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PSD USER'S MANUAL

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PSD FM User Manual

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1. SCOPE OF THE DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is to provide a user manual for the PSD FM subassembly. This manual should introduce the user in the general functionality of the system, and should provide a reference document that allows for a proper configuration and usage of the system.

2. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

- RD1 FM software version 227 / V1.07
- RD2 PSD Software description, SPI-NT-4232-4194-CESR, Ed. 2, Rev. 0, 06/04/00
- RD3 SPI INTERFACES SPECIFICATION, SPI-SI-0-1324-CNES, Issue 4, Rev. 0, 07/01/00
- RD4 Spectrometer User Manual, SPI-MU-0-1062-CNES, Issue 4, Rev. 0, 10/11/00

3. GENERAL FUNCTIONALITY

The scope of this paragraph is the presentation of the general functionality of the PSD subassembly in order to clarify the meaning of the PSD parameters.

3.1. Multiplexing

The PSD subassembly is equipped with 19 input channels (also called MUX channels), each connected to one of the 19 fast detector output channels. Each of the 19 channels can be enabled or disabled individually in order to activate or to suppress pulse-shape discrimination for individual detectors. A disabled MUX channel neither generates FET triggers (see section 3.2), nor does it add to the sum of detector currents provided to the A/D converters (see section 3.3).

Pulse Shape Discrimination for background reduction is only meaningful for events that are contained within one germanium detector. Therefore it has been decided to have only one PSD system that treats all 19 detectors with an input multiplexing. If signals occur on several PSD inputs, the event is considered as a multi-detector event and it will not be treated by the PSD sub-assembly (see section 3.2).

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3.2. Triggering

The PSD sub-assembly has its own triggering electronics that triggers the analysis of the Germanium detector currents. The hardware trigger (or front-end trigger) is characterised by four parameters: the **FRONT END TRIGGER LEVEL (FET)**, the **LOWER LEVEL DISCRIMINATOR (LLD)**, the **TIME WINDOW (TW)**, and the **UPPER LEVEL DISCRIMINATOR (ULD)**. The first 3 quantities (FET, LLD, TW) are configurable by telecommand while the ULD is a fixed level. The major aim of the hardware threshold is to trigger the PSD system on detector pulses and to separate real event triggers from noise triggers. Consequently, the optimum trigger parameters will depend on the noise in the system The front-end trigger parameters are the most critical parameters of the PSD system since noise triggers can easily exceed the expected event rates, leading directly to an exceed in time-tag rates sent to DFEE.

Each of the 19 input channels (MUX channels) has a front-end trigger threshold that is set by the FET parameter. Note that the FET setting is common to all 19 detector channels, although the conversion curve between trigger threshold and parameter setting is different for each of the 19 channels. This implies that a given FET setting results in different FET threshold levels (see conversion table in section 4.2). The FET (or MUX) trigger defines the start of a PSD event (see Fig. 1).

The analogue signal of the 19 MUX channels is summed and distributed to the A/D converters (see section 3.3) and the LLD and ULD threshold comparators. This means that the LLD and ULD levels are common to all 19 channels, and possible variations in the threshold level among the 19 channels only arise due to possible variations in the amplification gains of the pre-amplifiers of the 19 MUX channels.

Fig. 1: PSD front-end triggering scheme.

As soon as one of the 19 FET triggered, the A/D converters start digitising the sum of the 19 detector currents. At the same time, the FET trigger opens three time windows: the LLD window, the multiple event window, and the ULD window. The LLD window defines the maximum time delay between the FET trigger and the passage of the LLD level to lead to a DFEE time-tag emission. If after the end of the LLD window the LLD level has not been exceeded, all 19 MUX channels are reset by a common reset signal. The LLD window length is set by the parameter TW.

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The multiple event window defines the time window during which the occurrence of multiple FET triggers will lead to a reset of the PSD front-end. If multiple FET fire during the multiple event window, all 19 MUX channels will be reset by a common reset signal. This logic allows to eliminate multiple detector hits since their analysis by the PSD is not scientifically meaningful. The multiple time window is also set by the parameter TW, although the length of the multiple time window exceeds that of the LLD window by typically 150 - 200 ns.

The ULD window defines the maximum time delay between the FET trigger and the passage of the ULD level that may lead to a suppression of the DFEE time-tag. The goal of the ULD is the rejection of saturated events that are not exploitable by the PSD (the ULD level in the FM corresponds to roughly **TBD** keV). On the FM, the length of the ULD window has been adjusted to **1.355 µs**. If a ULD trigger occurred before the end of the ULD window a common reset signal will be sent to all 19 MUX channels. Additionally, the MUX channels that have emitted a FET trigger since the start of the PSD event (i.e. the first FET trigger) will be disabled for a time-period of **TBD** ns.

Once the ULD time window has passed, the PSD trigger decision is taken which decides if a DFEE timetag should be initiated. A DFEE time-tag will be initiated if at the start of the PSD trigger decision window

- the LLD has triggered and
- only one FET trigger occurred and
- no ULD trigger occurred

In case that a time-tag has been initiated, an interrupt request will be issued to the PSD DSP (see section 3.9). At the same time the A/D conversion of the germanium detector current is stopped. Still, a Veto signal sent at the same moment by the DFEE to the PSD will inhibit time-tag emission, but the DSP signal processing task will be started which first checks (by software) for the occurrence of a Veto signal. In case of a Veto, the signal processing will be aborted immediately.

After signal processing by the PSD DSP the 19 MUX channels are reset by a common reset signal. Note that if signal processing ends during the preparation of the HSL FIFO buffer (see section 3.7) the reset is postponed until the FIFO buffer is filled to avoid interferences. This implies that during HSL FIFO preparation, only one event is acceptable by the PSD.

3.3. Digitisation

After FET triggering, the sum of the 19 detector currents is digitised by 4 interleaved Analogue to Digital converters at a frequency of 25 MHz, leading to a time resolution of 10 ns. The Analogue to Digital converters have a resolution of 10 Bits, but only the 9 most significant Bits are used for the analysis (leading to 512 digitisation units, ranging from 0 - 511). For the FM, the conversion function between pulse voltage and digitisation units has been determined to

7.8 digits / mV

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With a **typical PA2 gain of 18 mV / MeV¹**, this converts into

140 digits / MeV

With a **typical DC baseline of 45 digits**, this corresponds to a maximum voltage of 60 mV for a maximum digitisation value of 511 (corresponding to 3.3 MeV).

