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ABSTRACT

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An electronic device is provided. The electronic device includes a plurality of antennas, communication circuit, and a processor operatively connected to the communication circuit. The processor may be configured to transmit capability information of the electronic device to a base station, transmit channel state information measured based on a reference signal received through the plurality of antennas from the base station, receive antenna control information determined based on at least one of the capability information and the channel state information from the base station, and drive the plurality of antennas by selecting one of a polarization multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) mode and a spatial MIMO mode based on the antenna control information.

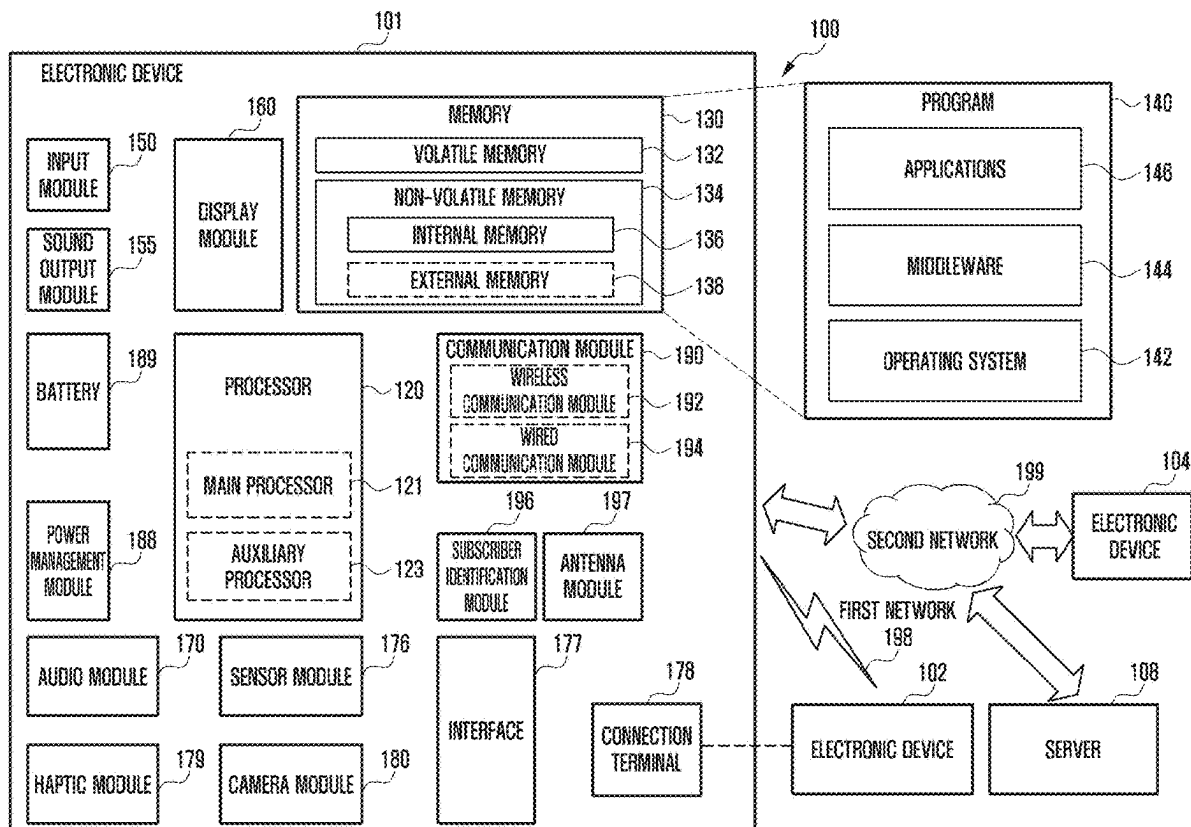


FIG. 1

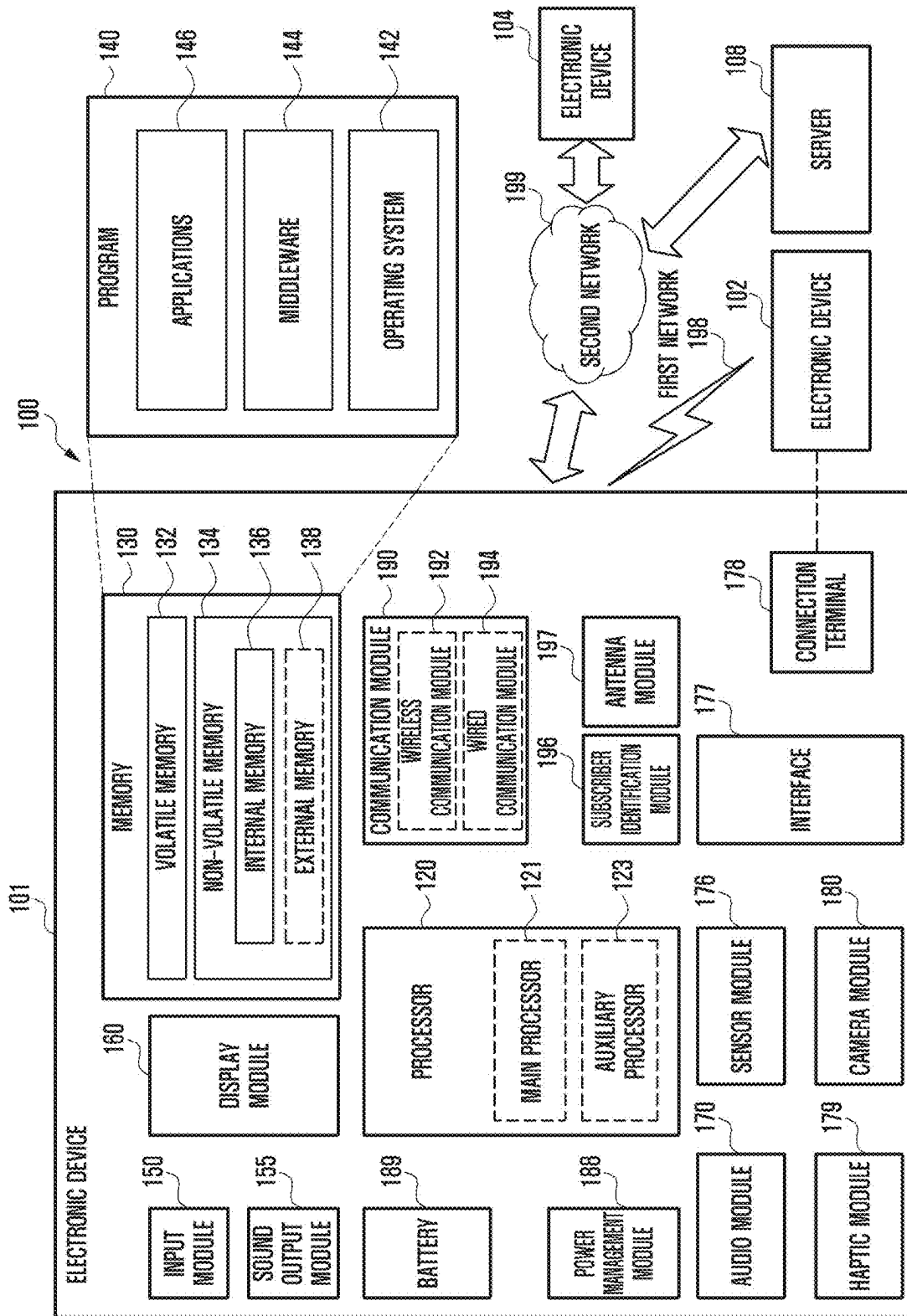


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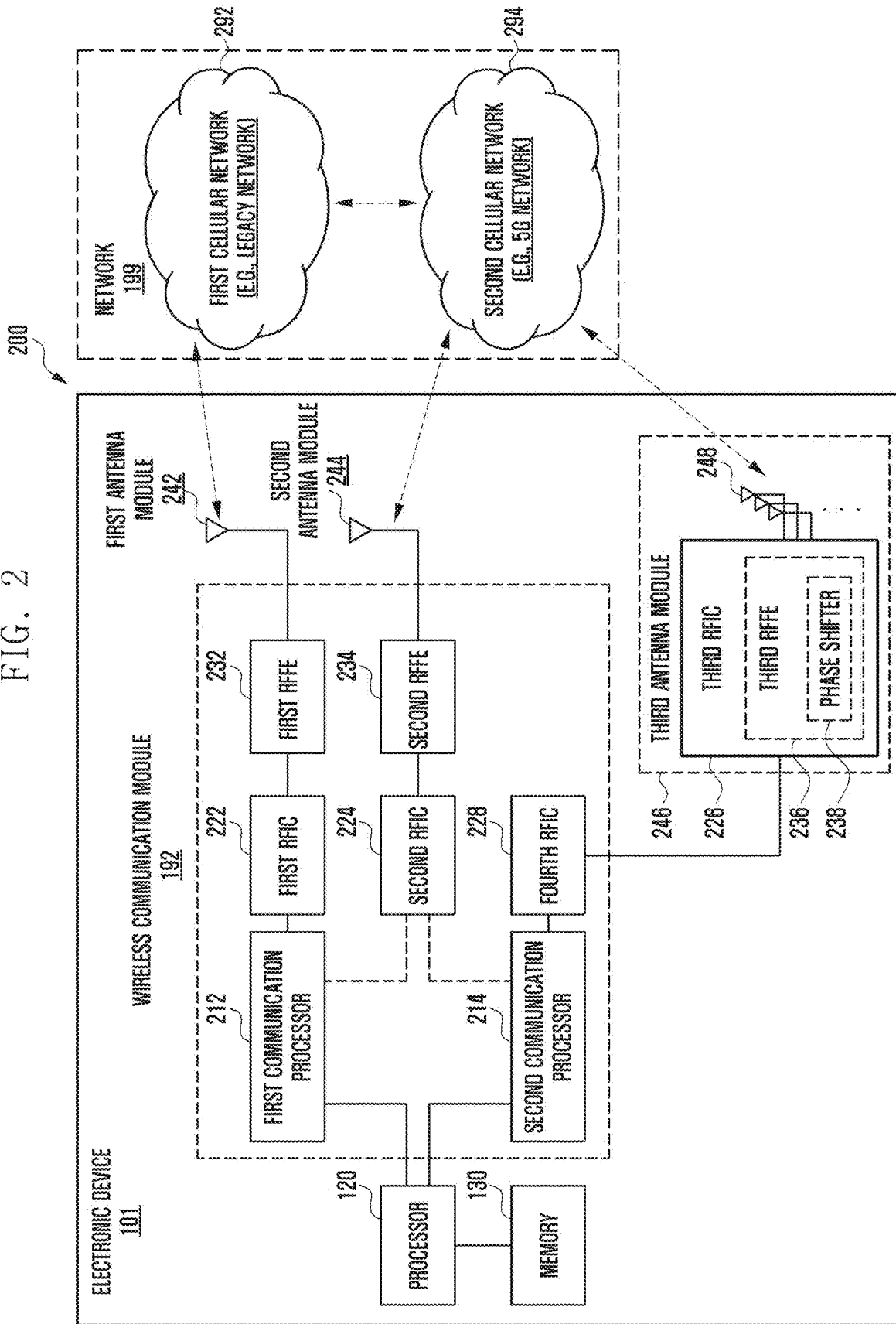


