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Application Number	Not Yet Known
Filing Date	September 4, 2020
First Named Inventor	Li et al.
Title	METHOD AND APPARATUS USING CELL-SPECIFIC AND COMMON PILOT SUBCARRIERS IN MULTI-CARRIER, MULTI-CELL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION NETWORKS
Art Unit	Not Yet Known
Examiner Name	Not Yet Known
Attorney Docket Number	NEO-PT008.8

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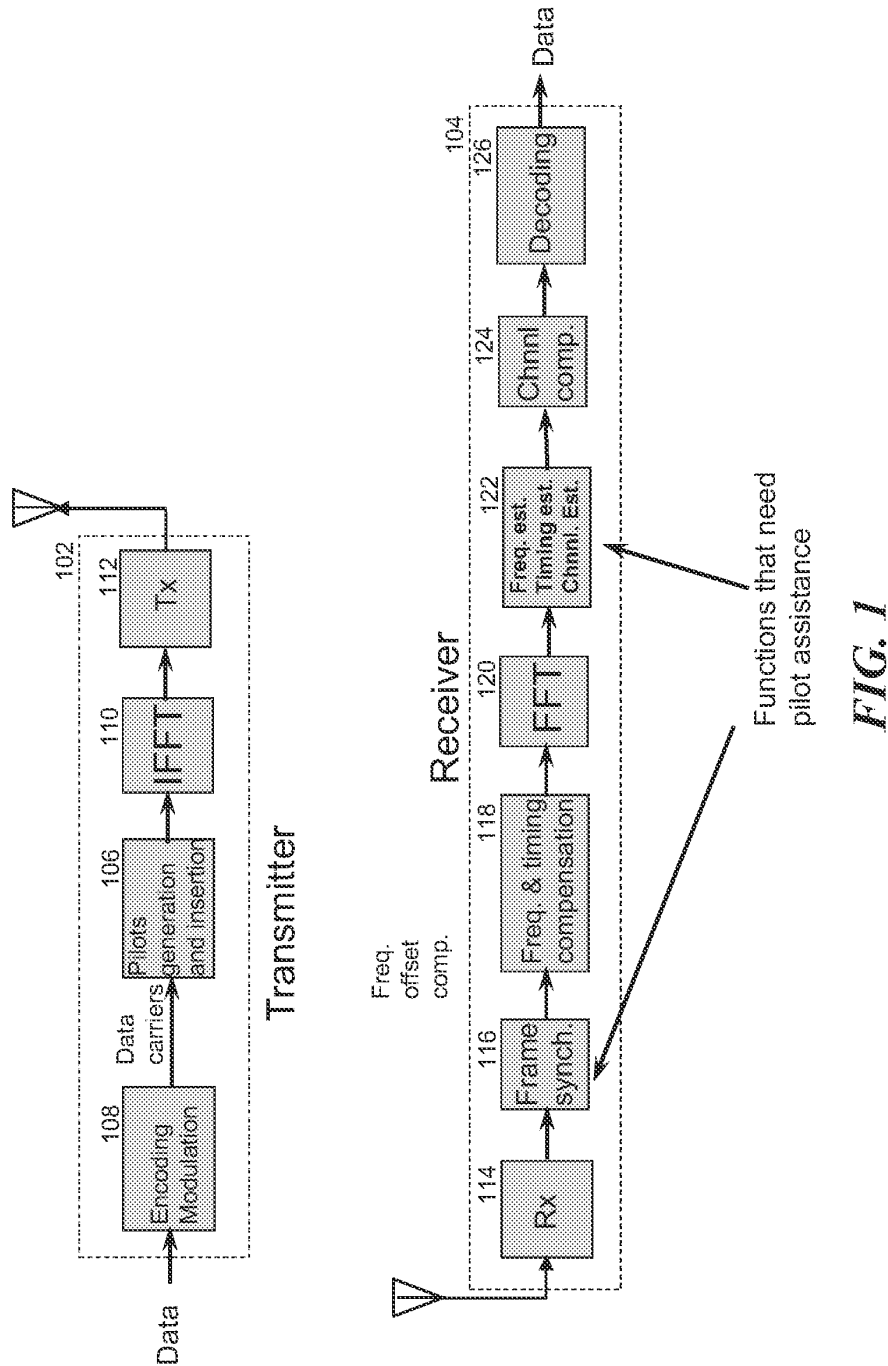
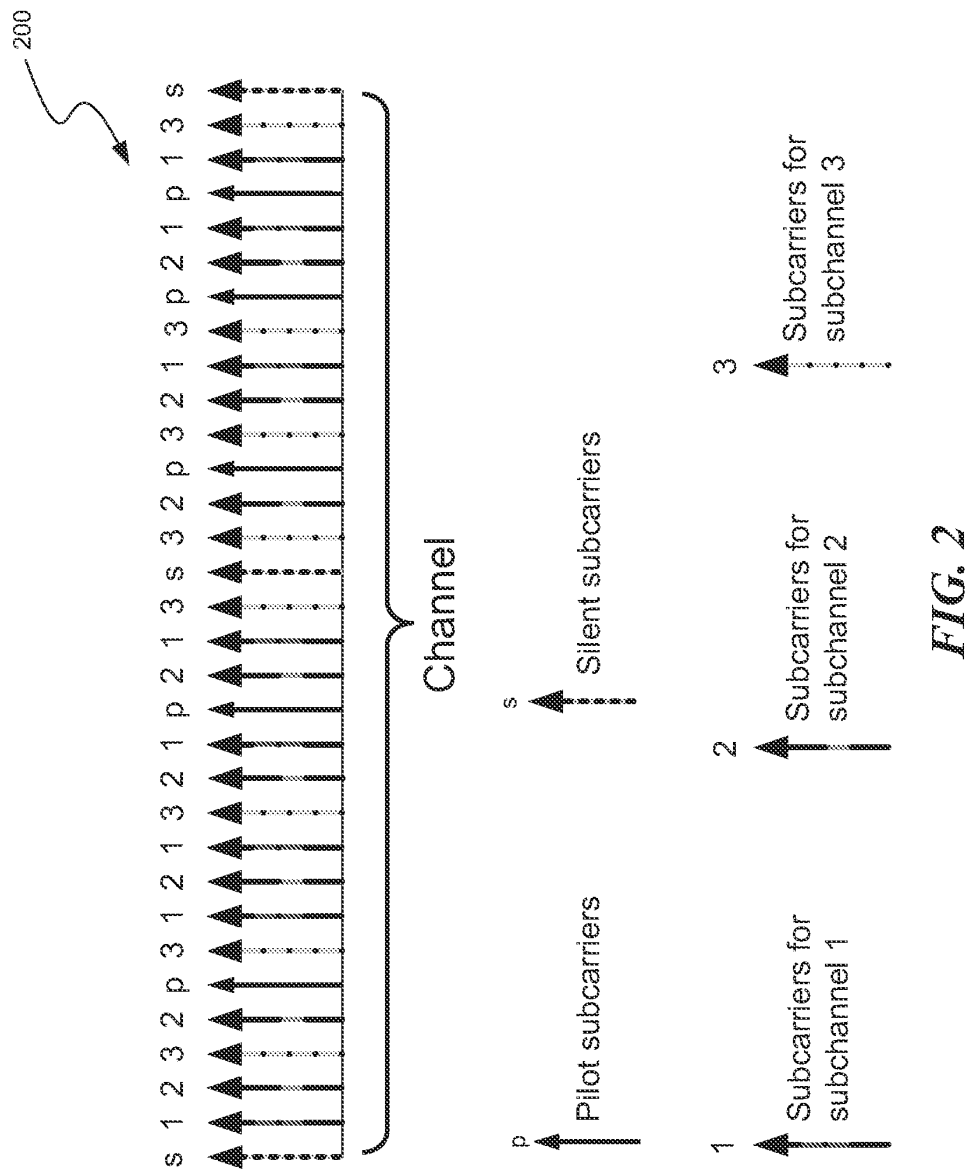
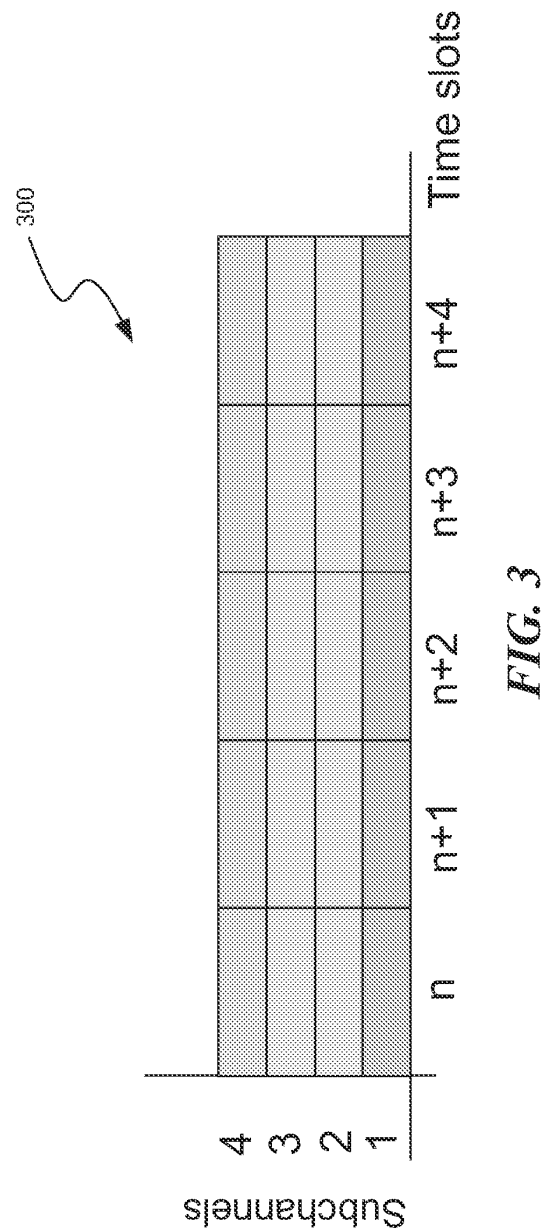


