

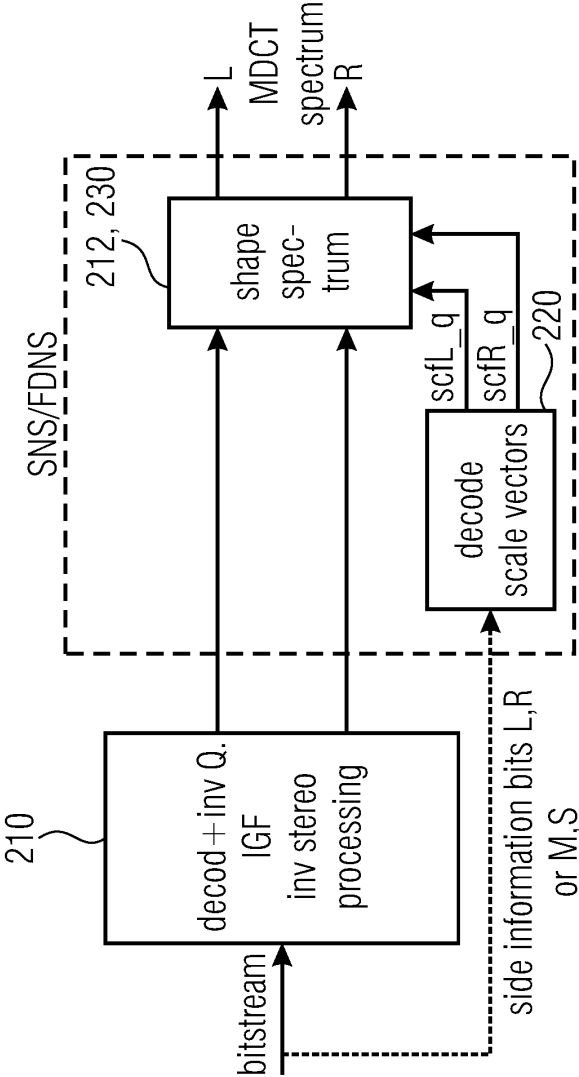


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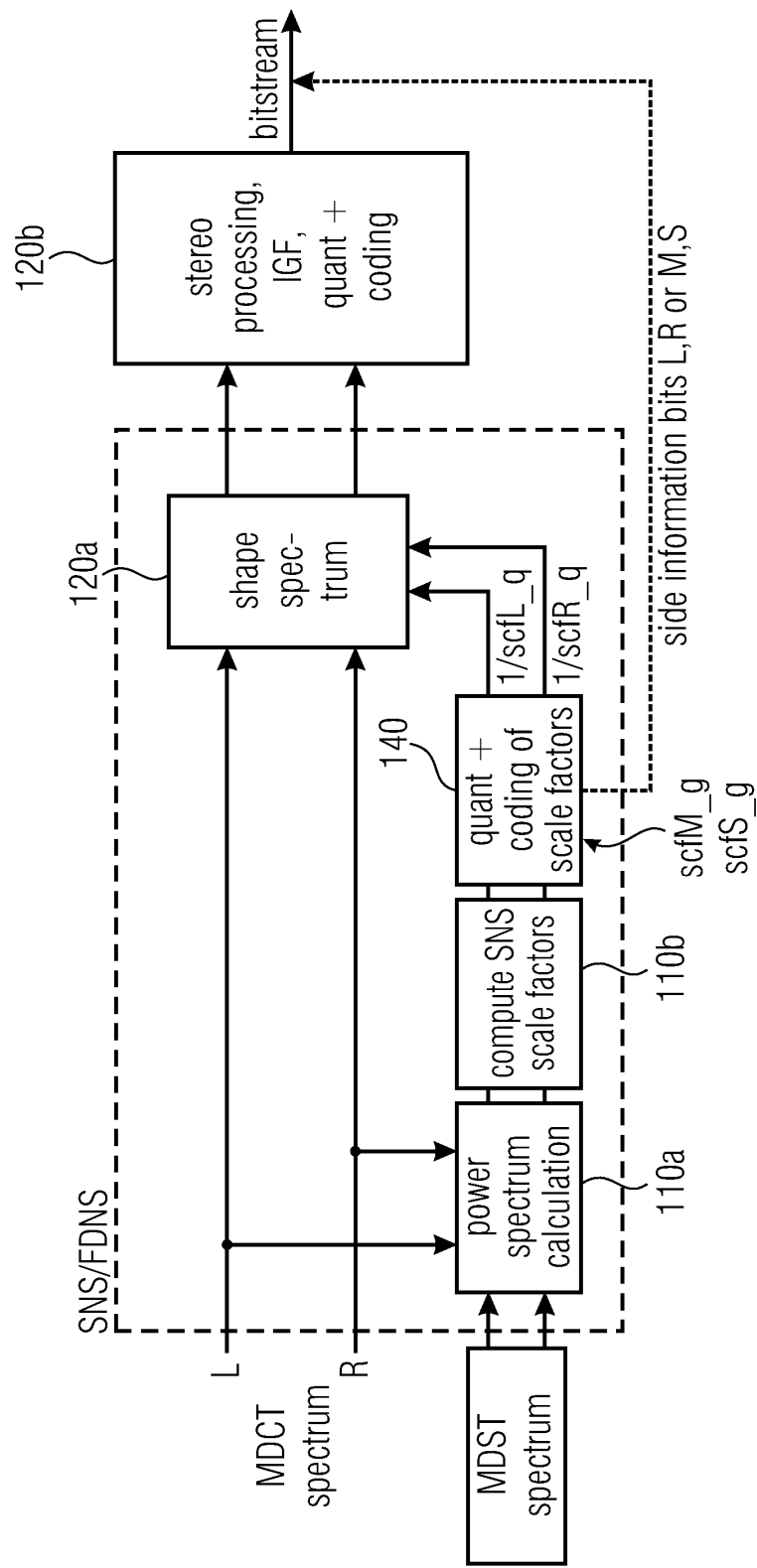


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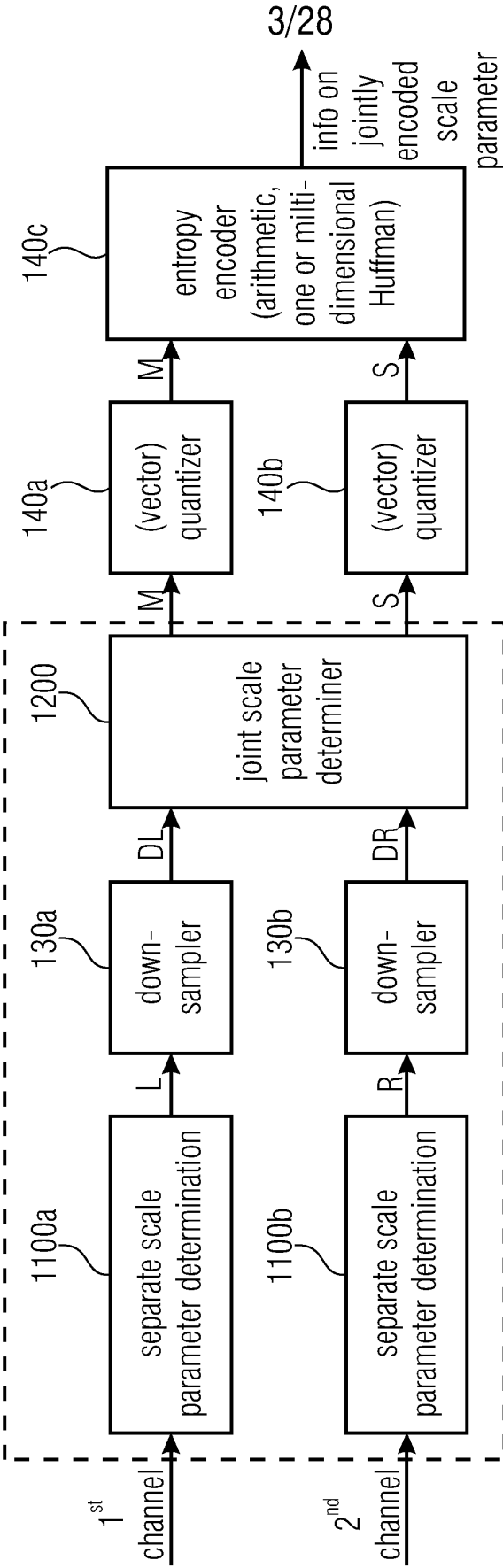


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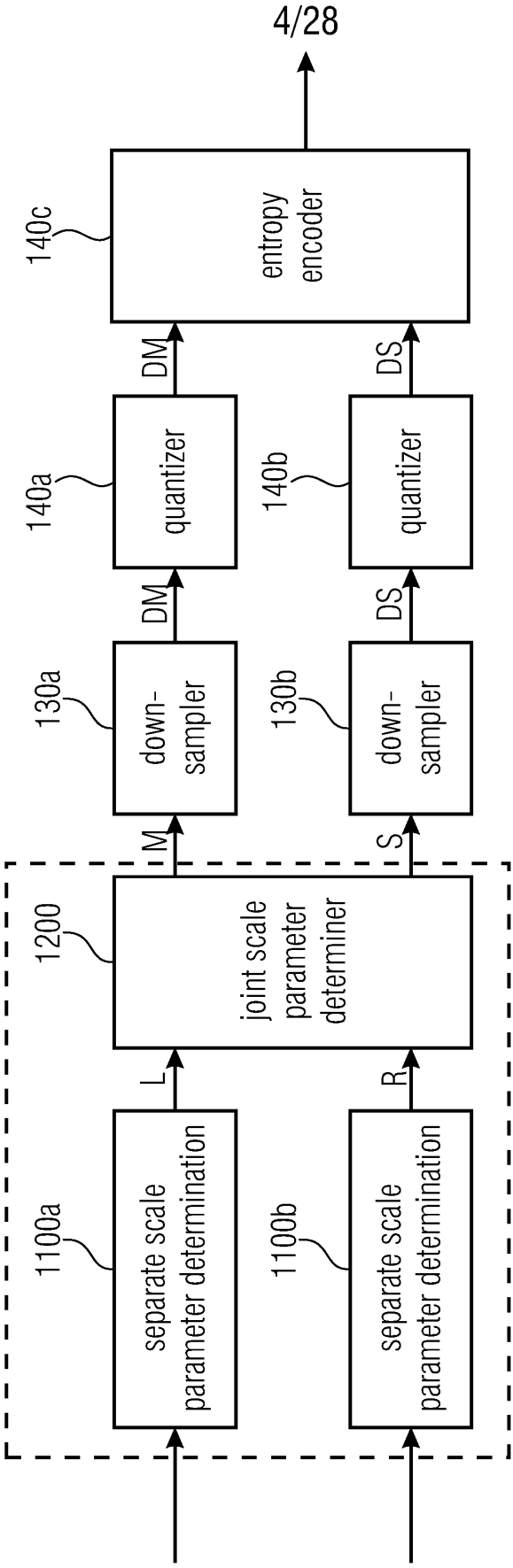


