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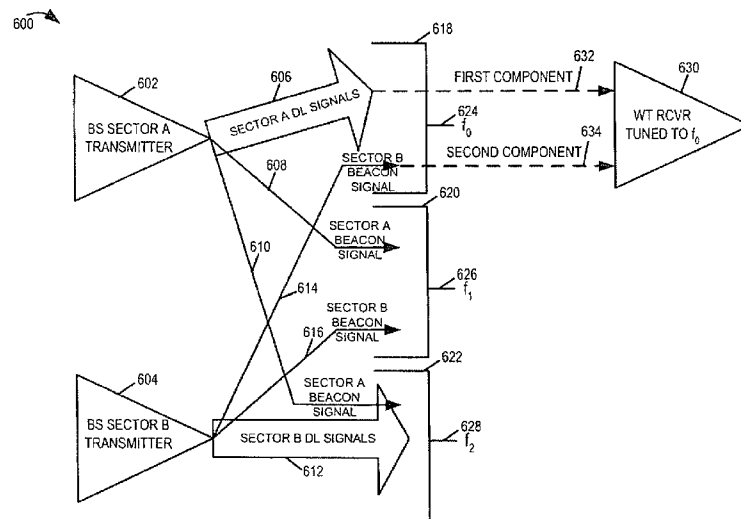
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(57) Abstract: Receivers accommodating carrier frequency selection methods in wireless communications systems employing mul-  
tiple carrier frequencies are described. Although the receiver is tuned to a single band, an estimate of the channel quality correspond-  
ing to the currently used carrier and an alternative carrier is generated without switching between carriers. Transmitters of different  
cells and/or different sectors primarily use different carrier frequencies but periodically transmit using a neighboring sector's carrier  
frequency. Mobile node receivers use a single RF chain with a controllable RF filter to receive and process a signal within a first se-  
lected carrier band including two components, a first signal component identified with the first currently selected band and a second  
signal component identified with a second alternative band. Separate quality indicator values are obtained from the first and second  
signal components, compared, and a determination is made as to whether the receiver's RF filter should be switched to the second  
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