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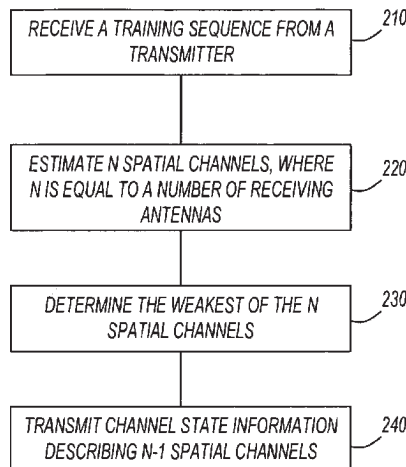
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Stations in an N×N multiple-input-multiple-output (MIMO) wireless network always puncture the weakest spatial channel. A receiving station determines channel state information for N spatial channels and feeds back to the transmitting station channel state information for only N-1 spatial channels. The channel state information may include a beamforming matrix to cause the transmitting station to utilize N-1 spatial channels.

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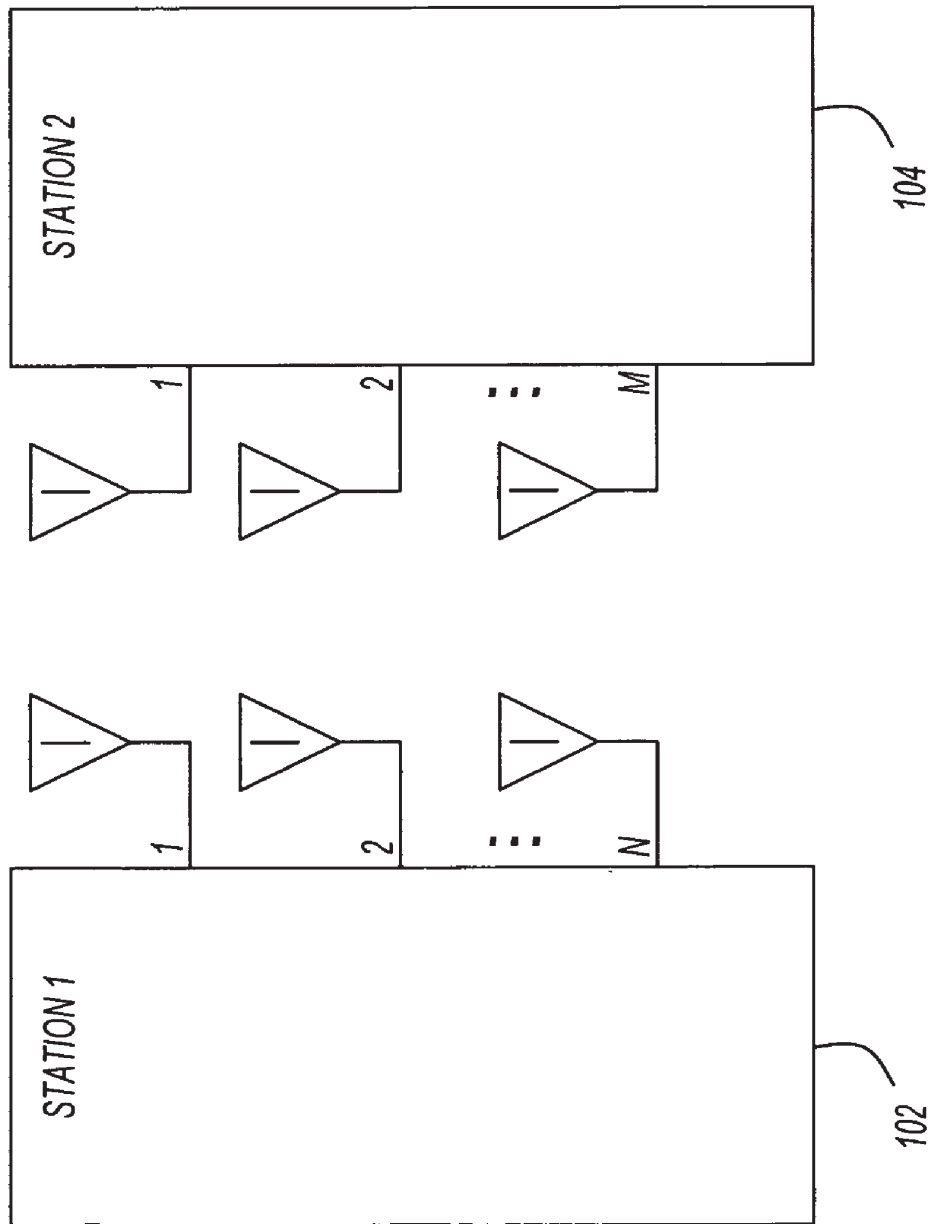


