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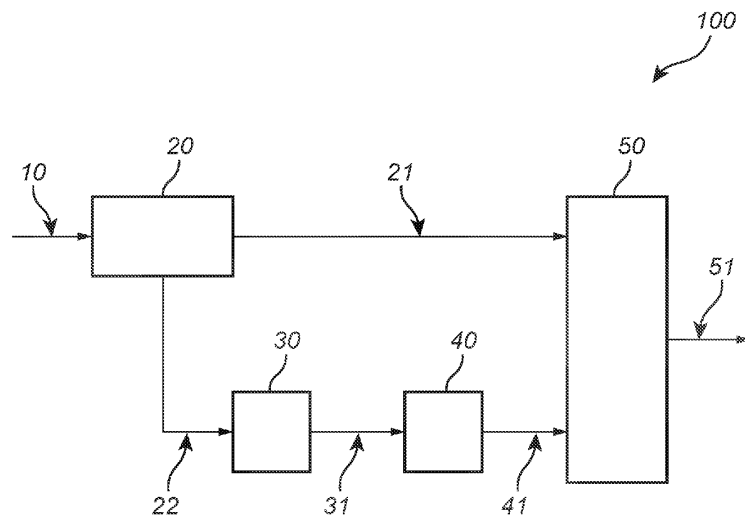


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: A method comprising receiving a first input bit stream for a first parametrically coded input audio signal, the first input bit stream including data representing a first input core audio signal and a first set including at least one spatial parameter relating to the first parametrically coded input audio signal. A first covariance matrix of the first parametrically coded audio signal is determined based on the spatial parameter(s) of the first set. A modified set including at least one spatial parameter is determined based on the determined first covariance matrix, wherein the modified set is different from the first set. An output core audio signal is determined, which is based on, or constituted by, the first input core audio signal. An output bit stream for a parametrically coded output audio signal is generated, the output bit stream including data representing the output core audio signal and the modified set.

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