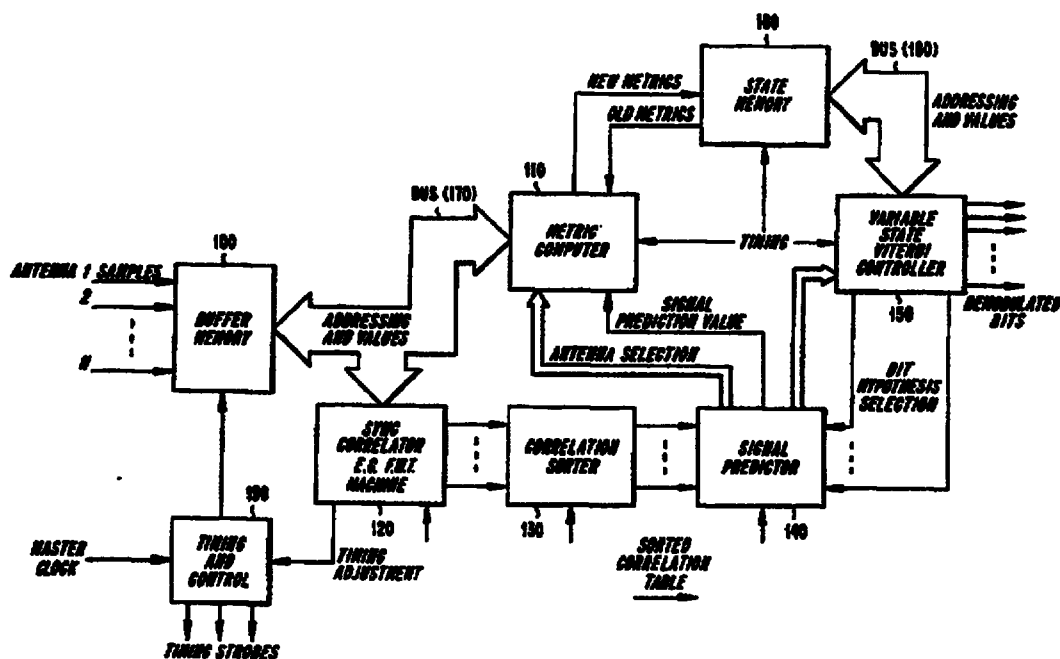


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Methods and systems for processing signals in radio communication systems are described which include processes for handling co-channel interference while reducing the number of Viterbi states being processed. A spatial analogy to the Viterbi MLSE process is provided. Both the uplink and downlink cases are described.