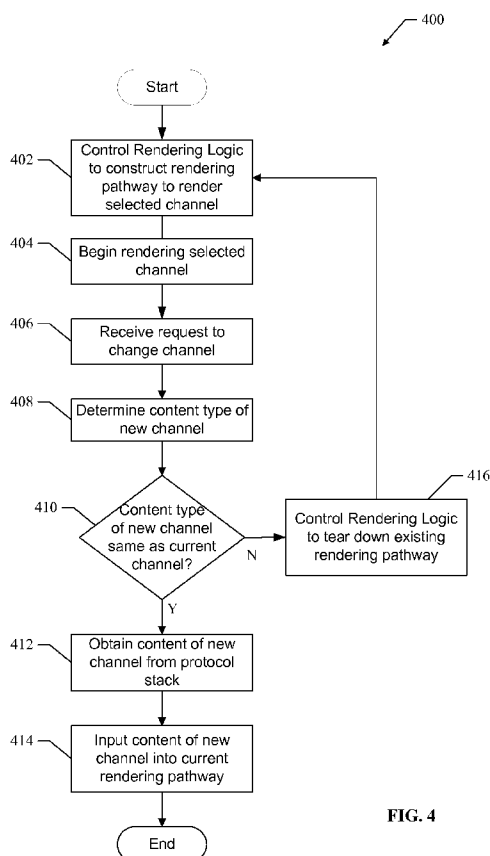


FIG. 4

(57) Abstract: Methods and apparatus for fast channel switching between real time content on a device. In an aspect, a method includes receiving a channel selection indicator that identifies a channel comprising real time content to be rendered (406), determining whether the real time content can be rendered using an existing rendering pathway (410), and inputting the real time content into the existing rendering pathway if it is determined that the real time content can be rendered using the existing rendering pathway (414). An apparatus includes a user interface, to receive a channel selection indicator that identifies a channel comprising real time content to be rendered, processing logic to determine whether the real time content can be rendered using an existing rendering pathway, and a rendering interface to input the real time content into the existing rendering pathway if it is determined that the real time content can be rendered using the existing pathway.

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