FIG. 3A

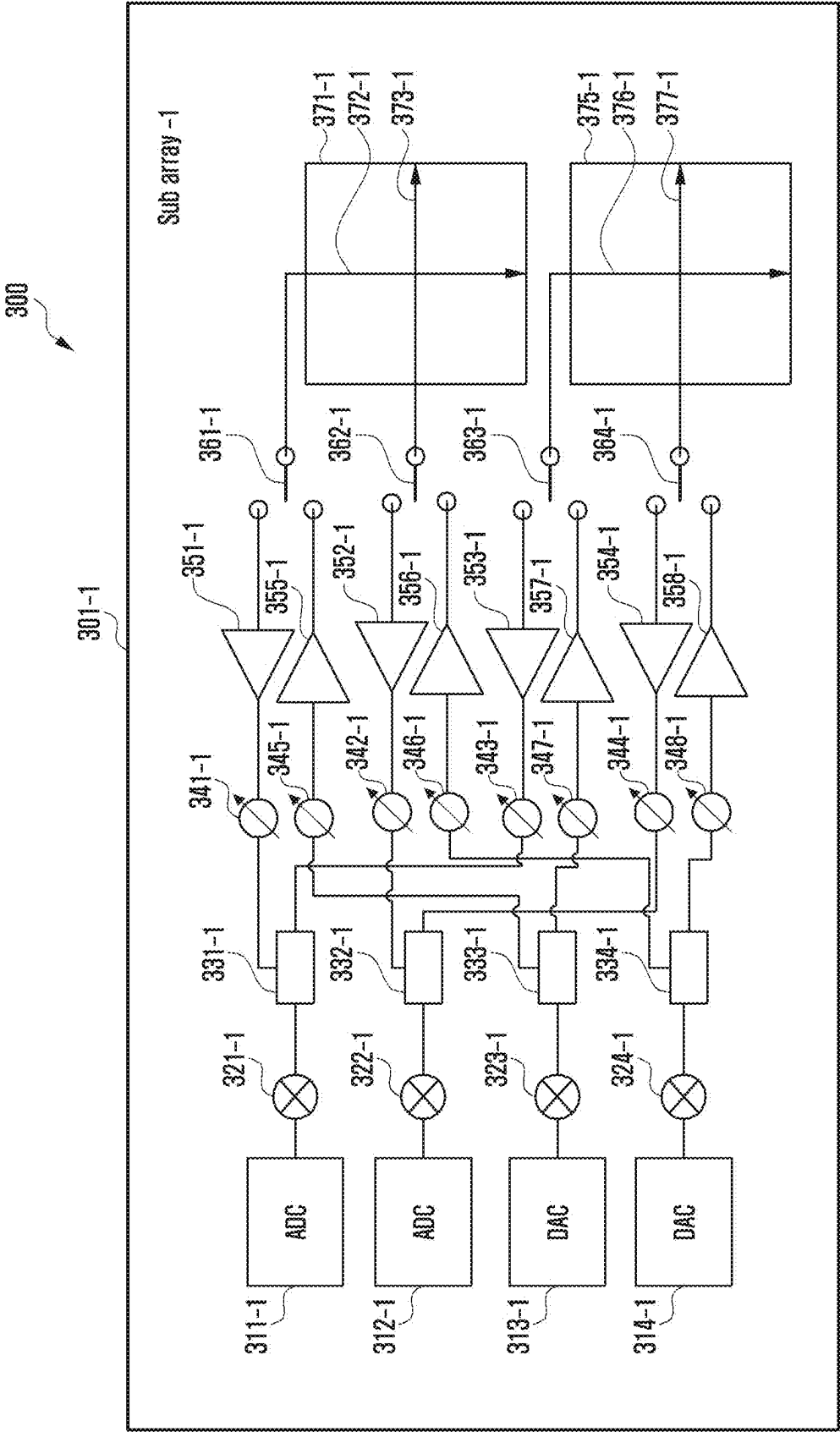


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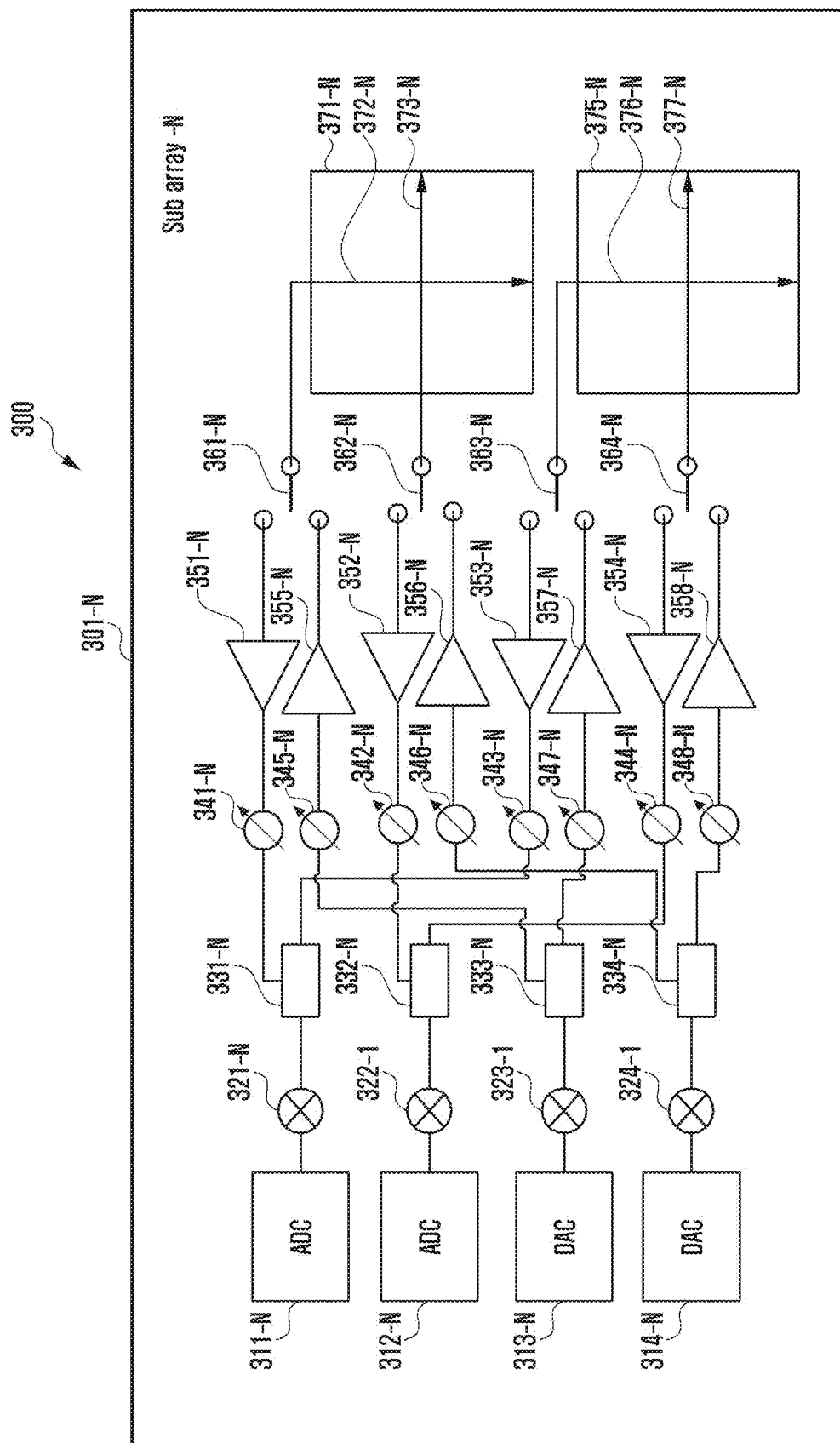


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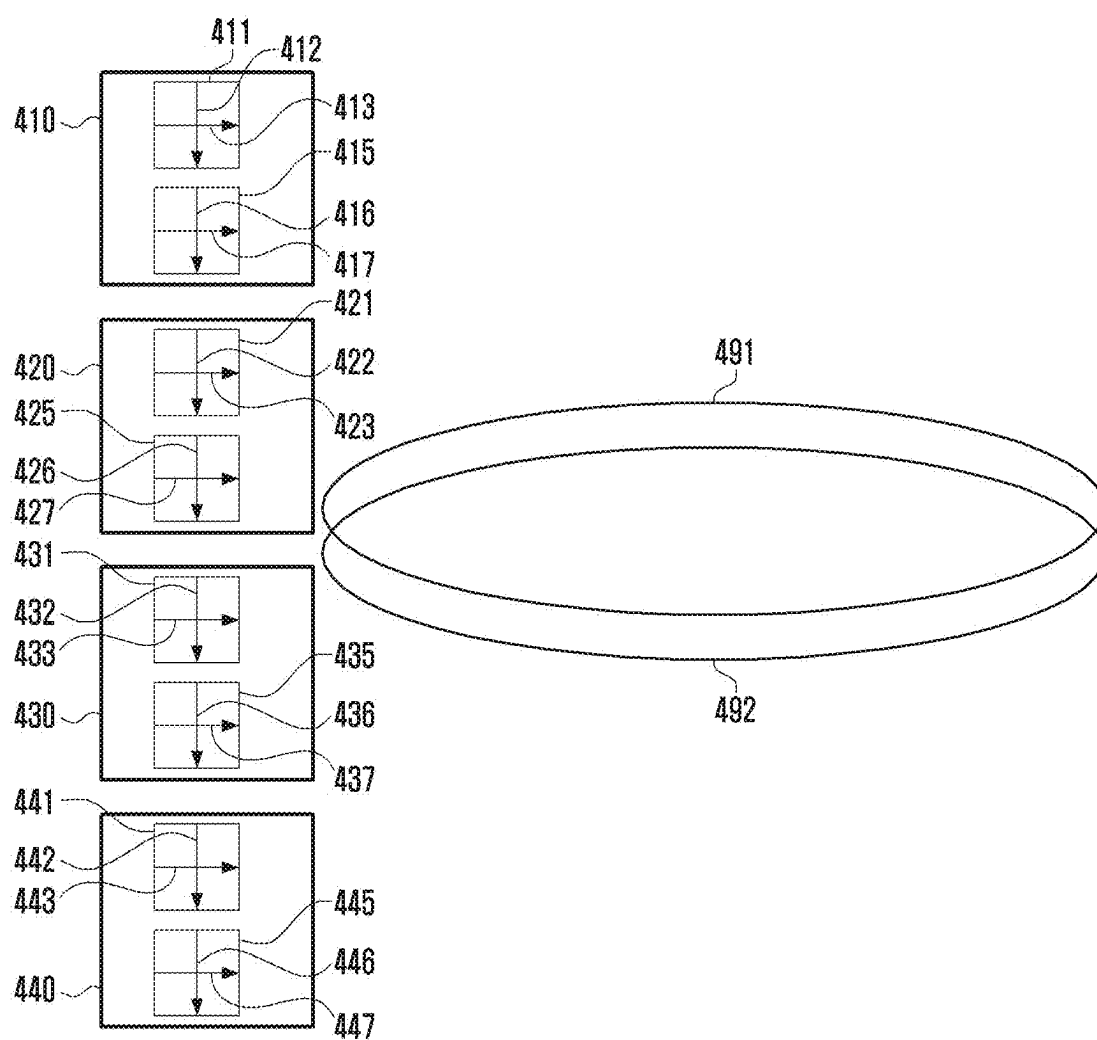


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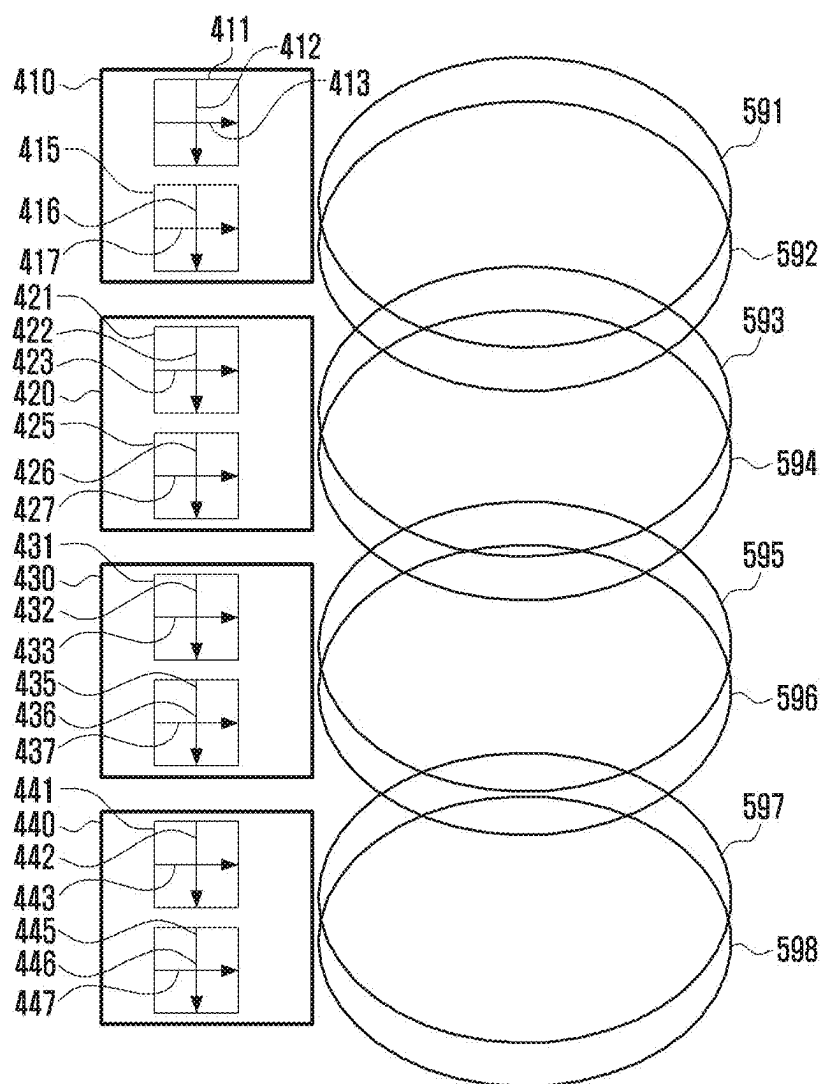


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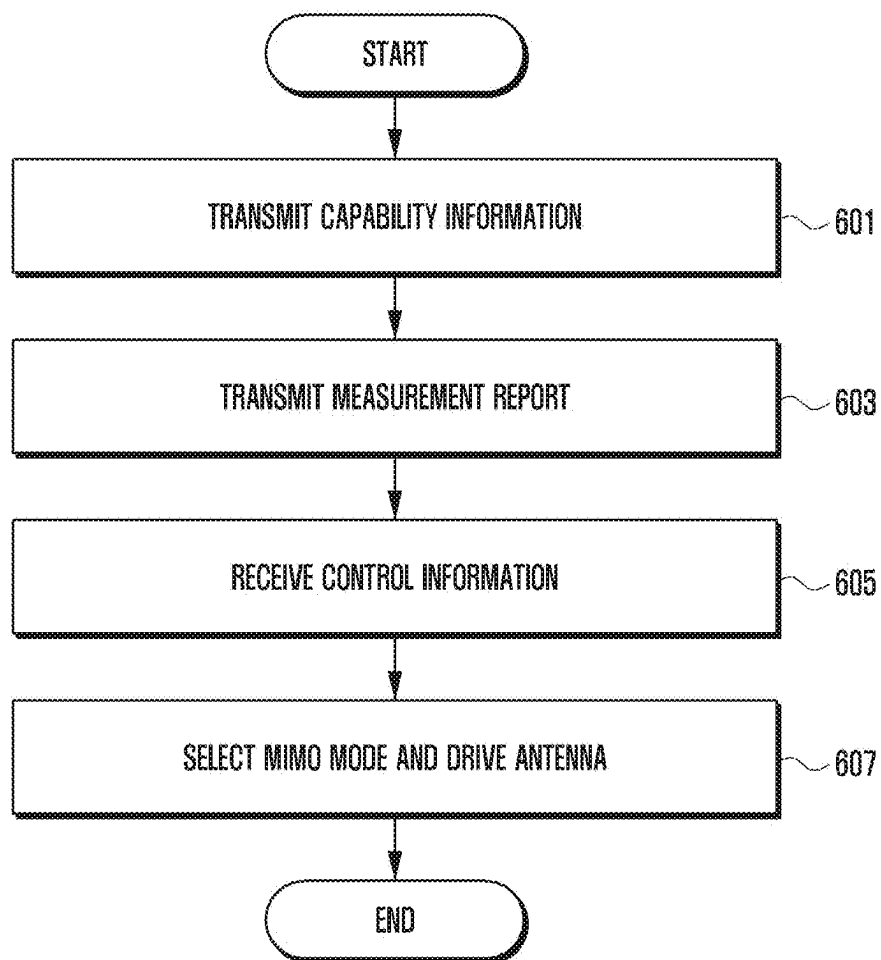