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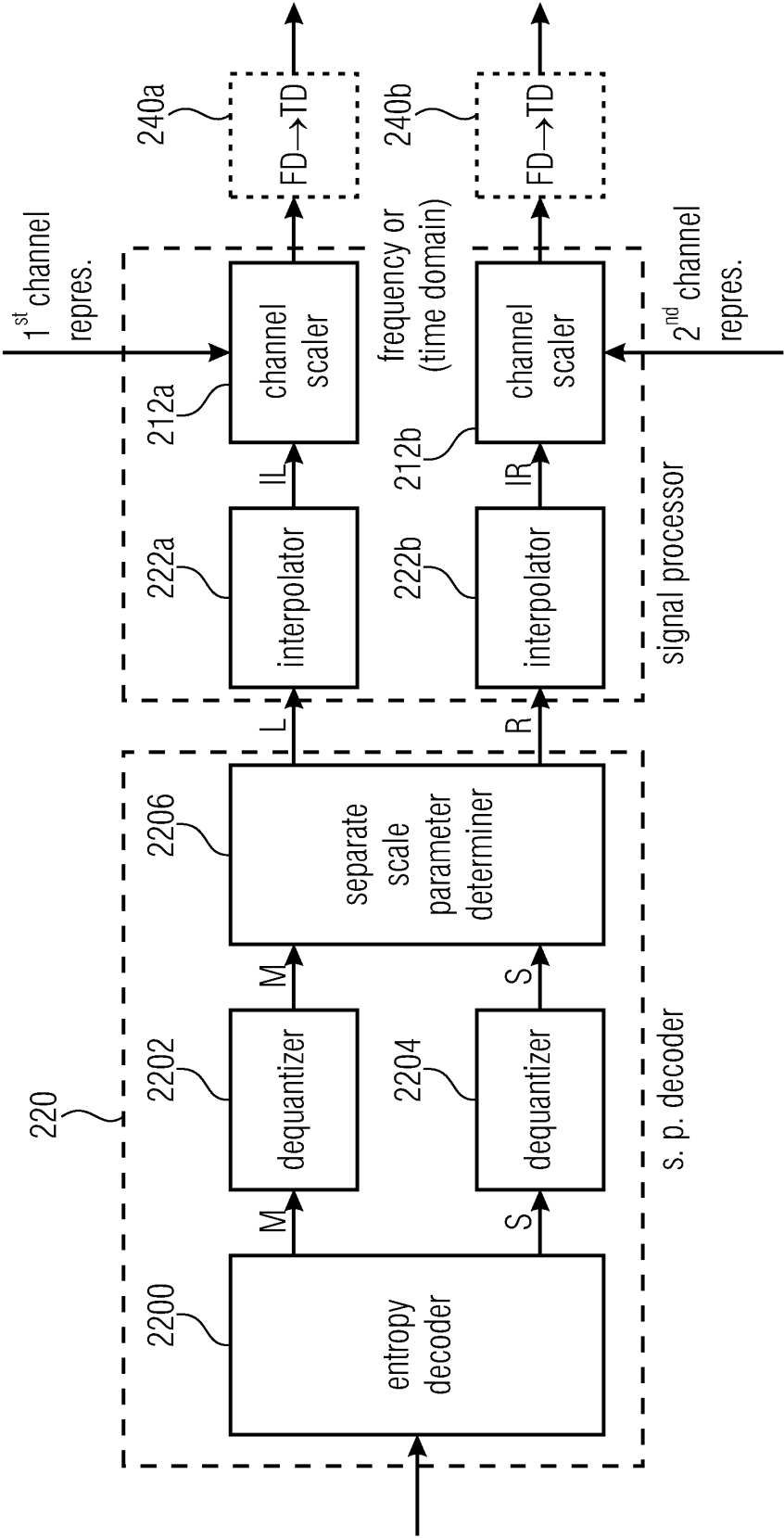


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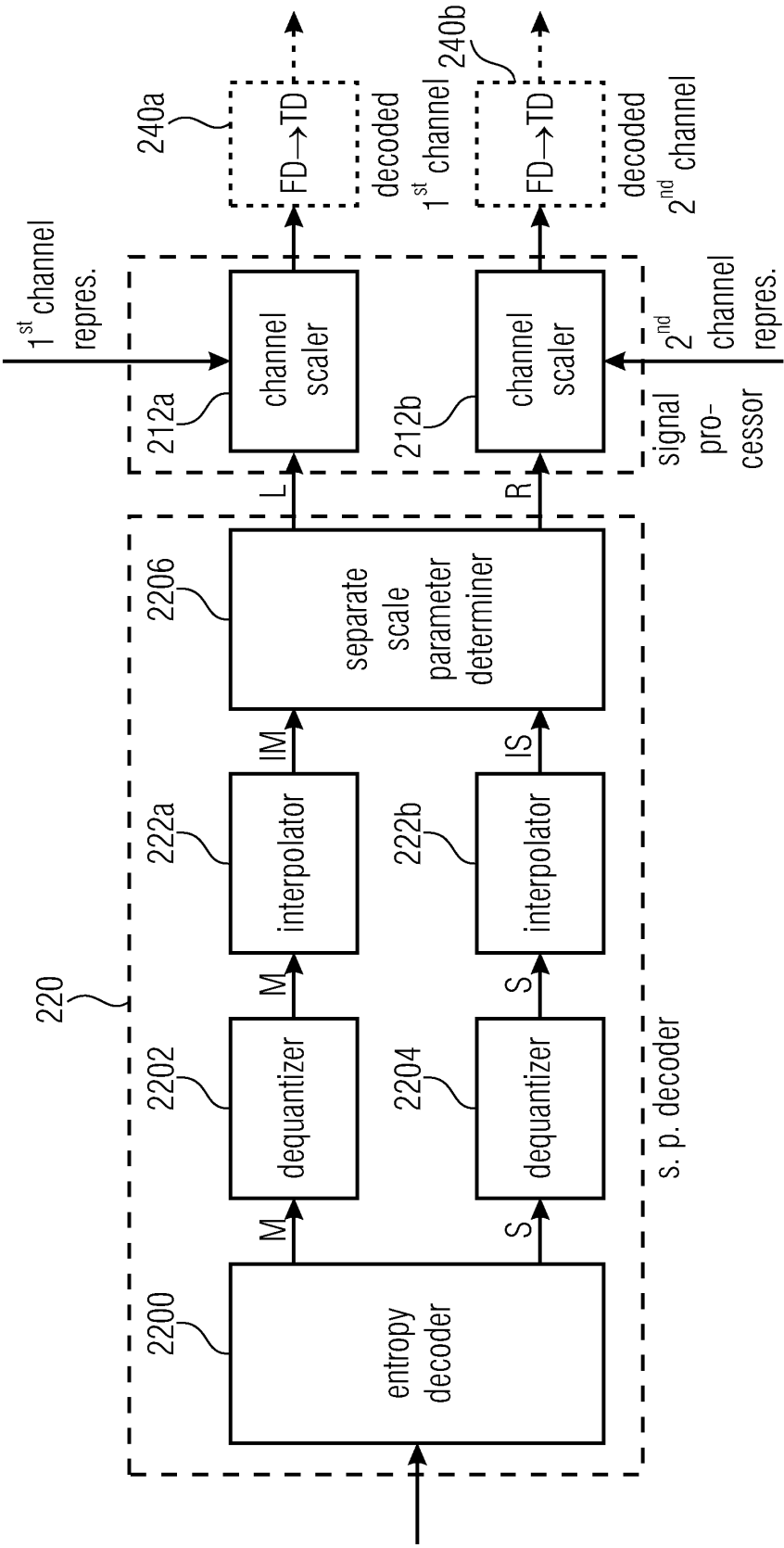


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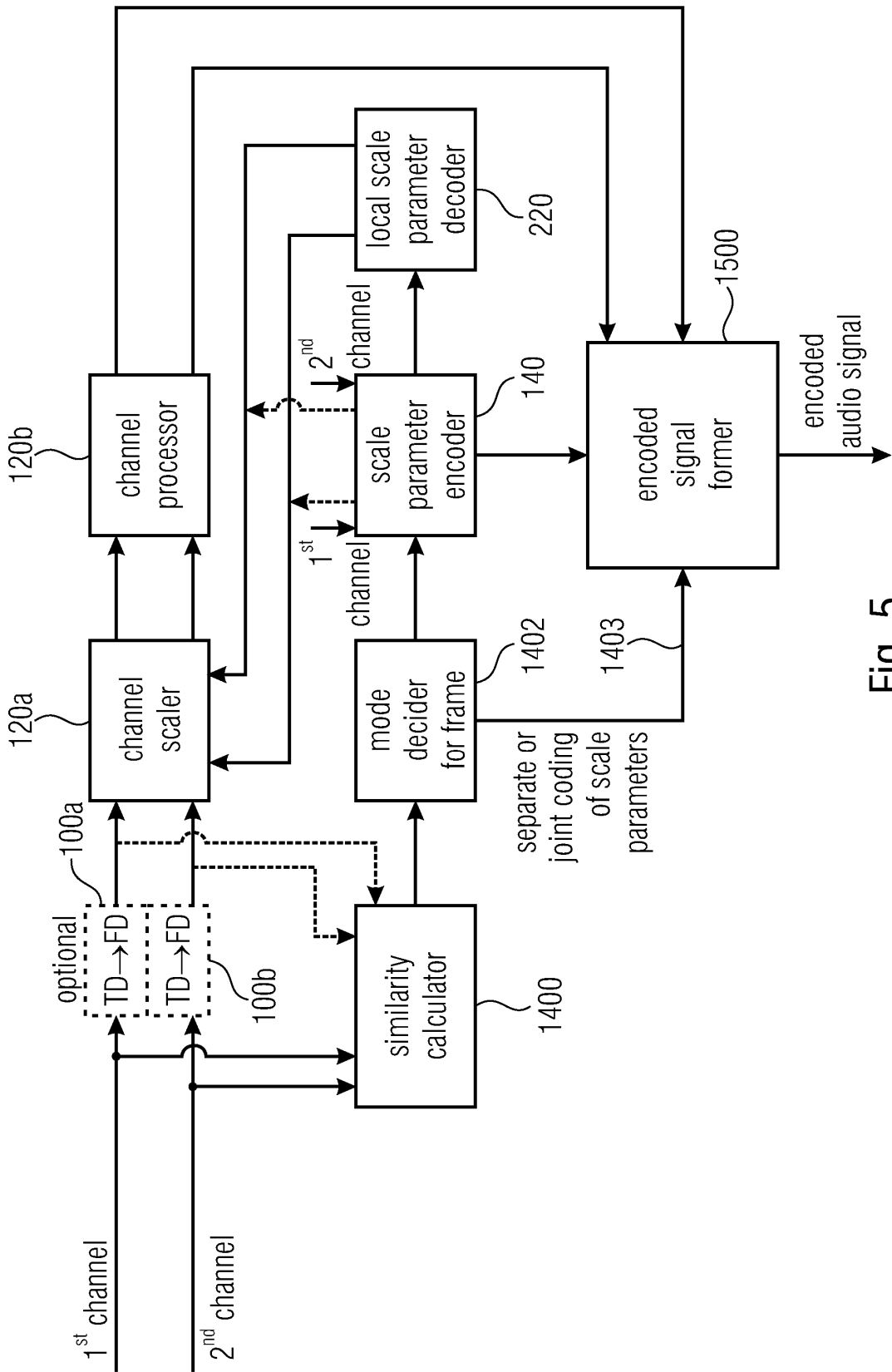


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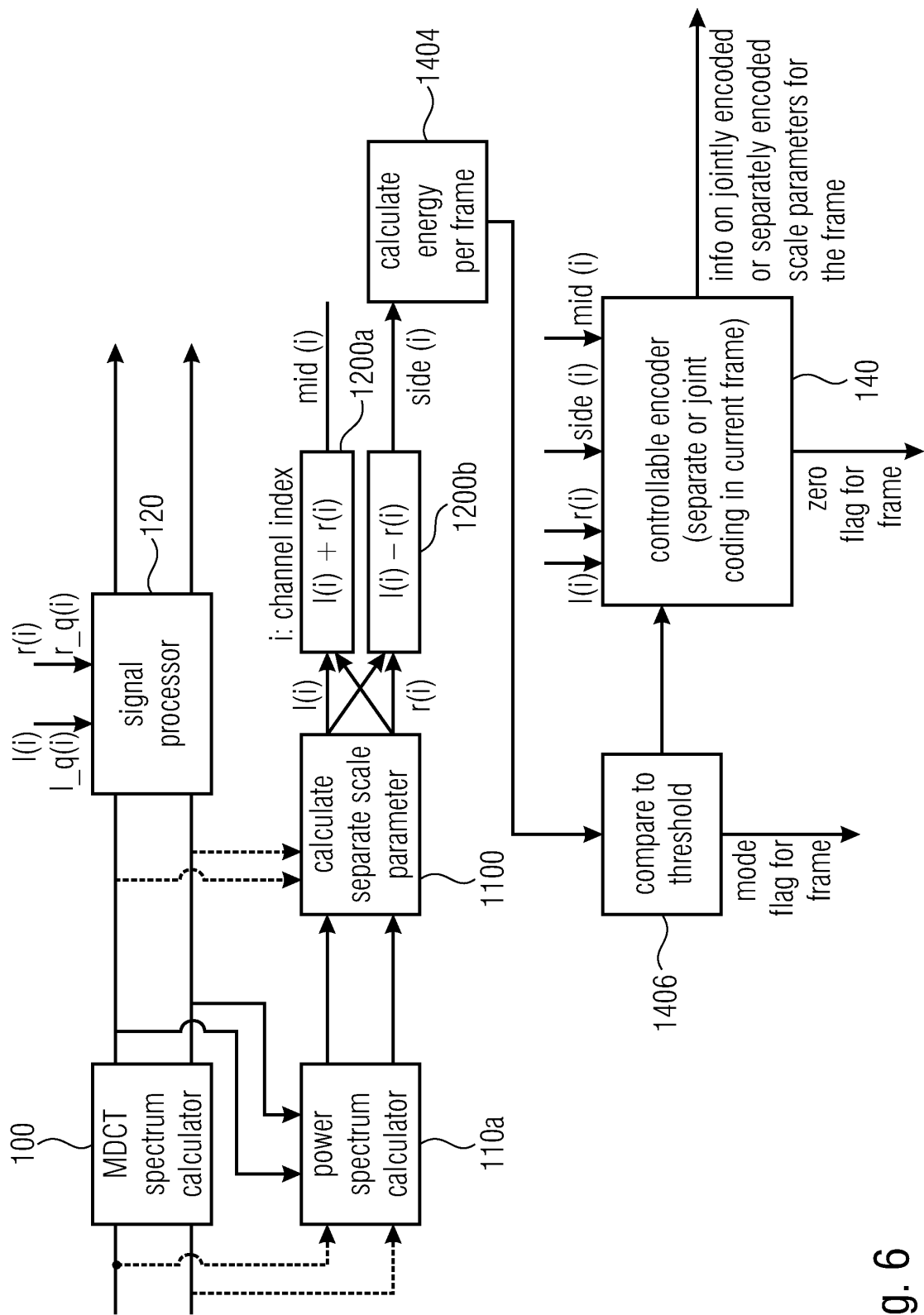


