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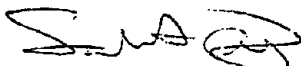
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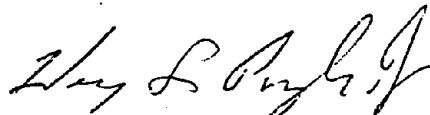


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## NOMENCLATURE

AAS	American Astronautical Society
AIAA	American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
AOG	DSST Averaged Orbit Generator
B*	SGP4 Drag Parameter
C <sub>D</sub>	Coefficient of Drag
cm	Centimeters
C <sub>R</sub>	Solar Radiation Pressure Parameter
DC	Differential Correction
deg	Degrees
DSST	Draper Semianalytic Satellite Theory
EG	Ephemeris Generation
er	Earth Radii
ETAS	The Ephemeris Theory Accuracy Study
GEM	Goddard Earth Model
GEO	Geosynchronous Case
GRAV	Refers to Geopotential Modelling in AOG (see page 5)
HACC	High Altitude Circular Case
H-P	Harris Priester Drag Model
JGM	Joint Gravitational Model
J-R	Jacchia-Roberts Drag Model
kg	Kilograms
km	Kilometers
LACC	Low Altitude Circular Case
L-S	Lunar/Solar Third Body Point Mass Effects
m	Meter
MACC	Medium Altitude Circular Case
MOLY	Molniya Case



NEEC	Near Earth Eccentric Case
OD	Orbit Determination
ORB1	A GTDS File Containing Evenly Spaced, Time-Tagged Values of Position and Velocity
PC	Personal Computer
PL/VTA	Astroynamics Division, Phillips Laboratory
R&D GTDS	Draper Laboratory's Version of the Goddard Trajectory Determination System
$R_e$	Radius of the Earth
RESNM	GTDS Keyword to Include Resonant Terms in AOG (see page 5)
RESONPRD	GTDS Keyword to Adjust Modelling of Resonance Between AOG and SPG (see page 5)
RMS	Root Mean Square
SATCAT	Satellite Catalog
sec	Seconds
SMAH	Semimajor Axis Height ( $a - R_e$ )
SPG	DSST Short Periodic Orbit Generator
SRP	Solar Radiation Pressure
SPSHPER	Keyword in R&D GTDS for Global Short Periodic Selection
SSTAPGFL	Keyword to establish AOG partial derivatives for various force model options
SSTESTFL	Keyword to control the matrix partitioning of DSST partial derivatives (AOG & SPG)
TESS	Refers to the Tesseral Linear Combination Short Periodic Modelling in SPG (see page 5)
VOP	Variation of Parameters
WTD	Weak Time Dependence

## Summary

**Objectives:** The objective of this research was to develop input configurations for the Draper Semianalytic Satellite Theory (DSST) which provide a balance between computational speed and ephemeris accuracy. This research follows VTA's efforts in 1994 to port the software system containing DSST (Draper Research and Development Goddard Trajectory Determination System, R&D GTDS) from a UNIX-based platform to a Windows/DOS environment (486 and Pentium). These input decks, which are required to properly run the software, have been developed for distribution along with a complete mathematical description of theory (the description was developed by the Naval Postgraduate School with assistance from Draper Laboratory). Optimal input decks were developed for low, medium, and high altitude circular, geosynchronous, Molniya, and near earth eccentric orbits.

**Approach:** In order to determine the proper configurations for the theory, various batch, differential correction fits to simulated observational data were performed. The results of these various fits were then compared in terms of accuracy and computational efficiency to operational orbit determination capabilities. Selection of appropriate input deck configurations was based on attaining speeds comparable to operational algorithms while maintaining at least a 5-10 fold increase in ephemeris accuracy.

**Alternative Technologies:** Various alternative technologies for orbit determination (OD) are available; these OD technologies can be compared based on the orbit propagation technique used. Classically, orbit propagation has been categorized as either numeric (very high accuracy with slow run times) or analytic (very fast with severely limited accuracy). DSST represents a hybrid approach which combines the advantageous aspects of both numeric and analytic theories (accuracies approaching that of numeric methods with speeds comparable to analytic techniques). DSST, developed by Dr. Paul Cefola and his colleagues at the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory, is the state of the art in American semianalytic techniques.

**Technical Challenges:** VTA has had to combat (1) a limited knowledge base concerning the cutting edge astrodynamic techniques of DSST and (2) a lack of knowledge of how to properly run the software with potential users.

**Payoffs:** DSST will be used by various research and operational based institutions. Currently, DSST is slated for operational use with the RADARSAT mission (work accomplished by Draper Laboratory), the Air Force Maui Optical Station (AMOS), and the STARFIRE facility. VTA has been using R&D GTDS to support operational orbit determination experiments for the past eight months. Specifically, dark pass satellite illumination has been accomplished. Kaman Sciences has been using the input decks for their Space Command supported Ephemeris Theory Accuracy Study. The Naval Postgraduate School has been using results generated with the input decks to increase Navy Space Command's understanding of semianalytic techniques.

**Results:** For the first time, input decks to balance computational speed and ephemeris accuracy have been documented. This gives the user with limited knowledge concerning the intricacies of DSST a better chance at *properly* running the software.

## 1.0 Introduction

Various studies in the past twenty years have demonstrated the accuracy, computational efficiency, and flexibility of DSST for a variety of orbit types<sup>1-24</sup>. These encouraging results have led to a proliferation of the theory to various academic and research based institutions. In most cases, DSST has been distributed as part of the larger scale R&D GTDS orbit determination system, which also includes the Cowell<sup>32</sup>, SGP<sup>25</sup>, SGP4/ SDP4<sup>25,26,27</sup>, HANDE<sup>28</sup>, SALT<sup>29,30,31</sup>, Brouwer Lyddane<sup>32</sup>, and Vinti<sup>32</sup> orbit propagation theories (the addition of PPT2 to R&D GTDS is nearing completion as of the date of publication of this document). In addition to these orbit propagation theories, R&D GTDS includes estimation (batch & filter), early orbit determination, data simulation, and error analysis programs<sup>32</sup>. These programs give R&D GTDS the flexibility to compare the performance of various orbit propagation theories.

Recent efforts have unified DSST's theoretical documentation from a multitude of AIAA/AAS papers, journal articles, contract reports, laboratory memorandums, and working notes to a single document<sup>1</sup>. The knowledge of how to *properly* run the software, however, has not been as easily grasped by the community. The addition of the Semianalytic Input Processor to the software has provided a tool which simplifies the configuration of DSST's SPG<sup>33</sup>. This document sheds light on how to best use the tool.

Specifically, this paper contains a set of DSST input decks which balance accuracy and computational efficiency for a variety of orbit types. These configurations span the orbit classes established by Kaman Sciences in the Ephemeris Theory Accuracy Study (ETAS)<sup>5</sup>. These configurations can be inserted into the code for automatic set-up of the theory, or used in a standalone fashion by the traditional R&D GTDS user. The information in this paper, when coupled with the description of the theory<sup>1</sup>, provides current and potential users with a concise package which supports R&D GTDS.

One final note before each specific orbit class is described in detail is that two separate machines were used for the generation of results herein (both a 486 and a Pentium 586 machine were used). Therefore, from case to case, timing statistics may not seem consistent; however, within one particular case, the results are consistent. In addition, most cases used a spacecraft cross-sectional area of 1 m<sup>2</sup> and a mass of 100 kg. Even though these values may not exactly match the parameters for the actual, "real-world" spacecraft, they were chosen to represent a standard area to mass ratio. Furthermore, appendices are attached which provide the information necessary to replicate test cases with the optimal input decks.

## 2.0 Low Altitude Circular Case (LACC)

An orbit very close to decay was chosen to fulfill the low altitude circular test case. In the ETAS study, the LACC is characterized by a SMAH range of 0 - 575 km and an eccentricity range from 0.0 to 0.05. For this test case, multiple runs were made in which varying configurations of DSST were fit to a Cowell truth model over a 90 minute arc. A 90 minute DSST EG with the DC solve-for parameters followed the fit span. Accuracy metrics were derived from comparisons between the DSST and Cowell trajectories over both the fit (DC RMS) and predict spans (from the R&D GTDS Ephemeris Comparison Program). ORB1 output was produced every 450 seconds.

The osculating elements required for the Cowell truth EG were built from a one day DSST run with the following inputs:

Table 1. DSST Specifics to Build Osculating Elements, LACC

Epoch Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	820223 000000.0
End Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	820224 000000.0
Semimajor Axis (mean)	6635.0814 km
Eccentricity (mean)	0.010201164

**Table 1. DSST Specifics to Build Osculating Elements, LACC (Continued)**

Inclination (mean)	64.9567 deg
Longitude of Ascending Node (mean)	228.6393 deg
Argument of Perigee (mean)	271.2229 deg
Mean Anomaly (mean)	88.164558 deg
Input Frame	True of Date
Integration and Output Frame	Earth Equator and Equinox of 1950 (Mean of 1950)
Integrator	4th Order Runge-Kutta
DSST Step Size	43200.0 sec
Gravity Field	8x8 GEM10B
Lunar / Solar Point Masses	Yes
Drag Model	Jacchia-Roberts $C_D = 2.0$
Solar Radiation Pressure	No
Global Short Periodic Select	Low Altitude, Improved Accuracy Option (SPSHPER = 3)
Average Spacecraft Cross-Sectional Area	1.0 m <sup>2</sup>
Spacecraft Mass	100 kg

The osculating elements which resulted from this one day DSST run were then used as inputs for a six day Cowell EG. The specifics for this Cowell EG are given in Table 2:

**Table 2. Cowell Truth EG Inputs, LACC**

Epoch Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	820224 000000.0
End Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	820302 000000.0
Input, Integration, and Output Frame	Earth Equator and Equinox of 1950 (Mean of 1950)
Integrator	12th Order Summed Cowell/ Adams Predict-Partially Correct
Step Size	60.0 sec
Gravity Field	21x21 GEM10B
Lunar / Solar Point Masses	Yes

**Table 2. Cowell Truth EG Inputs, LACC (Continued)**

Drag Model	Jacchia-Roberts $C_D = 2.0$
Solar Radiation Pressure	No
Average Spacecraft Cross-Sectional Area	$1.0 \text{ m}^2$
Spacecraft Mass	100 kg

It can be noted in this table a six day Cowell EG was created, even though the fit and predict spans totalled 180 minutes (in other words, more ORB1 data was generated than was required). This test procedure was established to provide enough data if subsequent testing with other fit and predict spans was desired. The output of this EG indicated the satellite would re-enter the atmosphere three days after the Cowell epoch (this particular test case reflects an orbit extremely close to decay). Due to the short remaining orbital lifetime for this satellite, it was determined that fit and predict spans on the order of the satellite's period should be used. This test protocol was deemed analogous to operational procedures for a satellite this close to re-entering the atmosphere.

The same initial guess of the state vector and observation noise standard deviation were used for all of the DSST DC runs. These values are highlighted in Table 3:

**Table 3. DSST DC Specifics, LACC**

Epoch Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	820224 000000.0
Fit Span Begin YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	820224 000000.0
Fit Span End YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	820224 013000.0
Semimajor Axis (mean)	6628.457 km
Eccentricity (mean)	0.0089
Inclination (mean)	64.84 deg
Longitude of Ascending Node (mean)	224.51 deg
Argument of Perigee (mean)	271.89 deg
Mean Anomaly (mean)	115.16 deg
DSST Input, Integration, and Output Frame	Earth Equator and Equinox of 1950 (Mean of 1950)
DSST Step Size	43200.0 sec
Geopotential Model	GEM10B
Position Standard Deviation	100 meters
Velocity Standard Deviation	10 cm/sec

In the DSST DC runs, varying configurations corresponding to different perturbation modeling were used to determine the optimal balance of accuracy and computational speed. Results of the DC's and subsequent EG's for the LACC are given in Table 4; however, it is first desirable to describe some of the notation used in this table (and other tables in this paper):

- GRAV refers to the geopotential modeling in the AOG.
- RESONPRD is a GTDS keyword for the input processor to override the default boundary for the modeling of tesseral resonance in the AOG (if the period of the resonance is less than 10 days in the default configuration, the resonance is modelled in the SPG as a tesseral linear combination high frequency term); by specifying a value with this keyword, a new boundary can be set to force the modeling of resonance into the AOG (i.e., for shallow resonance).
- RESNM is a GTDS keyword for the input processor to include resonant harmonics in the AOG. Typically, this card is used to augment a small "base" gravity field (i.e., 4x4) specified with MAXDEGEQ and MAXORDEQ cards with resonant harmonics beyond the "base" field (for example, the 16th order). It should be noted the RESNM card eliminates the need for a RESONPRD card; all harmonics specified with the RESNM card are forced into the AOG (even shallow resonance). For this particular case, an 8x8 base field was established and the RESNM card was used to include resonant effects at the 16th and 17th orders (an AUTOFORC card must be used with RESNM).
- TESS refers to the tesseral linear combination high frequency short periodic terms.
- SRP is an abbreviation for solar radiation pressure.
- J-R is an abbreviation for the Jacchia-Roberts atmospheric density model.
- H-P is an abbreviation for the Harris-Priester atmospheric density model.
- L-S is an abbreviation for lunar / solar third body point mass effects.
- "trunc" refers to truncated modeling; modeling descriptions corresponding to the R&D GTDS Semianalytic Satellite Theory input processor are specified where needed. Additional details can be found in the R&D GTDS Semianalytic Theory Input Processor keyword description booklet<sup>33</sup>.
- **Total Position RMS is derived over the 90 minute predict span only** (from the R&D GTDS Ephemeris Comparison Program).
- R&D GTDS default configuration settings are used unless specifically noted.
- "Iszak" refers to Iszak's  $J_2$  height correction (a second order atmospheric drag effect included in AOG partials). All cases which attempt to solve for  $C_D$  include first order drag effects in the AOG partials (as well as Iszak's corrections if indicated; if  $C_D$  is not solved for, then all drag partials in the AOG are shut off). All cases include  $J_2$  partials analytically in the AOG. No other AOG or SPG partials were included in any of the runs.
- Most cases have an SSTEFL card of 1 3; this setting includes all desired AOG partials in the A matrix ( $J_2$  partials are computed analytically; all other partial derivatives are computed via finite differences). In addition, this setting includes desired AOG partial derivatives for non-conservative perturbations in the D matrix via finite differences (these partials were also included in the A matrix). Cases noted by \*\* have an SSTEFL card of 1 2; this setting puts only  $J_2$  AOG partials into the A matrix (computed analytically). All other desired AOG partials for non-conservative perturbations are included in the D matrix via finite differences (with this setting, third body and  $J_2^2$  AOG partial derivatives, if desired, would not be included anywhere; if they are desired, the SSTEFL setting of 1 3 should be used).

Table 4. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, LACC

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG SPG	DC DIVERGES		
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG SPG	54.62 sec	3.01 meters (6 its)	33.960 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG SPG	54.33 sec	2.66 meters (6 its)	34.034 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	53.83 sec	2.81 meters (6 its)	34.168 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	45.36 sec	77.12 meters (4 its)	163.31 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	46.26 sec	207.81 meters (5 its)	5238.7 meters

Table 4. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, LACC (Continued)

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
21x21 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	31.36 sec	50.59 meters (5 its)	216.51 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	17.19 sec	32.71 meters (5 its)	468.24 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	35.53 sec	50.16 meters (5 its)	309.45 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	39.16 sec	3.62 meters (6 its)	31.292 meters
12x12 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	21.64 sec	8.39 meters (6 its)	87.282 meters



Table 4. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, LACC (Continued)

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
12x12 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	trunc 8 8 4 2 -12 12	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	19.28 sec	10.17 meters (6 its)	58.072 meters
12x12 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	trunc 4 4 4 2 -8 8	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	16.81 sec	22.16 meters (5 its)	198.45 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	17.56 sec	18.30 meters (5 its)	58.201 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	trunc 6 6 4 2 -10 10	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	16.80 sec	17.40 meters (5 its)	65.710 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$ * * (opt. deck)	Yes	Yes	trunc 6 6 4 2 -10 10	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	16.31 sec	17.40 meters (6 its)	65.720 meters

Table 4. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, LACC (Continued)

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
8x8 $J_2^2$	trunc 4 2 4	Yes	trunc 6 6 4 2 -10 10	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	16.91 sec	18.25 meters (5 its)	60.651 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	trunc 4 2 4	trunc 4 4 2	trunc 6 6 4 2 -10 10	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	16.48 sec	23.15 meters (5 its)	291.89 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	trunc 4 4 4 2 -8 8	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	16.42 sec	30.89 meters (5 its)	123.48 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	trunc 2 2 4 2 -6 6	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	15.87 sec	34.75 meters (5 its)	211.94 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	trunc 2 2 4 2 -6 6	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	No	No	15.98 sec	34.76 meters (5 its)	212.44 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$ 16th order RESNM	Yes	Yes	trunc 2 2 4 2 -6 6	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	15.98 sec	35.28 meters (5 its)	209.94 meters

Table 4. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, LACC (Continued)

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
8x8 $J_2^2$ 16 & 17 th order RESNM	Yes	Yes	trunc 2 2 4 2 -6 6	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	16.20 sec	34.90 meters (5 its)	214.43 meters
6x6 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	16.64 sec	15.22 meters (5 its)	143.55 meters
6x6 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	trunc 4 4 4 2 -8 8	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	16.14 sec	27.83 meters (5 its)	86.261 meters
6x6 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	trunc 2 2 4 2 -6 6	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	15.60 sec	36.55 meters (5 its)	364.52 meters
4x4 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$	No	No	16.09 sec	22.46 meters (5 its)	332.57 meters

Table 4. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, LACC (Continued)

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2 /$ m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
Space Command's SGP (solve for drag term $\dot{n}/2$ )									13.29 sec	1182.50 meters (4 its)	12605.0 meters
Space Command's SGP4 (solve for drag term $\dot{n}/2$ )									13.35 sec	138.64 meters (5 its)	505.19 meters

The results in Table 4 enforce some important concepts for low earth orbits. First, large effects stem from atmospheric drag, tesseral m-dailies, and tesseral linear combination short periodics. In fact, attempting to even slightly truncate the drag or m-daily modeling greatly impacts the accuracy. On the contrary, these results indicate the tesseral linear combination short periodic modeling can be truncated to vastly improve the computation time with an acceptable degradation of accuracy (for most applications).

Specifically, the following errors can be noted for a one revolution predict:

- removing drag entirely results in ~ 5 km error
- drag short periodics ~ 130 m error
- tesseral m-dailies ~ 300 m error
- removing all tesseral linear combination short periodic terms ~ 200 m error

These results also indicate the  $J_2 /$  m-daily model serves to provide accuracy closure with Cowell, but at an expense of computation time. For reasons of simplicity and computational time savings, this model can be neglected in an optimized DSST configuration.

Third body effects were determined to not significantly impact these orbits. Specifically, the inclusion of these effects does not dramatically improve accuracy or greatly increase computer run time. For reasons of simplicity, their effects can also be neglected in an optimized DSST configuration for this orbit type.

Several comments can be made about the short nature of these runs (90 minute fit and predict spans). Short fit spans can lead to "observability" problems when the DC attempts to solve for drag terms (or any other desired solve for parameter, i.e. station biases). These "observability" problems result because the DC can not sample or observe a large arc of the satellite's trajectory, which makes it difficult to discern or separate the various contributions to the satellite's motion. For analytic theories, these observability problems are compounded by their limited physical force models. To deal with observability problems or a lack of physical force models, longer fit spans are usually employed; however, longer fit spans may not be practical or even possible for decay orbits. For these reasons, only complete perturbation theories should be used to process decay orbits. It should also be mentioned the short nature of these runs negated the benefit of special shallow resonance processing for the truncated geopotential cases (i.e., RESONPRD and RESNM).

As the *Approach* section of the *Summary* on page 1 states, the selection of appropriate input deck configurations was based on attaining speeds comparable to operational algorithms while maintaining at least a 5-10 fold increase in ephemeris accuracy. The results for this particular test case and test methodology indicate that several of the DSST configurations very nearly meet this criteria (the timing statistics fall short of the desired criteria by 20-30 percent).

Testing was done to try to simulate real-world uncertainties with atmospheric drag. In these tests, a Jacchia-Roberts drag model was used to generate a Cowell truth EG. Then, a Harris-Priester DSST configuration was fit over a 90 minute arc to the Jacchia-Roberts Cowell truth trajectory (in these cases, either the default Harris-Priester table with F#=150 or the "hottest" table with F#=275 in R&D GTDS was used). Again, a 90 minute predict span followed the fit span, with accuracy metrics derived over both the fit (DC RMS) and predict spans (R&D GTDS Ephemeris Comparison Program). The results of this testing are presented in Table 5:

**Table 5. Simulation of Real World Drag Uncertainties, LACC**

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
8x8 $J_2^2$ (opt. deck) **	Yes	Yes	trunc 6 6 4 2 -10 10	Yes	No	H-P AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$ F#=275	No	No	15.87 sec	16.29 meters (6 its)	150.97 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$ (opt. deck) **	Yes	Yes	trunc 6 6 4 2 -10 10	Yes	No	H-P AOG SPG Iszak Solve $C_D$ F#=150	No	No	15.73 sec	24.68 meters (6 its)	311.96 meters

Note the configurations listed in Table 5 are designated as "opt. deck" even though they use the Harris-Priester atmospheric model (the optimal configuration uses the Jacchia-roberts atmospheric model). This designation was given because all geopotential, partial derivative, solve-for, and force model options for the AOG and SPG match the optimal configuration (even though the particular atmospheric model may be different).