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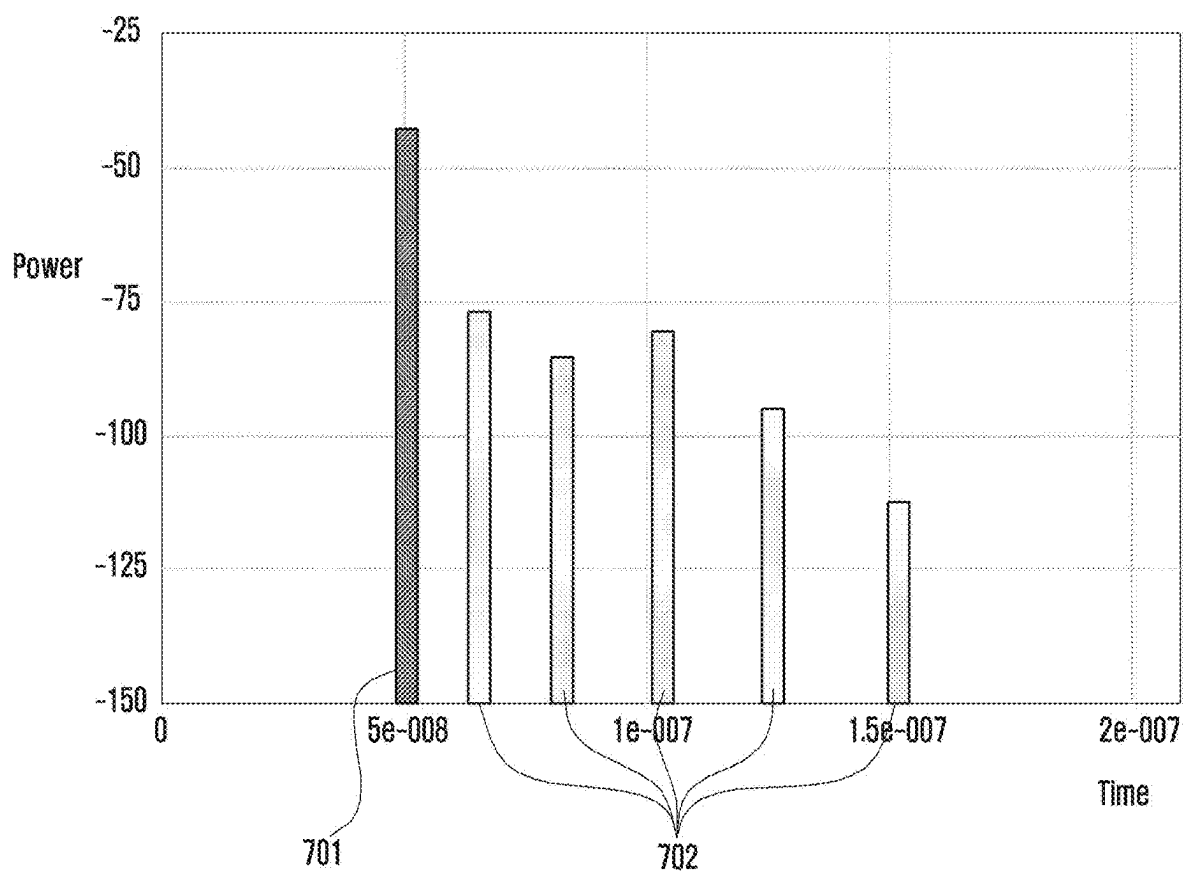


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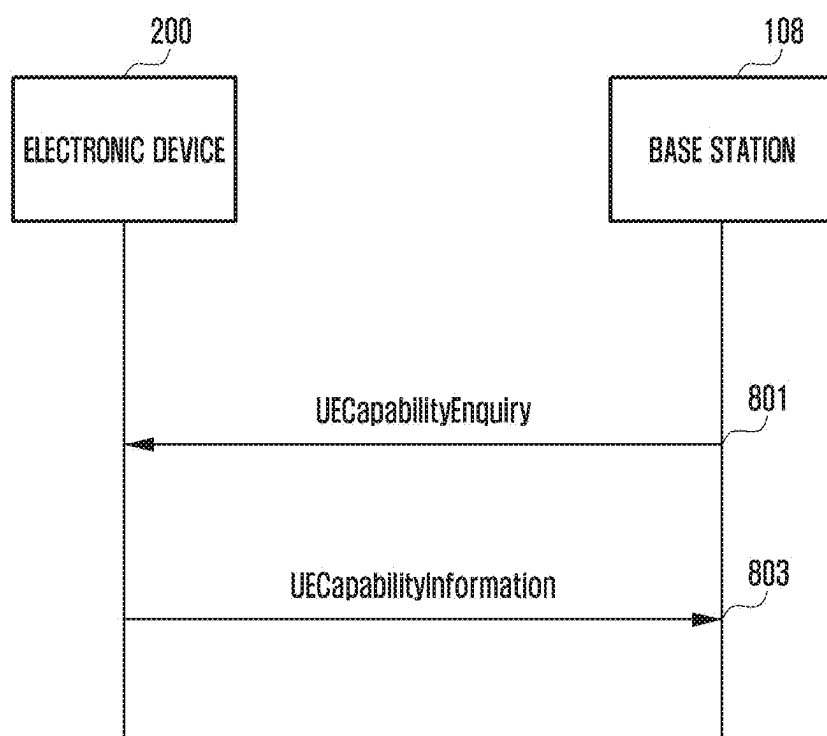


FIG. 9

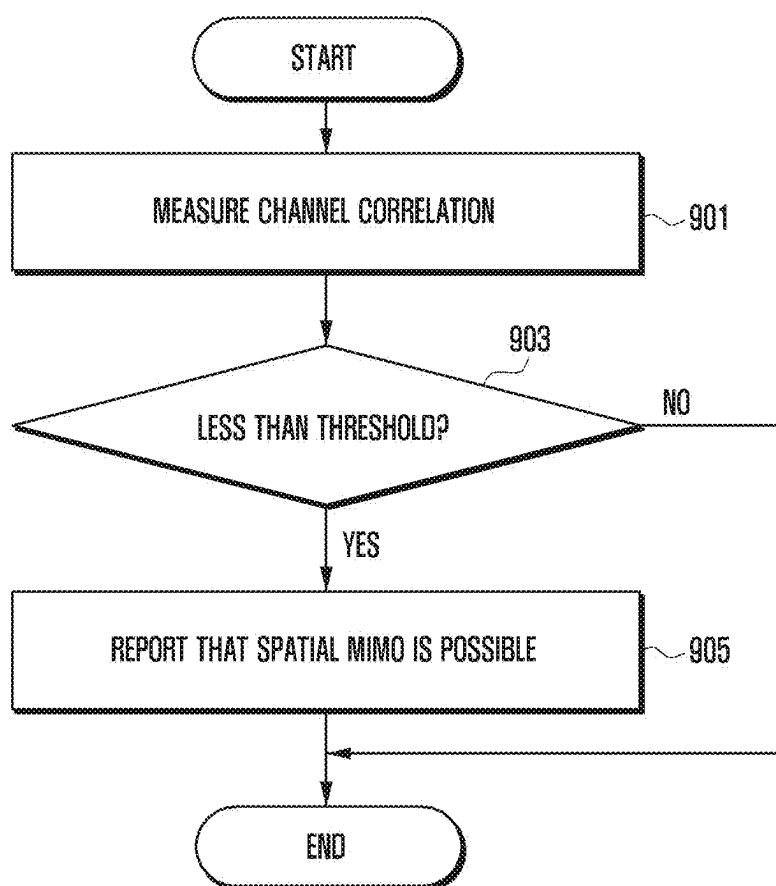


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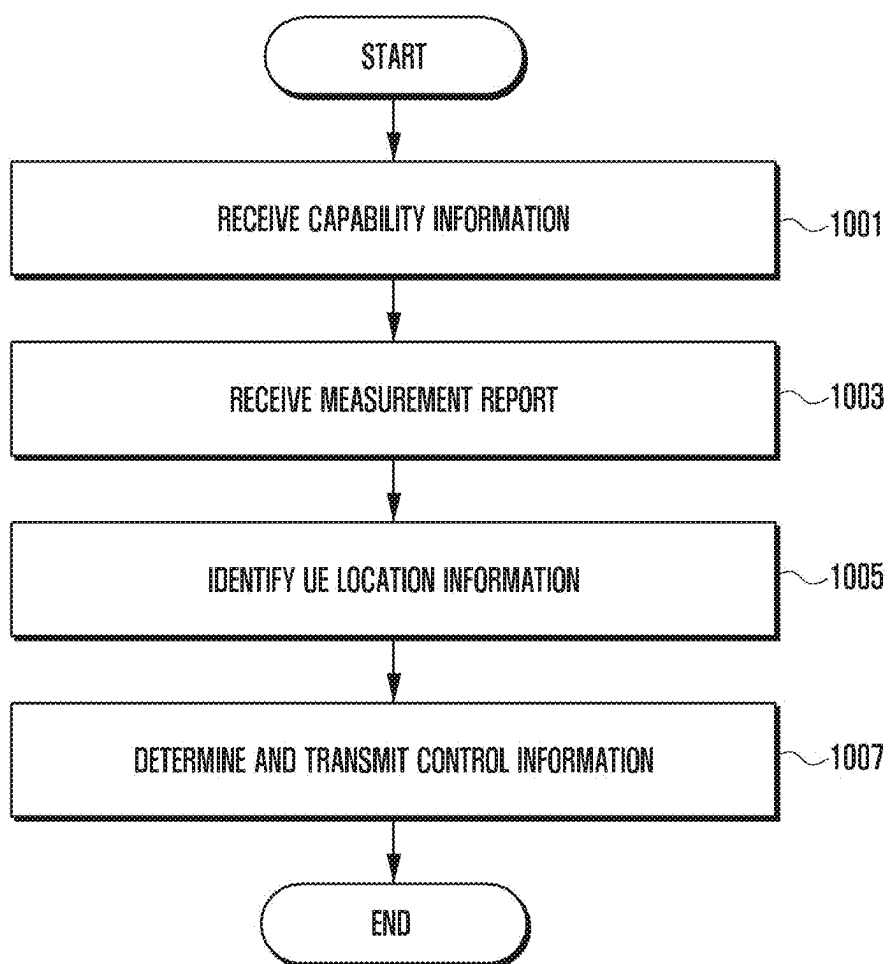
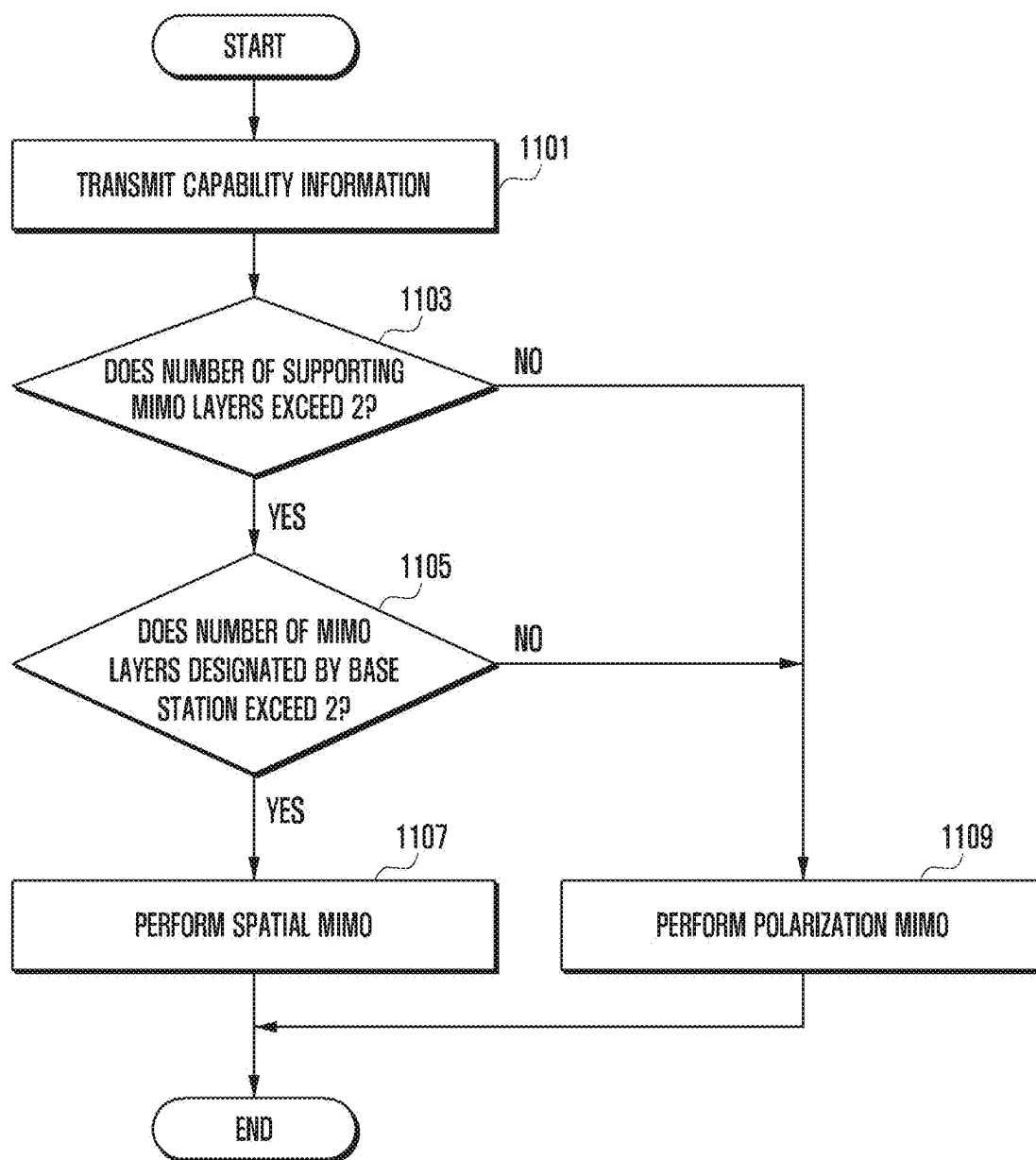


FIG. 11



ELECTRONIC DEVICE WITH ANTENNAS AND METHOD OF THE SAME

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

[0001] This application is a continuation application of prior application Ser. No. 18/653,378, filed on May 2, 2024, which is a continuation application of prior application Ser. No. 17/828,512, filed on May 31, 2022, which has issued as U.S. Pat. No. 11,979,209 on May 7, 2024, which is a continuation application, claiming priority under § 365(c), of an International application No. PCT/KR2022/006328, filed on May 3, 2022, which is based on and claims the benefit of a U.S. Provisional application Ser. No. 63/186,405, filed on May 10, 2021, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and of a Korean patent application number 10-2021-0102559, filed on Aug. 4, 2021, in the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the disclosure of each of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] The disclosure relates to an electronic device including antennas and a method thereof.

