

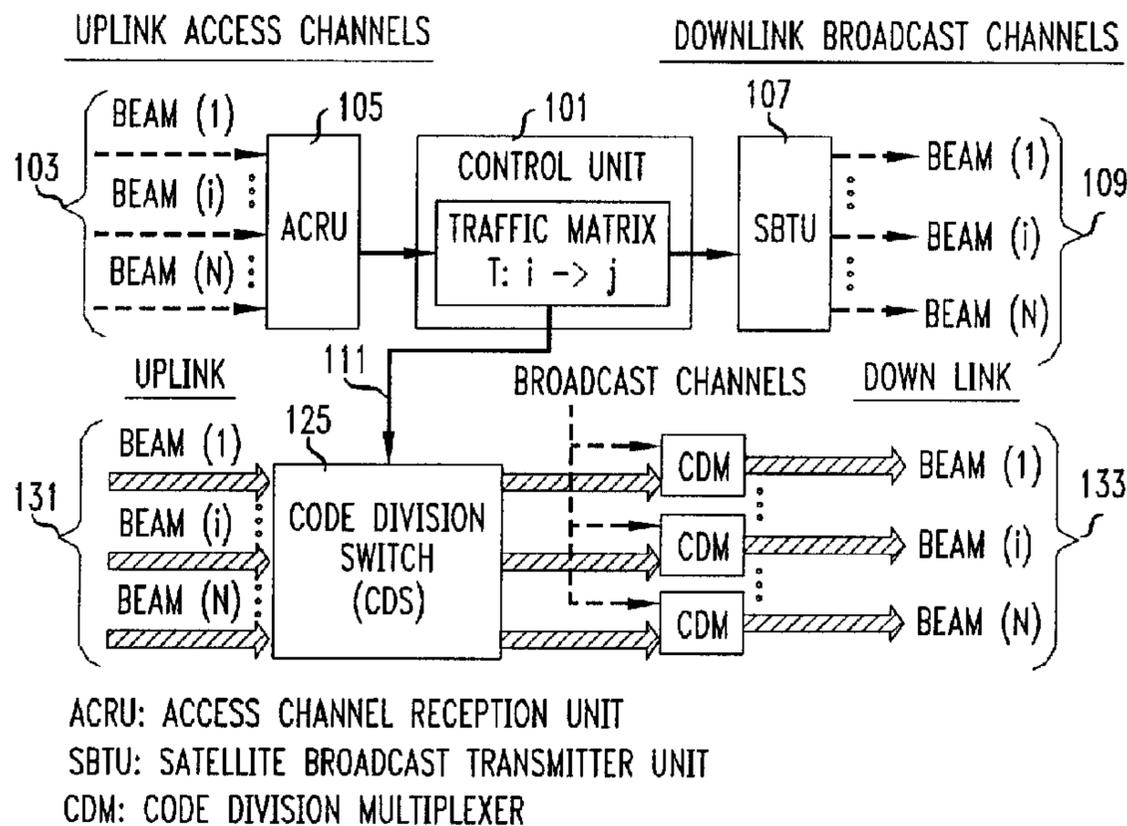


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Field of the Invention

5 This invention relates to switching apparatus and methods to be used in wired and/or wireless digital telecommunication systems for message switching. It is particularly concerned with the switching of spread spectrum/CDMA modulated beams carrying traffic channels from a specific source to a specific destination.

Background of the Invention

10 Digital switching of CDMA digital telecommunication signals has previously been limited to circuit and packet switching. Packet type switching is batch transmission signaling and generally requires the use of a buffer memory somewhere in the transmission process. The switching (i.e., CDMA message multiplexing) of end-to-end CDMA complete message signals, without the buffering
15 requirement, has been considered to have complexity sufficient to render it impractical and uneconomical. In some instances a CDMA beam may be redirected, but the individual traffic channels included within each uplink beam are left undisturbed in a corresponding downlink CDMA beam. Uplink CDMA beams are redirected and become a downlink beam, but include the same traffic channels. So
20 traffic channels must have common destinations with the common redirected CDMA beam in which they are included.

 In some instances the handling of CDMA packet beams requires the conversion of the CDMA traffic channels to baseband frequencies for switching and redirection processes to occur.

25 **Summary of the Invention**

 Therefore in accord with the invention a method and apparatus for switching traffic channels between uplink and downlink spread spectrum/CDMA modulated beams is disclosed as claimed in the claims. It particularly concerns CDMA information traffic channel (i.e., message) switching in which a total
30 aggregate information signal is switched at IF frequency without memory buffering required in the process.

 In one general illustrative embodiment traffic channels in uplink CDMA beams, received by a switching medium/center, (e.g., a satellite switch) are identified by uplink spreading codes. These uplink CDMA beams are overspread and summed
35 into a single stream from which a plurality of CDMA modulated downlink beams are

created with each going to a specific destination. The traffic channels going to that specific are deoverspread and respread to form a CDMA downlink beam. The destination of each traffic channel, identified by unique user code, is joined into that CDMA modulated downlink beam having the same destination. User recovery is performed at an IF frequency. Application of the invention principles to various forms of spread spectrum is considered to be within the invention scope. In one embodiment multi-CDMA beams are switched in a satellite switching system.

In a particular illustrative embodiment each of a plurality of uplink CDMA modulated RF beams, each including a plurality of uplink traffic channels identified by orthogonal code are down converted to IF CDMA beams identified by PN codes and overspread with a new orthogonal code having a spreading rate N times that of the spreading code of the uplink CDMA modulated RF beam. In the illustrative embodiment "N" represents the number of uplink CDMA beams. All of the overspread uplink beams are combined into a single combined IF stream. The individual traffic channels are extracted from the combined IF stream by de-overspreading the stream with orthogonal codes and despreading with beam and traffic channel specific orthogonal codes. All traffic channels are respread with downlink beam codes and downlink orthogonal traffic channel codes and joined onto selected ones of downlink CDMA modulated IF beams having common destinations with the included traffic channels. Downlink CDMA modulated IF beams are up converted to RF frequency and transmitted to selected destinations.

The individual traffic channels are maintained distinct through the operation of overspreading, combined with user identifying orthogonal codes. These operations and apparatus, for switching traffic channels, may be combined in various combinations different from those disclosed herein without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. All these variations will use the above principles of the invention.

In one embodiment control information is stored in a traffic matrix in memory storage contained in a switch control unit. Routing of traffic channels from uplink CDMA beams onto downlink CDMA beams is determined by the stored traffic matrix and the overhead signals activating the matrix.

An advantage of the invention is that switching (i.e., multiplexing of traffic channels among downlink beams) is performed independent of time as a controlling variable. No buffering (i.e., memory storage) of the traffic channels is required in the switching process.

