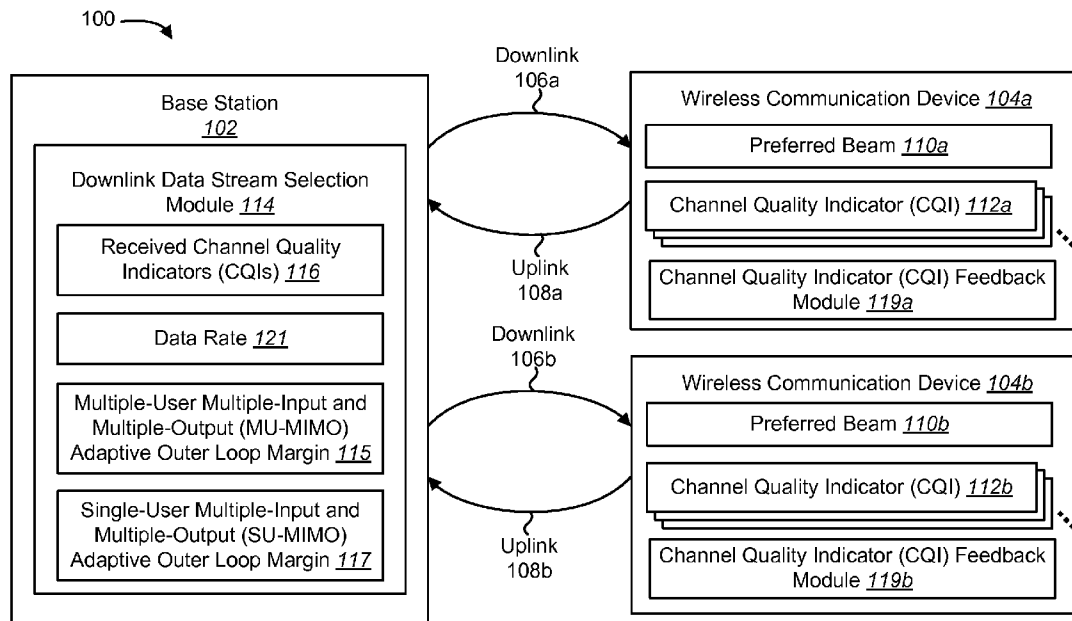


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A method for signaling multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output in a high speed packet access system is described. A multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter is determined. A message that includes the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter is determined. The message is sent to a wireless device. The method may be performed by a user equipment, a Node B or a radio network controller.

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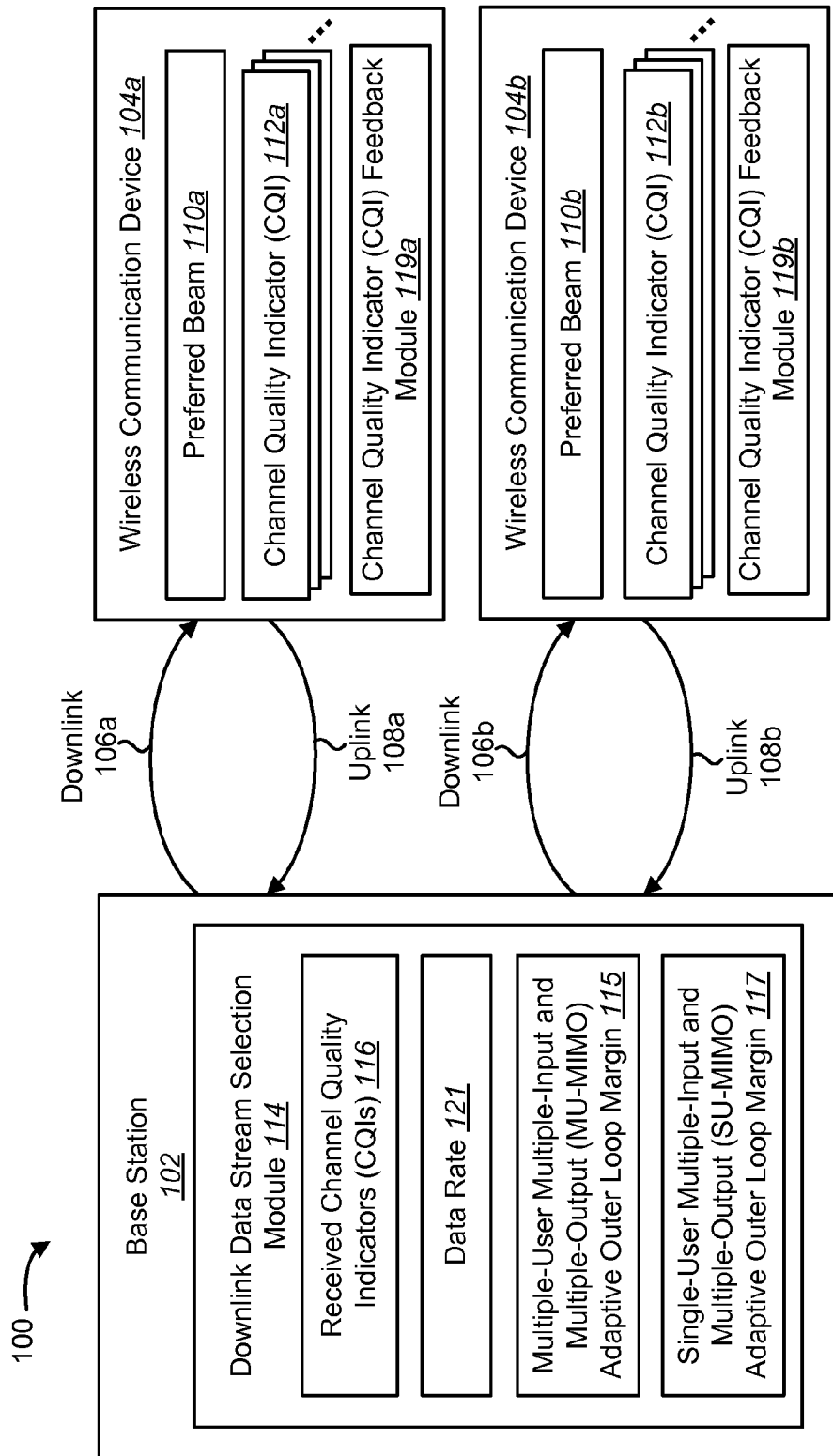


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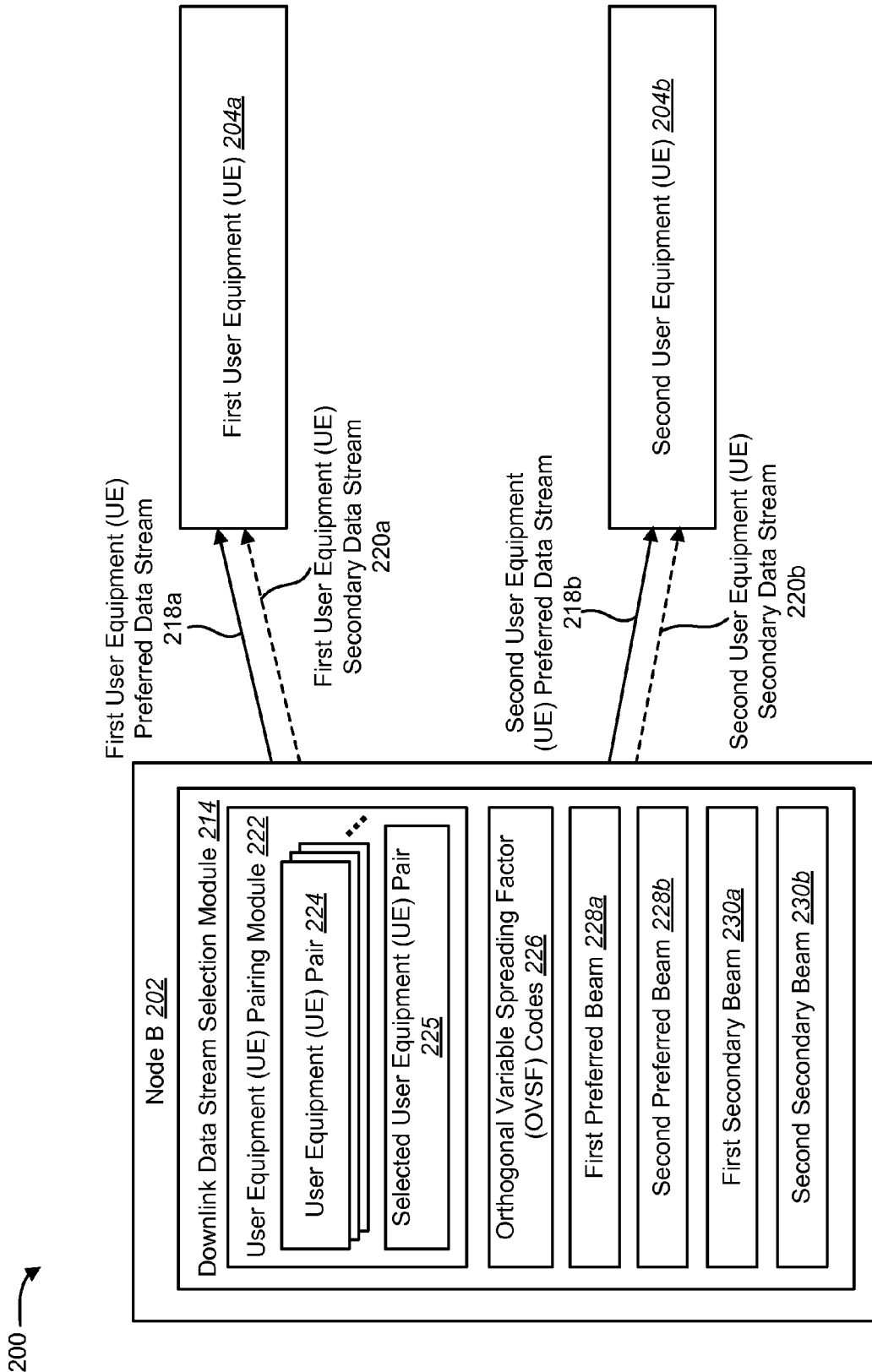


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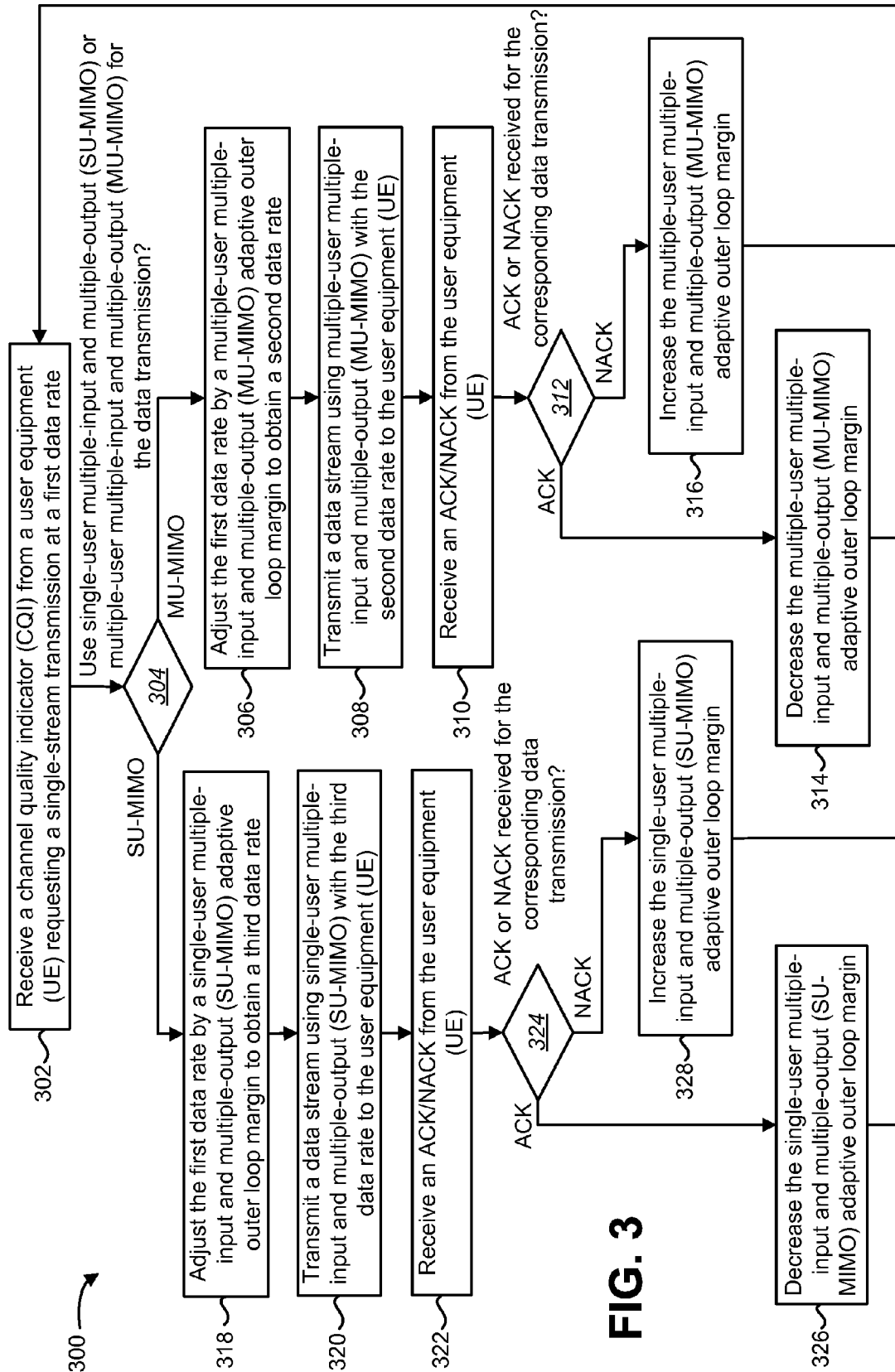


FIG. 3

	UE1 404a	UE2 404b	UE3 404c	UE4 404d	UE5 404e
UE1 404a		Non-Orthogonal	Non-Orthogonal	Orthogonal (User Equipment (UE) Pair) <u>432a</u>	Non-Orthogonal
UE2 404b	Non-Orthogonal		Orthogonal (User Equipment (UE) Pair) <u>432b</u>	Non-Orthogonal	Non-Orthogonal
UE3 404c	Non-Orthogonal	Orthogonal (User Equipment (UE) Pair) <u>432b</u>		Non-Orthogonal	Non-Orthogonal
UE4 404d	Orthogonal (User Equipment (UE) Pair) <u>432a</u>	Non-Orthogonal	Non-Orthogonal		Non-Orthogonal
UE5 404e	Non-Orthogonal	Non-Orthogonal	Non-Orthogonal	Non-Orthogonal	

FIG. 4

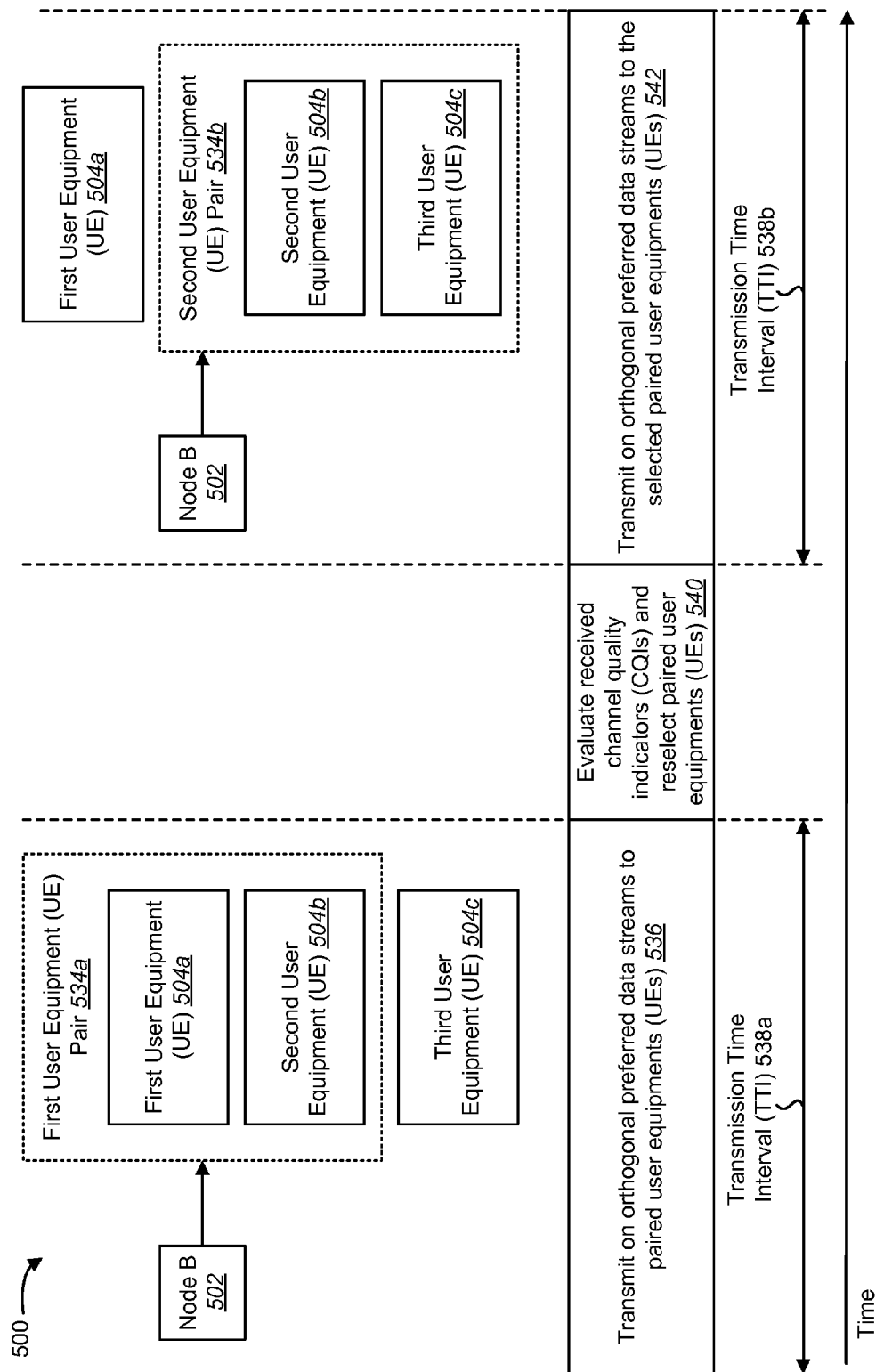


FIG. 5

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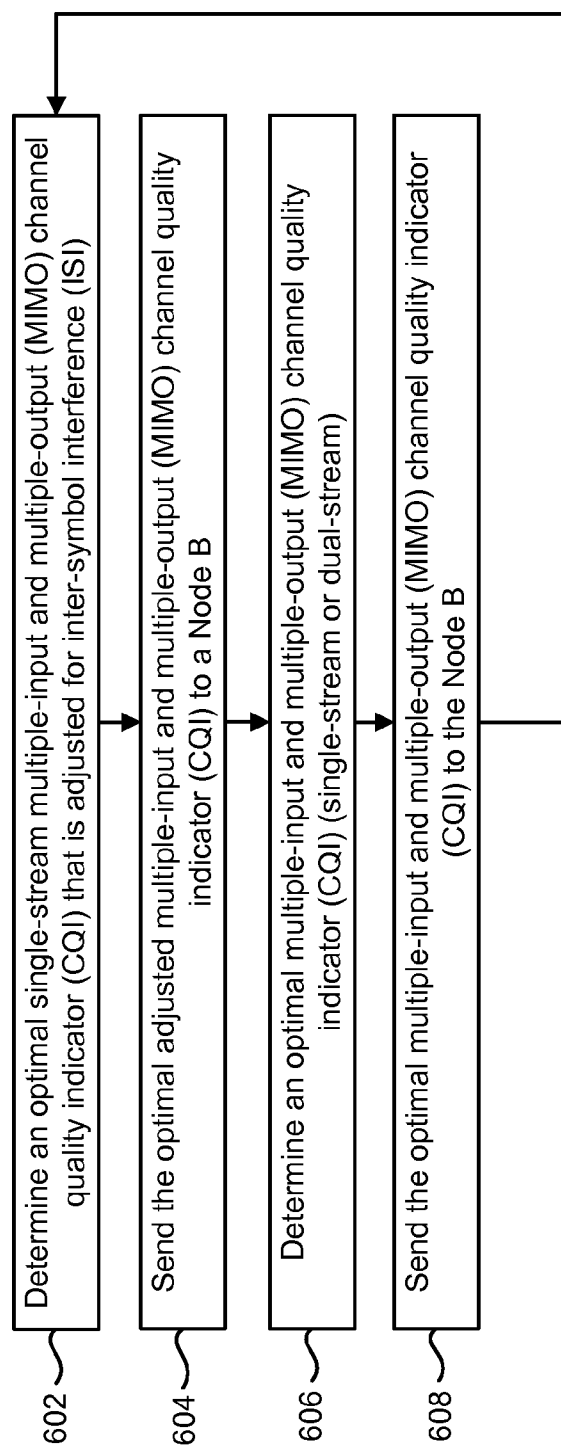


