Claims

1. A multi-channel audio decoder for providing at least two output audio signals on the basis of an encoded representation,

wherein the multi-channel audio decoder is configured to obtain one of the output audio signals on the basis of an encoded representation of a downmix signal, a plurality of encoded spatial parameters and an encoded representation of a residual signal, and

wherein the multi-channel audio decoder is configured to blend between a parametric coding and a residual coding in dependence on the residual signal,

such that an intensity of the residual signal determines whether the decoding is mostly based on the spatial parameters in addition to the downmix signal, or

whether the decoding is mostly based on the residual signal in addition to the downmix signal, or whether an intermediate state is taken in which both the spatial parameters and the residual signal affect a refinement of the output signal, to derive the output audio signals from the downmix signal.

2. A method for providing at least two output audio signals on the basis of an encoded representation, the method comprising:

obtaining one of the output audio signals on the basis of an encoded representation of a downmix signal, a plurality of encoded spatial parameters and an encoded representation of a residual signal,

wherein a blending is performed between a parametric coding and a residual coding in dependence on the residual signal,

such that an intensity of the residual signal determines whether the decoding is mostly based on the spatial parameters in addition to the downmix signal, or whether the decoding is mostly based on the residual signal in addition to the downmix signal, or whether an intermediate state is taken in which both the spatial parameters and the residual signal affect a refinement of the output signal, to derive the output audio signals from the downmix signal.

3. A computer program for performing the method according to claim 2 when the computer program runs on a computer.