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(54) **SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR STORING A PLURALITY OF VIDEO STREAMS ON RE-WRITABLE RANDOM-ACCESS MEDIA AND TIME-AND CHANNEL- BASED RETRIEVAL THEREOF**

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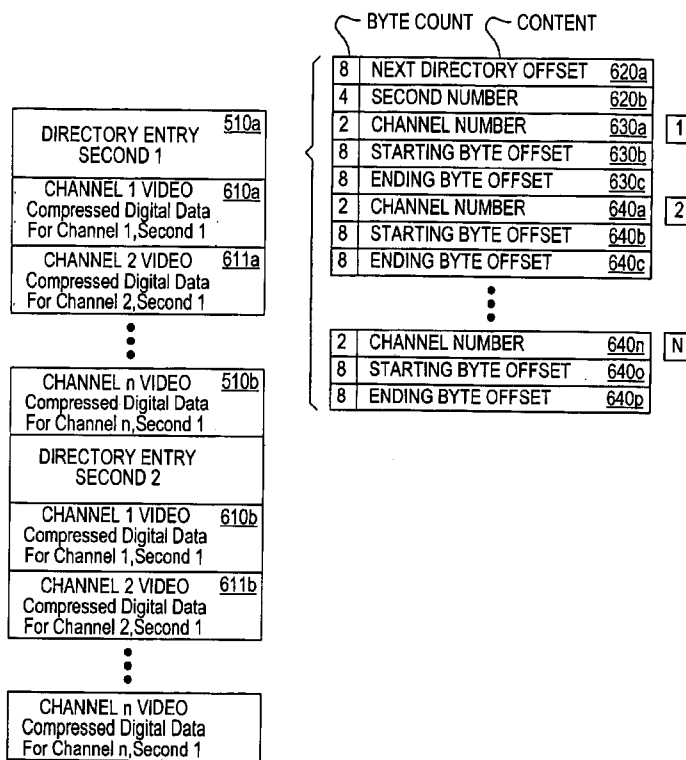
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A digital video recorder (DVR) and a method of operating the same. In one embodiment, the DVR includes: (1) a mass data storage unit that concurrently and continuously receives and digitally stores a plurality of channels and (2) a channel viewer, coupled to the mass data storage unit, that retrieves a portion of one of the plurality of channels from the mass data storage unit based on a received command and presents the portion on a video display device.

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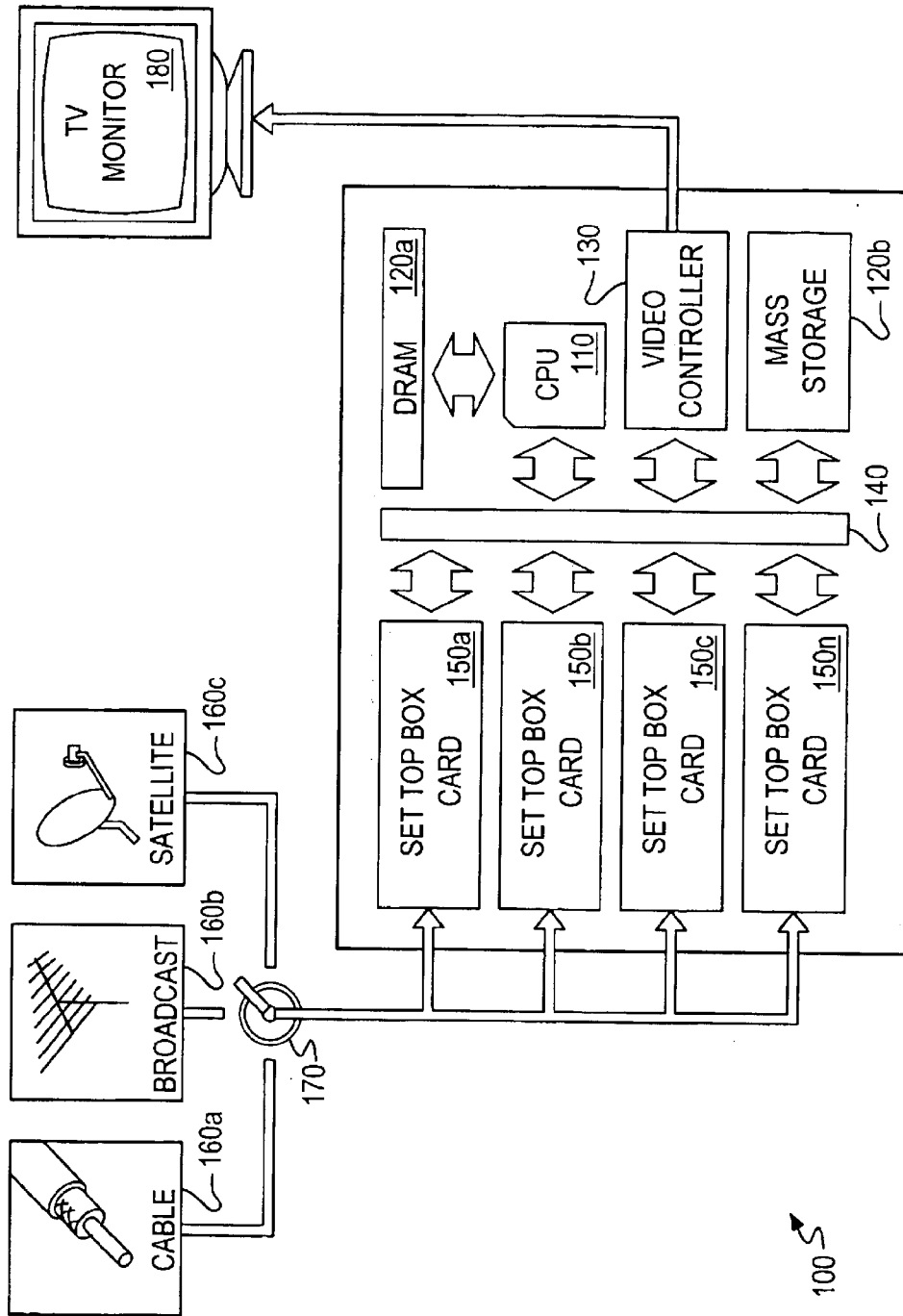


