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(54) **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MEDIA DATA TRANSMISSION**

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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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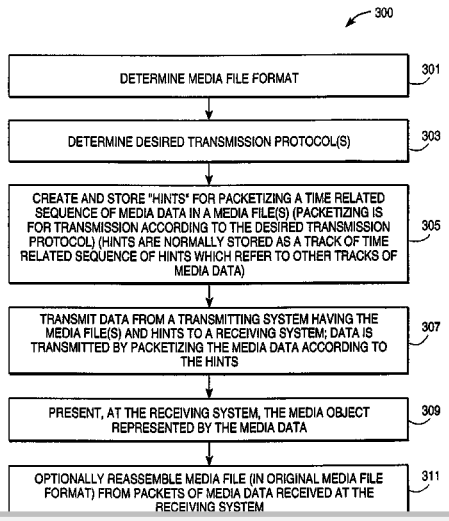

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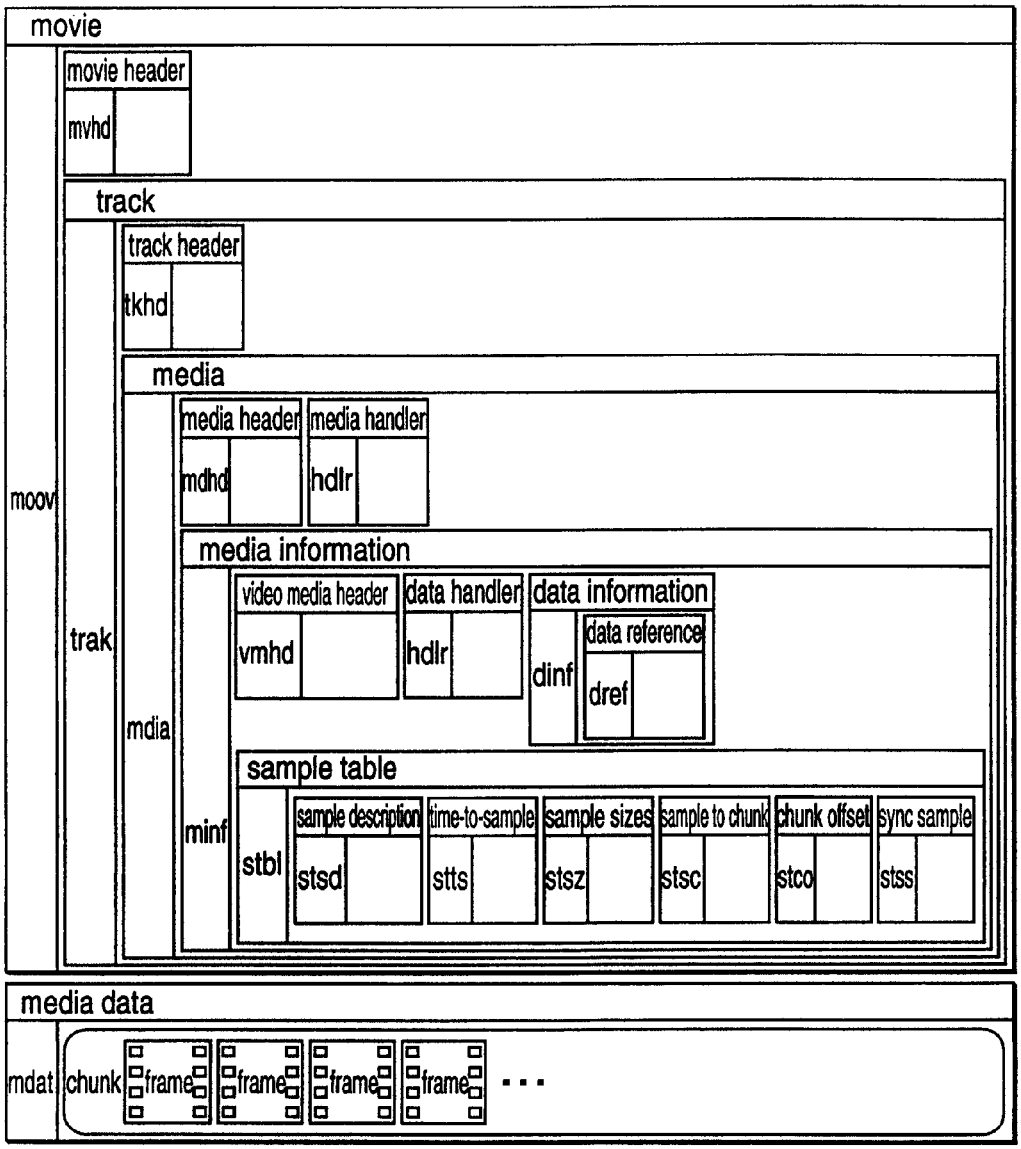

