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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

1.1.1 This Tracking Data Message (TDM) Recommended Standard specifies a standard message format for use in exchanging spacecraft tracking data between space agencies. Such exchanges are used for distributing tracking data output from routine interagency cross-supports in which spacecraft missions managed by one agency are tracked from a ground station managed by a second agency. The standardization of tracking data formats facilitates space agency allocation of tracking sessions to alternate tracking resources. This Recommended Standard has been developed via consensus of the Navigation Working Group of the CCSDS Mission Operations and Information Management Services (MOIMS) area.

1.1.2 This document includes requirements and criteria that the message format has been designed to meet. For exchanges where these requirements do not capture the needs of the participating Agencies another mechanism may be selected.

1.2 SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

1.2.1 This Recommended Standard contains the specification for a Tracking Data Message designed for applications involving tracking data interchange between space data systems. Tracking data includes data types such as Doppler, transmit/received frequencies, range, angles, Delta-DOR, DORIS, PRARE, media correction, weather, etc. The rationale behind the design of the message is described in annex F and may help the application engineer construct a suitable message. It is acknowledged that this version of the Recommended Standard may not apply to every single tracking session or data type; however, it is desired to focus on covering approximately the ‘95% level’ of tracking scenarios, and to expand the coverage in future versions as experience with the TDM is gained.

1.2.2 This message is suited to inter-agency exchanges that involve automated interaction. The attributes of a TDM make it primarily suitable for use in computer-to-computer communication because of the large amount of data typically present. The TDM is self-contained, with no additional information required beyond that specified in an Interface Control Document (ICD) written jointly by the service provider and customer agency.

1.2.3 Definition of the accuracy pertaining to any particular TDM is outside the scope of this Recommended Standard and should be specified via an Interface Control Document (ICD) between data exchange participants.

1.2.4 This Recommended Standard is applicable only to the message format and content, but not to its transmission. The method of transmitting the message between exchange partners is beyond the scope of this document and should be specified in the ICD. Message transmission could be based on a CCSDS data transfer protocol, file based transfer protocol such as SFTP, stream-oriented media, or other secure transmission mechanism. In general, the transmission mechanism must not place constraints on the technical data content of a TDM.
1.2.5 There are some specific exclusions to the TDM, as listed below:

1.2.5.1 Satellite Laser Ranging (SLR) ‘Fullrate’ and/or ‘Normal Points’ format (sometimes referred to as ‘Quicklook’), which are already transferred via a standardized format documented at http://ilrs.gsfc.nasa.gov/;

1.2.5.2 Exchanges of raw Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) data, which is standardized via the RINEX format (http://gps.wva.net/html.common/rinex.html);

1.2.5.3 Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) navigation solutions, which are standardized via the SP3 format (http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/GPS/GPS.html);\(^1\)

1.2.5.4 Optical data from navigation cameras (pixel based, row-column, etc.);

1.2.5.5 LIDAR data (which may include a laser range finder); however, such data could conceivably be transferred via TDM with a ‘RANGE’ keyword (see 3.5.2.6); and

1.2.5.6 Altimeter data; however, such data could conceivably be transferred via TDM with a ‘RANGE’ keyword (see 3.5.2.6).

1.2.6 Description of the message format based on the use of eXtensible Markup Language (XML) is detailed in an integrated XML schema document for all Navigation Data Message Recommendations: Attitude Data Messages (ADM), Orbit Data Messages (ODM), and Tracking Data Message (TDM). See reference [E8].

1.3 CONVENTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

1.3.1 Conventions and definitions of navigation concepts such as reference frames, time systems, etc., are provided in reference [1].

1.3.2 The following conventions apply throughout this Recommended Standard:

- the words ‘shall’ and ‘must’ imply a binding and verifiable specification;
- the word ‘should’ implies an optional, but desirable, specification;
- the word ‘may’ implies an optional specification;
- the words ‘is’, ‘are’, and ‘will’ imply statements of fact.

\(^1\) It has been suggested that the statement regarding navigation solutions being standardized by SP3 is not correct, because SP3 prescribes equidistant data (ephemerides), which are in general not provided by each GPS/GNSS receiver. It was proposed that the navigation solution data (epoch, x, y, z, v_x, v_y, v_z) should be provided in the TDM, with the velocities as optional values. However, this would require major changes to the TDM that are contrary to its intended purpose. As an alternative, the CCSDS Orbit Data Messages OEM (Orbit Ephemeris Message) (reference [4]) could be used to convey the navigation solution if all position and velocity components are transferred. The OEM is already set up to convey all the required values, and can be used to convey orbit reconstructions as well as orbit predictions.
– The word ‘participant’ denotes an entity that has the ability to acquire or broadcast navigation messages and/or radio frequencies, for example, a spacecraft, a quasar, a tracking station, a tracking instrument, or an agency.

– The term ‘n/a’ or ‘N/A’ denotes an attribute that is not applicable or not available.

1.3.3 The following conventions for unit notations apply throughout this Recommended Standard. Insofar as possible, an effort has been made to use units that are part of the International System of Units (SI Units); units are either SI base units, SI derived units, or units outside the SI that are accepted for use with the SI (see reference [8]). There are a small number of specific cases where units that are more widely used in the navigation community are specified, but every effort has been made to minimize these departures from the SI.

%: per cent
dBHz: decibels referenced to one Hz
dBW: decibels referenced to one Watt
deg: degrees of plane angle
hPa: hectoPascal
Hz: Hertz
K: degrees Kelvin
km: kilometers
m: meters
RU: range units
s: seconds
TECU: Total Electron Count Units

1.4 STRUCTURE OF THIS DOCUMENT

1.4.1 Section 2 provides a brief overview of the CCSDS-recommended Tracking Data Message (TDM).

1.4.2 Section 3 provides details about the structure and content of the TDM.

1.4.3 Section 4 provides details about the syntax used in the TDM.

1.4.4 Section 5 discusses security considerations for the TDM.

1.4.5 Annex A provides a normative list of approved values for selected TDM Metadata Section keywords.

1.4.6 Annex B lists a number of items that should be covered in interagency ICDs prior to exchanging TDMs on a regular basis. There are several statements throughout the document that refer to the desirability or necessity of such a document; this annex consolidates all the suggested ICD items in a single list.
1.4.7 Annex C is a list of abbreviations and acronyms applicable to the TDM.

1.4.8 Annex D shows how various tracking scenarios can be accommodated using the TDM, via several examples.

1.4.9 Annex E contains a list of informative references.

1.4.10 Annex F lists a set of requirements and desirable characteristics that were taken into consideration in the design of the TDM.

1.4.11 Annex G provides a TDM Summary Sheet, or ‘Quick Reference’.

1.5 REFERENCES

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Recommended Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All documents are subject to revision, and users of this Recommended Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the documents indicated below. The CCSDS Secretariat maintains a register of currently valid CCSDS Recommended Standards.


NOTE — Informative references are provided in annex E.
2 OVERVIEW

2.1 GENERAL

This section provides a high-level overview of the CCSDS recommended Tracking Data Message, a message format designed to facilitate standardized exchange of spacecraft tracking data between space agencies.

2.2 THE TRACKING DATA MESSAGE (TDM) BASIC CONTENT

2.2.1 The TDM is realized as a sequence of plain ASCII text lines (reference [2]), which may be in either a file format or a real-time stream. The content is separated into three basic types of computer data structure as described in section 3. The TDM architecture takes into account that some aspects of tracking data change on a measurement-by-measurement basis (data); some aspects change less frequently, but perhaps several times per track (metadata); and other aspects change only rarely, e.g., once per track or perhaps less frequently (header). The TDM makes it possible to convey a variety of tracking data used in the orbit determination process in a single data message (e.g., standard Doppler and range radiometrics in a variety of tracking modes, VLBI data, antenna pointing angles, etc.). To aid in precision trajectory modeling, additional ancillary information may be included within a TDM if it is desired and/or available (e.g., media corrections, meteorological data, clock data, and other ancillary data). Facilities for documenting comments are provided.

2.2.2 The Tracking Data Message in this version of the Recommended Standard is ASCII-text formatted. While binary-based tracking data message formats are computer efficient and minimize overhead during data transfer, there are ground-segment applications for which an ASCII character-based message is more appropriate. For example, ASCII format character-based tracking data representations are useful in transferring data between heterogeneous computing systems, because the ASCII character set is nearly universally used and is interpretable by all popular systems. In addition, direct human-readable dumps of text to displays, emails, documents or printers are possible without preprocessing. The penalty for this convenience is some measure of inefficiency (based on early tests, such penalty would be greatly reduced if the data is compressed for transmission).

2.2.3 The ASCII text in a TDM can be exchanged in either of two formats: a ‘keyword-value notation’ format (KVN) or an XML format. The KVN formatted TDM is described in this document. Description of the message format based on XML is detailed in an integrated XML schema document for all Navigation Data Messages (reference [E8]). Exchange participants should specify in the ICD which TDM ASCII format will be exchanged, the KVN or the XML format.

2.2.4 Normally a TDM will contain tracking data for a single spacecraft participant, unless the tracking session is spacecraft-to-spacecraft in nature. If a tracking operation involves information from multiple spacecraft participants tracked from the ground, the data may be included in a single TDM by using multiple segments (see 3.1); or multiple TDMs may be used, one per spacecraft participant.
2.2.5 For a given spacecraft participant, multiple tracking data messages may be provided in a message exchange session to achieve the tracking data requirements of the participating agencies (e.g., launch supports with periodically delivered TDMs, or other critical events such as maneuvers, encounters, etc.).

2.2.6 Provisions for the frequency of exchange and special types of exchanges should be specified in an ICD.
3 TRACKING DATA MESSAGE STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

3.1 GENERAL

3.1.1 The TDM shall consist of digital data represented as ASCII text lines (see reference [2]) in KVN format (Keyword = Value Notation—see section 4). The lines constituting a TDM shall be represented as a combination of:

a) a Header (see 3.2);

b) a Metadata Section (data about data) (see 3.3); and

c) a Data Section (tracking data represented as ‘Tracking Data Records’) (see 3.4).

Optional comments may appear in specified locations in the Header, Metadata, and Data Sections (see 4.5).

3.1.2 Taken together, the Metadata Section and its associated Data Section shall be called a TDM Segment.

3.1.3 Each TDM shall have a Header and a Body. The TDM Body shall consist of one or more TDM Segments. There shall be no limit to the number of Segments in a given TDM Body, beyond practical constraints, as shown in table 3-1. Each Segment shall consist of a Metadata Section and a Data Section that consists of a minimum of one Tracking Data Record. Therefore, the overall structure of the TDM shall be:

- TDM = Header + Body;
- Body = Segment [+ Segment + ... + Segment];
- Segment = Metadata Section + Data Section;
- Data Section = Tracking Data Record (TDR) [ + TDR + TDR ... + TDR].
### Table 3-1: TDM Structure

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3.1.4 The TDM shall consist of tracking data for one or more tracking participants at multiple epochs contained within a specified time range. (Note that the term ‘participant’ applies equally to spacecraft, quasars, tracking stations, and agency centers, as discussed in reference [1]. Thus there may exist Tracking Data Messages for which there is no applicable spacecraft.) Generally, but not necessarily, the time range of a TDM may correspond to a ‘tracking pass’.

3.1.5 The TDM shall be easily readable by both humans and computers.

3.1.6 It shall be possible to exchange a TDM either as a real-time stream or as a file.

3.1.7 The TDM file naming scheme shall be agreed to on a case-by-case basis between the participating agencies, typically specified in an ICD. In general, the file name syntax and length must not violate computer constraints for those computing environments in use by Member Agencies for processing tracking data.

3.1.8 The method of exchanging TDMs shall be decided on a case-by-case basis by the participating agencies and documented in an ICD. The exchange method shall not constrain the tracking data content.
3.2 TDM HEADER

3.2.1 The TDM shall include a Header that consists of information that identifies the basic parameters of the message. The first Header line must be the first non-blank line in the message.

3.2.2 A description of TDM Header items and values is provided in table 3-2, which specifies for each item:

- the keyword to be used;
- a short description of the item;
- examples of allowed values; and
- whether the item is obligatory or not obligatory.

3.2.3 Only those keywords shown in table 3-2 shall be used in a TDM Header. The order of occurrence of the obligatory and optional KVN assignments shall be fixed as shown in table 3-2.

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<td>See 4.5.</td>
<td>COMMENT This is a comment</td>
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<td>CREATION_DATE</td>
<td>Data creation date/time in UTC. For format specification, see 4.3.9.</td>
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3.2.4 Each line in the TDM Header, with the exception of COMMENTs, shall have the following generic format:

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keyword = value
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3.2.5 The TDM Header shall provide a CCSDS Tracking Data Message version number that identifies the format version; this is included to anticipate future changes and to provide the ability to extend the standard with no disruption to existing users. The version keyword is CCSDS_TDM_VERS and the value shall have the form of $x.y$ where $y$ is incremented for corrections and minor changes, and $x$ is incremented for major changes. Version 1.0 shall be reserved for the initial version accepted by the CCSDS as an official Recommended Standard (‘Blue Book’). Interagency testing of TDMs shall be conducted using version numbers less than 1.0 (e.g., ‘0.y’). Specific TDM versions that will be exchanged between agencies should be documented via the ICD.

