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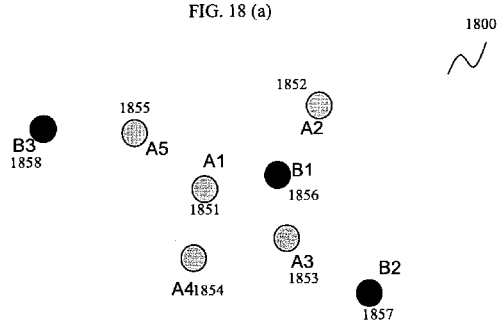

(57) **Abstract**: A method for requesting radio resources in a radio communication system comprises generating and encoding a first request message for radio resources including a plurality of slotted time/frequency portions, wherein the first request message includes an Information Element encoded in accordance with a first communication protocol format which can be decoded by a terminal of a first type configured to provide slotted time/frequency communication and by a terminal of a second type configured to provide slotted time/frequency communication and slotted offset time/frequency communication. A method of synchronizing a first terminal device with a second terminal in a radio communication system comprising a determining whether the second terminal has not changed its synchronization transmission period start time for a predetermined time and setting the synchronization transmitting period start time of the first radio terminal to the synchronization transmitting start time of the second terminal.

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