Brief Description of the Drawing

- FIG. 1 is a block schematic of a code switching system architecture;
FIG. 2 is a block schematic of a code division switch;
FIG. 3 is a block schematic of a traffic channel recovery circuit which is
5 a sub-component of the code division switch;
FIG. 4 is a schematic of the traffic matrix included in the control unit;
FIG. 5 is a block schematic of downlink code division multiplexing;
FIG. 6 is a block schematic of a code division switch with intermodule
routing;
10 FIG. 7 is block schematic of a downlink code division multiplexer; and
FIG. 8 is a system schematic showing one application of the code
division switch.

Detailed Description

- A code switching architecture, such as shown in FIG. 1, includes a
15 control unit 101 having memory storage for a traffic matrix relating uplink sources to
intended downlink destinations. Uplink access channels 103, which may comprise a
plurality of uplink data and access CDMA beams 1 through N, are directed to an
Access Channel Reception unit 105 for processing and for whose output is directed
to the control unit 101. The output of the control unit 101 is applied to a Satellite
20 Broadcast Transmitter Unit 107 where it supplies the downlink broadcast data and
access channels over the CDMA beams 109. A second output of the control unit is
applied, via lead 111, to a code division switch 125.

- Code division switch 125 accepts a plurality of bearer CDMA
modulated RF beams 131, downconverts the beams to IF and applies identifying and
25 overspreading codes to the individual traffic channels contained within each beam.
The beams are all summed into one combined stream and the individual traffic
channels are recovered and identified as to their destination in response to the control
signal, applied via lead 111. The destination traffic channels are inserted into
downlink CDMA beams 133 for transmission to specific downlink destinations.

- 30 While a satellite application, using an air interface is shown as an
illustrative embodiment, the invention is not limited to satellite communication
systems. The invention is equally applicable to terrestrial communication systems
and to systems using wired and optical connections.

- A code division switch, such as shown in FIG. 2 separates uplink traffic
35 channels from uplink CDMA beams and inserts them in to downlink CDMA beams
having the desired destination. Incoming uplink CDMA modulated RF beams 201-1

to 201-N, each of which include traffic channels, are each applied to downconversion frequency converters 202-1 to 202-N, respectively, to convert the beams into CDMA modulated IF beams. Each CDMA modulated beam is over-spread by the application of the Walsh function chips W_1 to W_N , as inputs 203-1 to 203-N, applied to the mixing circuits 204-1 to 204-N, respectively. The Walsh functions uniquely identify the traffic channels within the beams. Overspreading by a multiple of N does not contribute any interference to the various distinct traffic channels. All of the over-spread CDMA beams are summed into one inclusive signal stream by the summing circuitry 205. Summing of these IF beam signals combined with the overspreading avoids any inter-traffic-channel interference that that would be inserted into the individual traffic channels and hence assure their subsequent intact recovery. In one illustrative embodiment of the invention this recovery is further enhanced by the use of orthogonal user spread coding.

This summed signal stream is applied to a distribution bus 206 which in turn applies the stream to a plurality of traffic channel recovery circuits 207-1 to 207-L. The output of each traffic channel recovery circuit is applied to a second summing circuit 208-1 to 208-N from which a downlink CDMA modulated if beam is derived with each downlink beam having a particular destination. The control unit described above applies control signals to each traffic channel recovery circuit 207-1 to 207-N to recover the traffic channels destined for a particular destination from the beam formed from the output of that traffic channel recovery circuit.

The beams are formed in the summing circuits 208-1 to 208-N and each beam is upconverted to RF by the upconversion frequency converters 209-1 to 209-N resulting in the downlink CDMA modulated RF beams 210-1 to 210-N.

In the illustrative traffic channel recovery circuit of FIG. 3 individual traffic channels are recovered from the summed beam and segregated into downlink beams having a destination in common with the destination of the traffic channel. Recovery of the traffic channels is accomplished by the despreading of the applied summed signal stream with beam and user codes and filtering the desired IF frequency.

The individual traffic channels are recovered from the summed beam in the traffic channel recovery circuits which supply a downlink with traffic channels having a common destination/ A particular embodiment of the Traffic channel recovery circuit, shown in FIG. 3, receives the summed signal at input 301 and applies it to a mixer 302 which deoverspreads the summed signal stream with a first user code supplied by a N-Walsh function generator 311 fed through a base band filter

312. The various traffic channels are recovered by the integrator 303 and are applied to the mixer 304 for despreading with codes supplied by a beam PN code generated by the PN code generator 314 and filtered by the base band filter 313. The signal is further despread by a code supplied by the L-Walsh function generator 316 and
5 filtered by baseband filter 315, which code is applied to mixer 305 for despreading. This despread signal is integrated by integrator 307 and applied to mixer 308. It is spread by a PN code supplied by PN code generator 318 and filtered by baseband filter 317. This signal is further spread in mixer 309 by a L-Walsh code supplied by a Walsh function generator 320 and filtered by the baseband filter 319. The beam
10 output containing the baseband IF downlink beam is supplied on output lead 310.

An illustrative matrix (for three beams) which may be used in the control unit for directing uplink traffic channels to downlink beams is shown in the FIG. 4 and may be contained in the control unit as part of a stored program. As shown the columns are identified with the downlink CDMA beams and the rows are
15 identified with the uplink CDMA beams. Each uplink and downlink CDMA contains a plurality of user traffic channels $U_n + U_m + \dots + U_p$ and $U_a + U_b + \dots + U_c$, respectively. The matrix entries indicate the codes to be used for the uplink and downlink traffic channels. This assures that the downlink traffic channels are included in the desired downlink beam.

20 A scheme for multiplexing downlink beams is schematically shown in the FIG. 5. A code division switch (module A of a plurality of modules) 501 receives the CDMA beams 502-1 through 502-N. The output beams of module A and the other modules (not shown) are applied to a plurality of summers 503-1 through 503-N. The output of the summers 503-1 through 503-N are controlled by
25 the control unit input 504-1 through 504-N which selects the traffic channels to be applied to the up conversion circuits 505-1 through 505-N, which includes the traffic channels in the appropriate downlink RF beams.

A specific system for intermodule routing is shown in the FIG. 6 in which the bus is supplied by the input circuitry shown in the FIG. 2. The output
30 scheme includes an identical plurality of traffic channel recovery units "one" through "L" all connected to different summing circuits 601-1 through 601-N for forming downlink beams each directed to a different downlink module for further transmission.

The arrangement for forming a beam with the traffic channels all having
35 a destination in common with a particular beam "j" is shown in the FIG. 7. The traffic channels selected by traffic channel recovery circuits 701-1 through 701-N are

applied to a summer 702 in common with the pilot, sync and paging channels 703. The summer output is applied to an upconversion frequency converter 705 to generate the desired downlink CDMA modulated RF beam.

A typical illustrative application of the code division switch is
5 illustrated in the FIG.8, in which multiple source points 801-1 to 801-N are connected by a CDMA switching satellite 802 to any one of the multiple destination points 803-1 to 803-N. This multi-point to multi-point switched connection has not been priorly achieved in the transmission of message CDMA signals/beams. the air interfaces further allow unlimited bandwidth in the uplink and downlink signals.

