

1. List the advantages of OFDM leading to its selection for LTE and explain.

Solⁿ i) Elegant solution to multipath interference:

- Critical challenge to high bit rate transmission in a wireless channel is Inter Symbol Interference (ISI) caused by multipath
- at high data rate symbol time is shorter thus ISI only takes a small delay to cause ISI OFDM is multicarrier modulation technique that overcomes this challenge
- It increases the symbol duration of each stream such that the multipath delay spread is only a small fraction of symbol duration
- Subcarriers are orthogonal to one another over symbol duration
- Thereby avoiding non-overlapping subcarrier channels to estimate ISI

ii) Reduced Computational complexity:

- OFDM can be easily implemented using (FFT/IFFT) fast Fourier transforms. Computational frequency grows only slightly faster than linearly with data

rate of bandwidth.

→ The computational complexity of OFDM = $B \log B T_m$

B → Bandwidth

T_m → delay spread

→ Reduced complexity is practically attractive in the down link.

→ It reduces mobile device cost & power consumption

iii) Enables efficient multi-access scheme.

→ OFDM can be used as multi-access scheme by partitioning different subcarriers among multiple users

→ This is referred to as OFDMA and it is exploited in LTE

iv) Exploitation of frequency diversity:

→ OFDM facilitates coding & interleaving across subcarriers in the frequency domain

→ which provide robustness against burst errors / cause by position of transmission spectrum

→ OFDM allows for bandwidth to be scalable without impacting the hardware design of the base station & the mobile station

v) Suitable for coherent demodulation:

→ It is relatively easy to do pilot-based channel estimation in OFDM systems, which renders suitable for coherent demodulation schemes that are more power efficient

vi) Facilitates use of MIMO:

→ It refers to collection of signal processing techniques that use for multiple antennas @ both transmitter and receiver it improves system performance.

→ multipath delays do not cause ISI

vii) Graceful degradation of performance under excess delay:

→ OFDM performance system degrade gracefully as the delay spread exceeds designed value.

→ It is well suited for adaptive modulation coding

→ which allows system to make the best of available channel conditions

viii) Robust against narrow band interference:-

→ OFDM is relatively robust against narrow band interference.

→ since such interference affects only a fraction of the subcarriers

ix) Efficient support of broadcast service:-

→ It is possible to operate OFDM network as single frequency network (SFN)

→ It allows broadcast cells to combine over the air significantly enhance the received signal power

→ enabling higher data rate broadcast for given tran-

-mission power

3 a) Define path loss and shadowing with relevant expressions

Path Loss:

It is the reduction in power density of an EM wave as it propagates through space from transmitter. Path loss models generally path loss is same as transmit-receiver distance.

- Lower frequency are more desirable and more crowded
- Reflection from earth and other objects. A reflected wave often experiences 180° phase shift
- path loss is

$$P_r = \frac{P_t G_t G_r h_t^2 h_r^2}{d^4}$$

- equation is dependent on antenna heights h_t & h_r and carrier frequency

Shadowing:

- It is the attenuation of received signal strength due to presence of obstacles like trees and buildings located b/w transmitter and

Receiver

- It is also called as large scale fading
- It can cause large deviations from path loss prediction



→ Shadowing 'empirical path loss formula

$$P_r = P_t P_{ox} \left(\frac{d_0}{d} \right)^n$$

→ It causes received SIR to vary dramatically over long term scales

3b)

Solⁿ Given:

desired base station distance = 500m

3 interference base station at a distance of 3km

~~for $\alpha=3$ and d_0~~ Received power

$$\text{for } \alpha=3, P_{rd} = P_t P_{od} d_0^3 (0.5)^{-3}$$

Interference power

$$P_{rt} = P_t P_o d_0^3 [3(1)^{-3} + 3(2)^{-3} + 10(4)^{-3}]$$

Signal to interference ratio for $\alpha=3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SIR} &= \frac{P_{rd}}{P_{rt}} = \frac{(0.5)^{-3}}{[3(1)^{-3} + 3(2)^{-3} + 10(4)^{-3}]} = 0.27 \\ &= 3.55 \text{ dB} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{SIR}(\alpha=5) = \frac{P_{rd}}{P_{rt}} = 10.32 = 10.32 \text{ dB}$$

