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**Document Title:** NAVSTAR GPS Space Segment / Navigation User L1C Interface

**RFC Title:** Leap Second and Earth Orientation Parameters

**Reason For Change (Driver):**

As currently documented in the technical baseline for Earth Orientation Parameters (EOP) data and applications, CNAV/CNAV-2 and MNAV users will calculate the wrong UT1 time immediately following a leap second change, as the linkage between Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) and UT1 time is not properly captured. This issue affects user applications that require high precision pointing, which may include optical telescopes, spacecraft, or any system with this requirement. Documents affected: IS-GPS-200, IS-GPS-705, IS-GPS-800, ICD-GPS-700, ICD-GPS-801, and IS-GPS-901. The topic was originally a part of RFC-354 & RFC-374.

**Description of Change:**

Resolve the leap second problem such that the user knows how to calculate the correct UT1 time following a leap second change given the current definition and implementation of EOP and UTC parameters.

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IS800-875 :

Section Number :

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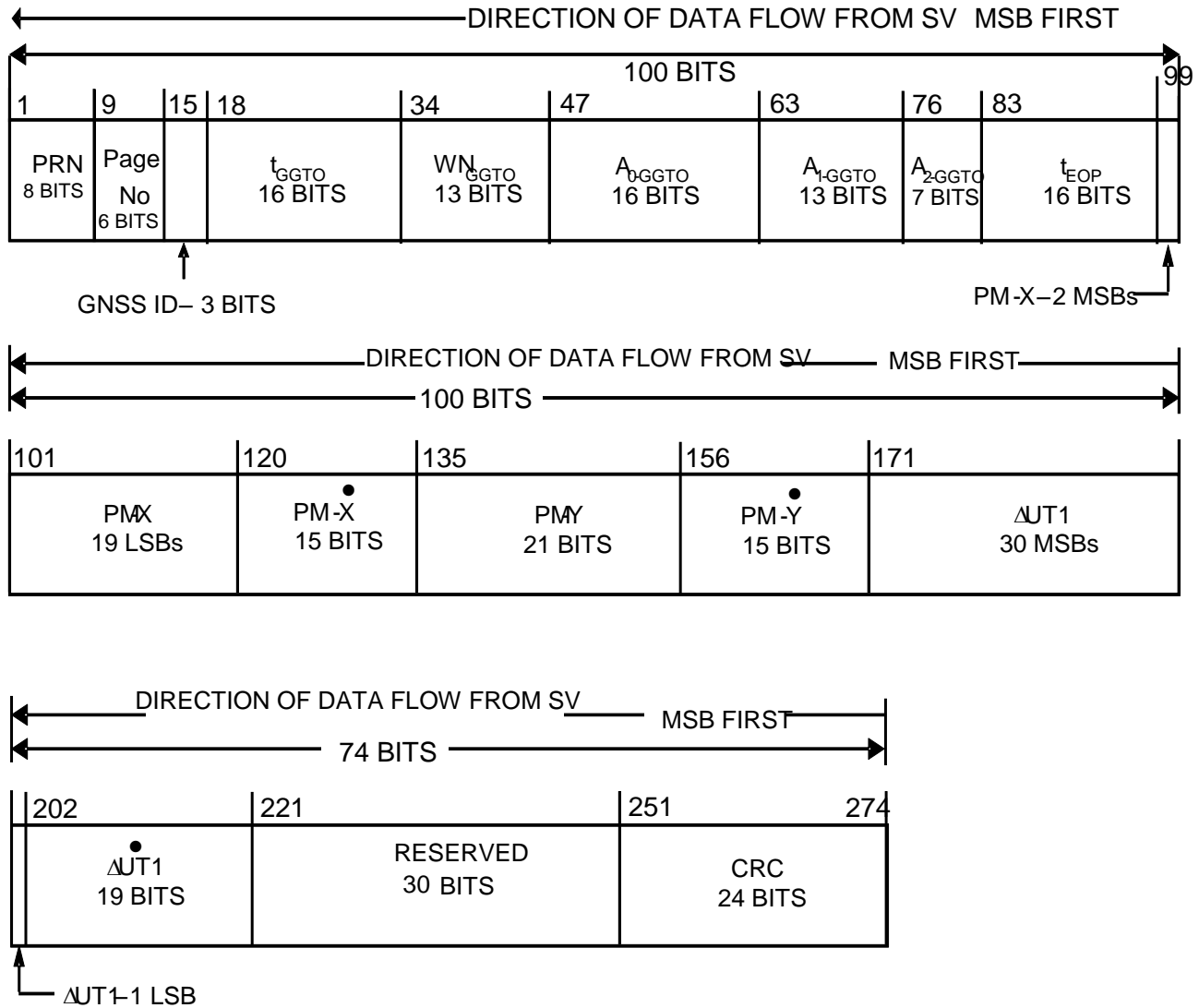