3.2.6 The TDM Header shall include the CREATION_DATE keyword with the value set to the Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) when the data was created (file creation time if in file format, or first data point in stream), as specified in reference [3] (ASCII Time Code A or B).
3.3 TDM METADATA

3.3.1 GENERAL

3.3.1.1 The TDM shall include at least one Metadata Section that contains configuration details (metadata) applicable to the Data Section in the same TDM Segment. The information in the Metadata Section aligns with the tracking data to provide descriptive information (typically, the metadata is the type of information that does not change frequently during a tracking session).

3.3.1.2 Each line in the TDM Metadata Section, with the exception of COMMENTs, shall have the following generic format:

```
keyword = value
```

3.3.1.3 A single TDM Metadata Section shall precede each Data Section.

3.3.1.4 When there are changes in the values assigned to any of the keywords in the Metadata Section, a new Segment must be started (e.g., mode change from one-way to two-way tracking).

3.3.1.5 The first and last lines of a TDM Metadata Section shall consist of the META_START and META_STOP keywords, respectively. These keywords are used to facilitate parsing.

3.3.1.6 Table 3-3 specifies for each Metadata item:

- the keyword to be used;
- a short description of the item;
- a list of required values or examples of allowed values; and
- whether the item is obligatory or not obligatory.

The column marked ‘N/E’ will contain an ‘N’ if the column marked ‘Normative Values / Examples’ contains normative values, and will contain an ‘E’ if the column contains example values that are non-normative. For normative values, a fully enumerated set of values may be provided, or the contents of table 3-3 may be a sample of values that are fully enumerated in an annex. In this latter case, the necessary annex is identified.

3.3.1.7 Only those keywords shown in table 3-3 shall be used in a TDM Metadata Section. Obligatory items shall appear in every TDM Metadata Section. Items that are not obligatory may or may not appear in any given TDM Metadata Section, at the discretion of the data producer, based on the requirements of the data and its intended application (see annex G for a TDM Summary Sheet that illustrates the relationships between data types and metadata). For most metadata keywords there is no default value; where there is a default value, it is
specified at the end of the ‘Description’ section for the given keyword. If a keyword is not present in a TDM, and a default value is defined, the default shall be assumed.

3.3.1.8 The order of occurrence of the obligatory and optional KVN assignments shall be fixed as shown in table 3-3.

3.3.1.9 The Metadata Section shall describe the participants in a tracking session using the keyword ‘PARTICIPANT_n’. There may be several participants associated with a tracking data session (the number of participants is always greater than or equal to one, and generally greater than or equal to two). The ‘n’ in the keyword is an indexer. The indexer shall not be the same for any two participants in a given Metadata Section.

3.3.1.10 The value associated with any given PARTICIPANT_n keyword may be a ground tracking station, a spacecraft, a quasar catalog name; or may include non-traditional objects, such as landers, rovers, balloons, etc. The list of eligible names that is used to specify participants should be documented in the ICD. Subsections 3.3.2 through 3.3.2.7 provide an explanation of the tracking modes and participant numbers. Participants may generally be listed in any order.

3.3.1.11 In this version of the TDM, the maximum number of participants per segment shall be five. If more than five participants are defined (i.e., PARTICIPANT_6 +), then special arrangements between exchange participants are necessary. These arrangements should be documented in an ICD. Note that although the restriction to five participants may appear to be a constraint it is probably not, because of other aspects of the TDM structure. Five participants easily allow the user to describe the great majority of tracking passes. In some cases there may be ‘critical event’ tracking sessions in which a single spacecraft is tracked by a large number of antennas, such that the total number of participants appears to be six or more. However, because of the nature of the ‘PATH’ keyword, several TDM Segments would be required to describe the full set of tracking data. For the critical event example scenario just given, one TDM Segment would be used to describe the two-way connection, and one additional segment would be required for each three-way connection; it would not be possible to provide a single ‘PATH’ statement that would convey the multiple signal paths.
### Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section

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<th><strong>Description</strong></th>
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<tr>
<td>META_START</td>
<td>The META_START keyword shall delineate the start of the TDM Metadata Section within the message. It must appear on a line by itself; i.e., it shall have no parameters, timetags or values.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>----</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COMMENT</td>
<td>See 4.5. Note that if comments are used in the metadata, they shall only appear at the beginning of the Metadata Section.</td>
<td>COMMENT file = tdm.dat</td>
<td>E</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TIME_SYSTEM</td>
<td>The TIME_SYSTEM keyword shall specify the time system used for timetags in the associated Data Section. This should be UTC for ground-based data. The value associated with this keyword must be selected from the full set of allowed values enumerated in annex A.</td>
<td>UTC, TAI, GPS, SCLK</td>
<td>E</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>START_TIME</td>
<td>The START_TIME keyword shall specify the UTC start time of the total time span covered by the tracking data immediately following this Metadata Section. For format specification, see 4.3.9.</td>
<td>1996-12-18T14:28:15.1172 1996-277T07:22:54 2006-001T00:00:00Z</td>
<td>E</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STOP_TIME</td>
<td>The STOP_TIME keyword shall specify the UTC stop time of the total time span covered by the tracking data immediately following this Metadata Section. For format specification, see 4.3.9.</td>
<td>1996-12-18T14:28:15.1172 1996-277T07:22:54 2006-001T00:00:00Z</td>
<td>E</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>PARTICIPANT_n</td>
<td>The PARTICIPANT_n keyword shall represent the participants in a tracking data session. It is indexed to allow unambiguous reference to other data in the TDM (max index is 5). At least two participants must be specified for most sessions; for some special TDMs such as tropospheric media only, only one participant need be listed. Participants may include ground stations, spacecraft, and/or quasars. Participants represent the classical transmitting parties, transponding parties, and receiving parties, while allowing for flexibility to consider tracking sessions that go beyond the familiar one-way spacecraft-to-ground, two-way ground-spacecraft-ground, etc. Participants may be listed in any order, and the PATH keywords specify the signal paths. For spacecraft identifiers, there is no CCSDS-based restriction on the value for this keyword, but names could be drawn from the SPACEWARN Bulletin (reference [5]), which includes Object name and international designator of the participant. The list of eligible names that is used to specify participants should be documented in the ICD.</td>
<td>DSS-63-S400K ROSETTA &lt;Quasar catalog name&gt; 1997-061A</td>
<td>E</td>
<td>Yes (at least one)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MODE</td>
<td>The MODE keyword shall reflect the tracking mode associated with the Data Section of the segment. The value ‘SEQUENTIAL’ applies only for range, Doppler, angles, and line-of-sight ionosphere calibrations; the name implies a sequential signal path between tracking participants. The value ‘SINGLE_DIFF’ applies for differenced data. In other cases, such as troposphere, weather, clocks, etc., use of the MODE keyword does not apply.</td>
<td>SEQUENTIAL SINGLE_DIFF</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>No</td>
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| PATH, PATH_1, PATH_2 | The PATH keywords shall reflect the signal path by listing the index of each participant in order, separated by commas, with no inserted white space. The integers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 used to specify the signal path correlate with the indices of the PARTICIPANT keywords. The first entry in the PATH shall be the transmit participant. The non-indexed PATH keyword shall be used if the MODE is SEQUENTIAL (i.e., MODE=SEQUENTIAL is specified). The indexed PATH_1 and PATH_2 keywords shall be used where the MODE is SINGLE_DIFF. Examples: 1,2 = one-way; 2,1,2 = two-way; 3,2,1 = three-way; 1,2,3,4 = four-way. | PATH = 1,2,1  
PATH_1 = 1,2,1  
PATH_2 = 3,1 | E  | No          |
| TRANSMIT_BAND   | The TRANSMIT_BAND keyword shall indicate the frequency band for transmitted frequencies. The frequency ranges associated with each band should be specified in the ICD. | S  
X  
Ka  
L  
UHF | E  | No          |
| RECEIVE_BAND    | The RECEIVE_BAND keyword shall indicate the frequency band for received frequencies. Although not required in general, the RECEIVE_BAND must be present if the MODE is SINGLE_DIFF and differenced frequencies or differenced range are provided in order to allow proper frequency dependent corrections to be applied. The frequency ranges associated with each band should be specified in the ICD. | S  
X  
Ka  
L  
UHF | E  | No          |
| TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR | The TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR keyword shall indicate the numerator of the turnaround ratio that is necessary to calculate the coherent downlink from the uplink frequency. The value shall be an integer. Also may be specified in ICD if the value is always constant. | 240  
880 | E  | No          |
| TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR | The TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR keyword shall indicate the denominator of the turnaround ratio that is necessary to calculate the coherent downlink from the uplink frequency. The value shall be an integer. Also may be specified in ICD if the value is always constant. | 221  
749 | E  | No          |
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<td>TIMETAG_REF</td>
<td>The TIMETAG_REF keyword shall provide a reference for time tags in the tracking data. This keyword indicates whether the timetag associated with the data is the transmit time or the receive time. This keyword is provided specifically to accommodate two special cases: (1) systems where a received range data point has been timetagged with the time that the range tone signal was transmitted (i.e., TIMETAG_REF=TRANSMIT), and (2) for quasar DOR, where the transmit frequency is the interferometer reference frequency at receive time (i.e., TIMETAG_REF=RECEIVE). It is anticipated otherwise that transmit-related data will generally be timetagged with the time of transmission, and that receive-related data will generally be timetagged with the time of receipt; in these two standard cases, it is not necessary to specify the TIMETAG_REF keyword.</td>
<td>TRANSMIT, RECEIVE</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INTEGRATION_INTERVAL</td>
<td>The INTEGRATION_INTERVAL keyword shall provide the Doppler count time in seconds for Doppler data or for the creation of normal points (also applicable for differenced Doppler; also sometimes known as 'compression time', 'condensation interval', etc.). The data type shall be positive double precision.</td>
<td>60.0, 0.1, 1.0</td>
<td>E</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>INTEGRATION_REF</td>
<td>The INTEGRATION_REF keyword shall be used in conjunction with the INTEGRATION_INTERVAL and TIMETAG_REF keywords. This keyword indicates the relationship between the INTEGRATION_INTERVAL and the timetag on the data, i.e., whether the timetag represents the start, middle, or end of the integration period.</td>
<td>START, MIDDLE, END</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>FREQ_OFFSET</td>
<td>The FREQ_OFFSET keyword represents a frequency in Hz that must be added to every RECEIVE_FREQ (see 3.5.2.7) to reconstruct it. One use is if a Doppler shift frequency observable is transferred instead of the actual received frequency. The data type shall be double precision, and may be negative, zero, or positive. Examples are shown in the 'Normative Values / Examples' column. The default shall be 0.0 (zero).</td>
<td>0.0, 8415000000.0</td>
<td>E</td>
<td>No</td>
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| RANGE_MODE       | The value of the RANGE_MODE keyword shall be ‘COHERENT’, in which case the range tones are coherent with the uplink carrier, and the range unit must be defined in an ICD; ‘CONSTANT’, in which case the range tones have a constant frequency; or ‘ONE WAY’ (used in Delta-DOR).  

**NOTE** – It cannot be determined in advance whether the range mode is coherent or non-coherent. For ESA and JAXA, it is important for the two/three-way Doppler to be coherent, but not the RANGE. This keyword may not be applicable for differenced range data. | COHERENT  
CONSTANT  
ONE WAY | N   | No          |
| RANGE_MODULUS    | The value associated with the RANGE_MODULUS keyword shall be the modulus of the range observable in the units as specified by the RANGE_UNITS keyword; i.e., the actual (unambiguous) range is an integer \( k \) times the modulus, plus the observable value. RANGE_MODULUS shall be a non-negative double precision value. For measurements that are not ambiguous range, the MODULUS setting shall be 0 to indicate an essentially infinite modulus. The default value shall be 0.0.  

**NOTE** – The range modulus is sometimes also called the ‘range ambiguity’. | 32768.0  
2.0e+23  
0.0  
161.6484 | E   | No          |
| RANGE_UNITS      | The RANGE_UNITS keyword specifies the units for the range observable. ‘km’ shall be used if the range is measured in kilometers. ‘s’ shall be used if the range is measured in seconds. ‘RU’, for ‘range units’, shall be used where the transmit frequency is changing, and the method of computing the range unit should be described in the ICD. The default (preferred) value shall be ‘km’. | km  
s  
RU | N   | No          |
| ANGLE_TYPE       | The ANGLE_TYPE keyword shall indicate the type of antenna geometry represented in the angle data (ANGLE_1 and ANGLE_2 keywords). The value shall be one of the values:  

– AZEL for azimuth, elevation (local horizontal);  
– RADEC for right ascension, declination or hour angle, declination (needs to be referenced to an inertial frame);  
– XEYN for \( x \)-east, \( y \)-north;  
– XSYE for \( x \)-south, \( y \)-east.  