The invention claimed is:

1. A method for switching traffic channels between a plurality of uplink and downlink CDMA modulated RF beams of a common RF channel, each traffic channel being uniquely identified by an orthogonal code and a beam code;
5 downconverting the uplink CDMA modulated RF beams into uplink CDMA modulated IF beams;
overspreading each CDMA modulated IF beam with a new orthogonal code having a rate N times higher than a spreading rate of the uplink CDMA modulated RF beams;
10 summing all of the uplink CDMA modulated IF beams into a single combined IF stream;
extracting the individual traffic channels, according to their destinations, from the single combined IF stream; by:
de-overspreading the single combined IF stream with an orthogonal
15 code, despreading with the beam code, and despreading with the orthogonal code to recover the individual traffic channels, and filtering at the IF frequency;
respreading with a downlink beam code and with a downlink orthogonal traffic channel code;
combining all CDMA IF traffic channels into a plurality of downlink
20 CDMA modulated IF beams with a commonality of destination between the CDMA modulated beams and the traffic channels they include;
upconverting each one of the plurality of downlink beams into a downlink CDMA modulated RF beam carrying selected traffic channels to their intended destination in common with a destination of the downlink CDMA
25 modulated RF beam.
2. A method for switching traffic channels between a plurality of uplink and downlink CDMA modulated RF beams of a common RF channel, as claimed in claim 1:
further including the step of:
30 generating codes for the purpose of extracting the individual traffic channels according to destination in response to a destination control signal.
3. A method for switching traffic channels between a plurality of uplink and downlink CDMA modulated RF beams of a common RF channel, as claimed in claim 1:

the step of over spreading includes:

using Walsh codes with N chips times spreading PN codes to overspread the CDMA modulated IF beam.

4. A method for switching traffic channels between a plurality of uplink
5 and downlink CDMA modulated RF beams of a common RF channel, as claimed in claim 1:

further including the step of;

storing destination control signals in a matrix array used for generating the destination control signals in response to matrix entries T_{ij} of sums of uplink i
10 and downlink j CDMA modulated beams.

5. A CDMA switch for switching traffic channels between a plurality of uplink and downlink CDMA modulated RF beams of a common RF channel, where each traffic channel is uniquely identified by an orthogonal code and a beam code;

first frequency conversion means for receiving uplink CDMA modulated
15 RF beams and downconverting the uplink CDMA modulated RF beams into uplink CDMA modulated IF beams;

overspreading means connected to an output of the first frequency conversion means and overspread each CDMA modulated IF beam and receive as spreading input a new orthogonal code having a rate N times higher than a spreading
20 rate of the uplink CDMA modulated RF beams;

summing means connected to receive all overspread CDMA modulated IF beams and sum all of the overspread uplink CDMA modulated IF beams into a single combined IF stream;

traffic channel recovery means for receiving the single combined IF
25 stream and extracting the individual traffic channels, according to their destinations, from the single combined IF stream; including:

de-overspreading means connected to receive the single combined IF stream and de-overspread the single combined IF stream with an orthogonal code,

despreading means connected for despreading an output of the de-
30 overspreading means with a beam code, and further despread it with an orthogonal code to recover the individual traffic channels, and a filter to filter it at the IF frequency;

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respreading means connected for respreading an output of the filter with a downlink beam code and with a downlink orthogonal traffic channel code;

signal combining means connected for combining all CDMA IF traffic channels into a plurality of downlink CDMA modulated IF beams with a
5 commonality of destination between the CDMA modulated beams and the traffic channels they include;

second frequency conversion means connected for upconverting each one of the plurality of downlink beams into a downlink CDMA modulated RF beam carrying selected traffic channels to their intended destination in common with a
10 destination of the downlink CDMA modulated RF beam.

6. A code division switch for switching traffic channels between a plurality of uplink and downlink CDMA modulated RF beams of a common RF channel, as claimed in claim 5:

further including:

15 a code generator connected to the traffic channel recovery means and generating codes for the purpose of extracting the individual traffic channels according to destination in response to a destination control signal.

7. A code division switch for switching traffic channels between a plurality of uplink and downlink CDMA modulated RF beams of a common RF
20 channel, as claimed in claim 5:

further including:

a Walsh function generator for generating and connected for applying an N chip Walsh function to overspread the uplink CDMA modulated IF beam

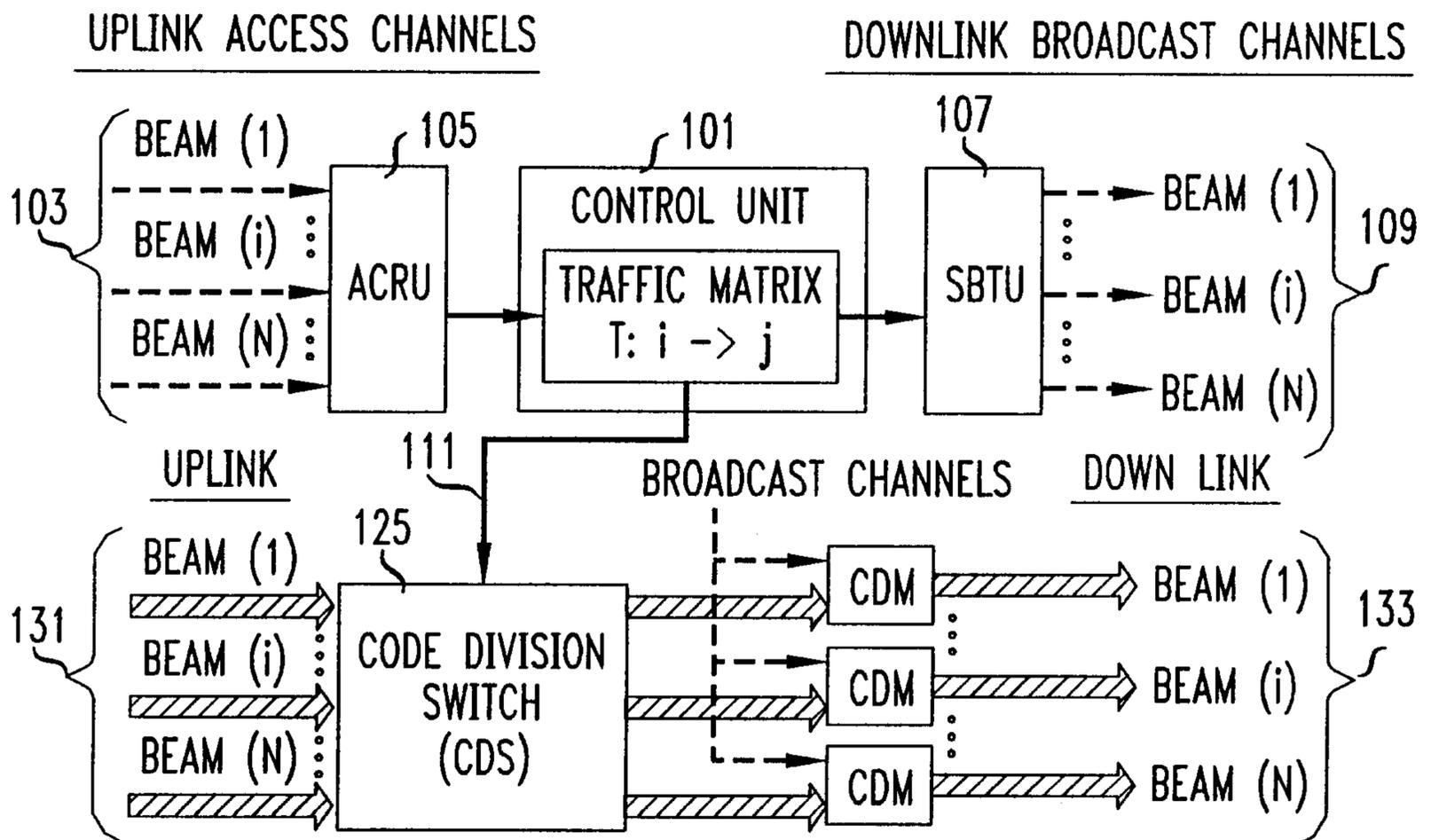
8. A code division switch for switching traffic channels between a
25 plurality of uplink and downlink CDMA modulated RF beams of a common RF channel, as claimed in claim 5:

further including:

a memory for storing destination control signals in a matrix array used for generating the destination control signals in response to column and row sums of
30 uplink and downlink CDMA modulated beams.

FIG. 1

SATELLITE SWITCHED/CODE DIVISION MULTIPLE ACCESS(SS/CDMA)

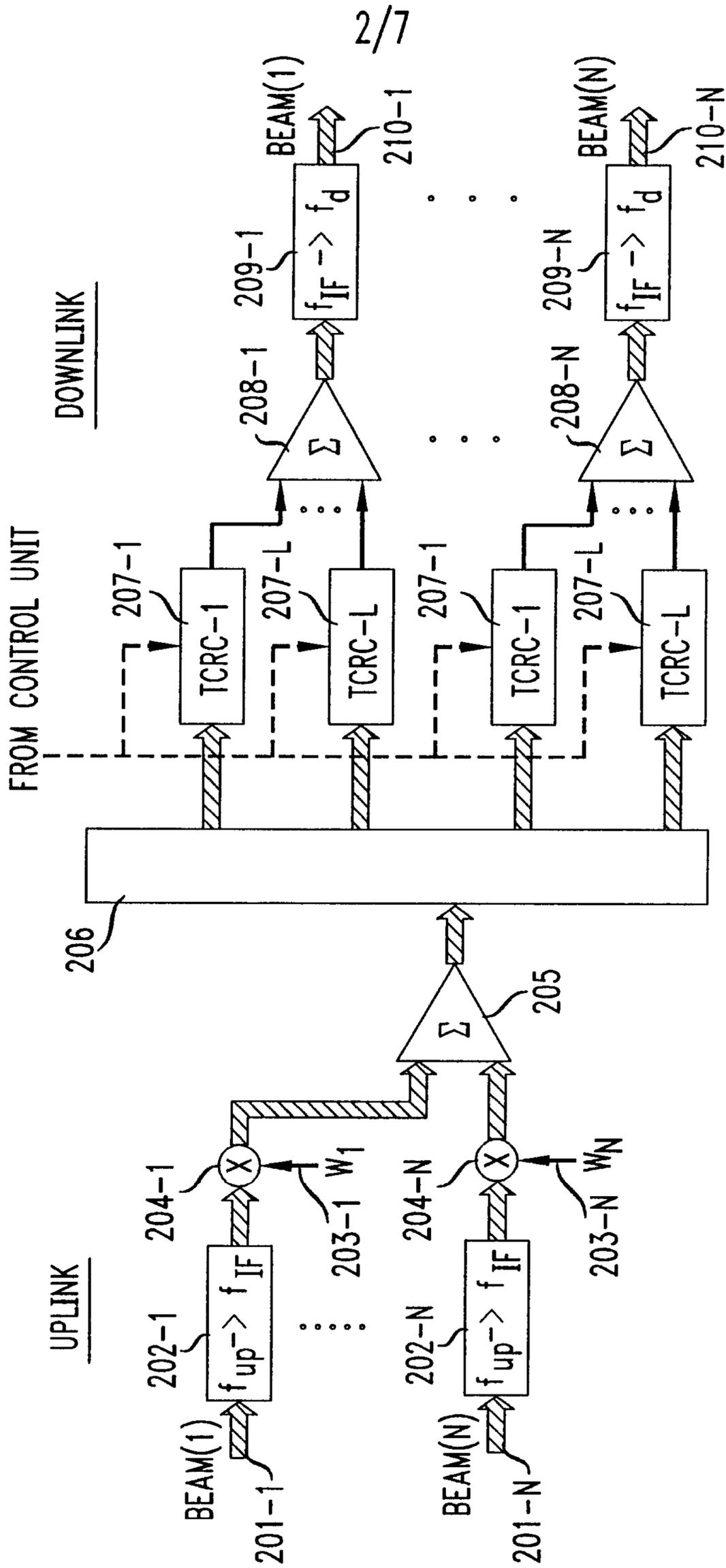
CODE SWITCHING SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