The setup for the LACC which provides an optimal balance between accuracy and computational speed can now be given (opt. deck):

- 8x8 geopotential (AOG)
- $J_2^2$  (AOG and SPG)
- Zonal short periodics with default settings
- M-daily short periodics with default settings
- Truncated tesseral linear combination high frequency short periodics (SPTESSL C = 6 6 4 2 -10 10)
- Jacchia-Roberts drag (AOG and SPG)
- Solve  $C_D$
- SSTEFL 1 2 0 0.0
- SSTAPGFL 1 0 0 1.0 6.0 0.0

Sample input decks for the LACC are given in the appendices.

### 3.0 Medium Altitude Circular Case (MACC)

A Landsat type orbit was chosen to fulfill the medium altitude circular orbit test case. In the ETAS study, the MACC is characterized by a SMAH range of 575 - 1000 km and an eccentricity range from 0.0 to 0.05. For this test case, multiple runs were made in which varying configurations of DSST were fit to a Cowell truth model over a three day arc. A three day DSST EG with the DC solve-for parameters followed the fit span. Accuracy metrics were derived from comparisons between the DSST and Cowell trajectories over both the fit (DC RMS) and predict spans (from the R&D GTDS Ephemeris Comparison Program). ORB1 output was produced every 450 seconds (a 45 minute time interval was used in the R&D GTDS Ephemeris Comparison Program).

The osculating elements required for the Cowell truth EG were built from a one day DSST run with the following inputs:

**Table 6. DSST Specifics to Build Osculating Elements, MACC**

Epoch Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	820223 000000.0
End Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	820224 000000.0
Semimajor Axis (mean)	7077.787 km
Eccentricity (mean)	0.011542
Inclination (mean)	98.250452 deg
Longitude of Ascending Node (mean)	158.15349 deg
Argument of Perigee (mean)	89.4 deg
Mean Anomaly (mean)	312.90205 deg
Input Frame	True of Date
Integration and Output Frame	Earth Equator and Equinox of 1950 (Mean of 1950)
Integrator	4th Order Runge-Kutta
DSST Step Size	43200.0 sec
Gravity Field	8x8 GEM10B
Lunar / Solar Point Masses	Yes
Drag Model	No
Solar Radiation Pressure	No

The osculating elements which resulted from this one day DSST run were then used as inputs for a six day Cowell EG. The specifics for this Cowell EG are given in Table 7:

**Table 7. Cowell Truth EG Inputs, MACC**

Epoch Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	820224 000000.0
End Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	820302 000000.0

**Table 7. Cowell Truth EG Inputs, MACC (Continued)**

Input, Integration, and Output Frame	Earth Equator and Equinox of 1950 (Mean of 1950)
Integrator	12th Order Summed Cowell/ Adams Predict-Partially Correct
Step Size	60.0 sec
Gravity Field	21x21 GEM10B
Lunar / Solar Point Masses	Yes
Drag Model	Jacchia-Roberts $C_D = 2.0$
Solar Radiation Pressure	No
Average Spacecraft Cross-Sectional Area	$1.0 \text{ m}^2$
Spacecraft Mass	100 kg

The same initial guess of the state vector and observation noise standard deviation were used for all of the DSST DC runs. These values are highlighted in the following table:

**Table 8. DSST DC Specifics, MACC**

Epoch Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	820224 000000.0
Fit Span Begin YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	820224 000000.0
Fit Span End YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	820227 000000.0
Semimajor Axis (mean)	7077.8 km
Eccentricity (mean)	0.0011
Inclination (mean)	98.2 deg
Longitude of Ascending Node (mean)	158.1 deg
Argument of Perigee (mean)	89.4 deg
Mean Anomaly (mean)	176.0 deg
DSST Input Frame	True of Date
DSST Integration and Output Frame	Earth Equator and Equinox of 1950 (Mean of 1950)
DSST Step Size	43200.0 sec
Geopotential Model	GEM10B
Position Standard Deviation	100 meters
Velocity Standard Deviation	10 cm/sec

In the DSST DC runs, varying configurations corresponding to different perturbation modeling were used to determine the optimal balance of accuracy and computational speed. Results of the DC's and subsequent EG's for the MACC are given in Table 9; again, it is first desirable to describe some of the notation used in this table (and other tables in this section):

- GRAV refers to the geopotential modeling in the AOG.
- RESONPRD is a GTDS keyword for the input processor to override the default border for the modeling of tesseral resonance in the AOG (if the period of the resonance is less than 10 days in the default configuration, the resonance is modelled in the SPG as a tesseral linear combination high frequency term); by specifying a value with this keyword, a new border can be set to force the modeling of resonance into the AOG (i.e., for shallow resonance).
- TESS refers to the tesseral linear combination high frequency short periodic terms.
- SRP is an abbreviation for solar radiation pressure.
- J-R is an abbreviation for the Jacchia-Roberts atmospheric density model.
- H-P is an abbreviation for the Harris-Priester atmospheric density model.
- L-S is an abbreviation for lunar / solar third body point mass effects.
- trunc refers to truncated modeling; specifically, the maximum power of the eccentricity was set to 2 and the maximum frequency in true longitude was set to 11 in Fourier coefficients for these short periodic expansions<sup>33</sup>.
- **Total Position RMS is derived over the three day predict span only** (from the R&D GTDS Ephemeris Comparison Program).
- All cases which attempt to solve for  $C_D$  include first order drag effects in the AOG partials (if  $C_D$  is not solved for, then all drag partials in the AOG are shut off). All cases include  $J_2$  partials analytically in the AOG. No other AOG or SPG partials were included in any of the runs.
- Most cases have an SSTEFL card of 1 3; this setting includes all desired AOG partials in the A matrix ( $J_2$  partials are computed analytically; all other partial derivatives are computed via finite differences). In addition, this setting includes desired AOG partial derivatives for non-conservative perturbations in the D matrix via finite differences (these partials were also included in the A matrix). Cases noted by \*\* have an SSTEFL card of 1 2; this setting puts only  $J_2$  AOG partials into the A matrix (computed analytically). All other desired AOG partials for non-conservative perturbations are included in the D matrix via finite differences (with this setting, third body and  $J_2^2$  AOG partial derivatives, if desired, would not be included anywhere; if they are desired, the SSTEFL setting of 1 3 should be used).

**Table 9. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, MACC**

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
21x21 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG SPG	No	L-S AOG SPG	232.83 sec	23.50 meters (6 its)	248.76 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG SPG	No	L-S AOG SPG	311.6 sec	9.38 meters (9 its)	260.40 meters



Table 9. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, MACC (Continued)

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
21x21 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG SPG	674.48 sec	13.18 meters (23 its)	212.13 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG SPG	317.14 sec	9.20 meters (9 its)	236.57 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 2 days	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG SPG	No	L-S AOG SPG	310.44 sec	8.28 meters (9 its)	259.63 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 2 days	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG SPG	393.10 sec	7.75 meters (12 its)	241.01 meters
4x4 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG SPG	No	L-S AOG SPG	47.29 sec	123.48 meters (7 its)	342.54 meters
4x4 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG SPG	52.98 sec	117.47 meters (8 its)	386.02 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG SPG	72.72 sec	71.15 meters (7 its)	261.57 meters

Table 9. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, MACC (Continued)

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG SPG	46.68 sec	92.70 meters (7 its)	279.60 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG SPG	41.47 sec	92.96 meters (7 its)	277.11 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG SPG	40.26 sec	92.95 meters (7 its)	276.77 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	trunc 8 2 11	trunc 8 8 2	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG SPG	39.33 sec	92.95 meters (7 its)	276.77 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	trunc 8 2 11	trunc 8 8 2	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG	38.06 sec	92.92 meters (7 its)	276.70 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	trunc 8 2 11	trunc 8 8 2	No	No	No	J-R AOG	No	L-S AOG	33.83 sec	97.50 meters (7 its)	259.80 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	trunc 8 2 11	trunc 8 8 2	No	No	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG	37.08 sec	93.06 meters (7 its)	278.26 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$ * *	trunc 8 2 11	trunc 8 8 2	No	No	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG	34.28 sec	93.06 meters (7 its)	278.30 meters

Table 9. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, MACC (Continued)

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2 /$ m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
21x21 $J_2^2$ * * RESON PRD = 1 day (opt. deck)	trunc 8 2 11	trunc 8 8 2	No	No	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG	35.31 sec	76.51 meters (7 its)	196.85 meters
Space Command's SGP4 (solve for drag term $\dot{n}/2$ )									28.67 sec	581.68 meters (5 its)	1412.3 meters
Space Command's SGP4 (do not solve for drag term $\dot{n}/2$ ) $B^* = 0.0001 \text{ er}^{-1}$									36.03 sec	905.98 meters (12 its)	17876.0 meters

The results in this table indicate that when fitting an optimized version of DSST to simulated data for the MACC, solving for  $C_D$  appears to make the results worse. However, solving for  $C_D$  in the "full-up" DSST cases leads to results which are more accurate than in the analogous case in which  $C_D$  is not solved for. This phenomena can be accredited to the decreased modeling in the optimized DSST configuration. Specifically, error characteristics resulting from perturbations other than atmospheric drag may bias the drag effect. For example, the drag model in DSST may attempt to account for error signatures in the semimajor axis which stem from un-modeled tesseral resonance; the reduced modeling makes it more difficult for the OD system to separate which source perturbing effects are coming from. If  $C_D$  is not solved for in these cases, its value defaults to the same value used in the generation of the truth ephemeris; hence, better results can be expected in these controlled experiments if  $C_D$  is not solved for. In real world analysis, the actual value of  $C_D$  may not be known very accurately, which necessitates a solution for  $C_D$ .

Clearly, the modeling of the tesseral short periodics can be truncated to greatly reduce the computer run time. In fact, for the 8x8 case in which the tesseral short periodics have been turned off, a 36% savings in computer run time is gained at the expense of an approximate 20 meter fit and predict difference (as compare to the 8x8 case with a full tesseral short periodic model). Similarly, the zonal and m-daily short periodic modeling can be slightly truncated to benefit the computer run time without a significant loss of accuracy. Third body and drag short periodics can be removed to enhance run time with no degradation in accuracy.

Both the  $J_2^2$  and the  $J_2 / \text{m-daily}$  model serve to provide accuracy closure with Cowell, but at an expense of computation time. For reasons of simplicity and computational time savings, these models can be neglected in an optimized DSST configuration.

The period of resonance for the 14th order is less than two days (approximately 1.84 days), while the period of resonance for the 15th order is less than three days (approximately 2.18 days). Therefore, running R&D GTDS **without** a RESONPRD card to change the default resonance border from ten days would force the shallow resonance terms at these orders into the tesseral linear combination model of the SPG. A RESONPRD card setting the resonance border at one day forces the shallow resonance terms at both the 14th and 15th orders into the AOG. Using RESONPRD with a value of two days only puts the 15th order shallow resonance into the AOG. As is shown in the results using a "full" 21x21 geopotential field, modeling resonance in the AOG provides for modest improvements in fit span accuracy over modeling resonance in the SPG. However, improvements in predict span accuracy are not necessarily gained. With the optimized version of DSST, almost 100 meters worth of improvement in predict accuracy is gained by including the resonant terms at the 14th and 15th orders in the AOG (as opposed to neglecting these terms with an optimized version of DSST using an 8x8 base gravity field. It should be noted some of this improvement can be attributed to the increased AOG zonal modeling which results from the method used to include the shallow resonance terms--refer to the following paragraph for details of this method). As a general rule of thumb, it is probably better to have resonance modeled in the AOG due to the nature of the theory. In this manner, resonance is captured in the mean equations of motion and handled numerically (which tends to provide better treatment of the non-linearities and large magnitudes associated with resonance).

It is of particular **importance** to use extreme care when running an optimized version of the DSST. For example, if the tesseral linear combination high frequency short periodics have been truncated or removed for an orbit in which shallow resonance occurs, resonance terms will be totally neglected (assuming a resonant period < 10 days and no adjustment with the RESONPRD card). In these cases, the user must experiment with the AUTOFORC and RESNM cards or the RESONPRD card and hand calculation of the resonant periods to ensure the appropriate resonance modeling occurs (which can become quite tedious). As an alternative, the user can specify a 21x21 gravity field with truncated or no tesseral linear combination short periodics and a RESONPRD of one day. This would include all shallow resonant terms (and obviously deep resonant terms) with a period greater than one day into the AOG at the expense of additional secular and long period zonal calculations in the AOG. This configuration, which is used in the MACC optimal deck, is much simpler than experimenting with the AUTOFORC and RESNM cards or hand calculation of resonant period (which is not practical for operational scenarios with multiple satellites). For example, an 8x8 base gravity field could have been established for the MACC along with AUTOFORC and RESNM cards to include all the resonant terms at the 14th and 15th order (which requires 1 AUTOFORC card and 15 RESNM cards). This configuration would not introduce any secular and long period zonal calculations in the AOG beyond the 8x8 base gravity field. However, for only a 3% increase in computer run time (35.31 seconds versus 34.28 seconds), the 21x21 configuration with a RESONPRD of one day can be used (which does introduce secular and long period zonal calculations in the AOG beyond the 8x8 base gravity field up to the 21x21 limit) and remove the introduction of 16 R&D GTDS keyword cards. This example shows the generality and efficiency with which the recursions handle the calculation of zonal effects in the AOG (it should be noted the same recursion concept is used for all portions of the geopotential in the AOG and SPG).

This general handling of resonant terms becomes extremely useful when considering multiple satellites under the broad definition of the MACC. Instead of introducing costly "man-in-the-loop" calculations, this general configuration efficiently captures resonant terms (shallow and deep) for all orbits in the MACC (up to the 21x21 limit; note that the same general concept can be used with the 50x50 version of R&D GTDS).

The initial drag results led to some further processing with the Harris Priester drag model. In contrast to the Jacchia-Roberts drag model, the Harris-Priester model can be considered "static" in nature. The "dynamic" Jacchia-Roberts model implements "observed" or predicted values for drag-related parameters (solar flux and geomagnetic data). The Harris-Priester model implements established "look-up" tables to obtain drag-related parameters (altitude versus density). In this manner, the Harris-Priester model presents a "smoother" or more stable picture of the atmosphere. It should be noted various Harris-Priester density tables have been constructed to correspond to different levels of activity in the atmosphere.

Results for a full-up Harris-Priester DSST fit to a Harris-Priester Cowell truth model are given in Table 10 (all test procedures for items other than atmospheric drag are identical to the other test procedures described in this section):

**Table 10. DSST Harris-Priester DC and Subsequent EG Results I, MACC**

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2 /$ m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
21x21 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	H-P AOG SPG F#=150	No	L-S AOG SPG	230.14 sec	16.20 meters (6 its)	21.218 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	H-P AOG SPG F#=150	No	L-S AOG SPG	283.36 sec	2.97 meters (8 its)	4.7777 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	H-P AOG SPG Solve $C_D$ F#=150	No	L-S AOG SPG	358.83 sec	7.64 meters (11 its)	280.20 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	H-P AOG SPG Solve $C_D$ F#=150	No	L-S AOG SPG	285.00 sec	2.96 meters (8 its)	9.049 meters

As expected, the results in this table show the static Harris-Priester model provides for a tighter DSST fit to a Cowell truth model (stressing the difficulties which arise due to the dynamic, "noisy" nature of the atmosphere; DCs with the Jacchia-Roberts atmospheric model did not provide the same tight closure as with the "smooth" Harris Priester model. Real world analysis of atmospheric effects proves quite challenging due to the noisy and uncertain nature of atmospheric conditions, especially for orbital predictions into the future). Of particular importance in these results is the accuracy improvement gained by modeling resonance in the AOG in cases in which  $C_D$  is solved for .

Some testing was also done to try and simulate real-world uncertainties with atmospheric drag. In these tests, a Jacchia-Roberts drag model was used to generate a Cowell truth EG. Then, a Harris-Priester DSST configuration was fit over a three day arc to the Jacchia-Roberts Cowell truth trajectory. Again, a three day predict span followed the fit span, with accuracy metrics derived over both the fit (DC RMS) and predict spans (R&D GTDS Ephemeris Comparison Program). The results of this testing are presented in Table 11:

Table 11. Simulation of Real World Drag Uncertainties, MACC

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Fit + Predict)
21x21 $J_2^2$ * * RESON PRD = 1 day	trunc 8 2 11	trunc 8 8 2	No	No	No	H-P AOG F#-275	No	L-S AOG	40.37 sec	764.30 meters (12 its)	15754.0 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ * * RESON PRD = 1 day (opt. deck)	trunc 8 2 11	trunc 8 8 2	No	No	No	H-P AOG Solve $C_D$ F#-275	No	L-S AOG	35.04 sec	78.98 meters (7 its)	469.52 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ * * RESON PRD = 1 day (opt. deck)	trunc 8 2 11	trunc 8 8 2	No	No	No	H-P AOG Solve $C_D$ F#-150	No	L-S AOG	34.77 sec	80.06 meters (7 its)	636.23 meters

Note the configurations listed in Table 11 are designated as "opt. deck" even though they use the Harris-Priester atmospheric model (the optimal configuration uses the Jacchia-roberts atmospheric model). This designation was given because all geopotential, partial derivative, solve-for, and force model options for the AOG and SPG match the optimal configuration (even though the particular atmospheric model may be different).

The setup for the MACC which provides an optimal balance between accuracy and computational speed can now be given:

- 21x21 geopotential (AOG)
- RESONPRD equal to one day (86400.0 seconds)
- $J_2^2$  (AOG)
- Truncated zonal short periodic modeling (the maximum power of the eccentricity was set to 2 and the maximum frequency in true longitude was set to 11 in Fourier coefficients for these short periodic expansions)

- Truncated tesseral m-daily short periodic modeling (maximum power of the eccentricity was set to 2 in Fourier Coefficients for these short periodic expansions)
- Jacchia-Roberts drag (AOG)
- Solve  $C_D$
- Lunar / solar third body point mass effects (AOG)
- SSTEFL 1 2 0 0.0
- SSTAPGFL 1 0 0 1.0 0.0 0.0

Sample input decks for the MACC are given in the appendices.

#### 4.0 High Altitude Circular Case (HACC)

The Explorer 27 (BE-C) orbit was chosen to fulfill the high altitude circular test case. In the ETAS study, the HACC is characterized by a SMAH range of 1000 - 2500 km and an eccentricity range from 0.0 to 0.05. For this test case, multiple runs were made in which varying configurations of DSST were fit to a Cowell truth model over a two day arc. A three day DSST EG with the DC solve-for parameters followed the fit span. Accuracy metrics were derived from comparisons between the DSST and Cowell trajectories over both the fit (DC RMS) and predict spans (from the R&D GTDS Ephemeris Comparison Program). ORB1 output was produced every 60 seconds for the Cowell truth generation (a 45 minute time interval was used in the R&D GTDS Ephemeris Comparison Program).

The osculating elements required for the Cowell truth EG were derived from a five day Cowell fit to an SGP4 ephemeris. The two card element set used to generate the SGP4 ephemeris is given in Table 12:

**Table 12. Explorer Two-Card Element Set, HACC, September 1994 SATCAT**

Epoch Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	940826 074853.5101
Mean Motion	13.37418275 rev/day
Eccentricity	0.0247108
Inclination	41.1904 deg
Longitude of Ascending Node	349.3346 deg
Argument of Perigee	66.5461 deg
Mean Anomaly	296.1065 deg
B*	0.000091 $\text{er}^{-1}$
ORB1 Output Frequency	Every 450.0 Seconds

The specifics for the Cowell DC and subsequent EG are given in Table 13:

**Table 13. Cowell DC and Subsequent EG Inputs, HACC**

Epoch Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	940826 074853.5101
Fit Begin Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	940826 074854.0000
Fit End Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	940831 074854.0000
EG End Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	940903 074854.0000

**Table 13. Cowell DC and Subsequent EG Inputs, HACC (Continued)**

Input, Integration, and Output Frame	Earth Equator and Equinox of 1950 (Mean of 1950)
Integrator	12th Order Summed Cowell/ Adams Predict-Partially Correct
Step Size	60.0 sec
Gravity Field	21x21 JGM2
Lunar / Solar Point Masses	Yes
Drag Model	Jacchia-Roberts-Schatten (Solve $\rho_1$ )
Solar Radiation Pressure	Yes (Solve $C_R$ )
Average Spacecraft Cross-Sectional Area	1.0 m <sup>2</sup>
Spacecraft Mass	100 kg
Position Standard Deviation	500 meters
Velocity Standard Deviation	50 cm/sec
ORB1 Output Frequency	Every 60.0 Seconds

The same initial guess of the state vector and observation noise standard deviation were used for all of the DSST DC runs. These values are highlighted in Table 14:

**Table 14. DSST DC Specifics, HACC**

Epoch Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	940826 074853.5101
Fit Span Begin YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	940826 074854.0
Fit Span End YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	940828 074854.0
Semimajor Axis (mean)	7498.0 km
Eccentricity (mean)	0.0247108
Inclination (mean)	41.1904 deg
Longitude of Ascending Node (mean)	349.3346 deg
Argument of Perigee (mean)	66.5461 deg
Mean Anomaly (mean)	296.1065 deg
DSST Input Frame	True of Date
DSST Integration and Output Frame	Earth Equator and Equinox of 1950 (Mean of 1950)



**Table 14. DSST DC Specifics, HACC (Continued)**

DSST Step Size	43200.0 sec
Geopotential Model	JGM2
Position Standard Deviation	100 meters
Velocity Standard Deviation	10 cm/sec
ORB1 Output Frequency	Every 450.0 Seconds

In the DSST DC runs, varying configurations corresponding to different perturbation modeling were used to determine the optimal balance of accuracy and computational speed. Results of the DC's and subsequent EG's for the HACC are given in Table 15; however, it is first desirable to highlight a few notes concerning the test protocol for the HACC:

- **Total Position RMS is derived over the three day predict span only** (R&D GTDS Ephemeris Comparison Program).
- R&D GTDS default configuration settings are used unless specifically noted.
- RES refers to the inclusion of the 13th and 14th order shallow resonance terms with the AUTOFORC and RESNM keyword cards.
- "trunc" refers to truncated modeling; modeling descriptions corresponding to the R&D GTDS Semianalytic Satellite Theory input processor are specified where needed. Additional details can be found in the R&D GTDS Semianalytic Theory Input Processor keyword description booklet<sup>33</sup>.
- All cases which attempt to solve for  $C_D$  include first order drag effects in the AOG partials (if  $C_D$  is not solved for, then all drag partials in the AOG are shut off). Similarly, all cases which attempt to solve for  $C_R$  include solar radiation pressure effects in the AOG partials (if  $C_R$  is not solved for, then all solar radiation pressure partials in the AOG are shut off). All cases include  $J_2$  partials analytically in the AOG. No other AOG or SPG partials were included in any of the runs.
- Most cases have an SSTEFL card of 1 3; this setting includes all desired AOG partials in the A matrix ( $J_2$  partials are computed analytically; all other partial derivatives are computed via finite differences). In addition, this setting includes desired AOG partial derivatives for non-conservative perturbations in the D matrix via finite differences (these partials were also included in the A matrix). Cases noted by \*\* have an SSTEFL card of 1 2; this setting puts only  $J_2$  AOG partials into the A matrix (computed analytically). All other desired AOG partials for non-conservative perturbations are included in the D matrix via finite differences (with this setting, third body and  $J_2^2$  AOG partial derivatives, if desired, would not be included anywhere; if they are desired, the SSTEFL setting of 1 3 should be used).

