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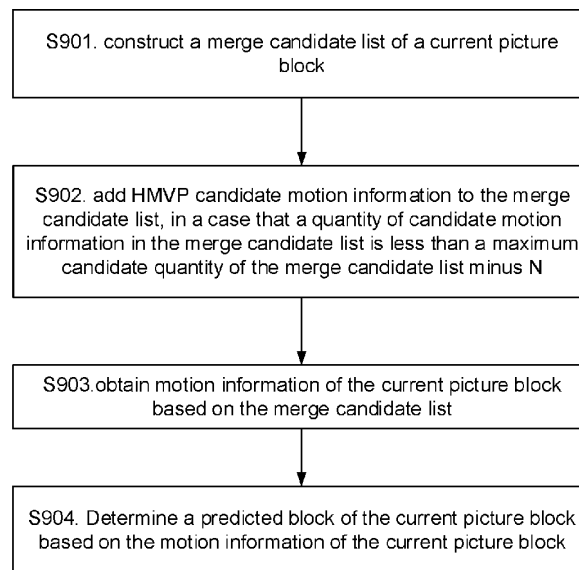


FIG. 9

(57) **Abstract:** Methods and apparatuses for inter prediction. The method comprises: constructing a merge candidate list of a current picture block; adding HMVP candidate motion information to the merge candidate list, in a case that a quantity of candidate motion information in the merge candidate list is less than a maximum candidate quantity of the merge candidate list minus N, wherein N is a positive integer; obtaining a merge index of the current picture block; obtaining motion information of the current picture block based on the merge candidate list and the merge index; and determining a predicted block of the current picture block based on the motion information of the current picture block.

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