2) Explain the following in brief.

i) Angular Spread and Coherence distance

→ RMS angular spread of a channel can be denoted as RMS statistical distribution of the angle of the arriving energy

→ Channel can also vary over space

→ Large RMS channel energy is coming from many directions due to lot of local scattering & small RMS is channel energy is more focused

→ Angular spread is coherence distance D_c as angular spread increases coherence distance decreases

$$D_c = \frac{2\lambda}{\Delta\theta_{\text{RMS}}}$$

→ Coherence distance of d - any physical position & separated by d have uncorrelated received signal amplitude and phase

→ Rayleigh fading with uniform angular spread

$$D_c = \frac{9\lambda}{16\pi}$$

→ Coherence distance indicates how far the antennas should be spread apart, for multiple antenna system.

i) Doppler spread and coherence time:

→ Doppler power spectrum gives statistical power distribution of the channel vs frequency for a single frequency transmission

→ It cause due to motion b/w Tx & Rx & is the Fourier transform of $A_t(\Delta t)$

$$P_r(\Delta f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A_t(\Delta t) e^{-j\Delta f \Delta t} \Delta t (d\Delta t)$$

→ Doppler spread

$$f_D = \frac{v f_c}{c}$$

v - maximum spread b/w Tx & Rx,

f_c - Carrier frequency

c - speed of light

$$B \ll f_c \quad |t_1 - t_2| \leq T_c \Rightarrow h(t_1) \approx h(t_2)$$

$$|t_1 - t_2| > T_c \Rightarrow h(t_1) \& h(t_2) \text{ are uncorrelated}$$

→ ~~Cohen~~ Relation b/w coherence time & dopplers spread

$$T_c \propto \frac{1}{f_D}$$

They are inversely proportional to each other.

5) Draw the block diagram of end-to-end architecture of EPC supporting current & legacy radio access Network and discuss the elements of EPC

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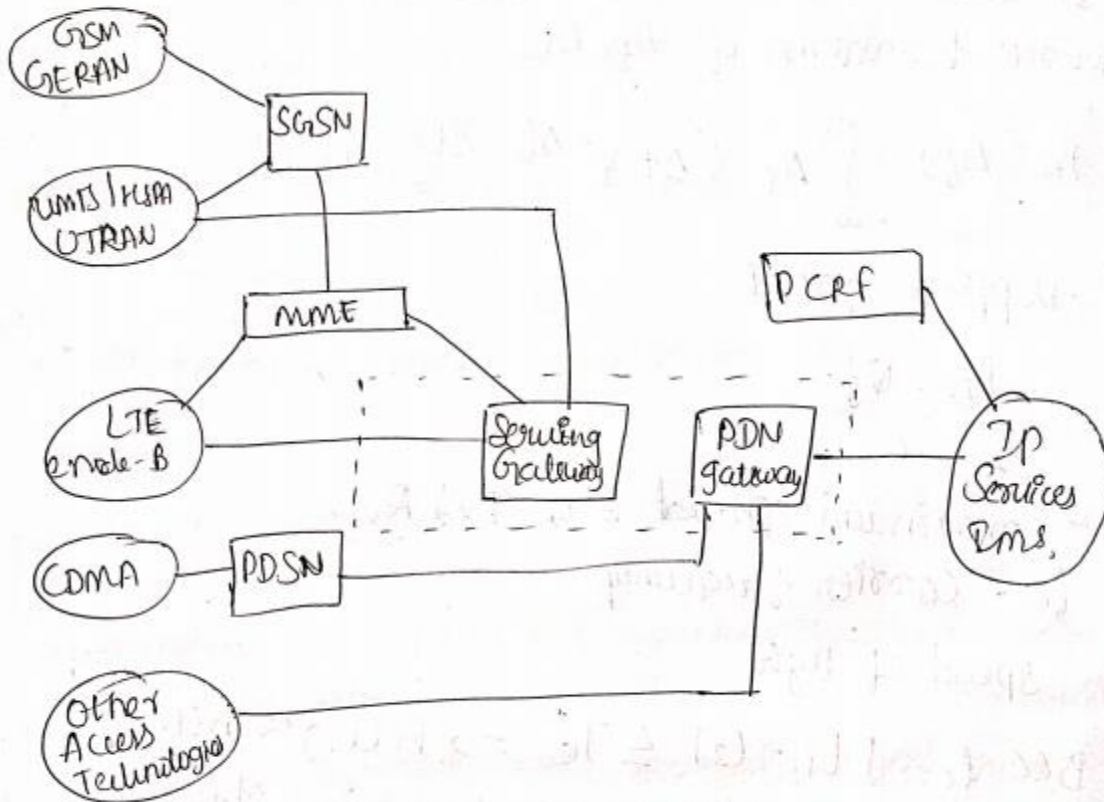


