Multi-Carrier Systems



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Outline

Multi-Carrier System Models

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MC-CDMA Transmitter



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MC-CDMA Receiver





- The MC-CDMA transmitter spreads the original data stream over different subcarriers using a given spreading code in the frequency domain.
- We can use the Hadamard Walsh codes as the given spreading code.
- The capability of suppressing multiuser interference is determined by the cross-correlation characteristic of the spreading codes.
- Therefore, the capability of distinguishing one component from other components in the composite received signal is determined by the auto-correlation characteristic of the spreading codes.



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MC-DS-CDMA Transmitter



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The Multicarrier DS-CDMA transmitter spreads the Serial-to-Parallel converted data streams using a given spreading code in the time domain so that the resulting spectrum of each subcarrier can satisfy the orthogonality condition with the minimum frequency separation.





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MT-CDMA Transmitter





MT-CDMA Receiver





Combining Schemes

- Equal Gain Combining (EGC)
- Maximum Ratio Combining (MRC)
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- In an MC-CDMA receiver the received signal is combined, in a sense, in the frequency domain, therefore, the receiver can always employ all the received signal scattered in the frequency domain.
- Through a frequency selective fading channel, all the subcarriers have different amplitude level and different phase shift.
- In this section, we will introduce three different combining techniques.
 - Equal Gain Combining (EGC)
 - Maximum Ratio Combining (MRC)
 - Orthogonality Restoring Combining (ORC)



MC-CDMA Receiver





Combining

Equal Gain Combining (EGC)

- The equal gain combining only compensates the channel phase shift.
- The gain for the EGC is given by $q_m^j = e^{-j\theta_m}$.
- Maximum Ratio Combining (MRC)
 - The maximum ratio combining compensates the channel phase shift and given different weights to each subcarrier.
 - The gain for the MRC is given by $q_m^j = A_m e^{-j\theta_m}$.
 - In the case of one user, the maximum ratio combining method can maximum the SNR.



- Orthogonality Restoring Combining (ORC)
 - The orthogonality restoring combining compensates the channel phase shift and the channel amplitude fading.
 - The gain for the ORC is given by $q_m^j = \frac{1}{A_m} e^{-j\theta_m}$.
 - However, low level subcarriers tend to be multiplied by high gains, and the noise components are amplified at weaker subcarriers.
 - The noise amplification effect degrades the BER performance.