FIG. 1





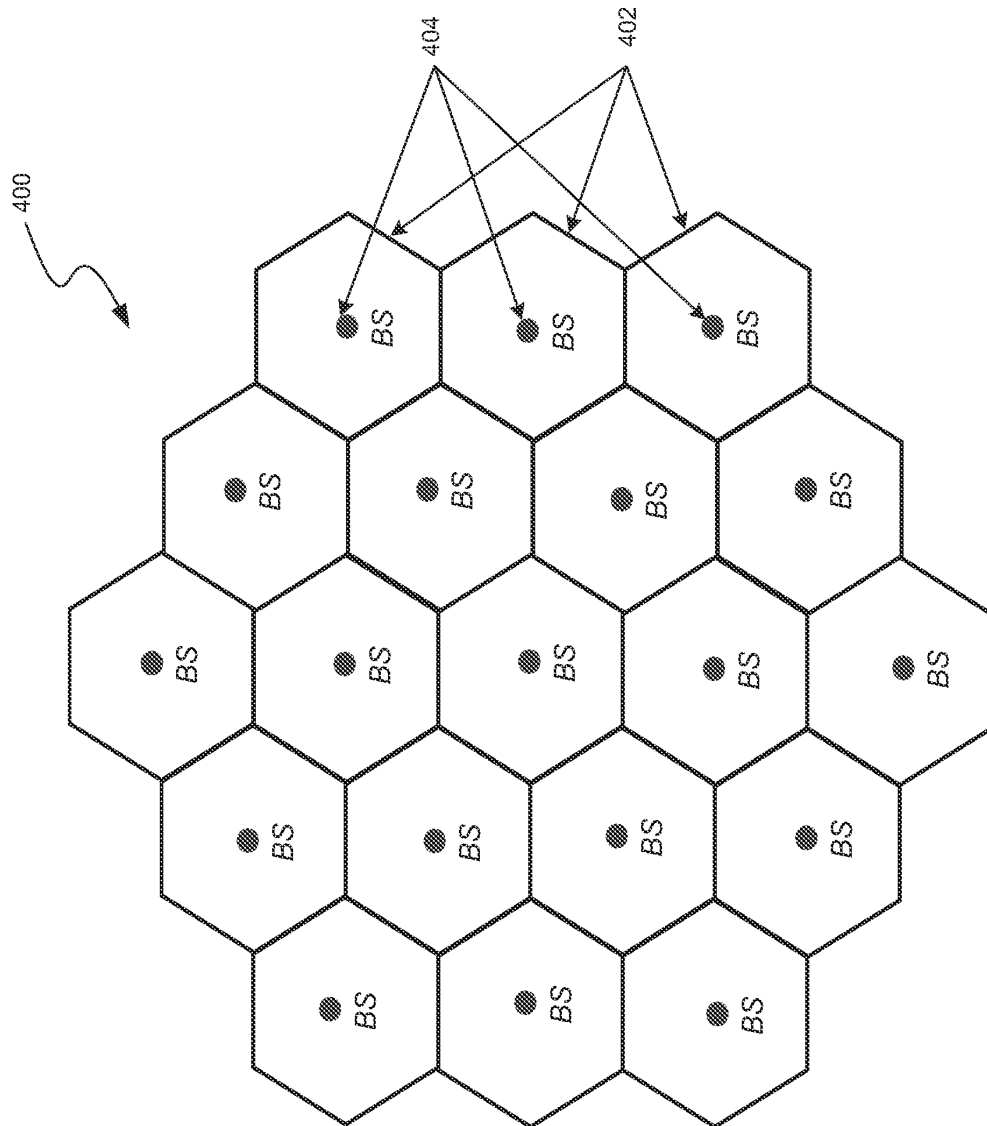


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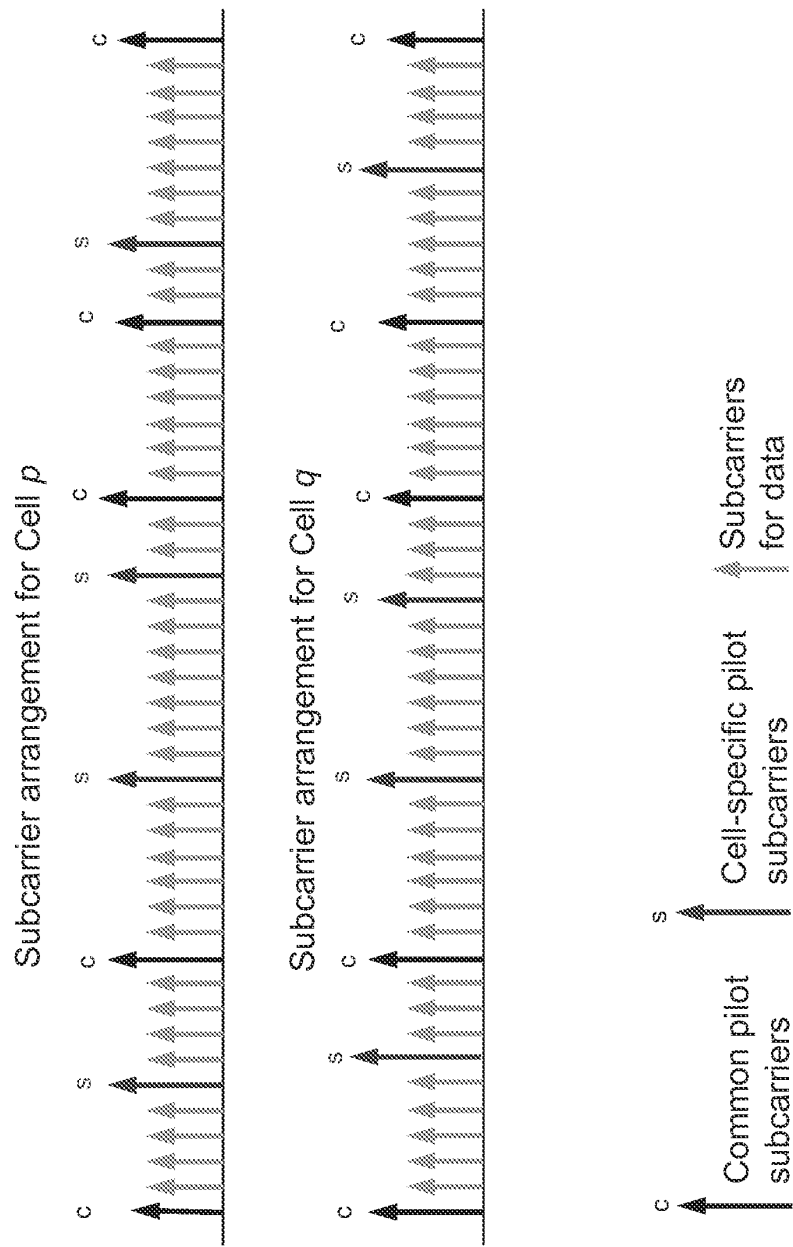


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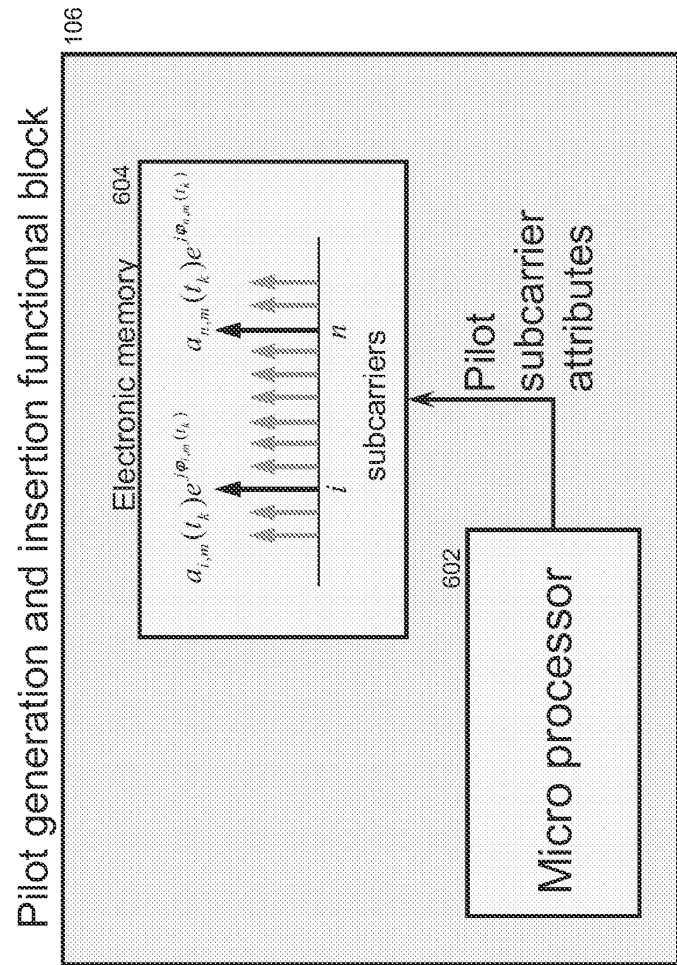


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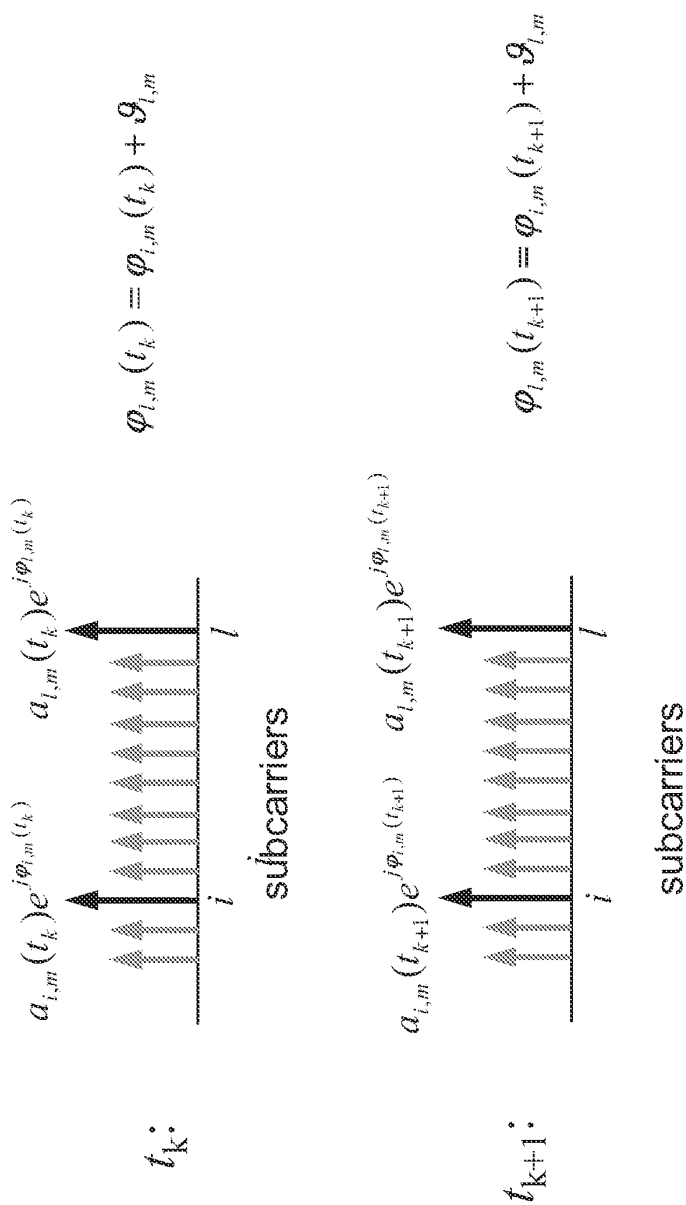


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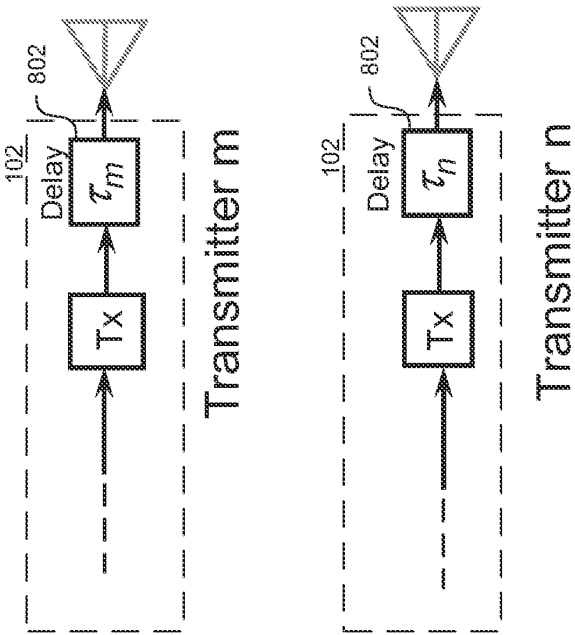
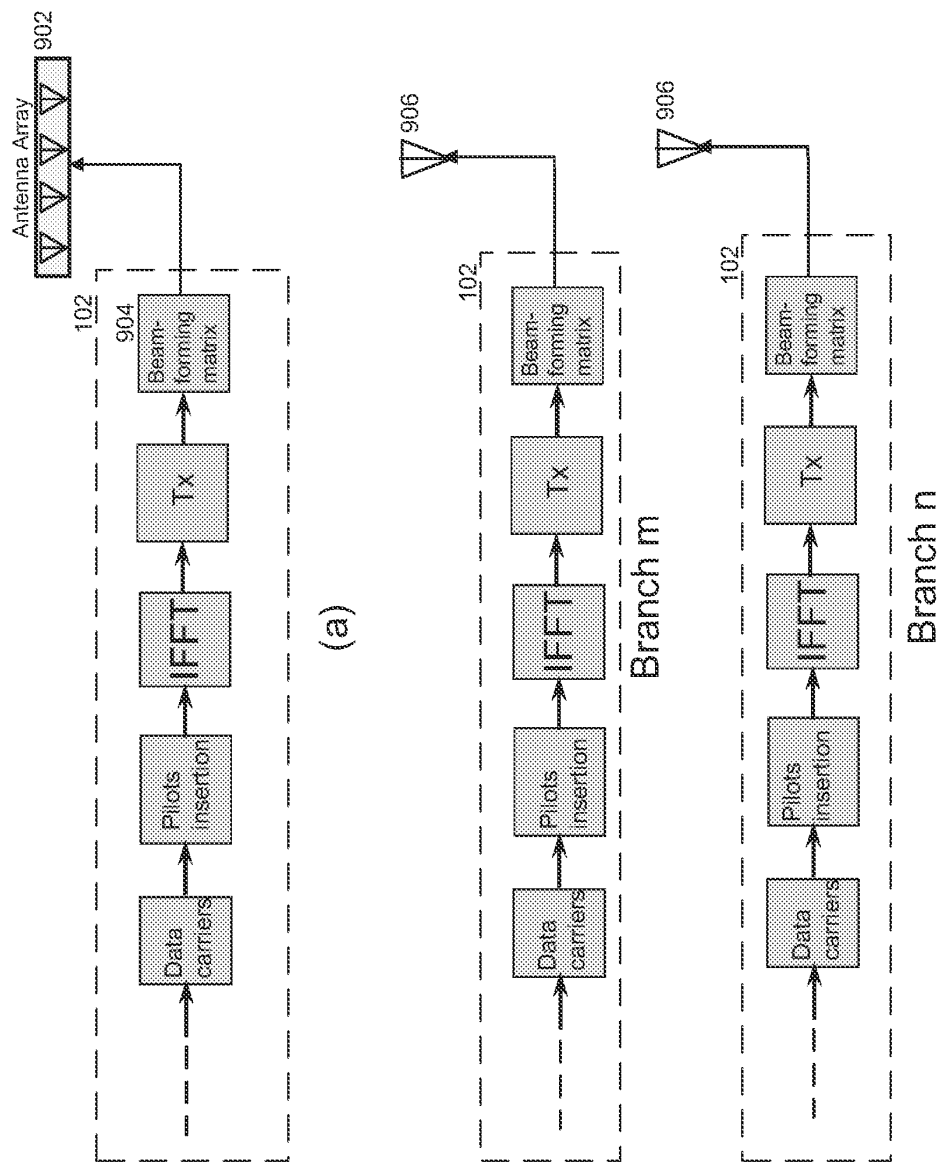