Figure 3.5-3 Subframe 3, Page 2

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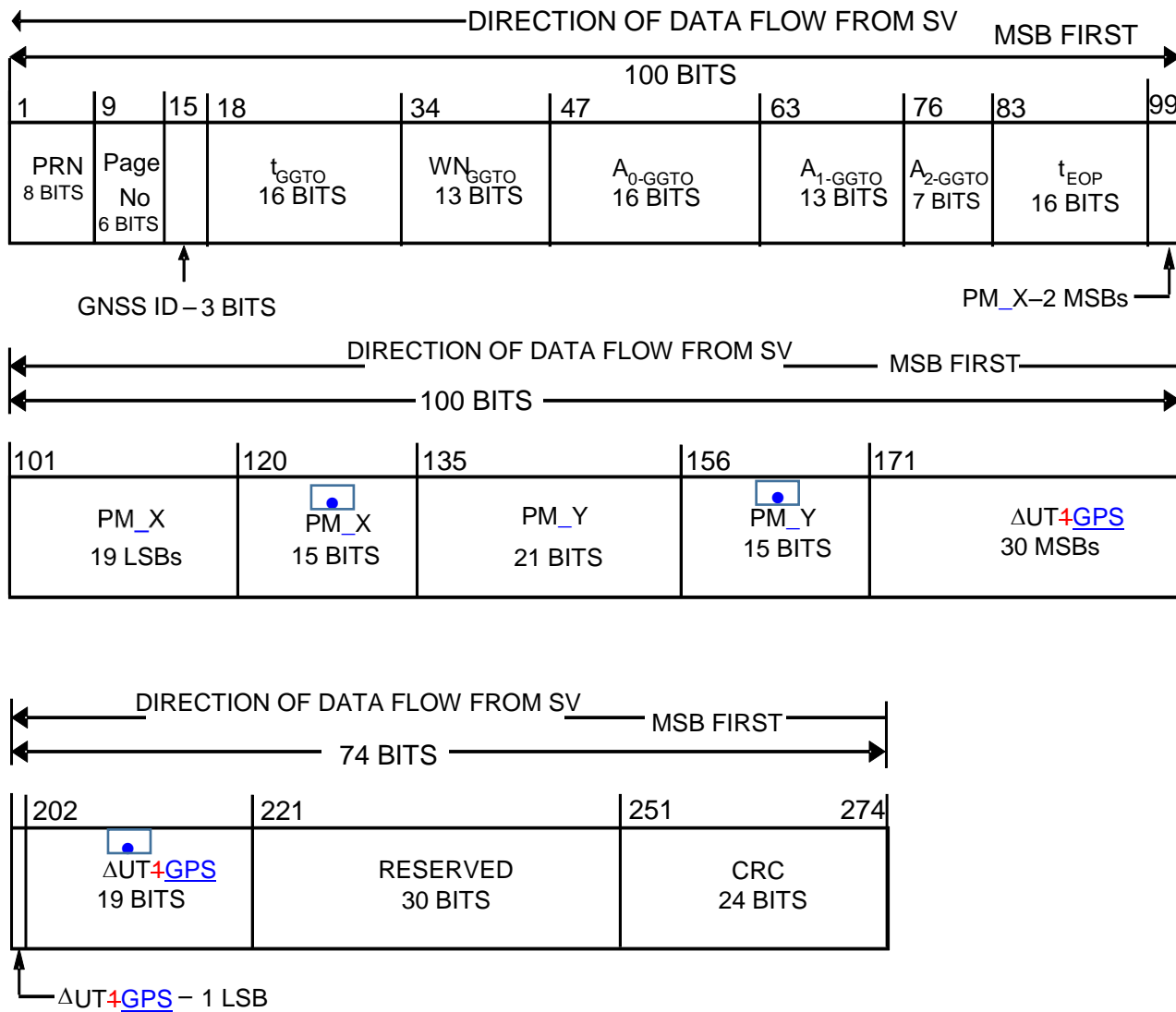