fig. Block diagram of EPC

→ Core NW design presented in 3GPP release 8 to support LTE is evolved packet Core (EPC)

→ Function provided by EPC:

- i) Access control
- ii) packet routing & transfer
- iii) mobility management

iv) Security and resource management

v) Network management

→ EPC includes 4 elements

1. SGW (Serving Gateway)

→ which terminates the interface towards to 3GPP radio access Network

→ Manages mobility, down link packet buffering, inter-operator charging.

2. Packet data network gateway (PDN)

→ Controls IP data services, documents routing.

→ allocates IP address

→ provides access for non-3GPP access N/Ws

→ enforces policy, packet filtering

→ Charging Support.

3. MME (Mobility management entity):

→ Supports user equipment context and identifies authenticates & authorises users.

→ location tracking

→ Paging, roaming, handover security

4. Policy and charging rules function (PCRF):

→ manages QoS aspects

→ Supports data flow

→ detection, policy enforcement, flow-based charging

CyREAN - GSM/EDGE - Radio access Network

IMP - IP Multimedia Services

MME - mobility management entity

PDN - Packet data Network

PCRF - Policy & charging Rules Function

PDSN: Packet data Serving Node

SGSN: Serving GPRS Service Node

UTRAN: UMTS Terrestrial Radio access Network.

4) 5) Cell capacity expansion techniques are

1) Cell Splitting:

Process of subdividing a congested cell into smaller cells

→ Each have its own BS & corresponding reduction in antenna height & Tx power

→ Increased no. of cells increased the no. of clusters increases the no. of channels used & capacity

→ Each cell is divided into 6 new smaller cells with $1/6^{\text{th}}$ area of the larger cells and use the same channel

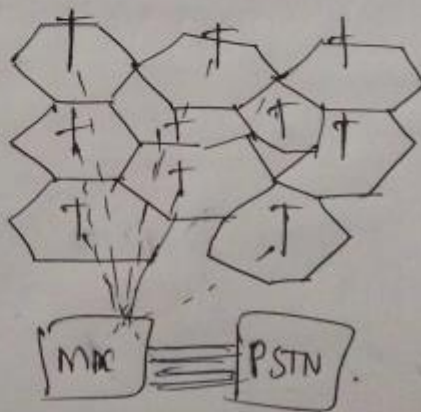
→ To preserve the frequency reuse plan, Tx power these cells are reduced by factor of 16 or 12dB

ii) Cellular Sectoring:

- It is used to increase the cellular system capacity through reducing the co-channel interference.
- It is fixed sectoring with 3 or 6 sectors & identical sector size.
- It is efficient to mitigate the interference in case of uniform traffic in a cell.

4a) Cellular Concept:

- AT & T proposed a core idea of cellular system in 1971.
- In cellular systems, the service area is subdivided into smaller geographic areas called cells.
- Each cell served by their own lower power Base station (BS).
- Neighboring cells do not use same set of frequencies to prevent interference.



- In order to minimize interference b/w cells, the transmit power level of each BS is regulated to be just enough strength to provide their required signal.

