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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 tracking station managed by a second agency. The standardization of tracking data formats facilitates space agency allocation of tracking sessions to alternate tracking resources.

**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 G 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 most common tracking scenarios, and to expand the coverage in future versions as necessary.

**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 generally intended to be used in conjunction with an Interface Control Document (ICD) written jointly by the service provider and customer agency. The ICD outlines TDM options that have been exercised in the specific implementation.

**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 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 Secure File Transfer Protocol (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:

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- a) Satellite Laser Ranging (SLR) ‘Fullrate’ and ‘Normal Points’ format (sometimes referred to as ‘Quicklook’), which are already transferred via a standardized format documented at <https://ilrs.cddis.eosdis.nasa.gov/>; however, such data could conceivably be transferred via TDM with a ‘RANGE’ keyword (see 3.5.2.7);
- b) exchanges of raw Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) data, which is standardized via the RINEX format (<http://www.igs.org>);
- c) Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) navigation point solutions, which are standardized via the SP3 format (<https://www.ngs.noaa.gov/orbits/>);<sup>1</sup>
- d) optical data from navigation cameras (pixel-based, row-column, etc.);
- e) LIDAR data (which may include a laser range finder); however, such data could conceivably be transferred via TDM with a ‘RANGE’ keyword (see 3.5.2.7); and
- f) altimeter data; however, such data could conceivably be transferred via TDM with a ‘RANGE’ keyword (see 3.5.2.7).

**1.2.6** Changes in Version 2 of the Tracking Data Message include the following:

**1.2.6.1** Description of the message format based on the use of eXtensible Markup Language (XML) is now detailed in section 5 of this document.

**1.2.6.2** References, including inline references to various Web sites, have been updated as applicable.

**1.2.6.3** The labeling of several annexes has changed, primarily in order to respond to changing CCSDS document requirements, for example, the Implementation Conformance Statement (ICS) (annex A) was added, causing several prior annex labels to shift; and the Security section was converted from a main document section (5) to an annex (annex C).

**1.2.6.4** The Space Assigned Numbers Authority (SANA) Registry is now a source of values for some keywords, as noted in the relevant tables.

**1.2.6.5** The word ‘obligatory’ is no longer used; ‘mandatory’ is substituted based on the requirements of the ICS.

**1.2.6.6** There are several new Data Section keywords added based on suggestions/recommendations by TDM version 1 users. These include transmit/receive phase;

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<sup>1</sup> 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<sub>x</sub>, v<sub>y</sub>, v<sub>z</sub>) 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 Orbit Ephemeris Message (OEM) (see 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.

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optical magnitude and radar cross section based on space situational awareness applications; and Doppler counts. For each of these new data types there are one or more related Metadata Section keywords.

### 1.3 CONVENTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

#### 1.3.1 GENERAL

Conventions and definitions of navigation concepts such as reference frames, time systems, etc., are provided in reference [F7]. (Also see SANA Registries specified in annex C.)

#### 1.3.2 NORMATIVE TEXT

The following conventions apply for the normative specifications in this Recommended Standard:

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

NOTE – These conventions do not imply constraints on diction in text that is clearly informative in nature.

#### 1.3.3 INFORMATIVE TEXT

In the normative sections of this document (sections 3–5), informative text is set off from the normative specifications either in notes or under one of the following subsection headings:

- Overview;
- Background;
- Rationale;
- Discussion.

#### 1.3.4 DEFINITIONS

##### 1.3.4.1 Terms

**participant:** An entity that has the ability to acquire, broadcast, or reflect navigation messages and/or electromagnetic frequencies, for example, a spacecraft, a quasar, a tracking station, a

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tracking instrument, or an agency center, as discussed in reference [F7]. Thus there may exist Tracking Data Messages for which there is no applicable spacecraft.

**agency:** An exchange partner.

**NOTE** – This usage results from the history of the CCSDS, which was formed as a coalition of the world’s space agencies. Over time, as the space industry and the CCSDS have evolved, there is a wider group of organizations (e.g., military, commercial) that could utilize CCSDS standards. In this document, the term ‘agency’ is meant to encompass any and all of these exchange partners.

**n/a, N/A:** Not applicable or not available.

### 1.3.4.2 Unit Notations

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 [7]). 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.

%:	percent
AU:	angle units
dBHz:	decibels referenced to one Hz
dBsm:	decibels referenced to one square meter
dBW:	decibels referenced to one Watt
deg:	degrees of plane angle
hPa:	hectoPascal
Hz:	Hertz
K:	Kelvin
km:	kilometers
m:	meters
m**2:	square 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.



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**1.4.3** Section 4 provides details about the syntax used in the TDM in Keyword-Value Notation (KVN) format.

**1.4.4** Section 5 discusses a CCSDS XML schema for the TDM and how to create an XML instantiation of a TDM.

**1.4.5** Annex A provides an ICS for the TDM.

**1.4.6** Annex B discusses values for selected TDM Metadata Section keywords.

**1.4.7** Annex C discusses security, SANA, and patent considerations with respect to the TDM.

**1.4.8** Annex D 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.

**1.4.9** Annex E shows how various tracking scenarios can be accommodated using the TDM, via several examples.

**1.4.10** Annex F contains a list of informative references.

**1.4.11** Annex G lists a set of requirements and desirable characteristics that were taken into consideration in the design of the TDM.

**1.4.12** Annex H is a list of abbreviations and acronyms applicable to the TDM.

**1.4.13** Annex I provides a TDM Summary Sheet, or ‘Quick Reference’.

## 1.5 REFERENCES

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

- [1] “Outer Space Objects Index.” United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs. <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/osoindex/index.aspx>.
- [2] *Information Technology—8-Bit Single-Byte Coded Graphic Character Sets—Part 1: Latin Alphabet No. 1*. International Standard, ISO/IEC 8859-1:1998. Geneva: ISO, 1998.
- [3] *Time Code Formats*. Issue 4. Recommendation for Space Data System Standards (Blue Book), CCSDS 301.0-B-4. Washington, D.C.: CCSDS, November 2010.

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NOTE – Informative references are provided in annex F.

## 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 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, for example, 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, transmit/receive frequencies, 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 KVN format or an XML format. The KVN formatted TDM and XML formatted TDM are described in this document. Further information on XML is detailed in an integrated XML schema document for all Navigation Data Messages (reference [9]). It is recommended that exchange participants 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.

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**2.2.5** For a given spacecraft participant, multiple tracking data messages could 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 (see section 4) or XML format (see section 5). 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, 3.5).

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:

- $TDM = \text{Header} + \text{Body}$ ;
- $\text{Body} = \text{Segment} [+ \text{Segment} + \dots + \text{Segment}]$ ;
- $\text{Segment} = \text{Metadata Section} + \text{Data Section}$ ;
- $\text{Data Section} = \text{Tracking Data Record (TDR)} [+ \text{TDR} + \text{TDR} \dots + \text{TDR}]$ .

**Table 3-1: TDM Structure**

Item			Mandatory?
Header			Yes
Body	Segment 1	Metadata 1	Yes
		Data 1	
	Segment 2	Metadata 2	No
		Data 2	
	.	.	.
	.	.	.
.	.	.	
Segment n	Metadata n	No	
	Data n		

**3.1.4** The TDM shall consist of tracking data for one or more tracking participants (see 1.3.4.1) at multiple epochs contained within a specified time range. Generally, but not necessarily, the time range of a TDM may correspond to a ‘tracking pass’.

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

**3.1.6** The TDM file naming scheme should be agreed to on a case-by-case basis between the participating agencies, and should be specified in an ICD.

**3.1.7** The method of exchanging TDMs shall be decided on a case-by-case basis by the participating agencies and should be 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: TDM Header, 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 mandatory or optional.

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

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**Table 3-2: TDM Header**

Keyword	Description	Examples	Mandatory
CCSDS_TDM_VERS	Format version in the form of 'x.y', where 'y' shall be incremented for corrections and minor changes, and 'x' shall be incremented for major changes.	0.12 (for testing) 1.0 (2007 version) 2.0 (this version)	Yes
COMMENT	(See 4.5.)	COMMENT This is a comment	No
CREATION_DATE	Data creation date/time in UTC. (For format specification, see 4.3.9.)	2001-11-06T11:17:33 2002-204T15:56:23.4 2006-001T00:00:00Z	Yes
ORIGINATOR	Creating agency. Value should be an entry from the 'Abbreviation' column in the SANA Organizations Registry, <a href="https://sanaregistry.org/t/organizations/organizations.html">https://sanaregistry.org/t/organizations/organizations.html</a> (reference [11]).	CNES, ESA, GSFC, DLR, JPL, JAXA, etc.	Yes
MESSAGE_ID	ID that uniquely identifies a message from a given originator. The format and content of the message identifier value are at the discretion of the originator.	201113719185	No

**3.2.4** Each line in the TDM Header, with the exception of COMMENTS, shall have the following generic format:

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. Versions x.0, where  $x \geq 1$ , shall be reserved for versions 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 4.3.9.



### 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
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**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: TDM Metadata Section 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 mandatory or optional.

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 is provided.

**3.3.1.7** Only those keywords shown in table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section shall be used in a TDM Metadata Section. Mandatory items shall appear in every TDM Metadata Section. Items that are optional 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 I 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.

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**3.3.1.8** The order of occurrence of the mandatory and optional KVN assignments shall be fixed as shown in table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section.

**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 3.3.2.8 identify the relationships between the MODE, the PATH, and PARTICIPANT\_n keywords for typical tracking sessions. 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 nine. If more than nine participants are defined (i.e., PARTICIPANT\_10 +), then special arrangements between exchange participants are necessary. These arrangements should be documented in an ICD. A limitation of nine participants allows the user to describe the great majority of tracking scenarios. Scenarios requiring many participants may involve coherent tracking that includes several relays, crosslinks and/or tracking sensors required to define a single 'PATH' string that includes all links. 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 may appear to be six or more. However, because of the nature of the 'PATH' keyword, several TDM Segments with nine or fewer participants 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.

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**Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section**

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Keyword	Description	Normative Values / Examples	N/E	Mandatory
META_START	The META_START keyword shall delineate the start of the TDM Metadata Section within the message. It must appear on a line by itself; that is, it shall have no parameters, timetags or values.	N/A	----	Yes
COMMENT	(See 4.5.) It should be noted that if comments are used in the metadata, they shall only appear at the beginning of the Metadata Section.	COMMENT file = tdm.dat	E	No
TRACK_ID	The TRACK_ID keyword specifies a unique identifier for the tracking data in the associated data section. The value may be a freely selected string of characters and numbers, only required to be unique for each track of the corresponding sensor. For example, the value may be constructed from the measurement date and time and a counter to distinguish simultaneously tracked objects. A Universal Unique Identifier (UUID) is also an acceptable value. For some users such as space surveillance, this identifier is necessary to be applied to all measurements that the sensor attributes to a single object, with the data so designated furnished in the same TDM.	20190918_1200135-0001	E	No
CLASSIFICATION	The CLASSIFICATION keyword shall specify the level of classification applied to the data within the metadata and data sections of the TDM. It shall also be utilized to indicate any special handling designators that apply, limiting the release and distribution of the data. For example, the value may be formed by two comma-separated values. The first being either UNCLASSIFIED, CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET or TOP SECRET; and the second indicating any handling instructions such as CUI (for Controlled Unclassified Information).	UNCLASSIFIED, CUI	E	No
PREVIOUS_MESSAGE_ID	Free-text field containing an ID that uniquely identifies the previous message from this message originator for this space object. The format and content of the message identifier value are at the discretion of the originator.	201113719184	E	No
NEXT_MESSAGE_ID	Free-text field containing an ID that uniquely identifies the next message from this message originator for this space object. The format and content of the message identifier value are at the discretion of the originator	201113719186	E	No

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Keyword	Description	Normative Values / Examples	N/E	Mandatory
DATA_TYPES	Comma-separated list of data types in the Data Section. The elements of the list shall be selected from the data types shown in table 3-5, with the exception of the DATA_START, DATA_STOP, and COMMENT keywords.	RANGE TRANSMIT_FREQ_n RECEIVE_FREQ	E	No
TDM_BASIS	The TDM_BASIS keyword shall indicate the purpose of the data being transmitted, specifying whether the data is from an operational tracking event, from a tracking event defined to test or verify a system, from a simulated tracking scenario, or played back.	OPERATIONAL TEST SIMULATED PLAYBACK	N	No
TDM_BASIS_ID	The TDM_BASIS_ID keyword shall contain the identification number for the tracking session the tracking data message is based on. The keyword value may be composed of a tasking identifier, followed by a collection identifier, both separated by a dash.  The tasking identifier indicates the particular tasking request to which this tracking data is a response. The collection identifier indicates the collection session during which the data were taken. This designation is useful when several objects within close proximity of each other are tracked by a sensor that may associate measurements to incorrect object identifiers. Given that all associated data are assigned the same collection identifier, the correlation center can group all of these submissions and re-accomplish the association, understanding that all of the data were physically proximate.  Additionally, the use of a collection identifier enables processing systems to estimate and/or assign systematic errors (such as angle biases) for the entire data within the collection.	123e4567-426614174000	E	No
TIME_SYSTEM	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 the SANA Time Systems Registry <a href="https://sanaregistry.org/t/time_systems">https://sanaregistry.org/t/time_systems</a> (reference [12]). (See annex B.)	UTC, TAI, GPS, SCLK	E	Yes
START_TIME	The START_TIME keyword shall specify the start time of the total time span covered by the tracking data immediately following this Metadata Section, utilizing the time system specified by the TIME_SYSTEM keyword. (For format specification, see 4.3.9.)	1996-12- 18T14:28:15.1172  1996-277T07:22:54  2006-001T00:00:00Z	E	No

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Keyword	Description	Normative Values / Examples	N/E	Mandatory
STOP_TIME	The STOP_TIME keyword shall specify the stop time of the total time span covered by the tracking data immediately following this Metadata Section, utilizing the time system specified by the TIME_SYSTEM keyword. (For format specification, see 4.3.9.)	1996-12-18T14:28:15.117Z  1996-277T07:22:54  2006-001T00:00:00Z	E	No
PARTICIPANT_n n = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}	The PARTICIPANT_n keyword shall represent the participants (see 1.3.4.1) in a tracking data session. It is indexed to allow unambiguous reference to other data in the TDM (max index is 9). At least two participants must be specified for most sessions; for some special TDMs such as tropospheric media, only one participant need be listed. 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 United Nations Outer Space Objects Index (reference [1]), 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. For example, the PARTICIPANT_n may be unknown in initial space surveillance object detection and assigned an incremental designator based on best estimate of objects within a session, UNKNOWN-<object count>.	DSS-63-S400K ROSETTA <Quasar catalog name> 1997-061A UNKNOWN-00005	E	Yes (at least one)
ODM_MSG_LINK_n n = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}	The ODM_MSG_LINK keyword specifies a unique identifier for an orbit data message that is linked (relevant) to this tracking data message. The ODM message may be specified via its corresponding MESSAGE_ID keyword or another unique identifier specified in an ICD, for example the filename of a relevant ephemeris file. The 'n' corresponds to the 'n' associated with the PARTICIPANT_n keyword (e.g., ODM_MSG_LINK_1, if present, applies to PARTICIPANT_1).	201113719187	E	No

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Keyword	Description	Normative Values / Examples	N/E	Mandatory
ADM_MSG_LINK_n n = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}	The ADM_MSG_LINK keyword specifies a unique identifier for an attitude data message that is linked (relevant) to this tracking data message. The ADM message may be specified via its corresponding MESSAGE_ID keyword or another unique identifier specified in an ICD. The 'n' corresponds to the 'n' associated with the PARTICIPANT_n keyword (e.g., ADM_MSG_LINK_1, if present, applies to PARTICIPANT_1).	20113719188	E	No
PRM_MSG_LINK_n n = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}	The PRM_MSG_LINK keyword specifies a unique identifier for a pointing request message that is linked (relevant) to this tracking data message. The PRM message may be specified via its corresponding MESSAGE_ID keyword or another unique identifier specified in an ICD. The 'n' corresponds to the 'n' associated with the PARTICIPANT_n keyword (e.g., PRM_MSG_LINK_1, if present, applies to PARTICIPANT_1).	20113719189	E	No
RDM_MSG_LINK_n n = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}	The RDM_MSG_LINK keyword specifies a unique identifier for a reentry data message that is linked (relevant) to this tracking data message. The RDM message may be specified via its corresponding MESSAGE_ID keyword or another unique identifier specified in an ICD. The 'n' corresponds to the 'n' associated with the PARTICIPANT_n keyword (e.g., RDM_MSG_LINK_1, if present, applies to PARTICIPANT_1).	20113719190	E	No
MODE	The MODE keyword shall reflect the tracking mode associated with the Data Section of the segment. The value 'SEQUENTIAL' applies for frequencies, phase, range, Doppler, carrier power, carrier-power-to-noise spectral density, ranging-power-to-noise spectral density, optical, angles, and line-of-sight ionosphere calibrations; the name implies a sequential signal path between tracking participants. The value 'SINGLE_DIFF' applies only for differenced data. The value 'RELAY' applies when relay tracking is performed utilizing coherent frequency translation sources, separate from the main measurement paths. In other cases, such as troposphere, weather, clocks, etc., use of the MODE keyword does not apply.	SEQUENTIAL SINGLE_DIFF RELAY	N	No

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Keyword	Description	Normative Values / Examples	N/E	Mandatory
PATH_m m = {1, 2, 3}	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, 6, 7, 8, 9 used to specify the signal path are correlated with the indices of the PARTICIPANT_n keywords. The first entry in the PATH shall be the transmit participant. A 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'. Indexed PATH_m with three paths may be used when MODE=RELAY, with need to inform of reference frequency links. Examples: 1,2 = one-way; 2,1,2 = two-way; 3,2,1 = three-way; 1,2,3,4,5 = four-way.	PATH = 1,2,1 PATH_1 = 1,2,1 PATH_2 = 3,1	E	Yes
TRANSMIT_BAND_n	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. The 'n' corresponds to the 'n' associated with the PARTICIPANT_n keyword (e.g., TRANSMIT_BAND_1, if present, applies to PARTICIPANT_1).	S X Ka L UHF GREEN	E	No
RECEIVE_BAND_n	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. The 'n' corresponds to the 'n' associated with the PARTICIPANT_n keyword (e.g., RECEIVE_BAND_1, if present, applies to PARTICIPANT_1).	S X Ka Ku L UHF GREEN	E	No

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Keyword	Description	Normative Values / Examples	N/E	Mandatory
TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR_n	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 the ICD if the value is always constant. The 'n' corresponds to the 'n' associated with the PARTICIPANT_n keyword (e.g., TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR_2, if present, applies to PARTICIPANT_2).	240 880	E	No
TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR_n	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 the ICD if the value is always constant. The 'n' corresponds to the 'n' associated with the PARTICIPANT_n keyword (e.g., TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR_2, if present, applies to PARTICIPANT_2).	221 749	E	No
TIMETAG_REF	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.	TRANSMIT RECEIVE	N	No
TIMETAG_UNCERTAINTY	The TIMETAG_UNCERTAINTY keyword shall provide the 1-sigma estimated uncertainty value for the observation timetags in seconds.	0.0000001 1e-7	E	No
INTEGRATION_INTERVAL	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.	60.0 0.1 1.0	E	No

