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**Resolutions of Comment on 802.11a in Letter Ballot 17**

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We received comments from the following persons:

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bran	jkh on behalf of BRAN
dk	Dean M. Kawaguchi
jh	Juha Heiskala
jkh	Jamshid Khun-Jush
ko	Kazuhiro Okanoue
mif	Michael Fischer
moa	Masahiro Morikura
nc	Naftali Chayat
rw	Robert M. Ward Jr.
sg	Steven Gray
sl	Stanley Ling
tk	Tal Kaitz
to	Tomoki Ohsawa
vh	Victor Hayes

As a result of comment processing all NO voters changed to YES. Follows a summary of issues processed, and then the comments with the dispositions are provided.

**Issue List**

- **MMAC/NEC: PLCP Header modifications (37)** – We accepted the proposal to increase the number of repetitions of the short training sequence to 10, bringing the overall duration to 8 usec (both for MAC convenience and to relax the processing bottleneck in the header). We declined the request to increase the SIGNAL field to 2 OFDM symbols so that CRC16 will be incorporated, because of the additional overhead (near 4 usec) and because the probability of packet misdetection can be improved by other tests in the modem.
- **MOA: increase the SIFS (80)** – discussion of processing required to complete the reception after the packet ends revealed a number of 11 microseconds (1 usec of backlog processing, 4 usec FFT, 1 usec eq+write to interleaver, 2 usec Viterbi decoder latency, 3 usec to get the data out). Adding some 1 usec for more relaxed implementations, 2 usec for RxTxTurnaroundTime brought us to 16 microseconds, instead of 14 previously.
- **BRAN: Center Frequency and Clock reference tying (72)** – We accepted the request that the derivation of the transmit frequency and the symbol clock from the same reference shall be mandatory in the standard

- **MOA, TK: scramble the pilots to avoid CW (55,57)** – We decided to add BPSK phase modulation of the pilot subcarriers by a pseudorandom sequence in order to avoid narrowband spectral lines in the transmitted signal, which could cause regulatory problems
- **TK (DK): LSB-MSB swapping in the interleaver (50)** – The interleaver was modified to avoid long runs of consecutive LSBs
- **TK: BPSK constellation: use  $\pm(1+j)$  instead of  $\pm(1+j)/\sqrt{2}$  for BPSK (53)** - this change eases metric extraction for BPSK
- **JH,SG: remove informational note about other regulatory domains (66)** – we removed speculative statements about regulatory domains in which no exact information is available.
- **AH, NC: ACI measurement method (1,2)** – we added a specification of a method for ACI sensitivity measurement, based on setting the desired signal at 3 dB above nominal sensitivity
- **RW: move  $\sqrt{2}$  out of tables (52)** - changed the constellation specification method into integer valued tables with separate normalization factors. In addition, we added a figure with constellation mappings.
- **DK: introduce a channel numbering scheme (based on 5 MHz grid) and use it to describe channel sets (67)** - a channel numbering scheme was introduced. Moreover, we introduced a notion of several frequency bands per regulatory domain and added appropriate management variables
- **NC: aCCATime and RSSI detection time conflict (3,69)** – added reference to CCA wherever applicable instead of RSSI, and fixed the parameter at 4 usescs.
- **TK: Add waveform files / pseudocode to clarify encoding (92)** - Tal Kaitz will prepare such Annex by the May 99 meeting
- **MIF: replace aMPDUDurationFactor with PLME-TXTIME.request and PLME-TXTIME.response (82)** - done
- **KO: produce text amendment to 10.4.3.2 to define “start of OFDM symbol” for the OFDM PHY (68)** - decided on a text change

#### Editorially processed Issues

- **VH: add definitions (88)** – Added abbreviations for U-NII, FFT, IFFT, QAM, BPSK, QPSK
- **BO: define HPA** - done
- **BO: conditional specs in PICS, clause references in PICS incorrect (93-96, 98)** - corrected
- **JH,HC,RW: flatness specs for subcarriers 25-26 (73-75)** - done
- **BO: Clarify the “num of symbols” equation (46)** – changed the equation to use the LENGTH
- **AH, more: SERVICE belongs both to PLCP header and to DATA, and this creates confusion (4,9)** – clarified, improved figures 120,122.
- **AH, KO, NC: LENGTH field is 12 bit long, not 16 (34-36)** - done
- **BO: clarify bit ordering in the Scrambler clause (47)** - clarified octet bit order
- **NC, KO: some misplaced text in the modulation process overview (10,14)** - corrected
- **RW :Wording in the mathematical notation part describing different subframe types (24)** - improved
- **SL: stress that the SIGNAL contents is not scrambled (15)** – added statement in overview part
- **BO: the wording implied an additional CRC32 for the PHY other than the one in PSDU; clarify it is not so (48)** – PHY CRC32 text removed
- **BO: relating window functions to corresponding duration parameters (27, 28)** - improved
- **BO: clarify bit ordering in the SERVICE field (43)** – figure added
- **NC: The preamble should not be described as 24 Mbit/s QPSK-OFDM (60)** – text changed
- **NC: replace in 17.3.3 “phase modulated” by just “modulated” (31)**
- **VH: identify changes required in the mother standard (85,86,87,97)**
- **JKH: do not specify constellation accuracy for less than 24 Mbit/s (76) (withdwarn)**
- **RW: pilot power normalization; make pilots stronger (56) (withdrawn)**
- **RW: use known patterns for transmission accuracy test (78) (withdrawn)**
- **SL: Draft not detailed enough for implementation (91)** - improved through the revision, example annex to be provided

