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Description

[0001] The present invention relates to a data transmission method for transmitting encoded moving/still picture by using a wired communication network such as ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) or a wireless communication network such as PHS (Personal handy-phone System) or satellite communication and a data transmission apparatus to which such method is applied.

[0002] In recent years, with progress of digital encoding technology of a variety of information such as image and a broadband network technology, the development of applications using these technologies becomes active, and a system of transmitting compression-encoded image by utilizing a communication network is developed.

[0003] For example, an input video signal is encoded at a video encoder, the obtained encoded data is provided to an encoded data transmitter, and transmission data is transmitted to a transmission channel. In this way, a video is encoded and transmitted. In recent years, with the spread of Internet/Intranet, there has been increased an application or system of transmitting/receiving a packet of data. Providing data as a packet is very effective means for efficiently sharing a bandwidth of a communication channel by a plurality of users.

[0004] In the meantime, as a protocol for transmitting/receiving packet data via Internet/Intranet, there exists TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol) or UDP/IP (User Datagram Protocol/Internet Protocol) and the like.

[0005] Among them, TCP/IP is an Internet standard protocol. This protocol is applied as the world's best known protocol to Intranet or LAN as well as Internet. TCP works in a transport layer that is a fourth layer of an OSI basic reference model, and IP works in a network layer that is a third layer.

[0006] In addition, UDP/IP is one of the TCP/IP suite transport layer protocols. TCP is a connection type protocol. UDP is a disconnection type protocol. As with TCP, a host application is identified by using a port number. This protocol is often used to carry short data for monitor control of a network or real time oriented data such as audio data or video data.

[0007] TCP/IP incorporates a frame such as retransmission. Thus, this protocol is strong against errors or the like. Even if a large amount of time is required, this protocol is effective to download type applications if an attempt is made to validly receive data. However, this protocol is not powerful for applications requiring real time properties.

[0008] In contrast, although UDP/IP does not have a retransmission frame, a delay associated with retransmission does not occur. Thus, this protocol is very effective to applications requiring real time processing.

[0009] Transmission of moving picture is exemplified as a typical example of application requiring real time processing. However, in the case of general video communication, video data has a very large amount of data, and overflows a network bandwidth in most cases. In this case, a technique for encoding a video data signal, and transmitting a reduced amount of data is used. Techniques such as motion compensation, discrete cosine transform (DCT), sub-band encoding, pyramid encoding, and variable-length encoding or a combination of these techniques are developed as compression-encoding of a video signal.

[0010] As an international standard system for moving picture encoding, there are ISO MPEG-1, MPEG-2, ITU-T H. 261, H. 262, and H. 263. In addition, as an international standard system for multiplying an encoded data stream having a speech/audio signal compressed or other data, there are an ISO MPEG system, ITU-T H. 221, and H. 223.

[0011] Internet or the like is encompassed via an infinite number of networks. Usually, no one knows which network is used or what state is. In addition, an amount of data flowing a network changes from time to time. Thus, a system of judging what amount of data can be communicated in a real time is required.

[0012] Therefore, with further advancement from real time applications utilizing UDP/IP, there have been increased in number applications using a packet format called RTP (Real-time Transport Protocol) for adding and transmitting time information or the like to a packet.

[0013] This RTP is a protocol for transferring audio data signal or video data signal ruled in RFC 1889 in real time. Usually, data is carried on UDP (User Datagram Protocol). This protocol is assumed to be applied to a multimedia system such as video conference, and data can be exchanged in a real time interactive scheme. However, the protocol has no sound quality or picture quality assurance function. Sequential number or time stamp data is assigned into an RTP header, thereby supporting a read time operation.

[0014] RFC is an abbreviation of Request for Comments, and denotes a document such as technical proposal or comments disclosed by TETF (Internet Engineering Task Force). Many de-fact standards such as a variety of protocols of TCP/IP suite are described in RFC.

[0015] By utilizing this RTP, time information and a packet number are added to a packet, so that a receiver can display a voice or image by using correct time information, can determine a packet or the like whose order is replaced in a network, and can detect that a packet is lost by referring to a packet number.

[0016] Moreover, the RTP provides with a system (RTCP) for notifying network state information such as jitter or packet loss rate from a transmitter to a receiver.

[0017] However, how this RTCP information is utilized depends on applications, and is not determined in standards.

[0018] In addition, in the case of an image, a bandwidth corresponding to video transmission cannot be allocated in a network bandwidth, thus making it necessary to compress and deliver a video signal in an encoding system such as

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MPEG, as described previously. Although this encoding system is effective in a decreased amount of data, the system becomes very fragile to a packet loss or error entry by supplying data to unstable Internet. This is because a moving picture encoding system transmits only a difference between a current frame and a previous frame. Thus, partial data missing causes a very serious problem. In the case of using the UDP or RTP, data retransmission is not basically carried out, thus making it necessary to counteract this problem.

[0019] There generally exist two modes in picture encoding, that is, one is an inter-frame encoding mode for transmitting a difference between the current frame and the previous frame and an intra-frame encoding mode for carrying out encoding in one frame. In general, intra-frame encoded pictures are provided at a proper timing, and inter-frame encoded pictures are provided between them. An interval between the frames encoded in an intra-frame encoding mode is called a GOP (Group of Picture) interval.

[0020] When an encoded picture is missing during transmission to the decoder, the decoded picture corresponding to the missing encoded picture is destroyed. Thereafter, the intra-encoded pictures following the missing encoded picture are decoded based on the destroyed picture. Thus, all the subsequent decoding pictures are affected by the destroyed picture, and decoding cannot be carried out correctly. Therefore, an intra-frame encoded picture is inserted in the way of a stream of frames to cut off a propagation of missing error and recover adequate decoding.

[0021] In a conventional technology, it can determine that errors occur in a network. However, how to utilize the determination result has been unknown. Also, a system for notifying the network information to the transmitter in a unique format is conceived. However, the system is based on the specification of associated applications and lacks a general-purpose use. The system receives transmission data using an information receiver, and controls a video encoder within a range of the information received from the network via a transmission channel.

[0022] A conventional network condition determination is conceived on assumption of network congestion. However, since Internet is popularized in mobile environment, it is required to consider an error or the like in wireless environment. Current technique does not assume countermeasures against such error.

[0023] Further, in the case of dealing with the error, a case in which a network condition changes, and an error rate is not constant is not considered. If a short GOP interval is set in order to counteract a case in which errors frequently occur, the intra-frame encoding increases resulting in impairing the encoding efficiency. When errors occur frequently qualitatively, it may be required to establish such state in which such errors occur frequently. However, in the case of a network in which an error hardly occurs in a normal state, and an error occurs only at one moment, this setting is very wasteful. Conversely, when a long GOP interval is set, it is troublesome that a great influence occurs when an error occurs.

[0024] Thus, a real time transmission using RTP is noted. As described above, by utilizing the RTP that is a protocol for transferring audio data signal or video data signal data in real time, time information and a packet number are added to a packet, whereby the receiver can display a voice or image by using correct time information, can determine a packet or the like whose order is replaced in a network, or can detect that a packet is lost by referring to a packet number.

[0025] Moreover, at the RTP, there is provided a system (RTCP) for notifying network state information such as jitter or packet loss rate from the transmitter or receiver.

[0026] US-6,085,252 describes a device for real time streaming of multimedia data stored in a remote server over a packet network to a client connected to the same network via a low-speed connection. The system determines a bandwidth budget for the link in advance. It then monitors the streaming data rate and the number of copies of retransmitted data to ensure that the overall bit rate does not exceed the predetermined bandwidth budget.

[0027] EP-A-1011245 discloses a radio communication apparatus which comprises a coder for providing coding for an error detection to transmitting signals, a data buffer for temporarily storing the coded transmitting signals, a hierarchical modulator for hierarchically modulating the coded signals, an amplifier for amplifying the hierarchically modulated signals, an antenna, an amplifier for amplifying a retransmission request signal from the receiving side, and a demodulator.

[0028] The present invention aims to provide a data transmission apparatus capable of adjusting a transmission rate by using the RTP characteristics in accordance with a transmission state of a transmission channel based on notification of network state information such as jitter or packet loss rate, obtained from the receiver in the transmitter or capable of carrying out controls such as changing error resilience, thereby making it possible to efficiently transmit data to the maximum, and fully utilize transmission that requires real time properties.

[0029] The invention provides image transmission apparatus as defined in Claim 1.

[0030] The invention can be more fully understood from the following detailed description when taken in conjunction with the accompany drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is a view showing a basic configuration of a data transmission apparatus according to a first example of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a view showing another configuration;

FIG. 3 is a view showing a configuration of a network condition determination device;

FIG. 4 is a view showing a configuration of a video encoder;

FIG. 5 is a view showing a configuration of an encoded parameter determining device;

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FIG. 6 is a view showing a basic configuration of a data transmission apparatus in an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 7 is a view showing a configuration of an encoded data switch device;

FIG. 8 is a view illustrating a timing of encoded data switching at an encoded data switch device;

5 FIG. 9 is a view illustrating a timing of switching encoded data with its different frame interval at the encoded data switch device;

FIG. 10 is a flow chart showing a basic example of the network condition determination method at the network condition determination device;

10 FIG. 11 is a flow chart showing a basic example when a delay is forced to occur by using the network condition determination method at the network condition determination device;

FIG. 12 is a flow chart showing a basic example considering a time direction change with the network condition determination method at the network condition determination device;

FIG. 13 is a view showing an exemplary configuration;

FIG. 14 is a flow chart showing an example of a GOP interval calculation method at a GOP interval calculator;

15 FIG. 15 is a flow chart showing another example of a GOP interval calculation method at a GOP interval calculator; and
FIG. 16 is a flow chart showing still another example of a GOP interval calculation method at a GOP interval calculator.

[0031] Hereinafter, embodiments of the present invention will be described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

20 **[0032]** The present invention utilizes RTP or RTCP that is a protocol for transferring audio data signal or video data signal in real time. The transmitter performs controls such as adjusting a transmission rate or changing error resilience in accordance with a transmission state of a transmission channel based on notification of network state information acquired from the receiver such as jitter (Jitter information) or packet loss rate. In this manner, data transmission can be carried out efficiently to the maximum. Hereinafter, embodiments of the present invention will be described in detail.

25 (First example)

[0033] FIG. 1 shows a basic configuration of an image transmission apparatus according to a first example of the present invention. In FIG. 1, a video signal 131 input from an image input device 101 is processed to be encoded. That is, an encoded data transmitter 103 processes encoded data 132 that has been encoded by a video encoder 102 in the form which conforms to a network, and transmits the encoded data to a receiver. A network information receiver 104 receives network information 134 delivered from the receiver, and outputs the received information to a network condition determination device 105. This network condition determination device 105 has a function that determines a network condition from network information 135 output from the network information receiver 104, and notifies the result as network condition information 136 to the video encoder 102.

30 **[0034]** The video encoder 102 encodes the video signal 131 using the network condition information 136. This encoding is carried out as follows. That is, in the case of RTP or RTCP, a packet loss rate or Jitter information is provided to the network condition determination device 105. The network condition determination device 105 determines that, if a packet loss rate is not "0" or if a delay time is longer than a predetermined value, any load is applied to a network, and a presumed amount of data cannot be supplied. Then, the network condition determination device 105 is configured so as to carry out processing so as to issue an instruction (network condition information 136) for lowering a bit rate to the video encoder 102, and to lowly set a target bit rate in encoding.

35 **[0035]** According to the thus configured apparatus, when the video signal 131 is inputted from the image input device 101, the inputted video signal 131 is encoded by the video encoder 102. Encoded data 132 encoded by the video encoder 102 is inputted to the encoded data transmitter 103.

[0036] The encoded data transmitter 103 processes the encoded data in the form suitable to a network, and receives the processed data to a receiver. The network information receiver 104 receives the network information 134 delivered from the receiver, and outputs the received information to the network condition determination device 105.

40 **[0037]** The network condition determination device 105 determines a network condition from the network information 135 outputted from a network information receiver, and notifies the result as the network condition information 136 to the video encoder 102.

[0038] The video encoder 102 encodes the video signal 131 using the thus notified network condition information 136.

[0039] FIG. 10 shows a very simple example of a method for determining a network condition at the network condition determination device 105 by way of showing a flow chart.

45 **[0040]** According to this flow chart, at the step S1001, a packet loss rate of network information is checked to see if the rate is "0" or not. As the result of this check, if the packet loss is not "0", an effective bit rate is calculated from the packet loss rate in accordance with the step S1002. This bit rate can be calculated by formula (1) shown below.

$$b' = b \times (1 - r) \quad (1)$$

where "b" denotes a current bit rate, b' denotes a new bit rate, and "r" denotes a packet loss rate.

[0041] Next, at the step S1003, a parameter (encoding parameter) obtained at the step S1002 is notified to the video encoder 102. Here, the above parameter is used to determine a rate control or error resilience level for encode processing at the image encoder 102. This parameter is also used for adjustments such as adjusting and controlling the encode processing speed of the input image signal 131 to this parameter, thereby changing a bit rate, a frame interval, or an error resilience level.

[0042] On the other hand, at the step S1001, when the packet loss rate is "0", no parameter change occurs at the step S1004. This determination method is provided as a mere example. It is possible to employ any other method for obtaining a bit rate based on a case in which the criterion of the step S1001 is determined by thresholds without being set to "0" or others or based on a formula other than the above formula (1).

[0043] Therefore, according to the first example, even when a transmission network bandwidth is unknown or when the bandwidth changes halfway, it is possible to reset a parameter or the like based on the receiver's network information, and then, encode and transmit an image in accordance with the parameter suitable to a current network. In this manner, even in the case of a network congestion, although a bit rate is automatically lowered, and an image quality is lowered, it is possible to communicate an image without an occurrence of a phenomenon that an image is destroyed due to such packet loss. This method is very effective in image transmission in real time.

[0044] The first example can be carried out by modifying it as follows. For example, as shown in FIG. 11, a method other than that shown in FIG. 10 is employed as a method for determining a network condition at the network condition determination device 105. That is, in the flow chart shown in FIG. 10, a parameter is set at only a packet loss rate. In contrast, in the method shown in FIG. 11, even when no packet loss occurs at the step S1104, a delay quantity is checked. As a result of this check, if a delay occurs in excess of a predetermined value, it is determined that a network is congested. When it is determined that a network is congested, a bit rate is calculated, and a new parameter is set by using formula (2) below, for example, at the step S1105.

$$b' = b \times \{ (TN - TS) + (d - dth) \} / (TN - TS) \quad (2)$$

where "b" denotes a delay time, b' denotes a new bit rate, TN denotes a current time, TS denotes a start time, "d" denotes a delay time, and "dth" denotes delay time thresholds.

[0045] FIG. 2 shows an example when the network condition determination device 105 is provided with a function for generating the network condition information 136 so as to provide the information to the image encoder 102 by extending the configuration shown in FIG. 1.

[0046] According to a configuration shown in FIG. 2, the network condition determination device 105 is provided with a function for acquiring a current parameter at the current image encoder 102 and a function for generating the network condition information 136 on what parameter should be set next from the thus acquired current parameter and network information 135, thereby providing the parameter to the image encoder 102.

[0047] In the case of this construction, the network condition determination device 105 can recognize a state of a video parameter, i.e., a state of the encode processing currently done at the video encoder 102, thus making it possible for the network condition determination device to calculate and grasp a bit rate or the like. This construction is advantageous in the case of determining a network condition by comparing the network information 135 with parameter information 137. Thus, a system is realized which is capable of changing a parameter so as to set an optimal bit rate in accordance with the network condition, and providing the parameter to the video encoder 102, thereby adjusting the encode processing.

[0048] In this way, according to the present invention, transmission is adjusted in accordance with a transmission state of a transmission channel or error resilience is changed. The transmission state is adjusted by changing a bit rate or changing a frame interval. With respect to a change in quality of a transmission channel, the error resilience is changed according to the transmission state of the transmission channel (for example, the error resilience is changed by changing an interval of an MPEG4 synchronous signal). Therefore, data transmission can be carried out efficiently to the maximum, thereby enabling data transmission that makes it possible to fully utilize transmission requiring real time processing.

[0049] FIG. 3 shows a configuration when the configuration shown in FIG. 2 is further developed. This network condition determination device 105 comprises a network information storage device 301 that stores past network information and an encoded parameter information storage device 302 that stores encoded parameter information supplied to the current video encoder 102. A network condition determination device 303 recognizes the past network information and the current encoded parameter from these elements, decides an elapse of time in network condition from these elements

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to determine an optimal parameter assigned to the video encoder 102, and provides the parameter to the video encoder 102.

5 [0050] With this construction, it is possible to determine a network condition more accurately by referring to an elapse of time relevant to network information. FIG. 12 shows a flow chart of a network condition determination method in the case of using this system. Processing at the network condition determination device 303 will be described in accordance with this flow chart. First, the network condition determination device 303 determines whether or not packet loss is "0" at the step S1201. As a result of this determination, when the packet loss is present, it is determined by the step S1202 whether or not the past packet loss occurs. As a result, when the past packet loss occurs, the loss rate is compared with the current rate. If the current packet loss rate is higher than the past packet loss rate, it can be determined that the past correction has been invalid.

10 [0051] It is understood from this determination that the bandwidth overflow of transmission data such as network congestion is not troublesome, but a possibility that a noise or the like occurs over a channel resulting in destroying is high. Therefore, the network condition determination device 303 does not change a bit rate at the step S1204, and carries out parameter setting to ensure reliable error correction, and notifies the fact to the video encoder 102 at the step S1205.

[0052] If the current packet loss rate is lower than the past packet loss rate at the step S1203, the network condition determination device 303 determines that the past change works efficiently, and re-calculates a valid bit rate from the packet loss rate at the step S1206. When the past packet loss does not occur at the step S1202, the last loss is determined as a channel noise, and processing goes to the step S1204.

20 [0053] On the other hand, when no packet loss occurs at the step S1201, the network condition determination device 303 checks a delay quantity at the step S1207. As a result, when the delay quantity exceeds thresholds "Th", a valid bit rate is calculated from the delay quantity at the step S1208, and the calculation result is notified to the video encoder 102 at the step S1205.

[0054] Lastly, when the delay quantity does not exceeds the thresholds "Th", the network condition determination device 303 determines that successful communication is established, and does not change a parameter at the step S1209.

25 [0055] By causing the network condition determination device 303 to carry out such processing, the network condition determination device 105 can have a function capable of determining whether a packet loss occurs on a transmission channel due to network congestion or whether a noise is generated, and the loss occurs due to the impairment of a channel state such as radio equipment.

30 [0056] This function is provided as a mere example. For example, when the past packet loss does not occur at the step S1202, a control for lowering a bit rate may be made by determining network congestion instead of determination of noise. If the current packet loss rate is improved more remarkably than the past packet loss rate at the step S1203, similar parameter change may be made after checking how the past change has been made. In this way, in this system, a variety of determination systems can be set according to a network.

35 [0057] In the foregoing, although there has been shown an example in which the video encoder 102 carries out encode processing based on encoded parameters determined and assigned at the network condition determination device 105, a configuration for the video encoder 102 to determine a parameter can be provided without being limited to the network condition determination device 105. An example is shown in FIG. 4.

40 [0058] FIG. 4 is a block diagram depicting an inclusive configuration when the video encoder 102 determines an encoded parameter. In the case of this example, the video encoder 102 comprises an encoded parameter determination device 401 and a signal processor 402.

[0059] In the case of this configuration, the network condition determination device 105 is configured to output the network condition information 136 from the network condition determination device 303, and then, provide the information to the video encoder 102.

45 [0060] In such a configuration, the network condition determination device 105 provides the network condition information 136 delivered from the network condition determination device 303 to the video encoder 102. Then, the video encoder 102 first inputs the network condition information 136 to an encoded parameter determination device 401. Then, the encoded parameter determination device 401 recognizes a network condition from this network condition information 136, and generates an encoded parameter 431 in the form suitable to the network condition.

50 [0061] The thus generated encoded parameter 431 is inputted to a signal processor 402. Then, this signal processor 402 encodes the video signal 131 inputted from the video input device 101 by using this encoded parameter 431.

[0062] Encoding information 432 such as the number of encoded bits after encoding is inputted to the encoded parameter determination device 401, and is used for the next encoded parameter determination. Encoded data 132 encoded at the signal processor 402 is output to the encoded data transmitter 103.

55 [0063] FIG. 5 is a block diagram depicting a configuration including an intra-frame encoding determination device 501 that forcibly sets intra-frame encoding at the encoded parameter determination device 401 shown in FIG. 4. As shown in the figure, the encoded parameter determination device 401 comprises an intra-frame encoding/determination device 501 and an encoded parameter determination device 502.

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[0064] In the case of this configuration, the network condition information 136 outputted from the network condition determination device 105 is input to the encoded parameter determination device 502 possessed by the encoded parameter determination device 401. Then, encoded parameter information 531 corresponding to the network condition information 136 is output from the encoded parameter determination device 502.

5 [0065] The encoded parameter information 531 is input to the intra-frame encoding determination device 501, and it is determined whether inter-frame encoding is carried out as is or intra-frame encoding is forcibly carried out. When it is determined as intra-frame encoding, the encoding parameter information 531 is updated so as to carry out intra-frame encoding, and is output as the encoded parameter information 431 to the signal processor 402 of the video encoder 102.

10 [0066] By doing this, even if the past data is not transmitted correctly to a receiver, when the data can be received correctly after parameter change, a correct image can be reproduced.

[0067] It is possible to configure a video encoder capable of determining a network condition, which has functions of the video encoder 102 and network condition determination device 105, thereby making it possible to provide the previously described function in one block.

15 [0068] The encoded parameter determination device 401 or network condition determination device 105 makes determination concerning the next encoded parameter setting. However, if a picture quality is changed suddenly due to temporary instability of network, an unclear picture may be produced. In order to suppress such a phenomenon, it is possible to incorporate a mechanism in which a change in encoded parameter is suppressed within its predetermined range. In the above described circumstance, this mechanism functions efficiently.