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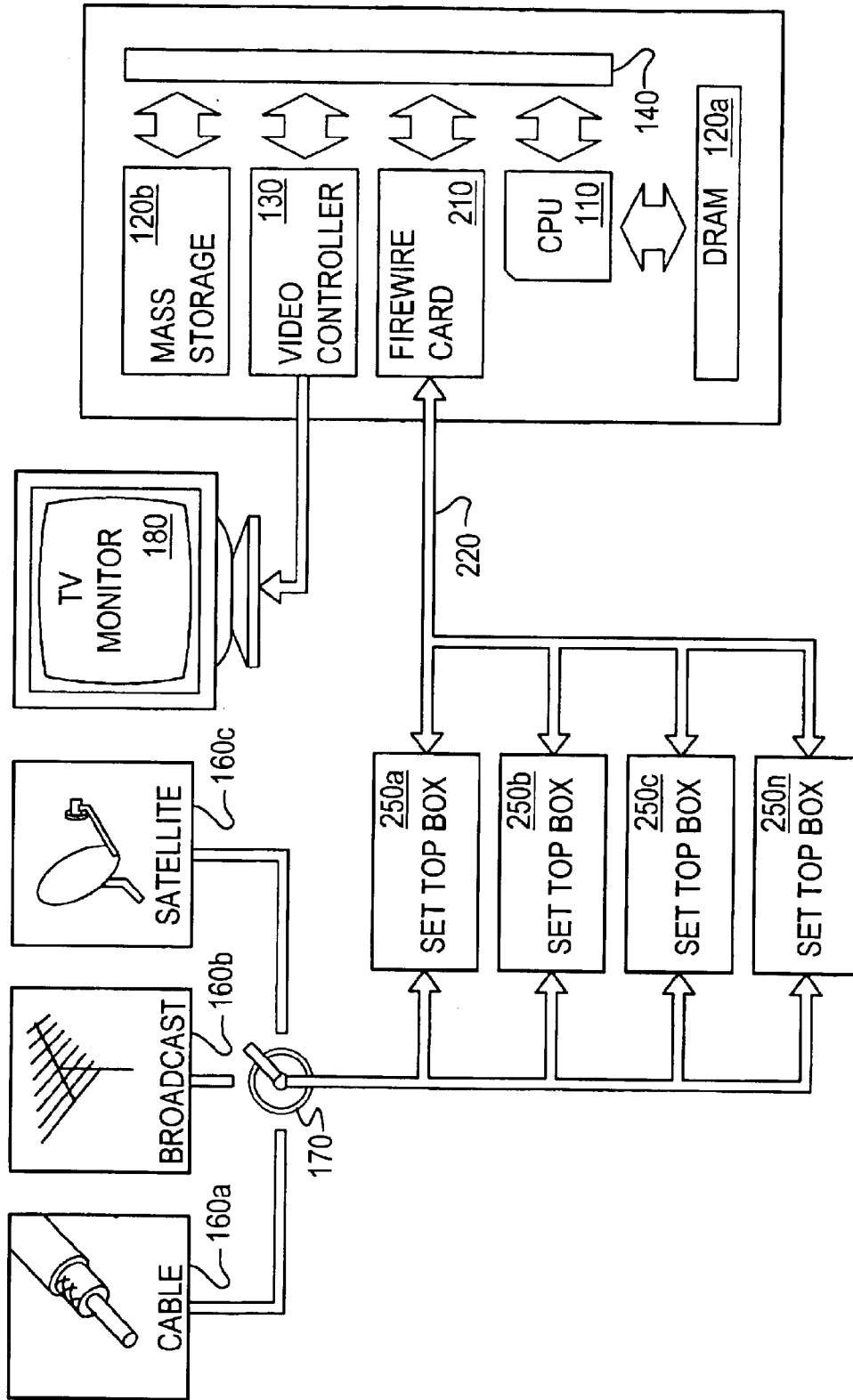


