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Abstract	This contribution proposes changes to OFDMA PHY description in the 802.16e D2 Draft	
Purpose	To incorporate the changes here proposed into the 802.16e D2 draft.	
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Introduction

The current 802.16e D2 draft [1] requires the OFDMA 2k mode to be mandatory in section 8.4. Requiring all MSS to implement the 2k mode is very difficult requirement from a cost and complexity perspective. However if the intent is for MSS to always use 2k mode as a means of synchronizing to the network during initial network entry for all MSS, even from that perspective we feel its not necessary. Hence in this contribution we propose to remove this requirement.

Finding the channel bandwidth and FFT size

When an MSS enters a network for the very first time, it can use a search scheme to lookup all the supported channel bandwidths and FFT sizes to detect the channel to acquire on the DL. However such a scheme may incur some delay in channel acquisition. However this time may be tolerable as an MSS is entering the network for the very first time. For subsequent entries it can remember the last entered network channel widths and FFT sizes and optimize its search to quickly reacquire the same channel.

As this is purely an implementation optimization, further specification is not necessary in the 802.16e draft to support this feature. However it does obviate the need for a mandatory FFT size to be supported by all MSS. BS are free to choose the appropriate FFT size based on the channel widths deployed and the MSS will be dynamically able to acquire the DL through such a scanning and search as suggested here.

Changes Proposed

In section 8.4 replace the following text

“The mandatory OFDMA PHY mode that shall be supported by all SS is based on a 2048-FFT. Other FFT sizes may optionally be employed as well. These FFT sizes are scalable to the channel BW in which they are being used, i.e., 512- FFT for 5 MHz channel BW or less and 1024-FFT for 10 MHz channel BW or less.”

With the following text

“The OFDMA PHY mode based on at least one of the appropriate FFT sizes 2048, 1024, 512, 256 and 128 shall be supported based on the channel bandwidths supported. The Table 1 shows the recommended FFT sizes for the various channel bandwidths.

Channel Bandwidth	20 MHz and below	10 MHz and below	5 MHz and below	2.5 MHz and below	1.25 MHz and below
FFT size	2048-FFT	1024-FFT	512-FFT	256-FFT	128-FFT

Table 1: FFT size to channel bandwidth mapping

The MSS shall implement a scanning and search mechanism to detect the DL signal when performing initial network entry and this shall include dynamic detection of the FFT size and the channel bandwidth employed by

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the BS. The exact algorithms employed are implementation specific but shall include optimizations for reducing channel acquisition times in network re-entry situations.

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References

[1] IEEE P802.16e/D2, 2 April 2004