20 [0069] Although a bit rate or an error resilience parameter may be set as its calculated value, it is possible to employ a method of predetermining some patterns, and then, selecting the closest pattern from among them. Further, instead of the closest pattern, it is possible to make a selection of the closest bit rate which is lower than the calculated bit rate. This makes it possible to prevent the generation of a video image with its unexpected image quality due to a combination of a variety of parameters, and makes it possible to prepare a combination of encoded parameters that have been tested to some extent.

25 [0070] In the foregoing example, when the packet loss rate is not "0" or when a delay exceeds the thresholds, there has been made a control such that parameters such as bit rate or error resilience are changed, and the changed is reset to that suitable to the current state.

[0071] However, after recovery of a network condition, when no packet loss occurs or when a small delay occurs, it is possible to make a control for increasing a bit rate or decreasing an error resilience parameter.

30 [0072] The foregoing example will be described below according to a second embodiment.

(Embodiment of the invention)

35 [0073] FIG. 6 is a view showing a basic configuration of an image transmission apparatus according to the embodiment of the present invention. The image transmission apparatus shown in FIG. 6 comprises a plurality of media 601, an encoded data switch device 602, an encoded data selector 603, an encoded data transmitter 103, a network information receiver 104, and a network condition determination device 105.

[0074] The storage media 601 are used to store encoded data 631 on contents that have been encoded in advance. The storage media 601 each store encoded data on the same contents encoded by different encoded parameters, respectively.

40 [0075] The encoded data switch device 602 selects one of a plurality of storage media 601, and provides encoding data 631 stored in the thus selected storage medium 601 to the encoded data transmitter 103. A selection of the storage media is carried out in accordance with switch information 632 from the encoded data selector 603.

45 [0076] The network information receiver 104 has a function that receives network information 134 such as packet loss rate or Jitter information delivered from a receiver or a network, and provides the received information as network information 135 to the network condition determination device 105.

50 [0077] The network condition determination device 105 determines a network condition from the input network information 135, and outputs the result as network condition information 136 to the encoded data selector 603. The encoded data selector 603 has a function for estimating, from this network condition information 136, which of the encoded data on encoding parameters is optimal to the current network, and then, outputting to the encoded data switch device 602 the switch information 632 used for switching in order to select encoded data caused by the estimated optimal encoding parameter as an output.

[0078] The encoded data switch device 602 selects one item of encoded data from among the input encoded data 631, and outputs encoded data 132.

55 [0079] With such a configuration, the encoded data 631 encoded in advance and store in the storage medium 601 or the like is input to an encoding data switch device 602 when the data is reproduced from the storage medium 601. That is, respective encoded data encoded by the differential encoding parameters are maintained in a plurality of storage media 601. As a result of reproducing these items of data, the encoded data encoded by the different encoding parameters,

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respectively, is inputted. The encoded data switch device 602 selects one from among these items of data, and outputs it to the encoded data transmitter 103.

[0080] This selection is carried out in accordance with switch information 632 from the encoded data selector 603.

5 [0081] On the other hand, network information 134 such as packet loss rate or Jitter information from a receiver is received at the network information receiver 104, and then, the received information is delivered to the network condition determination device 105. The network condition determination device 105 determines a network condition from the inputted network information 135, and outputs the result as network condition information 136 to an encoded data selector 603.

10 [0082] The encoded data selector 603 estimates, from the network condition information 136, which of the encoded data of the encoding parameters is optimal to the current network, and outputs the switch information 632 to the encoded data switch device 602.

[0083] The encoded data switch device 602 selects one item of the encoded data from among the input encoded data 631, and outputs encoded data 132.

[0084] The present embodiment will be described by way of a specific example.

15 [0085] Now, assume that there exist five storage media 601a to 601e each having stored therein five items of encoded data encoded at 384 kbps, 128 kbps, 64 kbps, 32 kbps, and 16 kbps.

[0086] That is, for example, a storage medium having stored therein encoded data on contents encoded at 384 kbps is defined as a storage medium 601a; a storage medium having stored therein encoded data on contents encoded at 128 kbps is defined as a storage medium 601b; a storage medium having stored therein encoded data on contents encoded at 64 kbps is defined as a storage medium 601c; a storage medium having stored therein encoded data on contents encoded at 32 kbps is defined as a storage medium 601d; and a storage medium having stored therein encoded data on contents encoded at 16 kbps is defined as a storage medium 601e.

20 [0087] In the case of using a transmission channel having its quality capable of being transmitted at 384 kbps, first, reproduced encoded data is selected by the storage medium 601a that is a storage medium having stored therein encoded data on contents encoded at 384 kbps; transmission is started at 384 kbps, and reception of network information from the receiver starts at the same time.

25 [0088] Although network information is received at a predetermined interval, if a problem occurs with a network based on the received information, a valid bit rate is calculated at a stage at which a packet loss or delay occurs. The encoded data selector 603 selects encoded data on a bit rate close to the calculated bit rate, and the encoded data switch device 602 switches and transmits the selected data.

30 [0089] For example, the calculated bit rate is 140 kbps, a value close to this bit rate is 128 kbps. In this case, the above switch device selects and switches encoded data reproduced from the storage medium 601b having stored therein encoded data on contents encoded at 128 kbps. In addition, if the calculated bit rate is 100 kbps, a value close to a bit rate lower than the calculated bit rate is 64 kbps. In this case, the switch device selects and switches encoded data reproduced from the storage medium 601c having stored therein encoded data on contents encoded at 64 kbps.

35 [0090] In this way, in the present embodiment, contents are prepared after encoded in advance for type of transmission bit rate, and a current optimal transmission rate is obtained based on network information such as packet loss rate or Jitter information from a receiver that is a function possessed by RTP. A storage medium having stored therein encoded data obtained at the bit rate corresponding to this transmission rate is selected by the switch 602, and reproduced encoded data output of the storage medium is transmitted. In this manner, there is no need for a server to carry out encode processing in real time, making it possible to reduce a load on the server. This is very effective in distributing a pre-produced video such as broadcast in particular.

[0091] Now, a modified example of the invention embodiment will be described here. FIG. 7 is a block diagram depicting a method for carrying out control for a switch timing of encoded data to be inputted at the encoded data switch device 602.

45 [0092] Encoded data 631 is inputted to the switching position detecting device 701 and a switch device 702. Switch information 632 is inputted to the switching position detecting device 701. If there occurs a need to execute switching from the current encoded data to the other encoded data according to the switch information 632, the switching position detecting device 701 analyzes encoded data, and detects a switching enable position.

[0093] This means that a search is made for a frame encoded by intra-frame encoding (I-Picture).

50 [0094] When the switching enable position is set, an instruction for switching encoded data is supplied to the switch device 702 by using the switching instruction information 731. FIG. 8 shows an example of this instruction. Assume that encoded data A is currently selected, and there occurs a need to execute switching to encoded data B according to the switch information 632.

55 [0095] At this stage, assume that a frame is processed at the time of "switching instruction" shown in FIG. 8. In such a case, if encoded data is switched, an unmatched image occurs. This is because a difference from the previous image is encoded in intra-frame encoding (P-Picture). Therefore, if encoded data is switched at the time of P-Picture, an attempt is made to reproduce the next picture (picture P11 of encoded data (B)) by using immediately preceding picture (decoded picture I11 of encoding data (A)). This provides a problem that a correct decode picture cannot be obtained, and a picture

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is destroyed. Thus, there occurs a need to execute switching at a timing of a picture of intra-frame encoding (I-Picture) undergoing encoding by that frame only. This timing is defined as a timing at a position marked with "execute switching".

[0096] As in FIG. 9, a case in which the number of frames or time position differs depending on encoded data is considered. In this case as well, a switching enable position of encoded data at a switching destination is detected, and switching of encoded data is executed when the switching enable position is set.

[0097] At the switching position detecting device 701 shown in FIG. 7, when a need to execute switching according to the switch information 632 occurs, it is possible to employ a method for temporarily stopping an output 132 to the encoded data transmitter 103, and then, outputting new encoded data to the encoded data transmitter 103 at a stage at which the switching position is set.

[0098] This method is effective when it is necessary to suppress a buffer overflow or the like by switching encoded data. When an underflow is problematic; a stuffing bit is forcibly inserted, thereby making it possible to counteract such an underflow.

(Second example)

[0099] Now, a second example according to the present invention will be described here.

[0100] The present example describes an exemplary configuration of an encoding parameter determination device 401 of the video encoder 102 shown in FIG. 4 according to the first example when a time interval (GOP interval) between frames encoded in an intra-frame encoded mode is adjusted based on the network condition information 136 outputted from the network state determination device 105. Here, a description will be given by focusing on differences from the first embodiment.

[0101] FIG. 13 shows an exemplary configuration of the encoding parameter determination device 401. This device comprises a GOP interval calculator (GOP interval calculator) 1501 and an encoding parameter determination device 502.

[0102] The network condition information 136 outputted from the network condition determination device 105 (including at least packet loss rate information) is input to an encoding parameter determination device 502. The parameter determination device 502 inputs packet loss rate information 1531 of the network condition information 136 to the GOP interval calculator 1501. The GOP interval calculator 1501 calculates a GOP interval from the packet loss rate information 1531. The GOP interval information 1532 is notified to the encoding parameter determination device 401. The encoding parameter determination device 401 outputs encoding parameter information 431 that contains the inputted GOP interval information 1532. When internally generated parameter information exists, the encoding parameter determination device 401 outputs GOP interval information 1532 and encoding parameter information 431 that contains the internally generated parameter information.

[0103] FIG. 14 shows an example of a method for determining a GOP interval at the GOP interval calculator.

[0104] At the step S1601, it is determined whether or not a packet loss occurs from the network condition information 136. When such a packet loss occurs, the GOP interval is estimated by formula (3) below, for example, at the step S1602.

$$\text{Gop} = (\text{TN} - \text{TL}) / \{ (\text{FN} - \text{FL}) \times r \} \quad (3)$$

where "gop" denotes a GOP interval, "r" denotes a packet loss rate, FN denotes a total number of current frames, FL denotes a total number of frames during past calculation, TN denotes a time, and TL denotes a time during past calculation.

[0105] The GOP interval obtained at the step S1602 is notified to the signal processor 402 at the step S1603, and encoding is carried out based on the notified value.

[0106] On the other hand, when no packet loss has occurred at the step S1601, the default GOP thresholds are read out at the step S1604. At the step S1603, this value is notified to the signal processor 402.

[0107] According to the present example, it is possible to change dynamically the GOP interval to a value suitable to a network. In this manner, when a small number of errors occur, the GOP interval is increased, thereby making it possible to reduce wasteful intra-frame encoded modes in number. In contrast, when a large number of errors occur, the GOP interval is decreased, and a frame in the intra-frame encoded mode appears quickly, thereby making it possible to accelerate recovery. In the present example, it is possible to efficiently select an intra-frame encoded mode.

[0108] FIG. 15 shows another example of a method for determining a GOP interval at the GOP interval calculator in accordance with a flow chart.

[0109] In this example, even when packet loss is fewer than that in the system shown in FIG. 14, the network condition is estimated from the past history of packet loss at the step S1704, and an optimal GOP interval is calculated. This technique makes it possible to estimate whether a network is completely free of an error or an error may occur by checking the past history instead of resetting the GOP interval to the default value by determining that no packet loss occurs at one moment. In this manner, it is possible to determine the network condition more accurately.

[0110] FIG. 16 shows still another example of a method for determining a GOP interval at the GOP interval calculator in accordance with a flow chart.

[0111] In this example, the GOP interval is determined by a unique calculation system instead of determination based on the presence/absence of a packet loss. This system can be used to determine the GOP interval from the current packet loss rate in accordance with a single formula or to determine the most suitable GOP interval by checking the past history.

[0112] The following formula (4) shows an example of calculation formula for determining the GOP interval.

$$\text{Gop} = [(\text{TN} - \text{TL}) / \{ (\text{FN} - \text{FL}) \times r \}] \times \alpha \quad (4)$$

where "gop" denotes a GOP interval, "r" denotes a packet loss rate, α denotes a sensitivity coefficient, FN denotes a total number of current frames, FL denotes a total number of frames during past calculation, TN denotes a current time, and TL denotes a time during past calculation.

[0113] In this example, the GOP interval calculated from an actual value is multiplied by a sensitivity coefficient, thereby making it possible to meet a requirement for accelerating recovery by sacrificing efficiency or a requirement when one does not take care even if an effect of error is somewhat extended. For example, if the sensitivity coefficient α is set to be smaller than 1, a GOP interval which is smaller than that calculated from an actually measured value is output. In this manner, although the efficiency is sacrificed, when an error occurs, it is possible to estimate faster recovery.

[0114] The present example is not limited to formulas (3) and (4). For example, in these formulas, a value is calculated by using an increment during past calculation and subsequent, it is possible to calculate the value by taking a margin such as the n preceding increment. In this manner, it is possible to cope with a gradual change hidden in a change in detailed state or to eliminate a temporal change to some extent. Similarly, algorithms are not limited to those shown in the present embodiment.

[0115] The foregoing embodiment has described an exemplary configuration when a time interval (GOP interval) is adjusted, the time interval being between the frames encoded in the intra-frame encoded mode based on the network condition information 136 at the encoding parameter determination device 401 of the video encoder 102 shown in FIG. 4 according to the first embodiment. Alternatively, there can be provided a configuration in which the network condition determination device 105 according to the first example (FIGS. 1, 2, or 3) determines a time interval (GOP interval) encoded in the intra-frame encoded mode based on information from the network information or information from the network information receiver 104 and information from the video encoder 102, and provides the encoded time interval to the image encoder 102.

[0116] As described in the first example it is possible to configure a video encoder capable of determining a network condition, the video encoder having functions of the video encoder 102 and network condition determination device 105, thereby providing the previously described functions in one block.

[0117] In the foregoing, although a variety of examples have been described, in short, the present invention utilizes characteristics of RTP, and comprises a system (RTCP) for notifying network state information such as jitter or packet loss rate from a transmitter or receiver. At the transmitter, a bit rate of transmission data at the transmitter is adjusted according to a transmission state of a transmission channel based on the notification of network state information acquired from the receiver in the transmitter such as jitter or packet loss rate so that control such as change of the error resilience level can be carried out. Therefore, according to the above described present invention, data can be transmitted efficiently to the maximum so as to achieve data transmission that makes it possible to fully utilize transmission requiring real time properties as well.

[0118] The techniques described in the examples of the present invention can be distributed to be stored as a computer executable program in a recording medium such as a magnetic disk (such as a flexible disk or a hard disk); an optical disk (such as CD-ROM, CD-R, CD-RW, DVD, or MO), and a recording medium such as a semiconductor memory. Further, the above program can be distributed by means of transmission via a network.

[0119] According to the present invention, it is possible to determine a network condition, and then, optimally set an encoding parameter. In addition, when a packet loss caused by congestion and a loss of a channel error coexist in a network, it is possible to determine the loss, and then, to set a parameter.

[0120] Therefore, according to the present invention, there can be provided a data transmission apparatus in which data can be transmitted efficiently to the maximum so as to achieve data transmission that makes it possible to fully utilize transmission requiring real time properties.

Claims

1. Image transmission apparatus comprising:

- 5 a plurality of media (601) arranged to store plural video encoded data, respectively, the plural video encoded data generated by encoding the same contents at different bit rates by using different encoding parameters, respectively;
- an encoded data switch device (602) arranged to switch selectively the plurality of storage media (601) to select one of the storage media and provide video encoded data (631) stored in the selected storage medium (601), the selection being dependant on network condition information, which it is arranged to receive; and
- 10 an encoded data transmitter (103) for transmitting the video encoded data selected by the encoded data switch device (602).
2. Image transmission apparatus according to Claim 1, in which the encoded data switch device (602) is arranged to switch the media (601) to one storing data encoded at a bit rate optimal for the network condition when it receives the network condition information.
3. Image transmission apparatus according to Claim 1 or 2, in which the encoded data switch device (602) is arranged to switch the media (601) at a timing of a picture of intra-frame encoding.
- 20 4. Image transmission apparatus according to any preceding claim, further including an encoded data selector (603) for estimating, from the network condition information (136), which of the video encoded data of the encoding parameters is optimal to the current network to output switch information (632) to the encoded data switch device (602).
- 25 5. Image transmission apparatus according to Claim 4, further including a network condition determination device (105) for determining a network condition from network information (135) to output an estimation result as the network condition information (136) to the encoded data selector (603).
- 30 6. Image transmission apparatus according to Claim 3, in which the encoded data switch device (602) includes a switching position detecting device (701) for analyzing the video encoded data to detect a switching enable position at which a frame encoded by intra-frame encoding is searched and output switching instruction information (731), and a switching device (702) for switching the encoded data according to the switching instruction information (731).

Revendications

1. Appareil de transmission d'images comprenant :

- 40 plusieurs supports (601) agencés pour mémoriser plusieurs données codées de vidéo, respectivement, les plusieurs données codées de vidéo étant engendrées par codage du même contenu à des débits binaires différents en utilisant, respectivement, des paramètres de codage différents ;
- un dispositif (602) de commutation de données codées agencé pour commuter sélectivement la pluralité de supports (601) de mémorisation pour choisir l'un des supports de mémorisation et fournir des données codées (631) de vidéo mémorisées sur le support (601) de mémorisation choisi, le choix dépendant de l'information d'état de réseau, et qui est agencé pour recevoir ; et
- 45 un émetteur (103) de données codées destiné à émettre les données codées de vidéo choisies par le dispositif (602) de commutation de données codées.
- 50 2. Appareil de transmission d'image selon la revendication 1, dans lequel le dispositif (602) de commutation de données codées est agencé pour commuter le support (601) vers certaines des données mémorisées codées à un débit binaire optimal pour l'état de réseau lorsqu'il reçoit l'information d'état de réseau.
3. Appareil de transmission d'image selon la revendication 1 ou 2, dans lequel le dispositif (602) de commutation de données codées est agencé pour commuter le support (601) à un cadencement d'une image de codage interne à une vue.
- 55 4. Appareil de transmission d'image selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, comprenant en outre un

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sélecteur (603) de données codées destiné à estimer, à partir de l'information (136) d'état de réseau, lesquelles des données codées de vidéo des paramètres de codage sont optimales pour le réseau courant pour sortir de l'information (632) de commutation vers le dispositif (602) de commutation de données codées.

- 5 5. Appareil de transmission d'image selon la revendication 4, incluant en outre un dispositif (105) de détermination d'état de réseau destiné à déterminer un état de réseau à partir d'une information (135) de réseau pour sortir, vers le sélecteur (603) de données codées, un résultat d'estimation en tant qu'information (136) d'état de réseau.
- 10 6. Appareil de transmission d'image selon la revendication 3, dans lequel le dispositif (602) de commutation de données codées comprend un dispositif (701) de détection de position de commutation destiné à analyser les données codées de vidéo pour détecter une position d'autorisation de commutation à laquelle on cherche une vue codée par codage interne à une vue et pour sortir une information (731) d'instruction de commutation, et un dispositif (702) de commutation destiné à commuter les données codées en fonction de l'information (731) d'instruction de commutation.
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Patentansprüche

- 20 1. Bildübertragungsvorrichtung, umfassend:
- eine Vielzahl von Medien (601), angeordnet, jeweils viele video-kodierte Daten zu speichern, die vielen video-kodierten Daten jeweils generiert durch Kodieren des gleichen Inhalts in unterschiedlichen Bitraten durch Verwenden unterschiedlicher Kodierungsparameter;
- 25 eine Kodierungsdatenschalteneinrichtung (602), angeordnet, die Vielzahl von Speichermedien (601) selektiv umzuschalten, um eines der Speichermedien auszuwählen und video-kodierte Daten (631) vorzusehen, die auf dem ausgewählten Speichermedium (601) gespeichert sind, wobei die Auswahl von Netzbedingungsinformation abhängig ist, die sie angeordnet ist zu empfangen; und
- einen Kodierungsdatensender (103) zum Übertragen der video-kodierten Daten, die durch die Kodierungsdatenschalteneinrichtung (602) ausgewählt sind.
- 30 2. Bildübertragungsvorrichtung nach Anspruch 1, in der die Kodierungsdatenschalteneinrichtung (602) angeordnet ist, die Medien (601) zu einem umzuschalten, das Daten speichert, die in einer Bitrate kodiert sind, die für die Netzbedingung optimal ist, wenn sie die Netzbedingungsinformation empfängt.
- 35 3. Bildübertragungsvorrichtung nach Anspruch 1 oder 2, in der die Kodierungsdatenschalteneinrichtung (602) angeordnet ist, die Medien (601) in einer Zeitsteuerung eines Bildes von Intrarahmenkodierung umzuschalten.
4. Bildübertragungsvorrichtung nach einem beliebigen vorangehenden Anspruch, ferner enthaltend einen Kodierungsdatenselektor (603) zum Schätzen, aus der Netzbedingungsinformation (136), welche der video-kodierten Daten der Kodierungsparameter optimal für das aktuelle Netz sind, um Schaltinformation (632) zu der Kodierungsdatenschalteneinrichtung (602) auszugeben.
- 40 5. Bildübertragungsvorrichtung nach Anspruch 4, ferner enthaltend eine Netzbedingungsbestimmungseinrichtung (105) zum Bestimmen einer Netzbedingung aus Netzinformation (135), um ein Schätzungsergebnis als die Netzbedingungsinformation (136) zu dem Kodierungsdatenselektor (603) auszugeben.
- 45 6. Bildübertragungsvorrichtung nach Anspruch 3, in der die Kodierungsdatenschalteneinrichtung (602) eine Schaltpositionserfassungseinrichtung (701) zum Analysieren der video-kodierten Daten enthält, um eine Schaltposition zu erfassen, in der ein Rahmen, der durch Intrarahmenkodierung kodiert ist, gesucht wird und Schaltinstruktionsinformation (731) auszugeben, und eine Schalteneinrichtung (702) zum Umschalten der kodierten Daten gemäß der Schaltinstruktionsinformation (731).
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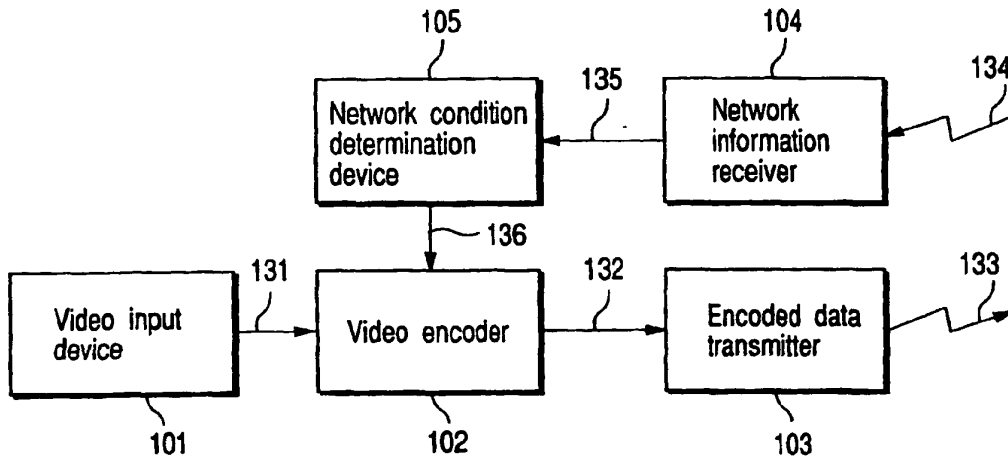


