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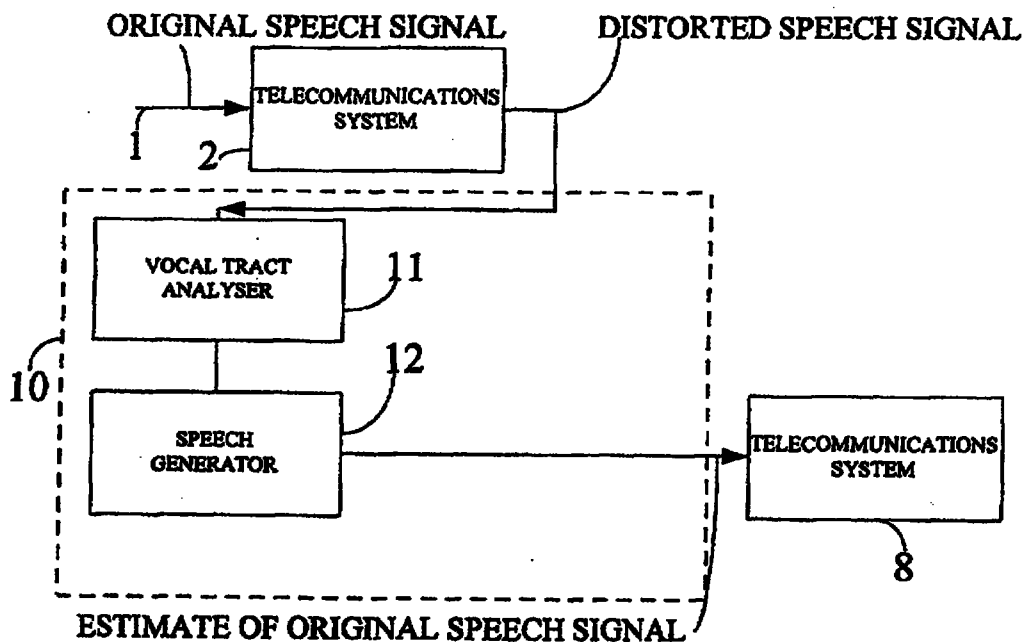
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An apparatus for improving signal quality in a communications link (2) comprises means (11) for regenerating only the speech-like characteristics of signals received over the communications link (2), so that an estimate of the original speech signal can be retransmitted. The means may be a vocal tract model (11), coupled to a synthesiser (12).