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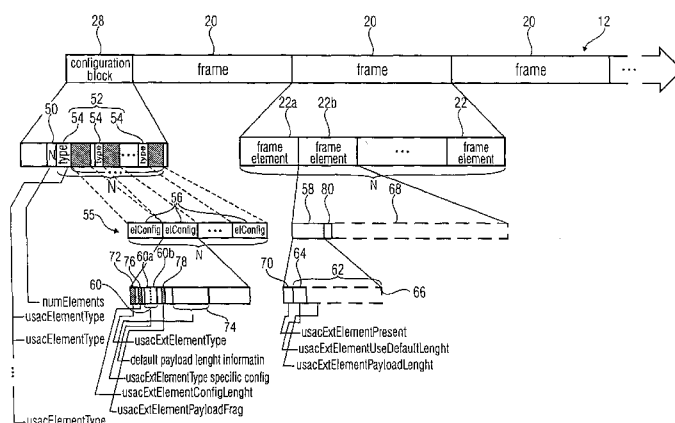


FIG 3

(57) Abstract: Frame elements which shall be made available for skipping may be transmitted more efficiently by arranging that a default payload length information is transmitted separately within a configuration block, with the length information within the frame elements, in turn, being subdivided into a default payload length flag followed, if the default payload length flag is not set, by a payload length value explicitly coding the payload length of the respective frame element. However, if the default payload length flag is set, an explicit transmission of the payload length may be avoided. Rather, any frame element, the default extension payload length flag of which is set, has the default payload length and any frame element, the default extension payload length flag of which is not set, has a payload length corresponding to the payload length value. By this measure, transmission effectiveness is increased.