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Keyword	Description	Normative Values / Examples	N/E	Mandatory
INTEGRATION_REF	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.	START MIDDLE END	N	No
FREQ_OFFSET	The FREQ_OFFSET keyword represents a frequency in Hz that must be added to every RECEIVE_FREQ (see 3.5.2.8) 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).	0.0 8415000000.0	E	No
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; that is, 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

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Keyword	Description	Normative Values / Examples	N/E	Mandatory
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
RCS_UNITS	The RCS_UNITS keyword specifies the units for the Radar Cross-Section (RCS) observable and MINIMUM_RCS field. 'm**2' shall be used if the RCS is measured in squared meters. 'dBsm' shall be used if the RCS is measured in decibels referenced to one square meter. The default (preferred) value shall be 'dBsm'.	m**2 dBsm	N	No
MINIMUM_RCS	The MINIMUM_RCS keyword shall indicate the minimum object RCS that could have been detected by the selected waveform and detection sequence, for the observing session contained in this TDM. This parameter is specified in units as indicated by the RCS_UNITS keyword.	-12.00	E	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AZEL for azimuth, elevation (local horizontal);</li> <li>- RADEC for right ascension, declination or hour angle, declination (must be referenced to an inertial frame);</li> <li>- XEYN for x-east, y-north;</li> <li>- XSYE for x-south, y-east.</li> </ul> Other values are possible but must be defined in an ICD. This field is mandatory if angle measurements are reported.	AZEL RADEC XEYN XSYE	N	No
ANGLE_UNITS	The ANGLE_UNITS keyword specifies the units for the angle observables. 'deg' shall be used if the angles are measured in degrees. 'rad' shall be used if the angles are measured in radians. 'AU', for 'angle units', allows for parties to specify an alternate angle unit more suitable for their particular system characteristics, and the method of computing the angle unit should be described in an ICD. The default (preferred) value shall be 'deg'. In the absence of an ANGLE_UNITS keyword, angle values shall be provided in degrees.	DEG RAD AU	N	No

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Keyword	Description	Normative Values / Examples	N/E	Mandatory
REFERENCE_FRAME	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 the SANA Celestial Body Reference Frames Registry <a href="https://sanaregistry.org/t/celestial_body_reference_frames">https://sanaregistry.org/t/celestial_body_reference_frames</a> (reference [13]). (See annex B.)	EME2000 ICRF ITRF1993 ITRF2000 TOD_EARTH	E	No
INTERPOLATION	The INTERPOLATION keyword shall specify the interpolation method to be used to calculate a transmit phase count at an arbitrary time in tracking data where the uplink frequency is not constant.	HERMITE LAGRANGE LINEAR	E	No
INTERPOLATION_DEGREE	The INTERPOLATION_DEGREE keyword shall specify the recommended degree of the interpolating polynomial used to calculate a transmit phase count at an arbitrary time in tracking data where the uplink frequency is not constant. The value must be an integer and must be used if the INTERPOLATION keyword is used.	3 5 7 11	E	No
DOPPLER_COUNT_BIAS	Doppler counts are generally biased so as to accommodate negative Doppler within an accumulator. In order to reconstruct the measurement, the bias shall be subtracted from the DOPPLER_COUNT data value. The data type shall be double precision, and shall be positive. Examples are shown in the 'Normative Values / Examples' column. Units are Hz.	2.4e8 240000000.0	E	No
DOPPLER_COUNT_SCALE	Doppler counts are generally scaled so as to capture partial cycles in an integer count. In order to reconstruct the measurement, the DOPPLER_COUNT data value shall be divided by the scale factor. The data type shall be integer, and shall be positive. Examples are shown in the 'Normative Values / Examples' column. The default shall be 1 (one).	1000 250 100 1	E	No
DOPPLER_COUNT_ROLLOVER	Doppler counts may overflow the accumulator and roll over in cases where the track is of long duration or very high Doppler shift. This flag indicates whether or not a counter rollover has occurred during the track.	YES NO	N	No

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Keyword	Description	Normative Values / Examples	N/E	Mandatory
TRANSMIT_DELAY_n n = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}	<p>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_n 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, unless an associated transponder transmit delay is known. 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.</p> <p>NOTE – This value should not be used to convey clock bias information. (See the 'CLOCK_BIAS' keyword in the Data Section keywords.)</p>	<p>1.23 0.0326 0.00077</p>	E	No

**Commented [CJM(512):** That is if the transponder delay associated with the transmit section is not already well known. If it were known that value could be used instead.

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Keyword	Description	Normative Values / Examples	N/E	Mandatory
RECEIVE_DELAY_n n = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}	<p>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_n keyword (e.g., RECEIVE_DELAY_1, if present, applies to timetags for PARTICIPANT_1).</p> <p>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, unless an associated transponder receive delay is known. 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.</p> <p>NOTE – This value should not be used to convey clock bias information. (See the 'CLOCK_BIAS' keyword in the Data Section keywords.)</p>	<p>1.23 0.0326 0.00777</p>	E	No
FRONT_END_ID_n n = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}	<p>The FRONT_END_ID_n keywords shall specify a unique identifier within each participant system that refers to the front-end taking part in the tracking session. For example, in radiometric tracking the front-end of a space object would be one antenna assembly out of potentially several. Another example front-end is the optical head for an optical-based observation session. The 'n' corresponds to the 'n' associated with the PARTICIPANT_n keyword (e.g., FRONT_END_ID_2, if present, applies to the front end associated with PARTICIPANT_2).</p>	<p>HGA1 OMNI OPT2 OPT1 SA1 MAF1</p>	E	No
SYSTEM_MODE_n n = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}	<p>The SYSTEM_MODE_n keywords shall specify the system mode of operation for a particular participant during the tracking session. For example, a space relay specifies if the mode is single access or multiple access. The 'n' corresponds to the 'n' associated with the PARTICIPANT_n keyword (e.g., SYSTEM_MODE_2, if present, applies to the mode associated with PARTICIPANT_2).</p>	<p>SINGLE ACCESS MULTIPLE ACCESS</p>		No

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Keyword	Description	Normative Values / Examples	N/E	Mandatory
SYSTEM_PATH_n n = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}	The SYSTEM_PATH_n keywords shall specify a path within each participant system that reflects the hardware configuration for the tracking session. For example, a ground terminal specifies which modem, switches, upconverters and polarization is used for the tracking event. For optical sensors the value should reflect the Charged-Couple Device (CCD) binning applied during the tracking. The 'n' corresponds to the 'n' associated with the PARTICIPANT_n keyword (e.g., SYSTEM_PATH_2, if present, applies to the system path associated with PARTICIPANT_2).	MOD1-SW1-POL1 CCD2x2	E	No
TFR_ID_n n = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}	The TFR_ID_n keywords shall specify a unique identifier within each participant system that refers to the Time and/or frequency reference source taking part in the tracking session. For example, a ground terminal specifies which configuration is utilized for the tracking event. The 'n' corresponds to the 'n' associated with the PARTICIPANT_n keyword (e.g., CLOCK_REF_ID_2, if present, applies to the frequency and timing system associated with PARTICIPANT_2).	TFR2 CLK1	E	No

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Keyword	Description	Normative Values / Examples	N/E	Mandatory
DATA_QUALITY	<p>The DATA_QUALITY keyword shall be composed of a comma-separated list of indicators 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.).</p> <p>A value of 'RAW' shall indicate that no quality check of the data has occurred. A value of 'VERIFIED' shall indicate that conditions for providing quality data have been met and/or rough verification of values was conducted. A value of 'VALIDATED' shall indicate that data quality has been checked against required accuracy and passed evaluation. A value of 'DEGRADED' shall indicate that data quality has been checked and quality issues exist, however the data may provide some value. A value of 'INVALID' shall be utilized to indicate the data has not passed checks and must not be used for operational purposes (e.g., this data could be shared for analysis purposes).</p> <p>If a single value is provided instead of a list, it applies to all the data in the segment. The 'RAW' value may only be specified alone. The list of values specified provides all potential indicators that may be linked to the observables in the data section. See section 3.5.9.6 on implementation to observations in the data section.</p>	<p>RAW VERIFIED VALIDATED DEGRADED INVALID VERIFIED, INVALID VALIDATED, DEGRADED</p>	E	No
<p>CORRECTION_ANGLE_1 CORRECTION_ANGLE_2 CORRECTION_DOPPLER CORRECTION_MAG CORRECTION_RANGE CORRECTION_RCS CORRECTION_RECEIVE CORRECTION_TRANSMIT CORRECTION_ABERRATION_YEARLY CORRECTION_ABERRATION_DIURNAL CORRECTION_TIME</p>	<p>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. It should be noted 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.</p>	<p>-1.35 0.23 -3.0e-1 150000.0</p>	E	No

**Commented [CJM(514)]:** Updated text to indicate the addition of Data Quality Indicators in the data section. Kept it as part of the metadata as well to provide backwards compatibility and ease the change.

**Commented [CJM(515)]:** Units should be the same as the observable... how about when Doppler\_Count is used, will Doppler\_Correction be a Doppler count for the specified integration period? Also, is CORRECTION\_TIME simply in seconds?

**Commented [CJM(516)]:** Keywords are not explained anywhere... for example, it is not indicated what observable is corrected with the CORRECTION\_RECEIVE, CORRECTION\_TRANSMIT, CORRECTION\_ABERRATION\_YEARLY, CORRECTION\_ABERRATION\_DIURNAL keywords. Also, how those corrections are applied to the observables. CORRECTION\_RECEIVE and ABERRATION\_CORRECTION\_YEARLY are included in an example for RADEC measurement, however there is no explanation as to how these corrections translate to right ascension and declination correction values.



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Keyword	Description	Normative Values / Examples	N/E	Mandatory
CORRECTIONS_APPLIED	This keyword is used to indicate whether or not the values associated with the CORRECTION_* keywords have been applied to the tracking data. This keyword is required if any of the CORRECTION_* keywords is used. Because of the nature of TDM metadata, the application of corrections may apply to all of the data described by a given Metadata Section, unless CORRECTIONS_APPLIED keywords are utilized within the Data Section.	YES NO	N	No
META_STOP	The META_STOP keyword shall delineate the end of the TDM Metadata Section within the message. It must appear on a line by itself; that is, it shall have no parameters, timetags, or values.	N/A	----	Yes

**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 I 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.

**3.3.2.1.3** To facilitate generation of the one-way tracking observable, the nominal spacecraft transmit frequency should be provided via a TRANSMIT\_FREQ\_n keyword in TDMs that contain one-way receive frequency data. The transmit frequency data may be in the same segment as the receive frequency data, or a separate segment, at the preference of the TDM originator.

NOTE – Figures E-1 and E-2 are examples 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 – Figures E-3, E-4, E-9, E-18, E-19, and E-20 are 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 – Figure E-5 is an example TDM containing three-way tracking data.

### 3.3.2.4 'RELAY' Mode

**3.3.2.4.1** The 'RELAY' mode consists of a main path that follows a sequential order, for example 'PATH\_1=1,2,3,4,5'. Additionally, some relays operate based on a reference frequency signal supplied independently of the main 'PATH\_1' sequence. Providing the necessary information concerning these parallel reference paths is essential in properly processing the resulting observations. Additional participant numbers are used to identify these reference paths, to convey the necessary characteristics within the TDM. For example, 'PATH\_2=6,7' allows for specification of the reference signal provided to aid in the frequency translation operation, performed by the relay identified in the main path example above as 'PARTICIPANT\_2'.

**3.3.2.4.2** The setting of the 'MODE' keyword shall be 'RELAY'.

**3.3.2.4.3** The value assigned to the PATH\_1 keyword shall convey the signal path among the participants followed by the main signal; for example, 'PATH\_1=1,2,3,2,1' or 'PATH\_1=1,2,3,4,5' represent two different four-way relay-tracking signal paths. The value assigned to the PATH\_2 keyword shall convey the signal path of the reference signal provided to the transmitting relay; for example, 'PATH\_2=6,7'. The value assigned to the PATH\_3 keyword shall convey the signal path of the reference signal provided to the receiving relay; for example, 'PATH\_3=8,9'.

NOTE – Figure TBS is an example TDM containing 'RELAY' tracking data.

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### 3.3.2.5 N-Way Data

**3.3.2.5.1** One-way, two-way, and three-way tracking cover the bulk of tracking sequences. However, other 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.

**3.3.2.5.2** The setting of the 'MODE' keyword shall be 'SEQUENTIAL'.

**3.3.2.5.3** The value assigned to the PATH keyword shall convey the signal path among the participants followed by the signal; for example, 'PATH=1,2,3,2,1' and 'PATH=1,2,3,4,5' represent two different four-way tracking signal paths.

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Commented [CJM(519R18)]: Added "5" to path list

**3.3.2.5.4** In this version of the TDM, the maximum number of participants per segment shall be nine. If more than nine participants are defined (i.e., PARTICIPANT\_10 +), then special arrangements shall be made by exchange participants; these should be specified in the ICD.

Commented [CJM(520)]: Up participants

NOTE – Figure E-6 is an example TDM containing four-way tracking data.

### 3.3.2.6 Differenced Modes and VLBI Data

**3.3.2.6.1** Differenced data and VLBI data may also be exchanged in a Tracking Data Message. Differenced data may include differenced Doppler and differenced range (see references [F3] and [F4]).

**3.3.2.6.2** The setting of the 'MODE' keyword shall be 'SINGLE\_DIFF'.

**3.3.2.6.3** 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.

**3.3.2.6.4** When the MODE is 'SINGLE\_DIFF', the observable shall be calculated by subtracting the value achieved for the measurement using PATH\_1 from the value achieved using PATH\_2, that is,  $PATH_2 - PATH_1$ . Only the final observable shall be communicated via the TDM.

**3.3.2.6.5** 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 3.5.2.8).

**3.3.2.6.6** 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 3.5.2.9).

**3.3.2.6.7** 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 3.5.2.7).

**3.3.2.6.8** 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).

**3.3.2.6.9** 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 – Figures E-10 and E-11 are example TDMs containing single differenced tracking data.

### 3.3.2.7 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 rightmost participants listed in the PATH statement (e.g., spacecraft downlink to an antenna, direction of a participant measured by a navigation camera, etc.).

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NOTE – Figures E-8 and E-12 are example TDMs containing angle data.

### 3.3.2.8 Media, Weather, Ancillary Data

NOTE – Figures E-13 through E-15 are example TDMs containing tracking data related to media, weather, and ancillary data.

**3.3.2.8.1** 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.

**3.3.2.8.2** 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.

**3.3.2.8.3** 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.

## 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:

keyword = timetag measurement
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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**

Element		Description	Examples	Mandatory
<keyword>		Data type keyword from the list specified in 3.5.	(See annex E.)	Yes (at least one keyword must be used)
=		Equals sign	=	Yes
value	<timetag>	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. )	2003-205T18:00:01.275 2003-205T18:00:01Z	Yes
	<measurement>	Tracking observable (measurement or calculation) in units defined in the TDM.	(See 3.5.)	Yes
	<indicators>	List of indicators separated by the “-“ symbol	(See 3.5.9.6 and 3.5.9.2)	No

**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 or three 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. The third element consists of an optional indicator field consisting of indicators separated by the “-“ symbol.

**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 mandatory 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 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.

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**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: TDM Metadata Section and 3.5.2.8). 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 may 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; for example, 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.

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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 (or contact-to-contact). 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 one of two methods. The first being the use of the metadata keyword ‘CORRECTIONS\_APPLIED’; this metadata item must have a value of ‘YES’ or ‘NO’ for all observables within the data section. The second makes use of an indicator along with each observation record as described in 3.5.9.2; a ‘C’ indicator is used when the particular observation includes corrections and a ‘U’ indicator when an observable is uncorrected.

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**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 should 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;



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- 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 Annex E provides detailed usage examples.
- 3 Annex I 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).
- 4 The TDM structure allows a great deal of flexibility in terms of the content of a Data Section, as shown in the examples in annex E. However, as a practical consideration given the challenges of implementing generic TDM readers, early implementers of the TDM have tended to minimize the number of data types represented in any given TDM segment. For example, for a two-way tracking pass with ranging, the TDM originator may provide three segments, one for transmit frequencies, one for received frequencies, and one for range measurements.

