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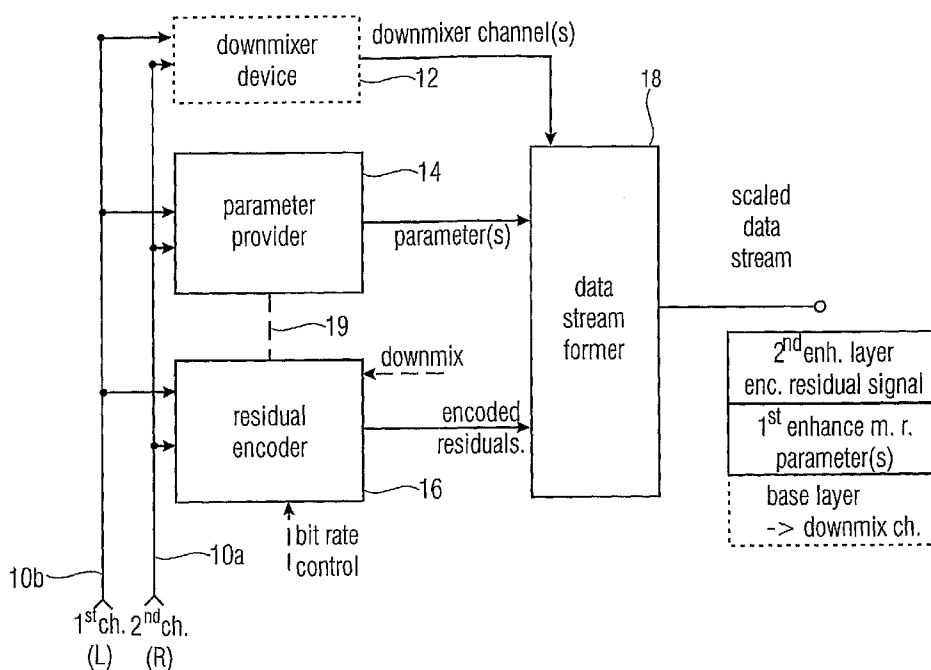
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(57) Abstract: Near-transparent or transparent multi-channel encoder/decoder scheme Abstract A multi-channel encoder/decoder scheme additionally preferably generates a waveform-type residual signal (16). This residual signal is transmitted (18) together with one or more multi-channel parameters (14) to a decoder. In contrast to a purely parametric multi-channel decoder, the enhanced decoder generates a multi-channel output signal having an improved output quality because of the additional residual signal.