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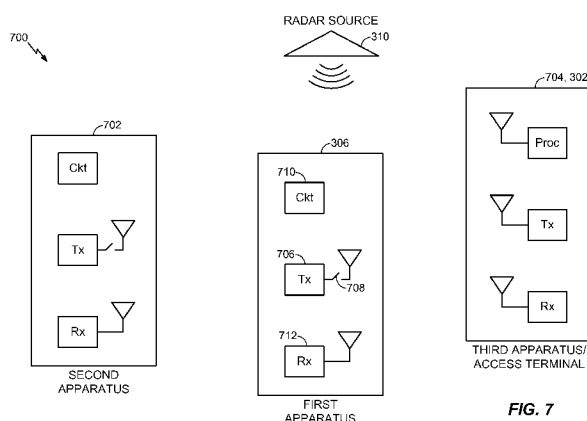
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(57) Abstract: An apparatus, configured to communicate with other apparatuses in a wireless network and operating in a frequency-division duplexing mode, can be caused to refrain from transmitting during a number of subframes of a frame of a downlink frequency band prior to a detection of a radar transmission, can be caused to send a first signal, related to monitoring for the radar transmission, to a second apparatus, and can be caused to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band in response to an event that can be an increase or a decrease in a load of the apparatus or the detection of the radar transmission. Optionally, placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band can correspond to placement of subframes that are designated for an uplink communication within a frame configured in accordance with the Long-Term Evolution Time-Division Duplex standard.

MANAGING RADAR DETECTION IN WIRELESS NETWORK THAT USES FREQUENCY-DIVISION DUPLEXING

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] The present Application for Patent claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/880,148, entitled “Configuring New Subframe Types and/or MBSFN for Efficient Radar Detection in 5GHz for Frequency Division Duplex (FDD) Systems,” filed September 19, 2013, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/873,636, entitled “Methods for Radar Detection in Frequency Division Duplex (FDD) Systems,” filed September 4, 2013, each of which is assigned to the assignee hereof, and expressly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Reference to Co-Pending Applications for Patent

[0002] The present Application for Patent is related to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Application:

“RADAR DETECTION IN WIRELESS NETWORK THAT USES FREQUENCY-DIVISION DUPLEXING” having Attorney Docket No. QC133646U1, filed concurrently herewith, assigned to the assignee hereof, and expressly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

INTRODUCTION

[0003] Aspects of this disclosure generally relate to radar detection in a wireless network that uses frequency-division duplexing, and more particularly to radar detection in a wireless network that uses frequency-division duplexing in the 5 GHz band.

[0004] A wireless communication network may be deployed to provide various types of services (e.g., voice, data, multimedia services, etc.) to users within a coverage area of the network. In some implementations, one or more access points (e.g., corresponding to different cells) provide wireless connectivity for access terminals (e.g., cell phones) that are operating within the coverage of the access point(s). In some implementations, peer devices provide wireless connectivity for communicating with one another.

[0005] Communication between devices in a wireless communication network may be subject to interference. For a communication from a first network device to a second network device, emissions of Radio Frequency (RF) energy by a nearby device may interfere with reception of signals at the second network device. For example, some

wireless communication bands (e.g., a 5 GHz band or other bands) are subject to interference from radar systems operating within those bands.

[0006] Over-the-air radar detection is employed in some wireless communication networks in an attempt to mitigate radar interference. For example, an Unlicensed National Information Infrastructure (U-NII) network may employ a Dynamic Frequency Selection (DFS) function to: detect and avoid co-channel operation with radar systems; and provide, on aggregate, a uniform spreading of the operating channels across the entire band.

[0007] A U-NII device may operate in Master Mode or Client Mode. A Master initiates a U-NII network by transmitting control signals that can enable other U-NII devices to associate with the Master. A Client operates in a network controlled by a U-NII device operating in Master Mode.

[0008] FIG. 1 illustrates an example of channel availability and DFS requirements for several 5 GHz bands. For the U.S., Europe, and Japan, DFS is employed on channels 52 - 144. DFS might not be employed on the other channels.

[0009] In a U-NII network, radar detection is employed in certain channels in the 5 GHz band. A device and/or network operating on a channel where radar detection is called for can repeatedly (e.g., continually) monitor that channel (and, optionally, other available channels) for radar signals. In the event radar is detected, transmission is stopped.

[0010] FIG. 2 illustrates an example of a DFS sequence. These operations may be employed, for example, to detect radar waveforms having a received signal strength above a DFS Detection Threshold (e.g., -62 dBm).

[0011] Table 1 illustrates an example of DFS Response Requirement Values.

Parameter	Value
Non-Occupancy Period	Minimum 30 minutes
Channel Availability Check Time	60 seconds.
Channel Move Time	10 seconds (see Note 1)
Channel Closing Transmission Time	20 milliseconds + an aggregate of 60 milliseconds over remaining 10 second period (see Note 1 & 2)
U-NII Detection Bandwidth	Minimum 80% of the U-NII 99% transmission power bandwidth (see Note

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Table 1

[0012] Note 1: The instant that the Channel Move Time and the Channel Closing Transmission Time begin is as follows: for the Short Pulse Radar Test Signals this instant is the end of the Burst; for the Frequency Hopping Radar Test Signal, this instant is the end of the last radar burst generated; for the Long Pulse Radar Test Signal this instant is the end of the 12 second period defining the Radar Waveform.

[0013] Note 2: The Channel Closing Transmission Time is comprised of 200 milliseconds starting at the beginning of the Channel Move Time plus any additional intermittent control signals required to facilitate a channel move (an aggregate of 60 milliseconds) during the remainder of the 10 second period. The aggregate duration of control signals do not count quiet periods in between transmissions.

[0014] Note 3: During the U-NII Detection Bandwidth detection test, radar type 1 is used. For each frequency step, the minimum percentage of detection is 90 percent. Measurements are performed with no data traffic.

[0015] In practice, radar detection by a device may be hampered when the device is communicating with another device. For example, radar detection might not be possible when the device is transmitting. Thus, for technologies such as Long-Term Evolution (LTE) time-division duplexing (TDD) that employ planned transmit and receive times (e.g., time slots) on the same frequency channel, the periods of time available for radar detection may be significantly limited (e.g., limited to those times when a device is not transmitting). For example, if the traffic duty cycle is relatively high (i.e., a high transmit to receive ratio), radar detection may be challenging due to the limited amount of time available to detect radar. Moreover, radar detection may be unreliable even during a receive mode (e.g., in cases where a device is simultaneously receiving data and attempting to detect radar).

SUMMARY

[0016] Features and utilities of the disclosure can be achieved by providing a method for managing radar detection in a wireless network. The method can include causing a first apparatus, configured to communicate with other apparatuses in the wireless network and operating in a frequency-division duplexing mode, to refrain from transmitting during a number of subframes of a frame of a downlink frequency band

prior to a detection of a radar transmission. The method also can include causing the first apparatus to send a first signal to a second apparatus. The first signal can be related to monitoring for the radar transmission. The method can also include causing the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band in response to an event.

[0017] The first apparatus can be configured to perform a function of at least one of an Access Point, a Node B, an Evolved Node B, a radio network controller, a base station, a radio base station, a base station controller, a base transceiver station, a transceiver function, a radio transceiver, a radio router, a basic service set, an extended service set, a macro cell, a macro node, a Home eNB, a femto cell, a femto node, a pico node, a relay node, or a combination thereof.

[0018] The first signal can be in accordance with the Radio Resource Control protocol.

[0019] A placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band can correspond to a placement of subframes that are designated for uplink communications within a frame configured in accordance with a first configuration of the Long-Term Evolution Time-Division Duplex standard. The process of causing the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band can include causing the first apparatus to change the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band to correspond to a placement of subframes that are designated for uplink communications within a frame configured in accordance with a second configuration of the Long-Term Evolution Time-Division Duplex standard.

[0020] The method can also include causing the first apparatus to determine an increase in a load of the first apparatus. The event can be the increase in the load and the process of causing the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes can be causing the first apparatus to decrease the number of the subframes. The process of causing the first apparatus to decrease the number of the subframes can be causing the first apparatus to decrease the number of the subframes to zero.

[0021] The method can also include causing the first apparatus to determine a decrease in a load of the first apparatus. The event can be the decrease in the load and the process of causing the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes can be causing the first apparatus to increase the number of the subframes.

[0022] The method can also include causing the first apparatus to receive a second signal from the second apparatus. The second signal can be related to the detection of the radar transmission. The event can be a receipt of the second signal. The process of causing the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes can be causing the first apparatus to increase the number of the subframes.

[0023] The process of causing the first apparatus to send the first signal to the second apparatus can be in response to the number of the subframes being less than a threshold.

[0024] The second apparatus can be at least one access terminal and the first signal can be configured to cause the at least one access terminal to monitor for the radar transmission.

[0025] Alternatively, the second apparatus can be configured to perform a function of at least one of an Access Point, a Node B, an Evolved Node B, a radio network controller, a base station, a radio base station, a base station controller, a base transceiver station, a transceiver function, a radio transceiver, a radio router, a basic service set, an extended service set, a macro cell, a macro node, a Home eNB, a femto cell, a femto node, a pico node, a relay node, or a combination thereof. The first signal can be configured to request the second apparatus to send a second signal to the first apparatus in response to the second apparatus detecting the radar transmission.

[0026] Features and utilities of the disclosure can also be achieved by providing a first apparatus for managing radar detection in a wireless network. The first apparatus can include a transmitter, a switch, and a circuit. The transmitter can be configured to operate in a frequency-division duplexing mode and to send a first signal to a second apparatus. The first signal can be related to monitoring for a radar transmission. The first apparatus can be configured to communicate with other apparatuses in the wireless network. The switch can be configured to cause the transmitter to refrain from transmitting during a number of subframes of a frame of a downlink frequency band prior to a detection of the radar transmission. The circuit can be configured to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band in response to an event.

[0027] The switch can comprise at least one of a relay, a semiconductor device, a microelectromechanical switch, or a combination thereof.

[0028] A placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band can correspond to a placement of subframes that are designated for uplink

communications within a frame configured in accordance with a first configuration of the Long-Term Evolution Time-Division Duplex standard. The circuit, to change the number of the subframes, can be configured to change the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band to correspond to a placement of subframes that are designated for uplink communications within a frame configured in accordance with a second configuration of the Long-Term Evolution Time-Division Duplex standard.

[0029] The circuit can be further configured to determine an increase in a load of the first apparatus. The event can be the increase in the load and the circuit, to change the number of the subframes, can be configured to decrease the number of the subframes.

[0030] The circuit can be further configured to determine a decrease in a load of the first apparatus. The event can be the decrease in the load and the circuit, to change the number of the subframes, can be configured to increase the number of the subframes.

[0031] The apparatus can further include a receiver configured to receive a second signal from the second apparatus. The second signal can be related to the detection of the radar transmission. The event can be a receipt of the second signal. The circuit, to change the number of the subframes, can be configured to increase the number of the subframes.

[0032] The circuit can be further configured to cause the transmitter to send the first signal to the second apparatus in response to the number of the subframes being less than a threshold.

[0033] Features and utilities of the disclosure can also be achieved by providing a first apparatus for managing radar detection in a wireless network. The first apparatus can include means causing the first apparatus, configured to communicate with other apparatuses in the wireless network and operating in a frequency-division duplexing mode, to refrain from transmitting during a number of subframes of a frame of a downlink frequency band prior to a detection of a radar transmission. The first apparatus can also include means for causing the first apparatus to send a first signal to a second apparatus. The first signal can be related to monitoring for the radar transmission. The first apparatus can also include means for causing the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band in response to an event.

[0034] The first apparatus can also include means for causing the first apparatus to determine a change in a load of the first apparatus. The event can be the change in the load.

[0035] The first apparatus can also include means for causing the first apparatus to receive a second signal from the second apparatus. The second signal can be related to the detection of the radar transmission. The event can be a receipt of the second signal.

[0036] Features and utilities of the disclosure can also be achieved by providing a non-transitory computer-readable recording medium for detecting, in a wireless network, a radar transmission. The computer-readable recording medium can include at least one instruction to cause a first apparatus, configured to communicate with other apparatuses in the wireless network and operating in a frequency-division duplexing mode, to refrain from transmitting during a number of subframes of a frame of a downlink frequency band prior to a detection of a radar transmission. The computer-readable recording medium can also include at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to send a first signal to a second apparatus. The first signal can be related to monitoring for the radar transmission. The computer-readable recording medium can also include at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band in response to an event.

[0037] A placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band can correspond to a placement of subframes that are designated for uplink communications within a frame configured in accordance with a first configuration of the Long-Term Evolution Time-Division Duplex standard. The at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band can include at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to change the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band to correspond to a placement of subframes that are designated for uplink communications within a frame configured in accordance with a second configuration of the Long-Term Evolution Time-Division Duplex standard.

[0038] The computer-readable recording medium can also include at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to determine an increase in a load of the first apparatus. The event can be the increase in the load and the at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes can include at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to decrease the number of the subframes.

[0039] The computer-readable recording medium can also include at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to determine a decrease in a load of the first apparatus. The event can be the decrease in the load and the at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes can include at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to increase the number of the subframes.

[0040] The computer-readable recording medium can also include at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to receive a second signal from the second apparatus. The second signal can be related to the detection of the radar transmission. The event can be a receipt of the second signal. The at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes can include at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to increase the number of the subframes.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0041] These and other sample aspects of the disclosure are described in the detailed description and the claims that follow, and in the accompanying drawings.

[0042] FIG. 1 is a simplified diagram illustrating an example of DFS in a 5 GHz band.

[0043] FIG. 2 is a simplified diagram illustrating an example of a DFS sequence.

[0044] FIG. 3 is a simplified block diagram of several sample aspects of a communication system adapted to support radar detection.

[0045] FIG. 4 is a diagram of a conventional time-division duplexing arrangement.

[0046] FIG. 5 is a diagram of predetermined configurations of a frame in accordance with the Long-Term Evolution Time-Division Duplex standard.

[0047] FIG. 6 is a diagram of a conventional frequency-division duplexing arrangement.

[0048] FIG. 7 is a diagram of an example of a first apparatus for managing radar detection in a wireless network according to the disclosure.

[0049] FIG. 8 is a flowchart of an example of a method for managing radar detection in a wireless network according to the disclosure.

[0050] FIG. 9 is a simplified block diagram of several sample aspects of components that may be employed in communication nodes.

[0051] FIG. 10 is a simplified diagram of a wireless communication system.

[0052] FIG. 11 is a simplified diagram of a wireless communication system including small cells.

[0053] FIG. 12 is a simplified diagram illustrating coverage areas for wireless communication.

[0054] FIG. 13 is a simplified block diagram of several sample aspects of communication components.

[0055] FIG. 14 is a simplified block diagram of several sample aspects of an apparatus configured to support radar detection as taught herein.

[0056] In accordance with common practice, the various features illustrated in the drawings may not be drawn to scale. Accordingly, the dimensions of the various features may be arbitrarily expanded or reduced for clarity. In addition, some of the drawings may be simplified for clarity. Thus, the drawings may not depict all of the components of a given apparatus (e.g., device) or method. Finally, like reference numerals may be used to denote like features throughout the specification and figures.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0057] Aspects of this disclosure generally relate to radar detection in a wireless network that uses frequency-division duplexing. In general, an apparatus, operating in a frequency-division duplexing mode and configured to communicate with an access terminal in the wireless network, can be caused to refrain from transmitting during at least one subframe of a frame of a downlink frequency band in response to the apparatus being designated to monitor for a radar transmission, and can be caused to monitor for the radar transmission during the at least one subframe of the frame of the downlink frequency band in response to the apparatus being designated to monitor for the radar transmission. Optionally, in a first alternative, a placement of the at least one subframe within the frame of the downlink frequency band can correspond to a placement of at least one subframe that is designated for an uplink communication within a frame of a wireless network that is operating in accordance with the Long-Term Evolution Time-Division Duplex standard. Optionally, in a second alternative, the placement of the at least one subframe within the frame of the downlink frequency band can correspond to a placement of at least one subframe that is designated for a transmission in accordance with the Multimedia Broadcast Multicast Service specification.

[0058] More specific aspects of the disclosure are provided in the following description and related drawings directed to various examples provided for illustration purposes. Alternate aspects may be devised without departing from the scope of the disclosure.

Additionally, well-known aspects of the disclosure may not be described in detail or may be omitted so as not to obscure more relevant details.

[0059] FIG. 3 illustrates several nodes of a sample communication system 300 (e.g., a portion of a communication network). For illustration purposes, various aspects of the disclosure are described in the context of one or more access terminals, access points, and network entities that communicate with one another. It can be appreciated, however, that the teachings herein may be applicable to other types of apparatuses or other similar apparatuses that are referenced using other terminology. For example, in various implementations access points may be referred to or implemented as base stations, NodeBs, eNodeBs, Home NodeBs, Home eNodeBs, small cells, macro cells, femto cells, and so on, while access terminals may be referred to or implemented as user equipment (UEs), mobile stations, and so on.

