

Galileo Spacecraft Trajectory SPK file, Robert Jacobson's 2007 Solution

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Objects in the Ephemeris

This file contains trajectory data for the Galileo spacecraft (NAIF ID -77) with respect to the Jupiter Barycenter (5) in the J2000 inertial reference frame.

It also contains ephemerides of the Sun (10), planetary barycenters (1-9), Mercury (199), Venus (299), Earth (399), Moon (301), Mars (499), and Jupiter (599) and of a few Jovian satellites -- Io (501), Europa (502), Ganymede (503), Callisto (504), Amalthea (505), and Thebe (514).

The planetary ephemerides included in this SPK are version DE405; the satellite ephemerides included in this file are version JUP230.

Approximate Time Coverage

The Galileo trajectory stored in this SPK file provides nearly continuous coverage for the primary mission (1995-JUL-01 ... 1998-JAN-01) and partial coverage with many large gaps for extended missions (1998-JAN-01...2003-SEP-22), specifically:

Start of Interval (ET)	End of Interval (ET)
1995 NOV 21 00:00:00.000	1995 DEC 08 00:00:00.000
1995 DEC 08 06:30:00.000	1997 JAN 15 00:00:00.000
1997 JAN 16 00:00:00.000	1998 JAN 23 00:00:00.000
1998 MAR 14 00:01:03.185	1998 MAY 01 00:00:00.000
1998 JUN 27 00:01:03.184	1998 AUG 24 00:00:00.000
1999 JAN 01 00:00:00.000	1999 MAR 15 00:00:00.000
1999 APR 11 00:00:00.000	1999 JUL 23 00:00:00.000
1999 AUG 03 00:00:00.000	1999 AUG 27 00:00:00.000
1999 AUG 28 14:00:00.000	1999 SEP 30 00:00:00.000
1999 OCT 01 15:00:00.000	1999 NOV 02 00:00:00.000
1999 NOV 11 02:00:00.000	1999 DEC 14 00:00:00.000
1999 DEC 23 00:00:00.000	2000 JAN 24 18:00:00.000
2000 FEB 06 06:00:00.000	2000 MAR 10 00:00:00.000
2000 APR 07 13:10:00.000	2000 MAY 30 00:00:00.000
2000 OCT 31 08:00:00.000	2001 JAN 04 00:00:00.000
2001 APR 29 00:00:00.000	2001 JUL 16 00:00:00.000
2001 JUL 16 12:30:00.000	2001 OCT 25 00:00:00.000
2001 DEC 04 00:00:00.000	2002 NOV 26 08:00:00.000

The planetary and satellite ephemerides provided in this SPK file covers the following continuous time interval:

Start of Interval (ET)	End of Interval (ET)
1995 NOV 21 00:00:00.000	2002 NOV 26 08:00:00.000

Status

This file contains reconstructed Galileo trajectory determined by Robert A. Jacobson, Solar System Dynamics group, in 2007. It is intended for use in support of the Galileo experiment data processing and for archiving with the Planetary Data System (PDS).

Pedigree

This file was created by Boris Semenov using individual trajectory arc solutions for the primary and extended mission trajectory arcs provided in the form of NIO files by Robert A. Jacobson in 2007. These NIO files were converted to SPK format using the NIOSPK program and then merged together with DE405/LE405 planetary ephemerides and JUP230 satellite ephemerides using the SPKMERGE program. The SPKMERGE log is provided in the Appendix 1 of these comments.

Segment Boundary Discontinuities

This SPK file contains a large number of Galileo trajectory SPK segments that came from original individual SPK files. Although, each segment provides continuous trajectory within the interval that it covers, in general a position and velocity discontinuity exists at the boundary of the segment and the segments whose coverage immediately precede and follow it. The times and magnitudes of these discontinuities are provided in the Appendix 2 of these comments.

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Appendix 1: SPKMERGE Log

The log from the SPKMERGE run that created this SPK is below.

