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RC	Requirements Compilation
IA	Implementation Analysis
SDD	Software Description Document
SAD	System Assurance Document
OPF	Organisation and Planning File
MOD	Mission Operations Document
FDR	Flight Dynamics Report





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Standards for time and coordinate systems
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Glossary of Terms

A

ACAM	Assisted Circular Access Method
AD	Applicable Document
AHF	Attitude History File
AMS	Archive Management System; part of the XMM SOC
AOCS	Attitude and Orbit Control System
AOS	Acquisition Of Signal
APES	Antenna Pointing Elements
APF	Attitude Parameter File
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange

B

BOL	Beginning Of Life
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C

CCHK	Attitude Constraint Checker Software. Provided by XFDS to SOC.
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D

DAT	Digital Audio Tape
DCA	Dedicated Control Area
DCR	Dedicated Control Room
DEC	Declination; range -90 degrees ...+90 degrees
DEVLAN	ESOC's development LAN
DPD	Data Processing Division (at ESOC)
DBOB	Database of Observable Bins. Provided by XFDS to SOC.

E

ED	Event Designator
EOL	End Of Life
EPIC	European Photon Imaging Camera
EPOS	Enhanced Preferred Observation Sequence

F

FD	Flight Dynamics
FDD	Flight Dynamics Division (formerly known as OAD) also referred to as D/TOS-GSED/FDD or GF
FDCE	Failure Detection and Correction Electronics
FDR	Flight Dynamics Room
FDS	Flight Dynamics (Support) System
FDDB	Flight Dynamics Database provided by DORNIER or MCSD
FOP	Flight Operations Plan
FOR	Frame of Reference
FOV	Field Of View
FSS	Fine Sun Sensor, optical sensor mounted along the S/C Z-axis
FTP	File Transfer Protocol

G

H

I

ICD	Interface Control Document
ICS	Instrument Command Sequence
ICP	Instrument Command Parameters; parameter file for the POS
ICV	Intercenter Vector: tracking information to be provided to NASA stations
INTEGRAL	International Gamma Ray Astrophysics Laboratory
IPF	Immediate Parameter File
IPS	Inertial Pointing and Slew mode (AOCS mode)
IMU	Inertial Measurement Unit: a S/C rate sensor (like e.g. a gyro)
ISO	Infrared Space Observatory
J	
J2000.0	Geocentric mean equatorial of epoch J2000.0

L

LAN	Local Area Network
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LCT	Company which developed the LCT Ranging System, i.e. Laboratoire Central de Telecommunication, Velizy, France	PMS	Payload Monitoring System (a part of the XMM XSCS)
LEOP	Launch and Early Orbit Phase	PPF	Pointing Properties File
LEOPOLD	Orbit determination facility	PSF	Planning Skeleton File
LIT	Listen-In Test	POS	Preferred Observation Schedule
LOS	Loss Of Signal	Q	
M		QA	Quality Assurance
MCR	Main Control Room	R	
MCSD	Mission Control Systems Division (formerly known as DPD) also referred to as D/TOS-GSED/MCSD or GC	RA	Right Ascension; range 0 degrees ...+360 degrees
MIP	Mission Implementation Plan	RAM	Random Access Memory
MOBIAS	Reaction Wheel Unit (RWU) momentum BIAS (activity)	RCS	Reaction Control System
MOC	Mission Operation Centre	RD	Reference Document
MOD	Mission Operations Department (at ESOC)	REACH	REmote Access to Circular History-files
MOUT	Message Out	REPOS	Re-planned EPOS
MPTS	Multi Purpose Tracking System	RPE	Relative Pointing Error
MSSS	Multiple Satellite Support System - a predecessor of ORATOS	RPOS	Re-planned POS
N		RWU	Reaction Wheel Unit
NCTRS	Network Commanding, Telemetry and Ranging System: a Protocol Converter, part of the Mission Control System	S	
O		SAD	System Assurance Document
OAD	Orbit and Attitude Division (at ESOC), now called FDD	SAS	Sun Acquisition Sensor
OBDH	On-Board Data Handling	SCOS	Spacecraft Control and Operations System
ODS	Operational Data Server	SCF	Star Catalogue Facility
OFDDB	Operational Flight Dynamics Database (optimised copy of the FDDB)	SDB	operational Spacecraft DataBase
OM	Optical Monitor	SOC	Science Operation Centre
OPSLAN	ESOC's operational LAN	SOM	Spacecraft Operations Manager (MOD)
ORATOS	Orbit and Attitude Operations System	SSO	Solar System Object
P		SPACON	Spacecraft Controller (MOD)
		SPCR	Satellite Pointing Change Request
		STDM	Spacecraft Trajectory Data Messages
		STR	Star Tracker
		SVT	System Validation Test
		T	
		TBC	To Be Confirmed
		TBD	To Be Decided
		TC	TeleCommand