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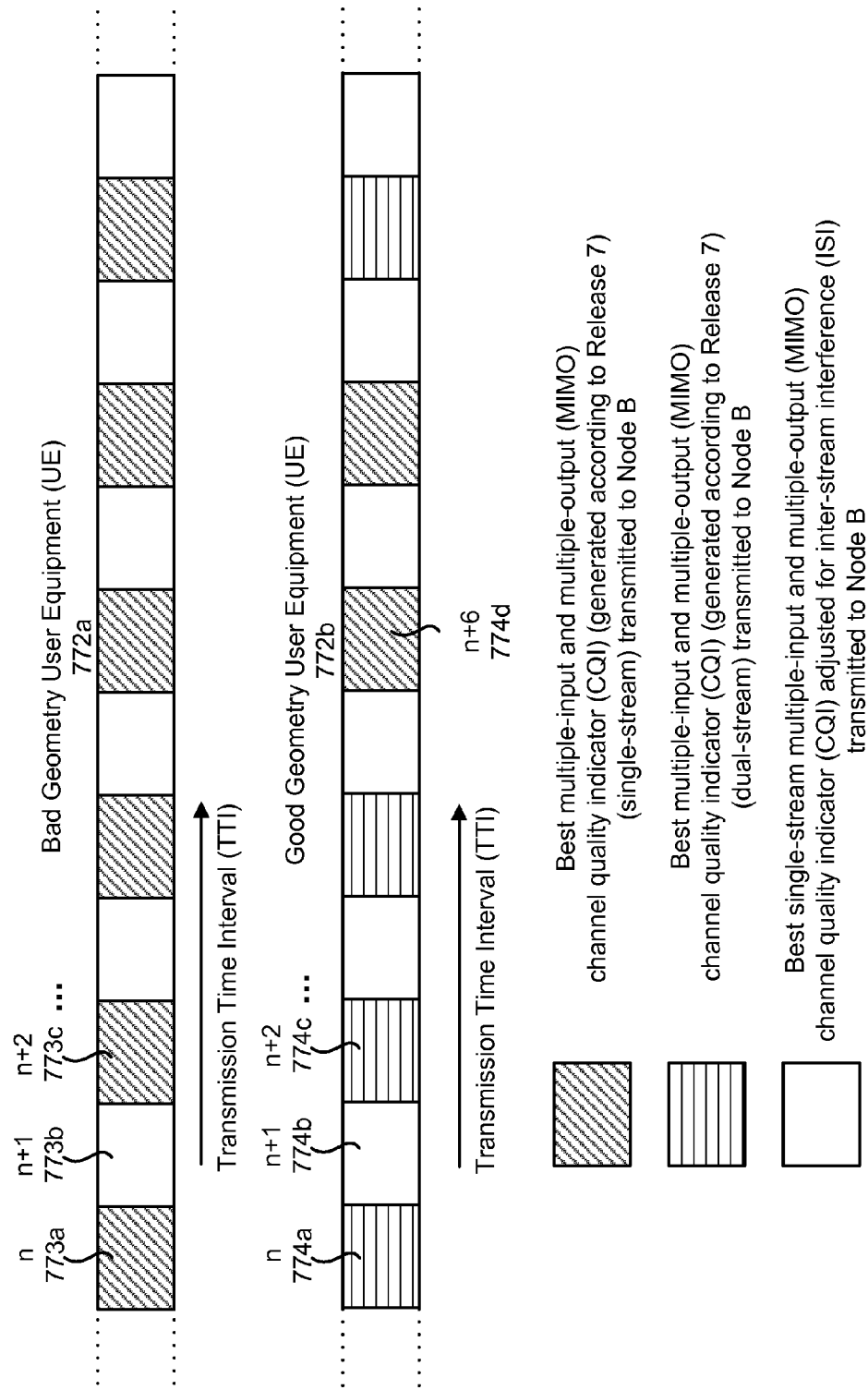


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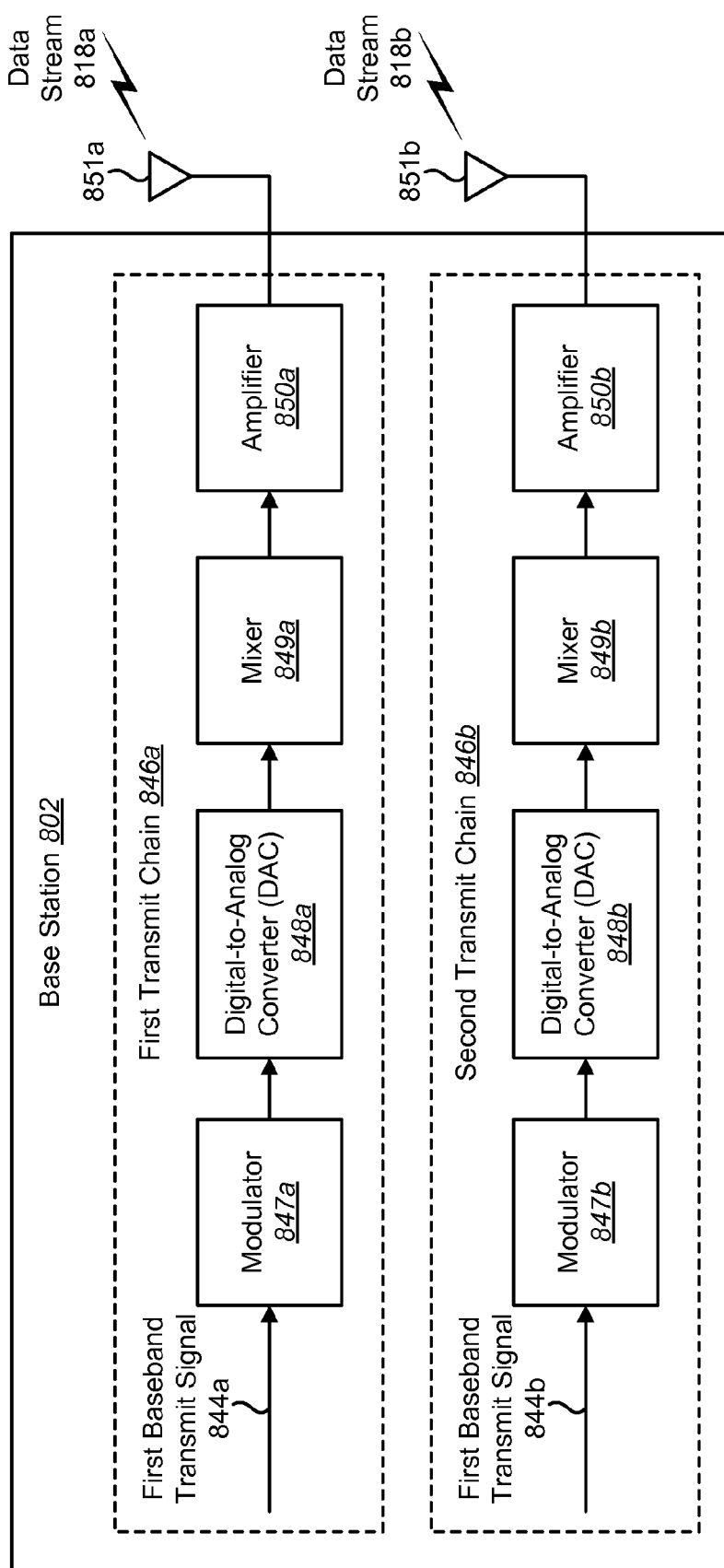


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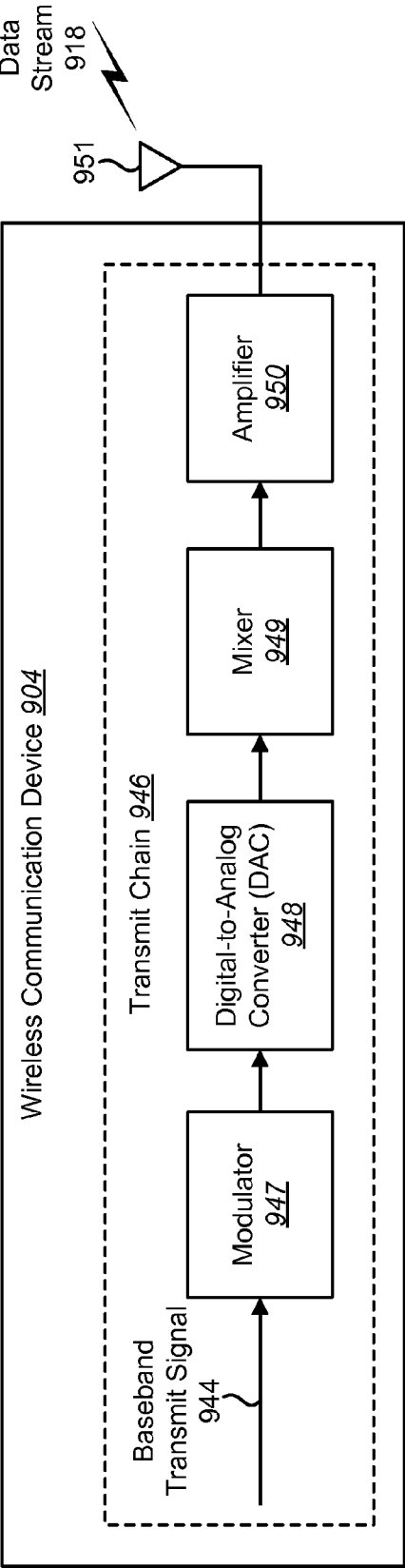


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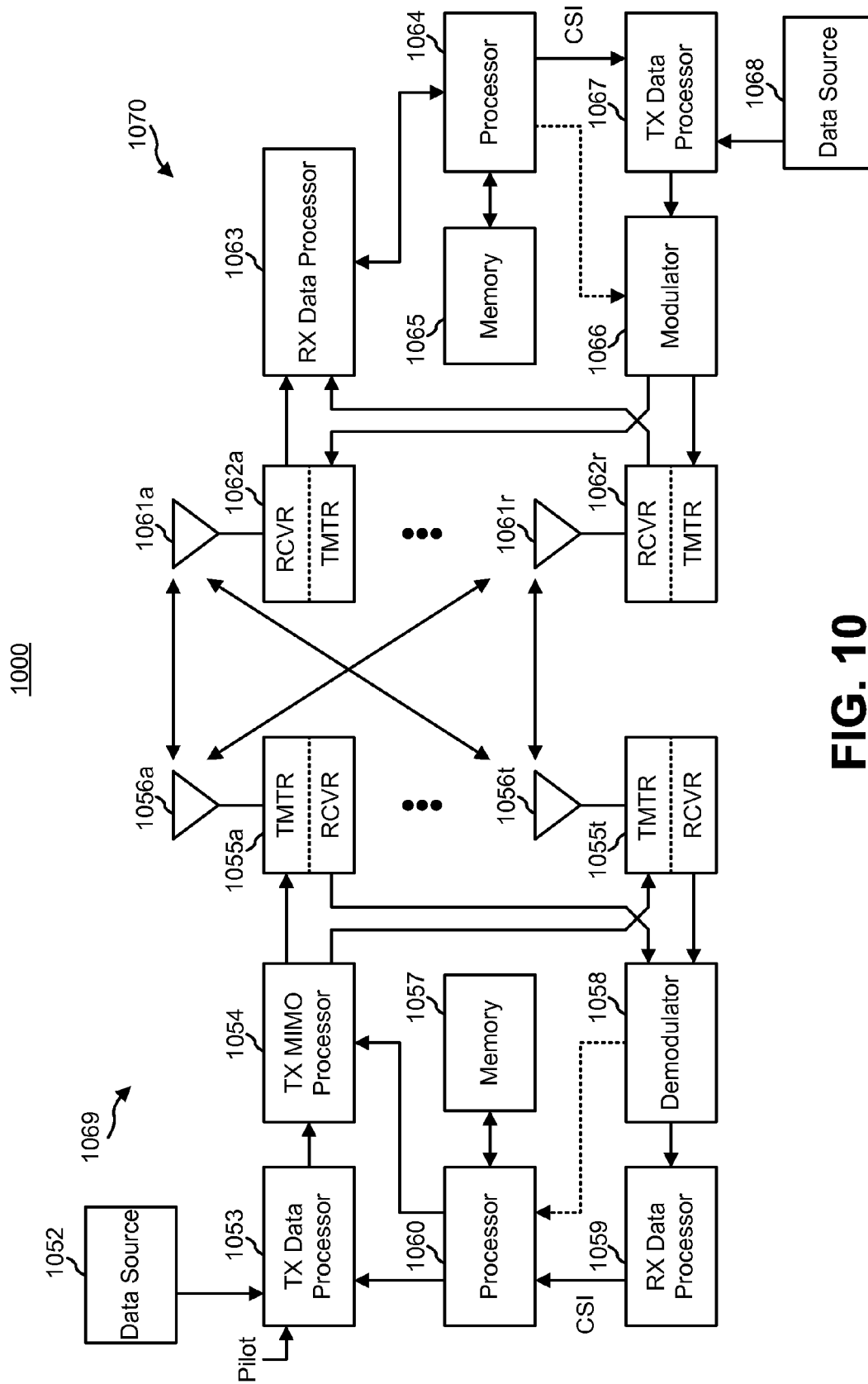


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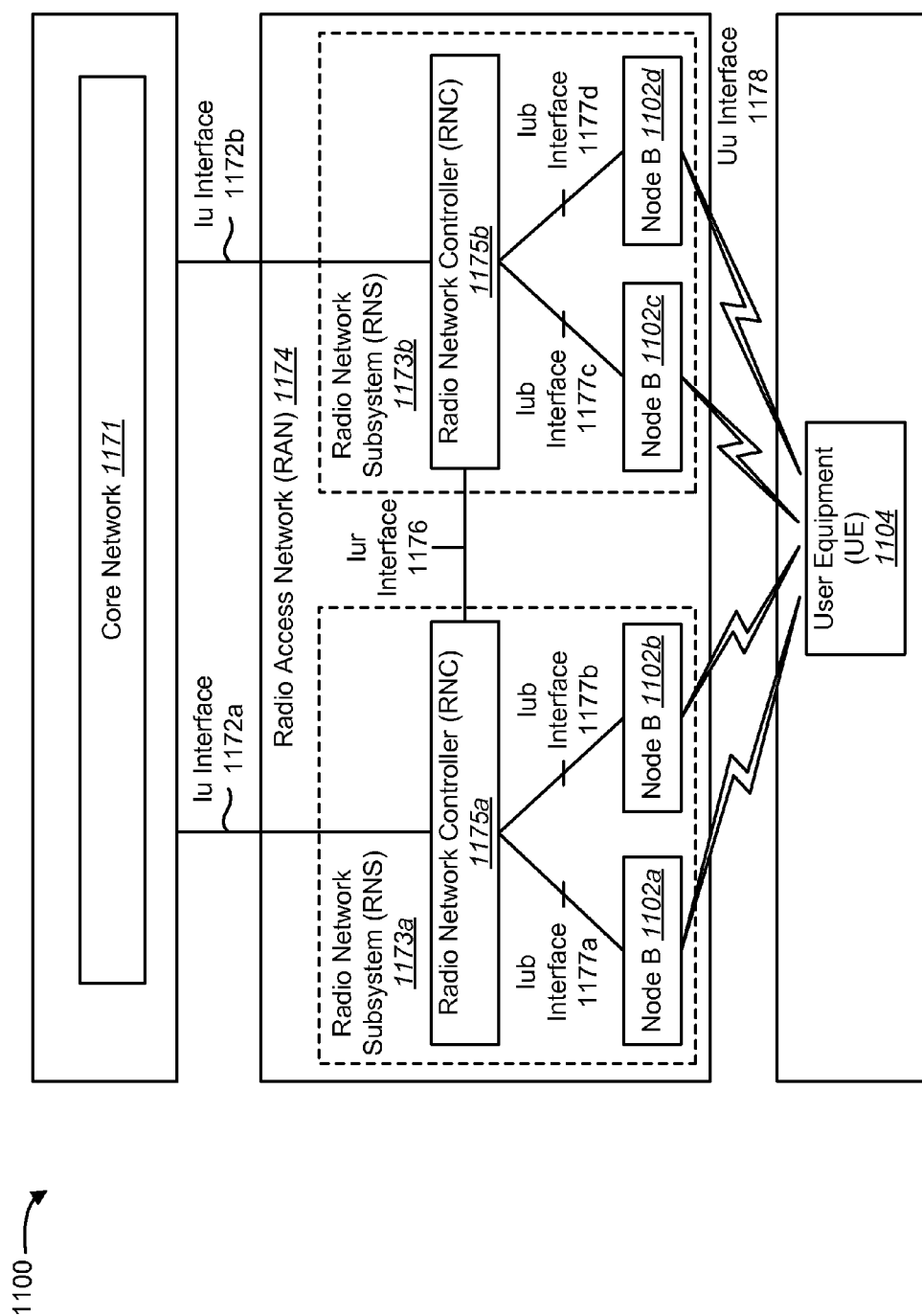


