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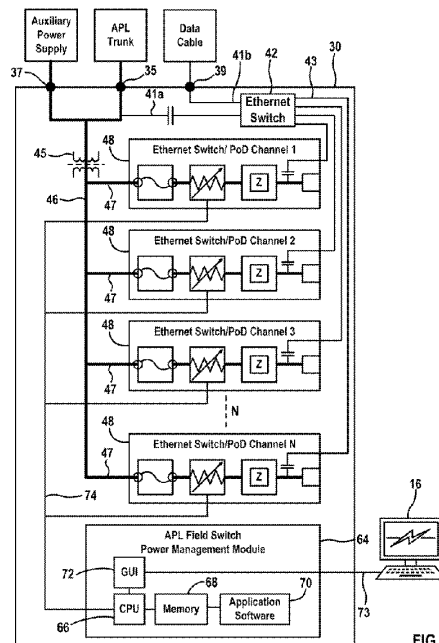


FIG. 2

(57) **Abstract:** An APL field switch includes a number of ports that transmit power to APL field devices connected to spurs extending from the ports. The APL Power Class of each port can be dynamically set by a user to enable more efficient allocation of power to the ports to meet the needs of the connected field devices.

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