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(54) **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

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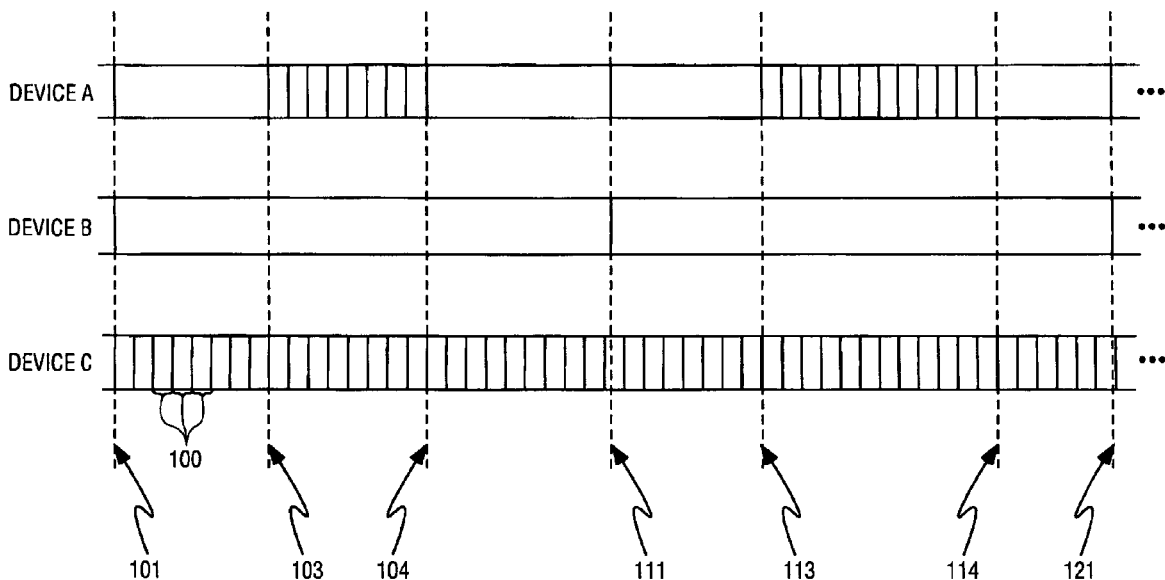
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A first device operates at a first hopping frequency during a first period of time and operates at a second hopping frequency during a second period of time. A second device operates at the first hopping frequency and communicates with the first device during the first period of time. A third device operates at the second hopping frequency and communicates with the first device during the second period of time. The second period of time may be a contention-free period during which time the second device may not communicate with the first device.

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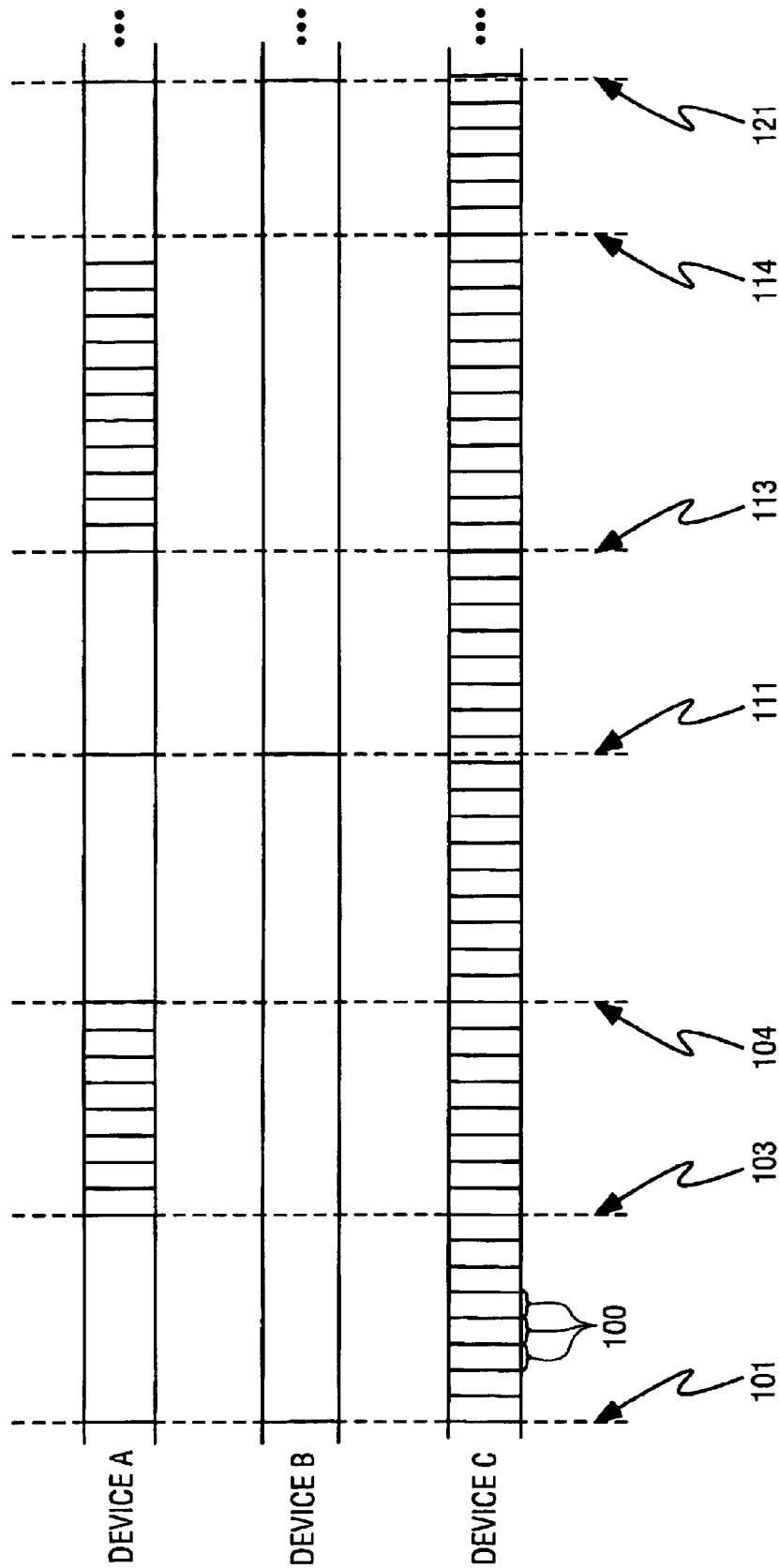