Other values are possible, but must be defined in an ICD. | AZEL  
RADEC  
XEYN  
XSYE | N   | No          |
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<td>REFERENCE_FRAME</td>
<td>The REFERENCE_FRAME keyword shall be used in conjunction with the ‘ANGLE_TYPE=RADEC’ keyword/value combination, indicating the inertial reference frame to which the antenna frame is referenced. The origin (center) of the reference frame is assumed to be at the antenna reference point. Applies only to ANGLE_TYPE = RADEC. The value associated with this keyword must be selected from the full set of allowed values enumerated in annex A.</td>
<td>EME2000</td>
<td>E</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TRANSMIT_DELAY_n</td>
<td>The TRANSMIT_DELAY_n keyword shall specify a fixed interval of time, in seconds, required for the signal to travel from the transmitting electronics to the transmit point. This may be used to account for gross factors that do not change from pass to pass, such as antennas with remote electronics, arraying delays, or spacecraft transponder delays. The ‘n’ corresponds to the ‘n’ associated with the PARTICIPANT keyword (e.g., TRANSMIT_DELAY_1, if present, applies to timetags for PARTICIPANT_1). Delays associated with uplink antenna arraying should be indicated with this keyword. If the user wishes to convey a ranging transponder delay, then one half of the transponder delay should be specified via the TRANSMIT_DELAY_n keyword. The TRANSMIT_DELAY should generally not be included in ground corrections applied to the tracking data. The TRANSMIT_DELAY shall be a non-negative double precision value. The default value shall be 0.0.</td>
<td>1.23 0.0326 0.00077</td>
<td>E</td>
<td>No</td>
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NOTE – This value should not be used to convey clock bias information. See the ‘CLOCK_BIAS’ keyword in the Data Section keywords.
**RECEIVE_DELAY_n**

*n = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}*

The **RECEIVE_DELAY_n** keyword shall specify a fixed interval of time, in seconds, required for the signal to travel from the tracking point to the receiving electronics. This may be used to account for gross factors that do not change from pass to pass, such as antennas with remote electronics, arraying delays, or spacecraft transponder delays. The ‘n’ corresponds to the ‘n’ associated with the PARTICIPANT keyword (e.g., RECEIVE_DELAY_1, if present, applies to timetags for PARTICIPANT_1). Delays associated with downlink antenna arraying should be indicated with this keyword. If the user wishes to convey a ranging transponder delay, then one half of the transponder delay should be specified via the **RECEIVE_DELAY_n** keyword. The **RECEIVE_DELAY** should generally not be included in ground corrections applied to the tracking data. The **RECEIVE_DELAY** shall be a non-negative double precision value. The default value shall be 0.0.

**NOTE** — This value should not be used to convey clock bias information. See the ‘CLOCK_BIAS’ keyword in the Data Section keywords.

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<td>1.23 0.0326 0.00777</td>
<td>E No</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>DATA_QUALITY</td>
<td>The <code>DATA_QUALITY</code> keyword may be used to provide an estimate of the quality of the data, based on indicators from the producers of the data (e.g., bad time synchronization flags, marginal lock status indicators, etc.). A value of ‘RAW’ shall indicate that no quality check of the data has occurred (e.g., in a real-time broadcast or near-real-time automated file transfer). A value of ‘VALIDATED’ shall indicate that data quality has been checked, and passed tests. A value of ‘DEGRADED’ shall indicate that data quality has been checked and quality issues exist. ‘Checking’ may be via human intervention or automation. Specific definitions of ‘RAW’, ‘VALIDATED’, and ‘DEGRADED’ that may apply to a particular exchange should be listed in the ICD. If the value is ‘DEGRADED’, information on the nature of the degradation may be conveyed via the COMMENT mechanism. Note that because of the nature of TDM metadata, if ‘DEGRADED’ is specified, it applies to all the data in the segment. Thus degraded data should be isolated in dedicated segments. The default value shall be ‘RAW’ (rationale: agencies often do not validate tracking data before export).</td>
<td>RAW VALIDATED DEGRADED</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**CORRECTION_ANGLE_1**

**CORRECTION_ANGLE_2**

**CORRECTION_DOPPLER**

**CORRECTION_RANGE**

**CORRECTION_RECEIVE**

**CORRECTION_TRANSMIT**

The set of `CORRECTION_` keywords may be used to reflect the values of corrections that have been added to the data or should be added to the data (e.g., ranging station delay calibration, etc.). This information may be provided to the user, so that the base measurement could be recreated if a different correction procedure is desired. Tracking data should be corrected for ground delays only. Note that it may not be feasible to apply all ground corrections for a near-real-time transfer. Units for the correction shall be the same as those for the applicable observable. All corrections should be signed, double precision values. Examples are shown in the ‘Normative Values / Examples’ column. | -1.35 0.23 -3.0e-1 150000.0 | E   | No         |
3.3.2 MODE AND PATH SETTINGS FOR TYPICAL TRACKING SESSIONS

NOTE – The following subsections discuss possible relationships between the ‘MODE’, ‘PATH’, and ‘PARTICIPANT_n’ keywords. This discussion is provided in order to facilitate the implementation of TDM generation for typical tracking sessions (e.g., one-way, two-way, three-way, etc.). Annex G supplies recommendations of the metadata keywords that should be used to properly describe the tracking data of various types depending on the settings of the MODE and PATH keywords, with allowance for characteristics of the uplink frequency (if applicable).

3.3.2.1 One-Way Data

3.3.2.1.1 The setting of the ‘MODE’ keyword shall be ‘SEQUENTIAL’.

3.3.2.1.2 For one-way data, the signal path generally originates at the spacecraft transmitter, so the spacecraft’s participant number shall be the first number in the value assigned to the PATH keyword. The receiver, which may be a tracking station or another spacecraft, shall be represented by the second number in the value of the PATH keyword.

EXAMPLES – ‘PATH=1,2’ indicates transmission from PARTICIPANT_1 to PARTICIPANT_2; ‘PATH=2,1’ indicates transmission from PARTICIPANT_2 to PARTICIPANT_1.

NOTE – See figures D-1 and D-2 for example TDMs containing one-way tracking data.
3.3.2.2 Two-Way Data

3.3.2.2.1 The setting of the ‘MODE’ keyword shall be ‘SEQUENTIAL’.

3.3.2.2.2 For two-way data, the signal path originates at a ground antenna (or a ‘first spacecraft’), so the uplink (or crosslink) transmit participant number shall be the first number in the value assigned to the PATH keyword. The participant number of the transponder onboard the spacecraft to which the signal is being uplinked shall be the second number in the value assigned to the PATH keyword. The third entry in the PATH keyword value shall be the same as the first (two way downlink is received at the same participant which transmits the uplink/crosslink). Both PARTICIPANT_1 and PARTICIPANT_2 may be spacecraft as in the case of a spacecraft-spacecraft exchange.

EXAMPLES – ‘PATH=1,2,1’ indicates transmission from PARTICIPANT_1 to PARTICIPANT_2, with final reception at PARTICIPANT_1; ‘PATH=2,1,2’ indicates transmission from PARTICIPANT_2 to PARTICIPANT_1, with final reception at PARTICIPANT_2.

NOTE – See figures D-3, D-4, and D-9 for example TDMs containing two-way tracking data.

3.3.2.3 Three-Way Data

3.3.2.3.1 The setting of the ‘MODE’ keyword shall be ‘SEQUENTIAL’.

3.3.2.3.2 For three-way data, the signal path originates with a ground station (uplink antenna), so the participant number of the uplink station shall be the first entry in the value assigned to the PATH keyword. The participant number of the transponder onboard the spacecraft to which the signal is being uplinked shall be the second number in the value assigned to the PATH keyword. The participant number of the downlink antenna shall be the third number in the value assigned to the PATH keyword.

3.3.2.3.3 For three-way data, the first and last numbers in the value assigned to the PATH keyword must be different.

EXAMPLES – ‘PATH=1,2,3’ indicates transmission from PARTICIPANT_1 to PARTICIPANT_2, with final reception at PARTICIPANT_3.

NOTE – See figure D-5 for an example TDM containing three-way tracking data.

3.3.2.4 N-Way Data

3.3.2.4.1 One-way, two-way, and three-way tracking cover the bulk of tracking sequences. However, four-way and greater (n-way) scenarios are possible (e.g., via use of one or more relay satellites). These may be accomplished via the sequence assigned to the PATH keyword.
3.3.2.4.2 The setting of the ‘MODE’ keyword shall be ‘SEQUENTIAL’.

3.3.2.4.3 The value assigned to the PATH keyword shall convey the signal path among the participants followed by the signal; e.g., ‘PATH=1,2,3,2,1’ and ‘PATH=1,2,3,4’ represent two different four-way tracking signal paths.

3.3.2.4.4 In this version of the TDM, the maximum number of participants per segment shall be five. If more than five participants are defined (i.e., PARTICIPANT_6 +), then special arrangements shall be made; these should be specified in the ICD.

NOTE — See figure D-6 for an example TDM containing four-way tracking data.

3.3.2.5 Differenced Modes and VLBI Data

3.3.2.5.1 Differenced data and VLBI data may also be exchanged in a Tracking Data Message. Differenced data can include differenced Doppler and differenced range (see references [E3] and [E4]).

3.3.2.5.2 The setting of the ‘MODE’ keyword shall be ‘SINGLE_DIFF’.

3.3.2.5.3 When the MODE is ‘SINGLE_DIFF’, two path keywords, ‘PATH_1’ and ‘PATH_2’, shall be used to convey the signal paths that have been differenced.

3.3.2.5.4 When the mode is ‘SINGLE_DIFF’, the observable is calculated by subtracting the value achieved for the measurement using PATH_1 from the value achieved using PATH_2, i.e., PATH_2 – PATH_1. Only the final observable shall be communicated via the TDM.

3.3.2.5.5 If the TDM contains differenced Doppler shift data, the ‘RECEIVE_FREQ’ keyword shall be used for the observable (the ‘RECEIVE_FREQ’ keyword is a Data Section keyword not yet described in the text—see 3.5.2.7).

3.3.2.5.6 If the TDM contains two-way or three-way differenced Doppler data, then a history of the uplink frequencies shall be provided with the TRANSMIT_FREQ_n keyword in order to process the data correctly (the ‘TRANSMIT_FREQ_n’ keyword is a Data Section keyword not yet described in the text—see 3.5.2.8).

3.3.2.5.7 If differenced range is provided, the ‘RANGE’ keyword shall be used for the observable (the ‘RANGE’ keyword is a Data Section keyword not yet described in the text—see 3.5.2.6).

3.3.2.5.8 If the TDM contains differenced data collected during a Delta-Differential One Way Range (Delta-DOR) session with a spacecraft, then the DOR keyword shall be used for the observable (the ‘DOR’ keyword is a Data Section keyword not yet described in the text—see 3.5.3.2).

3.3.2.5.9 If the TDM contains differenced data collected during a VLBI session with a quasar, then the VLBI_DELAY keyword shall be used for the observable (the
‘VLBI_DELAY’ keyword is a Data Section keyword not yet described in the text—see 3.5.3.3).

NOTE – See figures D-10 and D-11 for example TDMs containing single differenced tracking data.

3.3.2.6 Angle Data

Angle data is applicable for any tracking scenario where MODE=SEQUENTIAL is specified, but is based on pointing with respect to the two final participants only (e.g., spacecraft downlink to an antenna, direction of a participant measured by a navigation camera, etc.).

NOTE – See figures D-8 and D-12 for example TDMs containing angle data.

3.3.2.7 Media, Weather, Ancillary Data

3.3.2.7.1 When all the data in a TDM Segment is media related, weather related, or ancillary-data related, then the use of the MODE keyword may or may not apply as discussed below.

3.3.2.7.2 Data of this type may be relative to a reference location within the tracking complex; in this case the methods used to extrapolate the measurements to other antennas should be specified in the ICD. In the case where a reference location is used, there shall be only one participant (PARTICIPANT_1), which is the reference antenna, and the MODE keyword shall not be used. This case corresponds to tropospheric correction data, zenith ionospheric correction data, and weather data.

3.3.2.7.3 When ionospheric charged particle delays are provided for a line-of-sight between the antenna and a specific spacecraft, the participants include both the antenna and the spacecraft, the MODE should be set to ‘SEQUENTIAL’, and a standard PATH statement should be used.

NOTE – See figures D-13 through D-15 for example TDMs containing tracking data of these types.
3.4 TDM DATA SECTION (GENERAL SPECIFICATION)

3.4.1 The Data Section of the TDM Segment shall consist of one or more Tracking Data Records. Each Tracking Data Record shall have the following generic format:

\[
\text{keyword} = \text{timetag} \text{ measurement}
\]

NOTE – More detail on the generic format of a Tracking Data Record is shown in table 3-4.