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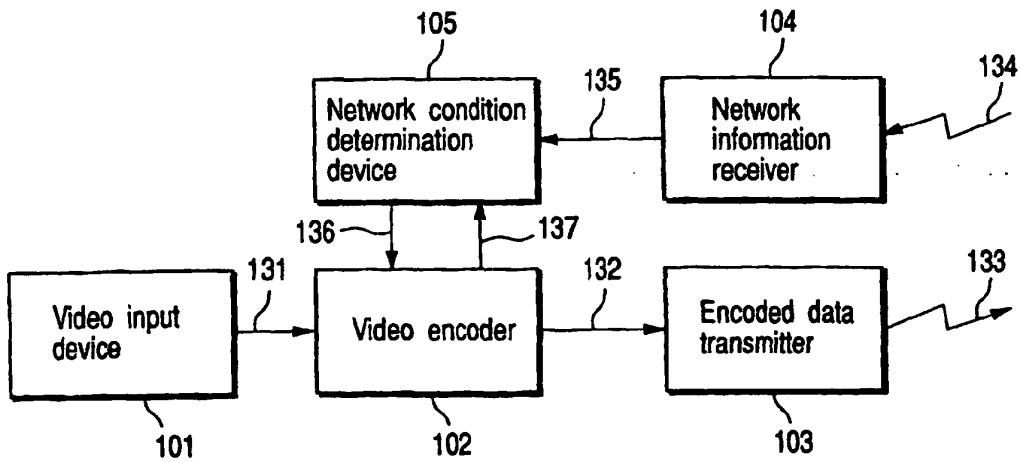


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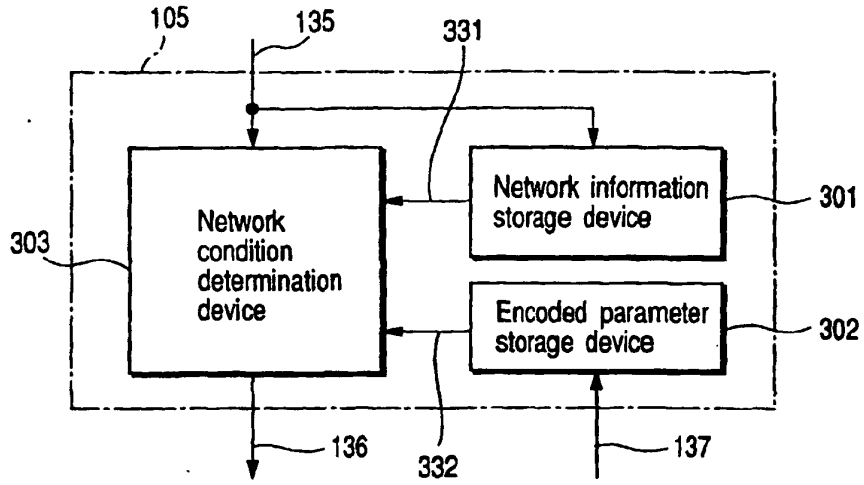


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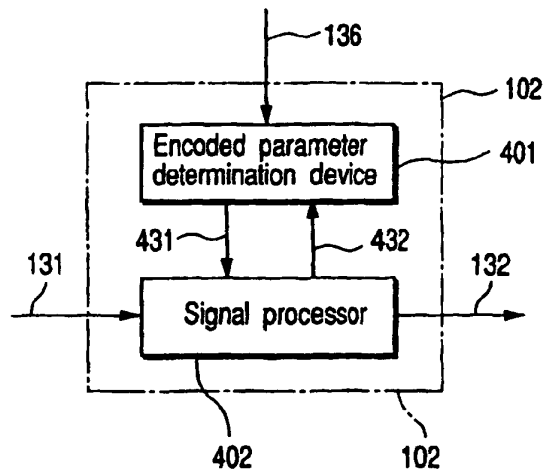


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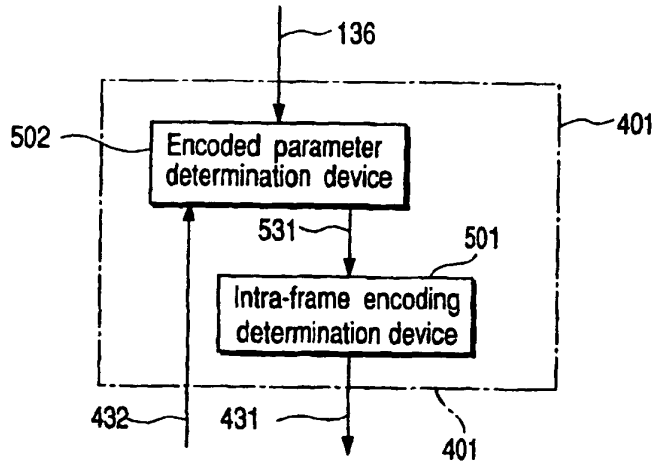


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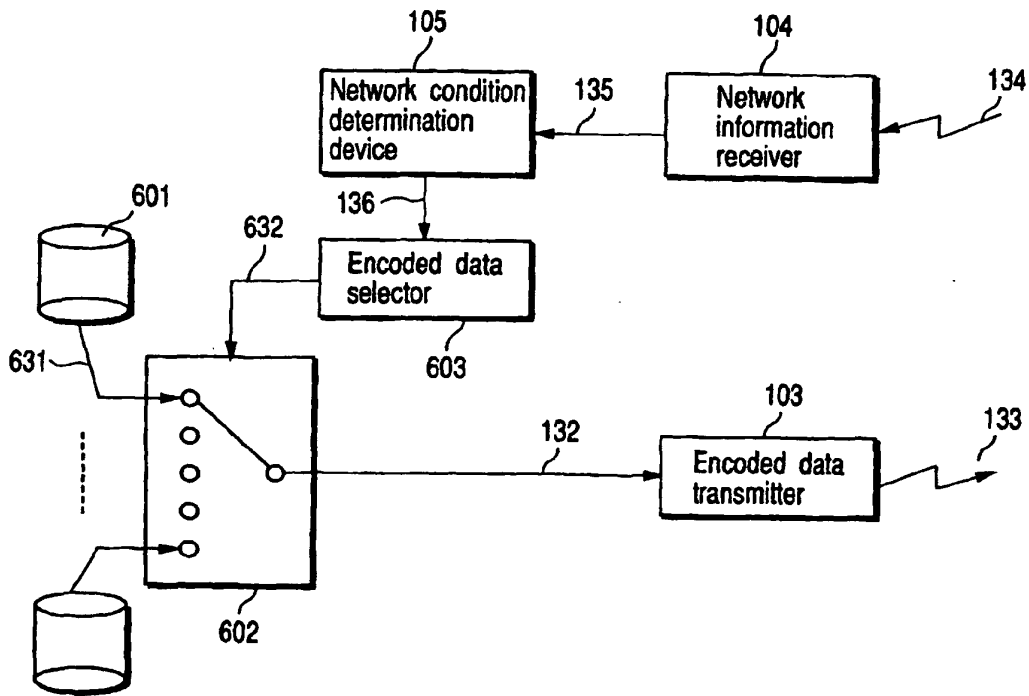


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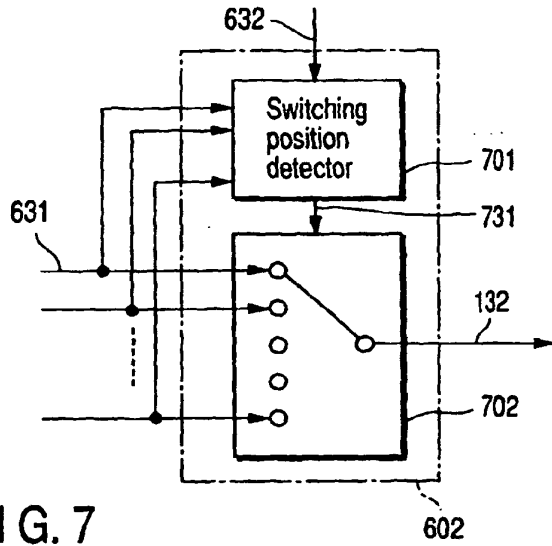


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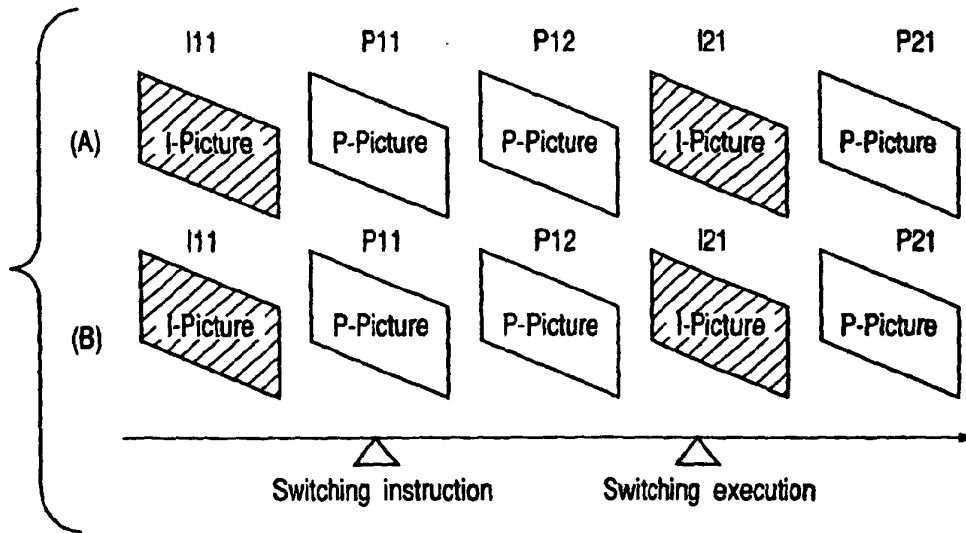


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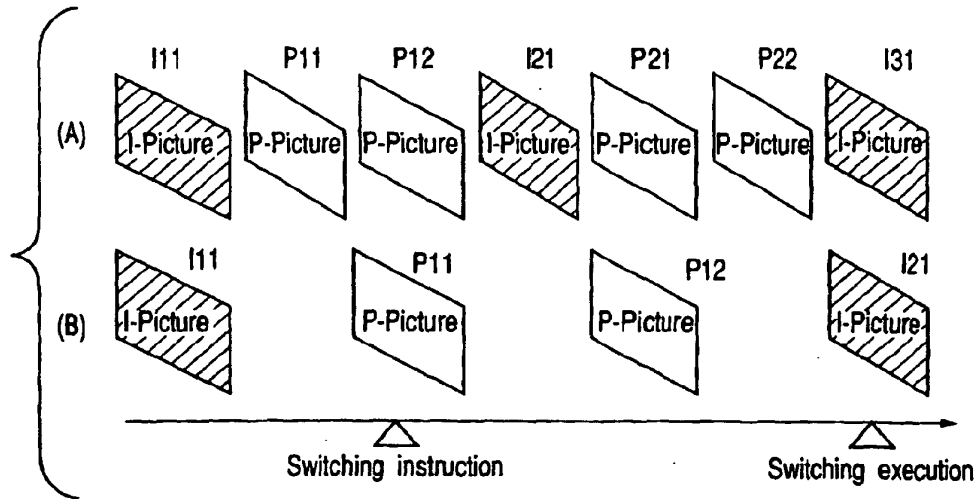


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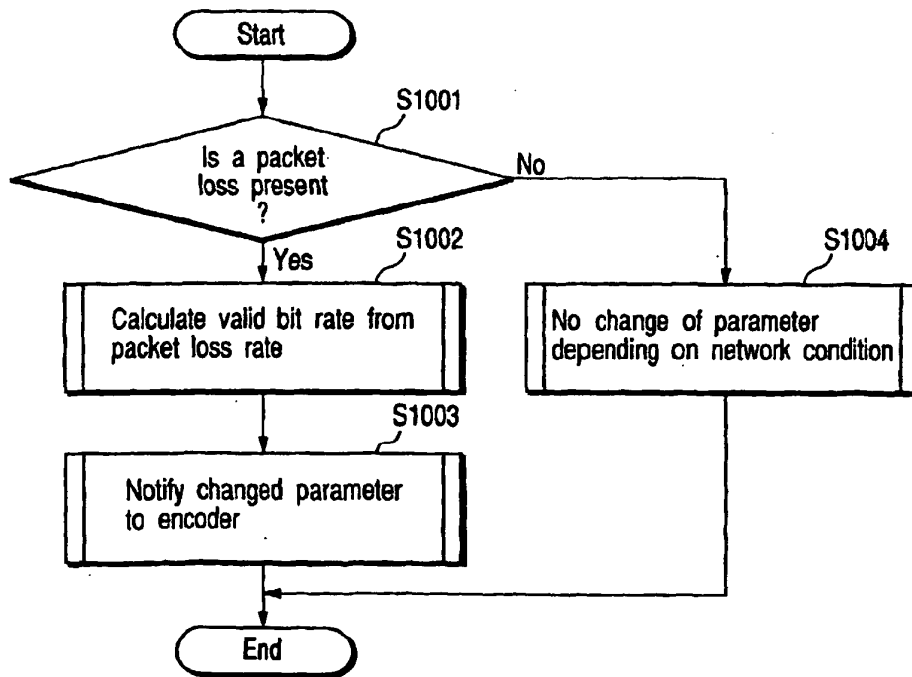


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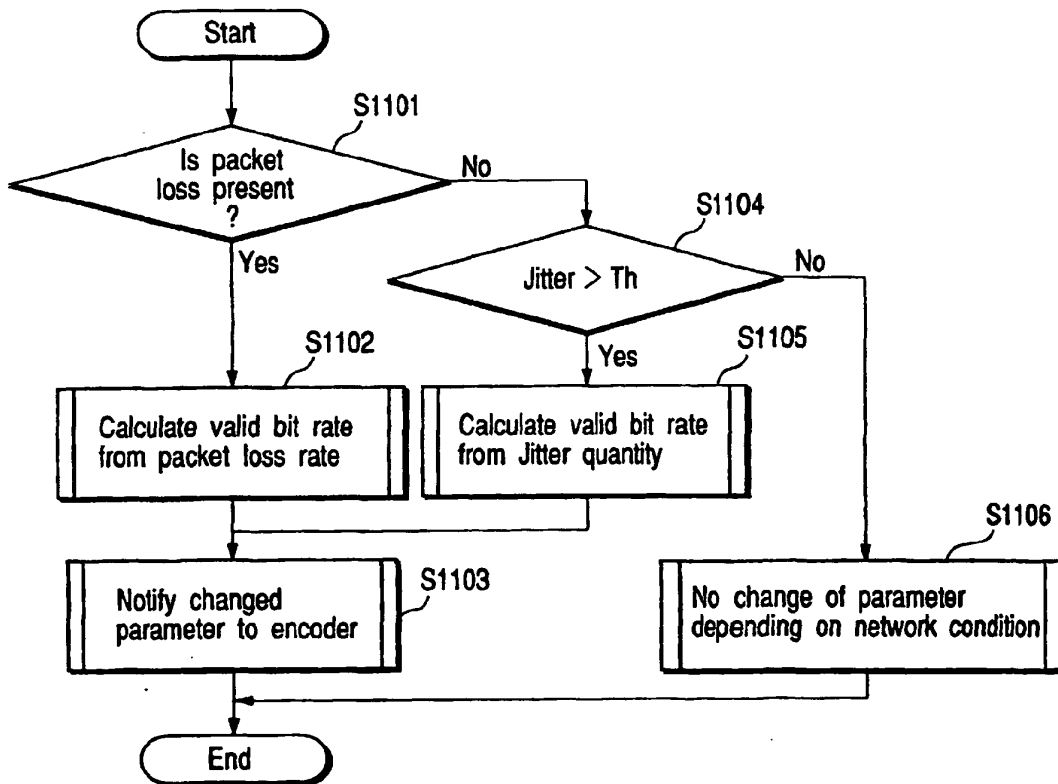


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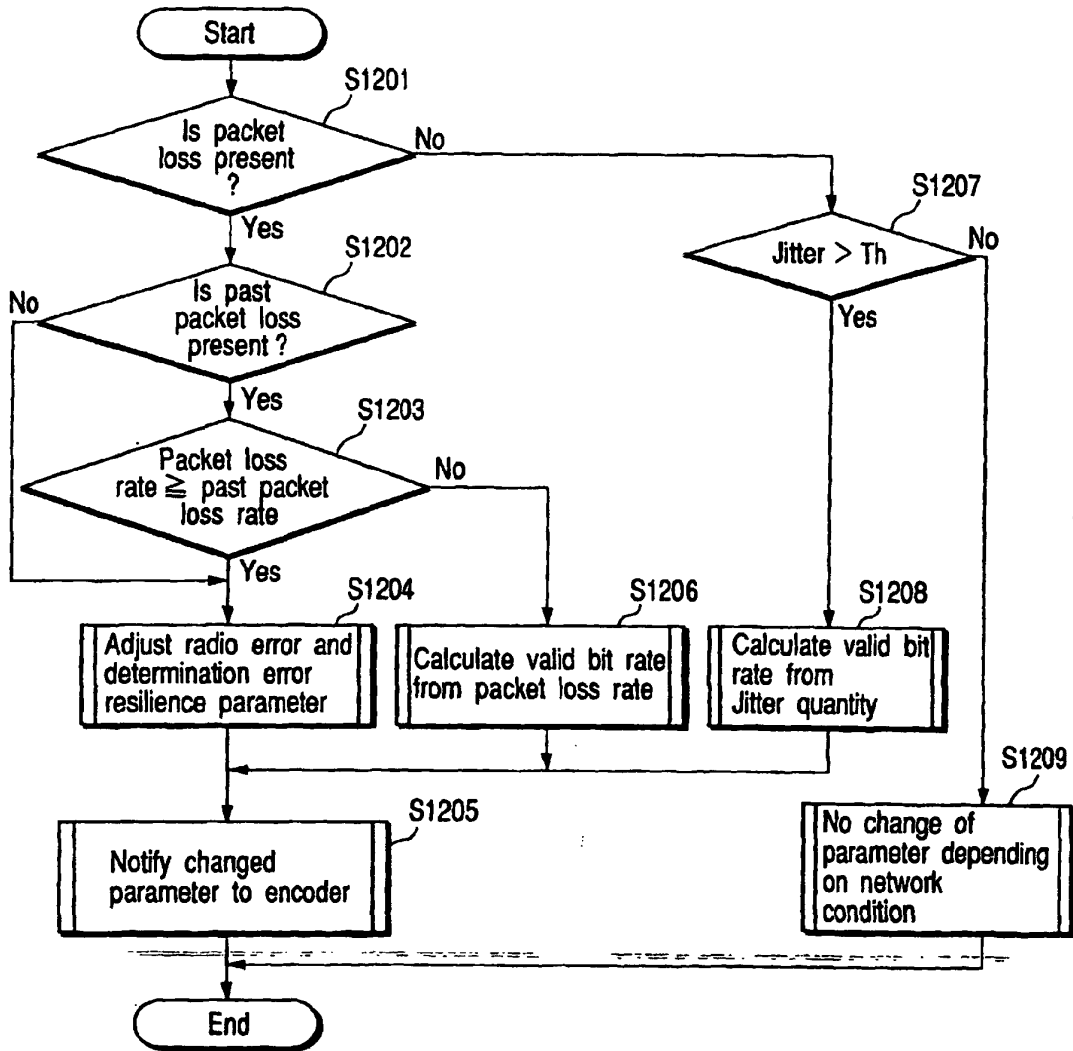


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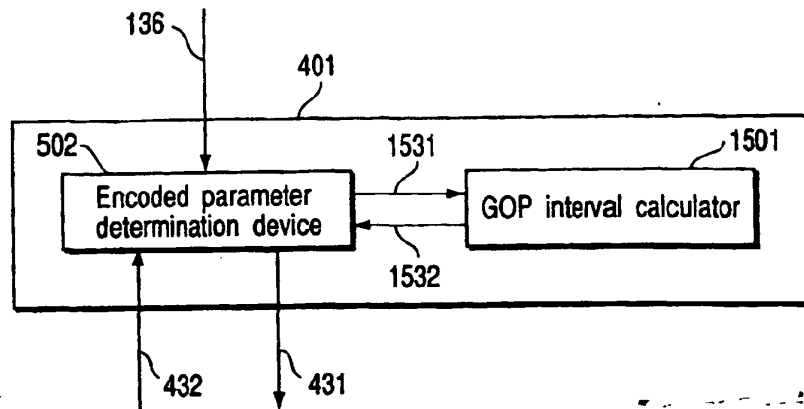