Table 15. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, HACC

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	1165.3 sec	2.77 meters (11 its)	74.141 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Yes	Yes	trunc 6 6 4 2 -10 10	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	203.45 sec	13.93 meters (6 its)	76.522 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Yes	Yes	trunc 4 4 4 2 -8 8	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	156.76 sec	20.79 meters (5 its)	71.134 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	144.56 sec	39.88 meters (6 its)	66.637 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	125.23 sec	52.60 meters (6 its)	149.71 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG SPG	103.81 sec	58.77 meters (4 its)	332.22 meters

Table 15. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, HACC (Continued)

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG	L-S AOG SPG	102.21 sec	61.05 meters (4 its)	392.25 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	102.64 sec	53.19 meters (4 its)	155.03 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	98.03 sec	53.38 meters (4 its)	151.55 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG	96.29 sec	53.39 meters (4 its)	151.69 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	trunc 8 2 11	trunc 8 8 2	No	Yes	No	No	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG	94.58 sec	53.39 meters (4 its)	151.65 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	trunc 8 2 11	trunc 8 8 2	No	No	No	No	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG	92.89 sec	53.59 meters (4 its)	151.41 meters
6x6 $J_2^2$	trunc 6 2 11	trunc 6 6 2	No	No	No	No	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG	91.18 sec	80.34 meters (4 its)	285.94 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$ RES	trunc 8 2 11	trunc 8 8 2	No	No	No	No	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG	92.39 sec	48.53 meters (4 its)	111.23 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	trunc 8 2 11	trunc 8 8 2	No	No	No	No	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG	96.83 sec	48.71 meters (4 its)	81.619 meters

Table 15. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, HACC (Continued)

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2 /$ m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day * * 1/5 day step size	trunc 8 2 11	trunc 8 8 2	No	No	No	No	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG	97.10 sec	48.71 meters (4 its)	81.693 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day * * (opt. deck)	trunc 8 2 11	trunc 8 8 2	No	No	No	No	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG	93.12 sec	48.71 meters (4 its)	81.619 meters
Space Command's SGP4 (solve for drag term $\dot{n}d/2$ )									89.51 sec	415.75 meters (4 its)	1752.9 meters
Space Command's SGP4 (do not solve for drag term $\dot{n}d/2$ ) $B^* = 0.000091 \text{ er}^{-1}$									84.32 sec	422.17 meters (4 its)	694.49 meters

The results in Table 15 indicate the importance of modeling solar radiation pressure in the AOG and solving for  $C_R$  (~200 meters over the three day predict). In addition, the impact of higher degree and order zonal and tesseral m-daily terms, as well as shallow tesseral resonance terms, can be clearly seen; specifically, neglecting the contributions from these effects above the 8x8 field (up to the 21x21 gravity model limit used in this testing) more than doubles the predict error. Furthermore, at altitudes characteristic of this orbit, the effects of atmospheric drag and third body short periodics are negligible, while SRP short periodics are on the order of 5 meters. Finally, the tesseral high frequency short periodic,  $J_2^2$  short periodic, and  $J_2 / \text{m-daily}$  short periodic terms serve to provide accuracy closure with Cowell, but are computationally expensive. For these orbits, their effects can be neglected.

Again, it is of particular **importance** to use extreme care when running an optimized version of the DSST. This particular orbit does experience shallow resonance effects. In the cases where only an 8x8 gravity field (AOG) has been included, the resonant effects were neglected. In order to capture these effects, one DSST case implemented the "RES" modeling (use of the RESNM and AUTOFORC cards with a small base field), while another case implemented a 21x21 geopotential field with a RESONPRD card set equal to one day and geopotential short periodic

terms either removed (as with the tesseral high frequency short periodics) or truncated (as with the zonal and m-daily short periodics). Both of these configurations capture the shallow resonance contributions; however, as was stated in the *MACC* section, the configuration using a 21x21 geopotential model and a RESONPRD card set to one day is (1) simpler than using the AUTOFORC and RESNM configuration and (2) applicable for all cases under the broad scope of the HACC. For these reasons, the 21x21 geopotential model with RESONPRD equal to one day (and geopotential short periodics either removed or truncated) was chosen for the optimal configuration. This configuration was only 5% slower than the more complicated AUTOFORC and RESNM combination, but 30 meters more accurate in the predict span (a benefit gained by the AOG zonal terms above the 8x8 base configuration up to the 21x21 limit). In all, roughly 40 meters is gained in the three day predict with the addition of the shallow resonance terms.

The setup for the HACC which provides an optimal balance between accuracy and computational speed can now be given:

- 21x21 geopotential (AOG)
- RESONPRD equal to one day (86400.0 seconds)
- $J_2^2$  (AOG)
- Truncated zonal short periodic modeling (the maximum power of the eccentricity was set to 2 and the maximum frequency in true longitude was set to 11 in Fourier coefficients for these short periodic expansions)
- Truncated tesseral m-daily short periodic modeling (maximum power of the eccentricity was set to 2 in Fourier Coefficients for these short periodic expansions)
- Lunar / solar third body point mass effects (AOG)
- Solar Radiation Pressure (AOG)
- Solve for  $C_R$
- SSTSTFL 1 2 0 0.0
- SSTAPGFL 1 0 0 0.0 0.0 1.0

Sample input decks for the HACC are given in the appendices.

## 5.0 Geosynchronous Case (GEO)

The BS 3A orbit was chosen to fulfill the geosynchronous test case. In the ETAS study, the GEO is characterized by a SMAH range of 33,000 - 39,000 km and an eccentricity range from 0.0 - 0.05. For this test case, multiple runs were made in which varying configurations of DSST were fit to a Cowell truth model over a three day arc. A three day DSST EG with the DC solve-for parameters followed the fit span. Accuracy metrics were derived from comparisons between the DSST and Cowell trajectories over both the fit (DC RMS) and predict spans (from the R&D GTDS Ephemeris Comparison Program). ORB1 output was produced every 450 seconds.

The osculating elements required for the Cowell truth EG were derived from a ten day Cowell fit to an SGP4 ephemeris. The two card element set used to generate the SGP4 ephemeris is given in Table 16:

**Table 16. BS 3A Two-Card Element Set, GEO, September 1994 SATCAT**

Epoch Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	940825 170334.9932
Mean Motion	1.00266891 rev/day
Eccentricity	0.0003102
Inclination	0.0467 deg
Longitude of Ascending Node	243.1923 deg
Argument of Perigee	288.7716 deg

**Table 16. BS 3A Two-Card Element Set, GEO, September 1994 SATCAT (Continued)**

Mean Anomaly	167.5966 deg
B*	0.0 $\text{er}^{-1}$

The specifics for the Cowell DC and subsequent EG are given in Table 17:

**Table 17. Cowell DC and Subsequent EG Inputs, GEO**

Epoch Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	940825 170334.9932
Fit Begin Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	940825 170335.0000
Fit End Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	940904 170335.0000
EG End Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	940905 170335.0000
Input, Integration, and Output Frame	Earth Equator and Equinox of 1950 (Mean of 1950)
Integrator	12th Order Summed Cowell/ Adams Predict-Partially Correct
Step Size	60.0 sec
Gravity Field	21x21 JGM2
Lunar / Solar Point Masses	Yes
Drag Model	No
Solar Radiation Pressure	Yes (Solve $C_R$ )
Average Spacecraft Cross-Sectional Area	1.0 $\text{m}^2$
Spacecraft Mass	100 kg
Position Standard Deviation	500 meters
Velocity Standard Deviation	50 cm/sec

The same initial guess of the state vector and observation noise standard deviation were used for all of the DSST DC runs. These values are highlighted in Table 18:

**Table 18. DSST DC Specifics, GEO**

Epoch Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	940825 170334.9932
Fit Span Begin YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	940825 170335.0000
Fit Span End YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	940828 170335.0000
Semimajor Axis (mean)	42167.16
Eccentricity (mean)	0.000275
Inclination (mean)	0.23 deg

**Table 18. DSST DC Specifics, GEO (Continued)**

Longitude of Ascending Node (mean)	97.6 deg
Argument of Perigee (mean)	75.3 deg
Mean Anomaly (mean)	166.09 deg
DSST Input, Integration and Output Frame	Earth Equator and Equinox of 1950 (Mean of 1950)
DSST Step Size	43200.0 sec
Geopotential Model	JGM2
Position Standard Deviation	100 meters
Velocity Standard Deviation	10 cm/sec

In the DSST DC runs, varying configurations corresponding to different perturbation modeling were used to determine the optimal balance of accuracy and computational speed. Results of the DC's and subsequent EG's for the GEO are given in Table 19; first, a few notes concerning the test protocol for the GEO:

- **Total Position RMS is derived over the three day predict span only** (from the R&D GTDS Ephemeris Comparison Program).
- R&D GTDS default configuration settings are used unless specifically noted.
- "NUM SP" refers to numerical short periodics used in conjunction with weak time dependence (WTD) and third body perturbations.
- All cases which attempt to solve for  $C_R$  include solar radiation pressure effects in the AOG partials (if  $C_R$  is not solved for, then all solar radiation pressure partials in the AOG are shut off). All cases include  $J_2$  partials analytically in the AOG. No other AOG or SPG partials were included in any of the runs.
- All cases have an SSTEFL card of 1 2; this setting puts only  $J_2$  AOG partials into the A matrix (computed analytically). All other desired AOG partials for non-conservative perturbations are included in the D matrix via finite differences. For these runs, only solar radiation pressure effects (if solving for  $C_R$ ) have been included in the D matrix.
- Cases with a "\*" in the *DC RMS* column had a DC convergence criteria of 1.D-3 (rather than 1.D-4 which was used for all other cases).

Table 19. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, GEO

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
21x21 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	137.54 sec	8.24 meters (29 its)	228.17 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	78.49 sec	8.24 meters (29 its)	228.17 meters
4x4 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	72.01 sec	8.94 meters (30 its)	209.87 meters
4x4 $J_2^2$	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	69.32 sec	8.94 meters (29 its)	209.80 meters
4x4 $J_2^2$ (opt. deck)	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG NUM SP WTD	30.19 sec	5.10 meters (4 its)	21.249 meters
4x4 $J_2^2$	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG NUM SP WTD	41.91 sec	3.54 meters (12 its)	25.578 meters
4x4 $J_2^2$	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	L-S AOG NUM SP WTD	27.80 sec	80.99 meters (3 its) *	391.75 meters
4x4 $J_2^2$	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	No	35.86 sec	714.81 meters (9 its)	4046.5 meters



Table 19. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, GEO (Continued)

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
4x0 $J_2^2$	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG NUM SP WTD	46.35 sec	24.74 meters (16 its)	7229.1 meters
Space Command's SGP4 (solve for drag term $\dot{n}d/2$ )									59.67 sec	159.50 meters (30 its) *	3934.5 meters
Space Command's SGP4 (do not solve for drag term $\dot{n}d/2$ ) $B^* = 0.0 \text{ er}^{-1}$									36.21 sec	479.85 meters (12 its) *	2060.2 meters

The results in Table 19 indicate a small degree and order geopotential model (i.e., 4x4) can be used without a significant loss in accuracy. In addition, the importance of third body effects and solar radiation pressure (solving for  $C_R$ ) can clearly be seen. Completely neglecting third body effects leads to ~ 4 km worth of predict error over the three day span; neglecting solar radiation pressure in both the AOG and SPG leads to roughly a 350-400 meter error over the three day predict. Neglecting SRP short periodics (but still modeling SRP in the AOG and solving for  $C_R$ ), does not significantly impact accuracy (~ 5 m), but causes extra DC iterations for convergence (and, hence, longer run times). Furthermore, weak time dependence, which accounts for the motion of the third bodies over the course of the satellite's orbit in the equations of motion, must be modeled. A weak time independent theory assumes the position of the third body does not move over the course of an averaging interval (the orbital period) in the development of the equations of motion. For low altitude orbits, this assumption works well. However, for geosynchronous orbits (with periods of roughly 24 hours), these results indicate using a weak time independent theory leads to extra DC iterations for convergence and roughly a 200 meter predict error over the course of three days.

The case using a 4x0 geopotential field illustrates the impact of resonance on the geosynchronous orbit. For the three day predict, over 7 km worth of error is introduced by neglecting resonant terms. The impact of using a subset of resonant terms (rather than the full complement for the 1:1 resonance) can clearly be seen in the SGP4 results. The results for optimized DSST indicate the efficiency with which a full complement of resonant terms can be added to a propagation theory.

The setup for the GEO which provides an optimal balance between accuracy and computational speed can now be given:

- 4x4 geopotential (AOG)
- $J_2^2$  (AOG and SPG)
- Zonal short periodics with default settings
- Lunar / solar third body point mass effects (AOG)
- Numerical third body short periodics (WTD)
- Solar radiation pressure (AOG & SPG)

- Solve for  $C_R$
- SSTEFL 1 2 0 0.0
- SSTAPGFL 1 0 0 0.0 0.0 1.0

Sample input decks for the GEO are given in the appendices.

## 6.0 Molniya Case (MOLY)

Satellite #9829 (SATCAT) was chosen to fulfill the Molniya test case<sup>14,20</sup>. In the ETAS study, the Molniya / geostationary transfer orbit is characterized by a SMAH range from 18,000 - 22,000 km and an eccentricity range from 0.05 to 1.0 (this analysis will strictly focus on the Molniya orbit which, typically, has an eccentricity of  $\sim 0.73$ ).

For this test case, multiple runs were made in which varying configurations of DSST were fit to a Cowell truth model over a three day arc. A three day DSST EG with the DC solve-for parameters followed the fit span. Accuracy metrics were derived from comparisons between the DSST and Cowell trajectories over both the fit (DC RMS) and predict spans (from the R&D GTDS Ephemeris Comparison Program). ORB1 output was produced every 450 seconds.

The osculating elements required for the Cowell truth EG were derived from a six month DSST fit to real data<sup>14</sup>. The six month DSST fit to the real data resulted in a set of mean Keplerian elements which were propagated forward one day to produce the osculating elements used in the Cowell truth EG. The mean Keplerian elements, as well as other settings used in the one day DSST propagation, are listed in Table 20:

**Table 20. Mean Element Set Used To Build Osculating Elements, MOLY (from Reference 14)**

Epoch Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	790803 234212.0000
Semi-Major Axis (mean)	26556.9582 km
Eccentricity (mean)	0.6990986
Inclination (mean)	63.173001 deg
Longitude of Ascending Node (mean)	190.619681 deg
Argument of Perigee (mean)	281.59624 deg
Mean Anomaly (mean)	13.29315 deg
Input, Integration, and Output Frame	Earth Equator and Equinox of 1950 (Mean of 1950)
Integrator	4th Order Runge-Kutta
DSST Step Size	43200.0 sec
Gravity Field	8x8 GEM9
Lunar / Solar Point Masses	Yes
Drag Model	Jacchia-Roberts $C_D = 2.0$
Solar Radiation Pressure	Yes $C_R = 1.2$

**Table 20. Mean Element Set Used To Build Osculating Elements, MOLY (from Reference 14)**

Global Short Periodic Select	Moderate Accuracy Molniya Configuration (SPSHPER = 5)
Average Spacecraft Cross-Sectional Area	12.5 m <sup>2</sup>
Spacecraft Mass	1250 kg

The specifics for the Cowell truth EG are given in Table 21:

**Table 21. Cowell Truth EG Inputs, MOLY**

Epoch Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	790804 234212.0000
EG End Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	790818 234212.0000
Input, Integration, and Output Frame	Earth Equator and Equinox of 1950 (Mean of 1950)
Integrator	Time Regularized Cowell
Time Regularization Constant for Integrator	1.5
Step Size	200 Step Per Revolution
Gravity Field	21x21 GEM10B
Lunar / Solar Point Masses	Yes
Drag Model	Jacchia-Roberts $C_D = 2.0$
Solar Radiation Pressure	Yes $C_R = 1.2$
Average Spacecraft Cross-Sectional Area	12.5 m <sup>2</sup>
Spacecraft Mass	1250 kg

The same initial guess of the state vector and observation noise standard deviation were used for all of the DSST DC runs. These values are highlighted in Table 22:

**Table 22. DSST DC Specifics, MOLY**

Epoch Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	790804 234212.0000
Fit Span Begin YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	790804 234212.0000
Fit Span End YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	790807 234212.0000
Semimajor Axis (mean)	26572.176 km
Eccentricity (mean)	0.699
Inclination (mean)	63.2 deg
Longitude of Ascending Node (mean)	190.5 deg

**Table 22. DSST DC Specifics, MOLY (Continued)**

Argument of Perigee (mean)	281.6 deg
Mean Anomaly (mean)	15.429 deg
DSST Input, Integration and Output Frame	Earth Equator and Equinox of 1950 (Mean of 1950)
Geopotential Model	GEM10B
Position Standard Deviation	100 meters
Velocity Standard Deviation	10 cm/sec

In the DSST DC runs, varying configurations corresponding to different perturbation modeling were used to determine the optimal balance of accuracy and computational speed. Results of the DC's and subsequent EG's for the MOLY are given in Table 23; again, it is first desirable to highlight a few notes concerning the test protocol for the MOLY:

- **Total Position RMS is derived over the three day predict span only** (from R&D GTDS Ephemeris Comparison Program).
- R&D GTDS default configuration settings are used unless specifically noted.
- "trunc" refers to truncated modeling; modeling descriptions corresponding to the R&D GTDS Semianalytic Satellite Theory input processor are specified where needed. Additional details can be found in the R&D GTDS Semianalytic Theory Input Processor keyword description booklet<sup>33</sup>.
- "splunara" and "spsolara" also refer to truncated modeling; additional details can be found in the R&D GTDS Semianalytic Theory Input Processor keyword description booklet<sup>33</sup>.
- All cases which attempt to solve for  $C_D$  include first order drag effects in the AOG partials (if  $C_D$  is not solved for, then all drag partials in the AOG are shut off). Similarly, all cases which attempt to solve for  $C_R$  include solar radiation pressure effects in the AOG partials (if  $C_R$  is not solved for, then all solar radiation pressure partials in the AOG are shut off). All cases include  $J_2$  partials analytically in the AOG. No other AOG or SPG partials were included in any of the runs.
- Most cases have an SSTEFTL card of 1 3; this setting includes all desired AOG partials in the A matrix ( $J_2$  partials are computed analytically; all other partial derivatives are computed via finite differences). In addition, this setting includes desired AOG partial derivatives for non-conservative perturbations in the D matrix via finite differences (these partials were also included in the A matrix). Cases noted by \*\* have an SSTEFTL card of 1 2; this setting puts only  $J_2$  AOG partials into the A matrix (computed analytically). All other desired AOG partials for non-conservative perturbations are included in the D matrix via finite differences (with this setting, third body and  $J_2^2$  AOG partial derivatives, if desired, would not be included anywhere; if they are desired, the SSTEFTL setting of 1 3 should be used).

Table 23. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, MOLY

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	trunc 8 8 33 35 -41 41	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	174.17 sec	20.62 meters (5 its)	149.19 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	trunc 4 4 33 35 -15 15	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	60.24 sec	33.15 meters (5 its)	146.27 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	43.89 sec	117.30 meters (5 its)	220.10 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	39.92 sec	117.65 meters (4 its)	220.08 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	39.00 sec	117.65 meters (4 its)	220.08 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG	38.49 sec	208.28 meters (4 its)	357.40 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	AOG Solve $C_R$	No	42.90 sec	1027.38 meters (6 its)	12670.0 meters

Table 23. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, MOLY (Continued)

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG splunara 4 4 8 2 spsolara 2 2 4 2	38.83 sec	116.66 meters (4 its)	219.04 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG SPG	38.62 sec	121.09 meters (4 its)	256.95 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	34.77 sec	117.63 meters (4 its)	218.75 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	trunc 6 5 10	trunc 4 4 2	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	37.24 sec	114.62 meters (4 its)	219.37 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	trunc 4 3 8	trunc 4 4 2	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	36.59 sec	114.82 meters (4 its)	219.33 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$ * * (opt. deck)	trunc 4 3 8	trunc 4 4 2	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	34.11 sec	114.82 meters (4 its)	219.33 meters
Space Command's SGP4 (solve for drag term ndot/2)									35.41 sec	2690.67 meters (8 its)	5519.0 meters
Space Command's SGP4 (do not solve for drag term ndot/2) $B^* = 0.0001 \text{ er}^{-1}$									28.29 sec	3082.99 meters (4 its)	4537.3 meters

The results in Table 23 demonstrate the wide variety of perturbative effects experienced by Molniya orbits. The low perigee heights contribute to geopotential and atmospheric effects, while the high apogee heights lead to third body and solar radiation pressure effects. Of particular importance are the effects of tesseral resonance (Molniya

orbits usually maintain a repeating groundtrack and complete very nearly two revolutions per day). If neglected, resonance can contribute several kilometers worth of error (as is evident in the analytic DCs, which only model a subset of the resonant terms)<sup>20</sup>. Specifically, the following notes can be taken from Table 23 concerning the short periodic models of DSST:

- drag and solar radiation pressure short periodics do not significantly affect accuracy; they can be truncated to reduce computation time
- neglecting third body short periodics adds ~ 100-150 meters worth of error over the three day predict
- zonal and m-daily short periodics can be truncated to decrease computation time without significantly impacting accuracy
- tesseral high frequency short periodics serve to provide accuracy closure with Cowell (they have an impact on the order of 100 meters), but are computationally expensive

These results also indicate neglecting third body effects (both AOG and SPG) leads to almost 13 km worth of error over the three day predict.