FIG. 8



(b) **FIG. 9**

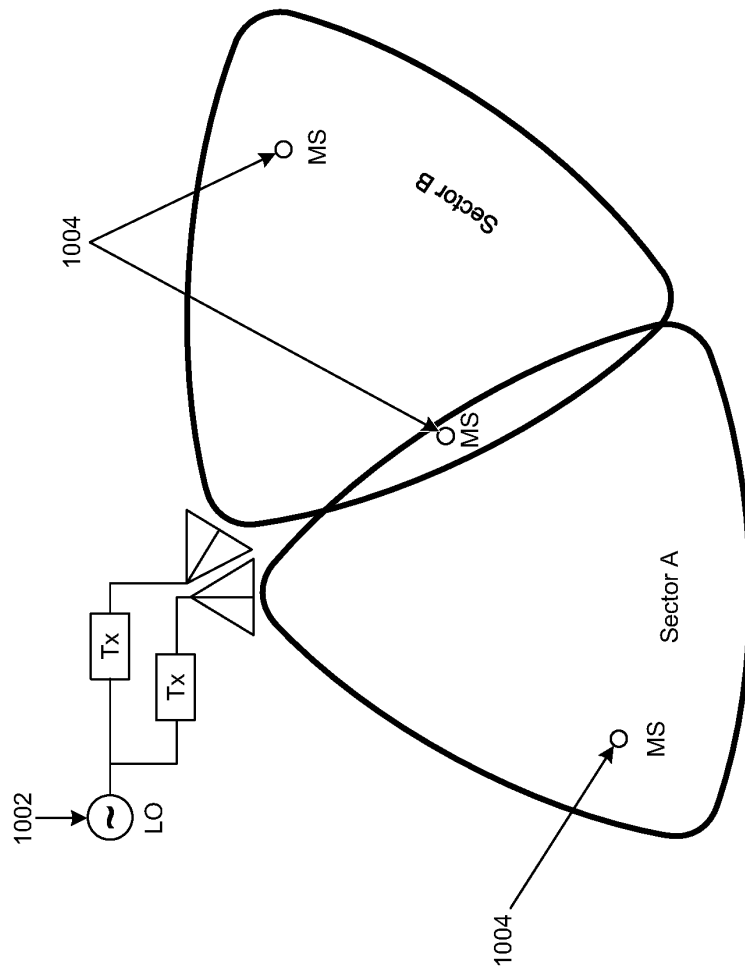


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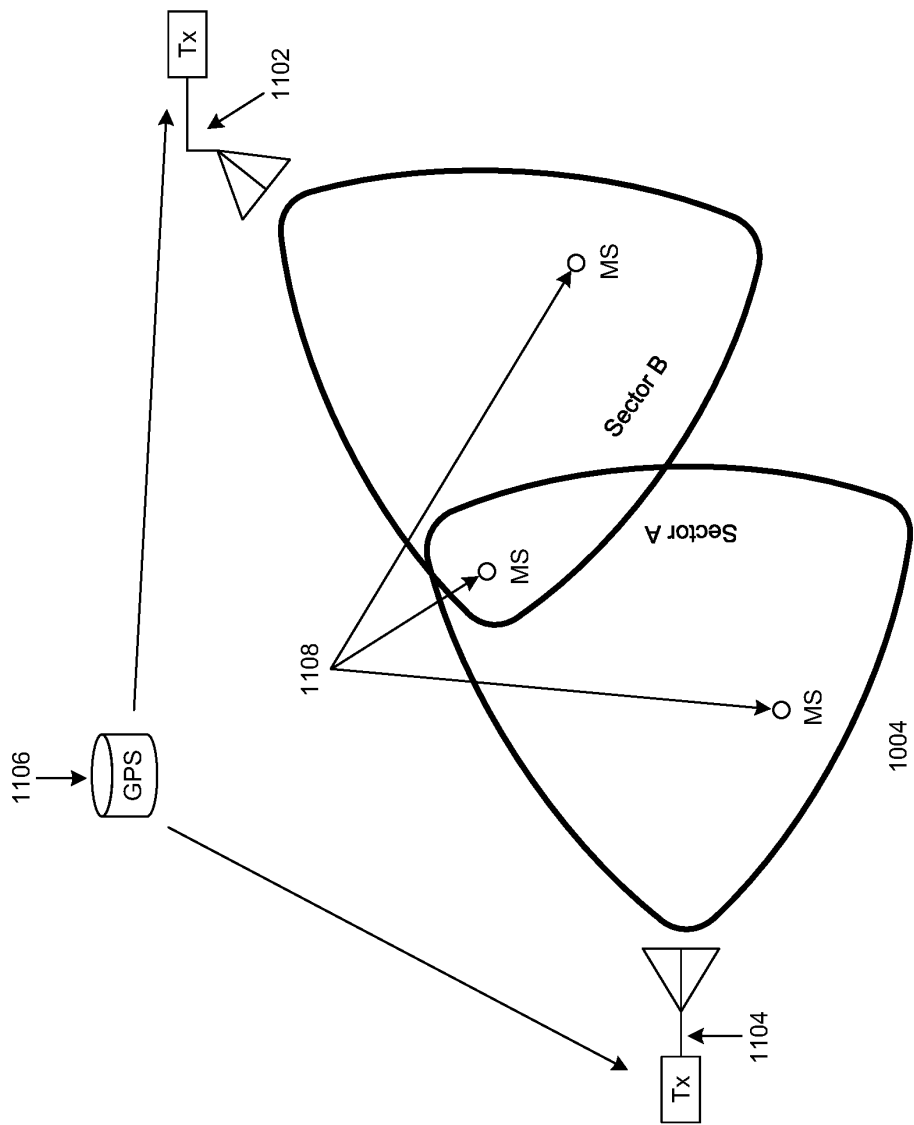


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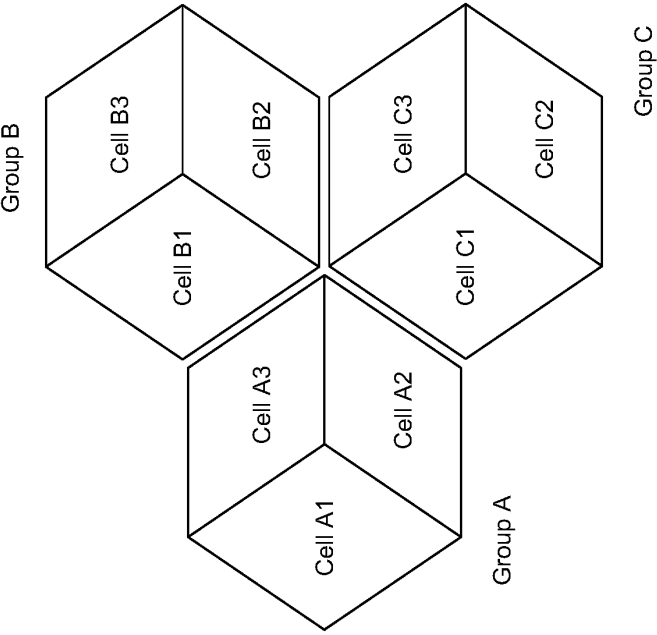


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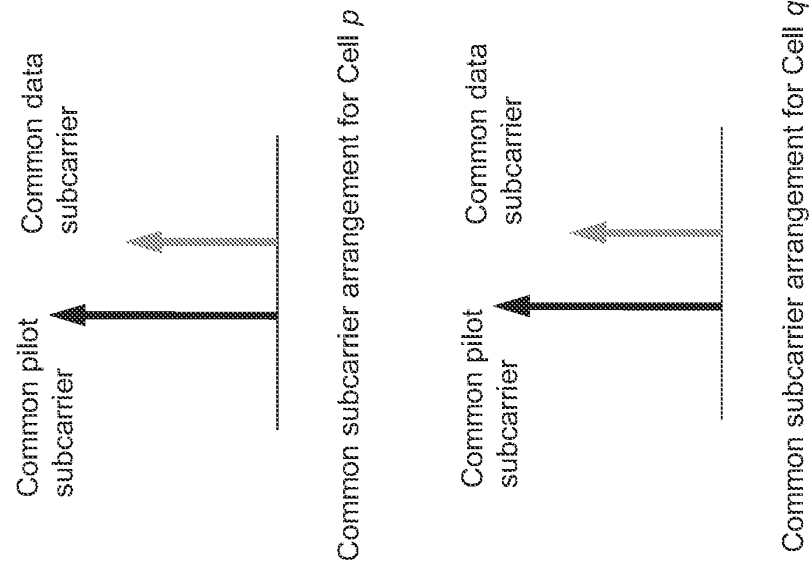


FIG. 13

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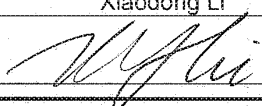
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Inventor: Xiaodong Li

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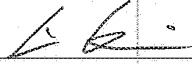
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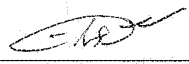
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**CERTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR PRIORITIZED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(e) (Page 1 of 1)**

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ABSTRACT

A multi-carrier cellular wireless network (400) employs base stations (404) that transmit two different groups of pilot subcarriers: (1) cell-specific pilot subcarriers, which are used by a receiver to extract information unique to each individual cell (402), and (2) common pilots subcarriers, which are designed to possess a set of characteristics common to all the base stations (404) of the system. The design criteria and transmission formats of the cell-specific and common pilot subcarriers are specified to enable a receiver to perform different system functions. The methods and processes can be extended to other systems, such as those with multiple antennas in an individual sector and those where some subcarriers bear common network/system information.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA)-compatible base station that uses subcarriers in a frequency domain and time slots in a time domain, the OFDMA-compatible base station comprising:
 - a plurality of antennas; and
 - a transmitter operably coupled to the plurality of antennas;the transmitter configured to:
 - insert cell-specific pilots onto a first plurality of subcarriers; and
 - insert data and second pilots onto a second plurality of subcarriers;wherein at least some subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers or the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed; and
 - the plurality of antennas configured to transmit the first plurality of subcarriers and the second plurality of subcarriers in at least one of the time slots.
2. The OFDMA-compatible base station of claim 1 wherein all subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers are different than all subcarriers of the second plurality of subcarriers.
3. The OFDMA-compatible base station of claim 1 wherein the second plurality of subcarriers includes an n^{th} subcarrier and an $n+18$ subcarrier spaced apart from the n^{th} subcarrier by 17 subcarriers and the first plurality of subcarriers includes an m^{th} subcarrier and an $m+20$ subcarrier spaced apart from the m^{th} subcarrier by 19 subcarriers.
4. The OFDMA-compatible base station of claim 1 wherein each cell-specific pilot of the cell-specific pilots is unique to a respective cell.
5. The OFDMA-compatible base station of claim 1 wherein the first plurality of subcarriers are not aligned in frequency with subcarriers of at least another cell onto which respective cell-specific pilots are inserted.

6. The OFDMA-compatible base station of claim 1 wherein the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed.

7. The OFDMA-compatible base station of claim 1 wherein the cell-specific pilots are used to convey cell-specific information.

8. A method performed by an orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA)-compatible base station that uses subcarriers in a frequency domain and time slots in a time domain, the method comprising:

inserting, by the OFDMA-compatible base station, cell-specific pilots onto a first plurality of subcarriers;

inserting, by the OFDMA-compatible base station, data and second pilots onto a second plurality of subcarriers;

wherein at least some subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers or the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed; and

transmitting, by the OFDMA-compatible base station, the first plurality of subcarriers and the second plurality of subcarriers in at least one of the time slots using a plurality of antennas.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein all subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers are different than all subcarriers of the second plurality of subcarriers.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein the second plurality of subcarriers includes an n^{th} subcarrier and an $n+18$ subcarrier spaced apart from the n^{th} subcarrier by 17 subcarriers and the first plurality of subcarriers includes an m^{th} subcarrier and an $m+20$ subcarrier spaced apart from the m^{th} subcarrier by 19 subcarriers.

11. The method of claim 8 wherein each cell-specific pilot of the cell-specific pilots is unique to a respective cell.

12. The method of claim 8 wherein the first plurality of subcarriers are not aligned in frequency with subcarriers of at least another cell onto which respective cell-specific pilots are inserted.