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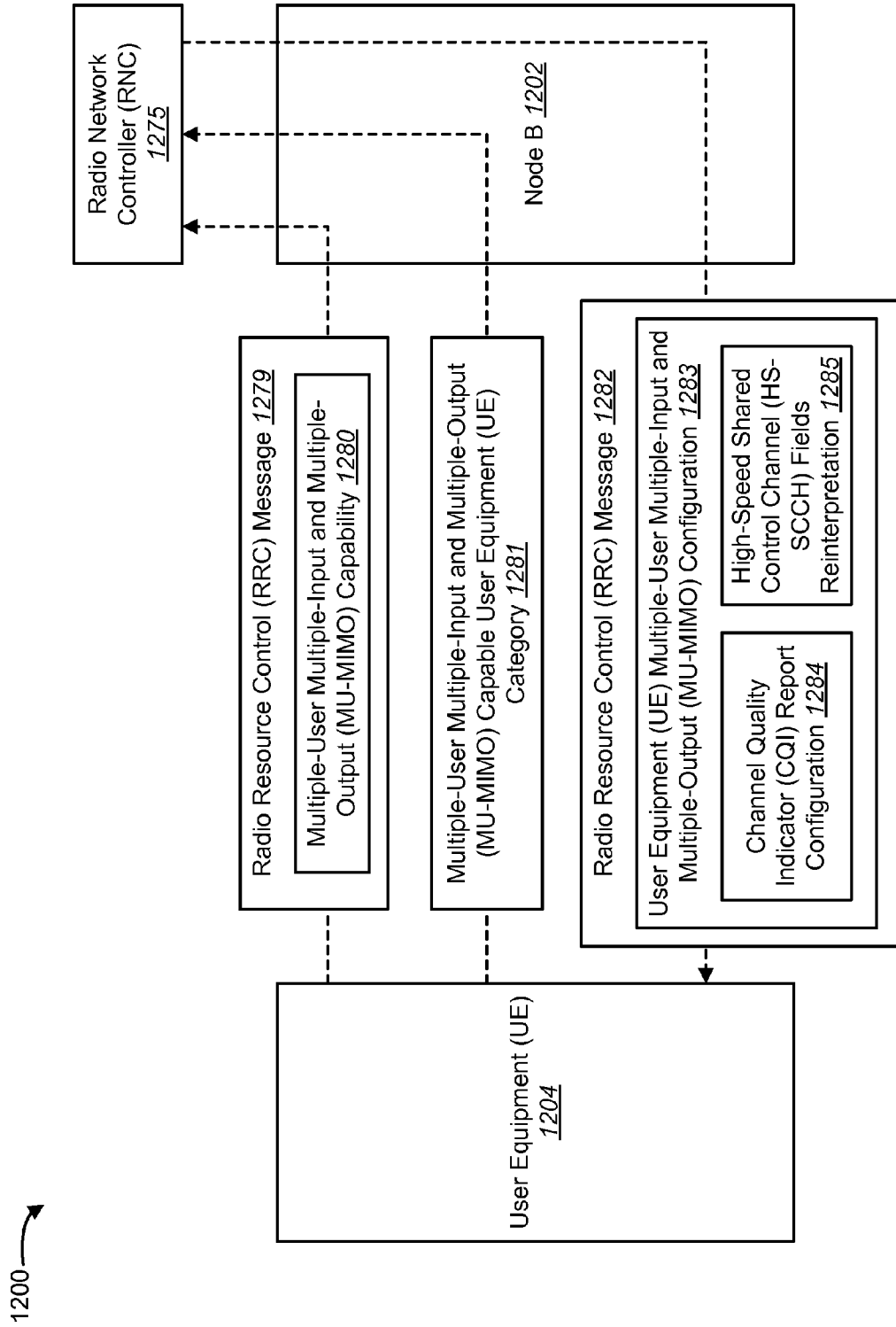
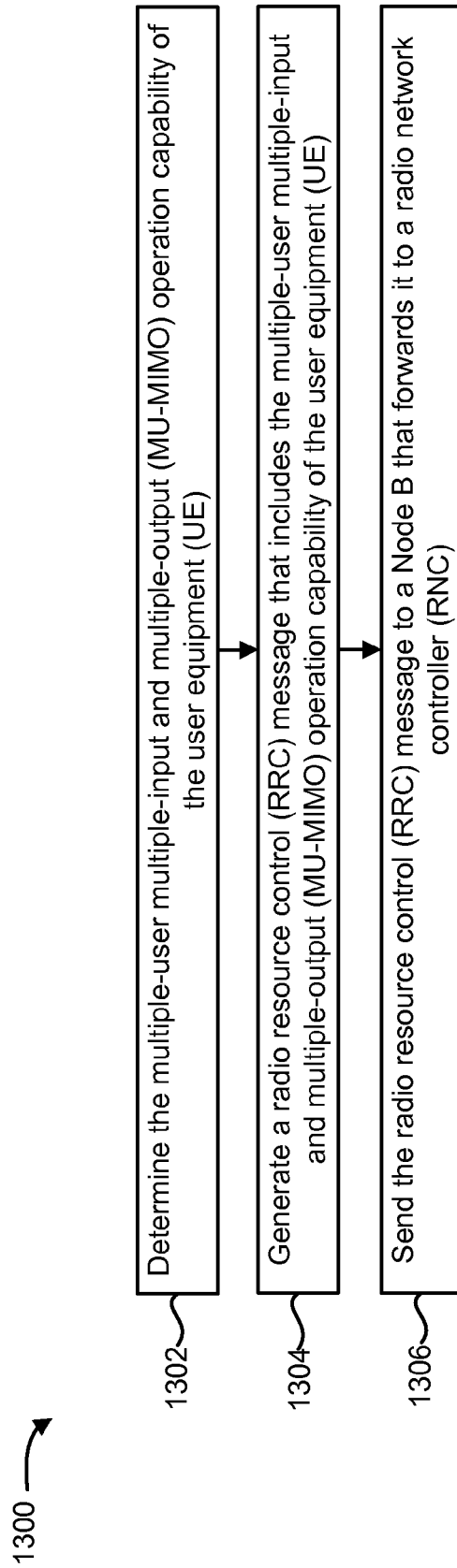
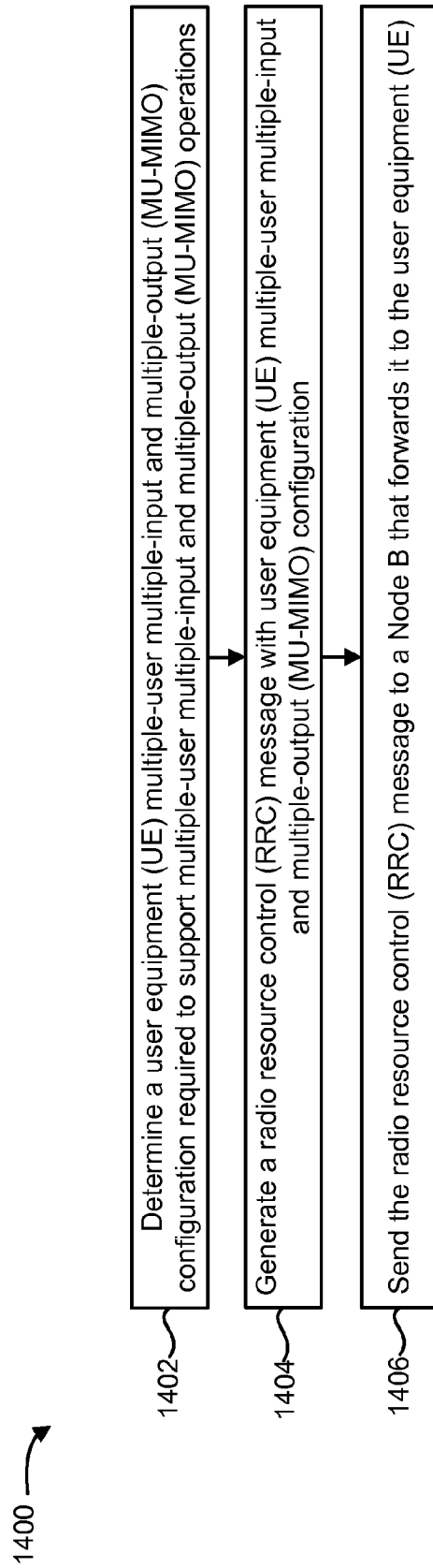


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**FIG. 14**

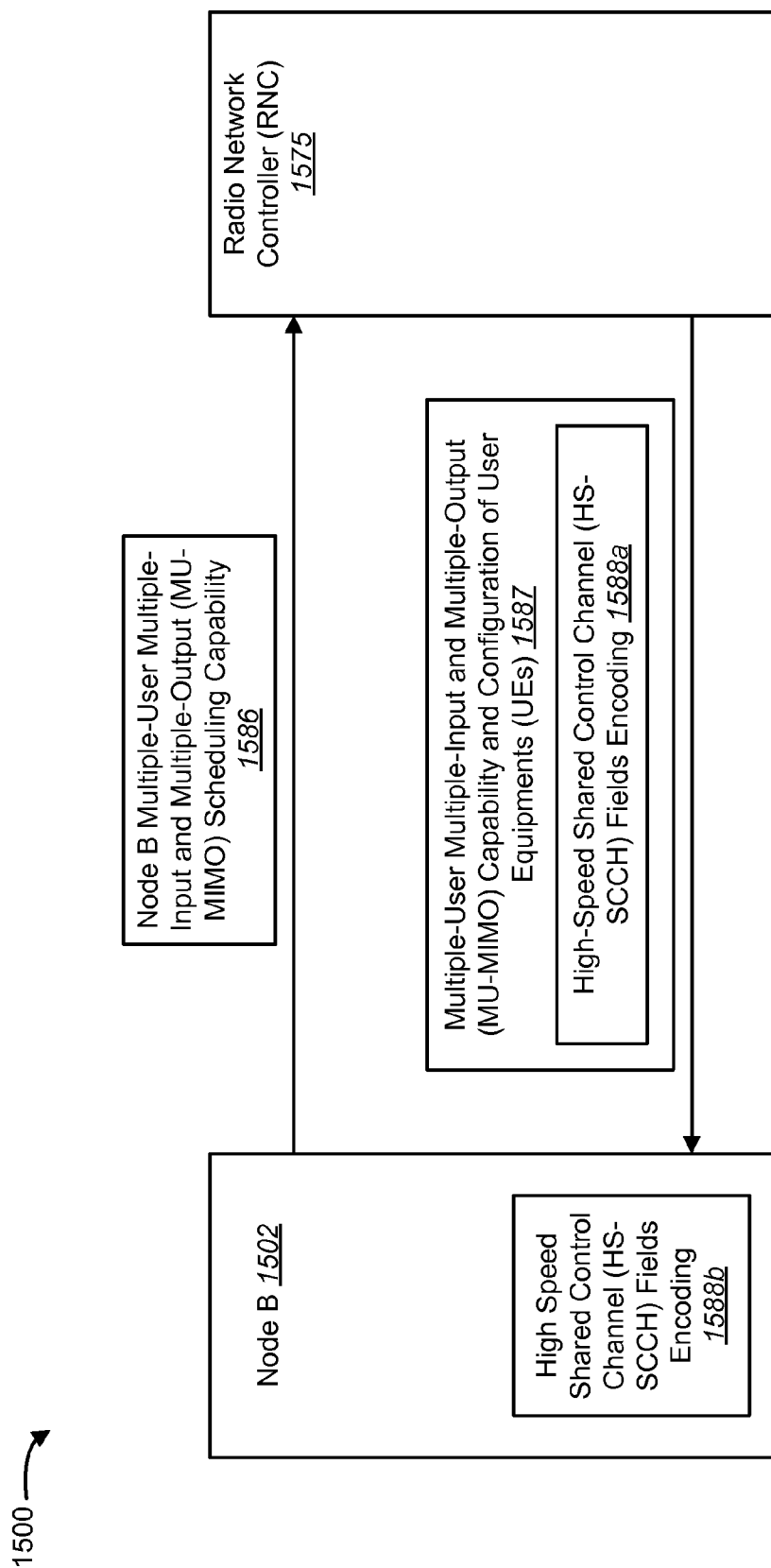


FIG. 15

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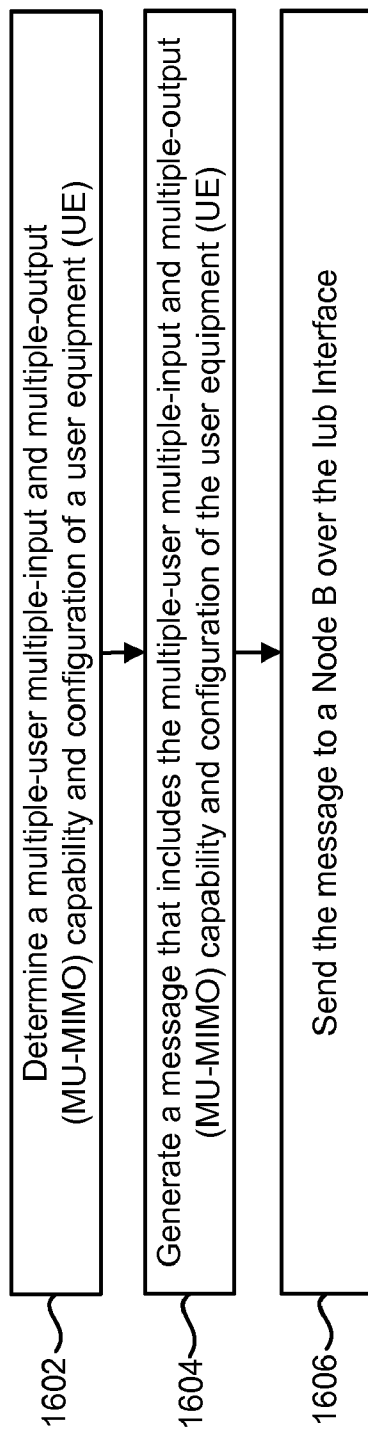


FIG. 16

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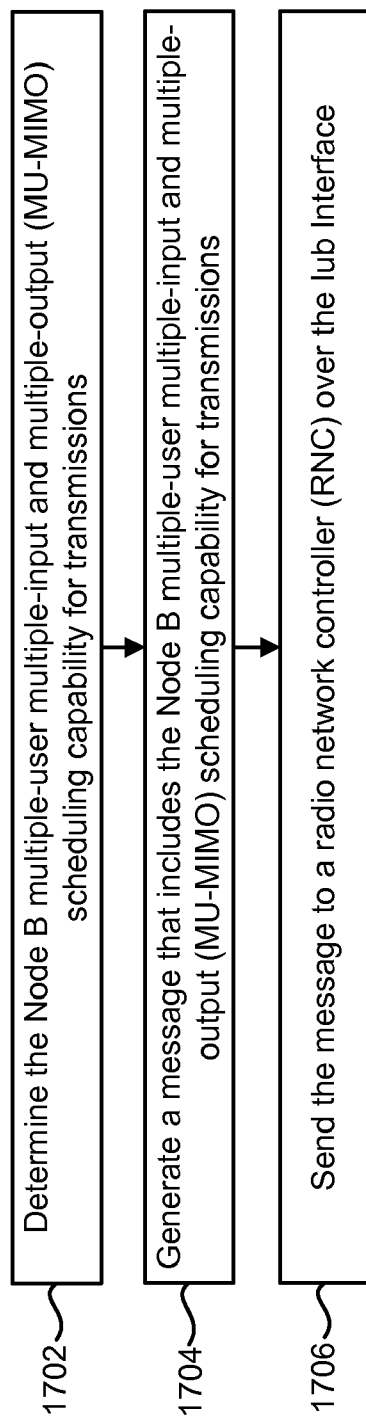


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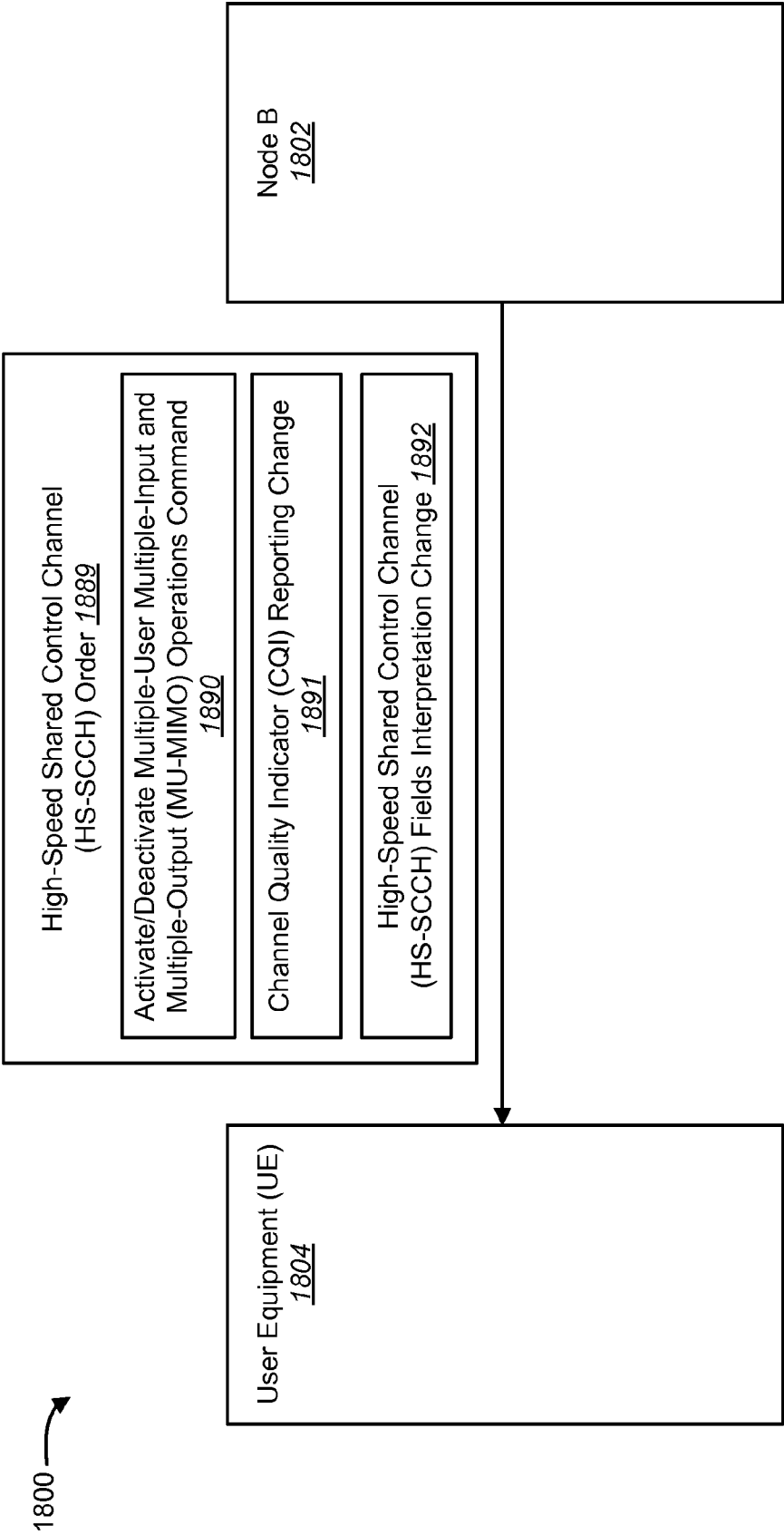


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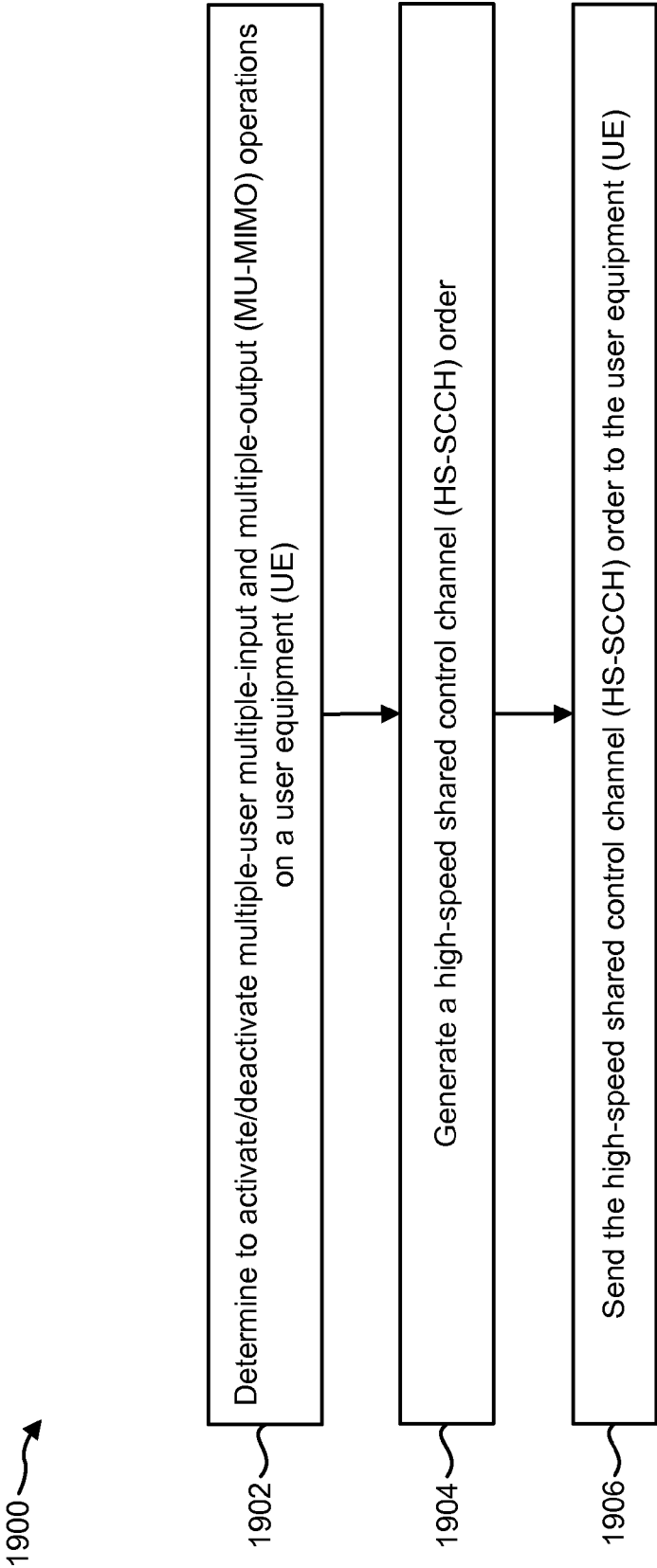


