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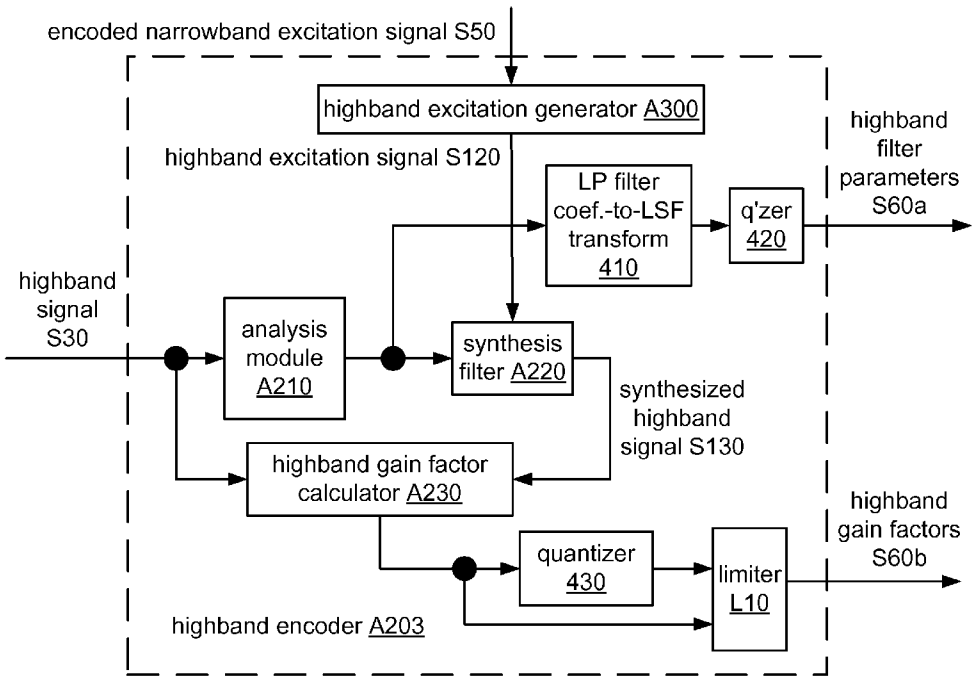

(57) **Abstract:** The range of disclosed configurations includes methods in which subbands of a speech signal are separately encoded, with the excitation of a first subband being derived from a second subband. Gain factors are calculated to indicate a time-varying relation between envelopes of the original first subband and of the synthesized first subband. The gain factors are quantized, and quantized values that exceed the pre-quantized values are re-coded.

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