3.4. Veto

The PSD system may receive a Veto signal from the DFEE in order to suppress time-tag emission and event processing. In the case that no DFEE cable is connected to the PSD, no veto is active, i.e. all events are processed by the PSD.

The Veto signal is hardwired in the PSD and cannot be influenced by configuration commands.

3.5. Gain range

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There are two gain ranges available in the PSD (low gain and high gain). Nominally, the PSD is operated in high gain mode. The low gain mode reduces the gain by a **factor of 2.2** with respect to the high gain mode. For the FM, the gain ranges are

> **high gain : 200 keV - 3.3 MeV low gain : 500 keV- 7.5 MeV**

The gain range is common to all detectors and may be selected by configuration command. The FET levels are not influenced by the gain range setting, while the LLD levels change.

3.6. Event identifier emission

The PSD system communicates with the DFEE subassembly by two signals:

1. A time-tag signal that is emitted if a trigger occurred in the PSD system

2. A data bus for identification of valid events (DFEE ID)

If a front-end trigger occurs in the PSD system without a Veto signal active, a time-tag is emitted to the DFEE system. In the meanwhile, the PSD system has integrated the sum of the 19 germanium detector currents using a 9 Bit hardware integrator in order to estimate the energy of the event. This energy estimate is then compared to a validity range, specified for each detector individually by the **LOWER ENERGY THRESHOLD (LET)** and the **UPPER ENERGY THRESHOLD (UET)**. The LET and UET are configurable for each detector by configuration commands. If the pulse integral falls within the validity interval, an event identifier with processing flag $P=1$ is emitted to the DFEE. If the pulse falls outside the energy interval, the processing flag in the DFEE label is set to $P=0$.

 1 All energy values given in keV or MeV in this document are based on a conversion coefficient of 18 mV / MeV.

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The relation between the hardware integrator 9 Bit value and the energy is rather complex since the integral is composed of both the pulse area and the baseline area and the sum of the 19 detector currents. The baseline may vary as function of time and event frequency. The value of the hardware integrator is inserted into the first bin of a PSD curve when downlinked by TM. This allows for the calibration of the hardware integrator versus energy.

3.7. HSL

Scientific data is transmitted on the HSL from the PSD subassembly to the DPE subassembly. The scientific data consists of:

- 1. event data
- 2. curve data

The maximum number of curves that are transmitted in a HSL data frame, and the frequency of curve data transmission can be configured using configuration commands. The transmission rates may differ between the operational mode and the calibration or diagnostic mode.

Detector pulses that were accumulated during cycle n of the 8 Hz HSL clock are sent to the DPE during cycle n+1. A new cycle begins with the falling edge of the 8 Hz clock. At this moment the PSD subassembly prepares the data frame in a FIFO buffer. It may happen that at the moment of the 8 Hz falling edge not all events of cycle n are yet processed, hence they would be lost since they are not allowed to be sent in cycle n+2. For this reason, a post processing of 10 events at maximum is allowed after the falling edge of the 8 Hz clock occurs. Note that during this entire post-procession period, the PSD may only accept one new event trigger at maximum. The FIFO buffer is only prepared after this postprocessing. The maximum number of events to be postprocessed can be set by configuration commands. Unprocessed events (due to a lack of processing time) will be dropped. The number of dropped events is reported in TM.

3.8. Pulse shape discrimination

Pulse shape discrimination is performed by comparing measured detector pulse shapes to a library of pulse shape templates. As result of the comparison, an event may be flagged as single site event (most significant Bit of the PSD word set to 0) or as multiple site event (most significant Bit of the PSD word set to 1). Event selection statistics are maintained in the housekeeping telemetry.

Library templates can be uploaded using telecommands for each individual detector. The libraries are stored in EEPROM. Two library sets may be uploaded for each detector. The selection of the library set is done via configuration command. Furthermore, the number of time-steps used for the pulse shape analysis and the number of library templates are also configurable.

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3.9. DSP32 software

The PSD subassembly houses a DSP32C digital signal processor. This processor handles all communications with the environment (LSL, HSL, DFEE) and performs the scientific analysis of the digitised pulses shapes. The software in the PSD is composed of two parts:

- 1. The functional software (eng.s) that handles all interfaces and the data accumulation and preparation
- 2. The scientific software (science.s) that analyses the pulse shapes and handles the library management

In the FM, the functional software has version number 230 and the scientific software has version number V1.08.

After start-up, the PSD program code that resides in ROM is copied into RAM and code execution will then be passed to RAM. The only exception is the software maintenance mode for which code execution takes place in ROM (hence the entire RAM area is patchable). For more information about the memory management, please refer to section 6.

The PSD code consists of a main program loop that handles (in the given order) in one loop

- one command of the LSL command buffer
- synchronous housekeeping update and HSL buffer transfer (see section 3.10)
- scientific analysis of one pulse shape in the pulse buffer (see RD1)

The LSL command buffer and the pulse buffer are filled by two interrupt routines. The routine with the highest priority is the trigger of the front-end electronics which leads to the digitalisation of the current pulse. At this level, the Veto signal is analysed and the pulse energy is estimated (see section 3.6). The pulse is then put into a warp around pulse buffer of 40 kByte length and processing is passed back to the main loop. Each pulse takes 256 Bytes in the buffer, allowing 160 pulses to be stored (buffered) at any time.

LSL commands received from DPE also lead to an interrupt, but with lower priority than the pulse trigger interrupt. The LSL interrupt routine checks the coherency of the LSL signal (checksum) and posts a LSL response (ACK or NACK) in an LSL response warp around buffer of 768 Bytes length. The content of this buffer is then sent to the DPE via the same interrupt routine. In case that the command was a memory dump request, a housekeeping or status request, or a configuration read-back command, the data field of the response (i.e. memory field or configuration field) is also added to the response buffer.