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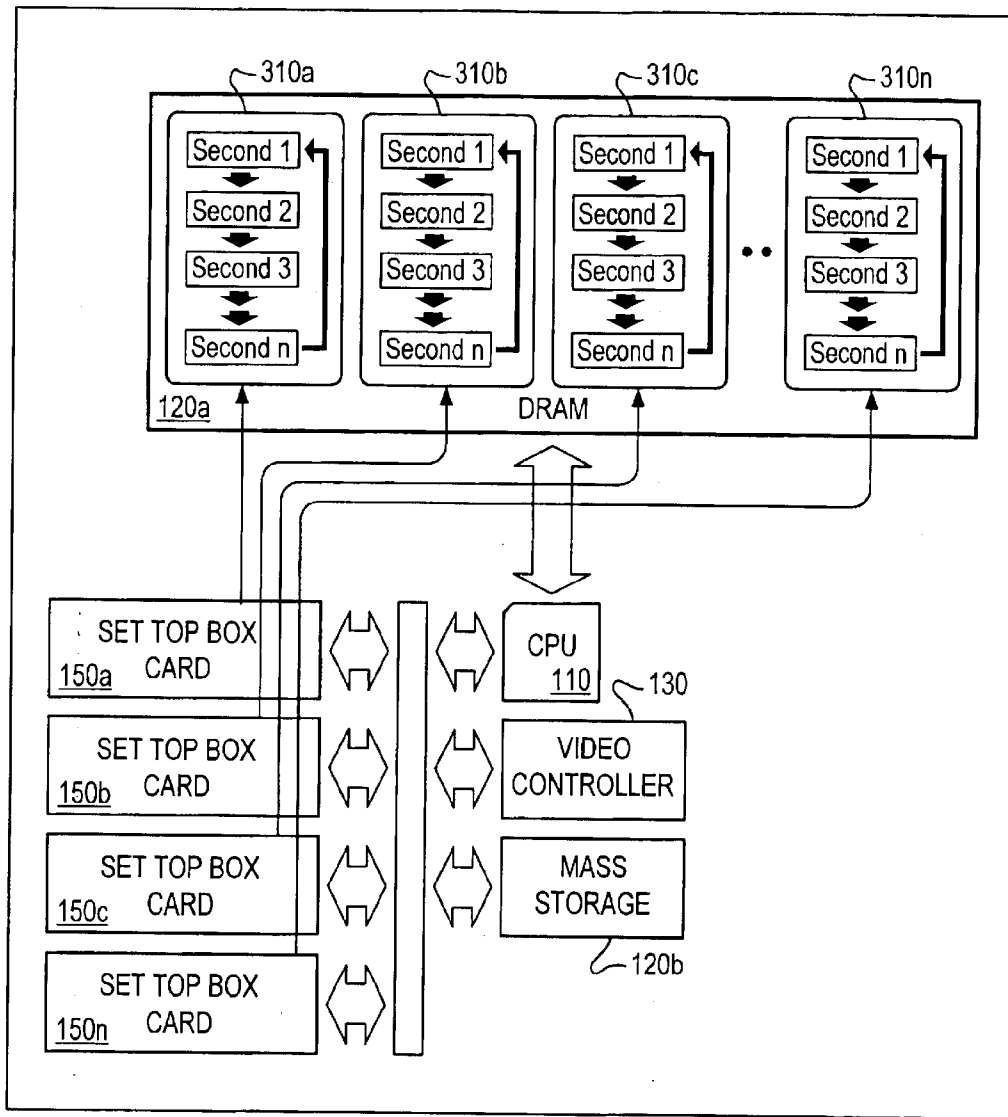


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