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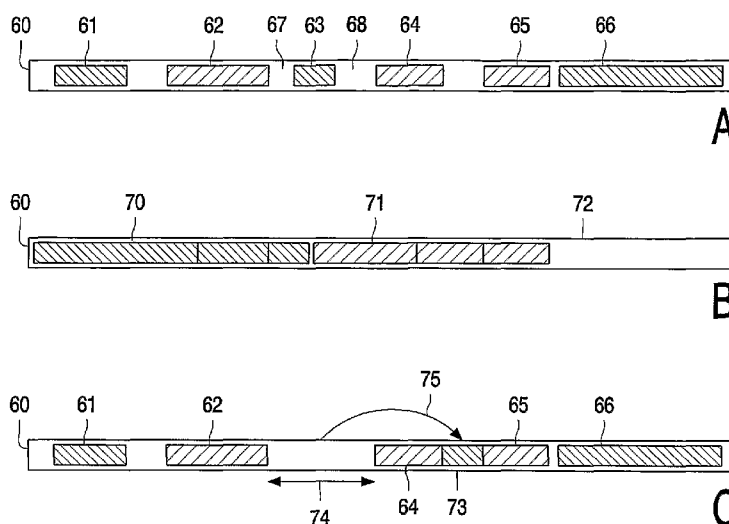
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(54) Title: MANAGING DATA SPACE ON A RECORD CARRIER



(57) Abstract: A recording system records blocks of information on a record carrier according to a file management system. Data space on a partly and fragmented recorded record carrier (60-68) is managed as follows. The information includes a first type of information, such as video, and a second type, such as a general purpose data. The first type has extent allocation requirements that include requiring an extent to accommodate a multitude of information blocks in a consecutive range of addresses and the extent to have at least a predetermined extent size. Data space is managed by selecting at least one partly recorded data area (67,63,68) of at least the extent size which data area contains information blocks (63) at recorded addresses, and subsequently creating a free data area (74) on the record carrier by moving the information blocks from the recorded addresses in the partly recorded data area to different addresses (73) outside the free data area (74) and correspondingly adapting the file management data.

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