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The LSL command is then put into a command buffer for later treatment in the main program loop (for dump, housekeeping or status request, or configuration read-back commands, no further treatment is required; the only exception is the request of the HK 13 housekeeping block which resets the error Bit in the status work). The LSL buffer is a warp around buffer of 768 Bytes length. Eventually, if too many commands are sent, and the buffer length of 768 Bytes become exceeded, some old buffer content may be overwritten, which is signalled by the **Command Synchronisation Error Bit in HK 0** (note, however, that the command synchronisation Bit has been erased from the SPI database since there is no method that allows to reset the Bit).

The scientific software (science.s) performs the analysis of the measured pulse shapes using the algorithm described in RD1. The number of pulse shapes that may be analysed by the PSD per second depends mainly on the execution speed of the analysis algorithm, which has therefore been highly optimised. In detail, the execution speed depends on the number of library templates that are used for the analysis and the number of bins in the template that are considered (both parameters are configurable by telecommand; see section 5.2). The following performances were determined for the FM code (typical values are 64 bins and 30 templates, marked in bold):

3.10. Internal PSD synchronisation

Some tasks in the PSD sub-assembly, such as housekeeping data refresh and HSL data transfer, are synchronised on the 8 Hz clock provided by the DPE. The synchronised task are summarised schematically in Fig. 2. Within one 8 Hz cycle (125 ms cycle), some tasks are executed after the falling clock edge, others are executed after the rising clock edge. The tasks listed in Fig. 2 are given in the order of execution, i.e. the top-most task is executed first.

To allow also synchronisation on time-scales longer than 125 ms the PSD sub-assembly maintains an internal 8 Hz clock counter (unsigned 16 Bit integer roll-over counter) which increments by one each time the PSD detects a falling 8 Hz clock edge. Each time the counter increments, the corresponding field in the TM buffer is updated immediately. At the same time, the last DFEE label that has been sent to the DFEE is stored in the TM buffer.

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Before filling the HSL FIFO buffer for data transfer between PSD and DPE, a specified number of events that may still remain in the curve input buffer of the PSD may be processed (see section 4.5). Any event that remains in the buffer after pre-processing will not be transmitted by PSD to DPE, and will be dropped.

Tasks after a rising 8 Hz clock edge are executed on several time-scales. Each clock, one of the 8 A/D values in the TM, such as voltages (section 7.1.1) and temperatures (section 7.1.2), is read from the analogue board and is immediately updated in the TM buffer. Since only one value is updated at a time a total of eight 8 Hz clocks (or one second) is required before all values have been refreshed.

LLD and ULD rates (section 7.2.3) are read each second from the ACTEL chip. Each two seconds, the rates are accumulated and stored in an internal buffer. Only each 64 seconds, the 32 two second rates are transferred from this buffer into the TM buffer for downlink. A second is defined by the 3 least significant Bits of the 8 Hz counter being 0. The two second intervals are defined by the Bit sequence 1000 for the least 4 significant Bits of the 8 Hz counter. A 64 second interval starts with the 9 least significant Bits of the 8 Hz counter being 0.

In addition to the LLD and ULD rates, the channel rates (section 7.2.1), the selection statistics (section 7.2.2), some control fields (section 7.2.5), and the number of dropped events (section 7.2.6), are updated each 64 seconds in the TM transfer buffer. Note that the number of dropped events is a 16 Bit integer rollover counter which is reset to zero after transfer to the TM buffer.

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Fig. 2: Tasks synchronised on the DPE 8 Hz clock.

3.11. Redundancy

The PSD sub-assembly is not redounded, except of the internal low-voltage power-supply and the interfaces (LSL, HSL, DFEE I/F). The PSD has been designed to work **either** on the main or on the redundant side. On start-up, the PSD waits for the first LSL clock signal to decide whether to send LSL responses to the DPE on the main or the redundant side. The LSL clock signal is also used to decide which PSD - DFEE interface will be used for communication. Even if the system is switched between main and redundant side, PSD will continue to use the side that has been identified as active after start-up (hence, **properly switching the sides requires a power-off of the PSD sub-assembly**). In contrast to the LSL transfer, HSL transfer from PSD to DPE will be performed on the side that provides an HSL ENABLE signal. This means, in case of a switch between the side, the HSL signal will be provided immediately to the active DPE, regardless of the setting at PSD start-up.

In case that the main and redundant DPE are switched-on simultaneously, a perturbation of the PSD system may be observed. In particular, LSL communication from DPE may not be received correctly by PSD if both DPE try to communicate with PSD simultaneously. Also, only one of the two DPE will receive PSD response, dependent on which DPE sent the first LSL clock after PSD start-up. HSL transfer from PSD to DPE will take place on both sides if both DPE sent an ENABLE signal, but the reception of two different 8 Hz signals may considerably perturb the system. In particular, the PSD system is internally synchronised on the 8 Hz clock (see 3.10), hence the HK content coherence is not longer guaranteed when operating on both sides simultaneously.

4. COMMANDING THE PSD

The scope of this paragraph is to provide command descriptions which allow the modification of configurable PSD parameters. The command structure is defined in RD3.

4.1. Enabling / disabling detector channels

Aim :

Enable or disable individual detector channels. A disabled detector channel will in principle not lead to any event trigger (but see note 3 below).

Command sequence :

Verification sequence :

Range :

Flags : 0 or 1

Default :

All detectors are enabled in all scientific modes (all Bits are set to 0).

Procedure :

no details

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Notes :

- 1. Different set of detector channels can be enabled or disabled for either operational / calibration mode or for diagnostics mode. Operational / calibration mode channel selections are determined by Byte 3-5 of the configuration command. Diagnostics mode channel selections are determined by Byte 7-9 of the configuration command (see RD3 for the detector - Bit correspondence).
- 2. A Bit set to **0** means **enable**, a Bit set to **1** means **disable** the detector channel.
- 3. During PSD performance validation tests, event triggers were even observed for disabled channels; however, the **rate of such bad triggers was estimated to 1 / 20000 per detector.**

4.2. Specify pulse trigger characteristics

Aim :

Define the pulse trigger characteristics to adapt to the actual noise level and detector gain. The pulse trigger characteristics are define by the front-end threshold (FET), the lower-level discriminator (LLD), and the time-window (TW). The FET defines the trigger threshold and should be set above the electronic noise level. The LLD defines the lower energy threshold of the PSD and will be driven by science and telemetry considerations. The TW setting can be used to minimise accidental noise triggers and to adjust the multiple event anticoincidence window.