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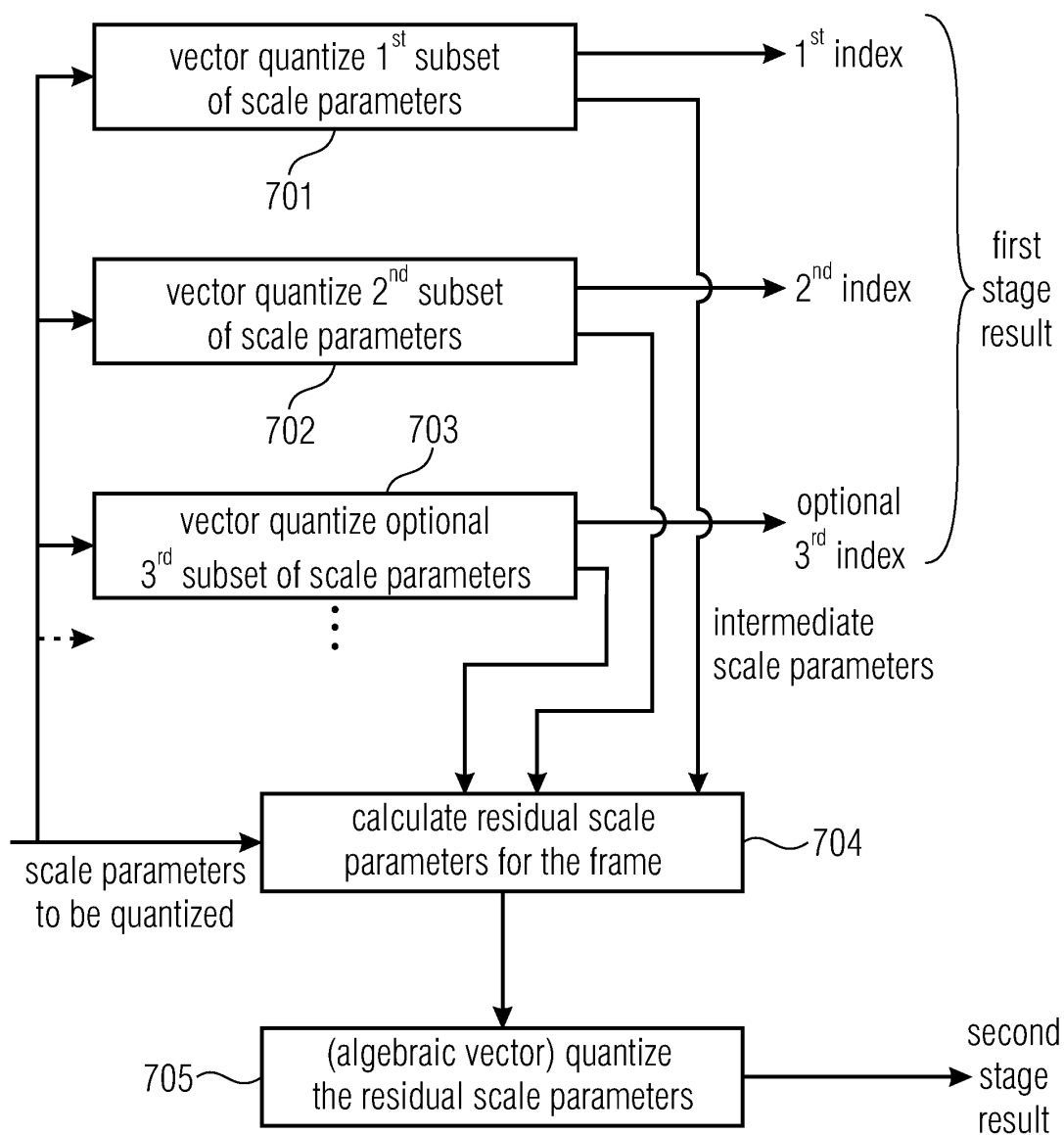


Fig. 7a
(FOR SEPARATE SCALE PARAMETERS L, R
OR JOINT SCALE PARAMETERS M)

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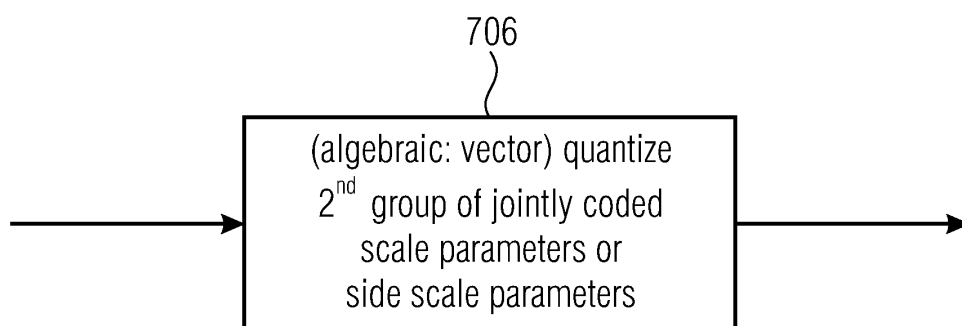


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(FOR JOINT SCALE PARAMETERS S)

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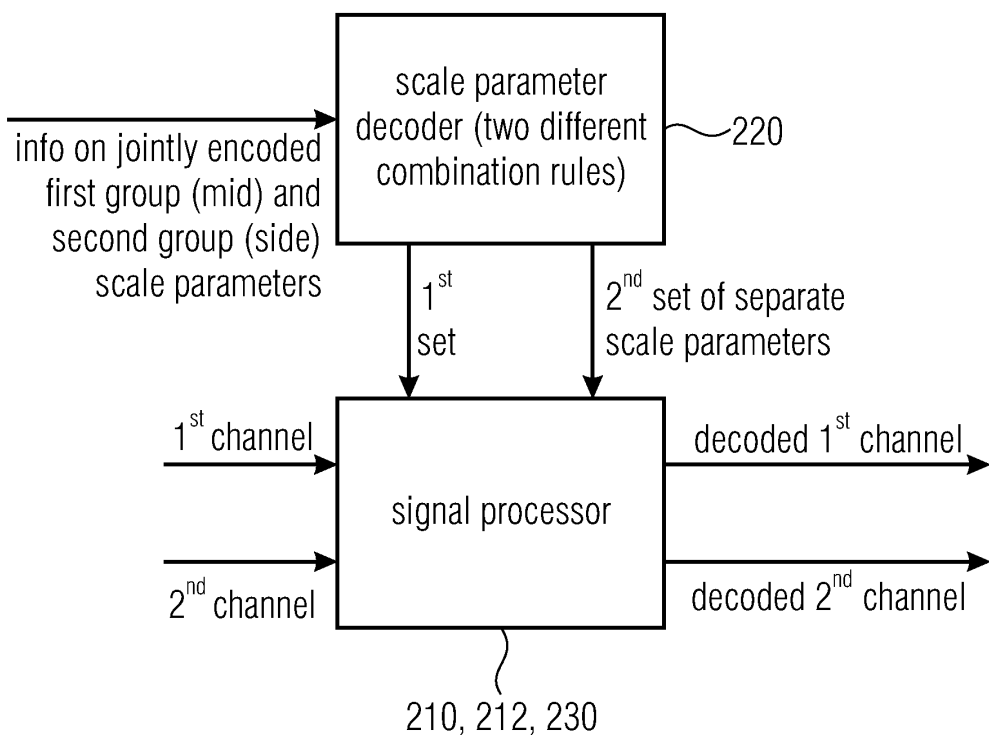


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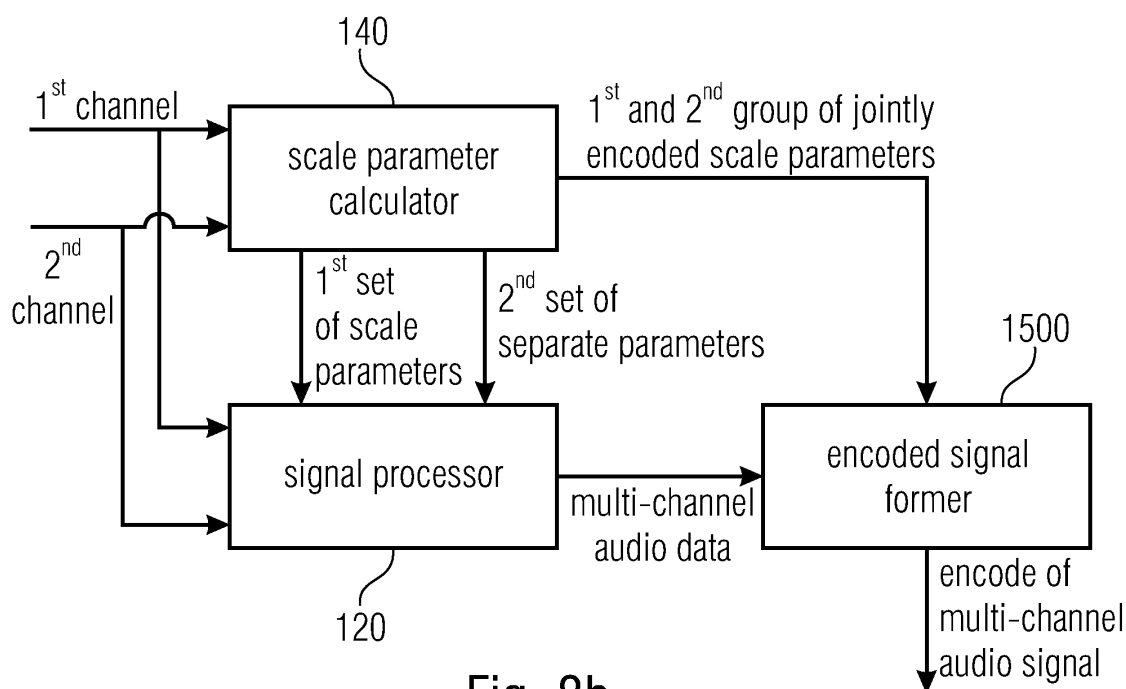


