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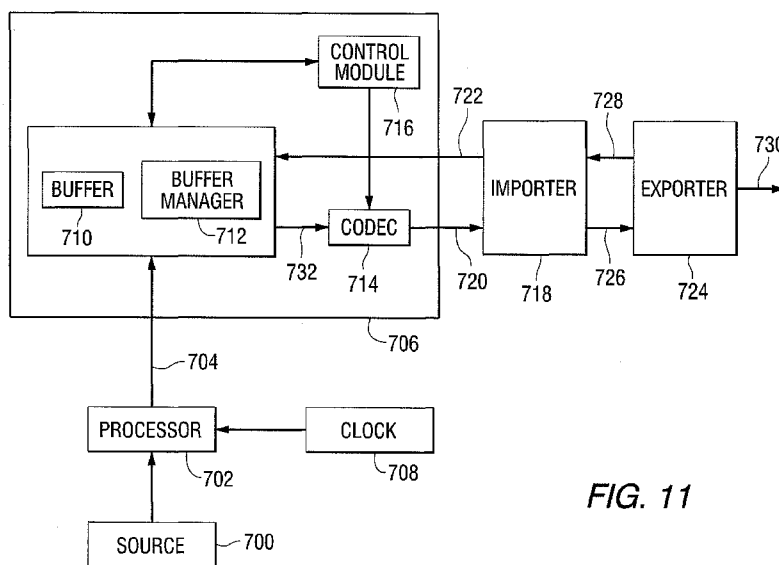


FIG. 11

(57) Abstract: An apparatus for controlling a data rate in a data client for a digital audio broadcasting system includes a buffer for storing data, a codec for coding data, and a control module for controlling a bit rate of the codec in response to a level of the data in the buffer. A method performed by the apparatus is also included.

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