ACRU: ACCESS CHANNEL RECEPTION UNIT

SBTU: SATELLITE BROADCAST TRANSMITTER UNIT

CDM: CODE DIVISION MULTIPLEXER

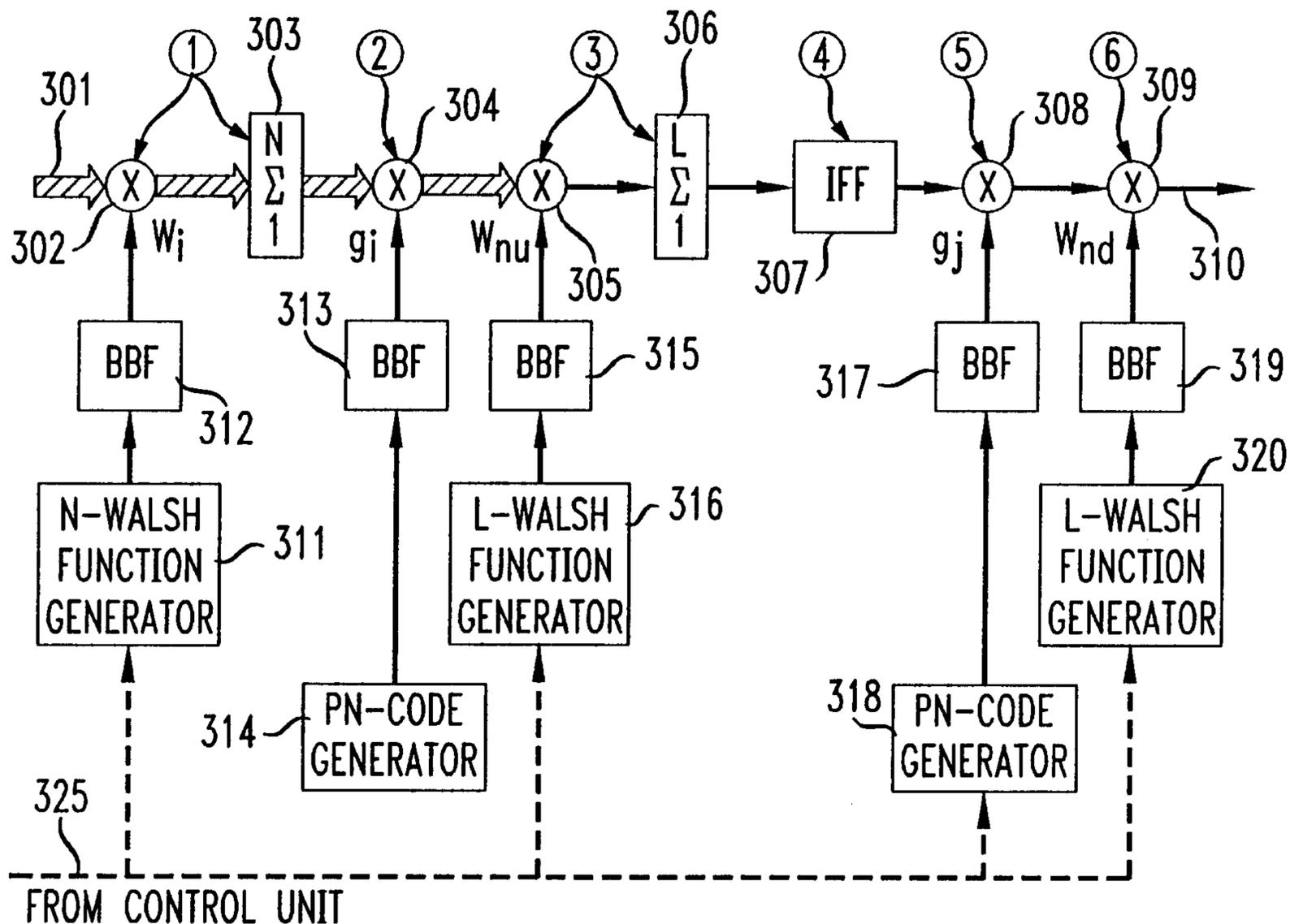
FIG. 2
 SATELLITE SWITCHED/CODE DIVISION MULTIPLE ACCESS (SS/CDMA)
 CODE DIVISION SWITCH (CDS)



OVERSPREADING IS REQUIRED BEFORE COMBINING ALL UPLINK BEAMS
 OVERSPREADING SPREADS THE BANDWIDTH N TIMES; e.g., B=10MHz N=8 NxB=80MHz
 ALL CHIPS BEFORE OVERSPREADING ARE PERFECTLY SYNCHRONIZED
 THERE ARE N OVERSPREAD WALSH CHIPS PER CHIP (BEFORE OVERSPREADING)

FIG. 3

SATELLITE SWITCHED/CODE DIVISION MULTIPLE ACCESS (SS/CMDA)
 TRAFFIC CHANNEL RECOVERY CIRCUIT (TCRC)



1. DEOVERSPREADING; BANDWIDTH $NB \rightarrow B$, WHERE B IS THE BEAM'S BANDWIDTH.
 2. DESPREADING WITH THE g_i PN SEQUENCES IDENTIFYING UPLINK BEAM i.
 3. DESPREADING WITH THE WALSH CODE IDENTIFYING THE USER-n IN THE UPLINK(W_{nu})
 4. IFF: INTERMEDIATE FREQUENCY FILTER
 5. SPREADING WITH THE DOWNLINKBEAM PN-CODE g_j
 6. SPREADING WITH THE DOWNLINK USER WALSH CODE W_{nd}
- CODES $g_i, g_j, W_{nu},$ AND W_{nd} HAVE THE SAME CHIP RATE AS THE BEAM BANDWIDTH REQUIRES
 - WALSH CODES HAVE RATE N TIMES THE RATE OF g_i

FIG. 4
 SATELLITE SWITCHED/CODE DIVISION MULTIPLE ACCESS (SS/CMDA)
 THE TRAFFIC MATRIX, T

$$T = [t_{ij}]$$

$$t = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k, \dots\} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$u_k = (g_i, g_j, W_{nu}, W_{nd})$$

t_{ij} : REPRESENTS THE SET OF REQUESTS ($k = 1, 2, \dots$) FROM UPLINK BEAM i TO DOWNLINK BEAM j .

g_i and g_j : REPRESENTS THE PN-CODES IDENTIFYING THE UPLINK AND DOWNLINK BEAMS, RESPECTIVELY.

W_{nu} and W_{nd} : REPRESENT THE WALSH CODES IDENTIFYING THE TRAFFIC CHANNEL OR THE USER WITHIN THE WB-CDMA CHANNEL FOR THE UPLINK AND DOWNLINK, RESPECTIVELY

EXAMPLE:

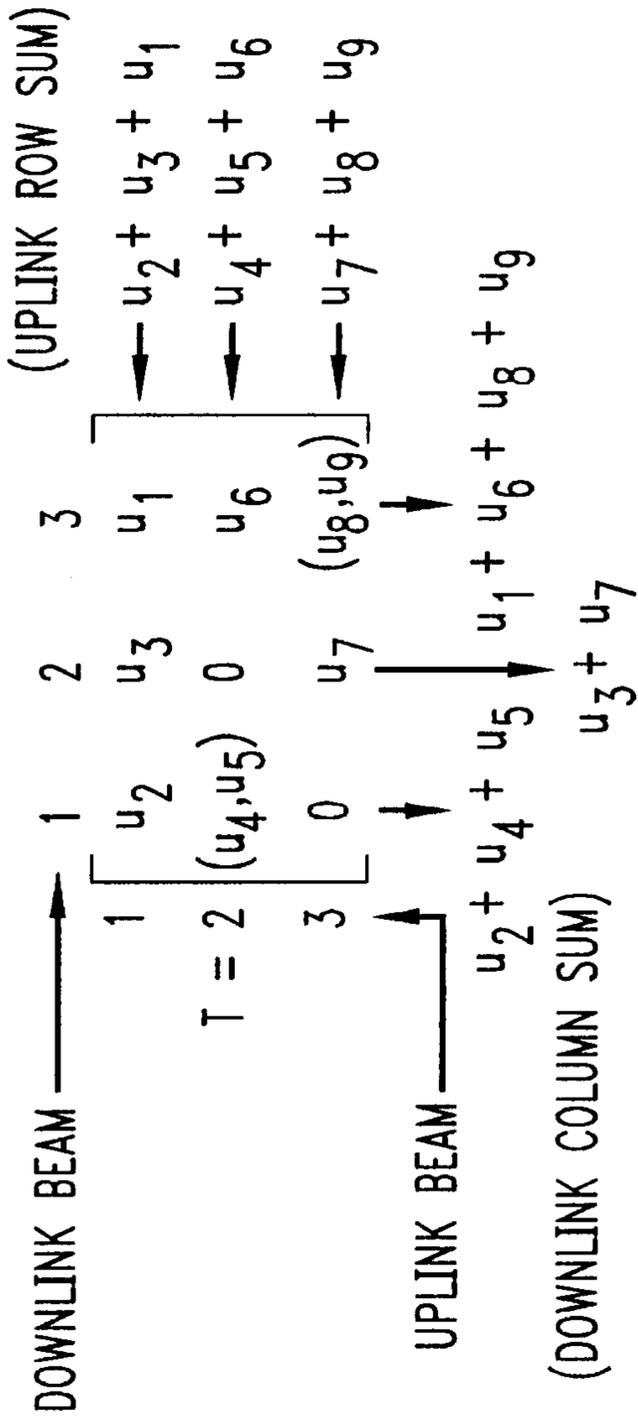


FIG. 5

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DOWNLINK CODE DIVISION MULTIPLEXING

