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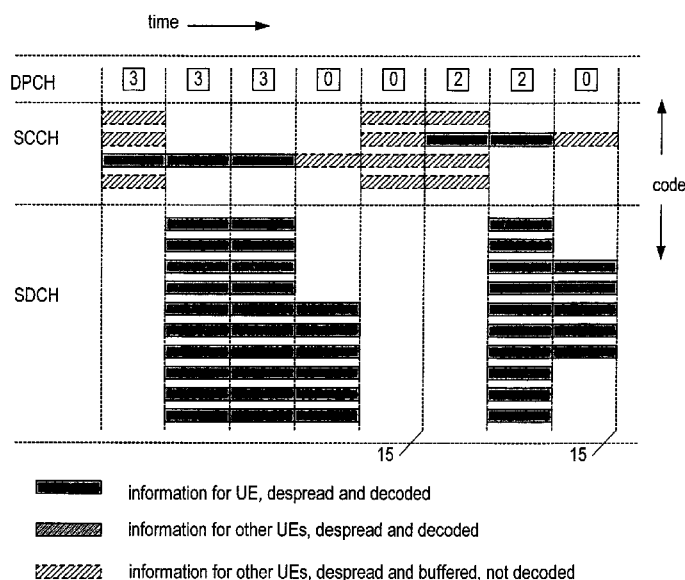
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(57) Abstract: A system in which a packet-sending entity and a packet-receiving entity communicate using parameter signaling channels (SCCH) and also using shared data channels (SDCH) and do so according to a protocol in which when packet data are transmitted over one or more transmission time intervals (TTIs), the communication being such that once a parameter signaling channel is assigned to the packet-receiving entity for communicating a packet, the assigned channel is used in each subsequent TTI as long as there is at least a portion of the packet in the subsequent TTI. When there is, the packet-receiving entity despreads and decodes only one parameter signaling channel for the subsequent TTI along with the data channels. When there is not, the packet-receiving entity despreads all the parameter signaling channels for the subsequent TTI, and may decode some or all of the parameter signaling channels.



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