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1.	17.3.10.1	Ah	T	Y	<p>This clause and its associated Table 88 provide a very concise summary of minimum sensitivity, adjacent channel rejection and non-adjacent channel rejection values. However, unlike clauses 15.4.8.1, 15.4.8.2, and 15.4.8.3 in IEEE Std 802.11-1997, clause 17.3.10.1 does not provide explicit details regarding the measurement techniques used to obtain the parameters summarized in Table 88.</p> <p>Table 88 title has the word requirment misspelled</p>	<p>Please provide a description of the desired test procedures.</p>       <p>Change to "requirement"</p>	<p>See next comment by NC Accepted by AH</p> <p>DONE</p>

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2.	17.3.10.1	nc	E		<p>Separate the "Receiver minimum input level sensitivity, adjacent channel and non-adjacent channel rejection" into two subclauses (sensitivity and ACI) pointing to same table 88.</p> <p>For ACI, specify a measurement method.</p>	<p>The Packet Error Rate (PER) shall be less than 10% at a PSDU length of 1000 bytes for <b>rate-dependent</b> input levels specified in Table 88. Noise Figure of 10 dB and 5 dB implementation margins are assumed.</p> <p>The adjacent (or non-adjacent) channel rejection shall be measured by setting the desired signal's strength 3 dB above the rate-dependent sensitivity specified in Table 88 and raising the power of the interfering signal until 10% Packet Error Rate (PER) is caused for a PSDU length of 1000 bytes. The power difference between the interfering and the desired channel is the corresponding adjacent (or non-adjacent) channel rejection. The interfering signal in the adjacent (or non-adjacent) channel shall be a conformant OFDM signal, unsynchronized with the signal in the channel under test. For a conformant OFDM PHY the corresponding rejection shall be no less than specified in Table 88.</p>	<p>Accepted by TGa</p> <p>DONE</p>
3.	17.3.10.3	nc	t		<p>the paragraph specifies probability of detection within 5 microseconds, while Table 90 specifies aCCAtime&lt;4 microseconds.</p>	<p>Change in Table 90 to aCCAtime&lt;5 microseconds.</p>	<p>Accepted aCCAtime&lt;4 microseconds, changed some references to RSSI into references to CCA.</p> <p>DONE</p>

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4.	17.3.11	Ah	E	N	Figure 120 shows the SERVICE field as being part of the PLCP Header. Yet clause 17.3.2 describes it as being part of the DATA block. Figure 120 shows C-MPDU in the PHY_PMD layer.	Please indicate in Figure 120 that the SERVICE field is to be part of the C-PSDU block. Please change C-MPDU to C-PSDU.	NC- there are two boundaries- one in terms of function (PLCP header and the PSDU) and another in terms of modulation used (6 Mbit/s vs. RATE).  Accepted by AH (edit figure)
5.	17.3.11	nc	e		p. 269 l. 45, change "SIGNAL (DATARATE)" to "DATARATE".		DONE
6.	17.3.12	Ah	e	N	Figure 123, 2 <sup>nd</sup> block from the top of column 2, Line 9 the word <u>deteced</u>	Change to detected	DONE
7.	17.3.12	Ah	E	N	Figure 122 displays the same editorial problems as Figure 120.	Please make the same corrections for Figure 122 as were done for Figure 120.	(edit figure)
8.	17.3.2	Ah	E	N	Wording in paragraph needs to be improved. Line 17: ...data rate destribed in ... Line 18: ...enable to decode the RATE and the LENGTH fields immediately after the reception of it.  Line 19: The knowledge of the RATE and the Length...  Line 20: In addition, the knowledge of the RATE...	... data rate described in ... ...enable the decoding of the RATE and the LENGTH fields immediately after the reception of the tail bits.  The RATE and LENGTH fields are required for decoding the DATA part of the packet. In addition, the content of the RATE and LENGTH fields augment the CCA mechanism ...	1 – accept 2 – accept 3 – accept 4 - In addition, the contents of the RATE and LENGTH fields augment the CCA mechanism ...  Accepted by AH DONE

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9.	17.3.2	Ah	T	Y	Figure 107 is less clear than the diagram labeled Figure 3 in P802.11a/D2.0. I understand how the SIGNAL field was translated into the rate field. However, I do not understand why the term SIGNAL is used to label the block following the PLCP preamble. I also see how the Length field was shortened and its position in the Figure 3 diagram was changed as displayed in Figure 107. Figure 3 had both a Service field and a CRC-16 field as part of the PLCP Header. Now I see that the CRC-16 field has been eliminated and that the Service field is now considered part of the DATA block in the PPDU	Please rename the SIGNAL Block.  Please clarify, why the SERVICE field is now part of the DATA Block.	NC- The service field carries information which is useless unless the PSDU is successfully decoded as well. Therefore it is located in the part which is at same modulation and coding as the PSDU, namely in DATA.  AH agreed with the explanation. DONE (no text change)  AH is confused by different use of SIGNAL word in DS PHY and in OFDM PHY. He'll try to find another appropriate word.
10.	17.3.2	ko	E		Line 15 says that "Replace the 6 scrambled "zero" bits following the PSDU part of DATA." This sentence seems to be mis-located.	Remove the sentence	See comment by NC on same issue.  DONE
11.	17.3.2	nc	E		Line 14, change "bites" to "bits" Line 22, change "clause" to "clauses"		DONE
12.	17.3.2 line 14	tk	e	No	Typo: 6 bites...	6 bits	DONE
13.	17.3.2 (page 247 line 15)	bo	E		"most robust" is used in this description. I hope this is defined somewhere.		NC- change to (?): with the most robust combination of BPSK modulation and coding rate R=1/2. DONE

