

Change Log

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-	11/30/2000	All	Initial Release
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D	10/31/2009	Many	Replaced DSMS with DSN. Removed all references related to the 26-m stations.

Note to Readers

There are two sets of document histories in the 810-005 document, and these histories are reflected in the header at the top of the page. First, the entire document is periodically released as a revision when major changes affect a majority of the modules. For example, this module is part of 810-005, Revision E. Second, the individual modules also change, starting as an initial issue that has no revision letter. When a module is changed, a change letter is appended to the module number on the second line of the header and a summary of the changes is entered in the module's change log.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to present a useful glossary of commonly used terms, abbreviations, and acronyms that are current and applicable to the Deep Space Network (DSN) and the Interplanetary Networks Directorate (IPN) of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

1.2 Scope

This scope of this document is limited to providing terms, abbreviations, and acronyms that are used within Document 810-005 and especially those that may be different from usage in other organizations.

Terms, abbreviations, and acronyms are included in this document if they meet any of the following criteria:

- used within the DSN or IPN but with a meaning that may be unique to the DSN or IPN,
- used within 810-005 in place of equivalent terms, abbreviations, and acronyms that may be used elsewhere, or
- commonly used in the field of telecommunications engineering but not necessarily known to all users of 810-005.

1.3 Revisions

This glossary will be periodically revised with changes, improvements, or additions. Usually, these revisions will be coincident with the publication of new or revised 810-005 modules that contain new or revised terminology.

1.4 ***Definitions***

The following paragraphs define the types of items that appear in this glossary and give general rules for their formation.

1.4.1 ***Terms***

A *term* is any word or expression that has a precise meaning in a particular field, in this case, telecommunications engineering.

1.4.2 ***Abbreviations***

An *abbreviation* is a shortened or contracted form of a word or phrase. In a strict sense, the letters are individually pronounced (for example, rpm or DSN) or the reader might visualize and pronounce the complete form of the word (for example, "assembly" for "assy" or "telemetry" for "TLM").

1.4.3 ***Acronyms***

An *acronym* is a pronounceable abbreviation formed by one of two methods: (1) combining the first syllables of the key words (for example, Caltech or FORTRAN) or (2) combining the first letter and other letters, as required, from the name or key words of an organization, project, or piece of equipment (for example, AMMOS or LAN).

2 *Abbreviations and Terms*

<i>Abbreviation or Term</i>	<i>Definition</i>
A	
A-D	analog-to-digital
A/S	anti-spoofing mode of operation (Global Positioning System) in which the encrypted, or Y-code, is unavailable to civilian users of the system
AFC	automatic frequency control
AFS	atomic frequency standard
AGC	automatic gain control
AIU	Antenna Interface Unit
alidade	The rotating but non-tilting portion of the DSN azimuth-elevation antennas.
AM	amplitude modulation
AMP	amplifier
AMMOS	Advanced Multi-mission Operations System
APID	Application Process Identifier
ARC	ambiguity resolving code
ASM	attached synchronization marker
atm	atmospheric
az or AZ	azimuth
AZ-EL	azimuth-elevation
B	
B2MCD	Block II Maximum Likelihood Convolutional Decoder
B3MCD	Block III Maximum Likelihood Convolutional Decoder
B/W or BW	bandwidth
BCH	Bose-Chaudhuri-Hocquenghem (code)
BER	bit error rate
BET	bit error tolerance
Boltzmann's constant	-198.6 dBm/(Hz · K)

***Abbreviation
or Term***

Definition

BPSK	binary phase shift keyed
BVR	Block V Receiver (part of DTT Subsystem)
BWG	Beam Waveguide (antenna or subnet)
<i>C</i>	
c	speed of light, 299,792.458 km/s
Category A	missions within 2 million km of Earth
Category B	missions at distances greater than 2 million km from Earth
C/A	Coarse Acquisition (GPS code)
CCSDS	Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems
CCW	counter-clockwise
CD	cumulative distribution
CDR	Central Data Recording (assembly)
CDSCC	Canberra (Australia) Deep Space Communications Complex
CFDP	CCSDS file Delivery Protocol
CLTU	Command Link Transfer Unit
CMD	command
CONSCAN	conical scanning
CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
CRG	Coherent Reference Generator
cryo	cryogenic
CSO	Cryogenic Sapphire Oscillator (frequency standard)
CSS	Channel-Select Synthesizer
CTT	Compatibility Test Trailer
CV	connection vector
CVCDU	Coded Virtual Channel Data Unit
CW	clockwise
<i>D</i>	
D/C	downconverter
D/L	downlink
dB	decibel(s)