THR	Thruster
TM	TeleMetry
U	
URD	User Requirements Document
X	
XFDS	XMM Flight Dynamics System (developed by FDD)
XMCS	XMM Mission Control System (developed by MCSD)
XSCS	XMM Science Control System (developed by MCSD)
XMM	X-Ray Multi Mirror





1 *Introduction*

The X-ray Multi Mirror (XMM) satellite is designed to observe the soft X-ray portion of the electromagnetic spectrum. It is planned to inject the satellite into an Earth orbit by an Ariane-5 launcher in August 1999. As a result of the mission analysis [RD.2], [RD.3] the following orbit type has been selected:

height of perigee	7000	km
height of apogee	114100	km
semi-major axis	66940	km
eccentricity	0.8005	
inclination	40	degrees
arg. of perigee	50	degrees
orbital period	47.87	hours

In order to obtain good ground station coverage from Kourou, Fr. Guyana and Perth, Australia, a subsatellite longitude at apogee of about 90 degrees West (at beginning of life) was recommended in the above mentioned mission analysis work. Within this configuration the satellite can be tracked from ground for about 95% of the entire revolution. Of course, this orbit type with the desired subsatellite longitude at apogee will not be reached directly by the launcher. A few orbit correction manoeuvres will be required during the initial orbit phase in order to increase the perigee altitude from 600 km to about 7000 km and to reach the subsatellite longitude at apogee of about 90 degrees West. All the manoeuvres required for these orbit changes are planned to be carried out within the first few revolutions.





2 *Orbit Determination*

2.1 *XMM Orbit Determination*

The orbit determination will be based on range and Doppler measurements from Kourou and Perth. The MPTS MKIII will be used for tracking and the performance is:

- for range: bias of less than 20m including the various model errors; noise of less than 10m.
- for Doppler: bias of less than 1 mm/s including the various model errors; noise of less than 2 mm/s

It is assumed that tracking (range and Doppler) can be carried out without any restrictions during the entire passes.

As the attitude control will be carried out through spinning wheels, momentum control will be required. Taking ISO as an example where momentum control is performed close to perigee, we experienced that the orbit determination had to be carried out primarily over 1.5 revolutions because of the difficulty in modelling the momentum control effect. The resulting error in the semi-major axis was about 50m. Considering the experience with ISO we took a somewhat pessimistic assumption for the XMM orbit determination accuracy, i.e. an error in the semi-major axis of a few hundred meters. Based on these figures the uncertainty in the propagation delay for all ground stations involved would be of the order of less than 30 microsec. It has to be mentioned, that this uncertainty is only valid for the first few days of the propagation period.

2.2 *Orbit Determination Method*

The orbit determination subsystem has to provide the satellite state (position and velocity) for the past and for the future. This information is required by the other subsystems of the Flight Dynamics area, and of course by other units outside Flight Dynamics, such as Spacecraft Operations, Ground Stations and Science Centres. Data closely related to the satellite motion, such as eclipse times and ground station visibility is also provided by the orbit determination subsystem.