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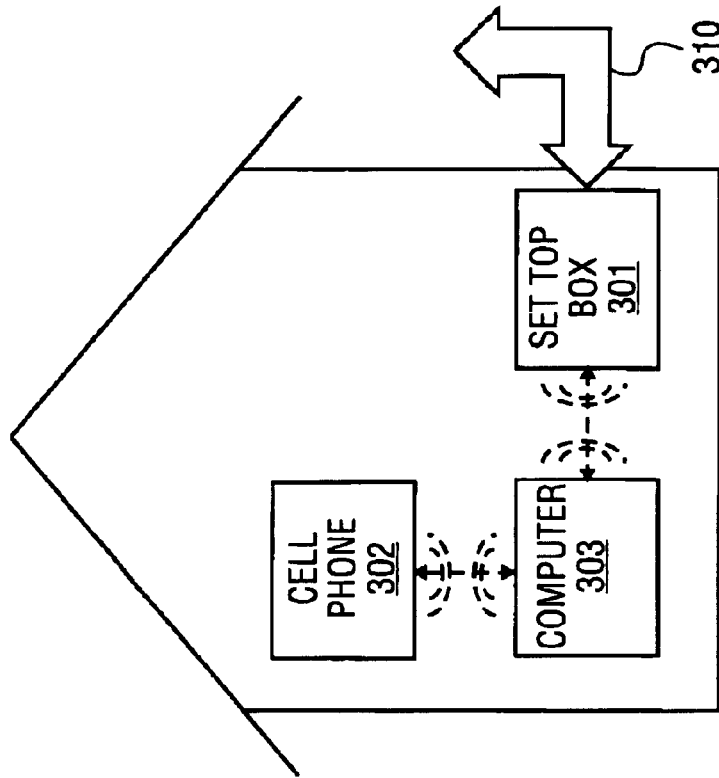


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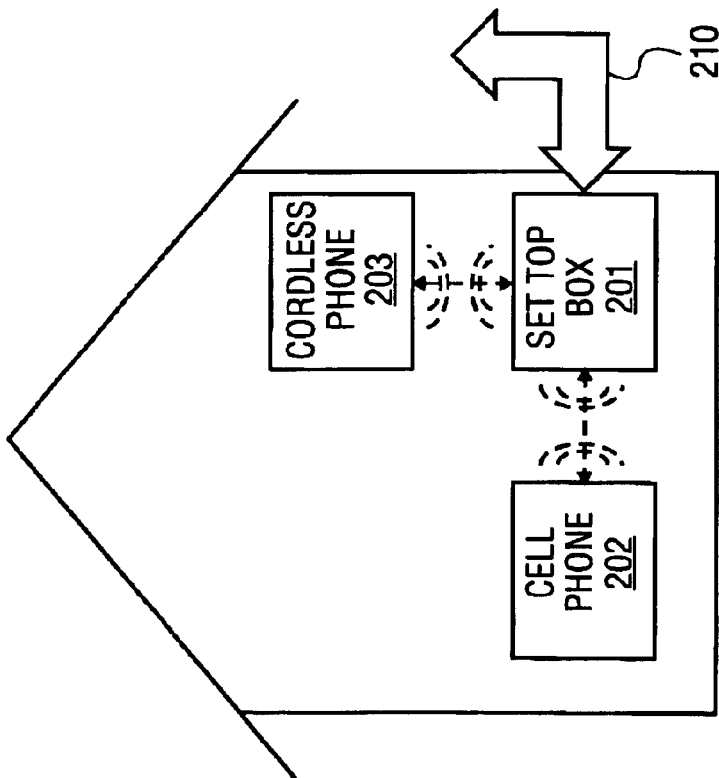