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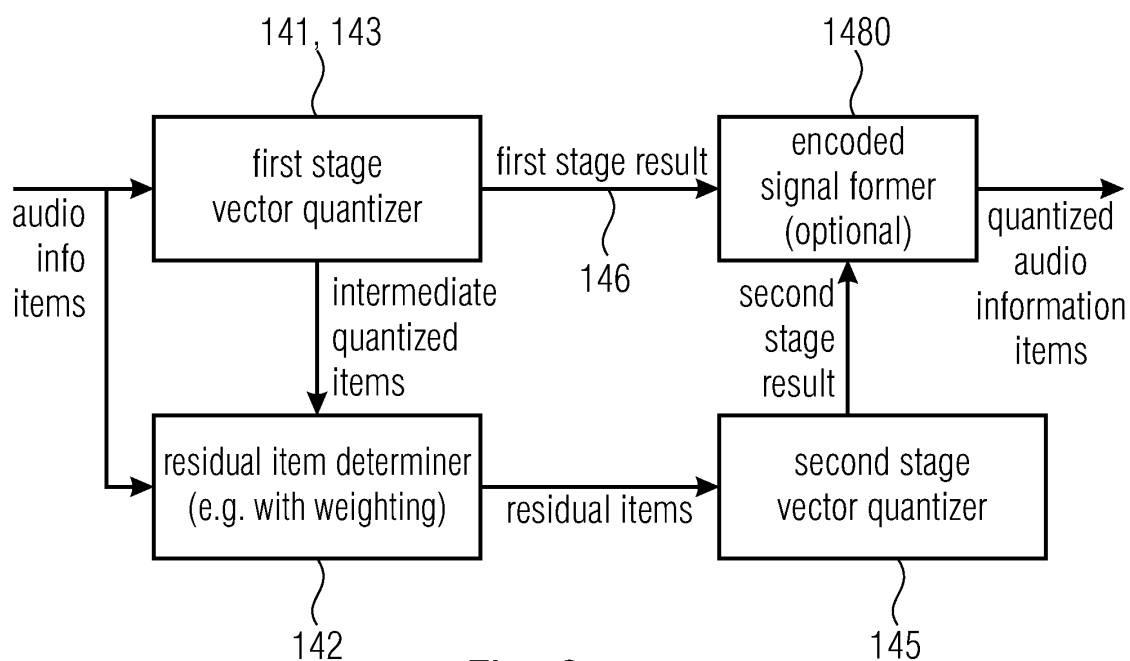


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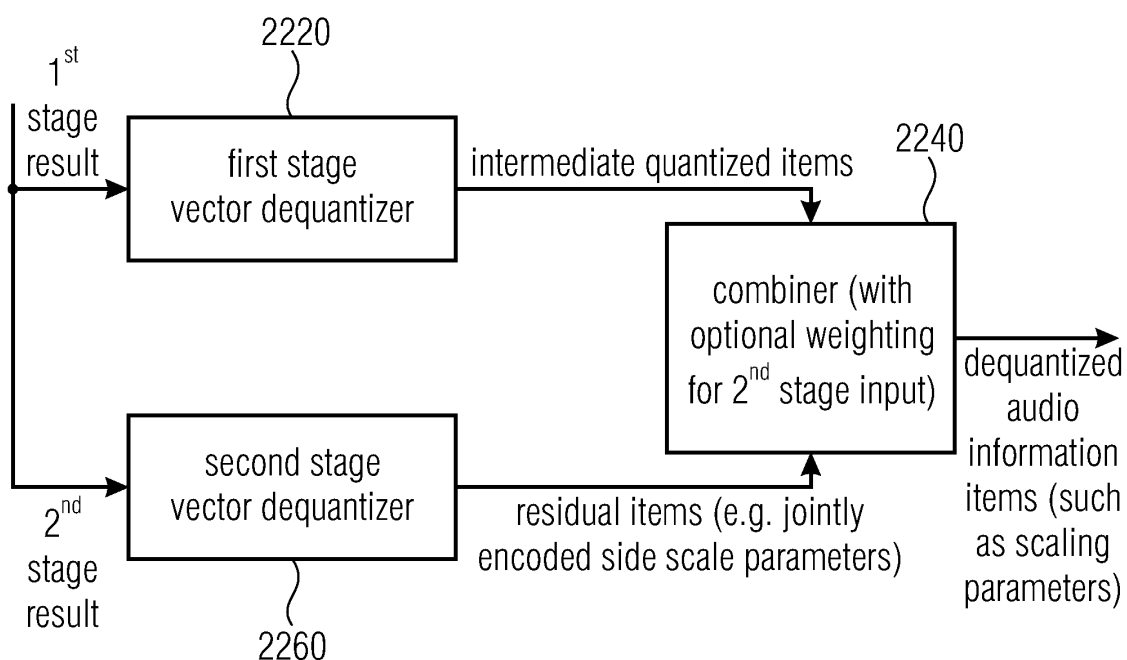


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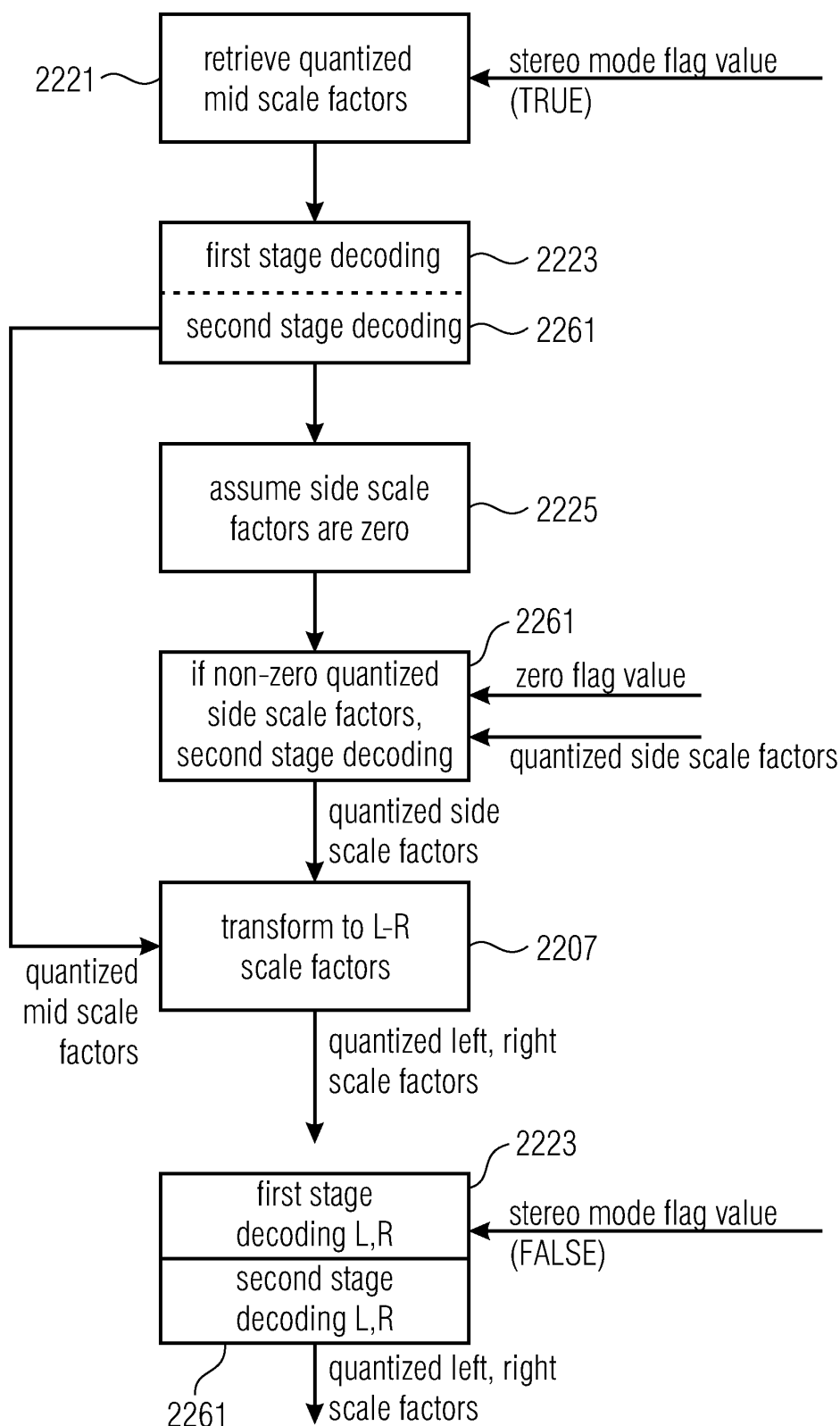


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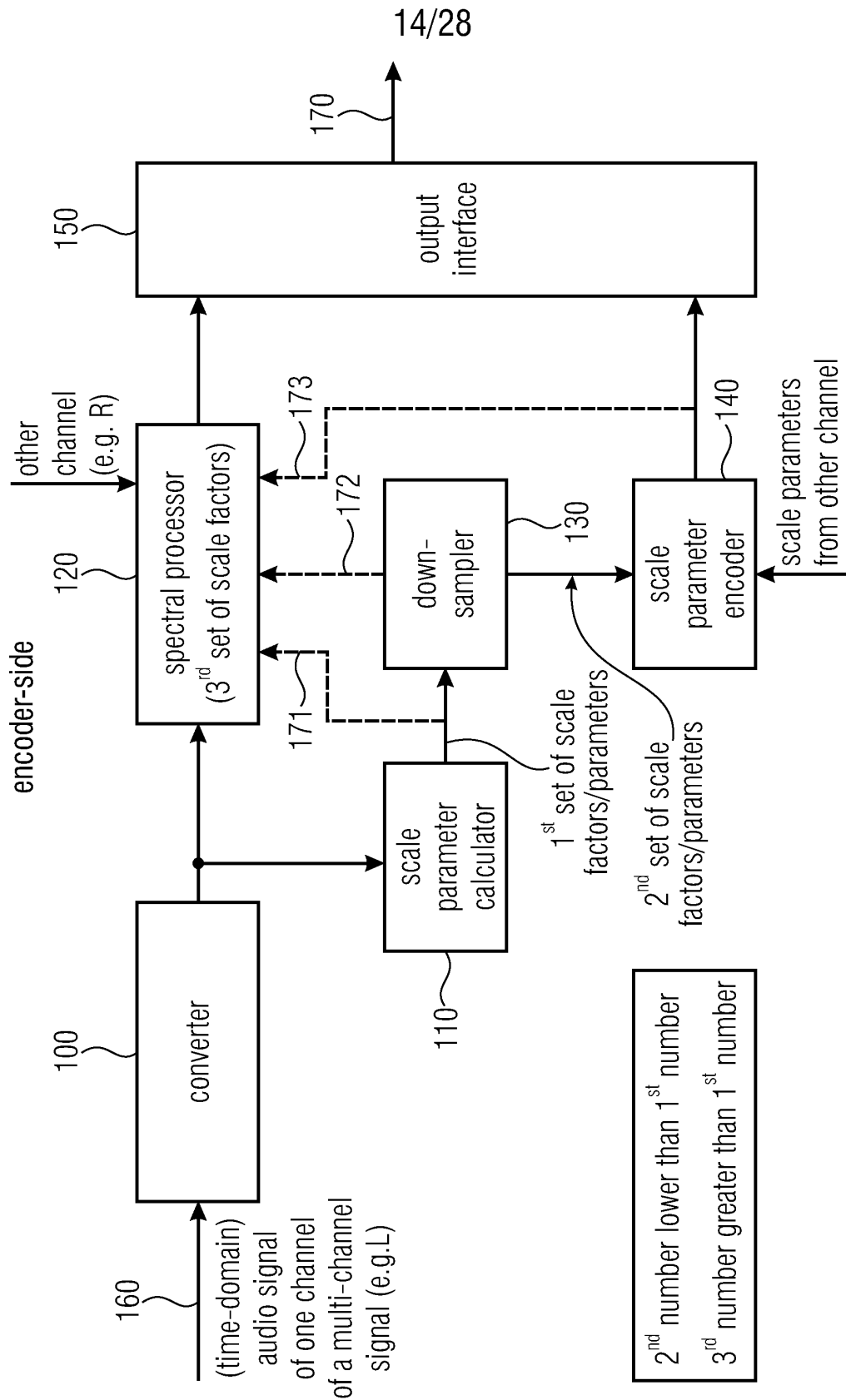