Command sequence :

Verification sequence :

Range :

Default :

The default values is the setting that is implemented as default in the PSD sub-assembly. After power-on, the following setting will be valid :

Nominal :

The nominal values is the setting that should be implemented for all tests and the launch :

Conversion tables :

Fig. 3: FET conversion table for all 19 detection channels. The nominal FET value of 5 (which differs from the default value of 4) is shown as red solid line.

Note that there is no strict FET - energy relation since for a given energy the PSD pulse peak height varies with the shape of the pulse; the above values should only be considered as indicative values. Also, there are quite important variations among the 19 detection channels, making the above values only average values (see Fig. 3. for a graphical representation of the conversion table). In particular, channel 11 is particularly lose, making this channel the first that becomes sensitive to instrument noise.

The FET characteristics are not influenced by a gain change.

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Note that there is no strict LLD - energy relation since for a given energy the PSD pulse peak height varies with the shape of the pulse; the above values should only be considered as indicative values. The variation of LLD conversion with detection channel is very small, making the above values reasonable estimates for all 19 channels. **The LLD characteristics are influenced by a gain change.**

(1) : For TW = $6 \& 7$ the multiple time window exceeds the

(2) : For TW = $6 \& 7$ the FET-LLD time window exceeds the **TBW**.

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Procedure :

FET: The FET setting may be revised in case of an increase of the electronic noise. This increase can be monitored by an increase of the LLD and the channel rates. In particular, since channel 11 has effectively the lowest trigger threshold, the rate increase should be first recognised on channel 11. If the noise triggers start to impact negatively on the PSD performance (global event rate in excess of ~1 kHz, reduction in PSD detection efficiency), the FET may be raise (i.e. the FET values should be decreased). Alternatively, if TW = 1, one may first reduce TW = 0 which may lead to a reduction of noise triggers. If this approach helps, it is preferable to keep FET at the defined level.

Note : A change in the FET level may require a change of the pulse shape library since the detector pulses are cut at the rising edge. **Hence, a new FET setting may imply a PSD calibration.**

LLD : The LLD setting may be revised to change the lower energy threshold of the PSD working energy range. However, the LLD should always be compatible with the FET setting, i.e. **the LLD (given in mV) should always lie above the FET (given also in mV) for all 19 detection channels**. So from Fig. 3. we infer, from example, that a FET setting of 3 implies that the LLD has also to be raised from 2 to 3. Also, since the LLD impacts on the PSD energy working range, hence the energy range for which PSD events (PE) are created, the LLD setting may be also driven by the telemetry budget requirements (since a simple event (SE) takes less TM than a PE).

TW: The nominal value $TW = 1$ seems reasonable for all aims, but a reduction to $TW = 0$ may be suggested if electronic noise triggers become important.

Notes :

- FET : **Increasing** the FET value **reduces** the FET threshold level (inverse relation)! Or in other words, increasing the FET value makes the PSD more sensitive. If the FET threshold level is too low (i.e. the FET value too high), noise triggers will appear.
- LLD : The relation of LLD value to detector current is a linear function with a possible offset.

4.3. Specify gain range

Aim :

Switch between normal and extended PSD gain range. This option allows to extend the nominal PSD energy range from 200 keV-2 MeV to 200 keV - 6 MeV. The extended energy range may be requested by scientists, but it is not foreseen in the nominal operations of SPI to use this extended range.

Command sequence :

Verification sequence :

Range :

Default :

Flag = 0 (0-2 MeV gain range) (**TBC**)

Procedure :

no details

Notes :

While a gain change has **no** impact on the FET threshold level, the LLD threshold (as given in mV or keV) is increased by the gain factor.

4.4. Specify energy range

Aim :

Specify the energy range for each detector channel for which a signal that triggered the PSD subassembly will be processed by the system. If the event energy lies within this window, the DFEE will create a PSD event (PE). Otherwise, DFEE will create a simple event (SE) and PSD will exclude this event from the analysis. Recall that the energy measure for this threshold is performed by a hardware integrator in the PSD, which is much less accurate than the AFEE energy measurement.

Command sequence :

Verification sequence :

Range :

Default :

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Conversion function / table :

The following conversion functions have been determined between LET / UET and the photon energy in keV for the different channels :

Another energy measure is provided by the pulse shapes themselves. In particular, the baseline subtracted pulse area is proportional to the photon energy, and a second energy threshold is applied for the PSD analysis based on the pulse area (PA). This threshold, however, can not be set by simple configuration telecommands, but is stored in the library parameter blocks for the library templates (see section 5.3). Also, this threshold cannot prevent PE creation, and its only aim is a more accurate restriction of the PSD energy range in case of an excessively high count rate that may saturate the system. By default, the PA window for all 19 detectors is left open (no PA restriction).

The following conversion functions have been determined between the pulse area (PA) and the photon energy in keV for the different channels:

Procedure :

none

Notes :

- 1. The energy resolution of the LET and UET is typically **TBD** %, corresponding to **TBD** keV at 1 MeV.
- 2. The energy resolution for the pulse area (PA) is typically **TBD** %, corresponding to **TBD** keV at 1 MeV.

4.5. Specify 8 Hz post-processing

Aim :

Specify the number of events that are post-processed after the 8 Hz falling edge and before HSL FIFO buffer preparation. Normally, events that have not been processed by the PSD after the occurrence of the 8 Hz falling have to be deleted, since PSD is not allowed to send events that occurred during a 8 Hz cycle *n* later than during cycle $n+1$. (see also section 3.10). To minimise the number of events that have to be dropped due to this constraint, a limited number of events (between 0 and 10) may be post-processed after the occurrence of the 8 Hz falling edge. This number can be set by telecommand.

