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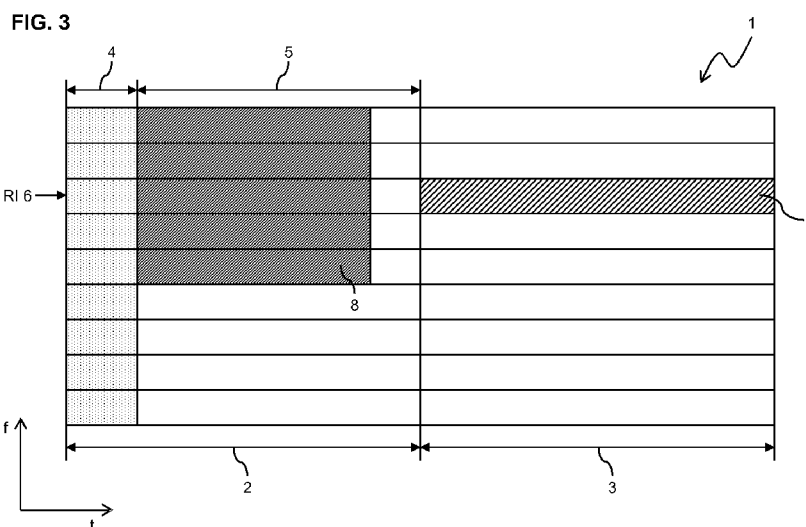
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(57) Abstract: According to an embodiment of the invention, a method of operating a control node for communication with at least one receiving node is provided. The communication is structured in frames comprising several subframes (1) which may be divided into subbands in the frequency domain. The method comprises transmitting a control channel in a search area (8) of one of the subframes (1). The search area (8) comprises a configurable time span and may span one or more of the subbands.