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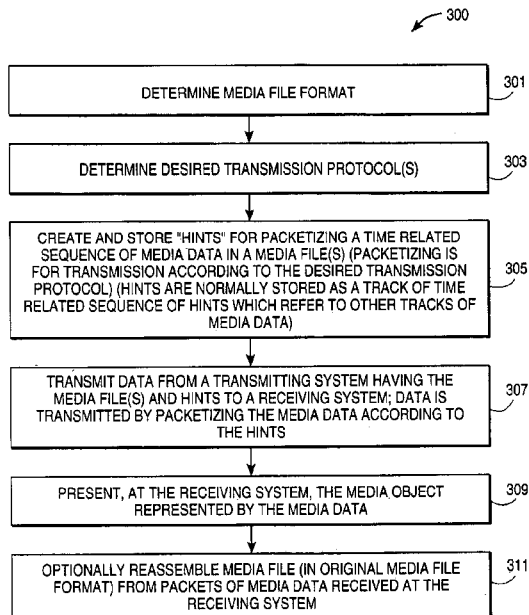
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Methods and apparatuses for processing media data transmitted in a data communication medium. A digital processing system is provided with a time related sequence of media data provided to the digital processing system based on a set of data, wherein the set of data indicates a method to transmit the time related sequence of media data according to a transmission protocol. The set of data, itself, is a time related sequence of data associated with the time related sequence of media data. The time related sequence of media data may be presented and/or stored by the digital processing system.

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FIG. 1

FIG. 2

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| DETERMINE MEDIA FILE FORMAT | 301 |

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| DETERMINE DESIRED TRANSMISSION PROTOCOL(S) | 303 |

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| CREATE AND STORE "HINTS" FOR PACKETIZING A TIME RELATED SEQUENCE OF MEDIA DATA IN A MEDIA FILE(S) (PACKETIZING IS FOR TRANSMISSION ACCORDING TO THE DESIRED TRANSMISSION PROTOCOL) (HINTS ARE NORMALLY STORED AS A TRACK OF TIME RELATED SEQUENCE OF HINTS WHICH REFER TO OTHER TRACKS OF MEDIA DATA) | 305 |

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| TRANSMIT DATA FROM A TRANSMITTING SYSTEM HAVING THE MEDIA FILE(S) AND HINTS TO A RECEIVING SYSTEM; DATA IS TRANSMITTED BY PACKETIZING THE MEDIA DATA ACCORDING TO THE HINTS | 307 |

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| PRESENT, AT THE RECEIVING SYSTEM, THE MEDIA OBJECT REPRESENTED BY THE MEDIA DATA | 309 |