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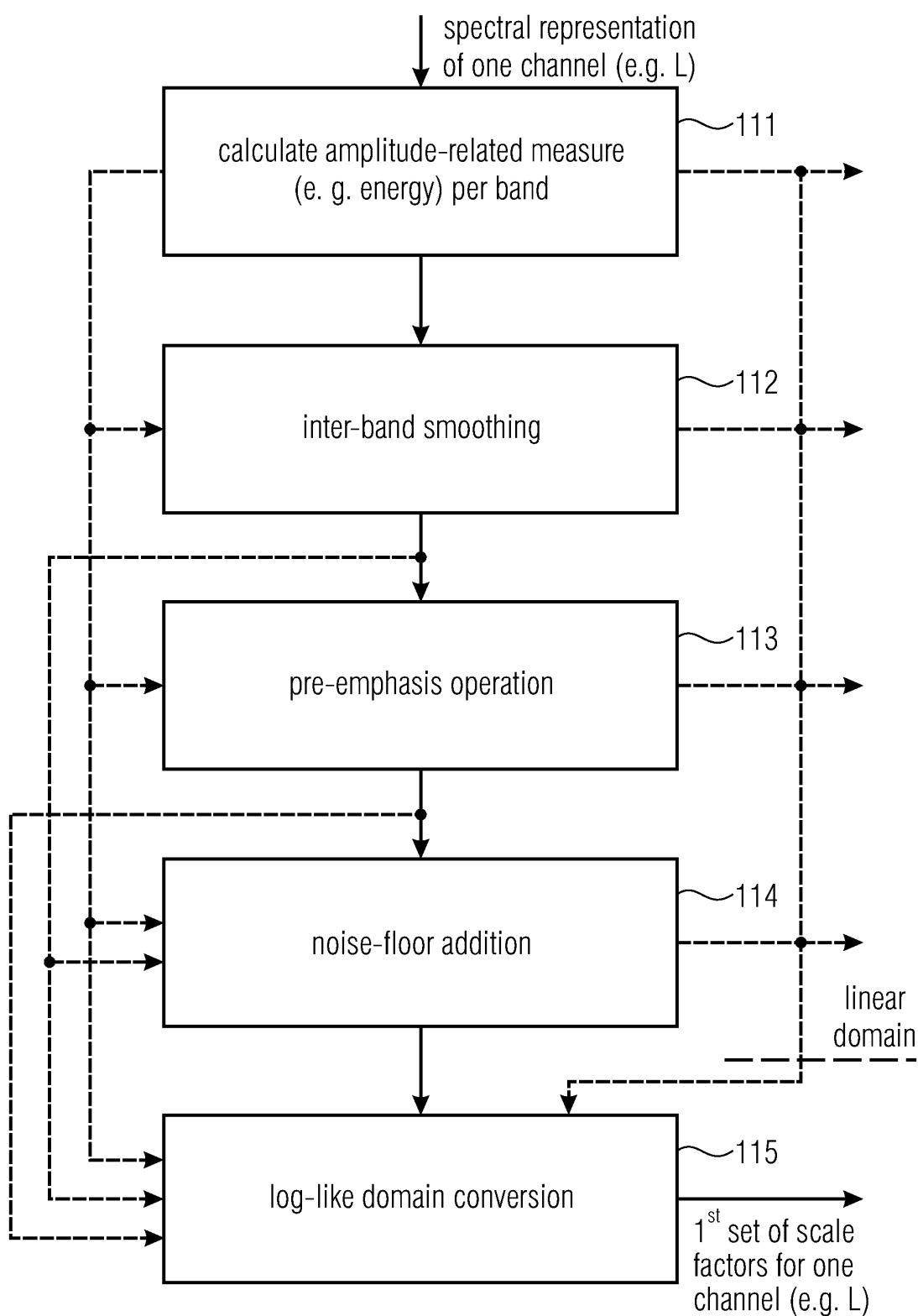


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(SCALE FACTOR CALCULATOR)

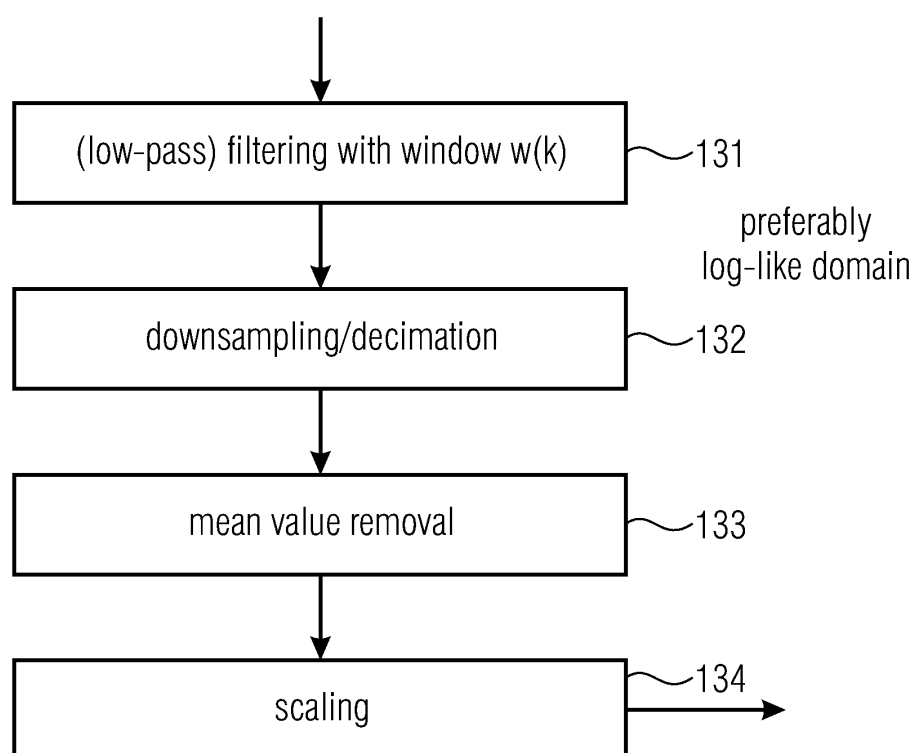


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(DOWNSAMPLER)

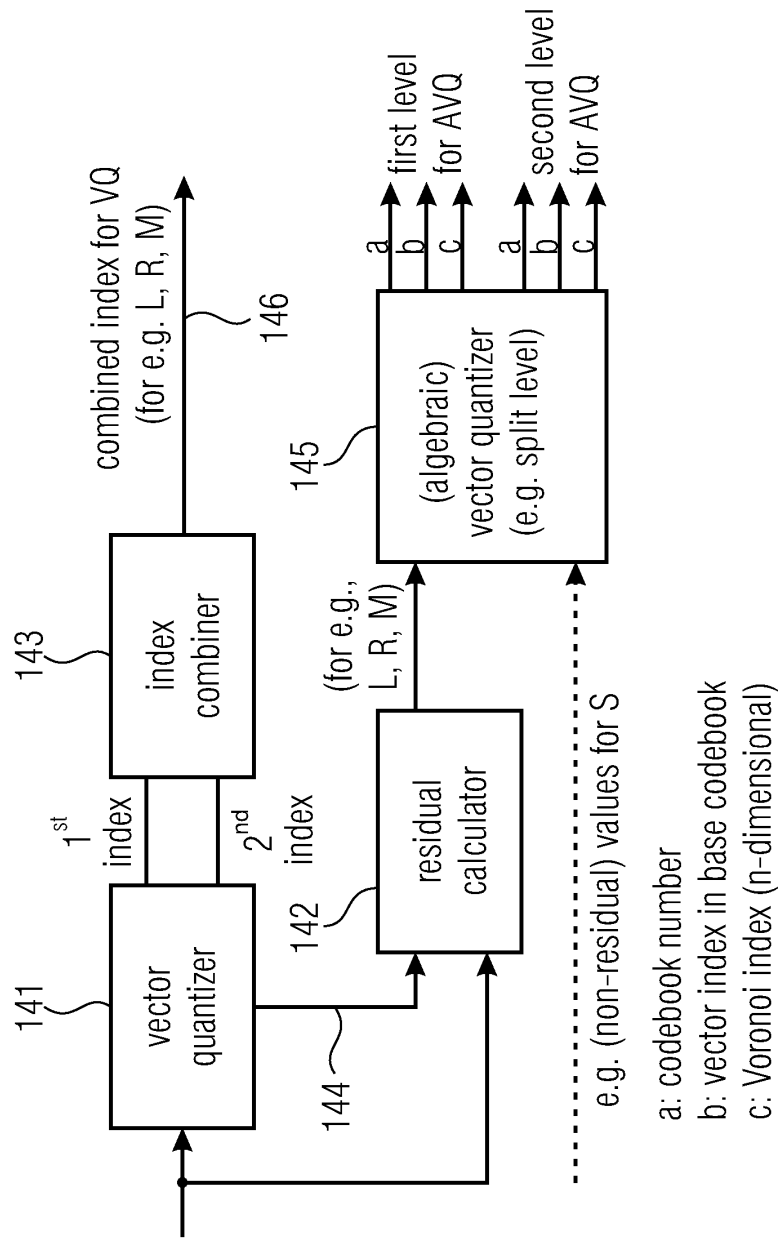


Fig. 14

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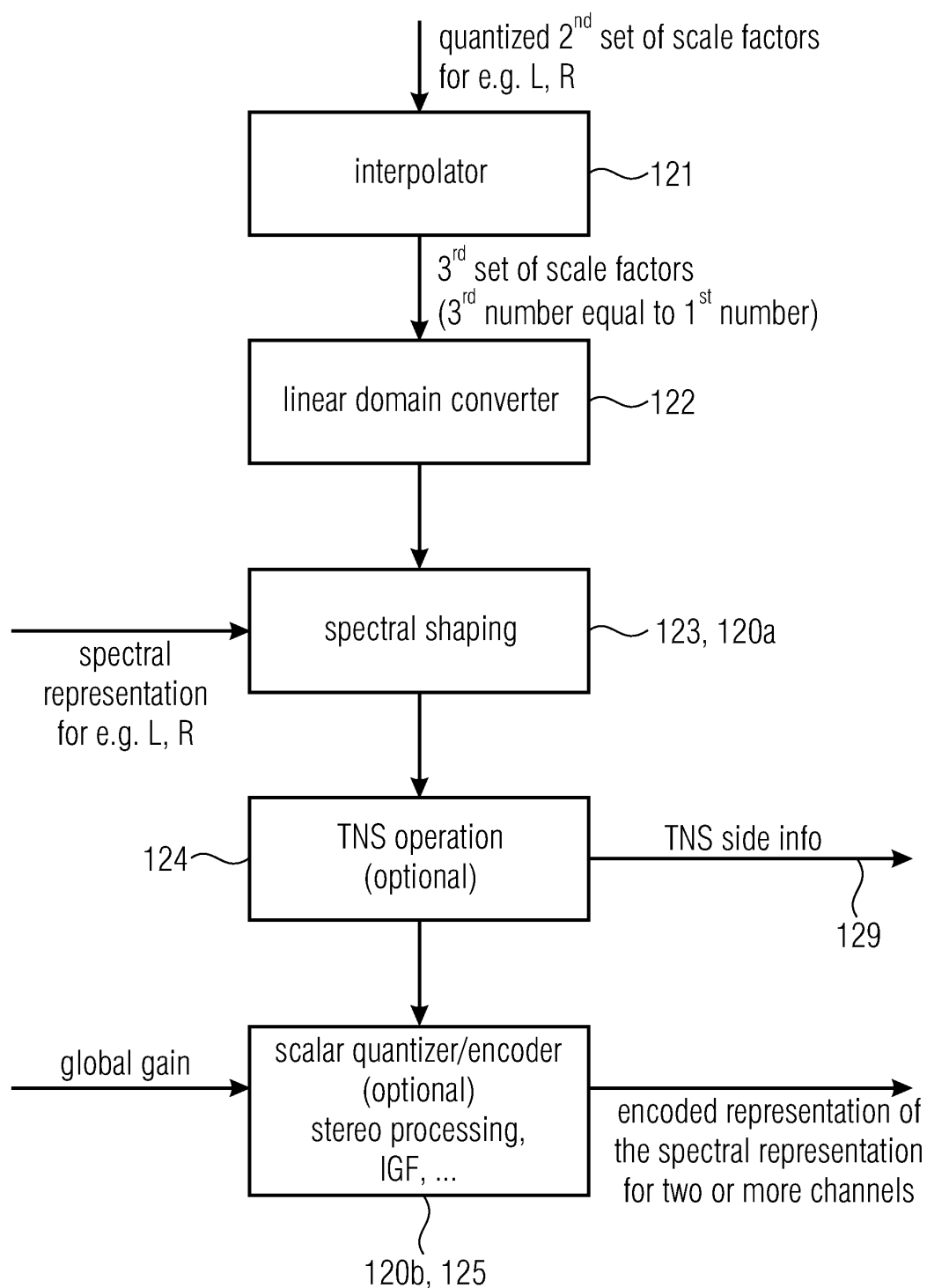