Table 3-4: Tracking Data Record Generic Format

<table>
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<th>Element</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Examples</th>
<th>Obligatory</th>
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<tr>
<td>&lt;keyword&gt;</td>
<td>Data type keyword from the list specified in 3.5.</td>
<td>See annex D.</td>
<td>Yes (at least one keyword must be used)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>=</td>
<td>Equals sign</td>
<td>=</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;timetag&gt;</td>
<td>Time associated with the tracking observable according to the TIME_SYSTEM keyword. For requirements on the timetag, see 3.4.8 through 3.4.12. For format specification, see 4.3.9.</td>
<td>2003-205T18:00:01.275</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>2003-205T18:00:00:1Z</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>&lt;measurement&gt;</td>
<td>Tracking observable (measurement or calculation) in units defined in the TDM.</td>
<td>See 3.5.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

3.4.2 Each Tracking Data Record must be provided on a single line.

3.4.3 Each Tracking Data Record shall contain a value that depends upon the data type keyword used. The value shall consist of two elements: a timetag and a tracking observable (a measurement or calculation based on measurements); either without the other is useless for tracking purposes. Hereafter, the term ‘measurement’ shall be understood to include calculations based on measurements as noted above.

3.4.4 At least one blank character must be used to separate the timetag and the observable in the value associated with each Tracking Data Record.

3.4.5 Applicable keywords and their associated characteristics are detailed in 3.5.

3.4.6 There shall be no obligatory keywords in the Data Section of the TDM Segment, with the exception of ‘DATA_START’ and ‘DATA_STOP’, because the data presented in any given TDM is dependent upon the characteristics of the data collection activity.

3.4.7 The Data Section of the TDM Segment shall be delineated by the ‘DATA_START’ and ‘DATA_STOP’ keywords. These keywords are intended to facilitate parsing, and will also
serve to advise the recipient that all the Tracking Data Records associated with the immediately preceding TDM Metadata Section have been received (the rationale for including this is that data volumes can be very large, so knowing when the data ends is desirable). The TDM recipient may process the ‘DATA_STOP’ keyword as a ‘local’ end-of-file marker.

3.4.8 Tracking data shall be tagged according to the value of the ‘TIME_SYSTEM’ metadata keyword.

3.4.9 Interpretation of the timetag for transmitted data is straightforward; it is the transmit time. Interpretation of the timetag for received data is determined by the values of the ‘TIMETAG_REF’, ‘INTEGRATION_REF’, and ‘INTEGRATION_INTERVAL’ keywords, as applicable (see table 3-3 and 3.5.2.7). For other data types (e.g., meteorological, media, clock bias/drift), the timetag represents the time the measurement was taken.

3.4.10 In general, no required ordering of Tracking Data Records shall be imposed, because there are certain scenarios in which data are collected from multiple sources that are not processed in strictly chronological order. Thus it may only be possible to generate data in chronological order if it is sorted post-pass. However, there is one ordering requirement placed on Tracking Data Records; specifically, in any given Data Section, the data for any given keyword shall be in chronological order. Also, some TDM creators may wish to sort tracking data by keyword rather than by timetag. Special sorting requirements should be specified in the ICD.

3.4.11 Each keyword/timetag combination must be unique within a given Data Section (i.e., a given keyword/timetag combination shall not be repeated in the same set of Tracking Data Records).

3.4.12 The time duration between timetags may be constant, or may vary, within any given TDM.

3.4.13 Every tracking instrument shall have a defined reference location. This reference location shall not depend on the observing geometry. The tracking instrument locations should be conveyed via an ICD. The ICD information should include a complete description of the station locations and characteristics, including the antenna coordinates with their defining system, plate motion, and the relative geometry of the tracking point and cross axis of the antenna mount, accommodations for antenna tilt to avoid keyhole problems, etc. The station location could be provided via an OPM (reference [4]). Antenna geometry would be necessary for exceptional cases, where the station location is not fixed during track, for example.

3.4.14 The measurement shall be converted to an equipment-independent quantity; e.g., frequencies shall be reported at the ‘sky level’ (i.e., actual transmitted/received frequencies, unless the FREQ_OFFSET keyword is used in the metadata). It should not be necessary for the data recipient to have detailed information regarding the internal network of the data producer.
3.4.15 Tracking data is normally subject to a number of corrections, as described in the following paragraphs.

3.4.15.1 The tracking data measurements shall be corrected with the best estimate of all known instrument calibrations, such as path delay calibrations between the reference point and the tracking equipment, if applicable.

NOTE – These measures should reduce the requirement for consumers of tracking data to have detailed knowledge of the underlying structure of the hardware/software system that performed the measurements.

3.4.15.2 Tracking data should be corrected for ground delays only. The corrections that have been applied may be specified to the message recipient via use of the optional ‘CORRECTION_*’ keywords in the metadata.

NOTE – The ‘TRANSMIT_DELAY’ and ‘RECEIVE_DELAY’ keywords do not represent ‘ground corrections’ per se. They are meant to convey gross factors that do not change from pass-to-pass. However, if exchange partners agree via the ICD, ‘TRANSMIT_DELAY’ and ‘RECEIVE_DELAY’ could be removed from the measurements. It is generally operationally inconvenient for the producer to treat these values as corrections because of the possible requirement to alter uplink timetags; thus these delays are best handled in orbit determination post-processing. Modifying timetags to account for these delays also complicates the use of differenced measurements. It is thus more straightforward to allow the recipient to process these delays rather than to correct the data prior to exchange.

3.4.15.3 If correction values are indicated via any of the ‘CORRECTION_*’ keywords, then the TDM producer must indicate whether these correction values have or have not been applied to the tracking data. This indication is accomplished via the use of the metadata keyword ‘CORRECTIONS_APPLIED’; this metadata item must have a value of ‘YES’ or ‘NO’.

3.4.15.4 Media corrections (ionosphere, troposphere) should not be applied by the TDM producer; media corrections may be applied by the TDM recipient using the data conveyed in the STEC, TROPO_WET, and TROPO_DRY Data Section keywords.

3.4.15.5 The party that will perform any applicable spin corrections should be specified in the ICD (most appropriate party may be the party that operates the spacecraft).

3.4.15.6 Special correction algorithms that are more complex than a simple scalar value should be specified in the ICD.

3.4.15.7 Any other corrections applied to the data shall be agreed by the service provider and the customer Agencies and specified in an ICD.
3.4.16 All data type keywords in the TDM Data Section must be from 3.5, which specifies for each keyword:

- the keyword to be used;
- applicable units for the associated values;
- a reference to the text section where the keyword is described in detail.

NOTES

1 The standard tracking data types are extended to cover also some of the ancillary data that may be required for precise orbit determination work. Subsection 3.5 identifies the most frequently used data and ancillary types.

2 See annex D for detailed usage examples.

3 Annex G supplies recommendations of the metadata keywords that should be used to properly describe the tracking data of various types depending on the settings of the MODE and PATH keywords, with allowance for characteristics of the uplink frequency (if applicable).
3.5 TDM DATA SECTION KEYWORDS

3.5.1 OVERVIEW

This subsection describes each of the keywords that may be used in the Data Section of the TDM Segment. In general, there is no required order in the Data Section of the TDM Segment. Exceptions are the ‘DATA_START’ and ‘DATA_STOP’ keywords, which must be the first and last keywords in the Data Section, respectively. For ease of reference, table 3-5 containing all the keywords sorted in alphabetical order is shown immediately below. Table 3-6 repeats the information from table 3-5 in category order. Descriptive information about the keywords is shown starting in 3.5.2. The remainder of this subsection is organized according to the class of data to which the keyword applies (e.g., all the signal related keywords are together, all media related keywords are together, etc.).
Table 3-5: Summary Table of TDM Data Section Keywords (Alpha Order)

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<td>s/s</td>
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3.5.2 SIGNAL RELATED KEYWORDS

3.5.2.1 CARRIER_POWER

The CARRIER_POWER keyword conveys the strength of the radio signal transmitted by the spacecraft as received at the ground station or at another spacecraft (e.g., in formation flight). This reports the strength of the signal received from the spacecraft, in decibels (referenced to 1 watt). The unit for the CARRIER_POWER keyword is dBW. The value shall be a double precision value, and may be positive, zero, or negative. The value is based on the last leg of the signal path (PATH keyword), e.g., spacecraft downlink to an antenna. Additional TDM Segments should be used for each participant if it is important to know the carrier power at each participant in a PATH that involves more than one receiver.

3.5.2.2 DOPPLER_INSTANTANEOUS

The value associated with the DOPPLER_INSTANTANEOUS keyword represents the instantaneous range rate of the spacecraft. The observable may be one-way, two-way or three-way. The value shall be a double precision value and may be negative, zero, or positive. Units are km/s. In order to ensure that corrections due to the ionosphere and solar plasma are accurately applied, the transmit frequency and receive frequency should be supplied when this data type is exchanged.

NOTE – The DOPPLER_INSTANTANEOUS assumes a fixed uplink frequency (or one with small RTLT errors), and thus should not be used in cases where there is a deep space ramped uplink (the TRANSMIT_FREQ and RECEIVE_FREQ keywords should be used instead).

3.5.2.3 DOPPLER_INTEGRATED

The value associated with the DOPPLER_INTEGRATED keyword represents the mean range rate of the spacecraft over the INTEGRATION_INTERVAL specified in the Metadata Section. The timetag and the time bounds of the integration interval are determined by the TIMETAG_REF and INTEGRATION_REF keywords. The observable may be one-way, two-way or three-way. For one-way data, the observable is the mean range rate of the spacecraft over the INTEGRATION_INTERVAL. For two-way and three-way data, the ICD should specify whether the observable is the calculated mean range rate, or half the calculated mean range rate (due to the signal’s having traveled to the spacecraft and back to the receiver). The value shall be a double precision value and may be negative, zero, or positive. Units are km/s. In order to ensure that corrections due to the ionosphere and solar plasma are accurately applied, the transmit frequency and receive frequency should be supplied when this data type is exchanged.
NOTE — The DOPPLER_INTEGRATED assumes a fixed uplink frequency (or one with small RTLT errors), and thus should not be used in cases where there is a deep space ramped uplink (the TRANSMIT_FREQ and RECEIVE_FREQ keywords should be used instead).

### 3.5.2.4 PC_N0

The value associated with the PC_N0 keyword shall be the carrier power to noise spectral density ratio (Pc/No). The units for PC_N0 shall be dBHz. The value shall be a double precision value.

### 3.5.2.5 PR_N0

The value associated with the PR_N0 keyword shall be the ranging power to noise spectral density ratio (Pr/No). The units for PR_N0 shall be dBHz. It shall be a double precision value, and may be positive, zero, or negative.

### 3.5.2.6 RANGE

The value associated with the RANGE keyword is the range observable. The values represent measurements from ambiguous ranging systems, differenced range, skin radar, proximity radar, or similar radar. The units for RANGE shall be as determined by the ‘RANGE_UNITS’ metadata keyword (i.e., either ‘km’, ‘s’, or ‘RU’). The ‘RANGE_UNITS’ metadata keyword should always be specified, but if it is not, the default (preferred) value shall be ‘km’. If different range units are used by the tracking agency (e.g., ‘DSN range units’), the definition of the range unit should be described in the ICD. Note that for many applications, proper processing of the RANGE will require a time history of the uplink frequencies. If ambiguous range is provided (i.e., the RANGE_MODULUS is non-zero), then the RANGE does not represent the actual range to the spacecraft; a calculation using the RANGE_MODULUS and the RANGE observable must be performed. If differenced range is provided (MODE = SINGLE_DIFF), the ‘RANGE’ keyword shall be used to convey the difference in range. The value shall be a double precision value, and is generally positive (exceptions to this could occur if the data is a differenced type, or if the observable is a one-way pseudorange).

NOTE — The TDM specifically excludes Satellite Laser Ranging (SLR), which is already transferred via an internationally standardized format documented at [http://ilrs.gsfc.nasa.gov/](http://ilrs.gsfc.nasa.gov/).

### 3.5.2.7 RECEIVE_FREQ (and RECEIVE_FREQ_n)

**3.5.2.7.1** The RECEIVE_FREQ keyword shall be used to indicate that the values represent measurements of the received frequency. It is suitable for use with deep space ramped uplink if the TRANSMIT_FREQ is also exchanged. The keyword is indexed to accommodate a scenario in which multiple downlinks are used; it may also be used without an index where the
frequency cannot be associated with a particular participant (e.g., in the case of a differenced Doppler shift measurement). The value associated with the RECEIVE_FREQ keyword shall be the average frequency observable over the INTEGRATION_INTERVAL specified in the metadata, at the measurement timetag. The interpretation of the timetag shall be determined by the combined settings of the TIMETAG_REF, INTEGRATION_REF, and INTEGRATION_INTERVAL keywords (see table 3-3 for a description of how the settings of these values affect the interpretation of the timetag). Correlation between the RECEIVE_FREQ and the associated TRANSMIT_FREQ may be determined via the use of an a priori estimate and should be resolved via the orbit determination process. The units for RECEIVE_FREQ shall be Hertz (Hz). The value shall be a double precision value (generally positive, but could be negative or zero if used with the ‘FREQ_OFFSET’ metadata keyword).

3.5.2.7.2 Using the RECEIVE_FREQ, the instantaneous Doppler measurement is calculated as follows:

\[ D_m = \left( (F_t \ast tr) - F_r \right) \]

where ‘D_m’ is the Doppler measurement, ‘F_t’ is the transmitted frequency, ‘tr’ is the transponder ratio (tr=1 for one-way), and ‘F_r’ is the RECEIVE_FREQ.