### **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 0. The remainder of this subsection is organized according to the category 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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Keyword	Units	Text Link
ANGLE_MODE_n	n/a	3.5.4.6
ANGLE_1	deg, rad, AU	3.5.4.2
ANGLE_1_RATE	deg, rad, AU	3.5.4.3
ANGLE_2	deg, rad, AU	3.5.4.4
ANGLE_2_RATE	deg, rad, AU	3.5.4.5
ASTROMETRIC_STAR_COUNT	n/a	3.5.5.3
CARRIER_POWER	dBW	3.5.2.1
CLOCK_BIAS	s	3.5.6.1
CLOCK_DRIFT	s/s	3.5.6.2
COMMENT	n/a	3.5.9.1
CORRECTION_*	Same as observable	3.5.9.3
Corrections Applied Indicator	n/a	3.5.9.2
DATA_START	n/a	3.5.9.4
DATA_STOP	n/a	3.5.9.5
Data Quality Indicator	n/a	3.5.9.6
DOPPLER_COUNT	n/a	3.5.2.4
DOPPLER_INSTANTANEOUS	km/s	3.5.2.2
DOPPLER_INTEGRATED	km/s	3.5.2.3
DOR	s	3.5.3.2
FRAME_LIMITING_BRIGHTNESS	Stellar magnitude	3.5.5.6
MAG	n/a	3.5.5.1
MAG_UNCERTAINTY	Photon flux	3.5.5.2
OBSERVATION_COVARIANCE	Derived from observables	3.5.4.7
PC_N0	dBHz	3.5.2.5
PHOTOMETRIC_STAR_COUNT	n/a	3.5.5.4
PHOTOMETRIC_SNR	n/a	3.5.5.5
PR_N0	dBHz	3.5.2.6
PRESSURE	hPa	3.5.8.1
RANGE	km, s, or RU	3.5.2.7
RCS	m**2, dBsm	3.5.5.7
RECEIVE_FREQ_n (n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	Hz	3.5.2.8
RECEIVE_FREQ	Hz	3.5.2.8
RECEIVE_PHASE_CT_n (n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	n/a	3.5.2.11
RHUMIDITY	%	3.5.8.2
STEC	TECU	3.5.7.1

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<b>Keyword</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Text Link</b>
SYSTEM_STATUS_n	n/a	3.5.9.7
TEMPERATURE	K	3.5.8.3
TRANSMIT_FREQ_n (n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	Hz	3.5.2.9
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_n (n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	Hz/s	3.5.2.10
TRANSMIT_PHASE_CT_n (n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	n/a	3.5.2.12
TROPO_DRY	m	3.5.7.2
TROPO_WET	m	3.5.7.3
VLBI_DELAY	s	3.5.3.3

**Table 3-6: Summary Table of TDM Data Section Keywords (Category Order)**

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Keyword	Units	Text Link
Signal Related Keywords		0
CARRIER_POWER	dBW	3.5.2.1
DOPPLER_COUNT	n/a	3.5.2.4
DOPPLER_INSTANTANEOUS	km/s	3.5.2.2
DOPPLER_INTEGRATED	km/s	3.5.2.3
PC_N0	dBHz	3.5.2.5
RECEIVE_PHASE_CT_n (n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	n/a	3.5.2.11
TRANSMIT_PHASE_CT_n (n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	n/a	3.5.2.12
PR_N0	dBHz	3.5.2.6
RANGE	km, s, or RU	3.5.2.7
RECEIVE_FREQ_n (n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	Hz	3.5.2.8
RECEIVE_FREQ	Hz	3.5.2.8
TRANSMIT_FREQ_n (n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	Hz	3.5.2.9
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_n (n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	Hz/s	3.5.2.10
VLBI/Delta-DOR Related Keywords		3.5.3
DOR	s	3.5.3.2
VLBI_DELAY	s	3.5.3.3
Angle Related Keywords		3.5.4
ANGLE_1	deg, rad or AU	3.5.4.2
ANGLE_1_RATE	deg/s, rad/s or AU/s	3.5.4.3
ANGLE_2	deg, rad or AU	3.5.4.4
ANGLE_2_RATE	deg/s, rad/s or AU/s	3.5.4.5
Optical/Radar Related Keywords		3.5.5
MAG	n/a	3.5.5.1
MAG_UNCERTAINTY	Photon flux	3.5.5.2
ASTROMETRIC_STAR_COUNT	n/a	3.5.5.3
PHOTOMETRIC_STAR_COUNT	n/a	3.5.5.4
PHOTOMETRIC_SNR	n/a	3.5.5.5
FRAME_LIMITING_BRIGHTNESS	Stellar magnitude	3.5.5.6

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Keyword	Units	Text Link
RCS	m**2 or dBsm	3.5.5.7
Time Related Keywords		3.5.6
CLOCK_BIAS	s	3.5.6.1
CLOCK_DRIFT	s/s	3.5.6.2
Media Related Keywords		3.5.7
STEC	TECU	3.5.7.1
TROPO_DRY	m	3.5.7.2
TROPO_WET	m	3.5.7.3
Meteorological Related Keywords		3.5.8
PRESSURE	hPa	3.5.8.1
RHUMIDITY	%	3.5.8.2
TEMPERATURE	K	3.5.8.3
Miscellaneous Keywords		3.5.9
ANGLE_MODE_n	n/a	3.5.4.6
COMMENT	n/a	3.5.9.1
Corrections Applied Indicator	n/a	3.5.9.2
CORRECTION_*	Same as observable	3.5.9.3
DATA_START	n/a	3.5.9.4
DATA_STOP	n/a	3.5.9.5
Data Quality Indicator	n/a	3.5.9.6
SYSTEM_STATUS_n	n/a	3.5.9.7

### 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), for example, 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 by the recipient, 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 Round-Trip Light Time [RTLTL] 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 RTLTL 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 DOPPLER\_COUNT

The value associated with the DOPPLER\_COUNT keyword represents a count of the number of times the phase of a received signal increases or decreases one cycle with respect to a transmitted signal (or reference signal). The DOPPLER\_COUNT keyword should be used in conjunction with the DOPPLER\_COUNT\_BIAS, DOPPLER\_COUNT\_SCALE, and DOPPLER\_COUNT\_ROLLOVER metadata. The value shall be an integer and should be positive (though in unlikely cases it may be zero). Units are not applicable. It should be noted that it may be necessary to process this data type in conjunction with a suitable Orbit Data Message (ODM, reference [4]) in order to understand the velocity of the spacecraft transmitter. The calculation to reconstruct the Doppler into units of Hertz is:

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$$\{[(\text{DOPPLER\_COUNT}_{n+1} - \text{DOPPLER\_COUNT}_n)/(\text{t}_{n+1} - \text{t}_n)] - \text{DOPPLER\_COUNT\_BIAS}\}/\text{DOPPLER\_COUNT\_SCALE}$$

### 3.5.2.5 PC\_N0

The value associated with the PC\_N0 keyword shall be the carrier power to noise spectral density ratio ( $P_c/N_0$ ). The units for PC\_N0 shall be dBHz. The value shall be a double precision value, and may be positive, zero, or negative.

### 3.5.2.6 PR\_N0

The value associated with the PR\_N0 keyword shall be the ranging power to noise spectral density ratio ( $P_r/N_0$ ). The units for PR\_N0 shall be dBHz. It shall be a double precision value, and may be positive, zero, or negative.

### 3.5.2.7 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. It should be noted 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. For two-way and three-way data, the ICD should specify whether the observable is based upon the round-trip light time, or half the round trip light time (due to the signal's having traveled to the spacecraft and back to the receiver). 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 <https://ilrs.cddis.eosdis.nasa.gov/>.

### 3.5.2.8 RECEIVE\_FREQ (and RECEIVE\_FREQ\_n)

**3.5.2.8.1** 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: TDM Metadata Section 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).

**3.5.2.8.2** Using the RECEIVE\_FREQ, the instantaneous Doppler measurement in Hz is calculated as follows:

$$D_m = ((F_t * tr) - F_r),$$

where 'D<sub>m</sub>' is the Doppler measurement, 'F<sub>t</sub>' is the transmitted frequency, 'tr' is the transponder ratio (tr=1 for one-way), and 'F<sub>r</sub>' is the RECEIVE\_FREQ.

For integrated Doppler, the Doppler measurement in Hz is calculated as follows, where *t* is the timetag, and Δ*t* is the value assigned to the INTEGRATION\_INTERVAL keyword:

$$D_m = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t + (-\frac{1}{2} + \alpha)\Delta t}^{t + (\frac{1}{2} + \alpha)\Delta t} ((F_t * tr) - F_r) dt.$$

The limits of integration are determined by the INTEGRATION\_REF keyword in the metadata; the constant α in the equation has the value -1/2, 0, or 1/2 for the INTEGRATION\_REF values of 'END', 'MIDDLE', or 'START', respectively (see reference [F4]).

INTEGRATION_REF	END	MIDDLE	START
α	α = -1/2	α = 0	α = 1/2
Upper Limit	<i>t</i>	<i>t</i> + 1/2Δ <i>t</i>	<i>t</i> + Δ <i>t</i>
Lower Limit	<i>t</i> - Δ <i>t</i>	<i>t</i> - 1/2Δ <i>t</i>	<i>t</i>

**3.5.2.8.3** If differenced Doppler is provided, the non-indexed 'RECEIVE\_FREQ' keyword shall be used to convey the difference in Hz.

**3.5.2.8.4** 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.

**3.5.2.8.5** 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.

### **3.5.2.9 TRANSMIT\_FREQ\_n**

The `TRANSMIT_FREQ` keyword shall be used to indicate that the values represent measurements of a transmitted frequency, for example, 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 for each transponder (e.g., `Cassini_S`, `Cassini_X`, `Cassini_Ka`). If a TDM is constructed with only 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. For a traditional space surveillance radar performing skin tracking, the operating frequency used to obtain the particular observation is specified here.

### **3.5.2.10 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` timetag (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).

### **3.5.2.11 RECEIVE\_PHASE\_CT\_n**

The value associated with the RECEIVE\_PHASE\_CT keyword is the number of phase cycles at the receiver. There are no applicable units for the RECEIVE\_PHASE\_CT. The keyword is indexed to enable association with the PARTICIPANT\_n. The value shall be a string representing a real number that can be any number of digits required to convey the necessary precision. If the received phase difference over a time interval is not based on the true frequency but an intermediate frequency from which the true received frequency is calculated, the FREQ\_OFFSET metadata keyword should be specified to provide the intermediate frequency.

### **3.5.2.12 TRANSMIT\_PHASE\_CT\_n**

The value associated with the TRANSMIT\_PHASE\_CT keyword is the number of phase cycles at the transmitter. The TRANSMIT\_FREQ keyword is indexed to enable association with the PARTICIPANT\_n. There are no applicable units for the TRANSMIT\_PHASE\_CT. The value shall be a string representing a real number that can be any number of digits required to convey the necessary precision. If the transmit phase difference over a time interval is not based on the true frequency but an intermediate frequency from which the true transmit frequency is calculated, the FREQ\_OFFSET metadata keyword should be used to provide the intermediate frequency. If the uplink frequency is not constant then the INTERPOLATION and INTERPOLATION\_DEGREE metadata keywords shall be used to characterize the uplink behavior.

## **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 and may be negative or positive. 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 and may be negative or positive. 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:  $-180.0 \leq \text{ANGLE}_1 < 360.0$ . Units shall be degrees.

### 3.5.4.3 ANGLE\_1\_RATE

The value assigned to the ANGLE\_1\_RATE keyword represents the first derivative of the azimuth, right ascension, or 'X' angle of the measurement, depending on the value of the ANGLE\_TYPE keyword. The values are specified in units per second, with the units defined by the "ANGLE\_UNITS" keyword in the Metadata Section (i.e. degrees, radians or AU). This

value, when reported, may be a directly measured value; or a derived value from the finite differencing of actual angle measurements. Derived ANGLE\_1\_RATE values shall only be included in the TDM when the associated measurement covariance values are specified and included in the TDM per **Error! Reference source not found.**

#### 3.5.4.4 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:  $-180.0 \leq \text{ANGLE\_2} < 360.0$ . Units shall be degrees.

#### 3.5.4.5 ANGLE\_2\_RATE

The value assigned to the ANGLE\_2\_RATE keyword represents the first derivative of the elevation, declination, or ‘Y’ angle of the measurement, depending on the value of the ANGLE\_TYPE keyword. The values are specified in units per second, with the units defined by the “ANGLE\_UNITS” keyword in the Metadata Section (i.e. degrees, radians or AU). This value, when reported, may be a directly measured value; or a derived value from the finite differencing of actual angle measurements. Derived ANGLE\_2\_RATE values shall only be included in the TDM when measurement covariance values are specified also included in the TDM per **Error! Reference source not found.**

#### 3.5.4.6 ANGLE\_MODE\_n

The ANGLE\_MODE keyword shall indicate the tracking method utilized to derive the angle observables. Typical operational modes include autotrack (i.e. closed-loop tracking), program track (i.e. open-loop tracking), manual or locked (i.e. angles commanded by a separate tracking system). Values shall be selected from one of: ‘AUTOTRACK’, ‘PROGRAM’, ‘MANUAL’, ‘LOCKED’. The ANGLE\_MODE keyword shall be utilized in the Data Section to provide flexibility in covering a mix of angle data modes that may take place throughout a tracking session. For example, a ground terminal may begin tracking an object in program track mode and transition to autotrack once a solid signal is being tracked. The ANGLE\_MODE keyword applies to all successive related observation keywords in the Data Section. An ANGLE\_MODE keyword supersedes all prior ANGLE\_MODE keywords within the Data Section. In the absence of this keyword, angle data is assumed to be provided in autotrack mode.

#### 3.5.4.7 OBSERVATION\_COVARIANCE

The OBSERVATION\_COVARIANCE keyword shall be derived from a variance-covariance matrix that describes the estimation error of each observable and their expected cross-correlations. It is a symmetric, positive definite matrix produced by the tracking filter or other calculation technique that assembles the observation. The field is a vector of values separated by

white space, with the length defined by the number of observables, that represents the upper triangle of the variance and covariance of the estimated observables. The order of fields in the matrix, from left to right (diagonal), is ANGLE\_1, ANGLE\_2, RANGE, ANGLE\_1\_RATE, ANGLE\_2\_RATE. Only as much of the covariance as is actually estimated need be forwarded (e.g., if only two angles and range are observed / estimated, then only a six-element upper triangle need be supplied); but if more parameters are derived and “holes” in the matrix are introduced, then the “hole” values must be filled with zeroes (e.g., if angle rates are derived, the respective entries for rows/columns of the matrix shall be filled with zeroes in forming the upper triangle). The form of the upper triangle is such that the positions in the vector of values that represent the top row of the matrix are positions 1, 2, 4, 7, etc. (i.e. top-left value first, followed by second column items from rows 1 and 2, etc.). The units of the matrix’s elements are the obvious combinations of the units of the associated elements. Derived measurements (such as non-observed derivatives of observables) will be assigned zero-value variance and covariance entries. This field is needed when radar and optical sensors conduct surveillance activities.

As an example, a session with ANGLE\_1, ANGLE\_2 and RANGE observables would require a vector for the TDM to include the numbered elements as follows: [Var(ANGLE\_1) Cov(ANGLE\_1, ANGLE\_2) Var(ANGLE\_2) Cov(ANGLE\_1, RANGE) Cov(ANGLE\_2, RANGE) Var(RANGE)], with “Cov” representing the covariance function and “Var” the variance.

### 3.5.5 OPTICAL/RADAR RELATED KEYWORDS

#### 3.5.5.1 MAG

The value assigned to the MAG keyword shall represent the apparent visual magnitude of an object when observed with an optical telescope. The apparent magnitude of an object is a measure of its brightness as seen by an observer on Earth, adjusted to the value it would have in the absence of the atmosphere. The units to employ are stellar magnitudes. The MAG measurement shall be a double precision value and may be positive, zero, or negative. A value of -999 indicates that no object was detected when interrogating the position indicated by the two reported angles. Reporting value is necessary for optical sensors conducting space surveillance activities.

#### 3.5.5.2 MAG\_UNCERTAINTY

The value assigned to the MAG\_UNCERTAINTY keyword shall represent the magnitude uncertainty arising from the frame photometric solution that calculates the visual magnitude (i.e., MAG observable). The presumption is that the stars selected for the photometric calibration are main-sequence stars that have been shown to be solar-equivalent, or that a very large number of photometric stars are used so that the average color can be considered solar-equivalent. The uncertainty shall be expressed as a Poisson second moment in photon flux units (photons/m\*\*2/sec), as the errors more closely follow a normal distribution. A positive double-precision value is used.



### **3.5.5.3 ASTROMETRIC\_STAR\_COUNT**

The ASTROMETRIC\_STAR\_COUNT keyword shall indicate the number of correlated stars used in the astrometric solution, for a particular frame or set of frames. This is an indication of the durability of the metric quantity estimation. A positive integer value is used.

### **3.5.5.4 PHOTOMETRIC\_STAR\_COUNT**

The PHOTOMETRIC\_STAR\_COUNT keyword shall indicate the number of correlated stars used in the photometric solution, as described in 3.5.5.1. A positive integer value is used.

### **3.5.5.5 PHOTOMETRIC\_SNR**

The PHOTOMETRIC\_SNR keyword shall indicate the signal-to-noise ratio of the total photometric content of the evaluated signal.

### **3.5.5.6 FRAME\_LIMITING\_BRIGHTNESS**

The FRAME\_LIMITING\_BRIGHTNESS keyword shall indicate the dimmest object that could be expected to be detected in the particular location interrogated, based on the detection sequence employed. This information is useful in determining whether a particular object of interest could have been expected to be detected within a particular observation frame. Units are stellar magnitudes.

### **3.5.5.7 RCS**

The value assigned to the Radar Cross Section (RCS) keyword shall represent the radar cross section of an object being tracked with a radar. The RCS shall be computed from radar measurements to provide an indication of the detected object size, orientation, and surface properties. It is the measure of a target's ability to reflect radar signals in the direction of the radar receiver. A larger RCS indicates that an object will be more easily detected. The RCS measurement shall be a positive double precision value. The units for RCS shall be as determined by the 'RCS\_UNITS' metadata keyword (i.e., either 'm\*\*2', or 'dBsm'). The 'RCS\_UNITS' metadata keyword should always be specified, but if it is not, the default (preferred) value shall be 'dBsm'.

## **3.5.6 TIME RELATED KEYWORDS**

### **3.5.6.1 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 UTC and a station clock by setting PARTICIPANT\_1 to the name of the station clock and PARTICIPANT\_2 to 'UTC'.

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The observable should be calculated as clock#2 minus clock#1 (i.e., UTC – ST, where ST is the station time), 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. If used for Delta-DOR, only a single CLOCK\_BIAS should be provided per daily VLBI session, with a time-tag strictly before the first data point (e.g., one minute prior), and with the understanding that the clock will continue to drift throughout the session. An exception could be made for the (rare) case where a station clock is adjusted in the middle of a VLBI session, in which case a second CLOCK\_BIAS measurement may be provided. The clock bias is stated in the data, but the timetags in the message have not been corrected by applying the bias; the message recipient shall apply the bias to the measurement data. Normally the time related data such as CLOCK\_BIAS data and CLOCK\_DRIFT data should appear in a dedicated TDM Segment, that is, 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.

### 3.5.6.2 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, that is, 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.

### 3.5.7 MEDIA RELATED KEYWORDS

#### 3.5.7.1 STEC

The Slant Total Electron Count (STEC) keyword 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/m<sup>2</sup>). The charged particles could have several sources, for example, solar plasma, Earth ionosphere, or the Io plasma torus. The units for the STEC keyword are Total Electron Count Units (TECU), where 1 TECU = 10<sup>16</sup> electrons/m<sup>2</sup> = 1.661 x 10<sup>-8</sup> mol/m<sup>2</sup> (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.

### **3.5.7.2 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 ( $0.0 \leq \text{TROPO\_DRY}$ ).

### **3.5.7.3 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 ( $0.0 \leq \text{TROPO\_WET}$ ).

## **3.5.8 METEOROLOGICAL RELATED KEYWORDS**

### **3.5.8.1 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.

### **3.5.8.2 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,  $0.0 \leq \text{RHUMIDITY} \leq 100.0$ .

### 3.5.8.3 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.

### 3.5.9 MISCELLANEOUS KEYWORDS

#### 3.5.9.1 COMMENT

The COMMENT keyword is not required. Subsection 4.5 provides full details on usage of the COMMENT keyword.

#### 3.5.9.2 Corrections Applied Indicators

Corrections applied indicators should be provided with each observation, to convey when corrections are applied. This is an alternative (more flexible) approach to utilization of the CORRECTIONS\_APPLIED keyword introduced in the Metadata Section, which requires all or none observation types to include the specified corrections for the entire data in the section.

Corrections applied indicator values as follows:

‘C’ when applicable corrections are applied

‘U’ when corrections are not included with the observable

Each observable shall only be tagged with a single indicator.

“Corrections applied” indicators are appended as indicated in Table 3-4.

#### 3.5.9.3 CORRECTION\_\*

The CORRECTION\_\* keywords are introduced in the Metadata Section Table 3-3. Inclusion of CORRECTION\_\* keywords shall be utilized in the Data Section to indicate a change in correction that applies to a certain observable for all successive related observation keywords in the Data Section. A CORRECTION\_\* keyword in the Data Section supersedes a CORRECTION\_\* keyword included in the Metadata Section and all prior CORRECTION\_\* keywords within the Data Section. In the absence of this keyword within the Data Section, the values defined in the Metadata Section applies to the entire Data Section.

#### 3.5.9.4 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’.

### 3.5.9.5 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'.

### 3.5.9.6 Data Quality Indicators

Data quality indicators should be provided with the observation, to provide an estimate of the quality of the data, based on the limited set provided by the list of possible data quality indicators identified in the DATA\_QUALITY keyword from the Metadata Section.

