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(54) **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REAL-TIME NAVIGATION USING MOBILE TELEPHONES**

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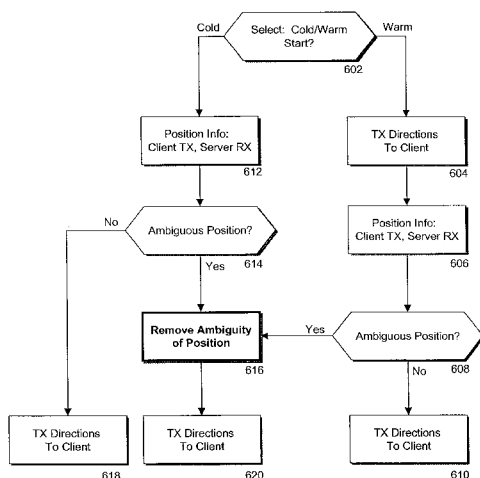
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

In an Interactive Real-Time Distributed Navigation system a method and system is disclosed for implementing a warm start/cold start option. Through selection of the warm start option, an interactive session for providing navigational directions to a user is more quickly established because a user's position is assumed not to be ambiguous. A method of the invention verifies this assumption. Through selection of the cold start option, the method of the invention seeks to remove ambiguity in a user's position before providing navigational directions. If, however, a user's position is not ambiguous, the method of the invention reverts to a warm start condition to immediately transmit navigational directions to the user.