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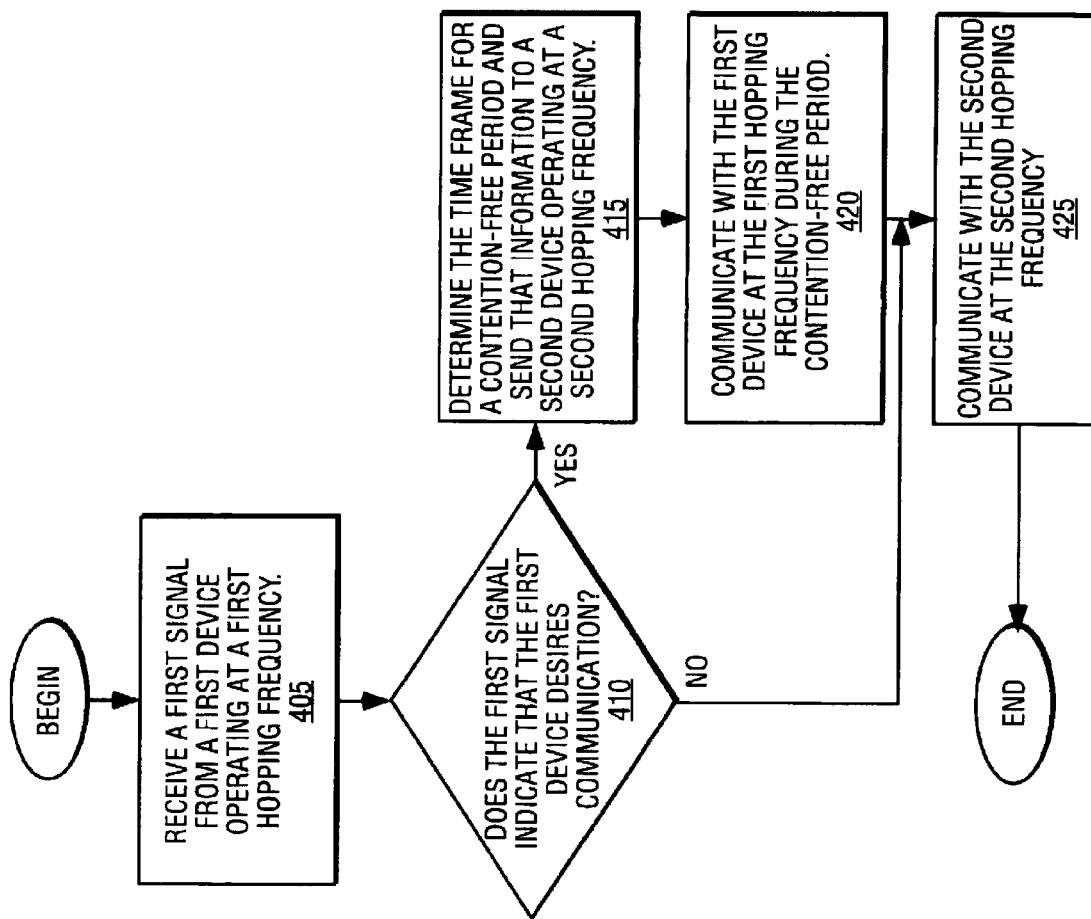


FIG. 4

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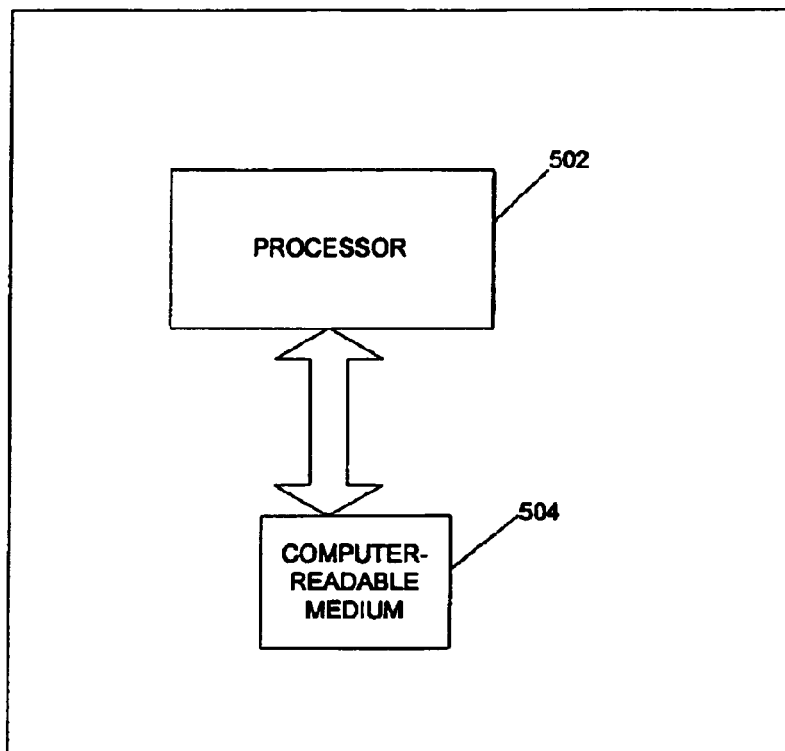


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