Data quality indicators are linked to the DATA\_QUALITY values as follows:

'V' for 'VERIFIED'

'A' for 'VALIDATED'

'D' for 'DEGRADED'

'I' for 'INVALID'

Each observable shall only be tagged with a single data quality indicator. If only one value is provided by the DATA\_QUALITY keyword, no indicator shall be applied to the observations, as the single value applies to all the data in the section.

Data quality indicators are appended as indicated in Table 3-4.

### 3.5.9.7 SYSTEM\_STATUS\_n

The SYSTEM\_STATUS keyword shall be composed of a list of relevant comma-separated status parameters, each with an associated value assigned with the "=" symbol. A list of common parameters and possible value allocations can be found hereafter. Not all possible status parameters need to be included in the SYSTEM\_STATUS keyword values. Other parameters of interest may be specified in an ICD. The SYSTEM\_STATUS keyword is indexed to accommodate scenarios where informing of status for multiple systems is desirable. The 'n' index is associated with the corresponding PARTICIPANT system.

'PN\_Status'=<Lock, Sync, Search>

PN Code acquisition and tracking status shall be reported via the 'PN\_Status' parameter.

'Carrier\_Status'=<Lock, Acq, Search>

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Carrier acquisition and tracking status shall be reported via the 'Carrier\_Status' parameter.

'Range\_Quality\_Factor'=<0.0 to 1.0>

The Range\_Quality\_Factor parameter shall provide an estimate of confidence in resolving the ranging measurement.

'Signal\_SNR'=<dBHz>

The Signal\_SNR parameter shall provide an estimate of the signal to noise ratio received by the system.

'Aperature\_Filter'=<NONE, JOHNSON B, SLOAN z>

The Aperature\_Filter parameter shall indicate a comma-separated list of name(s) of any photometric filters applied during the tracking. <Table TBS> provides a set of predefined filter names and the pass bands associated with each. A value of 'NONE' shall indicate an open aperture.

'Aperature\_Filter\_Zero\_Pt'=<[values]>

For each of the filters specified in the Aperature\_Filter parameter, the Aperature\_Filter\_Zero\_Pt parameter shall indicate the telescope photometric zero point in stellar magnitudes and its associated uncertainty (standard deviation, in photon flux [photons/m<sup>2</sup>/sec]). Values are provided in pairs in a vector format within square brackets. Values within each pair are separated by white space. Pairs of values are separated by commas.

'Temperature'=<value>

The Temperature parameter shall specify a system temperature value in K.

'Beamformer\_Telemetry'=<[bias, noise, thermal]>

The Beamformer\_Telemetry parameter shall provide information on the multiple access beamformer telemetry.

## 4 TRACKING DATA MESSAGE SYNTAX IN KVN

### 4.1 GENERAL

The TDM represented in 'keyword = value' syntax, abbreviated as KVN, 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 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:

- a) 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.
- b) 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) and an optional third: a timetag and the measurement, calculation or information associated with that timetag (either without the other is unusable for tracking purposes), and an optional indicator field for the purpose of informing of observation quality and corrections applied.
- c) The optional indicator field is formed of a combination of individual indicators joined by the "-" symbol.
- d) Before and after the equals sign, blank characters (white space) may be added. The timetag, measurement/calculation and indicator in the value must be separated by at least one blank character (white space).

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- e) 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:

$$-2147483648 \leq x \leq +2147483647 \text{ (i.e., } -2^{31} \leq x \leq 2^{31}-1\text{)}.$$

**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:

- a) The sign may be '+' or '-'. If the sign is omitted, '+' shall be assumed.
- b) 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.



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- c) 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).
- d) The exponent must be an integer, and may have either a '+' or '-' sign (if the sign is omitted, then '+' is assumed).
- e) 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 [5]). The specifications for floating-point values conform to the IEEE 754 double precision type (see reference [6]). 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. All uppercase text values are preferred.

**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.

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**4.3.11** For transmit and receive phase, the value shall be a string representing a real number that can be any number of digits required to convey the necessary precision. The string must not contain any alphabetic or special characters.

#### **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; that is, 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:

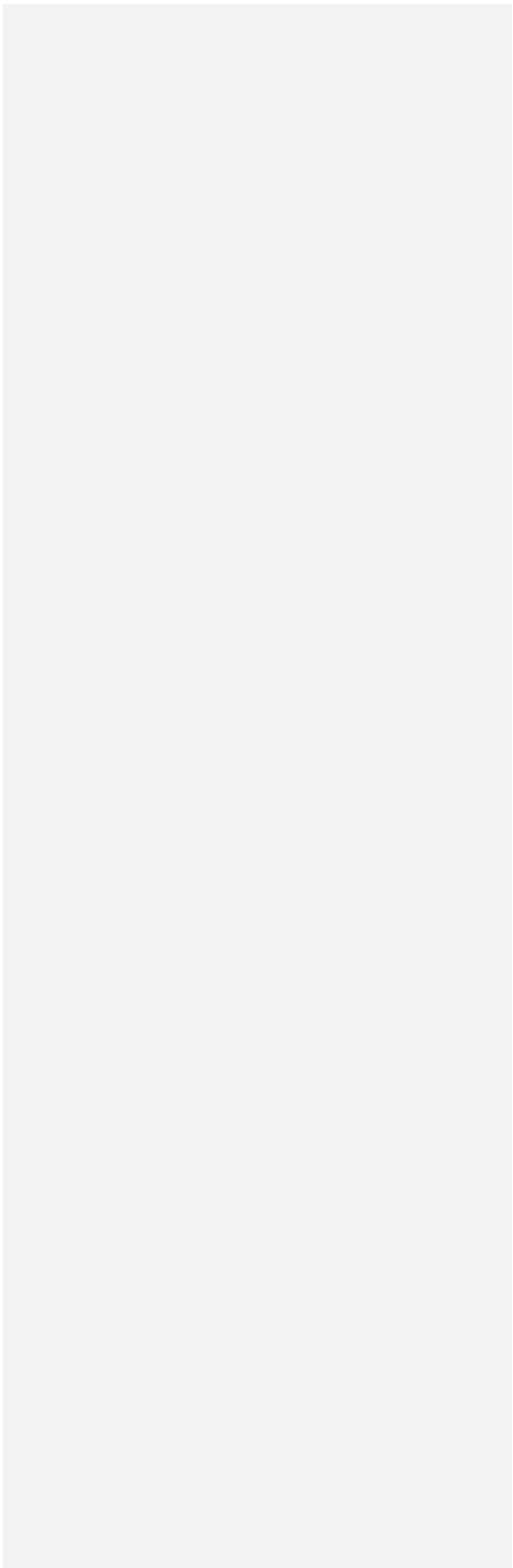
- a) at the beginning of the TDM Header (i.e., between the CCSDS\_TDM\_VERS keyword and the CREATION\_DATE keyword, as shown in table 3-2: TDM Header);
- b) at the beginning of the TDM Metadata Section (i.e., between the META\_START keyword and the TRACK\_ID keyword, as shown in table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section);
- c) 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.

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## 5 TDM CONTENT/STRUCTURE IN XML

### 5.1 DISCUSSION—THE TDM/XML SCHEMA

The TDM/XML schema is available on the SANA Web site. SANA is the registrar for the protocol registries created under CCSDS.

The TDM XML schema explicitly defines the permitted data elements and values acceptable for the XML version of the TDM message.

The location of the TDM/XML schema is:

<https://sanaregistry.org/r/ndmxml/ndmxml-1.0-tdm-2.0.xsd>

Where possible this schema uses simple types and complex types used by the constituent schemas that make up NDMs (see reference [9]).

### 5.2 TDM/XML BASIC STRUCTURE

5.2.1 Each TDM shall consist of a <header> and a <body>.

5.2.2 The TDM <body> shall consist of one or more <segment> constructs.

5.2.3 Each <segment> shall consist of a <metadata>/<data> pair, as shown in figure 5-1.

```
<header>
</header>
<body>
  <segment>
    <metadata>
    </metadata>
    <data>
    </data>
  </segment>
  <segment>
    <metadata>
    </metadata>
    <data>
    </data>
  </segment>
</body>
```

**Figure 5-1: TDM XML Basic Structure**

**5.2.4** XML tags shall be uppercase and correspond with the KVN keywords in section 3 of this document (uppercase with ‘\_’ [the underscore character] as separators). The XML logical tags related to message structure shall be in lowerCamelCase.

### **5.3 CONSTRUCTING A TDM/XML INSTANCE**

#### **5.3.1 OVERVIEW**

This subsection provides more detailed instructions for the user on how to create an XML message based on the ASCII-text KVN-formatted message described in section 3.

#### **5.3.2 XML VERSION**

The first line in the instantiation shall specify the XML version:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
```

This line must appear on the first line of each instantiation, exactly as shown.

#### **5.3.3 BEGINNING THE INSTANTIATION: ROOT DATA ELEMENT**

**5.3.3.1** A TDM instantiation shall be delimited with the <tdm></tdm> root element tags using the standard attributes documented in reference [10].

**5.3.3.2** The XML Schema Instance namespace attribute must appear in the root element tag of all TDM/XML instantiations, exactly as shown:

```
xmlns:xsi = "http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
```

**5.3.3.3** If it is desired to validate an instantiation against the CCSDS Web-based schema, the xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation attribute must be coded as a single string of non-blank characters, with no line breaks, exactly as shown:

```
xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="https://sanaregistry.org/r/ndmxml/ndmxml-1.0-master.xsd"
```

**NOTE** – The length of the value associated with the xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation attribute can cause the string to wrap to a new line; however, the string itself contains no breaks.

**5.3.3.4** For use in a local operations environment, the schema set may be downloaded from the SANA Web site to a local server that meets local requirements for operations robustness.

**5.3.3.5** If a local version is used, the value associated with the xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation attribute must be changed to a URL that is accessible to the local server.

**5.3.3.6** The final attributes of the <tdm> tag shall be 'id' and 'version'.

**5.3.3.6.1** The 'id' attribute shall be 'id="CCSDS\_TDM\_VERS"'.

**5.3.3.6.2** The 'version' attribute shall be 'version="2.0"'.

NOTE – The following example root element tag for a TDM instantiation combines all the directions in the preceding several subsections:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<tdm xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
      xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="https://sanaregistry.org/r/ndmxml/ndmxml-1.0-master.xsd"
      id="CCSDS_TDM_VERS" version="2.0">
```

### **5.3.4 THE TDM/XML HEADER SECTION**

**5.3.4.1** The TDM header shall have a standard header format, with tags <header> and </header>.

**5.3.4.2** Immediately following the <header> tag, the message may have any number of <COMMENT></COMMENT> tag pairs.

**5.3.4.3** The standard TDM header shall contain the following element tags:

- a) <CREATION\_DATE>;
- b) <ORIGINATOR>.

NOTE – The rules for these keywords are specified in 3.2. The header would look like this:

```
<header>
  <COMMENT>Some comment string, which is not required.</COMMENT>
  <CREATION_DATE>2010-03-12T22:31:12.000</CREATION_DATE>
  <ORIGINATOR>NASA</ORIGINATOR>
</header>
```

**5.3.4.4** An optional <MESSAGE\_ID> may be used in the TDM header after the <ORIGINATOR> keyword.

### **5.3.5 THE TDM/XML BODY SECTION**

**5.3.5.1** After coding the <header>, the instantiation must include a <body></body> tag pair.

**5.3.5.2** The TDM <body> shall consist of one or more <segment> constructs (see figure 5-1).

**5.3.5.3** Each <segment> shall consist of a <metadata> section and a <data> section.

**5.3.5.4** The keywords in the <metadata> and <data> sections shall be those specified in table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section and table 3-5, respectively.

**5.3.5.5** Tags for TDM keywords shall be all uppercase.

**5.3.5.6** TDM/XML keywords that do not correspond directly to a KVN keyword shall be in 'lowerCamelCase'.

### **5.3.6 THE TDM/XML METADATA SECTION**

**5.3.6.1** Immediately following the <metadata> tag, the message may have any number of <COMMENT></COMMENT> tag pairs.

**5.3.6.2** Between the <metadata> and </metadata> tags, the keywords shall be those specified in table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section.

### **5.3.7 THE TDM/XML DATA SECTION**

**5.3.7.1** Each data section shall follow the corresponding metadata section and shall be set off by the <data></data> tag combination.

**5.3.7.2** Immediately following the <data> tag, the message may have any number of <COMMENT></COMMENT> tag pairs.

**5.3.7.3** Between the <data> and </data> tags, the keywords shall be those specified in table 3-5.

### **5.3.8 SPECIAL TDM/XML TAGS**

NOTE – In addition to the TDM keywords specified in section 3, there is a special tag associated with the TDM body as described in the next subsection.

**5.3.8.1** The <observation> tag shall be used to encapsulate the keywords associated with one of the tracking data types in the TDM.

**5.3.8.2** The <observation> tag shall consist of at least two subcomponents:

- a) the time tag (<EPOCH> tag); and
- b) one specific data type (e.g., <RECEIVE\_FREQ>).

NOTE – Thus a received frequency observation would appear in an NDM/XML TDM as follows:

```
<observation>
  <EPOCH>2008-200T12:34:56.789</EPOCH>
  <RECEIVE_FREQ>841500000</RECEIVE_FREQ>
</observation>
```



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**5.3.8.3** The data type tag may be affixed an indicator, “ind” as an attribute, for the purpose of providing indicators for observation quality and corrections applied. The format of the indicator field is common to NDL/XML TDM and KVN TDM.

NOTE – Thus a received frequency observation could also appear in an NDM/XML TDM as follows:

```
<observation>
  <EPOCH>2008-200T12:34:56.789</EPOCH>
  <RECEIVE_FREQ ind="V-U">841500000</RECEIVE_FREQ>
</observation>
```

**5.3.8.4** Additional data types may be added to the <observation> tag, provided all data types under the same <observation> tag share the same time tag.

NOTE – Thus a angle observations could also appear in an NDM/XML TDM as follows:

```
<observation>
  <EPOCH>2008-200T12:34:56.789</EPOCH>
  <ANGLE_1 ind="A-C">131.359323</ANGLE_1>
  <ANGLE_2 ind="A-C">62.325279</ANGLE_2>
</observation>
```

### 5.3.9 UNITS IN THE TDM/XML

The units associated with values in the TDM/XML shall be the same units used in the KVN-formatted TDM and are as specified in table 3-5.

## 5.4 DISCUSSION—TDM/XML EXAMPLE

Figure E-22 provides a sample of a TDM in XML format.



## ANNEX A

### IMPLEMENTATION CONFORMANCE STATEMENT (ICS)

#### (NORMATIVE)

#### A1 INTRODUCTION

##### A1.1 OVERVIEW

This annex provides the Implementation Conformance Statement (ICS) Requirements List (RL) for an implementation of *Tracking Data Message* (CCSDS 503.0-B-2). The ICS for an implementation is generated by completing the RL in accordance with the instructions below. An implementation shall satisfy the mandatory conformance requirements referenced in the RL. (For further information on Implementation Conformance Statements, see reference [F6].)

The RL in this annex is blank. An implementation's completed RL is called the ICS. The ICS states which capabilities and options have been implemented. The following can use the ICS:

- the implementer, as a checklist to reduce the risk of failure to conform to the standard through oversight;
- a supplier or potential acquirer of the implementation, as a detailed indication of the capabilities of the implementation, stated relative to the common basis for understanding provided by the standard ICS proforma;
- a user or potential user of the implementation, as a basis for initially checking the possibility of interworking with another implementation (it should be noted that, while interworking can never be guaranteed, failure to interwork can often be predicted from incompatible ICSes);
- a tester, as the basis for selecting appropriate tests against which to assess the claim for conformance of the implementation.

##### A1.2 ABBREVIATIONS AND CONVENTIONS

The RL consists of information in tabular form. The status of features is indicated using the abbreviations and conventions described below.

###### Item Column

The item column contains sequential numbers for items in the table.

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### Feature Column

The feature column contains a brief descriptive name for a feature. It implicitly means ‘Is this feature supported by the implementation?’

NOTE – The features itemized in the RL are elements of a TDM. Therefore support for a mandatory feature indicates that generated messages will include that feature, and support for an optional feature indicates that generated messages can include that feature.

### Keyword Column

The keyword column contains, where applicable, the TDM keyword associated with the feature.

### Reference Column

The reference column indicates the relevant subsection or table in *Tracking Data Message* (CCSDS 503.0-B-2) (this document).

### Status Column

The status column uses the following notations:

- M mandatory.
- O optional.

### Support Column Symbols

The support column is to be used by the implementer to state whether a feature is supported by entering Y, N, or N/A, indicating:

- Y Yes, supported by the implementation.
- N No, not supported by the implementation.
- N/A Not applicable.

### A1.3 INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE RL

An implementer shows the extent of compliance to the Recommended Standard by completing the RL; that is, the state of compliance with all mandatory requirements and the options supported are shown. The resulting completed RL is called an ICS. The implementer shall complete the RL by entering appropriate responses in the support or values-supported column, using the notation described in A1.2. If a conditional requirement is inapplicable, N/A should be used. If a mandatory requirement is not satisfied, exception information must be supplied by entering a reference  $X_i$ , where  $i$  is a unique identifier, to an accompanying rationale for the noncompliance.