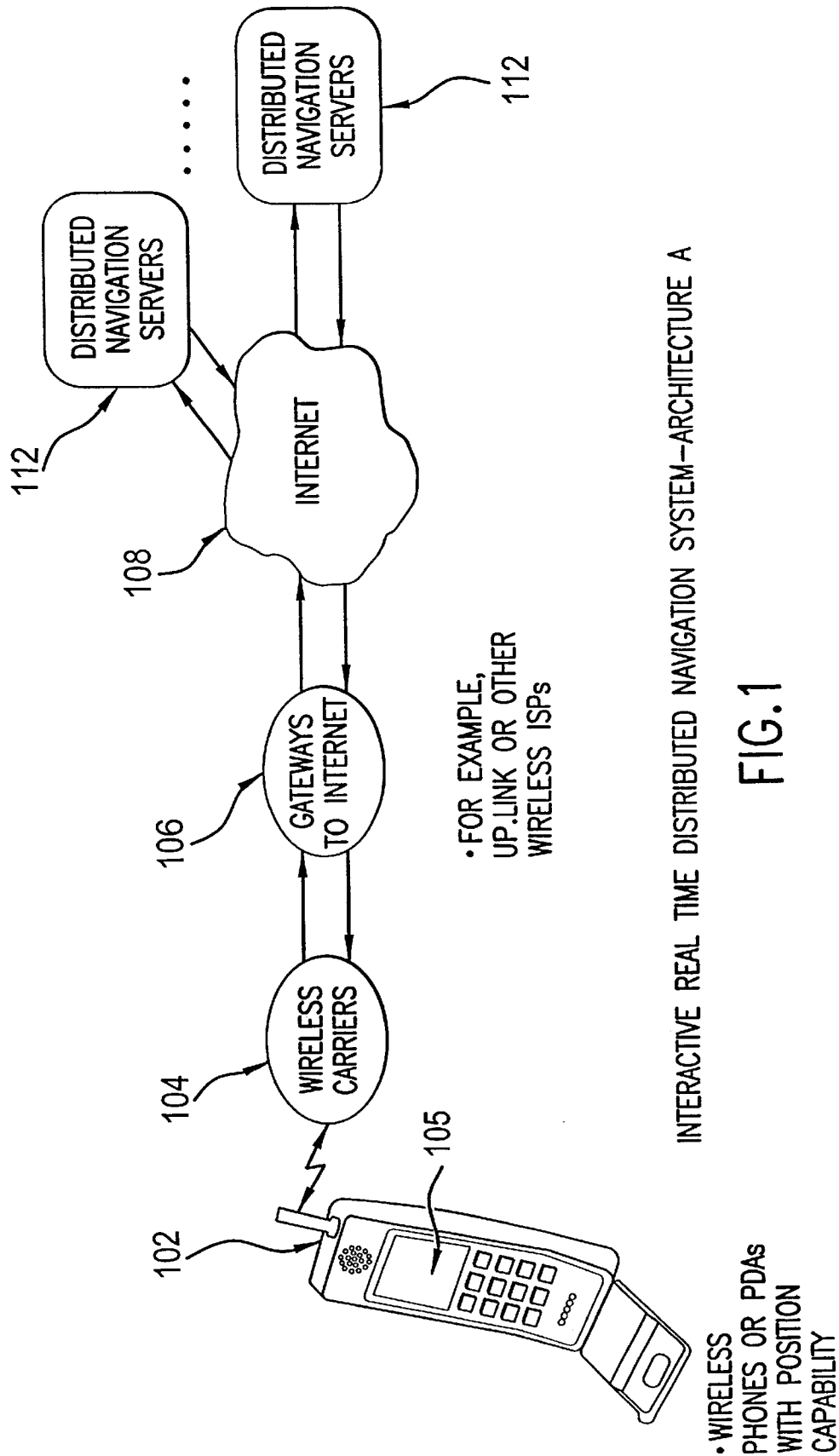
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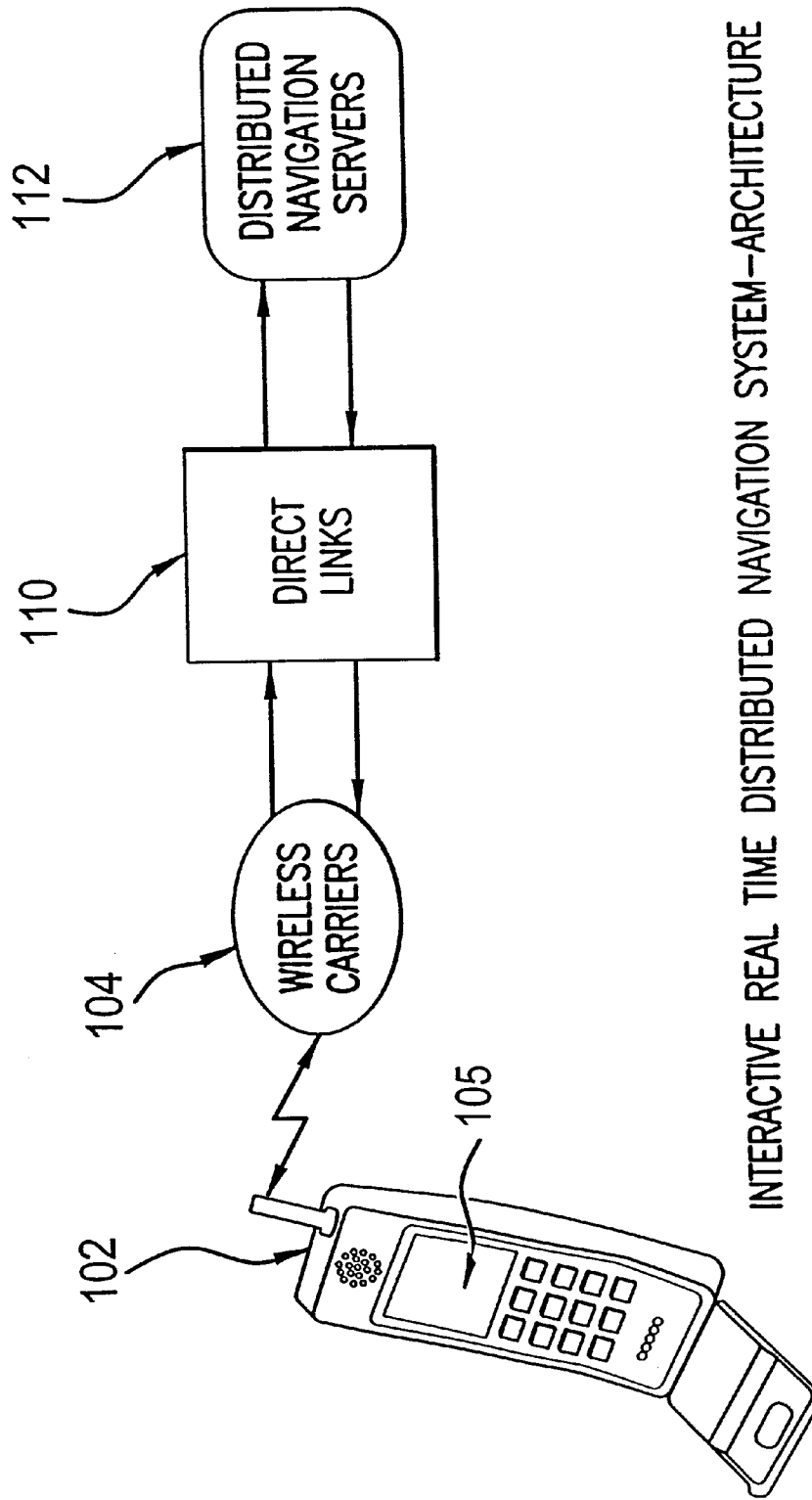