Figure 3.5-3 Subframe 3, Page 2

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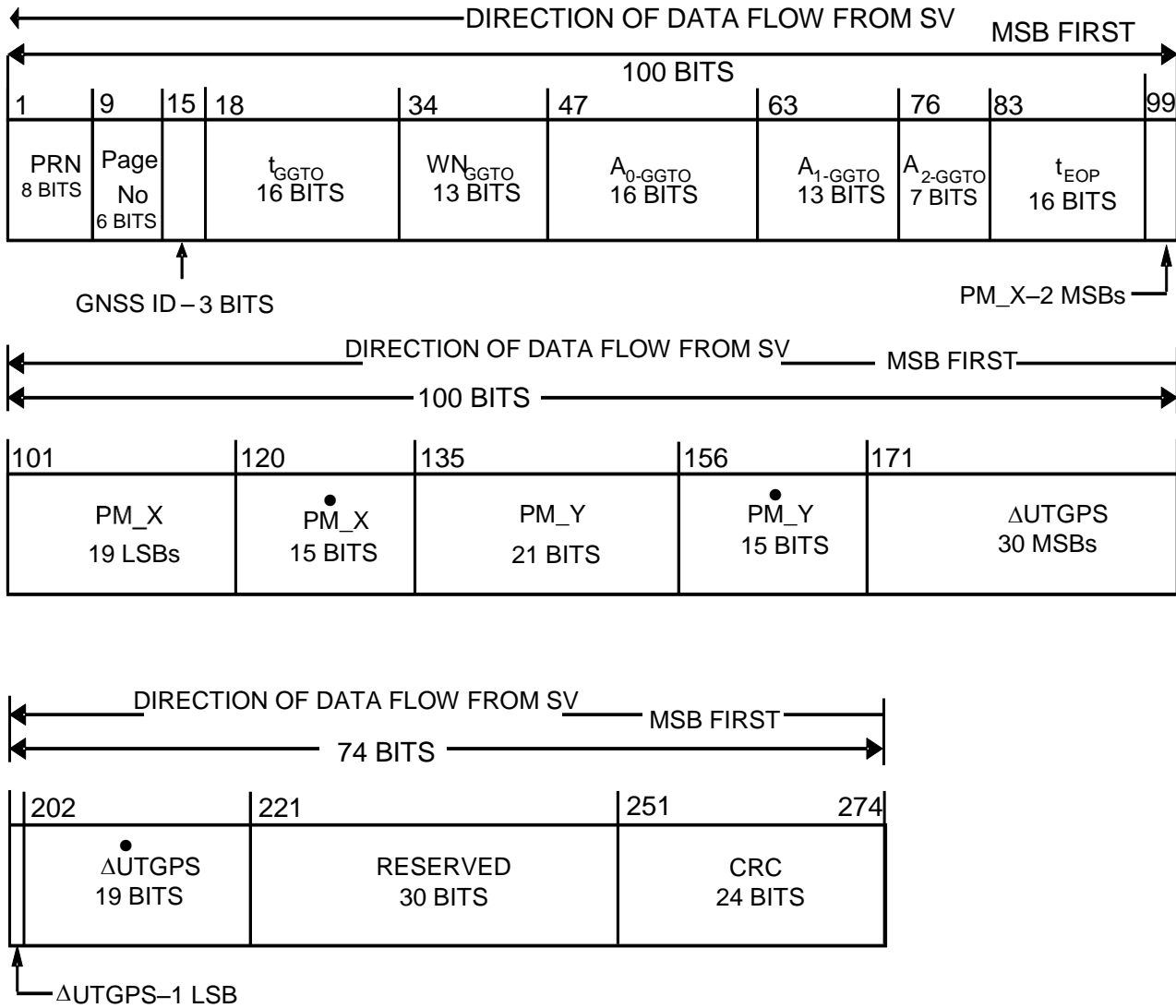


Figure 3.5-3 Subframe 3, Page 2

**Rationale :**

Change UT1-UTC difference and rate of UT1-UTC difference to use GPS time to simplify UT1 calculations. Update the EOPs to be consistent (in the variable's appearance) with usages in this document and other documents.

**IS800-240 :**

**Section Number :**

3.5.4.2.3.0-1

**WAS :**

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The EOP parameters shall be updated by the CS at least once every three days while the CS is able to upload the SVs. If the CS is unable to upload the SVs, the accuracy of the EOP parameters transmitted by the SVs will degrade over time.

**Rationale :**

Originally discussed in RFC-374: add language to point to Section 30.3.3.5.1.1 of IS-GPS-200 so that the users follow the guidelines covered there in addition to IERS Technical Note 36 and Table 30-VIII of IS-GPS-200. Add information to tell the user how often EOP data is uploaded and how the data will degrade over time if the CS is unable to upload the SVs.

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**IS800-922 :**

**Section Number :**

3.5.4.2.3.0-2 (after IS800-240)

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When calculating  $UT1$ ,  $x_p$ , and  $y_p$  in Table 30-VIII of IS-GPS-200, the week number for  $t_{EOP}$  is equal to the  $WN_{ot}$  value in subframe 3 page 2 when both criteria are met:

- $t_{EOP}$  in subframe 3 page 1 is equal to  $t_{ot}$  in subframe 3 page 2
- Subframe 3 page 1 and subframe 3 page 2 were transmitted within a continuous 4-hour period

If both criteria are not met, the data between the two pages may be inconsistent with each other and should not be used for the calculations in Table 30-VIII of IS-GPS-200.