Command sequence :

Verification sequence :

Range :

Default :

Procedure :

no details

Notes :

This parameter has an impact on the HSL timing. Each post processed event typically adds 1 ms of processing time (see section 3.9), hence the maximum number of events that may be allowed for postprocessing is given by

 n_{max} = int((Δ HSL - Δ Tasks) / 1 ms)

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where

- Δ HSL is the time (in ms) between the falling 8 Hz clock and the interrogation of the PSD by the DPE (typically **TBD**)
- \bullet Δ Tasks is the time (in ms) for the tasks that are executed after the falling edge of the 8 Hz clock has been received (**TBD** ms; see also section 3.10)

and int designates the integer part of the result. In addition, only one new event at maximum may be accepted during the event post-processing, introducing some deadtime in the system that may also reduce the PSD efficiency. Hence, the number of events to be post-processed should be selected carefully in order to lead indeed to an optimisation of the PSD performance.

4.6. Define curve transmission rates

Aim :

Specify the curve transmission rates in the different scientific modes. This parameter allows the definition of the rate at which a single curve is sent in the science data (parameter 8 Hz rate), or, in the case that the 8 Hz rate is zero, to specify the number of curves that are sent (at maximum) within a 125 ms packet in the science data (parameter subrate). These parameters may be adjusted to optimise the scientific information that is transmitted in the telemetry. In particular, the number of curves transmitted is in general much larger in calibration and diagnostic mode than in operational mode.

Command sequence :

Verification sequence :

Range :

Default :

Procedure :

no details

Notes :

8 Hz rate has priority with respect to subrate information. The 8 Hz rate specifies the rate at which 1 pulse shape is sent in the HSL data (i.e. 32 means send 1 pulse shape every 32 cycles $=$ 4 seconds). Only if the 8 Hz rate is set to 0, subrate information is used. The subrate specifies how many shapes are sent in the HSL data (i.e. 5 means send 5 pulse shapes per HSL frame).

5. DISCRIMINATION CONTROL

5.1. A/D offset control settings

Aim :

Adjust the software gain and offset correction for the 4 interleaved ADCs. Due to the use of 4 interleaved ADCs for pulse digitalisation (see section 3.3), gain variations among the 4 ADCs may lead to a degradation of the pulse shape (causing ripple like structures in a curve). Therefore, gain variations may be corrected before the pulse is analysed using a linear relation for each of the 4 ADCs, the two parameters of this relation being gain and offset. This adjustment is needed to optimise the scientific analysis of the pulse shapes. Note, however, that the PSD curves transmitted in telemetry are in any case the raw, uncorrected curves. The ADC correction is not directly visible on ground.

Command sequence :

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Verification sequence :

Range :

Default :

Conversion function / table :

The pulse shape is corrected in software using the formula

pcorrect_i = pulse * gain + offset

where

gain = $1.0 + (gain$ adjustment value) * 0.0005

and

offset = (offset adjustment value) $*$ 0.05

Procedure :

Using the regularly downlinked PSD curves, the ADC misalignment will be determined and gain correction factors will be derived.

Notes :

Since all 19 detector channels are analysed using the same 4 ADCs, there is only one set of gain parameters that apply to all 19 detectors.

5.2. Library selection and control

Aim :

Specify the library set, the number of time steps, and the number of library templates used for pulse shape discrimination. The library set describes which of the 2 template libraries is used for the analysis. The number of time steps parameter specifies the number of pulse shape bins (or template bins) that should be considered for the scientific analysis. The number of templates parameter describes how many of the uploaded library templates should be used for the analysis. These three parameters are implemented for each detector, allowing an optimised PSD analysis for each of the 19 channels. Note that there are two further parameters, the decode parameters K3 and K5, which are not used so far in the PSD, hence the corresponding Bits should be set to 0.

Command sequence :

Verification sequence :

Range :

Default :

Procedure :

The three parameters depend on the uplinked library, hence they have to be modified after calibration. It is also possible that the parameters may be changed without changing the library in order to optimise pulse shape analysis.

Notes :

The number of templates is required to reconstruct the information that is compressed into the 16 Bits of the PSD information word.

5.3. Library upload

Aim :

Library templates may be uploaded into the PSD system and stored in EEPROM after calibration of the system. Each detector has at maximum 2 attributed sets of pulse shape libraries, each composed of 38 templates at maximum plus a library parameter block. The library parameter block is a special template that contains PSD software algorithm parameters as well as library information (however, it is uploaded like a normal template with a curve selection parameter of 255). See RD2 for more details on library managing and the structure of the library parameter block.

Command sequence :

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Range :

Bytes 3-6 specify the reference of the library template.

Default :

not applicable

Procedure :

The following procedure is to be applied to upload a single library template or an algorithm parameter block :

- 1. Read (and note) the PSD error counter in HK 13
- 2. Send the 7 TC 0B Hex 11 Hex in ascending order
- 3. Read again the PSD error counter in HK 13 and verify that the error counter has not increased (since there is actually no on-request TC to read HK 13, one has to wait 64 seconds at maximum for an update). If the error counter has increased by 1, read the error code from HK 13 and perform the action given in the following table. If the error counter has increased by more than 1, several PSD errors have occurred, while only the last error code is reflected in TM (the others are overwritten). In this case we recommend to verify the uplinked parameters, in particular the checksum (CRC), and the detector, curve, and set selection on their validity range.
- 4. If no error occurred, read back the EEPROM by memory dump «data items * 4 Bytes », starting from address: $addr = 080000 + ... (if curve not 255)$

 $addr = 080000 + ...$ (if curve is 255)

The following errors may only occur after upload of an library parameter block (curve selection parameter equals 255):

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Notes :

Normally, the curve selection parameter is comprised between 0 and 37. However, if a curve selection parameter of 255 is specified, the data items are interpreted as library parameter information and not as a library template. Library parameter information is needed for fine tuning of the scientific PSD software and for setting the PSD discrimination characteristics. Some consistency checks are applied after upload of a library parameter block that can lead to an error message (see above).

6. SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE

The PSD system is equipped with a DSP32C digital signal processing unit (called the PSD processor). In the FM, the DSP32C software resides in ROM. On start-up (the DSP32C starts processing at address 0x000000), the ROM code is copied into RAM (start address 0x980000) and executed there.

