



Frame structure for IEEE 802.16

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Introduction

- New standard 802.16m is being developed for next generation wireless communication
 - Enhanced spectrum efficiency
 - Higher speed
- Backward compatibility
 - 802.16m shall be backward compatible with legacy system 802.16e
 - Systems based on IEEE 802.16m and 802.16e systems shall be able to operate on the same RF carrier, with the same channel bandwidth; systems based on 802.16m should be able to operate on the same RF carrier with different channel bandwidths.
- It is necessary to devise the frame structure of 802.16m frame supporting backward compatibility



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Proposed structure A

Frequency planning

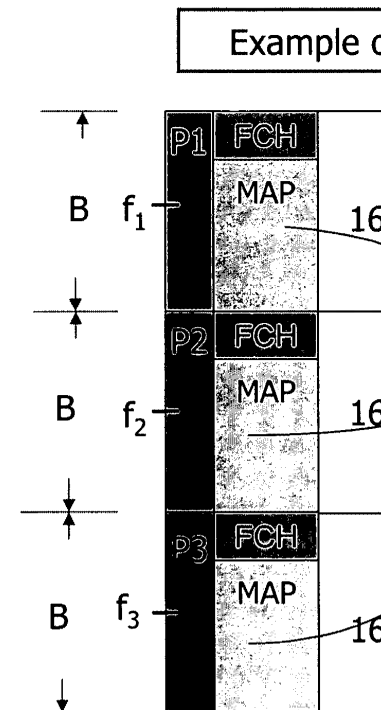
- ◆ Occupy the same band class as 802.16e
- ◆ A 802.16m channel uses multiple (L) contiguous 802.16e channels
- ◆ L BS's share the same 802.16m zone with $L*B$ bandwidth (802.16e BW with B)

Backward compatibility

- ◆ 16e preamble/FCH/MAP are kept unchanged
- ◆ Only new DL (UL) 16m zones are appended (resource allocation is done by BS cooperation)

BS cooperation

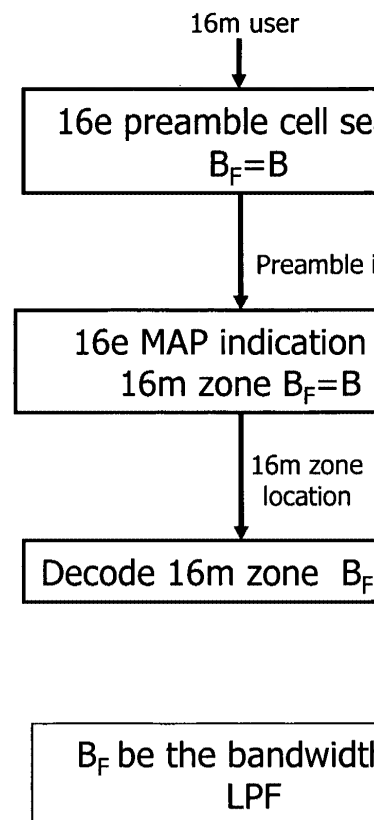
- ◆ 16e BS's transmit 16e data using subcarriers with BW B of their own, while share subcarriers with BW $B*L$ in 16m zone.



Proposed structure A

Cell search by 16m user

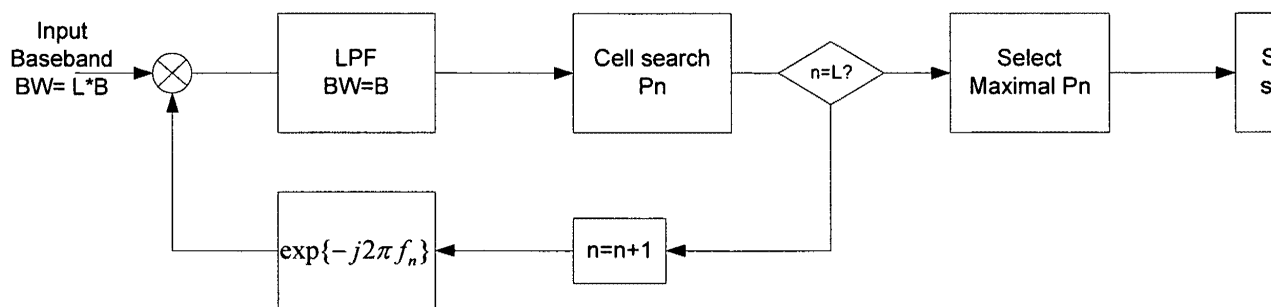
- Baseband BW of $L*B$
- Detect 16e preamble with BW of B
- Decode FCH/MAP to decide the location of 16m zone
- Retrieve 16m zone with BS with BW of $L*B$



Proposed structure A

其 16e preamble cell search by 16m user

- ◆ RF synthesizer sweeps bands with band size of $L \cdot B$
- ◆ For each band, decide target preamble in each of 16e subband
 - ▶ Partition the band into several 16e subbands
 - ▶ Transform each of the subband signal to baseband using freq. offset manipulation
 - ▶ Filter the low-pass signal with BW B
 - ▶ Detect the preamble signal in BW B
 - ▶ Select the preamble with maximal detected power as desired preamble



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