13. The method of claim 8 wherein the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed.

14. The method of claim 8 wherein the cell-specific pilots are used to convey cell-specific information.

15. An orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA)-compatible mobile station that uses subcarriers in a frequency domain and time slots in a time domain, the OFDMA-compatible mobile station comprising:

at least one antenna; and

a receiver; and

the at least one antenna and the receiver are configured to:

receive cell-specific pilots on a first plurality of subcarriers; and

receive second pilots and data on a second plurality of subcarriers,

wherein the first plurality of subcarriers and the second plurality of subcarriers are received in at least one of the time slots;

wherein at least some subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers or the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed; and

the receiver is further configured to:

recover the data using channel estimates from at least the second pilots;

and

recover cell-specific information using the cell-specific pilots.

16. The OFDMA-compatible mobile station of claim 15 wherein all subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers are different than all subcarriers of the second plurality of subcarriers.

17. The OFDMA-compatible mobile station of claim 15 wherein the second plurality of subcarriers includes an n^{th} subcarrier and an $n+18$ subcarrier spaced apart from the n^{th} subcarrier by 17 subcarriers and the first plurality of subcarriers includes an m^{th} subcarrier and an $m+20$ subcarrier spaced apart from the m^{th} subcarrier by 19 subcarriers.

18. The OFDMA-compatible mobile station of claim 15 wherein each cell-specific pilot of the cell-specific pilots is unique to a respective cell.

19. The OFDMA-compatible mobile station of claim 15 wherein the first plurality of subcarriers are transmitted at a same time as the second plurality of subcarriers.

20. The OFDMA-compatible mobile station of claim 15 wherein the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed.

21. The OFDMA-compatible mobile station of claim 15 wherein the first plurality of subcarriers are not aligned in frequency with subcarriers of at least another cell onto which respective cell-specific pilots are inserted.

22. The OFDMA-compatible mobile station of claim 15 wherein the receiver is further configured to extract cell-specific information from the cell-specific pilots.

23. A method performed by an orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA)-compatible mobile station that uses subcarriers in a frequency domain and time slots in a time domain, the method comprising:

- receiving cell-specific pilots on a first plurality of subcarriers;
- receiving second pilots and data on a second plurality of subcarriers, wherein the first plurality of subcarriers and the second plurality of subcarriers are received in at least one of the time slots;

wherein at least some subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers or the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed;
recovering the data using channel estimates from at least the second pilots; and
recovering cell-specific information using the cell-specific pilots.

24. The method of claim 23 wherein all subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers are different than all subcarriers of the second plurality of subcarriers.

25. The method of claim 23 wherein the second plurality of subcarriers includes an n^{th} subcarrier and an $n+18$ subcarrier spaced apart from the n^{th} subcarrier by 17 subcarriers and the first plurality of subcarriers includes an m^{th} subcarrier and an $m+20$ subcarrier spaced apart from the m^{th} subcarrier by 19 subcarriers.

26. The method of claim 23 wherein each cell-specific pilot of the cell-specific pilots is unique to a respective cell.

27. The method of claim 23 wherein the first plurality of subcarriers are transmitted at a same time as the second plurality of subcarriers.

28. The method of claim 23 wherein the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed.

29. The method of claim 23 wherein the first plurality of subcarriers are not aligned in frequency with subcarriers of at least another cell onto which respective cell-specific pilots are inserted.

30. The method of claim 23 further comprising extracting cell-specific information from the cell-specific pilots.

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 16/440,754, filed June 13, 2019, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 15/688,441, filed August 28, 2017, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 10,326,631 on June 18, 2019, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 14/746,676, filed June 22, 2015, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 9,749,168 on August 29, 2017, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 14/595,132, filed January 12, 2015, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 9,065,614 on June 23, 2015, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 13/874,278, filed April 30, 2013, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 8,934,473 on January 13, 2015, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 13/212,116, filed August 17, 2011, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 8,432,891 on April 30, 2013, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/583,530, filed May 30, 2007, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 8,009,660 on August 30, 2011, which is a U.S. National Stage of PCT Application No. PCT/US05/01939, filed January 20, 2005, which claims the benefit of and priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/540,032, filed on January 29, 2004, the entire contents of all of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein.

BACKGROUND

[0002] In multi-carrier wireless communications, many important system functions such as frequency synchronization and channel estimation, depicted in Figure 1, are facilitated by using the network information provided by a portion of total subcarriers such as pilot subcarriers. The fidelity level of the received subcarriers dictates how well these functions can be achieved, which in turn affect the efficiency and capacity of the entire network.

[0003] In a wireless network, there are a number of base stations, each of which provides coverage to designated areas, normally called a cell. If a cell is divided into

sectors, from a system engineering point of view each sector can be considered a cell. In this context, the terms "cell" and "sector" are interchangeable. The network information can be categorized into two types: the cell-specific information that is unique to a particular cell, and the common information that is common to the entire network or to a portion of the entire networks such as a group of cells.

[0004] In a multi-cell environment, for example, the base station transmitter of each cell transmits its own pilot subcarriers, in addition to data carriers, to be used by the receivers within the cell. In such an environment, carrying out the pilot-dependent functions becomes a challenging task in that, in addition to the degradation due to multipath propagation channels, signals originated from the base stations at different cells interfere with each other.

[0005] One approach to deal with the interference problem has been to have each cell transmit a particular pattern of pilot subcarriers based on a certain type of cell-dependent random process. This approach, to a certain degree, has mitigated the impact of the mutual interference between the pilot subcarriers from adjacent cells; however, it has not provided for a careful and systematic consideration of the unique requirements of the pilot subcarriers.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0006] Figure 1 depicts a basic multi-carrier wireless communication system consisting of a transmitter and a receiver.

[0007] Figure 2 shows basic structure of a multi-carrier signal in the frequency domain, which is made up of subcarriers.

[0008] Figure 3 shows a radio resource divided into small units in both the frequency and time domains: subchannels and time slots.

[0009] Figure 4 depicts a cellular wireless network comprised of multiple cells, in each of which coverage is provided by a base station (BS).

[0010] Figure 5 shows pilot subcarriers divided into two groups: cell-specific pilot subcarriers and common pilot subcarriers.

[0011] Figure 6 is an embodiment of pilot-generation-and-insertion functional block shown in Figure 1, which employs a microprocessor to generate pilot subcarriers and insert them into a frequency sequence contained in the electronic memory.

[0012] Figure 7 shows that common pilot subcarriers are generated by a microprocessor of Figure 6 to realize phase diversity.

[0013] Figure 8 is an embodiment of delay diversity, which effectively creates phase diversity by adding a random delay time duration, either in baseband or RF, to the time-domain signals.

[0014] Figure 9 shows two examples for extension to multiple antenna applications.

[0015] Figure 10 is an embodiment of synchronization in frequency and time domains of two collocated base stations sharing a common frequency oscillator.

[0016] Figure 11 is an embodiment of synchronization in frequency and time domains with base stations at different locations sharing a common frequency reference signal generated from the GPS signals.

[0017] Figure 12 is an embodiment depicting a wireless network consisting of three groups of cells (or sectors) and base stations in each group that share their own set of common pilot subcarriers.

[0018] Figure 13 shows all base stations within a network transmit, along with a common pilot subcarrier, a data subcarrier carrying data information common to all cells in the network.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0019] In the following description the invention is explained with respect to some of its various embodiments, providing specific details for a thorough understanding and enablement. However, one skilled in the art will understand that the invention may be practiced without such details. In other instances, well-known structures and functions have not been shown or described in detail to avoid obscuring the depiction of the embodiments.

[0020] Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, throughout the description and the claims, the words "comprise," "comprising," and the like are to be construed in an inclusive sense as opposed to an exclusive or exhaustive sense; that is to say, in the sense of "including, but not limited to." Words using the singular or plural number also include the plural or singular number respectively. Additionally, the words "herein," "above," "below" and words of similar import, when used in this application, shall refer to this application as a whole and not to any particular portions of this application. When the claims use the word "or" in reference to a list of two or more items, that word covers all of the following interpretations of the word: any of the items in the list, all of the items in the list and any combination of the items in the list.

[0021] Figure 1 depicts a basic multi-carrier wireless communication system consisting of a transmitter 102 and a receiver 104. A functional block 106 at the transmitter, called Pilot generation and insertion, generates pilot subcarriers and inserts them into predetermined frequency locations. These pilot subcarriers are used by the receiver to carry out certain functions. In aspects of this invention, pilot subcarriers are divided into two different groups according to their functionalities, and hence their distinct requirements. The transmission format of each group of pilot subcarriers will be designed so that it optimizes the performance of the system functions such as frequency synchronization and channel estimation.

[0022] The first group is called "cell-specific pilot subcarriers," and will be used by the receiver 104 to extract information unique to each individual cell. For example, these cell-specific pilot subcarriers can be used in channel estimation where it is necessary for a particular receiver to be able to differentiate the pilot subcarriers that are intended for its use from those of other cells. For these pilot subcarriers, counter-interference methods are necessary.

[0023] The second group is termed "common pilot sub-carriers," and are designed to possess a set of characteristics common to all base stations of the system. Thus, every receiver 104 within the system is able to exploit these common pilot subcarriers to perform necessary functions without interference problem. For instance, these common pilot subcarriers can be used in the frequency synchronization process, where it is not

necessary to discriminate pilot subcarriers of different cells, but it is desirable for the receiver to combine coherently the energy of common pilot subcarriers with the same carrier index from different cells, so as to achieve relatively accurate frequency estimation.

[0024] Aspects of this invention provide methods to define the transmission formats of the cell-specific and common pilot subcarriers that enable a receiver to perform different system functions. In particular, a set of design criteria are provided for pilot subcarriers. Other features of this invention further provide apparatus or means to implement the above design processes and methods. In particular, signal reception can be improved by manipulating phase values of the pilot subcarriers and by using power control.

[0025] The methods and processes can also be extended to other cases, such as where multiple antennas are used within an individual sector and where some subcarriers are used to carry common network/system information. Base stations can be synchronized in frequency and time by sharing a common frequency oscillator or a common frequency reference signal, such as the one generated from the signals provided by the Global Positioning System (GPS).

Multi-Carrier Communication System

[0026] In a multi-carrier communication system such as multi-carrier code division multiple access (MC-CDMA) and orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA), information data are multiplexed on subcarriers that are mutually orthogonal in the frequency domain. In effect, a frequency selective channel is broken into a number of parallel but small segments in frequency that can be treated as flat fading channels and hence can be easily dealt with using simple one-tap equalizers. The modulation/demodulation can be performed using the fast Fourier transform (FFT).

[0027] In a multi-carrier communication system the physical media resource (e.g., radio or cable) can be divided in both the frequency and the time domains. This canonical division provides a high flexibility and fine granularity for resource sharing. The basic structure of a multi-carrier signal in the frequency domain is made up of subcarriers, and

within a particular spectral band or channel there are a fixed number of subcarriers. There are three types of subcarriers:

[0028] 1. Data subcarriers, which carry information data;

[0029] 2. Pilot subcarriers, whose phases and amplitudes are predetermined and made known to all receivers and which are used for assisting system functions such as estimation of system parameters; and

[0030] 3. Silent subcarriers, which have no energy and are used for guard bands and DC carriers.

[0031] The data subcarriers can be arranged into groups called subchannels to support multiple access and scalability. The subcarriers forming one subchannel are not necessarily adjacent to each other. This concept is illustrated in Figure 2, showing a basic structure of a multi-carrier signal 200 in the frequency domain, which is made up of subcarriers. Data subcarriers can be grouped into subchannels in a particular way. The pilot subcarriers are also distributed over the entire channel in a particular way.

[0032] The basic structure of a multi-carrier signal in the time domain is made up of time slots to support multiple-access. The resource division in both the frequency and time domains is depicted in Figure 3 which shows a radio resource divided into small units in both the frequency and time domains: subchannels and time slots, 300. The basic structure of a multi-carrier signal in the time domain is made up of time slots.

[0033] As depicted in Figure 1, in a multi-carrier communication system, a generic transmitter may consist of the following functional blocks:

1. Encoding and modulation 108
2. Pilot generation and insertion 106
3. Inverse fast Fourier transform (IFFT) 110
4. Transmission 112

And a generic receiver may consist of the following functional blocks:

1. Reception 114

2. Frame synchronization 116
3. Frequency and timing compensation 118
4. Fast Fourier transform (FFT) 120
5. Frequency, timing, and channel estimation 122
6. Channel compensation 124
7. Decoding 126

Cellular Wireless Networks

[0034] In a cellular wireless network, the geographical region to be serviced by the network is normally divided into smaller areas called cells. In each cell the coverage is provided by a base station. Thus, this type of structure is normally referred to as the cellular structure depicted in Figure 4, which illustrates a cellular wireless network 400 comprised of multiple cells 402, in each of which coverage is provided by a base station (BS) 404. Mobile stations are distributed within each coverage area.

