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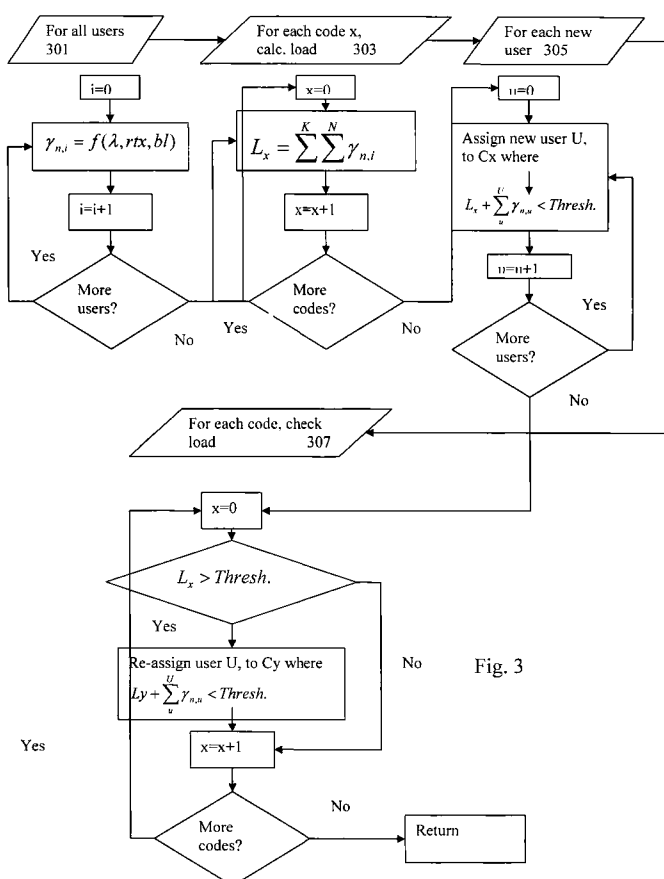


Fig. 3

(57) Abstract: In a method and a system a good spread of users per code is obtained by providing a value related to the current load for each code in the system. The estimated load value can be used by the network to assign the HS-PDSCH code for users in HS-SCCH less operation, and may also be used in the dynamic transmission process, i.e. which codes are to be used by which user during this and future TTIs. If one code is over a given utilization threshold, where the threshold is set in order to avoid code blocking of VoIP users, enough users can be re-assigned to a different code. In the case that all of the current codes used in the HS-SCCH less operation model are over the utilization threshold, yet another code can be made available for HS-SCCH less operation.



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