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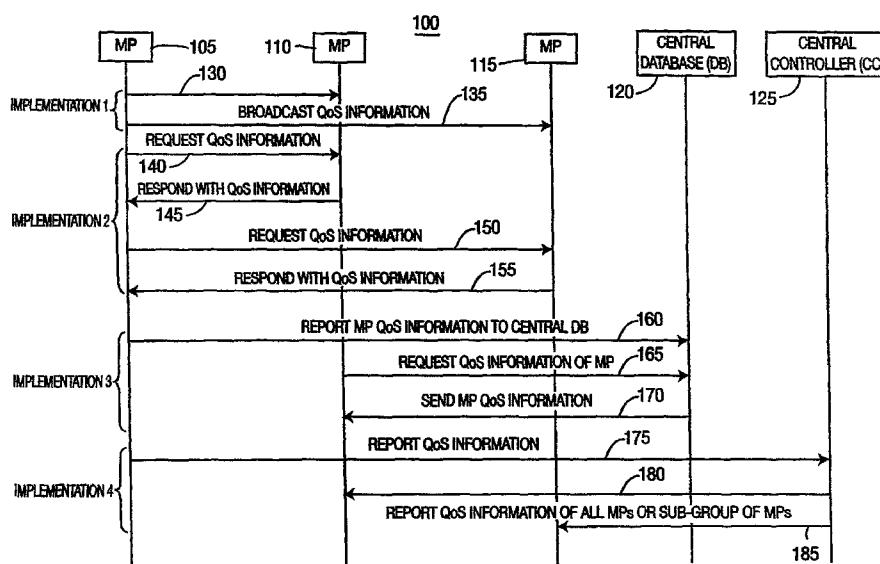
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(57) Abstract: A mesh network includes a plurality of mesh points (MPs), a central database (DB) and a central controller (CC). The MPs are configured to broadcast quality of service (QoS) information over a wireless medium. Each MP may request QoS information directly from at least one other one of the MPs. The MPs store QoS information in the central DB and are configured to query the central DB QoS information associated with any of the MPs. Thus, QoS information is shared throughout the mesh network, and QoS policies are defined and updated where an MP may co-exist with another MP, an MP may co-exist with systems external to the mesh network, and an MP may co-exist with mesh access points (MAPs).

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