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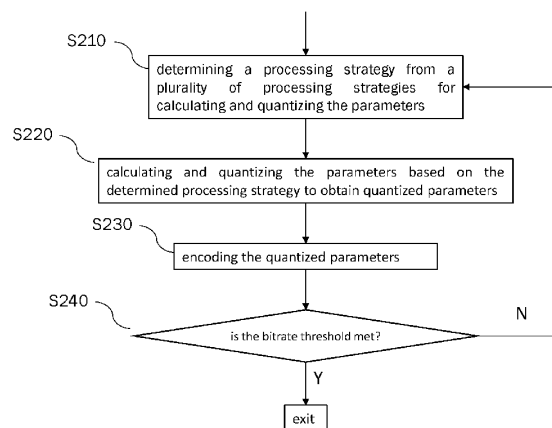


Fig. 2

(57) Abstract: Described is a method of frame-wise encoding metadata for an input signal, the metadata comprising a plurality of at least partially interrelated parameters calculable from the input signal. The method comprises, for each frame: iteratively performing, by using a looping process, steps of: determining a processing strategy from a plurality of processing strategies for calculating and quantizing the parameters; calculating and quantizing the parameters based on the determined processing strategy to obtain quantized parameters; and encoding the quantized parameters. In particular, each of the plurality of processing strategies comprises a respective first indication indicative of an ordering related to the calculation and quantization of individual parameters; and the processing strategy is determined based on at least one bitrate threshold.

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