**A2 ICS PROFORMA FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE**

**A2.1 GENERAL INFORMATION**

**A2.1.1 Identification of ICS**

Date of Statement (DD/MM/YYYY)	
ICS serial number	
System Conformance statement cross-reference	

**A2.1.2 Identification of Implementation Under Test (IUT)**

Implementation name	
Implementation version	
Special Configuration	
Other Information	

**A2.1.3 Identification of Supplier**

Supplier	
Contact Point for Queries	
Implementation Name(s) and Versions	
Other information necessary for full identification, for example, name(s) and version(s) for machines and/or operating systems;	
System Name(s)	

**A2.1.4 Document Version**

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Have any exceptions been required?  (Note – A YES answer means that the implementation does not conform to the Recommended Standard. Non-supported mandatory capabilities are to be identified in the ICS, with an explanation of why the implementation is non-conforming.)	Yes _____ No_____

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**A2.1.5 Requirements List**

Seq #	Feature	Keyword	Reference (Blue Book)	Status	Support
1	TDM Header	N/A	Table 3-2: TDM Header	M	
2	TDM version	CCSDS_TDM_VERS	Table 3-2: TDM Header	M	
3	Comment	COMMENT	Table 3-2: TDM Header	O	
4	Message creation date/time	CREATION_DATE	Table 3-2: TDM Header	M	
5	Message originator	ORIGINATOR	Table 3-2: TDM Header	M	
6	Message ID	MESSAGE_ID	Table 3-2: TDM Header	O	
7	TDM Metadata	META_START	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	M	
8	Comment	COMMENT	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	O	
9	Track identifier	TRACK_ID	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	O	
10	Specifies data types in data section	DATA_TYPES	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	O	
11	Specifies time system relevant to timetags	TIME_SYSTEM	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	M	

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Seq #	Feature	Keyword	Reference (Blue Book)	Status	Support
12	Start time of data	START_TIME	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	
13	Stop time of data	STOP_TIME	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	
14	Participants in the tracking session	PARTICIPANT_n	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	M	
15	Mode of the tracking session	MODE	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	
16	Signal path in the tracking session	PATH PATH_1, PATH_2	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	
18	Frequency band of the transmitted data	TRANSMIT_BAND	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	
19	Frequency band of the received data	RECEIVE_BAND	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	
20	Numerator of the turnaround ratio	TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	
21	Denominator of the turnaround ratio	TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	
22	Specifies whether data timetag is transmitted or received	TIMETAG_REF	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	

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Seq #	Feature	Keyword	Reference (Blue Book)	Status	Support
23	Data compression rate	INTEGRATION_INTERVAL	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	
24	Reference point of the timetag	INTEGRATION_REF	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	
25	Specifies a base frequency to which frequency data is referenced.	FREQ_OFFSET	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	
26	Specifies the ranging method	RANGE_MODE	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	
27	Specifies the ranging modulus	RANGE_MODULUS	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	
28	Specifies the units for ranging data	RANGE_UNITS	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	
29	Specifies the angle type for angle data	ANGLE_TYPE	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	
30	Specifies the reference frame for specific angle types	REFERENCE_FRAME	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	
31	Specifies the interpolation method recommended for phase count data	INTERPOLATION	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	
32	Specifies the degree of the interpolating polynomial for phase count data	INTERPOLATION_DEGREE	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	○	



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Seq #	Feature	Keyword	Reference (Blue Book)	Status	Support
33	Specifies correction factors necessary to reconstruct a Doppler counter measurement	DOPPLER_COUNT_BIAS DOPPLER_COUNT_SCALE DOPPLER_COUNT_ROLLOVER	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	O	
34	Specifies a fixed delay time applicable to transmitted data	TRANSMIT_DELAY_n	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	O	
35	Specifies a fixed delay time applicable to received data	RECEIVE_DELAY_n	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	O	
36	Indicates the data quality	DATA_QUALITY	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	O	
37	Specifies a correction value to be added to each data point	CORRECTION_ANGLE_1 CORRECTION_ANGLE_2 CORRECTION_DOPPLER CORRECTION_MAG CORRECTION_RANGE CORRECTION_RCS CORRECTION_RECEIVE CORRECTION_TRANSMIT CORRECTION_ABERRATION_Y EARLY CORRECTION_ABERRATION_DI URNAL	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	O	
38	Specifies whether corrections have been applied, or have not	CORRECTIONS_APPLIED	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	O	
39	End of TDM Metadata	META_STOP	Table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section	M	
40	TDM Data	DATA_START	Table 3-5	M	
41	Comment	COMMENT	Table 3-5	O	
42	Angle related data	ANGLE_1 ANGLE_2	Table 3-5	O	
43	Carrier signal related data	CARRIER_POWER PC_N0	Table 3-5	O	
44	Clock related data	CLOCK_BIAS CLOCK_DRIFT	Table 3-5	O	

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Seq #	Feature	Keyword	Reference (Blue Book)	Status	Support
45	Doppler data	DOPPLER_INSTANTANEOUS DOPPLER_INTEGRATED DOPPLER_COUNT	Table 3-5	O	
46	Media related data	STEC TROPO_DRY TROPO_WET	Table 3-5	O	
47	Meteorological data	PRESSURE RHUMIDITY TEMPERATURE	Table 3-5	O	
48	Optical/radar related data	MAG RCS	Table 3-5	O	
49	Range related data	RANGE PR_N0	Table 3-5	O	
50	Receive related data	RECEIVE_FREQ_n RECEIVE_FREQ RECEIVE_PHASE_CT	Table 3-5	O	
51	Transmit related data	TRANSMIT_FREQ_n TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_n TRANSMIT_PHASE_CT_n	Table 3-5	O	
52	VLBI related data	DOR VLBI_DELAY	Table 3-5	O	
53	End of TDM Data	DATA_STOP	Table 3-5	M	

## **ANNEX B**

### **VALUES FOR TIME\_SYSTEM AND REFERENCE\_FRAME**

#### **(NORMATIVE)**

##### **B1 GENERAL**

Values for the TIME\_SYSTEM and REFERENCE\_FRAME keywords should come from the SANA Registry. If exchange partners wish to use different settings, they should be documented in the ICD.

##### **B2 TIME\_SYSTEM METADATA KEYWORD**

The value associated with this keyword must be selected from the SANA Time Systems Registry ([https://sanaregistry.org/t/time\\_systems](https://sanaregistry.org/t/time_systems)). Customary values are shown as examples in table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section.

##### **B3 REFERENCE\_FRAME KEYWORD**

The value associated with this keyword must be selected from the SANA Celestial Body Reference Frames Registry ([https://sanaregistry.org/t/celestial\\_body\\_reference\\_frames](https://sanaregistry.org/t/celestial_body_reference_frames).) Customary values are shown as examples in table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section.



## **ANNEX C**

### **SECURITY, SANA, AND PATENT CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **(INFORMATIVE)**

#### **C1 SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS**

##### **C1.1 ANALYSIS OF SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS**

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

##### **C1.2 CONSEQUENCES OF NOT APPLYING SECURITY TO THE TECHNOLOGY**

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. Because these messages are used in spacecraft orbit determination analyses, the consequences of not applying security to the systems and networks on which this Recommended Standard is implemented could include compromise or loss of the mission if malicious tampering of a particularly severe nature occurs.

##### **C1.3 POTENTIAL THREATS AND ATTACK SCENARIOS**

Potential threats or attack scenarios include, but are not limited to, (a) unauthorized access to the programs/processes that generate and interpret the messages, (b) unauthorized access to the messages during transmission between exchange partners, and (c) modification of the messages between partners. Protection from unauthorized access during transmission 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. It is strongly recommended that potential threats or attack scenarios applicable to the systems and networks on which this Recommended Standard is implemented be addressed by the management of those systems and networks.

##### **C1.4 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.

### **C1.5 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.

### **C1.6 AUTHENTICATION OF COMMUNICATING ENTITIES**

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

### **C1.7 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 Information Technology Security functionaries of exchange participants.

### **C1.8 CONTROL OF ACCESS TO RESOURCES**

Control of access to resources should be managed by the systems upon which originator formatting and recipient processing are performed.

### **C1.9 AUDITING OF RESOURCE USAGE**

Auditing of resource usage should be handled by the management of systems and networks on which this Recommended Standard is implemented.

### **C1.10 UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS**

Unauthorized access to the programs/processes that generate and interpret the messages should be prohibited in order to minimize potential threats and attack scenarios.

### **C1.11 DATA SECURITY IMPLEMENTATION SPECIFICS**

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

## C2 SANA CONSIDERATIONS

The following TDM-related items will be registered with the SANA Operator. The registration rule for new entries in the registry is the approval of new requests by the CCSDS Area or Working Group responsible for the maintenance of the TDM at the time of the request. New requests for this registry should be sent to the SANA (<mailto:info@sanaregistry.org>).

- the TDM XML schema;
- values for the TIME\_SYSTEM keyword in [https://sanaregistry.org/r/time\\_systems](https://sanaregistry.org/r/time_systems) (reference [12]);
- values for the REFERENCE\_FRAME keyword in [https://sanaregistry.org/r/celestial\\_body\\_reference\\_frames](https://sanaregistry.org/r/celestial_body_reference_frames) (reference [13]); and
- values for the ORIGINATOR keyword in <https://sanaregistry.org/r/organizations/organizations.html> (reference [11]). The CCSDS Navigation Working Group has no purview over the contents of this registry. Suggestions should be sent to the SANA Operator at [info@sanaregistry.org](mailto:info@sanaregistry.org).

## C3 PATENT CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendations of this document have no patent issues.





## ANNEX D

### 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.

For example, although turnaround ratios may not change frequently, having a TDM producer include the turnaround keywords `TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR` and `TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR` in the TDM will increase the level of automation possible in an exchange partner's TDM reader.

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 value of the turnaround ratio 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, for example, 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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Item	Section
1. Definition of accuracy requirements pertaining to any particular TDM.	1.2.3
2. Method of exchanging TDMs (e.g., post-processed SFTP, real-time stream, etc.).	1.2.4, 3.1.7
3. Whether the KVN or XML format of the TDM will be exchanged.	2.2.3
4. Frequency of exchange and special types of exchange.	2.2.6
5. TDM file naming conventions.	3.1.6
6. Specific TDM version number(s) that will be exchanged.	3.2.5
7. Antenna geometry, if not accommodated by built-in values of 'ANGLE_TYPE' keyword.	table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section
8. The list of eligible names that is used for PARTICIPANT_n keywords.	table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section, 3.3.1.10
9. Definitions of 'RAW', 'VALIDATED', and 'DEGRADED' as they apply to data quality for a particular exchange (DATA_QUALITY keyword).	table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section
10. The range of frequencies associated with each value of the 'TRANSMIT_BAND' and 'RECEIVE_BAND' metadata keywords.	table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section
11. If more than nine participants are necessary, special arrangements are necessary.	3.3.1.11, 3.3.2.5.4
12. The methods used to extrapolate the measurements to other antennas when all the data in a TDM Segment is media related or weather related and the observable may be relative to a reference location within the tracking complex.	3.3.2.8.2
13. Complete description of the station locations and characteristics.	3.4.13
14. Whether TRANSMIT_DELAY and RECEIVE_DELAY are processed by the producer or the consumer of the tracking data.	3.4.15.2
15. Special sort orders that may be required by the producer or recipient.	3.4.10, 3.5.4.1
16. Spin correction arrangements (who will do the correction, the agency providing the tracking or the agency that operates the spacecraft).	3.4.15.5

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Item	Section
17. Correction algorithms that are more complex than a simple scalar value.	3.4.15.6
18. Standard corrections that will (or will not) be applied to the data (e.g., tropospheric, meteorological, media, transponder, etc.), miscellaneous corrections.	3.4.15.7
19. Definition of the range unit, if it is not kilometers or seconds.	3.5.2.7, table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section
20. Equation for calculation of four-way Doppler shift, if applicable.	3.5.2.8.5
21. 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).	3.5.2.8.4, 3.5.2.9, table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section
22. Whether or not it is necessary to distinguish the separate Slant Total Electron Count contributions between ionospheric and interplanetary STEC.	3.5.7.1
23. Elevation mapping function for the tropospheric data.	3.5.7.2, 3.5.7.3
24. Recommended polynomial interpolations for tropospheric data.	3.5.7.2, 3.5.7.3
25. If non-standard floating-point numbers in extended-single or extended-double precision are to be used, then discussion of implementation-specific attributes is required.	4.3.5
26. Information which must appear in comments for any given TDM exchange.	4.5.4
27. Description of any ancillary data not already included in the Tracking Data Record definition.	4.5.5
28. Interagency Information Technology (IT) security requirements in TDMs.	annex C
29. Time systems not shown in annex B.	annex B
30. Reference frames not shown in annex B.	annex B
31. Whether the mean range rate for 2W and/or 3W Doppler is based on the one-way light time or two-way light time.	3.5.2.3
32. Whether the RANGE observable for 2W and/or 3W range is based on the round trip light time, or half the round trip light time.	3.5.2.7

**Commented [CJM(525)]:** Recommended updates include options for including this directly in the TDM.

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Section</b>
33. The usage and composition of a tracking data identifier specified by 'TRACK_ID' keyword.	table 3-3: TDM Metadata Section

**ANNEX E**  
**EXAMPLE TRACKING DATA MESSAGES**

**(INFORMATIVE)**

```

CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 2.0
COMMENT TDM example created by yyyyy-nnnA Nav Team (NASA/JPL)
COMMENT StarTrek 1-way data, Ka band down
CREATION_DATE = 2005-160T20:15:00Z
ORIGINATOR = NASA

META_START
COMMENT Data quality degraded by antenna pointing problem...
COMMENT Slightly noisy data
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
PARTICIPANT_1 = DSS-25
PARTICIPANT_2 = yyyyy-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 32021035323.8187
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 E-1: TDM Example: One-Way Data**

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```
CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 2.0

COMMENT TDM example created by yyyyy-nnnA Nav Team (NASA/JPL)
COMMENT StarTrek 1-way data, Ka band down

CREATION_DATE = 2005-160T20:15:00
ORIGINATOR = NASA

META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2005-159T17:41:00
STOP_TIME = 2005-159T17:41:40
PARTICIPANT_1 = DSS-25
PARTICIPANT_2 = yyyyy-nnnA
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 2,1
INTEGRATION_INTERVAL = 1.0
INTEGRATION_REF = MIDDLE
FREQ_OFFSET = 32021035200.0
TRANSMIT_DELAY_1 = 0.000077
RECEIVE_DELAY_1 = 0.000077
DATA_QUALITY = RAW
META_STOP

DATA_START
TRANSMIT_FREQ_2 = 2005-159T17:41:00 32023442781.733
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:00 -409.2735
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:01 -371.1568
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:02 -333.0551
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:03 -294.9673
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:04 -256.9054
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:05 -218.7951
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:06 -180.7222
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:07 -142.6227
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:08 -104.5623
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:09 -66.4396
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:10 -28.4139
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:11 9.6653
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:12 47.7804
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:13 85.8715
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:14 123.8187
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:15 161.9571
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:16 200.0304
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:17 238.0126
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:18 276.1241
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:19 314.1714
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:20 352.2263
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:21 390.2671
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:22 428.3040
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:23 466.3579
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:24 504.3745
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:25 542.4425
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:26 580.4974
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:27 618.5158
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:28 656.5721
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:29 694.5601
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:30 732.5939
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:31 770.6275
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:32 808.6377
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:33 846.6657
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:34 884.6911
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:35 922.6890
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:36 960.7083
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:37 998.7493
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:38 1036.7388
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:39 1074.7529
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2005-159T17:41:40 1112.7732
DATA_STOP
```

**Figure E-2: TDM Example: One-Way Data w/Frequency Offset**

## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```
CCSDS_TDM_VERS=2.0
COMMENT TDM example created by yyyyy-nnnA Nav Team (NASA/JPL)
CREATION_DATE=2005-184T20:15:00
ORIGINATOR=NASA
META_START
TIME_SYSTEM=UTC
START_TIME=2005-184T11:12:23
STOP_TIME=2005-184T13:59:43.27
PARTICIPANT_1=DSS-55
PARTICIPANT_2=yyyyy-nnnA
MODE=SEQUENTIAL
PATH=1,2,1
INTEGRATION_INTERVAL=1.0
INTEGRATION_REF=MIDDLE
META_STOP
DATA_START
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1=2005-184T11:12:23 7175173383.615373
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1=2005-184T11:12:23 0.40220
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1=2005-184T11:12:24 7175173384.017573
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1=2005-184T11:12:24 0.40220
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1=2005-184T11:12:25 7175173384.419773
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1=2005-184T11:12:25 0.40220
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1=2005-184T11:12:26 7175173384.821973
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1=2005-184T11:12:26 0.40220
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1=2005-184T11:12:27 7175173385.224173
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1=2005-184T11:12:27 0.40220
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1=2005-184T11:12:28 7175173385.626373
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1=2005-184T11:12:28 0.40220
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1=2005-184T11:12:29 7175173386.028573
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1=2005-184T11:12:29 0.40220
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1=2005-184T11:12:30 7175173386.430773
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1=2005-184T11:12:30 0.40220
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1=2005-184T11:12:31 7175173386.832973
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1=2005-184T11:12:31 0.40220
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1=2005-184T11:12:32 7175173387.235173
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1=2005-184T11:12:32 0.40220
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1=2005-184T11:12:33 7175173387.637373
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1=2005-184T11:12:33 0.40220
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1=2005-184T11:12:34 7175173388.039573
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1=2005-184T11:12:34 0.40220
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1=2005-184T11:12:35 7175173388.441773
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1=2005-184T11:12:35 0.40220
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1=2005-184T11:12:36 7175173388.843973
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1=2005-184T11:12:36 0.40220
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1=2005-184T11:12:37 7175173389.246173
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1=2005-184T11:12:37 0.40220
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1=2005-184T11:12:38 7175173389.648373
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1=2005-184T11:12:38 0.40220
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1=2005-184T11:12:39 7175173390.050573
RECEIVE_FREQ_1=2005-184T13:59:27.27 8429753135.986102
RECEIVE_FREQ_1=2005-184T13:59:28.27 8429749428.196568
RECEIVE_FREQ_1=2005-184T13:59:29.27 8429749427.584727
RECEIVE_FREQ_1=2005-184T13:59:30.27 8429749427.023103
RECEIVE_FREQ_1=2005-184T13:59:31.27 8429749426.346252
RECEIVE_FREQ_1=2005-184T13:59:32.27 8429749425.738658
RECEIVE_FREQ_1=2005-184T13:59:33.27 8429749425.113143
RECEIVE_FREQ_1=2005-184T13:59:34.27 8429749424.489933
RECEIVE_FREQ_1=2005-184T13:59:35.27 8429749423.876996
RECEIVE_FREQ_1=2005-184T13:59:36.27 8429749423.325228
RECEIVE_FREQ_1=2005-184T13:59:37.27 8429749422.664049
RECEIVE_FREQ_1=2005-184T13:59:38.27 8429749422.054996
RECEIVE_FREQ_1=2005-184T13:59:39.27 8429749421.425801
RECEIVE_FREQ_1=2005-184T13:59:40.27 8429749420.824186
RECEIVE_FREQ_1=2005-184T13:59:41.27 8429749420.204178
RECEIVE_FREQ_1=2005-184T13:59:42.27 8429749419.596043
RECEIVE_FREQ_1=2005-184T13:59:43.27 8429749418.986191
DATA_STOP
```

Figure E-3: TDM Example: Two-Way Frequency Data for Doppler Calculation

## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```

CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 2.0
COMMENT TDM example created by yyyyy-nnNA Nav Team (NASA/JPL)
CREATION_DATE = 2005-191T23:00:00
ORIGINATOR = NASA
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 = yyyyy-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
RECEIVE_DELAY_1 = 7.7e-5
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_NO = 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_NO = 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_NO = 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 37938284.4138008
PR_NO = 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 59883968.0697146
PR_NO = 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_NO = 2005-191T00:46:36 27.30462
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-191T00:49:33 7180065002.72044
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-191T00:49:33 0.60989
RANGE = 2005-191T00:49:33 36683224.3750253
PR_NO = 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
RANGE = 2005-191T00:52:30 58645699.4734682
PR_NO = 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_NO = 2005-191T00:55:27 27.29589
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-191T00:58:24 7180065326.56141
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-191T00:58:24 0.62085
RANGE = 2005-191T00:58:24 35478729.4012973
PR_NO = 2005-191T00:58:24 30.48199
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-191T01:01:21 7180065436.45167
RANGE = 2005-191T01:01:21 57458219.0681689
PR_NO = 2005-191T01:01:21 27.15509
DATA_STOP
    
```

**Figure E-4: TDM Example: Two-Way Ranging Data Only**



## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```
CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 2.0

COMMENT TDM example created by yyyyy-ynnA Nav Team (NASA/JPL)