BACKGROUND ART

[0003] To meet the demand for wireless data traffic having increased since deployment of 4th generation (4G) communication systems, efforts have been made to develop an improved 5th generation (5G) or pre-5G communication system. Therefore, the 5G or pre-5G communication system is also called a “Beyond 4G Network” communication system or a “Post long term evolution (LTE)” system.

[0004] The 5G communication system is considered to be implemented in ultrahigh frequency millimeter wave (mm-Wave) bands (e.g., 60 GHz bands) so as to accomplish higher data rates. To decrease propagation loss of the radio waves and increase the transmission distance in the ultrahigh frequency bands, beamforming, massive multiple-input multiple-output (massive MIMO), full dimensional MIMO (FD-MIMO), array antenna, analog beam forming, large scale antenna techniques are discussed in 5G communication systems. In addition, in 5G communication systems, development for system network improvement is under way based on advanced small cells, cloud radio access networks (RANs), ultra-dense networks, device-to-device (D2D) communication, wireless backhaul, moving network, cooperative communication, coordinated multi-points (COMP), reception-end interference cancellation and the like.

[0005] The above information is presented as background information only to assist with an understanding of the disclosure. No determination has been made, and no assertion is made, as to whether any of the above might be applicable as prior art with regard to the disclosure.

DISCLOSURE OF INVENTION

Technical Problem

[0006] According to the prior art, due to low scattering channel characteristics of 5G communication, an electronic device for performing 5G communication may fail to use spatial MIMO and may have to use polarization MIMO. In this case, the spatial MIMO may support two or more layers, while the polarization MIMO may support a maximum of

two layers, thereby limiting the processing capacity and data throughput of the electronic device for performing 5G communication.

[0007] Aspects of the disclosure are to address at least the above-mentioned problems and/or disadvantages and to provide at least the advantages described below. Accordingly, an aspect of the disclosure is to provide an electronic device including a MIMO antenna and a method thereof.

[0008] Another aspect of the disclosure is to provide a method for controlling operations of a MIMO antenna, based on various pieces of information of an electronic device including the MIMO antenna, and the electronic device.

[0009] Additional aspects will be set forth in part in the description which follows and, in part, will be apparent from the description, or may be learned by practice of the presented embodiments.

[0010] Solution to Problem

[0011] In accordance with an aspect of the disclosure, an electronic device is provided. The electronic device includes a plurality of antennas, a communication circuit, and a processor operatively connected to the communication circuit, wherein the processor is configured to transmit capability information of the electronic device to a base station, transmit channel state information measured based on a reference signal received through the plurality of antennas from the base station, receive antenna control information determined based on at least one of the capability information and the channel state information from the base station, and drive the plurality of antennas by selecting one of a polarization MIMO mode and a spatial MIMO mode based on the antenna control information.

[0012] In accordance with another aspect of the disclosure, a method of an electronic device including a plurality of antennas is provided. The method includes transmitting capability information of the electronic device to a base station, transmitting channel state information measured based on a reference signal received through the plurality of antennas from the base station, receiving antenna control information determined based on at least one of the capability information and the channel state information from the base station, and driving the plurality of antennas by selecting one of a polarization MIMO mode and a spatial MIMO mode based on the antenna control information.

[0013] In accordance with another aspect of the disclosure, a method of a base station is provided. The method includes receiving capability information of an electronic device including a plurality of antennas, receiving channel state information from the electronic device, determining antenna control information for selecting one of a polarization MIMO mode and a spatial MIMO mode to drive the plurality of antennas of the electronic device based on at least one of the capability information and the channel state information, and transmitting the antenna control information.

Advantageous Effects of Invention

[0014] An electronic device according to various embodiments disclosed herein may control operations of a MIMO antenna, based on various pieces of information of an electronic device including a MIMO antenna, such that the MIMO antenna operates efficiently, thereby improving the throughput.

[0015] An electronic device according to various embodiments disclosed herein may adaptively control operations of a MIMO antenna in a polarization MIMO mode or spatial MIMO mode according to the situation, based on various pieces of information of an electronic device including a MIMO antenna, such that the MIMO antenna operates efficiently, thereby improving the throughput.

[0016] Other aspects, advantages, and salient features of the disclosure will become apparent to those skilled in the art from the following detailed description, which, taken in conjunction with the annexed drawings, discloses various embodiments of the disclosure.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0017] The above and other aspects, features, and advantages of certain embodiments of the description will be more apparent from the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

[0018] FIG. 1 is a block diagram of an electronic device in a network environment according to an embodiment of the disclosure;

[0019] FIG. 2 is a block diagram of an electronic device for supporting legacy network communication and 5G network communication according to an embodiment of the disclosure;

[0020] FIGS. 3A and 3B are block diagrams of an antenna module according to various embodiments of the disclosure;

[0021] FIG. 4 is a conceptual diagram illustrating an operation of a MIMO antenna according to a polarization MIMO mode according to an embodiment of the disclosure;

[0022] FIG. 5 is a conceptual diagram illustrating an operation of a MIMO antenna according to a spatial MIMO mode according to an embodiment of the disclosure;

[0023] FIG. 6 is a flowchart illustrating an operation of an electronic device including a MIMO antenna according to an embodiment of the disclosure;

[0024] FIG. 7 is a graph illustrating an example of a channel environment of an electronic device including a MIMO antenna according to an embodiment of the disclosure;

[0025] FIG. 8 is a flowchart illustrating an operation for reporting capability information of an electronic device including a MIMO antenna according to an embodiment of the disclosure;

[0026] FIG. 9 is a flowchart illustrating operation control of a MIMO antenna based on channel information of an electronic device including a MIMO antenna according to an embodiment of the disclosure;

[0027] FIG. 10 is a flowchart illustrating an operation of a base station for controlling an operation of an electronic device including a MIMO antenna according to an embodiment of the disclosure; and

[0028] FIG. 11 is a flowchart illustrating an operation of an electronic device including a MIMO antenna according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0029] Throughout the drawings, it should be noted that like reference numbers are used to depict the same or similar elements, features, and structures.

MODE FOR THE INVENTION

[0030] The following description with reference to the accompanying drawings is provided to assist in a comprehensive understanding of various embodiments of the dis-

closure as defined by the claims and their equivalents. It includes various specific details to assist in that understanding, but these are to be regarded as merely exemplary. Accordingly, those of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that various changes and modifications of the various embodiments described herein can be made without departing from the scope and spirit of the disclosure. In addition, descriptions of well-known functions and constructions may be omitted for clarity and conciseness.

[0031] The terms and words used in the following description and claims are not limited to the bibliographical meanings, but are merely used by the inventor to enable a clear and consistent understanding of the disclosure. Accordingly, it should be apparent to those skilled in the art that the following description of various embodiments of the disclosure is provided for illustration purposes only and not for the purpose of limiting the disclosure as defined by the appended claims and their equivalents.

[0032] It is to be understood that the singular forms “a,” “an,” and “the” include plural referents unless the context clearly dictates otherwise. Thus, for example, reference to “a component surface” includes reference to one or more of such surfaces.

[0033] FIG. 1 is a block diagram illustrating an electronic device 101 in a network environment 100 according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0034] Referring to FIG. 1, the electronic device 101 in the network environment 100 may communicate with an electronic device 102 via a first network 198 (e.g., a short-range wireless communication network), or at least one of an electronic device 104 or a server 108 via a second network 199 (e.g., a long-range wireless communication network). According to an embodiment, the electronic device 101 may communicate with the electronic device 104 via the server 108. According to an embodiment, the electronic device 101 may include a processor 120, memory 130, an input module 150, a sound output module 155, a display module 160, an audio module 170, a sensor module 176, an interface 177, a connecting terminal 178, a haptic module 179, a camera module 180, a power management module 188, a battery 189, a communication module 190, a subscriber identification module (SIM) 196, or an antenna module 197. In some embodiments, at least one of the components (e.g., the connecting terminal 178) may be omitted from the electronic device 101, or one or more other components may be added in the electronic device 101. In some embodiments, some of the components (e.g., the sensor module 176, the camera module 180, or the antenna module 197) may be implemented as a single component (e.g., the display module 160).

[0035] The processor 120 may execute, for example, software (e.g., a program 140) to control at least one other component (e.g., a hardware or software component) of the electronic device 101 coupled with the processor 120, and may perform various data processing or computation. According to one embodiment, as at least part of the data processing or computation, the processor 120 may store a command or data received from another component (e.g., the sensor module 176 or the communication module 190) in volatile memory 132, process the command or the data stored in the volatile memory 132, and store resulting data in non-volatile memory 134. According to an embodiment, the processor 120 may include a main processor 121 (e.g., a central processing unit (CPU) or an application processor

(AP)), or an auxiliary processor **123** (e.g., a graphics processing unit (GPU), a neural processing unit (NPU), an image signal processor (ISP), a sensor hub processor, or a communication processor (CP)) that is operable independently from, or in conjunction with, the main processor **121**. For example, when the electronic device **101** includes the main processor **121** and the auxiliary processor **123**, the auxiliary processor **123** may be adapted to consume less power than the main processor **121**, or to be specific to a specified function. The auxiliary processor **123** may be implemented as separate from, or as part of the main processor **121**.

[0036] The auxiliary processor **123** may control at least some of functions or states related to at least one component (e.g., the display **1** module **160**, the sensor module **176**, or the communication module **190**) among the components of the electronic device **101**, instead of the main processor **121** while the main processor **121** is in an inactive (e.g., sleep) state, or together with the main processor **121** while the main processor **121** is in an active state (e.g., executing an application). According to an embodiment, the auxiliary processor **123** (e.g., an image signal processor or a communication processor) may be implemented as part of another component (e.g., the camera module **180** or the communication module **190**) functionally related to the auxiliary processor **123**. According to an embodiment, the auxiliary processor **123** (e.g., the neural processing unit) may include a hardware structure specified for artificial intelligence model processing. An artificial intelligence model may be generated by machine learning. Such learning may be performed, e.g., by the electronic device **101** where the artificial intelligence is performed or via a separate server (e.g., the server **108**). Learning algorithms may include, but are not limited to, e.g., supervised learning, unsupervised learning, semi-supervised learning, or reinforcement learning. The artificial intelligence model may include a plurality of artificial neural network layers. The artificial neural network may be a deep neural network (DNN), a convolutional neural network (CNN), a recurrent neural network (RNN), a restricted boltzmann machine (RBM), a deep belief network (DBN), a bidirectional recurrent deep neural network (BRDNN), deep Q-network or a combination of two or more thereof but is not limited thereto. The artificial intelligence model may, additionally or alternatively, include a software structure other than the hardware structure.

[0037] The memory **130** may store various data used by at least one component (e.g., the processor **120** or the sensor module **176**) of the electronic device **101**. The various data may include, for example, software (e.g., the program **140**) and input data or output data for a command related thereto. The memory **130** may include the volatile memory **132** or the non-volatile memory **134**. The non-volatile memory **134** may include internal memory **136** and external member **138**.

[0038] The program **140** may be stored in the memory **130** as software, and may include, for example, an operating system (OS) **142**, middleware **144**, or an application **146**.

[0039] The input **1** module **150** may receive a command or data to be used by another component (e.g., the processor **120**) of the electronic device **101**, from the outside (e.g., a user) of the electronic device **101**. The input **1** module **150** may include, for example, a microphone, a mouse, a keyboard, a key (e.g., a button), or a digital pen (e.g., a stylus pen).

[0040] The sound output **1** module **155** may output sound signals to the outside of the electronic device **101**. The sound output **1** module **155** may include, for example, a speaker or a receiver. The speaker may be used for general purposes, such as playing multimedia or playing record. The receiver may be used for receiving incoming calls. According to an embodiment, the receiver may be implemented as separate from, or as part of the speaker.

[0041] The display **1** module **160** may visually provide information to the outside (e.g., a user) of the electronic device **101**. The display **1** module **160** may include, for example, a display, a hologram device, or a projector and control circuitry to control a corresponding one of the display, hologram device, and projector. According to an embodiment, the display **1** module **160** may include a touch sensor adapted to detect a touch, or a pressure sensor adapted to measure the intensity of force incurred by the touch.