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14.	17.3.2.1	nc	E		<p>Change the following text:</p> <p>3) Calculate from RATE field of the TXVECTOR the number of "data bits per OFDM symbol", the "coding rate", the number of bits in each OFDM subcarrier ("coded bits per subcarrier") and the "coded bits per OFDM symbol". <b>The resulting bit string constitutes the DATA part of the packet.</b> Refer to 17.3.2.2 for details.</p> <p>4) <b>Replace the 6 scrambled "zero" bits following the PSDU part of DATA.</b> Extend the resulting bit string with "zero" bits, at least 6 bits, so that the resulting length will be a multiple of "data bits per OFDM symbol". Refer to clause 17.3.5.3 for details.</p>	<p>Into:</p> <p>3) Calculate from RATE field of the TXVECTOR the number of "data bits per OFDM symbol", the "coding rate", the number of bits in each OFDM subcarrier ("coded bits per subcarrier") and the "coded bits per OFDM symbol". Refer to 17.3.2.2 for details.</p> <p>4) <b>Take the PSDU (including CRC-32) and append it to the SERVICE field of the TXVECTOR.</b> Extend the resulting bit string with "zero" bits, at least 6 bits, so that the resulting length will be a multiple of "data bits per OFDM symbol". <b>The resulting bit string constitutes the DATA part of the packet.</b> Refer to clause 17.3.5.3 for details.</p>	DONE
15.	17.3.2.1	sl	e	yes	<p>Describe in the draft when data is scrambled within the packet.</p> <p>I am assuming that data is only scrambled after the Preamble, but the text is unclear.</p>		<p>NC- The SIGNAL symbol contents is unscrambled (this is mentioned in 17.3.4 ), while the DATA contents is scrambled (this is mentioned in 17.3.2.1-5 and in 17.3.5).</p> <p>Add mention that SIGNAL is not scrambled at end of 17.3.2.1-2.</p> <p>DONE</p>

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16.	17.3.2.1	sl	t	yes	If the data is scrambled starting after the preamble, a self-synchronizing scrambler is not necessary. A fixed pseudo-random sequence can be added to the data at the start of the PLCP header.  You can avoid the error propagation of the self-synchronizing descrambler.		NC- reject.  The scrambler is not self synchronizing – it is synchronous. It is stated in 17.3.5.4. Neither 17.3.2.1-5 implies that the scrambler is asynchronous DONE (no text change)
17.	17.3.2.1	sl	t	yes	If a self-synchronizing scrambler is to be used, initialize the scrambler state to a known value for the start of each packet.		The schambler is frame-synchronous. The randomization of scrambler's seed plays a role. DONE (no text change)
18.	17.3.2.1	tk	e	No	Excessive use of double quotation marks.	Define the mathematical symbol at the beginning of the section and use it throughout. E.g. : use $N_{DBPS}$ instead of "data bits per ofdm symbol".	NC- implemented in 17.3.2.1 in several places DONE
19.	17.3.2.1 line 7	tk	e	No	Wording: would that data be at 6 Mb/s.	Change to something clearer.	DONE
20.	17.3.2.3	nc	E		In the table 79 of timing related parameters (p. 250, line 23) delete the word "first"		DONE
21.	17.3.2.4	ko	E		"for long OFDM symbols(= $T_{G1}$ ) and for data OFDM symbols(= $T_{G2}$ )" in line 39 and 40 seems to be error.	change the document as follows;"for long OFDM symbols(= $T_{G2}$ ) and for data OFDM symbols(= $T_{G1}$ )"	See next comment. DONE
22.	17.3.2.4	nc	E		In the sentence (p. 250, lines 39-40):  Three kinds of $T_{GUARD}$ , for short OFDM symbols ( $=0 \square s$ ), for long OFDM symbols ( $=T_{G1}$ ) and for data OFDM symbols ( $=T_{G12}$ ) are defined.  The $T_{G1}$ and $T_{G12}$ are interchanged. In addition, "training sequence" should be used instead of "OFDM symbols"	Three kinds of $T_{GUARD}$ , for short <b>training sequence</b> ( $=0 \square s$ ), for long <b>training sequence</b> ( $=T_{G12}$ ) and for data OFDM symbols ( $=T_{G1}$ ) are defined.	DONE
23.	17.3.2.4	nc	E		In the sentence (p. 251, lines 13): Change "rectangle" into "rectangular"		DONE