In the first high accuracy DSST run, the DC RMS error is on the order of 20 meters. This error can be attributed to geopotential effects beyond the 8x8 configuration for DSST (up to the 21x21 limit in the Cowell truth model), truncations to the equations of motion in DSST's  $J_2^2$  model ( $O[e^1]$  in the AOG and  $O[e^0]$  in the SPG), neglecting  $J_2$  / m-daily coupling, an incomplete tesseral high frequency short periodic model at the 8x8 limit (SPTESSLC = 8 8 33 35 -41 41), and an error due to a discrepancy between the truth and DC "solved-for" values of  $C_D$  and  $C_R$ . If this first high accuracy DSST DC is repeated with the exact values of  $C_D$  and  $C_R$  used in the truth ( $C_D = 2.0$ ,  $C_R = 1.2$ ), a DC RMS of ~ 13 meters results. This implies roughly 7 to 8 meters of the original ~ 20 meter DC RMS error is due to having poor DC solutions for  $C_D$  and  $C_R$ . Further analysis implementing an 8x8 DSST fit (SPTESSLC = 8 8 33 35 -41 41,  $J_2$  / m-daily off) to an 8x8 Cowell truth model in which both the fit and truth theories used a small value of  $J_2$  ( $1.0 D^{-2}$ ) and geopotential effects only results in a DC RMS of ~ 3 meters. This 3 meter error can be attributed to the incomplete tesseral high frequency short periodic model of DSST for the 8x8 configuration (remember, the 8x8 DSST configuration isn't really "full-up"; rather, an SPTESSLC of 8 8 33 35 -41 41 was used). If this same test is repeated except for using the regular value of  $J_2$ , an error of ~ 7 meters results. This means the truncations in DSST  $J_2^2$  model and the neglect of  $J_2$  / m-daily coupling terms results in ~ 4 meters of error. This leaves an approximate 5 to 6 meter error due to geopotential terms beyond the 8x8 configuration up to the 21x21 limit used in the truth. As a final note, it should be mentioned this specific breakdown of errors is dependent upon the geometry of this particular orbit, the relationship between the fit span and perigee locations, etc. Therefore, these error quantifications should be used as a "rule of thumb" metrics.

The setup for the MOLY which provides an optimal balance between accuracy and computational speed can now be given:

- 8x8 geopotential (AOG)
- $J_2^2$  (AOG and SPG)
- Truncated central body zonal harmonic short periodics (SPZONALS = 4 3 8)
- Truncated m-daily tesseral harmonic short periodics (SPMDAILY = 4 4 2)
- Lunar / solar third body point mass effects (AOG & SPG)
- Atmospheric drag (AOG)
- Solve for  $C_D$
- Solar radiation pressure (AOG)
- Solve for  $C_R$
- SSTESTFL 1 2 0 0.0
- SSTAPGFL 1 0 0 1.0 0.0 1.0

Sample input decks for the MOLY are given in the appendices.

## 7.0 Near Earth Eccentric Case (NEEC)

The Vanguard 2 orbit was chosen to fulfill the near earth eccentric test case. In the ETAS study, the NEEC is characterized by a SMAH range from 0 - 2500 km and an eccentricity range from 0.05 to 1.0. For this test case, multiple runs were made in which varying configurations of DSST were fit to a Cowell truth model over a three day arc. A three day DSST EG with the DC solve-for parameters followed the fit span. Accuracy metrics were derived from comparisons between the DSST and Cowell trajectories over both the fit (DC RMS) and predict spans (from the R&D GTDS Ephemeris Comparison Program). ORB1 output was produced every 450 seconds.

The osculating elements required for the Cowell truth EG were derived from a five day Cowell fit to an SGP4 ephemeris. The two card element set used to generate the SGP4 ephemeris is given in Table 24:

**Table 24. Vanguard 2 Two-Card Element Set, NEEC, September 1994 SATCAT**

Epoch Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	940826 073513.6735
Mean Motion	11.73921485 rev/day
Eccentricity	0.1522640
Inclination	32.8834 deg
Longitude of Ascending Node	251.8592 deg
Argument of Perigee	10.8368 deg
Mean Anomaly	352.1515 deg
B*	0.000154 $\text{er}^{-1}$

The specifics for the Cowell DC and subsequent EG are given in Table 25:

**Table 25. Cowell DC and Subsequent EG Inputs, NEEC**

Epoch Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	940826 073513.6735
Fit Begin Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	940826 073514.0000
Fit End Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	940831 073514.0000
EG End Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	940905 073514.0000
Input, Integration, and Output Frame	Earth Equator and Equinox of 1950 (Mean of 1950)
Integrator	12th Order Summed Cowell/ Adams Predict-Partially Correct
Step Size	60.0 sec
Gravity Field	21x21 JGM2
Lunar / Solar Point Masses	Yes
Drag Model	Jacchia-Roberts-Schatten (Solve $\rho_1$ )



**Table 25. Cowell DC and Subsequent EG Inputs, NEEC (Continued)**

Solar Radiation Pressure	Yes (Solve $C_P$ )
Average Spacecraft Cross-Sectional Area	1.0 m <sup>2</sup>
Spacecraft Mass	100 kg
Position Standard Deviation	500 meters
Velocity Standard Deviation	50 cm/sec

The same initial guess of the state vector and observation noise standard deviation were used for all of the DSST DC runs. These values are highlighted in Table 26:

**Table 26. DSST DC Specifics, NEEC**

Epoch Date YYMMDD HHMMSS.SSSS	940826 073513.6735
Fit Span Begin YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	940826 073514.0
Fit Span End YYMMDD HHMMSS.S	940829 073514.0
Semimajor Axis (mean)	8177.913 km
Eccentricity (mean)	0.1522640
Inclination (mean)	32.8834 deg
Longitude of Ascending Node (mean)	251.8592 deg
Argument of Perigee (mean)	10.8368 deg
Mean Anomaly (mean)	352.1515 deg
DSST Input Frame	True of Date
DSST Integration and Output Frame	Earth Equator and Equinox of 1950 (Mean of 1950)
Geopotential Model	JGM2
Position Standard Deviation	100 meters
Velocity Standard Deviation	10 cm/sec

In the DSST DC runs, varying configurations corresponding to different perturbation modeling were used to determine the optimal balance of accuracy and computational speed. Results of the DC's and subsequent EG's for the NEEC are given in Table 27; however, it is first desirable to highlight a few notes concerning the test protocol for the NEEC:

- **Total Position RMS is derived over the three day predict span only** (from R&D GTDS Ephemeris Comparison Program).
- R&D GTDS default configuration settings are used unless specifically noted.
- "trunc" refers to truncated modeling; modeling descriptions corresponding to the R&D GTDS Semianalytic Satellite Theory input processor are specified where needed. Additional details can be found in the R&D GTDS Semianalytic Theory Input Processor keyword description booklet<sup>33</sup>.

- RES refers to the inclusion of the 11th and 12th order shallow resonance terms with the AUTOFORC and RESNM keyword cards.
- All cases which attempt to solve for  $C_D$  include first order drag effects in the AOG partials (if  $C_D$  is not solved for, then all drag partials in the AOG are shut off). Similarly, all cases which attempt to solve for  $C_R$  include solar radiation pressure effects in the AOG partials (if  $C_R$  is not solved for, then all solar radiation pressure partials in the AOG are shut off). All cases include  $J_2$  partials analytically in the AOG. No other AOG or SPG partials were included in any of the runs.
- Most cases have an SSTEFTL card of 1 3; this setting includes all desired AOG partials in the A matrix ( $J_2$  partials are computed analytically; all other partial derivatives are computed via finite differences). In addition, this setting includes desired AOG partial derivatives for non-conservative perturbations in the D matrix via finite differences (these partials were also included in the A matrix). Cases noted by \*\* have an SSTEFTL card of 1 2; this setting puts only  $J_2$  AOG partials into the A matrix (computed analytically). All other desired AOG partials for non-conservative perturbations are included in the D matrix via finite differences (with this setting, third body and  $J_2^2$  AOG partial derivatives, if desired, would not be included anywhere; if they are desired, the SSTEFTL setting of 1 3 should be used).

Table 27. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, NEEC

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Yes	Yes	trunc 21 21 21 15 -37 37	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	541.29 sec	41.76 meters (6 its)	223.16 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Yes	Yes	trunc 6 6 21 15 -27 27	Yes	Yes	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	202.46 sec	42.76 meters (9 its)	234.47 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Yes	Yes	trunc 6 6 21 15 -27 27	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	132.27 sec	42.83 meters (8 its)	232.69 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	70.74 sec	55.08 meters (9 its)	239.42 meters

Table 27. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, NEEC (Continued)

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
12x12 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	57.42 sec	55.37 meters (9 its)	456.24 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	48.50 sec	58.63 meters (8 its)	389.63 meters
8x8 $J_2^2$ RES	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	47.46 sec	61.08 meters (6 its)	207.29 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Trunc. 8 7 17	Trunc. 8 8 6	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG SPG Solve $C_D$	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	47.67 sec	61.06 meters (6 its)	229.95 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Trunc. 8 7 17	Trunc. 8 8 6	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	AOG SPG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	45.92 sec	61.06 meters (6 its)	229.95 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Trunc. 8 7 17	Trunc. 8 8 6	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG SPG	45.54 sec	61.06 meters (6 its)	229.94 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Trunc. 8 7 17	Trunc. 8 8 6	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG	44.10 sec	60.94 meters (6 its)	228.52 meters

Table 27. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, NEEC (Continued)

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2$ / m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Trunc. 6 5 13	Trunc. 6 6 4	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG	42.63 sec	69.54 meters (6 its)	217.87 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ RESON PRD = 1 day	Trunc. 4 3 9	Trunc. 4 4 2	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG	46.30 sec	78.95 meters (8 its)	238.46 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ * * RESON PRD = 1 day (opt. deck)	Trunc. 6 5 13	Trunc. 6 6 4	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG	37.89 sec	69.42 meters (6 its)	218.71 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ * * RESON PRD = 1 day	Trunc. 6 5 13	Trunc. 6 6 4	No	Yes	No	No	AOG Solve $C_R$	L-S AOG	35.97 sec	78.48 meters (6 its)	312.51 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ * * RESON PRD = 1 day	Trunc. 6 5 13	Trunc. 6 6 4	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	No	L-S AOG	36.75 sec	67.82 meters (6 its)	267.96 meters
21x21 $J_2^2$ * * RESON PRD = 1 day	Trunc. 6 5 13	Trunc. 6 6 4	No	Yes	No	J-R AOG Solve $C_D$	AOG Solve $C_R$	No	38.06 sec	72.15 meters (6 its)	266.27 meters

Table 27. DSST DC and Subsequent EG Results, NEEC (Continued)

GRAV (AOG)	Zonal SP	M- daily SP	TESS SP	$J_2^2$ SP	$J_2 /$ m-daily SP	Drag	SRP	3rd Body	Run Time	DC RMS	Total Position RMS (Predict Span)
Space Command's SGP4 (solve for drag term $\dot{n}/2$ )									28.27 sec	909.86 meters (5 its)	1080.7 meters
Space Command's SGP4 (do not solve for drag term $\dot{n}/2$ ) $B^* = 0.000154 \text{ er}^{-1}$									26.69 sec	910.34 meters (4 its)	3284.2 meters

The results in Table 27 indicate the importance of modeling shallow resonance terms; adding the 11th and 12th order shallow resonance terms reduces the predict error by roughly 200 meters. The short periodic models for drag, SRP, and third body have negligible accuracy contributions, but each add a few seconds of run time; therefore, these short periodic models can be neglected to reduce computation time. Like many other cases, the tesseral high frequency short periodic and  $J_2 / \text{m-daily}$  short periodic terms serve to provide closure with Cowell, but are computationally expensive. For these orbits, their effects can be neglected.

These results also highlight the contribution of several of the AOG terms:

- not modeling drag in the AOG (as well as not solving for  $C_D$ ) adds roughly 100 meters worth of predict error
- not modeling solar radiation pressure in the AOG (as well as not solving for  $C_R$ ) adds roughly 50 meters worth of predict error
- not modeling third body effects in the AOG adds roughly 50 meters worth of predict error

In the first high accuracy DSST run, the DC RMS error is on the order of 40 meters. This error can mainly be attributed to truncations to the equations of motion in DSST's  $J_2^2$  model ( $O[e^1]$  in the AOG and  $O[e^0]$  in the SPG), an incomplete tesseral high frequency short periodic model, and discrepancies between the truth and DC "solved-for" values of  $C_D$  and  $C_R$ . If this same DSST case is fit to another Cowell truth model containing  $21 \times 21$  geopotential effects only, the DC RMS is reduced to  $\sim 21$  meters (in other words,  $\sim 20$  meters can be attributed to the poor DC solution for  $C_D$  and  $C_R$ ). If this test is taken one step further such that both the  $21 \times 21$  Cowell truth and DSST use a small value of  $J_2$  ( $1.0 D^{-6}$ ), the error is reduced to  $\sim 1.7$  meters (i.e., errors due to truncations in DSST's  $J_2^2$  model are on the order of  $\sim 20$  meters). This means  $\sim 1$ -2 meters of error can be attributed to not having a complete  $21 \times 21$  tesseral high frequency short periodic model (remember, an SPTESSLC of 21 21 21 15 -37 37 was used). Finally, it should be mentioned this specific breakdown of errors is dependent upon the geometry of this particular orbit, the relationship between the fit span and perigee locations, etc. Therefore, these error quantifications should be used as a "rule of thumb" metrics.

Again, it is of particular **importance** to use extreme care when running an optimized version of the DSST. Note how the optimized deck for this case implements a  $21 \times 21$  geopotential field with a RESONPRD card set to one day and truncated short periodics (rather than the RESNM and AUTOFORC combination). Again, some accuracy and run-time is sacrificed for a deck which is (1) simpler to implement than the RESNM and AUTOFORC combination and (2) general enough to capture resonant terms which might be experienced by other satellites under the broad definition of the NEEC.

The setup for the NEEC which provides an optimal balance between accuracy and computational speed can now be given:

- 21x21 geopotential (AOG)
- RESONPRD equal to one day (86400.0 seconds)
- $J_2^2$  (AOG and SPG)
- Truncated zonal short periodics (SPZONALS = 6 5 13)
- Truncated m-daily short periodics (SPMDAILY = 6 6 4)
- Lunar / solar third body point mass effects (AOG)
- Atmospheric drag (AOG)
- Solve for  $C_D$
- Solar radiation pressure (AOG)
- Solve for  $C_R$
- SSTESTFL 1 2 0 0.0
- SSTAPGFL 1 0 0 1.0 0.0 1.0

Sample input decks for the NEEC are given in the appendices.

## 8.0 Conclusions

This paper describes R&D GTDS input decks which provide a balance between speed and accuracy when using the DSST orbit propagation theory. The orbit classes studied in this effort are similar to those investigated in the Ephemeris Theory Accuracy Study (ETAS) performed by Kaman Sciences<sup>5</sup>, and include low, medium, and high altitude circular orbits, as well as Molniya, geosynchronous, and near earth eccentric orbits. In addition to the optimized decks (refer to Appendix A), standardized test cases have been supplied for each of the orbit types analyzed herein (refer to Appendix B). All results were obtained from batch differential correction fits and subsequent ephemeris comparisons to Cowell generated truth data. The input decks specified in this study provide the R&D GTDS user with insight concerning the accuracy and computational expense of the various force model options (AOG & SPG) available in DSST for each orbital class. The optimal decks also provide the basis for an automatic force model option which can be added to current DSST implementations.

## 9.0 Recommendations

Clearly, this paper does not address all of the orbit types currently in use. Therefore, if optimal DSST input decks are desired for other orbit types, further research is required. In addition, software modifications should be made to R&D GTDS to allow the user to automatically implement these optimal input decks (if so desired). These setups could be specified on the SPSHPER keyword card. Finally, an automatic resonance selection capability (based on the input semimajor axis) should be considered for R&D GTDS.

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## Appendix A

### Optimized DSST Input Decks

# LACC OPTIMIZED INPUT DECK

CONTROL	DC				SATNAME	1234567
EPOCH			820224.0	0.0		
ELEMENT1	1	6	1	6628.457	0.0089	64.84
ELEMENT2				224.51	271.89	115.16
OBSINPUT	15			820224000000.0	820224013000.0	
ORBTYP	5	1	1	43200.0	1.0	
DMOPT						
OBSDEV	21	22	23	100.	100.	100.
OBSDEV	24	25	26	10.	10.	10.
END						
DCOPT						
PRINTOUT	1		4			
CONVERG	30		1	1.D-4		
END						
OGOPT						
NCBODY	1					
DRAG	1			1.0		
ATMOSDEN			1			
SCPARAM				1.D-6	100.D0	
SPGRVFR	1	1	1	3.0	1.0	3.0
SPTESL	6	6	4	2.0	-10.0	10.0
POTFIELD	1	6				
MAXDEGEQ	1			8.		
MAXORDEQ	1			8.		
STATEPAR	3					
STATETAB	1	2	3	4.0	5.0	6.0
DRAGPAR	1					
DRAGPAR2	1	1				
SSTESTFL	1	2	0	0.0		
SSTAPGFL	1	0	0	1.0	6.0	0.0
END						
FIN						
CONTROL	EPHEM				OUTPUT	SATNAME 1234567
OUTPUT	1	2	1	820224.	030000.0	86400.0
ORBTYP	5	1	1	43200.0	1.0	
OGOPT						
NCBODY	1					
DRAGPAR	0					
DRAG	1			1.0		
ATMOSDEN			1			
SCPARAM				1.D-6	100.D0	
SPGRVFR	1	1	1	3.0	1.0	3.0
SPTESL	6	6	4	2.0	-10.0	10.0
POTFIELD	1	6				
MAXDEGEQ	1			8.		
MAXORDEQ	1			8.		
OUTOPT	21			820224000000.0	820224030000.0	450.0
END						
FIN						

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## HACC OPTIMIZED INPUT DECK

CONTROL	DC				EXPLORER	65032A
EPOCH			940826.0	074853.5101		
ELEMENT1	3 6 1	7498.0		0.0247108	41.1904	
ELEMENT2		349.3346		66.5461	296.1065	
OBSINPUT	15	940826074854.0		940828074854.0		
ORBTYP	5 1 1	43200.0		1.0		
DMOPT						
OBSDEV	21 22 23	100.		100.	100.	
OBSDEV	24 25 26	10.		10.	10.	
END						
DCOPT						
PRINTOUT	1	4				
CONVERG	30	1	1.D-4			
END						
OGOPT						
SOLRAD	1	1.0				
SPSRP	0					
SCPARAM		1.D-6		100.D0		
SPGRVFR	1 1 3	3.0		3.0	3.0	
SPZONALS	8 2 11					
SPMDAILY	8 8 2					
POTFIELD	1 2					
MAXDEGEQ	1	21.				
MAXORDEQ	1	21.				
RESONPRD		86400.0				
STATEPAR	3					
STATETAB	1 2 3	4.0		5.0	6.0	
SOLRDPAR	1					
SSTESTFL	1 2 0	0.0				
SSTAPGFL	1 0 0	0.0		0.0	1.0	
END						
FIN						
CONTROL	EPHEM			OUTPUT	EXPLORER	65032A
OUTPUT	1 2 1	940831.		074854.0	86400.0	
ORBTYP	5 1 1	43200.0		1.0		
OGOPT						
SOLRAD	1	1.0				
SPSRP	0					
SCPARAM		1.D-6		100.D0		
SOLRDPAR	0					
SPGRVFR	1 1 3	3.0		3.0	3.0	
SPZONALS	8 2 11					
SPMDAILY	8 8 2					
POTFIELD	1 2					
MAXDEGEQ	1	21.				
MAXORDEQ	1	21.				
RESONPRD		86400.0				
OUTOPT	21	940826074854.0		940831074854.0	450.0	
END						
FIN						

GEOSYNCHRONOUS OPTIMIZED INPUT DECK

CONTROL	DC				BS3A	20771
EPOCH			940825.0	170334.9932		
ELEMENT1	1	6	1	42167.16	0.000275	0.23
ELEMENT2				97.6	75.3	166.09
OBSINPUT	15			940825170335.0	940828170335.0	
ORBTYP	5	1	1	43200.0	1.0	
DMOPT						
OBSDEV	21	22	23	100.	100.	100.
OBSDEV	24	25	26	10.	10.	10.
END						
DCOPT						
PRINTOUT	1		4			
CONVERG	30		1	1.D-4		
END						
OGOPT						
SOLRAD	1			1.0		
SCPARAM				1.D-6	100.D0	
SPGRVFR	1	3	3	2.0	1.0	3.0
SPNUMGR	7	1	8	2.0	2.0	3600.0
POTFIELD	1	2				
MAXDEGEQ	1			4.		
MAXORDEQ	1			4.		
STATEPAR	3					
STATETAB	1	2	3	4.0	5.0	6.0
SOLRDPAR	1					
SSTESTFL	1	2	0	0.0		
SSTAPGFL	1	0	0	0.0	0.0	1.0
END						
FIN						
CONTROL	EPHEM				OUTPUT	BS3A
OUTPUT	1	2	1	940905.0	170335.0	86400.0
ORBTYP	5	1	1	43200.0	1.0	
OGOPT						
SOLRAD	1			1.0		
SOLRDPAR	0					
SCPARAM				1.D-6	100.D0	
SPGRVFR	1	3	3	2.0	1.0	3.0
SPNUMGR	7	1	8	2.0	2.0	3600.0
POTFIELD	1	2				
MAXDEGEQ	1			4.		
MAXORDEQ	1			4.		
OUTOPT	21			940825170335.0	940905170335.0	450.0
END						
FIN						