**Rationale :**

Originally inserted in RFC-354 and further modifications provided in RFC-400. Provide detailed instructions to the user on how to use corresponding EOP and UTC messages given the current implementation of linking the EOP and UTC messages. In this specific case, the  $t_{op}$  values are not present in both subframe 3 pages as in L2 and L5 CNAV, so replacement criterion would be that the subframe 3 pages would need to be transmitted within 4 hours of each other.

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Section Number :

3.5.4.2.3.0-5

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Table 3.5-5. Earth Orientation Parameters

| Parameter  |  | No. of Bits** | Scale Factor (LSB) | Valid Range*** | Units           |
|--|--|---------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| $t_{EOP}$  | EOP Data Reference Time                      | 16            | $2^4$              | 0 to 604,784   | seconds         |
| $PM_X^\dagger$   | X-Axis Polar Motion Value at Reference Time. | 21*           | $2^{-20}$          |                | arc-seconds     |
| $\dot{PM}_X$   | X-Axis Polar Motion Drift at Reference Time. | 15*           | $2^{-21}$          |                | arc-seconds/day |
| $PM_Y^{\dagger\dagger}$  | Y-Axis Polar Motion Value at Reference Time. | 21*           | $2^{-20}$          |                | arc-seconds     |
| $\dot{PM}_Y$   | Y-Axis Polar Motion Drift at Reference Time. | 15*           | $2^{-21}$          |                | arc-seconds/day |
| $\Delta UT1^{\dagger\dagger\dagger}$   | UT1-UTC Difference at Reference Time.        | 31*           | $2^{-24}$          |                | seconds         |
| $\dot{\Delta UT1}^{\dagger\dagger\dagger}$   | Rate of UT1-UTC Difference at Reference Time | 19*           | $2^{-25}$          |                | seconds/day     |
| <p>* Parameters so indicated are in two's complement notation;</p> <p>** See Figure 3.5-3 for complete bit allocation in subframe 3, page 2;</p> <p>*** Unless otherwise indicated in this column, valid range is the maximum range attainable with indicated bit allocation and scale factor.</p> <p>† Represents the predicted angular displacement of instantaneous Celestial Ephemeris Pole with respect to semi-minor axis of the reference ellipsoid along Greenwich meridian.</p> <p>†† Represents the predicted angular displacement of instantaneous Celestial Ephemeris Pole with respect to semi-minor axis of the reference ellipsoid on a line directed 90° west of Greenwich meridian.</p> <p>††† With zonal tides restored.</p> |  |               |                    |                |                 |

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| $PM\_X$ †,††††            | X-Axis Polar Motion Value at Reference Time.                            | 21*           | $2^{-20}$               |                | arc-seconds     |
| $\dot{PM}\_X$ ††††        | X-Axis Polar Motion Drift at Reference Time.                            | 15*           | $2^{-21}$               |                | arc-seconds/day |
| $PM\_Y$ ††,††††           | Y-Axis Polar Motion Value at Reference Time.                            | 21*           | $2^{-20}$               |                | arc-seconds     |
| $\dot{PM}\_Y$ ††††        | Y-Axis Polar Motion Drift at Reference Time.                            | 15*           | $2^{-21}$               |                | arc-seconds/day |
| $\Delta UT+GPS$ †††       | <del>UT1-UTC</del> <u>UT1-GPS</u> Difference at Reference Time.         | 31*           | $2^{-24}$ <sup>23</sup> |                | seconds         |
| $\dot{\Delta UT+GPS}$ ††† | Rate of <del>UT1-UTC</del> <u>UT1-GPS</u> Difference at Reference Time. | 19*           | $2^{-25}$               |                | seconds/day     |

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| $\dot{PM}\_Y$ ††††  | Y-Axis Polar Motion Drift at Reference Time.  | 15*           | $2^{-21}$          |                | arc-seconds/day |
| $\Delta UTGPS$ †††  | UT1-GPS Difference at Reference Time.         | 31*           | $2^{-23}$          |                | seconds         |
| $\dot{\Delta UTGPS}$ †††  | Rate of UT1-GPS Difference at Reference Time. | 19*           | $2^{-25}$          |                | seconds/day     |
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**Rationale :**

Update EOP parameters to calculate UT1 with respect to GPS time in order to resolve the leap second problem in calculating UT1. In addition, update the scale factor for the new delta\_UTGPS to align with the current valid range of UTC-GPS time offset; otherwise, the range would be half that as currently inferred from the UTC parameters. Update the notes at the bottom of the table to make clear that the tides are already accounted for in the parameters.