[0035] A base station 404 is connected to the backbone of the network via a dedicated link and also provides radio links to mobile stations within its coverage. A base station 404 also serves as a focal point to distribute information to and collect information from its mobile stations by radio signals. The mobile stations within each coverage area are used as the interface between the users and the network.

[0036] In an M-cell wireless network arrangement, with one-way or two-way communication and time division or frequency division duplexing, the transmitters at all the cells are synchronized via a particular means and are transmitting simultaneously. In a specific cell 402 of this arrangement, the pth cell, a receiver receives a signal at a specific subcarrier, the ith subcarrier, at the time t_k , which can be described as:

$$s_i(t_k) = a_{i,p}(t_k)e^{j\varphi_{i,p}(t_k)} + \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq p}}^M a_{i,m}(t_k)e^{j\varphi_{i,m}(t_k)} \quad (1)$$

where $a_{i,m}(t_k)$ and $\varphi_{i,m}(t_k)$ denote the signal amplitude and phase, respectively, associated with the i^{th} subcarrier from the base station of the m^{th} cell.

Cell-Specific Pilot Subcarriers

[0037] If the i th subcarrier is used as a pilot subcarrier at the p th cell for the cell-specific purposes, the cell-specific information carried by $a_{i,p}(t_k)$ and $\varphi_{i,p}(t_k)$ will be of interest to the receiver at the p th cell and other signals described by the second term on the right hand side of equation (1) will be interference, which is an incoherent sum of signals from other cells. In this case, a sufficient level of the carrier-to-interference ratio (CIR) is required to obtain the estimates of $a_{i,p}(t_k)$ and $\varphi_{i,p}(t_k)$ with desirable accuracy.

[0038] There are many ways to boost the CIR. For examples, the amplitude of a pilot subcarrier can be set larger than that of a data subcarrier; power control can be applied to the pilot subcarriers; and cells adjacent to the p th cell may avoid using the i th subcarrier as pilot subcarrier. All these can be achieved with coordination between the cells based on certain processes, described below.

Common Pilot Subcarriers

[0039] The common pilot subcarriers for different cells are normally aligned in the frequency index at the time of transmission, as depicted in Figure 5, which shows pilot subcarriers divided into two groups: cell-specific pilot sub-carriers and common pilot subcarriers. The cell-specific pilot subcarriers for different cells are not necessarily aligned in frequency. They can be used by the receiver to extract cell-specific information. The common pilot subcarriers for different cells may be aligned in frequency, and possess a set of attributes common to all base stations within the network. Thus, every receiver within the system is able to exploit these common pilot subcarriers without interference problem. The power of the pilot subcarriers can be varied through a particular power control scheme and based on a specific application.

[0040] If the i th subcarrier is used as a pilot subcarrier at the p th cell for the common purposes, it is not necessary to consider the second term on the right hand side of equation (1) to be interference. Instead, this term can be turned into a coherent component of the desirable signal by designing the common pilot carriers to meet the criteria specified in the aspects of this invention, provided that base stations at all cells

are synchronized in frequency and time. In such a case the cell in which the receiver is located becomes irrelevant and, consequently, the received signal can be rewritten as:

$$s_i(t_k) = \sum_{m=1}^M a_{i,m}(t_k) e^{j\phi_{i,m}(t_k)} \quad (2)$$

The common pilot subcarriers can be used for a number of functionalities, such as frequency offset estimation and timing estimation.

[0041] To estimate the frequency, normally signals at different times are utilized. In an example with two common pilot subcarriers of the same frequency index, the received signal at time t_{k+1} , with respect to the received signal at time t_k , is given by

$$s_i(t_{k+1}) = e^{j2\pi f_i \Delta t} \sum_{m=1}^M a_{i,m}(t_{k+1}) e^{j\phi_{i,m}(t_{k+1})} \quad (3)$$

where $\Delta t = t_{k+1} - t_k$. If Δt is much less than the coherence period of the channel and

$$\alpha_{i,m}(t_k) = c_i \alpha_{i,m}(t_{k+1}) \quad (4)$$

and

$$\phi_{i,m}(t_k) = \phi_{i,m}(t_{k+1}) + \beta_i \quad (5)$$

then the frequency can be determined by

$$2\pi f_i \Delta t = \arg \{s_i(k) s_i(k+1)\} - \beta_i \quad (6)$$

where $c_i > 0$ and $-\pi \leq \beta_i \leq \pi$ or are predetermined constants for all values of m . And from all the frequency estimates $\{f_i\}$, a frequency offset can be derived based on a certain criterion.

[0042] For timing estimation, normally multiple common pilot carriers are required. In an example of two common pilot subcarriers, the received signal at f_n , is given by

$$s_n(t_k) = e^{j2\pi \Delta f T_s(t_k)} \sum_{m=1}^M a_{n,m}(t_k) e^{j\phi_{n,m}(t_k)} \quad (7)$$

where $\Delta f = f_n - f_i$ and T_s denotes the sampling period. If Δf is much less than the coherence bandwidth of the channel and

$$\alpha_{i,m}(t_k) = c(t_k) \alpha_{n,m}(t_k) \quad (8)$$

and

$$\phi_{i,m}(t_k) = \phi_{n,m}(t_k) + \gamma(t_k) \quad (9)$$

then T_s can be determined by

$$2\pi\Delta f T_s(t_k) = \arg\{s_i^*(t_k)s_n(t_k)\} - \gamma(t_k) \quad (10)$$

where $c(t_k) > 0$ and $-\pi \leq \gamma(t_k) \leq \pi$ are predetermined constants for all values of m .

[0043] Figure 6 is an embodiment of pilot-generation-and-insertion functional block 106 shown in Figure 1, which employs a microprocessor 602 to generate pilot subcarriers and insert them into a frequency sequence contained in electronic memory 604. In one embodiment of the invention illustrated in Figure 6, a microprocessor 602 embedded in the pilot-generation-and-insertion functional block 106 computes the attributes of the pilot subcarriers such as their frequency indices and complex values specified by their requirements, and insert them into the frequency sequence contained in the electronic memory 604, such as a RAM, ready for the application of IFFT.

Diversity for Common Pilot Subcarriers

[0044] Considering equation (2), which is the sum of a number of complex signals, it is possible for these signals to be destructively superimposed on each other and cause the amplitude of the receiver signal at this particular subcarrier to be so small that the signal itself becomes unreliable. Phase diversity can help this adverse effect. In the example of frequency estimation, a random phase $\mathcal{G}_{l,m}$ can be added to another pilot subcarrier, say the l th subcarrier, which results in

$$\phi_{l,m}(t_k) = \phi_{i,m}(t_k) + \mathcal{G}_{l,m} \quad (11)$$

and

$$\phi_{l,m}(t_{k+1}) = \phi_{i,m}(t_{k+1}) + \mathcal{G}_{l,m} \quad (12)$$

where $\mathcal{G}_{l,m}$ should be set differently for each cell, and provided that the following condition is met,

$$\phi_{l,m}(t_k) = \phi_{l,m}(t_{k+1}) + \beta_l, \text{ for all values of } m \quad (13)$$

[0045] With the phase diversity, it is expected that the probability of both $|s_i(t_k)|$ and $|s_i(t_k)|$ diminishing at the same time is relatively small. The embodiment of phase diversity is depicted in Figure 7, which shows common pilot subcarriers generated by a microprocessor of Figure 6 to realize phase diversity. It should be noted that time delay will achieve the equivalent diversity effect.

[0046] Another embodiment is illustrated in Figure 8, which effectively creates phase diversity by adding a random delay time duration 802, either in baseband or RF, to the time-domain signals.

Power Control for Pilot Subcarriers

[0047] In one embodiment of the invention, power control can be applied to the pilot subcarriers. The power of the pilot subcarriers can be adjusted individually or as a subgroup to

- [0048]** 1. meet the needs of their functionalities;
- [0049]** 2. adapt to the operation environments (e.g., propagation channels); and
- [0050]** 3. reduce interference between cells or groups of cells.

In another embodiment power control is implemented differently for cell-specific pilot subcarriers and common pilot subcarriers. For example, stronger power is applied to common pilot subcarriers than to the cell-specific subcarriers.

Application to Multiple Antennas

[0051] The methods and processes provided by this invention can also be implemented in applications where multiple antennas are used within an individual sector, provided that the criteria specified either by equations (4) and (5) for frequency estimation or by equations (8) and (9) for timing estimation are satisfied.

[0052] Figure 9 shows two examples for extension to multiple antenna applications. In case (a) where there is only one transmission branch that is connected to an array of antennas 902 through a transformer 904 (e.g., a beam-forming matrix), the implementation is exactly the same as in the case of single antenna. In case (b) of multiple transmission branches connected to different antennas 906 (e.g., in a transmission

diversity scheme or a multiple-input multiple-output scheme), the cell-specific pilot subcarriers for transmission branches are usually defined by a multiple-antenna scheme whereas the common pilot subcarriers for each transmission branch are generated to meet the requirements of (4) and (5) for frequency estimation or (8) and (9) for timing estimation.

Joint-Use of Cell-Specific and Common Pilot Subcarriers

[0053] In one embodiment the cell-specific and common pilot subcarriers can be used jointly in the same process based on certain information theoretic criteria, such as the optimization of the signal-to-noise ratio. For example, in the estimation of a system parameter (e.g. frequency), some or all cell-specific subcarriers, if they satisfy a certain criterion, such as to exceed a CIR threshold, may be selected to be used together with the common pilot subcarriers to improve estimation accuracy. Furthermore, the common pilot sub-carriers can be used along with the cell-specific subcarriers to determine the cell-specific information in some scenarios, one of which is the operation at the edge of the network.

Base Transmitters Synchronization

[0054] Base stations at all cells are required to be synchronized in frequency and time. In one embodiment of the invention the collocated base station transmitters are locked to a single frequency oscillator, as in the case where a cell is divided into sectors and the base stations of these sectors are physically placed at the same location.

[0055] Figure 10 is an embodiment of synchronization in frequency and time domains of two collocated base stations sharing a common frequency oscillator 1002. Mobile stations 1004 covered by these two base stations do not experience interference when receiving the common pilot subcarriers. The base station transmitters that are located at different areas are locked to a common reference frequency source, such as the GPS signal. Figure 11 depicts an embodiment of synchronization in frequency and time domains with base stations 1102 and 1104 at different locations sharing a common frequency reference signal generated from the GPS 1106 signals. Mobile stations 1108 covered by these two base stations 1102 and 1104 do not experience interference when receiving the common pilot subcarriers.

[0056] In some applications, the entire wireless network may consist of multiple groups of cells (or sectors) and each group may have its own set of common pilot subcarriers. In such scenarios, only those base stations within their group are required to synchronize to a common reference. While the common pilot subcarriers within each group are designed to meet the criteria defined by equations (4) and (5) or by (8) and (9) for the use by its base stations, a particular counter-interference process (e.g., randomization in frequency or power control) will be applied to different sets of common pilot subcarriers. This will cause the signals from the cells within the same group to add coherently while the signals from the cells in other groups are treated as randomized interference.

[0057] One embodiment of such implementation is illustrated in Figure 12, where a wireless network consists of three groups (A, B, and C) of cells (or sectors). The base stations within their own group share the same set of common pilot subcarriers. In this scenario, only those base stations within their group are required to synchronize to a common reference. While the common pilot subcarriers within each group are designed to meet the criteria defined in this invention, a particular counter-interference process (e.g., randomization in frequency) will be applied to different sets of common pilot subcarriers. For example, the base stations at Cells A1, A2, and A3 in Group A synchronize to their own common reference source and transmit the same set of common pilot subcarriers; and the base stations at Cells B1, B2, and B3 in Group B synchronize to their own reference source and transmit another set of common pilot subcarriers that are located at different places in the frequency domain.

Extension to Transmission of Data Information

[0058] All design processes, criteria, and methods described in the embodiments of this invention can be extended to applications where common network information is required to be distributed to all receivers within the network. In one example, all the base stations within the network transmit, along with some common pilot subcarriers, an identical set of data subcarriers in which the data information common to all the cells in the network is imbedded.

[0059] Figure 13 shows all base stations within a network transmit, along with a common pilot subcarrier, a data subcarrier carrying data information common to all cells in the network. A receiver within the network can determine the composite channel coefficient based on the common pilot subcarrier and apply it to the data subcarrier to compensate for the channel effect, thereby recovering the data information.

[0060] The above detailed descriptions of embodiments of the invention are not intended to be exhaustive or to limit the invention to the precise form disclosed above. While specific embodiments of, and examples for, the invention are described above for illustrative purposes, various equivalent modifications are possible within the scope of the invention, as those skilled in the relevant art will recognize. For example, while steps are presented in a given order, alternative embodiments may perform routines having steps in a different order. The teachings of the invention provided herein can be applied to other systems, not necessarily the system described herein. These and other changes can be made to the invention in light of the detailed description.

