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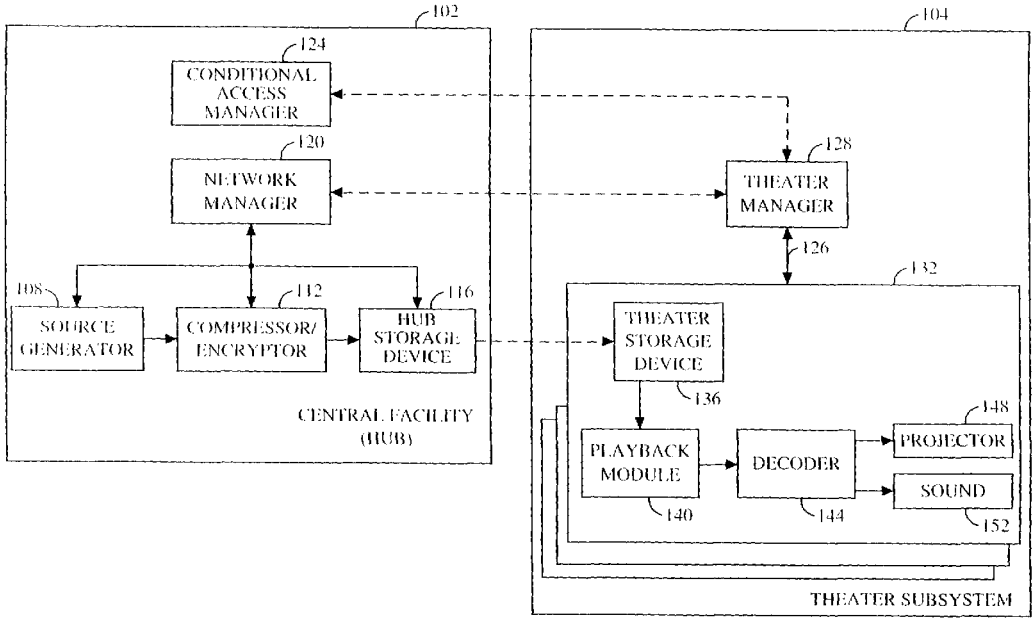
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(57) Abstract: An apparatus and method for the encoding and storage of signals representing at least image information onto a storage medium (100) is claimed. A source generator (108) is configured to convert the signals into digitized image information. A compressor (112) is configured to receive the digitized image information from the source generator (108) and compress the digitized image. An encryptor (112) is configured to receive the compressed digitized image information from the compressor (112) and encrypt the compressed digitized image information. A storage device (116) is configured to then store the encrypted compressed digitized image information onto the storage medium.

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