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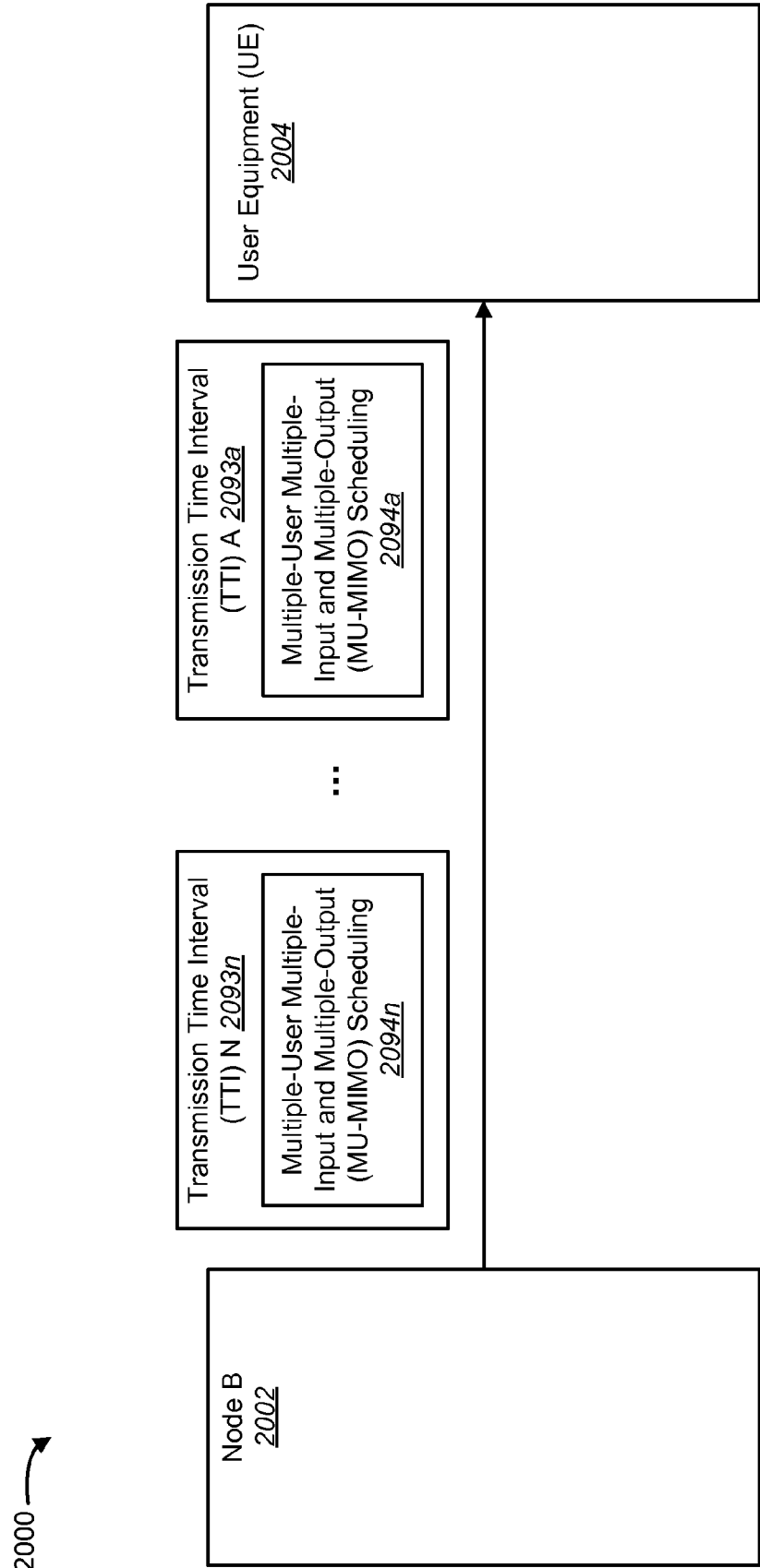


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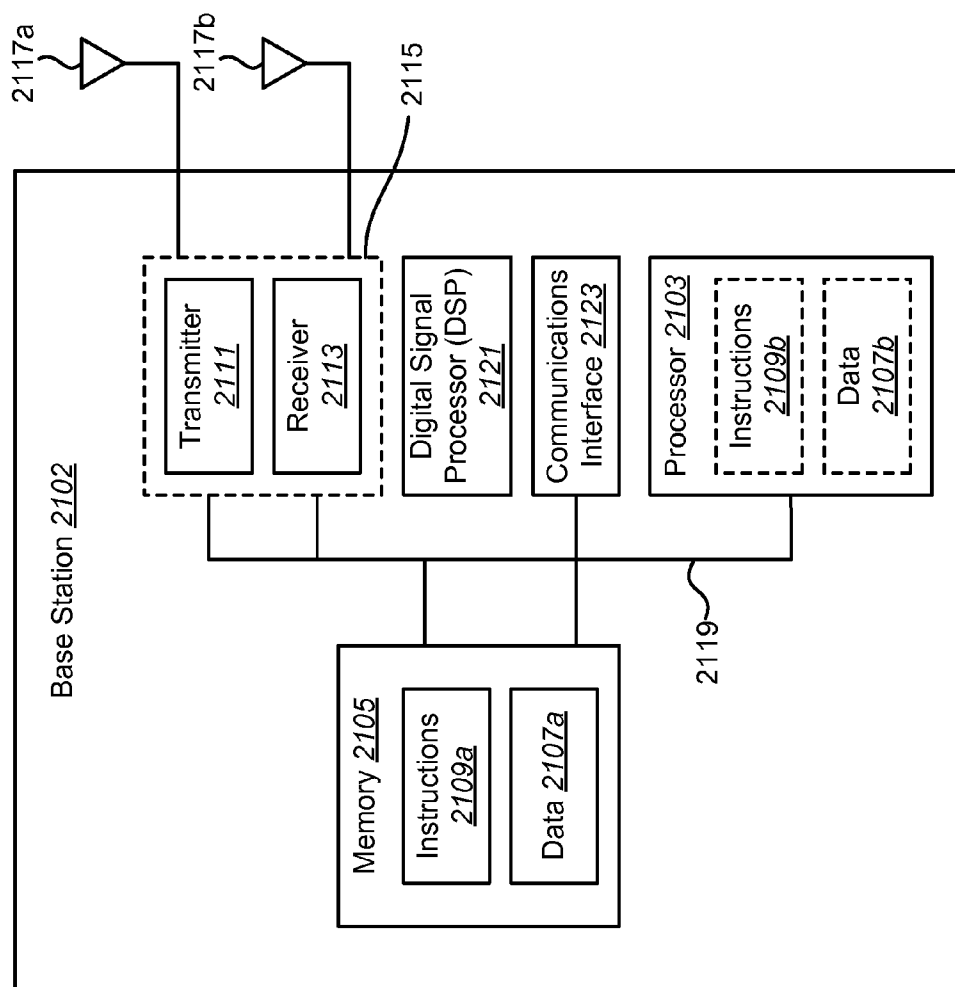


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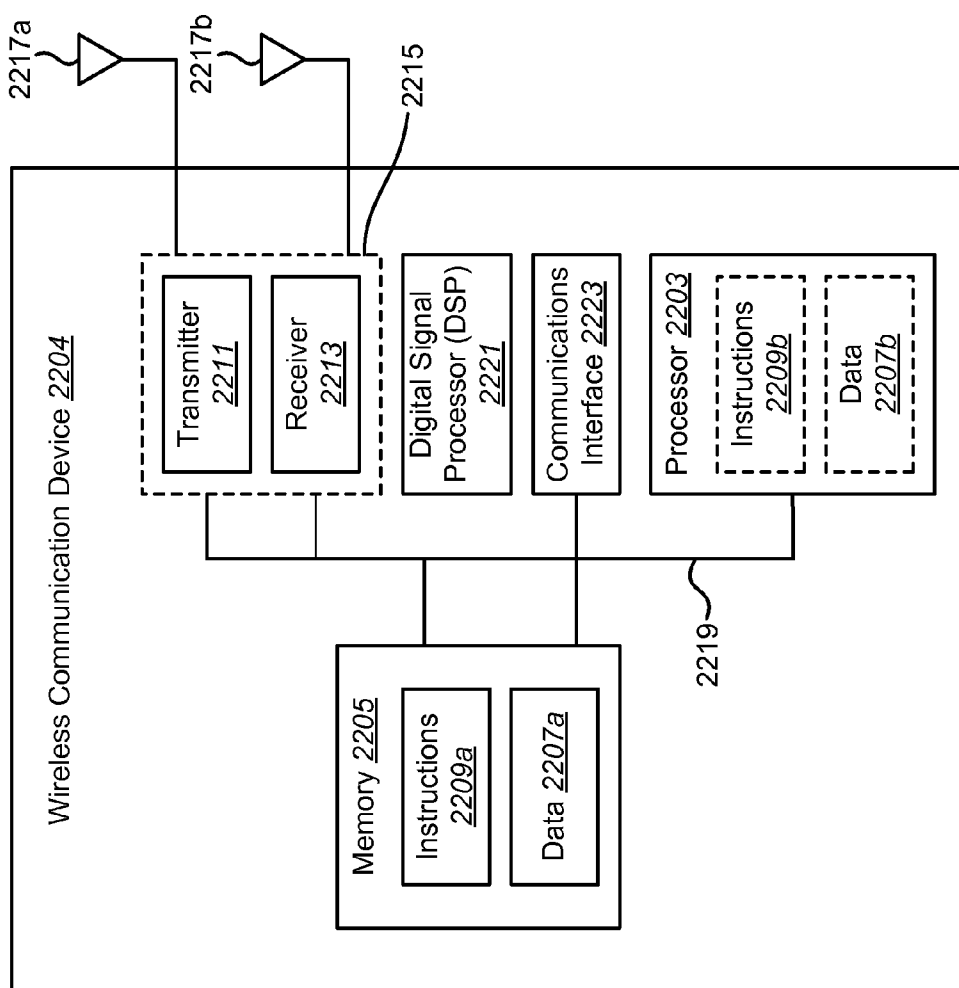


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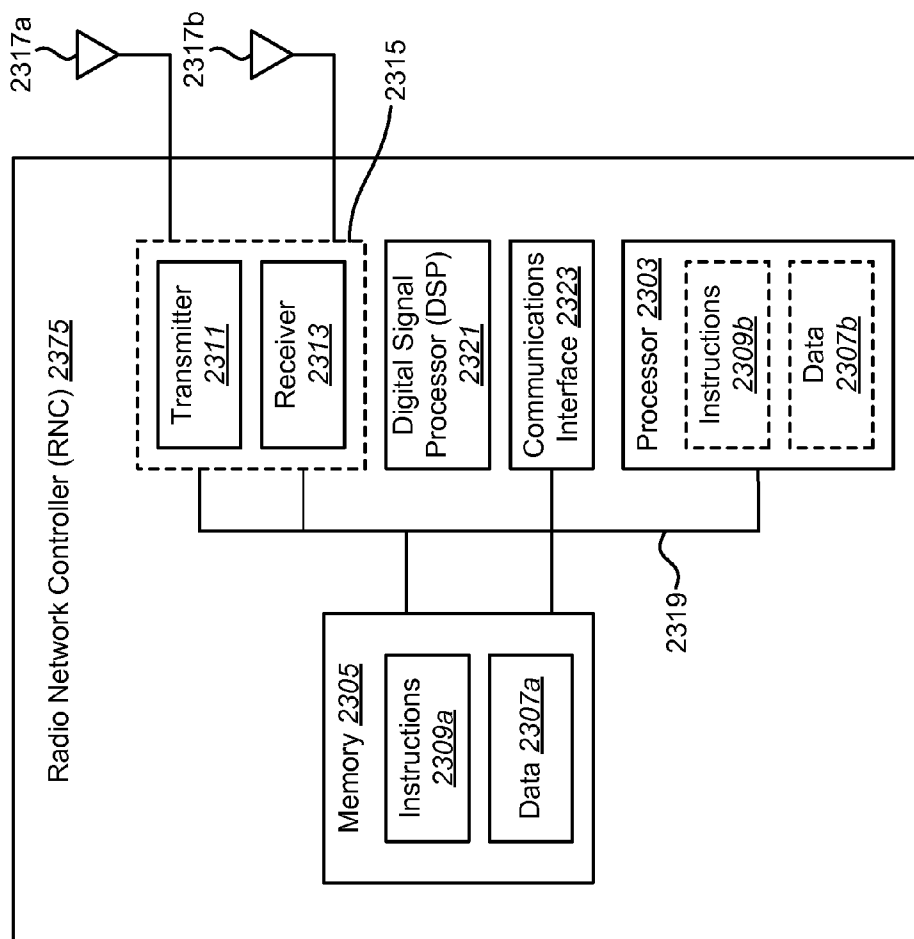


FIG. 23

SIGNALLING OF MULTIPLE-USER MULTIPLE-INPUT AND MULTIPLE-OUTPUT TRANSMISSIONS IN HIGH-SPEED PACKET ACCESS SYSTEMS

RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application is related to and claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 61/262,115, filed Nov. 17, 2009, for “SIGNALING OF MU-MIMO TRANSMISSIONS FROM NODE-B.”

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] The present disclosure relates generally to wireless communication systems. More specifically, the present disclosure relates to systems and methods for signaling of multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) transmissions in high-speed packet access (HSPA) systems.

BACKGROUND

[0003] Wireless communication systems are widely deployed to provide various types of communication content such as voice, video, data, and so on. These systems may be multiple-access systems capable of supporting simultaneous communication of multiple terminals with one or more base stations.

[0004] A problem that must be dealt with in all communication systems is fading or other interference. There may be problems with decoding the signals received. One way to deal with these problems is by utilizing beamforming. With beamforming, instead of using each transmit antenna to transmit a spatial stream, the transmit antennas each transmit a linear combination of the spatial streams, with the combination being chosen so as to optimize the response at the receiver.

[0005] Smart antennas are arrays of antenna elements, each of which receive a signal to be transmitted with a predetermined phase offset and relative gain. The net effect of the array is to direct a (transmit or receive) beam in a predetermined direction. The beam is steered by controlling the phase and gain relationships of the signals that excite the elements of the array. Thus, smart antennas direct a beam to each individual mobile unit (or multiple mobile units) as opposed to radiating energy to all mobile units within a predetermined coverage area (e.g., 120°) as conventional antennas typically do. Smart antennas increase system capacity by decreasing the width of the beam directed at each mobile unit and thereby decreasing interference between mobile units. Such reductions in interference result in increases in signal-to-interference and signal-to-noise ratios that improve performance and/or capacity. In power controlled systems, directing narrow beam signals at each mobile unit also results in a reduction in the transmit power required to provide a given level of performance.

[0006] Wireless communication systems may use beamforming to provide system-wide gains. In beamforming, multiple antennas on the transmitter may steer the direction of transmissions towards multiple antennas on the receiver. Beamforming may reduce the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR). Beamforming may also decrease the amount of interference

received by terminals in neighboring cells. Benefits may be realized by providing improved beamforming techniques.

SUMMARY

[0007] A method for signaling multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output in a high speed packet access system is described. A multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter is determined. A message that includes the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter is generated. The message is sent to a wireless device.

[0008] The method may be performed by a radio network controller. The wireless device may be a Node B that forwards the message to a user equipment. The multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter may include a user equipment multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output configuration required of the user equipment to support multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output operations. The message may be a radio resource control message.

[0009] The multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter may also include a channel quality indicator report configuration. The multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter may further include a high-speed shared control channel fields reinterpretation. The method may be performed by a user equipment. The wireless device may then be a Node B that forwards the message to a radio network controller.

[0010] The multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter may include a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output operation capability of the user equipment. The message may be a radio resource control message. The multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter may include a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output capable user equipment category.

[0011] The method may be performed by a Node B. The wireless device may be a radio network controller. The multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter may include a Node B multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling capability.

[0012] The multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter may include a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output capability and configuration of a user equipment being served by the Node B. The multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter may also include a new high-speed shared control channel fields encoding.

[0013] The wireless device may be a user equipment. The multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter may include multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling information that is sent for each transmission time interval. The multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling information may be sent via a high-speed shared control channel on a common high speed downlink shared channel—radio network temporary identifier, via certain bits of a channelization code set of a high-speed shared control channel or via a Type-3 dual stream high-speed shared control channel with a secondary transport block size set to 11111 and a corresponding redundancy version set to 0.

[0014] The user equipment may be transmit antenna array capable. The multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling information may be sent via a combination of a modulation scheme and a number of transport blocks in a high-speed shared control channel. The multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling information may also be sent via a hybrid automatic repeat request processing identification in a high-speed shared control channel.

[0015] The multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter may include a command to activate/deactivate multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output operations on the user equipment. The message may be a high-speed shared control channel order. The high-speed shared control channel order may include a channel quality indicator reporting change for the user equipment or a high-speed shared control channel fields interpretation change for the user equipment.

[0016] A wireless device configured for signaling multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output in a high speed packet access system is also described. The wireless device includes a processor, memory in electronic communication with the processor and instructions stored in the memory. The instructions are executable by the processor to determine a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter. The instructions are also executable by the processor to generate a message that includes the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter. The instructions are further executable by the processor to send the message to a second wireless device.

[0017] A wireless device configured for signaling multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output in a high speed packet access system is described. The wireless device includes means for determining a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter. The wireless device also includes means for generating a message that includes the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter. The wireless device further includes means for sending the message to a wireless device.

[0018] A computer-program product for signaling multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output in a high-speed packet access system is also described. The computer-program product includes a non-transitory computer-readable medium having instructions thereon. The instructions include code for causing a first wireless device to determine a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter. The instructions also include code for causing a first wireless device to generate a message that comprises the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter. The instructions further include code for causing the first wireless device to send the message to a second wireless device.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0019] FIG. 1 shows a wireless communication system with multiple wireless devices;

[0020] FIG. 2 shows another wireless communication system with multiple wireless devices;

[0021] FIG. 3 is a flow diagram of a method for adjusting a data rate to account for inter-stream interference (ISI) in both single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) transmissions and multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) transmissions;

[0022] FIG. 4 is a block diagram illustrating a comparison table for pairing user equipments (UEs);

[0023] FIG. 5 is a block diagram illustrating a timeline with multiple transmission time intervals (TTIs);

[0024] FIG. 6 is a flow diagram of a method for sending channel quality indicator (CQI) feedback that accounts for inter-stream interference (ISI);

[0025] FIG. 7 is a timing diagram illustrating channel quality indicator (CQI) feedback cycles for user equipments (UEs);

[0026] FIG. 8 is a block diagram of a base station for use in the present systems and methods;

[0027] FIG. 9 is a block diagram of a wireless communication device for use in the present systems and methods;

[0028] FIG. 10 is a block diagram of a transmitter and receiver in a multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) system;

[0029] FIG. 11 is a block diagram illustrating a radio network operating according to Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) standards;

[0030] FIG. 12 is a block diagram illustrating communications between a user equipment (UE), a Node B and a radio network controller (RNC) in a wireless communications network;

[0031] FIG. 13 is a flow diagram of a method for signaling a user equipment's (UE's) multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operation capability from a user equipment (UE) to a radio network controller (RNC);

[0032] FIG. 14 is a flow diagram of a method for signaling a user equipment (UE) multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) configuration required to support multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operations from a network to a user equipment (UE);

[0033] FIG. 15 is a block diagram illustrating communications between a Node B and a radio network controller (RNC) in a wireless communications network;

[0034] FIG. 16 is a flow diagram of a method for signaling the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) capability and configuration of a user equipment (UE) from a radio network controller (RNC) to a Node B;

[0035] FIG. 17 is a flow diagram of a method for signaling a Node B multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) scheduling capability to a radio network controller (RNC);

[0036] FIG. 18 is a block diagram illustrating the transmission of a high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) order from a Node B to a user equipment (UE) in a wireless communications network;

[0037] FIG. 19 is a flow diagram of a method for sending a high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) order to a user equipment (UE);

[0038] FIG. 20 is a block diagram illustrating multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) scheduling transmitted from a Node B to a user equipment (UE) for every transmission time interval (TTI) in a wireless communications network;

[0039] FIG. 21 illustrates certain components that may be included within a base station;

[0040] FIG. 22 illustrates certain components that may be included within a wireless communication device; and

[0041] FIG. 23 illustrates certain components that may be included within a radio network controller (RNC).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0042] The 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) is a collaboration between groups of telecommunications associations that aims to define a globally applicable 3rd generation (3G) mobile phone specification. 3GPP Long Term Evolution (LTE) is a 3GPP project aimed at improving the Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) mobile phone standard. The 3GPP may define specifications for the next generation of mobile networks, mobile systems and mobile devices. In 3GPP LTE, a mobile station or device may be referred to as a "user equipment" (UE).

