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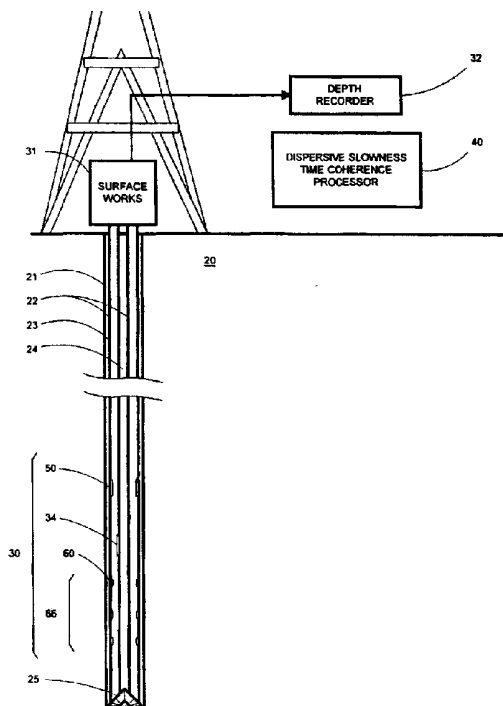
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(54) Abstract Title: **Quadrupole acoustic shear wave logging while drilling**

(57) A tool generates signals indicative of shear wave slowness of the formation surrounding a borehole. The tool comprises a collar portion adapted for mounting in a drill string, a quadrupole sonic transmitter mounted to the collar portion, and a quadropole sonic receiver array mounted to the collar spaced apart from the transmitter. A method determines shear wave slowness of the formation. The method includes propagating quadrupole wave energy into the formation and detecting quadrupole dispersive waveforms received at a second location. Formation shear wave slowness is calculated using dispersive slowness time coherence processing.



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