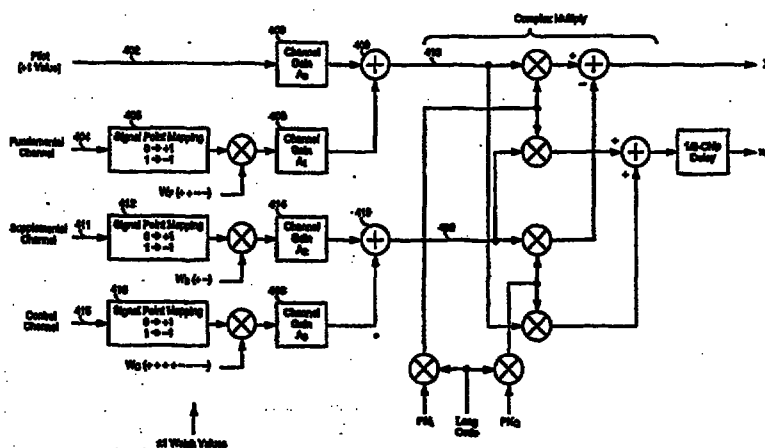




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(57) Abstract

A set of individually gain adjusted subscriber channels (402, 404, 411, 415) are formed via the use of a set of orthogonal subchannel codes (W_c , W_s , W_f) having a small number of PN spreading chips per orthogonal waveform period. Data to be transmitted via one of the transmit channels is low code rate error correction encoded and sequence repeated before being modulated with one of the subchannel codes, gain adjusted, and summed with data modulated using the other subchannel codes. The resulting summed data (410, 420) is modulated using a user long code and a pseudorandom spreading code (PN code) and upconverted for transmission. The use of the short orthogonal codes provides interference suppression while still allowing extensive error correction coding and repetition for time diversity to overcome the Raleigh fading commonly experienced in terrestrial wireless systems. The set of sub-channel codes may comprise four Walsh codes, each orthogonal to the remaining codes of the set. The use of four sub-channels is preferred as it allows shorter orthogonal codes to be used, however, the use of a greater number of channels and therefore longer codes is acceptable. Preferably, pilot data is transmitted via a first one of the transmit channels and power control data transmitted via a second transmit channel. The length, or number of chips, in each channel code may be different to further reduce the peak-to-average transmit power for higher rate data transmission.