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24.	17.3.2.4	rw	e	N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>C_k</math> not defined</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>C_k</math>, defined later as data, pilots or training symbols in the following sections.</li> </ul>	DONE
25.	17.3.2.4	tk	e	No	It should made clear that SUBFRAME stands for either one of PREAMBLE, SIGNAL or DATA.	Make it clear.	NC In fact, in terms of OFDM frame type the division is not into PREAMBLE, SIGNAL and DATA but rather into SHORT and LONG preambles and the SIGNAL/DATA. This needs to be cleared. Also, the eq (2) does not describe division into OFDM symbols, as the sentence before claims.
26.	17.3.2.4	tk	e <sup>2</sup>	No	The sentence beginning with "The subframes ... are all constructed with..." merits a new paragraph.	Hit carriage return	DONE
27.	17.3.3 (17.3.5 page 258 eqn 13)	bo	T	n	This equation is normative (required by shall statement) yet it seems that one of the terms is not defined. Is $w_{TSHORT}(t)$ defined by eqn 10 for $w_T[n]$ ?	Be explicit as to how $w_{TSHORT}$ is defined.	NC In mathematical notations part say that $w_{TSUBFRAME}(t)$ refers to a window of dutation $T_{SUBFRAME}$ . DONE by treating text between eq 3 and eq 4.
28.	17.3.3 (17.3.5 page 259 eqn 16)	bo	T	n	This equation is normative (required by shall statement) yet it seems that one of the terms is not defined. Is $w_{TLONG}(t)$ defined by eqn 10 for $w_T[n]$ ?	Be explicit as to how $w_{TLONG}$ is defined.	NC In mathematical notations part say that $w_{TSUBFRAME}(t)$ refers to a window of dutation $T_{SUBFRAME}$ . DONE by treating text between eq 3 and eq 4.
29.	17.3.3	nc	E		On p. 253, line 17 replace "Data" with "DATA":		DONE
30.	17.3.3	nc	E		On p. 253, line 17 replace " $T_{TSHORT}$ " with " $T_{SHORT}$ ":		DONE

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31.	17.3.3	nc	E		On p. 253, on lines 20 and 44 replace "phase modulated" by just "modulated". Phase modulation implies rotation by a specified angle, which is not the way the modulation is specified here.  Delete the sentence "The 52 non-zero elements of $L$ are used to phase rotate 52 OFDM subcarriers" on line 50. It is redundant and misleading		discuss in TGa?  accepted  DONE
32.	17.3.3 eq (9)	tk	e	No	The symbol $r$ is missing in $r_{LONG}(t)$	Add it	DONE
33.	17.3.4	Ah	e	N	Figure 111: Signal field bit <u>assingment</u>	Figure 111: Signal Field Bit Assignment	DONE
34.	17.3.4.1	Ah	t	Y	LENGTH field is described as being an unsigned 16bit integer. Yet, the LENGTH field is defined as having 12 bits.	Please clarify the discrepancy.	DONE
35.	17.3.4.1	ko	e		"The PLCP length field shall be an unsigned 16 bit integer" in line 42 seems to be error.	changed the document to "The PLCP length field shall be an unsigned 12 bit integer"	DONE
36.	17.3.4.1	nc	E		On p. 253, line 17 replace "16 bit" with "12 bit"		DONE
37.	17.3.4.1	to	T		Use CRC instead of one bit parity at PLCP header.	Change the PLCP header structure	Comment rejected because the additional OFDM symbol incurs an additional throughput penalty. The misdetection performance harms mainly the receiving station and not the network as a whole. Additional safeguards may be implemented in the receiver to improve the misdetection probability. (no text change) Changed 9 to 10 repetitions of short sequence DONE

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38.	17.3.4.3 (17.3.6.3 page 262 lines 3,4)	bo	T	n	I believe that you want the requirements for the parity and Signal Tail bits stated here.	Use "shall"	DONE
39.	17.3.4.3	nc	e		On p. 255, line 23 replace "Reserve" by "Reserved"		DONE
40.	17.3.5 (17.3.7 page 262 line 9)	bo	e		"The all bits" should probably be "All bits".		NC probably yes. See previous comment DONE
41.	17.3.5 (17.3.7 page 262 line 10)	bo	T	n	Inclusion of the ITU-T CRC-32 is required by this clause. Is this a second CRC-32 in addition to the one from the MAC?	If this is a PHY CRC-32, show it in Figure 107. If there is not another PHY CRC-32 delete the sentence from this clause.	NC delete the sentence, there is no CRC32 other than the one included in the PSDU. (Did Bob use the clause numbers from D2.1?)  The DATA field contains the <b>SERVICE</b> field, <b>the PSDU</b> , the Tail bits and the Pad bits if needed as described in clause 17.3.5.2 and 17.3.5.3. <b>All the bits in the DATA field are scrambled as described in clause 17.3.5.4.</b> DONE
42.	17.3.5 page 258 line 12	bo	E		The symbol "GI2" is used in figure 114 but not defined, even though symbols on either side of it are defined.		It is defined in 17.3.2.3 Table 79 and readressed after equation 3 (no text changes)

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43.	17.3.5.1 (17.3.7.1)	bo	T	n	This is not an adequate resolution to my comment on bit ordering. There is no connection made between the stated MSB and LSB and the actual bits of this field.	It seems that a figure with the actual bits shown and numbered is necessary to unambiguously define the bit order.	NC seems that a figure is needed.  DONE
44.	17.3.5.10	Ah	e	N	Line 45: "The" MAC ...	Change to "The"	DONE
45.	17.3.5.2 (17.3.7.4)	bo	E		Does this field really "improve the error probability of the convolutional decoder"? Or does it improve the probability of detecting/preventing/correcting errors?		NC in my view the words "error probability" imply a measure of the capability of the decoder to prevent/avoid decoding errors, and therefore no change is needed. (ask Bob)
46.	17.3.5.3 (17.3.7.5 eqn 22)	bo	T	n	This equation seems to indicate that there are several components that sum in the numerator. Unfortunately, it is not clear what each of these components represent.	Either clearly define each of the components to the numerator or simplify the equation to be $(N_{DATA} + 6) / N_{DBPS}$	NC ?? change the numerator to $(16 + 8 * LENGTH + 6 + (N_{DBPS} - 1))$ DONE
47.	17.3.5.4 (17.3.7.6 page 264 line 21)	bo	T	n	The SERVICE field is not a number, it is a bit string. Hence it has no "significance" to which "most" and "least" may be applied.	Replace the reference to "least significant bits" with "bits n through m" where the bits are clearly identified in a figure where the SERVICE field is defined.	NC – clarify that the LSB to MSB order applies to the octets of PSDU.  DONE changed to DATA
48.	17.3.5.5 (17.3.7.8)	bo	T	n	You missed a reference to MPDU. The CRC-32 is referred to here, but is not defined anywhere, nor does it show up in any figure.	Replace MPDU with PSDU. Either define the CRC-32 field and show where it sits in the PPDU or eliminate it if it is the one in the MPDU.	NC delete CRC32, change MPDU to PSDU  DONE
49.	17.3.5.6 (17.3.7.9)	bo	E		Suggest replacing "highest" with "largest".		DONE