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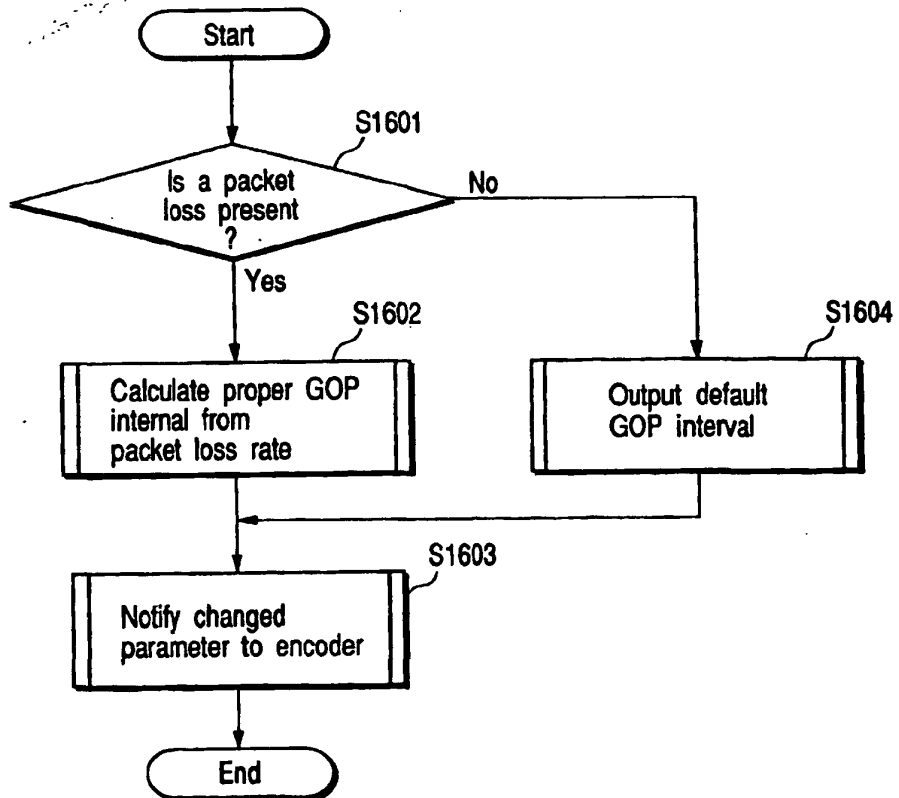


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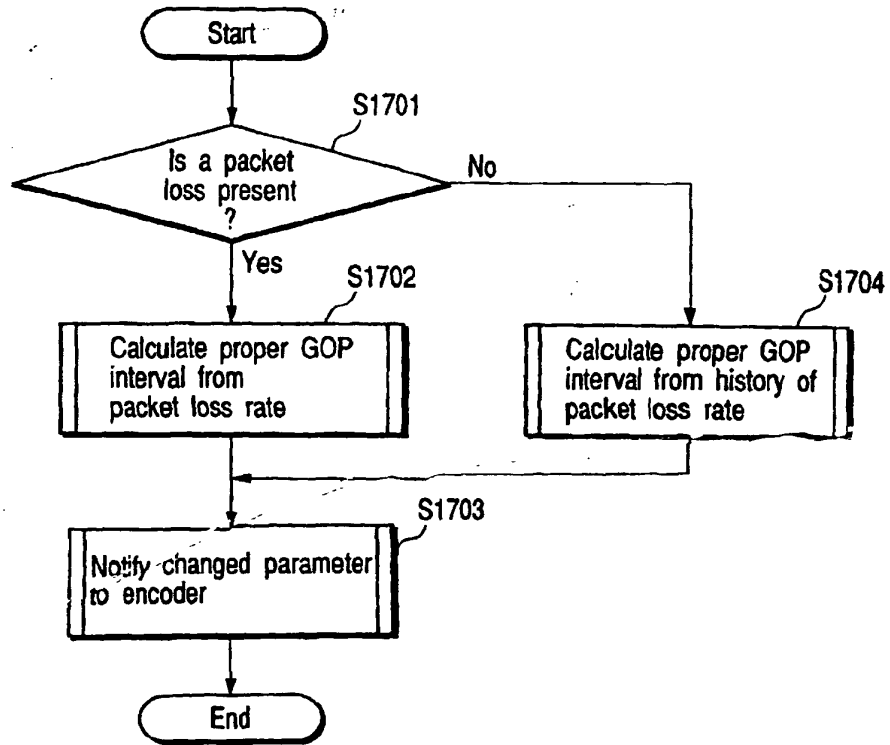


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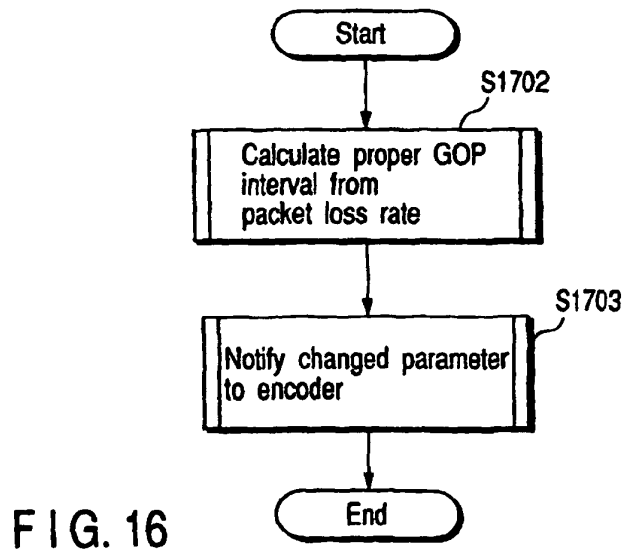


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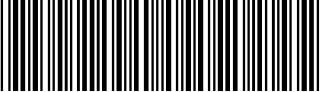
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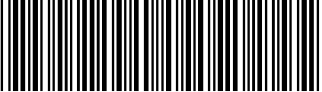
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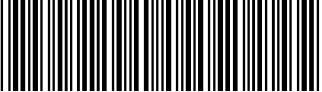
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Please replace paragraph 0101 and 0102 of the specification with the following:

[00101] Because network behavioral characteristics fluctuate, sometimes quite suddenly, any given Δ may vary substantially from another. In order to compensate for this fluctuation, the agent controller module 702 calculates 1008 a performance ratio r across a window of n samples for streamlets of playback length S . In one embodiment, the performance ratio r is calculated using the equation:

$$r = S \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i}$$

[00102] Due to multiple simultaneous streamlet processing, and in order to better judge the central tendency of the performance ratio r , the agent controller module 702 may calculate a geometric mean, or alternatively an equivalent averaging algorithm, across a window of size m , and obtain a performance factor φ :

$$\varphi_{current} = \left(\prod_{j=1}^m r_j \right)^{\frac{1}{m}}$$

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Notice mailed on February 6, 2023 requesting a more legible version of the equations originally appearing on pages 26-27 of the specification. No changes are made, other than providing a more legible version. Support for the amendment can therefore be found in our originally-filed specification and its parents. No new matter has been added.

If any issues remain with this application, the undersigned would welcome a telephone call to 602-344-9885 to discuss further amendment, if appropriate. Recognizing that Internet communications are not secure, I hereby authorize the USPTO to communicate with the undersigned and other practitioners of record in accordance with 37 CFR 1.33 and 37 CFR 1.34 concerning any subject matter of this application via video conferencing, instant messaging, or electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file. (MPEP 502.03). Without limiting the foregoing, we specifically consent to the use of email to exchange proposed amendments or other draft documents.

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Respectfully submitted,

KW Law, LLP

Dated: April 6, 2023

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EXAMINER

PATEL, CHIRAG R

ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER

2454

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17/962,231 10/07/2022 DAVID F. BRUECK 9401-00260 3515

TITLE OF INVENTION: APPARATUS, SYSTEM, AND METHOD FOR MULTI-BITRATE CONTENT STREAMING

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)
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The Office has discontinued providing a Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) calculation with the Notice of Allowance.

Section 1(h)(2) of the AIA Technical Corrections Act amended 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(i) to eliminate the requirement that the Office provide a patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance.

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571)-272-7702.

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	Examiner CHIRAG R PATEL	Art Unit 2454	AIA (FITF) Status No

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the filing on October 7, 2022.
 A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.
2. An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-25. As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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/CHIRAG R PATEL/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2454

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with Brett Carlson on January 6, 2023.

The application has been amended as follows:

26-30. (Cancelled)

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-25 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicants filed a terminal disclaimer to overcome an obvious double patent rejection to U.S. Patent No. 11,470,138. Please see the notice of allowance for application #16/876579 on January 5, 2022 and February 2, 2022 as the references are applicable to the allowed claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chirag R Patel whose telephone number is (571)272-7966. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:00AM to 4:30PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenton Burgess, can be reached on 571-272-3949. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding
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<i>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</i>	Application No. 17/962,231	Applicant(s) BRUECK et al.		
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All Participants (applicant, applicants representative, PTO personnel)	Title	Type
CHIRAG R PATEL	Primary Examiner	Telephonic
Brett Carlson	Attorney	

Date of Interview: 06 January 2023

Issues Discussed:


Proposed Amendment(s)

Examiner contacted applicant's representative for an examiner's amendment to incorporate claim 27 into claim 26 and file a terminal disclaimer to overcome an obvious double patent rejection to U.S. Patent No. 11,470,138. Applicants suggested to cancel claims 26-30 and take the allowed claim and filed a terminal disclaimer to move case towards allowance.

/CHIRAG R PATEL/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2454	
<p>Applicant is reminded that a complete written statement as to the substance of the interview must be made of record in the application file. It is the applicants responsibility to provide the written statement, unless the interview was initiated by the Examiner and the Examiner has indicated that a written summary will be provided. See MPEP 713.04</p> <p>Please further see: MPEP 713.04 Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews, paragraph (b) 37 CFR § 1.2 Business to be transacted in writing</p>	

Applicant recordation instructions: It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of interview.

Examiner recordation instructions: Examiners must summarize the substance of any interview of record. A complete and proper recordation of the substance of an interview should include the items listed in MPEP 713.04 for complete and proper recordation including the identification of the general thrust of each argument or issue discussed, a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed regarding patentability and the general results or outcome of the interview, to include an indication as to whether or not agreement was reached on the issues raised.

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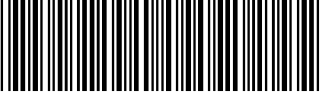
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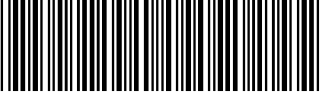
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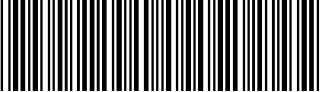
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Wireless video transmission system



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 A transmission systems suitable for video.

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... of transmission of protected video stream in the presence of ... stream bit rate peaks may make it impossible to deliver video ... , let us study how the errors are located along the video sample...

Stable video rate adaptation for congestion control

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STABLE VIDEO RATE ADAPTATION FOR CONGESTION CONTROL. FIELD OF THE INVENTION [001] The instant invention relates generally to videoconferencing, and more particularly to dynamically adjusting video encoding and input parameters for enhancing a videoconferencing experience over a best effort network.

Switching between bit-streams in video transmission

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A transmission system suitable for video where a sender encodes video for transmission to a receiver at an adjustable data rate. The data rate may be adjusted using a delay constraint that constrains the expected delay of transmitted packets. The expected delay may be measured from a time that a ...

Switching between bit-streams in video transmission



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A method for transmitting video information, in which at least a first bit-stream (510) and a second bit-stream are formed from the video information, the first bit-stream (510) comprises a first set of frames comprising at least one video frame, and the second bit-stream (520) comprises a second ...

Sender-side bandwidth estimation for video transmission with receiver packet ...



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A method of adaptively encoding video in response to an estimation of bandwidth over a transmission channel, where bandwidth estimation uses feedback packets from a receiver acknowledging receipt of video packets transmitted during an interval when the transmitted packets are not stored in a ...

Wireless video transmission system



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A transmission systems suitable for video.

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... The proportion of S-frames decides the amount of S-frames added into a video stream. Let N denote the number of ... sequences with different content and at different average bitrates. ...

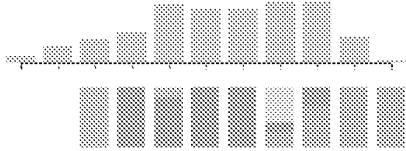
Packet scheduling for video transmission with sender queue control



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<i>Decision Granting Request for Prioritized Examination (Track I)</i>	Application No. 17/962,231	Applicant(s) BRUECK et al.	
	Examiner FIKIRTE A GEREMEW	Art Unit OMBL	AIA (FITF) Status No
<p>1. THE REQUEST FILED <u>07 October 2022</u> IS GRANTED .</p> <p>The above-identified application has met the requirements for prioritized examination</p> <p>A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for an original nonprovisional application (Track I).</p> <p>B. <input type="checkbox"/> for an application undergoing continued examination (RCE).</p> <p>2. The above-identified application will undergo prioritized examination. The application will be accorded special status throughout its entire course of prosecution until one of the following occurs:</p> <p>A. filing a <u>petition for extension of time</u> to extend the time period for filing a reply;</p> <p>B. filing an <u>amendment to amend the application to contain more than four independent claims, more than thirty total claims</u>, or a multiple dependent claim;</p> <p>C. filing a <u>request for continued examination</u> ;</p> <p>D. filing a notice of appeal;</p> <p>E. filing a request for suspension of action;</p> <p>F. mailing of a notice of allowance;</p> <p>G. mailing of a final Office action;</p> <p>H. completion of examination as defined in 37 CFR 41.102; or</p> <p>I. abandonment of the application.</p> <p>Telephone inquiries with regard to this decision should be directed to FIKIRTE GEREMEW at (703) 756-1930. In his/her absence, calls may be directed to Petition Help Desk at (571) 272-3282.</p>			
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This application is a CON of 16/876,579 05/18/2020 PAT 11,470,138
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Title

APPARATUS, SYSTEM, AND METHOD FOR MULTI-BITRATE CONTENT STREAMING

Preliminary Class

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APPLICATION AS FILED - PART I

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FOR		NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE(\$)	FEE(\$)		RATE(\$)	FEE(\$)
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a), (b), or (c))		N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	320
SEARCH FEE (37 CFR 1.16(k), (l), or (m))		N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	700
EXAMINATION FEE (37 CFR 1.16(o), (p), or (q))		N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	800
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(i))		30 minus 20 =	* 10			OR	x 100 =	1000
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(h))		4 minus 3 =	* 1			OR	x 480 =	480
APPLICATION SIZE FEE (37 CFR 1.16(s))	If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$310 (\$155 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).							0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.16(j))								0
				TOTAL			TOTAL	2300

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	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(j))						OR		
				TOTAL ADD'L FEE		OR	TOTAL ADD'L FEE		
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	Application Size Fee (37 CFR 1.16(s))						OR		
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.16(j))						OR		
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**CERTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR PRIORITIZED EXAMINATION
 UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(e) (Page 1 of 1)**

First Named Inventor:	Brueck et al.	Nonprovisional Application Number (if known):	
Title of Invention:	APPARATUS, SYSTEM, AND METHOD FOR MULTI-BITRATE CONTENT STREAMING		

APPLICANT HEREBY CERTIFIES THE FOLLOWING AND REQUESTS PRIORITIZED EXAMINATION FOR THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED APPLICATION.

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Signature /BRETT A. CARLSON/	Date October 7, 2022
Name (Print/Typed) Brett A. Carlson	Practitioner Registration Number 39,928
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VI. CONCLUSION

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APPARATUS, SYSTEM, AND METHOD FOR MULTI-BITRATE CONTENT STREAMING

CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Number 11/673,483, filed on February 9, 2007, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 11/116,783, filed on April 28, 2005, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/566,831, filed on April 30, 2004, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0002] The invention relates to video streaming over packet switched networks such as the Internet, and more particularly relates to adaptive-rate shifting of streaming content over such networks.

DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART

[0003] The Internet is fast becoming a preferred method for distributing media files to end users. It is currently possible to download music or video to computers, cell phones, or practically any network capable device. Many portable media players are equipped with network connections and enabled to play music or videos. The music or video files (hereinafter "media files") can be stored locally on the media player or computer, or streamed or downloaded from a server.

[0004] "Streaming media" refers to technology that delivers content at a rate sufficient for presenting the media to a user in real time as the data is received. The data may be stored in memory temporarily until played and then subsequently deleted. The user has the immediate satisfaction of viewing the requested content without waiting for the media file to completely download. Unfortunately, the audio/video quality that can be received for real time presentation is constrained by the available bandwidth of the user's network connection. Streaming may be used to deliver content on demand (previously recorded) or from live broadcasts.

[0005] Alternatively, media files may be downloaded and stored on persistent storage devices, such as hard drives or optical storage, for later presentation. Downloading complete media files can take large amounts of time depending on the network connection. Once downloaded, however, the content can be viewed repeatedly anytime or anywhere. Media files prepared for downloading usually are encoded with a higher quality audio/video than can be delivered in real time. Users generally dislike this option, as they tend to want to see or hear the media file instantaneously.

[0006] Streaming offers the advantage of immediate access to the content but currently sacrifices quality compared with downloading a file of the same content. Streaming also provides the opportunity for a user to select different content for viewing on an ad hoc basis, while downloading is by definition restricted to receiving a specific content selection in its entirety or not at all. Downloading also supports rewind, fast forward, and direct seek operations, while streaming is unable to fully support these functions. Streaming is also vulnerable to network failures or congestion.

[0007] Another technology, known as “progressive downloads,” attempts to combine the strengths of the above two technologies. When a progressive download is initiated, the media file download begins, and the media player waits to begin playback until there is enough of the file downloaded that playback can begin with the hope that the remainder of the file will be completely downloaded before playback “catches up.” This waiting period before playback can be substantial depending on network conditions, and therefore is not a complete or fully acceptable solution to the problem of media presentation over a network.

[0008] Generally, three basic challenges exist with regard to data transport – streaming over a network such as the Internet that has a varying amount of data loss. The first challenge is reliability. Most streaming solutions use a TCP connection, or “virtual circuit,” for transmitting data. A TCP connection provides a guaranteed delivery mechanism so that data sent from one endpoint will be delivered to the destination, even if portions are lost and retransmitted. A break in the continuity of a TCP connection can have serious consequences when the data must be delivered in real-time. When a network adapter detects delays or losses in a TCP connection, the adapter “backs off” from transmission attempts for a moment and then slowly resumes the original

transmission pace. This behavior is an attempt to alleviate the perceived congestion. Such a slowdown is detrimental to the viewing or listening experience of the user and therefore is not acceptable.

[0009] The second challenge to data transport is efficiency. Efficiency refers to how well the user's available bandwidth is used for delivery of the content stream. This measure is directly related to the reliability of the TCP connection. When the TCP connection is suffering reliability problems, a loss of bandwidth utilization results. The measure of efficiency sometimes varies suddenly, and can greatly impact the viewing experience.

[0010] The third challenge is latency. Latency is the time measure from the client's point-of-view, of the interval between when a request is issued and the response data begins to arrive. This value is affected by the network connection's reliability and efficiency, and the processing time required by the origin to prepare the response. A busy or overloaded server, for example, will take more time to process a request. As well as affecting the start time of a particular request, latency has a significant impact on the network throughput of TCP.

[0011] From the foregoing discussion, it should be apparent that a need exists for an apparatus, system, and method that alleviate the problems of reliability, efficiency, and latency. Additionally, such an apparatus, system, and method would offer instantaneous viewing along with the ability to fast forward, rewind, direct seek, and browse multiple streams. Beneficially, such an apparatus, system, and method would utilize multiple connections between a source and destination, requesting varying bitrate streams depending upon network conditions.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0012] The present invention has been developed in response to the present state of the art, and in particular, in response to the problems and needs in the art that have not yet been fully solved by currently available content streaming systems. Accordingly, the present invention has been developed to provide an apparatus, system, and method for adaptive-rate content streaming that overcome many or all of the above-discussed shortcomings in the art.

[0013] The apparatus for adaptive-rate content streaming is provided with a logic unit containing a plurality of modules configured to functionally execute the necessary steps. These modules in the described embodiments include a receiving module configured to receive media content, a streamlet module configured to segment the media content and generate a plurality of sequential streamlets, and an encoding module configured to encode each streamlet as a separate content file.

[0014] The encoding module is further configured to generate a set of streamlets for each of the sequential streamlets. Each streamlet may comprise a portion of the media content having a predetermined length of time. The predetermined length of time may be in the range of between about .1 and 5 seconds.

[0015] In one embodiment, a set of streamlets comprises a plurality of streamlets having identical time indices, and each streamlet of the set of streamlets has a unique bitrate. The receiving module is configured to convert the media content to raw audio or raw video. The encoding module may include a master module configured to assign an encoding job to one of a plurality of host computing modules in response to an encoding job completion bid. The job completion bid may be based on a plurality of computing variables selected from a group consisting of current encoding job completion percentage, average encoding job completion time, processor speed, and physical memory capacity.

[0016] A system of the present invention is also presented for adaptive-rate content streaming. In particular, the system, in one embodiment, includes a receiving module configured to receive media content, a streamlet module configured to segment the media content and generate a plurality of sequential streamlets, each streamlet comprising a portion of the media content having a predetermined length of time, and an encoding

module configured to encode each streamlet as a separate content file and generate a set of streamlets.

[0017] The system also includes a plurality of streamlets having identical time indices and each streamlet of the set of streamlets having a unique bitrate. The encoding module comprises a master module configured to assign an encoding job to one of a plurality of host computing modules in response to an encoding job completion bid.

[0018] A method of the present invention is also presented for adaptive-rate content streaming. In one embodiment, the method includes receiving media content, segmenting the media content and generating a plurality of sequential streamlets, and encoding each streamlet as a separate content file.

[0019] The method also includes segmenting the media content into a plurality of streamlets, each streamlet comprising a portion of the media content having a predetermined length of time. In one embodiment, the method includes generating a set of streamlets comprising a plurality of streamlets having identical time indices, and each streamlet of the set of streamlets having a unique bitrate.

[0020] Furthermore, the method may include converting the media content to raw audio or raw video, and segmenting the content media into a plurality of sequential streamlets. The method further comprises assigning an encoding job to one of a plurality of host computing modules in response to an encoding job completion bid, and submitting an encoding job completion bid based on a plurality of computing variables.

