



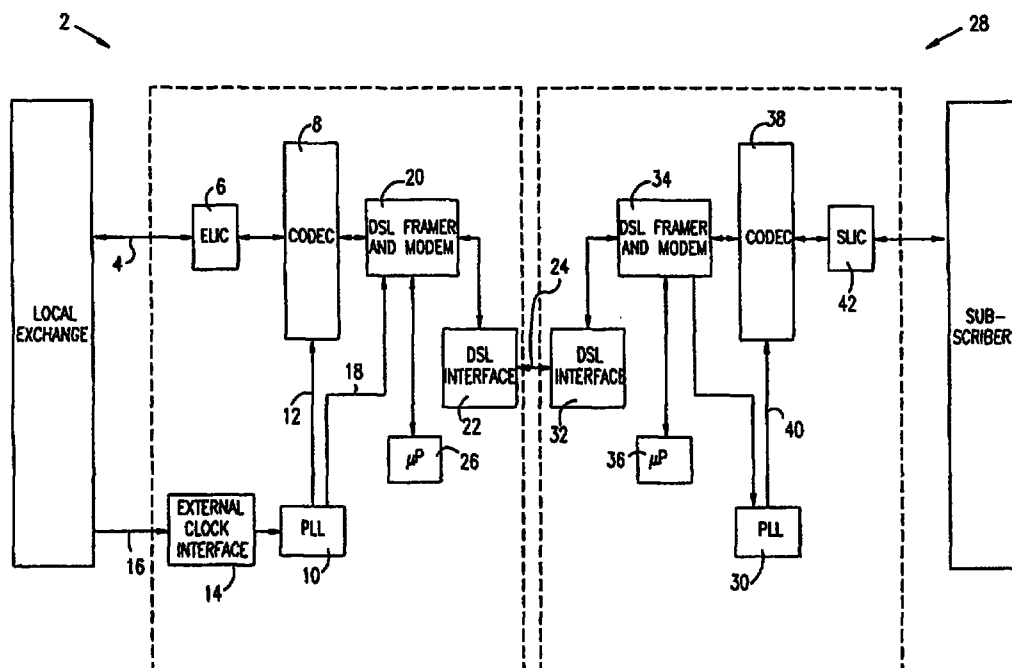
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A telecommunications system including an at least partially digital telephone link having an analog end portion, first and second modems disposed along the link, and analog/digital devices disposed along the link intermediate the modems which are operative to support communications between the first and second modems substantially at bit rates in excess of 28.8 Kbps.