The software is designed as modules which are connected via jump or call vectors. Software can be maintained either by replacing code directly in RAM or by adding software modules and redirection of the jump or call vectors. For this purpose a specific software maintenance mode is foreseen which can be accessed when the system is set to configuration mode. The DSP32C code for software maintenance resides in ROM and consists of a reduced command interpreter. When in software maintenance mode, the only commands allowed are memory upload, memory dump, and restart. Since during software maintenance the processor is working in ROM, **the entire RAM is patchable.**

Fig. 3: PSD memory map

The PSD memory map is illustrated in Fig. 3. Additionally to the 32 kBytes of ROM and the 512 kBytes of RAM, there are 512 kBytes of programmable EEPROM and 6 kBytes of DSP internal RAM. The address array is split into two areas, one below addresses 0x800000, called the slow memory, and one above, called the fast memory (as indicated by the names, the access time to the fast memory is faster than to the slow memory). The entire address range $(0 \times 000000$ to $0 \times \text{effiff})$ can be dumped, but only the RAM sections may be patched. **Note, however, that there is no internal address range verification, hence patching into ROM or an empty area does not lead to any error message, but just has no effect.** The dump of a non-implemented memory zone leads to an arbitrary result.

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The code is executed in the fast memory RAM in order to maximise execution speed. There are two RAM shadows (virtual copies of the 512 kBytes of physical RAM) that are situated in the slow address range, that can also be used to access the memory. For example, dumping (or patching) at address 0x980000 is equivalent to dumping (or patching) at address 0x180000 or 0x580000. Note, however, if absolute addresses are patched within a code segment, they should refer to the 0x980000 RAM block since code execution takes place in this segment (hence the DSP program counter points into this address range). For the actual software version (functional software 230, scientific software V1.08) the **code ranges from 0x980000 - 0x985a37** (inclusive; corresponding to 23096 Bytes of code). So the smallest address for a new code fragment is 0x985a38. Starting from 0x989000, the RAM is used for precalculated library information (so-called correlation coefficients). Hence, **only the address space 0x985a38 - 0x988fff (i.e. 13768 Bytes) is available for new software modules**.

PSD template libraries are stored into EEPROM, using the specific library upload commands (see 5.3). Note that the EEPROM cannot be patched directly using regular patch commands. However, the content of the EEPROM can be readback using memory dump commands. On start-up (and after sending one of the TC 7,8,9), PSD prepares the libraries for pulse fitting. Information is derived from the PSD libraries in the EEPROM which is stored into RAM (address range $0 \times 989000 - 0 \times 9fffff$). Hence, for pulse fitting, no access of the EEPROM is performed, restricting operations only on the fast memory (and hence maximising speed).

The three DSP internal RAM zones (RAM 0, RAM 1, and RAM 2) are used as program variable storage and event or pulse buffers. No code resides in these areas. However, these zones also contain the jump or call vectors that may be redirected to connect a new uploaded code fragment. Hence, the typical replacement of a code fragment consists of an uplink of the new software module (somewhere in the free RAM code space from 0x985a38 - 0x988fff) and the subsequent modification of the jump vector. The following table summarises the jump vectors (absolute jump to an address) and the call vectors (subroutine calls from which the code returns by a return statement) that are implemented in the software. Each vector has a length of 4 Bytes. The vector location gives the address of the first Byte of the vector, the vector content gives the least 3 significant Bytes of the 4 Byte vector. The highest significant Byte contains $0 \times f f$ due to the internal sign extension logic of the DSP (see note below).

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Note : The DSP32C can address an 24 Bit address space, leading to an address range from 0x000000 -0xffffff. The DSP processor has an internal sign extension logic for 32 Bit integers, where the highest significant Byte of the integer is set to 0×00 if the integer is smaller or equal to 0×7 ffffff, while it is set to $0 \times f$ f if the integer is larger or equal to 0×800000 . Since the vectors are stored as PSD internal 32 Bit values (as all PSD internal addresses), all vectors are sign extended with $0 \times f f$, i.e. $0 \times 9816b8$ reads 0xff9816b8. Thus **when reading the 4 Bytes of a vector, the most significant Byte will always be set to 0xff**. However, for vector upload, the value of the most significant Byte is not of importance. Regardless of setting this Byte to 0×00 or $0 \times f f$, PSD will always automatically set it to $0 \times f f$ when writing the value to memory. Hence, when reading the vector back, one will always find $0 \times f f$ in the most significant Byte.

Also, the DSP32C is a little endian processor, meaning that the least significant Byte is stored as first element of the 4 Byte vector. Thus, when reading an address using the memory dump command (which operates on Byte basis), **the address will appear inverted**. For example, when reading Canal_step0 one will receive the four Bytes c4 42 98 ff instead of the address $0 \times f$ f9842c4. The same applies of course for any processor command and all variables. Note that for normal telecommands, the little endian behaviour of the PSD has been hidden (so simply follow the interface definition as defined in Annex 21).

7. Monitoring the PSD

7.1. Status

Aim :

Collect information about the status of the PSD sub-assembly. According to RD4, the LSB and the medium Byte of the status word are defined for the PSD. However, information is only provided in the medium Byte, while the LSB will be always set to 0.

Command sequence :

Conversion table :

The significance of the Bits in the medium Byte is as follows:

• **Program error:** Signals an internal PSD program error which is related to (1) invalid configuration commands, (2) the absence or perturbation of the HSL 8 Hz clock, or (3) an EEPROM write error during library upload. Note, that the program error does not mean that PSD stopped functioning, but should be understood as warning that an anomaly occurred. As general rule, if a program error occurred as consequence of a invalid configuration command (i.e. a configuration parameter was out of range), the configuration command is not taken into account, i.e. PSD keeps the previous configuration. The error code that is associated to the program error is accessible via HK 13 (see section 7.2.3). In addition, HK 13 also contains an error counter which increments by one each time a program error occurs. **The program error Bit is cleared as soon as HK 13 is read.** This implies, however, that **the program error Bit can be missed if the error occurred between the last reading of HK 0 and the next reading of HK 13** (so that the error Bit is cleared before it is read due to a HK 0 request). In this case, the increase of the program error counter is the only trace of the occurrence of a PSD program error.