[0043] FIG. 1 shows a wireless communication system **100** with multiple wireless devices. Wireless communication systems **100** are widely deployed to provide various types of communication content such as voice, data, and so on. A wireless device may be a base station **102** or a wireless communication device **104**.

[0044] A base station **102** is a station that communicates with one or more wireless communication devices **104**. A base station **102** may also be referred to as, and may include some or all of the functionality of, an access point, a broadcast transmitter, a NodeB, an evolved NodeB, etc. The term “Base Station” will be used herein. Each base station **102** provides communication coverage for a particular geographic area. A base station **102** may provide communication coverage for one or more wireless communication devices **104**. The term “cell” can refer to a base station **102** and/or its coverage area depending on the context in which the term is used.

[0045] Communications in a wireless system (e.g., a multiple-access system) may be achieved through transmissions over a wireless link. Such a communication link may be established via a single-input and single-output (SISO), multiple-input and single-output (MISO) or a multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) system. A MIMO system includes transmitter(s) and receiver(s) equipped, respectively, with multiple (NT) transmit antennas and multiple (NR) receive antennas for data transmission. SISO and MISO systems are particular instances of a MIMO system. The MIMO system can provide improved performance (e.g., higher throughput, greater capacity or improved reliability) if the additional dimensionalities created by the multiple transmit and receive antennas are utilized.

[0046] The wireless communication system **100** may utilize MIMO. A MIMO system may support both time division duplex (TDD) and frequency division duplex (FDD) systems. In a TDD system, uplink **108a-b** and downlink **106a-b** transmissions are on the same frequency region so that the reciprocity principle allows the estimation of the downlink **106** channel from the uplink **108** channel. This enables a transmitting wireless device to extract transmit beamforming gain from communications received by the transmitting wireless device.

[0047] The wireless communication system **100** may be a multiple-access system capable of supporting communication with multiple wireless communication devices **104** by sharing the available system resources (e.g., bandwidth and transmit power). Examples of such multiple-access systems include code division multiple access (CDMA) systems, wideband code division multiple access (W-CDMA) systems, time division multiple access (TDMA) systems, frequency division multiple access (FDMA) systems, orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA) systems, single-carrier frequency division multiple access (SC-FDMA) systems, 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) Long Term Evolution (LTE) systems and spatial division multiple access (SDMA) systems.

[0048] The terms “networks” and “systems” are often used interchangeably. A CDMA network may implement a radio technology such as Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (UTRA), cdma2000, etc. UTRA includes W-CDMA and Low Chip Rate (LCR) while cdma2000 covers IS-2000, IS-95 and IS-856 standards. A TDMA network may implement a radio technology such as Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM). An OFDMA network may implement a radio technology such as Evolved UTRA (E-UTRA),

IEEE 802.11, IEEE 802.16, IEEE 802.20, Flash-OFDMA, etc. UTRA, E-UTRA, and GSM are part of Universal Mobile Telecommunication System (UMTS). Long Term Evolution (LTE) is a release of UMTS that uses E-UTRA. UTRA, E-UTRA, GSM, UMTS and LTE are described in documents from an organization named “3rd Generation Partnership Project” (3GPP). cdma2000 is described in documents from an organization named “3rd Generation Partnership Project 2” (3GPP2). For clarity, certain aspects of the techniques are described below for LTE, and LTE terminology is used in much of the description below.

[0049] A base station **102** may communicate with one or more wireless communication devices **104**. For example, the base station **102** may communicate with a first wireless communication device **104a** and a second wireless communication device **104b**. A wireless communication device **104** may also be referred to as, and may include some or all of the functionality of, a terminal, an access terminal, a user equipment (UE), a subscriber unit, a station, etc. A wireless communication device **104** may be a cellular phone, a personal digital assistant (PDA), a wireless device, a wireless modem, a handheld device, a laptop computer, etc.

[0050] A wireless communication device **104** may communicate with zero, one, or multiple base stations **102** on the downlink **106** and/or uplink **108** at any given moment. The downlink **106** (or forward link) refers to the communication link from a base station **102** to a wireless communication device **104**, and the uplink **108** (or reverse link) refers to the communication link from a wireless communication device **104** to a base station **102**.

[0051] 3GPP Release 5 and later supports High-Speed Downlink Packet Access (HSDPA). 3GPP Release 6 and later supports High-Speed Uplink Packet Access (HSUPA). HSDPA and HSUPA are sets of channels and procedures that enable high-speed packet data transmission on the downlink and uplink. HSDPA and HSUPA are thus parts of the family of mobile telephony protocols named High-Speed Packet Access (HSPA). Release 7 HSPA+ uses three enhancements to improve data rate. First, support was introduced for 2×2 multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) on the downlink **106**. With MIMO, the peak data rate supported on the downlink **106** is 28 megabits per second (Mbps). Second, higher order modulation was introduced on the downlink **106**. The use of 64 quadrature amplitude modulation (QAM) on the downlink **106** allows peak data rates of 21 Mbps. Third, higher order modulation was introduced on the uplink **108**. The use of 16 QAM on the uplink **108** allows peak data rates of 11 Mbps.

[0052] In HSUPA, the base station **102** may allow several wireless communication devices **104** to transmit at a certain power level at the same time (using grants). These grants are assigned to wireless communication devices **104** by using a fast scheduling algorithm that allocates the resources on a short-term basis (i.e., on the order of tens of milliseconds (ms)). The rapid scheduling of HSUPA is well suited to the bursty nature of packet data. During periods of high activity, a wireless communication device **104** may get a larger percentage of the available resources, while getting little or no bandwidth during periods of low activity.

[0053] In 3GPP Release 5 HSDPA, a base station **102** may send downlink payload data to wireless communication devices on the High-Speed Downlink Shared Channel (HSDSCH). A base station **102** may also send the control information associated with the downlink data on the High-Speed

Shared Control Channel (HS-SCCH). There are 256 Orthogonal Variable Spreading Factor (OVSF) codes (or Walsh codes) used for data transmission. In HSDPA systems, these codes are partitioned into Release 1999 (legacy system) codes that are typically used for cellular telephony (voice) and HSDPA codes that are used for data services. For each transmission time interval (TTI), the dedicated control information sent to an HSDPA-enabled wireless communication device **104** may indicate to the wireless communication device **104** which codes within the code space will be used to send downlink payload data to the wireless communication device **104** and the modulation that will be used for transmission of the downlink payload data.

[0054] With HSDPA operations, downlink transmissions to the wireless communication devices **104a-b** may be scheduled for different transmission time intervals (TTIs) using the 15 available HSDPA Orthogonal Variable Spreading Factor (OVSF) codes. For a given transmission time interval (TTI), each wireless communication device **104** may be using one or more of the 15 HSDPA codes, depending on the downlink bandwidth allocated to the wireless communication device **104** during the transmission time interval (TTI). As discussed above, for each transmission time interval (TTI), the control information indicates to the wireless communication device **104** which codes within the code space will be used to send downlink payload data (data other than control data of the wireless communications system **100**) to the wireless communication device **104**, along with the modulation that will be used for the transmission of the downlink payload data.

[0055] Based on communications received from a base station **102**, a wireless communication device **104** may generate one or more channel quality indicators (CQIs) **112a-b**. Each channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** may be a channel measurement for the downlink **106** channel between the base station **102** and the wireless communication device **104**. A channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** may be dependent on the transmission scheme used in the wireless communications system **100**. Because multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) communication is used between the base station **102** and the wireless communication device **104**, each channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** may correspond to a different downlink **106** channel (i.e., a different transmit antenna and receive antenna pair) between the base station **102** and the wireless communication device **104**.

[0056] A wireless communication device **104** may use the channel quality indicators (CQIs) **112** to determine a preferred beam **110a-b**. A preferred beam **110** may refer to the antenna structure, weight, transmission direction and phase of a signal transmitted by the base station **102** to the wireless communication device **104**. The terms “beam” and “precoding vector” may refer to the direction in which data is streamed wirelessly from an antenna. In multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO), multiple beams may be used to transmit information between a base station **102** and a wireless communication device **104**. A preferred beam may thus refer to a beam that produces the best (i.e., the optimal) data stream between the base station **102** and the wireless communication device **104**.

[0057] In Release 7 of HSPA, single-user MIMO (SU-MIMO) is used. When a wireless communication device **104** has good geometry (i.e., the wireless communication device **104** is in a good position relative to the base station **102**), the wireless communication device **104** may request dual-stream transmissions from the base station **102**. In dual-stream trans-

missions, the base station **102** may transmit a first data stream and a second data stream to a wireless communication device **104** during a transmission time interval (TTI). The first data stream and the second data stream may be transmitted on orthogonal antenna beams. It is inherent that one of the data streams (i.e., a preferred data stream) will have a higher throughput than the other. When a MIMO-capable wireless communication device **104** requests dual-stream transmission, the channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** of the preferred beam may be higher than that of an orthogonal beam used in addition to the preferred beam. Hence, transmitting on both data streams to a wireless communication device **104** may not result in the most efficient resource usage.

[0058] In contrast, multiple-user MIMO (MU-MIMO) may increase user throughputs on the downlink **106** over traditional SU-MIMO by making more intelligent use of the base station **102** resources. MU-MIMO may enable an increase in throughput for a particular transmission time interval (TTI) compared to dual-stream transmission to a single wireless communication device **104**. The downlink data stream selection module **114** may thus determine whether to use dual downlink data streams for a single wireless communication device **104** (i.e., SU-MIMO) or to use a first data stream for a first wireless communication device **104a** and a second data stream that is orthogonal to the first data stream for a second wireless communication device **104b** (i.e., MU-MIMO).

[0059] A channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** may correspond to a request for a single-stream transmission or a dual-stream transmission. As discussed above, a wireless communication device **104** may include multiple channel quality indicators (CQIs) **112**. The wireless communication device **104** may generate multiple channel quality indicators (CQIs) **112** for each transmission time interval (TTI). A wireless communication device **104** may not send every channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** to the base station **102** for every transmission time interval (TTI). In the current standard, a wireless communication device **104** may send only the optimal channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** to the base station **102** for each transmission time interval (TTI).

[0060] If the wireless communication device **104** determines that it has good geometry with respect to the base station **102** (i.e., the channel quality between the base station **102** and the wireless communication device **104** is above a threshold), the wireless communication device **104** may send an optimal dual-stream multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** to the base station **102**. If the wireless communication device **104** determines that it has bad geometry with respect to the base station **102** (i.e., the channel quality between the base station **102** and the wireless communication device **104** is below the threshold), the wireless communication device **104** may send an optimal single-stream multiple-input and multiple-output (MIM) channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** to the base station **102**.

[0061] However, these channel quality indicators (CQIs) **112** do not take into account inter-stream interference (ISI). Inter-stream interference (ISI) refers to the interference that may occur when the base station **102** transmits multiple data streams simultaneously. If inter-stream interference (ISI) is not taken into account, a base station **102** may use a bit rate that the wireless communication device **104** is unable to decode.

[0062] Each wireless communication device **104** may include a channel quality indicator (CQI) feedback module

119a-b. A channel quality indicator (CQI) feedback module **119** may be used by the wireless communication device **104** to determine what channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** to send to the base station **102**. The channel quality indicator (CQI) feedback module **119** may generate some single-stream channel quality indicators (CQIs) **112** that are adjusted to account for inter-stream interference (ISI). In one configuration, the channel quality indicator (CQI) feedback module **119** may alternate between sending a channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** generated using Release 7 and a channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** adjusted for inter-stream interference (ISI) for each transmission time interval (TTI).

[0063] A wireless communication device **104** may transmit the channel quality indicators (CQIs) **112** to the base station **102** via the uplink **108** channel. The base station **102** may thus receive channel quality indicators (CQI) **116** from many wireless communication devices **104** corresponding to many downlink **106** channels. The base station **102** may include a downlink data stream selection module **114**. The downlink data stream selection module **114** may include the received channel quality indicators (CQIs) **116**. The downlink data stream selection module **114** may use the received channel quality indicators (CQIs) **116** to determine scheduling for each wireless communication device **104**. The downlink data stream selection module **114** is discussed in further detail below in relation to FIG. 2.

[0064] The downlink data stream selection module **114** may include a data rate **121**. The data rate **121** may refer to the bit rate of a downlink **106** data stream. The downlink data stream selection module **114** may also include a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **115**. The multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **115** may be an adjustment that the base station **102** applies to the data rate **121** for each channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** feedback cycle. If the channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** feedback cycle is 1, a wireless communication device **104** may report a channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** for each transmission time interval (TTI).

[0065] The multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **115** may be used by the base station **102** to increase or decrease the data rate **121** when a wireless communication device **104** sends a single-stream channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** and the base station **102** has determined to use a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) transmissions.

[0066] The downlink data stream selection module **114** may also include a single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **117**. The single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **117** may be used by the base station **102** to increase or decrease the data rate **121** when a wireless communication device **104** has requested either a single-stream or a dual-stream transmission and the base station **102** determines to use a single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) transmission or when the wireless communication device **104** has requested a dual-stream transmission and the base station **102** determines to use a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) transmission. Both the single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **117** and the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **115** may be adjusted/updated based upon the reception of a positive-acknowledgement/negative-acknowledgement (ACK/NACK) from a wireless communication device **104**.

Single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margins **117** and multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margins **115** are discussed in additional detail below in relation to FIG. 3.

[0067] FIG. 2 shows another wireless communication system **200** with multiple wireless devices. The wireless communication system **200** may include a Node B **202**. The Node B **202** of FIG. 2 may be one configuration of the base station **102** of FIG. 1. The wireless communication system **200** may also include a first user equipment (UE) **204a** and a second user equipment (UE) **204b**. The first user equipment (UE) **204a** and the second user equipment (UE) **204b** of FIG. 2 may be one configuration of the wireless communication devices **104a-b** of FIG. 1.

[0068] The Node B **202** may include a downlink data stream selection module **214**. The downlink data stream selection module **214** of FIG. 2 may be one configuration of the downlink data stream selection module **114** of FIG. 1. The downlink data stream selection module **214** may include a user equipment (UE) pairing module **222**. The user equipment (UE) pairing module **222** may determine one or more user equipment (UE) pairs **224**. A user equipment (UE) pair **224** may refer to two user equipments (UEs) **204** with preferred data streams **218** that are orthogonal to each other. User equipment (UE) pairs **224** are discussed in additional detail below in relation to FIG. 4. The Node B **202** may also include a selected user equipment (UE) pair **225**. Since the Node B **202** can only transmit two orthogonal data streams at a time, only one user equipment (UE) pair **224** may be selected as the user equipment (UE) pair **225**. Optimization procedures may be used to determine the selected user equipment (UE) pair **225**.

[0069] The Node B **202** may select a user equipment (UE) pair **224** as the selected user equipment (UE) pair **225**. In one configuration, the Node B **202** may select a user equipment (UE) pair **224** if the sum rate of data streams for two different user equipments (UEs) **204** is larger than the UE-specific sum rate of the two data streams. For example, if the first user equipment (UE) **204a** requests two data streams, the first user equipment (UE) **204a** may report a preferred primary precoding vector **b1** and the two channel quality indicators (CQIs) **112** CQI1 and CQI2 that correspond to the preferred (strong) data stream **218a** and the secondary (weak) data stream **220**, respectively. Similarly, if the second user equipment (UE) **204b** requests two streams of data, the second user equipment (UE) **204b** may report a preferred primary precoding vector **b2** and channel quality indicators (CQIs) **112** CQI1' and CQI2' for both data streams.

[0070] The preferred secondary precoding vector (that is orthogonal to **b1**) is **b2** and may be known by the base station **102** based on the preferred primary precoding vector **b1**. If CQI1 > CQI1' and CQI2 > CQI2', the first user equipment (UE) preferred data stream **218a** may be mapped to precoding vector **b1** and the second user equipment (UE) preferred data stream **218b** may be mapped to precoding vector **b2**. The base station **102** may only be capable of sending a maximum of two data streams in a given transmission time interval (TTI) on orthogonal beams. Therefore, only user equipments (UEs) **204** that have orthogonal preferred beams **228** may be paired.

[0071] If both the first user equipment (UE) **204a** and the second user equipment (UE) **204b** request beams **b1** and **b2**, the Node B **202** may pair the two user equipments (UEs) **204**

on beams **b1** and **b2**. If the Node B **202** finds this pairing to be maximizing a certain metric during the transmission time interval (TTI), the Node B **202** may schedule data streams to the selected user equipment (UE) pair **225** in the same transmission time interval (TTI) using the same orthogonal variable spreading factor (OVSF) codes **226**. An orthogonal variable spreading factor (OVSF) code **226** is an orthogonal code that facilitates uniquely identifying individual communication channels. One example of a metric that may be maximized is the sum proportional fair metric. In the sum proportional fair metric, the proportional fair metrics per stream are summed whenever MU-MIMO transmission is considered. Other metrics may also be used.

[0072] The Node B **202** may communicate with the first user equipment (UE) **204a** during a first transmission time interval (TTI) using SU-MIMO. For example, the Node B **202** may transmit a first user equipment (UE) preferred data stream **218a** to the first user equipment (UE) **204a** using a first preferred beam **228a**. The Node B **202** may also transmit a first user equipment (UE) secondary data stream **220a** to the first user equipment (UE) **204a** using a first secondary beam **230a**. The first preferred beam **228a** and the first secondary beam **230a** may be orthogonal to each other.

[0073] During a second transmission time interval (TTI), the Node B **202** may communicate with the second user equipment (UE) **204b**. For example, the Node B **202** may transmit a second user equipment (UE) preferred data stream **218b** to the second user equipment (UE) **204b** using a second preferred beam **228b**. The Node B **202** may also transmit a second user equipment (UE) secondary data stream **220b** to the second user equipment (UE) **204b** using a second secondary beam **230b**. The second preferred beam **228b** and the second secondary beam **230b** may be orthogonal to each other.

[0074] Sending two data streams on orthogonal beams to the same user equipment (UE) **204** may not result in the best resource usage for the wireless communication system **200**. In other words, sending two data streams on orthogonal beams to the same user equipment (UE) **204** may not allocate power in the Node B **202** in the most efficient way because the preferred data stream **218** has a stronger channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** than a secondary data stream **220**. If the same amount of power is used to transmit each data stream, throughput for the secondary data stream **220** will be lower than throughput for the preferred data stream **218** (due to the secondary data stream **220** having a lower channel quality indicator (CQI) **112**).