CREATION_DATE = 2005-184T20:15:00
ORIGINATOR = NASA

META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2005-184T11:12:23
STOP_TIME = 2005-184T13:59:40.27
PARTICIPANT_1 = DSS-55
PARTICIPANT_2 = yyyyy-ynnA
PARTICIPANT_3 = DSS-15
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 1,2,3
INTEGRATION_INTERVAL = 1.0
INTEGRATION_REF = MIDDLE
META_STOP

DATA_START
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-184T11:12:23 7175173383.615373
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-184T11:12:23 0.40220
RECEIVE_FREQ_3 = 2005-184T13:59:27.27 8429753135.986102
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-184T11:12:24 7175173384.017573
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-184T11:12:24 0.40220
RECEIVE_FREQ_3 = 2005-184T13:59:28.27 8429749428.196568
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-184T11:12:25 7175173384.419773
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-184T11:12:25 0.40220
RECEIVE_FREQ_3 = 2005-184T13:59:29.27 8429749427.584727
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-184T11:12:26 7175173384.821973
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-184T11:12:26 0.40220
RECEIVE_FREQ_3 = 2005-184T13:59:30.27 8429749427.023103
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-184T11:12:27 7175173385.224173
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-184T11:12:27 0.40220
RECEIVE_FREQ_3 = 2005-184T13:59:31.27 8429749426.346252
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-184T11:12:28 7175173385.626373
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-184T11:12:28 0.40220
RECEIVE_FREQ_3 = 2005-184T13:59:32.27 8429749425.738658
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-184T11:12:29 7175173386.028573
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-184T11:12:29 0.40220
RECEIVE_FREQ_3 = 2005-184T13:59:33.27 8429749425.113143
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-184T11:12:30 7175173386.430773
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-184T11:12:30 0.40220
RECEIVE_FREQ_3 = 2005-184T13:59:34.27 8429749424.489933
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-184T11:12:31 7175173386.832973
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-184T11:12:31 0.40220
RECEIVE_FREQ_3 = 2005-184T13:59:35.27 8429749423.876996
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-184T11:12:32 7175173387.235173
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-184T11:12:32 0.40220
RECEIVE_FREQ_3 = 2005-184T13:59:36.27 8429749423.325228
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-184T11:12:33 7175173387.637373
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-184T11:12:33 0.40220
RECEIVE_FREQ_3 = 2005-184T13:59:37.27 8429749422.664049
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-184T11:12:34 7175173388.039573
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-184T11:12:34 0.40220
RECEIVE_FREQ_3 = 2005-184T13:59:38.27 8429749422.054996
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-184T11:12:35 7175173388.441773
TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1 = 2005-184T11:12:35 0.40220
RECEIVE_FREQ_3 = 2005-184T13:59:39.27 8429749421.425801
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2005-184T11:12:36 7175173388.843973
RECEIVE_FREQ_3 = 2005-184T13:59:40.27 8429749420.824186
DATA_STOP
```

Figure E-5: TDM Example: Three-Way Frequency Data

## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```

CCSDS TDM VERS = 2.0
COMMENT TDM example created by yyyyy-nnnA Nav Team (JAXA)
CREATION_DATE = 1998-06-10T01:00:00
ORIGINATOR = JAXA
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 E-6: TDM Example: Four-Way Data**

```
CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 2.0  
COMMENT TDM example created by yyyy-nnnA Nav Team (NASA/JPL)
```

## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```
COMMENT This example TDM describes a scenario such as might occur with a
COMMENT spacecraft like Cassini, which has 3 transponders: X/S, X/X, X/Ka.
COMMENT In this tracking session all 3 transponders were used.
COMMENT This requires a TDM with 3 segments, because a single segment would
COMMENT not be able to specify a 'PATH' statement that would describe the
COMMENT S-down, X-down, and Ka-down signal paths.
CREATION_DATE = 2006-347T22:51
ORIGINATOR = NASA

META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
PARTICIPANT_1 = DSS-25
PARTICIPANT_2 = 1997-061A-X
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 1,2,1
TRANSMIT_BAND = X
RECEIVE_BAND = X
INTEGRATION_INTERVAL = 300.0
INTEGRATION_REF = MIDDLE
TRANSMIT_DELAY_1 = 0.000077
RECEIVE_DELAY_1 = 0.000077
META_STOP
DATA_START
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2006-347T03:50:34 7175802770.23
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2006-347T06:17:49 8430849716.68
DATA_STOP

META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
PARTICIPANT_1 = DSS-25
PARTICIPANT_2 = 1997-061A-KA
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 1,2,1
TRANSMIT_BAND = X
RECEIVE_BAND = KA
INTEGRATION_INTERVAL = 300.0
INTEGRATION_REF = MIDDLE
TRANSMIT_DELAY_1 = 0.000077
RECEIVE_DELAY_1 = 0.000077
META_STOP
DATA_START
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2006-347T03:50:34 7175802770.23
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2006-347T06:17:49 32037228923.40
DATA_STOP

META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
PARTICIPANT_1 = DSS-25
PARTICIPANT_2 = 1997-061A-S
PARTICIPANT_3 = DSS-24
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 1,2,3
TRANSMIT_BAND = X
RECEIVE_BAND = S
INTEGRATION_INTERVAL = 300.0
INTEGRATION_REF = MIDDLE
TRANSMIT_DELAY_1 = 7.7e-5
RECEIVE_DELAY_3 = 7.7e-5
META_STOP
DATA_START
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2006-347T03:50:34 7175802770.23
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2006-347T06:17:49 2299322650.01
DATA_STOP
```

**Figure E-7: TDM Example: One S/C, X-up, S-down, X-down, Ka-down, Three Segments**

CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```

CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 2.0
COMMENT GEOSCX_INP
CREATION_DATE = 2007-08-30T12:01:44.749
ORIGINATOR = DLR
META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2007-08-29T07:00:02.000
STOP_TIME = 2007-08-29T14:00:02.000
PARTICIPANT_1 = HBSTK
PARTICIPANT_2 = SAT
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 1,2,1
INTEGRATION_INTERVAL = 1.0
INTEGRATION_REF = END
ANGLE_TYPE = XSYE
DATA_QUALITY = RAW
META_STOP
DATA_START
DOPPLER_INTEGRATED = 2007-08-29T07:00:02.000 -1.498776048
ANGLE_1 = 2007-08-29T07:00:02.000 67.01312389
ANGLE_2 = 2007-08-29T07:00:02.000 18.28395556
DOPPLER_INTEGRATED = 2007-08-29T08:00:02.000 -2.201305217
ANGLE_1 = 2007-08-29T08:00:02.000 67.01982278
ANGLE_2 = 2007-08-29T08:00:02.000 21.19609167
DOPPLER_INTEGRATED = 2007-08-29T12:00:02.000 2.248620597
ANGLE_1 = 2007-08-29T12:00:02.000 -84.79697583
ANGLE_2 = 2007-08-29T12:00:02.000 4.11574444
DOPPLER_INTEGRATED = 2007-08-29T13:00:02.000 1.547592295
ANGLE_1 = 2007-08-29T13:00:02.000 -85.14762500
ANGLE_2 = 2007-08-29T13:00:02.000 4.35471389
DOPPLER_INTEGRATED = 2007-08-29T14:00:02.000 0.929545817
ANGLE_1 = 2007-08-29T14:00:02.000 -89.35626083
ANGLE_2 = 2007-08-29T14:00:02.000 2.78791667
DATA_STOP

META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2007-08-29T06:00:02.000
STOP_TIME = 2007-08-29T12:00:02.000
PARTICIPANT_1 = WHM1
PARTICIPANT_2 = SAT
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 1,2,1
INTEGRATION_INTERVAL = 1.0
INTEGRATION_REF = END
RANGE_MODE = CONSTANT
RANGE_MODULUS = 1.000000E+07
ANGLE_TYPE = AZEL
DATA_QUALITY = RAW
META_STOP
DATA_START
RANGE = 2007-08-29T06:00:02.000 4.00165248953670E+04
DOPPLER_INTEGRATED = 2007-08-29T06:00:02.000 -0.885640091
ANGLE_1 = 2007-08-29T06:00:02.000 99.53204250
ANGLE_2 = 2007-08-29T06:00:02.000 1.26724167
RANGE = 2007-08-29T07:00:02.000 3.57238793591890E+04
DOPPLER_INTEGRATED = 2007-08-29T07:00:02.000 -1.510223139
ANGLE_1 = 2007-08-29T07:00:02.000 103.33061750
ANGLE_2 = 2007-08-29T07:00:02.000 4.77875278
RANGE = 2007-08-29T08:00:02.000 2.90270197047210E+04
DOPPLER_INTEGRATED = 2007-08-29T08:00:02.000 -2.229907387
ANGLE_1 = 2007-08-29T08:00:02.000 104.60635806
ANGLE_2 = 2007-08-29T08:00:02.000 5.47492500
RANGE = 2007-08-29T12:00:02.000 2.81439006334980E+04
DOPPLER_INTEGRATED = 2007-08-29T12:00:02.000 2.222121620
ANGLE_1 = 2007-08-29T12:00:02.000 240.89006194
ANGLE_2 = 2007-08-29T12:00:02.000 6.71215556
DATA_STOP
    
```

Figure E-8: TDM Example: Angles, Range, Doppler Combined in Single TDM

## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```
CCSDS TDM VERS = 2.0
COMMENT This TDM example contains range data timetagged at transmit time
CREATION_DATE = 2005-09-17T23:59:59
ORIGINATOR = JAXA

META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2005-09-17T00:41:38.0000
STOP_TIME = 2005-09-17T00:42:58.0000
PARTICIPANT_1 = yyyy-nnnA
PARTICIPANT_2 = USCL
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 2,1,2
TRANSMIT_BAND = S
RECEIVE_BAND = S
TIMETAG_REF = TRANSMIT
INTEGRATION_REF = START
RANGE_MODE = CONSTANT
RANGE_MODULUS = 1.0E7
RANGE_UNITS = km
DATA_QUALITY = VALIDATED
CORRECTION_RANGE = 0.0
CORRECTIONS_APPLIED = YES
META_STOP
DATA_START
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:41:38.000000 3198.03679519614
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:41:40.000000 3199.82505720811
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:41:42.000000 3201.61631714467
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:41:44.000000 3203.40832656236
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:41:46.000000 3205.20108546120
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:41:48.000000 3206.99384436004
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:41:50.000000 3208.79110014575
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:41:52.000000 3210.58535800688
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:41:54.000000 3212.38336327374
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:41:56.000000 3214.18136854059
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:41:58.000000 3215.98012328859
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:00.000000 3217.78037699888
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:02.000000 3219.58287915260
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:04.000000 3221.38613078747
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:06.000000 3223.19013190349
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:08.000000 3224.99488250065
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:10.000000 3226.80113206010
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:12.000000 3228.60963006298
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:14.000000 3230.41587962244
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:16.000000 3232.22587658761
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:18.000000 3234.03662303393
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:20.000000 3235.84886844254
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:22.000000 3237.65961488886
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:24.000000 3239.47560770319
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:26.000000 3241.28860259295
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:28.000000 3243.10384592614
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:30.000000 3244.92133770276
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:32.000000 3246.73882947939
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:34.000000 3248.55856969945
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:36.000000 3250.37681095722
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:38.000000 3252.19879962071
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:40.000000 3254.02003880307
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:42.000000 3255.84352642885
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:44.000000 3257.66851301693
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:46.000000 3259.49125116157
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:48.000000 3261.31848619307
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:50.000000 3263.14572122459
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:52.000000 3264.97295625609
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:54.000000 3266.80169024990
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:56.000000 3268.63267268713
RANGE = 2005-09-17T00:42:58.000000 3270.46440460551
DATA_STOP
```

Figure E-9: TDM Example: Range Data with TIMETAG\_REF=TRANSMIT

## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```
CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 2.0

COMMENT This TDM example contains single differenced Doppler data.

CREATION_DATE = 2006-354T01:38:00Z
ORIGINATOR = NASA

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    8.320683479309080E+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    5.330531120300290E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:47:15.0000    5.083267211914060E+00
RECEIVE_FREQ = 2003-07-08T04:47:25.0000    4.850607872009270E+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    4.281702585856000E+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    3.872203646461000E+00

DATA_STOP
```

**Figure E-10: TDM Example: Differenced Doppler Observable**

## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```
CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 2.0
COMMENT This TDM example contains Delta-DOR data.
COMMENT Quasar CTD 20 also known as J023752.4+284808 (ICRF), 0234+285 (IERS)
CREATION_DATE = 2005-178T21:45:00
ORIGINATOR = NASA
META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2004-136T15:42:00.0000
STOP_TIME = 2004-136T16:02:00.0000
PARTICIPANT_1 = VOYAGER1
PARTICIPANT_2 = DSS-55
PARTICIPANT_3 = DSS-25
MODE = SINGLE_DIFF
PATH_1 = 1,2
PATH_2 = 1,3
TRANSMIT_BAND = X
RECEIVE_BAND = X
TIMETAG_REF = RECEIVE
RANGE_MODE = ONE_WAY
RANGE_MODULUS = 1.674852710000000E+02
RECEIVE_DELAY_3 = 0.000077
DATA_QUALITY = VALIDATED
META_STOP

DATA_START
COMMENT Timetag is time of signal arrival at PARTICIPANT 2.
COMMENT Transmit frequency is spacecraft beacon a OWLT before receive time.
DOR = 2004-136T15:42:00.0000 -4.911896106591159E-03
DOR = 2004-136T16:02:00.0000 1.467382930436399E-02
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2004-136T14:42:00.0000 8.415123456E+09
DATA_STOP

META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2004-136T15:52:00.0000
STOP_TIME = 2004-136T15:52:00.0000
PARTICIPANT_1 = CTD 20
PARTICIPANT_2 = DSS-55
PARTICIPANT_3 = DSS-25
MODE = SINGLE_DIFF
PATH_1 = 1,2
PATH_2 = 1,3
TRANSMIT_BAND = X
RECEIVE_BAND = X
TIMETAG_REF = RECEIVE
RANGE_MODE = ONE_WAY
RANGE_MODULUS = 1.674852710000000E+02
RECEIVE_DELAY_3 = 0.000077
DATA_QUALITY = VALIDATED
META_STOP

DATA_START
COMMENT Timetag is time of signal arrival at PARTICIPANT 2.
COMMENT Transmit frequency is reference for 2-station interferometer.
VLBI_DELAY = 2004-136T15:52:00.0000 -1.911896106591159E-03
TRANSMIT_FREQ_1 = 2004-136T15:42:00.0000 8.415123000E+09
DATA_STOP

META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
PARTICIPANT_1 = DSS-55
PARTICIPANT_2 = DSS-25
DATA_QUALITY = VALIDATED
META_STOP

DATA_START
CLOCK_BIAS = 2004-136T15:41:00.0000 -4.59e-7
DATA_STOP
```

Figure E-11: TDM Example: Delta-DOR Observable



## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```
CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 2.0

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

CREATION_DATE = 2005-157T18:25:00
ORIGINATOR = NASA
META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2004-216T07:44:00
STOP_TIME = 2004-216T07:45:00
PARTICIPANT_1 = DSS-16
PARTICIPANT_2 = yyyy-ynnA
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 E-12: TDM Example: Angle Data Only**

## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```
CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 2.0

COMMENT TDM example created by NASA/JPL Navigation System Engineering

CREATION_DATE = 2005-282T23:00:00
ORIGINATOR = NASA

META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2005-274T12:00:00
STOP_TIME = 2005-280T12:00:00
PARTICIPANT_1 = DSS-14
DATA_QUALITY = VALIDATED
META_STOP

DATA_START
COMMENT Elevation mapping function is Niell model
TROPO_DRY = 2005-274T12:00:00 2.0526
TROPO_DRY = 2005-275T12:00:00 2.0530
TROPO_DRY = 2005-276T12:00:00 2.0533
TROPO_DRY = 2005-277T12:00:00 2.0537
TROPO_DRY = 2005-278T12:00:00 2.0540
TROPO_DRY = 2005-279T12:00:00 2.0544
TROPO_DRY = 2005-280T12:00:00 2.0547

TROPO_WET = 2005-274T12:00:00 0.1139
TROPO_WET = 2005-275T12:00:00 0.1126
TROPO_WET = 2005-276T12:00:00 0.1113
TROPO_WET = 2005-277T12:00:00 0.1099
TROPO_WET = 2005-278T12:00:00 0.1086
TROPO_WET = 2005-279T12:00:00 0.1074
TROPO_WET = 2005-280T12:00:00 0.1061
DATA_STOP

META_START
COMMENT Line of vertical ionospheric calibration for yyyy-nnnA
COMMENT Time tags are end time of 15 minute measurement interval
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2005-280T21:45:00
STOP_TIME = 2005-281T00:00:00
PARTICIPANT_1 = DSS-14
PARTICIPANT_2 = yyyy-nnnA
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 2,1
DATA_QUALITY = VALIDATED
META_STOP

DATA_START
STEC = 2005-280T21:45:00 23.1
STEC = 2005-280T22:00:00 22.8
STEC = 2005-280T22:15:00 23.2
STEC = 2005-280T22:30:00 24.4
STEC = 2005-280T22:45:00 23.6
STEC = 2005-280T23:00:00 22.4
STEC = 2005-280T23:15:00 22.6
STEC = 2005-280T23:30:00 24.6
STEC = 2005-280T23:45:00 24.0
STEC = 2005-281T00:00:00 22.2
DATA_STOP
```

**Figure E-13: TDM Example: Media Data Only**

## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```
CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 2.0
COMMENT TDM example created by yyyyy-nnnA Nav Team (NASA/JPL)
COMMENT JPL/DSN/Goldstone (DSS-10) weather for DOY 156, 2005
CREATION_DATE = 2005-156T06:15:00
ORIGINATOR = NASA
META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2005-156T00:03:00
STOP_TIME = 2005-156T06:03:00
PARTICIPANT_1 = DSS-10
DATA_QUALITY = VALIDATED
META_STOP

DATA_START

TEMPERATURE = 2005-156T00:03:00 302.95
PRESSURE = 2005-156T00:03:00 896.2
RHUMIDITY = 2005-156T00:03:00 12.0

TEMPERATURE = 2005-156T00:33:00 304.05
PRESSURE = 2005-156T00:33:00 895.9
RHUMIDITY = 2005-156T00:33:00 11.0

TEMPERATURE = 2005-156T01:03:00 302.55
PRESSURE = 2005-156T01:03:00 895.7
RHUMIDITY = 2005-156T01:03:00 12.0

TEMPERATURE = 2005-156T01:33:00 302.65
PRESSURE = 2005-156T01:33:00 895.7
RHUMIDITY = 2005-156T01:33:00 11.0

TEMPERATURE = 2005-156T02:03:00 301.55
PRESSURE = 2005-156T02:03:00 895.9
RHUMIDITY = 2005-156T02:03:00 11.0

TEMPERATURE = 2005-156T02:33:00 300.45
PRESSURE = 2005-156T02:33:00 895.9
RHUMIDITY = 2005-156T02:33:00 12.0

TEMPERATURE = 2005-156T03:03:00 299.55
PRESSURE = 2005-156T03:03:00 896.1
RHUMIDITY = 2005-156T03:03:00 14.0

TEMPERATURE = 2005-156T03:33:00 298.65
PRESSURE = 2005-156T03:33:00 896.2
RHUMIDITY = 2005-156T03:33:00 15.0

TEMPERATURE = 2005-156T04:03:00 298.05
PRESSURE = 2005-156T04:03:00 896.4
RHUMIDITY = 2005-156T04:03:00 17.0

TEMPERATURE = 2005-156T04:33:00 297.15
PRESSURE = 2005-156T04:33:00 896.8
RHUMIDITY = 2005-156T04:33:00 19.0

TEMPERATURE = 2005-156T05:03:00 294.85
PRESSURE = 2005-156T05:03:00 897.3
RHUMIDITY = 2005-156T05:03:00 21.0

TEMPERATURE = 2005-156T05:33:00 293.95
PRESSURE = 2005-156T05:33:00 897.3
RHUMIDITY = 2005-156T05:33:00 23.0

TEMPERATURE = 2005-156T06:03:00 293.05
PRESSURE = 2005-156T06:03:00 897.3
RHUMIDITY = 2005-156T06:03:00 25.0

DATA_STOP
```