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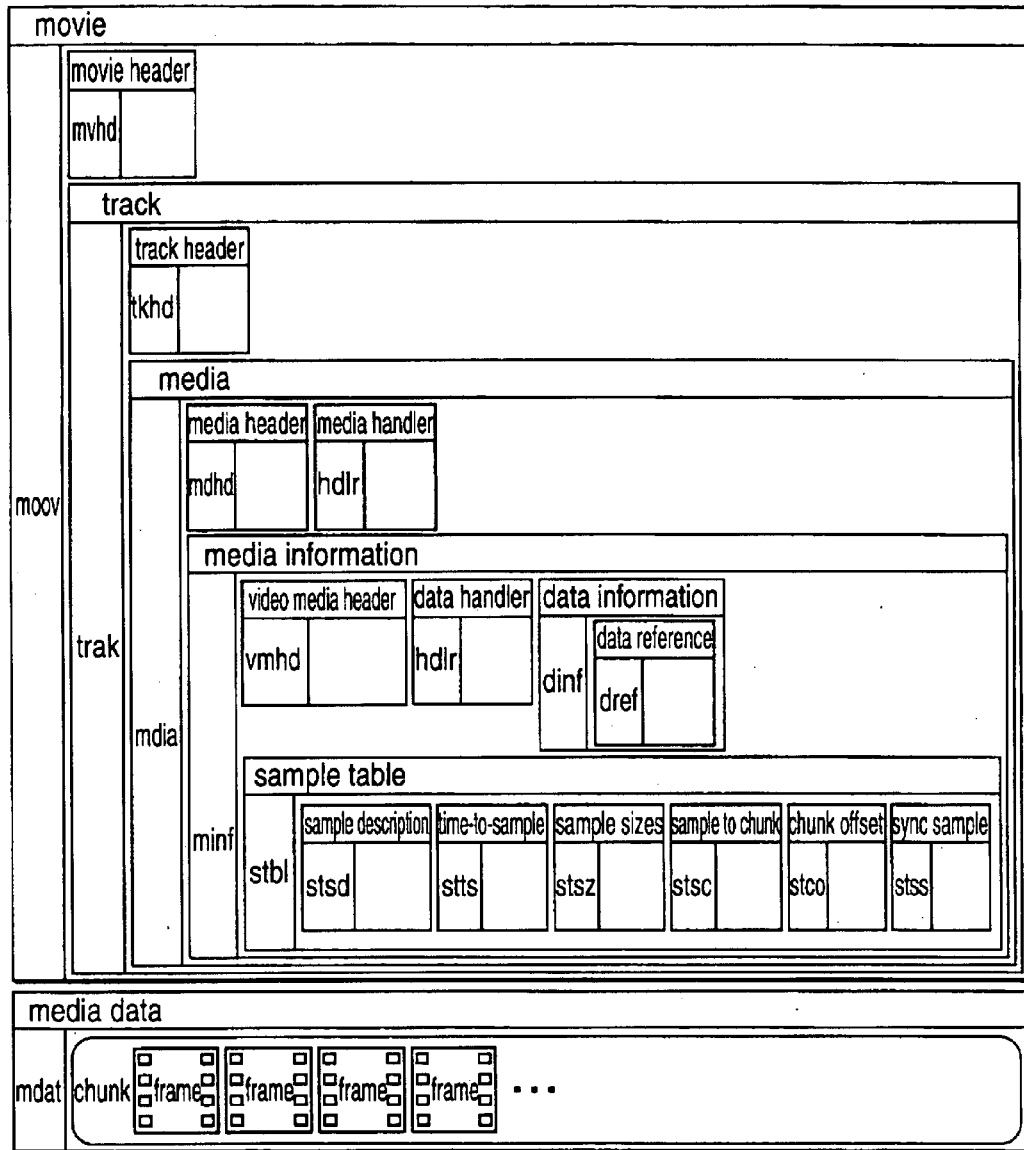| OPTIONALLY REASSEMBLE MEDIA FILE (IN ORIGINAL MEDIA FILE FORMAT) FROM PACKETS OF MEDIA DATA RECEIVED AT THE RECEIVING SYSTEM | 311 |