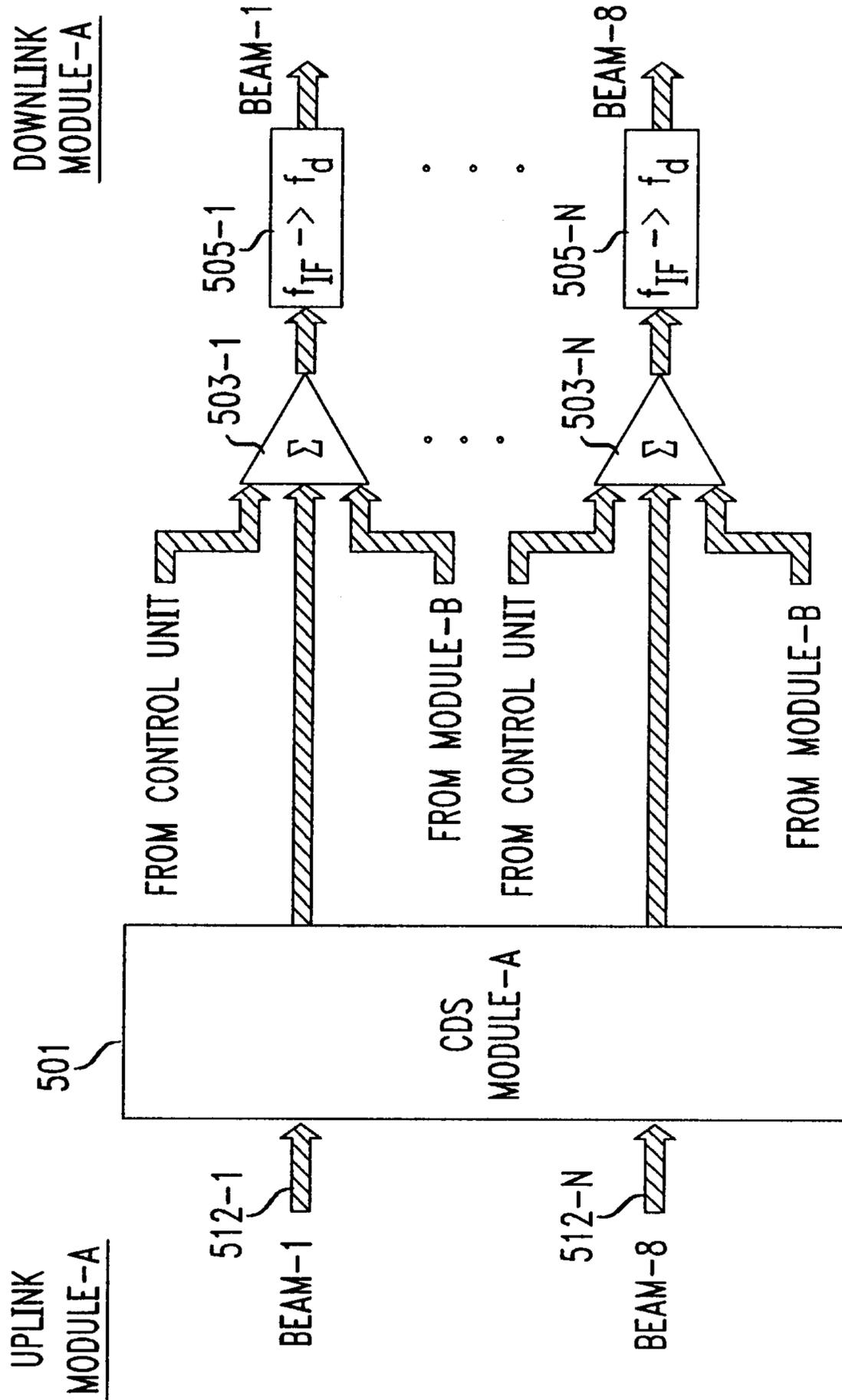


FIG. 6 SATELLITE SWITCHED/CODE DIVISION MULTIPLE ACCESS (SS/CDMA) CODE DIVISION SWITCH (CDS) WITH INTERMODULE ROUTING

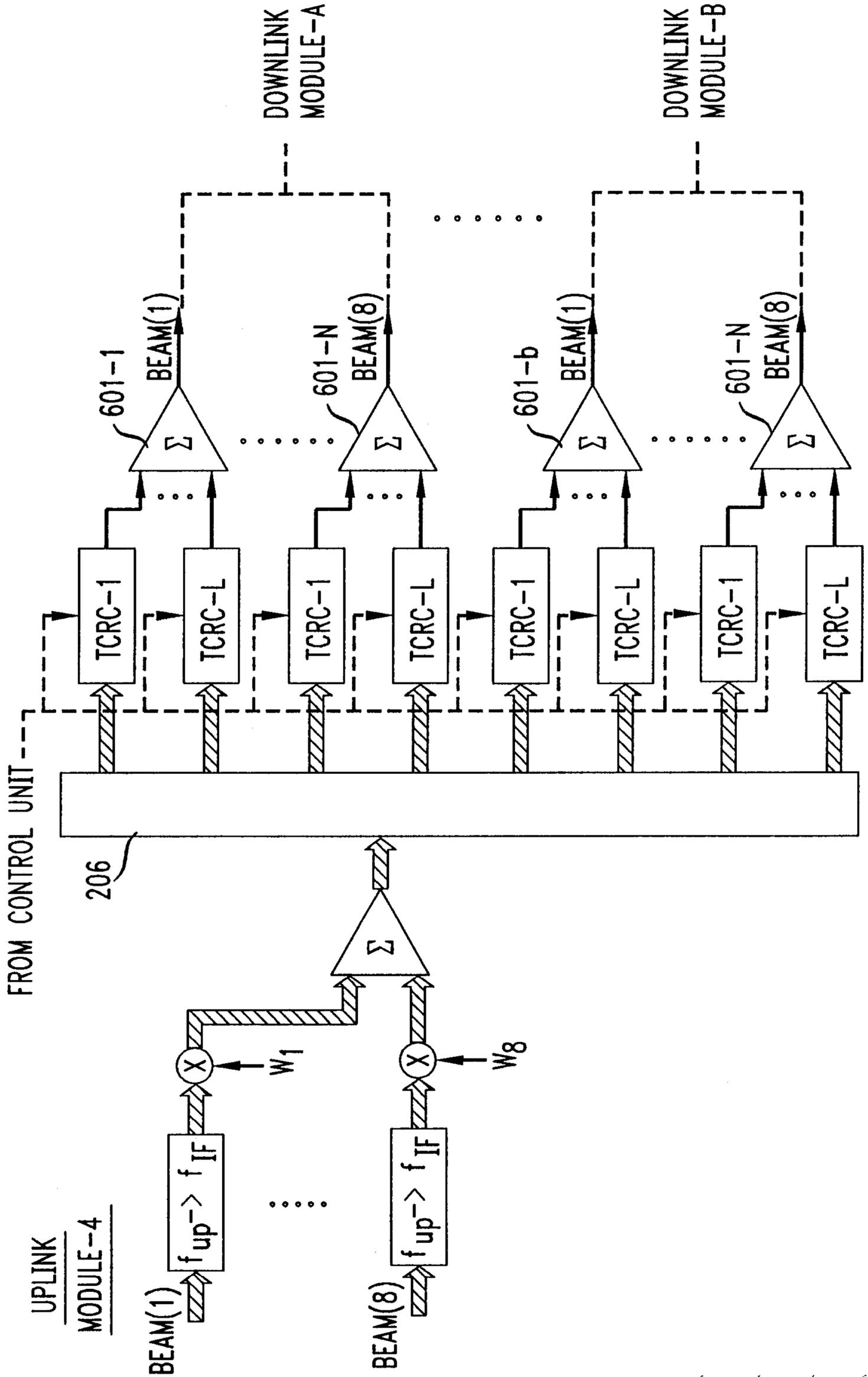


FIG. 7

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 DOWNLINK CODE DIVISION MULTIPLEXER (CDM)

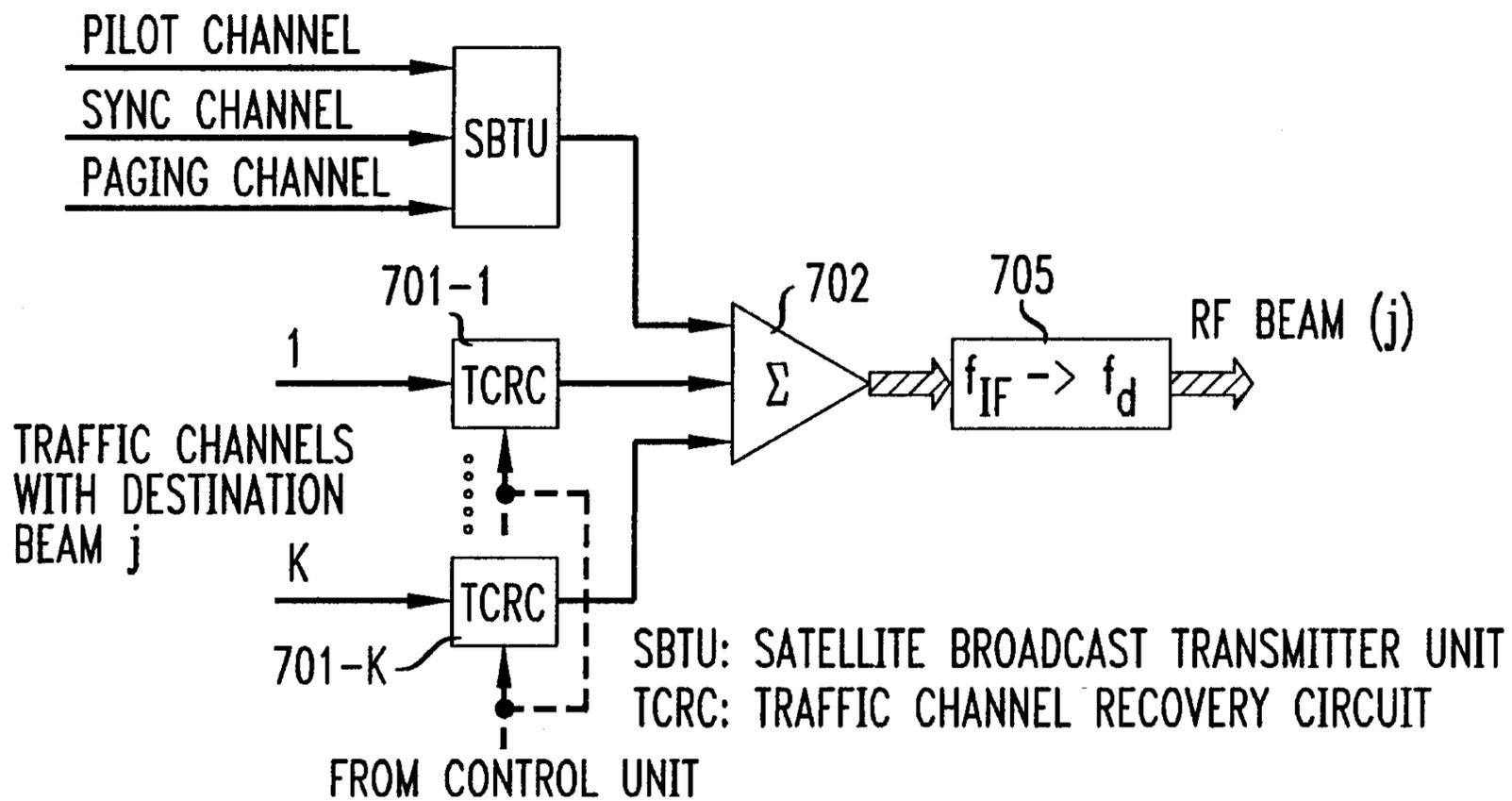
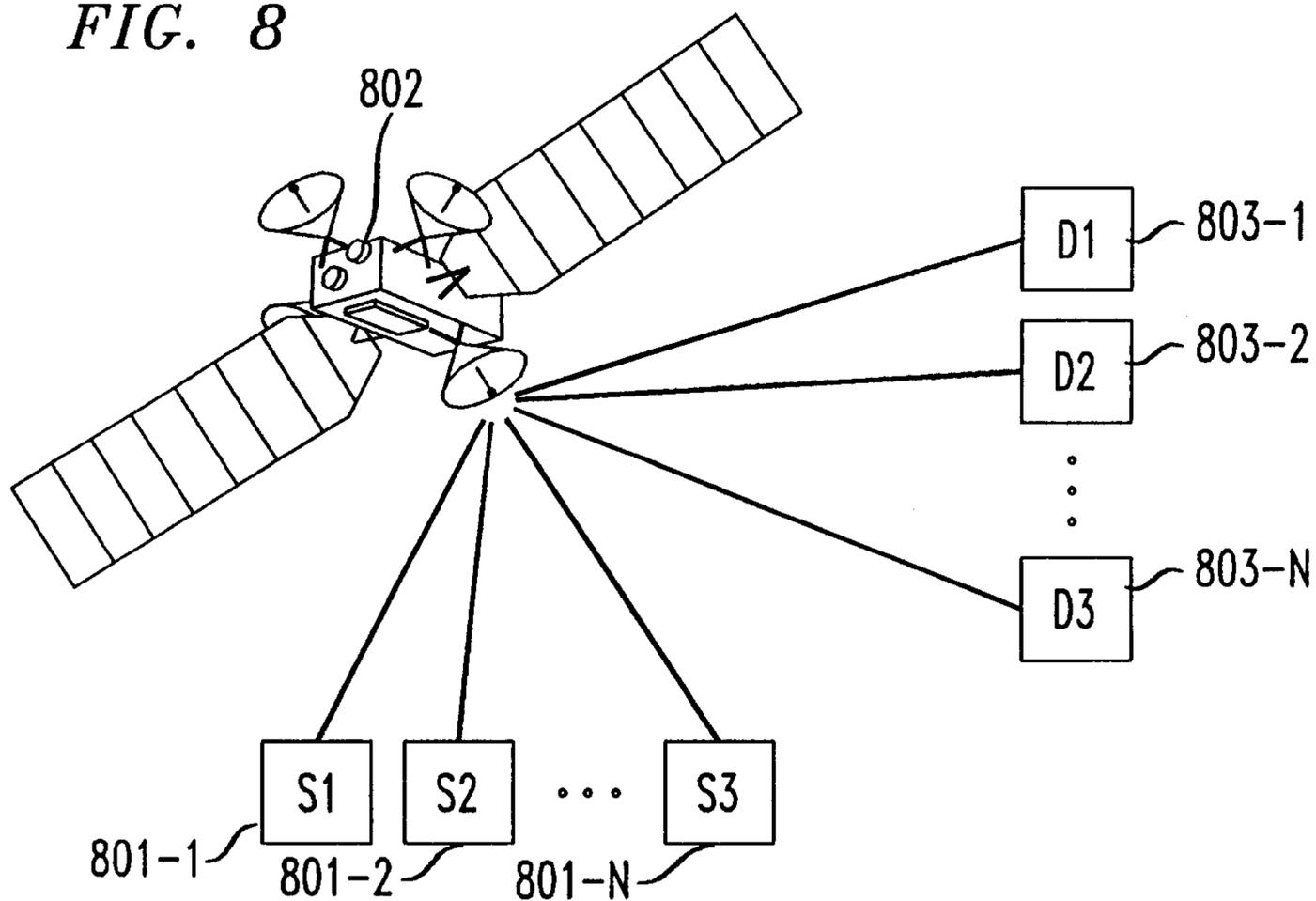


