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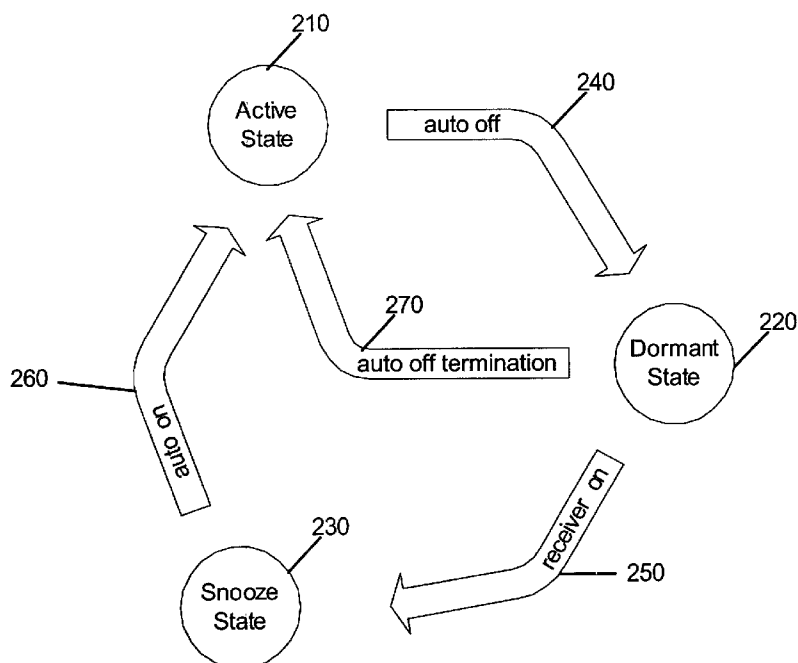
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(57) Abstract: In a network comprising data devices having transmitters and receivers, a method and apparatus for temporally spreading network traffic associated with auto-on functionality of the data devices, the method comprising the steps of: activating receivers of the data devices prior to auto-on of the data devices in an unsynchronized manner; and receiving information on the receivers of the data devices prior to the auto-on of the data devices.

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