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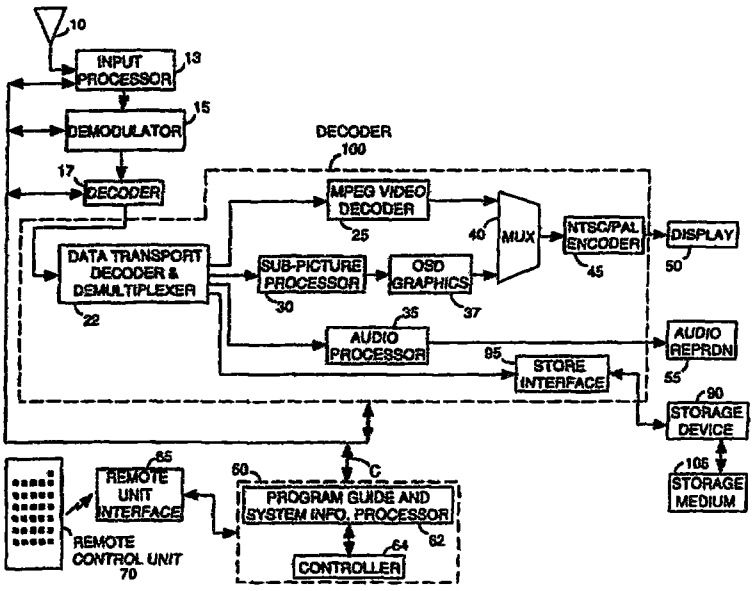
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(57) Abstract

Packetized program information used in video processing and storage medium formats includes multiple text strings. A decoder (100) decodes packetized program information containing multiple text strings associated with a program. The decoder (100) determines from a first indicator in the packetized program information a type of coding and compression employed in encoding a first text string. The decoder (60, 30) decodes the first text string with a decoding function selected in accordance with the determined type of coding and assembles (60, 30) decoded text string elements to form an output text string.