**Figure E-14: TDM Example: Meteorological Data Only**

## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```
CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 2.0
COMMENT TDM example created by yyyyy-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

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 = DSS-10
PARTICIPANT_2 = UTC-NIST

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 = DSS-40
PARTICIPANT_2 = UTC-NIST

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 = DSS-60
PARTICIPANT_2 = UTC-NIST

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 E-15: TDM Example: Clock Bias/Drift Only**

CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```

CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 2.0
COMMENT All the angular data provided are free of any aberration effect.
CREATION_DATE = 2012-10-30T20:00
ORIGINATOR = ESA

META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2012-10-29T17:46:39.02
STOP_TIME = 2012-10-29T17:50:53.02
PARTICIPANT_1 = TFRM
PARTICIPANT_2 = TRACK NUMBER 001
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 2,1
ANGLE_TYPE = RADEC
REFERENCE_FRAME = EME2000
META_STOP
DATA_START
ANGLE_1 = 2012-10-29T17:46:39.02      332.2298750
ANGLE_2 = 2012-10-29T17:46:39.02     -16.3028389
MAG = 2012-10-29T17:46:39.02        12.1
ANGLE_1 = 2012-10-29T17:48:46.02     332.7485833
ANGLE_2 = 2012-10-29T17:48:46.02     -16.1876917
MAG = 2012-10-29T17:48:46.02        12.3
ANGLE_1 = 2012-10-29T17:50:53.02     333.2668750
ANGLE_2 = 2012-10-29T17:50:53.02     -16.0716806
MAG = 2012-10-29T17:50:53.02        12.3
DATA_STOP

META_START
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2012-10-29T17:57:14.02
STOP_TIME = 2012-10-29T18:01:28.02
PARTICIPANT_1 = TFRM
PARTICIPANT_2 = TRACK NUMBER 003
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 2,1
ANGLE_TYPE = RADEC
REFERENCE_FRAME = EME2000
META_STOP
DATA_START
ANGLE_1 = 2012-10-29T17:57:14.02     335.1698333
ANGLE_2 = 2012-10-29T17:57:14.02     -17.7212861
MAG = 2012-10-29T17:57:14.02        11.8
ANGLE_1 = 2012-10-29T17:59:21.02     335.7062083
ANGLE_2 = 2012-10-29T17:59:21.02     -17.6950278
MAG = 2012-10-29T17:59:21.02        12.4
ANGLE_1 = 2012-10-29T18:01:28.02     336.2425833
ANGLE_2 = 2012-10-29T18:01:28.02     -17.6673694
MAG = 2012-10-29T18:01:28.02        13.1
DATA_STOP
    
```

Figure E-16: TDM Example: Ground Based Optical Tracking with Magnitude

## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```
CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 2.0
COMMENT Test file
CREATION_DATE = 2011-05-12T00:00:00.000
ORIGINATOR = ESA
META_START
COMMENT
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
PARTICIPANT_1 = CAMRA
PARTICIPANT_2 = CRYOSAT
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 1,2,1
ODM_MSG_LINK_2 = 3203_2013-11-09T23-02-30
RANGE_UNITS = km
ANGLE_TYPE = AZEL
CORRECTION_RANGE = -1.48
CORRECTIONS_APPLIED = NO
META_STOP
DATA_START
RANGE = 2011-05-11T10:26:33.2613 2808.2696
ANGLE_1 = 2011-05-11T10:26:33.2613 191.40208435
ANGLE_2 = 2011-05-11T10:26:33.2613 25.44166756
CARRIER_POWER = 2011-05-11T10:26:33.2613 -36.73723984
RCS = 2011-05-11T10:26:33.2613 2.984
RANGE = 2011-05-11T10:26:33.7008 2803.1731
ANGLE_1 = 2011-05-11T10:26:33.7008 191.43959045
ANGLE_2 = 2011-05-11T10:26:33.7008 25.51874924
CARRIER_POWER = 2011-05-11T10:26:33.7008 -35.88296509
RCS = 2011-05-11T10:26:33.7008 2.992
RANGE = 2011-05-11T10:26:33.9686 2799.8754
ANGLE_1 = 2011-05-11T10:26:33.9686 191.46458435
ANGLE_2 = 2011-05-11T10:26:33.9686 25.56875038
CARRIER_POWER = 2011-05-11T10:26:33.9686 -36.67897415
RCS = 2011-05-11T10:26:33.7008 2.986
DATA_STOP
```

**Figure E-17: TDM Example: Ground Based Radar Tracking with RCS**

CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```

CCSDS_TDM_VERS=2.0
COMMENT TDM example created by yyyy-ynnA Nav Team (NASA/JPL)
CREATION_DATE=2005-184T20:15:00
ORIGINATOR=NASA
MESSAGE_ID=DSN-2005-184-yyyynnnA-001
META_START
TIME_SYSTEM=UTC
START_TIME=2005-184T11:12:23
STOP_TIME=2005-184T11:12:32
PARTICIPANT_1=DSS-55
PARTICIPANT_2=yyyy-ynnA
MODE=SEQUENTIAL
PATH=1,2,1
FREQ_OFFSET=0.0
INTERPOLATION = HERMITE
INTERPOLATION_DEGREE = 7
META_STOP
DATA_START
TRANSMIT_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T11:12:23      7175173383.615373
TRANSMIT_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T11:12:24      14350346766.632946
TRANSMIT_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T11:12:25      21525520150.052719
TRANSMIT_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T11:12:26      28700693531.874692
TRANSMIT_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T11:12:27      35875866917.098865
TRANSMIT_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T11:12:28      43051040300.725238
TRANSMIT_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T11:12:29      50226213683.753811
TRANSMIT_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T11:12:30      57401387067.184584
TRANSMIT_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T11:12:31      64576560451.017557
TRANSMIT_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T11:12:32      71751733834.252730
DATA_STOP

META_START
TIME_SYSTEM=UTC
START_TIME=2005-184T13:59:27.27
STOP_TIME=2005-184T13:59:36.27
PARTICIPANT_1=DSS-55
PARTICIPANT_2=yyyy-ynnA
MODE=SEQUENTIAL
PATH=1,2,1
FREQ_OFFSET=0.0
INTERPOLATION = HERMITE
INTERPOLATION_DEGREE = 7
META_STOP
DATA_START
RECEIVE_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T13:59:27.27      8429753135.986102
RECEIVE_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T13:59:28.27      16859502564.182670
RECEIVE_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T13:59:29.27      25289251991.767397
RECEIVE_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T13:59:30.27      33719001418.790500
RECEIVE_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T13:59:31.27      42148750841.136752
RECEIVE_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T13:59:32.27      50578500270.875410
RECEIVE_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T13:59:33.27      59008249695.988553
RECEIVE_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T13:59:34.27      67437999120.478486
RECEIVE_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T13:59:35.27      75867748544.355482
RECEIVE_PHASE_CT_1=2005-184T13:59:36.27      84297497967.680710
DATA_STOP
    
```

Figure E-18: TDM Example: Two-Way Phase Data for Doppler Calculation

## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```
CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 2.0
COMMENT CREATED BY TTC PGM V33.0.2
CREATION_DATE = 2010-050T20:15:02.000
ORIGINATOR = NASA/JPL/DSN

META_START
COMMENT SEQUENTIAL RANGE
COMMENT RANGE IS ADJUSTED FOR CORRECTION_RANGE; MEASUREMENT MINUS CORRECTION_RANGE
COMMENT CORRECTION_RANGE INCLUDES STATION DELAY, Z-HEIGHT CORRECTION, AND S/C DELAY
COMMENT DOWNLINK CHANNEL NUMBER 4
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2010-215T20:04:24.000
STOP_TIME = 2010-215T20:53:24.000
PARTICIPANT_1 = DSS-14
PARTICIPANT_2 = CAS
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 1,2,1
TRANSMIT_BAND = X
RECEIVE_BAND = X
TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR = 880
TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR = 749
TIMETAG_REF = RECEIVE
INTEGRATION_REF = START
RANGE_MODE = COHERENT
RANGE_MODULUS = 262144
RANGE_UNITS = RU
TRANSMIT_DELAY_1 = 2.1E-07
RECEIVE_DELAY_1 = 2.1E-07
DATA_QUALITY = VALIDATED
CORRECTION_RANGE = 4999.392714
CORRECTIONS_APPLIED = YES
META_STOP

DATA_START
RANGE = 2010-215T20:04:24.000 65249.6771931631
PR_NO = 2010-215T20:04:24.000 30.2351
RANGE = 2010-215T20:11:24.000 52234.4753877508
PR_NO = 2010-215T20:11:24.000 32.7846
RANGE = 2010-215T20:18:24.000 68142.6393474573
PR_NO = 2010-215T20:18:24.000 31.0379
RANGE = 2010-215T20:25:24.000 113059.469322535
PR_NO = 2010-215T20:25:24.000 33.0883
RANGE = 2010-215T20:32:24.000 187471.102944516
PR_NO = 2010-215T20:32:24.000 32.0965
RANGE = 2010-215T20:39:24.000 29568.3320810896
PR_NO = 2010-215T20:39:24.000 33.7465
RANGE = 2010-215T20:46:24.000 163212.340789491
PR_NO = 2010-215T20:46:24.000 31.0563
RANGE = 2010-215T20:53:24.000 64457.0270879461
PR_NO = 2010-215T20:53:24.000 30.0224
DATA_STOP
```

**Figure E-19: TDM Example: Two-Way Range Data with Ranging Power to Spectral Density**



## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```
CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 2.0
COMMENT CREATED BY JPL TTC PGM V33.0.2
CREATION_DATE = 2010-050T20:15:02.000
ORIGINATOR = NASA/JPL/DSN

META_START
COMMENT DOWNLINK CHANNEL NUMBER 4
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2010-049T16:49:43.000
STOP_TIME = 2010-049T17:04:43.000
PARTICIPANT_1 = DSS-26
PARTICIPANT_2 = CAS
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 1,2,1
TRANSMIT_BAND = X
RECEIVE_BAND = X
TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR = 880
TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR = 749
TIMETAG_REF = RECEIVE
INTEGRATION_INTERVAL = 60.0
INTEGRATION_REF = MIDDLE
FREQ_OFFSET = 8427221784.667
RECEIVE_DELAY_1 = 0.00000556
DATA_QUALITY = VALIDATED
META_STOP

DATA_START
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2010-049T16:49:43.000 60255.16982
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2010-049T16:50:43.000 60271.18801
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2010-049T16:51:43.000 60287.20579
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2010-049T16:52:43.000 60303.22356
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2010-049T16:53:43.000 60319.24150
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2010-049T16:54:43.000 60335.25922
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2010-049T16:55:43.000 60351.27720
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2010-049T16:56:43.000 60368.00758
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2010-049T16:57:43.000 60387.66759
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2010-049T16:58:43.000 60407.64419
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2010-049T16:59:43.000 60427.62086
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2010-049T17:00:43.000 60447.59751
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2010-049T17:01:43.000 60467.57420
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2010-049T17:02:43.000 60487.55087
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2010-049T17:03:43.000 60507.52741
RECEIVE_FREQ_1 = 2010-049T17:04:43.000 60527.50426
DATA_STOP
```

**Figure E-20: TDM Example: Two-Way Received Frequency**

## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```
CCSDS TDM VERS = 2.0
COMMENT All angular data provided are free of aberration effects
CREATION DATE = 2012-10-30T20:00
ORIGINATOR = NASA
MESSAGE_ID = 2012-784
META_START
TRACK ID = 20121002 1703035-0001
CLASSIFICATION = UNCLASSIFIED
PREVIOUS MESSAGE_ID = 2012-776
NEXT MESSAGE_ID = 2012-797
DATA_TYPES = [ANGLE_1 ANGLE_2]
TDM BASIS = OPERATIONAL
TDM BASIS ID = REQ236-2019SEN3S04
TIME SYSTEM = UTC
START TIME = 2012-10-29T17:46:39.02
STOP TIME = 2012-10-29T17:50:53.02
PARTICIPANT_1 = SSN-211
PARTICIPANT_2 = NORAD-27715
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 2,1
ANGLE TYPE = RADEC
ANGLE UNITS = deg
REFERENCE FRAME = EME2000
DATA_QUALITY = VERIFIED, INVALID
META_STOP
DATA_START
ANGLE_1 = 2012-10-29T17:46:39.02 332.2298750 I
ANGLE_2 = 2012-10-29T17:46:39.02 -16.3028389 I
OBSERVATION_COVARIANCE = 2012-10-29T17:46:39.02 [0.0031 .0063 0.0042]
MAG = 2012-10-29T17:46:39.02 12.1
SYSTEM_STATUS_1 = 2012-10-29T17:46:39.02 [Aperature_Filter=NONE]
ANGLE_1 = 2012-10-29T17:48:46.02 332.7485833 V
ANGLE_2 = 2012-10-29T17:48:46.02 -16.1876917 V
OBSERVATION_COVARIANCE = 2012-10-29T17:46:39.02 [0.0029 .0060 0.0044]
MAG = 2012-10-29T17:48:46.02 12.3
SYSTEM_STATUS_1 = 2012-10-29T17:48:46.02 [Aperature_Filter=NONE]
ANGLE_1 = 2012-10-29T17:50:53.02 333.2668750 V
ANGLE_2 = 2012-10-29T17:50:53.02 -16.0716806 V
OBSERVATION_COVARIANCE = 2012-10-29T17:46:39.02 [0.0030 .0068 0.0040]
MAG = 2012-10-29T17:50:53.02 12.3
SYSTEM_STATUS_1 = 2012-10-29T17:50:53.02 [Aperature_Filter=NONE]
DATA_STOP
```

**Figure E-21: TDM Example: Ground Based Optical Tracking with Magnitude**

## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<tdm xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="https://sanaregistry.org/r/ndmxml/ndmxml-1.0-
  master.xsd"
  id="CCSDS_TDM_VERS" version="2.0">
  <header>
    <CREATION_DATE>2007-094T23:53:59.659</CREATION_DATE>
    <ORIGINATOR>NASA</ORIGINATOR>
  </header>
  <body>
    <segment>
      <metadata>
        <DATA_TYPES>TRANSMIT_FREQ_1, TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1</DATA_TYPES>
        <TIME_SYSTEM>UTC</TIME_SYSTEM>
        <PARTICIPANT_1>'DSS-25'</PARTICIPANT_1>
        <PARTICIPANT_2>MYSC</PARTICIPANT_2>
        <MODE>SEQUENTIAL</MODE>
        <PATH>1,2</PATH>
        <TRANSMIT_BAND>X</TRANSMIT_BAND>
      </metadata>
      <data>
        <observation>
          <EPOCH>2007-069T15:22:22.000</EPOCH>
          <TRANSMIT_FREQ_1>7167941264.0</TRANSMIT_FREQ_1>
        </observation>
        <observation>
          <EPOCH>2007-069T15:22:22.000</EPOCH>
          <TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1>0.0</TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1>
        </observation>
        <observation>
          <EPOCH>2007-069T15:23:30.000</EPOCH>
          <TRANSMIT_FREQ_1>7167941264.0</TRANSMIT_FREQ_1>
        </observation>
        <observation>
          <EPOCH>2007-069T15:23:30.000</EPOCH>
          <TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1>0.0</TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1>
        </observation>
        <observation>
          <EPOCH>2007-069T15:23:38.000</EPOCH>
          <TRANSMIT_FREQ_1>7167941264.0</TRANSMIT_FREQ_1>
        </observation>
        <observation>
          <EPOCH>2007-069T15:23:38.000</EPOCH>
          <TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1>0.0</TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1>
        </observation>
        <observation>
          <EPOCH>2007-069T15:34:36.000</EPOCH>
          <TRANSMIT_FREQ_1>7167941264.0</TRANSMIT_FREQ_1>
        </observation>
        <observation>
          <EPOCH>2007-069T15:34:36.000</EPOCH>
          <TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1>0.0</TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_1>
        </observation>
      </data>
    </segment>
  </body>
</tdm>
```

**Figure E-22: TDM Example: XML Format**

## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```
CCSDS_TDM_VERS = 2.0
CREATION_DATE = 2019-10-21T22:17:21
ORIGINATOR = GSOC

META_START
TRACK_ID = S_191021_18593902_3
TIME_SYSTEM = UTC
START_TIME = 2019-10-21T18:59:38.869008
STOP_TIME = 2019-10-21T19:00:39.023021
PARTICIPANT_1 = SMARTNET-01-A-SUTH
PARTICIPANT_2 = UNKNOWN
MODE = SEQUENTIAL
PATH = 2,1
ANGLE_TYPE = RADEC
REFERENCE_FRAME = EME2000
CORRECTION_RECEIVE = -0.145
CORRECTION_ABERRATION_YEARLY = 0.0056932
CORRECTIONS_APPLIED = YES
META_STOP

DATA_START
ANGLE_1 = 2019-10-21T18:59:38.869008 333.64830529
ANGLE_2 = 2019-10-21T18:59:38.869008 5.23646136
MAG = 2019-10-21T18:59:38.869008 10.66
ANGLE_1 = 2019-10-21T19:00:24.405696 333.83841725
ANGLE_2 = 2019-10-21T19:00:24.405696 5.23617947
MAG = 2019-10-21T19:00:24.405696 10.77
ANGLE_1 = 2019-10-21T19:00:39.023021 333.89958508
ANGLE_2 = 2019-10-21T19:00:39.023021 5.23604417
MAG = 2019-10-21T19:00:39.023021 10.80
DATA_STOP
```

**Figure E-23: TDM Example: Use of ‘TRACK\_ID’**

## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<tdm xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation="https://sanaregistry.org/r/ndmxml/ndmxml-1.0-
master.xsd"
id="CCSDS_TDM_VERS" version="2.0">