FIG. 8

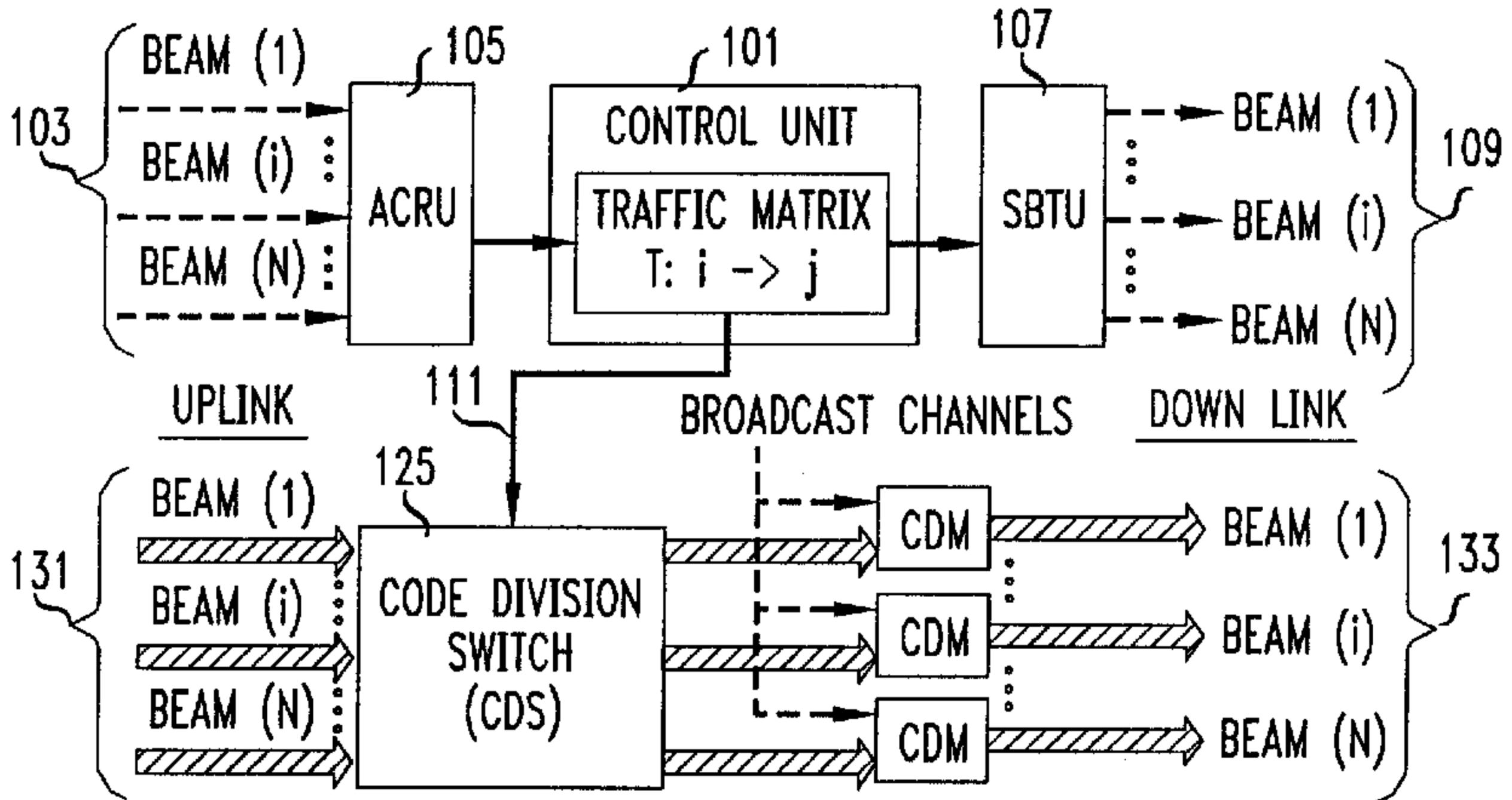


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