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50.	17.3.5.6	tk	t	No	The proposed interleaver/deinterleaver is not optimal because runs of consecutive low reliability LSBs may occur at the output of the deinterleaver. This is discussed in document IEEE 99/47.	Change the interleaver/deinterleaver according to doc 99/47	Approved by TGa
51.	17.3.5.7	nc	e		On p. 259, line 22 make $b_1$ italic $b_1$		DONE
52.	17.3.5.7	rw	T	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove the square root factors and add a comment that constellation normalization is required as it was in earlier drafts.</li> <li>With finite word sizes, the scaling may be imprecise in constellation representation or require excessive use of bits. This normalization scaling is best left elsewhere as it applies to all QAM modes, and preamble as well as data subsections. It can also be combined with square root factors for the pilots.</li> <li>This form of the constellation encoding will also be conformance with other IEEE standards.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Example change for QPSK (see <b>Error! Reference source not found.</b> below)</li> <li>As from the October draft, there was a paragraph stating that constellation power shall be normalized by the following factors. Exact implementation left up to the manufacturer.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BPSK: <math>\sqrt{2}</math></li> <li>QPSK: <math>\sqrt{2}</math></li> <li>16 QAM: <math>\sqrt{10}</math></li> <li>64 QAM: <math>\sqrt{42}</math></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>NC – I object to this change, because the different frames and sometimes even different subcarriers of same frame use different constellations, e.g. data and pilots. For this reason it is important to emphasize that the power normalization applies to each component individually, and the best way to implement it is in my view by inclusion of the factors.</p> <p>Finite word sizes are addressed by modulation accuracy requirements.</p> <p>Agreement reached with Bob, DONE</p>
53.	17.3.5.7 and 17.3.5.8	tk	t	No	The receiver structure may slightly simplified by using BPSK symbols that are aligned with either I or Q coordinates.	Change symbols in Table 81 (BPSK constellation) to $\{-1 0\}$ and to $\{1 0\}$ . Change the multiplying factor in equation 19 (pilot symbol definition) to 1.	discussion item Accepted by TGa DONE
54.	17.3.5.8 (17.3.7.11)	bo	E		Replace "the following subclause" with a correct subclause number.	There is no telling when someone may insert a subclause exactly where you never imaged one could go.	DONE

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55.	17.3.5.8 17.3.5.9	moa	T	yes	The constant vector pilot tones generate line spectra at the pilot subcarriers. This may not be acceptable for the MSS parties. The ITU-R recommendation of RLAN EIRP density limit (Preliminary draft new recommendation [8A-9B-T5/AA]) states that the EIRP density limit of RLAN devices in the band 5150-5250 MHz should be no greater than 10 mW in any 1 MHz (or equivalently 0.04 mW in any 4 kHz) per transmitter.	Change Eq.(19) so that the pilot tone is modulated by scramble pattern .	Approved in TGa
56.	17.3.5.8	rw	T	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The power of the pilots relative to the constellation are unclear. It could be interpreted as QPSK data, and therefore using the same scaling as QPSK. This would make the pilots relatively small in the larger constellations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommend that power be related to normalized average power of the constellation with an appropriate gain (example letting the gain be 4/3 of average, implies a 16/9 power gain) to support acquisition and tracking requirements</li> </ul>	<p>The power is clear from the normalization of the data components and the non-zero values in the vector P which are normalized to unity power.</p> <p>Increase of pilot power will improve phase tracking at expense of spectrum nonuniformity and stealing transmit power.</p> <p>Bob Ward withdrew his request to increase the power of the pilots. DONE</p>

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57.	17.3.5.8	tk	t	No	All the pilot subcarriers are modulated with constant phases. Consequently, when the power spectrum of the OFDM signal is measured with low-resolution bandwidth, spectral lines might appear.	Modulate the pilot symbols by a pseudo-random binary sequence. This is performed as follows: 1. Produce a binary sequence using the scrambler of figure 107 with the an "all ones" initial state. The number of elements of the sequence is equal to the number of OFDM symbols. 2. Replace all "0" with -1 and all "1" with 1. Let $\{b_k\}$ denote the elements of the sequence. 3. For the k'th OFDM symbol, multiply the vector P, given by equation 19, with $b_k$ .	See similar comment by Masahiro Morikura  Approved in TGa  Text needs to be produced
58.	17.3.5.9	ko	e		In equation 18, "30≤k≤43" and "44≤k≤47" seems to be error.	change "30≤k≤43" and "44≤k≤47" to "30≤k≤42" and "43≤k≤47", respectively.	NC Accept (thanks, Kazu) DONE
59.	17.3.5.9	nc	e		On p. 260, line 35 and eq (16) replace $N_s$ by $N_{SD}$		DONE