Very often the orbit determination is based on tracking measurements from various ground stations. The raw tracking measurements received from the ground stations are not directly suitable for orbit determination. In order not to overload the actual orbit determination with a large amount of measurements, a data reduction is required. The original raw tracking measurements are smoothed and a normal point is selected and kept as a so-called observation. The observations form the basis for the orbit determination. This is achieved by batch-wise processing of the observations using parameter estimation applying a least squares method. The orbit determination is performed in the following three steps:

- Using an initial set of parameters, the assumed satellite motion is generated for the time interval of the selected observations;



- These generated satellite state vectors are compared with the actual observations and
- based on the differences resulting from this comparison, improvements to the initial set of parameters can be computed. This is performed by means of an iterative least squares approach.

The improved set of orbital parameters is essentially the output of this part.

For fast and simple computation of the satellite state for any specific time it is essential to provide a routine which does not require the full orbit propagation method used before. For this reason the satellite movement, which has been determined within the above described method, is approximated 'piecewise' by a combination of a Kepler orbit and Chebyshev polynomials. The computed coefficients are stored on a data set, which permits easy and fast retrieval of the satellite state. Because only a small amount of data needs to be stored, the orbit file will contain data of the entire history, which is of high interest for evaluation and recomputation purposes. This orbit file constitutes the central place for the satellite state retrieval.



3 *Overview of Interfaces*

3.1 *List of tracking data input files*

The interfaces are described in a separate ICD issued by GSED/MCSD. A summary will be given in the table below (not yet written)

Description	Name	Chapter	Origin
MPTS MkIII range			
MPTS MkIII Doppler			
MPTS MkIII meteo			
Antenna angles (plus meteorological data)			

3.2 *List of interface files internal to Flight Dynamics*

Description	Name	Chapter	Subsystem
Momentum Control information			
Orbit manoeuvre input			
Orbit manoeuvre evaluation			

3.3 *List of output files*

As mentioned above the orbit determination subsystem produces the following output files:

Description	Name	Chapter	Destination
Orbit file related items:			
Orbit file for Flight Dynamics internal	orbit		FDS
plus retrieval routine	ORBIT		
Orbit file for external interfaces (ASCII)	orbita	5.1	XMCS XSCS
plus retrieval routine	ORBITA	5.2	
propagation delay routine	SIGDEL	5.3	XMCS



Description	Name	Chapter	Destination
Eclipse file	eclip		FDS
Events file related items:			
Events file	stef		FDS
Revolution numbers	revno		XSCS
plus retrieval routines	DATREV and REVDAT		FDS
station predictions: (not yet written)			
STDM (possibly in two formats for STC I and for STC II)			XMCS
APES			XMCS
WIMPY			XMCS



4 *Summary of XMCS interfaces*

The interfaces mentioned above with respect to XSCS are based on the requirements listed in the following document:

- Minutes of XMM MOC/SOC/FD meeting to discuss requirements on FD, 30.Oct.96

It is envisaged to update the orbit file once per revolution in order to provide predictions with high accuracy. With this procedure the effect of the momentum control near perigee would always be taken into account in the generation of the predictions.

The orbit file provided to XMCS (which will also be forwarded to XSCS via the ODF) is an extract of the primary orbit file of the Flight Dynamics system and will contain only the current period, i.e. several weeks of history plus predictions of adequate duration.

This orbit file can be read using the retrieval routine ORBITA.

4.1 *Transaction Data Files*

See [RD.4]





5 *Description of Interfaces*

5.1 *Orbit File in ASCII Format*

The file is not intended for direct interpretation, but via access by the Fortran routine supplied. (See “ORBITA - File Read Routine” on page 11.)

The content and format of the file is defined in the following tables. The format definition follows the ANSI FORTRAN notation for format statements (e.g. A29 means 29 ASCII characters, 5X means 5 spaces, I2 means a 2 character denary integer and F7.2 means a 7 character fixed point number with 2 decimal places).

For each period of time there is a header block as shown in Table 1, followed by a number of polynomial coefficient blocks as shown in Table 2. The number of polynomial coefficient blocks depends upon the accuracy that is required.

