DOP	Number: 4001 "OnChange" interval: default PVT output rate (see 4.1.8)

This block contains both Dilution of Precision (DOP) values and SBAS protection levels. The DOP values result from a trace of the unit position variance-covariance matrices:

$$\text{Position Dilution of Precision:} \quad PDOP = \sqrt{\mathbf{Q}_{xx} + \mathbf{Q}_{yy} + \mathbf{Q}_{zz}}$$
$$\text{Time Dilution of Precision:} \quad TDOP = \sqrt{\mathbf{Q}_{bb}}$$
$$\text{Horizontal Dilution of Precision:} \quad HDOP = \sqrt{\mathbf{Q}_{\lambda\lambda} + \mathbf{Q}_{\phi\phi}}$$
$$\text{Vertical Dilution of Precision:} \quad VDOP = \sqrt{\mathbf{Q}_{hh}}$$

In these equations, the matrix **Q** is the inverse of the unweighted normal matrix used for the computation of the position. The normal matrix equals the product of the geometry matrix A with its transpose (A^tA). The term "unweighted" implies that the DOP factor only addresses the effect of the geometric factors on the quality of the position.

The DOP values can be used to interpret the current constellation geometry. This is an important parameter for the quality of the position fix: the DOP parameter is the propagation factor of the pseudorange variance. For example, if an error of 5 m is present in the pseudorange, it will propagate into the horizontal plane with a factor expressed by the HDOP. Hence a low DOP value indicates that the satellites used for the position fix result in a low multiplication of the systematic ranging errors. A value of six (6) for the PDOP is generally considered as the maximum value allowed for an acceptable position computation.

The horizontal and vertical protection levels (HPL and VPL) indicate the integrity of the computed horizontal and vertical position components as per the DO 229 specification. In SBAS-aided PVT mode (see the `Mode` field of the `PVTCartesian` SBF block), HPL and VPL are based upon the error estimates provided by SBAS. Otherwise they are based upon internal position-mode dependent error estimates.

Parameter	Type	Units	Do-Not-Use	Description
Sync1	c1			Block Header, see 4.1.1
Sync2	c1			
CRC	u2			
ID	u2			
Length	u2	1 byte		
TOW	u4	0.001 s	4294967295	Receiver time stamp, see 4.1.3
WNc	u2	1 week	65535	
NrSV	u1		0	Total number of satellites used in the DOP computation, or 0 if the DOP information is not available (in that case, the xDOP fields are all set to 0)
Reserved	u1			Reserved for future use, to be ignored by decoding software
PDOP	u2	0.01	0	If 0, PDOP not available, otherwise divide by 100 to obtain PDOP.
TDOP	u2	0.01	0	If 0, TDOP not available, otherwise divide by 100 to obtain TDOP.
HDOP	u2	0.01	0	If 0, HDOP not available, otherwise divide by 100 to obtain HDOP.
VDOP	u2	0.01	0	If 0, VDOP not available, otherwise divide by 100 to obtain VDOP.
HPL	f4	1 m	$-2\cdot10^{10}$	Horizontal Protection Level (see the DO 229 standard).
VPL	f4	1 m	$-2\cdot10^{10}$	Vertical Protection Level (see the DO 229 standard).
Padding	u1[..]			Padding bytes, see 4.1.5