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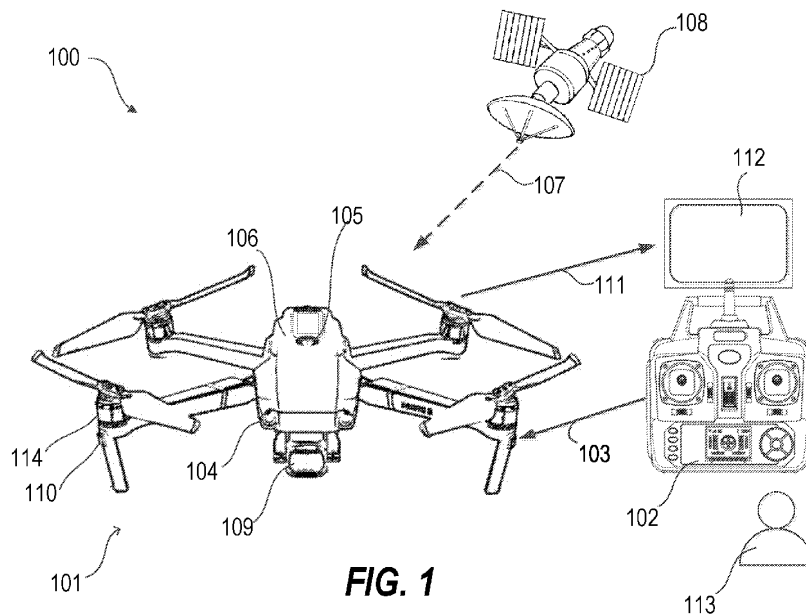


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: In a method of session initiation protocol (SIP) session management, a SIP session information request is sent to a network resource management (NRM) server by a vertical application layer (VAL) server to obtain a list of SIP sessions established between (i) a VAL client associated with the VAL server and (ii) the NRM server. A response message comprising SIP session information is received by the VAL server from the NRM server in response to the SIP session information request. The SIP session information includes the list of SIP sessions established between the VAL client and the NRM server. A plurality of SIP sessions is managed across a plurality of NRM servers based on the response message, where the plurality of NRM servers comprises the NRM server and the plurality of SIP sessions comprises the list of SIP sessions established between the VAL client and the NRM server.

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