[0021] Reference throughout this specification to features, advantages, or similar language does not imply that all of the features and advantages that may be realized with the present invention should be or are in any single embodiment of the invention. Rather, language referring to the features and advantages is understood to mean that a specific feature, advantage, or characteristic described in connection with an embodiment is included in at least one embodiment of the present invention. Thus, discussion of the features and advantages, and similar language, throughout this specification may, but do not necessarily, refer to the same embodiment.

[0022] Furthermore, the described features, advantages, and characteristics of the invention may be combined in any suitable manner in one or more embodiments. One skilled in the relevant art will recognize that the invention may be practiced without one

or more of the specific features or advantages of a particular embodiment. In other instances, additional features and advantages may be recognized in certain embodiments that may not be present in all embodiments of the invention.

[0023] These features and advantages of the present invention will become more fully apparent from the following description and appended claims, or may be learned by the practice of the invention as set forth hereinafter.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0024] In order that the advantages of the invention will be readily understood, a more particular description of the invention briefly described above will be rendered by reference to specific embodiments that are illustrated in the appended drawings.

Understanding that these drawings depict only typical embodiments of the invention and are not therefore to be considered to be limiting of its scope, the invention will be described and explained with additional specificity and detail through the use of the accompanying drawings, in which:

[0025] Figure 1 is a schematic block diagram illustrating one embodiment of a system for dynamic rate shifting of streaming content in accordance with the present invention;

[0026] Figure 2a is a schematic block diagram graphically illustrating one embodiment of a media content file;

[0027] Figure 2b is a schematic block diagram illustrating one embodiment of a plurality of streams having varying degrees of quality and bandwidth;

[0028] Figure 3a is a schematic block diagram illustrating one embodiment of a stream divided into a plurality of source streamlets;

[0029] Figure 3b is a schematic block diagram illustrating one embodiment of sets of streamlets in accordance with the present invention;

[0030] Figure 4 is a schematic block diagram illustrating in greater detail one embodiment of the content module in accordance with the present invention;

[0031] Figure 5a is a schematic block diagram illustrating one embodiment of an encoder module in accordance with the present invention;

[0032] Figure 5b is a schematic block diagram illustrating one embodiment of parallel encoding of streamlets in accordance with the present invention;

[0033] Figure 6a is a schematic block diagram illustrating one embodiment of a virtual timeline in accordance with the present invention;

[0034] Figure 6b is a schematic block diagram illustrating an alternative embodiment of a VT in accordance with the present invention;

[0035] Figure 6c is a schematic block diagram illustrating one embodiment of a QMX in accordance with the present invention;

[0036] Figure 7 is a schematic block diagram graphically illustrating one embodiment of a client module in accordance with the present invention;

[0037] Figure 8 is a schematic flow chart diagram illustrating one embodiment of a method for processing content in accordance with the present invention;

[0038] Figure 9 is a schematic flow chart diagram illustrating one embodiment of a method for viewing a plurality of streamlets in accordance with the present invention;
and

[0039] Figure 10 is a schematic flow chart diagram illustrating one embodiment of a method for requesting streamlets within an adaptive-rate shifting content streaming environment in accordance with the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0040] Many of the functional units described in this specification have been labeled as modules, in order to more particularly emphasize their implementation independence. For example, a module may be implemented as a hardware circuit comprising custom VLSI circuits or gate arrays, off-the-shelf semiconductors such as logic chips, transistors, or other discrete components. A module may also be implemented in programmable hardware devices such as field programmable gate arrays, programmable array logic, programmable logic devices or the like.

[0041] Modules may also be implemented in software for execution by various types of processors. An identified module of executable code may, for instance, comprise one or more physical or logical blocks of computer instructions which may, for instance, be organized as an object, procedure, or function. Nevertheless, the executables of an identified module need not be physically located together, but may comprise disparate instructions stored in different locations which, when joined logically together, comprise the module and achieve the stated purpose for the module.

[0042] Indeed, a module of executable code may be a single instruction, or many instructions, and may even be distributed over several different code segments, among different programs, and across several memory devices. Similarly, operational data may be identified and illustrated herein within modules, and may be embodied in any suitable form and organized within any suitable type of data structure. The operational data may be collected as a single data set, or may be distributed over different locations including over different storage devices, and may exist, at least partially, merely as electronic signals on a system or network.

[0043] Reference throughout this specification to “one embodiment,” “an embodiment,” or similar language means that a particular feature, structure, or characteristic described in connection with the embodiment is included in at least one embodiment of the present invention. Thus, appearances of the phrases “in one embodiment,” “in an embodiment,” and similar language throughout this specification may, but do not necessarily, all refer to the same embodiment.

[0044] Reference to a signal bearing medium may take any form capable of generating a signal, causing a signal to be generated, or causing execution of a program of machine-

readable instructions on a digital processing apparatus. A signal bearing medium may be embodied by a transmission line, a compact disk, digital-video disk, a magnetic tape, a Bernoulli drive, a magnetic disk, a punch card, flash memory, integrated circuits, or other digital processing apparatus memory device. In one embodiment, a computer program product including a computer useable medium having a computer readable program of computer instructions stored thereon that when executed on a computer causes the computer to carry out operations for multi-bitrate content streaming as described herein.

[0045] Furthermore, the described features, structures, or characteristics of the invention may be combined in any suitable manner in one or more embodiments. In the following description, numerous specific details are provided, such as examples of programming, software modules, user selections, network transactions, database queries, database structures, hardware modules, hardware circuits, hardware chips, etc., to provide a thorough understanding of embodiments of the invention. One skilled in the relevant art will recognize, however, that the invention may be practiced without one or more of the specific details, or with other methods, components, materials, and so forth. In other instances, well-known structures, materials, or operations are not shown or described in detail to avoid obscuring aspects of the invention.

[0046] Figure 1 is a schematic block diagram illustrating one embodiment of a system 100 for dynamic rate shifting of streaming content in accordance with the present invention. In one embodiment, the system 100 comprises a content server 102 and an end user station 104. The content server 102 and the end user station 104 may be coupled by a data communications network. The data communications network may include the Internet 106 and connections 108 to the Internet 106. Alternatively, the content server 102 and the end user 104 may be located on a common local area network, wireless area network, cellular network, virtual local area network, or the like. The end user station 104 may comprise a personal computer (PC), an entertainment system configured to communicate over a network, or a portable electronic device configured to present content. For example, portable electronic devices may include, but are not limited to, cellular phones, portable gaming systems, and portable computing devices.

[0047] In the depicted embodiment, the system 100 also includes a publisher 110, and a web server 116. The publisher 110 may be a creator or distributor of content. For

example, if the content to be streamed were a broadcast of a television program, the publisher 110 may be a television or cable network channel such as NBC®, or MTV®. Content may be transferred over the Internet 106 to the content server 102, where the content is received by a content module 112. The content module 112 may be configured to receive, process, and store content. In one embodiment, processed content is accessed by a client module 114 configured to play the content on the end user station 104. In a further embodiment, the client module 114 is configured to receive different portions of a content stream from a plurality of locations simultaneously. For example, the client module 114 may request and receive content from any of the plurality of web servers 116. [0048] Content from the content server 102 may be replicated to other web servers 116 or alternatively to proxy cache servers 118. Replicating may occur by deliberate forwarding from the content server 102, or by a web, cache, or proxy server outside of the content server 102 asking for content on behalf of the client module 114. In a further embodiment, content may be forwarded directly to web 116 or proxy 118 servers through direct communication channels 120 without the need to traverse the Internet 106.

[0049] Figure 2a is a schematic block diagram graphically illustrating one embodiment of a media content (hereinafter “content”) file 200. In one embodiment, the content file 200 is distributed by the publisher 110. The content file 200 may comprise a television broadcast, sports event, movie, music, concert, etc. The content file 200 may also be live or archived content. The content file 200 may comprise uncompressed video and audio, or alternatively, video or audio. Alternatively, the content file 200 may be compressed using standard or proprietary encoding schemes. Examples of encoding schemes capable of use with the present invention include, but are not limited to, DivX®, Windows Media Video®, Quicktime Sorenson 3®, On2, OGG Vorbis, MP3, or Quicktime 6.5/ MPEG-4® encoded content.

[0050] Figure 2b is a schematic block diagram illustrating one embodiment of a plurality of streams 202 having varying degrees of quality and bandwidth. In one embodiment, the plurality of streams 202 comprises a low quality stream 204, a medium quality stream 206, and a high quality stream 208. Each of the streams 204, 206, 208 is a copy of the content file 200 encoded and compressed to varying bit rates. For example, the low quality stream 204 may be encoded and compressed to a bit rate of 100 kilobits per

second (kbps), the medium quality stream 206 may be encoded and compressed to a bit rate of 200 kbps, and the high quality stream 208 may be encoded and compressed to 600 kbps.

[0051] Figure 3a is a schematic block diagram illustrating one embodiment of a stream 302 divided into a plurality of source streamlets 303. As used herein, streamlet refers to any sized portion of the content file 200. Each streamlet 303 may comprise a portion of the content contained in stream 302, encapsulated as an independent media object. The content in a streamlet 303 may have a unique time index in relation to the beginning of the content contained in stream 302. In one embodiment, the content contained in each streamlet 303 may have a duration of two seconds. For example, streamlet 0 may have a time index of 00:00 representing the beginning of content playback, and streamlet 1 may have a time index of 00:02, and so on. Alternatively, the time duration of the streamlets 304 may be any duration smaller than the entire playback duration of the content in stream 302. In a further embodiment, the streamlets 303 may be divided according to file size instead of a time index and duration.

[0052] Figure 3b is a schematic block diagram illustrating one embodiment of sets 306 of streamlets in accordance with the present invention. As used herein, the term "set" refers to a group of streamlets having identical time indices and durations but varying bitrates. In the depicted embodiment, the set 306a encompasses all streamlets having a time index of 00:00. The set 306a includes encoded streamlets 304 having low, medium, and high 204, 206, 208 bitrates. Of course each set 306 may include more than the depicted three bitrates which are given by way of example only. One skilled in the art will recognize that any number of streams having different bitrates may be generated from the original content 200.

[0053] As described above, the duration of one streamlet 304 may be approximately two seconds. Likewise each set 306 may comprise a plurality of streamlets 304 where each streamlet 304 has a playable duration of two seconds. Alternatively, the duration of the streamlet 304 may be predetermined or dynamically variable depending upon a variety of factors including, but not limited to, network congestion, system specifications, playback resolution and quality, etc. In the depicted embodiment, the content 200 may be formed

of the plurality of sets 306. The number of sets 306 may depend on the length of the content 200 and the length or duration of each streamlet 304.

[0054] Figure 4 is a schematic block diagram illustrating in greater detail one embodiment of the content module 112 in accordance with the present invention. The content module 112 may comprise a capture module 402, a streamlet module 404, an encoder module 406, a streamlet database 408, and the web server 116. In one embodiment, the capture module 402 is configured to receive the content file 200 from the publisher 110. The capture module 402 may be configured to “decompress” the content file 200. For example, if the content file 200 arrives having been encoded with one of the above described encoding schemes, the capture module 402 may convert the content file 200 into raw audio and/or video. Alternatively, the content file 200 may be transmitted by the publisher in a format 110 that does not require decompression.

[0055] The capture module 402 may comprise a capture card configured for TV and/or video capture. One example of a capture card suitable for use in the present invention is the DRC-2500 by Digital Rapids of Ontario, Canada. Alternatively, any capture card capable of capturing audio and video may be utilized with the present invention. In a further embodiment, the capture module 402 is configured to pass the content file to the streamlet module 404.

[0056] The streamlet module 404, in one embodiment, is configured to segment the content file 200 and generate source streamlets 303 that are not encoded. As used herein, the term “segment” refers to an operation to generate a streamlet of the content file 200 having a duration or size equal to or less than the duration or size of the content file 200. The streamlet module 404 may be configured to segment the content file 200 into streamlets 303 each having an equal duration. Alternatively, the streamlet module 404 may be configured to segment the content file 200 into streamlets 303 having equal file sizes.

[0057] The encoding module 406 is configured to receive the source streamlets 303 and generate the plurality of streams 202 of varying qualities. The original content file 200 from the publisher may be digital in form and may comprise content having a high bit rate such as, for example, 2mbps. The content may be transferred from the publisher 110 to the content module 112 over the Internet 106. Such transfers of data are well known in

the art and do not require further discussion herein. Alternatively, the content may comprise a captured broadcast.

[0058] In a further embodiment, the encoding module 406 is configured to generate a plurality of sets 306 of streamlets 304. The sets 306, as described above with reference to Figure 3b, may comprise streamlets having an identical time index and duration, and a unique bitrate. As with Figure 3b, the sets 306 and subsequently the plurality of streams 202 may comprise the low quality stream 204, the medium quality stream 206, and the high quality stream 208. Alternatively, the plurality of streams 202 may comprise any number of streams deemed necessary to accommodate end user bandwidth.

[0059] The encoder module 406 is further configured to encode each source streamlet 303 into the plurality of streams 202 and streamlet sets 306 and store the streamlets in the streamlet database 408. The encoding module 406 may utilize encoding schemes such as DivX®, Windows Media Video 9®, Quicktime 6.5 Sorenson 3®, or Quicktime 6.5/ MPEG-4®. Alternatively, a custom encoding scheme may be employed.

[0060] The content module 112 may also include a metadata module 412 and a metadata database 414. In one embodiment, metadata comprises static searchable content information. For example, metadata includes, but is not limited to, air date of the content, title, actresses, actors, length, and episode name. Metadata is generated by the publisher 110, and may be configured to define an end user environment. In one embodiment, the publisher 100 may define an end user navigational environment for the content including menus, thumbnails, sidebars, advertising, etc. Additionally, the publisher 110 may define functions such as fast forward, rewind, pause, and play that may be used with the content file 200. The metadata module 412 is configured to receive the metadata from the publisher 110 and store the metadata in the metadata database 414. In a further embodiment, the metadata module 412 is configured to interface with the client module 114, allowing the client module 114 to search for content based upon at least one of a plurality of metadata criteria. Additionally, metadata may be generated by the content module 112 through automated process(es) or manual definition.

[0061] Once the streamlets 304 have been received and processed, the client module 114 may request streamlets 304 using HTTP from the web server 116. Using a standard protocol such as HTTP eliminates the need for network administrators to configure

firewalls to recognize and pass through network traffic for a new, specialized protocol. Additionally, since the client module 114 initiates the request, the web server 116 is only required to retrieve and serve the requested streamlet 304. In a further embodiment, the client module 114 may be configured to retrieve streamlets 304 from a plurality of web servers 116.

[0062] Each web server 116 may be located in various locations across the Internet 106. The streamlets 304 may essentially be static files. As such, no specialized media server or server-side intelligence is required for a client module 114 to retrieve streamlets 304. Streamlets 304 may be served by the web server 116 or cached by cache servers of Internet Service Providers (ISPs), or any other network infrastructure operators, and served by the cache server. Use of cache servers is well known to those skilled in the art, and will not be discussed further herein. Thus, a highly scalable solution is provided that is not hindered by massive amounts of client module 114 requests to the web server 116 at any specific location, especially the web server 116 most closely associated with or within the content module 112

[0063] Figure 5a is a schematic block diagram illustrating one embodiment of an encoder module 406 in accordance with the present invention. In one embodiment, the encoder module 406 may include a master module 502 and a plurality of host computing modules (hereinafter "host") 504. The hosts 504 may comprise personal computers, servers, etc. In a further embodiment, the hosts 504 may be dedicated hardware, for example, cards plugged into a single computer.

[0064] The master module (hereinafter "master") 502 is configured to receive streamlets 303 from the streamlet module 404 and stage the streamlet 303 for processing. In one embodiment, the master 502 may decompress each source streamlet 303 to produce a raw streamlet. As used herein, the term "raw streamlet" refers to a streamlet 303 that is uncompressed or lightly compressed to substantially reduce size with no significant loss in quality. A lightly compressed raw streamlet can be transmitted more quickly and to more hosts. Each host 504 is coupled with the master 502 and configured to receive a raw streamlet from the master 502 for encoding. The hosts 504, in one example, generate a plurality of streamlets 304 having identical time indices and durations, and varying bitrates. Essentially each host 504 may be configured to generate a set 306 from the raw

streamlet 503 sent from the master 502. Alternatively, each host 504 may be dedicated to producing a single bitrate in order to reduce the time required for encoding.

[0065] Upon encoding completion, the host 504 returns the set 306 to the master 502 so that the encoding module 406 may store the set 306 in the streamlet database 408. The master 502 is further configured to assign encoding jobs to the hosts 504. Each host is configured to submit an encoding job completion bid (hereinafter "bid"). The master 502 assigns encoding jobs depending on the bids from the hosts 504. Each host 504 generates a bid depending upon a plurality of computing variables which may include, but are not limited to, current encoding job completion percentage, average job completion time, processor speed and physical memory capacity.

[0066] For example, a host 504 may submit a bid that indicates that based on past performance history the host 504 would be able to complete the encoding job in 15 seconds. The master 502 is configured to select from among a plurality of bids the best bid and subsequently submit the encoding job to the host 504 with the best bid. As such, the described encoding system does not require that each host 504 have identical hardware but beneficially takes advantage of the available computing power of the hosts 504. Alternatively, the master 502 selects the host 504 based on a first come first serve basis, or some other algorithm deemed suitable for a particular encoding job.

[0067] The time required to encode one streamlet 304 is dependent upon the computing power of the host 504, and the encoding requirements of the content file 200. Examples of encoding requirements may include, but are not limited to, two or multi-pass encoding, and multiple streams of different bitrates. One benefit of the present invention is the ability to perform two-pass encoding on a live content file 200. Typically, in order to perform two-pass encoding prior art systems must wait for the content file to be completed before encoding.

[0068] The present invention, however, segments the content file 200 into source streamlets 303 and the two-pass encoding to a plurality of streams 202 may be performed on each corresponding raw streamlet without waiting for a TV show to end, for example. As such, the content module 112 is capable of streaming the streamlets over the Internet shortly after the content module 112 begins capture of the content file 200. The delay

between a live broadcast transmitted from the publisher 110 and the availability of the content depends on the computing power of the hosts 504.

[0069] Figure 5b is a schematic block diagram illustrating one embodiment of parallel encoding of streamlets in accordance with the present invention. In one example, the capture module 402 (of Figure 4) begins to capture the content file and the streamlet module 404 generates a first streamlet 303a and passes the streamlet to the encoding module 406. The encoding module 406 may take 10 seconds, for example, to generate the first set 306a of streamlets 304a (304a1, 304a2, 304a3, etc. represent streamlets 304 of different bitrates). Figure 5b illustrates the encoding process generically as block 502 to graphically illustrate the time duration required to process a raw or lightly encoded streamlet 303 as described above with reference to the encoding module 406. The encoding module 406 may simultaneously process more than one streamlet 303, and processing of streamlets will begin upon arrival of the streamlet from the capture module 402.

[0070] During the 10 seconds required to encode the first streamlet 303a, the streamlet module 404 has generated five additional 2-second streamlets 303b, 303c, 303d, 303e, 303f, for encoding and the master 502 has prepared and staged the corresponding raw streamlets. Two seconds after the first set 306a is available the next set 306b is available, and so on. As such, the content file 200 is encoded for streaming over the Internet and appears live. The 10 second delay is given herein by way of example only. Multiple hosts 504 may be added to the encoding module 406 in order to increase the processing capacity of the encoding module 406. The delay may be shortened to an almost unperceivable level by the addition of high CPU powered systems, or alternatively multiple low powered systems.

[0071] A system as described above beneficially enables multi-pass encoding of live events. Multi-pass encoding systems of the prior art require that the entire content be captured (or be complete) because in order to perform multi-pass encoding the entire content must be scanned and processed more than once. This is impossible with prior art systems because content from a live event is not complete until the event is over. As such, with prior art systems, multi-pass encoding can only be performed once the event is over. Streamlets, however, may be encoded as many times as is deemed necessary.

Because the streamlet is an encapsulated media object of 2 seconds (for example), multi-pass encoding may begin on a live event once the first streamlet is captured. Shortly after multi-pass encoding of the first streamlet 303a is finished, multi-pass encoding of the second streamlet 303b finishes, and as such multi-pass encoding is performed on a live event and appears live to a viewer.

[0072] Any specific encoding scheme applied to a streamlet may take longer to complete than the time duration of the streamlet itself, for example, a very high quality encoding of a 2-second streamlet may take 5 seconds to finish. Alternatively, the processing time required for each streamlet may be less than the time duration of a streamlet. However, because the offset parallel encoding of successive streamlets are encoded by the encoding module at regular intervals (matching the intervals at which the those streamlets are submitted to the encoding module 406, for example 2 seconds) the output timing of the encoding module 406 does not fall behind the real-time submission rate of the unencoded streamlets. Conversely, prior art encoding systems rely on the very fastest computing hardware and software because the systems must generate the output immediately in lock-step with the input. A prior art system that takes 2.1 seconds to encode 2 seconds worth of content is considered a failure. The present invention allows for slower than real-time encoding processes yet still achieves a real-time encoding effect due to the parallel offset pipes.

[0073] The parallel offset pipeline approach described with reference to Figure 5b beneficially allows for long or short encoding times without "falling behind" the live event. Additionally, arbitrarily complex encoding of streamlets to multiple profiles and optimizations only lengthens the encoding time 502 without a perceptible difference to a user because the sets 306 of streamlets 304 are encoded in a time-selective manner so that streamlets are processed at regular time intervals and transmitted at these time intervals.

[0074] Returning now to Figure 5a, as depicted, the master 502 and the hosts 504 may be located within a single local area network, or in other terms, the hosts 504 may be in close physical proximity to the master 502. Alternatively, the hosts 504 may receive encoding jobs from the master 502 over the Internet or other communications network. For example, consider a live sports event in a remote location where it would be difficult to setup multiple hosts. In this example, a master performs no encoding or alternatively

light encoding before publishing the streamlets online. The hosts 504 would then retrieve those streamlets and encode the streamlets into the multiple bitrate sets 306 as described above.

[0075] Furthermore, hosts 504 may be dynamically added or removed from the encoding module without restarting the encoding job and/or interrupting the publishing of streamlets. If a host 504 experiences a crash or some failure, its encoding work is simply reassigned to another host.