For integrated Doppler, the Doppler measurement is calculated as follows, where \( t \) is the timetag, and \( \Delta t \) is the value assigned to the INTEGRATION_INTERVAL keyword:

\[ D_m = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t + \left( -\frac{1}{2} + \alpha \right) \Delta t}^{t + \left( \frac{1}{2} + \alpha \right) \Delta t} \left( (F_t \ast tr) - F_r \right) dt \]

The limits of integration are determined by the INTEGRATION_REF keyword in the metadata; the constant \( \alpha \) in the equation has the value -\( \frac{1}{2} \), 0, or \( \frac{1}{2} \) for the INTEGRATION_REF values of ‘END’, ‘MIDDLE’, or ‘START’, respectively (see reference [E4]).

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<tr>
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<th>MIDDLE</th>
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3.5.2.7.3 If differenced Doppler is provided, the non-indexed ‘RECEIVE_FREQ’ keyword shall be used to convey the difference in Hz.
3.5.2.7.4 The transponder ratios used for interagency exchanges should be specified in the ICD if they are always constant. They may also be specified in the metadata by using the TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR and TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR keywords.

3.5.2.7.5 The equation for four-way Doppler, if it is to be exchanged, should be in the ICD since the four-way connections tend to be implementation dependent.

3.5.2.8 TRANSMIT_FREQ_n

The TRANSMIT_FREQ keyword shall be used to indicate that the values represent measurements of a transmitted frequency, e.g., from an uplink operation. The TRANSMIT_FREQ keyword is indexed to accommodate scenarios in which multiple transmitters are used. The value associated with the TRANSMIT_FREQ_n keyword shall be the starting frequency observable at the timetag. The units for TRANSMIT_FREQ_n shall be Hertz (Hz). The value shall be a positive double precision value. The turnaround ratios necessary to calculate the predicted receive frequency may be specified using the TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR and TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR metadata keywords, or may be specified in the ICD. In the case of software defined radios, the metadata keywords may be preferable as the ratios can change with some regularity and it is necessary to get the applicable ratio with the tracking data. Usage notes: when the data mode is one-way (i.e., MODE=SEQUENTIAL, PATH=1,2 or PATH=2,1), the signal is at the beacon frequency transmitted from the spacecraft. If a given spacecraft has more than one transponder, then there should be unique names specified in the ICD for each transponder (e.g., Cassini_S, Cassini_X, Cassini_Ka). If a TDM is constructed with only one transmit frequencies, then the MODE is ‘SEQUENTIAL’ and the PATH keyword defines the signal path. Generally the timetag for the TRANSMIT_FREQ_n keywords should be the time that the signal was transmitted. For quasar DOR, the TRANSMIT_FREQ_n is the interferometer reference frequency at the receive time (thus TIMETAG_REF=RECEIVE for this case). If the transmit frequency varies in the TDM segment, then the TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_n keyword should be used to convey the frequency rate between transmit frequencies (see next section); otherwise, the frequency rate is assumed to be zero and a step function results.

3.5.2.9 TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_n

The value associated with the TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_n keyword is the linear rate of change of the frequency starting at the timetag and continuing until the next TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE time tag (or until the end of the data). The units for TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_n shall be Hertz-per-second (Hz/s). The value shall be a double precision value, and may be negative, zero, or positive. If the TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_n is not specified, it is assumed to be zero (i.e., constant frequency).
3.5.3 VLBI AND DELTA-DOR RELATED KEYWORDS

3.5.3.1 Overview

In VLBI, a signal source is measured simultaneously using two receivers in different antenna complexes, achieving a long baseline (up to thousands of kilometers). The signals recorded at the two complexes are correlated and differenced to produce the observable, which may be further processed by navigation software. ‘Delta-DOR’ sessions are a VLBI application in which the antenna slews from a spacecraft source to a quasar source and back to the spacecraft during the tracking pass. This sequence may occur multiple times. There are two data keywords that relate to VLBI and Delta-DOR measurements, and several metadata keyword settings are applicable (MODE=SINGLE_DIFF, PATH_1 and PATH_2).

3.5.3.2 DOR

The observable associated with the DOR keyword represents the range measured via PATH_2 minus the range measured via PATH_1. The timetag is the time of signal reception via PATH_1. This data type is normally used for the spacecraft observable in a Delta-DOR measurement. The range is either one-way, two-way, or three-way, depending on the values of the PARTICIPANT_n and PATH keywords. TRANSMIT_FREQ_n shall provide the spacecraft beacon frequency if one-way, or the transmit frequency at the uplink station if two-way or three-way, at the signal transmission time. The DOR measurement shall be a double precision value. Units shall be seconds.

3.5.3.3 VLBI_DELAY

The observable associated with the VLBI_DELAY keyword represents the time of signal arrival via PATH_2 minus the time of signal arrival via PATH_1. The timetag is the time of signal reception via PATH_1. This data type is normally used for the quasar observable in a Delta-DOR measurement. TRANSMIT_FREQ_n shall provide the interferometer reference frequency. The VLBI_DELAY measurement shall be a double precision value. Units shall be seconds.

3.5.4 ANGLE DATA KEYWORDS

3.5.4.1 General

Angle data is measured at the ground antenna, using downlink data only, regardless of the mode of the tracking session. There shall be two angle keywords: ANGLE_1 and ANGLE_2. The ANGLE_TYPE metadata keyword indicates how these two keywords should be interpreted. Some TDM users may require that the ANGLE_1 keyword is followed immediately by the corresponding ANGLE_2 keyword; however, this sort is not a general TDM requirement. Special sorting requirements should be specified in the ICD.
3.5.4.2 ANGLE_1

The value assigned to the ANGLE_1 keyword represents the azimuth, right ascension, or ‘X’
angle of the measurement, depending on the value of the ANGLE_TYPE keyword. The
angle measurement shall be a double precision value as follows: $-180.0 \leq ANGLE_1 < 360.0$. Units shall be degrees.

3.5.4.3 ANGLE_2

The value assigned to the ANGLE_2 keyword represents the elevation, declination, or ‘Y’
angle of the measurement, depending on the value of the ANGLE_TYPE keyword. The
angle measurement shall be a double precision value as follows: $-180.0 \leq ANGLE_2 < 360.0$. Units shall be degrees.

3.5.5 TIME RELATED KEYWORDS

3.5.5.1 CLOCK_BIAS

In general, the timetags provided for the tracking data should be corrected, but when that is
not possible (e.g., for three-way data or differenced data types), then this data type may be
used. The CLOCK_BIAS keyword can be used by the message recipient to adjust timetag
measurements by a specified amount with respect to a common reference. For example, the
CLOCK_BIAS keyword may be used to show the difference between a station clock and
UTC by setting PARTICIPANT_1 to ‘UTC’ and PARTICIPANT_2 to the name of the
station clock. The observable should be calculated as clock#2 minus clock#1, consistent
with the TDM convention for differenced data. This parameter may also be used to express
the difference between two station clocks, for example, for differenced data including Delta-
DOR. The clock bias is stated in the data, but the timetags in the message have not been
corrected by applying the bias; application of the bias is up to the user of the data. Normally
the time related data such as CLOCK_BIAS data and CLOCK_DRIFT data should appear in
a dedicated TDM Segment, i.e., not mixed with signal data or other data types. The units for
CLOCK_BIAS shall be seconds. The value shall be a double precision value, and may be
positive, zero, or negative. The default value shall be 0.0.

3.5.5.2 CLOCK_DRIFT

In general, ground-based clocks in tracking stations are sufficiently stable that a
measurement of the clock drift may not be necessary. However, for spacecraft-to-spacecraft
exchanges, there may be onboard clock drifts that are sufficiently significant that they should
be accounted for in the measurements and calculations. Drift in clocks may also be an
important factor when differenced data is being exchanged. The CLOCK_DRIFT keyword
should be used to adjust timetag measurements by an amount that is a function of time with
respect to a common reference, normally UTC (as opposed to the CLOCK_BIAS, which is
meant to be a constant adjustment). Thus CLOCK_DRIFT could be used to calculate an
interpolated CLOCK_BIAS between two timetags, by multiplying the CLOCK_DRIFT
measurement at the timetag by the number of seconds desired and adding it to the
CLOCK_BIAS. The drift should be calculated as a drift of clock#2 with respect to clock#1, consistent with the TDM convention for differenced data. Normally the time related data such as CLOCK_DRIFT data and CLOCK_BIAS data should appear in a dedicated TDM Segment, i.e., not mixed with signal data or other data types. The units for CLOCK_DRIFT shall be seconds-per-second (s/s). The value shall be a double precision value, and may be positive, zero, or negative. The default value shall be 0.0.

3.5.6 MEDIA RELATED KEYWORDS

3.5.6.1 STEC

The STEC keyword (Slant Total Electron Count) shall be used to convey the line of sight, one way charged particle delay or total electron count (TEC) at the timetag associated with a tracking measurement, which is calculated by integrating the electron density along the propagation path (electrons/m²). The charged particles could have several sources, e.g., solar plasma, Earth ionosphere, or the Io plasma torus. The units for the STEC keyword are Total Electron Count Units (TECU), where 1 TECU = 10¹⁶ electrons/m² = 1.661 x 10⁻⁸ mol/m² (SI Units). The value shall be a positive double precision value (the TEC along the satellite line of sight may vary between 1 and 400 TECU; larger values may be observed during periods of high solar activity). This keyword should appear in its own TDM Segment with PARTICIPANTs being one spacecraft and one antenna, and a MODE setting of ‘SEQUENTIAL’. Exchange partners who wish to distinguish between ionospheric and interplanetary STEC should indicate so in the ICD, and the data must be provided in separate TDM Segments.

3.5.6.2 TROPO_DRY

The value associated with the TROPO_DRY keyword shall be the dry zenith delay through the troposphere measured at the timetag. There should be agreed upon elevation mappings for the dry component specified in the ICD (e.g., the Niell mapping function developed for VLBI applications). Tropospheric corrections should be applied by the recipient of the TDM; the required correction is the value associated with this keyword at the timetag. Recommended polynomial interpolations (if applicable) should be specified in the ICD. The units for TROPO_DRY shall be meters (m). The value shall be a non-negative double precision value (0.0 <= TROPO_DRY).

3.5.6.3 TROPO_WET

The value associated with the TROPO_WET keyword shall be the wet zenith delay through the troposphere measured at the timetag. There should be agreed upon elevation mappings for the wet component specified in the ICD (e.g., the Niell mapping function developed for VLBI applications). Tropospheric corrections should be applied by the recipient of the TDM; the required correction is the value associated with this keyword at the timetag. Recommended polynomial interpolations (if applicable) should be specified in the ICD. The units for TROPO_WET shall be meters (m). The value shall be a non-negative double precision value (0.0 <= TROPO_WET).
3.5.7 METEOROLOGICAL RELATED KEYWORDS

3.5.7.1 PRESSURE

The value associated with the PRESSURE keyword shall be the atmospheric pressure observable as measured at the tracking participant, specified in hectopascal (1 hectopascal (hPa) = 1 millibar). The PRESSURE shall be a double precision value; practically speaking it is always positive.

3.5.7.2 RHUMIDITY

The value associated with the RHUMIDITY keyword shall be the relative humidity observable as measured at the tracking participant, specified in percent. RHUMIDITY shall be a double precision type value, 0 <= RHUMIDITY <= 100.

3.5.7.3 TEMPERATURE

The value associated with the TEMPERATURE keyword shall be the temperature observable as measured at the tracking participant, specified in Kelvin (K). The TEMPERATURE shall be a positive double precision type value.

3.5.8 MISCELLANEOUS KEYWORDS

3.5.8.1 COMMENT

The COMMENT keyword is not required. See 4.5 for full details on usage of the COMMENT keyword.

3.5.8.2 DATA_START

The ‘DATA_START’ keyword must be the first keyword in the Data Section of the TDM Segment, which serves to delimit the Data Section. The keyword shall appear on a line by itself with no timetags or values. Example: ‘DATA_START’.

3.5.8.3 DATA_STOP

The ‘DATA_STOP’ keyword must be the last keyword in the Data Section of the TDM Segment, which serves to delimit the Data Section. The keyword shall appear on a line by itself with no timetags or values. Example: ‘DATA_STOP’.
# 4 TRACKING DATA MESSAGE SYNTAX

## 4.1 GENERAL

The TDM shall observe the syntax described in 4.2 through 4.5.

## 4.2 TDM LINES

### 4.2.1 The TDM shall consist of a set of TDM lines. The TDM line must contain only printable ASCII characters and blanks. ASCII control characters (such as TAB, etc.) must not be used, except as indicated below for the termination of the TDM line. A TDM line must not exceed 254 ASCII characters and spaces (excluding line termination character[s]).

### 4.2.2 Each TDM line shall be one of the following:

- Header line;
- Metadata Section line;
- Data Section line;
- blank line.

### 4.2.3 All Header, Metadata Section, and Data Section lines, with exceptions as noted below, shall use ‘keyword = value’ syntax, abbreviated as KVN.