[0042] The audio module **170** may convert a sound into an electrical signal and vice versa. According to an embodiment, the audio module **170** may obtain the sound via the input **1** module **150**, or output the sound via the sound output **1** module **155** or a headphone of an external electronic device (e.g., an electronic device **102**) directly (e.g., wiredly) or wirelessly coupled with the electronic device **101**.

[0043] The sensor module **176** may detect an operational state (e.g., power or temperature) of the electronic device **101** or an environmental state (e.g., a state of a user) external to the electronic device **101**, and then generate an electrical signal or data value corresponding to the detected state. According to an embodiment, the sensor module **176** may include, for example, a gesture sensor, a gyro sensor, an atmospheric pressure sensor, a magnetic sensor, an acceleration sensor, a grip sensor, a proximity sensor, a color sensor, an infrared (IR) sensor, a biometric sensor, a temperature sensor, a humidity sensor, or an illuminance sensor.

[0044] The interface **177** may support one or more specified protocols to be used for the electronic device **101** to be coupled with the external electronic device (e.g., the electronic device **102**) directly (e.g., wiredly) or wirelessly. According to an embodiment, the interface **177** may include, for example, a high definition multimedia interface (HDMI), a universal serial bus (USB) interface, a secure digital (SD) card interface, or an audio interface.

[0045] A connecting terminal **178** may include a connector via which the electronic device **101** may be physically connected with the external electronic device (e.g., the electronic device **102**). According to an embodiment, the connecting terminal **178** may include, for example, a HDMI connector, a USB connector, a SD card connector, or an audio connector (e.g., a headphone connector).

[0046] The haptic module **179** may convert an electrical signal into a mechanical stimulus (e.g., a vibration or a movement) or electrical stimulus which may be recognized by a user via his tactile sensation or kinesthetic sensation. According to an embodiment, the haptic module **179** may include, for example, a motor, a piezoelectric element, or an electric stimulator.

[0047] The camera module **180** may capture a still image or moving images. According to an embodiment, the camera module **180** may include one or more lenses, image sensors, image signal processors, or flashes.

[0048] The power management module **188** may manage power supplied to the electronic device **101**. According to one embodiment, the power management module **188** may be implemented as at least part of, for example, a power management integrated circuit (PMIC).

[0049] The battery **189** may supply power to at least one component of the electronic device **101**. According to an embodiment, the battery **189** may include, for example, a primary cell which is not rechargeable, a secondary cell which is rechargeable, or a fuel cell.

[0050] The communication module **190** may support establishing a direct (e.g., wired) communication channel or a wireless communication channel between the electronic device **101** and the external electronic device (e.g., the electronic device **102**, the electronic device **104**, or the server **108**) and performing communication via the established communication channel. The communication module **190** may include one or more communication processors that are operable independently from the processor **120** (e.g., the application processor (AP)) and supports a direct (e.g., wired) communication or a wireless communication. According to an embodiment, the communication module **190** may include a wireless communication module **192** (e.g., a cellular communication module, a short-range wireless communication module, or a global navigation satellite system (GNSS) communication module) or a wired communication module **194** (e.g., a local area network (LAN) communication module or a power line communication (PLC) module). A corresponding one of these communication modules may communicate with the external electronic device via the first network **198** (e.g., a short-range communication network, such as Bluetooth™, wireless-fidelity (Wi-Fi) direct, or infrared data association (IrDA)) or the second network **199** (e.g., a long-range communication network, such as a legacy cellular network, a 5G network, a next-generation communication network, the Internet, or a computer network (e.g., LAN or wide area network (WAN))). These various types of communication modules may be implemented as a single component (e.g., a single chip), or may be implemented as multi components (e.g., multi chips) separate from each other. The wireless communication module **192** may identify and authenticate the electronic device **101** in a communication network, such as the first network **198** or the second network **199**, using subscriber information (e.g., international mobile subscriber identity (IMSI)) stored in the subscriber identification module **196**.

[0051] The wireless communication module **192** may support a 5G network, after a 4G network, and next-generation communication technology, e.g., new radio (NR) access technology. The NR access technology may support enhanced mobile broadband (eMBB), massive machine type communications (mMTC), or ultra-reliable and low-latency communications (URLLC). The wireless communication module **192** may support a high-frequency band (e.g., the mmWave band) to achieve, e.g., a high data transmission rate. The wireless communication module **192** may support various technologies for securing performance on a high-frequency band, such as, e.g., beamforming, massive multiple-input and multiple-output (massive MIMO), full dimensional MIMO (FD-MIMO), array antenna, analog beam-forming, or large scale antenna. The wireless communication module **192** may support various requirements specified in the electronic device **101**, an external electronic device (e.g., the electronic device **104**), or a network system

(e.g., the second network **199**). According to an embodiment, the wireless communication module **192** may support a peak data rate (e.g., 20 Gbps or more) for implementing eMBB, loss coverage (e.g., 164 dB or less) for implementing mMTC, or U-plane latency (e.g., 0.5 ms or less for each of downlink (DL) and uplink (UL), or a round trip of 1 ms or less) for implementing URLLC.

[0052] The antenna module **197** may transmit or receive a signal or power to or from the outside (e.g., the external electronic device) of the electronic device **101**. According to an embodiment, the antenna module **197** may include an antenna including a radiating element composed of a conductive material or a conductive pattern formed in or on a substrate (e.g., a printed circuit board (PCB)). According to an embodiment, the antenna module **197** may include a plurality of antennas (e.g., array antennas). In such a case, at least one antenna appropriate for a communication scheme used in the communication network, such as the first network **198** or the second network **199**, may be selected, for example, by the communication module **190** (e.g., the wireless communication module **192**) from the plurality of antennas. The signal or the power may then be transmitted or received between the communication module **190** and the external electronic device via the selected at least one antenna. According to an embodiment, another component (e.g., a radio frequency integrated circuit (RFIC)) other than the radiating element may be additionally formed as part of the antenna module **197**.

[0053] According to various embodiments, the antenna module **197** may form a mmWave antenna module. According to an embodiment, the mmWave antenna module may include a printed circuit board, a RFIC disposed on a first surface (e.g., the bottom surface) of the printed circuit board, or adjacent to the first surface and capable of supporting a designated high-frequency band (e.g., the mmWave band), and a plurality of antennas (e.g., array antennas) disposed on a second surface (e.g., the top or a side surface) of the printed circuit board, or adjacent to the second surface and capable of transmitting or receiving signals of the designated high-frequency band.

[0054] At least some of the above-described components may be coupled mutually and communicate signals (e.g., commands or data) therebetween via an inter-peripheral communication scheme (e.g., a bus, general purpose input and output (GPIO), serial peripheral interface (SPI), or mobile industry processor interface (MIPI)).

[0055] According to an embodiment, commands or data may be transmitted or received between the electronic device **101** and the external electronic device **104** via the server **108** coupled with the second network **199**. Each of the electronic devices **102** or **104** may be a device of a same type as, or a different type, from the electronic device **101**. According to an embodiment, all or some of operations to be executed at the electronic device **101** may be executed at one or more of the external electronic devices **102**, **104**, or **108**. For example, if the electronic device **101** should perform a function or a service automatically, or in response to a request from a user or another device, the electronic device **101**, instead of, or in addition to, executing the function or the service, may request the one or more external electronic devices to perform at least part of the function or the service. The one or more external electronic devices receiving the request may perform the at least part of the function or the service requested, or an additional function or an additional

service related to the request, and transfer an outcome of the performing to the electronic device **101**. The electronic device **101** may provide the outcome, with or without further processing of the outcome, as at least part of a reply to the request. To that end, a cloud computing, distributed computing, mobile edge computing (MEC), or client-server computing technology may be used, for example. The electronic device **101** may provide ultra low-latency services using, e.g., distributed computing or mobile edge computing. In another embodiment, the external electronic device **104** may include an internet-of-things (IoT) device. The server **108** may be an intelligent server using machine learning and/or a neural network. According to an embodiment, the external electronic device **104** or the server **108** may be included in the second network **199**. The electronic device **101** may be applied to intelligent services (e.g., smart home, smart city, smart car, or healthcare) based on 5G communication technology or IoT-related technology.

[0056] The electronic device according to various embodiments may be one of various types of electronic devices. The electronic devices may include, for example, a portable communication device (e.g., a smartphone), a computer device, a portable multimedia device, a portable medical device, a camera, a wearable device, or a home appliance. According to an embodiment of the disclosure, the electronic devices are not limited to those described above.

[0057] It should be appreciated that various embodiments of the present disclosure and the terms used therein are not intended to limit the technological features set forth herein to particular embodiments and include various changes, equivalents, or replacements for a corresponding embodiment. With regard to the description of the drawings, similar reference numerals may be used to refer to similar or related elements. It is to be understood that a singular form of a noun corresponding to an item may include one or more of the things, unless the relevant context clearly indicates otherwise. As used herein, each of such phrases as “A or B,” “at least one of A and B,” “at least one of A or B,” “A, B, or C,” “at least one of A, B, and C,” and “at least one of A, B, or C,” may include any one of, or all possible combinations of the items enumerated together in a corresponding one of the phrases. As used herein, such terms as “1st” and “2nd,” or “first” and “second” may be used to simply distinguish a corresponding component from another, and does not limit the components in other aspect (e.g., importance or order). It is to be understood that if an element (e.g., a first element) is referred to, with or without the term “operatively” or “communicatively”, as “coupled with,” “coupled to,” “connected with,” or “connected to” another element (e.g., a second element), it means that the element may be coupled with the other element directly (e.g., wiredly), wirelessly, or via a third element.

[0058] As used in connection with various embodiments of the disclosure, the term “module” may include a unit implemented in hardware, software, or firmware, and may interchangeably be used with other terms, for example, “logic,” “logic block,” “part,” or “circuitry”. A module may be a single integral component, or a minimum unit or part thereof, adapted to perform one or more functions. For example, according to an embodiment, the module may be implemented in a form of an application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC).

[0059] Various embodiments as set forth herein may be implemented as software (e.g., the program #40) including

one or more instructions that are stored in a storage medium (e.g., internal memory #36 or external memory #38) that is readable by a machine (e.g., the electronic device #01). For example, a processor (e.g., the processor #20) of the machine (e.g., the electronic device #01) may invoke at least one of the one or more instructions stored in the storage medium, and execute it, with or without using one or more other components under the control of the processor. This allows the machine to be operated to perform at least one function according to the at least one instruction invoked. The one or more instructions may include a code generated by a compiler or a code executable by an interpreter. The machine-readable storage medium may be provided in the form of a non-transitory storage medium. Wherein, the term “non-transitory” simply means that the storage medium is a tangible device, and does not include a signal (e.g., an electromagnetic wave), but this term does not differentiate between where data is semi-permanently stored in the storage medium and where the data is temporarily stored in the storage medium.

[0060] According to an embodiment, a method according to various embodiments of the disclosure may be included and provided in a computer program product. The computer program product may be traded as a product between a seller and a buyer. The computer program product may be distributed in the form of a machine-readable storage medium (e.g., compact disc read only memory (CD-ROM)), or be distributed (e.g., downloaded or uploaded) online via an application store (e.g., PlayStore™), or between two user devices (e.g., smart phones) directly. If distributed online, at least part of the computer program product may be temporarily generated or at least temporarily stored in the machine-readable storage medium, such as memory of the manufacturer's server, a server of the application store, or a relay server.

[0061] According to various embodiments, each component (e.g., a module or a program) of the above-described components may include a single entity or multiple entities, and some of the multiple entities may be separately disposed in different components. According to various embodiments, one or more of the above-described components may be omitted, or one or more other components may be added. Alternatively or additionally, a plurality of components (e.g., modules or programs) may be integrated into a single component. In such a case, according to various embodiments, the integrated component may still perform one or more functions of each of the plurality of components in the same or similar manner as they are performed by a corresponding one of the plurality of components before the integration. According to various embodiments, operations performed by the module, the program, or another component may be carried out sequentially, in parallel, repeatedly, or heuristically, or one or more of the operations may be executed in a different order or omitted, or one or more other operations may be added.

[0062] FIG. 2 is a block diagram illustrating an electronic device in a network environment including a plurality of cellular networks according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0063] Referring to FIG. 2, the electronic device **101** may include a first communication processor **212**, second communication processor **214**, first RFIC **222**, second RFIC **224**, third RFIC **226**, fourth RFIC **228**, first radio frequency front end (RFFE) **232**, second RFFE **234**, first antenna module

242, second antenna module 244, and antenna 248. The electronic device 101 may include a processor 120 and a memory 130. A second network 199 may include a first cellular network 292 and a second cellular network 294. According to another embodiment, the electronic device 101 may further include at least one of the components described with reference to FIG. 1, and the second network 199 may further include at least one other network. According to one embodiment, the first communication processor 212, second communication processor 214, first RFIC 222, second RFIC 224, fourth RFIC 228, first RFFE 232, and second RFFE 234 may form at least part of the wireless communication module 192. According to another embodiment, the fourth RFIC 228 may be omitted or included as part of the third RFIC 226.

[0064] The first communication processor 212 may establish a communication channel of a band to be used for wireless communication with the first cellular network 292 and support legacy network communication through the established communication channel. According to various embodiments, the first cellular network may be a legacy network including a 2nd generation (2G), 3rd generation (3G), 4G, or long term evolution (LTE) network. The second communication processor 214 may establish a communication channel corresponding to a designated band (e.g., about 6 GHz to about 60 GHz) of bands to be used for wireless communication with the second cellular network 294, and support fifth generation (5G) network communication through the established communication channel. According to various embodiments, the second cellular network 294 may be a 5G network defined in 3rd generation partnership project (3GPP). Additionally, according to an embodiment, the first communication processor 212 or the second communication processor 214 may establish a communication channel corresponding to another designated band (e.g., about 6 GHz or less) of bands to be used for wireless communication with the second cellular network 294 and support 5G network communication through the established communication channel. According to one embodiment, the first communication processor 212 and the second communication processor 214 may be implemented in a single chip or a single package. According to various embodiments, the first communication processor 212 or the second communication processor 214 may be formed in a single chip or a single package with the processor 120, the auxiliary processor 123, or the communication module 190.