***Abbreviation
or Term***

Definition

dBc	decibel(s) with respect to carrier
dB _i	decibel(s) with respect to isotropic
dB _m	decibel(s) with respect to one milliwatt
DCC	Downlink Channel Controller
DCPC	Downlink Channel Processing Cabinet
DCT	design control table
DDC	Digital Downconverter
dec or DEC	declination
deg	degree(s)
ΔDOR	Delta-Differential One-way Ranging
DIG	digitizer (assembly)
DLT	digital linear tape
DMD	DSS Media Calibration (subsystem) or Data Monitor and Display (assembly)
DN, dn	down
DOR	differential one-way range
DRVID	differenced range versus integrated Doppler
DSCC	Deep Space Communications Complex
DSN	Deep Space Network
DSS	Deep Space Station
DSS-13	34-m research & development antenna at Goldstone DSCC
DSS-14	70-m antenna at Goldstone DSCC
DSS-15	34-m HEF antenna at Goldstone DSCC
DSS-23	11-m antenna at Goldstone DSCC
DSS-24	34-m BWG antenna at Goldstone DSCC
DSS-25	34-m BWG antenna at Goldstone DSCC
DSS-26	34-m BWG antenna at Goldstone DSCC
DSS-27	34-m HSB antenna at Goldstone DSCC
DSS-33	11-m antenna at Canberra DSCC
DSS-34	34-m BWG antenna at Canberra DSCC
DSS-43	70-m 0antenna at Canberra DSCC
DSS-45	34-m HEF antenna at Canberra DSCC

***Abbreviation
or Term***

Definition

DSS-53	11-m antenna at Madrid DSCC
DSS-54	34-m BWG antenna at Madrid DSCC
DSS-55	34-m BWG antenna at Madrid DSCC
DSS-63	70-m antenna at Madrid DSCC
DSS-65	34-m HEF antenna at Madrid DSCC
DTF	Development and Test Facility
DTK	DSS Tracking (Subsystem)
DTT	Downlink Tracking and Telemetry (Subsystem)

E

EEIS	End-to-End Information System
EIRP	effective isotropic radiated power
el, EL, elev	elevation
EOP	Earth Orientation Parameters (of the International Earth Rotation Service [IERS])

F

F/O	fiber optic
FCD	feedback concatenated decoding
FER	frame error rate
FET	field effect transistor
FFT	fast Fourier transform
FM	frequency modulation
FODA	Fiber-optic Distribution Assembly
FOM	figure of merit
FSTL	Frequency Standards Test Laboratory (at JPL)
FTP, ftp	file transfer protocol
FTS	Frequency and Timing Subsystem

G

G/T	(antenna) gain divided by (operating system) temperature
GCF	Ground Communications Facility

***Abbreviation
or Term***

Definition

GCR	Ground Communications Router
GDS	Ground Data System
GDSCC	Goldstone (California) Deep Space Communications Complex
GMSK	Gaussian minimum-shift keying
GPS	Global Positioning System
GRA	GPS Receiver/Processor Assembly
GSFC	Goddard Spaceflight Center
GSSR	Goldstone Solar System Radar
GSTDN	Ground Spaceflight Tracking and Data Network

H

H/P	high power
HA	hour angle
HEF	high efficiency (antenna)
HEMT	high electron-mobility (field-effect) transistor
HPBW	half-power beamwidth
HRM	high-rate (radio loss) model
HSB	high (angular-tracking) speed beam waveguide (antenna)

I

I/F	interface
ID	identifier or identification
IDC	IF-to-Digital Converter
IERS	International Earth Rotation Service
IF	intermediate frequency
IIRV	Improved Inter-range Vector
INP	internet predicts
IPN	Interplanetary Networks (JPL Directorate)
ITRF	IERS Terrestrial Reference Frame
ITU	International Telecommunications Union

J-K

***Abbreviation
or Term***

Definition

JPL	Jet Propulsion Laboratory
KSC	Kennedy Space Center
<i>L</i>	
L/P	low power
LAN	local area network
LCP	left (-hand) circular polarization
LITS/VCXO	Linear Ion-trap/Voltage Controlled Crystal Oscillator (frequency standard)
LNA	low noise amplifier
LO	local oscillator
LRM	low-rate (radio loss) model
<i>M</i>	
MAP	maximum <i>a posteriori</i> probability
MASER	microwave amplification by stimulated emission of radiation
max	maximum
MB	medium bandwidth
MCD	Maximum Likelihood Convolutional Decoder
MDA	Metric Data Assembly
MDSCC	Madrid (Spain) Deep Space Communications Complex
ME	Master Equatorial
MFR	Multi-function Receiver
MGC	manual gain control
MILA	Merritt Island Launch Area
min	minimum
MOC	Mission Operations Center
MOCC	Mission Operations Control Center
mod	modulation, module
MOS	Mission Operations System
MRE	mean radial error
MRT	major range tone