[0076] The encoding module 406, in one embodiment, may also be configured to produce streamlets that are specific to a particular playback platform. For example, for a single raw streamlet, a single host 504 may produce streamlets for different quality levels for personal computer playback, streamlets for playback on cell phones with a different, proprietary codec, a small video-only streamlet for use when playing just a thumbnail view of the stream (like in a programming guide), and a very high quality streamlet for use in archiving.

[0077] Figure 6a is a schematic block diagram illustrating one embodiment of a virtual timeline 600 in accordance with the present invention. In one embodiment, the virtual timeline 600 comprises at least one quantum media extension 602. The quantum media extension (hereinafter "QMX") 602 describes an entire content file 200. Therefore, the virtual timeline (hereinafter "VT") 600 may comprise a file that is configured to define a playlist for a user to view. For example, the VT may indicate that the publisher desires a user to watch a first show QMX 602a followed by QMX 602b and QMX 602c. As such, the publisher may define a broadcast schedule in a manner similar to a television station.

[0078] Figure 6b is a schematic block diagram illustrating an alternative embodiment of a VT 600 in accordance with the present invention. In the depicted embodiment, the VT 600 may include a single QMX 602 which indicates that the publisher desires the same content to be looped over and over again. For example, the publisher may wish to broadcast a never-ending infomercial on a website.

[0079] Figure 6c is a schematic block diagram illustrating one embodiment of a QMX 602 in accordance with the present invention. In one embodiment, the QMX 602 contains a multitude of information generated by the content module 112 configured to describe the content file 200. Examples of information include, but are not limited to,

start index 604, end index 606, whether the content is live 608, proprietary publisher data 610, encryption level 612, content duration 614 and bitrate values 616. The bitrate values 616 may include frame size 618, audio channel 620 information, codecs 622 used, sample rate 624, and frames parser 626.

[0080] A publisher may utilize the QVT 600 together with the QMX 602 in order to prescribe a playback order for users, or alternatively selectively edit content. For example, a publisher may indicate in the QMX 602 that audio should be muted at time index 10:42 or video should be skipped for 3 seconds at time index 18:35. As such, the publisher may selectively skip offensive content without the processing requirements of editing the content.

[0081] Figure 7 is a schematic block diagram graphically illustrating one embodiment of a client module 114 in accordance with the present invention. The client module 114 may comprise an agent controller module 702, a streamlet cache module 704, and a network controller module 706. In one embodiment, the agent controller module 702 is configured to interface with a viewer 708, and transmit streamlets 304 to the viewer 708. Alternatively, the agent controller module 702 may be configured to simply reassemble streamlets into a single file for transfer to an external device such as a portable video player.

[0082] In a further embodiment, the client module 114 may comprise a plurality of agent controller modules 702. Each agent controller module 702 may be configured to interface with one viewer 708. Alternatively, the agent controller module 702 may be configured to interface with a plurality of viewers 708. The viewer 708 may be a media player (not shown) operating on a PC or handheld electronic device.

[0083] The agent controller module 702 is configured to select a quality level of streamlets to transmit to the viewer 708. The agent controller module 702 requests lower or higher quality streams based upon continuous observation of time intervals between successive receive times of each requested streamlet. The method of requesting higher or lower quality streams will be discussed in greater detail below with reference to Figure 10.

[0084] The agent controller module 702 may be configured to receive user commands from the viewer 708. Such commands may include play, fast forward, rewind, pause, and

stop. In one embodiment, the agent controller module 702 requests streamlets 304 from the streamlet cache module 704 and arranges the received streamlets 304 in a staging module 709. The staging module 709 may be configured to arrange the streamlets 304 in order of ascending playback time. In the depicted embodiment, the streamlets 304 are numbered 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. However, each streamlet 304 may be identified with a unique filename.

[0085] Additionally, the agent controller module 702 may be configured to anticipate streamlet 304 requests and pre-request streamlets 304. By pre-requesting streamlets 304, the user may fast-forward, skip randomly, or rewind through the content and experience no buffering delay. In a further embodiment, the agent controller module 702 may request the streamlets 304 that correspond to time index intervals of 30 seconds within the total play time of the content. Alternatively, the agent controller module 702 may request streamlets at any interval less than the length of the time index. This enables a “fast-start” capability with no buffering wait when starting or fast-forwarding through content file 200. In a further embodiment, the agent controller module 702 may be configured to pre-request streamlets 304 corresponding to specified index points within the content or within other content in anticipation of the end user 104 selecting new content to view. In one embodiment, the streamlet cache module 704 is configured to receive streamlet 304 requests from the agent controller module 702. Upon receiving a request, the streamlet cache module 704 first checks a streamlet cache 710 to verify if the streamlet 304 is present. In a further embodiment, the streamlet cache module 704 handles streamlet 304 requests from a plurality of agent controller modules 702. Alternatively, a streamlet cache module 704 may be provided for each agent controller module 702. If the requested streamlet 304 is not present in the streamlet cache 410, the request is passed to the network controller module 706. In order to enable fast forward and rewind capabilities, the streamlet cache module 704 is configured to store the plurality of streamlets 304 in the streamlet cache 710 for a specified time period after the streamlet 304 has been viewed. However, once the streamlets 304 have been deleted, they may be requested again from the web server 116.

[0086] The network controller module 706 may be configured to receive streamlet requests from the streamlet cache module 704 and open a connection to the web server

116 or other remote streamlet 304 database (not shown). In one embodiment, the network controller module 706 opens a TCP/IP connection to the web server 116 and generates a standard HTTP GET request for the requested streamlet 304. Upon receiving the requested streamlet 304, the network controller module 706 passes the streamlet 304 to the streamlet cache module 704 where it is stored in the streamlet cache 710. In a further embodiment, the network controller module 706 is configured to process and request a plurality of streamlets 304 simultaneously. The network controller module 706 may also be configured to request a plurality of streamlets, where each streamlet 304 is subsequently requested in multiple parts.

[0087] In a further embodiment, streamlet requests may comprise requesting pieces of any streamlet file. Splitting the streamlet 304 into smaller pieces or portions beneficially allows for an increased efficiency potential, and also eliminates problems associated with multiple full-streamlet requests sharing the bandwidth at any given moment. This is achieved by using parallel TCP/IP connections for pieces of the streamlets 304. Consequently, efficiency and network loss problems are overcome, and the streamlets arrive with more useful and predictable timing.

[0088] In one embodiment, the client module 114 is configured to use multiple TCP connections between the client module 114 and the web server 116 or web cache. The intervention of a cache may be transparent to the client or configured by the client as a forward cache. By requesting more than one streamlet 304 at a time in a manner referred to as "parallel retrieval," or more than one part of a streamlet 304 at a time, efficiency is raised significantly and latency is virtually eliminated. In a further embodiment, the client module allows a maximum of three outstanding streamlet 304 requests. The client module 114 may maintain additional open TCP connections as spares to be available should another connection fail. Streamlet 304 requests are rotated among all open connections to keep the TCP flow logic for any particular connection from falling into a slow-start or close mode. If the network controller module 706 has requested a streamlet 304 in multiple parts, with each part requested on mutually independent TCP/IP connections, the network controller module 706 reassembles the parts to present a complete streamlet 304 for use by all other components of the client module 114.

[0089] When a TCP connection fails completely, a new request may be sent on a different connection for the same streamlet 304. In a further embodiment, if a request is not being satisfied in a timely manner, a redundant request may be sent on a different connection for the same streamlet 304. If the first streamlet request's response arrives before the redundant request response, the redundant request can be aborted. If the redundant request response arrives before the first request response, the first request may be aborted.

[0090] Several streamlet 304 requests may be sent on a single TCP connection, and the responses are caused to flow back in matching order along the same connection. This eliminates all but the first request latency. Because multiple responses are always being transmitted, the processing latency of each new streamlet 304 response after the first is not a factor in performance. This technique is known in the industry as "pipelining." Pipelining offers efficiency in request-response processing by eliminating most of the effects of request latency. However, pipelining has serious vulnerabilities. Transmission delays affect all of the responses. If the single TCP connection fails, all of the outstanding requests and responses are lost. Pipelining causes a serial dependency between the requests.

[0091] Multiple TCP connections may be opened between the client module 114 and the web server 116 to achieve the latency-reduction efficiency benefits of pipelining while maintaining the independence of each streamlet 304 request. Several streamlet 304 requests may be sent concurrently, with each request being sent on a mutually distinct TCP connection. This technique is labeled "virtual pipelining" and is an innovation of the present invention. Multiple responses may be in transit concurrently, assuring that communication bandwidth between the client module 114 and the web server 116 is always being utilized. Virtual pipelining eliminates the vulnerabilities of traditional pipelining. A delay in or complete failure of one response does not affect the transmission of other responses because each response occupies an independent TCP connection. Any transmission bandwidth not in use by one of multiple responses (whether due to delays or TCP connection failure) may be utilized by other outstanding responses.

[0092] A single streamlet 304 request may be issued for an entire streamlet 304, or multiple requests may be issued, each for a different part or portion of the streamlet. If the streamlet is requested in several parts, the parts may be recombined by the client module 114 streamlet.

[0093] In order to maintain a proper balance between maximized bandwidth utilization and response time, the issuance of new streamlet requests must be timed such that the web server 116 does not transmit the response before the client module 114 has fully received a response to one of the previously outstanding streamlet requests. For example, if three streamlet 304 requests are outstanding, the client module 114 should issue the next request slightly before one of the three responses is fully received and "out of the pipe." In other words, request timing is adjusted to keep three responses in transit. Sharing of bandwidth among four responses diminishes the net response time of the other three responses. The timing adjustment may be calculated dynamically by observation, and the request timing adjusted accordingly to maintain the proper balance of efficiency and response times.

[0094] The schematic flow chart diagrams that follow are generally set forth as logical flow chart diagrams. As such, the depicted order and labeled steps are indicative of one embodiment of the presented method. Other steps and methods may be conceived that are equivalent in function, logic, or effect to one or more steps, or portions thereof, of the illustrated method. Additionally, the format and symbols employed are provided to explain the logical steps of the method and are understood not to limit the scope of the method. Although various arrow types and line types may be employed in the flow chart diagrams, they are understood not to limit the scope of the corresponding method. Indeed, some arrows or other connectors may be used to indicate only the logical flow of the method. For instance, an arrow may indicate a waiting or monitoring period of unspecified duration between enumerated steps of the depicted method. Additionally, the order in which a particular method occurs may or may not strictly adhere to the order of the corresponding steps shown.

[0095] Figure 8 is a schematic flow chart diagram illustrating one embodiment of a method 800 for processing content in accordance with the present invention. In one embodiment the method 800 starts 802, and the content module 112 receives 804 content

from the publisher 110. Receiving content 804 may comprise receiving 804 a digital copy of the content file 200, or digitizing a physical copy of the content file 200. Alternatively, receiving 804 content may comprise capturing a radio, television, cable, or satellite broadcast. Once received 804, the streamlet module 404 generates 808 a plurality of source streamlets 303 each having a fixed duration. Alternatively, the streamlets 303 may be generated with a fixed file size.

[0096] In one embodiment, generating 808 streamlets comprises dividing the content file 200 into a plurality of two second streamlets 303. Alternatively, the streamlets may have any length less than or equal to the length of the stream 202. The encoder module 406 then encodes 810 the streamlets 303 into sets 306 of streamlets 304, in a plurality of streams 202 according to an encoding scheme. The quality may be predefined, or automatically set according to end user bandwidth, or in response to pre-designated publisher guidelines

[0097] In a further embodiment, the encoding scheme comprises a proprietary codec such as WMV9®. The encoder module 406 then stores 812 the encoded streamlets 304 in the streamlet database 408. Once stored 812, the web server 116 may then serve 814 the streamlets 304. In one embodiment, serving 814 the streamlets 304 comprises receiving streamlet requests from the client module 114, retrieving the requested streamlet 304 from the streamlet database 408, and subsequently transmitting the streamlet 304 to the client module 114. The method 800 then ends 816.

[0098] Figure 9 is a schematic flow chart diagram illustrating one embodiment of a method 900 for viewing a plurality of streamlets in accordance with the present invention. The method 900 starts and an agent controller module 702 is provided 904 and associated with a viewer 708 and provided with a staging module 709. The agent controller module 702 then requests 906 a streamlet 304 from the streamlet cache module 704. Alternatively, the agent controller module 702 may simultaneously request 906 a plurality of streamlets 304 the streamlet cache module 704. If the streamlet is stored 908 locally in the streamlet cache 710, the streamlet cache module 704 retrieves 910 the streamlet 304 and sends the streamlet to the agent controller module 702. Upon retrieving 910 or receiving a streamlet, the agent controller module 702 makes 911 a

determination of whether or not to shift to a higher or lower quality stream 202. This determination will be described below in greater detail with reference to Figure 10.

[0099] In one embodiment, the staging module 709 then arranges 912 the streamlets 304 into the proper order, and the agent controller module 702 delivers 914 the streamlets to the viewer 708. In a further embodiment, delivering 914 streamlets 304 to the end user comprises playing video and or audio streamlets on the viewer 708. If the streamlets 304 are not stored 908 locally, the streamlet request is passed to the network controller module 706. The network controller module 706 then requests 916 the streamlet 304 from the web server 116. Once the streamlet 304 is received, the network controller module 706 passes the streamlet to the streamlet cache module 704. The streamlet cache module 704 archives 918 the streamlet. Alternatively, the streamlet cache module 704 then archives 918 the streamlet and passes the streamlet to the agent controller module 702, and the method 900 then continues from operation 910 as described above.

[0100] Referring now to Figure 10, shown therein is a schematic flow chart diagram illustrating one embodiment of a method 1000 for requesting streamlets 304 within an adaptive-rate shifting content streaming environment in accordance with the present invention. The method 1000 may be used in one embodiment as the operation 911 of Figure 9. The method 1000 starts and the agent controller module 702 receives 1004 a streamlet 304 as described above with reference to Figure 9. The agent controller module 702 then monitors 1006 the receive time of the requested streamlet. In one embodiment, the agent controller module 702 monitors the time intervals Δ between successive receive times for each streamlet response. Ordering of the responses in relation to the order of their corresponding requests is not relevant.

[0101] Because network behavioral characteristics fluctuate, sometimes quite suddenly, any given Δ may vary substantially from another. In order to compensate for this fluctuation, the agent controller module 702 calculates 1008 a performance ratio r across a window of n samples for streamlets of playback length S . In one embodiment, the performance ratio r is calculated using the equation:

$$r = S \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \Delta_i}$$

[0102] Due to multiple simultaneous streamlet processing, and in order to better judge the central tendency of the performance ratio r , the agent controller module 702 may calculate a geometric mean, or alternatively an equivalent averaging algorithm, across a window of size m , and obtain a performance factor φ :

$$\varphi_{current} = \left(\prod_{j=1}^m r_j \right)^{\frac{1}{m}}$$

[0103] The policy determination about whether or not to upshift 1010 playback quality begins by comparing $\varphi_{current}$ with a trigger threshold Θ_{up} . If $\varphi_{current} \geq \Theta_{up}$, then an up shift to the next higher quality stream may be considered 1016. In one embodiment, the trigger threshold Θ_{up} is determined by a combination of factors relating to the current read ahead margin (i.e. the amount of contiguously available streamlets that have been sequentially arranged by the staging module 709 for presentation at the current playback time index), and a minimum safety margin. In one embodiment, the minimum safety margin may be 24 seconds. The smaller the read ahead margin, the larger Θ_{up} is to discourage upshifting until a larger read ahead margin may be established to withstand network disruptions. If the agent controller module 702 is able to sustain 1016 upshift quality, then the agent controller module 702 will upshift 1017 the quality and subsequently request higher quality streams. The determination of whether use of the higher quality stream is sustainable 1016 is made by comparing an estimate of the higher quality stream's performance factor, φ_{higher} , with Θ_{up} . If $\varphi_{higher} \geq \Theta_{up}$ then use of the higher quality stream is considered sustainable. If the decision of whether or not the higher stream rate is sustainable 1016 is "no," the agent controller module 702 will not attempt to upshift 1017 stream quality. If the end of the stream has been reached 1014, the method 1000 ends 1016.

[0104] If the decision on whether or not to attempt upshift 1010 is "no", a decision about whether or not to downshift 1012 is made. In one embodiment, a trigger threshold Θ_{down} is defined in a manner analogous to Θ_{up} . If $\varphi_{current} > \Theta_{down}$ then the stream quality may be adequate, and the agent controller module 702 does not downshift 1018 stream quality.

However, if $\varphi_{current} \leq \Theta_{down}$, the agent controller module 702 does downshift 1018 the stream quality. If the end of the stream has not been reached 1014, the agent controller module 702 begins to request and receive 1004 lower quality streamlets and the method 1000 starts again. Of course, the above described equations and algorithms are illustrative only, and may be replaced by alternative streamlet monitoring solutions.

[0105] The present invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from its spirit or essential characteristics. The described embodiments are to be considered in all respects only as illustrative and not restrictive. The scope of the invention is, therefore, indicated by the appended claims rather than by the foregoing description. All changes which come within the meaning and range of equivalency of the claims are to be embraced within their scope.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A system for adaptive-rate content streaming of digital content playable on one or more end user stations over the Internet, the system comprising:

at least one storage device storing digital content, the digital content encoded at a plurality of different bit rates creating a plurality of streams including a first bit rate stream, a second bit rate stream, and a third bit rate stream, wherein the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream each comprise a group of streamlets encoded at a respective one of the plurality of different bit rates, each group of streamlets comprising at least first and second streamlets, each of the streamlets corresponding to a portion of the digital content;

wherein at least one of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream is encoded at a bit rate of no less than 600 kbps; and

wherein the first streamlet of each of the groups of streamlets has the same first duration and encodes the same first temporal portion of the digital content in each of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream, and wherein the first streamlet of the first bit rate stream encodes the same first temporal portion of the digital content at a different bit rate than the first streamlet of the second bit rate stream and the first streamlet of the third bit rate stream.

2. The system of claim 1, further comprising: a plurality of servers located at different locations across the Internet, each server configured to: receive at least one streamlet request over one or more network connections from one or more end user stations to retrieve the first streamlet storing a portion of the digital content, wherein the at least one streamlet request from the one or more end user stations includes a request for a currently selected first streamlet from one of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream based upon a determination by the end user station to select a higher or lower bit rate copy of the streams; retrieve from the at least one storage device the requested first streamlet from the currently selected one of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream;

and send the retrieved first streamlet from the currently selected one of the different copies to the requesting one of the end user stations over the one or more network connections.

3. The system of claim 2, wherein the second streamlet of each of the groups of streamlets each has the same second duration and corresponds to the same second portion of the digital content in the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream, the second streamlet of the first bit rate stream having the same bit rate as the first streamlet of the first bit rate stream.

4. The system of claim 3, wherein the first and second durations are different.

5. The system of claim 1, further comprising: a first server configured to: receive at least one streamlet request over one or more network connections from the one or more end user stations to retrieve the first streamlet storing the first temporal portion of the digital content, wherein the at least one streamlet request from the one or more end user stations includes a request for a currently selected first streamlet from one of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream based upon a determination by the end user station to select a higher or lower bit rate copy of the digital content; retrieve from the at least one storage device the requested first streamlet from the currently selected one of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream; and send the retrieved first streamlet from the currently selected one of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream to the requesting one of the end user stations over the one or more network connections.

6. The system of claim 5, wherein the digital content comprises a live event video of a live event, and the first streamlets of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream are available before the live event is complete.

7. The system of claim 6, wherein the streamlets from the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream of the live event, when played back, are presented in a live stream to a viewer.

8. The system of claim 7, wherein the first server is further configured to: receive at least one virtual timeline request over the one or more network connections from the one or more end user stations to retrieve a virtual timeline; and send the virtual timeline to the requesting one of the end user stations over the one or more network connections.

9. The system of claim 1, further comprising:
an encoding module configured to receive the digital content and encode the streamlets of the first bit rate.

10. The system of claim 9, wherein the encoding module is configured to encode the streamlets of the multiple copies of the digital content in each of the different bit rates using a multi-pass encoding process.

11. An end user station comprising:
a processor;
a digital processing apparatus memory device comprising non-transitory machine-readable instructions that, when executed, cause the processor to:
establish one or more network connections between the end user station and at least one server, wherein the at least one server is configured to access at least one of a plurality of groups of streamlets of digital content;
wherein the digital content is encoded at a plurality of different bit rates to create a plurality of streams including at least a first bit rate stream, a second bit rate stream, and a third bit rate stream, wherein each of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream comprises a group of streamlets encoded at the same respective one of the different bit rates, each group comprising at least first and second streamlets, each of the streamlets corresponding to a portion of the digital content;
wherein at least one of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream is encoded at a bit rate of no less than 600 kbps; and
wherein the first streamlets of each of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream and the third bit rate stream each has an equal playback duration and each of the

first streamlets encodes the same portion of the digital content at a different one of the different bit rates;

determine whether to select a higher or lower bit rate copy of the stream and based on that determination, select a specific one of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream;

place a first streamlet request to the at least one server over the one or more network connections for the first streamlet of the selected stream;

receive the requested first streamlet from the at least one server via the one or more network connections; and

provide the received first streamlet for output of the digital content to a presentation device.

12. The end user station of claim 11, wherein the non-transitory machine-readable instructions further comprise instructions that cause the processor to:

place a second streamlet request to the at least one server over the one or more network connections for the second streamlet of the selected stream;

receive the requested second streamlet from the at least one server via the one or more network connections; and

arrange the first streamlet and second streamlet in order of ascending presentation time for output of the digital content to the presentation device.

13. The end user station of claim 11, wherein at least some streamlets are requested from the at least one server via a hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) GET request.

14. The end user station of claim 11, wherein the at least one server comprises at least two servers and wherein at least one streamlet is requested from a first server of the at least one server and at least one other streamlet is requested from a second server of the at least one server other than the first server.

15. The end user station of claim 11, wherein each of the streamlets is requestable by the processor without regard to whether the processor has previously requested other streamlets of the digital content.

16. The end user station of claim 11, wherein at least a plurality of streamlets are separate files stored by the at least one server.