[0060] Access points in the system 300 provide access to one or more services (e.g., network connectivity) for one or more wireless terminals (e.g., the access terminal 302 or the access terminal 304) that may be installed within or that may roam throughout a coverage area of the system 300. For example, at various points in time the access terminal 302 may connect to the access point 306 or some other access point in the system 300 (not shown). Similarly, the access terminal 304 may connect to the access point 306 or some other access point.

[0061] Each of the access points may communicate with one or more network entities (represented, for convenience, by the network entities 308), including each other, to facilitate wide area network connectivity. Two or more of such network entities may be co-located and/or two or more of such network entities may be distributed throughout a network.

[0062] A network entity may take various forms such as, for example, one or more radio and/or core network entities. Thus, in various implementations the network entities 308 may represent functionality such as at least one of: network management (e.g., via an operation, administration, management, and provisioning entity), call control, session management, mobility management, gateway functions, interworking functions, or some other suitable network functionality. In some aspects, mobility management relates to: keeping track of the current location of access terminals through the use of tracking areas, location areas, routing areas, or some other suitable technique;

controlling paging for access terminals; and providing access control for access terminals.

[0063] As indicated above with reference to FIG. 3, reception of wireless signals at the access point 306 (or any other devices in the system 300) may be subjected to interference from a radar source 310. In accordance with the teachings herein, the access point 306 includes a radar detector 312 that provides radar detection.

[0064] In some implementations, the radar detector 312 can be configured to receive an electromagnetic radiation and determine if the electromagnetic radiation is a transmission from the radar source 310. Radar transmissions can be classified into different types characterized, for example, by their pulse widths, pulse repetition interval, and the number of pulses transmitted within a certain period of time. One of skill in the art understands other features by which radar transmissions can be classified. The radar detector 312 can be configured to determine, for example, if there is a match between the characteristics of the electromagnetic radiation and the characteristics of various radar types. If there is a match, the radar detector 312 can determine, for example, if the power level of the electromagnetic radiation exceeds a threshold value. If the power level of the electromagnetic radiation exceeds the threshold value, the radar detector 312 can cause, for example, the apparatus 306 to change the downlink communication to a different channel as required by Dynamic Frequency Selection (DFS).

[0065] In the example of FIG. 3, the access point 306 is depicted as including the radar detector 312. In different implementations, some or all of the functionality of the radar detector 312 may be embodied in different entities. For example, in some implementations, an access terminal may employ radar detection.

[0066] FIG. 4 is a diagram of a conventional time-division duplexing arrangement 400. The arrangement 400 includes a first apparatus 402 and a second apparatus 452. The first apparatus 402 includes a transmitter 404, a receiver 406, an antenna 408, and a switch 410. The second apparatus 452 includes a transmitter 454, a receiver 456, an antenna 458, and a switch 460. With time-division duplexing, communications from the first apparatus 402 to the second apparatus 452 and from the second apparatus 452 to the first apparatus 402 are performed at the same carrier frequency. Communications are parsed into units of amounts of data per interval of time. Such a unit is known as a frame. The frame itself is parsed into a number of subframes. With time-division

duplexing, communication occurs in a first direction (e.g., from the first apparatus 402 to the second apparatus 452) during a first subframe, and in a second direction (e.g., from the second apparatus 452 to the first apparatus 402) during a second subframe.

[0067] For example, during the first subframe, the switch 410 couples the transmitter 404 to the antenna 408 and the switch 460 couples the receiver 456 to the antenna 458 so that communication occurs in the first direction from the first apparatus 402 to the second apparatus 452. If the first apparatus 402 is configured to perform a function of at least one of an Access Point, a Node B, an Evolved Node B, a radio network controller, a base station, a radio base station, a base station controller, a base transceiver station, a transceiver function, a radio transceiver, a radio router, a basic service set, an extended service set, a macro cell, a macro node, a Home eNB, a femto cell, a femto node, a pico node, a relay node, or the like, and the second apparatus 452 is an access terminal or the like, then the communication in the first direction is known as a downlink.

[0068] For example, during the second subframe, the switch 410 couples the receiver 406 to the antenna 408 and the switch 460 couples the transmitter 454 to the antenna 458 so that the communication occurs in the second direction from the second apparatus 452 to the first apparatus 402. If the first apparatus 402 is configured to perform a function of at least one of an Access Point, a Node B, an Evolved Node B, a radio network controller, a base station, a radio base station, a base station controller, a base transceiver station, a transceiver function, a radio transceiver, a radio router, a basic service set, an extended service set, a macro cell, a macro node, a Home eNB, a femto cell, a femto node, a pico node, a relay node, or the like, then the communication in the second direction is known as an uplink.

[0069] FIG. 5 is a diagram 500 of predetermined configurations of a frame in accordance with the Long-Term Evolution (LTE) Time-Division Duplex (TDD) standard. Each frame in the LTE TDD standard includes 10 subframes (i.e., subframes 0 through 9). The LTE TDD standard provides for seven configurations (i.e., configurations 0 through 6) of a frame based on the designated direction of communication during the subframes. For example, in configuration 0 of the LTE TDD standard, subframes 0 and 5 are designated for communications in the downlink (D) direction, subframes 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9 are designated for communications in the uplink (U) direction, and subframes 1 and 6 are designated as special subframes. Likewise, for

example, in configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard, subframes 0, 4, 5, and 9 are designated for communications in the downlink (D) direction, subframes 2, 3, 7, and 8 are designated for communications in the uplink (U) direction, and subframes 1 and 6 are designated as special subframes.

[0070] With reference to the conventional time-division duplexing arrangement 400 illustrated in FIG. 4 and configuration 0 of the LTE TDD standard of the diagram 500 illustrated in FIG. 5, for example, during subframe 4 (U), the switch 410 couples the receiver 406 to the antenna 408 and the switch 460 couples the transmitter 454 to the antenna 458 so that the communication occurs from the second apparatus 452 to the first apparatus 402 in the uplink direction. For example, during subframe 5 (D), the switch 410 couples the transmitter 404 to the antenna 408 and the switch 460 couples the receiver 456 to the antenna 458 so that communication occurs from the first apparatus 402 to the second apparatus 452 in the downlink direction.

[0071] FIG. 6 is a diagram of a conventional frequency-division duplexing arrangement 600. The arrangement 600 includes a first apparatus 602 and a second apparatus 652. The first apparatus 602 includes a transmitter 604, a receiver 606, a first antenna 608, and a second antenna 610. The second apparatus 652 includes a transmitter 654, a receiver 656, a first antenna 658, and a second antenna 660. With frequency-division duplexing, communication from the first apparatus 602 to the second apparatus 652 is performed at a first carrier frequency, and communication from the second apparatus 652 to the first apparatus 602 is performed at a second carrier frequency. With frequency-division duplexing, communications occur concurrently in a first direction (e.g., from the first wireless apparatus 602 to the second wireless apparatus 652) and in a second direction (e.g., from the second wireless apparatus 652 to the first wireless apparatus 602). Nevertheless, communications are still parsed into frames, which themselves are parsed into subframes.

[0072] For example, communication in the first direction occurs at the first carrier frequency from the transmitter 604 through the first antenna 608 to the receiver 656 through the second antenna 660, and concurrently communication in the second direction occurs at the second carrier frequency from the transmitter 654 through the first antenna 658 to the receiver 606 through the second antenna 610. If the first apparatus 602 is configured to perform a function of at least one of an Access Point, a Node B, an Evolved Node B, a radio network controller, a base station, a radio base

station, a base station controller, a base transceiver station, a transceiver function, a radio transceiver, a radio router, a basic service set, an extended service set, a macro cell, a macro node, a Home eNB, a femto cell, a femto node, a pico node, a relay node, or the like, and the second apparatus 652 is an access terminal or the like, then the communication in the first direction is known as a downlink and the first carrier frequency defines a downlink frequency band. If the first apparatus 602 is configured to perform a function of at least one of an Access Point, a Node B, an Evolved Node B, a radio network controller, a base station, a radio base station, a base station controller, a base transceiver station, a transceiver function, a radio transceiver, a radio router, a basic service set, an extended service set, a macro cell, a macro node, a Home eNB, a femto cell, a femto node, a pico node, a relay node, or the like, and the second apparatus 652 is an access terminal or the like, then the communication in the second direction is known as an uplink and the second carrier frequency defines an uplink frequency band.

[0073] One of skill in the art recognizes that, in practice, a wireless network typically experiences a significantly greater amount of data flow in the downlink direction than in the uplink direction. This complicates the ability of a wireless communication system, operating in a frequency-division duplexing mode, to implement Dynamic Frequency Selection (DFS) to detect the presence of radar transmissions in the downlink frequency band.

[0074] FIG. 7 is a diagram of an example of the first apparatus 306 for managing radar detection in a wireless network 700 according to the disclosure. The wireless network 700 can also include a second apparatus 702 and a third apparatus 704. For example, the first apparatus 306 can be configured to perform a function of at least one of an Access Point, a Node B, an Evolved Node B, a radio network controller, a base station, a radio base station, a base station controller, a base transceiver station, a transceiver function, a radio transceiver, a radio router, a basic service set, an extended service set, a macro cell, a macro node, a Home eNB, a femto cell, a femto node, a pico node, a relay node, or the like. For example, the second apparatus 702 can be configured to perform a function of at least one of an Access Point, a Node B, an Evolved Node B, a radio network controller, a base station, a radio base station, a base station controller, a base transceiver station, a transceiver function, a radio transceiver, a radio router, a basic service set, an extended service set, a macro cell, a macro node, a Home eNB, a

femto cell, a femto node, a pico node, a relay node, or the like. For example, the third apparatus 704 can be the access terminal 302.

[0075] The first apparatus 306 can include a transmitter 706, a switch 708, and a circuit 710. The first apparatus 306 can be configured to communicate with other apparatuses (e.g., the second apparatus 702, the third apparatus 704, etc.) in the wireless network 700. The transmitter 706 can be configured to operate in a frequency-division duplexing mode and to send a first signal to the second apparatus 702, the third apparatus 704, or both. The first signal can be related to monitoring for a transmission from the radar source 310. The switch 708 can be configured to cause the transmitter 706 to refrain from transmitting during a number of subframes of a frame of a downlink frequency band prior to a detection of the transmission from the radar source 310. For example, the switch 708 can be placed in an open position during the number of subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band prior to the detection of the transmission from the radar source 310. Monitoring for the transmission from the radar source 310 can occur during the subframes that refrain from transmitting. The circuit 710 can be configured to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band in response to an event.

[0076] The switch 708 can comprise, for example, a relay, a semiconductor device, a microelectromechanical switch, or a combination of these devices. One of skill in the art understands other manners in which the transmitter 706 can be caused to refrain from transmitting during the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band such that the implementation of the apparatus 306 can be accomplished without the switch 708. For example, one of skill in the art understands that the transmitter 706 modulates an input signal (not illustrated) prior to transmission and that the transmitter 706 can be caused to refrain from transmitting during the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band by preventing the input signal from being input to the transmitter 706 during this period or by preventing the input signal from being modulated by the transmitter 706 during this period.

[0077] Although implementation of the disclosure does not depend upon a particular placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band, certain advantages may be realized from doing so.

[0078] For example, a placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band can correspond to a placement of subframes that are designated for an

uplink communication within a frame configured in accordance with the Long-Term Evolution (LTE) Time-Division Duplex (TDD) standard. One of skill in the art recognizes the benefits and drawbacks of each of time-division duplexing and frequency-division duplexing. Moreover, because each of these modes has specific benefits, the LTE standard incorporates processes for wireless systems that can operate in both modes. Advantageously, having the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band correspond to the placement the placement of the subframes that are designated for the uplink communication in accordance with the LTE TDD standard facilitates operating in both the time-division duplexing and the frequency-division duplexing modes.

[0079] For example, the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band can correspond to a placement of subframes that are designated for uplink communications within a frame configured in accordance with a first configuration of the LTE TDD standard. For example, with reference to the LTE TDD standard of the diagram 500 illustrated in FIG. 5, the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band can correspond to the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame configured in accordance with configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard, which are subframes 2, 3, 7, and 8, four subframes in total. Returning to FIG. 7, according to this aspect, the circuit 710, to change the number of the subframes, can be configured to change the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band to correspond to a placement of subframes that are designated for uplink communications within a frame configured in accordance with a second configuration of the LTE TDD standard. For example, with reference to the LTE TDD standard of the diagram 500 illustrated in FIG. 5, the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band can be changed to correspond to the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame configured in accordance with configuration 5 of the LTE TDD standard, which is subframe 2, one subframe in total.

[0080] Returning to FIG. 7, the circuit 710 can be further configured to determine an increase in a load of the first apparatus 306. According to this aspect, the circuit 710, to change the number of the subframes, can be configured to decrease the number of the subframes in response to the increase in the load of the first apparatus 306. For example, with reference to the LTE TDD standard of the diagram 500 illustrated in FIG.

5, if the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band corresponds to the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame configured in accordance with configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard, which are subframes 2, 3, 7, and 8, four subframes in total, then the circuit 710, to decrease the number of the subframes in response to the increase in the load of the first apparatus 306, can be configured to change the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame to be configured in accordance with configuration 2 of the LTE TDD standard, which are subframes 2 and 7, two subframes in total. The decrease in the number of the subframes that refrain from transmitting from four (e.g., configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard) to two (e.g., configuration 2 of the LTE TDD standard) allows more subframes to be used for transmitting to meet the increase in the load of the first apparatus 306. In this described example, the change from configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard to configuration 2 of the LTE TDD standard results in an increase in the number of subframes that are designated for downlink communications from four (e.g., subframes 0, 4, 5, and 9) to six (e.g., subframes 0, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9) so that more subframes are available for transmitting to meet the increase in the load of the first apparatus 306.

[0081] Returning to FIG. 7, the circuit 710 can be further configured to determine a decrease in a load of the first apparatus 306. According to this aspect, the circuit 710, to change the number of the subframes, can be configured to increase the number of the subframes in response to the decrease in the load of the first apparatus 306. For example, with reference to the LTE TDD standard of the diagram 500 illustrated in FIG. 5, if the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band corresponds to the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame configured in accordance with configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard, which are subframes 2, 3, 7, and 8, four subframes in total, then the circuit 710, to increase the number of the subframes in response to the decrease in the load of the first apparatus 306, can be configured to change the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame to be configured in accordance with configuration 0 of the LTE TDD standard, which are subframes 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9, six subframes in total. The increase in the number of the subframes that refrain from transmitting from four (e.g., configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard) to six (e.g., configuration 0 of the LTE TDD standard) allows more

subframes to be used to monitor for the transmission from the radar source 310. In this described example, the change from configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard to configuration 0 of the LTE TDD standard results in an increase in the number of subframes that are designated for uplink communications from four (e.g., subframes 2, 3, 7, and 8) to six (e.g., subframes 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9) so that more subframes are available for monitoring for the transmission from the radar source 310.

[0082] Returning to FIG. 7, optionally, the first apparatus 306 can further include a receiver 712. The receiver 712 can be configured to receive a second signal from the second apparatus 702, the third apparatus 704, or both. The second signal can be related to the detection of the transmission from the radar source 310. According to this aspect, the circuit 710 can be configured to change the number of the subframes in response to a receipt of the second signal.

[0083] Optionally, the circuit 710, to change the number of the subframes, can be configured to increase the number of the subframes in response to the receipt of the second signal. For example, with reference to the LTE TDD standard of the diagram 500 illustrated in FIG. 5, if the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band correspond to the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame configured in accordance with configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard, which are subframes 2, 3, 7, and 8, four subframes in total, then the circuit 710, to increase the number of the subframes in response to the receipt of the second signal, can be configured to change the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame to be configured in accordance with configuration 0 of the LTE TDD standard, which are subframes 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9, six subframes in total. The increase in the number of the subframes that refrain from transmitting from four (e.g., configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard) to six (e.g., configuration 0 of the LTE TDD standard) allows, in light of the receipt of the second signal, fewer subframes to be used for transmitting and more subframes to be used to monitor for the transmission from the radar source 310. In this described example, the change from configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard to configuration 0 of the LTE TDD standard results in an increase in the number of subframes that are designated for uplink communications from four (e.g., subframes 2, 3, 7, and 8) to six (e.g., subframes 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9) so that more subframes are available for monitoring for the transmission from the radar source 310, and results in a

decrease in the number of subframes that are designated for downlink communications from four (e.g., subframes 0, 4, 5, and 9) to two (e.g., subframes 0 and 5) so that fewer subframes are available for transmitting to reduce a likelihood of interference with the transmission from the radar source 310.

[0084] Alternatively, the second signal can cause the first apparatus 306 to change the downlink communication to a different channel as required by Dynamic Frequency Selection (DFS).

