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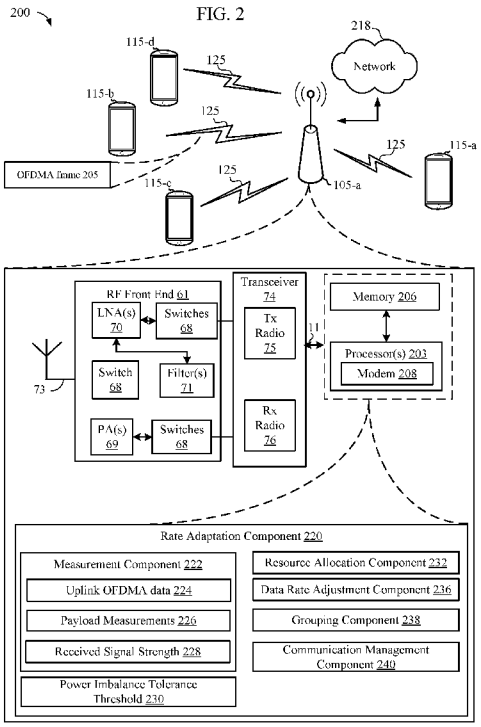
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FIG. 2



(57) Abstract: The disclosure provides for rate adaptation based on channel power tracking in wireless communications. An Access Point (AP) may measure a full-band channel quality information (CQI) for a plurality of wireless stations associated with the AP and allocate a sub-band resource unit from the plurality of sub-band resource units to a wireless station based on the full-band CQI. Aspects of the disclosure also include techniques for adjusting a data rate associated with the wireless station based on a channel power of the sub-band resource unit.

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1. claims: 1, 2, 15, 16, 29, 30

   User grouping method based on full-band CQI

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2. claims: 3, 8, 17, 22

   Sub-band allocation method

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3. claims: 4-7, 11-13, 18-21, 25-27

   Rate adaptation method based on channel characteristics

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4. claims: 9, 10, 14, 23, 24, 28

   CQI measurement method for a plurality of sub-bands

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