[0061] The elements and acts of the various embodiments described above can be combined to provide further embodiments.

[0062] These and other All of the above U.S. patents and applications and other references are incorporated herein by reference. Aspects of the invention can be modified, if necessary, to employ the systems, functions and concepts of the various references described above to provide yet further embodiments of the invention.

[0063] Changes can be made to the invention in light of the above detailed description. In general, the terms used in the following claims should not be construed to limit the invention to the specific embodiments disclosed in the specification, unless the above detailed description explicitly defines such terms. Accordingly, the actual scope of the invention encompasses the disclosed embodiments and all equivalent ways of practicing or implementing the invention under the claims.

[0064] While certain aspects of the invention are presented below in certain claim forms, the inventors contemplate the various aspects of the invention in any number of claim forms. For example, while only one aspect of the invention is recited as embodied in a computer-readable medium, other aspects may likewise be embodied in a computer-

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	Filing Date	2020-09-04
	First Named Inventor	Li et al.
	Art Unit	2645
	Examiner Name	Omoniye Obayanju
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Li et al.

Application No.: 17/012,813

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Filed: September 4, 2020

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Group: 2645

Examiner: Omoniyi Obayanju

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Date: October 1, 2020

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This Application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 16/440,754, filed June 13, 2019, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 15/688,441, filed August 28, 2017, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 10,326,631 on June 18, 2019, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 14/746,676, filed June 22, 2015, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 9,749,168 on August 29, 2017,

which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 14/595,132, filed January 12, 2015, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 9,065,614 on June 23, 2015, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 13/874,278, filed April 30, 2013, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 8,934,473 on January 13, 2015, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 13/212,116, filed August 17, 2011, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 8,432,891 on April 30, 2013, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/583,530, filed May 30, 2007, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 8,009,660 on August 30, 2011, which is a U.S. National Stage of PCT Application No. PCT/US05/01939, filed January 20, 2005, which claims the benefit of and priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/540,032, filed on January 29, 2004.

Applicant would like to bring the following Applications to the Examiner's attention: U.S. Patent Application No. 16/908,067, filed June 22, 2020; U.S. Patent Application No. 16/902,740, filed June 16, 2020; U.S. Patent Application No. 15/953,950, filed April 16, 2018, which issued September 8, 2020 as U.S. Patent No. 10,771,302; U.S. Patent Application No. 14/321,615, filed July 1, 2014, which issued April 17, 2018 as U.S. Patent No. 9,948,488; U.S. Patent Application No. 13/861,942, filed April 12, 2013, which issued July 1, 2014 as U.S. Patent No. 8,767,522; U.S. Patent Application No. 13/347,644, filed January 10, 2012, which issued April 23, 2013 as U.S. Patent No. 8,428,009; U.S. Patent Application No. 12/975,226, filed December 21, 2010, which issued January 10, 2012 as U.S. Patent No. 8,094,611; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/583,229, filed August 27, 2008, which

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO Form SB-08 indicating consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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<i>Decision Granting Request for Prioritized Examination (Track I)</i>	Application No. 17/012,813	Applicant(s) Li et al.	
	Examiner CHERYL P GIBSON BAYLOR	Art Unit OPET	AIA (FITF) Status No
1. THE REQUEST FILED <u>04 September 2020</u> IS GRANTED . The above-identified application has met the requirements for prioritized examination A. ☒ for an original nonprovisional application (Track I). B. ☐ for an application undergoing continued examination (RCE). 2. The above-identified application will undergo prioritized examination. The application will be accorded special status throughout its entire course of prosecution until one of the following occurs: A. filing a <u>petition for extension of time</u> to extend the time period for filing a reply; B. filing an <u>amendment to amend the application to contain more than four independent claims, more than thirty total claims</u>, or a multiple dependent claim; C. filing a <u>request for continued examination</u> ; D. filing a notice of appeal; E. filing a request for suspension of action; F. mailing of a notice of allowance; G. mailing of a final Office action; H. completion of examination as defined in 37 CFR 41.102; or I. abandonment of the application. Telephone inquiries with regard to this decision should be directed to CHERYL GIBSON BAYLOR at (571)272-3213. In his/her absence, calls may be directed to Petition Help Desk at (571) 272-3282.			
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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS USING CELL-SPECIFIC AND COMMON PILOT SUBCARRIERS IN MULTI-CARRIER, MULTI-CELL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION NETWORKS

APPLN. TYPE	ENTITY STATUS	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	UNDISCOUNTED	\$1200	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1200	01/27/2021

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/01/2020.
☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.

2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	5. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
2. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____.	6. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
3. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material _____.	7. ☐ Other _____.
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DETAILED ACTION

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with **Mr. Andrew Buschmeier** on **10/20/2020**.

The application has been amended as follows:

CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA)-compatible base station that uses subcarriers in a frequency domain and time slots in a time domain, the OFDMA-compatible base station comprising:
 - a plurality of antennas; and
 - a transmitter operably coupled to the plurality of antennas;
 - the transmitter configured to:

insert first pilots of a first type ~~cell-specific pilots~~ onto a first plurality of subcarriers, wherein the first pilots are cell-specific pilots; and

insert data and second pilots of a second type onto a second plurality of subcarriers;

wherein at least some subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers or the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed; and

the plurality of antennas configured to transmit the first plurality of subcarriers and the second plurality of subcarriers in at least one of the time slots;

wherein the second type is different than the first type and wherein the first pilots do not interfere with the second pilots.

8. (Currently Amended) An orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA)-compatible base station that uses subcarriers in a frequency domain and time slots in a time domain, the OFDMA-compatible base station comprising:

a plurality of antennas; and

a transmitter operably coupled to the plurality of antennas;

the transmitter configured to:

insert first pilots of a first type ~~cell-specific pilots~~ onto a first plurality of subcarriers, wherein the first pilots are cell-specific pilots; and

insert data and second pilots of a second type onto a second plurality of subcarriers;

wherein at least some subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers or the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed; and

the plurality of antennas configured to transmit the first plurality of subcarriers and the second plurality of subcarriers in at least one of the time slots;

wherein the second type is different than the first type and wherein the first pilots do not interfere with the second pilots.

15. (Currently Amended) An orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA)-compatible mobile station that uses subcarriers in a frequency domain and time slots in a time domain, the OFDMA-compatible mobile station comprising:

at least one antenna; and

a receiver; and

the at least one antenna and the receiver are configured to:

receive first pilots of a first type ~~cell-specific pilots~~ on a first plurality of subcarriers, wherein the first pilots are cell-specific pilots; and

receive second pilots of a second type and data on a second plurality of subcarriers, wherein the first plurality of subcarriers and the second plurality of subcarriers are received in at least one of the time slots;

wherein at least some subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers or the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed; and

the receiver is further configured to:

recover the data using channel estimates from at least the second pilots;

and

recover cell-specific information using the cell-specific pilots;

wherein the second type is different than the first type and wherein the first pilots do not interfere with the second pilots.

23. (Currently Amended) A method performed by an orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA)-compatible mobile station that uses subcarriers in a frequency domain and time slots in a time domain, the method comprising:

receiving first pilots of a first type ~~cell-specific pilots~~ on a first plurality of subcarriers, wherein the first pilots are cell-specific pilots;

receiving second pilots of a second type and data on a second plurality of subcarriers, wherein the first plurality of subcarriers and the second plurality of subcarriers are received in at least one of the time slots;

wherein at least some subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers or the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed;

recovering the data using channel estimates from at least the second pilots; and

recovering cell-specific information using the cell-specific pilots;

wherein the second type is different than the first type and wherein the first pilots do not interfere with the second pilots.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-30 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record **Li et al. (US Patent No. 7650152)** discussed the concept of allocating subcarriers in an orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA), which comprises allocating at least one diversity cluster of subcarriers to a first subscriber and allocating at least one coherence cluster to a second subscriber (**see fig. 1 and abs**). **Li** further discussed the concept that each base station transmits pilot symbols simultaneously, and each pilot symbol occupies the entire OFDM frequency bandwidth (**see fig. 2A-C**).

Another close prior art reference **Seki et al. (US Publication No. 20040190598)** discussed the concept of a multicarrier CDMA transmission system, wherein time multiplexer 52 time-multiplexes the pilot of the plurality of symbols to the front of the transmit data. The subcarrier signals S_1 to S_N are multicode multiplexed signals obtained by multiplexing results of spreading the two symbols by respective ones of the orthogonal codes (**see fig. 24, and pp0071**).

However, singly and/or in combination the prior art references does not teach the at least portion of the claim of **an orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA)-compatible base station** that uses subcarriers in a frequency domain and time slots in a time domain, the OFDMA-compatible base station comprising: a plurality of antennas; and a transmitter operably coupled to the plurality of antennas; the transmitter configured to: **insert first pilots of a first type onto a first plurality of subcarriers, wherein the first pilots are cell-specific pilots; and insert data and second pilots of a second type onto a second plurality of subcarriers; wherein at least some subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers or the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed; and the plurality of antennas configured to**

transmit the first plurality of subcarriers and the second plurality of subcarriers in at least one of the time slots; wherein the second type is different than the first type and wherein the first pilots do not interfere with the second pilots.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to OMONIYI OBAYANJU whose telephone number is (571)270-5885. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thur 10:30-7pm.

Examiner interviews are available via telephone, in-person, and video conferencing using a USPTO supplied web-based collaboration tool. To schedule an interview, applicant is encouraged to use the USPTO Automated Interview Request (AIR) at <http://www.uspto.gov/interviewpractice>.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ANTHONY S ADDY can be reached on (571) 272-7795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2645

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All Participants (applicant, applicants representative, PTO personnel)	Title	Type
OMONIYI OBAYANJU	Primary Examiner	Telephonic
Andrew Buschmeier (73,179)	Attorney	

Date of Interview: 20 October 2020

Issues Discussed:

35 U.S.C. 112

The Examiner discussed potential clarity 112 issues in the independent claim because the claims mentioned a second pilots without clearly specifying what is the first pilots.

Proposed Amendment(s)

The Examiner also discussed and/or suggest some amendments. The Applicant made alternative amendments and agreed to enter the amendments with an Examiner's amendments, after further search and/or consideration by the Examiner.

/OMONIYI OBAYANJU/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2645	
Applicant is reminded that a complete written statement as to the substance of the interview must be made of record in the application file. It is the applicants responsibility to provide the written statement, unless the interview was initiated by the Examiner and the Examiner has indicated that a written summary will be provided. See MPEP 713.04 Please further see: MPEP 713.04 Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews, paragraph (b) 37 CFR § 1.2 Business to be transacted in writing	

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S23	22	S22 and S18	US-PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2020/03/18 17:52
S24	4	((transmi\$10 near2 power) and (((common or "same" or similar or identical or equal) near2 pilot) same (ratio near2 amplitude)) and (phase near2 differen\$3) and ((sync\$15 or align\$8 or calibrat\$3 or correct\$3) near3 (carrier or band or sub\$1band or sub\$1carrier))).clm.	US-PGPUB; USPAT; EPO; JPO; DERWENT; IBM_TDB	OR	ON	2020/03/18 17:56
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REMARKS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-30 are currently pending in this application. Claim 8 is amended with respect to claim 8 as included in the Examiner's Amendment. Claim 8 as included in the Examiner's amendment did not accurately reflect changes to claim 8 as filed, rather the language of claim 8 as listed in the Examiner's Amendment was actually the language of claim 1. The amendments to claim 8 herein are to correctly fix claim 8 to reflect the method claim as originally filed along with the incorporation of similar changes as were made to the other independent claims in the Examiner's Amendment.

Examiner Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephonic interview with the Applicant's representative on October 20, 2020. During the telephonic interview, amendments to the independent claims were discussed. Claim 8 was unintentionally overlooked as a reproduction of claim 1. The Applicant has corrected the claim via the foregoing Amendment.

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Conclusion

Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced into the application by this Amendment, and respectfully requests that this Amendment be entered pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312 and that the application continues to grant.

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

1. (previously presented) An orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA)-compatible base station that uses subcarriers in a frequency domain and time slots in a time domain, the OFDMA-compatible base station comprising:
 - a plurality of antennas; and
 - a transmitter operably coupled to the plurality of antennas;the transmitter configured to:
 - insert first pilots of a first type onto a first plurality of subcarriers, wherein the first pilots are cell-specific pilots; and
 - insert data and second pilots of a second type onto a second plurality of subcarriers;wherein at least some subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers or the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed; and
 - the plurality of antennas configured to transmit the first plurality of subcarriers and the second plurality of subcarriers in at least one of the time slots;
 - wherein the second type is different than the first type and wherein the first pilots do not interfere with the second pilots.
2. (original) The OFDMA-compatible base station of claim 1 wherein all subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers are different than all subcarriers of the second plurality of subcarriers.
3. (original) The OFDMA-compatible base station of claim 1 wherein the second plurality of subcarriers includes an n th subcarrier and an $n+18$ subcarrier

spaced apart from the n th subcarrier by 17 subcarriers and the first plurality of subcarriers includes an m th subcarrier and an $m+20$ subcarrier spaced apart from the m th subcarrier by 19 subcarriers.

