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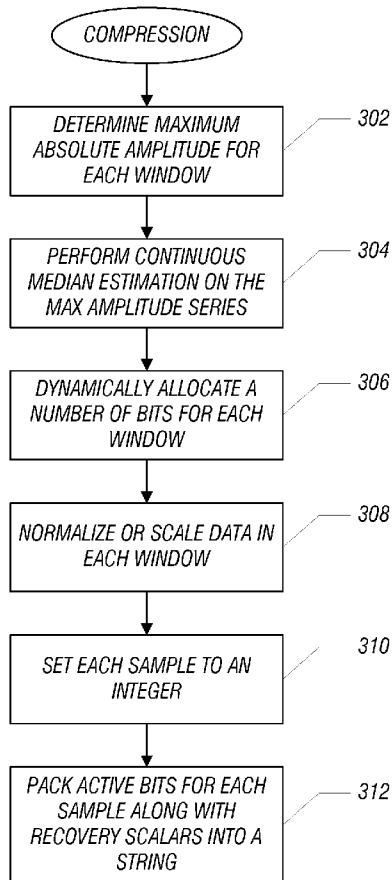


FIG. 3

(57) Abstract: To process seismic data, a set of data values representing a seismic trace is received, and amplitudes of data values associated with plural groups in the set are analyzed. Different numbers of bits are dynamically allocated to at least some of the groups of the set according to the analyzing.



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