[0085] Returning to FIG. 7, optionally, the circuit 710 can be further configured to cause the transmitter 706 to send the first signal to the second apparatus 702, the third apparatus 704, or both in response to the number of the subframes being less than a threshold. For example, with reference to the LTE TDD standard of the diagram 500 illustrated in FIG. 5, if the threshold for the number of subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band that refrain from transmitting is two and the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band changes to correspond to the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame configured in accordance with configuration 5 of the LTE TDD standard, which is subframe 2, one subframe in total, which is below the threshold, then the circuit 710 can be further configured to cause the transmitter 706 to send the first signal to the second apparatus 702, the third apparatus 704, or both. As described above, such a situation can occur in response to an increase in a load of the first apparatus 306 in which the circuit 710, to change the number of the subframes, can be configured to decrease the number of the subframes.

[0086] Optionally, if the third apparatus 704 is the access terminal 302, then the first signal can be configured to cause the access terminal 302 to be designated to monitor for the transmission from the radar source 310. In this situation, monitoring for the transmission from the radar source 310 can be performed by both the first apparatus 306 and the access terminal 302 or can be performed by the access terminal 302 only. If the wireless network 700 includes more than one access terminal (e.g., access terminal 302, access terminal 304, etc.), then monitoring for the transmission from the radar source 310 can be performed by one or more of the access terminals including one, some, or all of the access terminals in the wireless network 700.

[0087] Optionally, if the second apparatus 702 is configured to perform a function of at least one of an Access Point, a Node B, an Evolved Node B, a radio network controller,

a base station, a radio base station, a base station controller, a base transceiver station, a transceiver function, a radio transceiver, a radio router, a basic service set, an extended service set, a macro cell, a macro node, a Home eNB, a femto cell, a femto node, a pico node, a relay node, or the like, then the first signal can be configured to request the second apparatus 702 to send a second signal to the first apparatus 306 in response to the second apparatus 702 detecting the transmission from the radar source 310. The circuit 710, to change the number of the subframes, can be configured to increase the number of the subframes in response to the receipt of the second signal. Alternatively, the second signal can cause the first apparatus 306 to change the downlink communication to a different channel as required by Dynamic Frequency Selection (DFS).

[0088] Various aspects of the disclosure can be combined. For example, in response to an increase in a load of the first apparatus 306, the circuit 710 can be configured to decrease the number of the subframes in the frame of the downlink frequency band that refrain from transmitting by changing the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame configured in accordance the LTE TDD standard. If a result of the decrease in the number of subframes is that the number of the subframes in the frame of the downlink frequency band that refrain from transmitting is less than a threshold, then the circuit 710 can be configured to send a first signal to the second apparatus 702, the third apparatus 704, or both. If the third apparatus 704 is the access terminal 302, then the first signal can be configured to cause the access terminal 302 to be designated to monitor for the transmission from the radar source 310. If the second apparatus 702 is configured to perform a function of at least one of an Access Point, a Node B, an Evolved Node B, a radio network controller, a base station, a radio base station, a base station controller, a base transceiver station, a transceiver function, a radio transceiver, a radio router, a basic service set, an extended service set, a macro cell, a macro node, a Home eNB, a femto cell, a femto node, a pico node, a relay node, or the like, then the first signal can be configured to request the second apparatus 702 to send a second signal to the first apparatus 306 in response to the second apparatus 702 detecting the transmission from the radar source 310.

[0089] One of skill in the art understands other ways in which various aspects of the disclosure can be combined in addition to this described example. Accordingly, combinations of aspects are not limited to this described example.

[0090] FIG. 8 is a flowchart of an example of a method 800 for managing radar detection in a wireless network according to the disclosure. In FIG. 8, optional operations of the method 800 are illustrated in dashed blocks. In the method 800, at an operation 802, a first apparatus, configured to communicate with other apparatuses in the wireless network and operating in a frequency-division duplexing mode, can be caused to refrain from transmitting during at a number of subframes of a frame of a downlink frequency band prior to a detection of a radar transmission. For example, with reference to FIG. 7, the first apparatus 306, configured to communicate with other apparatuses (e.g., the second apparatus 702, the third apparatus 704, etc.) in the wireless network 700 and operating in a frequency-division duplexing mode, can include the switch 708. For example, the first apparatus 306 can be caused to refrain from transmitting during a number of subframes of a frame of a downlink frequency band prior to a detection of a transmission from the radar source 310 by placing the switch 708 in the open position during the number of subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band.

[0091] One of skill in the art understands, by way of example and not by way of limitation, that a non-transitory computer-readable recording medium can contain at least one instruction to cause an electronic processor to perform the operation 802.

[0092] Returning to FIG. 8, at an operation 804, the first apparatus can be caused to send a first signal to another apparatus. The first signal can be related to monitoring for the radar transmission. Optionally, the first signal can be configured in accordance with the Radio Resource Control protocol. For example, with reference to FIG. 7, the first apparatus 306 can include the transmitter 706 and the transmitter 706 can be configured to send the first signal to the second apparatus 702, the third apparatus 704, or both.

[0093] One of skill in the art understands, by way of example and not by way of limitation, that a non-transitory computer-readable recording medium can contain at least one instruction to cause an electronic processor to perform the operation 804.

[0094] Returning to FIG. 8, at an operation 806, the first apparatus can be caused to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band in response to an event. For example, with reference to FIG. 7, the first apparatus 306 can include the circuit 710 and the circuit 710 can be configured to change the

number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band in response to the event.

[0095] One of skill in the art understands, by way of example and not by way of limitation, that a non-transitory computer-readable recording medium can contain at least one instruction to cause an electronic processor to perform the operation 806.

[0096] Although implementation of the disclosure does not depend upon a particular placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band, certain advantages may be realized from doing so.

[0097] For example, a placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band can correspond to a placement of subframes that are designated for an uplink communication within a frame configured in accordance with the Long-Term Evolution (LTE) Time-Division Duplex (TDD) standard. One of skill in the art recognizes the benefits and drawbacks of each of time-division duplexing and frequency-division duplexing. Moreover, because each of these modes has specific benefits, the LTE standard incorporates processes for wireless systems that can operate in both modes. Advantageously, having the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band correspond to the placement of the subframes that are designated for the uplink communication in accordance with the LTE TDD standard facilitates operating in both the time-division duplexing and the frequency-division duplexing modes.

[0098] For example, the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band can correspond to a placement of subframes that are designated for uplink communications within a frame configured in accordance with a first configuration of the LTE TDD standard. For example, with reference to the LTE TDD standard of the diagram 500 illustrated in FIG. 5, the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band can correspond to the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame configured in accordance with configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard, which are subframes 2, 3, 7, and 8, four subframes in total. Returning to FIG. 8, according to this aspect, the first apparatus can be caused to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band by changing the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band to correspond to a placement of subframes that are designated for uplink communications within a frame configured in accordance with a

second configuration of the LTE TDD standard. For example, with reference to the LTE TDD standard of the diagram 500 illustrated in FIG. 5, the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band can be changed to correspond to the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame configured in accordance with configuration 5 of the LTE TDD standard, which is subframe 2, one subframe in total.

[0099] Optionally, the first apparatus can be configured to perform a function of at least one of an Access Point, a Node B, an Evolved Node B, a radio network controller, a base station, a radio base station, a base station controller, a base transceiver station, a transceiver function, a radio transceiver, a radio router, a basic service set, an extended service set, a macro cell, a macro node, a Home eNB, a femto cell, a femto node, a pico node, a relay node, or the like.

[00100] Returning to FIG. 8, optionally, at an operation 808, the first apparatus can be caused to determine an increase in a load of the first apparatus. According to this aspect, the first apparatus can be caused to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band (operation 806) by decreasing change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band in response to the increase in the load of the first apparatus.

[00101] For example, with reference to the LTE TDD standard of the diagram 500 illustrated in FIG. 5, if the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band corresponds to the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame configured in accordance with configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard, which are subframes 2, 3, 7, and 8, four subframes in total, then the first apparatus can be caused to decrease the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band by changing the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame to be configured in accordance with configuration 2 of the LTE TDD standard, which are subframes 2 and 7, two subframes in total. The decrease in the number of the subframes that refrain from transmitting from four (e.g., configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard) to two (e.g., configuration 2 of the LTE TDD standard) allows more subframes to be used for transmitting to meet the increase in the load of the first apparatus. In this described example, the change from configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard to configuration 2 of the LTE TDD standard results in an increase in the number of subframes that are

designated for downlink communications from four (e.g., subframes 0, 4, 5, and 9) to six (e.g., subframes 0, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9) so that more subframes are available for transmitting to meet the increase in the load of the first apparatus.

[00102] Optionally, the first apparatus can be caused to decrease the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band (operation 806) to zero so that all of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band can be used for transmitting. In this situation, the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band would not correspond to a placement of subframes that are designated for an uplink communication within a frame configured in accordance with the LTE TDD standard because none of the configurations of the LTE TDD standard has zero subframes designated for uplink communications.

[00103] One of skill in the art understands, by way of example and not by way of limitation, that a non-transitory computer-readable recording medium can contain at least one instruction to cause an electronic processor to perform the operation 808.

[00104] Returning to FIG. 8, optionally, at an operation 810, the first apparatus can be caused to determine a decrease in a load of the first apparatus. According to this aspect, the first apparatus can be caused to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band (operation 806) by increasing change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band in response to the decrease in the load of the first apparatus.

[00105] For example, with reference to the LTE TDD standard of the diagram 500 illustrated in FIG. 5, if the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band corresponds to the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame configured in accordance with configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard, which are subframes 2, 3, 7, and 8, four subframes in total, then the first apparatus can be caused to increase the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band by changing the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame to be configured in accordance with configuration 0 of the LTE TDD standard, which are subframes 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9, six subframes in total. The increase in the number of the subframes that refrain from transmitting from four (e.g., configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard) to six (e.g., configuration 0 of the LTE TDD standard) allows more subframes to be used to monitor for the radar transmission. In this described example, the change from

configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard to configuration 0 of the LTE TDD standard results in an increase in the number of subframes that are designated for uplink communications from four (e.g., subframes 2, 3, 7, and 8) to six (e.g., subframes 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9) so that more subframes are available for monitoring for the radar transmission.

[00106] One of skill in the art understands, by way of example and not by way of limitation, that a non-transitory computer-readable recording medium can contain at least one instruction to cause an electronic processor to perform the operation 810.

[00107] Returning to FIG. 8, optionally, at an operation 812, the first apparatus can be caused to receive a second signal from the other apparatus. The second signal can be related to the detection of the radar transmission. According to this aspect, the first apparatus can be caused to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band (operation 806) in response to a receipt of the second signal. Optionally, the first apparatus can be caused to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band (operation 806) by increasing change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band in response to the receipt of the second signal.

[00108] For example, with reference to the LTE TDD standard of the diagram 500 illustrated in FIG. 5, if the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band correspond to the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame configured in accordance with configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard, which are subframes 2, 3, 7, and 8, four subframes in total, then then the first apparatus can be caused to increase the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band in response to the receipt of the second signal by changing the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame to be configured in accordance with configuration 0 of the LTE TDD standard, which are subframes 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9, six subframes in total. The increase in the number of the subframes that refrain from transmitting from four (e.g., configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard) to six (e.g., configuration 0 of the LTE TDD standard) allows, in light of the receipt of the second signal, fewer subframes to be used for transmitting and more subframes to be used to monitor for the radar transmission. In this described example, the change from configuration 1 of the LTE TDD standard to configuration 0 of the LTE TDD standard results in an increase in the

number of subframes that are designated for uplink communications from four (e.g., subframes 2, 3, 7, and 8) to six (e.g., subframes 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9) so that more subframes are available for monitoring for the radar transmission, and results in a decrease in the number of subframes that are designated for downlink communications from four (e.g., subframes 0, 4, 5, and 9) to two (e.g., subframes 0 and 5) so that fewer subframes are available for transmitting to reduce a likelihood of interference with the radar transmission.

[00109] Alternatively, the second signal can cause the first apparatus 306 to change the downlink communication to a different channel as required by Dynamic Frequency Selection (DFS).

[00110] One of skill in the art understands, by way of example and not by way of limitation, that a non-transitory computer-readable recording medium can contain at least one instruction to cause an electronic processor to perform the operation 812.

[00111] Returning to FIG. 8, optionally, causing the first apparatus to send the first signal to the other apparatus (operation 804) can be in response to the number of the subframes being less than a threshold. For example, with reference to the LTE TDD standard of the diagram 500 illustrated in FIG. 5, if the threshold for the number of subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band that refrain from transmitting is two and the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band changes to correspond to the placement of the subframes that are designated for uplink communications within the frame configured in accordance with configuration 5 of the LTE TDD standard, which is subframe 2, one subframe in total, which is below the threshold, then the first apparatus can be caused to send the first signal to the other apparatus (operation 804) in response to the number of the subframes being less than the threshold. As described above, such a situation can occur in response to an increase in a load of the first apparatus in which the first apparatus, to change the number of the subframes, can be configured to decrease the number of the subframes.

[00112] Optionally, if the other apparatus is at least one access terminal, then the first signal can be configured to cause the at least one access terminal to be designated to monitor for the radar transmission. In this situation, monitoring for the radar transmission can be performed by both the first apparatus and the at least one access terminal or can be performed by the at least one access terminal only. If the at

least one access terminal includes more than one access terminal, then monitoring for the radar transmission can be performed by one or more of the access terminals including one, some, or all of the access terminals.

[00113] Optionally, if the other apparatus is configured to perform a function of at least one of an Access Point, a Node B, an Evolved Node B, a radio network controller, a base station, a radio base station, a base station controller, a base transceiver station, a transceiver function, a radio transceiver, a radio router, a basic service set, an extended service set, a macro cell, a macro node, a Home eNB, a femto cell, a femto node, a pico node, a relay node, or the like, then the first signal can be configured to request the other apparatus to send a second signal to the first apparatus in response to the other apparatus detecting the radar transmission. The first apparatus, to change the number of the subframes, can be configured to increase the number of the subframes in response to the receipt of the second signal. Alternatively, the second signal can cause the first apparatus to change the downlink communication to a different channel as required by Dynamic Frequency Selection (DFS).

[00114] FIG. 9 illustrates several sample components (represented by corresponding blocks) that may be incorporated into an apparatus 902, an apparatus 904, and an apparatus 906 (e.g., corresponding to an access terminal, an access point, and a network entity, respectively) to support radar detection operations as taught herein. It can be appreciated that these components may be implemented in different types of apparatuses in different implementations (e.g., in an ASIC, in an SoC, etc.). The described components also may be incorporated into other apparatuses in a communication system. For example, other apparatuses in a system may include components similar to those described to provide similar functionality. Also, a given apparatus may contain one or more of the described components. For example, an apparatus may include multiple transceiver components that enable the apparatus to operate on multiple carriers and/or communicate via different technologies.

[00115] The apparatus 902 and the apparatus 904 each include at least one wireless communication device (represented by the communication devices 908 and 914 (and the communication device 920 if the apparatus 904 is a relay)) for communicating with other nodes via at least one designated radio access technology. Each communication device 908 includes at least one transmitter (represented by the transmitter 910) for transmitting and encoding signals (e.g., messages, indications, information, and so on)

and at least one receiver (represented by the receiver 912) for receiving and decoding signals (e.g., messages, indications, information, pilots, and so on). Similarly, each communication device 914 includes at least one transmitter (represented by the transmitter 916) for transmitting signals (e.g., messages, indications, information, pilots, and so on) and at least one receiver (represented by the receiver 918) for receiving signals (e.g., messages, indications, information, and so on). If the apparatus 904 is a relay access point, each communication device 920 may include at least one transmitter (represented by the transmitter 922) for transmitting signals (e.g., messages, indications, information, pilots, and so on) and at least one receiver (represented by the receiver 924) for receiving signals (e.g., messages, indications, information, and so on).

[00116] A transmitter and a receiver may comprise an integrated device (e.g., embodied as a transmitter circuit and a receiver circuit of a single communication device) in some implementations, may comprise a separate transmitter device and a separate receiver device in some implementations, or may be embodied in other ways in other implementations. In some aspects, a wireless communication device (e.g., one of multiple wireless communication devices) of the apparatus 904 comprises a network listen module.

[00117] The apparatus 906 (and the apparatus 904 if it is not a relay access point) includes at least one communication device (represented by the communication device 926 and, optionally, 920) for communicating with other nodes. For example, the communication device 926 may comprise a network interface that is configured to communicate with one or more network entities via a wire-based or wireless backhaul. In some aspects, the communication device 926 may be implemented as a transceiver configured to support wire-based or wireless signal communication. This communication may involve, for example, sending and receiving: messages, parameters, or other types of information. Accordingly, in the example of FIG. 9, the communication device 926 is shown as comprising a transmitter 928 and a receiver 930. Similarly, if the apparatus 904 is not a relay access point, the communication device 920 may comprise a network interface that is configured to communicate with one or more network entities via a wire-based or wireless backhaul. As with the communication device 926, the communication device 920 is shown as comprising a transmitter 922 and a receiver 924.

