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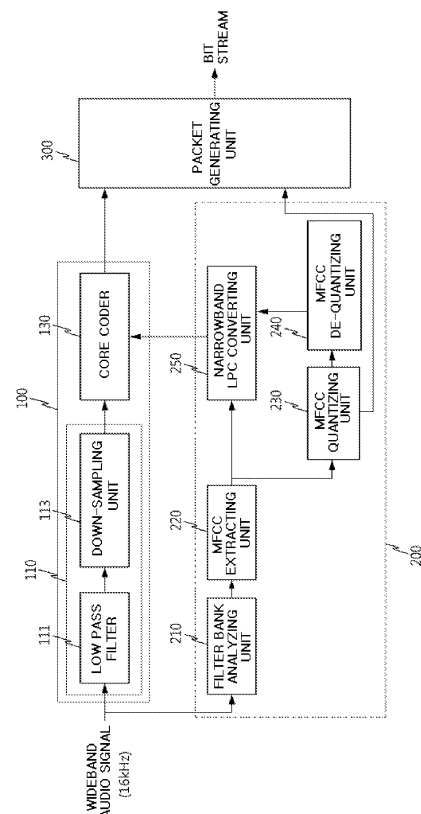
(54) **Wideband audio signal coding/decoding device and method**

(57) Disclosed is a wideband audio signal coding/decoding device and method that may code a wideband audio signal while maintaining a low bit rate.

The wideband audio signal coding device includes an enhancement layer (200) that extracts a first spectrum parameter from an inputted wideband signal having a first bandwidth, quantizes the extracted first spectrum parameter, and converts the extracted first spectrum parameter into a second spectrum parameter; and a coding unit (130) that extracts a narrowband signal from the inputted wideband signal and codes the narrowband signal based on the second spectrum parameter provided from the enhancement layer, wherein the narrowband signal has a second bandwidth smaller than the first bandwidth.

The wideband audio signal coding/decoding device and method may code a wideband audio signal while maintaining a low bit rate.

[FIG. 3]





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