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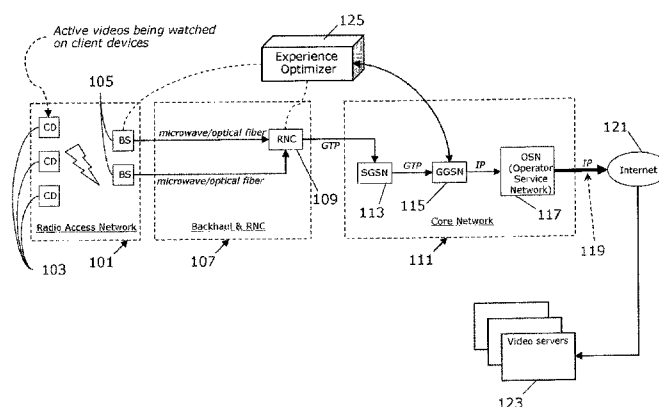


FIG. 1

(57) **Abstract:** Methods and arrangements for video delivery preparation. A video is displayed at an interface in response to a user request, the video being accessible online. A relative probability of video access by the user with respect to at least two other videos, that are accessible online, is qualitatively determined. An ordered prediction set is created with respect to the at least two other videos. The at least two other videos are prepared incrementally based on the prediction set, so that the user is able to access and view the at least two videos. The preparing includes preparing a first one of the at least two other videos over a first time period and a second one of the at least two other videos over a second time period, wherein at least a portion of the first time period is coincident with at least a portion of the second time period. An element is displayed at the interface which provides a connection to at least one of the at least two other videos.



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