[00118] The apparatuses 902, 904, and 906 also include other components that may be used in conjunction with radar detection operations as taught herein. The apparatus 902 includes a processing system 932 for providing functionality relating to, for example, radar detection as taught herein and for providing other processing functionality. The apparatus 904 includes a processing system 934 for providing functionality relating to, for example, radar detection as taught herein and for providing other processing functionality. The apparatus 906 includes a processing system 936 for providing functionality relating to, for example, radar detection as taught herein and for providing other processing functionality. The apparatuses 902, 904, and 906 include memory devices 938, 940, and 942 (e.g., each including a memory device), respectively, for maintaining information (e.g., information indicative of reserved resources, thresholds, parameters, and so on). In addition, the apparatuses 902, 904, and 906 include user interface devices 944, 946, and 948, respectively, for providing indications (e.g., audible and/or visual indications) to a user and/or for receiving user input (e.g., upon user actuation of a sensing device such as a keypad, a touch screen, a microphone, and so on).

[00119] For convenience, the apparatus 902 is shown in FIG. 9 as including components that may be used in the various examples described herein. In practice, the illustrated blocks may have different functionality in different aspects. For example, functionality of the block 934 for supporting operations 808 and/or 810 of FIG. 8 may be different as compared to functionality of the block 934 for supporting operation 812 of FIG. 8.

[00120] The components of FIG. 9 may be implemented in various ways. In some implementations, the components of FIG. 9 may be implemented in one or more circuits such as, for example, one or more processors and/or one or more ASICs (which may include one or more processors). Here, each circuit may use and/or incorporate at least one memory component for storing information or executable code used by the circuit to provide this functionality. For example, some or all of the functionality represented by blocks 908, 932, 938, and 944 may be implemented by processor and memory component(s) of the apparatus 902 (e.g., by execution of appropriate code and/or by appropriate configuration of processor components). Similarly, some or all of the functionality represented by blocks 914, 920, 934, 940, and 946 may be implemented by processor and memory component(s) of the apparatus 904 (e.g., by execution of appropriate code and/or by appropriate configuration of processor components). Also,

some or all of the functionality represented by blocks 926, 936, 942, and 948 may be implemented by processor and memory component(s) of the apparatus 906 (e.g., by execution of appropriate code and/or by appropriate configuration of processor components).

[00121] As mentioned above, some of the access points referred to herein may comprise small cell access points. As used herein, the term small cell access point refers to an access point having a transmit power (e.g., one or more of: maximum transmit power, instantaneous transmit power, nominal transmit power, average transmit power, or some other form of transmit power) that is less than a transmit power (e.g., as defined above) of any macro access point in the coverage area. In some implementations, each small cell access point has a transmit power (e.g., as defined above) that is less than a transmit power (e.g., as defined above) of the macro access point by a relative margin (e.g., 10 dBm or more). In some implementations, small cell access points such as femto cells may have a maximum transmit power of 20 dBm or less. In some implementations, small cell access points such as pico cells may have a maximum transmit power of 24 dBm or less. It can be appreciated, however, that these or other types of small cell access points may have a higher or lower maximum transmit power in other implementations (e.g., up to 1 Watt in some cases, up to 10 Watts in some cases, and so on).

[00122] Typically, small cell access points connect to the Internet via a broadband connection (e.g., a digital subscriber line (DSL) router, a cable modem, or some other type of modem) that provides a backhaul link to a mobile operator's network. Thus, a small cell access point deployed in a user's home or business provides mobile network access to one or more devices via the broadband connection.

[00123] Small cells may be configured to support different types of access modes. For example, in an open access mode, a small cell may allow any access terminal to obtain any type of service via the small cell. In a restricted (or closed) access mode, a small cell may only allow authorized access terminals to obtain service via the small cell. For example, a small cell may only allow access terminals (e.g., so called home access terminals) belonging to a certain subscriber group (e.g., a closed subscriber group (CSG)) to obtain service via the small cell. In a hybrid access mode, alien access terminals (e.g., non-home access terminals, non-CSG access terminals) may be given limited access to the small cell. For example, a macro access terminal that does not

belong to a small cell's CSG may be allowed to access the small cell only if sufficient resources are available for all home access terminals currently being served by the small cell.

[00124] Thus, small cells operating in one or more of these access modes may be used to provide indoor coverage and/or extended outdoor coverage. By allowing access to users through adoption of a desired access mode of operation, small cells may provide improved service within the coverage area and potentially extend the service coverage area for users of a macro network.

[00125] Thus, in some aspects the teachings herein may be employed in a network that includes macro scale coverage (e.g., a large area cellular network such as a 3G network, typically referred to as a macro cell network or a wide area network (WAN)) and smaller scale coverage (e.g., a residence-based or building-based network environment, typically referred to as a local area network (LAN)). As an access terminal moves through such a network, the access terminal may be served in certain locations by access points that provide macro coverage while the access terminal may be served at other locations by access points that provide smaller scale coverage. In some aspects, the smaller coverage nodes may be used to provide incremental capacity growth, in-building coverage, and different services (e.g., for a more robust user experience).

[00126] In the description herein, a node (e.g., an access point) that provides coverage over a relatively large area may be referred to as a macro access point while a node that provides coverage over a relatively small area (e.g., a residence) may be referred to as a small cell. It can be appreciated that the teachings herein may be applicable to nodes associated with various types of coverage areas. For example, a pico access point may provide coverage (e.g., coverage within a commercial building) over an area that is smaller than a macro area and larger than a femto cell area. In various applications, other terminology may be used to reference a macro access point, a small cell, or other access point-type nodes. For example, a macro access point may be configured or referred to as an access node, base station, access point, eNodeB, macro cell, and so on. In some implementations, a node may be associated with (e.g., referred to as or divided into) one or more cells or sectors. A cell or sector associated with a macro access point, a femto access point, or a pico access point may be referred to as a macro cell, a femto cell, or a pico cell, respectively.

[00127] FIG. 10 illustrates a wireless communication system 1000, configured to support a number of users, in which the teachings herein may be implemented. The system 1000 provides communication for multiple cells 1002, such as, for example, macro cells 1002A - 1002G, with each cell being serviced by a corresponding access point 1004 (e.g., access points 1004A - 1004G). As shown in FIG. 10, access terminals 1006 (e.g., access terminals 1006A - 1006L) may be dispersed at various locations throughout the system over time. Each access terminal 1006 may communicate with one or more access points 1004 on a forward link (FL) and/or a reverse link (RL) at a given moment, depending upon whether the access terminal 1006 is active and whether it is in soft handoff, for example. The wireless communication system 1000 may provide service over a large geographic region. For example, macro cells 1002A - 1002G may cover a few blocks in a neighborhood or several miles in a rural environment.

[00128] FIG. 11 illustrates an example of a communication system 1100 where one or more small cells are deployed within a network environment. Specifically, the system 1100 includes multiple small cells 1110 (e.g., small cells 1110A and 1110B) installed in a relatively small scale network environment (e.g., in one or more user residences 1130). Each small cell 1110 may be coupled to a wide area network 1140 (e.g., the Internet) and a mobile operator core network 1150 via a DSL router, a cable modem, a wireless link, or other connectivity means (not illustrated). As is discussed below, each small cell 1110 may be configured to serve associated access terminals 1120 (e.g., access terminal 1120A) and, optionally, other (e.g., hybrid or alien) access terminals 1120 (e.g., access terminal 1120B). In other words, access to small cells 1110 may be restricted whereby a given access terminal 1120 may be served by a set of designated (e.g., home) small cell(s) 1110 but may not be served by any non-designated small cells 1110 (e.g., a neighbor's small cell 1110).

[00129] FIG. 12 illustrates an example of a coverage map 1200 where several tracking areas 1202 (or routing areas or location areas) are defined, each of which includes several macro coverage areas 1204. Here, areas of coverage associated with tracking areas 1202A, 1202B, and 1202C are delineated by the wide lines and the macro coverage areas 1204 are represented by the larger hexagons. The tracking areas 1202 also include small cell coverage areas 1206. In this example, each of the small cell coverage areas 1206 (e.g., small cell coverage areas 1206B and 1206C) is depicted within one or more macro coverage areas 1204 (e.g., macro coverage areas 1204A and

1204B). It can be appreciated, however, that some or all of a small cell coverage area 1206 might not lie within a macro coverage area 1204. In practice, a large number of small cell coverage areas 1206 (e.g., small cell coverage areas 1206A and 1206D) may be defined within a given tracking area 1202 or macro coverage area 1204.

[00130] Referring again to FIG. 11, the owner of a small cell 1110 may subscribe to mobile service, such as, for example, 3G or 4G mobile service, offered through the mobile operator core network 1150. In addition, an access terminal 1120 may be configured to operate both in macro environments and in smaller scale (e.g., residential) network environments. In other words, depending on the current location of the access terminal 1120, the access terminal 1120 may be served by a macro cell access point 1160 associated with the mobile operator core network 1150 or by any one of a set of small cells 1110 (e.g., the small cells 1110A and 1110B that reside within a corresponding user residence 1130). For example, when a subscriber is outside his home, he is served by a standard macro access point (e.g., access point 1160) and when the subscriber is at home, he is served by a small cell (e.g., small cell 1110A). Here, a small cell 1110 may be backward compatible with legacy access terminals 1120.

[00131] A small cell 1110 may be deployed on a single frequency or, in the alternative, on multiple frequencies. Depending on the particular configuration, the single frequency or one or more of the multiple frequencies may overlap with one or more frequencies used by a macro access point (e.g., access point 1160).

[00132] In some aspects, an access terminal 1120 may be configured to connect to a preferred small cell (e.g., the home small cell of the access terminal 1120) whenever such connectivity is possible. For example, whenever the access terminal 1120A is within the user's residence 1130, it may be desired that the access terminal 1120A communicate only with the home small cell 1110A or 1110B.

[00133] In some aspects, if the access terminal 1120 operates within the macro cellular network 1150 but is not residing on its most preferred network (e.g., as defined in a preferred roaming list), the access terminal 1120 may continue to search for the most preferred network (e.g., the preferred small cell 1110) using a better system reselection (BSR) procedure, which may involve a periodic scanning of available systems to determine whether better systems are currently available and subsequently acquire such preferred systems. The access terminal 1120 may limit the search for a specific band and channel. For example, one or more small cell channels may be defined whereby all

small cells (or all restricted small cells) in a region operate on the small cell channel(s). The search for the most preferred system may be repeated periodically. Upon discovery of a preferred small cell 1110, the access terminal 1120 selects the small cell 1110 and registers on it for use when within its coverage area.

[00134] Access to a small cell may be restricted in some aspects. For example, a given small cell may only provide certain services to certain access terminals. In deployments with so-called restricted (or closed) access, a given access terminal may only be served by the macro cell mobile network and a defined set of small cells (e.g., the small cells 1110 that reside within the corresponding user residence 1130). In some implementations, an access point may be restricted to not provide, for at least one node (e.g., access terminal), at least one of: signaling, data access, registration, paging, or service.

[00135] In some aspects, a restricted small cell (which may also be referred to as a Closed Subscriber Group Home NodeB) is one that provides service to a restricted provisioned set of access terminals. This set may be temporarily or permanently extended as necessary. In some aspects, a Closed Subscriber Group (CSG) may be defined as the set of access points (e.g., small cells) that share a common access control list of access terminals.

[00136] Various relationships may thus exist between a given small cell and a given access terminal. For example, from the perspective of an access terminal, an open small cell may refer to a small cell with unrestricted access (e.g., the small cell allows access to any access terminal). A restricted small cell may refer to a small cell that is restricted in some manner (e.g., restricted for access and/or registration). A home small cell may refer to a small cell on which the access terminal is authorized to access and operate on (e.g., permanent access is provided for a defined set of one or more access terminals). A hybrid (or guest) small cell may refer to a small cell on which different access terminals are provided different levels of service (e.g., some access terminals may be allowed partial and/or temporary access while other access terminals may be allowed full access). An alien small cell may refer to a small cell on which the access terminal is not authorized to access or operate on, except for perhaps emergency situations (e.g., 911 calls).

[00137] From a restricted small cell perspective, a home access terminal may refer to an access terminal that is authorized to access the restricted small cell installed in the

residence of that access terminal's owner (usually the home access terminal has permanent access to that small cell). A guest access terminal may refer to an access terminal with temporary access to the restricted small cell (e.g., limited based on deadline, time of use, bytes, connection count, or some other criterion or criteria). An alien access terminal may refer to an access terminal that does not have permission to access the restricted small cell, except for perhaps emergency situations, for example, such as 911 calls (e.g., an access terminal that does not have the credentials or permission to register with the restricted small cell).

[00138] The teachings herein may be employed in a wireless multiple-access communication system that simultaneously supports communication for multiple wireless access terminals. Here, each terminal may communicate with one or more access points via transmissions on the forward and reverse links. The forward link (or downlink) refers to the communication link from the access points to the terminals, and the reverse link (or uplink) refers to the communication link from the terminals to the access points. This communication link may be established via a single-in-single-out system, a multiple-in-multiple-out (MIMO) system, or some other type of system.

[00139] A MIMO system employs multiple (NT) transmit antennas and multiple (NR) receive antennas for data transmission. A MIMO channel formed by the NT transmit and NR receive antennas may be decomposed into NS independent channels, which are also referred to as spatial channels, where $NS \leq \min\{NT, NR\}$. Each of the NS independent channels corresponds to a dimension. The MIMO system may provide improved performance (e.g., higher throughput and/or greater reliability) if the additional dimensionalities created by the multiple transmit and receive antennas are utilized.

[00140] A MIMO system may support time division duplexing (TDD) and frequency division duplexing (FDD). In a TDD system, the forward and reverse link transmissions are on the same frequency region so that the reciprocity principle allows the estimation of the forward link channel from the reverse link channel. This enables the access point to extract transmit beam-forming gain on the forward link when multiple antennas are available at the access point.

[00141] FIG. 13 illustrates a wireless device 1310 (e.g., an access point) and a wireless device 1350 (e.g., an access terminal) of a sample MIMO system 1300. At the device 1310, traffic data for a number of data streams is provided from a data source 1312 to a

transmit (TX) data processor 1314. Each data stream may then be transmitted over a respective transmit antenna.

[00142] The TX data processor 1314 formats, codes, and interleaves the traffic data for each data stream based on a particular coding scheme selected for that data stream to provide coded data. The coded data for each data stream may be multiplexed with pilot data using OFDM techniques. The pilot data is typically a known data pattern that is processed in a known manner and may be used at the receiver system to estimate the channel response. The multiplexed pilot and coded data for each data stream is then modulated (i.e., symbol mapped) based on a particular modulation scheme (e.g., BPSK, QSPK, M-PSK, or 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 1330. A data memory 1332 may store program code, data, and other information used by the processor 1330 or other components of the device 1310.

[00143] The modulation symbols for all data streams are then provided to a TX MIMO processor 1320, which may further process the modulation symbols (e.g., for OFDM). The TX MIMO processor 1320 then provides NT modulation symbol streams to NT transceivers (XCVR) 1322A through 1322T. In some aspects, the TX MIMO processor 1320 applies beam-forming weights to the symbols of the data streams and to the antenna from which the symbol is being transmitted.

[00144] Each transceiver 1322 receives and processes a respective symbol stream to provide one or more analog signals, and further conditions (e.g., amplifies, filters, and upconverts) the analog signals to provide a modulated signal suitable for transmission over the MIMO channel. NT modulated signals from transceivers 1322A through 1322T are then transmitted from NT antennas 1324A through 1324T, respectively.

[00145] At the device 1350, the transmitted modulated signals are received by NR antennas 1352A through 1352R and the received signal from each antenna 1352 is provided to a respective transceiver (XCVR) 1354A through 1354R. Each transceiver 1354 conditions (e.g., filters, amplifies, and downconverts) a respective received signal, digitizes the conditioned signal to provide samples, and further processes the samples to provide a corresponding “received” symbol stream.

[00146] A receive (RX) data processor 1360 then receives and processes the NR received symbol streams from NR transceivers 1354 based on a particular receiver processing

technique to provide NT “detected” symbol streams. The RX data processor 1360 then demodulates, deinterleaves, and decodes each detected symbol stream to recover the traffic data for the data stream. The processing by the RX data processor 1360 is complementary to that performed by the TX MIMO processor 1320 and the TX data processor 1314 at the device 1310.

[00147] A processor 1370 periodically determines which pre-coding matrix to use (discussed below). The processor 1370 formulates a reverse link message comprising a matrix index portion and a rank value portion. A data memory 1372 may store program code, data, and other information used by the processor 1370 or other components of the device 1350.

