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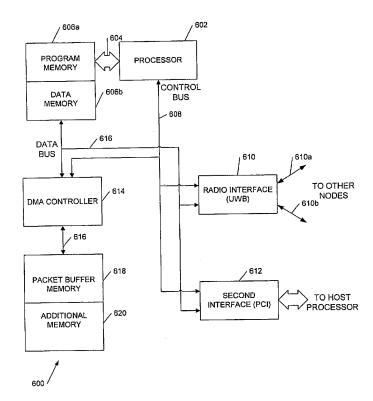
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(57)ABSTRACT

This invention generally relates to networks of communications devices, in particular ultra wideband (UWB) communications devices. An ultra-wideband (UWB) network comprising a plurality of UWB devices each forming a node of said network, pairs of said UWB devices being configured for communication with one another using one of a plurality of UWB channels, each said UWB device comprising a UWB transceiver for bidirectional communication over one or more of said UWB channels with at least one other of said UWB devices; and a device controller coupled to said UWB transceiver, said controller being configured to determine a said UWB channel for use in establishing a communication link with each other UWB device; whereby said network is configured for automatic construction of a set of communications links between said nodes of said network.





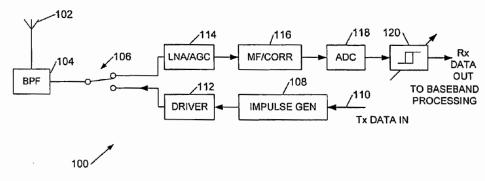
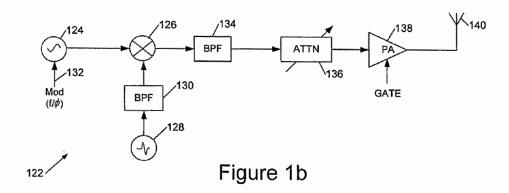


Figure 1a



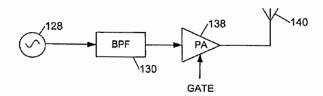
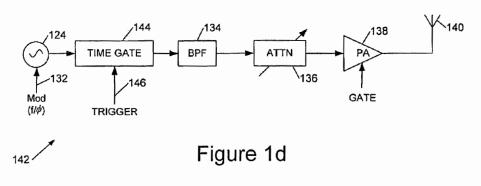


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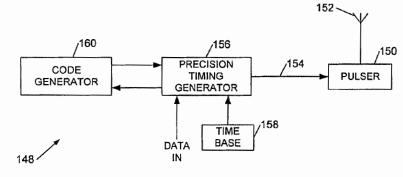


Figure 1e

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DETECTOR

DATA OUT

TEMPLATE 172

TRACKING LOOP

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PRECISION TIMING GENERATOR

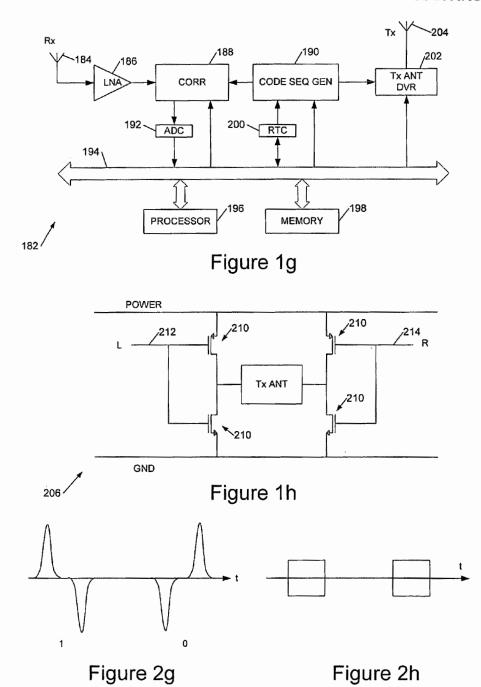
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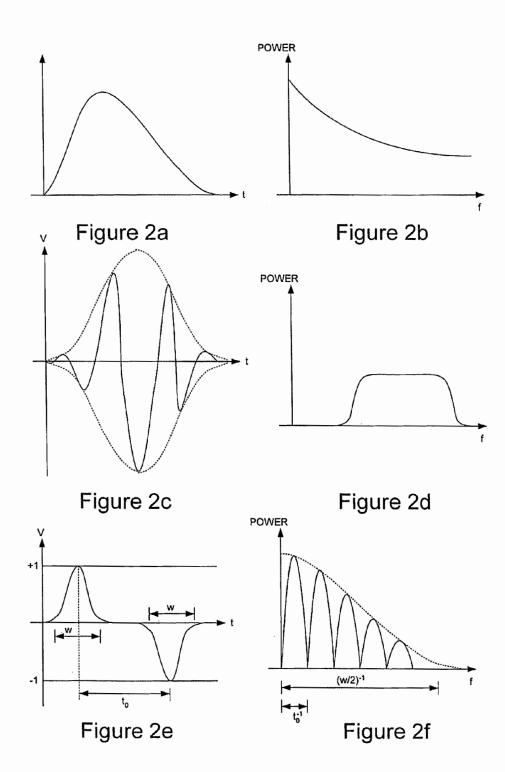
CODE GENERATOR

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Figure 1f





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