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60.	17.3.7	nc	E		<p>Change the text:</p> <p>The PLCP preamble shall be transmitted using <b>the uncoded 24 Mbit/s QPSK-OFDM modulation</b>. The 802.11 SIGNAL field shall indicate the modulation and coding rate that shall be used to transmit the MPDU. The transmitter <b>and receiver</b> shall initiate the modulation, <b>demodulation</b> and the coding rate indicated by the 802.11 SIGNAL field. The MPDU transmission rate shall be set by the DATARATE parameter in the TXVECTOR issued with the PHY-TXSTART.request primitive described in clause 17.2.2.</p>	<p>To:</p> <p>The PLCP preamble shall be transmitted using <b>an OFDM modulated fixed waveform</b>. The 802.11 SIGNAL field, <b>BPSK-OFDM modulated at 6 Mbit/s</b>, shall indicate the modulation and coding rate that shall be used to transmit the MPDU. The transmitter (<b>receiver</b>) shall initiate the modulation (<b>demodulation</b>) <b>constellation</b> and the coding rate <b>according to the RATE</b> indicated in the 802.11 SIGNAL field. The MPDU transmission rate shall be set by the DATARATE parameter in the TXVECTOR issued with the PHY-TXSTART.request primitive described in clause 17.2.2.</p>	<p>present to TGa</p> <p>accepted</p> <p>DONE</p>
61.	17.3.8.1	nc	e		In table 85 the "Coding rate" line should be split into the "Error Correcting Code" saying "K=7 (64-state) Convolutional Code" and into "Coding Rates" line saying "R=1/2, 2/3, 3/4".		DONE
62.	17.3.8.2 (17.3.1 0.2)	bo	e		Insert "the" before "5GHz".		DONE
63.	17.3.8.3 (17.3.1 0.4)	bo	E		"HPA" does not seem to be defined anywhere.		HPA definition spelled out DONE



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64.	17.3.8.3	nc	e		On page 264, line 27, move "however":  In Figure 117, however, the center frequency is indicated, no subcarrier is allocated on the center frequency as described in Figure 115.	In Figure 117 the center frequency is indicated, however, no subcarrier is allocated on the center frequency as described in Figure 115.	DONE
65.	17.3.8.3 Fig 117 (17.3.10.4 Figure 128)	bo	e		It could be made clearer that the "30 MHz" and "20 MHz" above the arrows in this figure refer to distance of the center frequency of the outermost channels from the band edge.		NC add edge frequencies and indicate that those are "lower (respectively upper) band edge" DONE
66.	17.3.8.3 Informative notes 1&2	jh	E		Informative notes provide information that may change in the future after Europe and Japan specify the frequency issues. Then the standard would contain contradictory information about Europe&Japan channelization and possibly create confusion.	Remove the notes.	discussion item
67.	17.3.8.3, MIB	dk	t	Y	The channel numbers are not adequately defined. The MIB refers to a channel number. There is no channel number to actual channel defined. In addition, there is some uncertainty as to the channelization of new regulatory domains, e.g. Japan.	Define a set of unique channel numbers by taking the frequency in MHz, subtract 5000 and divide by 5. This defines unique channels at every 5 MHz spacing from 5 GHz and up. The entire band is thus represented by 8 bits. This handles all of the known regulatory domains and allows flexibility for accommodating new domains in the future.	NC recommend to accept the channel numbering scheme proposed.

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68.	17.3.8.5	ko	T		<p>Define what is “the start of corresponding symbol”.</p> <p>Section 10.4.3.2 in IEEE P802.11/D8.0 defines that “The start of a symbol is defined to be 1/2 symbol period prior to the center of the symbol for FH, or 1/2 chip period prior to the center of the first chip of the symbol for DS, or 1/2 slot time prior to the center of the corresponding slot for IR”. The similar definition seems to be required for OFDM. Moreover, the same section in IEEE P802.11/D8.0 defines that “The end of a symbol is defined to be 1/2 symbol period after the center of the symbol for FH, or 1/2 chip period after the center of the last chip of the symbol for DS, or 1/2 slot time after the center of the corresponding slot for IR.” Definition of “the end of symbol for OFDM” also seems to be required.</p>	<p>Define appropriately</p> <p>“The start of a symbol is defined to be 1/2 symbol period prior to the center of the symbol for FH, or 1/2 chip period prior to the center of the first chip of the symbol for DS, or 1/2 slot time prior to the center of the corresponding slot for IR, <b>or beginning of the GI of a corresponding OFDM symbol for an OFDM PHY</b>”.</p> <p>“The end of a symbol is defined to be 1/2 symbol period after the center of the symbol for FH, or 1/2 chip period after the center of the last chip of the symbol for DS, or 1/2 slot time after the center of the corresponding slot for IR, <b>or the end of of a corresponding OFDM symbol for an OFDM PHY.</b>”</p>	
69.	17.3.8.6	nc	t		<p>Replace “RSSI detect time” with “CCA detect time”. Remove the “(&lt;4 usec)” and insert “, as specified in Table 90”.</p>		discussion item OVERDONE
70.	17.3.9.2	Ah	e	N	<p>Line 33: ...(dB relative to the <u>maximal</u> spectral density...</p>	<p>Change to (dB relative to the maximum spectral density...</p>	DONE
71.	17.3.9.2 Fig 118 (17.3.1.2 Figure 130)	bo	E		<p>A legend should be added to this figure that identifies the function of the thick and thin lines. The X axis labeling needs to be cleaned up.</p>		DONE