[00148] 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 1338, which also receives traffic data for a number of data streams from a data source 1336, modulated by a modulator 1380, conditioned by the transceivers 1354A through 1354R, and transmitted back to the device 1310.

[00149] At the device 1310, the modulated signals from the device 1350 are received by the antennas 1324, conditioned by the transceivers 1322, demodulated by a demodulator (DEMOD) 1340, and processed by a RX data processor 1342 to extract the reverse link message transmitted by the device 1350. The processor 1330 then determines which pre-coding matrix to use for determining the beam-forming weights then processes the extracted message.

[00150] FIG. 13 also illustrates that the communication components may include one or more components that perform radar detection operations as taught herein. For example, a radar control component 1390 may cooperate with the processor 1330 and/or other components of the device 1310 to detect radar as taught herein. Similarly, a radar control component 1392 may cooperate with the processor 1370 and/or other components of the device 1350 to detect radar as taught herein. It can be appreciated that for each device 1310 and 1350 the functionality of two or more of the described components may be provided by a single component. For example, a single processing component may provide the functionality of the radar control component 1390 and the processor 1330 and a single processing component may provide the functionality of the radar control component 1392 and the processor 1370.

[00151] The teachings herein may be incorporated into various types of communication systems and/or system components. In some aspects, the teachings herein may be employed in a multiple-access system capable of supporting communication with multiple users by sharing the available system resources (e.g., by specifying one or more of bandwidth, transmit power, coding, interleaving, and so on). For example, the teachings herein may be applied to any one or combinations of the following technologies: Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) systems, Multiple-Carrier CDMA (MCCDMA), Wideband CDMA (W-CDMA), High-Speed Packet Access (HSPA, HSPA+) systems, Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA) systems, Frequency Division Multiple Access (FDMA) systems, Single-Carrier FDMA (SC-FDMA) systems, Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access (OFDMA) systems, or other multiple access techniques. A wireless communication system employing the teachings herein may be designed to implement one or more standards, such as IS-95, cdma2000, IS-856, W-CDMA, TDSCDMA, and other standards. A CDMA network may implement a radio technology such as Universal Terrestrial Radio Access (UTRA), cdma2000, or some other technology. UTRA includes W-CDMA and Low Chip Rate (LCR). The cdma2000 technology 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-OFDM®, etc. UTRA, E-UTRA, and GSM are part of Universal Mobile Telecommunication System (UMTS). The teachings herein may be implemented in a 3GPP Long Term Evolution (LTE) system, an Ultra-Mobile Broadband (UMB) system, and other types of systems. 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), while cdma2000 is described in documents from an organization named “3rd Generation Partnership Project 2” (3GPP2). Although certain aspects of the disclosure may be described using 3GPP terminology, it is to be understood that the teachings herein may be applied to 3GPP (e.g., Rel99, Rel5, Rel6, Rel7) technology, as well as 3GPP2 (e.g., 1xRTT, 1xEV-DO Rel0, RevA, RevB) technology and other technologies.

[00152] The teachings herein may be incorporated into (e.g., implemented within or performed by) a variety of apparatuses (e.g., nodes). In some aspects, a node (e.g., a

wireless node) implemented in accordance with the teachings herein may comprise an access point or an access terminal.

[00153] For example, an access terminal may comprise, be implemented as, or known as user equipment, a subscriber station, a subscriber unit, a mobile station, a mobile, a mobile node, a remote station, a remote terminal, a user terminal, a user agent, a user device, or some other terminology. In some implementations, an access terminal may comprise a cellular telephone, a cordless telephone, a session initiation protocol (SIP) phone, a wireless local loop (WLL) station, a personal digital assistant (PDA), a handheld device having wireless connection capability, or some other suitable processing device connected to a wireless modem. Accordingly, one or more aspects taught herein may be incorporated into a phone (e.g., a cellular phone or smart phone), a computer (e.g., a laptop), a tablet, a portable communication device, a portable computing device (e.g., a personal data assistant), an entertainment device (e.g., a music device, a video device, or a satellite radio), a global positioning system device, or any other suitable device that is configured to communicate via a wireless medium.

[00154] An access point may comprise, be implemented as, or known as a NodeB, an eNodeB, a radio network controller (RNC), a base station (BS), a radio base station (RBS), a base station controller (BSC), a base transceiver station (BTS), a transceiver function (TF), a radio transceiver, a radio router, a basic service set (BSS), an extended service set (ESS), a macro cell, a macro node, a Home eNB (HeNB), a femto cell, a femto node, a pico node, or some other similar terminology.

[00155] In some aspects, a node (e.g., an access point) may comprise an access node for a communication system. Such an access node may provide, for example, connectivity for or to a network (e.g., a wide area network such as the Internet or a cellular network) via a wired or wireless communication link to the network. Accordingly, an access node may enable another node (e.g., an access terminal) to access a network or some other functionality. In addition, it can be appreciated that one or both of the nodes may be portable or, in some cases, relatively non-portable.

[00156] Also, it can be appreciated that a wireless node may be capable of transmitting and/or receiving information in a non-wireless manner (e.g., via a wired connection). Thus, a receiver and a transmitter as discussed herein may include appropriate communication interface components (e.g., electrical or optical interface components) to communicate via a non-wireless medium.

[00157] A wireless node may communicate via one or more wireless communication links that are based on or otherwise support any suitable wireless communication technology. For example, in some aspects a wireless node may associate with a network. In some aspects, the network may comprise a local area network or a wide area network. A wireless device may support or otherwise use one or more of a variety of wireless communication technologies, protocols, or standards such as those discussed herein (e.g., CDMA, TDMA, OFDM, OFDMA, WiMAX, Wi-Fi, and so on). Similarly, a wireless node may support or otherwise use one or more of a variety of corresponding modulation or multiplexing schemes. A wireless node may thus include appropriate components (e.g., air interfaces) to establish and communicate via one or more wireless communication links using the above or other wireless communication technologies. For example, a wireless node may comprise a wireless transceiver with associated transmitter and receiver components that may include various components (e.g., signal generators and signal processors) that facilitate communication over a wireless medium.

[00158] The functionality described herein (e.g., with regard to one or more of the accompanying figures) may correspond in some aspects to similarly designated “means for” functionality in the appended claims.

[00159] Referring to FIG. 14, an apparatus 1400 is represented as a series of interrelated functional modules. A module 1402 for causing a first apparatus, configured to communicate with other apparatuses in the wireless network and operating in a frequency-division duplexing mode, to refrain from transmitting during a number of subframes of a frame of a downlink frequency band prior to a detection of a radar transmission may correspond at least in some aspects to, for example, a switch as discussed herein. A module 1404 for causing the first apparatus to send a first signal to a second apparatus may correspond at least in some aspects to, for example, a transmitter as discussed herein. A module 1406 for causing the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band in response to an event may correspond at least in some aspects to, for example, a circuit as discussed herein. A module 1408 for causing the first apparatus to determine an increase in a load of the first apparatus may correspond at least in some aspects to, for example, a circuit as discussed herein. A module 1410 for causing the first apparatus to determine a decrease in a load of the first apparatus may correspond at least in some aspects to, for example, a circuit discussed herein. A module 1412 for causing the first apparatus to

receive a second signal from the second apparatus may correspond at least in some aspects to, for example, a circuit discussed herein.

[00160] The functionality of the modules of FIG. 14 may be implemented in various ways consistent with the teachings herein. In some aspects, the functionality of these modules may be implemented as one or more electrical components. In some aspects, the functionality of these blocks may be implemented as a processing system including one or more processor components. In some aspects, the functionality of these modules may be implemented using, for example, at least a portion of one or more integrated circuits (e.g., an ASIC). As discussed herein, an integrated circuit may include a processor, software, other related components, or some combination thereof. Thus, the functionality of different modules may be implemented, for example, as different subsets of an integrated circuit, as different subsets of a set of software modules, or a combination thereof. Also, it is appreciated by those skilled in the art that a given subset (e.g., of an integrated circuit and/or of a set of software modules) may provide at least a portion of the functionality for more than one module. As one specific example, the apparatus 1400 may comprise a single device (e.g., components 1402 through 1412 comprising different sections of an ASIC). As another specific example, the apparatus 1400 may comprise several devices (e.g., the component 1402 comprising one ASIC, the component 1404 comprising another ASIC, and the components 1406 through 1412 comprising yet another ASIC). The functionality of these modules also may be implemented in some other manner as taught herein. In some aspects one or more of any dashed blocks in FIG. 14 are optional.

[00161] In addition, the components and functions represented by FIG. 14 as well as other components and functions described herein, may be implemented using any suitable means. Such means also may be implemented, at least in part, using corresponding structure as taught herein. For example, the components described above in conjunction with the “module for” components of FIG. 14 also may correspond to similarly designated “means for” functionality. Thus, in some aspects one or more of such means may be implemented using one or more of processor components, integrated circuits, or other suitable structure as taught herein.

[00162] In some aspects, an apparatus or any component of an apparatus may be configured to (or operable to or adapted to) provide functionality as taught herein. This may be achieved, for example: by manufacturing (e.g., fabricating) the apparatus or

component so that it can provide the functionality; by programming the apparatus or component so that it can provide the functionality; or through the use of some other suitable implementation technique. As one example, an integrated circuit may be fabricated to provide the requisite functionality. As another example, an integrated circuit may be fabricated to support the requisite functionality and then configured (e.g., via programming) to provide the requisite functionality. As yet another example, a processor circuit may execute code to provide the requisite functionality.

[00163] Those of skill appreciate that any of the various illustrative logical blocks, modules, processors, means, circuits, and algorithm operations described in connection with the aspects disclosed herein may be implemented as electronic hardware (e.g., a digital implementation, an analog implementation, or a combination of the two, which may be designed using source coding or some other technique), various forms of program or design code incorporating instructions (which may be referred to herein, for convenience, as “software” or a “software module”), or combinations of both. To clearly illustrate this interchangeability of hardware and software, various illustrative components, blocks, modules, circuits, and operations have been described above generally in terms of their functionality. Whether such functionality is implemented as hardware or software depends upon the particular application and design constraints imposed on the overall system. Skilled artisans may implement the described functionality in varying ways for each particular application, but such implementation decisions are not to be interpreted as causing a departure from the scope of the present disclosure.

[00164] The various illustrative logical blocks, modules, and circuits described in connection with the aspects disclosed herein may be implemented within or performed by a processing system, an integrated circuit (“IC”), an access terminal, or an access point. A processing system may be implemented using one or more ICs or may be implemented within an IC (e.g., as part of a system on a chip). An IC may comprise a general purpose processor, a digital signal processor (DSP), an application specific integrated circuit (ASIC), a field programmable gate array (FPGA) or other programmable logic device, discrete gate or transistor logic, discrete hardware components, electrical components, optical components, mechanical components, or any combination thereof designed to perform the functions described herein, and may execute codes or instructions that reside within the IC, outside of the IC, or both. A

general purpose processor may be a microprocessor, but in the alternative, the processor may be any conventional processor, controller, microcontroller, or state machine. A processor may also be implemented as a combination of computing 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.

[00165] It is understood that any specific order or hierarchy of operations in any disclosed process is an example of a sample approach. Based upon design preferences, it is understood that the specific order or hierarchy of operations in the processes may be rearranged while remaining within the scope of the present disclosure. The accompanying method claims present elements of the various operations in a sample order, and are not meant to be limited to the specific order or hierarchy presented.

[00166] The operations of a method or algorithm described in connection with the aspects disclosed herein may be embodied directly in hardware, in a software module executed by a processor, or in a combination of the two. A software module (e.g., including executable instructions and related data) and other data may reside in a memory such as RAM memory, flash memory, ROM memory, EPROM memory, EEPROM memory, registers, a hard disk, a removable disk, a CD-ROM, or any other form of computer-readable storage medium known in the art. A sample storage medium may be coupled to a machine such as, for example, a computer/processor (which may be referred to herein, for convenience, as a “processor”) such the processor can read information (e.g., code) from and write information to the storage medium. A sample storage medium may be integral to the processor. The processor and the storage medium may reside in an ASIC. The ASIC may reside in user equipment. In the alternative, the processor and the storage medium may reside as discrete components in user equipment. Moreover, in some aspects any suitable computer-program product may comprise a computer-readable medium comprising code(s) executable (e.g., executable by at least one computer) to provide functionality relating to one or more of the aspects of the disclosure. In some aspects, a computer program product may comprise packaging materials.

[00167] In one or more implementations, the functions described may be implemented in hardware, software, firmware, or any combination thereof. If implemented in software, the functions may be stored on or transmitted over as one or more instructions or code on a computer-readable medium. Computer-readable media includes both computer

storage media and communication media including any medium that facilitates transfer of a computer program from one place to another. A computer-readable media may be any available media that can be accessed by a computer. By way of example, and not limitation, such computer-readable media can 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. Also, any connection is properly termed a computer-readable medium. For example, if the software is transmitted from a website, server, or other remote source using a coaxial cable, fiber optic cable, twisted pair, digital subscriber line (DSL), or wireless technologies such as infrared, radio, and microwave, then the coaxial cable, fiber optic cable, twisted pair, DSL, or wireless technologies such as infrared, radio, and microwave are included in the definition of medium. 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. Thus, in some aspects computer readable medium may comprise non-transitory computer-readable medium (e.g., tangible media, computer-readable storage medium, computer-readable storage device, etc.). Such a non-transitory computer-readable medium (e.g., computer-readable storage device) may comprise any of the tangible forms of media described herein or otherwise known (e.g., a memory device, a media disk, etc.). In addition, in some aspects computer-readable medium may comprise transitory computer readable medium (e.g., comprising a signal). Combinations of the above can also be included within the scope of computer-readable media. It can be appreciated that a computer-readable medium may be implemented in any suitable computer-program product.

[00168] Moreover, the methods, sequences, and/or algorithms described in connection with the aspects disclosed herein may be embodied directly in hardware, in a software module executed by a processor, or in a combination of the two. A software module may reside in RAM memory, flash memory, ROM memory, EPROM memory, EEPROM memory, registers, hard disk, a removable disk, a CD-ROM, or any other form of storage medium known in the art. An exemplary storage medium is coupled to the processor such that the processor can read information from, and write information

to, the storage medium. In the alternative, the storage medium may be integral to the processor (e.g., cache memory).

[00169] While the foregoing disclosure describes various illustrative aspects, it is noted that various changes and modifications may be made to the illustrated examples without departing from the scope defined by the appended claims. The present disclosure is not intended to be limited to the specifically illustrated examples alone. For example, unless otherwise noted, the functions, operations, and/or actions of the method claims in accordance with the aspects of the disclosure described herein need not be performed in any particular order. Furthermore, although certain aspects may be described or claimed in the singular, the plural is contemplated unless limitation to the singular is explicitly stated.

CLAIMS**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method for managing radar detection in a wireless network, comprising:
 - causing a first apparatus, configured to communicate with other apparatuses in the wireless network and operating in a frequency-division duplexing mode, to refrain from transmitting during a number of subframes of a frame of a downlink frequency band prior to a detection of a radar transmission;
 - causing the first apparatus to send a first signal to a second apparatus, the first signal related to monitoring for the radar transmission; and
 - causing the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band in response to an event.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the first apparatus is configured to perform a function of at least one of an Access Point, a Node B, an Evolved Node B, a radio network controller, a base station, a radio base station, a base station controller, a base transceiver station, a transceiver function, a radio transceiver, a radio router, a basic service set, an extended service set, a macro cell, a macro node, a Home eNB, a femto cell, a femto node, a pico node, a relay node, or a combination thereof.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein a configuration of the first signal is in accordance with the Radio Resource Control protocol.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein a placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band corresponds to a placement of subframes that are designated for uplink communications within a frame configured in accordance with a first configuration of the Long-Term Evolution Time-Division Duplex standard, and wherein the causing the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band comprises causing the first apparatus to change the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band to correspond to a placement of subframes that are designated for uplink communications within a frame configured in accordance with a second configuration of the Long-Term Evolution Time-Division Duplex standard.

5. The method of claim 1, further comprising causing the first apparatus to determine an increase in a load of the first apparatus, wherein the event is the increase in the load and the causing the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes is causing the first apparatus to decrease the number of the subframes.
6. The method of claim 5, wherein the causing the first apparatus to decrease the number of the subframes is causing the first apparatus to decrease the number of the subframes to zero.
7. The method of claim 1, further comprising causing the first apparatus to determine a decrease in a load of the first apparatus, wherein the event is the decrease in the load and the causing the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes is causing the first apparatus to increase the number of the subframes.
8. The method of claim 1, further comprising causing the first apparatus to receive a second signal from the second apparatus, the second signal related to the detection of the radar transmission, wherein the event is a receipt of the second signal.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein the causing the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes is causing the first apparatus to increase the number of the subframes.
10. The method of claim 1, wherein the causing the first apparatus to send the first signal to the second apparatus is in response to the number of the subframes being less than a threshold.
11. The method of claim 1, wherein the second apparatus is at least one access terminal and the first signal is configured to cause the at least one access terminal to monitor for the radar transmission.
12. The method of claim 1, wherein the second apparatus is configured to perform a function of at least one of an Access Point, a Node B, an Evolved Node B, a radio network controller, a base station, a radio base station, a base station controller, a base

transceiver station, a transceiver function, a radio transceiver, a radio router, a basic service set, an extended service set, a macro cell, a macro node, a Home eNB, a femto cell, a femto node, a pico node, a relay node, or a combination thereof, and the first signal is configured to request the second apparatus to send a second signal to the first apparatus in response to the second apparatus detecting the radar transmission.