[0075] By using MU-MIMO instead of SU-MIMO, user throughputs on the downlink **106** may be increased by more intelligently using the resources of the Node B **202**. In MU-MIMO, the Node B **202** may find a first user equipment (UE) **204a** and a second user equipment (UE) **204b** with preferred beams **228** that are orthogonal to each other. The first user equipment (UE) **204a** and the second user equipment (UE) **204b** may be referred to as a user equipment (UE) pair **224**.

[0076] Instead of transmitting a dual stream (i.e., a preferred data stream **218** and a secondary data stream **220**) during one transmission time interval (TTI) to a user equipment (UE) **204**, the Node B **202** may transmit a first user equipment (UE) preferred data stream **218a** to the first user equipment (UE) **204a** while simultaneously transmitting a second user equipment (UE) preferred data stream **218b** to the second user equipment (UE) **204b**. Thus, the Node B **202** may refrain from transmitting a first user equipment (UE)

secondary data stream **220a** and a second user equipment (UE) secondary data stream **220b**. The Node B **202** may transmit the first user equipment (UE) preferred data stream **218a** and the second user equipment (UE) preferred data stream **218b** using the same codes (e.g., an orthogonal variable spreading factor (OVSF) code **226** with a spreading factor of sixteen). Because the Node B **202** does not have to allocate power to a data stream with lower throughput, the throughput for the wireless communication system **200** may be improved.

[0077] The Node B **202** may transmit the first user equipment (UE) preferred data stream **218a** using a first preferred beam **228a**. The Node B **202** may transmit the first user equipment (UE) secondary data stream **220a** using a first secondary beam **230a**. The Node B **202** may transmit the second user equipment (UE) preferred data stream **218b** using a second preferred beam **228b**. The Node B **202** may also transmit the second user equipment (UE) secondary data stream **220b** using a second secondary beam **230b**. If the first user equipment (UE) **204a** and the second user equipment (UE) **204b** are a user equipment (UE) pair **224**, then the first preferred beam **228a** and the second preferred beam **228b** are orthogonal.

[0078] FIG. 3 is a flow diagram of a method **300** for adjusting a data rate **121** to account for inter-stream interference (ISI) in both single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) transmissions and multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) transmissions. The method **300** may be performed by a base station **102**. In one configuration, the base station **102** may be a Node B **202**. The method **300** of FIG. 3 requires no channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** reporting changes to the user equipments (UEs) **204** in communication with the base station **102**.

[0079] The base station **102** may receive **302** a channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** from a user equipment (UE) **204** requesting a single-stream transmission at a first data rate **121**. This channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** may not take into account the inter-stream interference (ISI) that may occur if the base station **102** uses a dual-stream transmission. If the channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** received is requesting a dual-stream transmission, the method **300** does not apply. This is because a user equipment (UE) **204** requesting dual-stream transmission requests a particular bit rate from the base station **102** on each stream that takes the inter-stream interference (ISI) into account.

[0080] After receiving a channel quality indicator (CQI) **112**, the base station **102** may determine **304** whether to use single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) or multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) for the data transmission. The base station **102** may use a ranking algorithm to determine whether to use single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) or multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) for the data transmission. The ranking algorithm is discussed in additional detail below.

[0081] If the base station **102** determines to use multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) for the data transmission, the base station **102** may adjust **306** the first data rate **121** by a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **115** to obtain a second data rate **121**. The multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **115** may be positive or negative in the dB (logarithmic) domain. The multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-

output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **115** may be additive in the logarithm domain and multiplicative in the linear domain. In one configuration, the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **115** may not be constant; instead the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **115** may be updated whenever an ACK/NACK is received. In another configuration, the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **115** may be a constant. The base station **102** may then transmit **308** a data stream using multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) with the second data rate **121** to the user equipment (UE) **204**.

[0082] The base station **102** may receive **310** an ACK/NACK from the user equipment (UE) **204**. The base station **102** may then determine **312** whether an ACK or a NACK was received for the corresponding data transmission. If an ACK was received (i.e., the user equipment (UE) **204** was able to successfully decode the data transmission), the base station **102** may decrease **314** the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **115**. In one configuration, the base station **102** may incrementally decrease **314** the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **115**. In yet another configuration, the base station **102** may decrease **314** the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **115** using a function. The base station **102** may then wait to receive **302** another channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** from a user equipment (UE) **204**.

[0083] If a NACK was received (i.e., the user equipment (UE) **204** was unable to successfully decode the data transmission), the base station **102** may increase **316** the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **115**. In one configuration, the base station **102** may incrementally increase **316** the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **115**. In yet another configuration, the base station **102** may increase **316** the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **115** using a function. The base station **102** may then wait to receive **302** another channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** from a user equipment (UE) **204**.

[0084] If the base station **102** determines to use single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) for the data transmission, the base station **102** may adjust **318** the first data rate **121** by a single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **117** to obtain a third data rate **121**. The single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **117** may be positive or negative in the dB (logarithmic) domain. The single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **117** may be additive in the logarithm domain and multiplicative in the linear domain. In one configuration, the single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **117** may not be constant; instead the single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **117** may be updated whenever an ACK/NACK is received. In another configuration, the single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **117** may be a constant. The base station **102** may then transmit

320 a data stream using single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) with the third data rate **121** to the user equipment (UE) **204**.

[0085] The base station **102** may receive **322** an ACK/NACK from the user equipment (UE) **204**. The base station **102** may then determine **324** whether an ACK or a NACK was received for the corresponding data transmission. If an ACK was received (i.e., the user equipment (UE) **204** was able to successfully decode the data transmission), the base station **102** may decrease **326** the single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **117**. In one configuration, the base station **102** may incrementally decrease **326** the single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **117**. In yet another configuration, the base station **102** may decrease **326** the single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **117** using a function. The base station **102** may then wait to receive **302** another channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** from a user equipment (UE) **204**.

[0086] If a NACK was received (i.e., the user equipment (UE) **204** was unable to successfully decode the data transmission), the base station **102** may increase **328** the single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **117**. In one configuration, the base station **102** may incrementally increase **328** the single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **117**. In yet another configuration, the base station **102** may increase **328** the single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **117** using a function. The base station **102** may then wait to receive **302** another channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** from a user equipment (UE) **204**.

[0087] Because the single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **117** and the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **115** are dynamic, the method **300** of FIG. 3 may be referred to as the dual outer loop algorithm. One advantage of the dual outer loop algorithm is that no change to the channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** reporting protocol (e.g., the High-Speed Packet Access (HSPA) standards established by 3GPP) is required. One possible disadvantage may be that the single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **117** and the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) adaptive outer loop margin **115** may change relatively slowly, inhibiting optimal performance.

[0088] FIG. 4 is a block diagram illustrating a comparison table for pairing user equipments (UEs) **404**. In the table, five user equipments (UEs) **404a-e** are compared to determine user equipment (UE) pairs **432**. Each of the user equipments (UEs) **404** is dual-stream capable. However, only the preferred beam **228** for each user equipment (UE) **404** is compared with the preferred beam **228** for each other user equipment (UE) **404**.

[0089] A user equipment (UE) pair **432** occurs when the preferred beam **228** for one user equipment (UE) **404** is orthogonal to the preferred beam **228** for another user equipment (UE) **404**. For example, the preferred beam **228** for UE1 **404a** may be orthogonal to the preferred beam **228** for UE4 **404d**. Thus, UE1 **404a** and UE4 **404d** are a user equipment (UE) pair **432a**. As another example, the preferred beam **228** for UE2 **404b** may be orthogonal to the preferred beam **228** for UE3 **404c**. Thus, UE2 **404b** and UE3 **404c** are a user

equipment (UE) pair **432b**. If the preferred beams **228** for user equipments (UEs) **404** are not orthogonal, the matchup may be listed as non-orthogonal. A user equipment (UE) **404** may have a preferred beam **228** that is orthogonal to the preferred beams **228** of multiple user equipments (UEs) **404**. A user equipment (UE) **404** may also have a preferred beam **228** that is orthogonal to none of the preferred beams **228** of the user equipments (UEs) **404** available for pairing. For example, UE **540e** is shown as having a preferred beam **228** that is non-orthogonal to the preferred beams **228** of the other user equipments (UEs) **404**.

[0090] In case of multiple user equipment (UE) pairs **432**, a base station **102** may select one of the user equipment (UE) pairs **432**. Many different methods may be used for selecting one of the user equipment (UE) pairs **432**. For example, a sum proportional fair metric may be used.

[0091] Usually scheduling aims to maximize a utility function $U(R_1(t), \dots, R_N(t))$ by allocating resources per transmission time interval (TTI) to certain users. The utility function for proportional fairness is given in Equation (1):

$$U(R_1(t), \dots, R_N(t)) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log(R_i(t)) \rightarrow \max. \quad (1)$$

[0092] In Equation (1) $R_i(t)$ denotes the average throughput of user i at time t . Assuming one stream, Equation (1) is equivalent to the resource allocation rule per transmission time interval (TTI) in Equation (2):

$$\max_{\delta_i} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\delta_i \cdot r_i(t)}{R_i(t)}, \delta_i \in \{0, 1\}. \quad (2)$$

[0093] In Equation (2), $r_i(t)$ denotes the instantaneous rate the offers to user i at time t and $\delta_i \in \{0, 1\}$ indicates the resource allocation to user i . The task of the scheduler is to allocate resources per transmission time interval (TTI) (i.e., to choose the indices δ_i in order to maximize the utility function). The resource allocation rule can be generalized for SU-MIMO in Equation (3):

$$\max_{\delta_i} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\delta_i \sum_{j=1}^M r_{ij}(t)}{R_i(t)}, \delta_i \in \{0, 1\}. \quad (3)$$

[0094] For a 2x2 MU-MIMO, the rule to pair the users i_1 and i_2 is given in Equation (4):

$$\max_{\substack{i_1, i_2 \in \{1, \dots, M\} \\ i_1 \neq i_2}} \left(\max \left(\frac{r_{i_1 1}(t)}{R_{i_1}(t)} + \frac{r_{i_2 2}(t)}{R_{i_2}(t)}, \frac{r_{i_1 2}(t)}{R_{i_1}(t)} + \frac{r_{i_2 1}(t)}{R_{i_2}(t)} \right) \right). \quad (4)$$

[0095] The pairing algorithm decides which users and streams are paired per transmission time interval (TTI) according to the MU-MIMO proportional fair rule. The pairing algorithm then determines V precoding vectors b_k , $k=1 \dots 4$ and all candidate users u_j per transmission time interval

(TTI). The candidate sets are $U(b_k) = \{u_j, CQI(b_k)\}$, where b_k is a preferred primary precoding vector for u_j . Candidate users do not require a rank-2 CQI report. Precoding vectors b_k and b_{s-k} are assumed to be orthogonal. The user pairs for MU-MIMO transmission may then be determined using one or more approaches. In a first approach, the user pairs $(u_i, u_j) \in (U(b_k), U(b_{s-k}))$ can be scheduled. For linear receivers, the preferred precoding vector offers a better CQI. This approach works irrespective of the receiver architecture.

[0096] A ranking algorithm may then be used. The ranking algorithm may identify per transmission time interval (TTI) the highest prioritized MU-MIMO pairs and the highest prioritized SU-MIMO users. A user is called eligible if it has a free HARQ process and data in its MAC priority queue(s). The reported CQI (quantized signal to noise ratio (SNR) in decibels (dB)) may be mapped to a spectral efficiency (in bits/symbol) for each eligible user.

[0097] An SU-MIMO user ranking list may then be calculated for all eligible users according to the proportional fair rule. Single or dual stream SU-MIMO may be assumed for each eligible user depending on the reported channel rank. The highest prioritized MU-MIMO eligible pair according to the user pairing approach may be determined according to the proportional fair rule. If needed, the spectral efficiencies may be rescaled to account for the power split between the paired users. Based on a priority comparison, either the highest prioritized user from the SU-MIMO ranking list or the highest prioritized MU-MIMO user pair may be scheduled in the instantaneous transmission time interval (TTI) (assuming that only one user for SU-MIMO or one user pair for MU-MIMO is scheduled per transmission time interval (TTI)). A CQI mapping table may then be used.

[0098] FIG. 5 is a block diagram illustrating a timeline **500** with multiple transmission time intervals (TTIs) **538**. A Node B **502** may communicate with a first user equipment (UE) **504a**, a second user equipment (UE) **504b** and a third user equipment (UE) **504c**. During a first transmission time interval (TTI) **538a**, the first user equipment (UE) **504a** and the second user equipment (UE) **504b** may be part of a first user equipment (UE) pair **534a**. The Node B **502** may transmit **536** on orthogonal preferred data streams **218** to the first user equipment (UEs) pair **534** (i.e., to the first user equipment (UE) **504a** using a first user equipment (UE) preferred data stream **218a** and to the second user equipment (UE) **504b** using a second user equipment (UE) preferred data stream **218b**) during the first transmission time interval (TTI) **538a**.

[0099] After the first transmission time interval (TTI) **538a**, the Node B **502** may evaluate **540** received channel quality indicators (CQIs) **112** and reselect the user equipment (UE) pair **534**. For example, the Node B **502** may select a second user equipment (UE) pair **534b** for a second transmission time interval (TTI) **538b**. The second user equipment (UE) pair **534b** may include the second user equipment (UE) **504b** and the third user equipment (UE) **504c**. The Node B **502** may then transmit **542** on the orthogonal preferred data streams **218** to the selected user equipment (UE) pair **534b** (i.e., to the second user equipment (UE) **504b** using a second user equipment (UE) preferred data stream **218b** and to the third user equipment (UE) **504c** using a third user equipment (UE) preferred data stream (not shown)) during the second transmission time interval (TTI) **538b**.

[0100] FIG. 6 is a flow diagram of a method **600** for sending channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** feedback that accounts for inter-stream interference (ISI). The method **600** may be

performed by a user equipment (UE) 204. The user equipment (UE) 204 may be operating in a High-Speed Packet Access (HSPA) system. In the method 600 of FIG. 6, no standards changes are necessary for the base station 102 receiving the channel quality indicators (CQIs) 112.

[0101] The user equipment (UE) 204 may determine 602 an optimal single-stream multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 that is adjusted for inter-stream interference (ISI). Whenever the user equipment (UE) 204 computes a channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 along a beam for multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO), the user equipment (UE) 204 may assume 50% of the power on the beam that is orthogonal to it. This is enough to obtain a channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 that is adjusted for inter-stream interference (ISI).

[0102] There may be four possible single-stream channel quality indicators (CQIs) 112 to choose from. In some configurations of High-Speed Packet Access (HSPA), single-stream multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) channel quality indicators (CQIs) 112 may not account for inter-stream interference (ISI), leading to a base station 102 transmitting at an overly optimistic data rate 121 (i.e., a large transmit block size (TBS)) to the user equipment (UE) 204 if the base station 102 is using multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO). The user equipment (UE) 204 may send 604 the optimal adjusted MIMO channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 to a Node B 202.

[0103] The user equipment (UE) 204 may then determine 606 an optimal multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) channel quality indicator (CQI) 112. The optimal multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 may request either a single-stream or a dual-stream data transmission. The optimal multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 may be a channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 that is generated according to Release 7. The decision between an optimal single-stream channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 and an optimal dual-stream channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 within a transmission time interval (TTI) 538 may be performed according to the High-Speed Packet Access protocol (e.g., Release 7).

[0104] There may be four possible single-stream channel quality indicators (CQIs) 112 and two possible dual-stream channel quality indicators (CQIs) 112. The user equipment (UE) 204 may calculate the optimal multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 as the best of the six possible channel quality indicators (CQIs) 112. The optimal multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 may refer to a regular channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 as it is fed back by the user equipment (UE) 204 to a Node B 202 according to Release 7. The user equipment (UE) 204 may send 608 the optimal multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 to the Node B 202. The user equipment (UE) 204 may then return to determining 602 an optimal single-stream multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 that is adjusted for inter-stream interference (ISI).

[0105] In general, user equipments (UEs) 204 with good geometry may report dual-stream channel quality indicators (CQIs) 112 more often than single-stream channel quality indicators (CQIs) 112. User equipments (UEs) 204 at the

edge of a cell may report single-stream channel quality indicators (CQIs) 112 more often than dual-stream channel quality indicators (CQIs) 112.

[0106] Thus, the user equipment (UE) 204 may alternate between sending a channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 that is generated as in Release 7 and a channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 that is adjusted for inter-stream interference (ISI). In other words, the user equipment (UE) 204 may interlace optimal single-stream channel quality indicators (CQIs) 112 that are adjusted for inter-stream interference (ISI) in between the optimal multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) channel quality indicators (CQIs) 112 (that are generated as in Release 7). Depending on a feedback cycle used by the user equipment (UE) 204, the user equipment (UE) 204 may send one channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 for each transmission time interval (TTI) 538.

[0107] One advantage of using the user equipment (UE) 204 solution (i.e., the method 600 of FIG. 6) instead of the base station 102 solution (i.e., the method 300 of FIG. 3) is that better performance may be obtained. In every transmission time interval (TTI) 538, the base station 102 has access to a channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 for scheduling single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) transmissions and a channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 for scheduling multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) transmissions. The base station 102 may also use the best multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 when scheduling single-user multiple-input and multiple-output (SU-MIMO) data transmissions. Each of these channel quality indicators (CQIs) 112 is outdated by at most one extra transmission time interval (TTI) 538 more than usual.

[0108] One consequence of using the user equipment (UE) 204 solution is that it may require changes to the channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 reporting protocol (e.g., the High-Speed Packet Access standards established by 3GPP). These changes may include implementing higher-layer messaging to configure the channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 feedback algorithm of the user equipment (UE) 204.

[0109] FIG. 7 is a timing diagram illustrating channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 feedback cycles for user equipments (UEs) 772a-b. FIG. 7 is a timing diagram for the method 600 illustrated in FIG. 6. Each box represents a channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 report for a given transmission time interval (TTI). As discussed above, a user equipment (UE) 772 may interlace optimal single-stream channel quality indicators (CQIs) 112 that are adjusted for inter-stream interference (ISI) in between the optimal multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) channel quality indicators (CQIs) 112 (referred to as an optimal Rel-7 channel quality indicator (CQI) 112).

[0110] The optimal Rel-7 channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 for a bad geometry user equipment (UE) 772a may often be a single-stream channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 such as that used in the transmission time interval (TTI) n 773a and in the transmission time interval (TTI) $n+2$ 773c. In contrast, the optimal channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 for a good geometry user equipment (UE) 772b may often be a dual-stream channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 such as that used in the transmission time interval (TTI) n 774a and in the transmission time interval (TTI) $n+2$ 774c. In one configuration (i.e., in the channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 of transmission time interval (TTI) $n+6$ 774d), the optimal channel

quality indicator (CQI) 112 for a good geometry user equipment (UE) 772b may instead be a single-stream channel quality indicator (CQI) 112.

[0111] The channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 reporting for either a bad geometry user equipment (UE) 772a or a good geometry user equipment (UE) 772b may be unchanged for every other transmission time interval (TTI) (e.g., n , $n+2$, $n+4$, etc.). In between these transmission time intervals (TTIs), both a bad geometry user equipment (UE) 772a and a good geometry user equipment (UE) 772b may determine and send an optimal single-stream channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 that has been adjusted for inter-stream interference (ISI) such as the channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 for the transmission time interval (TTI) $n+1$ 773b for the bad geometry user equipment (UE) 772a and the channel quality indicator (CQI) 112 for the transmission time interval (TTI) $n+1$ 774b for the good geometry user equipment (UE) 772b (e.g., for transmission time intervals (TTIs) $n+1$, $n+3$, $n+5$, etc.). FIG. 7 as illustrated is for a feedback cycle equal to 1. FIG. 7 may change accordingly for a feedback cycle that is greater than 1.

[0112] FIG. 8 is a block diagram of a base station 802 for use in the present systems and methods. The base station 802 of FIG. 8 may be one configuration of the base station 102 of FIG. 1. The base station 802 may include a first transmit chain 846a and a second transmit chain 846b. The first transmit chain 846a may be used for a first data stream 818a and the second transmit chain 846b may be used for a second data stream 818b.