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INTERACTIVE REAL TIME DISTRIBUTED NAVIGATION SYSTEM—ARCHITECTURE B

FIG.2

- WIRELESS PHONES OR PDAS WITH POSITION CAPABILITY

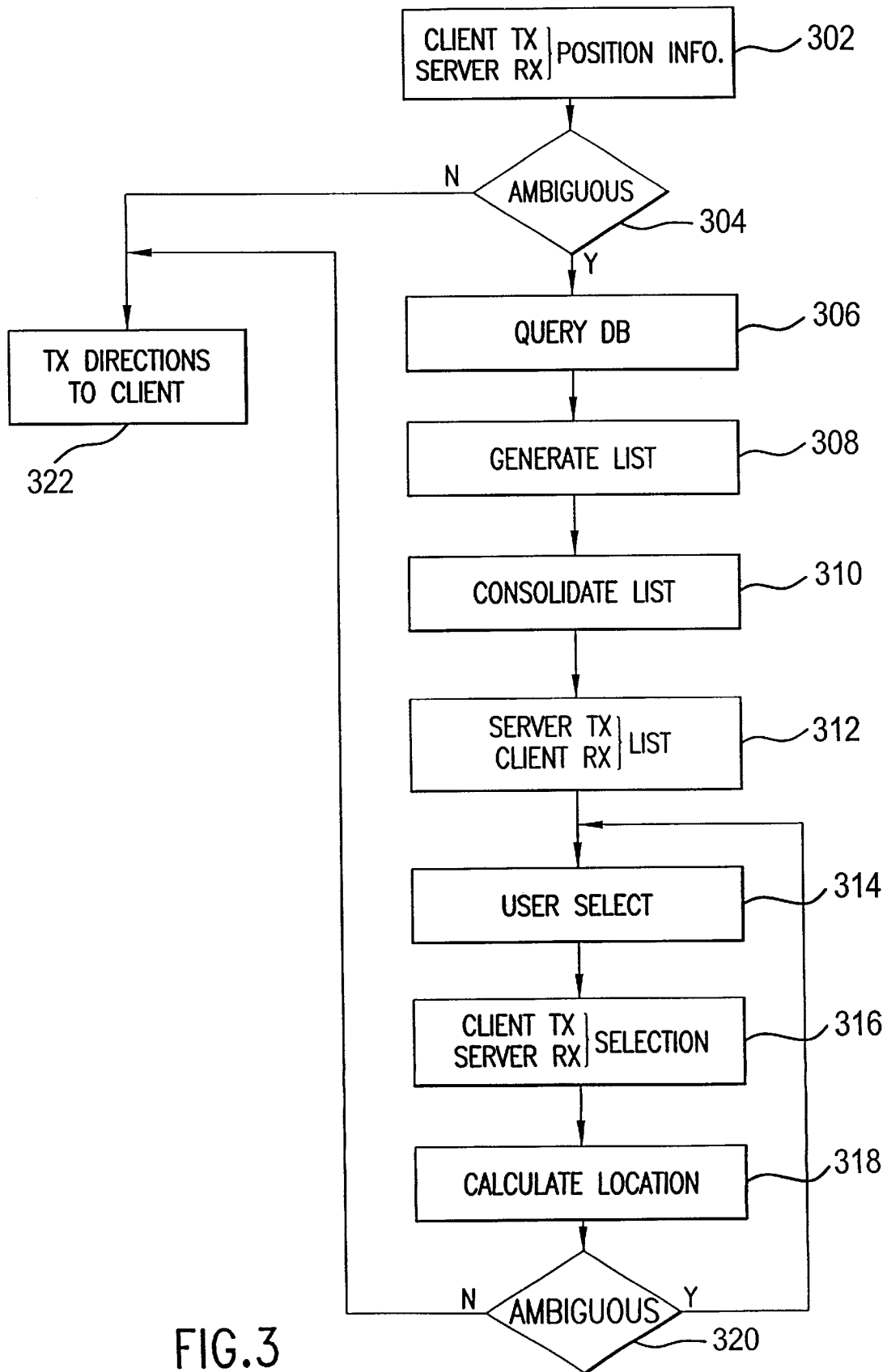


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