4. (original) The OFDMA-compatible base station of claim 1 wherein each cell-specific pilot of the cell-specific pilots is unique to a respective cell.

5. (original) The OFDMA-compatible base station of claim 1 wherein the first plurality of subcarriers are not aligned in frequency with subcarriers of at least another cell onto which respective cell-specific pilots are inserted.

6. (original) The OFDMA-compatible base station of claim 1 wherein the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed.

7. (original) The OFDMA-compatible base station of claim 1 wherein the cell-specific pilots are used to convey cell-specific information.

8. (currently amended) ~~An orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA) compatible base station that uses subcarriers in a frequency domain and time slots in a time domain, the OFDMA compatible base station comprising:~~

~~a plurality of antennas; and~~

~~a transmitter operably coupled to the plurality of antennas;~~

~~the transmitter configured to:~~

~~—— insert first pilots of a first type onto a first plurality of subcarriers,~~

~~wherein the first pilots are cell specific pilots; and~~

~~—— insert data and second pilots of a second type onto a second plurality of subcarriers;~~

~~wherein at least some subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers or the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed; and~~

~~the plurality of antennas configured to transmit the first plurality of subcarriers and the second plurality of subcarriers in at least one of the time slots;~~

A method performed by an orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA)-compatible base station that uses subcarriers in a frequency domain and time slots in a time domain, the method comprising:

inserting, by the OFDMA-compatible base station, first pilots of a first type onto a first plurality of subcarriers, wherein the first pilots are cell-specific pilots;

inserting, by the OFDMA-compatible base station, data and second pilots of a second type onto a second plurality of subcarriers;

wherein at least some subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers or the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed; and

transmitting, by the OFDMA-compatible base station, the first plurality of subcarriers and the second plurality of subcarriers in at least one of the time slots using a plurality of antennas;

wherein the second type is different than the first type and wherein the first pilots do not interfere with the second pilots.

9. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein all subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers are different than all subcarriers of the second plurality of subcarriers.

10. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the second plurality of subcarriers includes an n th subcarrier and an $n+18$ subcarrier spaced apart from the n th subcarrier by 17 subcarriers and the first plurality of subcarriers includes an m th subcarrier and an $m+20$ subcarrier spaced apart from the m th subcarrier by 19 subcarriers.

11. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein each cell-specific pilot of the cell-specific pilots is unique to a respective cell.

12. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the first plurality of subcarriers are not aligned in frequency with subcarriers of at least another cell onto which respective cell-specific pilots are inserted.

13. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed.

14. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the cell-specific pilots are used to convey cell-specific information.

15. (previously presented) An orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA)-compatible mobile station that uses subcarriers in a frequency domain and time slots in a time domain, the OFDMA-compatible mobile station comprising:

at least one antenna; and

a receiver; and

the at least one antenna and the receiver are configured to:

receive first pilots of a first type on a first plurality of subcarriers,

wherein the first pilots are cell-specific pilots; and

receive second pilots of a second type and data on a second plurality of subcarriers, wherein the first plurality of subcarriers and the second plurality of subcarriers are received in at least one of the time slots;

wherein at least some subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers or the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed; and

the receiver is further configured to:
recover the data using channel estimates from at least the second pilots; and
recover cell-specific information using the cell-specific pilots;
wherein the second type is different than the first type and wherein the first pilots do not interfere with the second pilots.

16. (original) The OFDMA-compatible mobile station of claim 15 wherein all subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers are different than all subcarriers of the second plurality of subcarriers.

17. (original) The OFDMA-compatible mobile station of claim 15 wherein the second plurality of subcarriers includes an n th subcarrier and an $n+18$ subcarrier spaced apart from the n th subcarrier by 17 subcarriers and the first plurality of subcarriers includes an m th subcarrier and an $m+20$ subcarrier spaced apart from the m th subcarrier by 19 subcarriers.

18. (original) The OFDMA-compatible mobile station of claim 15 wherein each cell-specific pilot of the cell-specific pilots is unique to a respective cell.

19. (original) The OFDMA-compatible mobile station of claim 15 wherein the first plurality of subcarriers are transmitted at a same time as the second plurality of subcarriers.

20. (original) The OFDMA-compatible mobile station of claim 15 wherein the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed.

21. (original) The OFDMA-compatible mobile station of claim 15 wherein the first plurality of subcarriers are not aligned in frequency with subcarriers of at least another cell onto which respective cell-specific pilots are inserted.

22. (original) The OFDMA-compatible mobile station of claim 15 wherein the receiver is further configured to extract cell-specific information from the cell-specific pilots.

23. (previously presented) A method performed by an orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA)-compatible mobile station that uses subcarriers in a frequency domain and time slots in a time domain, the method comprising:

receiving first pilots of a first type on a first plurality of subcarriers, wherein the first pilots are cell-specific pilots;

receiving second pilots of a second type and data on a second plurality of subcarriers, wherein the first plurality of subcarriers and the second plurality of subcarriers are received in at least one of the time slots;

wherein at least some subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers or the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed;

recovering the data using channel estimates from at least the second pilots;
and

recovering cell-specific information using the cell-specific pilots;
wherein the second type is different than the first type and wherein the first pilots do not interfere with the second pilots.

24. (original) The method of claim 23 wherein all subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers are different than all subcarriers of the second plurality of subcarriers.

25. (original) The method of claim 23 wherein the second plurality of subcarriers includes an n th subcarrier and an $n+18$ subcarrier spaced apart from the n th subcarrier by 17 subcarriers and the first plurality of subcarriers includes an m th subcarrier and an $m+20$ subcarrier spaced apart from the m th subcarrier by 19 subcarriers.

26. (original) The method of claim 23 wherein each cell-specific pilot of the cell-specific pilots is unique to a respective cell.

27. (original) The method of claim 23 wherein the first plurality of subcarriers are transmitted at a same time as the second plurality of subcarriers.

28. (original) The method of claim 23 wherein the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed.

29. (original) The method of claim 23 wherein the first plurality of subcarriers are not aligned in frequency with subcarriers of at least another cell onto which respective cell-specific pilots are inserted.

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30. (original) The method of claim 23 further comprising extracting cell-specific information from the cell-specific pilots.



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17/012,813	09/04/2020	Xiaodong Li	NEO-PT008.8	8746

TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS USING CELL-SPECIFIC AND COMMON PILOT SUBCARRIERS IN MULTI-CARRIER, MULTI-CELL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION NETWORKS

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Application Number	17012813	Filing Date	2020-09-04	Docket Number (if applicable)	NEO-PT008.8	Art Unit	2645
First Named Inventor	Li et al.			Examiner Name	Omoniyi Obayanju		

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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Name	Andrew D. Buschmeier	Registration Number	73179

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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Li et al.

Application No.: 17/012,813

Confirmation No.: 8746

Filed: September 4, 2020

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS USING
CELL-SPECIFIC AND COMMON PILOT
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Group: 2645

Examiner: Omoniyi Obayanju

Our File: NEO-PT008.8

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This Application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 16/440,754, filed June 13, 2019, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 15/688,441, filed August 28, 2017, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 10,326,631 on June 18, 2019, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 14/746,676, filed June 22, 2015, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 9,749,168 on August 29, 2017, which is a

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2011 as U.S. Patent No. 7,864,725; U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/540,586, filed January 30, 2004; and PCT Application No. PCT/US2005/003518, filed January 27, 2005.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO Form SB-08 indicating consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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7. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Administrator, General Services, or his/her designee, during an inspection of records conducted by GSA as part of that agency's responsibility to recommend improvements in records management practices and programs, under authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906. Such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the GSA regulations governing inspection of records for this purpose, and any other relevant (i.e., GSA or Commerce) directive. Such disclosure shall not be used to make determinations about individuals.
8. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the public after either publication of the application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b) or issuance of a patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 151. Further, a record may be disclosed, subject to the limitations of 37 CFR 1.14, as a routine use, to the public if the record was filed in an application which became abandoned or in which the proceedings were terminated and which application is referenced by either a published application, an application open to public inspections or an issued patent.
9. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency, if the USPTO becomes aware of a violation or potential violation of law or regulation.

Doc Code: PET.AUTO Document Description: Petition automatically granted by EFS-Web		PTO/SB/140 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Department of Commerce
Electronic Petition Request	PETITION TO WITHDRAW AN APPLICATION FROM ISSUE AFTER PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)	
Application Number	17012813	
Filing Date	04-Sep-2020	
First Named Inventor	Xiaodong Li	
Art Unit	2645	
Examiner Name	OMONIYI OBAYANJU	
Attorney Docket Number	NEO-PT008.8	
Title	METHOD AND APPARATUS USING CELL-SPECIFIC AND COMMON PILOT SUBCARRIERS IN MULTI-CARRIER, MULTI-CELL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION NETWORKS	
An application may be withdrawn from issue for further action upon petition by the applicant. To request that the Office withdraw an application from issue, applicant must file a petition under this section including the fee set forth in § 1.17(h) and a showing of good and sufficient reasons why withdrawal of the application from issue is necessary. APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS TO WITHDRAW THIS APPLICATION FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c). A grantable petition requires the following items: (1) Petition fee; and (2) One of the following reasons: (a) Unpatentability of one or more claims, which must be accompanied by an unequivocal statement that one or more claims are unpatentable, an amendment to such claim or claims, and an explanation as to how the amendment causes such claim or claims to be patentable; (b) Consideration of a request for continued examination in compliance with § 1.114 (for a utility or plant application only); or (c) Express abandonment of the application. Such express abandonment may be in favor of a continuing application, but not a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d).		
Petition Fee		
☐ Small Entity		
☐ Micro Entity		
☒ Regular Undiscounted		
Reason for withdrawal from issue		

- RCE request, submission, and fee.

THIS PORTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE SIGNATORY OR SIGNATORIES

☒ An attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office who has been given power of attorney in this application.

☐ An attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, acting in a representative capacity.

☐ A sole inventor

☐ A joint inventor; I certify that I am authorized to sign this submission on behalf of all of the inventors as evidenced by the power of attorney in the application

☐ A joint inventor; all of whom are signing this e-petition

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Description	Fee Code	Quantity	Amount	Sub-Total in USD(\$)
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Miscellaneous:				
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In re Application of :

Xiaodong Li

DECISION ON PETITION

UNDER CFR 1.313(c)(2)

Application No : 17012813

Filed : 04-Sep-2020

Attorney Docket No : NEO-PT008.8

This is an electronic decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), filed February 8, 2021 , to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid in this application cannot be refunded. If, however, this application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the Patent Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197.

This application file is being referred to Technology Center AU 2645 for processing of the request for continuing examination under 37 CFR 1.114 .

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Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt	
EFS ID:	41866777
Application Number:	17012813
International Application Number:	
Confirmation Number:	8746
Title of Invention:	METHOD AND APPARATUS USING CELL-SPECIFIC AND COMMON PILOT SUBCARRIERS IN MULTI-CARRIER, MULTI-CELL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION NETWORKS
First Named Inventor/Applicant Name:	Xiaodong Li
Customer Number:	3624
Filer:	Andrew D. Buschmeier/Margaret Ferello
Filer Authorized By:	Andrew D. Buschmeier
Attorney Docket Number:	NEO-PT008.8
Receipt Date:	08-FEB-2021
Filing Date:	04-SEP-2020
Time Stamp:	17:31:47
Application Type:	Utility under 35 USC 111(a)

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Payment Type	CARD
Payment was successfully received in RAM	\$1500
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Deposit Account	220493
Authorized User	Margaret Ferello
The Director of the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment as follows: 37 CFR 1.17 (Patent application and reexamination processing fees)	

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New Applications Under 35 U.S.C. 111

If a new application is being filed and the application includes the necessary components for a filing date (see 37 CFR 1.53(b)-(d) and MPEP 506), a Filing Receipt (37 CFR 1.54) will be issued in due course and the date shown on this Acknowledgement Receipt will establish the filing date of the application.

National Stage of an International Application under 35 U.S.C. 371

If a timely submission to enter the national stage of an international application is compliant with the conditions of 35 U.S.C. 371 and other applicable requirements a Form PCT/DO/EO/903 indicating acceptance of the application as a national stage submission under 35 U.S.C. 371 will be issued in addition to the Filing Receipt, in due course.

New International Application Filed with the USPTO as a Receiving Office

If a new international application is being filed and the international application includes the necessary components for an international filing date (see PCT Article 11 and MPEP 1810), a Notification of the International Application Number and of the International Filing Date (Form PCT/RO/105) will be issued in due course, subject to prescriptions concerning national security, and the date shown on this Acknowledgement Receipt will establish the international filing date of the application.