Name	Format	Description
SCID	I3,2X	will contain the S/C body identification. The SCID is assigned before launch to the spacecraft, and remain the same throughout the mission.
PREREC	A1,2X	a single character flag indicating if the data is predicted (P) or reconstituted (R)
GENTIM	A20,2X	date and time when the header block was written to the file in CCSDS time code A format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ)
SRTTIM	A20,2X	date and time of the start of the period for when the data is valid in CCSDS time code A format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ).
ENDTIM	A20	date and time of the end of the period for when the data is valid in CCSDS time code A format (YYYY-MM-DDThh:mm:ssZ).
LF		is a single line-feed character (ASCII 0A _{hex})
NREC	I3	an internally used record identifier.
DAYBEG	F12.6	Modified Julian Date 2000 (MJD 2000, i.e. the date 0.0 refers to the 1st January 2000 at 0:00:00), of the start of the period for when the data is valid.
DAYEND	F12.6	Modified Julian Date 2000 (MJD 2000), of the end of the period for when the data is valid.
EPOCH	F15.9	Modified Julian Date 2000 (MJD 2000), of the epoch for the reference Kepler orbit.



Name	Format	Description
ORBIN	F11.3	Revolution number for this epoch.
SMAxis	F13.5	Semimajor axis 'a', in km, of the reference Kepler orbit.
OMOTIN	F13.5	Inverse mean motion = ' $a \cdot \sqrt{a/\mu}$ ' of the reference Kepler orbit in seconds/rad (μ = central Earth potential).
LF		is a single line-feed character (ASCII 0A _{hex})
NREC	I3	an internally used record identifier.
XYZPOS (3)	3F11.3	are the x-y-z components of the position vector in km of the reference Kepler orbit.
XYZVEL (3)	3F11.7	are the x-y-z components of the velocity vector in km/s of the reference Kepler orbit.
RDIST	F11.3	is the absolute value of the position vector of the reference Kepler orbit in km.

Name	Format	Description
NREC	I3	an internally used record identifier
POLPOS (3)	3F11.3	are the polynomial coefficients of the x-y-z components of the position vector in km of the reference Kepler orbit.
POLVEL (3)	3F11.7	are the polynomial coefficients of the x-y-z components of the velocity vector in km/s of the reference Kepler orbit.

Depending upon the accuracy required the number of the coefficient blocks will vary between 0 and 10 inclusive

The coordinate system is the Inertial Mean Geocentric Equatorial System of year J2000.0, with the x-axis towards the mean vernal equinox, the x-y plane coinciding with the mean equatorial plane and the z-axis toward north. Time and coordinate systems used for orbital operations at ESOC are described in "OAD Principles, Standards for time and coordinate systems, May 1994".



5.2 *Orbit Files Access Routine*

5.2.1 *ORBITA - File Read Routine*

The orbit file can be read by a FORTRAN subroutine. The calling sequence is shown below.

5.2.1.1 *Synopsis*

SUBROUTINE ORBITA (MJDATE, CODE, FILE-UNIT, IERROR,
SATNUM, X, REVNUM)

5.2.1.2 *Input*

Parameter	Description
DOUBLE PRECISION MJDATE	Requested epoch in MJD-2000.
INTEGER ^a CODE	Number of components desired of state vector dimension of array X(); 3: S/C position; 6: position and velocity
INTEGER FILE-UNIT	Logical Fortran Unit number of orbit file

a. In this document, it is assumed that all integers are 4-byte integers.

5.2.1.3 *Output*

Parameter	Description
INTEGER IERROR	Error code See "Return" on page 11.
INTEGER SATNUM	Satellite number
DOUBLE PRECISION X(CODE)	spacecraft position [km] (and velocity [km/s])
DOUBLE PRECISION REVNUM	revolution number

5.2.1.4 *Return*

ORBITA returns return one of the following return codes:

Return Code	Description
0	no error



Return Code	Description
1	MJDATE is too early (outside the interval for which orbit information is available)
2	MJDATE is too late (outside the interval for which orbit information is available)
3	wrong value of 'CODE'
4	'FILE-UNIT' out of range [<1]
6	read error from compressed orbit file
7	compressed orbit file content is inconsistent

5.2.1.5 *Description*

For reading an orbit file, the User must assign a FORTRAN IO unit number to it. This FORTRAN IO unit number shall be used for the parameter FILE-UNIT, and the satellite number is returned as the parameter SATNUM. By verifying the latter, the User can check that a block from the correct orbit file has been read. The subroutine ORBITA does not explicitly open the orbit file.