17. The end user station of claim 11, wherein the non-transitory machine-readable instructions further comprise instructions that cause the processor to:

place a second streamlet request to the at least one server over the one or more network connections for a second streamlet of a different bit rate stream, wherein the different bit rate stream comprises a different stream than the selected stream;

receive the requested second streamlet from the at least one server via the one or more network connections;

arrange the first streamlet and second streamlet in order of ascending presentation time for output of the digital content to the presentation device.

18. The end user station of claim 16, wherein the non-transitory machine-readable instructions further comprise instructions that cause the processor to:

determine an anticipated inability to receive the digital content at the second bit rate of the second bit rate stream at a rate sufficient for presenting the digital content as the digital content is received, and in response to the determining the anticipated inability, requesting a third streamlet of the first bit rate stream, the third streamlet immediately subsequently adjacent to the second streamlet of the digital content during presentation.

19. The end user station of claim 18, wherein the second streamlet of each of the groups of streamlets each has the same second duration and corresponds to the same second portion of the digital content in the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream, the second streamlet of the first bit rate stream having the same bit rate as the first streamlet of the first bit rate stream.

20. The end user station of claim 12, wherein the streamlets of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream of the live event are available on a ten second delay.

21. The end user station of claim 12, wherein the processor providing the first received streamlet for playback comprises outputting the first streamlet to a presentation device connected to the end user station.

22. A process executable by one or more servers to stream digital content for playback by one or more end user stations, the process comprising:

storing, by the one or more servers, a plurality of streams including a first bit rate stream, a second bit rate stream, and a third bit rate stream, wherein the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream each comprise a group of streamlets encoded at a respective one of a plurality of different bit rates, each group comprising at least first and second streamlets, each of the streamlets corresponding to a portion of the digital content;

wherein at least one of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream is encoded at a bit rate of no less than 600 kbps; and

wherein the first streamlet of each of the groups of streamlets has the same first duration and encodes the same first temporal portion of the digital content in the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream, the first streamlet of the first bit rate stream having a different one of the different bit rates than the first streamlet of the second bit rate stream and the first streamlet of the third bit rate stream;

receiving at least one streamlet request over one or more network connections from the one or more end user stations to retrieve the first streamlet storing the first temporal portion of the digital content, wherein the at least one streamlet request from the one or more end user stations includes a request for a currently selected first streamlet from one of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream based upon a determination by the end user station to select a higher or lower bit rate copy of the digital content;

retrieving from the storage device the requested first streamlet from the currently selected one of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream; and

sending the retrieved first streamlet from the currently selected one of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream to the requesting one of the end user stations over the one or more network connections.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein a second streamlet of each of the groups of streamlets each has a same second duration and corresponds to a same second temporal portion of the digital content in the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream, the second streamlet of the first bit rate stream having the same bit rate as the first streamlet of the first bit rate stream.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein the first and second durations are different.

25. The method of claim 22, wherein the digital content is a live event, and wherein the first streamlets of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream are available before the live event is complete.

26. A system for adaptive-rate content streaming of digital content playable on one or more end user stations over the Internet, the system comprising:

at least one storage device storing the digital content, the digital content encoded at a plurality of different bit rates creating a plurality of streams, each of the plurality of streams being encoded at a respective one of the plurality of different bit rates corresponding to a different presentation quality;

wherein at least one of the plurality of streams is encoded at a bit rate of no less than 600 kbps;

wherein the amount of data in each streamlet corresponding to the same part of the digital content in each of the plurality of streams varies according to the different bit rates; and

the plurality of streamlets in the plurality of streams have a time duration that is the same as each other.

27. The system of claim 26, further comprising: a plurality of servers located at different locations across the Internet, each server configured to: receive at least one streamlet request

over one or more network connections from the one or more end user stations to retrieve the first streamlet storing a portion of the digital content, wherein the at least one streamlet request from the one or more end user stations includes a request for a currently selected first streamlet from one of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream based upon a determination by the end user station to select a higher or lower bit rate copy of the streams; retrieve from the storage device the requested first streamlet from the currently selected one of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream; and send the retrieved first streamlet from the currently selected one of the different streams to the requesting one of the end user stations over the one or more network connections.

28. The system of claim 26, further comprising: a first server configured to: receive at least one streamlet request over one or more network connections from the one or more end user stations to retrieve the first streamlet storing the first temporal portion of the digital content, wherein the at least one streamlet request from the one or more end user stations includes a request for a currently selected first streamlet from one of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream based upon a determination by the end user station to select a higher or lower bit rate copy of the digital content; retrieve from the storage device the requested first streamlet from the currently selected one of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream; and send the retrieved first streamlet from the currently selected one of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream to the requesting one of the end user stations over the one or more network connections.

29. The system of claim 26, wherein the digital content comprises a live event video.

30. The system of claim 29, wherein the streamlets of the first bit rate stream, the second bit rate stream, and the third bit rate stream of the live event video are available on at least a 10 second delay relative to an original transmission from a broadcaster of the live event video.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for multi-bitrate content streaming includes a receiving module configured to capture media content, a streamlet module configured to segment the media content and generate a plurality of streamlets, and an encoding module configured to generate a set of streamlets. The system includes the apparatus, wherein the set of streamlets comprises a plurality of streamlets having identical time indices and durations, and each streamlet of the set of streamlets having a unique bitrate, and wherein the encoding module comprises a master module configured to assign an encoding job to one of a plurality of host computing modules in response to an encoding job completion bid. A method includes receiving media content, segmenting the media content and generating a plurality of streamlets, and generating a set of streamlets

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US7818444
US8402156
US8612624
US9071668
US9571551

US Patent Application
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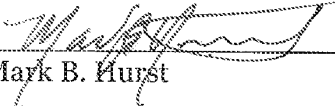
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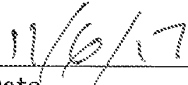
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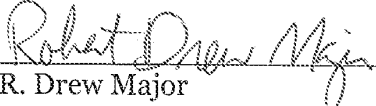
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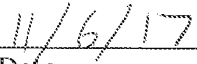
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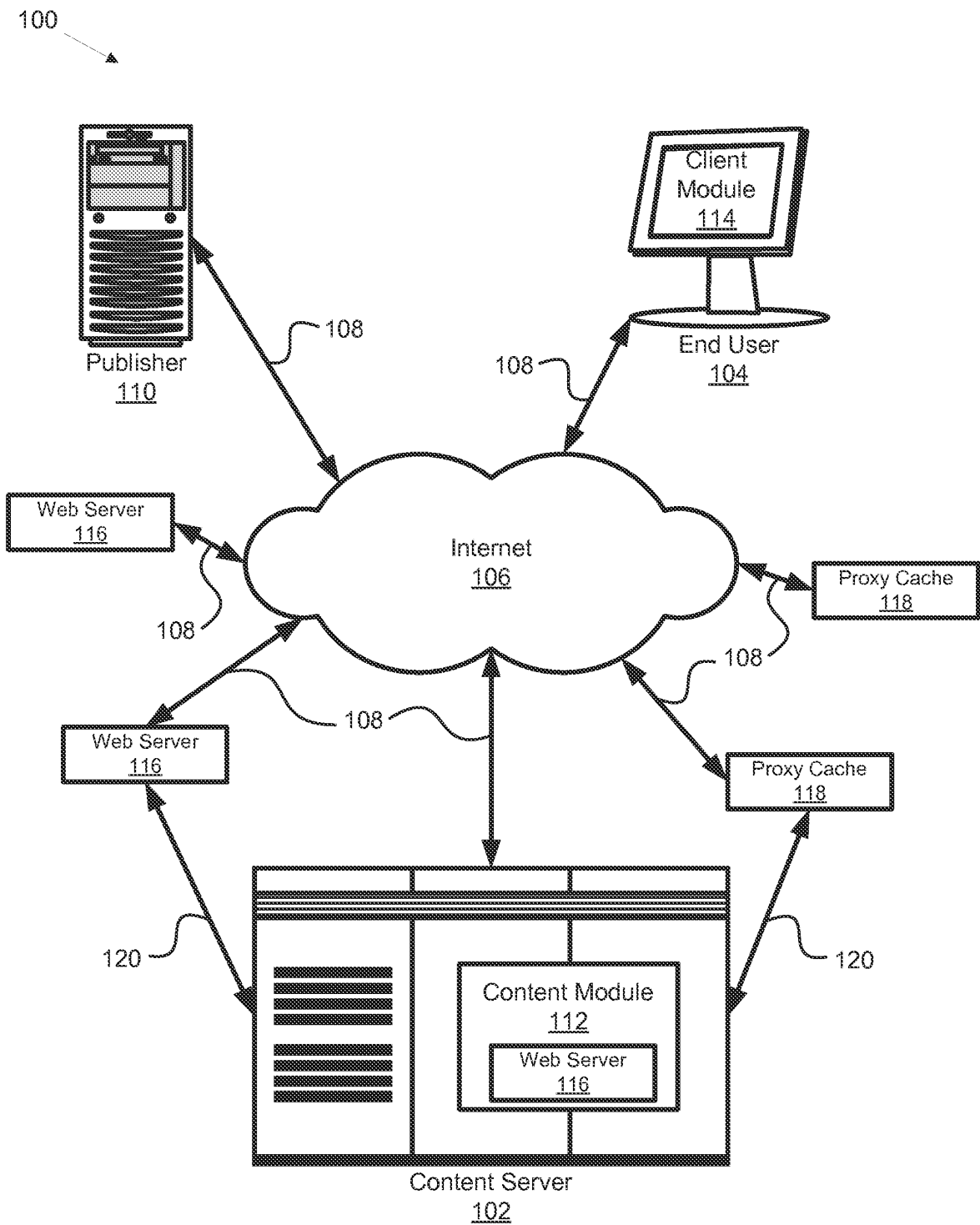


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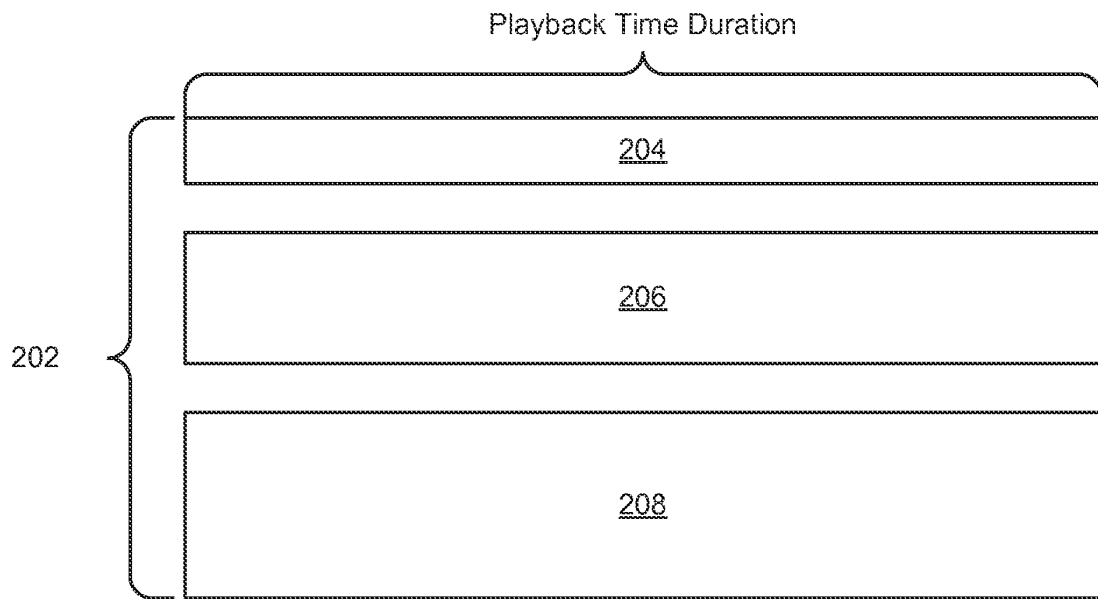


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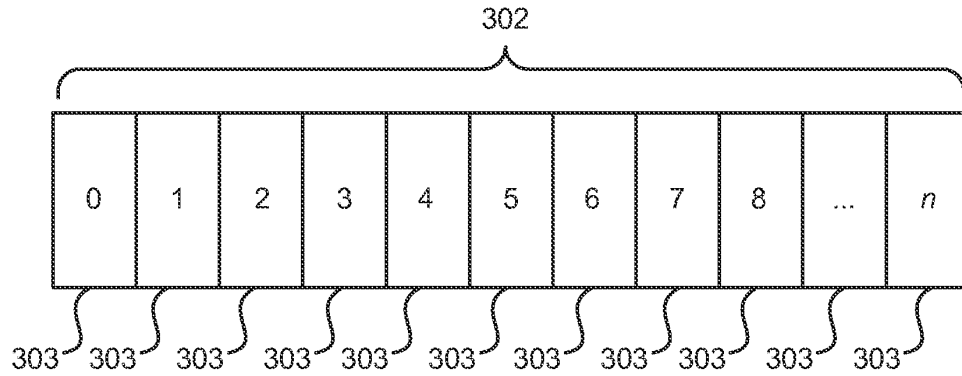


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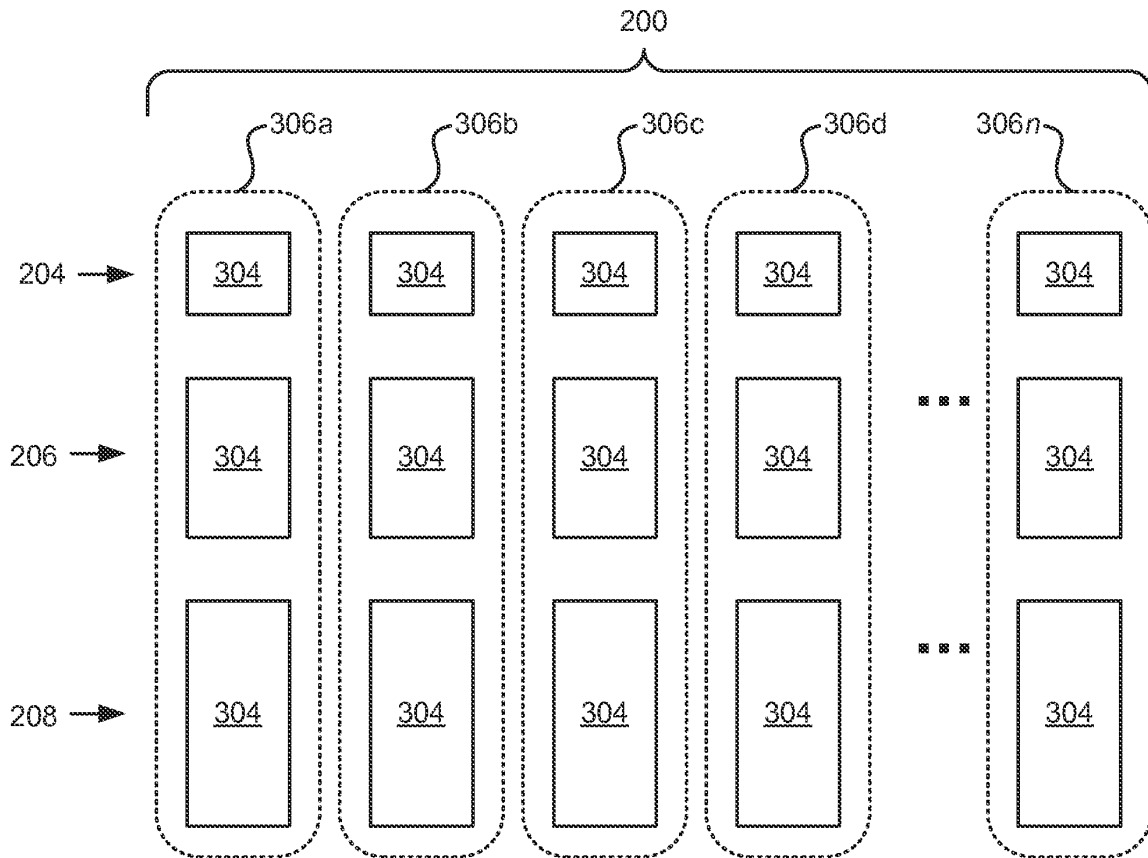


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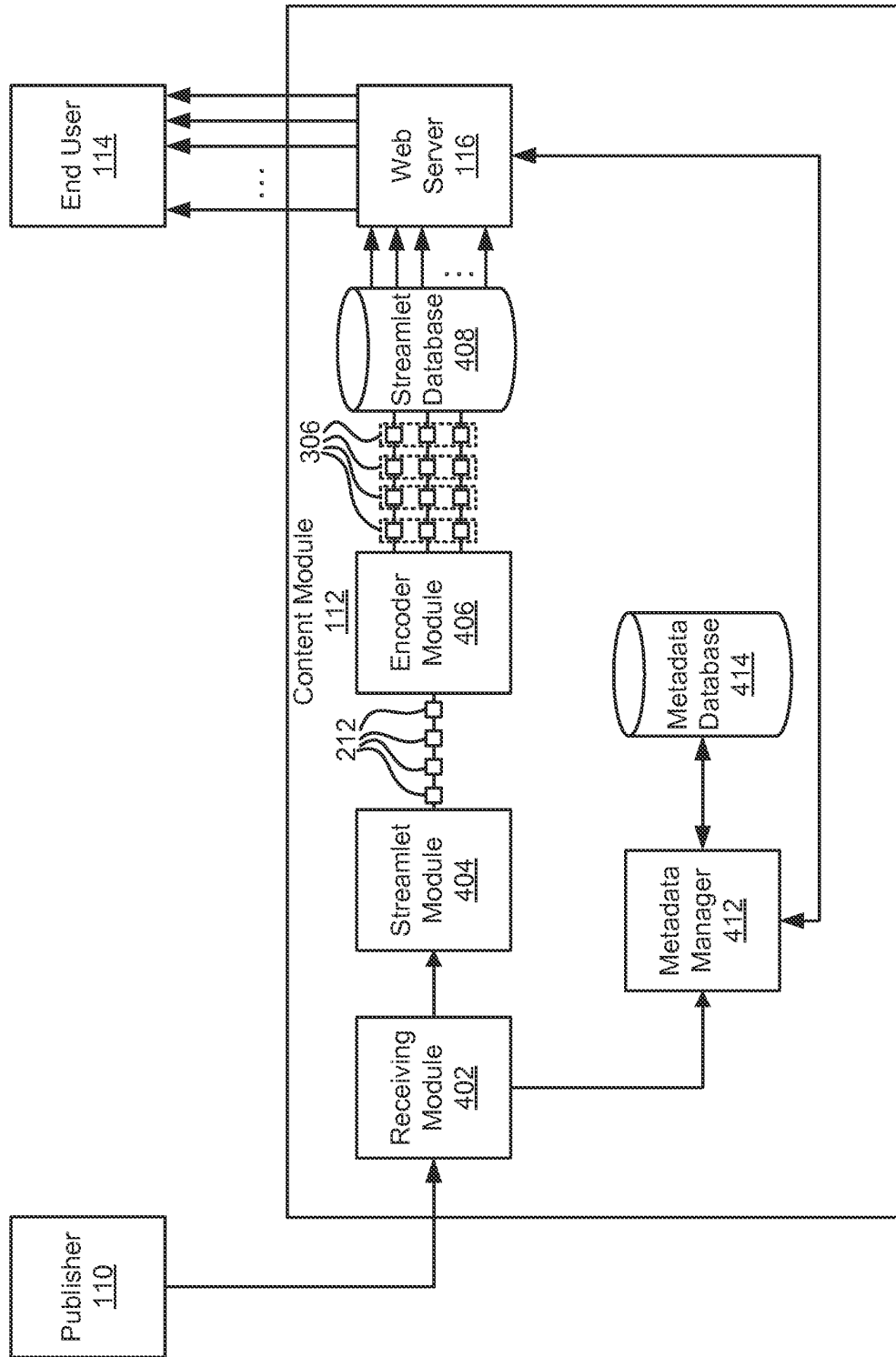


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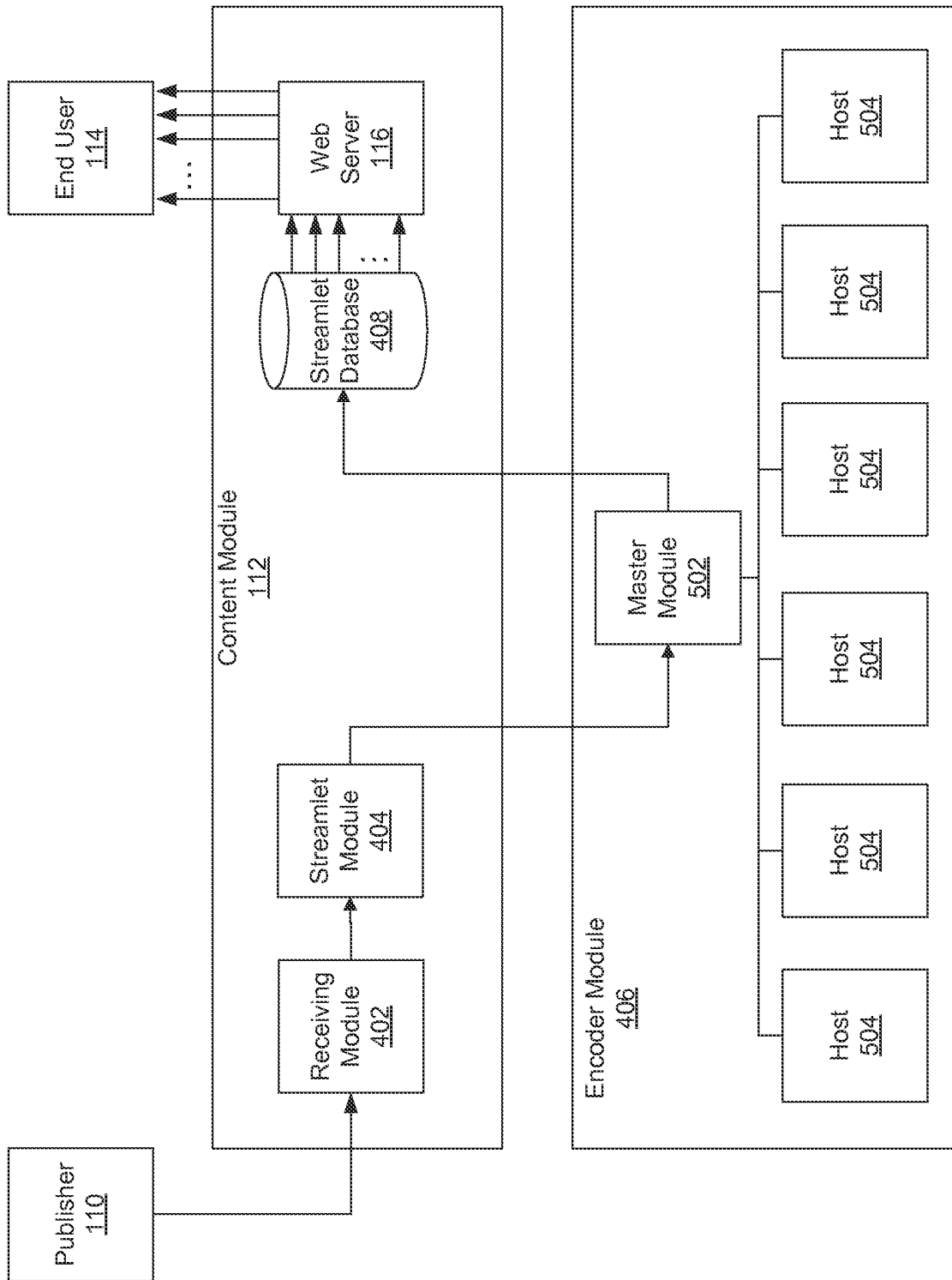