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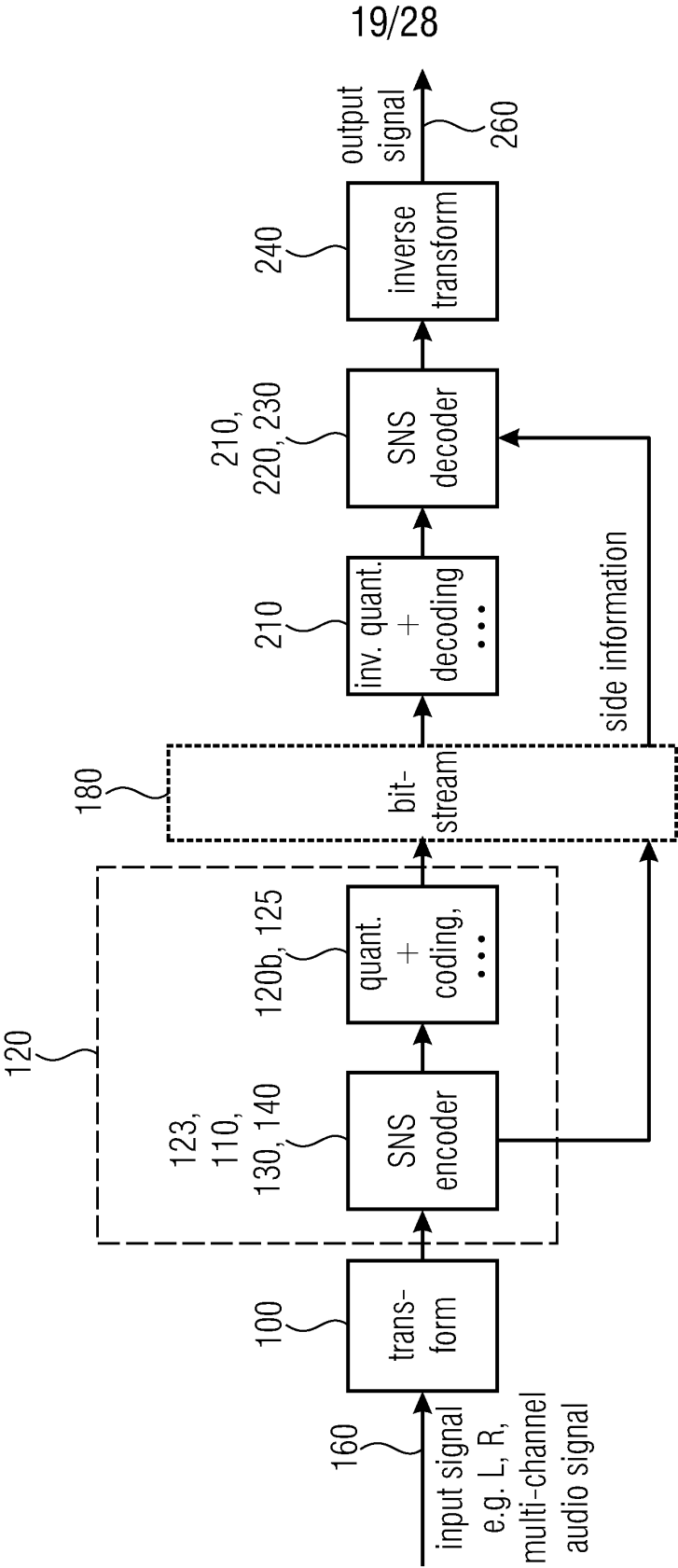


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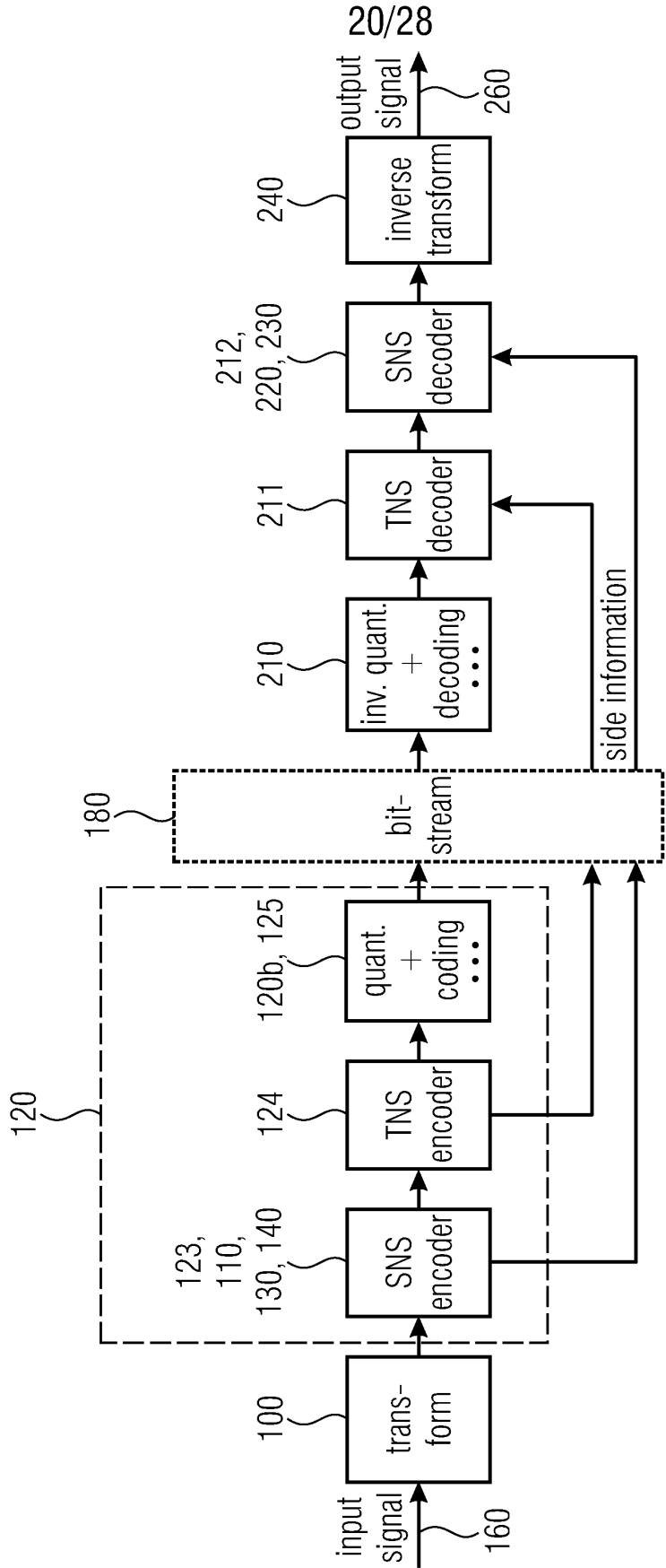


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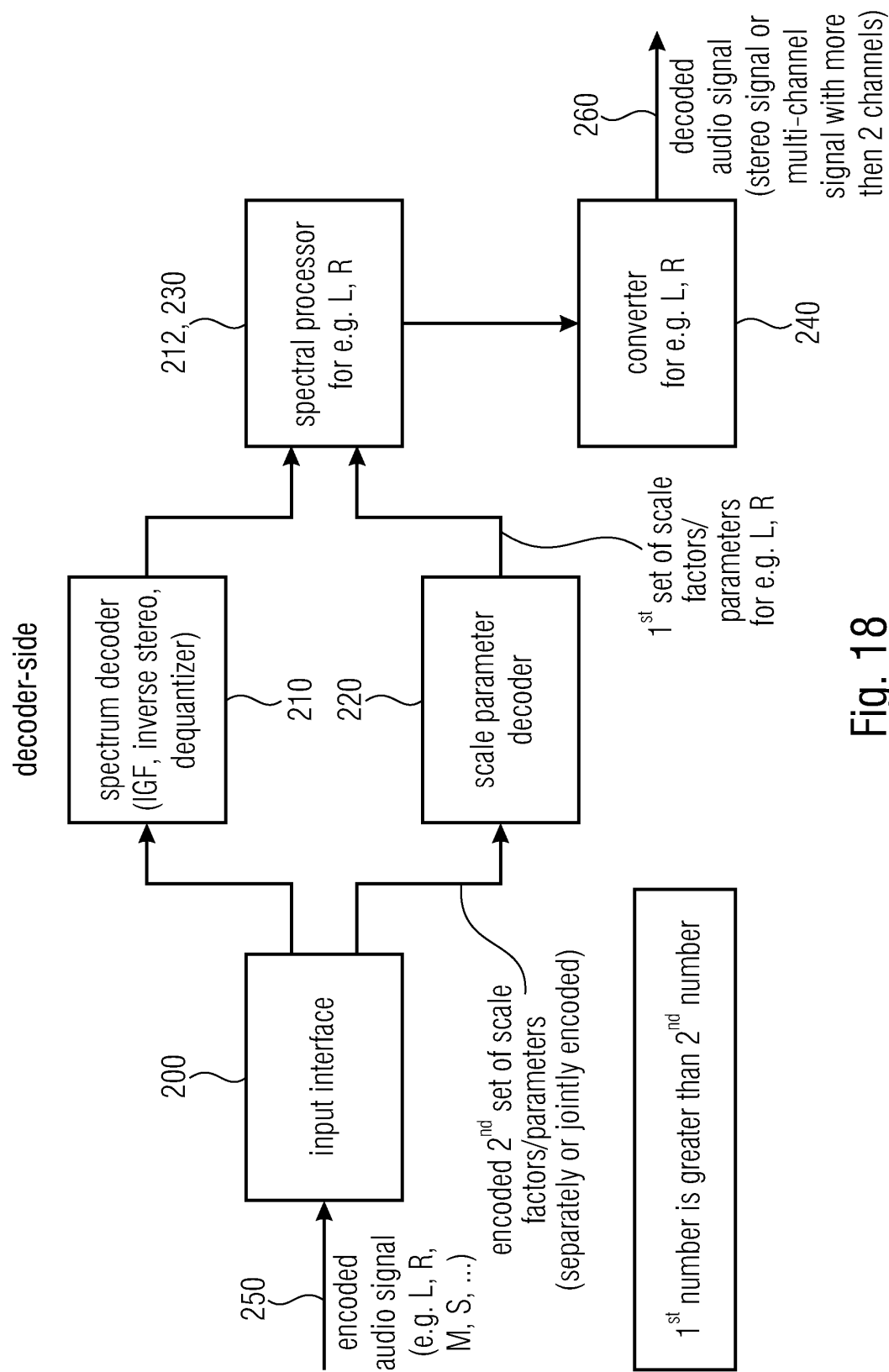