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72.	17.3.9.4 and 17.3.9.5	BRAN	T		It is a comment to the Disposition/Rebuttal #5 in the "TGa Latter Ballot 16 Comment Resolution report" regarding the linkage of carrier frequency generation and clocking the time-base. From the BRAN's view it is a very important issue and worth considering and discussing again. In view of the growth of wireless IP applications and the fact that portability will become an important feature of 802.11a devices, the RF and baseband part of such devices will be located in the same "box" which in BRANs view is considered as THE "natural" case. Using to different sources at the transmitter for RF generation and clock timing, extensive signal processing at the receiver is needed for eliminating the drift between carrier frequency and sampling frequency. This is power consuming and additionally for +/- 20 ppm oscillator accuracy specified in IEEE/BRAN/MMAC difficult and for long packets results in high packet error rates. To prevent this unnecessary processing in "natural" cases, the use of ONE source for derivation of timing and carrier frequency is an appropriate measure. The experience of GSM has showed this. Leaving this issue as "a de facto implementation consideration" is not a right strategy, if interoperability has to be fulfilled. It does not save the needed complexity at the receiver.	Add a clause after 17.3.9.5 with the title "Requirements for derivation of timing and carrier frequency" and write "The terminals shall use the frequency source for both RF frequency generation and clocking the time-base"	Approved by TGa  DONE
73.	17.3.9.6.2	jh	t		The transmitter spectral flatness is not defined for subcarrier number -26, -25, 25, 26	Define the spectral flatness of the missing subcarriers	(present to TGa) DONE
74.	17.3.9.6.2	nc	e		On page 266, line 50, replace 24 into 26 (number of subcarriers on each side)		DONE

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75.	17.3.9.6 .2	rw	t	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transmitter spectral flatness does not reflect 52 subcarrier case</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revise text to establish requirements on sub carriers beyond <math>\pm 24</math></li> </ul>	DONE
76.	17.3.9.6 .3	jkh	T		<p>In Table 87 different constellation errors have been specified for different data rates. In the case that the mode with 16QAM and <math>r=1/2</math> code rate is considered as mandatory, does it make sense to specify constellation accuracy for the modes with lower data rates. A device fulfilling the constellation error for 24 Mbit/s could do it for lower data rates.</p>	Remove the relative constellation errors for bit rates less than 24 Mbit/s in Table 87.	<p>NC- The table lists the constellation errors based on their impact on error probability. One may envision an implementation which adjusts the PA backoff based on the rate used for the packet. For this reasons I recommend the table as is, in order not to restrict the implementors.</p> <p>Request withdrawn</p>
77.	17.3.9.7	rw	t	Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transmit modulation accuracy test should utilize <u>known patterns</u>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established test patterns using random data shall be used for the symbols.</li> </ul>	<p>(discussion item)</p> <p>Withdrawn</p>
78.	17.4.2 (17.4.3 )	bo	T	n	Table 94 is said to define the MIB values. Since there is no "shall" in this clause, it appears that this information is only advisory, not normative. Also, some rates are described as mandatory, yet there is no clause in the document that says anything like "all implementations shall be capable of transmitting and receiving at the following rates..."	Make the values in the table normative. Include a clause, somewhere, that makes some rates mandatory.	(ask Bob)
79.	17.4.3 (17.4.4 )	bo	T	n	This clause also merely describes the PHY characteristics. They are not normative.	Include a "shall" in this clause, making the values in the table normative.	(ask Bob)

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80.	17.4.3	moa	T	yes	<p>The number for SIFS Time is too small. This number is mainly dependent on processing delays in receiver. Practical delays in receiver (aRxRFDelay + aRxPLCPDelay) are:                      AFC: 4 us                      Serial/Parallel conversion: 4 us                      FFT: 4 us                      Decoding: 2 us</p> <p>This gives a SIFS = aRxRFDelay + aRxPLCPDelay + aRxTxTurnaroundTime + aMACProcessingDelay = 14 + 2 + 2 =18 us</p>	<p>Change parameter to following value:                       aSIFSTime = 18 us</p>	<p>(discussion item)                       resolved, SIFS changed to 16 usecs.</p>
81.	17.5.1	Ah	E	N	Figure 124 needs to be made more clear.	Figure 11 in clause 5.8 of the IEEE Std 802.11-1997 provides a much clearer illustration of the interfaces among the various sublayers of the PHY.	(withdrawn)
82.	17.5.1	mif	T	na	<p>The PHY characteristics in Table 90 show aMPUDDurationFactor =1. This is incorrect because there are Tail bits and Pad bits appended to the MPDU (PSDU), making the duration to transmit the MPDU slightly variable with respect to the number of octets passed from MAC to PHY. Because the Pad bits are both length and rate dependent (since they have to fill an entire OFDM symbol at the rate used for transmission), the MPDU expansion is non-uniform, and a fixed duration factor value does not work. This is one of the reasons that, at the Orlando meeting, we voted to eliminate the aMPDUDurationFactor and replace it with a new PLME-TXTIME.request/response primitive (for further details see document 99-029 from the Orlando meeting).</p>	<p>Delete reference to aMPUDDurationFactor in Table 90. Add the appropriate OFDM PHY-specific subclauses to 17.5.1 for PLME-TXTIME.request and PLME-TXTIME.response to calculate properly the MPDU transmission time, including tail and pad bits, and taking the transmission rate into account.</p> <p>Examples of how to do this for the other PHYs appear on pages 11-13 of 802.11b/D3.0, and for the high-rate DS PHY on page 31 of 802.11b/D3.0.</p>	(ask Michael and Carl A.)

