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What is claimed is a method of decoding coded image data using frame
to frame prediction, where the decoding procedure is supervised and,
if a not allowed situation occurs (e.g. leaving agreed paths in the
decoding tree) due to transmission errors or lost cells, the decoding
procedure is stopped and no more pixel values are used for updating
the frame store used for prediction. The decoding procedure is started
againat the next frame, field or group of block start code word.

Applied to an H.261 decoder the invention works in principle as follows:
an error detector supervises the macroblock attributes, the dequantised
spectral components, the displacement vectors, the EOB-markers, etc. and
checks if their values are in accordance with the agreed decoding
procedure. If an error is detected the decoding procedure is stopped
and no more data are added to the predicted picture content until a
Group of Block Start Code is detected. Now the decoding procedure starts
again. This error concealment procedure protects (in most cases) the
reconstructed pictures to be disturbed by annoying data produced by
erroneous decoding after transmission errors or lost transmission
packets (cells).