### 4.2.4 Only a single ‘keyword = value’ assignment shall be made on a TDM line.

### 4.2.5 The following distinctions in KVN syntax shall apply for TDM lines:

- TDM lines in the Header and Metadata Section shall consist of a keyword, followed by an equals sign ‘=’, followed by a single value assignment. Before and after the equals sign, blank characters (white space) may be added, but shall not be required.

- TDM lines in the Data Section shall consist of a keyword, followed by an equals sign ‘=’, followed by a value that consists of two primary elements (essentially an ordered pair): a timetag and the measurement or calculation associated with that timetag (either without the other is unusable for tracking purposes). Before and after the equals sign, blank characters (white space) may be added. The timetag and measurement/calculation in the value must be separated by at least one blank character (white space).

- The keywords COMMENT, META_START, META_STOP, DATA_START, and DATA_STOP are exceptions to the KVN syntax.

### 4.2.6 Keywords must be uppercase and must not contain blanks.

### 4.2.7 Any white space immediately preceding or following the keyword shall not be significant.
4.2.8 Any white space immediately preceding or following the equals sign ‘=’ shall not be significant.

4.2.9 Any white space immediately preceding the end of line shall not be significant.

4.2.10 Blank lines may be used at any position within the TDM.

4.2.11 TDM lines shall be terminated by a single Carriage Return or a single Line Feed or a Carriage Return/Line Feed pair or a Line Feed/Carriage Return pair.

4.3 TDM VALUES

4.3.1 A non-empty value field must be specified for each keyword provided.

4.3.2 Integer values shall consist of a sequence of decimal digits with an optional leading sign (‘+’ or ‘-’). If the sign is omitted, ‘+’ shall be assumed. Leading zeros may be used. The range of values that may be expressed as an integer is:

\[-2^{31} <= x <= +2^{31}-1\].

4.3.3 Non-integer numeric values may be expressed in either fixed-point or floating-point notation. Both representations may be used within a TDM.

4.3.4 Non-integer numeric values expressed in fixed-point notation shall consist of a sequence of decimal digits separated by a period as a decimal point indicator, with an optional leading sign (‘+’ or ‘-’). If the sign is omitted, ‘+’ shall be assumed. Leading and trailing zeros may be used. At least one digit shall be used before and after a decimal point. The number of digits shall be 16 or fewer.

4.3.5 Non-integer numeric values expressed in floating-point notation shall consist of a sign, a mantissa, an alphabetic character indicating the division between the mantissa and exponent, and an exponent, constructed according to the following rules:

- The sign may be ‘+’ or ‘-’. If the sign is omitted, ‘+’ shall be assumed.

- The mantissa must be a string of no more than 16 decimal digits with a decimal point ‘.’ in the second position of the ASCII string, separating the integer portion of the mantissa from the fractional part of the mantissa.

- The character used to denote exponentiation shall be ‘E’ or ‘e’. If the character indicating the exponent and the following exponent are omitted, an exponent value of zero shall be assumed (essentially yielding a fixed-point value).

- The exponent must be an integer, and may have either a ‘+’ or ‘-’ sign (if the sign is omitted, then ‘+’ is assumed).
The maximum positive floating-point value is approximately 1.798E+308, with 16 significant decimal digits precision. The minimum positive floating-point value is approximately 4.94E-324, with 16 significant decimal digits precision.

NOTE – These specifications for integer, fixed-point, and floating-point values conform to the XML specifications for the data types four-byte integer ‘xsd:int’, ‘decimal’, and ‘double’, respectively (see reference [6]). The specifications for floating-point values conform to the IEEE 754 double precision type (see reference [7]). Floating-point numbers in IEEE extended-single or IEEE extended-double precision may be represented, but do require an ICD between participating agencies because of their implementation specific attributes. The special values ‘NaN’, ‘-Inf’, ‘+Inf’, and ‘-0’ are not supported in the TDM.

4.3.6 Blanks shall not be permitted within numeric values and time values.

4.3.7 Text value fields may be constructed using mixed case; case shall not be significant.

4.3.8 In value fields that are text, an underscore shall be equivalent to a single blank. Individual blanks between non-blank characters shall be retained (shall be significant) but multiple blanks shall be equivalent to a single blank.

4.3.9 In value fields that represent a timetag or epoch, one of the following two formats shall be used:

YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ss[.d→d][Z]

or

YYYY-DDDThh:mm:ss[.d→d][Z]

where ‘YYYY’ is the year, ‘MM’ is the two-digit month, ‘DD’ is the two-digit day, ‘DDD’ is the three-digit day of year, ‘T’ is constant, ‘hh:mm:ss[.d→d]’ is the time in hours, minutes seconds, and optional fractional seconds; ‘Z’ is an optional time code terminator (the only permitted value is ‘Z’ for Zulu, i.e., UTC). All fields shall have leading zeros. See reference [3], ASCII Time Code A and B.

4.3.10 There are four types of TDM values that represent a timetag or epoch, as shown in the applicable tables. The time system for the CREATION_DATE, START_TIME, and STOP_TIME shall be UTC. The time system for the timetags in the TDM Data Section shall be determined by the TIME_SYSTEM metadata keyword.

4.4 UNITS IN THE TDM

Units are not explicitly displayed in the TDM. The units associated with values in the TDM are as specified in table 3-5.
4.5 COMMENTS IN A TDM

4.5.1 Comments may be used to provide any pertinent information associated with the data that is not covered via one of the keywords. This additional information is intended to aid in consistency checks and elaboration where needed. Comments shall not be required for successful processing of a TDM; i.e., comment lines shall be optional.

NOTE – Given that TDMs may consist of large amounts of data, and are generally produced via automation, using the COMMENT feature of the TDM may have limited usefulness. On the other hand, a simple utility could be developed to search for and extract all the comments in a TDM to make them easily reviewable. Existing built-in utilities (e.g., UNIX ‘grep’) or ‘freeware’ utilities could also be used for this purpose.

4.5.2 Comment lines, if used, shall only occur:

- at the beginning of the TDM Header (i.e., between the CCSDS_TDM_VERS keyword and the CREATION_DATE keyword, as shown in table 3-2);
- at the beginning of the TDM Metadata Section (i.e., between the META_START keyword and the TIME_SYSTEM keyword, as shown in table 3-3);
- at the beginning of the TDM Data Section (i.e., between the ‘DATA_START’ keyword and the first Tracking Data Record).

4.5.3 All comment lines shall begin with the ‘COMMENT’ keyword followed by at least one space (note: may also be preceded by spaces). The ‘COMMENT’ keyword must appear on every comment line, not just the first comment line. After the keyword, the remainder of the line shall be the comment value. White space shall be retained (is significant) in comment values.

4.5.4 Conventions for particular comments in the TDM that may be required between any two participating agencies should be specified in the ICD.

4.5.5 Descriptions of any ancillary data that cannot be accommodated via keywords in the TDM may have to be specified via comments, and should be outlined in the ICD.
5 SECURITY

5.1 OVERVIEW

This section presents the results of an analysis of security considerations applied to the technologies specified in this Recommended Standard.

5.2 SECURITY CONCERNS RELATED TO THIS RECOMMENDED STANDARD

5.2.1 DATA PRIVACY

Privacy of data formatted in compliance with the specifications of this Recommended Standard should be assured by the systems and networks on which this Recommended Standard is implemented.

5.2.2 DATA INTEGRITY

Integrity of data formatted in compliance with the specifications of this Recommended Standard should be assured by the systems and networks on which this Recommended Standard is implemented.

5.2.3 AUTHENTICATION OF COMMUNICATING ENTITIES

Authentication of communicating entities involved in the transport of data which complies with the specifications of this Recommended Standard should be provided by the systems and networks on which this Recommended Standard is implemented.

5.2.4 DATA TRANSFER BETWEEN COMMUNICATING ENTITIES

The transfer of data formatted in compliance with this Recommended Standard between communicating entities should be accomplished via secure mechanisms approved by the IT Security functionaries of exchange participants.

5.2.5 CONTROL OF ACCESS TO RESOURCES

This Recommended Standard assumes that control of access to resources will be managed by the systems upon which provider formatting and recipient processing are performed.

5.2.6 AUDITING OF RESOURCE USAGE

This Recommended Standard assumes that auditing of resource usage will be handled by the management of systems and networks on which this Recommended Standard is implemented.
5.3 POTENTIAL THREATS AND ATTACK SCENARIOS

There are no certain threats or attack scenarios that apply specifically to the technologies specified in this Recommended Standard. Potential threats or attack scenarios applicable to the systems and networks on which this Recommended Standard is implemented should be addressed by the management of those systems and networks. Protection from unauthorized access is especially important if the mission utilizes open ground networks such as the Internet to provide ground station connectivity for the exchange of data formatted in compliance with this Recommended Standard.

5.4 CONSEQUENCES OF NOT APPLYING SECURITY TO THE TECHNOLOGY

There are no known consequences of not applying security to the technologies specified in this Recommended Standard. The consequences of not applying security to the systems and networks on which this Recommended Standard is implemented could include potential loss, corruption, and theft of data.

5.5 DATA SECURITY IMPLEMENTATION SPECIFICS

Specific information-security interoperability provisions that may apply between agencies involved in an exchange of data formatted in compliance with this Recommended Standard should be specified in an ICD.
ANNEX A

VALUES FOR TIME_SYSTEM AND REFERENCE_FRAME

(NORMATIVE)

The values in this annex represent the set of acceptable values for the TIME_SYSTEM and REFERENCE_FRAME keywords. For details and description of these time systems, see reference [1]. If exchange partners wish to use different settings, they should be documented in the ICD.

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<td>Spacecraft Clock (receiver)</td>
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ANNEX B

ITEMS FOR AN INTERFACE CONTROL DOCUMENT

(INFORMATIVE)

In several places in this document there are references to items which should be specified in an Interface Control Document (ICD) between agencies participating in an exchange of tracking data, if they are applicable to the particular exchange. The ICD should be jointly produced by both Agencies participating in a cross-support activity involving the collection, analysis, and transfer of tracking data. This section compiles those items into a single location.

The greater the amount of material specified via ICD, the lesser the utility/benefit of the TDM (custom programming may be required to tailor software for each ICD). It is suggested to avoid a large number of items specified via ICD, to ensure full utility/benefit of the TDM.

From an implementation standpoint, it is probable that many of the items that need to be negotiated via ICD will be introduced into the system that processes tracking data via one or more configuration files that specify the settings of specific, related parameters that will be used during the tracking session, for example, the name of the time system to be used for the tracking data. This may vary between exchange participants. Different versions of programs could be used to prepare the tracking data where these parameters differ; however, a more efficient design would be to have a single program that is configured based on tracking pass-specific information. It seems likely that there may be at least two configuration files necessary, one which contains Agency-specific parameters that do not change between tracking passes, and one which contains spacecraft/mission-specific parameters that could change with every tracking pass.

Another thought on ICDs is that it might be feasible for participating agencies to have a generic baseline ICD (‘standard service provider ICD’) that specifies mission/spacecraft-independent entities on the interface, e.g., those associated with the agency’s ground antennas (axis offsets, station locations, side motions, reference frame, epoch, supported frequency bands, etc.). Then smaller ICDs could be used for the mission/spacecraft-specific arrangements.