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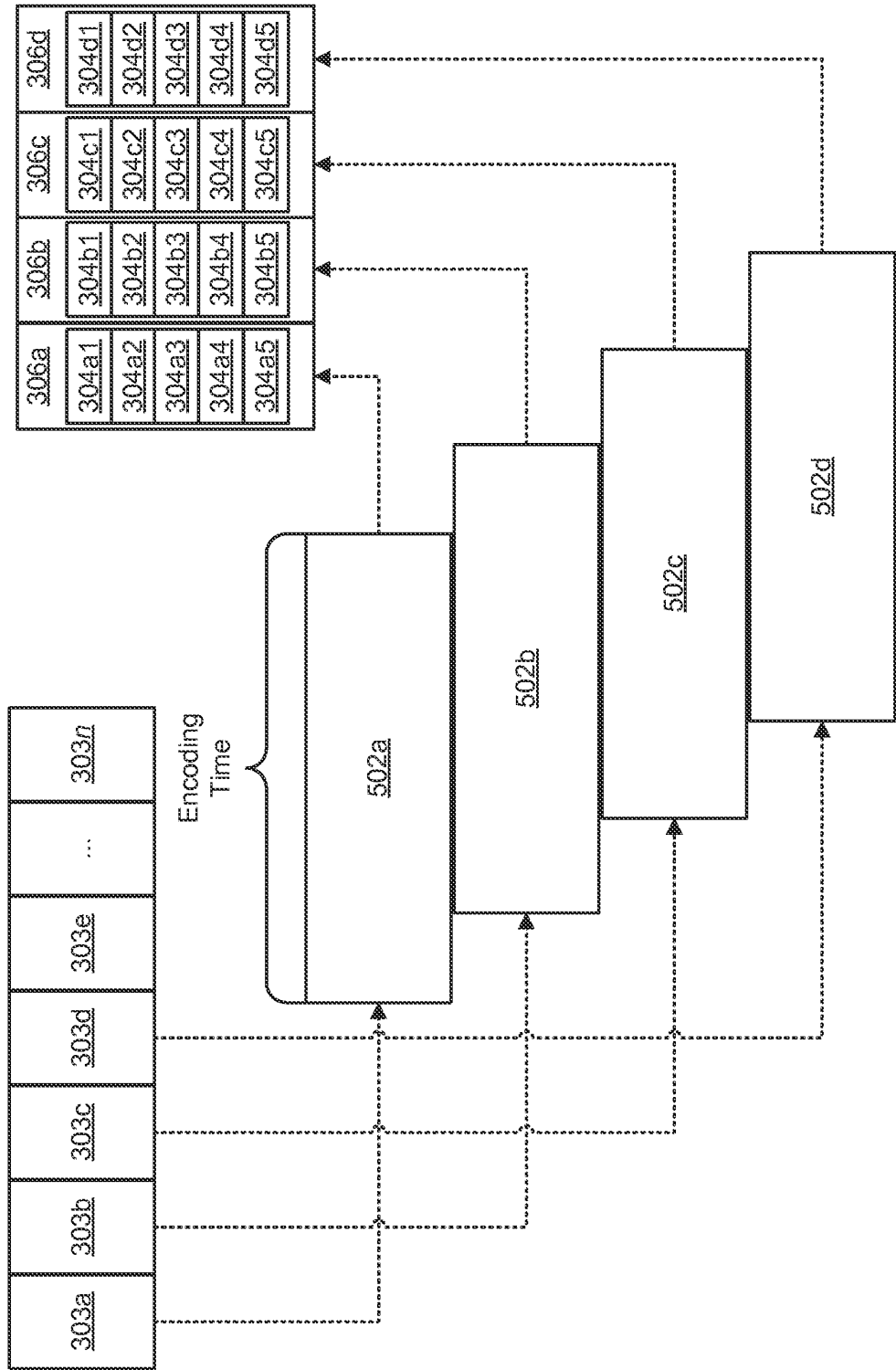


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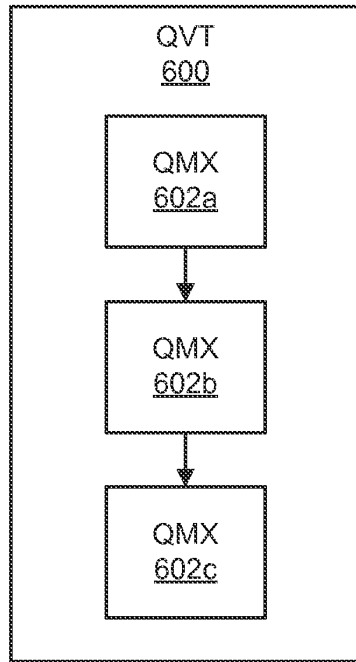


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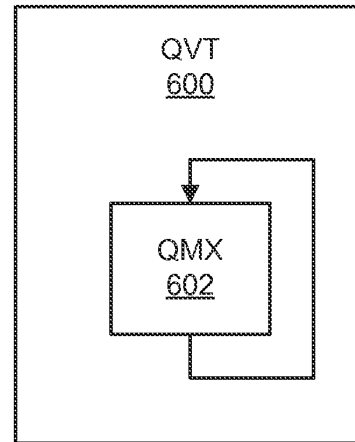


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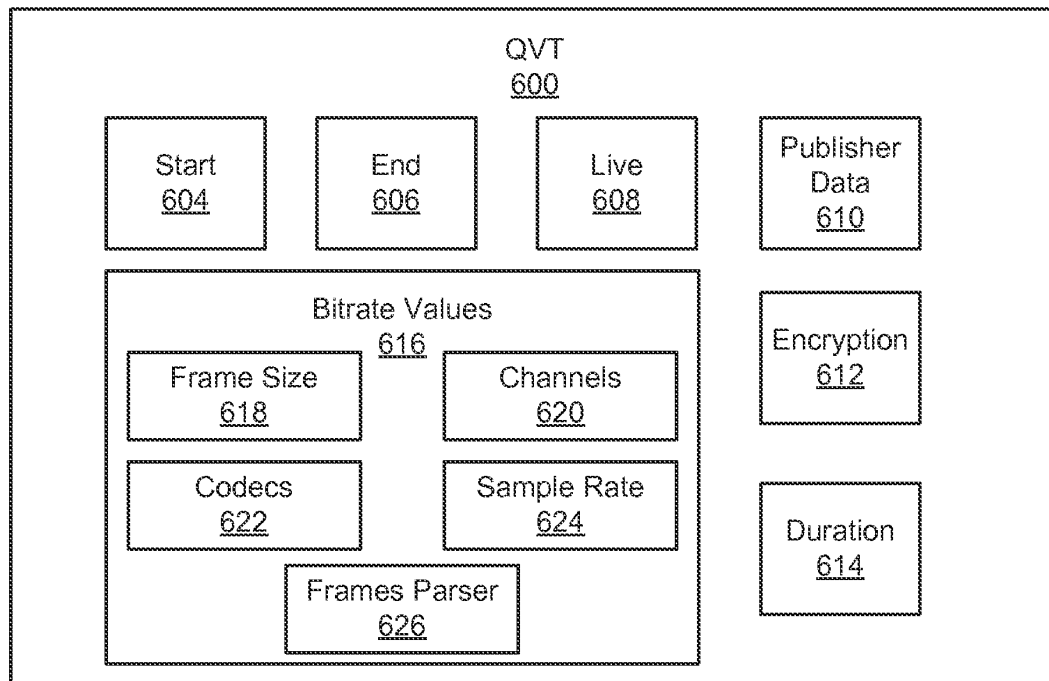


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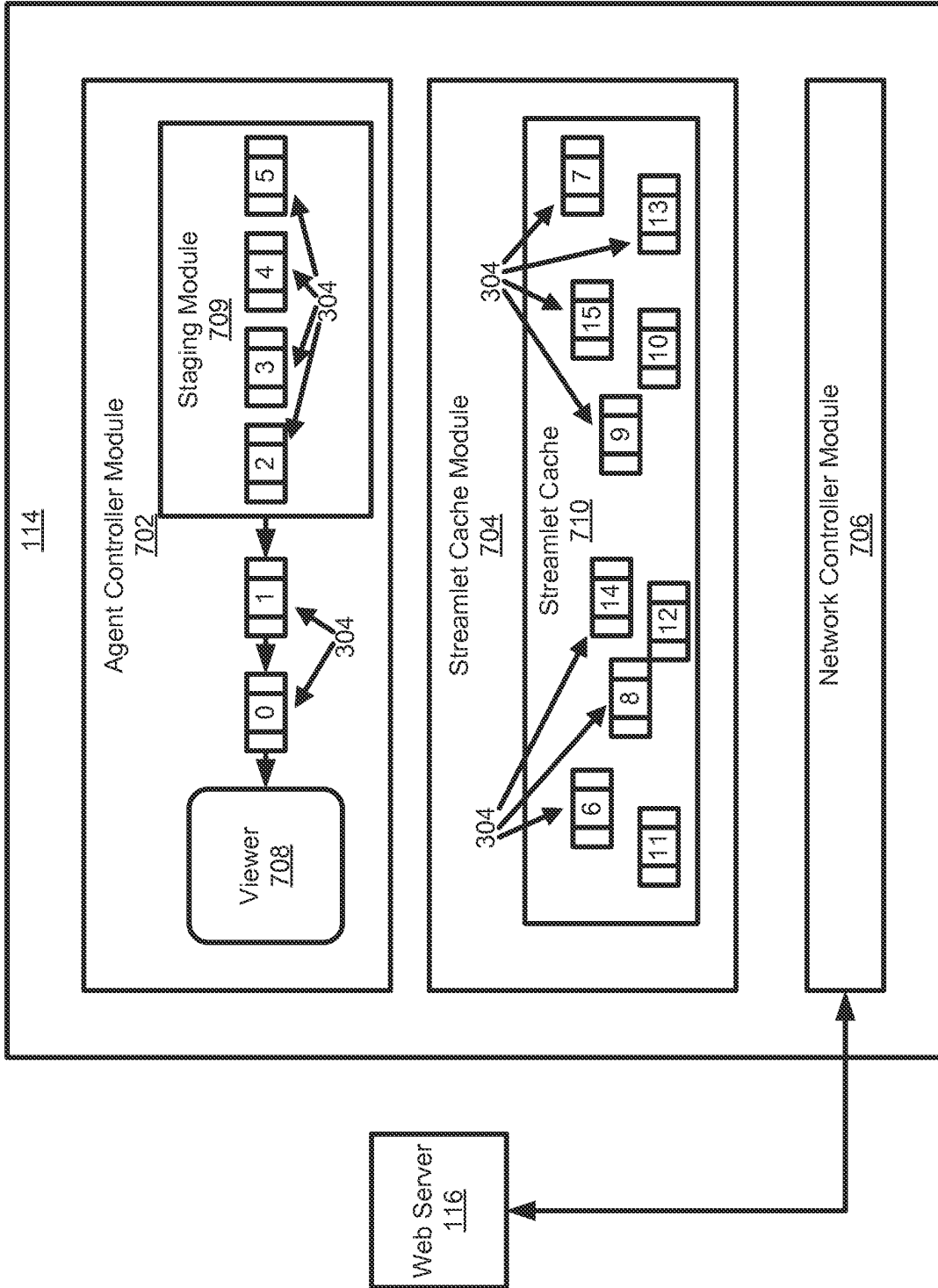


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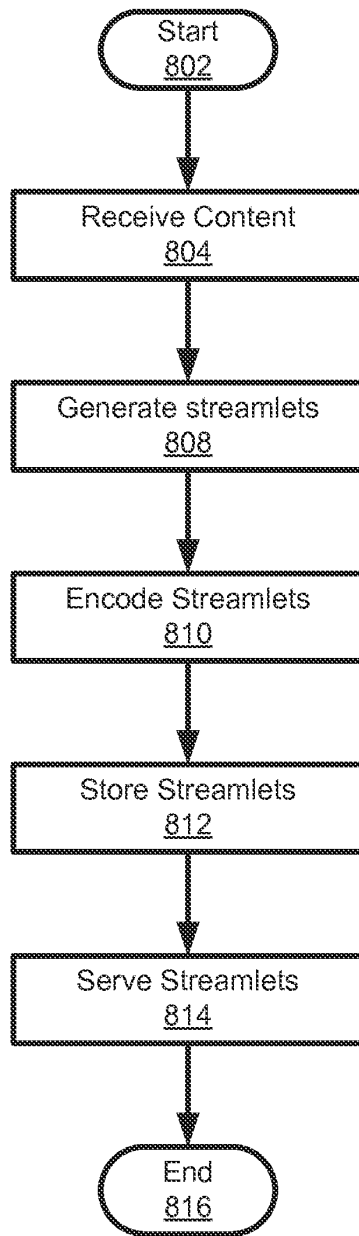


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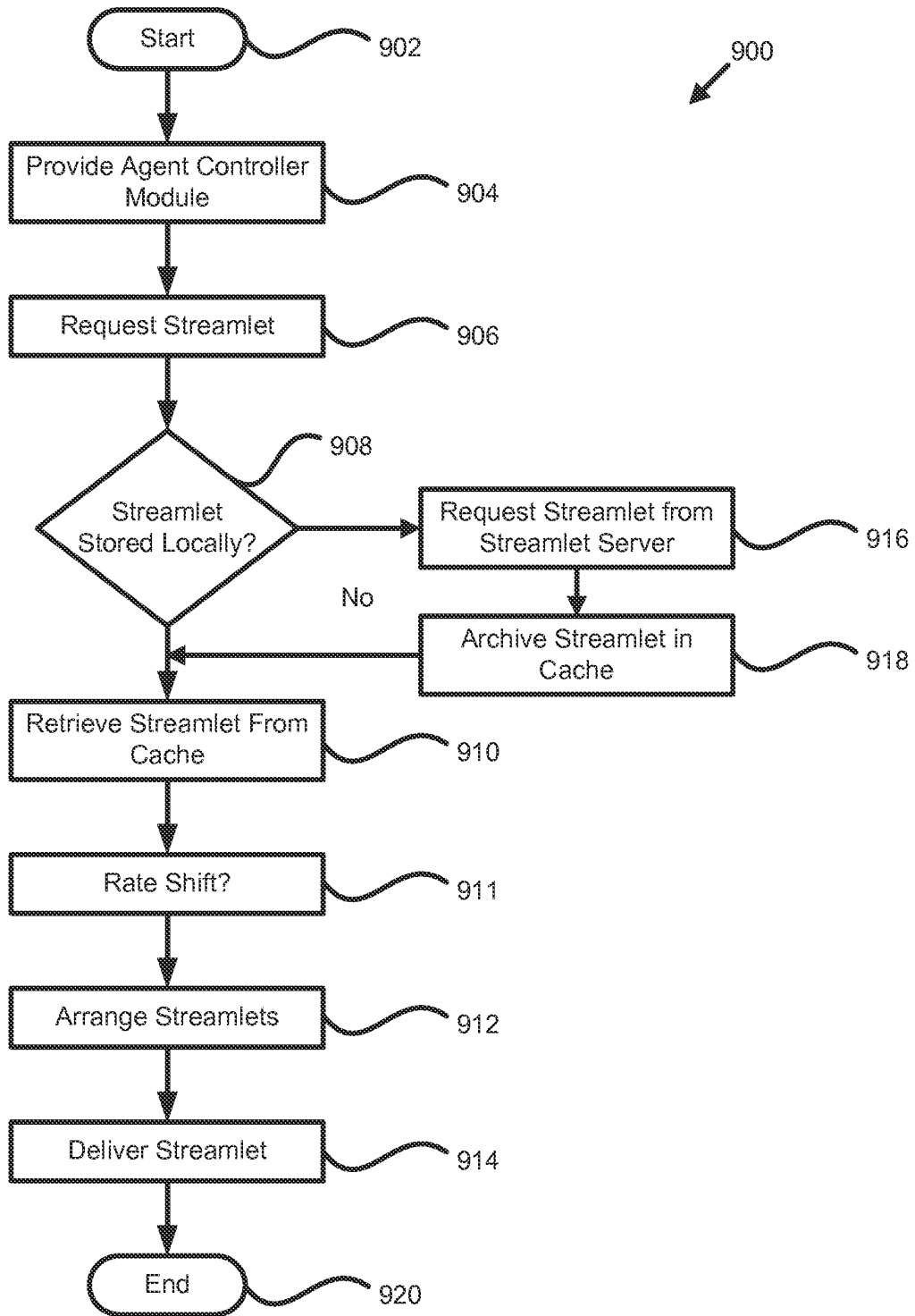


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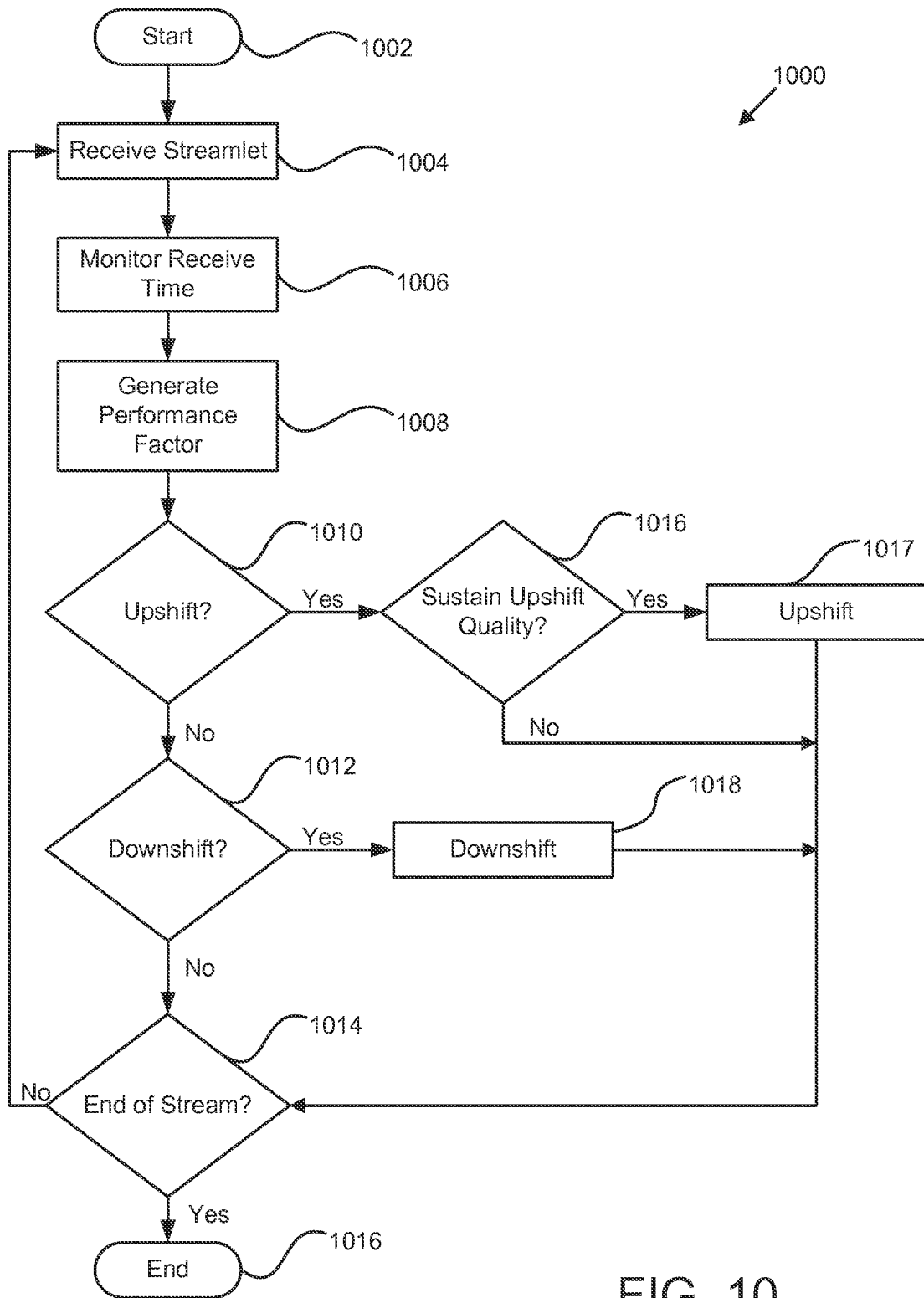


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If any additional documents or fees are required to consider this submittal or to otherwise prevent abandonment of this application, please consider this as a petition and request for any needed relief and as authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 60-2406 for any fees that may be due.

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