13. A first apparatus for managing radar detection in a wireless network, comprising:

a transmitter configured to operate in a frequency-division duplexing mode and to send a first signal to a second apparatus, the first signal related to monitoring for a radar transmission, the first apparatus configured to communicate with other apparatuses in the wireless network;

a switch configured to cause the transmitter to refrain from transmitting during a number of subframes of a frame of a downlink frequency band prior to a detection of the radar transmission; and

a circuit configured to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band in response to an event.

14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the switch comprises at least one of a relay, a semiconductor device, a microelectromechanical switch, or a combination thereof.

15. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein a placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band corresponds to a placement of subframes that are designated for uplink communications within a frame configured in accordance with a first configuration of the Long-Term Evolution Time-Division Duplex standard, and wherein the circuit, to change the number of the subframes, is configured to change the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band to correspond to a placement of subframes that are designated for uplink communications within a frame configured in accordance with a second configuration of the Long-Term Evolution Time-Division Duplex standard.

16. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the circuit is further configured to determine an increase in a load of the first apparatus, wherein the event is the increase in the load

and the circuit, to change the number of the subframes, is configured to decrease the number of the subframes.

17. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the circuit is further configured to determine a decrease in a load of the first apparatus, wherein the event is the decrease in the load and the circuit, to change the number of the subframes, is configured to increase the number of the subframes.

18. The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising:
a receiver configured to receive a second signal from the second apparatus, the second signal related to the detection of the radar transmission, wherein the event is a receipt of the second signal.

19. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the circuit, to change the number of the subframes, is configured to increase the number of the subframes.

20. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the circuit is further configured to cause the transmitter to send the first signal to the second apparatus in response to the number of the subframes being less than a threshold.

21. A first apparatus for managing radar detection in a wireless network, comprising:

means causing the first apparatus, configured to communicate with other apparatuses in the wireless network and operating in a frequency-division duplexing mode, to refrain from transmitting during a number of subframes of a frame of a downlink frequency band prior to a detection of a radar transmission;

means for causing the first apparatus to send a first signal to a second apparatus, the first signal related to monitoring for the radar transmission; and

means for causing the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band in response to an event.

22. The first apparatus of claim 21, further comprising means for causing the first apparatus to determine a change in a load of the first apparatus, wherein the event is the change in the load.

23. The first apparatus of claim 21, further comprising means for causing the first apparatus to receive a second signal from the second apparatus, the second signal related to the detection of the radar transmission, wherein the event is a receipt of the second signal.

24. A non-transitory computer-readable recording medium for detecting, in a wireless network, a radar transmission, comprising:

- at least one instruction to cause a first apparatus, configured to communicate with other apparatuses in the wireless network and operating in a frequency-division duplexing mode, to refrain from transmitting during a number of subframes of a frame of a downlink frequency band prior to a detection of a radar transmission;

- at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to send a first signal to a second apparatus, the first signal related to monitoring for the radar transmission; and

- at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band in response to an event.

25. The non-transitory computer-readable recording medium of claim 24, wherein a placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band corresponds to a placement of subframes that are designated for uplink communications within a frame configured in accordance with a first configuration of the Long-Term Evolution Time-Division Duplex standard, and wherein the at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes of the frame of the downlink frequency band includes at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to change the placement of the subframes within the frame of the downlink frequency band to correspond to a placement of subframes that are designated for uplink communications within a frame configured in accordance with a second configuration of the Long-Term Evolution Time-Division Duplex standard.

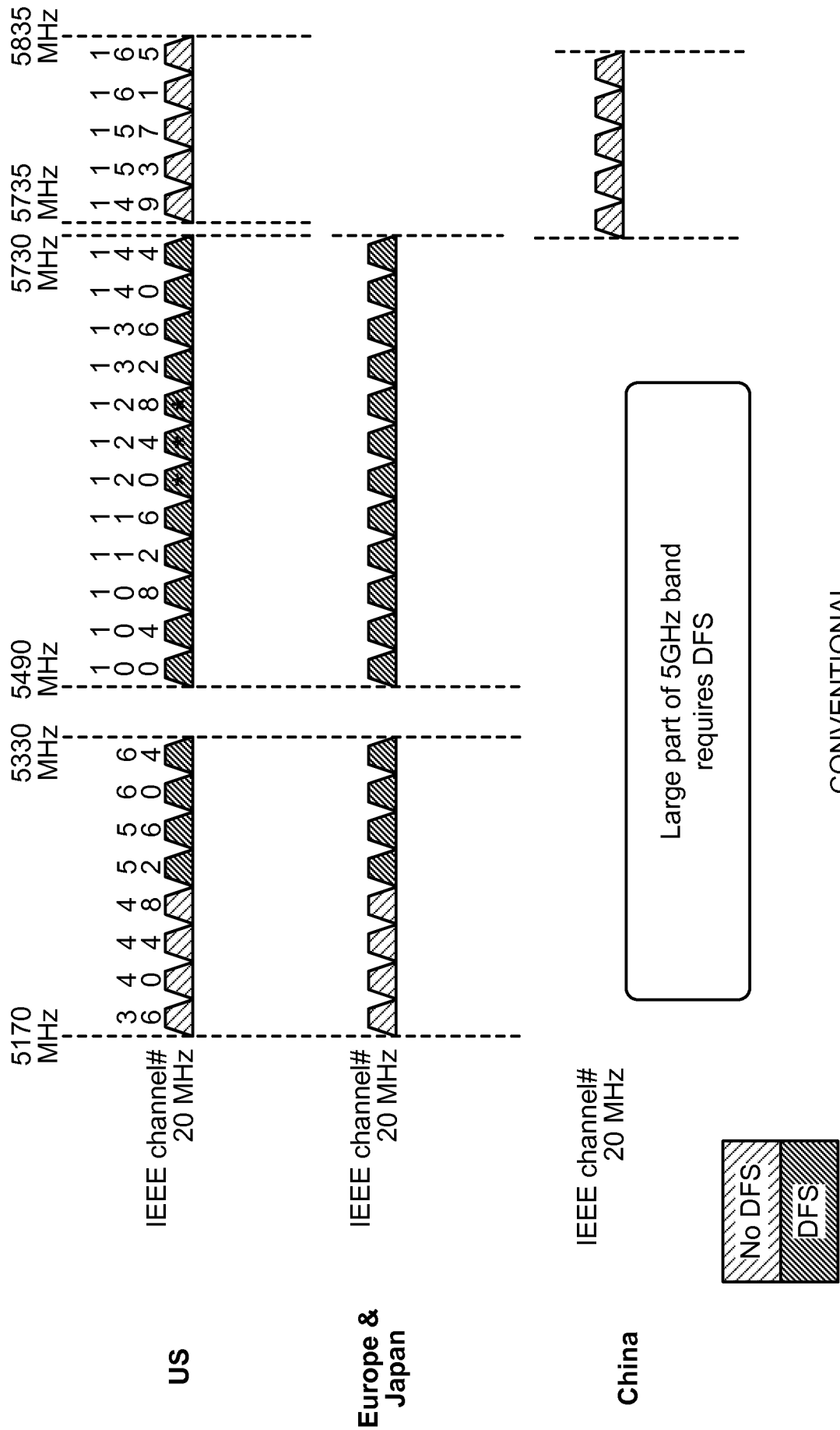
26. The non-transitory computer-readable recording medium of claim 24, further comprising at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to determine an increase in a load of the first apparatus, wherein the event is the increase in the load and the at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes includes at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to decrease the number of the subframes.

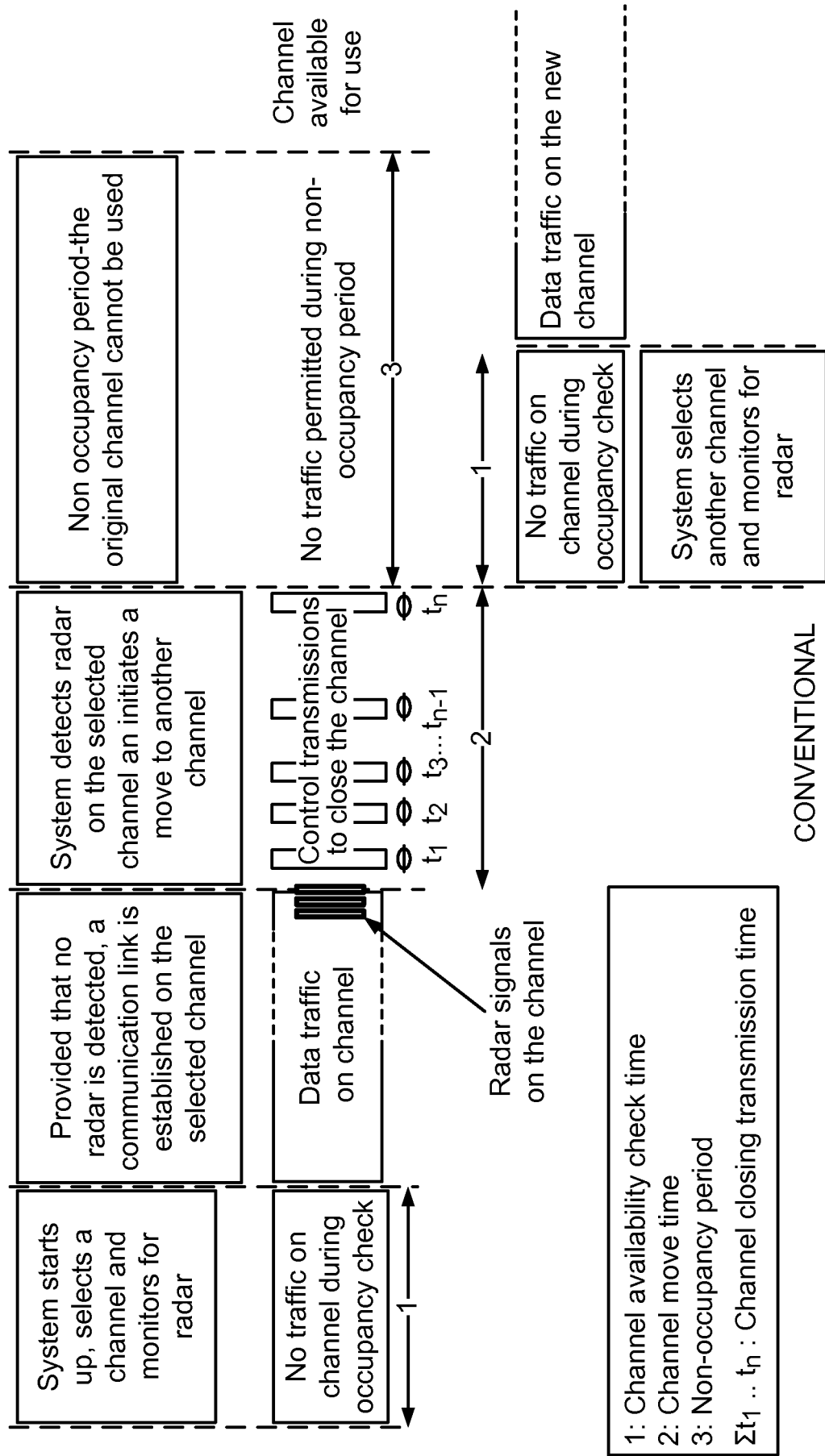
27. The non-transitory computer-readable recording medium of claim 24, further comprising at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to determine a decrease in a load of the first apparatus, wherein the event is the decrease in the load and the at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes includes at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to increase the number of the subframes.

28. The non-transitory computer-readable recording medium of claim 24, further comprising at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to receive a second signal from the second apparatus, the second signal related to the detection of the radar transmission, wherein the event is a receipt of the second signal.

29. The non-transitory computer-readable recording medium of claim 28, wherein the at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to change the number of the subframes includes at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to increase the number of the subframes.

30. The non-transitory computer-readable recording medium of claim 24, wherein the at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to send the first signal to the second apparatus includes at least one instruction to cause the first apparatus to send the first signal to the second apparatus in response to the number of the subframes being less than a threshold.





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FIG. 2

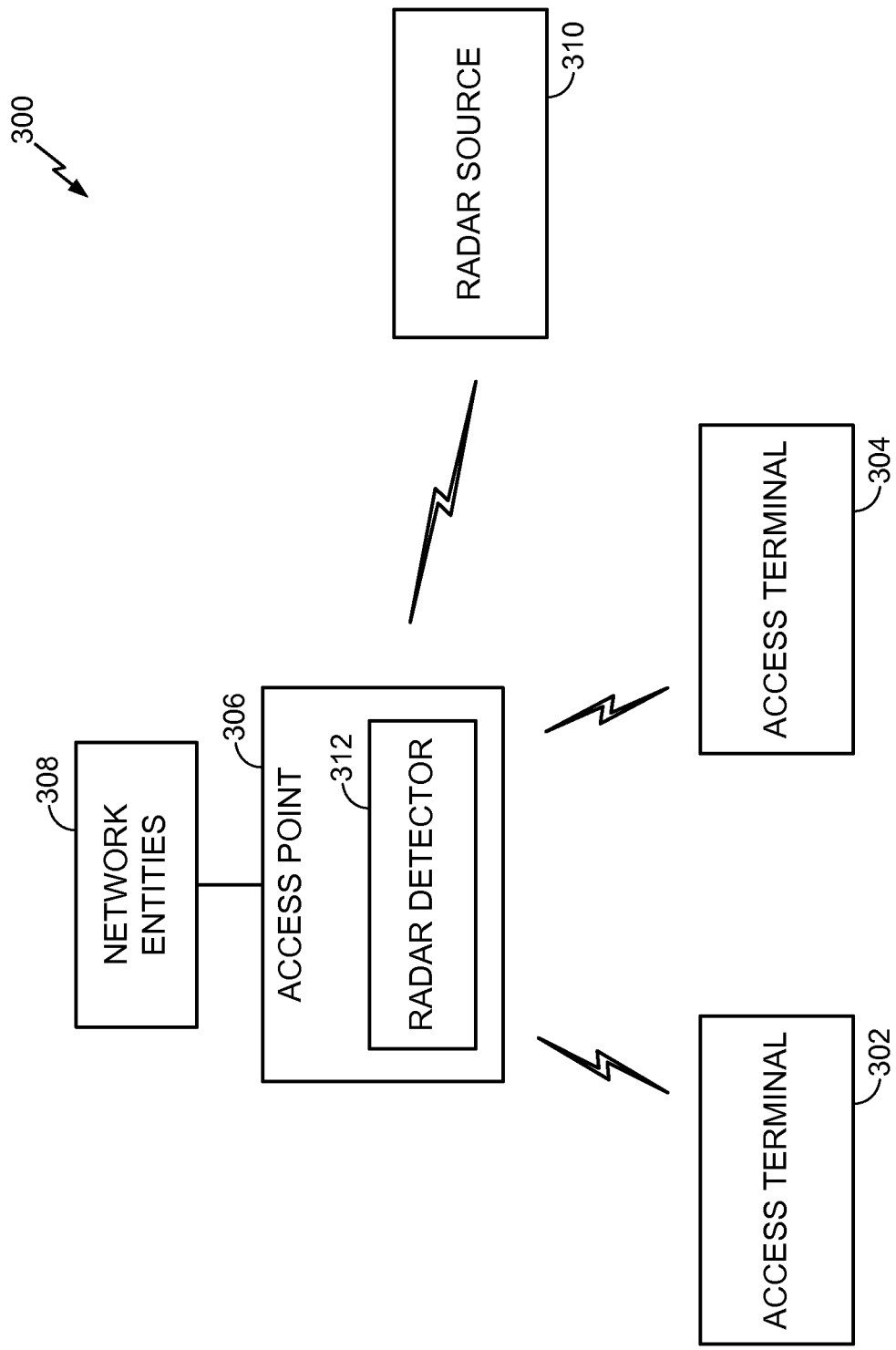
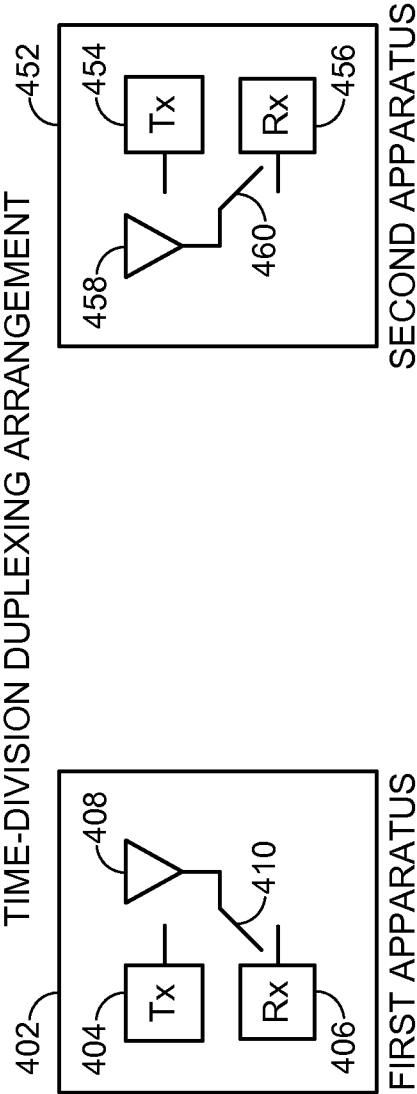
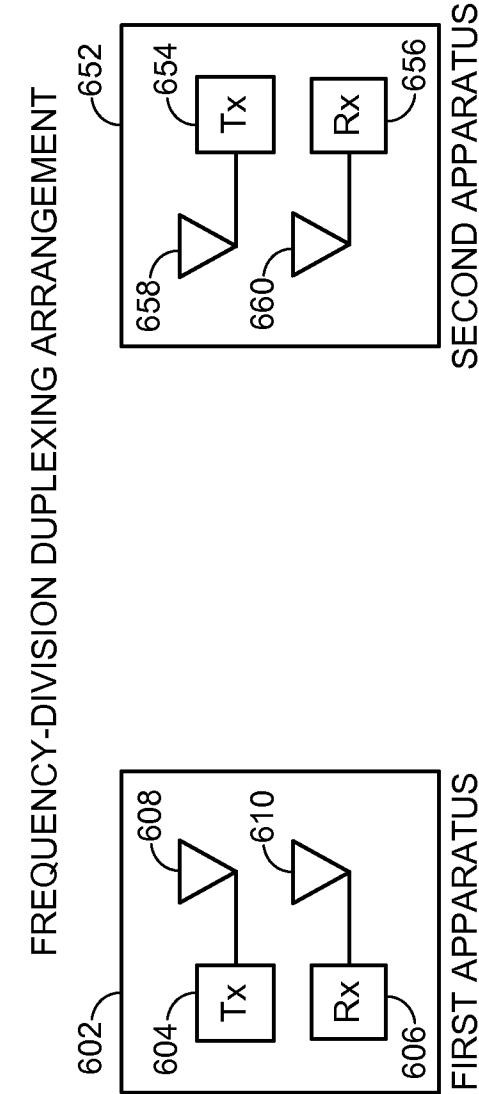