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EXAMINER

OBAYANJU, OMONIYI

ART UNIT

PAPER NUMBER

2645

DATE MAILED: 02/19/2021

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
17/012,813	09/04/2020	Xiaodong Li	NEO-PT008.8	8746

TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS USING CELL-SPECIFIC AND COMMON PILOT SUBCARRIERS IN MULTI-CARRIER, MULTI-CELL WIRELESS COMMUNICATION NETWORKS

APPLN. TYPE	ENTITY STATUS	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	UNDISCOUNTED	\$1200	\$0.00	\$1200.00	\$0	05/19/2021

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED. SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE DOES NOT REFLECT A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE IN THIS APPLICATION. IF AN ISSUE FEE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN PAID IN THIS APPLICATION (AS SHOWN ABOVE), THE RETURN OF PART B OF THIS FORM WILL BE CONSIDERED A REQUEST TO REAPPLY THE PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE TOWARD THE ISSUE FEE NOW DUE.

HOW TO REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

I. Review the ENTITY STATUS shown above. If the ENTITY STATUS is shown as SMALL or MICRO, verify whether entitlement to that entity status still applies.

If the ENTITY STATUS is the same as shown above, pay the TOTAL FEE(S) DUE shown above.

If the ENTITY STATUS is changed from that shown above, on PART B - FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL, complete section number 5 titled "Change in Entity Status (from status indicated above)".

For purposes of this notice, small entity fees are 1/2 the amount of undiscounted fees, and micro entity fees are 1/2 the amount of small entity fees.

II. PART B - FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL, or its equivalent, must be completed and returned to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with your ISSUE FEE and PUBLICATION FEE (if required). If you are charging the fee(s) to your deposit account, section "4b" of Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal should be completed and an extra copy of the form should be submitted. If an equivalent of Part B is filed, a request to reapply a previously paid issue fee must be clearly made, and delays in processing may occur due to the difficulty in recognizing the paper as an equivalent of Part B.

III. All communications regarding this application must give the application number. Please direct all communications prior to issuance to Mail Stop ISSUE FEE unless advised to the contrary.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Maintenance fees are due in utility patents issuing on applications filed on or after Dec. 12, 1980. It is patentee's responsibility to ensure timely payment of maintenance fees when due. More information is available at www.uspto.gov/PatentMaintenanceFees.

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By fax, send to: (571)-273-2885

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Certificate of Mailing or Transmission

I hereby certify that this Fee(s) Transmittal is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage for first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop ISSUE FEE address above, or being transmitted to the USPTO via EFS-Web or by facsimile to (571) 273-2885, on the date below.

(Typed or printed name)
(Signature)
(Date)

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OBAYANJU, OMONIYI	2645	370-330000

1. Change of correspondence address or indication of "Fee Address" (37 CFR 1.363).

☐ Change of correspondence address (or Change of Correspondence Address form PTO/SB/122) attached.

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2. For printing on the patent front page, list

(1) The names of up to 3 registered patent attorneys or agents OR, alternatively,

(2) The name of a single firm (having as a member a registered attorney or agent) and the names of up to 2 registered patent attorneys or agents. If no name is listed, no name will be printed.

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3. ASSIGNEE NAME AND RESIDENCE DATA TO BE PRINTED ON THE PATENT (print or type)

PLEASE NOTE: Unless an assignee is identified below, no assignee data will appear on the patent. If an assignee is identified below, the document must have been previously recorded, or filed for recordation, as set forth in 37 CFR 3.11 and 37 CFR 3.81(a). Completion of this form is NOT a substitute for filing an assignment.

(A) NAME OF ASSIGNEE

(B) RESIDENCE: (CITY and STATE OR COUNTRY)

Please check the appropriate assignee category or categories (will not be printed on the patent): ☐ Individual ☐ Corporation or other private group entity ☐ Government

4a. Fees submitted: ☐ Issue Fee ☐ Publication Fee (if required) ☐ Advance Order - # of Copies _____

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☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the required fee(s), any deficiency, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. _____

5. Change in Entity Status (from status indicated above)

☐ Applicant certifying micro entity status. See 37 CFR 1.29

☐ Applicant asserting small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

☐ Applicant changing to regular undiscounted fee status.

NOTE: Absent a valid certification of Micro Entity Status (see forms PTO/SB/15A and 15B), issue fee payment in the micro entity amount will not be accepted at the risk of application abandonment.

NOTE: If the application was previously under micro entity status, checking this box will be taken to be a notification of loss of entitlement to micro entity status.

NOTE: Checking this box will be taken to be a notification of loss of entitlement to small or micro entity status, as applicable.

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (Applications filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Office has discontinued providing a Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) calculation with the Notice of Allowance.

Section 1(h)(2) of the AIA Technical Corrections Act amended 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3)(B)(i) to eliminate the requirement that the Office provide a patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. See Revisions to Patent Term Adjustment, 78 Fed. Reg. 19416, 19417 (Apr. 1, 2013). Therefore, the Office is no longer providing an initial patent term adjustment determination with the notice of allowance. The Office will continue to provide a patent term adjustment determination with the Issue Notification Letter that is mailed to applicant approximately three weeks prior to the issue date of the patent, and will include the patent term adjustment on the patent. Any request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment determination (or reinstatement of patent term adjustment) should follow the process outlined in 37 CFR 1.705.

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571)-272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at 1-(888)-786-0101 or (571)-272-4200.

OMB Clearance and PRA Burden Statement for PTOL-85 Part B

The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 requires Federal agencies to obtain Office of Management and Budget approval before requesting most types of information from the public. When OMB approves an agency request to collect information from the public, OMB (i) provides a valid OMB Control Number and expiration date for the agency to display on the instrument that will be used to collect the information and (ii) requires the agency to inform the public about the OMB Control Number's legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

The information collected by PTOL-85 Part B is required by 37 CFR 1.311. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 30 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

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The information provided by you in this form will be subject to the following routine uses:

1. The information on this form will be treated confidentially to the extent allowed under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a). Records from this system of records may be disclosed to the Department of Justice to determine whether disclosure of these records is required by the Freedom of Information Act.
2. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, in the course of presenting evidence to a court, magistrate, or administrative tribunal, including disclosures to opposing counsel in the course of settlement negotiations.
3. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Member of Congress submitting a request involving an individual, to whom the record pertains, when the individual has requested assistance from the Member with respect to the subject matter of the record.
4. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a contractor of the Agency having need for the information in order to perform a contract. Recipients of information shall be required to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).
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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 17/012,813	Applicant(s) Li et al.	
	Examiner OMONIYI OBAYANJU	Art Unit 2645	AIA (FITF) Status No

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02/08/2021.
☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.

2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-30 . As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.

4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

Certified copies:

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some *c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	5. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
2. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____.	6. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
3. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material _____.	7. ☐ Other _____.
4. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date. _____.	

/OMONIYI OBAYANJU/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2645	
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A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 02/08/2021 has been entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-30 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record **Li et al. (US Patent No. 7650152)** discussed the concept of allocating subcarriers in an orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA), which comprises allocating at least one diversity cluster of subcarriers to a first subscriber and allocating at least one coherence cluster to a second subscriber (**see fig. 1 and abs**). **Li** further discussed the concept that each base station transmits

pilot symbols simultaneously, and each pilot symbol occupies the entire OFDM frequency bandwidth (**see fig. 2A-C**).

Another close prior art reference **Seki et al. (US Publication No. 20040190598)** discussed the concept of a multicarrier CDMA transmission system, wherein time multiplexer 52 time-multiplexes the pilot of the plurality of symbols to the front of the transmit data. The subcarrier signals S_1 to S_N are multicode multiplexed signals obtained by multiplexing results of spreading the two symbols by respective ones of the orthogonal codes (**see fig. 24, and pp0071**).

However, singly and/or in combination the prior art references does not teach the at least portion of the claim of **an orthogonal frequency division multiple access (OFDMA)-compatible base station** that uses subcarriers in a frequency domain and time slots in a time domain, the OFDMA-compatible base station comprising: a plurality of antennas; and a transmitter operably coupled to the plurality of antennas; the transmitter configured to: **insert first pilots of a first type onto a first plurality of subcarriers, wherein the first pilots are cell-specific pilots; and insert data and second pilots of a second type onto a second plurality of subcarriers; wherein at least some subcarriers of the first plurality of subcarriers or the second plurality of subcarriers are beam-formed; and the plurality of antennas configured to transmit the first plurality of subcarriers and the second plurality of subcarriers in at least one of the time slots; wherein the second type is different than the first type and wherein the first pilots do not interfere with the second pilots.**

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Conclusion

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Multiple-antenna system for cell-specific and user-specific transmission

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selecting a plurality of user-specific OFDM **subcarriers** in the time slot for transmission to a specific mobile device within the cell, wherein a second weight is applied to a user-specific OFDM **subcarrier**, transmitting control information on the plurality of cell-specific OFDM **subcarriers** through a ...



Methods and apparatus for multi-carrier, multi-cell wireless communication ...

WO EP US CN KR · [EP1712082B1](#) · Xiaodong Li · Nericcio, Inc.

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where $s_i(t_k)$ denotes a received common pilot **subcarrier** signal at **subcarrier** index i and at time index t_k , and $a_{i,m}(t_k)$ and $\phi_{i,m}(t_k)$ denote the signal amplitude and phase, respectively, associated with a common pilot **subcarrier** at **subcarrier** index i and at time index t_k transmitted from a ...



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... However, these antennas are used to **form** beams partly carrying the same data towards an ... The scheduling information has to include additional information about the assigned **beam**, which is ... 7. The **beamforming** operation for massive MIMO can be shifted from the BBU/CO to ...

A method for uplink interference coordination on demand basis with cell ...

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In the case of receive diversity, for example **beamforming**, interference can only be seen or rarely seen by one interfering mobile terminal, and the base station can also try to avoid the interference. One may attempt to schedule to a less disturbed subset that is in principle the same as the ...



Method for transmitting data in multiple antenna system

WO US KR · [KR20090071311A](#) · 김현수 · 엘지전자 주식회사

Priority 2007-12-16 · Filed 2008-04-29 · Published 2009-07-01

The **subcarrier** allocated to the terminal and the **subcarrier** allocated to the terminal are adjacently mapped to at least one of the first pilot pattern region and the second pilot pattern region. A data transmission method in a multiple antenna system, characterized in that a pilot for local ...



Apparatus, method and computer program product providing common pilot channel ...

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And the pilot power of any one of said first and second frequency bands is different between a first symbol and a second symbol forming a pilot resource. The method of claim 1, At least one pilot resource is allocated at least every eighth **sub-carrier**. The method of claim 1, And the sum of the high ...



Dynamic downlink frequency and power allocation in OFDMA cellular networks

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... Multiple Input Multiple Output (MIMO) Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM) **beamforming** cellular network ... is not a convex problem, and does not have a closed-form solution ... or coupling among cells) using standardized MRs on **cell-specific pilot** signals, which ...

A method for uplink interference coordination in single frequency networks, a ...

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In the case of receive diversity, i.e., **beamforming**, if only interference from one or a small amount of interfering mobile terminals is seen, the base station may also attempt to escape this interference and the adaptive **subcarrier**. You can try to schedule your mobile terminal with a subset that is ...



How to Enable Downlink Transparent Relay in Wireless Communication Networks

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FIG. 7A shows an SC-FDMA transmitter 700 that includes a DFT logic 702, a **subcarrier** mapping logic 704, an OFDMA transmit circuit 706, an RF circuit 708, and a transmit antenna 710. 7B illustrates an SC-FDMA receiver 750 that includes an IDFT logic 758, a **subcarrier** mapping logic 756, an OFDMA ...

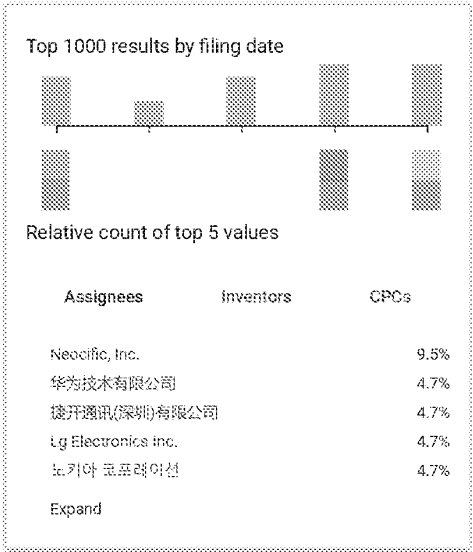


A kind of filtering method and relevant apparatus of signal interference

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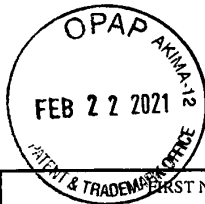
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Confirmation No.: 8746

Filed: September 4, 2020

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