MOLNIYA OPTIMIZED INPUT DECK

CONTROL	DATAMGT				NSSC	9829
OGOPT						
POTFIELD	1 6					
END						
FIN						
CONTROL	DC				NSSC	9829
EPOCH		790804.0		234212.0		
ELEMENT1	1 6 1	26572.176		0.699	63.2	
ELEMENT2		190.5		281.6	15.429	
OBSINPUT	15	790804234212.0		790807234212.0		
ORBTYP	5 1 1	43200.0		1.0		
DMOPT						
OBSDEV	21 22 23	100.		100.	100.	
OBSDEV	24 25 26	10.		10.	10.	
END						
OGOPT						
DRAG	1	1.0				
ATMOSDEN		1				
SPDRAG	0					
SCPARAM		12.5D-6		1250.D0		
SOLRAD	1	1.0				
SPSRP	0					
SPGRVFR	1 1 3	1.		1.	3.	
SPZONALS	4 3 8					
SPMDAILY	4 4 2					
MAXDEGEQ	1	8.				
MAXORDEQ	1	8.				
STATEPAR	3					
STATETAB	1 2 3	4.0		5.0	6.0	
DRAGPAR	1					
DRAGPAR2	1 1					
SOLRDPAR	1					
SSTESTFL	1 2 0	0.0				
SSTAPGFL	1 0 0	1.0		0.0	1.0	
END						
DCOPT						
PRINTOUT	1 4					
CONVERG	30 1	1.D-3				
END						
FIN						
CONTROL	EPHEM			OUTPUT	NSSC	9829
OUTPUT	1 2 1	790818.0		234212.0	172800.0	
ORBTYP	5 1 1	43200.0		1.0		
OGOPT						
DRAGPAR	0					
DRAG	1	1.0				
ATMOSDEN		1				
SPDRAG	0					
SCPARAM		12.5D-6		1250.D0		
SOLRAD	1	1.0				
SPSRP	0					
SOLRDPAR	0					
SPGRVFR	1 1 3	1.		1.	3.	
SPZONALS	4 3 8					
SPMDAILY	4 4 2					
MAXDEGEQ	1	8.				
MAXORDEQ	1	8.				
OUTOPT	21	790804234212.0		790818234212.0	450.	
END						
FIN						

NEEC OPTIMIZED INPUT DECK

CONTROL		DC			VANGARD2	59001A
EPOCH			940826.0	073513.6735		
ELEMENT1	3 6 1		8177.913	0.1522640	32.8834	
ELEMENT2			251.8592	10.8368	352.1515	
OBSINPUT	15		940826073514.0	940829073514.0		
ORBTYP	5 1 1		43200.0	1.0		
DMOPT						
OBSDEV	21 22 23	100.		100.	100.	
OBSDEV	24 25 26	10.		10.	10.	
END						
DCOPT						
PRINTOUT	1	4				
CONVERG	30	1	1.D-4			
END						
OGOPT						
DRAG	1		1.0			
ATMOSDEN		1				
SPDRAG	0					
SCPARAM			1.D-6	100.D0		
SOLRAD	1		1.0			
SPSRP	0					
SPGRVFR	1 1 3	3.0		1.0	3.0	
SPZONALS	6 5 13					
SPMDAILY	6 6 4					
POTFIELD	1 2					
MAXDEGEQ	1	21.				
MAXORDEQ	1	21.				
RESONPRD		86400.0				
STATEPAR	3					
STATETAB	1 2 3	4.0		5.0	6.0	
DRAGPAR	1					
DRAGPAR2	1 1					
SOLRDPAR	1					
SSTESTFL	1 2 0	0.0				
SSTAPGFL	1 0 0	1.0		0.0	1.0	
END						
FIN						
CONTROL	EPHEM			OUTPUT	VANGARD2	59001A
OUTPUT	1 2 1	940905.		073514.0	86400.0	
ORBTYP	5 1 1	43200.0		1.0		
OGOPT						
DRAGPAR	0					
DRAG	1	1.0				
ATMOSDEN		1				
SPDRAG	0					
SCPARAM		1.D-6		100.D0		
SOLRAD	1	1.0				
SPSRP	0					
SOLRDPAR	0					
SPGRVFR	1 1 3	3.0		1.0	3.0	
SPZONALS	6 5 13					
SPMDAILY	6 6 4					
POTFIELD	1 2					
MAXDEGEQ	1	21.				
MAXORDEQ	1	21.				
RESONPRD		86400.0				
OUTOPT	21	940826073514.0		940905073514.0	450.0	
END						
FIN						

## Appendix B

### Optimal Deck Test Case Summaries

This appendix details information required to reproduce results for each of the optimal DSST input deck test cases described in this document. Specifically, the following information is given:

- The input decks required to generate the Cowell truth orbit. For cases starting with a two card elements set, SGP4 ephemeris generation decks are given, along with the Cowell DC and subsequent Cowell ephemeris generation decks that were used to fit the SGP4 ephemeris and produce the truth trajectory. For cases starting with DSST mean Keplerian elements, the DSST ephemeris generation decks used to convert the mean elements to osculating elements are given, along with the Cowell ephemeris generation decks which used the osculating elements as inputs to produce a truth trajectory. In all cases, output summaries are included to verify the reproduction of truth data.
- The optimal DSST DC input decks. Vital statistics from the DC output report are included to verify reproduction of the test cases. GTDS input decks and output summaries are also given for the comparison of the predicted "optimal" ephemerides to the truth data.



## LACC Test Case

1. The LACC Test Case is a test case for the LACC Test Case.

# TRUTH DATA GENERATION

## PROCEDURE:

- 1) Start with mean Keplerian elements
- 2) Propagate forward one day using DSST to obtain osculating elements
- 3) Propagate osculating elements forward using Cowell theory to generate truth data

CONTROL	EPHEM			SATNAME	1234567
EPOCH		820223.0	0.0		
ELEMENT1	3 6 1	6635.0814	0.010201164	64.9567	
ELEMENT2		228.6393	271.2229	88.164558	
OUTPUT	1 2 1	820224.0	0.0	43200.0	
ORBTYP	5 1 1	43200.0	1.0		
OGOPT					
SPSHPER	3				
DRAG	1	1.0			
ATMOSDEN		1			
SCPARAM		1.D-6	100.D0		
POTFIELD	1 6				
MAXDEGEQ	1	8.			
MAXORDEQ	1	8.			
END					
FIN					
CONTROL	EPHEM		OUTPUT	SATNAME	1234567
OUTPUT	1 2 1	820302.0	0.0	86400.0	
ORBTYP	2 1 1	60.0			
OGOPT					
DRAG	1	1.0			
ATMOSDEN		1			
SCPARAM		1.D-6	100.D0		
POTFIELD	1 6				
MAXDEGEQ	1	21.0			
MAXORDEQ	1	21.0			
OUTOPT	1	820224000000.0	820302000000.0	450.0	
END					
FIN					

# TRUTH DATA GENERATION

COWELL EPHEMERIS OUTPUT SUMMARY:

## GTDS FINAL REPORT

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SATELLITE NAME	SATNAME				
SATELLITE NUMBER	1234567				
RUN REFERENCE DATE	FEB 23, 1982	0 HRS	0 MINS	0.00000 SECONDS	
RUN EPOCH DATE	FEB 24, 1982	0 HRS	0 MINS	0.00000 SECONDS	
RUN FINAL TIME	FEB 27, 1982	8 HRS	30 MINS	0.00000 SECONDS	
TOTAL TIME OF FLIGHT	3 DAYS	8 HRS	30 MINS	0.00000 SECONDS	
CAUSE OF TERMINATION	IMPACT ON CENTRAL BODY				

### \*\*\*END CONDITIONS\*\*\*

CENTRAL BODY IS EARTH (INERTIAL SYSTEM)		MEAN OF 1950.0 -- EARTH EQUATOR	
X	0.5593199869577529E+04	Y	0.3044772358638768E+04
VX	-0.1067207195712157E+01	VY	0.2984383598904645E+01
		Z	0.7984863339607982E+03
		VZ	-0.6524063462834691E+01
SMA	0.5566864380626048E+04	ECC	0.1592293732194910E+00
LAN	0.2119745942735612E+03	AP	0.3382687050241062E+03
EA	0.1961928616234382E+03	P	0.1148218242491020E+01
PR	0.4680456054501052E+04	APR	0.6453272706751044E+04
APH	0.7513470675104418E+02	C3	-0.3580116316352344E+02
		INC	0.6460801957824047E+02
RA	0.2856256354454737E+02	MA	0.1987370536808272E+03
AZ	0.1543948811906195E+03	SLR	0.5425722138440627E+04
		PH	-0.1697681945498948E+04
		TA	0.1938156243439430E+03
		DEC	0.7146771499993070E+01
		VPA	0.9257533557949978E+02
		RMAG	0.6418107503189311E+04
		VMAG	0.7253197965800011E+01

### \*\*\*INITIAL CONDITIONS\*\*\*

CENTRAL BODY IS EARTH (INERTIAL SYSTEM)		MEAN OF 1950.0 -- EARTH EQUATOR	
X	-0.3260654138207152E+04	Y	-0.5065846974834642E+04
VX	0.4586987250728033E+01	VY	0.4241328473629827E+00
		Z	0.2825154370949725E+04
		VZ	0.6200975003201267E+01
SMA	0.6628457212322488E+04	ECC	0.8922785978361727E-02
LAN	0.2245064324605057E+03	AP	0.2718922445048535E+03
EA	0.1156229426311188E+03	P	0.1491856897264069E+01
PR	0.6569312907250206E+04	APR	0.6687601517394770E+04
APH	0.3094635173947700E+03	C3	-0.3006736162217285E+02
		INC	0.6483789425043533E+02
RA	0.2372324679669332E+03	MA	0.1151619800839504E+03
AZ	0.2800897356458445E+02	SLR	0.6627929480346489E+04
		PH	0.1911749072502062E+03
		TA	0.1160830242166191E+03
		DEC	0.2512393544617055E+02
		VPA	0.8953902904810165E+02
		RMAG	0.6654033979560448E+04
		VMAG	0.7724793311207796E+01

### \*\*\* SECTIONING SUMMARY \*\*\*

NUMBER OF SECTIONS SCHEDULED =		1		
NUMBER OF SECTIONS COMPLETED =		1		
SECTION	CENTRAL BODY	TIME OF CROSSING	TIME INTO FLIGHT	CAUSE OF CROSSING
		H M S	H M S	
1	EARTH	FEB 27 8 30 0.000	80 30 0.000	IMPACT ON CENTRAL BODY

### \*\*\* FILE GENERATION SUMMARY \*\*\*

AN ORB-1 FILE HAS BEEN GENERATED  
 START TIME OF THE FILE = 820224000000.000  
 END TIME OF THE FILE = 820227083000.000

\*\*\* NUMBER OF GTDS ERRORS ENCOUNTERED= 0\*\*

LACC OPTIMIZED INPUT DECK

CONTROL	DC				SATNAME	1234567
EPOCH			820224.0	0.0		
ELEMENT1	1 6 1	6628.457		0.0089	64.84	
ELEMENT2		224.51		271.89	115.16	
OBSINPUT	15	820224000000.0		820224013000.0		
ORETYPE	5 1 1	43200.0		1.0		
DNOPT						
OBSDEV	21 22 23	100.		100.	100.	
OBSDEV	24 25 26	10.		10.	10.	
END						
DCOPT						
PRINTOUT	1	4				
CONVERG	30	1	1.D-4			
END						
OGOPT						
NCBODY	1					
DRAG	1	1.0				
ATMOSDEN		1				
SCPARAM		1.D-6		100.D0		
SPGRVFR	1 1 1	3.0		1.0	3.0	
SPTSSLC	6 6 4	2.0		-10.0	10.0	
POTFIELD	1 6					
MAXDEGEQ	1	8.				
MAXORDEQ	1	8.				
STATEPAR	3					
STATETAB	1 2 3	4.0		5.0	6.0	
DRAGPAR	1					
DRAGPAR2	1 1					
SSTESTFL	1 2 0	0.0				
SSTAPGFL	1 0 0	1.0		6.0	0.0	
END						
FIN						
CONTROL	EPHEM			OUTPUT	SATNAME	1234567
OUTPUT	1 2 1	820224.		030000.0	86400.0	
ORETYPE	5 1 1	43200.0		1.0		
OGOPT						
NCBODY	1					
DRAGPAR	0					
DRAG	1	1.0				
ATMOSDEN		1				
SCPARAM		1.D-6		100.D0		
SPGRVFR	1 1 1	3.0		1.0	3.0	
SPTSSLC	6 6 4	2.0		-10.0	10.0	
POTFIELD	1 6					
MAXDEGEQ	1	8.				
MAXORDEQ	1	8.				
OUTOPT	21	820224000000.0		820224030000.0	450.0	
END						
FIN						

SUMMARY OF LACC OPTIMIZED DSST FIT TO COWELL TRUTH:

ITERATION NUMBER 6

*****			*****			
SATELLITE	SATNAME	1234567	*	POSITION ERROR RMS (M)	17.404205	*
EPOCH	820224	0.000	*	CURRENT WEIGHTED RMS	0.11590288	*
COORD. SYSTEM	MEAN OF 1950.0		*	PREDICTED WEIGHTED RMS	0.11590311	*
CENTRAL BODY	EARTH		*	PREVIOUS WEIGHTED RMS	0.11590339	*
			*	SMALLEST WEIGHTED RMS	0.11590339	*
			*	RELATIVE CHANGE IN RMS	4.40389818E-06	*
			*	PENALTY	0.00000000	*
			*	DC HAS CONVERGED		*
			*****			
				START TIME	820224	0.000
				END TIME	820224	12230.000
				NO. OBS. AVAILABLE	72	
				NO. OBS. INCLUDED	72	
				NO. OBS. ACCEPTED	72	100 PCT.

OBSERVATION SUMMARY BY TYPE

TYPE	X	Y	Z	XDOT	YDOT	ZDOT
TOTAL NO.	12	12	12	12	12	12
NO. ACCEPTED	12 (100%)	12 (100%)	12 (100%)	12 (100%)	12 (100%)	12 (100%)
WEIGHTED RMS	7.0606E-02	0.1319	8.8872E-02	0.1270	0.1428	0.1152
MEAN RESIDUAL	0.5897	-0.1745	1.190	-0.4787	0.7263	0.2646
STANDARD DEV	7.036	13.19	8.807	1.176	1.229	1.122

OBSERVATION SUMMARY BY 20 DEGREE TRUE ANOMALY INTERVAL

INTERVAL	00-20	20-40	40-60	60-80	80-100	100-120	120-140	140-160	160-180
TOTAL NO.	0	6	6	0	6	6	0	6	6
NO. ACCEPTED	0 ( 0%)	6 (100%)	6 (100%)	0 ( 0%)	6 (100%)	6 (100%)	0 ( 0%)	6 (100%)	6 (100%)
INTERVAL	180-200	200-220	220-240	240-260	260-280	280-300	300-320	320-340	340-360
TOTAL NO.	0	6	6	0	6	6	0	6	6
NO. ACCEPTED	0 ( 0%)	6 (100%)	6 (100%)	0 ( 0%)	6 (100%)	6 (100%)	0 ( 0%)	6 (100%)	6 (100%)

THERE ARE 7 SOLVE PARAMETERS

NUMBER OF DYNAMIC SOLVE PARAMETERS = 7  
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NUMBER OF STATION LOCATIONS BEING SOLVED FOR = 0

NUMBER OF BIASES BEING SOLVED FOR = 0

\*\*\* FILE GENERATION SUMMARY \*\*\*

NO FILES HAVE BEEN GENERATED

\* NUMBER OF GTDS ERRORS ENCOUNTERED TO DATE = 0 \*

COMPARE DECK FOR LACC:

CONTROL COMPARE SATNAME 1234567  
COMPOPT  
CMPEPHEM 1102102 820224013000.0 820224030000.0 7.5  
END  
FIN

LACC COMPARE SUMMARY:

EPIHEMERIS COMPARISON SUMMARY REPORT

Number of Points Compared 13

	MINIMUM POSITION DIFFERENCE			MAXIMUM POSITION DIFFERENCE		
	YYMMDD	HHMMSS.SSS	(km)	YYMMDD	HHMMSS.SSS	(km)
RADIAL	820224	24500.000	8.498042E-04	820224	21500.000	2.135948E-02
CROSS TRACK	820224	21500.000	1.065784E-02	820224	15230.000	4.588219E-02
ALONG TRACK	820224	13000.000	5.055184E-03	820224	30000.000	1.013102E-01
TOTAL	820224	13000.000	1.904066E-02	820224	30000.000	1.052537E-01

	MINIMUM VELOCITY DIFFERENCE			MAXIMUM VELOCITY DIFFERENCE		
	YYMMDD	HHMMSS.SSS	(km/sec)	YYMMDD	HHMMSS.SSS	(km/sec)
RADIAL	820224	22230.000	1.024987E-05	820224	30000.000	1.508931E-04
CROSS TRACK	820224	24500.000	3.131833E-06	820224	13730.000	5.871673E-05
ALONG TRACK	820224	24500.000	1.064040E-07	820224	13730.000	2.326795E-05
TOTAL	820224	20730.000	4.330394E-05	820224	30000.000	1.585244E-04

	POSITION RMS	VELOCITY RMS
	(km)	(km/sec)
RADIAL	1.2699E-02	7.2032E-05
CROSS TRACK	3.0955E-02	3.6669E-05
ALONG TRACK	5.6565E-02	1.3224E-05
TOTAL	6.5720E-02	8.1903E-05

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NORMAL COMPLETION OF JOB

## MACC Test Case

# TRUTH DATA GENERATION

## PROCEDURE:

- 1) Start with mean Keplerian elements
- 2) Propagate forward one day using DSST to obtain osculating elements
- 3) Propagate osculating elements forward using Cowell theory to generate truth data

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CONTROL  EPHEM                                LNDSAT-4  8207201
EPOCH      820223.0                          0.0
ELEMENT1 3  6  1  7077.787                    0.011542  98.250452
ELEMENT2      158.15349                      89.4      312.90205
OUTPUT 1  2  1  820224.0                      0.0      43200.0
ORBTYP 5  1  1  43200.0                      1.0
OGOPT
MAXDEGEQ 1      8
MAXORDEQ 1      8
DRAG      1      2
SCPARAM      1.D-6      100.D0
POTFIELD 1  6
END
FIN
CONTROL  EPHEM                                OUTPUT      LNDSAT-4  8207201
OUTPUT 1  2  1  820302.0                      0.0      86400.0
ORBTYP 2  1  1  60.0
OGOPT
DRAG      1      1
ATMOSDEN      1
MAXDEGEQ 1      21.0
MAXORDEQ 1      21.0
OUTOPT 1      820224000000.0      820302000000.0  450.0
SCPARAM      1.D-6      100.D0
POTFIELD 1  6
END
FIN

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# TRUTH DATA GENERATION

COWELL EPHEMERIS OUTPUT SUMMARY:

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SATELLITE NAME	LND SAT-4			
SATELLITE NUMBER	8207201			
RUN REFERENCE DATE	FEB 23, 1982	0 HRS	0 MINS	0.00000 SECONDS
RUN EPOCH DATE	FEB 24, 1982	0 HRS	0 MINS	0.00000 SECONDS
RUN FINAL TIME	MAR 2, 1982	0 HRS	0 MINS	0.00000 SECONDS
TOTAL TIME OF FLIGHT	6 DAYS	0 HRS	0 MINS	0.00000 SECONDS
CAUSE OF TERMINATION	SPECIFIED TIME OF FLIGHT REACHED			

### \*\*\*END CONDITIONS\*\*\*

CENTRAL BODY IS EARTH (INERTIAL SYSTEM)		MEAN OF 1950.0 -- EARTH EQUATOR	
X	-0.6324740968942853E+04	Y	0.2072818657994322E+04
VX	0.2709923724289485E+01	VY	0.3235086740423296E+00
SMA	0.7084998645530947E+04	ECC	0.1181967691217463E-01
LAN	0.1647012051719553E+03	AP	0.6995308761596635E+02
EA	0.3095957802717889E+03	P	0.1648610790422618E+01
PR	0.7001256250617576E+04	APR	0.7168741040444318E+04
APH	0.7906030404443181E+03	C3	-0.2812988822880213E+02
RA	0.1618543854217003E+03	DEC	0.1881864707692896E+02
AZ	0.3512363878729003E+03	RMAG	0.7031623986318168E+04
		VPA	0.9052185894543646E+02
		VMAG	0.7557372162575918E+01