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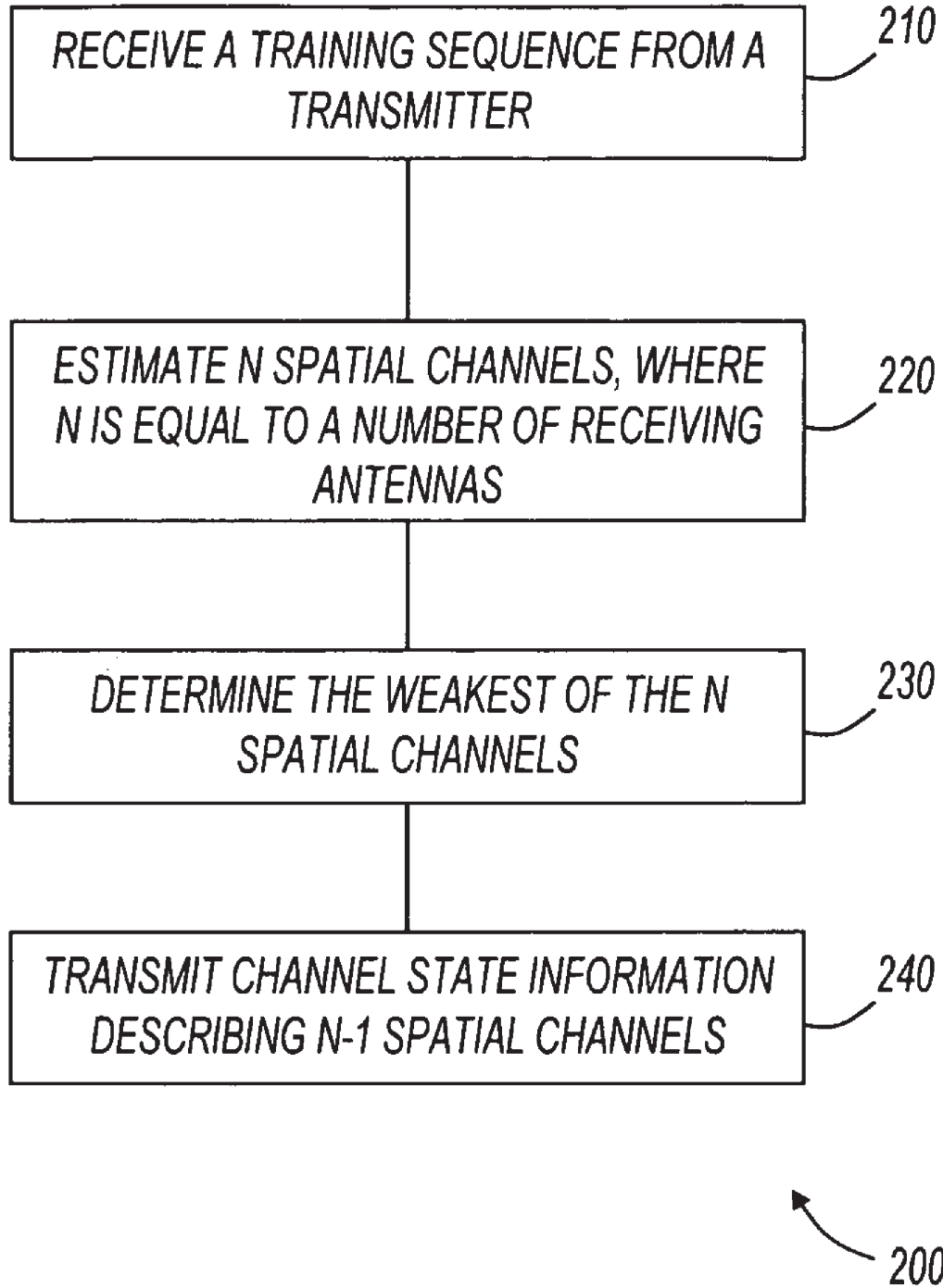


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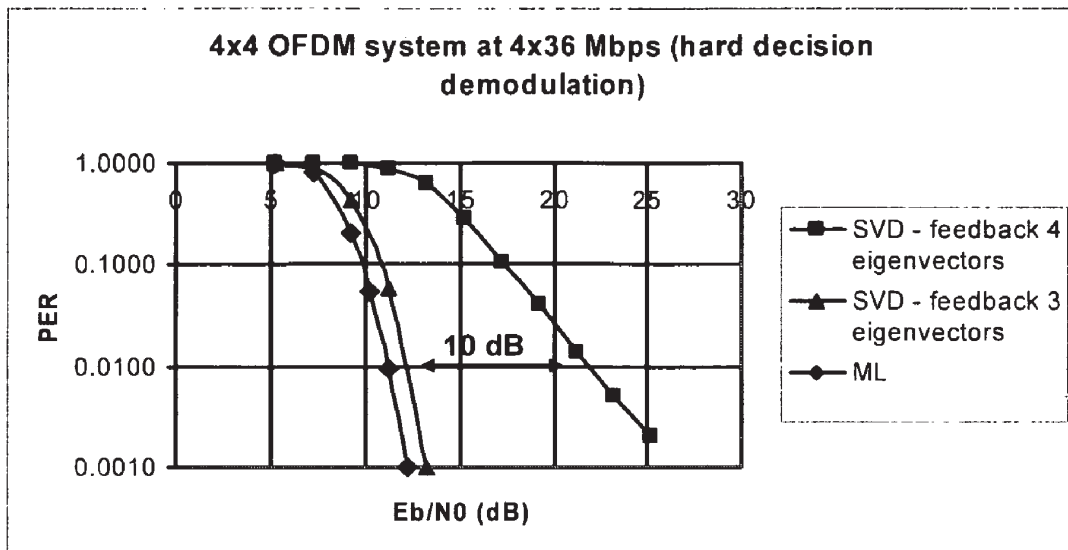


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