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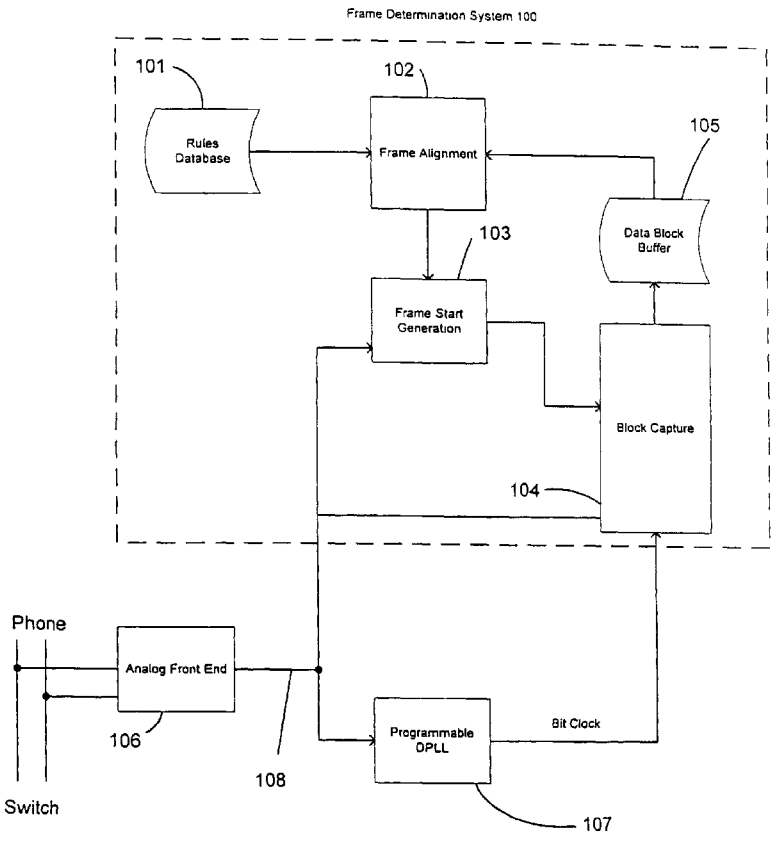
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(57) Abstract: A digital frame determination method and apparatus are provided which collect a data frame from a digital data stream starting at an initial frame start and a nominal frame frequency, test the data frame for alignment based on a set of rules, determine an adjustment value in accordance with the set of rules when the data frame is not aligned, adjust the frame start in accordance with the adjustment value, and repeat until the data frame is aligned and the alignment is verified.

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