### \*\*\*INITIAL CONDITIONS\*\*\*

CENTRAL BODY IS EARTH (INERTIAL SYSTEM)		MEAN OF 1950.0 -- EARTH EQUATOR	
X	0.243498599885991E+04	Y	-0.1956779793707955E+04
VX	-0.6438412655705597E+01	VY	0.2019610450187177E+01
SMA	0.7072044035079919E+04	ECC	0.1265314835977568E-01
LAN	0.1587564854292450E+03	AP	0.8334407619753735E+02
EA	0.1618385110459561E+03	P	0.1644091238755010E+01
PR	0.6982560412697187E+04	APR	0.7161527657462651E+04
APH	0.7833896574626515E+03	C3	-0.2818141671791043E+02
RA	0.3212142831384352E+03	DEC	-0.6412151715921503E+02
AZ	0.1993584452782684E+03	RMAG	0.7157069741883023E+04
		VPA	0.8977401196957886E+02
		VMAG	0.7417793266916529E+01

### \*\*\* SECTIONING SUMMARY \*\*\*

NUMBER OF SECTIONS SCHEDULED =		1	
NUMBER OF SECTIONS COMPLETED =		1	
SECTION	CENTRAL BODY	TIME OF CROSSING	TIME INTO FLIGHT
1	EARTH	MAR 2	144 0 0.000
			CAUSE OF CROSSING
			SPECIFIED TIME OF FLIGHT REACHED

### \*\*\* FILE GENERATION SUMMARY \*\*\*

AN ORB-1 FILE HAS BEEN GENERATED  
 START TIME OF THE FILE = 820224000000.000  
 END TIME OF THE FILE = 820302000000.000

\*\*\* NUMBER OF GTDS ERRORS ENCOUNTERED= 0\*\*

MACC OPTIMIZED INPUT DECK

CONTROL	DC				LNDSAT-4	8207201
EPOCH			820224.0	0.0		
ELEMENT1	3	6	1	7077.8	0.0011	98.2
ELEMENT2				158.1	89.4	176.0
OBSINPUT	15			820224000000.0	820227000000.0	
ORBTYP	5	1	1	43200.0	1.0	
DMOPT						
OBSDEV	21	22	23	100.	100.	100.
OBSDEV	24	25	26	10.	10.	10.
END						
DCOPT						
PRINTOUT	1		4			
CONVERG	30		1	1.D-4		
END						
OGOPT						
DRAG	1		1			
ATMOSDEN			1			
SPDRAG	0					
SCPARAM				1.D-6	100.D0	
SPGRVFR	1	1	3	3.0	3.0	3.0
SPZONALS	8	2	11			
SPMDAILY	8	8	2			
POTFIELD	1	6				
MAXDEGEQ	1			21.		
MAXORDEQ	1			21.		
RESONPRD				86400.0		
STATEPAR	3					
STATETAB	1	2	3	4.0	5.0	6.0
DRAGPAR	1					
DRAGPAR2	1	1				
SSTESTFL	1	2				
SSTAPGFL	1	0	0	1.0	0.0	0.0
END						
FIN						
CONTROL	EFHEM				OUTPUT	LNDSAT-4 8207201
OUTPUT	1	2	1	820302.	0.0	86400.0
ORBTYP	5	1	1	43200.0	1.0	
OGOPT						
DRAG	1		1			
DRAGPAR	0					
ATMOSDEN			1			
SPDRAG	0					
SCPARAM				1.D-6	100.D0	
SPGRVFR	1	1	3	3.0	3.0	3.0
SPZONALS	8	2	11			
SPMDAILY	8	8	2			
POTFIELD	1	6				
MAXDEGEQ	1			21.		
MAXORDEQ	1			21.		
RESONPRD				86400.0		
OUTOPT	21			820224000000.0	820302000000.0	450.0
END						
FIN						

SUMMARY OF MACC OPTIMIZED DSST FIT TO COWELL TRUTH:

ITERATION NUMBER 7

		*****	
SATELLITE	LNDSAT-4 8207201	* POSITION ERROR RMS (M)	76.510799 *
		* CURRENT WEIGHTED RMS	0.45418732 *
EPOCH	820224 0.000	* PREDICTED WEIGHTED RMS	0.45580603 *
		* PREVIOUS WEIGHTED RMS	0.45582550 *
COORD. SYSTEM	MEAN OF 1950.0	* SMALLEST WEIGHTED RMS	0.45582550 *
		* RELATIVE CHANGE IN RMS	3.59387939E-03 *
CENTRAL BODY	EARTH	* PENALTY	0.00000000 *
		* DC HAS CONVERGED	* *
		*****	
		START TIME	820224 0.000
		END TIME	820226 235230.000
		NO. OBS. AVAILABLE	3456
		NO. OBS. INCLUDED	3456
		NO. OBS. ACCEPTED	3423 99 PCT

OBSERVATION SUMMARY BY TYPE

TYPE	X	Y	Z	XDOT	YDOT	ZDOT
TOTAL NO.	576	576	576	576	576	576
NO. ACCEPTED	570 ( 98%)	576 (100%)	575 ( 99%)	560 ( 97%)	575 ( 99%)	567 ( 98%)
WEIGHTED RMS	0.4544	0.3822	0.4861	0.4854	0.3506	0.5407
MEAN RESIDUAL	0.3981	0.2098	0.4400	9.6646E-02	-3.4598E-02	-3.1819E-02
STANDARD DEV	45.44	38.22	48.61	4.853	3.506	5.407

OBSERVATION SUMMARY BY 20 DEGREE TRUE ANOMALY INTERVAL

INTERVAL	00-20	20-40	40-60	60-80	80-100	100-120	120-140	140-160	160-180
TOTAL NO.	156	168	198	234	204	168	156	192	228
NO. ACCEPTED	156 (100%)	167 ( 99%)	197 ( 99%)	234 (100%)	204 (100%)	166 ( 98%)	153 ( 98%)	191 ( 99%)	225 ( 98%)
INTERVAL	180-200	200-220	220-240	240-260	260-280	280-300	300-320	320-340	340-360
TOTAL NO.	240	204	174	168	174	216	228	192	156
NO. ACCEPTED	237 ( 98%)	202 ( 99%)	172 ( 98%)	165 ( 98%)	171 ( 98%)	213 ( 98%)	225 ( 98%)	190 ( 98%)	155 ( 99%)

THERE ARE 7 SOLVE PARAMETERS

NUMBER OF DYNAMIC SOLVE PARAMETERS = 7  
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NUMBER OF STATION LOCATIONS BEING SOLVED FOR = 0

NUMBER OF BIASES BEING SOLVED FOR = 0

\*\*\* FILE GENERATION SUMMARY \*\*\*

NO FILES HAVE BEEN GENERATED

\* NUMBER OF GTDS ERRORS ENCOUNTERED TO DATE = 0 \*

COMPARE DECK FOR MACC:

CONTROL COMPARE LND SAT-4 8207201  
COMFOPT  
CMPEPHEM 1102102 820227000000.0 820302000000.0 45.  
END  
FIN

MACC COMPARE SUMMARY:

EPHEMERIS COMPARISON SUMMARY REPORT

Number of Points Compared 97

	MINIMUM POSITION DIFFERENCE			MAXIMUM POSITION DIFFERENCE		
	YYMMDD	HHMMSS.SSS	(km)	YYMMDD	HHMMSS.SSS	(km)
RADIAL	820228	94500.000	1.374394E-03	820227	184500.000	9.115588E-02
CROSS TRACK	820301	141500.000	5.420682E-04	820301	21500.000	8.921743E-02
ALONG TRACK	820227	163000.000	2.999669E-03	820301	193000.000	3.680619E-01
TOTAL	820227	163000.000	1.286429E-02	820301	193000.000	3.764689E-01

	MINIMUM VELOCITY DIFFERENCE			MAXIMUM VELOCITY DIFFERENCE		
	YYMMDD	HHMMSS.SSS	(km/sec)	YYMMDD	HHMMSS.SSS	(km/sec)
RADIAL	820228	81500.000	5.361974E-06	820301	124500.000	3.909677E-04
CROSS TRACK	820228	21500.000	5.331724E-07	820227	43000.000	1.131149E-04
ALONG TRACK	820228	163000.000	3.636120E-08	820228	73000.000	9.822645E-05
TOTAL	820227	133000.000	2.279860E-05	820301	124500.000	3.942775E-04

	POSITION RMS	VELOCITY RMS
	(km)	(km/sec)
RADIAL	4.0244E-02	2.0643E-04
CROSS TRACK	3.2424E-02	3.3844E-05
ALONG TRACK	1.8994E-01	4.4235E-05
TOTAL	1.9685E-01	2.1381E-04

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NORMAL COMPLETION OF JOB

## HACC Test Case

# TRUTH DATA GENERATION

## PROCEDURE:

- 1) Start with 2-card element set
- 2) Propagate 2-card element set forward using SGP4 to obtain SGP4-based ephemeris
- 3) Fit Cowell theory to SGP4-based ephemeris
- 4) Propagate Cowell DC solve-for vector forward to produce truth data

CONTROL	EPHEM			EXPLORER	65032A
EPOCH		940826.0	074853.5101		
ELEMENT1	8 18 1	13.37418275	0.0247108	41.1904	
ELEMENT2		349.3346	66.5461	296.1065	
ELEMENT3		-0.00000029	0.000000	0.000091	
OUTPUT	1 2 1	940831.0	074854.0	86400.0	
ORBTYP	14 1 8	1.0			
OGOPT					
POTFIELD	1 7				
OUTOPT	1	940826074854.0	940831074854.0	450.0	
END					
FIN					

SGP4 EPHEMERIS OUTPUT SUMMARY:

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SATELLITE NAME	EXPLORER				
SATELLITE NUMBER	65032				
RUN REFERENCE DATE	AUG 26, 1994	0 HRS	0 MINS	0.00000 SECONDS	
RUN EPOCH DATE	AUG 26, 1994	7 HRS	48 MINS	53.51010 SECONDS	
RUN FINAL TIME	AUG 31, 1994	7 HRS	48 MINS	54.00000 SECONDS	
TOTAL TIME OF FLIGHT	5 DAYS	0 HRS	0 MINS	0.48990 SECONDS	
CAUSE OF TERMINATION	SPECIFIED TIME OF FLIGHT REACHED				

## \*\*\*END CONDITIONS\*\*\*

CENTRAL BODY IS EARTH (INERTIAL SYSTEM)		MEAN OF 1950.0 -- EARTH EQUATOR	
X	0.4887549306874350E+04	Y	-0.5498692794044931E+04
VX	0.4786071196055583E+01	VY	0.3047635044022132E+01
SMA	0.7501908902328932E+04	ECC	0.2499062301383419E-01
LAN	0.3279770705618683E+03	AP	0.9098909633714638E+02
EA	0.2498278467174672E+03	P	0.1796246619168853E+01
PR	0.7314431525066702E+04	APR	0.7689386279591161E+04
APH	0.1311251279591161E+04	C3	-0.2656662492104218E+02
RA	0.3122485301361856E+03	DEC	-0.1335140772811090E+02
AZ	0.5064941371860270E+02	RMAG	0.7566558982575450E+04
		VPA	0.9134420137012032E+02
		VMAG	0.7226706663664657E+01

## \*\*\*INITIAL CONDITIONS\*\*\*

CENTRAL BODY IS EARTH (INERTIAL SYSTEM)		"NORAD" TRUE OF REP. -- EARTH EQUATOR	
X	0.7294468899368215E+04	Y	-0.1366234653003144E+04
VX	0.8537442543527309E+00	VY	0.5478661153568532E+01
SMA	0.7499106169847256E+04	ECC	0.2471080000000148E-01
LAN	0.3493346000000000E+03	AP	0.665460999999940E+02
EA	0.2948214689775155E+03	P	0.1795240089651203E+01
PR	0.7313797257105383E+04	APR	0.7684415082589128E+04
APH	0.1306280082589128E+04	C3	-0.2657655399004164E+02
RA	0.3493915621046252E+03	DEC	0.4984967616062881E-01
AZ	0.4880962477968625E+02	RMAG	0.7421314933473303E+04
		VPA	0.9128520794121377E+02
		VMAG	0.7366642671522530E+01

## \*\*\* SECTIONING SUMMARY \*\*\*

NUMBER OF SECTIONS SCHEDULED =		1
NUMBER OF SECTIONS COMPLETED =		1
SECTION	CENTRAL BODY	TIME OF CROSSING
		H M S
1	EARTH	AUG 31 7 48 54.000
		TIME INTO FLIGHT
		H M S
		120 0 0.490
		CAUSE OF CROSSING
		SPECIFIED TIME OF FLIGHT REACHED

## \*\*\* FILE GENERATION SUMMARY \*\*\*

AN ORB-1 FILE HAS BEEN GENERATED  
 START TIME OF THE FILE = 940826074854.000  
 END TIME OF THE FILE = 940831074854.000

\*\*\* NUMBER OF GTDS ERRORS ENCOUNTERED= 0\*\*

# TRUTH DATA GENERATION

COWELL DC & EPHEM DECK (FIT TO SGP4-BASED EPHEMERIS) TO GENERATE TRUTH DATA:

CONTROL	DC			EXPLORER	65032A
EPOCH		940826.0	074853.5101		
ELEMENT1	1 2 1	7502.98	0.02566	41.2	
ELEMENT2		349.0	65.1	297.22	
OBSINFUT	15	940826074854.0	940831074854.0		
ORBTYP	2 1 1	60.0			
DMOFT					
OBSDEV	21 22 23	500.0	500.0	500.0	
OBSDEV	24 25 26	50.0	50.0	50.0	
END					
DCOFT					
PRINTOUT	1	4			
CONVERG	30	1 1.D-3			
END					
OGOPT					
DRAG	1	1.0			
ATMOSDEN		1			
SCPARAM		1.D-6	100.D0		
SOLRAD	1	1.0			
POTFIELD	1 2				
MAXDEGEQ	1	21.0			
MAXORDEQ	1	21.0			
STATEPAR	1				
STATETAB	1 2 3	4.0	5.0	6.0	
DRAGPAR	1				
SOLRDPAR	1				
END					
FIN					
CONTROL	EPHEM		OUTPUT	EXPLORER	65032A
OUTPUT	1 2 1	940903.0	074854.0	86400.0	
ORBTYP	2 1 1	60.0			
OGOPT					
DRAG	1	1.0			
DRAGPAR	0				
ATMOSDEN		1			
SCPARAM		1.D-6	100.D0		
SOLRAD	1	1.0			
SOLRDPAR	0				
POTFIELD	1 2				
MAXDEGEQ	1	21.0			
MAXORDEQ	1	21.0			
OUTOPT	22 2 1	940826074854.0	940903074854.0		
END					
FIN					

# TRUTH DATA GENERATION

## COWELL EPHEMERIS OUTPUT SUMMARY:

### ITERATION NUMBER 5

SATELLITE	EXPLORER	65032	* POSITION ERROR RMS (M)	428.11032	*		
			* CURRENT WEIGHTED RMS	0.45208753	*	START TIME	940826 75624.000
EPOCH	940826	74853.510	* PREDICTED WEIGHTED RMS	0.45480147	*		
			* PREVIOUS WEIGHTED RMS	0.45491167	*	END TIME	940831 74854.000
COORD. SYSTEM	MEAN OF 1950.0		* SMALLEST WEIGHTED RMS	0.45491167	*		
			* RELATIVE CHANGE IN RMS	6.20810804E-03	*	NO. OBS. AVAILABLE	5760
CENTRAL BODY	EARTH		* PENALTY	0.00000000	*		
			* DC HAS CONVERGED		*	NO. OBS. INCLUDED	5760
					*		
					*	NO. OBS. ACCEPTED	5732 99 PCT

### OBSERVATION SUMMARY BY TYPE

TYPE	X	Y	Z	XDOT	YDOT	ZDOT
TOTAL NO.	960	960	960	960	960	960
NO. ACCEPTED	949 ( 98%)	948 ( 98%)	955 ( 99%)	960 (100%)	960 (100%)	960 (100%)
WEIGHTED RMS	0.5014	0.4876	0.4891	0.4272	0.3988	0.3968
MEAN RESIDUAL	-69.59	-129.6	144.0	-2.610	0.4184	2.070
STANDARD DEV	240.9	206.5	197.7	21.20	19.94	19.73

### OBSERVATION SUMMARY BY 20 DEGREE TRUE ANOMALY INTERVAL

INTERVAL	00-20	20-40	40-60	60-80	80-100	100-120	120-140	140-160	160-180
TOTAL NO.	306	306	318	336	318	324	318	318	342
NO. ACCEPTED (100%)	306 (100%)	306 (100%)	318 (100%)	336 (100%)	318 (100%)	321 ( 99%)	317 ( 99%)	315 ( 99%)	342
INTERVAL	180-200	200-220	220-240	240-260	260-280	280-300	300-320	320-340	340-360
TOTAL NO.	336	330	324	318	306	312	336	306	306
NO. ACCEPTED (100%)	332 ( 98%)	327 ( 99%)	320 ( 98%)	317 ( 99%)	304 ( 99%)	308 ( 98%)	334 ( 99%)	305 ( 99%)	306

### THERE ARE 8 SOLVE PARAMETERS

NUMBER OF DYNAMIC SOLVE PARAMETERS = 8

X Y Z VX VY VZ RH01 SOLRAD

NUMBER OF STATION LOCATIONS BEING SOLVED FOR = 0

NUMBER OF BIASES BEING SOLVED FOR = 0

### \*\*\* FILE GENERATION SUMMARY \*\*\*

NO FILES HAVE BEEN GENERATED

\* NUMBER OF GTDS ERRORS ENCOUNTERED TO DATE = 5 \*



## HACC OPTIMIZED INPUT DECK

CONTROL	DC			EXPLORER	65032A
EPOCH		940826.0	074853.5101		
ELEMENT1	3 6 1	7498.0	0.0247108	41.1904	
ELEMENT2		349.3346	66.5461	296.1065	
OBSINPUT	15	940826074854.0	940828074854.0		
ORBTYP	5 1 1	43200.0	1.0		
DMOFT					
OBSDEV	21 22 23	100.	100.	100.	
OBSDEV	24 25 26	10.	10.	10.	
END					
DCOFT					
PRINTOUT	1	4			
CONVERG	30	1 1.D-4			
END					
OGOPT					
SOLRAD	1	1.0			
SPSRP	0				
SCPARAM		1.D-6	100.D0		
SPGRVFR	1 1 3	3.0	3.0	3.0	
SPZONALS	8 2 11				
SPMDAILY	8 8 2				
POTFIELD	1 2				
MAXDEGEQ	1	21.			
MAXORDEQ	1	21.			
RESONPRD		86400.0			
STATEPAR	3				
STATETAB	1 2 3	4.0	5.0	6.0	
SOLRDPAR	1				
SSTESTFL	1 2 0	0.0			
SSTAPGFL	1 0 0	0.0	0.0	1.0	
END					
FIN					
CONTROL	EPHEM		OUTPUT	EXPLORER	65032A
OUTPUT	1 2 1	940831.	074854.0	86400.0	
ORBTYP	5 1 1	43200.0	1.0		
OGOPT					
SOLRAD	1	1.0			
SPSRP	0				
SCPARAM		1.D-6	100.D0		
SOLRDPAR	0				
SPGRVFR	1 1 3	3.0	3.0	3.0	
SPZONALS	8 2 11				
SPMDAILY	8 8 2				
POTFIELD	1 2				
MAXDEGEQ	1	21.			
MAXORDEQ	1	21.			
RESONPRD		86400.0			
OUTOPT	21	940826074854.0	940831074854.0	450.0	
END					
FIN					

SUMMARY OF HACC OPTIMIZED DSST FIT TO COWELL TRUTH:

ITERATION NUMBER 4

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*****
*   POSITION ERROR RMS (M)   48.705827   *
*   CURRENT WEIGHTED RMS    0.28884820   *   START TIME  940826  74954.000
*   PREDICTED WEIGHTED RMS  0.30075942   *
*   PREVIOUS WEIGHTED RMS   0.30075980   *   END TIME    940828  74854.000
*   SMALLEST WEIGHTED RMS   0.30075980   *
*   RELATIVE CHANGE IN RMS  3.96050355E-02 *   NO. OBS. AVAILABLE  ****
*   PENALTY                 0.00000000   *
*   DC HAS CONVERGED        *   NO. OBS. INCLUDED   ****
*
***** NO. OBS. ACCEPTED **** 99 PCT

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OBSERVATION SUMMARY BY TYPE

TYPE	X	Y	Z	XDOT	YDOT	ZDOT
TOTAL NO.	2880	2880	2880	2880	2880	2880
NO. ACCEPTED	2851 ( 98%)	2878 ( 99%)	2880 (100%)	2815 ( 97%)	2861 ( 99%)	2880 (100%)
WEIGHTED RMS	0.2873	0.3243	0.2218	0.2951	0.3432	0.2431
MEAN RESIDUAL	0.6894	0.3899	0.4194	8.5625E-02	-4.9562E-02	-6.2918E-02
STANDARD DEV	28.72	32.42	22.18	2.950	3.432	2.430

OBSERVATION SUMMARY BY 20 DEGREE TRUE ANOMALY INTERVAL

INTERVAL	00-20	20-40	40-60	60-80	80-100	100-120	120-140	140-160	160-180
TOTAL NO.	864	954	948	1014	972	972	972	972	1026
NO. ACCEPTED (100%)	864 (100%)	954 (100%)	942 ( 99%)	1005 ( 99%)	954 ( 98%)	963 ( 99%)	972 (100%)	972 (100%)	1026 (100%)
INTERVAL	180-200	200-220	220-240	240-260	260-280	280-300	300-320	320-340	340-360
TOTAL NO.	1026	948	948	924	888	942	1002	936	972
NO. ACCEPTED (100%)	1026 (100%)	938 ( 98%)	938 ( 98%)	918 ( 99%)	883 ( 99%)	931 ( 98%)	987 ( 98%)	922 ( 98%)	970 ( 99%)

THERE ARE 7 SOLVE PARAMETERS

NUMBER OF DYNAMIC SOLVE PARAMETERS = 7  
A H K P Q LAM SOLRAD

NUMBER OF STATION LOCATIONS BEING SOLVED FOR = 0

NUMBER OF BIASES BEING SOLVED FOR = 0

\*\*\* FILE GENERATION SUMMARY \*\*\*

NO FILES HAVE BEEN GENERATED

\* NUMBER OF GTDS ERRORS ENCOUNTERED TO DATE = 0 \*

COMPARE DECK FOR HACC:

CONTROL COMPARE  
COMPOPT  
CMPEPHEM 1102102 940828074854.0 940831074854.0 45.  
END  
FIN

HACC COMPARE SUMMARY:

EPHEMERIS COMPARISON SUMMARY REPORT

Number of Points Compared 97

	MINIMUM POSITION DIFFERENCE			MAXIMUM POSITION DIFFERENCE		
	YYMMDD	HHMMSS.SSS	(km)	YYMMDD	HHMMSS.SSS	(km)
RADIAL	940829	181854.000	1.677306E-03	940831	23354.000	7.173356E-02
CROSS TRACK	940828	220354.000	1.377805E-04	940831	40354.000	5.726527E-02
ALONG TRACK	940828	211854.000	3.657224E-05	940830	134854.000	2.025899E-01
TOTAL	940828	220354.000	4.484148E-03	940830	134854.000	2.033114E-01

	MINIMUM VELOCITY DIFFERENCE			MAXIMUM VELOCITY DIFFERENCE		
	YYMMDD	HHMMSS.SSS	(km/sec)	YYMMDD	HHMMSS.SSS	(km/sec)
RADIAL	940828	190354.000	2.955573E-07	940830	121854.000	1.702762E-04
CROSS TRACK	940831	23354.000	2.772951E-08	940831	74854.000	4.844473E-05
ALONG TRACK	940828	91854.000	6.024580E-08	940830	181854.000	6.031790E-05
TOTAL	940828	211854.000	1.714331E-05	940830	121854.000	1.734637E-04

	POSITION RMS	VELOCITY RMS
	(km)	(km/sec)
RADIAL	2.8012E-02	7.0302E-05
CROSS TRACK	2.6375E-02	2.5504E-05
ALONG TRACK	7.1981E-02	2.8725E-05
TOTAL	8.1619E-02	8.0112E-05

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NORMAL COMPLETION OF JOB

## GEO Test Case

1. The test case is designed to verify the functionality of the GEO Test Case.

# TRUTH DATA GENERATION

## PROCEDURE:

- 1) Start with 2-card element set
- 2) Propagate 2-card element set forward using SGP4 to obtain SGP4-based ephemeris
- 3) Fit Cowell theory to SGP4-based ephemeris
- 4) Propagate Cowell DC solve-for vector forward to produce truth data

CONTROL	EPHEM			BS3A	20771
EPOCH		940825.0	170334.9932		
ELEMENT1	8 18 1	1.00266891	0.0003102	0.0467	
ELEMENT2		243.1923	288.7716	167.5966	
ELEMENT3		0.00000000	0.0000000	0.00000	
OUTPUT	1 2 1	940905.0	170335.0	86400.0	
ORBTYP	14 1 8	1.0			
OGOPT					
POTFIELD	1 7				
OUTOPT	1	940825170335.0	940905170335.0	450.0	
RND					
FIN					

## SGP4 EPHEMERIS OUTPUT SUMMARY:

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SATELLITE NAME	BS3A
SATELLITE NUMBER	20771
RUN REFERENCE DATE	AUG 25, 1994 0 HRS 0 MINS 0.00000 SECONDS
RUN EPOCH DATE	AUG 25, 1994 17 HRS 3 MINS 34.99320 SECONDS
RUN FINAL TIME	SEPT 5, 1994 17 HRS 3 MINS 35.00000 SECONDS
TOTAL TIME OF FLIGHT	11 DAYS 0 HRS 0 MINS 0.00680 SECONDS
CAUSE OF TERMINATION	SPECIFIED TIME OF FLIGHT REACHED

## \*\*\*END CONDITIONS\*\*\*

CENTRAL BODY IS EARTH (INERTIAL SYSTEM)		MEAN OF 1950.0 -- EARTH EQUATOR	
X	0.414749856368665E+05	Y	-0.7679518537839341E+04
VX	0.5596246403209475E+00	VY	0.3022273313587103E+01
SMA	0.4216876442281726E+05	ECC	0.2746131686644057E-03
LAN	0.1874391381048706E+03	AP	0.3449220111341053E+03
EA	0.1777200177816512E+03	P	0.2393837128664726E+02
PR	0.4215718432480045E+05	APR	0.4218034452083408E+05
APH	0.3580220952083408E+05	C3	-0.4726256572321093E+01
RA	0.3500817939879975E+03	DEC	0.6291991122203051E-02
AZ	0.9002013027414259E+02	RMAG	0.4218033535351635E+05
		VPA	0.8999937405206303E+02
		VMAG	0.3073650453186145E+01

## \*\*\*INITIAL CONDITIONS\*\*\*

CENTRAL BODY IS EARTH (INERTIAL SYSTEM)		"NORAD" TRUE OF REF. -- EARTH EQUATOR	
X	0.3952629838700647E+05	Y	-0.1472472717593263E+05
VX	0.1073172496565432E+01	VY	0.2880181807058570E+01
SMA	0.4216716110762471E+05	ECC	0.3101999999597714E-03
LAN	0.2431922999999999E+03	AP	0.2887715999999954E+03
EA	0.1676004163972050E+03	P	0.2393700604426692E+02
PR	0.4215408085425082E+05	APR	0.4218024136099860E+05
APH	0.3580210636099859E+05	C3	-0.4726436278015460E+01
RA	0.3395681343168720E+03	DEC	0.4641115339300120E-01
AZ	0.9000518602416244E+02	RMAG	0.4217993624890280E+05
		VPA	0.8999618360262247E+02
		VMAG	0.3073621077231286E+01

## \*\*\* SECTIONING SUMMARY \*\*\*

NUMBER OF SECTIONS SCHEDULED = 1		NUMBER OF SECTIONS COMPLETED = 1	
SECTION CENTRAL BODY	TIME OF CROSSING	TIME INTO FLIGHT	CAUSE OF CROSSING
	H M S	H M S	
1 EARTH	SEPT 5 17 3 35.000	264 0 0.007	SPECIFIED TIME OF FLIGHT REACHED

## \*\*\* FILE GENERATION SUMMARY \*\*\*

AN ORB-1 FILE HAS BEEN GENERATED  
 START TIME OF THE FILE = 940825170335.000  
 END TIME OF THE FILE = 940905170335.000

\*\*\* NUMBER OF GTDS ERRORS ENCOUNTERED- 0\*\*

# TRUTH DATA GENERATION

COWELL DC & EPHEM DECK (FIT TO SGP4-BASED EPHEMERIS) TO GENERATE TRUTH DATA:

CONTROL	DC			BS3A	20771
EPOCH		940825.0	170334.9932		
ELEMENT1	1 2 1	42167.16	0.000275	0.23	
ELEMENT2		97.6	75.3	166.09	
OBSINPUT	15	940825170335.0	940904170335.0		
ORBTYP	2 1 1	60.0			
DMOFT					
OBSDEV	21 22 23	500.0	500.0	500.0	
OBSDEV	24 25 26	50.0	50.0	50.0	
END					
DCOPT					
PRINTOUT	1	4			
CONVERG	30	1 1.D-3			
END					
OGOPT					
SOLRAD	1	1.0			
SCPARAM		1.D-6	100.D0		
POTFIELD	1 2				
MAXDEGEQ	1	21.0			
MAXORDEQ	1	21.0			
STATEPAR	1				
STATETAB	1 2 3	4.0	5.0	6.0	
SOLRDPAR	1				
END					
FIN					
CONTROL	EPHEM		OUTPUT	BS3A	20771
OUTPUT	1 2 1	940905.0	170335.0	86400.0	
ORBTYP	2 1 1	60.0			
OGOPT					
SOLRAD	1	1.0			
SCPARAM		1.D-6	100.D0		
SOLRDPAR	0				
POTFIELD	1 2				
MAXDEGEQ	1	21.0			
MAXORDEQ	1	21.0			
CUTOFT	21	940825170335.0	940905170335.0	450.0	
END					
FIN					

# TRUTH DATA GENERATION

## COWELL EPHEMERIS OUTPUT SUMMARY:

### ITERATION NUMBER 3

			*****		
SATELLITE	BS3A	20771	*	POSITION ERROR RMS (M)	2453.3437
			*	CURRENT WEIGHTED RMS	1.9976620
			*	PREDICTED WEIGHTED RMS	2.5423798
EPOCH	940825 170334.993		*	PREVIOUS WEIGHTED RMS	2.5424042
			*	SMALLEST WEIGHTED RMS	2.5424042
COORD. SYSTEM	MEAN OF 1950.0		*	RELATIVE CHANGE IN RMS	0.21426264
			*	PENALTY	0.00000000
CENTRAL BODY	EARTH		*	DC HAS CONVERGED	
			*		
			*****		
				START TIME	940825 171105.000
				END TIME	940904 170335.000
				NO. OBS. AVAILABLE	****
				NO. OBS. INCLUDED	****
				NO. OBS. ACCEPTED	**** 97 PCT

### OBSERVATION SUMMARY BY TYPE

TYPE	X	Y	Z	XDOT	YDOT	ZDOT
TOTAL NO.	1920	1920	1920	1920	1920	1920
NO. ACCEPTED	1876 ( 97%)	1920 (100%)	1698 ( 88%)	1920 (100%)	1920 (100%)	1920 (100%)
WEIGHTED RMS	2.180	2.191	3.943	0.1615	0.1515	0.3833
MEAN RESIDUAL	-113.6	-2.593	-102.3	0.1289	-0.1550	-0.1233
STANDARD DEV	1084.	1095.	1969.	8.075	7.574	19.17

### OBSERVATION SUMMARY BY 20 DEGREE TRUE ANOMALY INTERVAL

INTERVAL	00-20	20-40	40-60	60-80	80-100	100-120	120-140	140-160	160-180
TOTAL NO.	690	684	684	678	672	660	630	594	564
NO. ACCEPTED	690 (100%)	682 ( 99%)	670 ( 97%)	649 ( 95%)	633 ( 94%)	621 ( 94%)	599 ( 95%)	594 (100%)	564 (100%)
INTERVAL	180-200	200-220	220-240	240-260	260-280	280-300	300-320	320-340	340-360
TOTAL NO.	582	588	612	612	630	636	648	672	684
NO. ACCEPTED	582 (100%)	584 ( 99%)	602 ( 98%)	596 ( 97%)	602 ( 95%)	607 ( 95%)	629 ( 97%)	666 ( 99%)	684 (100%)

### THERE ARE 7 SOLVE PARAMETERS

NUMBER OF DYNAMIC SOLVE PARAMETERS = 7

X	Y	Z	VX	VY	VZ	SOLRAD
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NUMBER OF STATION LOCATIONS BEING SOLVED FOR = 0

NUMBER OF BIASES BEING SOLVED FOR = 0

### \*\*\* FILE GENERATION SUMMARY \*\*\*

NO FILES HAVE BEEN GENERATED

\* NUMBER OF GTDS ERRORS ENCOUNTERED TO DATE = 0 \*

GEOSYNCHRONOUS OPTIMIZED INPUT DECK

CONTROL	DC			BS3A	20771
EPOCH		940825.0	170334.9932		
ELEMENT1	1 6 1	42167.16	0.000275	0.23	
ELEMENT2		97.6	75.3	166.09	
OBSINPUT	15	940825170335.0	940828170335.0		
ORBTYP	5 1 1	43200.0	1.0		
DMOFT					
OBSDEV	21 22 23	100.	100.	100.	
OBSDEV	24 25 26	10.	10.	10.	
END					
DCOPT					
PRINTOUT	1	4			
CONVERG	30	1 1.D-4			
END					
OGOPT					
SOLRAD	1	1.0			
SCPARAM		1.D-6	100.D0		
SPGRVFR	1 3 3	2.0	1.0	3.0	
SPNUMGRV	7 1 8	2.0	2.0	3600.0	
POTFIELD	1 2				
MAXDEGEQ	1	4.			
MAXORDEQ	1	4.			
STATEPAR	3				
STATETAB	1 2 3	4.0	5.0	6.0	
SOLRDPAR	1				
SSTESTFL	1 2 0	0.0			
SSTAPGFL	1 0 0	0.0	0.0	1.0	
END					
FIN					
CONTROL	EPHEM		OUTPUT	BS3A	20771
OUTPUT	1 2 1	940905.	170335.0	86400.0	
ORBTYP	5 1 1	43200.0	1.0		
OGOPT					
SOLRAD	1	1.0			
SOLRDPAR	0				
SCPARAM		1.D-6	100.D0		
SPGRVFR	1 3 3	2.0	1.0	3.0	
SPNUMGRV	7 1 8	2.0	2.0	3600.0	
POTFIELD	1 2				
MAXDEGEQ	1	4.			
MAXORDEQ	1	4.			
OUTOPT	21	940825170335.0	940905170335.0	450.0	
END					
FIN					



SUMMARY OF GEOSYNCHRONOUS OPTIMIZED DSST FIT TO COWELL TRUTH:

ITERATION NUMBER 4

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*****
* POSITION ERROR RMS (M)      5.1035665 *
* CURRENT WEIGHTED RMS      2.20243188E-02 *
* PREDICTED WEIGHTED RMS    2.20766417E-02 *
* PREVIOUS WEIGHTED RMS     2.20767451E-02 *
* SMALLEST WEIGHTED RMS     2.20767451E-02 *
* RELATIVE CHANGE IN RMS    2.37472948E-03 *
* PENALTY                    0.00000000 *
* DC HAS CONVERGED          *
*
*****
SATELLITE      BS3A      20771
EPOCH          940825 170334.993
COORD. SYSTEM  MEAN OF 1950.0
CENTRAL BODY   EARTH

START TIME 940825 171105.000
END TIME   940828 170335.000
NO. OBS. AVAILABLE 3456
NO. OBS. INCLUDED 3456
NO. OBS. ACCEPTED 3454 99 PCT

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OBSERVATION SUMMARY BY TYPE

TYPE	X	Y	Z	XDOT	YDOT	ZDOT
TOTAL NO.	576	576	576	576	576	576
NO. ACCEPTED	576 (100%)	574 (99%)	576 (100%)	576 (100%)	576 (100%)	576 (100%)
WEIGHTED RMS	3.6111E-02	3.6011E-02	8.9331E-04	1.2533E-02	1.2431E-02	6.6651E-05
MEAN RESIDUAL	-4.2038E-02	4.1731E-02	-4.7060E-02	2.9880E-03	1.7902E-03	6.5442E-05
STANDARD DEV	3.611	3.601	7.5930E-02	0.1253	0.1243	6.6329E-04

		OBSERVATION SUMMARY BY 20 DEGREE TRUE ANOMALY INTERVAL							
INTERVAL	00-20	20-40	40-60	60-80	80-100	100-120	120-140	140-160	160-180
TOTAL NO.	210	198	186	180	180	180	180	180	168
NO. ACCEPTED	210 (100%)	198 (100%)	186 (100%)	180 (100%)	180 (100%)	180 (100%)	180 (100%)	180 (100%)	166 (98%)
INTERVAL	180-200	200-220	220-240	240-260	260-280	280-300	300-320	320-340	340-360
TOTAL NO.	174	186	204	210	216	204	198	204	198
NO. ACCEPTED	174 (100%)	186 (100%)	204 (100%)	210 (100%)	216 (100%)	204 (100%)	198 (100%)	204 (100%)	198 (100%)

THERE ARE 7 SOLVE PARAMETERS

NUMBER OF DYNAMIC SOLVE PARAMETERS = 7  
A H K P Q LAM SOLRAD

NUMBER OF STATION LOCATIONS BEING SOLVED FOR = 0

NUMBER OF BIASES BEING SOLVED FOR = 0

\*\*\* FILE GENERATION SUMMARY \*\*\*

NO FILES HAVE BEEN GENERATED

\* NUMBER OF GTDS ERRORS ENCOUNTERED TO DATE = 0 \*

COMPARE DECK FOR GEOSYNCHRONOUS CASE:

CONTROL COMPARE BS3A 20771  
COMFOPT  
CMPEPHEM 1102102 940828170335.0 940831170335.0 7.5  
END  
FIN

GEOSYNCHRONOUS COMPARE SUMMARY:

EPHEMERIS COMPARISON SUMMARY REPORT

Number of Points Compared 577

	MINIMUM POSITION DIFFERENCE			MAXIMUM POSITION DIFFERENCE		
	YYMMDD	HMMSS.SSS	(km)	YYMMDD	HMMSS.SSS	(km)
RADIAL	940829	111835.000	4.641092E-03	940831	5605.000	8.159907E-03
CROSS TRACK	940829	51835.000	7.078641E-08	940829	222605.000	3.100871E-04
ALONG TRACK	940828	170335.000	1.198785E-03	940831	170335.000	3.501914E-02
TOTAL	940828	170335.000	5.880411E-03	940831	170335.000	3.581756E-02

	MINIMUM VELOCITY DIFFERENCE			MAXIMUM VELOCITY DIFFERENCE		
	YYMMDD	HMMSS.SSS	(km/sec)	YYMMDD	HMMSS.SSS	(km/sec)
RADIAL	940828	170335.000	1.860573E-06	940831	170335.000	4.400656E-06
CROSS TRACK	940831	134835.000	1.779926E-11	940830	181105.000	1.410646E-08
ALONG TRACK	940831	115605.000	2.699794E-07	940831	10335.000	5.553332E-07
TOTAL	940828	170335.000	1.901702E-06	940831	170335.000	4.426126E-06

	POSITION RMS	VELOCITY RMS
	(km)	(km/sec)
RADIAL	6.2625E-03	3.0904E-06
CROSS TRACK	1.6640E-04	9.0059E-09
ALONG TRACK	2.0304E-02	4.1029E-07
TOTAL	2.1249E-02	3.1175E-06

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NORMAL COMPLETION OF JOB

## MOLY Test Case

# TRUTH DATA GENERATION

## PROCEDURE:

- 1) Start with mean Keplerian elements
- 2) Propagate forward one day using DSST to obtain osculating elements
- 3) Propagate osculating elements forward using Cowell theory to generate truth data

CONTROL	EPHEM			NSSC	9829
EPOCH		790803.0	234212.0		
ELEMENT1	1 6 1	26556.9582	0.6990986	63.173001	
ELEMENT2		190.619681	281.59624	13.29315	
OUTPUT	1 2 1	790804.0	234212.0	43200.0	
ORBTYP	5 1 1	43200.0	1.0		
OGOPT					
SPSHPER	5				
DRAG	1	1.0			
ATMOSDEN	1				
SCPARAM		12.5D-6	1250.D0		
SOLRAD	1	1.0			
POTFIELD	1 5				
MAXDEGEQ	1	8.			
MAXORDEQ	1	8.			
END					
FIN					
CONTROL	EPHEM		OUTPUT	NSSC	9829
OUTPUT	1 2 1	790818.0	234212.0	172800.0	
ORBTYP	1 1 1	200.0		1.5	
OGOPT					
DRAG	1	1.0			
ATMOSDEN	1				
SCPARAM		12.5D-6	1250.D0		
SOLRAD	1	1.0			
POTFIELD	1 6				
MAXDEGEQ	1	21.			
MAXORDEQ	1	21.			
OUTOPT	1	790804234212.0	790818234212.0	450.	
END					
FIN					

# TRUTH DATA GENERATION

COWELL EPHEMERIS OUTPUT SUMMARY:

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## GTDS FINAL REPORT

SATELLITE NAME	NSSC				
SATELLITE NUMBER	9829				
RUN REFERENCE DATE	AUG 3, 1979	0 HRS	0 MINS	0.00000 SECONDS	
RUN EPOCH DATE	AUG 4, 1979	23 HRS	42 MINS	12.00000 SECONDS	
RUN FINAL TIME	AUG 18, 1979	23 HRS	42 MINS	12.00000 SECONDS	
TOTAL TIME OF FLIGHT	14 DAYS	0 HRS	0 MINS	0.00000 SECONDS	
CAUSE OF TERMINATION	SPECIFIED TIME OF FLIGHT REACHED				

### \*\*\*END CONDITIONS\*\*\*

CENTRAL BODY IS EARTH (INERTIAL SYSTEM)		MEAN OF 1950.0 -- EARTH EQUATOR	
X	-0.1371825581792548E+05	Y	-0.1119942652170050E+05
VX	0.8606074345775577E+00	VY	-0.1717010361617677E+01
SMA	0.2655680479867468E+05	ECC	0.6986855599650172E+00
LAN	0.1888106505833530E+03	AP	0.2815323014830572E+03
EA	0.8540744767506621E+02	P	0.1196388453041661E+02
PR	0.8001948767031005E+04	APR	0.4511166083031836E+05
APH	0.3873352283031836E+05	C3	-0.7504676165332438E+01
RA	0.2192278053194159E+03	DEC	0.4506044124614617E+02
AZ	0.3967261639170771E+02	RMAG	0.2507112942736071E+05
		VPA	0.4577045721988872E+02
		VMAG	0.4097342207374211E+01
		INC	0.6319595630208168E+02
		MA	0.4550424397783793E+02
		SLR	0.1359279482213544E+05
		PH	0.1623810767031005E+04
		TA	0.1309404611544984E+03

### \*\*\*INITIAL CONDITIONS\*\*\*

CENTRAL BODY IS EARTH (INERTIAL SYSTEM)		MEAN OF 1950.0 -- EARTH EQUATOR	
X	-0.1242983594562453E+05	Y	-0.3027625662738115E+04
VX	-0.2488034530421247E+01	VY	-0.3277071176695446E+01
SMA	0.2657217591471070E+05	ECC	0.6991894044193557E+00
LAN	0.1904823387631476E+03	AP	0.2816075013505303E+03
EA	0.4248634620500351E+02	P	0.1197427310311930E+02
PR	0.7993192062777778E+04	APR	0.4515115976664363E+05
APH	0.3877302176664363E+05	C3	-0.7500334960889100E+01
RA	0.1936893756438893E+03	DEC	0.6313668242350110E+01
AZ	0.2699943849605448E+02	RMAG	0.1287132143345407E+05
		VPA	0.5655372545863263E+02
		VMAG	0.6850951836531340E+01
		INC	0.6317748516631303E+02
		MA	0.1542883506600653E+02
		SLR	0.1358194726056090E+05
		PH	0.1615054062777778E+04
		TA	0.8547104510736438E+02