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- **CMD synchronisation error:** Signals that the internal 768 Bytes command buffer has overflown and that some of the sent telecommands will be lost. This may happen if too many telecommands are sent in a row. However, 768 Bytes is a quite large command buffer, allowing for the storage of about 25 commands of 30 Bytes length. Since one telecommand is executed within one PSD main program loop - see section 3.9 - **the typical execution time for a telecommand command is 1 ms** (the typical main loop time is dominated by the time needed for scientific analysis). Exceptions are the telecommands TC 07, TC 08, TC 09 (library selection and control settings), which each need 2 seconds for completion, and a sequence of the library upload commands TC 0B (hex) - TC 11 (hex), which need **TBD** seconds for execution (however, the seven library upload commands can be sent quickly one after the other, only after sending TC 11 (hex) a delay of **TBD** needs to be respected). However, since there is no mechanism that resets the CMD synchronisation error Bit once it has been raised, **CNES decided to declare this Bit 'don't care' in the database.** In any case, a CMD synchronisation error leads also to a program error, with an error code of 'BadSerial'.
- **Library upload mode:** Signals that a library upload sequence has been started. Recall that the library upload commands TC 0B (hex) - TC 11 (hex) have to be sent in ascending order, i.e. starting with TC 0B (hex) and terminating with TC 11 (hex). The first command, TC 0B (hex), initialises the PSD for a library upload be resetting the internal upload buffers and control parameters (this happens in any case, irrespectively of the status of the library upload mode Bit). The library upload mode Bit is set to 1 as soon as the initialisation has been performed and the PSD is ready for acceptance of the remaining 6 upload commands (TC 0C - TC 11 hex). After receiving the 7th upload command (TC 11 hex), the library upload mode Bit is cleared. Then, PSD verifies the checksum, and if this test is passed, the library is written into EEPROM. Note that it is the EEPROM writing which requires a delay of **TBD**.

Notes :

none

7.2. Technical housekeeping data

7.2.1. Voltage control

Aim :

Collect information about the PSD subassembly voltages. There are $(1) + 5$ V digital voltage, (2) ±5 V analogue voltage, and (3) A/D global offset. The A/D global offset measures the reference voltage that is supplied to the analogue to digital converters of the PSD.

Command sequence :

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Conversion table :

• The \pm 5 volt quantities (digital and analogue) are scaled 9.8 mV per Bit, hence the voltage is given by

Voltage (Volts) = $raw_value \times 0.0098$

• The A/D global offset is scaled 2.4 mV per Bit, hence the voltage is given by

Voltage (Volts) = $raw_value \times 0.0024$

Notes :

none

7.2.2. Temperature control

Aim :

Collect information about the temperatures in the PSD subassembly. There is (1) DSP non-memory board temperature, (2) A/D board temperature, (3) MUX1 board temperature, and (4) MUX2 board temperature.

Command sequence :

Conversion function / table :

All temperatures T (in Kelvin) are calculated following the Steinhart-Hart equation

 $1/T = A + B(ln R) + C(ln R)^{3}$,

with the measured coefficients

- A = 0.00102991332524
- \bullet B = 0.000239040276215
- \bullet C = 0.000000156792094551

R is the resistance of the thermoelements, for which the following relations have been derived:

- R_t = (10000 \times raw) / (1024 raw) for the DSP and A/D temp.,
- R_t = (10000 \times raw) / (1024 raw) 200 for the MUX temperatures

This results in the following conversion curves:

Fig. 4: Temperature conversion curves between TM raw value and temperature in degrees Celsius.

7.2.3. Software control

Aim :

Collect information about actual software performance and status. These parameters are mainly used for debugging of the PSD sub-assembly. They are also used for the reconstruction of the rate time information.

Command sequence :

Conversion function / table :

- **Command count (HK 12):** This word is a roll-over counter of the number of commands received by the PSD, including the housekeeping commands. At start-up, the command counter is reset to 0 (**TBC**).
- **Last received command code (HK 12):** This Byte mirrors the last command code (i.e. the type of command) that was received by the PSD, excluding housekeeping commands (otherwise it would always reflect the housekeeping command that was sent to read HK 12 (hex)). The following table summarises possible return values:

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• **Last received command identifier (HK 12):** This Byte contains the last command identifier (i.e. Byte 2 of a telecommand) that was received by the PSD, excluding housekeeping commands (otherwise it would always reflect the housekeeping command that was sent to read HK 12 (hex)). The possible return values depend on the command code and are summarised in the following table:

• **Last HSL identifier sent to DFEE (HK 12):** This word mirrors the last 16 Bit identifier that was sent to the DFEE. However, due to a PSD software error, the DFEE identifier is only correct in case that the event should be processed by DFEE and PSD (i.e. in the case that the processing flag of the identifier is set to 1; see also section 3.6). Nevertheless, no impact on SPI was estimated due to this error (since DFEE throws away these events anyway), and the PSD software was kept as is. **However, the following software patch rectifies the problem, an we recommend using this patch to improve PSD performance verification:**

Patch 4 Bytes of content 0x00 at addresses 0x982abc - 0x982abf

- **8 Hz counter (HK 12):** 16 Bit roll-over counter that increments by one each time the PSD detects a falling HSL 8 Hz clock edge. This allows verification that PSD receives HSL 8 Hz signals at the expected rate, and permits (together with the definition of the polling sequence table) the time assignment to the rate measurements (section 7.3).
- **Events / Curves in HSL buffers (HK 13):** These 4 Bytes give the number of events and curves that are currently put into one of the two internal HSL buffers. They allow a quick estimation of the HSL buffer occupation using the formula (if the buffer is occupied close to a 100 %, PSD is probable unable to transmit the scientific information for all events to the DPE, leading to correlation failures for the PSD events)

