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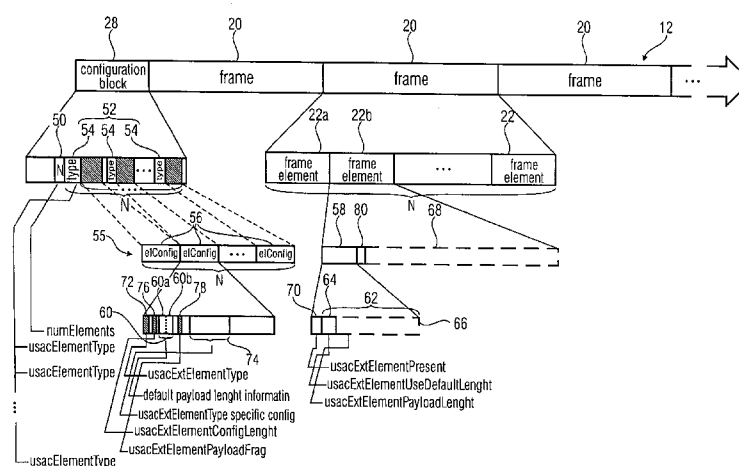
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(54) Title: FRAME ELEMENT POSITIONING IN FRAMES OF A BITSTREAM REPRESENTING AUDIO CONTENT



(57) Abstract: A better compromise between a too high bitstream and decoding overhead on the one hand and flexibility of frame element positioning on the other hand is achieved by arranging that each of the sequence of frames of the bitstream comprises a sequence of N frame elements and, on the other hand, the bitstream comprises a configuration block comprising a field indicating the number of elements N and a type indication syntax portion indicating, for each element position of the sequence of N element positions, an element type out of a plurality of element types with, in the sequences of N frame elements of the frames, each frame element being of the element type indicated, by the type indication portion, for the respective element position at which the respective frame element is positioned within the sequence of N frame elements of the respective frame in the bitstream. Thus, the frames are equally structured in that each frame comprises the same sequence of N frame elements of the frame element type indicated by the type indication syntax portion, positioned within the bitstream in the same sequential order. This sequential order is commonly adjustable for the sequence of frames by use of the type indication syntax portion which indicates, for each element position of the sequence of N element positions, an element type out of a plurality of element types.





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