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Abstract Title: **Improved utilization of the uplink FDD channel**

(57) A method for communication, includes communicating over the air with user equipment (UE) (304, 305) in a frequency domain duplexing (FDD) mode, which defines a downlink channel comprising a first set of time-frequency resources in a first frequency range and an uplink channel comprising a second set of time-frequency resources in a second frequency range, which is disjoint from the first frequency range. An excess capacity is identified in the uplink channel, and at a least a portion of the excess capacity is allocated for downlink communication by assigning a subset of the time-frequency resources in the second frequency range to the downlink communication. The method includes communicating over the air with at least one UE by transmitting downlink information using the assigned subset of the time-frequency resources in the second frequency range.
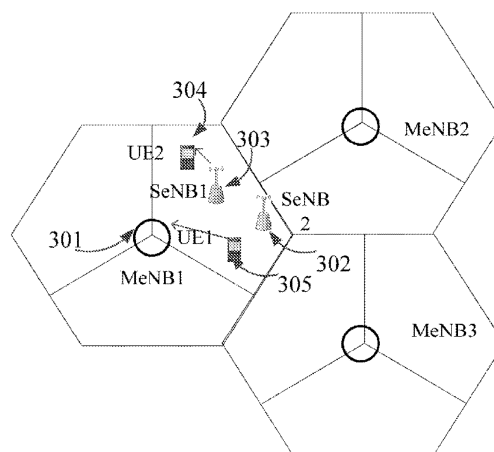

Figure 3

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