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occupation (%) = (n_{curves} \times 50 + n_{events} \times 2) / 298
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- **Error count since last power-on (HK 13):** 8 Bit roll-over counter that increments by one each time a program error has occurred (see section 7.1). As noted in section 7.1, this counter provides the only means to identify unambiguously if a program error occurred (since the HK 0 status flag might be cleared before it is read).
- Last error type (HK 13): The error code that corresponds to the last program error that occurred. On start-up, the error code is 0. The error code is never cleared, but reflects always the last error type that occurred. The following table provides a list of PSD program error codes that are not related to library upload. Library upload error codes can be found in section 5.3:

- **RAM parameter checksum verification (HK 1C):** Slot for a RAM checksum which, however, has not been implemented so far on the FM. The corresponding Bytes should always be 0.
- **Analogue control (HK 1C):** The Bytes 19-22 of HK 1C (hex) provide the analogue front-end control setting that is actually implemented. Recall that the configuration commands provide two set of frontend settings (see sections 4.1, 4.2, 4.3) that apply either to operational / calibration mode or to diagnostic mode. Dependent on the actual PSD mode, these 4 Bytes reflect the actual implementation. This parameter is updated each 64 seconds (on the rising edge of the HSL 8 Hz clock; see section 3.10).

• **Number of thrown away events (HK 1C):** 16 Bit roll-over counter that gives the number of events that have been dropped due to a lack of processing time. As described in section 4.5, PSD may not be able to process all events before they have to been sent to the DPE via the HSL. Therefore, some events may have to be dropped. This counter provides a bookkeeping of these events that allows to estimate the information loss. This parameter is updated each 64 seconds (on the rising edge of the HSL 8 Hz clock; see section 3.10), hence it reflects the number of events that have been dropped during the last 64 seconds. After each update (as after start-up), the counter is reset to zero.

Notes :

none

7.3. Scientific housekeeping data

7.3.1. Channel rates

Aim :

Provides the number of PSD front-end triggers per channel during the last 64 second interval. A 64 second interval is defined by counting 512 8 Hz clocks. This rate corresponds to the number of trigger interrupt requests that were sent to the DSP32C processor.

Command sequence :

Conversion function / table :

The channel rates for each detector are compressed into 8 Bits using the scheme described in Annex 8.1. Units for the decompressed value are events per 64 seconds.

Notes :

none

7.3.2. Selection statistics

Aim :

Collect information about the scientific selection statistics, i.e. the number of events that have been identified as single interaction events or multiple interaction events per detector. The parameters are updated each 64 seconds (on the rising edge of the HSL 8 Hz clock; see section 3.10), hence they reflect the number of single and multiple event that have been identified during the last 64 seconds.

Command sequence :

Conversion function / table :

The selection statistics for each detector are compressed into 8 Bits using the scheme described in Annex 8.1. Units for the decompressed value are events per 64 seconds.

Notes :

none

7.3.3. Rate history

Aim :

Track the history of global front-end LLD and ULD rates (no breakdown per detector). The LLD / ULD rates are the number of pulses within 2 seconds that exceeded the LLD / ULD thresholds (see section 3.2). The parameters are updated each 64 seconds (on the rising edge of the HSL 8 Hz clock; see section 3.10), hence 32 two-second rates are provided to give the rate history during the last 64 seconds.

Command sequence :

Conversion function / table :

Uncompressed 16 Bit values. Units are triggers per 2 seconds.

Notes :

Due to an electronic noise generated at the moment of front-end reset, spurious LLD triggers may occur that lead to an artificial enhancement of the LLD rate. Since the LLD rate measurement is not critical for PSD performance and validation, and since a PSD rework would have implied a considerable risk of subassembly damage, it has been decided to keep the artificial LLD triggers.

7.3.4. Curve baseline and noise

Aim :

Collect information about pulse baseline and noise running averages. The pulse baseline is the detector current that is seen by the PSD scientific analysis software in case that no pulse occurs. The noise is defined as the r.m.s. of the current in case of no pulse. Both values are determined for each analysed pulse by the scientific software, and the TM parameters reflect the value of these parameters for each detection channel. The parameters are updated each 64 seconds (on the rising edge of the HSL 8 Hz clock; see section 3.10), hence the values present a 'snapshot' of the actual state of the baseline and noise.

Command sequence :

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Conversion function / table :

The running average is given by

ravg = 0.25 * (running average value)

where running average value is the unsigned 8 Bit integer value as read from housekeeping and ravg is the running average baseline in digitisation units.

Notes :

Noise running averages are not implemented on the FM. The content of all Bytes should be 0.

8. Annex

8.1. Rate compression algorithm and conversion table

The channel rates (section 7.3.1) and the single / multiple rates (section 7.3.2) are 16 Bit counters that are compressed into a 8 Bit fix-point number, composed of a 3 Bit exponent and a 5 Bit mantissa:

(Bit 7 is the most significant Bit). The exponent is comprised between 0-3, the mantissa is comprised between 0-31. However, for non-zero exponents (i.e. exponent = 1-7) the mantissa is *left-aligned*, i.e. is takes only values between 16 and 31.

For rate compression, the following algorithm is employed:

```
if rate < 256 :
   exponent = 0mantissa = trunc(rate / 16)
else :
   exponent = trunc(log2(rate) - 8)mantissa = trunc(rate / 2^*(exponent + 4))
```
where :

- rate is the 16 Bit unsigned integer rate before compression,
- log2 is the logarithm of base 2,
- 2^x means 2 to the power of x, and
- trunc truncates all decimals after the comma, i.e. it returns the integer part of a number.

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The above compression scheme leads to a loss of information, hence a specific 8 Bit raw value (as transmitted in TM) represents a range of possible 16 Bit rates. For a given 8 Bit raw value the true 16 Bit rate is comprised between:

mantissa * 2^(exponent + 4) = rate < (mantissa+1) * 2^(exponent + 4)

Consequently, the rate accuracy (or resolution) depends on the exponent, and is given by:

or

(rate min and rate max indicate the rate range with corresponds to each exponent).

The following table provides a conversion table between 8 Bit raw value as transmitted in the TM (column 1), minimum 16 Bit rate (column 2), maximum 16 Bit rate (column 3), exponent (column 4), and mantissa (column 5) (note that 8 Bit raw values that are not presented in the table should never occur since these would correspond to exponent > 0 and mantissa < 16):

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