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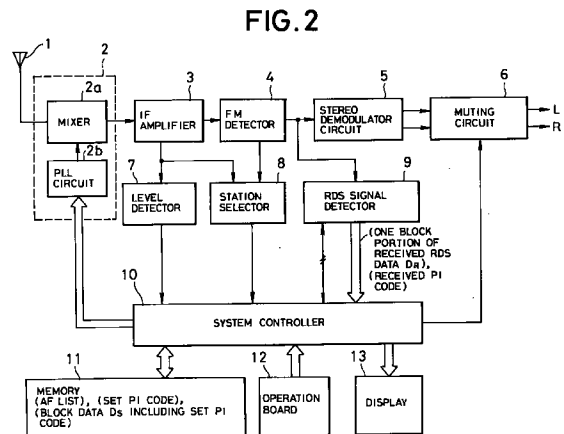
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(54) Network follow processing method and RDS receiver executing same

(57) A network follow processing method for reducing a time spent for a network follow, and an RDS receiver for implementing the method. The network follow processing method reads alternative frequency data corresponding to a set network from a memory, and executes station selection processing based on the read alternative frequency data. The method has a station selecting control step S12 for controlling a station selection at a received frequency in accordance with the alternative frequency data read from the memory, a received data fetch step S15 for fetching one block portion of RDS data from a received broadcast wave transmitted from a broadcasting station selected at the station selecting control step, and a block comparison step S17 for comparing the one block portion of RDS data fetched at the received data fetch step with block data including network identifying data which identifies the set network. The reception of a broadcast wave from a broadcasting station belonging to the set network is confirmed when both the data are determined to be coincident with each other at the block comparison step.





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