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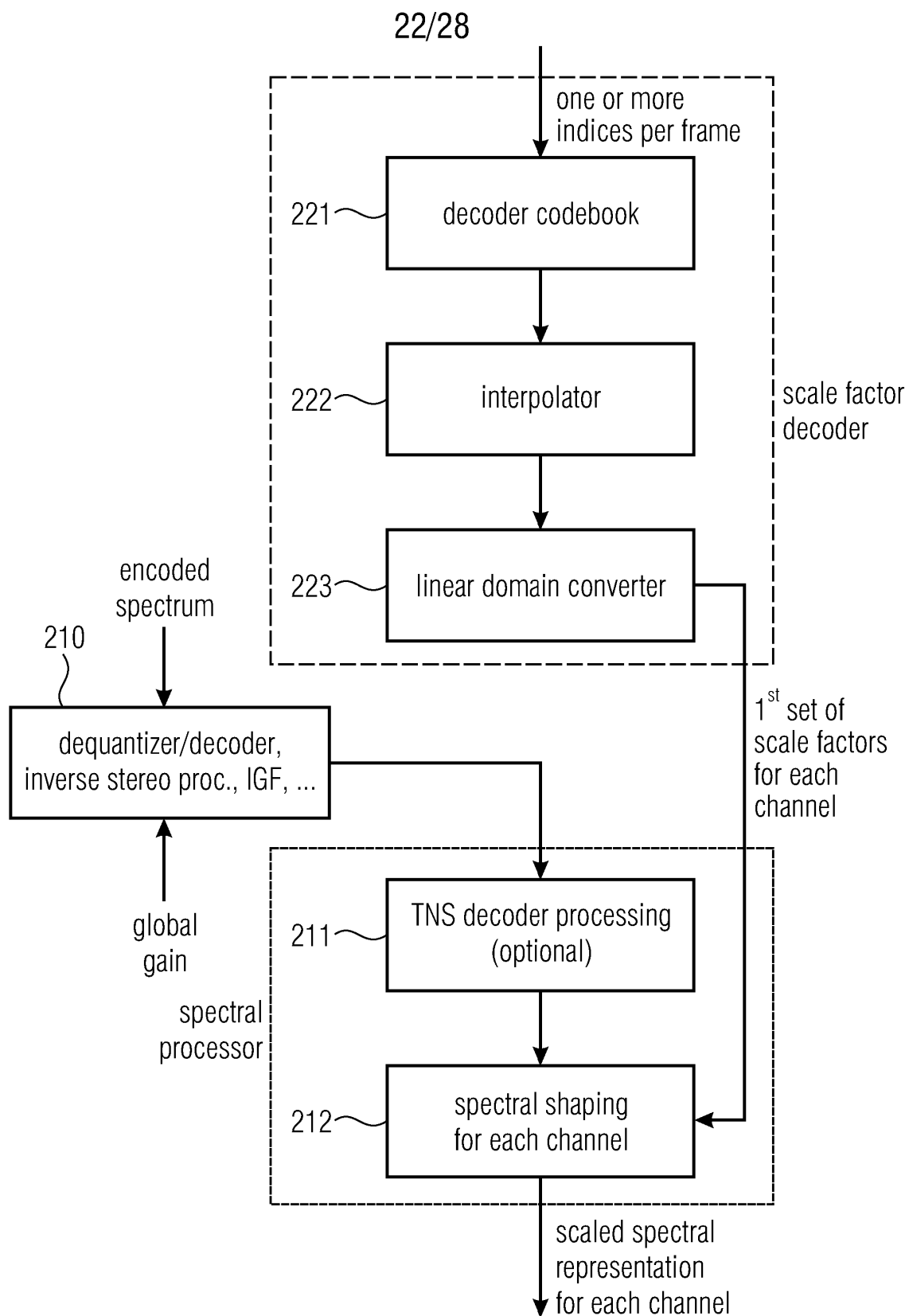


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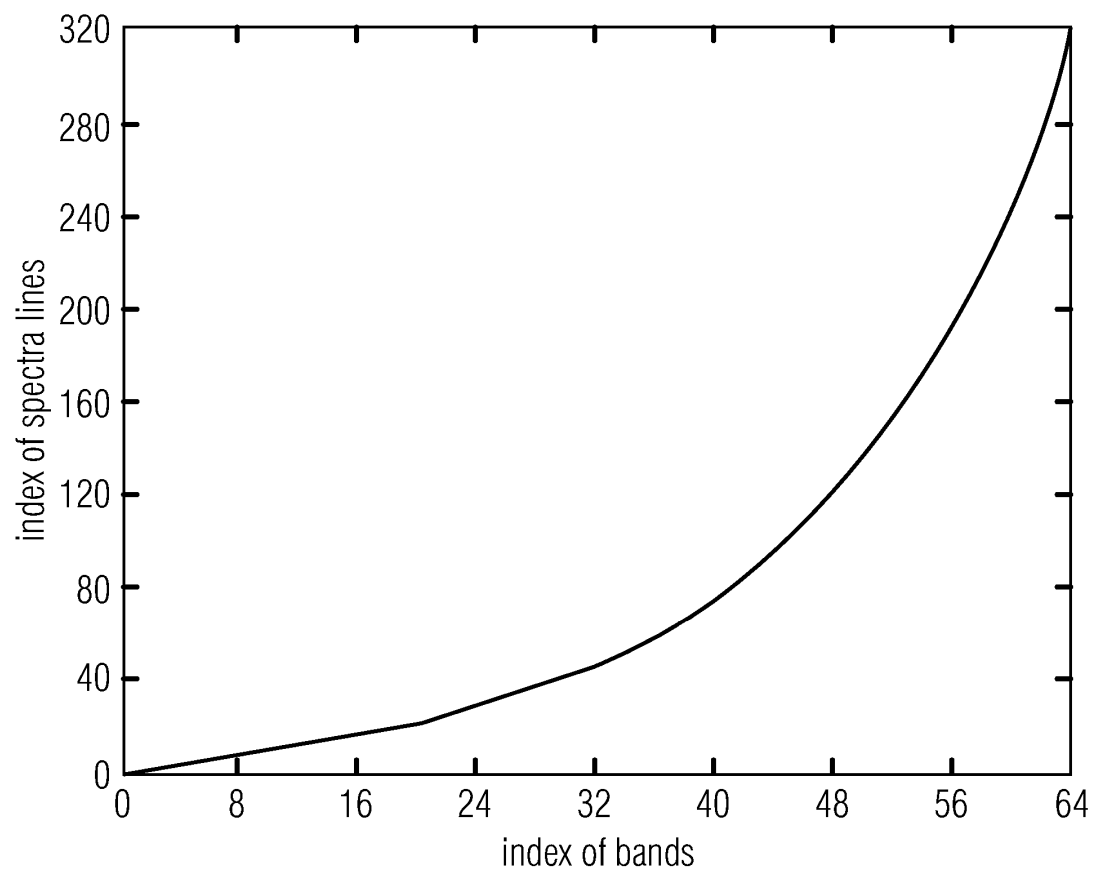


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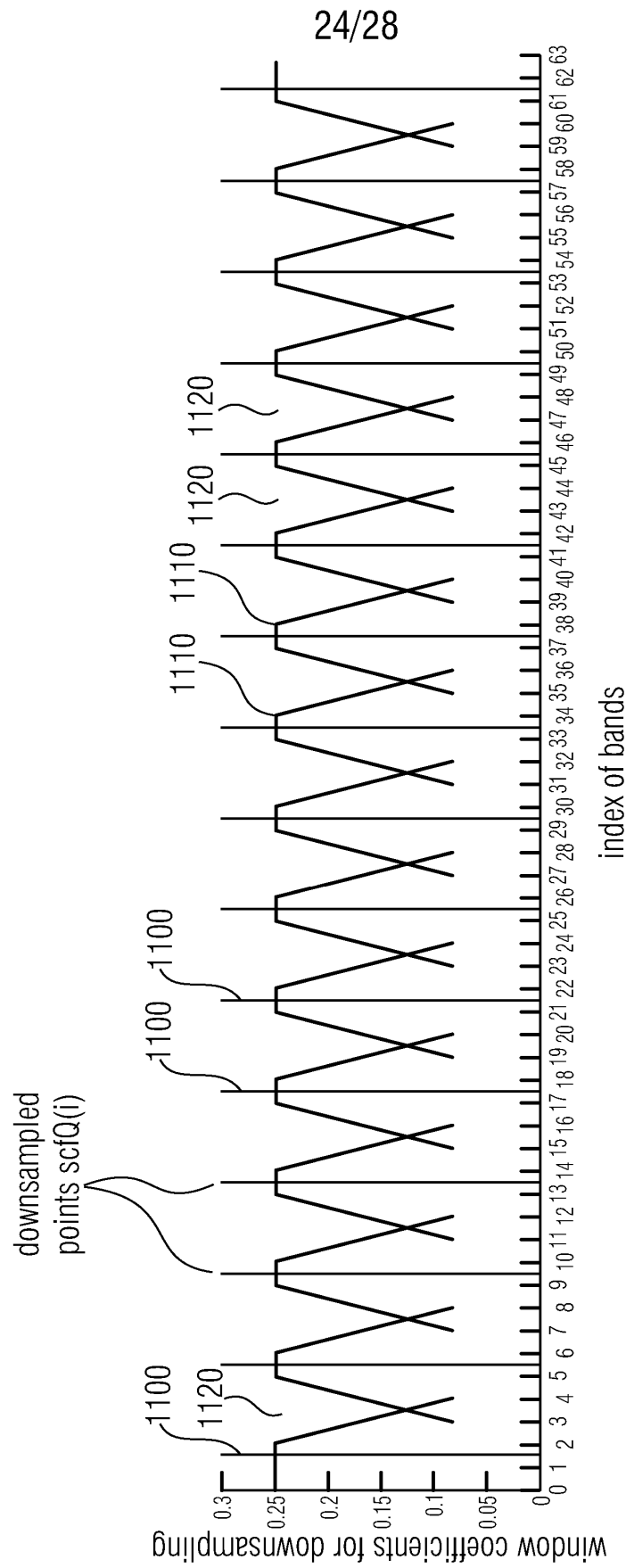


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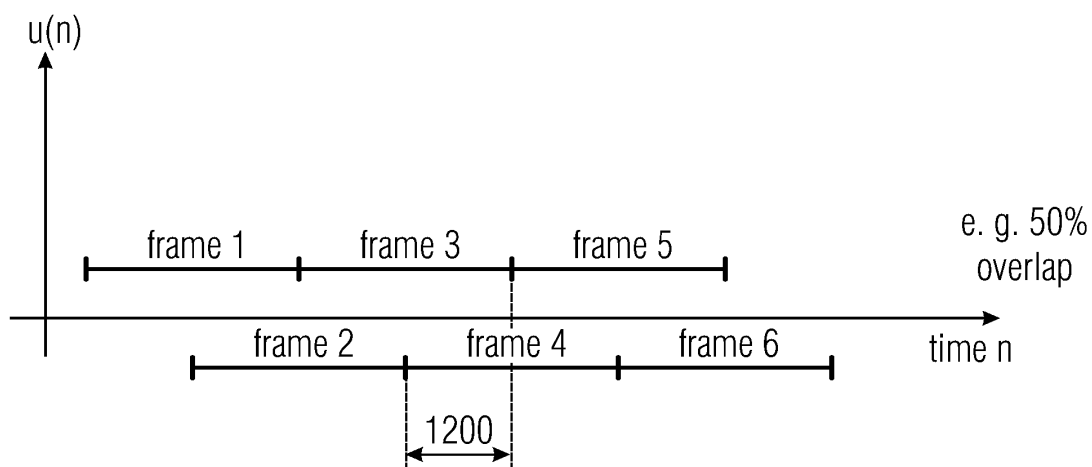


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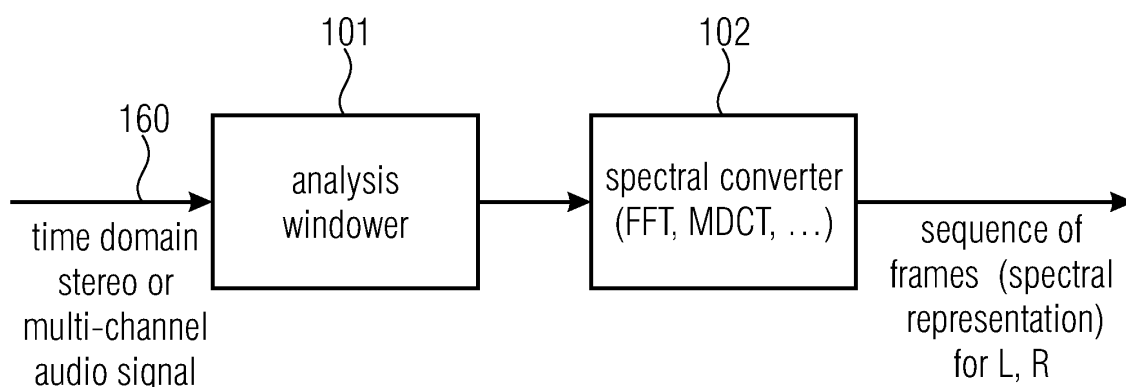