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FIG. 4

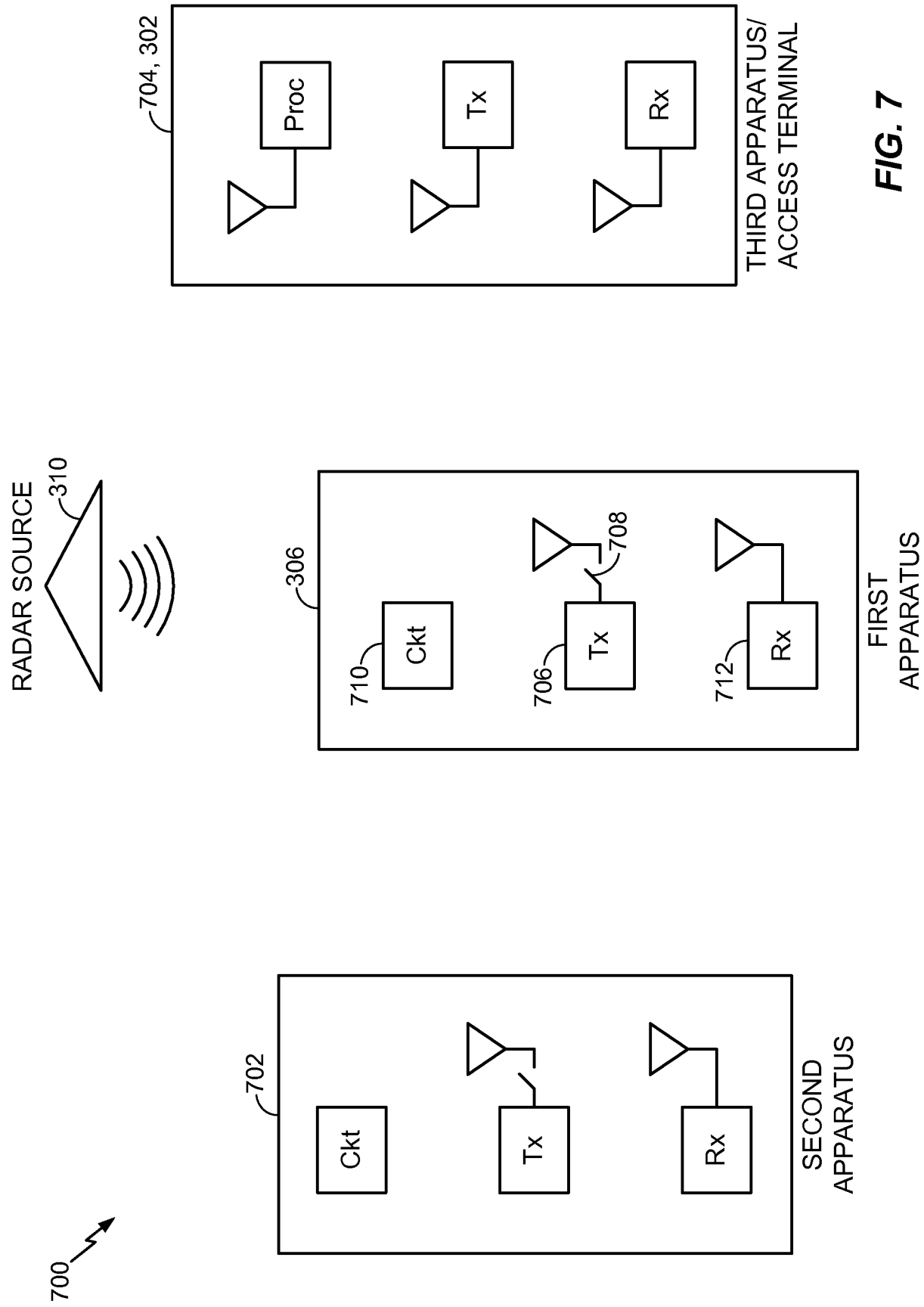


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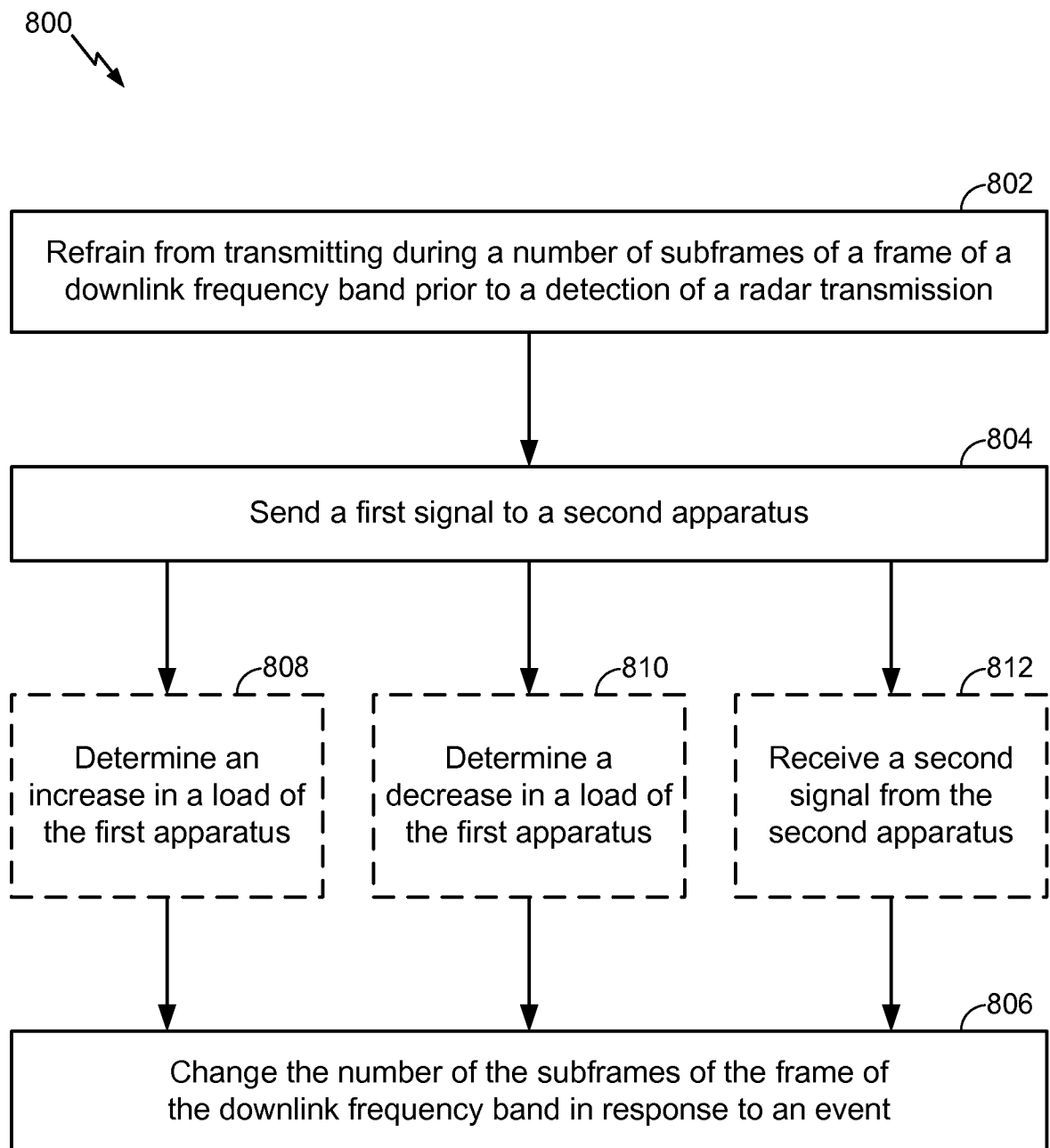
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UL/DL configuration	Period (ms)	Subframe									
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1		D	S	U	U	D	D	S	U	U	D
2		D	S	U	D	D	D	S	U	D	D
3	10	D	S	U	U	U	D	D	D	D	D
4		D	S	U	U	D	D	D	D	D	D
5		D	S	U	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
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FIG. 5



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**FIG. 8**

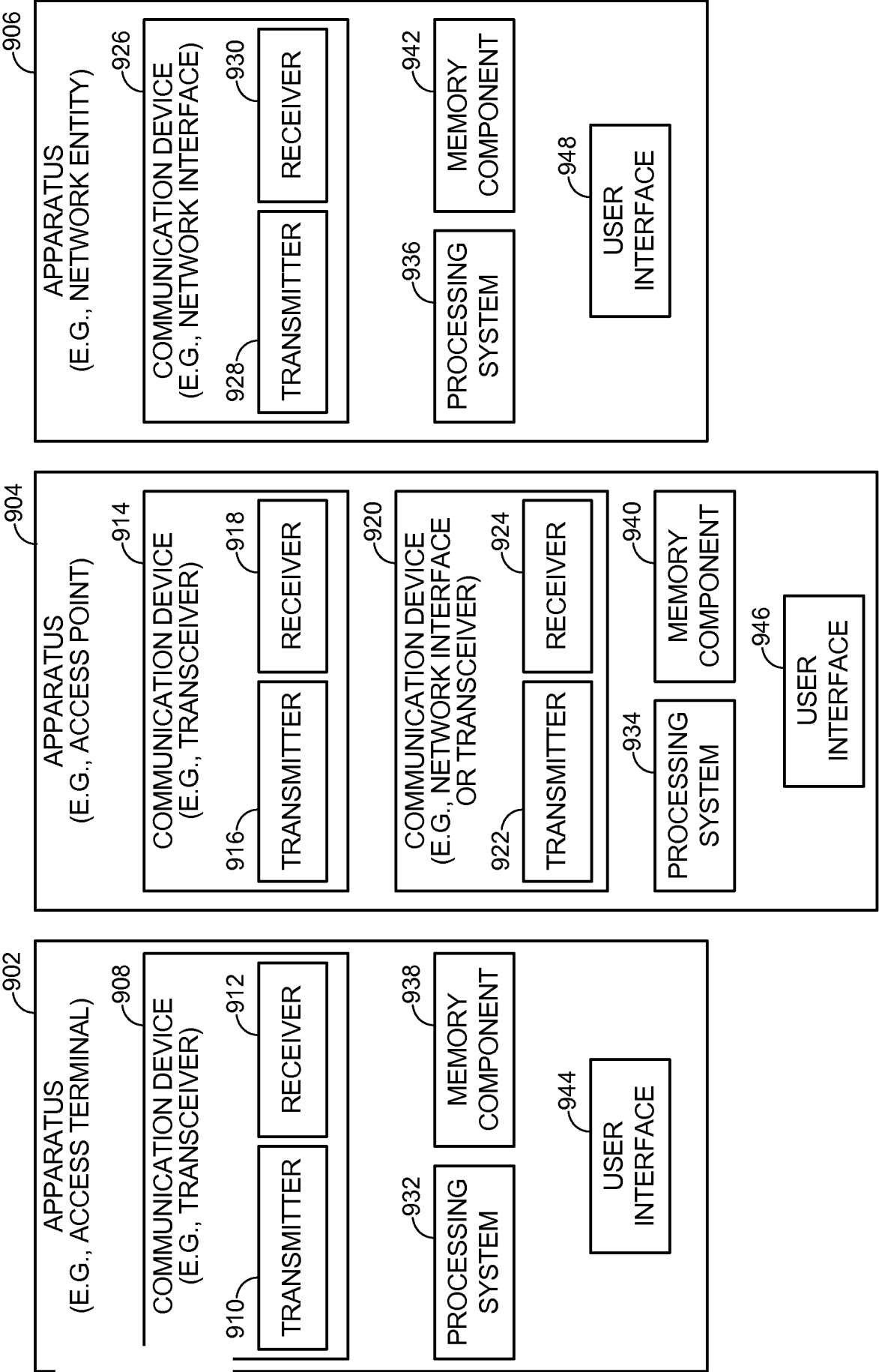
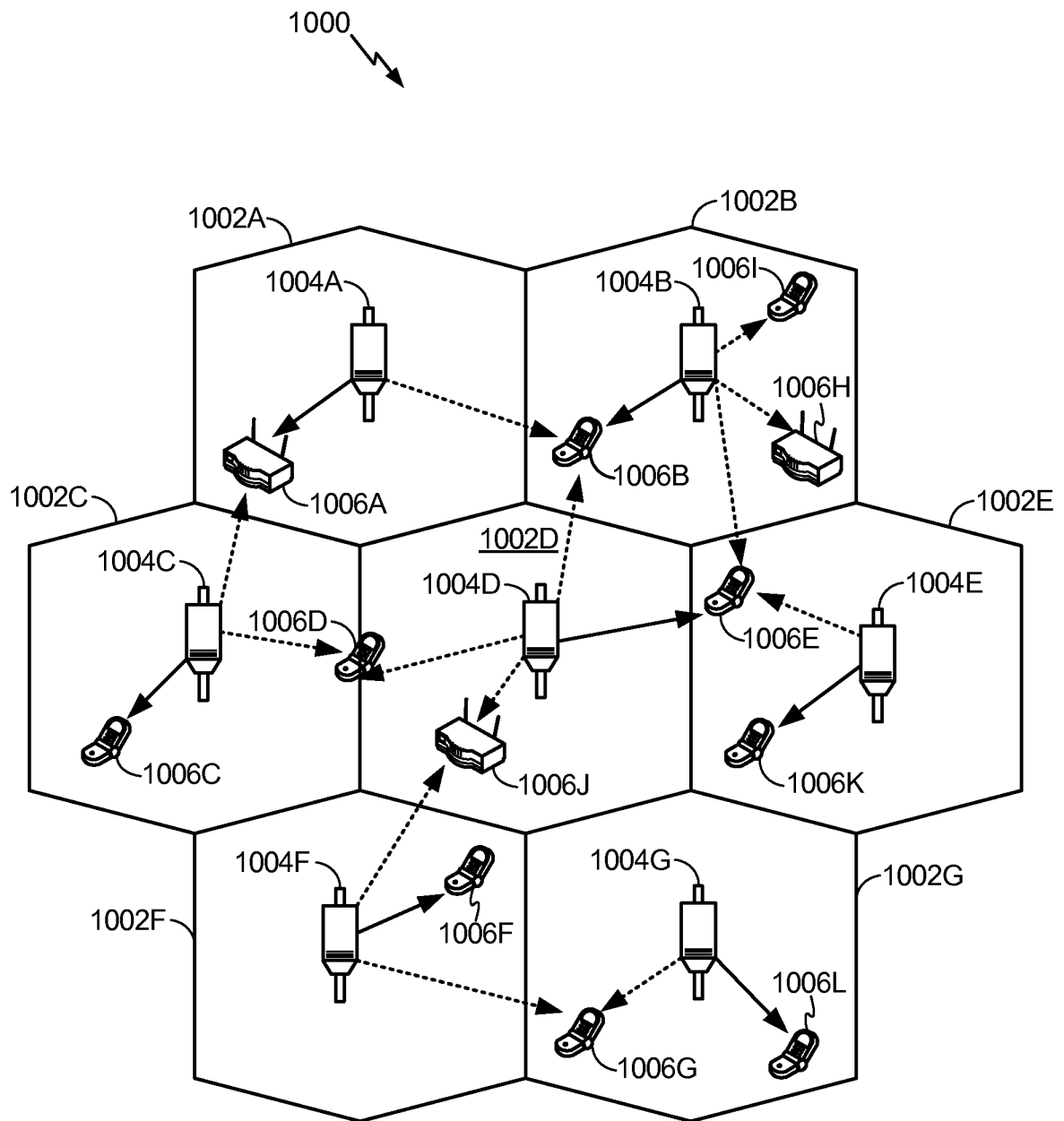