FIG. 3

DOCKET ALARM
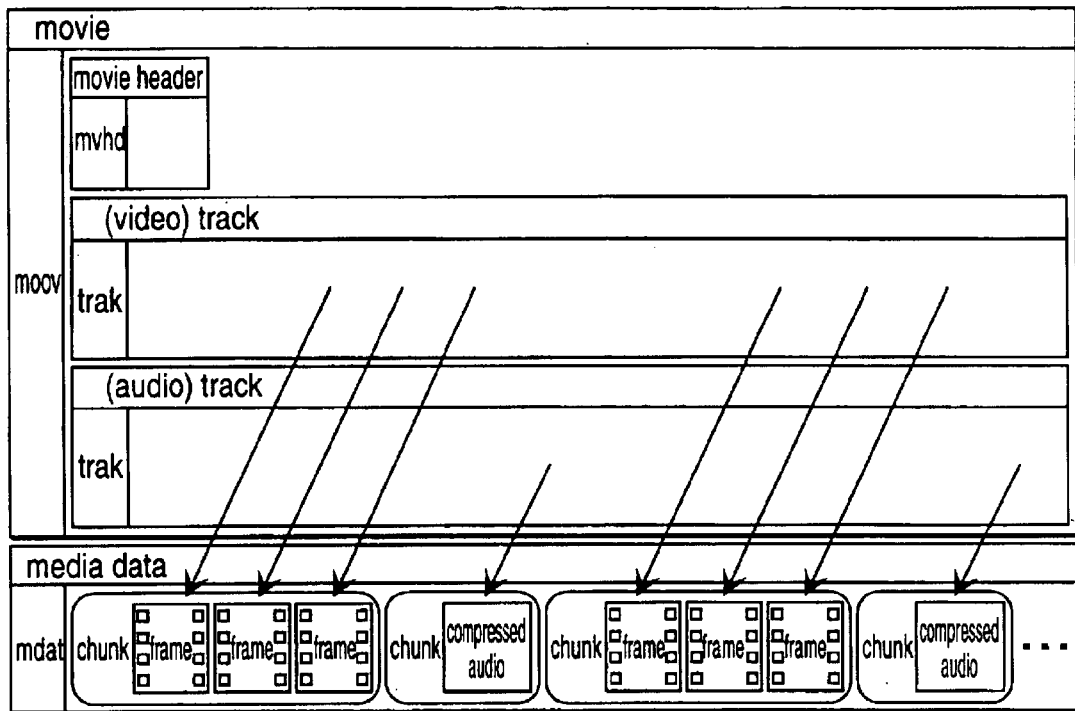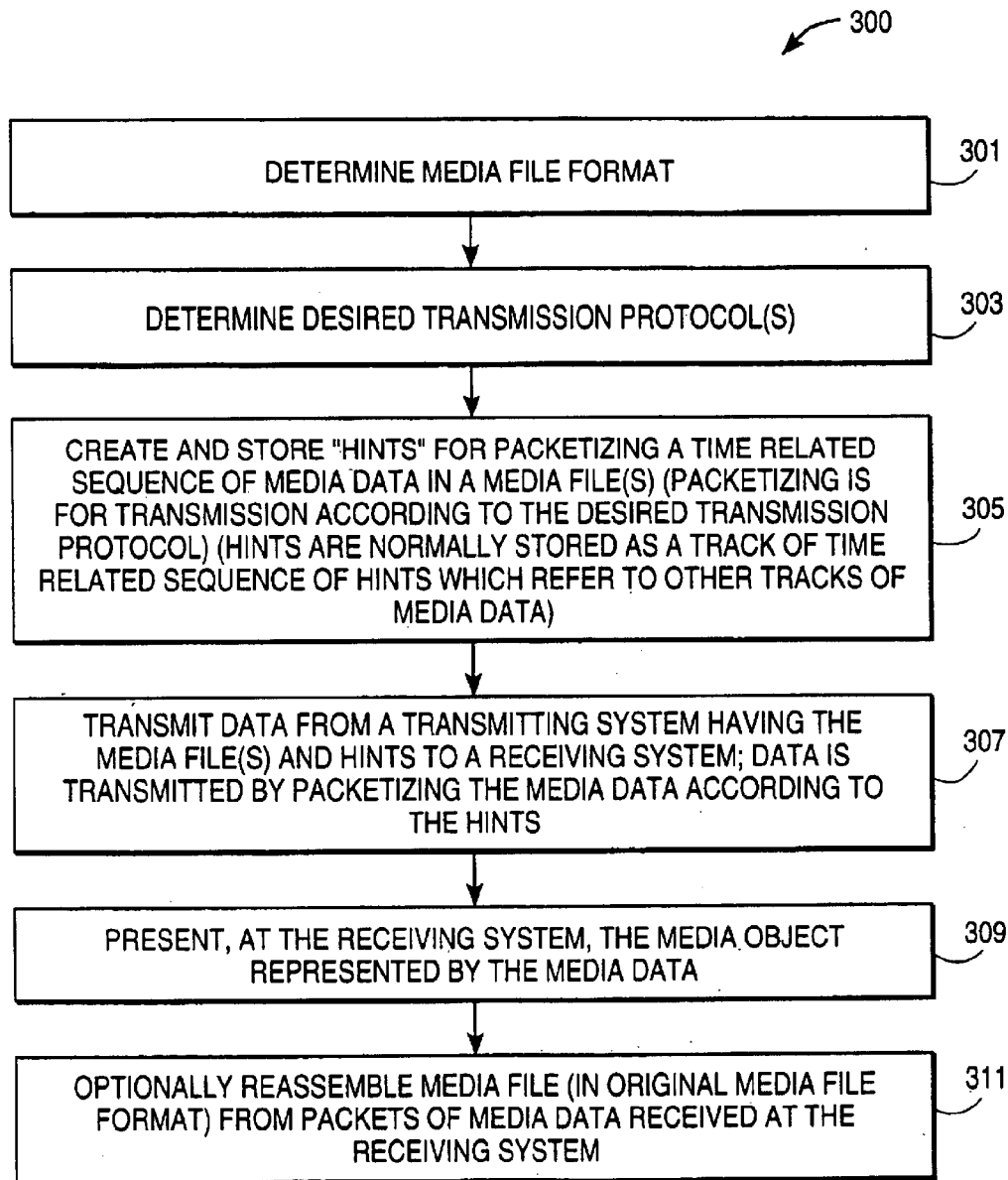
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