[0113] The first transmit chain 846a may include a first baseband transmit signal 844a. The first baseband transmit signal 844a may be modulated using a modulator 847a, converted from a digital signal to an analog signal using a digital-to-analog converter (DAC) 848a, frequency converted using a mixer 849a, amplified using an amplifier 850a and finally transmitted by a first antenna 851a as the first data stream 818a. Likewise, the second transmit chain 846b may include a second baseband transmit signal 844b. The second baseband transmit signal 844b may be modulated using a modulator 847b, converted from a digital signal to an analog signal using a digital-to-analog converter (DAC) 848b, frequency converted using a mixer 849b, amplified using an amplifier 850b and finally transmitted by a second antenna 851b as the second data stream 818b. As discussed above, the first data stream 818a and the second data stream 818b may be transmitted during the same transmission time interval (TTI) 538 using the same orthogonal variable spreading factor (OVSF) codes 226 with orthogonal beams.

[0114] FIG. 9 is a block diagram of a wireless communication device 904 for use in the present systems and methods. The wireless communication device 904 of FIG. 9 may be one configuration of the wireless communication devices 104 of FIG. 1. The wireless communication device 904 may include a transmit chain 946. The transmit chain 946 may be used for a data stream 918.

[0115] The transmit chain 946 may include a baseband transmit signal 944. The baseband transmit signal 944 may be modulated using a modulator 947, converted from a digital signal to an analog signal using a digital-to-analog converter (DAC) 948, frequency converted using a mixer 949, amplified using an amplifier 950 and finally transmitted by an antenna 951 as the data stream 918. The data stream 918 may include one or more channel quality indicators (CQIs) sent by the wireless communication device 904 to a base station 102.

[0116] FIG. 10 is a block diagram of a transmitter 1069 and receiver 1070 in a multiple-input and multiple-output (MIMO) system 1000. In the transmitter 1069, traffic data for a number of data streams is provided from a data source 1052 to a transmit (TX) data processor 1053. Each data stream may then be transmitted over a respective transmit antenna 1056a through 1056t. The transmit (TX) data processor 1053 may format, code, and interleave the traffic data for each data stream based on a particular coding scheme selected for that data stream to provide coded data.

[0117] The coded data for each data stream may be multiplexed with pilot data using OFDM techniques. The pilot data may be a known data pattern that is processed in a known manner and used at the receiver 1070 to estimate the channel response. The multiplexed pilot and coded data for each stream is then modulated (i.e., symbol mapped) based on a particular modulation scheme (e.g., binary phase shift keying (BPSK), quadrature phase shift keying (QPSK), multiple phase shift keying (M-PSK) or multi-level quadrature amplitude modulation (M-QAM)) selected for that data stream to provide modulation symbols. The data rate, coding and modulation for each data stream may be determined by instructions performed by a processor.

[0118] The modulation symbols for all data streams may be provided to a transmit (TX) multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) processor 1054, which may further process the modulation symbols (e.g., for OFDM). The transmit (TX) multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) processor 1054 then provides NT modulation symbol streams to NT transmitters (TMTR) 1055a through 1055t. The TX transmit (TX) multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) processor 1054 may apply beamforming weights to the symbols of the data streams and to the antenna 1056 from which the symbol is being transmitted.

[0119] Each transmitter 1055 may receive and process a respective symbol stream to provide one or more analog signals, and further condition (e.g., amplify, filter and upconvert) the analog signals to provide a modulated signal suitable for transmission over the MIMO channel. NT modulated signals from transmitters 1055a through 1055t are then transmitted from NT antennas 1056a through 1056t, respectively.

[0120] At the receiver 1070, the transmitted modulated signals are received by NR antennas 1061a through 1061r and the received signal from each antenna 1061 is provided to a respective receiver (RCVR) 1062a through 1062r. Each receiver 1062 may condition (e.g., filter, amplify and downconvert) a respective received signal, digitize the conditioned signal to provide samples, and further process the samples to provide a corresponding "received" symbol stream.

[0121] An RX data processor 1063 then receives and processes the NR received symbol streams from NR receivers 1062 based on a particular receiver processing technique to provide NT "detected" symbol streams. The RX data processor 1063 then demodulates, deinterleaves and decodes each detected symbol stream to recover the traffic data for the data stream. The processing by RX data processor 1063 is complementary to that performed by TX MIMO processor 1054 and TX data processor 1053 at transmitter system 1069.

[0122] A processor 1064 may periodically determine which pre-coding matrix to use. The processor 1064 may store information on and retrieve information from memory 1065. The processor 1064 formulates a reverse link message comprising a matrix index portion and a rank value portion. The reverse link message may be referred to as channel state

information (CSI). The reverse link message may comprise various types of information regarding the communication link and/or the received data stream. The reverse link message is then processed by a TX data processor 1067, which also receives traffic data for a number of data streams from a data source 1068, modulated by a modulator 1066, conditioned by transmitters 1062a through 1062r, and transmitted back to the transmitter 1069.

[0123] At the transmitter 1069, the modulated signals from the receiver are received by antennas 1056, conditioned by receivers 1055, demodulated by a demodulator 1058, and processed by an RX data processor 1059 to extract the reverse link message transmitted by the receiver system 1070. A processor 1060 may receive channel state information (CSI) from the RX data processor 1059. The processor 1060 may store information on and retrieve information from memory 1057. The processor 1060 then determines which pre-coding matrix to use for determining the beamforming weights and then processes the extracted message.

[0124] FIG. 11 is a block diagram illustrating a radio network 1100 operating according to Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) standards. The radio network 1100 may be a UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access Network (UTRAN). A UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access Network (UTRAN) is a collective term for the Node Bs 1102a-d and the control equipment for the Node Bs 1102a-d (or radio network controllers (RNCs) 1175a) it contains which make up the UMTS radio access network (RAN) 1174. This is a 3 G communications network which can carry both real-time circuit switched and IP based packet switched traffic types. The UTRAN provides an air interface access method for the user equipment (UE) 1104. Connectivity is provided between the user equipment (UE) 1104 and the core network 1171 by the UTRAN. The radio access network (RAN) 1174 may transport data packets between multiple user equipments (UEs) 1104.

[0125] The UTRAN is connected internally or externally to other functional entities by four interfaces: the Iu interface 1172a-b, the Uu interface 1178, the Iub interface 1177a-d and the Iur interface 1176. The UTRAN is attached to a Global Systems for Mobile (GSM) core network 1171 via an external interface called Iu interface 1172. The radio network controllers (RNCs) 1175a-b support this interface. In addition, the radio network controllers (RNCs) 1175a-b manage a set of base stations called Node Bs 1102a-d through interfaces labeled Iub interface 1177a-d. A radio network controller (RNC) 1175 and the managed Node Bs 1102 form a radio network subsystem (RNS) 1173a-b. The Iur interface 1176 connects a first radio network controller (RNC) 1175a and a second radio network controller (RNC) 1175b with each other. The UTRAN is largely autonomous from the core network 1171 since the radio network controllers (RNCs) 1175a-b are interconnected by the Iur interface 1176. FIG. 11 discloses a communication system which uses the radio network controller (RNC) 1175, the Node Bs 1102a-d, the Iub interface 1172 and the Uu interface 1178. The Uu interface 1178 is also external and connects the Node B 1102 with the user equipment (UE) 1104, while the Iub interface 1177 is an internal interface connecting the radio network controller (RNC) 1175 with the Node B 1102.

[0126] The radio network 1100 may be further connected to additional networks outside the radio network 1100, such as a corporate intranet, the Internet, or a conventional public

switched telephone network as stated above, and may transport data packets between each user equipment (UE) 1104 and such outside networks.

[0127] FIG. 12 is a block diagram illustrating communications between a user equipment (UE) 1204, a Node B 1202 and a radio network controller (RNC) 1275 in a wireless communications network 1200. The user equipment (UE) 1204 of FIG. 12 may be one configuration of the user equipment (UE) 204 of FIG. 2. The Node B 1202 of FIG. 12 may be one configuration of the Node B 202 of FIG. 2. The radio network controller (RNC) 1275 of FIG. 12 may be one configuration of the radio network controller (RNC) 1175 of FIG. 11. The wireless communications network 1200 may operate using High-Speed Packet Access (HSPA). Both the Node B 1202 and the user equipment (UE) 1204 may be capable of multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operations. The user equipment (UE) 1204 and the radio network controller (RNC) 1275 may communicate with each other via the Node B 1202 using Layer 3 messages. Layer 3 messages may also be referred to as radio resource control (RRC) messages. Layer 3 messages may be passed between the UTRAN and the user equipment (UE) 1204 and are used to configure and control the radio resource control (RRC) connection between a user equipment (UE) 1204 and the UTRAN. Layer 3 messages may deal with connection management, control, mobility and measurement messages.

[0128] As discussed above, the Node B 1202 may communicate with the user equipment (UE) 1204 via the Uu interface 1178. The Node B 1202 may communicate with the radio network controller (RNC) 1275 via the Iub interface 1177. The Node B 1202, the radio network controller (RNC) 1275 and the user equipment (UE) 1204 may all operate in accordance with a standard. Small changes to the standard may be needed to accommodate some signaling possibilities associated with multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operation. As standards changes may be involved, multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operation may be automatically detectable.

[0129] The user equipment (UE) 1204 may indicate to the radio network controller (RNC) 1275 that it is multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) capable. In one configuration, the user equipment (UE) 1204 may send a Radio Resource Control (RRC) message 1279 to the radio network controller (RNC) 1275 via the Node B 1202. The Radio Resource Control (RRC) message 1279 may indicate the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) capabilities 1280 of the user equipment (UE) 1204. In another configuration, the user equipment (UE) 1204 may send a message to the radio network controller (RNC) 1275 via the Node B 1202 indicating that the user equipment (UE) 1204 is within a designated multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) capable category 1281. In other words, the user equipment (UE) 1204 may indicate that it is in a category that is defined as being multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) capable.

[0130] The radio network controller (RNC) 1275 may send configuration messages to the user equipment (UE) 1204 via the Node B 1202. For example, the radio network controller (RNC) 1275 may send a Radio Resource Control (RRC) message 1282 to the user equipment (UE) 1204 via the Node B 1202. The Radio Resource Control (RRC) message 1282 may include a user equipment (UE) multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) configuration 1283 for the user equipment (UE) 1204. The user equipment (UE)

multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) configuration **1283** may be required for the user equipment (UE) **1204** to support multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operation.

[**0131**] The user equipment (UE) multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) configuration **1283** may include a channel quality indicator (CQI) report configuration **1284**. The channel quality indicator (CQI) report configuration **1284** may make changes to channel quality indicator (CQI) reporting by the user equipment (UE) **1204** (such as those discussed above in relation to FIG. 6). The user equipment (UE) multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) configuration **1283** may also include a high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) fields reinterpretation **1285**. The high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) fields reinterpretation **1285** may instruct the user equipment (UE) **1204** on how to interpret high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) fields differently than they would be interpreted otherwise. The user equipment (UE) **1204** may use the information in the Radio Resource Control (RRC) message **1282** to adjust configurations for multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operation.

[**0132**] FIG. 13 is a flow diagram of a method **1300** for signaling a user equipment's (UE's) multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operation capability **1280** from a user equipment (UE) **1204** to a radio network controller (RNC) **1275**. The method **1300** may be performed by a user equipment (UE) **1204**. The user equipment (UE) **1204** may determine **1302** the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operation capability **1280** of the user equipment (UE) **1204**. Examples of multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operation capabilities **1280** of the user equipment (UE) **1204** include the ability to configure multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) channel quality indicator (CQI) **112** feedback if asked to do so by the radio network controller (RNC) **1175** and the ability to reinterpret fields in the high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) if asked to do so by the radio network controller (RNC) **1175**. These operations may be required of the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) user equipment (UE) **1204**.

[**0133**] The user equipment (UE) **1204** may generate **1304** a Radio Resource Control (RRC) message **1279** that includes the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operation capability **1280** of the user equipment (UE) **1204**. The user equipment (UE) **1204** may then send **1306** the Radio Resource Control (RRC) message **1279** to a Node B **1202** that forwards it to a radio network controller (RNC) **1275**.

[**0134**] FIG. 14 is a flow diagram of a method **1400** for signaling a user equipment (UE) multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) configuration **1283** required to support multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operations from a network to a user equipment (UE) **1204**. The method **1400** may be performed by a radio network controller (RNC) **1275**. The radio network controller (RNC) **1275** may determine **1402** a user equipment (UE) multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) configuration **1283** required to support multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operations. The radio network controller (RNC) **1275** may then generate **1404** a Radio Resource Control (RRC) message **1282** that includes the user equipment (UE)

multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) configuration **1283**. The radio network controller (RNC) **1275** may send **1406** the Radio Resource Control (RRC) message **1282** to a Node B **1202** that forwards it to the user equipment (UE) **1204**. As discussed above in relation to FIG. 12, the Radio Resource Control (RRC) message **1282** may also include the channel quality indicator (CQI) report configuration **1284** changes for the user equipment (UE) and high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) fields reinterpretation **1285** changes for the user equipment (UE) **1204**.

[**0135**] FIG. 15 is a block diagram illustrating communications between a Node B **1502** and a radio network controller (RNC) **1575** in a wireless communications network **1500**. The Node B **1502** of FIG. 15 may be one configuration of the Node B **202** of FIG. 2. The radio network controller (RNC) **1575** of FIG. 15 may be one configuration of the radio network controller (RNC) **1175** of FIG. 11. The wireless communications network **1500** may operate using High-Speed Packet Access (HSPA). The Node B **1502** may be capable of multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operations. Communications between a Node B **1502** and a radio network controller (RNC) **1575** may take place over the Iub interface **1177** (i.e., layer).

[**0136**] The Node B **1502** may send a message to the radio network controller (RNC) **1575** that indicates the Node B multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) scheduling capabilities **1586**. For example, the message may indicate that the Node B **1502** is capable of scheduling a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) packet.

[**0137**] The radio network controller (RNC) **1575** may have information regarding the user equipments (UEs) **1104** being served by the Node B **1502**. For example, the radio network controller (RNC) **1575** may know the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) capability and configuration of each user equipment (UE) **1587** being served by the Node B **1502**. The radio network controller (RNC) **1575** may send the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) capability and configuration of the user equipments (UEs) **1587** to the Node B **1502** in a message. In one configuration, the message may also indicate that the high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) fields encoding **1588a-b** will need to be changed at the Node B **1502** (since some of the fields in the high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) may be interpreted differently by a user equipment (UE)) **1104**.

[**0138**] FIG. 16 is a flow diagram of a method **1600** for signaling the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) capability and configuration of a user equipment (UE) **1587** from a radio network controller (RNC) **1575** to a Node B **1502**. The method **1600** may be performed by a radio network controller (RNC) **1575**. Communications between the radio network controller (RNC) **1575** and the Node B **1502** may be over the Iub interface **1177**.

[**0139**] The radio network controller (RNC) **1575** may determine **1602** a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) capability and configuration of a user equipment (UE) **1587**. In one configuration, the radio network controller (RNC) **1575** may determine the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) capabilities and configurations of multiple user equipments (UEs) **1587**. The radio network controller (RNC) **1575** may generate **1604** a message that includes the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) capability and configuration of

the user equipment (UE) **1587**. The radio network controller (RNC) **1575** may then send **1606** the message to a Node B **1502** over the Iub interface **1177**.

[**0140**] FIG. **17** is a flow diagram of a method **1700** for signaling a Node B multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) scheduling capability **1586** to a radio network controller (RNC) **1575**. The method **1700** may be performed by a Node B **1502**. Communications between the Node B **1502** and the radio network controller (RNC) **1575** may be over the Iub interface **1177**.

[**0141**] The Node B **1502** may determine **1702** the Node B multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) scheduling capability **1586** for transmissions. For example, the Node B **1502** may determine how often multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) transmissions can be scheduled, the power available for multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) transmissions and the current load of the Node B **1502**. The Node B **1502** may then generate **1704** a message that includes the Node B multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) scheduling capability **1586** for transmissions. The Node B **1502** may send **1706** the message to a radio network controller (RNC) **1575** over the Iub interface **1177**.

[**0142**] FIG. **18** is a block diagram illustrating the transmission of a high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) order **1889** from a Node B **1802** to a user equipment (UE) **1804** in a wireless communications network **1800**. The user equipment (UE) **1804** of FIG. **18** may be one configuration of the user equipment (UE) **204** of FIG. **2**. The Node B **1802** of FIG. **18** may be one configuration of the Node B **202** of FIG. **2**. The wireless communications network **1800** may operate using High-Speed Packet Access (HSPA). Both the Node B **1802** and the user equipment (UE) **1804** may be capable of multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operations. The high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) is a downlink physical channel used to carry downlink signaling information related to a high-speed downlink shared channel (HS-DSCH) transmission. A Node B **1802** may use a high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) order **1889** to activate/deactivate the uplink discontinuous transmission (UL-DTX) and/or the downlink discontinuous receiving (DL-DRX) by sending them as L1/PHY signaling commands to the user equipment (UE) **1804**.

[**0143**] The high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) order **1889** may include an activate/deactivate multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) command **1890**. The activate/deactivate multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) command **1890** may activate or deactivate multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operations at the user equipment (UE) **1804**. There may be instances when multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operation is not highly beneficial (e.g., only two user equipments (UEs) **1804** are being served). There may also be instances when multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operation would be particularly beneficial (e.g., multiple user equipments (UEs) **1804** requesting large amounts of traffic).

[**0144**] The high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) order **1889** may also include a channel quality indicator (CQI) reporting change **1891**. The user equipment (UE) **1804** may thus be instructed on changes to channel quality indicator (CQI) reporting. The high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) order **1889** may further include a high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) fields interpretation

change **1892**. Upon receiving the high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) order **1889**, the user equipment (UE) **1804** may activate/deactivate multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operations, apply the channel quality indicator (CQI) reporting change **1891** and/or apply the high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) fields interpretation change **1892**.

[**0145**] FIG. **19** is a flow diagram of a method **1900** for sending a high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) order **1889** to a user equipment (UE) **1804**. The method **1900** may be performed by a Node B **1802**. The Node B **1802** may determine **1902** to activate/deactivate multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operations on a user equipment (UE) **1804**. In one configuration, the Node B **1802** may further determine to change the channel quality indicator (CQI) reporting configurations of the user equipment (UE) **1804**. In yet another configuration, the Node B **1802** may determine to change the high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) fields interpretation of the user equipment (UE) **1804**.

[**0146**] The Node B **1802** may then generate **1904** a high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) order **1889**. As discussed above, the high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) order **1889** may include an activation/deactivation of multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operations command **1890**, a channel quality indicator (CQI) reporting change **1891** and/or a high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) fields interpretation change **1892**. The Node B **1802** may then send **1906** the high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) order **1889** to the user equipment (UE) **1804**.

[**0147**] FIG. **20** is a block diagram illustrating multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) scheduling **2094a-n** transmitted from a Node B **2002** to a user equipment (UE) **2004** for every transmission time interval (TTI) **2093a-n** in a wireless communications network **2000**. The user equipment (UE) **2004** of FIG. **20** may be one configuration of the user equipment (UE) **204** of FIG. **2**. The Node B **2002** of FIG. **20** may be one configuration of the Node B **202** of FIG. **2**. The wireless communications network **2000** may operate using High-Speed Packet Access (HSPA). Both the Node B **2002** and the user equipment (UE) **2004** may be capable of multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) operations. A Node B **2002** may signal a user equipment (UE) **2004** regarding multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) scheduling **2094**. This signaling may be "long-term," where the signaling does not occur every transmission time interval (TTI) **2093**. For example, certain user equipments (UEs) **2004** do not need such signaling for each transmission time interval (TTI) **2093**.