***Abbreviation
or Term***

Definition

MSL	mean sea level
MSPA	multiple spacecraft per antenna
<i>N</i>	
NA, N/A	not applicable
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NAV	Navigation (Subsystem)
NB	narrowband, narrow bandwidth
NCO	numerically controlled oscillator
NISN	NASA Integrated Service Network
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NMC	Network Monitor and Control (Subsystem)
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOCC	Network Operations Control Center
NRZ	non-return to zero
NRZ-L	non-return to zero, level
NRZ-M	non-return to zero, mark
NRZ-S	non-return to zero, space
NSP	Network Simplification Project
NSS	Network Support Subsystem
NTIA	National Telecommunications and Information Administration
NTK	NOCC Tracking (Subsystem)
NTP	Network Time Protocol

O

OD	Operator Directive
OQPSK	offset quadrature phase-shift keyed
ORT	Operational Readiness Test
OVLBI	Orbiting Very-long Baseline Interferometry
OVT	Operational Verification Test

P

***Abbreviation
or Term***

Definition

P/O	part of
PCG	Phase Calibration Generator (part of FTS)
PCM	pulse-code modulation
PDF	probability density function portable document format (type or extension of computer file)
PDRVID	pseudo-DRVID
PLL	phase-locked loop
PM	phase modulation
PN	pseudo-random noise
POCC	Project Operations Control Center
PSK	phase-shift keyed
PTS	Precision Telemetry Simulator

Q

QPSK	quadrature phase-shift keying
QQCL	quantity, quality, continuity, and latency

R

R/T	real-time, room temperature
RA	right ascension
RCP	right circular polarization
rev	revision
RF	radio frequency
RH	relative humidity
RID	RF-to-IF Downconverter
RMDC	Radio-Metric Data Conditioner
RMS; rms	root-mean-square
RNG	range
RNS	Reliable Network Service
RRP	Receiver and Ranging Processor
RS	Reed-Solomon (code), radio science
RSR	Radio Science Receiver

***Abbreviation
or Term***

Definition

rss, RSS	root-sum-square
RTLTL	round-trip light time
RU	range unit
<i>S</i>	
S/C	spacecraft
S/N	Signal-to-Noise
SCA	Subsystem Control and Monitor Assembly
SEP	Sun-Earth-Probe (angle)
SFDU	Standard Formatted Data Unit
SFODA	Stabilized Fiber-optic Distribution Assembly
SFG	Special Function Gateway
SFU	solar flux units (one SFU = 1×10^{-22} W/m ² /Hz)
SLE	Space Link Extension
SNR	signal-to-noise ratio
SPC	Signal Processing Center
SPD	S-Band Polarization Diplexed (feedcone)
SPT	System Performance Test or System Performance Test Assembly
SRA	Sequential Ranging Assembly
STEC	slant total electron content
stowed	With respect to an antenna, aimed near zenith for protection from the wind.
sub, subcarr	subcarrier
<i>T</i>	
TBD	to be determined
TCP	Telemetry and Command Processor
TCT	Time Code Translator

***Abbreviation
or Term***

Definition

TDA	Tracking and Data Acquisition (former JPL Directorate)
TDDS	Tracking and Data Delivery System
TDM	Time-division multiplex
TDS	Telemetry Delivery Subsystem
TEC	total electron content
TIS	Telemetry Input Subsystem
TLM	telemetry, Telemetry Service
TLP	Telemetry Processor
TMOD	Tracking and Mission Operations Directorate (JPL)
T _{OP}	T sub OP (operating system temperature)
TSA	Telemetry Simulation Assembly
TXR	transmitter or Transmitter Subsystem

U

U/C	upconverter
U/L	uplink
ULNA	ultra low-noise amplifier
UPA	Uplink Processor Assembly
UPL	Uplink (Subsystem)
URA	Uplink Ranging Assembly
USO	Ultra-Stable Oscillator
UTC	Universal Time, Coordinated

V

VAC	vacuum
VC	virtual channel
VCDU	Virtual Channel Data Unit
VCO	voltage controlled oscillator
VCXO	voltage-controlled crystal oscillator
VLBI	very-long baseline interferometry
VSR	VLBI Science Receiver

***Abbreviation
or Term***

Definition

W

W/B, WB wideband
WD waveform distortion

X

X-EL, XEL cross-elevation
XMIT transmit
XRO X-band receive only (feedcone)
XTR X-band transmit-receive (feedcone)

Y-Z

yr year
ZDD Zero-delay Device
ZEN zenith