[0065] Upon transmission, the first RFIC 222 may convert a baseband signal generated by the first communication processor 212 to a radio frequency (RF) signal of about 700 MHz to about 3 GHz used in the first cellular network 292 (e.g., legacy network). Upon reception, an RF signal may be obtained from the first cellular network 292 (e.g., legacy network) through an antenna (e.g., the first antenna module 242) and be preprocessed through an RFFE (e.g., the first RFFE 232). The first RFIC 222 may convert the preprocessed RF signal to a baseband signal so as to be processed by the first communication processor 212.

[0066] Upon transmission, the second RFIC 224 may convert a baseband signal generated by the first communication processor 212 or the second communication processor 214 to an RF signal (hereinafter, 5G Sub6 RF signal) of a Sub6 band (e.g., 6 GHz or less) to be used in the second cellular network 294 (e.g., 5G network). Upon reception, a 5G Sub6 RF signal may be obtained from the second cellular

network 294 (e.g., 5G network) through an antenna (e.g., the second antenna module 244) and be pretreated through an RFFE (e.g., the second RFFE 234). The second RFIC 224 may convert the preprocessed 5G Sub6 RF signal to a baseband signal so as to be processed by a corresponding communication processor of the first communication processor 212 or the second communication processor 214.

[0067] The third RFIC 226 may convert a baseband signal generated by the second communication processor 214 to an RF signal (hereinafter, 5G Above6 RF signal) of a 5G Above6 band (e.g., about 6 GHz to about 60 GHz) to be used in the second cellular network 294 (e.g., 5G network). Upon reception, a 5G Above6 RF signal may be obtained from the second cellular network 294 (e.g., 5G network) through an antenna (e.g., the antenna 248) and be preprocessed through the third RFFE 236. The third RFIC 226 may convert the preprocessed 5G Above6 RF signal to a baseband signal so as to be processed by the second communication processor 214. According to one embodiment, the third RFFE 236 may be formed as part of the third RFIC 226.

[0068] According to an embodiment, the electronic device 101 may include a fourth RFIC 228 separately from the third RFIC 226 or as at least part of the third RFIC 226. In this case, the fourth RFIC 228 may convert a baseband signal generated by the second communication processor 214 to an RF signal (hereinafter, an intermediate frequency (IF) signal) of an intermediate frequency band (e.g., about 9 GHz to about 11 GHz) and transfer the IF signal to the third RFIC 226. The third RFIC 226 may convert the IF signal to a 5G Above6 RF signal. Upon reception, the 5G Above6 RF signal may be received from the second cellular network 294 (e.g., a 5G network) through an antenna (e.g., the antenna 248) and be converted to an IF signal by the third RFIC 226. The fourth RFIC 228 may convert an IF signal to a baseband signal so as to be processed by the second communication processor 214.

[0069] According to one embodiment, the first RFIC 222 and the second RFIC 224 may be implemented into at least part of a single package or a single chip. According to one embodiment, the first RFFE 232 and the second RFFE 234 may be implemented into at least part of a single package or a single chip. According to one embodiment, at least one of the first antenna module 242 or the second antenna module 244 may be omitted or may be combined with another antenna module to process RF signals of a corresponding plurality of bands.

[0070] According to one embodiment, the third RFIC 226 and the antenna 248 may be disposed at the same substrate to form a third antenna module 246. For example, the wireless communication module 192 or the processor 120 may be disposed at a first substrate (e.g., main PCB). In this case, the third RFIC 226 is disposed in a partial area (e.g., lower surface) of the first substrate and a separate second substrate (e.g., sub PCB), and the antenna 248 is disposed in another partial area (e.g., upper surface) thereof; thus, the third antenna module 246 may be formed. By disposing the third RFIC 226 and the antenna 248 in the same substrate, a length of a transmission line therebetween can be reduced. This may reduce, for example, a loss (e.g., attenuation) of a signal of a high frequency band (e.g., about 6 GHz to about 60 GHz) to be used in 5G network communication by a transmission line. Therefore, the electronic device 101 may

improve a quality or speed of communication with the second cellular network **294** (e.g., 5G network).

[0071] According to one embodiment, the antenna **248** may be formed in an antenna array including a plurality of antenna elements that may be used for beamforming. In this case, the third RFIC **226** may include a plurality of phase shifters **238** corresponding to a plurality of antenna elements, for example, as part of the third RFFE **236**. Upon transmission, each of the plurality of phase shifters **238** may convert a phase of a 5G Above6 RF signal to be transmitted to the outside (e.g., a base station of a 5G network) of the electronic device **101** through a corresponding antenna element. Upon reception, each of the plurality of phase shifters **238** may convert a phase of the 5G Above6 RF signal received from the outside to the same phase or substantially the same phase through a corresponding antenna element. This enables transmission or reception through beamforming between the electronic device **101** and the outside.

[0072] The second cellular network **294** (e.g., 5G network) may operate (e.g., stand-alone (SA)) independently of the first cellular network **292** (e.g., legacy network) or may be operated (e.g., non-stand alone (NSA)) in connection with the first cellular network **292**. For example, the 5G network may have only an access network (e.g., 5G radio access network (RAN) or a next generation (NG) RAN and have no core network (e.g., next generation core (NGC)). In this case, after accessing to the access network of the 5G network, the electronic device **101** may access to an external network (e.g., Internet) under the control of a core network (e.g., an evolved packet core (EPC)) of the legacy network. Protocol information (e.g., LTE protocol information) for communication with a legacy network or protocol information (e.g., new radio (NR) protocol information) for communication with a 5G network may be stored in the memory **130** to be accessed by other components (e.g., the processor **120**, the first communication processor **212**, or the second communication processor **214**).

[0073] FIGS. 3A and 3B are block diagrams of an antenna module **300** (e.g., the third antenna module **246** of FIG. 2) of an electronic device (e.g., the electronic device **101** of FIG. 1) according to various embodiments of the disclosure.

[0074] Referring to FIGS. 3A and 3B, the antenna module **300** according to an embodiment of the disclosure may include a plurality of antenna sub-arrays **301-1**, . . . , and **301-N**. One or more antenna sub-arrays of the antenna module **300** may be implemented in the form of an independent module in which components are disposed on one circuit board. Each of the elements **X-1** described with reference to FIG. 3A has a corresponding element **X-N** illustrated in FIG. 3B.

[0075] Each of the plurality of antenna sub-arrays **301-1**, . . . , and **301-N** may include a plurality of antenna elements **371-1** and **375-1**, . . . , **371-N** and **375-N**, respectively. FIG. 3A illustrates an example in which each antenna sub-array (e.g., first antenna sub-array **301-1**) includes two antenna elements (e.g., antenna elements **371-1** and **375-1**), but various embodiments of the disclosure are not limited thereto, and the number of antenna elements included in each antenna sub-array may be two or more. The plurality of antenna elements **371-1**, **375-1**, . . . , **371-N**, **375-N** may be antenna elements capable of both transmitting and receiving signals.

[0076] the structure of the first antenna sub-array **301-1** will be described as an example, and each of the plurality of antenna sub-arrays **301-1**, . . . , and **301-N** may include the same or similar structure.

[0077] The first antenna sub-array **301-1** may include a plurality of antenna elements (e.g., the first antenna element **371-1** and the second antenna element **375-1**). An example in which one antenna sub-array **301-1** includes two antenna elements is illustrated, but this is only an example; according to another embodiment of the disclosure, the antenna sub-array **301-1** may be implemented to include two or more antenna elements.

[0078] Each of the antenna elements **371-1** or **375-1** may include one vertical polarization antenna **372-1** or **376-1** and one horizontal polarization antenna **373-1** or **377-1**. For example, in each of the antenna elements **371-1** or **375-1**, the vertical polarization antennas **372-1** or **376-1** and the horizontal polarization antennas **373-1** or **377-1** may be implemented as polarization patch antennas orthogonal to each other.

[0079] In each of the antenna elements **371-1** or **375-1**, the vertical polarization antennas **372-1** or **376-1** and the horizontal polarization antennas **373-1** or **377-1** may configure separate signal transmission paths by including independent power supplies to implement the polarization MIMO mode.

[0080] The first antenna sub-array **301-1** may include, as a transmission path, a mixer **323-1** and/or **324-1** that outputs an RF signal by mixing an analog signal output from a digital-to-analog converter (DAC) (first DAC **313-1** and/or second DAC **314-1**) with a reference signal, a divider **333-1** and/or **334-1** that divides the RF signal output from the mixer **323-1** and/or **324-1**, a phase shifter **345-1**, **346-1**, **347-1** and/or **348-1** for shifting the phase of the RF signal output from the divider **333-1** and/or **334-1**, and a power amplifier (PA) **355-1**, **356-1**, **357-1**, and **358-1** that amplifies each transmit signal output from the phase shifter **345-1**, **346-1**, **347-1** and/or **348-1**. For example, in the transmission path, the signal output from the first DAC **313-1** may be transmitted through the vertical polarization antennas **372-1** and **376-1** of the first antenna element **371-1** and the second antenna element **375-1**, and the signal output from the second DAC **314-1** may be transmitted through horizontal polarization antennas **373-1** and **377-1** of the first antenna element **371-1** and the second antenna element **375-1**.

[0081] The first antenna sub-array **301-1** may include, as a reception path, low noise amplifiers (LNA) **351-1**, **352-1**, **353-1**, and **354-1** that remove noise and amplify the received signal, phase shifters **341-1**, **342-1**, **343-1**, and **344-1** for shifting the phase of the signal output from the low-noise amplifiers **351-1**, **352-1**, **353-1**, and **354-1**, and/or combiners **331-1** and **332-1** for combining the signals output from the phase shifter **341-1**, **342-1**, **343-1** and/or **344-1**, mixers **321-1** and **322-1** for mixing the RF signal output from the combiners **331-1** and **332-1** with a reference signal to output a baseband signal or an IF signal, and/or analog-to-digital converters (ADC) first ADC **311-1** and second ADC **312-1** converting an analog signal output from the mixers **321-1** and **322-1** into a digital signal. For example, in the reception path, the first ADC **311-1** may receive signals received through the vertical polarization antennas **372-1** and **376-1** of the first antenna element **371-1** and the second antenna element **375-1**, and the second ADC **312-1** may receive signals received through the horizontal polarization anten-

nas 373-1 and 377-1 of the first antenna element 371-1 and the second antenna element 375-1.

[0082] According to an embodiment of the disclosure, the Tx/Rx switch (e.g., Tx/Rx switches 361-1, 362-1, 363-1, and 364-1) may selectively connect one of the power amplifier (PA) 355-1, 356-1, 357-1, and 358-1 or the low noise amplifier 351-1, 352-1, 353-1, and 354-1 with the antenna element 371-1 and/or 375-1 to form a transmission path or a reception path, thereby transmitting a transmission RF signal output from the power amplifier (PA) 355-1, 356-1, 357-1, and 358-1 to the antenna element or transmitting an RF signal received from the antenna element to the low noise amplifier 351-1, 352-1, 353-1, and 354-1.

[0083] The first antenna sub-array 301-1 may further include a Tx/Rx switch 361-1 capable of selectively connecting a transmission or reception path between the power amplifier (PA) 355-1 or the low noise amplifier (LNA) 351-1 and the vertical polarization antenna 372-1 of the antenna element 371-1. The first antenna sub-array 301-1 may further include a Tx/Rx switch 362-1 capable of selectively connecting a transmission or reception path between the power amplifier (PA) 356-1 or the low noise amplifier (LNA) 352-1 and the horizontal polarization antenna 373-1 of the antenna element 371-1.

[0084] The first antenna sub-array 301-1 may further include a Tx/Rx switch 363-1 capable of selectively connecting a transmission or reception path between the power amplifier (PA) 357-1 or the low noise amplifier (LNA) 353-1 and the vertical polarization antenna 376-1 of the antenna element 375-1. According to an embodiment, the first antenna sub-array 301-1 may further include a Tx/Rx switch 364-1 capable of selectively connecting a transmission or reception path between the power amplifier (PA) 358-1 or the low noise amplifier (LNA) 354-1 and the horizontal polarization antenna 377-1 of the antenna element 375-1.

[0085] According to an embodiment, the antenna module 300 may include mixers 321-1, 322-1, 323-1, and 324-1 to transmit and receive signals of a high frequency band (e.g., about 15 GHz to about 100 GHz) in the electronic device 101. For example, the antenna module 300 may convert a baseband or IF band signal into an RF signal of about 15 GHz to 100 GHz by mixing a reference signal for up-converting/down-converting and a transmission signal or a reception signal using the mixers 321-1, 322-1, 323-1, and 324-1, or conversely, may convert the RF signal of about 15 GHz to 100 GHz into the baseband or IF signal.

[0086] According to an embodiment, each of the dividers 333-1 and 334-1 or the combiners 331-1 and 332-1 may divide, for example, one transmission signal into two transmission signals, and combine the two reception signals into one reception signal.

[0087] The phase shifters 345-1, 346-1, 347-1, and 348-1 may shift, for example, the phase of corresponding one of the four transmission RF signals output from the dividers 333-1 and 334-1. For example, the first phase shifter 345-1 may shift the phase of the first transmission RF signal output from the divider 333-1 and apply the same to the first power amplifier 355-1. As another example, the fourth phase shifter 348-1 may shift the phase of the fourth transmission RF signal output from the distributor 334-1 and apply the same to the fourth power amplifier 358-1.

