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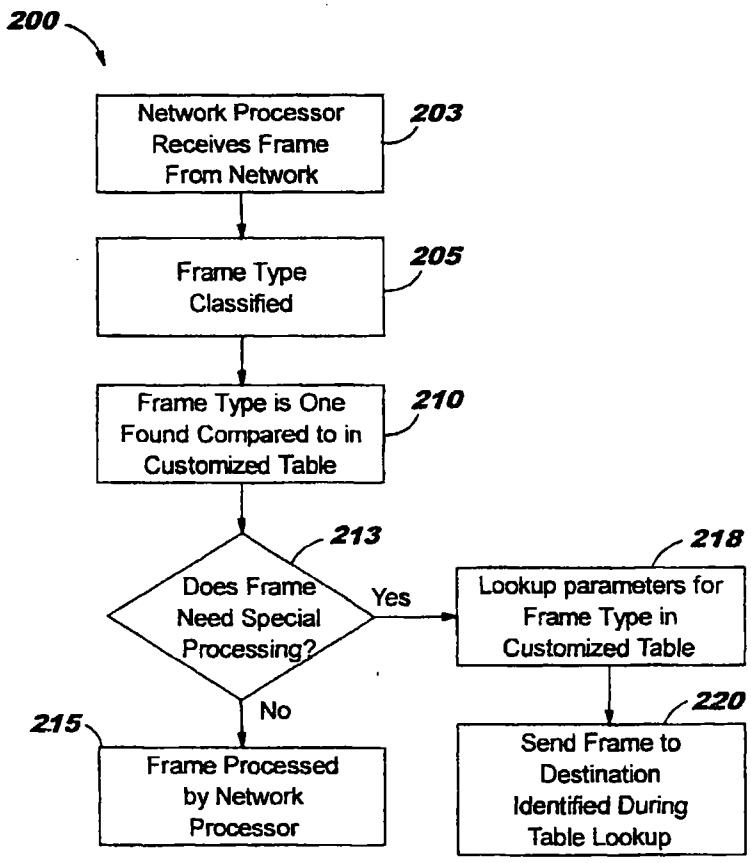
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(57) Abstract: In a distributed networking environment employing several general purpose processors (i.e., control point processors) for controlling one or more network processor devices, a mechanism for distributing processing across several general purpose processors and interface for configuring a network processor so that specific general purpose processors handle specific operations in a large networking environment, thus, reducing requirement for provisioning a plurality of protocol stacks on each general purpose processor.

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