  <header>
    <CREATION_DATE>2019-344T12:50:06.940</CREATION_DATE>
    <ORIGINATOR>GSFC</ORIGINATOR>
  </header>
  <body>
    <segment>
      <metadata>
        <TIME_SYSTEM>UTC</TIME_SYSTEM>
        <START_TIME>2019-081T14:39:02.0</START_TIME>
        <STOP_TIME>2019-081T14:39:07.0</STOP_TIME>
        <PARTICIPANT_1>STGT central antenna</PARTICIPANT_1>
        <PARTICIPANT_2>TDRS 10</PARTICIPANT_2>
        <PARTICIPANT_3>1874</PARTICIPANT_3>
        <PARTICIPANT_4>TDRS 10</PARTICIPANT_4>
        <PARTICIPANT_5>STGT central antenna</PARTICIPANT_5>
        <MODE>SEQUENTIAL</MODE>
        <PATH>1,2,3,4,5</PATH>
        <TRANSMIT_BAND>S</TRANSMIT_BAND>
        <RECEIVE_BAND>S</RECEIVE_BAND>
        <TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR>240</TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR>
        <TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR>221</TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR>
        <TIMETAG_REF>RECEIVE</TIMETAG_REF>
        <INTEGRATION_INTERVAL>1.0</INTEGRATION_INTERVAL>
        <INTEGRATION_REF>END</INTEGRATION_REF>
        <DOPPLER_COUNT_BIAS>2.4E8</DOPPLER_COUNT_BIAS>
        <DOPPLER_COUNT_SCALE>1000</DOPPLER_COUNT_SCALE>
        <DOPPLER_COUNT_ROLLOVER>NO</DOPPLER_COUNT_ROLLOVER>
        <TRANSMIT_DELAY_3>0.20967</TRANSMIT_DELAY_3>
        <DATA_QUALITY>RAW</DATA_QUALITY>
      </metadata>
      <data>
        <observation>
          <EPOCH>2019-081T14:39:02.0</EPOCH>
          <DOPPLER_COUNT>0</DOPPLER_COUNT>
        </observation>
        <observation>
          <EPOCH>2019-081T14:39:03.0</EPOCH>
          <DOPPLER_COUNT>0</DOPPLER_COUNT>
        </observation>
        <observation>
          <EPOCH>2019-081T14:39:04.0</EPOCH>
          <DOPPLER_COUNT>0</DOPPLER_COUNT>
        </observation>
        <observation>
          <EPOCH>2019-081T14:39:05.0</EPOCH>
          <DOPPLER_COUNT>0</DOPPLER_COUNT>
        </observation>
        <observation>
          <EPOCH>2019-081T14:39:06.0</EPOCH>
          <DOPPLER_COUNT>0</DOPPLER_COUNT>
        </observation>
        <observation>
          <EPOCH>2019-081T14:39:07.0</EPOCH>
          <DOPPLER_COUNT>0</DOPPLER_COUNT>
        </observation>
      </data>
    </segment>
  </body>
</tdm>

```

**Figure E-24: TDM Example: Use of Doppler Counts**

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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) spacecraft-to-spacecraft 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 F**

**INFORMATIVE REFERENCES**

**(INFORMATIVE)**

NOTE – Normative references are provided in 1.5.

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## ANNEX G

### RATIONALE FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGES

#### (INFORMATIVE)

##### G1 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, that is, 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.

**G2 PRIMARY REQUIREMENTS ACCEPTED FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGES**

**Table G-1: Primary Requirements**

ID	Requirement	Rationale	Trace
G-1-1	Data must be provided in digital form.	Facilitates computerized processing of TDMs.	3.1.1
G-1-2	The object being tracked must be clearly identified and unambiguous. <sup>1</sup>	Ensures proper processing of the tracking data in orbit determination.	3.3
G-1-3	All primary resources used in the tracking session must be clearly identified and unambiguous.	Ensures proper processing of the tracking data in orbit determination.	3.3
G-1-4	Time measurements (time stamps, timetags, or epochs) must be provided in a commonly used, clearly specified system.	The CCSDS objective of promoting interoperability is not met if time measurements are produced in esoteric or proprietary time systems.	3.3, annex B
G-1-5	The time bounds of the tracking data must be unambiguously specified.	The accuracy of orbit determination is highly dependent on accurately knowing the time at which measurements are taken.	3.3, 3.4
G-1-6	Tracking Data Messages must have means of being uniquely identified and clearly annotated.	If discussions of tracking file content are necessary, parties can ensure they are speaking of the same data.	3.2
G-1-7	The Tracking Data Message format shall be independent of the equipment that was used to perform the tracking.	The producer of a Tracking Data Message has local-network knowledge that may not be available to the user of the data.	3.4
G-1-8	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.	The accuracy of orbit determination is highly dependent on accurately knowing the location of the tracking instruments.	3.4
G-1-9	The timetag of the tracking data shall always be unambiguously specified with respect to the measurement point or instrument reference point.	The accuracy of orbit determination is highly dependent on accurately knowing the time at which measurements are taken.	3.4

<sup>1</sup> Forthcoming SANA registries may support this requirement.

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ID	Requirement	Rationale	Trace
G-1-10	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.	The producer of a Tracking Data Message has knowledge of his or her network that may not be available to the user of the data.	3.4
G-1-11	The observable shall be converted to an equipment-independent quantity; for example, frequencies shall be reported at the 'sky level' (i.e., actual transmitted/received frequencies).	The producer of a Tracking Data Message has knowledge of the details of the equipment in his or her network that may not be available to the user of the data.	3.4
G-1-12	The data transfer mechanism shall not place constraints on the tracking data content.	The tracking data measurements are taken prior to transfer from originator to user, so data content should not be affected.	3.1.7
G-1-13	The standard must provide for clear specification of units of measure.	Without clear specification of units of measure, mistakes can be made that involve the unit system in effect (e.g., Metric or Imperial) and/or orders of magnitude (e.g., meters or kilometers).	4.4, table 3-5

**Table G-2: Heritage Requirements**

ID	Requirement	Rationale	Trace
G-2-1	The standard shall be, or must include, an ASCII format.	ASCII character-based messages promote interoperability. ASCII messages 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.	4.2
G-2-2	The standard shall not require software supplied by other agencies.	Provides the greatest flexibility to both the originator of a tracking data message and the consumer of the data.	3

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**Table G-3: Desirable Characteristics**

ID	Requirement	Rationale	Trace
G-3-1	The standard should apply to non-traditional objects, such as landers, rovers, balloons, spacecraft-spacecraft tracking data exchange, etc.	There are many different types of spacecraft that are tracked by space agencies. The broader the applicability of the standard, the more useful it will be.	3.3, 3.4
G-3-2	The standard should be extensible with no disruption to existing users/uses.	Space agencies and operators upgrade systems and processes on schedules that make sense for their organizations. In practice, some organizations will be early adopters but others will opt to wait until performance of a new version of the TDM has been proven in other operations facilities.	3.2
G-3-3	Keywords, values, and terminology in the TDM should be the same as those in the other CCSDS standards, where applicable.	Helps to ensure similar 'look and feel' across the various CCSDS flight dynamics standards.	3.2, 3.3, 3.5, 4
G-3-4	The standard shall not preclude an XML implementation.	The CCSDS Management Council (CMC) has indicated that the Navigation Working Group must produce standards that can be represented in XML.	3, 5
G-3-5	Other corrections applied to the data, such as media corrections, should be agreed upon by the service-providing and the customer Agencies via an ICD.	The user of the data must know what types of corrections and calibrations have been applied to the data in order to process it correctly.	3.4

## ANNEX H

### ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

#### (INFORMATIVE)

ADM	Attitude Data Message
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange
AU	Astronomical Unit
AZEL	Azimuth-Elevation
CCIR	International Coordinating Committee for Radio Frequencies
CCSDS	Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems
CMC	CCSDS Management Council
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
ICS	Implementation Conformance Statement
ID	Identifier
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
NDM	Navigation Data Message

## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR TRACKING DATA MESSAGE

ODM	Orbit Data Message
OEM	Orbit Ephemeris Message
OPM	Orbit Parameter Message
$P_c/N_0$	Carrier Power to Noise Spectral Density ratio
$P_r/N_0$	Ranging Power to Noise Spectral Density ratio
PRARE	Precise Range and Range Rate Equipment
RADEC	Right Ascension-Declination
RCS	Radar Cross Section
RINEX	Receiver Independent Exchange
RL	Requirements List
RTL	Round-Trip Light Time
RU	Range Units
SANA	Space Assigned Numbers Authority
SCLK	Spacecraft Clock
SFTP	Secure File Transfer Protocol
SI	Système International (SI Units)
SLR	Satellite Laser Ranging
STEC	Slant Total Electron Count
TDM	Tracking Data Message
TDR	Tracking Data Record
TEC	Total Electron Count
TECU	Total Electron Count Units
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time
VLBI	Very Long Baseline Interferometry
XEYN	X:East, Y:North
XSYE	X:South, Y:East
XML	eXtensible Markup Language

**ANNEX I**

**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					
	Range Data	Doppler Data			
Data Keywords [unit]	RANGE [km, s, or RU]	DOPPLER_INSTANTANEOUS [km/s]	RECEIVE_FREQ_n [Hz] TRANSMIT_FREQ_n [Hz]  RECEIVE_PHASE_CT_n TRANSMIT_PHASE_CT_n	DOPPLER_INTEGRATED [km/s]	DOPPLER_COUNT
Required Metadata	META_START META_STOP MODE PARTICIPANT_n PATH TIME_SYSTEM RANGE_MODE RANGE_MODULUS RANGE_UNITS INTEGRATION_REF	META_START META_STOP MODE PARTICIPANT_n PATH TIME_SYSTEM  TRANSMIT_FREQ_n * RECEIVE_FREQ *	META_START META_STOP MODE PARTICIPANT_n PATH TIME_SYSTEM	META_START META_STOP MODE PARTICIPANT_n PATH TIME_SYSTEM INTEGRATION_INTERVAL INTEGRATION_REF TRANSMIT_FREQ_n * RECEIVE_FREQ *	META_START META_STOP MODE PARTICIPANT_n PATH TIME_SYSTEM DOPPLER_COUNT_SCALE DOPPLER_COUNT_BIAS DOPPLER_COUNT_ROLLOVER
Situationally Required Metadata	TRANSMIT_DELAY_n RECEIVE_DELAY_n TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR DATA_QUALITY CORRECTIONS_APPLIED CORRECTION_RANGE TIMETAG_REF PR_NO	TRANSMIT_DELAY_n RECEIVE_DELAY_n TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR DATA_QUALITY CORRECTIONS_APPLIED CORRECTION_DOPPLER TIMETAG_REF CARRIER_POWER PC_NO	TRANSMIT_DELAY_n RECEIVE_DELAY_n TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR DATA_QUALITY CORRECTIONS_APPLIED CORRECTION_TRANSMIT CORRECTION_RECEIVE INTEGRATION_INTERVAL INTEGRATION_REF FREQ_OFFSET CARRIER_POWER PC_NO	TRANSMIT_DELAY_n RECEIVE_DELAY_n TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR DATA_QUALITY CORRECTIONS_APPLIED CORRECTION_DOPPLER TIMETAG_REF CARRIER_POWER PC_NO	TRANSMIT_DELAY_n RECEIVE_DELAY_n TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR DATA_QUALITY CORRECTIONS_APPLIED CORRECTION_DOPPLER TIMETAG_REF
Optional Metadata	COMMENT TRACK_ID DATA_TYPES START_TIME STOP_TIME ODM_MSG_LINK TRANSMIT_BAND RECEIVE_BAND INTEGRATION_INTERVAL	COMMENT TRACK_ID DATA_TYPES START_TIME STOP_TIME ODM_MSG_LINK TRANSMIT_BAND RECEIVE_BAND	COMMENT TRACK_ID DATA_TYPES START_TIME STOP_TIME ODM_MSG_LINK TRANSMIT_BAND RECEIVE_BAND	COMMENT TRACK_ID DATA_TYPES START_TIME STOP_TIME ODM_MSG_LINK TRANSMIT_BAND RECEIVE_BAND	COMMENT TRACK_ID DATA_TYPES START_TIME STOP_TIME ODM_MSG_LINK TRANSMIT_BAND RECEIVE_BAND CARRIER_POWER PC_NO

\* 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					
	Range Data		Doppler Data		
Data Keywords [unit]	RANGE [km, s, or RU]		RECEIVE_FREQ_n [Hz] TRANSMIT_FREQ_n [Hz] TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_n [Hz/s] RECEIVE_PHASE_CT_n TRANSMIT_PHASE_CT_n	DOPPLER_COUNT	
Required Metadata	META_START META_STOP MODE PARTICIPANT_n PATH TIME_SYSTEM RANGE_MODE RANGE_MODULUS RANGE_UNITS INTEGRATION_REF		META_START META_STOP MODE PARTICIPANT_n PATH TIME_SYSTEM	META_START META_STOP MODE PARTICIPANT_n PATH TIME_SYSTEM DOPPLER_COUNT_SCALE DOPPLER_COUNT_BIAS DOPPLER_COUNT_ROLLOVER	
Situationally Required Metadata	TRANSMIT_DELAY_n RECEIVE_DELAY_n TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR DATA_QUALITY CORRECTIONS_APPLIED CORRECTION_RANGE TIMETAG_REF PR_NO		TRANSMIT_DELAY_n RECEIVE_DELAY_n TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR DATA_QUALITY CORRECTIONS_APPLIED CORRECTION_TRANSMIT CORRECTION_RECEIVE INTEGRATION_INTERVAL INTEGRATION_REF FREQ_OFFSET INTERPOLATION INTERPOLATION_DEGREE CARRIER_POWER PC_NO	TRANSMIT_DELAY_n RECEIVE_DELAY_n TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR DATA_QUALITY CORRECTIONS_APPLIED CORRECTION_DOPPLER TIMETAG_REF	
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1. MODE = SEQUENTIAL, described within PATH and PARTICIPANT_n					
c) Frequency independent					

	Angle Data	Media Related Data	Optical Data		
Data Keywords [unit]	ANGLE_1 ANGLE_2 [deg]	STEC [TECU]	MAG RCS [m**2]		
Required Metadata	META_START META_STOP MODE PARTICIPANT_n PATH TIME_SYSTEM ANGLE_TYPE	META_START META_STOP MODE PARTICIPANT_n PATH TIME_SYSTEM	META_START META_STOP MODE PARTICIPANT_n PATH TIME_SYSTEM		
Situationally Required Metadata	DATA_QUALITY CORRECTIONS_APPLIED CORRECTION_ANGLE_1 CORRECTION_ANGLE_2 REFERENCE_FRAME	DATA_QUALITY	TRACK_ID REFERENCE_FRAME DATA_QUALITY CORRECTIONS_APPLIED CORRECTION_MAG CORRECTION_RCS CORRECTION_ABERRATION_YEARLY CORRECTION_ABERRATION_DIURNAL		
Optional Metadata	COMMENT TRACK_ID DATA_TYPES START_TIME STOP_TIME ODM_MSG_LINK RECEIVE_BAND	COMMENT TRACK_ID DATA_TYPES START_TIME STOP_TIME ODM_MSG_LINK	COMMENT DATA_TYPES START_TIME STOP_TIME ODM_MSG_LINK		

2. MODE = SINGLE_DIFF, described within PATH_1, PATH_2 and PARTICIPANT_n either constant or changing uplink (as above)						
Data Keywords [unit]	Range Data		Doppler Data		VLBI Data	
	RANGE [km, s, or RU]		RECEIVE_FREQ_n [Hz] TRANSMIT_FREQ_n [Hz] TRANSMIT_FREQ_RATE_n [Hz/s] RECEIVE_PHASE_CT_n TRANSMIT_PHASE_CT_n	DOR [s]	VLBI_DELAY [s]	
Required Metadata	META_START META_STOP MODE PARTICIPANT_n PATH_1 PATH_2 TIME_SYSTEM TRANSMIT_BAND RECEIVE_BAND RANGE_MODE RANGE_MODULUS RANGE_UNITS INTEGRATION_REF		META_START META_STOP MODE PARTICIPANT_n PATH_1 PATH_2 TIME_SYSTEM TRANSMIT_BAND RECEIVE_BAND FREQ_OFFSET INTERPOLATION INTERPOLATION_DEGREE	META_START META_STOP MODE PARTICIPANT_n PATH_1 PATH_2 TIME_SYSTEM TRANSMIT_BAND RECEIVE_BAND RANGE_MODE RANGE_MODULUS TIMETAG_REF	META_START META_STOP MODE PARTICIPANT_n PATH_1 PATH_2 TIME_SYSTEM TRANSMIT_BAND RECEIVE_BAND RANGE_MODE RANGE_MODULUS TIMETAG_REF	META_START META_STOP MODE PARTICIPANT_n PATH_1 PATH_2 TIME_SYSTEM TRANSMIT_BAND RECEIVE_BAND RANGE_MODE RANGE_MODULUS TIMETAG_REF
Situationally Required Metadata	TRANSMIT_DELAY_n RECEIVE_DELAY_n TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR DATA_QUALITY CORRECTIONS_APPLIED CORRECTION_RANGE TIMETAG_REF PR_NO		TRANSMIT_DELAY_n RECEIVE_DELAY_n TURNAROUND_NUMERATOR TURNAROUND_DENOMINATOR DATA_QUALITY CORRECTIONS_APPLIED CORRECTION_TRANSMIT CORRECTION_RECEIVE INTEGRATION_INTERVAL INTEGRATION_REF FREQ_OFFSET CARRIER_POWER PC_NO	TRANSMIT_DELAY_n RECEIVE_DELAY_n  DATA_QUALITY	TRANSMIT_DELAY_n RECEIVE_DELAY_n  DATA_QUALITY	TRANSMIT_DELAY_n RECEIVE_DELAY_n  DATA_QUALITY
Optional Metadata	COMMENT TRACK_ID DATA_TYPES START_TIME STOP_TIME ODM_MSG_LINK INTEGRATION_INTERVAL		COMMENT TRACK_ID DATA_TYPES START_TIME STOP_TIME ODM_MSG_LINK	COMMENT TRACK_ID DATA_TYPES START_TIME STOP_TIME ODM_MSG_LINK RANGE_UNITS	COMMENT TRACK_ID DATA_TYPES START_TIME STOP_TIME ODM_MSG_LINK RANGE_UNITS	COMMENT TRACK_ID DATA_TYPES START_TIME STOP_TIME ODM_MSG_LINK RANGE_UNITS

3. MODE = Not applicable, not specified

	Time Data	Media Related Data	Meteorological Data
Data Keywords [unit]	CLOCK_BIAS [s] CLOCK_DRIFT [s]	TROPO_DRY/TROPO_WET [m]	PRESSURE [hPa] RHUMIDITY [%] TEMPERATURE [K]
Required Metadata	META_START META_STOP PARTICIPANT_n TIME_SYSTEM	META_START META_STOP PARTICIPANT_n TIME_SYSTEM	META_START META_STOP PARTICIPANT_n TIME_SYSTEM
Situationally Required Metadata	DATA_QUALITY	DATA_QUALITY	DATA_QUALITY
Optional Metadata	COMMENT TRACK_ID DATA_TYPES START_TIME STOP_TIME	COMMENT TRACK_ID DATA_TYPES START_TIME STOP_TIME	COMMENT TRACK_ID DATA_TYPES START_TIME STOP_TIME