[0088] The power amplifiers 355-1, 356-1, 357-1, and 358-1 may amplify and output, for example, power of the transmission RF signal provided from at least one corre-

sponding phase shifter among the phase shifters 345-1, 346-1, 347-1, and 348-1. For example, the first power amplifier 355-1 may amplify and output power of the first transmission RF signal provided from the first phase shifter 345-1. As another example, the fourth power amplifier 358-1 may amplify and output power of the fourth transmission RF signal provided from the fourth phase shifter 348-1.

[0089] The transmission RF signal output by at least one of the power amplifiers 355-1, 356-1, 357-1, and 358-1 may be applied to at least one vertical polarization antenna 372-1 and 376-1 or horizontal polarization antenna 373-1 and 377-1 among the antenna elements 371-1 and 375-1.

[0090] At least one of the low-noise amplifiers 351-1, 352-1, 353-1, and 354-1 may output, for example, a received RF signal provided from a vertical polarization antenna 372-1 and 376-1 or a horizontal polarization antenna 373-1 and 377-1 of at least one of the antenna elements 371-1 and 375-1 by low noise amplification. The received RF signal output by at least one of the low noise amplifiers 351-1, 352-1, 353-1, and 354-1 may be applied to at least one of the phase shifters 341-1, 342-1, 343-1, and 344-1.

[0091] At least one of the phase shifters 341-1, 342-1, 343-1, and 344-1 may shift, for example, a phase of at least one received RF signal output from at least one of the low noise amplifiers 351-1, 352-1, 353-1, and 354-1 to be applied to the combiners 331-1 and 332-1. The combiners 331-1 and 332-1 may combine at least one reception signal applied from the phase shifters 341-1, 342-1, 343-1, and 344-1 into one reception signal and transmit the same to the mixers 321-1 and 322-1. The mixers 321-1 and 322-1 may mix the applied RF reception signal with a reference signal to output a down-converted IF signal.

[0092] FIG. 4 is a conceptual diagram illustrating an operation of a MIMO antenna according to a polarization MIMO mode according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0093] Referring to FIG. 4, antenna sub-arrays 410, 420, 430, and 440 (e.g., antenna sub-arrays 301-1, . . . of FIG. 3A) of an antenna module (e.g., the antenna module 300 of FIG. 3) may include antenna elements 411 and 415, 421 and 425, 431 and 435, and 441 and 445 (e.g., the antenna elements 371-1, 375-1, . . . , 375-N), respectively. FIG. 4 illustrates four antenna sub-arrays 410, 420, 430 and 440 and eight antenna elements, but the disclosure is not limited thereto.

[0094] Each of the antenna elements 411 and 415, 421 and 425, 431 and 435, and 441 and 445 included in the antenna sub-arrays 410, 420, 430 and 440 may operate in, for example, a 2-layer polarization MIMO mode, and accordingly, support 1×8 beamforming including a vertical polarization signal stream and a horizontal polarization signal stream, thereby obtaining a high beamforming gain.

[0095] In the antenna sub-arrays 410, 420, 430, and 440, according to the polarization MIMO mode, one or more antenna sub-arrays 410, 420, 430, and 440 may transmit or receive one signal stream 491 through vertical polarization antenna elements 412, 416, 422, 426, 432, 436, 442 and/or 446 and transmit or receive another signal stream 492 through horizontal polarization antenna elements 413, 417, 423, 427, 433, 437, 443 and/or 447.

[0096] FIG. 5 is a conceptual diagram illustrating an operation of a MIMO antenna according to a spatial MIMO mode according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0097] Referring to FIG. 5, antenna sub-arrays (e.g., the antenna sub-arrays 410, 420, 430, and 440 of FIG. 4) of an antenna module (e.g., the antenna module 300 of FIG. 3)

may include antenna elements **411** and **415**, **421** and **425**, **431** and **435**, and **441** and **445** (e.g., the antenna elements **371-1**, **375-1**, . . . , **375-N**), respectively. FIG. 5 illustrates four antenna sub-arrays **410**, **420**, **430** and **440** and eight antenna elements, but the disclosure is not limited thereto.

[0098] According to an embodiment of the disclosure, the antenna sub-arrays **410**, **420**, **430**, and **440** of the antenna module **300** may operate in a spatial MIMO mode.

[0099] Each of the antenna sub-arrays **410**, **420**, **430**, and **440** may operate as one MIMO layer, and the antenna sub-arrays **410**, **420**, **430** and **440** of the example including four sub-arrays may support four spatial MIMO layers. Accordingly, the antenna sub-arrays **410**, **420**, **430**, and **440** may support 1×2 beamforming, respectively, thereby enabling beam steering.

[0100] According to an embodiment, the spacing between the antenna sub-arrays **410**, **420**, **430** and **440** and/or the antenna elements **411** and **415**, **421** and **425**, **431** and **435**, and **441** and **445** may be implemented as, for example, $\lambda/2$.

[0101] The antenna sub-arrays **410**, **420**, **430**, and **440** may operate in a spatial MIMO mode, and different antenna elements within the same antenna sub-array may operate in a polarization diversity mode. Accordingly, it is possible to compensate for the reduced beamforming gain while securing polarization diversity according to the spatial MIMO operation.

[0102] Each of the antenna sub-arrays **410**, **420**, **430** and **440** may transmit or receive one different signal stream according to the spatial MIMO mode. For example, the first antenna sub-array **410** may transmit or receive one identical signal stream as a vertical polarization signal **591** through the vertical polarization antennas **412** and/or **416**, and may transmit or receive one identical signal stream as a horizontal polarization signal **592** through the horizontal polarization antennas **413** and/or **417**. The second antenna sub-array **420** may transmit or receive another identical signal stream as a vertical polarization signal **593** through the vertical polarization antennas **422** and/or **426**, and may transmit or receive one identical signal stream as a horizontal polarization signal **594** through the horizontal polarization antennas **423** and/or **427**. The third antenna sub-array **430** may transmit or receive another identical signal stream as a vertical polarization signal **595** through the vertical polarization antennas **432** and/or **436**, and may transmit or receive one identical signal stream as a horizontal polarization signal **596** through the horizontal polarization antennas **433** and/or **437**. The fourth antenna sub-array **440** may transmit or receive another identical signal stream as a vertical polarization signal **597** through the vertical polarization antennas **442** and/or **446**, and may transmit or receive one identical signal stream as a horizontal polarization signal **598** through the horizontal polarization antennas **443** and/or **447**.

[0103] According to various embodiments of the disclosure, an electronic device (e.g., the electronic device **101** of FIG. 1) may include a plurality of antennas (e.g., the antenna **248** of FIG. 2, the antenna sub-arrays **301-1**, . . . , and **301-N** of FIG. 3A or 3B, and antenna arrays **410**, **420**, **430** and **440** of FIG. 4 or 5), a communication circuit (e.g., the communication module **190** of FIG. 1 or the wireless communication module **192** of FIG. 2), and a processor (e.g., the processor **120** of FIG. 1 or 2) operatively connected to the communication circuit, and the processor may be configured to transmit capability information of the electronic device to

a base station (e.g., the server **108** of FIG. 1), transmit channel state information measured based on a reference signal received through the plurality of antennas from the base station, receive antenna control information determined based on at least one of the capability information and the channel state information from the base station, and drive the plurality of antennas by selecting one of a polarization MIMO mode and a spatial MIMO mode based on the antenna control information.

[0104] The capability information may be determined to include the number of MIMO layers supported by the plurality of antennas, and the antenna control information may be determined to include the number of MIMO layers less than or equal to the number of MIMO layers.

[0105] The processor may be configured to drive the plurality of antennas by selecting the spatial MIMO mode when the number of MIMO layers included in the antenna control information exceeds 2.

[0106] The channel state information may be configured to include channel correlation information measured based on the reference signal received through the plurality of antennas.

[0107] The antenna control information may be determined based on the capability information and location information of the electronic device.

[0108] FIG. 6 is a flowchart illustrating an operation of an electronic device (e.g., the electronic device **101** of FIG. 1 or 2) including a MIMO antenna (e.g., the antenna module **300** of FIGS. 3A and 3B) according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0109] Referring to FIG. 6, the electronic device **101** may transmit and receive a signal to and from a base station (e.g., the server **108** of FIG. 1) through the MIMO antenna **300**.

[0110] One base station **108** may include a digital unit (DU) and one or more radio units (RU). The radio unit may include, for example, a plurality of transmission reception points (TRP).

[0111] The electronic device **101** may transmit and receive signals to and from the radio unit, and the radio unit may be connected to the digital unit through, for example, a common public radio interface (CPRI) to manage at least one physical cell. The one physical cell may include a plurality of sub-cells, and each sub-cell may be managed by a respective radio unit. Sub-cells included in the one physical cell may have the same physical cell ID (PCID).

[0112] The electronic device **101** may transmit and receive signals to and from the base station **108** through a radio unit managing the connected sub-cell. In the base station **108**, the radio unit may transmit a signal received from the electronic device **101** to the digital unit, and receive a signal to transmit the signal to the electronic device **101** from the digital unit.

[0113] In operation **601**, the electronic device **101** may transmit capability information of the electronic device **101** to the base station **108**.

[0114] The capability information of the electronic device **101** may include, for example, information on the number of MIMO layers supported by the antenna module **300** of the electronic device **101**. For example, in the example of FIG. 5, the capability information may include 4, which is the number of supported MIMO layers. For example, the capability information may be determined based on the hardware structure of the electronic device **101**.

[0115] When the number of MIMO layers supported based on the capability information of the electronic device **101**

exceeds 2, the electronic device **101** may convert the antenna module **300** to the spatial MIMO mode. The electronic device **101** may include the capability information in the UE capability information message, for example, and transmit the included capability information to the base station **108**.

[0116] FIG. **8** is a flowchart illustrating an operation for reporting capability information of an electronic device including a MIMO antenna according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0117] Referring to FIG. **8**, the electronic device **101** may transmit the UE capability information message including the capability information described above in operation **803** to the base station **108** in response to the UE capability enquiry received from the base station **108** in operation **801**. In this case, the UE capability information message may include a MIMO layer information element indicating capability information.

[0118] Referring back to FIG. **6**, the electronic device **101** may transmit a measurement report to the base station **108** in operation **603**. For example, the electronic device **101** may measure information indicating a channel condition such as RSRP, RSRQ, or channel correlation based on a reference signal (e.g., CSI-RS, SSB) received from the base station **108**, and transmit the measured channel state information to the base station **108** as a measurement report.

[0119] The electronic device **101** may receive antenna control information from the base station **108** in operation **605**.

[0120] The base station **108** may determine antenna control information for determining the MIMO antenna mode of the electronic device **101** based on at least one of capability information, channel state information received from the electronic device **101**, and/or location information of the electronic device **101** and transmit the determined control information to the electronic device **101**. For example, the antenna control information may include the number of MIMO layers. For example, the number of MIMO layers included in the antenna control information may be less than or equal to the number of MIMO layers included in the capability information of the electronic device **101**.

[0121] The base station **108** may identify location information of the electronic device **101**, for example, through installation location information of a radio unit currently communicating with the electronic device **101**. The base station **108** may identify whether the location where each radio unit is installed is indoors or outdoors based on identification information such as the ID of the radio unit or the radio unit model ID included in the exchange message between the radio unit and the digital unit.

[0122] In addition, the base station **108** may identify the location information of the electronic device **101** through GPS information or GNSS information. In addition, the base station **108** may identify the location information of the electronic device **101** by a positioning technique including NR positioning or Wi-Fi positioning. For example, positioning may include a technique of estimating the location of the electronic device **101** by measuring a distance to the closest entity (e.g., a Wi-Fi access point) on a network communicating with the electronic device **101** or to at least one entity.

[0123] The base station **108** may transmit control information to the electronic device **101** through, for example, radio resource control (RRC) signaling. For example, the RRC signaling may include control information transmis-

sion through information elements such as a physical downlink shared channels (PDSCH)-Config information element (IE), a PDSCH-ServingCellConfig IE, and a physical uplink shared channel (PUSCH)-ServingCellConfig IE.

[0124] The channel environment may be changed according to the location of the electronic device **101**.

[0125] FIG. **7** is a graph illustrating an example of a channel environment of an electronic device including a MIMO antenna according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0126] Referring to FIG. **7**, when the location of the electronic device **101** is indoors, for example, after the time when the mmWave band (e.g., 73.5 GHz) transmission signal **701** reaches it may be seen that a sufficient amount of signals **702** due to scattering, diffusion, or reflection reaches the multi-pass path. Such a multi-pass may be further increased in a 5G communication environment of, for example, a 28 GHz or 39 GHz signal band. Accordingly, in this case, a sufficient data throughput may be achieved even if the antenna module is implemented through spatial MIMO mode with relatively low antenna gain.

[0127] When the location of the electronic device **101** is indoors, the base station **108** may configure the number of MIMO layers exceeding two, as antenna control information of the electronic device **101** based on the capability information of the electronic device **101** and transmit the antenna control information to the electronic device **101**. Accordingly, the electronic device **101** may drive the antenna module **300** in the spatial MIMO mode.

[0128] If the base station **108** analyzes the received channel state information of the electronic device **101** and determines that a multi-pass occurs in excess of the reference amount, such as an object-dense area such as a plurality of buildings, the base station **108** may configure the number of MIMO layers exceeding two as antenna control information of the electronic device **101** based on the capability information of the electronic device **101** and transmit the antenna control information to the electronic device **101**. Accordingly, the electronic device **101** may drive the antenna module **300** in the spatial MIMO mode.

[0129] Referring back to FIG. **6**, in operation **607**, the electronic device **101** may select a MIMO antenna mode based on antenna control information received from the base station **108** and drive the antenna module **300** based on the same.

[0130] When the number of MIMO layers included in the antenna control information exceeds 2 (e.g., 4 layers), the electronic device **101** may drive the antenna module **300** in the spatial MIMO mode.

