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(54) **LOW NOISE AMPLIFIERS FOR CARRIER AGGREGATION**

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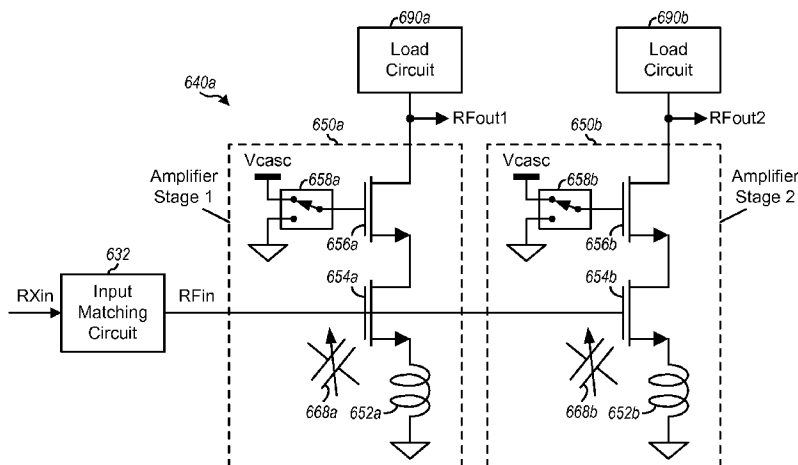
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Low noise amplifiers (LNAs) supporting carrier aggregation are disclosed. In an exemplary design, an apparatus includes first and second amplifier stages, e.g., for a carrier aggregation (CA) LNA or a multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) LNA. The first amplifier stage receives and amplifies an input radio frequency (RF) signal and provides a first output RF signal to a first load circuit when the first amplifier stage is enabled. The input RF signal includes transmissions sent on multiple carriers at different frequencies to a wireless device. The second amplifier stage receives and amplifies the input RF signal and provides a second output RF signal to a second load circuit when the second amplifier stage is enabled. Each amplifier stage may include a gain transistor coupled to a cascode transistor.

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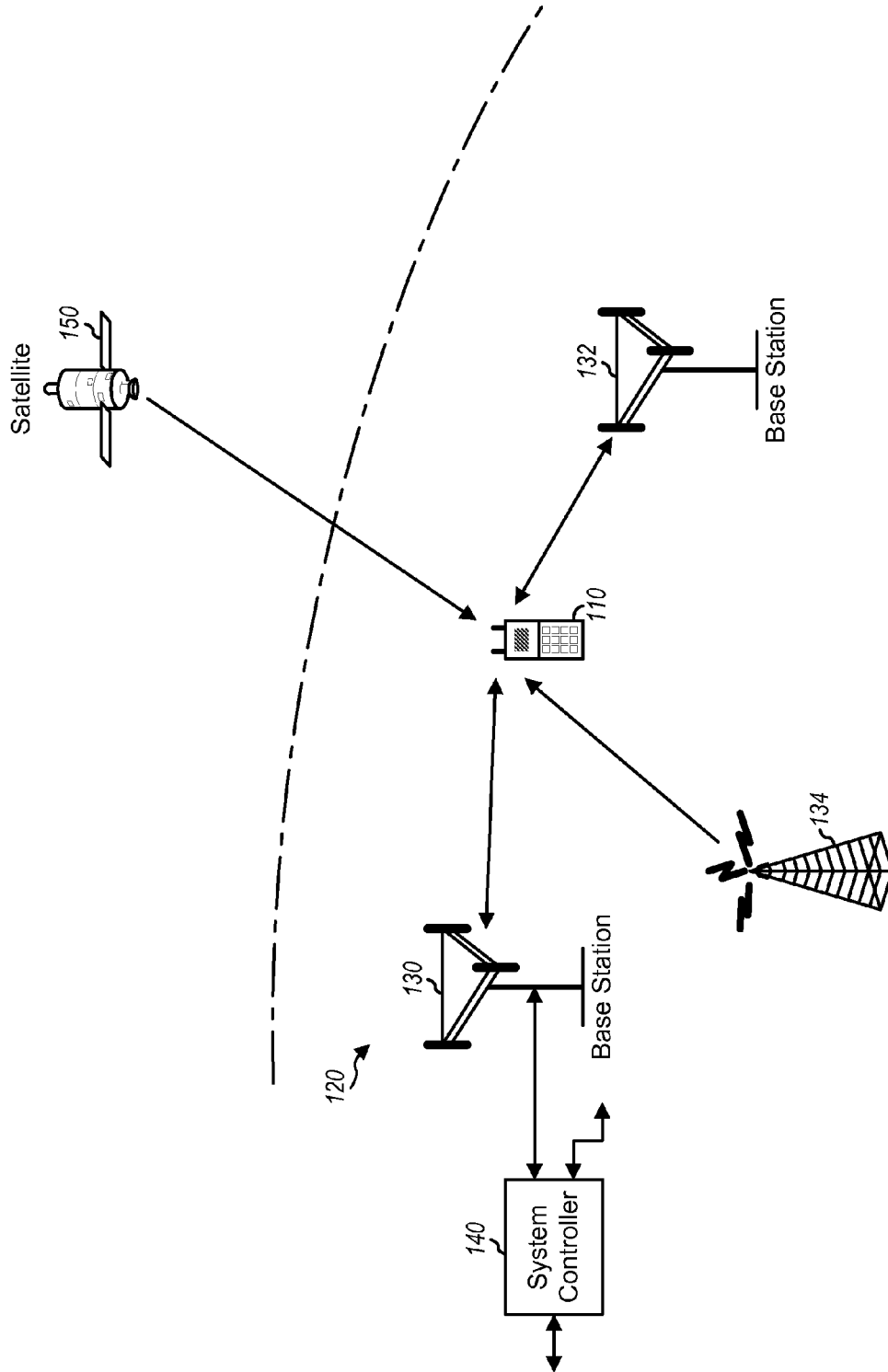


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