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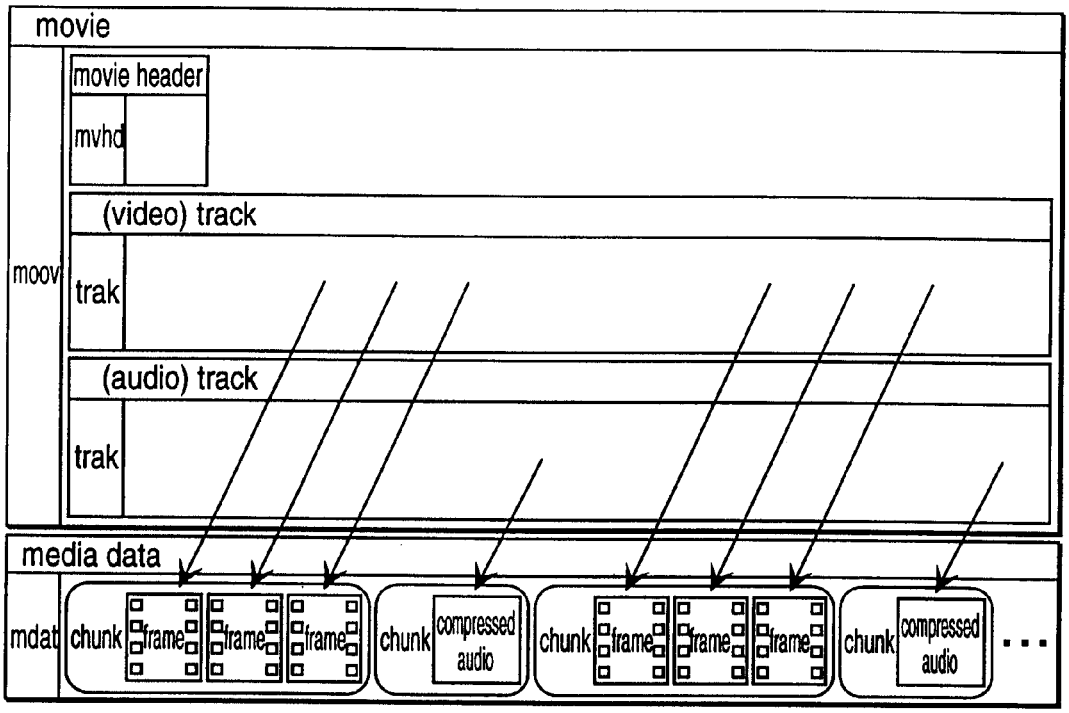

FIG. 2
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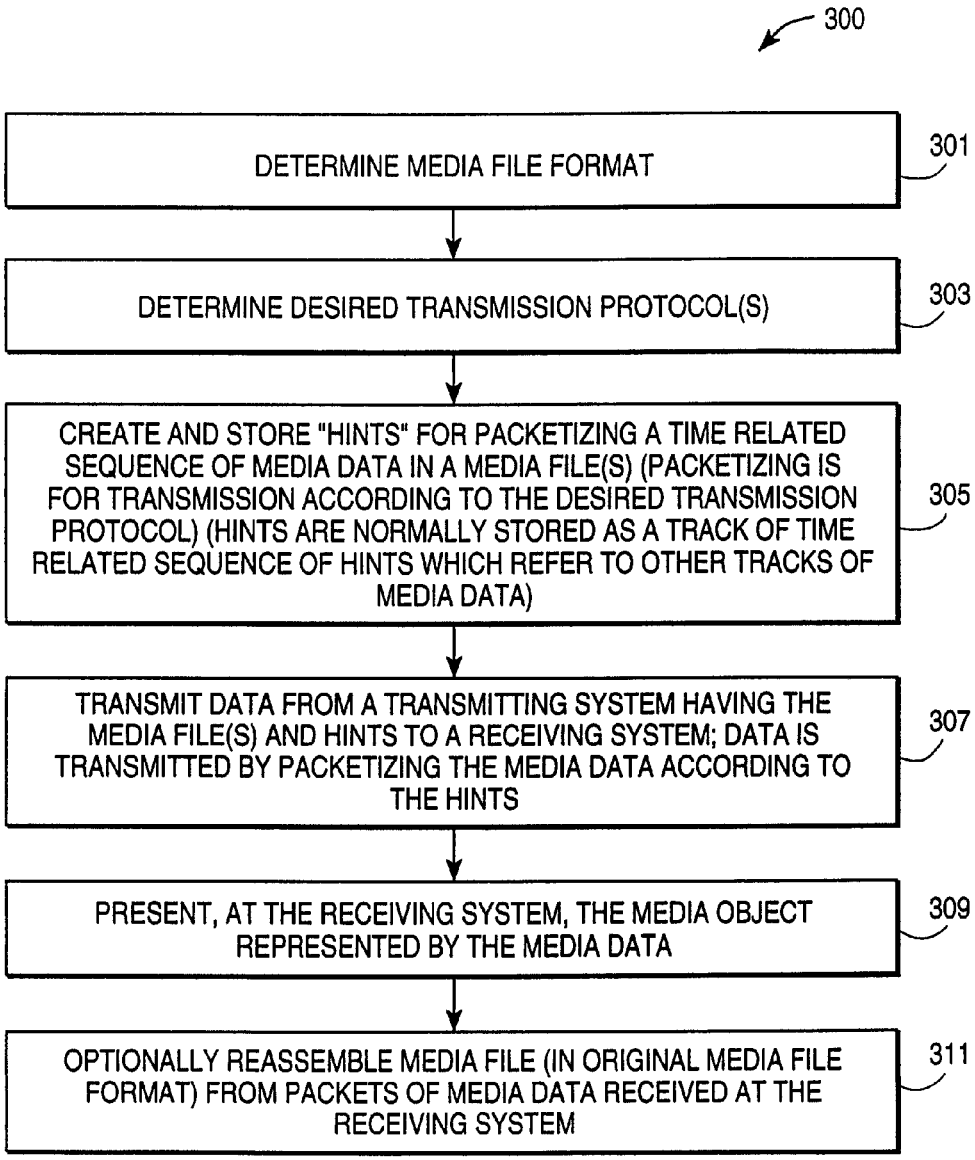

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