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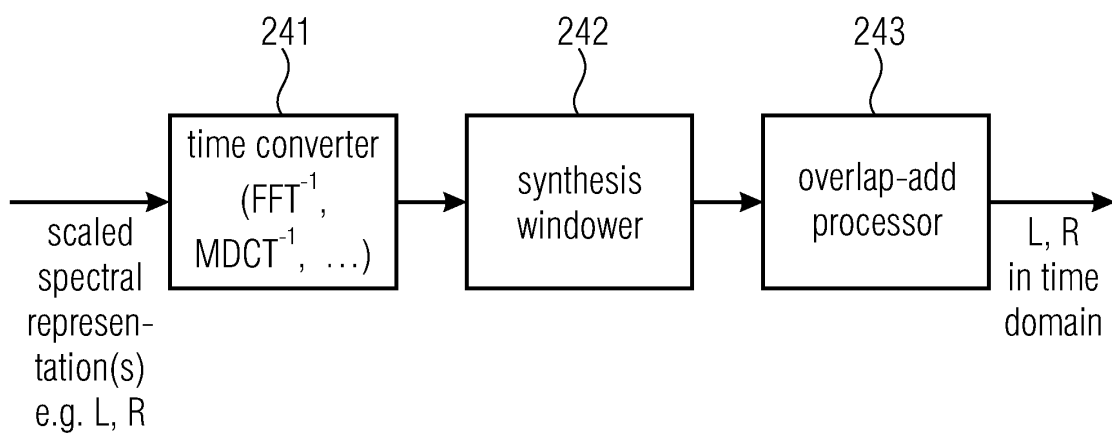


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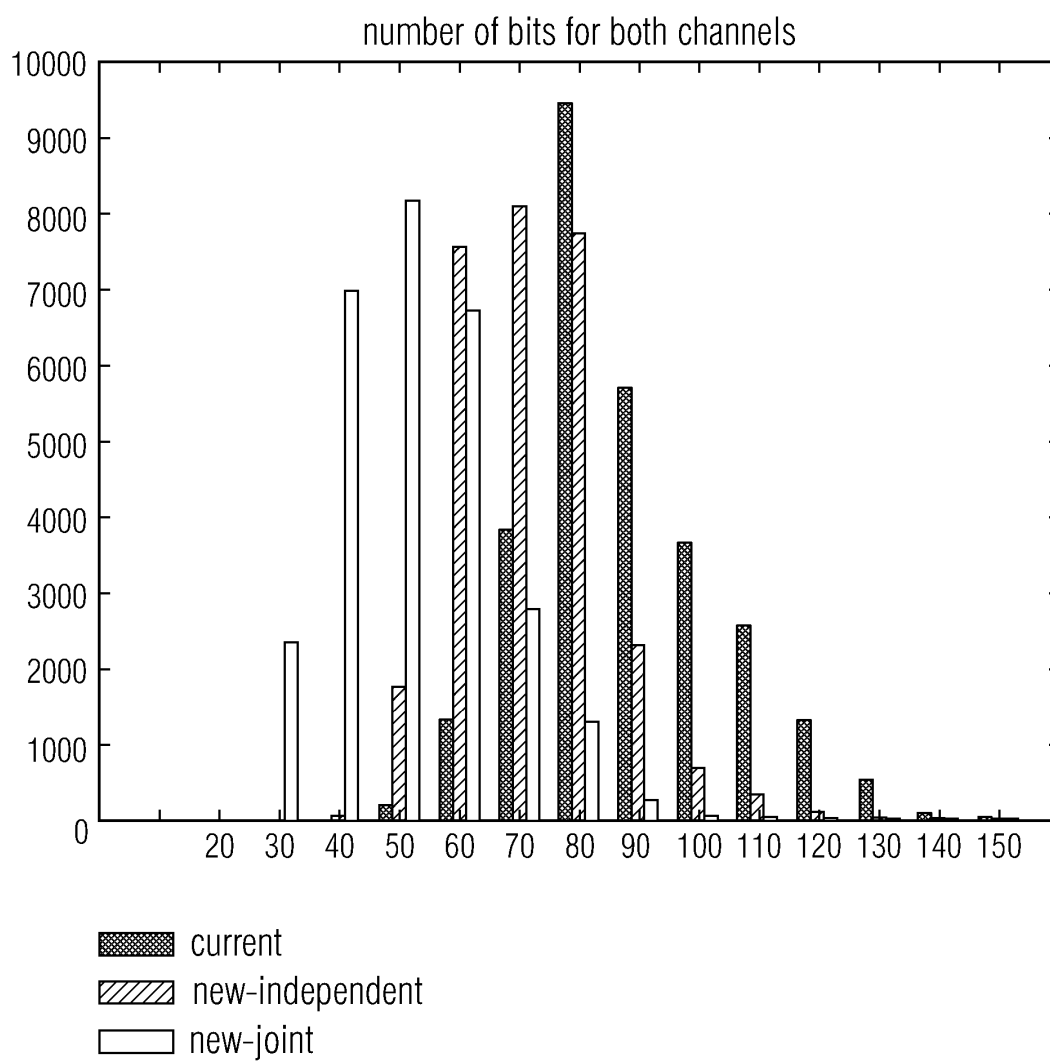


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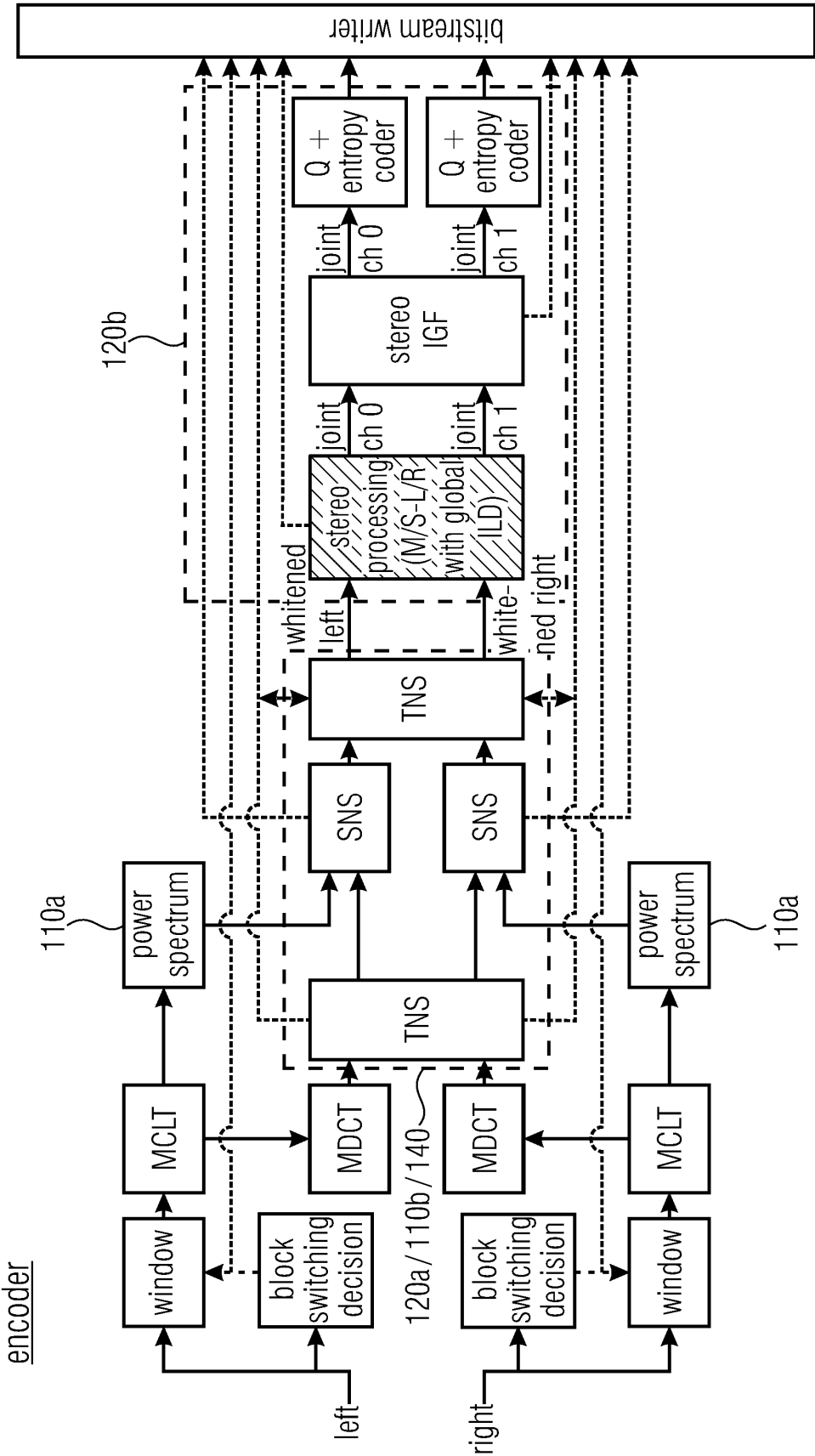


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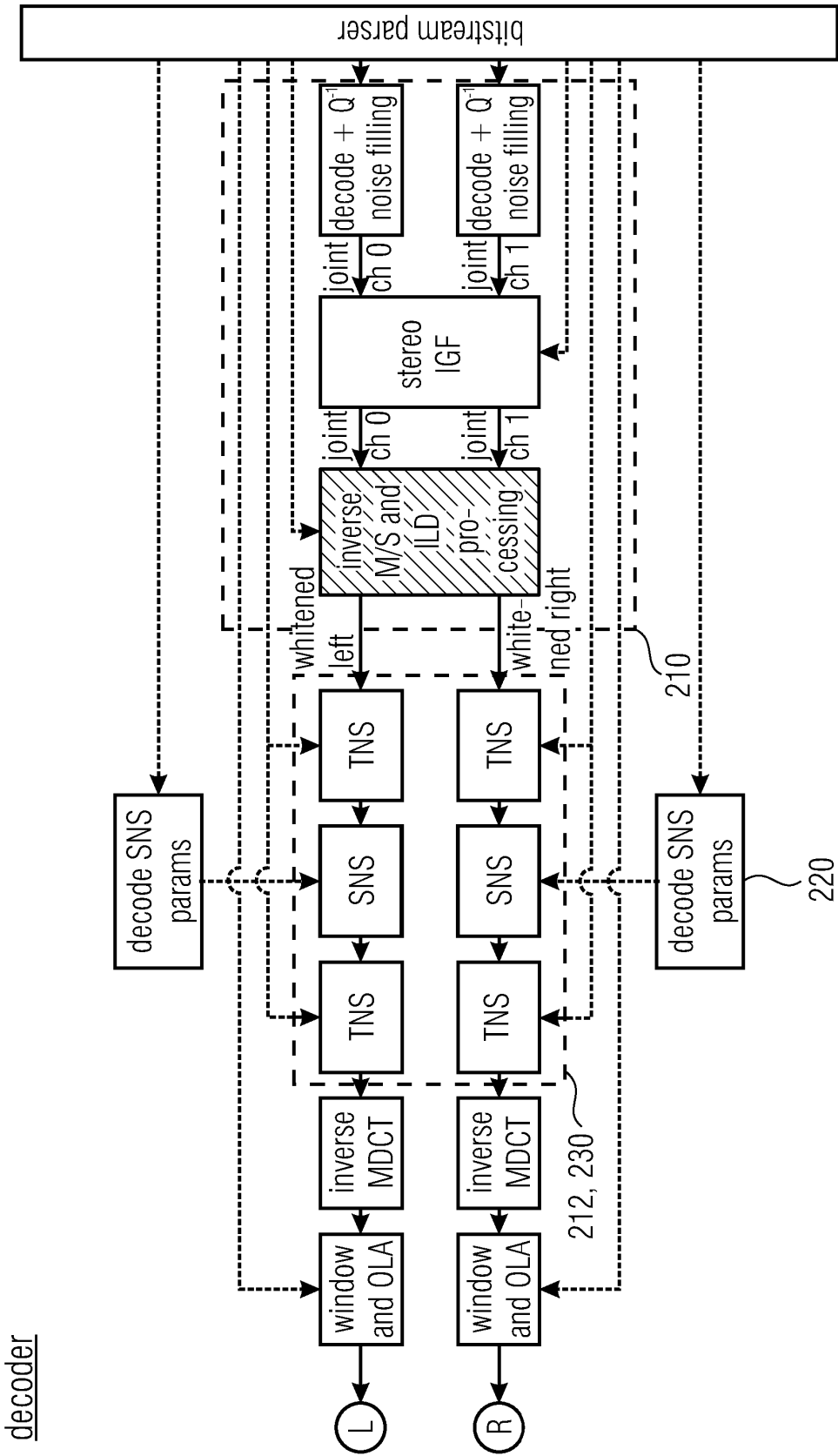


Fig. 25