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None

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To view the complete listing of prior art documents cited during the proceeding for Reexamination Control Number 90/019,255, please refer to the USPTO's Patent Electronic System.

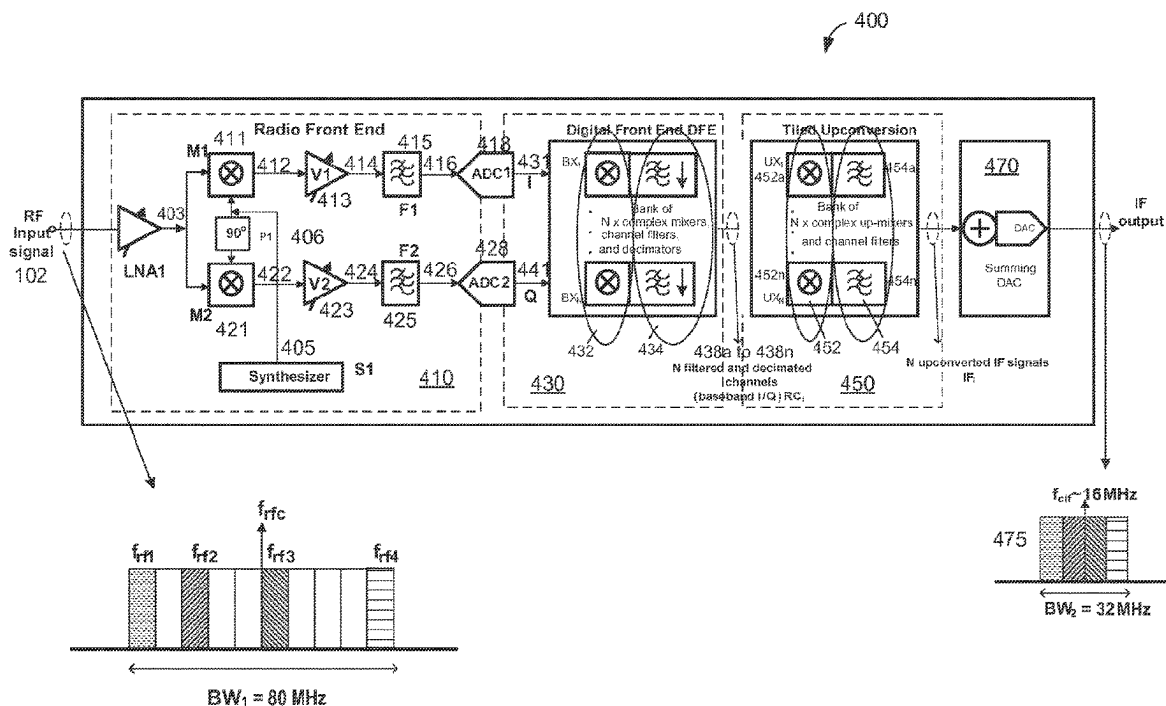
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(63) Continuation of application No. 13/962,871, filed on Aug. 8, 2013, now Pat. No. 9,100,622, which is a continuation of application No. 12/762,900, filed on Apr. 19, 2010, now Pat. No. 8,526,898.

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(51) **Int. Cl.****H04B 1/16** (2006.01)**H04B 1/00** (2006.01)**H04N 5/455** (2006.01)**H04N 5/50** (2006.01)**H04N 21/426** (2011.01)**H04N 21/438** (2011.01)(57) **ABSTRACT**

A wideband receiver system comprises a mixer module, a wideband analog-to-digital converter (ADC) module, and digital circuitry. The mixer module is configured to down-convert a plurality of frequencies that comprises a plurality of desired television channels and a plurality of undesired television channels. The wideband ADC module is configured to digitize the swatch of frequencies comprising the plurality of desired television channels and the plurality of undesired television channels. The digital circuitry is configured to select the desired plurality of television channels from the digitized plurality of frequencies, and output the selected plurality of television channels to a demodulator as a digital datastream.



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NO AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO
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The patentability of claims **1-20** is confirmed.

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

Statement of Reasons for Patentability and/or Confirmation

Claims 1-20 are confirmed.

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for patentability and/or confirmation of the claims found patentable in this reexamination proceeding:

Regarding claims 1 and 11, the cited prior art of record fails to teach the system and method as disclosed in claims 1 and 11, comprising a mixer module configured to downconvert a plurality of frequencies that comprises a plurality of desired television channels and a plurality of undesired television channels and analog-to-digital converter digitizing plurality of frequencies comprising the plurality of desired and undesired channels (thus multiple channels are inputted to the mixer and outputted) and a digital circuit (interpreted as element 230 in Figure 2 and also described in column 5, lines 49-60) to select plurality of desired television channels from the digitized plurality of frequencies and output the selected plurality of television channels to a demodulator as a digital stream.

With respect to claims 2-10 and 12-20, those claims are also allowed by the virtue of their dependency on claims 1 and 11 respectively.

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Response to Patent Owner Arguments

Koperda's declaration filed on September 30th, 2024 has been fully considered.

In addition, the arguments submitted by the Patent Owner on the same day, have also been considered. The Examiner has found the assertion on page 11 of the remarks stating that "*a POSITA would recognize that Gomez's system output only a single channel of interest*" and the Declaration on pages 9 and 10 discussing outputting a single channel of interest, persuasive as the claim language requires "*plurality of desired television channels and a plurality of undesired television channels*".

Accordingly, the Examiner withdraw the rejections and has confirmed the claims.

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