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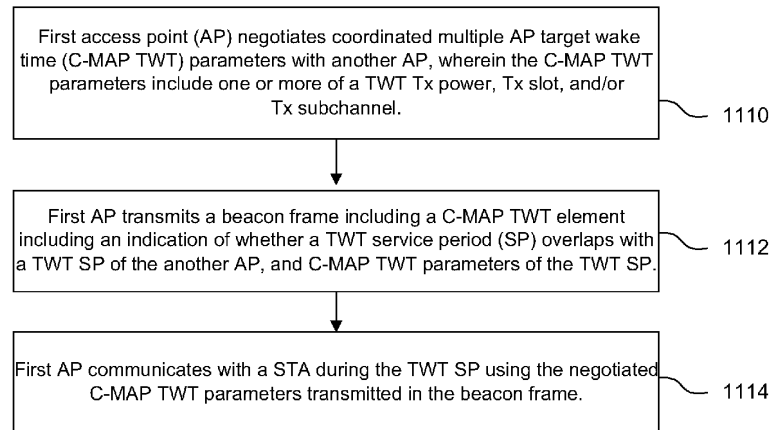


FIG. 11

(57) Abstract: A method for information exchange is disclosed. A requesting AP (AP2) may send a collaboration request frame to a responding AP (AP1). The collaboration request frame may comprise a collaboration element that indicates a suggested parameter. The suggested parameter may be an operating channel for system information exchange. The suggest parameter may be a start time of a collaboration period. AP2 may receive, from AP1, a collaboration response frame using the suggested operating channel. AP1 may send, to a third AP (AP3), using the suggested operating channel, an unsolicited collaboration response frame that comprises the collaboration element. AP1 may suggest, to AP2, a different operating channel than the suggested operating channel. AP2 may agree to the suggested different operating channel. AP1 may send, to AP2 and AP3, an unsolicited collaboration response frame using the different operating channel.

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