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; gll_951120_021126_raj2007.bsp LOG FILE
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; Created 2011-09-08/10:35:09.15.
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; BEGIN SPKMERGE COMMANDS

LEAPSECONDS_KERNEL    = naif0008.tls

SPK_KERNEL             = gll_951120_021126_raj2007.bsp
LOG_FILE               = gll_951120_021126_raj2007.log
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL      = gll.-1.Io.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS       = NO
BODIES                 = -77
BEGIN_TIME             = 1995 NOV 20 23:58:58.817
END_TIME               = 1995 DEC 07 23:58:58.817
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL      = gll.00.Ganymede0.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS       = NO
BODIES                 = -77
BEGIN_TIME             = 1995 DEC 08 06:28:58.817
END_TIME               = 1996 MAY 31 23:58:57.815
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL      = gll.01.Ganymede1.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS       = NO
BODIES                 = -77
BEGIN_TIME             = 1996 MAY 31 23:58:57.815
END_TIME               = 1996 AUG 05 23:58:57.817
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL      = gll.02.Ganymede2.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS       = NO
BODIES                 = -77
BEGIN_TIME             = 1996 AUG 05 23:58:57.817
END_TIME               = 1996 SEP 10 23:58:57.818
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL      = gll.03.Callisto3.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS       = NO
BODIES                 = -77
BEGIN_TIME             = 1996 SEP 10 23:58:57.818
END_TIME               = 1996 NOV 26 23:58:57.817
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL      = gll.04.Europa4.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS       = NO
BODIES                 = -77
BEGIN_TIME             = 1996 NOV 26 23:58:57.817
END_TIME               = 1997 JAN 14 23:58:57.816
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL      = gll.06.Europa6.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS       = NO
BODIES                 = -77
BEGIN_TIME             = 1997 JAN 15 23:58:57.816
END_TIME               = 1997 MAR 14 23:58:57.814
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL      = gll.07.Ganymede7.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS       = NO
BODIES                 = -77
BEGIN_TIME             = 1997 MAR 14 23:58:57.814
END_TIME               = 1997 APR 21 23:58:57.814
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL      = gll.08.Ganymede8.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS       = NO
BODIES                 = -77
BEGIN_TIME             = 1997 APR 21 23:58:57.814
END_TIME               = 1997 JUN 03 23:58:57.815
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL      = gll.09.Callisto9.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS       = NO
BODIES                 = -77
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BEGIN_TIME      = 1997 JUN 03 23:58:57.815
END_TIME        = 1997 AUG 08 23:58:56.817
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.10.Callisto10.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 1997 AUG 08 23:58:56.817
END_TIME        = 1997 OCT 19 23:58:56.818
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.11.Europa11.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 1997 OCT 19 23:58:56.818
END_TIME        = 1997 NOV 09 23:58:56.817
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.12.Europa12.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 1997 NOV 09 23:58:56.817
END_TIME        = 1998 JAN 22 23:58:56.815
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.14.Europa14.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 1998 MAR 14 00:00:00.000
END_TIME        = 1998 APR 30 23:58:56.815
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.16.Europa16.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 1998 JUN 27 00:00:00.000
END_TIME        = 1998 AUG 23 23:58:56.817
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.19.Europa19.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 1998 DEC 31 23:58:56.816
END_TIME        = 1999 MAR 14 23:58:55.814
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.20.Callisto20.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 1999 APR 10 23:58:55.814
END_TIME        = 1999 JUN 04 23:58:55.815
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.21.Callisto21.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 1999 JUN 04 23:58:55.815
END_TIME        = 1999 JUL 22 23:58:55.816
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.22.Callisto22.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 1999 AUG 02 23:58:55.817
END_TIME        = 1999 AUG 26 23:58:55.817
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.23.Callisto23.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 1999 AUG 28 13:58:55.817
END_TIME        = 1999 SEP 29 23:58:55.818
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.24.Io24.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 1999 OCT 01 14:58:55.818
END_TIME        = 1999 NOV 01 23:58:55.817
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.25.Io25.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 1999 NOV 11 01:58:55.817
END_TIME        = 1999 DEC 13 23:58:55.817
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.26.Europa26.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 1999 DEC 22 23:58:55.816
END_TIME        = 2000 JAN 24 17:58:55.815
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.27.Io27.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 2000 FEB 06 05:58:55.815
END_TIME        = 2000 MAR 09 23:58:55.814
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.28.Ganymede28.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 2000 APR 07 13:08:55.814
END_TIME        = 2000 MAY 29 23:58:55.815
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.29.Ganymede29.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 2000 OCT 31 07:58:55.817
END_TIME        = 2001 JAN 03 23:58:55.816
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.30.Callisto30.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
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BEGIN_TIME      = 2001 APR 28 23:58:55.814
END_TIME        = 2001 JUL 15 23:58:55.816
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.31.Io31.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 2001 JUL 16 12:28:55.816
END_TIME        = 2001 AUG 27 23:58:55.817
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.32.Io32.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 2001 AUG 27 23:58:55.817
END_TIME        = 2001 OCT 24 23:58:55.818
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.33.Io33.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 2001 DEC 03 23:58:55.817
END_TIME        = 2002 JAN 22 23:58:55.815
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = gll.34.Amalthea34.jup230.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = -77
BEGIN_TIME      = 2002 JAN 22 23:58:55.815
END_TIME        = 2002 NOV 26 07:58:55.817
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = jup230_planets.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = 499, 299, 199, 399, 301, 10, 9, 8, 7,
                  6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
BEGIN_TIME      = 1995 NOV 20 23:58:58.817
END_TIME        = 2002 NOV 26 07:58:55.817
SOURCE_SPK_KERNEL = jup230_satellites.bsp
INCLUDE_COMMENTS = NO
BODIES          = 599, 514, 505, 504, 503, 502, 501
BEGIN_TIME      = 1995 NOV 20 23:58:58.817
END_TIME        = 2002 NOV 26 07:58:55.817