At the first call of the subroutine ORBITA, the orbit file is read from the beginning until a block is found whose time interval contains the input value MJDATE. In case there is some time overlap between blocks, the first one that contains MJDATE is selected.

After a block is found, the decompressing is performed as described below. The content of the block is kept inside the subroutine and is reused at the next call of ORBITA, if the new value of MJDATE lies within its time interval. If the new MJDATE lies beyond the end of the interval, the orbit file is read forward until a matching interval is found.

The orbit file is read from its beginning at a new call of ORBITA when:

- The new value of MJDATE lies before the start time of the interval for the last read block;
- The error return code IERROR was non-zero at the last call;
- The new call specifies a new file with a new number FILE-UNIT.
- An update of the orbit file was made between reads.

5.3 *Propagation Delay Correction*

5.3.1 *SIGDEL - Routine to calculate the propagation delay*

A routine will be provided for the calculation of the propagation delay of the signal (SIGDEL).



The routine requires two input files, i.e. the orbit file as well as the station coordinates file. Within this routine three further routines are called, i.e.

- ORBITA - File Read Routine: for the retrieval of the spacecraft position
- STATON for the retrieval of station coordinates and
- GJ2EFS - convert geocentric position vector (J2000) to Earth-fixed: for the conversion of the spacecraft position vector from J2000 to the Earth-fixed system.

5.3.1.1 *Synopsis*

SUBROUTINE SIGDEL (ORB-FILE-UNIT, STA-FILE-UNIT, STANUM, MJDATE, DELAY, SATNUM, IERROR)

5.3.1.2 *Input*

Parameter	Description
INTEGER ORB-FILE-UNIT	Logical number of orbit file
INTEGER STA-FILE-UNIT	Logical number of station data file
INTEGER STANUM	station number following the ESOC SDID notation
DOUBLE PRECISION MJDATE	Input date expressed as Modified Julian day, from 2000.

5.3.1.3 *Output*

Parameter	Description
DOUBLE PRECISION DELAY	Signal time (sec) from satellite to ground station (i.e. 1-way)
INTEGER SATNUM	Satellite number
INTEGER IERROR	Error code. See "Return" on page 13.

5.3.1.4 *Return*

Return Code	Description
0	no error
1	MJDATE is too early (outside the interval for which orbit information is available)
2	MJDATE is too late (outside the interval for which orbit information is available)



Return Code	Description
3	wrong value for 'STANUM'
4	'ORB-FILE-UNIT' out of range [<1]
6	read error from compressed orbit file
7	compressed orbit file content is inconsistent
8	'STA-FILE-UNIT' out of range [<1]
9	read error from station coordinate file

5.3.2 *GJ2EFS - convert geocentric position vector (J2000) to Earth-fixed*

5.3.2.1 *Synopsis*

SUBROUTINE GJ2EFS (MJDATE, XJ2000, XEFS)

5.3.2.2 *Input*

Parameter	Description
DOUBLE PRECISION MJDATE	Input date expressed as Modified Julian day, from 2000.
DOUBLE PRECISION XJ2000(3)	Spacecraft position vector in the J2000 system; [X, Y, Z in km]

5.3.2.3 *Output*

Parameter	Description
DOUBLE PRECISION XEFS(3)	position vector in the Earth-fixed system (see [AD.4])

5.3.2.4 *Return*

GJ2EFS does not return any codes

5.3.2.5 *Description*

GJ2EFS converts a position vector conversion from geocentric J2000 to Earth-fixed system.

5.4 *Delivery Mechanism*

The following routines are delivered as FORTRAN 77 source code files:



- ORBITA - File Read Routine
- SIGDEL - Routine to calculate the propagation delay
- GJ2EFS - convert geocentric position vector (J2000) to Earth-fixed

In addition the following supporting routines will be provided as they are required by higher-level routines:

- STATON - reads station coordinates data from file
- PR2000 - computes the precession matrix to convert a vector in mean geocentric equatorial system of 2000.0 to Mean-of-Date

