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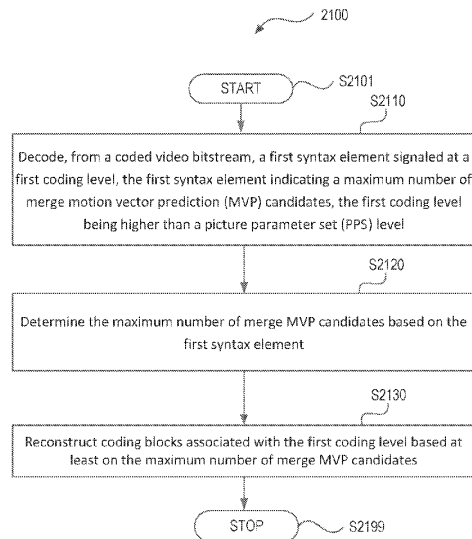


FIG. 21

(57) **Abstract:** Aspects of the disclosure provide a method and an apparatus including processing circuitry for video decoding. The processing circuitry can decode, from a coded video bitstream, a first syntax element signaled at a first coding level. The first syntax element can indicate a maximum number of merge motion vector prediction (MVP) candidates. The first coding level can be higher than a picture parameter set (PPS) level. The processing circuitry can determine the maximum number of merge MVP candidates based on the first syntax element. The processing circuitry can reconstruct coding blocks associated with the first coding level based at least on the maximum number of merge MVP candidates. The first coding level can be a sequence level and the first syntax element can be signaled in a sequence parameter set (SPS).