[0131] According to an embodiment, the electronic device **101** may drive the antenna module **300** in one of a polarization MIMO mode or a space MIMO mode according to antenna control information received from the base station **108**. For example, when the electronic device **101** drives the antenna module **300** in the polarization MIMO mode and the number of MIMO layers included in the antenna control information exceeds 2, the electronic device may drive the antenna module **300** by changing to the spatial MIMO mode to operate with the number of MIMO layers corresponding to the antenna control information. For example, when the electronic device **101** drives the antenna module **300** in the polarization MIMO mode and the number of MIMO layers included in the antenna control information is 2 or less, the electronic device may drive the antenna module **300** by

maintaining the polarization MIMO mode to operate with the number of MIMO layers corresponding to the antenna control information.

[0132] FIG. 9 is a flowchart illustrating operation control of a MIMO antenna 300 based on channel information of an electronic device (e.g., the electronic device 101 of FIG. 1) including a MIMO antenna (e.g., the antenna module 300 of FIGS. 3A and 3B) according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0133] Referring to FIG. 9, in operation 901, the electronic device 101 may measure channel correlation between antenna sub-arrays (e.g., antenna sub-arrays 301-1, . . . , and 301-N of FIGS. 3A or 3B) of the antenna module 300.

[0134] The electronic device 101 may measure a channel correlation based on a reference signal (e.g., CSI-RS) received from a base station (e.g., the server 108 of FIG. 1) through a radio unit such as TRP.

[0135] The base station 108 may request the electronic device 101 to measure the channel correlation in order to determine whether the spatial MIMO mode may be implemented, and the electronic device 101 may measure the channel correlation according to the received measurement request and transmit the measured channel correlation to the base station 108.

[0136] When it is confirmed that the channel correlation value measured in operation 903 is lower than a specified threshold, the electronic device 101 may determine that the spatial MIMO is possible in the channel environment.

[0137] When the channel correlation is low, the electronic device 101 may report to the base station 108 that spatial MIMO is possible in operation 905.

[0138] The electronic device 101 may determine a rank indicator (RI) based on a channel correlation and report the determined rank indicator to the base station 108. For example, when the channel correlation value is less than or equal to a specified threshold value, the RI may be determined as a value exceeding 2 and reported to the base station 108.

[0139] When spatial MIMO is configured according to the report of the electronic device 101, the base station 108 may configure antenna control information (e.g., the number of MIMO layers) in the CSI report and transmit the same to the electronic device 101 so that the electronic device 101 drives the antenna module 300 in the spatial MIMO mode.

[0140] In addition to the channel correlation, the electronic device 101 may further determine a rank indicator (RI) based on the signal quality received by each antenna and report the RI to the base station 108. For example, if the channel correlation value is less than or equal to a specified threshold value and the signal quality received by each antenna is equal to or greater than the specified threshold value, the RI may be determined as a value exceeding 2 and reported to the base station 108.

[0141] FIG. 10 is a flowchart illustrating an operation of a base station (e.g., the server 108 of FIG. 1) for controlling an operation of an electronic device including a MIMO antenna (e.g., the antenna module 300 of FIGS. 3A and 3B) according to an embodiment of the disclosure.

[0142] Referring to FIG. 10, according to an embodiment, the base station 108 may transmit and receive signals to and from the electronic device 101.

[0143] The base station 108 may include a digital unit (DU) and one or more radio units (RU). The radio unit may include, for example, a plurality of transmission reception

points (TRP). The base station 108 may transmit and receive signals to and from the electronic device 101 through the radio unit, and the radio unit may be connected to the digital unit through, for example, a CPRI to manage at least one physical cell. The one physical cell may include a plurality of sub-cells, and each sub-cell may be managed by a respective radio unit. Sub-cells included in the one physical cell may have the same physical cell identifier (PCID).

[0144] The base station 108 may transmit and receive signals to and from the electronic device 108 through a radio unit that manages a sub-cell to which the electronic device 101 is connected. In the base station 108, the radio unit may transmit a signal received from the electronic device 101 to the digital unit, and may receive a signal to be transmitted to the electronic device 101 from the digital unit and transmit the signal.

[0145] In operation 1001, the base station 108 may receive capability information from the electronic device 101. The capability information of the electronic device 101 may include, for example, information on the number of MIMO layers supported by the antenna module 300 of the electronic device 101.

[0146] According to an embodiment of the disclosure, the base station 108 may transmit a UE capability enquiry to the electronic device 101, as illustrated in FIG. 8, in order to receive capability information. Accordingly, the base station 108 may receive a UE capability information message including capability information of the electronic device 101 as a response to the UE capability enquiry.

[0147] The base station 108 may receive a measurement report from the electronic device 101 in operation 1003. The base station 108 may periodically transmit a reference signal (e.g., CSI-RS) to the electronic device 101, and the electronic device 101 may measure information indicating a channel condition such as RSRP, RSRQ, or channel correlation based on the reference signal (e.g., CSI-RS) received from the base station 108 and transmit a measurement report to the base station 108. Accordingly, the base station 108 may identify channel state information of the electronic device 101 from the received measurement report.

[0148] The base station 108 may identify location information of the electronic device 101 in operation 1005. The base station 108 may identify location information of the electronic device 101, for example, through installation location information of a radio unit currently communicating with the electronic device 101. The base station 108 may identify whether the location where each radio unit is installed is indoors or outdoors based on identification information such as the ID of the radio unit or the radio unit model ID included in the exchange message between the radio unit and the digital unit. In addition, the base station 108 may identify the location information of the electronic device 101 through GPS information, GNSS information, NR positioning, or Wi-Fi positioning.

[0149] The base station 108 may, in operation 1007, determine antenna control information for determining the MIMO antenna mode of the electronic device 101 based on at least one of capability information, channel state information received from the electronic device 101, and/or location information of the electronic device 101 and transmit the determined control information to the electronic device 101. For example, the antenna control information may include the number of MIMO layers. For example, the number of MIMO layers included in the antenna control

information may be less than or equal to the number of MIMO layers included in the capability information of the electronic device 101.

[0150] The base station 108 may transmit control information to the electronic device 101 through radio resource control (RRC) signaling. For example, the RRC signaling may include control information transmission through information elements such as a PDSCH-Config information element (IE), a PDSCH-ServingCellConfig IE, and a PUSCH-ServingCellConfig IE. For example, the base station 108 may transmit antenna control information of the electronic device 101 by using a maxMIMO-Layers parameter value (e.g., the number of MIMO layers) in the PDSCH-Config IE, the PDSCH-ServingCellConfig IE, or the PUSCH-ServingCellConfig IE. As described above, the antenna control information (e.g., maxMIMO-Layers parameter value) of the electronic device 101 may be determined based on at least one of UE capability, channel state information, and/or location information. The maxMIMO-Layers parameter value in the PDSCH-Config IE, the PDSCH-ServingCellConfig IE, or the PUSCH-ServingCellConfig IE may indicate the maximum number of MIMO layers that may be used for PDSCH in the DL bandwidth part (BWP).

[0151] The base station 108 may generate control information (e.g., DCI, downlink control information or RRC configuration information) including scheduling information instructing the electronic device 101 to receive or transmit signals by using MIMO layers less than or equal to the maxMIMO-Layers value set as described above and transmit the same to the electronic device 101.

[0152] When the location of the electronic device 101 is indoors and the number of MIMO layers included in the capability information of the electronic device 101 exceeds 2, the base station 108 may set, for example, more than two maxMIMO layers value as the antenna control information of the electronic device 101 within the limit of the capability information, and transmit the same to the electronic device 101. Accordingly, the electronic device 101 may drive the antenna module 300 in the spatial MIMO mode.

[0153] If the base station 108 analyzes the received channel state information of the electronic device 101 and determines that a multi-pass occurs in excess of the reference amount, for example, such as an object-dense area such as a plurality of buildings, the base station 108 may configure the number of MIMO layers exceeding two as antenna control information of the electronic device 101 based on the capability information of the electronic device 101 and transmit the antenna control information to the electronic device 101. Accordingly, the electronic device 101 may drive the antenna module 300 in the spatial MIMO mode.

[0154] When the sub-cell connected to the electronic device 101 is changed due to movement of the electronic device 101, etc., the base station 108 may identify information on the changed sub-cell through the radio unit managing the changed sub-cell of the electronic device 101, and when the connected radio unit is also changed according to the sub-cell change, the base station may perform the above-described operations again through the changed radio unit to configure antenna control information of the electronic device 101 and transmit the antenna control information to the electronic device 101. Accordingly, the MIMO mode of the electronic device 101 may be maintained or changed.

[0155] FIG. 11 is a flowchart illustrating an operation of an electronic device (e.g., the electronic device 101 of FIG. 1 or 2) including a MIMO antenna (e.g., the antenna module 300 of FIGS. 3A and 3B) according to an embodiment of the disclosure. Hereinafter, descriptions overlapping with those described with reference to FIGS. 3A and 3B may be omitted.

[0156] Referring to FIG. 11, the electronic device 101 may transmit and receive signals to and from a base station (e.g., the server 108 of FIG. 1) through the MIMO antenna 300. The electronic device 101 may transmit and receive signals to and from the base station 108 through a radio unit that manages the connected sub-cell. In the base station 108, the radio unit may transmit a signal received from the electronic device 101 to the digital unit, and may receive a signal to be transmitted to the electronic device 101 from the digital unit and transmit the signal.

[0157] In operation 1101, the electronic device 101 may transmit capability information of the electronic device 101 to the base station 108. The capability information of the electronic device 101 may include information on the number of MIMO layers supported by the antenna module 300 of the electronic device 101. The electronic device 101 may include the capability information in the UE capability information message, for example, and transmit the included capability information to the base station 108.

[0158] In operation 1103, the electronic device 101 may identify whether the number of MIMO layers supported based on the capability information exceeds 2.

[0159] The electronic device 101 may determine whether the number of MIMO layers designated by the base station exceeds 2 based on antenna control information received from the base station 108 in operation 1105. The base station 108 may determine antenna control information for determining the MIMO antenna mode of the electronic device 101 based at least in part on capability information received from the electronic device 101, location information (or location information of the radio unit communicating with the electronic device 101) of the electronic device 101, and/or signal quality reported by the electronic device 101, and may transmit the determined control information to the electronic device 101. For example, the antenna control information may include the number of MIMO layers designated by the base station. For example, the number of MIMO layers included in the antenna control information may be less than or equal to the number of MIMO layers included in the capability information of the electronic device 101.

[0160] When the number of MIMO layers based on the antenna control information received from the base station 108 in operation 1105 exceeds 2, the electronic device 101 may drive the antenna module 300 in the spatial MIMO mode in operation 1107. Alternatively, when the number of MIMO layers designated based on the antenna control information received from the base station 108 in operation 1105 does not exceed 2, the electronic device 101 may drive the antenna module 300 in the polarization MIMO mode in operation 1109.

[0161] While the disclosure has been shown and described with reference to various embodiments thereof, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that various changes in form and details may be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of the disclosure as defined by the appended claims and their equivalents.

What is claimed is:

1. An electronic device comprising:
 - an antenna module including a first antenna element and a second antenna element, the first antenna element including a first vertical polarization antenna and a first horizontal polarization antenna, and the second antenna element including a second vertical polarization antenna and a second horizontal polarization antenna;
 - a communication circuitry; and
 - a processor operatively connected with the communication circuit, and configured to:
 - transmit capability information of the electronic device to a base station,
 - receive antenna control information from the base station based at least in part on the transmitting of the capability information, the antenna control information including information indicating a number of multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) layers to be operated by the antenna module (300),
 - select one of a polarization MIMO mode and a spatial MIMO mode based at least in part on the number of MIMO layers to be operated by the antenna module (300),
 - if the polarization MIMO mode is selected, control the first antenna element and the second antenna element to transmit or receive a vertical polarization signal stream for a beam signal via the first vertical polarization antenna and the second vertical polarization antenna, and a horizontal polarization signal stream for the beam signal via the first horizontal polarization antenna and the second horizontal polarization antenna, and
 - if the spatial MIMO mode is selected, control the first antenna element and the second antenna element to transmit or receive a first vertical polarization signal stream for a first beam signal and a second vertical polarization signal stream for a second beam signal via the first vertical polarization antenna and the second vertical polarization antenna, respectively, and a first horizontal polarization signal stream for the first beam signal and a second horizontal polarization beam for the second beam signal via the first horizontal polarization antenna and the second horizontal polarization antenna, respectively.
2. The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the processor is configured to:

select the spatial MIMO mode if the number of MIMO layers to be operated by the antenna module is equal to or larger than three.

3. The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the capability information includes information indicating a number of MIMO layers supported by the antenna module.

4. The electronic device of claim 3, wherein the antenna control information is determined, by the base station, based on the number of MIMO layers supported by the antenna module included in the capability information.

5. The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the antenna control information is determined based on channel state information transmitted by the electronic device.

6. The electronic device of claim 5, wherein the number of MIMO layers to be operated by the antenna module is determined as a number being equal to or larger than three, by the base station, based on information, included in the channel state information, indicating that a multi-path occurs in excess of a threshold.

7. The electronic device of claim 5, wherein the number of MIMO layers to be operated by the antenna module is determined as a number being equal to or larger than three, by the base station, based on information, included in the channel state information, indicating whether a channel correlation value between the first antenna element and the second antenna element is lower than a threshold.

8. The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the antenna control information is determined based on the location of the electronic device.

9. The electronic device of claim 8, wherein the location of the electronic device is identified based on a location of a radio unit among a plurality of radio units of the base station.

10. The electronic device of claim 9, wherein the number of MIMO layers to be operated by the antenna module is determined as a number being equal to or larger than three, by the base station, if the electronic device is located indoors.

11. The electronic device of claim 1,

wherein the first vertical polarization antenna and the first horizontal polarization antenna are arranged orthogonally to each other, and

wherein the second vertical polarization antenna and the second horizontal polarization antenna are arranged orthogonally to each other.

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