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; END SPKMERGE COMMANDS

Appendix 2: Segment Boundary Discontinuity Summary

This SPK file contains a large number of Galileo trajectory SPK segments that came from original individual SPK files. Although, each segment provides continuous trajectory within the interval that it covers, in general a position and velocity discontinuity exists at the boundary of the segment and the segments whose coverage immediately precede and follow it. The times and magnitudes of these discontinuities are provided in the table included in this Appendix.

The top portion of the table contains the name of this SPK file. All descriptive lines in the top portion of the file start with the ``#' character to allow direct plotting of the data in the freeware ``gnuplot'' application.

The table consists of 4 columns. The first column contains the UTC time of that segment boundary. The last three columns (2..4) contain view coordinate frame components -- ``down track'' (this direction is parallel to the velocity vector), ``normal to plane'' (this direction is computed as cross product of position vector by velocity vector) and ``in plane'' (this direction is computed as a cross product of ``down track'' by ``normal to plane'') -- of the difference between the state vectors computed at that UTC time defining segment boundary at which a discontinuity exists.

The pairs of segments and discontinuity times are determined using an algorithm that emulates the standard SPK loading priority -- ``last loaded segment takes precedence''. Therefore, the discontinuities summarized in the file are those which a user reading file would actually see.

The difference components in the view coordinate frame were computed for each discontinuity using the following algorithm:

- A single state was computed from each pair of segment the J2000 frame at the time of discontinuity.
- For this pair of states, a position difference vector was computed by subtracting the state computed from the segment with higher priority from the state computed from segment with lower priority. Then, a frame transformation matrix rotating these difference vectors from J2000 to the view coordinate frame defined by the state obtained from the higher priority segment was computed, and the position difference vector was rotated to the view frame coordinates using this matrix.

The Galileo trajectory segment boundary discontinuities for this file are:

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# Summary of discontinuities at segment boundaries for
# SPK file gll_951120_021126_raj2007.bsp:
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#	BOUNDARY TIME (UTC)	DOWNTRK	INPLANE	NORMAL
#-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1996-05-31T23:58:57.815	0.002	-0.001	0.000	
1996-08-05T23:58:57.816	0.003	-0.014	0.001	
1996-09-10T23:58:57.817	-0.002	0.005	-0.000	
1996-11-26T23:58:57.817	0.025	0.069	0.001	
1997-03-14T23:58:57.814	0.152	-0.183	-0.001	
1997-04-21T23:58:57.814	0.001	0.006	-0.001	
1997-06-03T23:58:57.815	0.047	-0.123	-0.001	
1997-08-08T23:58:56.816	-0.008	0.048	0.000	
1997-10-19T23:58:56.817	-0.020	0.012	-0.001	
1997-11-09T23:58:56.817	0.021	0.070	0.000	
1999-06-04T23:58:55.815	-5.081	0.142	-12.740	
2001-08-27T23:58:55.817	-0.232	0.299	-3.908	
2002-01-22T23:58:55.815	1.356	-4.014	90.828	

End of comments.