[**0148**] However, there may be cases where a user equipment (UE) **2004** needs multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) scheduling **2094** for each transmission time interval (TTI) **2093**. For example, a Node B **2002** may send multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) scheduling **2094** information (e.g., whether or not multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) transmissions are being used in a particular transmission time interval (TTI) **2093**) to a user equipment (UE) **2004** during each transmission time interval (TTI) **2093**. This may be accomplished in several ways. In a first option, a high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) may be configured on a common High Speed Downlink Shared Channel—Radio Network Temporary Identifier (H-RNTI).

The common High Speed Downlink Shared Channel—Radio Network Temporary Identifier (H-RNTI) may be decoded by all of the user equipments (UEs) **2004** in a cell. Thus, the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) scheduling **2094** information may be sent via a high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) on a common High Speed Downlink Shared Channel—Radio Network Temporary Identifier (H-RNTI).

[**0149**] In a second option, the Node B **2002** may signal multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) transmission through certain fields of the high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH). For example, certain bits of the channelization code set could be used for this purpose. The user equipment (UE) **2004** may re-interpret the bits (which would otherwise be interpreted differently) to mean that multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) scheduling is happening for this particular transmission time interval (TTI) **2093**. On the other hand, the Node B **2002** could set the secondary transport block size field of the high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) to 11111 and the corresponding redundancy version field could be set to 0. Again, the user equipment (UE) **2004** may re-interpret the bits (which would otherwise be interpreted differently) to mean an indication of multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) transmission in this particular transmission time interval (TTI) **2093**.

[**0150**] When a user equipment (UE) **2004** is Release-7 capable or Transmit Antenna Array (TxAA) capable, other options may be used for multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) scheduling **2094**. One option (when the user equipment (UE) **2004** is Release-7 or TxAA capable) is for the Node B **2002** to use a typically unused combination of a modulation scheme and a number of transport blocks in a high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) to convey multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) scheduling **2094** to the user equipment (UE) **2004** for each transmission time interval (TTI) **2093**. For a user equipment (UE) **2004** that is Transmit Antenna Array (TxAA) capable, the Node B **2002** may use one bit of a Hybrid Automatic Repeat Request (HARD) processing identification (ID) in a high-speed shared control channel (HS-SCCH) to convey the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output (MU-MIMO) scheduling **2094** information to a user equipment (UE) **2004** for each transmission time interval (TTI) **2093**.

[**0151**] FIG. 21 illustrates certain components that may be included within a base station **2102**. A base station may also be referred to as, and may include some or all of the functionality of, an access point, a broadcast transmitter, a NodeB, an evolved NodeB, etc. The base station **2102** includes a processor **2103**. The processor **2103** may be a general purpose single- or multi-chip microprocessor (e.g., an ARM), a special purpose microprocessor (e.g., a digital signal processor (DSP)), a microcontroller, a programmable gate array, etc. The processor **2103** may be referred to as a central processing unit (CPU). Although just a single processor **2103** is shown in the base station **2102** of FIG. 21, in an alternative configuration, a combination of processors (e.g., an ARM and DSP) could be used.

[**0152**] The base station **2102** also includes memory **2105**. The memory **2105** may be any electronic component capable of storing electronic information. The memory **2105** may be embodied as random access memory (RAM), read only memory (ROM), magnetic disk storage media, optical stor-

age media, flash memory devices in RAM, on-board memory included with the processor, EPROM memory, EEPROM memory, registers, and so forth, including combinations thereof.

[**0153**] Data **2107a** and instructions **2109a** may be stored in the memory **2105**. The instructions **2109a** may be executable by the processor **2103** to implement the methods disclosed herein. Executing the instructions **2109a** may involve the use of the data **2107a** that is stored in the memory **2105**. When the processor **2103** executes the instructions **2109a**, various portions of the instructions **2109b** may be loaded onto the processor **2103**, and various pieces of data **2107b** may be loaded onto the processor **2103**.

[**0154**] The base station **2102** may also include a transmitter **2111** and a receiver **2113** to allow transmission and reception of signals to and from the base station **2102**. The transmitter **2111** and receiver **2113** may be collectively referred to as a transceiver **2115**. Multiple antennas **2117a-b** may be electrically coupled to the transceiver **2115**. The base station **2102** may also include (not shown) multiple transmitters, multiple receivers, multiple transceivers and/or additional antennas.

[**0155**] The base station **2102** may include a digital signal processor (DSP) **2121**. The base station **2102** may also include a communications interface **2123**. The communications interface **2123** may allow a user to interact with the base station **2102**.

[**0156**] The various components of the base station **2102** may be coupled together by one or more buses, which may include a power bus, a control signal bus, a status signal bus, a data bus, etc. For the sake of clarity, the various buses are illustrated in FIG. 21 as a bus system **2119**.

[**0157**] FIG. 22 illustrates certain components that may be included within a wireless communication device **2204**. The wireless communication device **2204** may be an access terminal, a mobile station, a user equipment (UE), etc. The wireless communication device **2204** includes a processor **2203**. The processor **2203** may be a general purpose single- or multi-chip microprocessor (e.g., an ARM), a special purpose microprocessor (e.g., a digital signal processor (DSP)), a microcontroller, a programmable gate array, etc. The processor **2203** may be referred to as a central processing unit (CPU). Although just a single processor **2203** is shown in the wireless communication device **2204** of FIG. 22, in an alternative configuration, a combination of processors (e.g., an ARM and DSP) could be used.

[**0158**] The wireless communication device **2204** also includes memory **2205**. The memory **2205** may be any electronic component capable of storing electronic information. The memory **2205** may be embodied as random access memory (RAM), read-only memory (ROM), magnetic disk storage media, optical storage media, flash memory devices in RAM, on-board memory included with the processor, EPROM memory, EEPROM memory, registers, and so forth, including combinations thereof.

[**0159**] Data **2207a** and instructions **2209a** may be stored in the memory **2205**. The instructions **2209a** may be executable by the processor **2203** to implement the methods disclosed herein. Executing the instructions **2209a** may involve the use of the data **2207a** that is stored in the memory **2205**. When the processor **2203** executes the instructions **2209a**, various portions of the instructions **2209b** may be loaded onto the processor **2203**, and various pieces of data **2207b** may be loaded onto the processor **2203**.

[0160] The wireless communication device 2204 may also include a transmitter 2211 and a receiver 2213 to allow transmission and reception of signals to and from the wireless communication device 2204. The transmitter 2211 and receiver 2213 may be collectively referred to as a transceiver 2215. Multiple antennas 2217a-b may be electrically coupled to the transceiver 2215. The wireless communication device 2204 may also include (not shown) multiple transmitters, multiple receivers, multiple transceivers and/or additional antennas.

[0161] The wireless communication device 2204 may include a digital signal processor (DSP) 2221. The wireless communication device 2204 may also include a communications interface 2223. The communications interface 2223 may allow a user to interact with the wireless communication device 2204.

[0162] The various components of the wireless communication device 2204 may be coupled together by one or more buses, which may include a power bus, a control signal bus, a status signal bus, a data bus, etc. For the sake of clarity, the various buses are illustrated in FIG. 22 as a bus system 2219.

[0163] FIG. 23 illustrates certain components that may be included within a radio network controller (RNC) 2375. A radio network controller (RNC) 2375 is a governing element in the UMTS radio access network (UTRAN) that is responsible for controlling the base stations 2102 (or Node Bs 1102) that are connected to it. The radio network controller (RNC) 2375 may be connected to a circuit switched core network through a media gateway. The radio network controller (RNC) 2375 includes a processor 2303. The processor 2303 may be a general purpose single- or multi-chip microprocessor (e.g., an ARM), a special purpose microprocessor (e.g., a digital signal processor (DSP)), a microcontroller, a programmable gate array, etc. The processor 2303 may be referred to as a central processing unit (CPU). Although just a single processor 2303 is shown in the radio network controller (RNC) 2375 of FIG. 23, in an alternative configuration, a combination of processors (e.g., an ARM and DSP) could be used.

[0164] The radio network controller (RNC) 2375 also includes memory 2305. The memory 2305 may be any electronic component capable of storing electronic information. The memory 2305 may be embodied as random access memory (RAM), read only memory (ROM), magnetic disk storage media, optical storage media, flash memory devices in RAM, on-board memory included with the processor, EPROM memory, EEPROM memory, registers, and so forth, including combinations thereof.

[0165] Data 2307a and instructions 2309a may be stored in the memory 2305. The instructions 2309a may be executable by the processor 2303 to implement the methods disclosed herein. Executing the instructions 2309a may involve the use of the data 2307a that is stored in the memory 2305. When the processor 2303 executes the instructions 2309a, various portions of the instructions 2309b may be loaded onto the processor 2303, and various pieces of data 2307b may be loaded onto the processor 2303.

[0166] The radio network controller (RNC) 2375 may also include a transmitter 2311 and a receiver 2313 to allow transmission and reception of signals to and from the radio network controller (RNC) 2375. The transmitter 2311 and receiver 2313 may be collectively referred to as a transceiver 2315. Multiple antennas 2317a-b may be electrically coupled to the transceiver 2315. The radio network controller (RNC)

2375 may also include (not shown) multiple transmitters, multiple receivers, multiple transceivers and/or additional antennas.

[0167] The radio network controller (RNC) 2375 may include a digital signal processor (DSP) 2321. The radio network controller (RNC) 2375 may also include a communications interface 2323. The communications interface 2323 may allow a user to interact with the radio network controller (RNC) 2375.

[0168] The various components of the radio network controller (RNC) 2375 may be coupled together by one or more buses, which may include a power bus, a control signal bus, a status signal bus, a data bus, etc. For the sake of clarity, the various buses are illustrated in FIG. 23 as a bus system 2319.

[0169] The techniques described herein may be used for various communication systems, including communication systems that are based on an orthogonal multiplexing scheme. Examples of such communication systems include Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access (OFDMA) systems, Single-Carrier Frequency Division Multiple Access (SC-FDMA) systems, and so forth. An OFDMA system utilizes orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM), which is a modulation technique that partitions the overall system bandwidth into multiple orthogonal sub-carriers. These sub-carriers may also be called tones, bins, etc. With OFDM, each sub-carrier may be independently modulated with data. An SC-FDMA system may utilize interleaved FDMA (IFDMA) to transmit on sub-carriers that are distributed across the system bandwidth, localized FDMA (LFDMA) to transmit on a block of adjacent sub-carriers, or enhanced FDMA (EFDMA) to transmit on multiple blocks of adjacent sub-carriers. In general, modulation symbols are sent in the frequency domain with OFDM and in the time domain with SC-FDMA.

[0170] The term “determining” encompasses a wide variety of actions and, therefore, “determining” can include calculating, computing, processing, deriving, investigating, looking up (e.g., looking up in a table, a database or another data structure), ascertaining and the like. Also, “determining” can include receiving (e.g., receiving information), accessing (e.g., accessing data in a memory) and the like. Also, “determining” can include resolving, selecting, choosing, establishing and the like.

[0171] The phrase “based on” does not mean “based only on,” unless expressly specified otherwise. In other words, the phrase “based on” describes both “based only on” and “based at least on.”

[0172] The term “processor” should be interpreted broadly to encompass a general purpose processor, a central processing unit (CPU), a microprocessor, a digital signal processor (DSP), a controller, a microcontroller, a state machine, and so forth. Under some circumstances, a “processor” may refer to an application specific integrated circuit (ASIC), a programmable logic device (PLD), a field programmable gate array (FPGA), etc. The term “processor” may refer to a combination of processing devices, e.g., a combination of a DSP and a microprocessor, a plurality of microprocessors, one or more microprocessors in conjunction with a DSP core, or any other such configuration.

[0173] The term “memory” should be interpreted broadly to encompass any electronic component capable of storing electronic information. The term memory may refer to various types of processor-readable media such as random access memory (RAM), read-only memory (ROM), non-volatile

random access memory (NVRAM), programmable read-only memory (PROM), erasable programmable read-only memory (EPROM), electrically erasable PROM (EEPROM), flash memory, magnetic or optical data storage, registers, etc. Memory is said to be in electronic communication with a processor if the processor can read information from and/or write information to the memory. Memory that is integral to a processor is in electronic communication with the processor.

[0174] The terms “instructions” and “code” should be interpreted broadly to include any type of computer-readable statement(s). For example, the terms “instructions” and “code” may refer to one or more programs, routines, sub-routines, functions, procedures, etc. “Instructions” and “code” may comprise a single computer-readable statement or many computer-readable statements.

[0175] The functions described herein may be implemented in software or firmware being executed by hardware. The functions may be stored as one or more instructions on a computer-readable medium. The terms “computer-readable medium” or “computer-program product” refers to any tangible storage medium that can be accessed by a computer or a processor. By way of example, and not limitation, a computer-readable medium may comprise RAM, ROM, EEPROM, CD-ROM or other optical disk storage, magnetic disk storage or other magnetic storage devices, or any other medium that can be used to carry or store desired program code in the form of instructions or data structures and that can be accessed by a computer. Disk and disc, as used herein, includes compact disc (CD), laser disc, optical disc, digital versatile disc (DVD), floppy disk and Blu-ray® disc where disks usually reproduce data magnetically, while discs reproduce data optically with lasers.

[0176] The methods disclosed herein comprise one or more steps or actions for achieving the described method. The method steps and/or actions may be interchanged with one another without departing from the scope of the claims. In other words, unless a specific order of steps or actions is required for proper operation of the method that is being described, the order and/or use of specific steps and/or actions may be modified without departing from the scope of the claims.

[0177] Further, it should be appreciated that modules and/or other appropriate means for performing the methods and techniques described herein, such as those illustrated by FIGS. 3, 6, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19, can be downloaded and/or otherwise obtained by a device. For example, a device may be coupled to a server to facilitate the transfer of means for performing the methods described herein. Alternatively, various methods described herein can be provided via a storage means (e.g., random access memory (RAM), read-only memory (ROM), a physical storage medium such as a compact disc (CD) or floppy disk, etc.), such that a device may obtain the various methods upon coupling or providing the storage means to the device.

[0178] It is to be understood that the claims are not limited to the precise configuration and components illustrated above. Various modifications, changes and variations may be made in the arrangement, operation and details of the systems, methods, and apparatus described herein without departing from the scope of the claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A method for signaling multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output in a high speed packet access system, comprising:

determining a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter;
generating a message that comprises the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter; and
sending the message to a wireless device.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is performed by a radio network controller, wherein the wireless device is a Node B that forwards the message to a user equipment, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter comprises a user equipment multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output configuration required of the user equipment to support multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output operations, and wherein the message is a radio resource control message.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter further comprises a channel quality indicator report configuration.

4. The method of claim 2, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter further comprises a high-speed shared control channel fields reinterpretation.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is performed by a user equipment, and wherein the wireless device is a Node B that forwards the message to a radio network controller.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter comprises a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output operation capability of the user equipment, and wherein the message is a radio resource control message.

7. The method of claim 5, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter comprises a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output capable user equipment category.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is performed by a Node B, wherein the wireless device is a radio network controller, and wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter comprises a Node B multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling capability.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is performed by a radio network controller, wherein the wireless device is a Node B, and wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter comprises a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output capability and configuration of a user equipment being served by the Node B.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter further comprises a new high-speed shared control channel fields encoding.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is performed by a Node B, wherein the wireless device is a user equipment, and wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter comprises multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling information, wherein new multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling information is sent for each transmission time interval.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling information is sent via a high-speed shared control channel on a common high speed downlink shared channel—radio network temporary identifier.

13. The method of claim 11, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling information is sent via fields of a Type-3 dual stream high-speed shared control channel, wherein the fields comprise certain bits of a channelization code.

14. The method of claim 11, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling information is sent via fields of a Type-3 dual stream high-speed shared control channel, wherein the fields comprise a combination of a secondary transport block size being set to 11111 and a corresponding redundancy version being set to 0.

15. The method of claim 11, wherein the user equipment is transmit antenna array capable, and wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling information is sent via a combination of a modulation scheme and a number of transport blocks in a high-speed shared control channel.

16. The method of claim 11, wherein the user equipment is transmit antenna array capable, and wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling information is sent via a hybrid automatic repeat request processing identification in a high-speed shared control channel.

17. The method of claim 1, wherein the method is performed by a Node B, wherein the wireless device is a user equipment, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter comprises a command to activate/deactivate multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output operations on the user equipment, and wherein the message comprises a high-speed shared control channel order.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the high-speed shared control channel order further comprises a channel quality indicator reporting change for the user equipment.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein the high-speed shared control channel order further comprises a high-speed shared control channel fields interpretation change for the user equipment.

20. A wireless device configured for signaling multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output in a high speed packet access system, comprising:

a processor;

memory in electronic communication with the processor; instructions stored in the memory, the instructions being executable by the processor to:

determine a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter;

generate a message that comprises the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter; and send the message to a second wireless device.

21. The wireless device of claim 20, wherein the wireless device is a radio network controller, wherein the second wireless device is a Node B that forwards the message to a user equipment, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter comprises a user equipment multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output configuration required of the user equipment to support multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output operations, and wherein the message is a radio resource control message.

22. The wireless device of claim 21, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter further comprises a channel quality indicator report configuration.

23. The wireless device of claim 21, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter further comprises a high-speed shared control channel fields reinterpretation.

24. The wireless device of claim 20, wherein the wireless device is a user equipment, and wherein the second wireless device is a Node B that forwards the message to a radio network controller.

25. The wireless device of claim 24, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter comprises a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output operation capability of the user equipment, and wherein the message is a radio resource control message.

26. The wireless device of claim 24, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter comprises a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output capable user equipment category.

27. The wireless device of claim 20, wherein the wireless device is a Node B, wherein the second wireless device is a radio network controller, and wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter comprises a Node B multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling capability.

28. The wireless device of claim 20, wherein the wireless device is a radio network controller, wherein the second wireless device is a Node B, and wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter comprises a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output capability and configuration of a user equipment being served by the Node B.

29. The wireless device of claim 28, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter further comprises a new high-speed shared control channel fields encoding.

30. The wireless device of claim 20, wherein the wireless device is a Node B, wherein the second wireless device is a user equipment, and wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter comprises multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling information, wherein new multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling information is sent for each transmission time interval.

31. The wireless device of claim 30, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling information is sent via a high-speed shared control channel on a common high speed downlink shared channel—radio network temporary identifier.

32. The wireless device of claim 30, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling information is sent via fields of a Type-3 dual stream high-speed shared control channel, wherein the fields comprise certain bits of a channelization code.

33. The wireless device of claim 30, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling information is sent via fields of a Type-3 dual stream high-speed shared control channel, wherein the fields comprise a combination of a secondary transport block size being set to 11111 and a corresponding redundancy version being set to 0.

34. The wireless device of claim 30, wherein the wireless device is transmit antenna array capable, and wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling information is sent via a combination of a modulation scheme and a number of transport blocks in a high-speed shared control channel.

35. The wireless device of claim 30, wherein the wireless device is transmit antenna array capable, and wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output scheduling

information is sent via a hybrid automatic repeat request processing identification in a high-speed shared control channel.

36. The wireless device of claim **20**, wherein the wireless device is a Node B, wherein the second wireless device is a user equipment, wherein the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter comprises a command to activate/deactivate multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output operations on the user equipment, and wherein the message comprises a high-speed shared control channel order.

37. The wireless device of claim **36**, wherein the high-speed shared control channel order further comprises a channel quality indicator reporting change for the user equipment.

38. The wireless device of claim **36**, wherein the high-speed shared control channel order further comprises a high-speed shared control channel fields interpretation change for the user equipment.

39. A wireless device configured for signaling multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output in a high speed packet access system, comprising:

means for determining a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter;

means for generating a message that comprises the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter; and

means for sending the message to a wireless device.

40. A computer-program product for signaling multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output in a high-speed packet access system, the computer-program product comprising a non-transitory computer-readable medium having instructions thereon, the instructions comprising:

code for causing a first wireless device to determine a multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter;

code for causing a first wireless device to generate a message that comprises the multiple-user multiple-input and multiple-output parameter; and

code for causing the first wireless device to send the message to a second wireless device.

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