The following table lists the items that should be covered in an ICD, along with where they are discussed in the text:
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<td>14. Complete description of the station locations and characteristics.</td>
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<td>3.4.15.2</td>
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<td>16. Special sort orders that may be required by the producer or recipient.</td>
<td>3.4.10, 3.5.4.1</td>
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<td>17. Spin correction arrangements (who will do the correction, the agency providing the tracking or the agency that operates the spacecraft).</td>
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<td>20. Definition of the range unit, if it is not kilometers or seconds.</td>
<td>3.5.2.6, table 3-3</td>
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<td>21. Equation for calculation of four-way Doppler shift, if applicable.</td>
<td>3.5.2.7.5</td>
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<td>22. Transponder turnaround ratios necessary to calculate predicted downlink frequency and the Doppler measurement; also includes cases such as dual uplink where a ‘beacon’ or ‘pilot’ frequency is used (e.g., TDRS, DRTS, COMETS).</td>
<td>3.5.2.7.4, 3.5.2.8, table 3-3</td>
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<td>32. Whether the mean range rate for 2W and/or 3W Doppler is based on the one-way light time or two-way light time.</td>
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ANNEX C

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

(INFORMATIVE)

ADM  Attitude Data Message
ASCII  American Standard Code for Information Interchange
AZEL  Azimuth-Elevation
CCIR  International Coordinating Committee for Radio Frequencies
CCSDS  Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems
Delta-DOR  Delta Differential One-Way Ranging
DOR  Differential One-Way Ranging
DORIS  Doppler Orbitography and Radiopositioning Integrated by Satellite
GNSS  Global Navigation Satellite System
GPS  Global Positioning System
ICD  Interface Control Document
ICRF  International Celestial Reference Frame
IEEE  Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
IEC  International Electrotechnical Commission
ISO  International Organization for Standardization
K   Kelvin
KVN  Keyword = Value Notation
LIDAR  Light Detection and Ranging
MOIMS  Mission Operations and Information Management Services
N/A or n/a  Not Applicable / Not Available
ODM  Orbit Data Message
OEM  Orbit Ephemeris Message
OPM  Orbit Parameter Message
Pc/No  Carrier Power to Noise Spectral Density ratio
Pr/No  Ranging Power to Noise Spectral Density ratio
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<td>PRARE</td>
<td>Precise Range and Range Rate Equipment</td>
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<td>RADEC</td>
<td>Right Ascension-Declination</td>
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<td>RINEX</td>
<td>Receiver Independent Exchange</td>
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<td>RTLTT</td>
<td>Round-Trip Light Time</td>
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<tr>
<td>SANA</td>
<td>Space Assigned Numbers Authority</td>
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<td>SCLK</td>
<td>Spacecraft Clock</td>
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<tr>
<td>SFTP</td>
<td>Secure File Transfer Protocol</td>
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<tr>
<td>SLR</td>
<td>Satellite Laser Ranging</td>
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<td>TDM</td>
<td>Tracking Data Message</td>
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<tr>
<td>TEC</td>
<td>Total Electron Count</td>
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<td>TECU</td>
<td>Total Electron Count Units</td>
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<tr>
<td>UTC</td>
<td>Coordinated Universal Time</td>
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<tr>
<td>VLBI</td>
<td>Very Long Baseline Interferometry</td>
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<tr>
<td>XEYN</td>
<td>X:East, Y:North</td>
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<tr>
<td>XSYE</td>
<td>X:South, Y:East</td>
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<tr>
<td>XML</td>
<td>eXtensible Markup Language</td>
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ANNEX D

EXAMPLE TRACKING DATA MESSAGES

(INFORMATIVE)

```plaintext
CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 1.0
COMMENT TDM example created by yyyy-nnnA Nav Team (NASA/JPL)
COMMENT StarTrek 1-way data, Ka band down
CREATION_DATE = 2005-160T20:15:00Z
ORIGINATOR = NASA/JPL
META_START
COMMENT Data quality degraded by antenna pointing problem...
COMMENT Slightly noisy data
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
PARTICIPANT_1 = DSS-25
PARTICIPANT_2 = yyyy-nnnA
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 2,1
INTEGRATION_INTERVAL = 1
INTEGRATION_REF = MIDDLE
FREQ_OFFSET = 0
TRANSMIT_DELAY_1 = 0.000077
RECEIVE_DELAY_1 = 0.000077
DATA_QUALITY = DEGRADED
META_STOP
DATA_START
COMMENT TRANSMIT_FREQ_2 is spacecraft reference downlink
TRANSMIT_FREQ_2 = 2005-159T17:41:00  32023442781.733
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:00  32021034790.7265
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:01  32021034828.8432
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:02  32021034866.9449
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:03  32021034905.0327
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:04  32021034943.0946
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:05  32021034981.2049
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:06  32021035019.2778
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:07  32021035057.3773
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:08  32021035095.4377
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:09  32021035133.5604
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:10  32021035171.5861
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:11  32021035209.6653
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:12  32021035247.7804
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:13  32021035285.8715
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:14  32021035323.9187
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:15  32021035361.9571
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:16  32021035400.0304
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:17  32021035438.0126
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:18  32021035476.1241
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:19  32021035514.1714
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:20  32021035552.2263
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:21  32021035590.2671
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:22  32021035628.304
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:23  32021035666.3579
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:24  32021035704.3745
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:25  32021035742.4425
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:26  32021035780.4974
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:27  32021035818.5158
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:28  32021035856.5721
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:29  32021035894.5601
DATA_STOP
```

Figure D-1: TDM Example: One-Way Data
Figure D-2: TDM Example: One-Way Data w/Frequency Offset
Figure D-3: TDM Example: Two-Way Frequency Data for Doppler Calculation
CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```
CCSDS TDM_VERS = 1.0
COMMENT TDM example created by yyyy-nnnA Nav Team (NASA/JPL)
CREATION_DATE = 2005-191T23:00:00
ORIGINATOR = NASA/JPL
META_START
COMMENT Range correction applied is range calibration to DSS-24.
COMMENT Estimated RTLT at begin of pass = 950 seconds
COMMENT Antenna Z-height correction 0.0545 km applied to uplink signal
COMMENT Antenna Z-height correction 0.0189 km applied to downlink signal
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
PARTICIPANT_1 = DSS-24
PARTICIPANT_2 = yyyy-nnnA
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 1,2,1
INTEGRATION_REF = START
RANGE_MODE = COHERENT
RANGE_MODULUS = 2.0e+26
RANGE_UNITS = RU
TRANSMIT_DELAY_1 = 7.7e-5
TRANSMIT_DELAY_2 = 0.0
RECEIVE_DELAY_1 = 7.7e-5
RECEIVE_DELAY_2 = 0.0
CORRECTION_RANGE = 46.7741
CORRECTIONS_APPLIED = YES
META_STOP
DATA_START
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-191T00:31:51 7180064367.3536
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-191T00:31:51 0.59299
RANGE = 2005-191T00:31:51 39242998.5151986
PR_N0 = 2005-191T00:31:51 28.52538
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-191T00:34:48 7180064472.3146
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-191T00:34:48 0.59305
RANGE = 2005-191T00:34:48 61172265.3115234
PR_N0 = 2005-191T00:34:48 28.39347
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-191T00:37:45 7180064577.2756
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-191T00:37:45 0.59299
RANGE = 2005-191T00:37:45 15998108.8168328
PR_N0 = 2005-191T00:37:45 28.16193
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-191T00:40:42 7180064682.2366
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-191T00:40:42 0.59299
RANGE = 2005-191T00:40:42 37938284.2366
PR_N0 = 2005-191T00:40:42 29.44597
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-191T00:43:39 7180064787.1976
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-191T00:43:39 0.60774
RANGE = 2005-191T00:43:39 59833968.0697146
PR_N0 = 2005-191T00:43:39 27.44037
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-191T00:46:36 7180064894.77345
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-191T00:46:36 0.60989
RANGE = 2005-191T00:46:36 14726355.3958799
PR_N0 = 2005-191T00:46:36 27.30462
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TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-191T00:49:33 0.60989
RANGE = 2005-191T00:49:33 36683224.3750253
PR_N0 = 2005-191T00:49:33 28.32537
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-191T00:52:30 7180065110.66743
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-191T00:52:30 0.60983
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PR_N0 = 2005-191T00:52:30 29.06158
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-191T00:55:27 7180065218.61442
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-191T00:55:27 0.60989
RANGE = 2005-191T00:55:27 13504948.3585422
PR_N0 = 2005-191T00:55:27 27.29589
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-191T01:01:21 7180065326.56141
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-191T01:01:21 0.62085
RANGE = 2005-191T01:01:21 35478729.4012973
PR_N0 = 2005-191T01:01:21 30.48199
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-191T01:01:21 7180065436.45167
RANGE = 2005-191T01:01:21 57458219.0681699
PR_N0 = 2005-191T01:01:21 27.15509
DATA_STOP
```

Figure D-4: TDM Example: Two-Way Ranging Data Only
Figure D-5: TDM Example: Three-Way Frequency Data
CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 1998-06-10T00:57:37
STOP_TIME = 1998-06-10T00:57:44
PARTICIPANT_1 = NORTH
PARTICIPANT_2 = F07R07
PARTICIPANT_3 = E7
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 1,2,3,2,1
INTEGRATION_INTERVAL = 1.0
INTEGRATION_REF = MIDDLE
RANGE_MODE = CONSTANT
RANGE_MODULUS = 0
RANGE_UNITS = km
ANGLE_TYPE = AZEL
META_STOP

DATA_START
RANGE = 1998-06-10T00:57:37 80452.7542
ANGLE_1 = 1998-06-10T00:57:37 256.64002393
ANGLE_2 = 1998-06-10T00:57:37 13.38100016
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 1998-06-10T00:57:37 2106395199.07917
RECEIVE_FREQ = 1998-06-10T00:57:37 2287487999.0
RANGE = 1998-06-10T00:57:38 80452.7368
ANGLE_1 = 1998-06-10T00:57:38 256.64002393
ANGLE_2 = 1998-06-10T00:57:38 13.38100016
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 1998-06-10T00:57:38 2106395199.07917
RECEIVE_FREQ = 1998-06-10T00:57:38 2287487999.0
RANGE = 1998-06-10T00:57:39 80452.7197
ANGLE_1 = 1998-06-10T00:57:39 256.64002393
ANGLE_2 = 1998-06-10T00:57:39 13.38100016
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 1998-06-10T00:57:39 2106395199.07917
RECEIVE_FREQ = 1998-06-10T00:57:39 2287487999.0
RANGE = 1998-06-10T00:57:40 80452.7025
ANGLE_1 = 1998-06-10T00:57:40 256.64002393
ANGLE_2 = 1998-06-10T00:57:40 13.38100016
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 1998-06-10T00:57:40 2106395199.07917
RECEIVE_FREQ = 1998-06-10T00:57:40 2287487999.0
RANGE = 1998-06-10T00:57:41 80452.6854
ANGLE_1 = 1998-06-10T00:57:41 256.64002393
ANGLE_2 = 1998-06-10T00:57:41 13.38100016
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 1998-06-10T00:57:41 2106395199.07917
RECEIVE_FREQ = 1998-06-10T00:57:41 2287487999.0
RANGE = 1998-06-10T00:57:42 80452.6680
ANGLE_1 = 1998-06-10T00:57:42 256.64002393
ANGLE_2 = 1998-06-10T00:57:42 13.38100016
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 1998-06-10T00:57:42 2106395199.07917
RECEIVE_FREQ = 1998-06-10T00:57:42 2287487999.0
RANGE = 1998-06-10T00:57:43 80452.6503
ANGLE_1 = 1998-06-10T00:57:43 256.64002393
ANGLE_2 = 1998-06-10T00:57:43 13.38100016
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 1998-06-10T00:57:43 2106395199.07917
RECEIVE_FREQ = 1998-06-10T00:57:43 2287487999.0
RANGE = 1998-06-10T00:57:44 80452.6331
ANGLE_1 = 1998-06-10T00:57:44 256.64002393
ANGLE_2 = 1998-06-10T00:57:44 13.38100016
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 1998-06-10T00:57:44 2106395199.07917
RECEIVE_FREQ = 1998-06-10T00:57:44 2287487999.0
DATA_STOP

Figure D-6: TDM Example: Four-Way Data
This example TDM describes a scenario such as might occur with a spacecraft like Cassini, which has 3 transponders: X/S, X/X, X/Ka. In this tracking session all 3 transponders were used. This requires a TDM with 3 segments, because a single segment would not be able to specify a 'PATH' statement that would describe the S-down, X-down, and Ka-down signal paths.

Figure D-7: TDM Example: One S/C, X-up, S-down, X-down, Ka-down, Three Segments
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>2007-08-29T08:00:02.000</td>
<td>Angle 2 = 21.19609167</td>
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<td>Angle 1 = 67.01982278</td>
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<td>2007-08-29T12:00:02.000</td>
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<td>2007-08-29T14:00:02.000</td>
<td>Angle 2 = 21.19609167</td>
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Figure D-8: TDM Example: Angles, Range, Doppler Combined in Single TDM
Figure D-9: TDM Example: Range Data with TIMETAG_REF=TRANSMIT
**CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE**

```plaintext
CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 1.0
COMMENT This TDM example contains single differenced Doppler data.
CREATION_DATE = 2006-354T01:38:00Z
ORIGINATOR = NASA/JPL

META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2003-07-08T04:45:25.0000
STOP_TIME = 2003-07-08T04:48:25.0000
PARTICIPANT_1 = yyyy-nnnA
PARTICIPANT_2 = DSS-24
PARTICIPANT_3 = DSS-25
MODE = SINGLE_DIFF
PATH_1 = 1,2
PATH_2 = 1,3
TRANSMIT_BAND = X
RECEIVE_BAND = X
INTEGRATION_INTERVAL = 10.0
INTEGRATION_REF = MIDDLE
RECEIVE_DELAY_2 = 0.00007732
RECEIVE_DELAY_3 = 0.00007732
DATA_QUALITY = VALIDATED
META_STOP

DATA_START
COMMENT Transmit frequency is S/C beacon one OWLT prior to receive time
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2003-07-08T04:10:0000 8.435360E+09
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:45:25.0000 8.738750457763670E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:45:35.0000 8.320682479309080E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:45:45.0000 7.909399032592770E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:45:55.0000 7.490205764770500E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:46:05.0000 7.149572372436510E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:46:15.0000 6.808938980102530E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:46:25.0000 6.481011390686030E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:46:35.0000 6.167441368103020E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:46:45.0000 5.865190505981440E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:46:55.0000 5.590643882751460E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:47:05.0000 5.330531123002900E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:47:15.0000 5.063262721914060E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:47:25.0000 4.850607820922700E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:47:35.0000 4.643701979796000E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:47:45.0000 4.453802272725000E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:47:55.0000 4.281705858560000E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:48:05.0000 4.127402919189000E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:48:15.0000 3.990903272724000E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:48:25.0000 3.872203646641000E+00
DATA_STOP
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**Figure D-10: TDM Example: Differenced Doppler Observable**
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<td><strong>META_STOP</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>DATA_START</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>COMMENT</strong> Timetag is time of signal arrival at PARTICIPANT_2.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>COMMENT</strong> Transmit frequency is spacecraft beacon a OWLT before receive time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td><strong>DOR = 2004-136T16:02:00.0000 1.467382930436399E-02</strong></td>
</tr>
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<td><strong>DATA_STOP</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>COMMENT</strong> Transmit frequency is reference for 2-station interferometer.</td>
</tr>
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<td><strong>META_STOP</strong></td>
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**Figure D-11: TDM Example: Delta-DOR Observable**
CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 1.0