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83.	17.5.4.1	Ah	e	N	Table 91 PMD_DAT	Please expand the Primitive column so that PMD_DATA can be on one line.	DONE
84.	17.6.6.6.2	bo	E		This clauses says that 17.3.10.7 provides information on PHY modulation rates. This is not correct.		locate the correct reference!!!
85.	Abstract	Vh	E		The text applies to the main standard and not to 11a	Changes and additions to IEEE Std. 802.11 to support the higher rate Physical layer for operation in the 2.45 GHz band are provided.	
86.	Annex A	VH	E		Unclear editor instructions	Make editor instructions per subclause so we know what to do with the various clauses	
87.	Annex B	VH	E		The supplement does not change anything in the annex B of the main standard, but is a new annex to be added to the main standard	Show annexes a, b, c, d as empty and add a new annex (coordinate with TGb)	
88.	Definitions	VH	E		There are no new definitions specified, which is suspicious for such a major addition	Add a clause about the addition and give all necessary definitions	<b>Abbreviations and acronyms</b> C-MPDU = Coded MPDU GI = Guard Interval OFDM = Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing  U-NII FFT IFFT QAM BPSK QPSK
89.	General	bo	E		Is there some chance that the next revision of this document will use a more easily seen color than fluorescent green for inserted text, say dark blue?		DONE!!!

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90.	General	nc	e		Use nonbreaking spaces between numbers and units p. 248 l 7-8: 6 Mbit/s p. 253 l 40-41: 7.2 usec p. 262 l 1: +/-2 usec		?
91.	General	sl	T	yes	Draft is not described in detail enough for someone to build a solution to follow the standard.		Some changes for making the text clearer are being introduced. An Annex with an example of packet waveform preparation steps shall be produced.
92.	Many	tk	E	No	The encoding and modulation described by the standard is complex. We would have a better chance to produce an interoperable 802.11a device if we would add several exemplary waveform files to the appendix of the standard. Alternatively, a pseudo code or working source code can be added.	Add exemplary waveform files or pseudo/source code.	Tal Kaitz shall prepare such an annex before May meeting. It shann not constitute part of the next Ballot.
93.	OF2.13 .2	bo	T	n	Isn't 2/3 punctured coding required if certain rates are implemented?	Make this item conditional on the implementation of the associated rates. Status should be: OF1.2.7:M Also precede OF1.2.7 by an asterisk (*) to indicate that it is used as a predicate in the PICS.	DONE
94.	OF2.13 .3	bo	T	n	Isn't 3/4 punctured coding required if certain rates are implemented?	Make this item conditional on the implementation of the associated rates. Status should be: OF1.2.2 or OF1.2.4 or OF1.2.6 or OF1.2.8:M Also precede OF1.2.2, 4, 6, and 8 by an asterisk (*) to indicate that they are used as predicates in the PICS.	DONE

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95.	OF2.15.4	bo	T	n	Isn't 64-QAM required if certain rates are implemented?	Make this item conditional on the implementation of the associated rates. Status should be: OF1.2.7 or OF1.2.8:M Also precede items OF1.2.7 and OF1.2.8 with an asterisk (*) to indicate that they are used as predicates in the PICS.	DONE
96.	OF3.3	bo	T	n	This item indicates that an implementation that operates in more than one band is not conformant.	Delete this requirement. Status for all items in OF3.3 should be, simply, "O".	DONE
97.	Other clauses	VH	E		Could not find changes to MAC and PHY management, which is suspicious for such a major addition	Add clauses 1-16 and show that either nothing needs to be added or add the required information	
98.	PICS	bo	T	n	Many of the clause references in the PICS are not correct.	Correct and verify all clause references in the PICS.	
99.	Table 87	jh	t		48 Mbit/s mode transmitter constellation error is -21dB, according to the decision made during the January meeting it should be -22dB	Change the number to -22dB	DONE
100.	z17.3.1.2	sg	e		<b>Repeated phrase</b>	<b>"Any data received after the indicated data" is repeated on line 37</b>	<b>DONE</b>
101.	z17.3.2	sg	e		<b>typo</b>	<b>Change "reseved" to reserved in line 14</b>	<b>DONE</b>
102.	z17.3.2	sg	e		<b>typo</b>	<b>Change "bites" to bits in line 14</b>	<b>DONE</b>
103.	z17.3.2	sg	e		<b>typo</b>	<b>Change "describe" to describe in line 17</b>	<b>DONE</b>
104.	z17.3.5.10	sg	e		<b>typo</b>	<b>"TThe" should be The in line 45</b>	<b>DONE</b>
105.	z17.3.8.3	sg	E		<b>The text listed as Informative Note 1 &amp; 2 is speculative and subject to change based upon activities in Japanese and European standards bodies/government commissions. Text of this nature should be added when final decision is made pertaining to IEEE802.11 operation in Japan and Europe.</b>	<b>Delete Informative note 1 and 2</b>	<b>See JH comment</b>



