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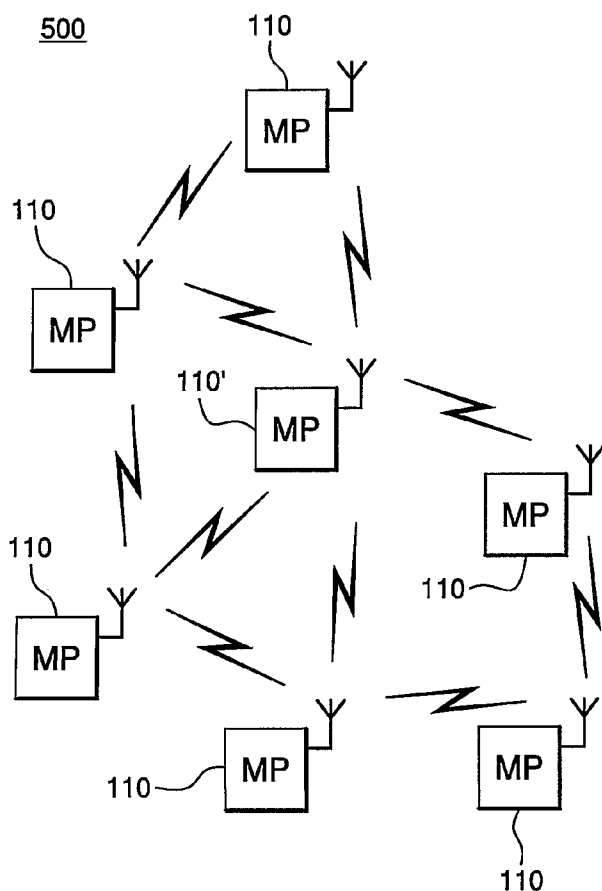
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(57) Abstract: In a wireless communication system comprising a plurality of mesh points (MPs), a method for determining a level of involvement of MPs within the system includes a first MP transmitting a network status request signal to a second MP. The second MP responds to the first MP with network status information. The first MP receives the network status information from the second MP, and determines a level of involvement in the wireless system based on the network status information.

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