COMMENT TDM example created by yyyy-nnnA Nav Team (NASA/JPL)
COMMENT StarTrek: one minute of launch angles from DSS-16

CREATION_DATE = 2005-157T18:25:00
ORIGINATOR = NASA/JPL
META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2004-216T07:44:00
STOP_TIME = 2004-216T07:45:00
PARTICIPANT_1 = DSS-16
PARTICIPANT_2 = yyyy-nnnA
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 2,1
ANGLE_TYPE = XSYE
CORRECTION_ANGLE_1 = -0.09
CORRECTION_ANGLE_2 = 0.18
CORRECTIONS_APPLIED = NO
META_STOP

DATA_START
ANGLE_1 = 2004-216T07:44:00 -23.62012
ANGLE_2 = 2004-216T07:44:00 -73.11035
ANGLE_1 = 2004-216T07:44:10 -23.04004
ANGLE_2 = 2004-216T07:44:10 -72.74316
ANGLE_1 = 2004-216T07:44:20 -22.78125
ANGLE_2 = 2004-216T07:44:20 -72.53027
ANGLE_1 = 2004-216T07:44:30 -22.59180
ANGLE_2 = 2004-216T07:44:30 -72.37598
ANGLE_1 = 2004-216T07:44:40 -22.40527
ANGLE_2 = 2004-216T07:44:40 -72.23730
ANGLE_1 = 2004-216T07:44:50 -22.23047
ANGLE_2 = 2004-216T07:44:50 -72.08887
ANGLE_1 = 2004-216T07:45:00 -22.08984
ANGLE_2 = 2004-216T07:45:00 -71.93750
DATA_STOP

Figure D-12: TDM Example: Angle Data Only
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<td>0.1074</td>
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<td>2.0547</td>
<td>0.1061</td>
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<td>2005-280T22:15:00</td>
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<td>2005-280T22:30:00</td>
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<td>24.0</td>
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<td>2005-281T00:00:00</td>
<td>22.2</td>
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**Figure D-13: TDM Example: Media Data Only**
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<td>895.9</td>
<td>11.0</td>
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<td>12.0</td>
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<td>895.9</td>
<td>12.0</td>
</tr>
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<td>14.0</td>
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<td>896.2</td>
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<td>896.4</td>
<td>17.0</td>
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<td>297.15</td>
<td>896.8</td>
<td>19.0</td>
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<td>897.3</td>
<td>21.0</td>
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<td>293.05</td>
<td>897.3</td>
<td>25.0</td>
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Figure D-14: TDM Example: Meteorological Data Only
CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 1.0
COMMENT TDM example created by yyyy-nnnA Nav Team (NASA/JPL)
COMMENT The following are clock offsets, in seconds between the
COMMENT clocks at each DSN complex relative to UTC(NIST). The offset
COMMENT is a mean of readings using several GPS space vehicles in
COMMENT common view. Value is "station clock minus UTC".

CREATION_DATE = 2005-161T15:45:00
ORIGINATOR = NASA/JPL

META_START
COMMENT Note: SPC10 switched back to Maser1 from Maser2 on 2005-142
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2005-142T12:00:00
STOP_TIME = 2005-145T12:00:00
PARTICIPANT_1 = UTC-NIST
PARTICIPANT_2 = DSS-10
META_STOP

DATA_START
CLOCK_BIAS = 2005-142T12:00:00  9.56e-7
CLOCK_DRIFT = 2005-142T12:00:00  6.944e-14
CLOCK_BIAS = 2005-143T12:00:00  9.62e-7
CLOCK_DRIFT = 2005-143T12:00:00  -2.083e-13
CLOCK_BIAS = 2005-144T12:00:00  9.44e-7
CLOCK_DRIFT = 2005-144T12:00:00  -2.778e-13
CLOCK_BIAS = 2005-145T12:00:00  9.20e-7
DATA_STOP

META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2005-142T12:00:00
STOP_TIME = 2005-145T12:00:00
PARTICIPANT_1 = UTC-NIST
PARTICIPANT_2 = DSS-40
META_STOP

DATA_START
CLOCK_BIAS = 2005-142T12:00:00  -7.40e-7
CLOCK_DRIFT = 2005-142T12:00:00  -3.125e-13
CLOCK_BIAS = 2005-143T12:00:00  -7.67e-7
CLOCK_DRIFT = 2005-143T12:00:00  -1.620e-13
CLOCK_BIAS = 2005-144T12:00:00  -7.81e-7
CLOCK_DRIFT = 2005-144T12:00:00  -4.745e-13
CLOCK_BIAS = 2005-145T12:00:00  -8.22e-7
DATA_STOP

META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2005-142T12:00:00
STOP_TIME = 2005-145T12:00:00
PARTICIPANT_1 = UTC-NIST
PARTICIPANT_2 = DSS-60
META_STOP

DATA_START
CLOCK_BIAS = 2005-142T12:00:00  -1.782e-6
CLOCK_DRIFT = 2005-142T12:00:00  1.736e-13
CLOCK_BIAS = 2005-143T12:00:00  -1.767e-6
CLOCK_DRIFT = 2005-143T12:00:00  1.157e-14
CLOCK_BIAS = 2005-144T12:00:00  -1.766e-6
CLOCK_DRIFT = 2005-144T12:00:00  8.102e-14
CLOCK_BIAS = 2005-145T12:00:00  -1.759e-6
DATA_STOP

Figure D-15: TDM Example: Clock Bias/Drift Only
The following are some additional scenarios that are not currently considered in the example set, but could be included in later versions of the TDM:

a) S/C-S/C crosslinks;
b) Ground based transponder;
c) ‘DORIS’;
d) Arrayed downlink;
e) Orbital debris example;
f) Combination of radiometric types with media or meteorological data.
ANNEX E

INFORMATIVE REFERENCES

(INFORMATIVE)

NOTE – Normative references are provided in 1.5.


ANNEX F

RATIONALE FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGES

(INFORMATIVE)

F1 GENERAL

This annex presents the rationale behind the design of the Tracking Data Message. It may help the application engineer construct a suitable message. Corrections and/or additions to these requirements may occur during future updates.

A specification of requirements agreed to by all parties is essential to focus design and to ensure the product meets the needs of the Member Agencies. There are many ways of organizing requirements, but the categorization of requirements is not as important as the agreement to a sufficiently comprehensive set. In this section, the requirements are organized into three categories:

Primary Requirements - These are the most elementary and necessary requirements. They would exist no matter the context in which the CCSDS is operating, i.e., regardless of pre-existing conditions within the CCSDS or its Member Agencies.

Heritage Requirements - These are additional requirements that derive from pre-existing Member Agency requirements, conditions, or needs. Ultimately these carry the same weight as the Primary Requirements. This Recommended Standard reflects heritage requirements pertaining to some of the technical participants’ home institutions collected during the preparation of the Recommended Standard; it does not speculate on heritage requirements that could arise from other Member Agencies.

Desirable Characteristics - These are not requirements, but they are felt to be important or useful features of the Recommended Standard.
Table F-1: Primary Requirements

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<td>F-1-1</td>
<td>Data must be provided in digital form.</td>
<td>3.1.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-1-2</td>
<td>The object being tracked must be clearly identified and unambiguous.¹</td>
<td>3.3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-1-3</td>
<td>All primary resources used in the tracking session must be clearly identified and unambiguous.</td>
<td>3.3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-1-4</td>
<td>Time measurements (time stamps, timetags, or epochs) must be provided in a commonly used, clearly specified system.</td>
<td>3.3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-1-5</td>
<td>The time bounds of the tracking data must be unambiguously specified.</td>
<td>3.3, 3.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-1-6</td>
<td>Tracking Data Messages must be readily portable between and useable within ‘all’ computational environments in use for the processing of tracking data by Member Agencies.</td>
<td>3.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-1-7</td>
<td>Tracking Data Messages must have means of being uniquely identified and clearly annotated. The file name alone is considered insufficient for this purpose.</td>
<td>3.2</td>
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<tr>
<td>F-1-8</td>
<td>If in file format, the Tracking Data Message file name syntax and length must not violate computer constraints for those computing environments in use for the processing of tracking data by Member Agencies.</td>
<td>3.1.7</td>
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<tr>
<td>F-1-9</td>
<td>The Tracking Data Message format shall be independent of the equipment that was used to perform the tracking.</td>
<td>3.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-1-10</td>
<td>Every tracking instrument shall have a defined reference location that could be defined in the ODM format, possibly extended to define spacecraft body-fixed axis. This reference location should not depend on the observing geometry.</td>
<td>3.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-1-11</td>
<td>The timetag of the tracking data shall always be unambiguously specified with respect to the measurement point or instrument reference point.</td>
<td>3.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-1-12</td>
<td>The observable shall be corrected with the best estimate of all known tracking instrument calibrations, such as pass-specific path delay calibrations between the reference point and the tracking equipment, if applicable.</td>
<td>3.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-1-13</td>
<td>The observable shall be converted to an equipment-independent quantity; e.g., frequencies shall be reported at the ‘sky level’ (i.e., actual transmitted/received frequencies).</td>
<td>3.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F-1-14</td>
<td>Other corrections applied to the data, such as media corrections, shall be agreed upon by the service-providing and the customer Agencies via an ICD.</td>
<td>3.4</td>
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<td>The data transfer mechanism shall not place constraints on the tracking data content.</td>
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¹ SANA may have upcoming standards in this area.
### Table F-2: Heritage Requirements

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<td>The standard shall be, or must include, an ASCII format.</td>
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<td>The standard shall not require software supplied by other agencies.</td>
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### Table F-3: Desirable Characteristics

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<td>The standard should apply to non-traditional objects, such as landers, rovers, balloons, spacecraft-spacecraft tracking data exchange, etc.</td>
<td>3.3, 3.4</td>
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<tr>
<td>F-3-2</td>
<td>The standard should be extensible with no disruption to existing users/uses.</td>
<td>3.2</td>
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<tr>
<td>F-3-3</td>
<td>Keywords, values, and terminology in the TDM should be the same as those in the ODM and ADM, where applicable.</td>
<td>3.2, 3.3, 3.5, 4</td>
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<tr>
<td>F-3-4</td>
<td>The standard shall not preclude an XML implementation.</td>
<td>3, 1.2.6</td>
</tr>
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<td>F-3-5</td>
<td>The standard must provide for clear specification of units of measure.</td>
<td>4.4, table 3-5</td>
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ANNEX G

TDM SUMMARY SHEET

(INFORMATIVE)

The tables in the following pages of this annex show the association between data types and metadata keywords. There are only a few required metadata keywords, but many more that are applicable to one or more of the various data types. Additionally, there are some keywords that are only applicable in certain restricted situations. Finally, there are some metadata keywords that are completely optional. This summary may assist the user in constructing a TDM that captures the data from a specific measurement session.
1. MODE = SEQUENTIAL, described within PATH and PARTICIPANT_n

a) either constant uplink frequency or measurements are not directly influenced by uplink frequency

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<th>Range Data</th>
<th>Doppler Data</th>
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<td>RANGE [km, s, or RU]</td>
<td>DOPPLER_INSTANTANEOUS [km/s]</td>
</tr>
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<td>META_STOP</td>
<td>TRANSMIT_FREQ_n *</td>
<td>RECEIVE_FREQ_n *</td>
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<td>PATH</td>
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<td>RANGE_UNITS</td>
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Required Metadata

- TRANSMIT_DELAY_n
- RECEIVE_DELAY_n
- TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR
- TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR
- DATA_QUALITY
- CORRECTIONS_APPLIED
- CORRECTION_RANGE
- TIMETAG_REF

Situationally Required Metadata

- COMMENT
- START_TIME
- STOP_TIME
- TRANSMIT_BAND
- RECEIVE_BAND
- INTEGRATION_INTERVAL

Optional Metadata

- COMMENT
- START_TIME
- STOP_TIME
- TRANSMIT_BAND
- RECEIVE_BAND

* The TRANSMIT_FREQ_n and RECEIVE_FREQ keywords are TDM Data Section keywords that are recommended to be exchanged for this data type. See 3.5.2.2 and 3.5.2.3.
1. MODE = SEQUENTIAL, described within PATH and PARTICIPANT_n

b) changing uplink, described in TRANSMIT_FREQ either in tabular form or with the help of TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE

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**Required Metadata**

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- **Keywords**
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  - REFERENCEFRAME

- **Optional Metadata**
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