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**FIG. 10**

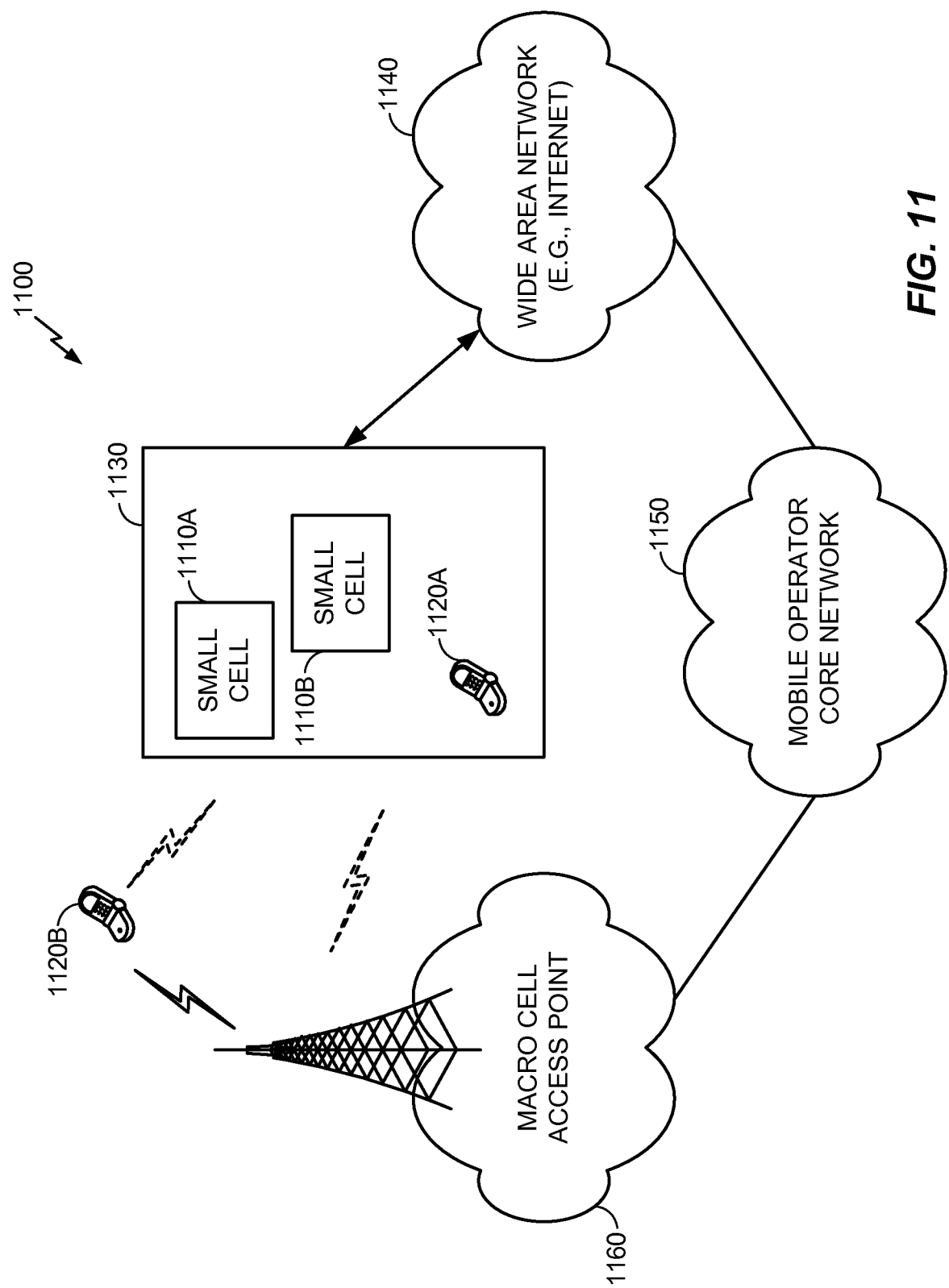


FIG. 11

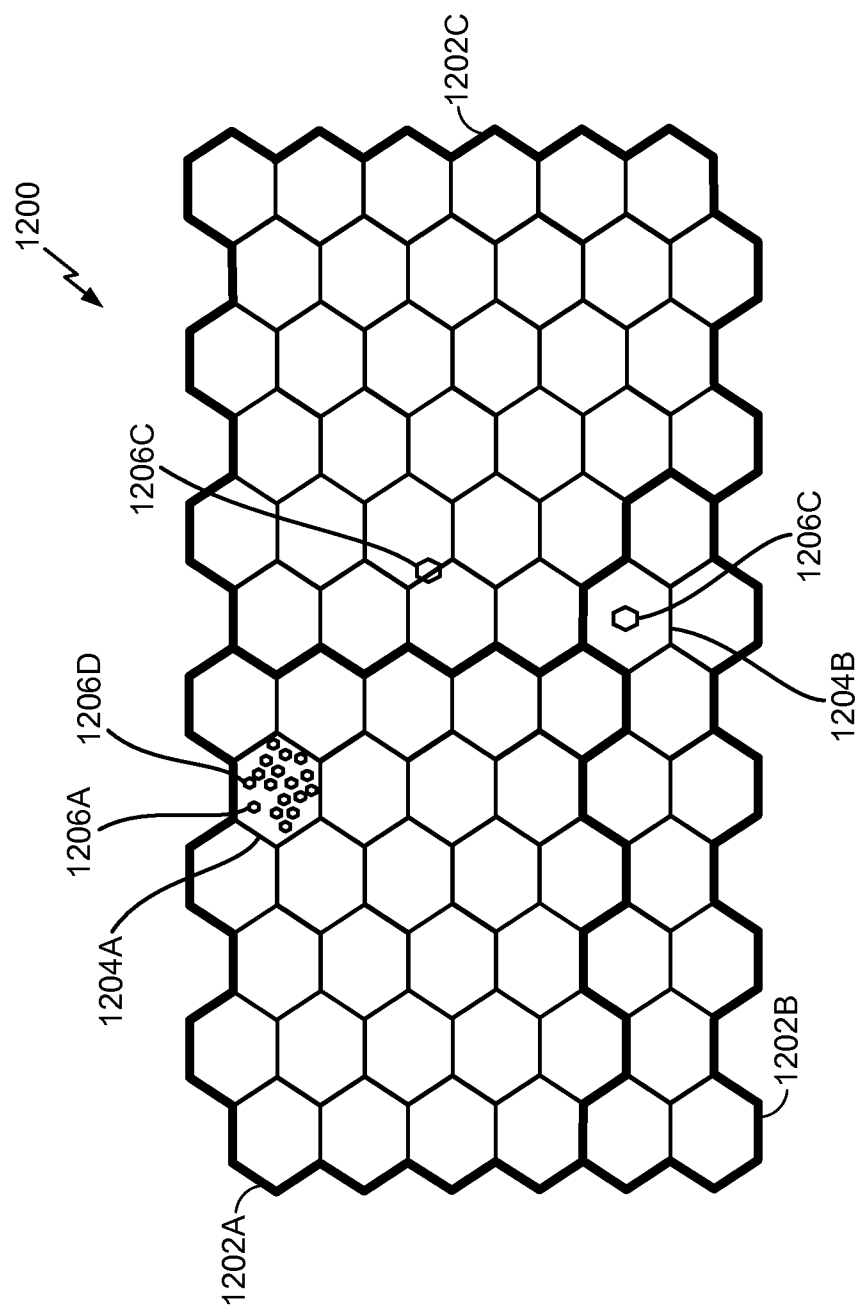


FIG. 12

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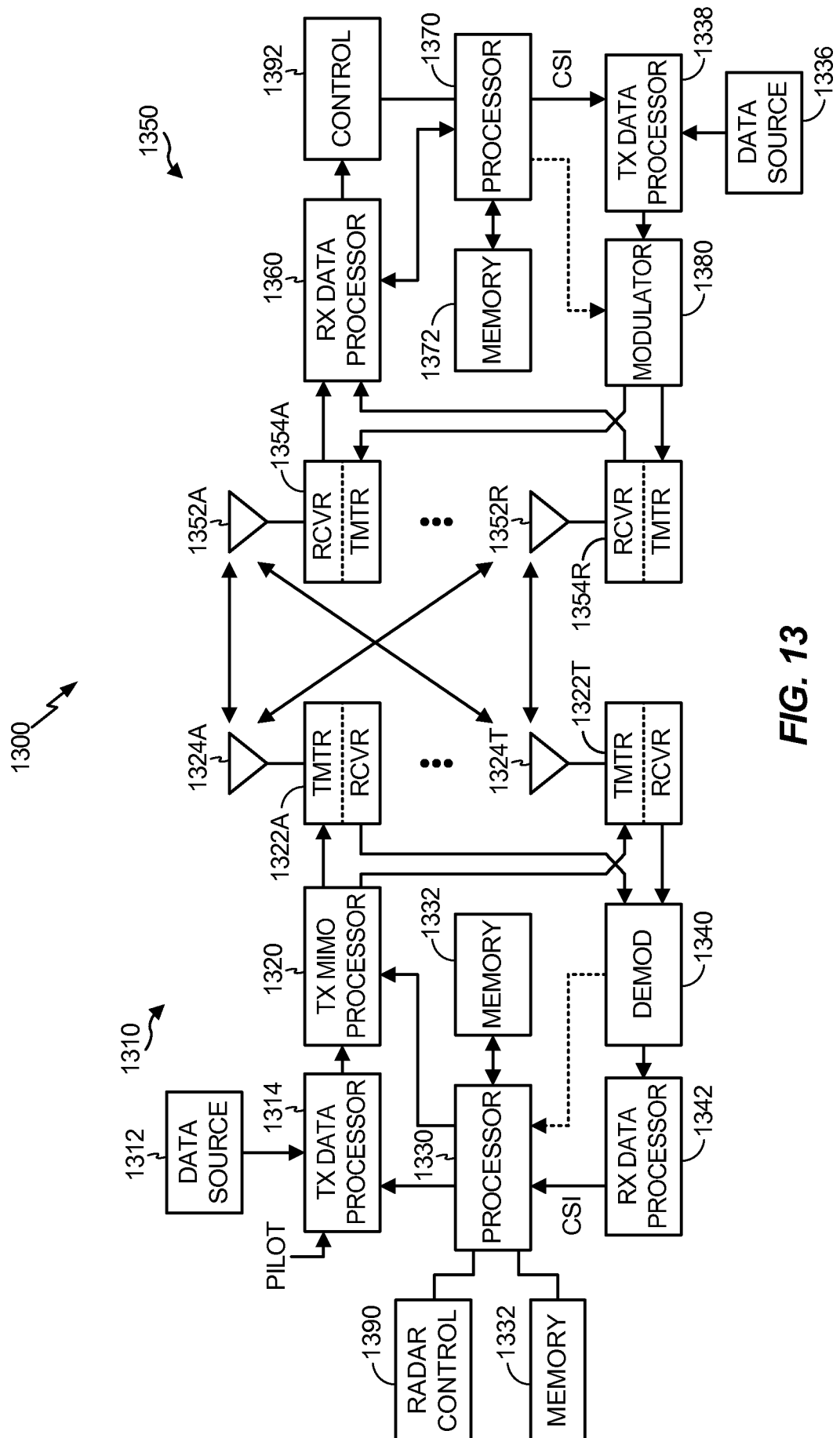
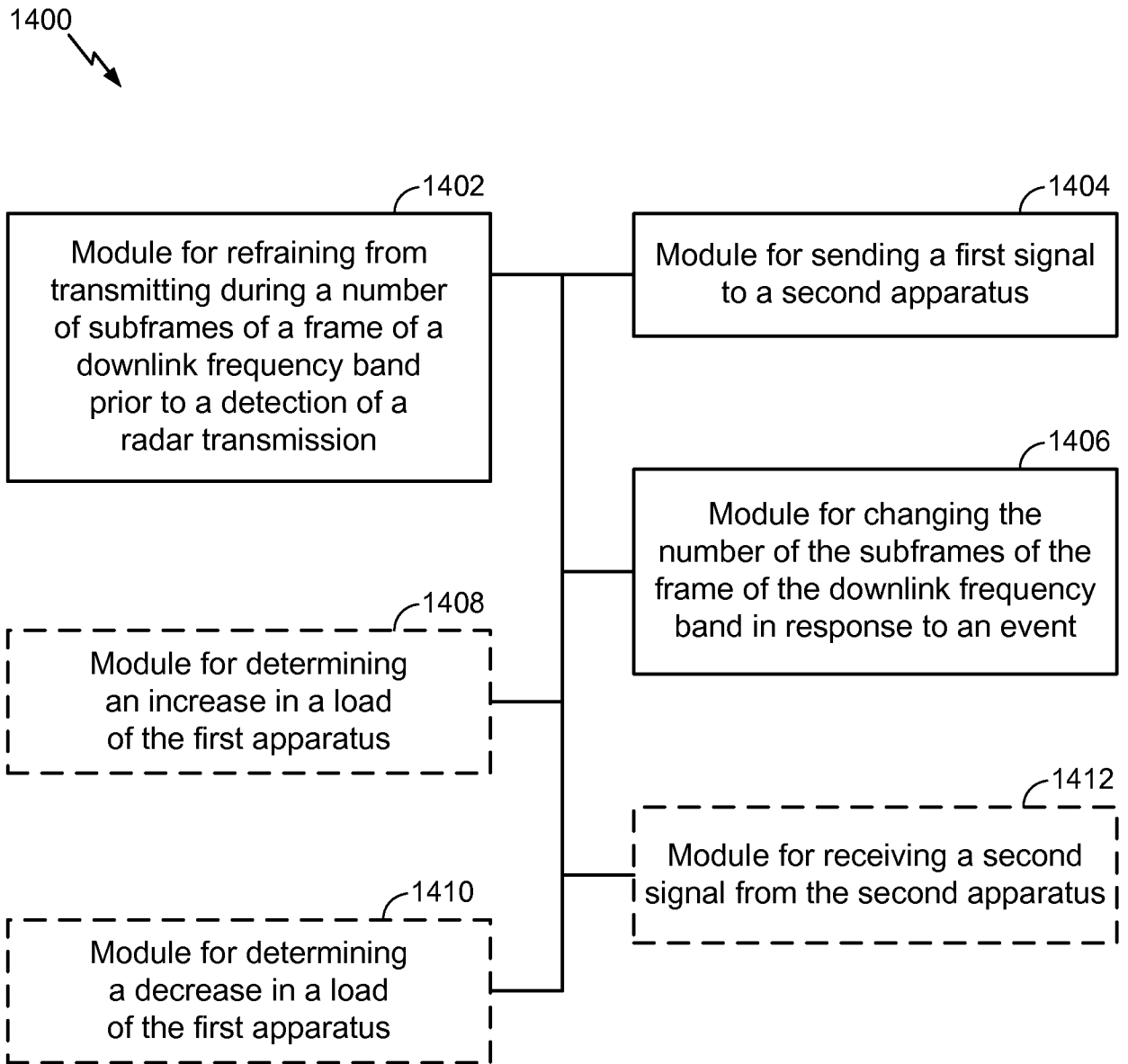


FIG. 13

**FIG. 14**