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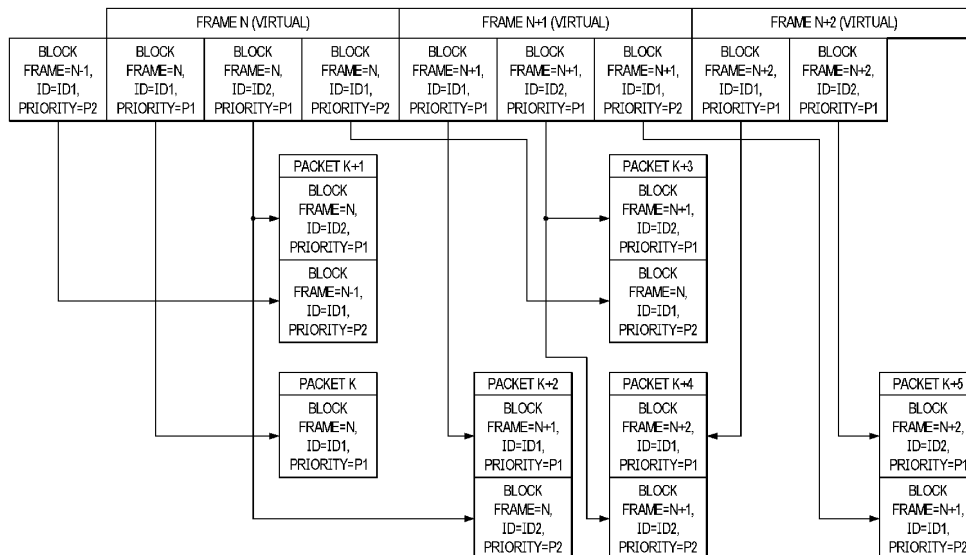


FIG. 9

- (57) **Abstract:** A method for transmitting audio signals of an immersive audio program, the method comprising: generating packets of data comprising portions of a bitstream of the audio signals, wherein the bitstream comprises a plurality of frames, wherein each frame of the plurality of frames comprises a plurality of blocks, wherein the generating comprises: assembling a packet of data comprising one or more blocks of the plurality of blocks, wherein blocks from different frames are combined into a single packet and/or blocks are transmitted out of order; and transmitting the packets of data via a packet-based network.

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