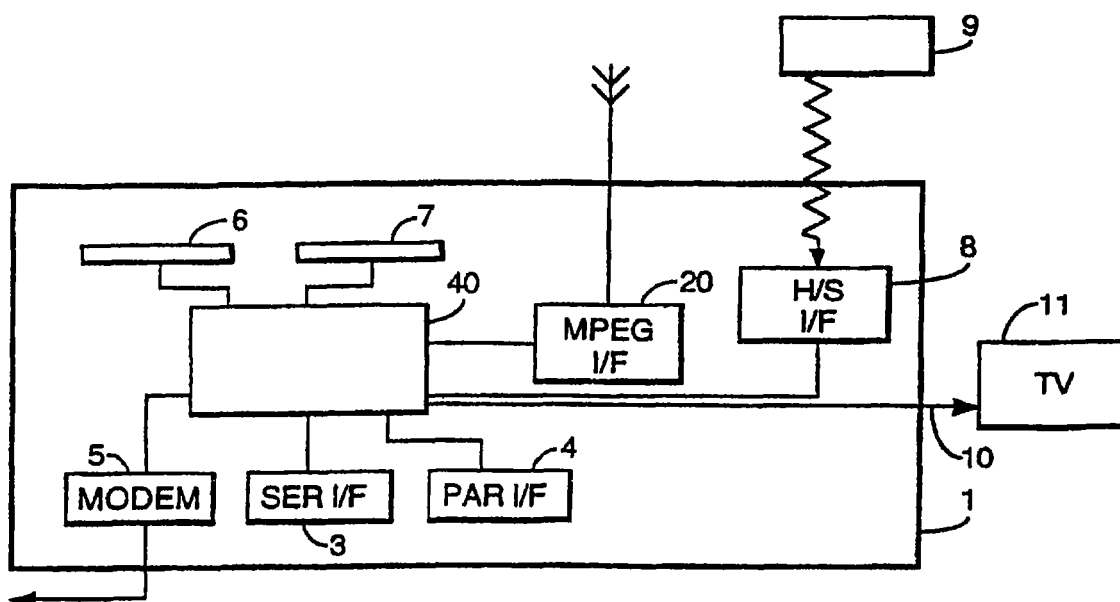




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(57) Abstract

A method for downloading an executable application into a decoder (1) for a digital broadcast system, characterised in that the application is stored on a portable memory card introduced into a card reader (6, 7) in the decoder, the decoder reading and downloading the application from the card. Data may preferably be stored in the smartcard in a broadcast data format such as the MPEG format to permit the processing of such data in the same manner as the control unit (40) of the decoder processes data downloading by a broadcast transmission. The invention extends equally to a decoder and a memory card for use in such a method.