### \*\*\* SECTIONING SUMMARY \*\*\*

SECTION	CENTRAL BODY	TIME OF CROSSING	TIME INTO FLIGHT			CAUSE OF CROSSING
			H	M	S	
1	EARTH	AUG 18	23	42	12.000	SPECIFIED TIME OF FLIGHT REACHED

### \*\*\* FILE GENERATION SUMMARY \*\*\*

AN ORB-1 FILE HAS BEEN GENERATED  
 START TIME OF THE FILE = 790804234212.000  
 END TIME OF THE FILE = 790818234212.000

\*\*\* NUMBER OF GTDS ERRORS ENCOUNTERED- 1\*\*

## MOLNIYA OPTIMIZED INPUT DECK

CONTROL	DATAMGT			NSSC	9829
OGOPT					
POTFIELD	1 6				
END					
FIN					
CONTROL	DC			NSSC	9829
EPOCH		790804.0	234212.0		
ELEMENT1	1 6 1	26572.176	0.699	63.2	
ELEMENT2		190.5	281.6	15.429	
OBSINPUT	15	790804234212.0	790807234212.0		
ORBTYP	5 1 1	43200.0	1.0		
DMOPT					
OBSDEV	21 22 23	100.	100.	100.	
OBSDEV	24 25 26	10.	10.	10.	
END					
OGOPT					
DRAG	1	1.0			
ATMOSDEN		1			
SPDRAG	0				
SCPARAM		12.5D-6	1250.D0		
SOLRAD	1	1.0			
SPSRP	0				
SPGRVFR	1 1 3	1.	1.	3.	
SPZONALS	4 3 8				
SPMDAILY	4 4 2				
MAXDEGEQ	1	8.			
MAXORDEQ	1	8.			
STATEPAR	3				
STATETAB	1 2 3 4.0		5.0	6.0	
DRAGPAR	1				
DRAGPAR2	1 1				
SOLRDPAR	1				
SSTESTFL	1 2 0 0.0				
SSTAPGFL	1 0 0 1.0		0.0	1.0	
END					
DCOPT					
PRINTOUT	1 4				
CONVERG	30 1 1.D-3				
END					
FIN					
CONTROL	EPHEM		OUTPUT	NSSC	9829
OUTPUT	1 2 1	790818.0	234212.0	172800.0	
ORETYPE	5 1 1	43200.0	1.0		
OGOPT					
DRAGPAR	0				
DRAG	1	1.0			
ATMOSDEN		1			
SPDRAG	0				
SCPARAM		12.5D-6	1250.D0		
SOLRAD	1	1.0			
SPSRP	0				
SOLRDPAR	0				
SPGRVFR	1 1 3	1.	1.	3.	
SPZONALS	4 3 8				
SPMDAILY	4 4 2				
MAXDEGEQ	1	8.			
MAXORDEQ	1	8.			
OUTOPT	21	790804234212.0	790818234212.0	450.	
END					
FIN					

SUMMARY OF MOLNIYA OPTIMIZED DSST FIT TO COWELL TRUTH:

ITERATION NUMBER 4

SATELLITE	NSSC	9829	*****	POSITION ERROR RMS (M)	114.82174	*****	
			*	CURRENT WEIGHTED RMS	0.45742789	*	START TIME 790804 234212.000
EPOCH	790804 234212.000		*	PREDICTED WEIGHTED RMS	0.51345696	*	
			*	PREVIOUS WEIGHTED RMS	0.51349399	*	END TIME 790807 233442.000
COORD. SYSTEM	MEAN OF 1950.0		*	SMALLEST WEIGHTED RMS	0.51349399	*	
			*	RELATIVE CHANGE IN RMS	0.10918550	*	NO. OBS. AVAILABLE 3456
CENTRAL BODY	EARTH		*	PENALTY	0.00000000	*	
			*	DC HAS CONVERGED		*	NO. OBS. INCLUDED 3456
			*****			*****	NO. OBS. ACCEPTED 3382 97 PCT

OBSERVATION SUMMARY BY TYPE

TYPE	X	Y	Z	XDOT	YDOT	ZDOT
TOTAL NO.	576	576	576	576	576	576
NO. ACCEPTED	502 ( 87%)	576 (100%)	576 (100%)	576 (100%)	576 (100%)	576 (100%)
WEIGHTED RMS	0.9218	0.4468	0.5014	0.1340	9.2191E-02	0.1024
MEAN RESIDUAL	-18.03	-5.572	19.20	-0.2010	-1.0291E-02	-3.9840E-02
STANDARD DEV	90.40	44.34	46.32	1.325	0.9219	1.023

OBSERVATION SUMMARY BY 20 DEGREE TRUE ANOMALY INTERVAL

INTERVAL	00-20	20-40	40-60	60-80	80-100	100-120	120-140	140-160	160-180
TOTAL NO.	24	24	30	48	84	120	240	450	708
NO. ACCEPTED	24 (100%)	24 (100%)	30 (100%)	48 (100%)	84 (100%)	120 (100%)	240 (100%)	448 ( 99%)	706 ( 99%)
INTERVAL	180-200	200-220	220-240	240-260	260-280	280-300	300-320	320-340	340-360
TOTAL NO.	714	450	234	120	72	48	36	24	30
NO. ACCEPTED	669 ( 93%)	425 ( 94%)	234 (100%)	120 (100%)	72 (100%)	48 (100%)	36 (100%)	24 (100%)	30 (100%)

THERE ARE 8 SOLVE PARAMETERS

NUMBER OF DYNAMIC SOLVE PARAMETERS = 8  
A H K P Q LAM CSUBD SOLRAD

NUMBER OF STATION LOCATIONS BEING SOLVED FOR = 0

NUMBER OF BIASES BEING SOLVED FOR = 0

\*\*\* FILE GENERATION SUMMARY \*\*\*

NO FILES HAVE BEEN GENERATED

\* NUMBER OF GTDS ERRORS ENCOUNTERED TO DATE = 0 \*

COMPARE DECK FOR MOLNIYA CASE:

CONTROL COMPARE NSSC 9829  
COMPOPT  
CMPEPHEM 1102102 790807234212.0 790810234212.0 7.5  
END  
FIN

MOLNIYA COMPARE SUMMARY:

EPHEMERIS COMPARISON SUMMARY REPORT

Number of Points Compared 577

	MINIMUM POSITION DIFFERENCE			MAXIMUM POSITION DIFFERENCE		
	YYMMDD	HMMSS.SSS	(km)	YYMMDD	HMMSS.SSS	(km)
RADIAL	790810	104942.000	4.686057E-04	790810	220442.000	3.501438E-01
CROSS TRACK	790808	82712.000	5.364643E-06	790810	45712.000	5.219956E-02
ALONG TRACK	790810	201212.000	1.358405E-03	790810	224212.000	7.213969E-01
TOTAL	790808	121942.000	3.791407E-02	790810	224212.000	7.334274E-01

	MINIMUM VELOCITY DIFFERENCE			MAXIMUM VELOCITY DIFFERENCE		
	YYMMDD	HMMSS.SSS	(km/sec)	YYMMDD	HMMSS.SSS	(km/sec)
RADIAL	790808	200442.000	1.490001E-09	790810	224942.000	4.816413E-04
CROSS TRACK	790808	44942.000	1.377708E-09	790810	224212.000	1.892690E-05
ALONG TRACK	790810	81212.000	1.646474E-08	790808	224942.000	5.052250E-05
TOTAL	790808	131942.000	1.893925E-06	790810	224942.000	4.820318E-04

	POSITION RMS		VELOCITY RMS	
	(km)		(km/sec)	
RADIAL	1.2727E-01	7.3599E-05		
CROSS TRACK	2.2510E-02	3.4218E-06		
ALONG TRACK	1.7720E-01	1.3041E-05		
TOTAL	2.1933E-01	7.4824E-05		

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## NEEC Test Case

# TRUTH DATA GENERATION

## PROCEDURE:

- 1) Start with 2-card element set
- 2) Propagate 2-card element set forward using SGP4 to obtain SGP4-based ephemeris
- 3) Fit Cowell theory to SGP4-based ephemeris
- 4) Propagate Cowell DC solve-for vector forward to produce truth data

CONTROL	EPHEM			VANGARD2	59001A
EPOCH		940826.0	073513.6735		
ELEMENT1	8 18 1	11.73921485	0.1522640	32.8834	
ELEMENT2		251.8592	10.8368	352.1515	
ELEMENT3		-0.00000000	0.000000	0.000154	
OUTPUT	1 2 1	940905.0	073514.0	86400.0	
ORBTYP	14 1 8	1.0			
OGOPT					
POTFIELD	1 7				
OUTOPT	1	940826073514.0	940905073514.0	450.0	
END					
FIN					

## SGP4 EPHEMERIS OUTPUT SUMMARY:

## GTDS FINAL REPORT

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SATELLITE NAME	VANGARD2
SATELLITE NUMBER	59001
RUN REFERENCE DATE	AUG 26, 1994 0 HRS 0 MINS 0.00000 SECONDS
RUN EPOCH DATE	AUG 26, 1994 7 HRS 35 MINS 13.67350 SECONDS
RUN FINAL TIME	SEPT 5, 1994 7 HRS 35 MINS 14.00000 SECONDS
TOTAL TIME OF FLIGHT	10 DAYS 0 HRS 0 MINS 0.32650 SECONDS
CAUSE OF TERMINATION	SPECIFIED TIME OF FLIGHT REACHED

## \*\*\*END CONDITIONS\*\*\*

CENTRAL BODY IS EARTH (INERTIAL SYSTEM)		MEAN OF 1950.0 -- EARTH EQUATOR	
X	0.4226905530387705E+04	Y	0.7668401667445838E+04
VX	-0.4861278344213523E+01	VY	0.2411752650711627E+01
SMA	0.8181674036773987E+04	ECC	0.1520921345305507E+00
LAN	0.2150862746053120E+03	AP	0.6636140824147962E+02
EA	0.1389650806767234E+03	P	0.2045839426995563E+01
PR	0.6937305768487844E+04	APR	0.9426042305060129E+04
APH	0.3047907305060129E+04	C3	-0.2435936693446952E+02
RA	0.6164386322942167E+02	DEC	-0.1612604086662168E+02
AZ	0.1190602065290431E+03	RMAG	0.9120312967737114E+04
		VPA	0.8423117145710005E+02
		VMAG	0.6220186707225738E+01

## \*\*\*INITIAL CONDITIONS\*\*\*

CENTRAL BODY IS EARTH (INERTIAL SYSTEM)		"NORAD" TRUE OF REF. -- EARTH EQUATOR	
X	-0.2158590909184290E+04	Y	-0.6607917004462769E+04
VX	0.6544250260129505E+01	VY	-0.1923627551859584E+01
SMA	0.8181027891766687E+04	ECC	0.1522639999999999E+00
LAN	0.2518591999999999E+03	AP	0.1083680000000000E+02
EA	0.3507490211595139E+03	P	0.2045597077540084E+01
PR	0.6935351860854726E+04	APR	0.9426703922678649E+04
APH	0.3048568922678649E+04	C3	-0.2436129085937650E+02
RA	0.2519094739042656E+03	DEC	0.3250298192318978E-01
AZ	0.5711661425979332E+02	RMAG	0.6951553596306017E+04
		VPA	0.9141873484191045E+02
		VMAG	0.8121394528902080E+01

## \*\*\* SECTIONING SUMMARY \*\*\*

NUMBER OF SECTIONS SCHEDULED = 1		NUMBER OF SECTIONS COMPLETED = 1	
SECTION CENTRAL BODY	TIME OF CROSSING	TIME INTO FLIGHT	CAUSE OF CROSSING
1 EARTH	SEPT 5 7 35 14.000	240 0 0.326	SPECIFIED TIME OF FLIGHT REACHED

## \*\*\* FILE GENERATION SUMMARY \*\*\*

AN ORB-1 FILE HAS BEEN GENERATED  
 START TIME OF THE FILE = 940826073514.000  
 END TIME OF THE FILE = 940905073514.000

\*\*\* NUMBER OF GTDS ERRORS ENCOUNTERED= 0\*\*

# TRUTH DATA GENERATION

COWELL DC & EPHEM DECK (FIT TO SGP4-BASED EPHEMERIS) TO GENERATE TRUTH DATA:

CONTROL	DC			VANGARD2	59001A
EPOCH		940826.0	073513.6735		
ELEMENT1	1 2 1	8183.787	0.153069	32.7	
ELEMENT2		251.2	11.1	352.022	
OBSINPUT	15	940826073514.0	940831073514.0		
ORBTYP	2 1 1	60.0			
DMOFT					
OBSDEV	21 22 23	500.0	500.0	500.0	
OBSDEV	24 25 26	50.0	50.0	50.0	
END					
DCOPT					
PRINTOUT	1	4			
CONVERG	30	1 1.D-3			
END					
OGOPT					
DRAG	1	1.0			
ATMOSDEN		1			
SCPARAM		1.D-6	100.D0		
SOLRAD	1	1.0			
POTFIELD	1 2				
MAXDEGEQ	1	21.0			
MAXORDEQ	1	21.0			
STATEPAR	1				
STATETAB	1 2 3	4.0	5.0	6.0	
DRAGPAR	1				
SOLRDPAR	1				
END					
FIN					
CONTROL	EPHEM		OUTPUT	VANGARD2	59001A
OUTPUT	1 2 1	940905.0	073514.0	86400.0	
ORBTYP	2 1 1	60.0			
OGOPT					
DRAG	1	1.0			
DRAGPAR	0				
ATMOSDEN		1			
SCPARAM		1.D-6	100.D0		
SOLRAD	1	1.0			
SOLRDPAR	0				
POTFIELD	1 2				
MAXDEGEO	1	21.0			
MAXORDEQ	1	21.0			
OUTOPT	21	940826073514.0	940905073514.0	450.0	
END					
FIN					

# TRUTH DATA GENERATION

## COWELL EPHEMERIS OUTPUT SUMMARY:

ITERATION NUMBER 6

			*****			
SATELLITE	VANGARD2	59001	*	POSITION ERROR RMS (M)	960.56962	*
			*	CURRENT WEIGHTED RMS	1.1041600	*
EPOCH	940826	73513.674	*	PREDICTED WEIGHTED RMS	1.1066222	*
			*	PREVIOUS WEIGHTED RMS	1.1072310	*
COORD. SYSTEM	MEAN OF 1950.0		*	SMALLEST WEIGHTED RMS	1.1072310	*
			*	RELATIVE CHANGE IN RMS	2.77354456E-03	*
CENTRAL BODY	EARTH		*	PENALTY	0.00000000	*
			*	DC HAS CONVERGED		*
			*****			
					START TIME	940826 74244.000
					END TIME	940831 73514.000
					NO. OBS. AVAILABLE	5760
					NO. OBS. INCLUDED	5760
					NO. OBS. ACCEPTED	5757 99 PCT

## OBSERVATION SUMMARY BY TYPE

TYPE	X	Y	Z	XDOT	YDOT	ZDOT
TOTAL NO.	960	960	960	960	960	960
NO. ACCEPTED	960 (100%)	960 (100%)	960 (100%)	960 (100%)	960 (100%)	957 (99%)
WEIGHTED RMS	0.5797	1.127	1.444	0.3973	0.7494	1.706
MEAN RESIDUAL	-119.6	472.0	327.2	6.770	9.954	54.11
STANDARD DEV	264.1	307.7	643.5	18.68	36.12	65.94

## OBSERVATION SUMMARY BY 20 DEGREE TRUE ANOMALY INTERVAL

INTERVAL	00-20	20-40	40-60	60-80	80-100	100-120	120-140	140-160	160-180
TOTAL NO.	240	234	264	282	312	348	378	408	432
NO. ACCEPTED (100%)	240 (100%)	234 (100%)	264 (100%)	282 (100%)	312 (100%)	348 (100%)	378 (100%)	408 (100%)	432
INTERVAL	180-200	200-220	220-240	240-260	260-280	280-300	300-320	320-340	340-360
TOTAL NO.	426	408	384	342	300	276	252	246	228
NO. ACCEPTED (100%)	426 (100%)	408 (100%)	384 (100%)	339 (99%)	300 (100%)	276 (100%)	252 (100%)	246 (100%)	228

THERE ARE 8 SOLVE PARAMETERS

NUMBER OF DYNAMIC SOLVE PARAMETERS = 8

X Y Z VX VY VZ RH01 SOLRAD

NUMBER OF STATION LOCATIONS BEING SOLVED FOR = 0

NUMBER OF BIASES BEING SOLVED FOR = 0

\*\*\* FILE GENERATION SUMMARY \*\*\*

NO FILES HAVE BEEN GENERATED

\* NUMBER OF GTDS ERRORS ENCOUNTERED TO DATE = 6 \*

NEEC OPTIMIZED INPUT DECK

CONTROL	DC			VANGARD2	59001A
EPOCH		940826.0	073513.6735		
ELEMENT1	3 6 1	8177.913	0.1522640	32.8834	
ELEMENT2		251.8592	10.8368	352.1515	
OBSINPUT	15	940826073514.0	940829073514.0		
ORBTYP	5 1 1	43200.0	1.0		
DMOPT					
OBSDEV	21 22 23	100.	100.	100.	
OBSDEV	24 25 26	10.	10.	10.	
END					
DCOPT					
PRINTOUT	1	4			
CONVERG	30	1 1.D-4			
END					
OGOPT					
DRAG	1	1.0			
ATMOSDEN		1			
SPDRAG	0				
SCPARAM		1.D-6	100.D0		
SOLRAD	1	1.0			
SPSRP	0				
SPGRVFR	1 1 3	3.0	1.0	3.0	
SPZONALS	6 5 13				
SPMDAILY	6 6 4				
POTFIELD	1 2				
MAXDEGEQ	1	21.			
MAXORDEQ	1	21.			
RESONPRD		86400.0			
STATEPAR	3				
STATETAB	1 2 3	4.0	5.0	6.0	
DRAGPAR	1				
DRAGPAR2	1 1				
SOLRDPAR	1				
SSTESTFL	1 2 0	0.0			
SSTAPGFL	1 0 0	1.0	0.0	1.0	
END					
FIN					
CONTROL	EPHEM		OUTPUT	VANGARD2	59001A
OUTPUT	1 2 1	940905.	073514.0	86400.0	
ORBTYP	5 1 1	43200.0	1.0		
OGOPT					
DRAGPAR	0				
DRAG	1	1.0			
ATMOSDEN		1			
SPDRAG	0				
SCPARAM		1.D-6	100.D0		
SOLRAD	1	1.0			
SPSRP	0				
SOLRDPAR	0				
SPGRVFR	1 1 3	3.0	1.0	3.0	
SPZONALS	6 5 13				
SPMDAILY	6 6 4				
POTFIELD	1 2				
MAXDEGEQ	1	21.			
MAXORDEQ	1	21.			
RESONPRD		86400.0			
OUTOPT	21	940826073514.0	940905073514.0	450.0	
END					
FIN					

SUMMARY OF NEEC OPTIMIZED DSST FIT TO COWELL TRUTH:

ITERATION NUMBER 6

SATELLITE	VANGARD2	59001	*****	* POSITION ERROR RMS (M)	69.419240	*			
				* CURRENT WEIGHTED RMS	0.37449436	*	START TIME	940826	74244.000
EPOCH	940826	73513.674		* PREDICTED WEIGHTED RMS	0.37647487	*			
				* PREVIOUS WEIGHTED RMS	0.37650718	*	END TIME	940829	73514.000
				* SMALLEST WEIGHTED RMS	0.37650718	*			
COORD. SYSTEM	MEAN OF 1950.0			* RELATIVE CHANGE IN RMS	5.34604546E-03	*	NO. OBS. AVAILABLE	3456	
				* PENALTY	0.00000000	*			
CENTRAL BODY	EARTH			* DC HAS CONVERGED		*	NO. OBS. INCLUDED	3456	
				*****			NO. OBS. ACCEPTED	3443 99 PCT	

OBSERVATION SUMMARY BY TYPE

TYPE	X	Y	Z	XDOT	YDOT	ZDOT
TOTAL NO.	576	576	576	576	576	576
NO. ACCEPTED	568 ( 98%)	572 ( 99%)	576 (100%)	576 (100%)	575 ( 99%)	576 (100%)
WEIGHTED RMS	0.4409	0.3934	0.3666	0.3263	0.3209	0.3134
MEAN RESIDUAL	-0.8460	-1.781	2.432	-4.2900E-02	3.5866E-02	-0.2093
STANDARD DEV	44.08	39.30	36.58	3.263	3.209	3.127

OBSERVATION SUMMARY BY 20 DEGREE TRUE ANOMALY INTERVAL

INTERVAL	00-20	20-40	40-60	60-80	80-100	100-120	120-140	140-160	160-180
TOTAL NO.	150	144	156	168	198	204	222	246	252
NO. ACCEPTED	149 ( 99%)	144 (100%)	156 (100%)	168 (100%)	198 (100%)	204 (100%)	221 ( 99%)	245 ( 99%)	251 ( 99%)
INTERVAL	180-200	200-220	220-240	240-260	260-280	280-300	300-320	320-340	340-360
TOTAL NO.	252	240	234	204	180	168	156	150	132
NO. ACCEPTED	248 ( 98%)	239 ( 99%)	231 ( 98%)	203 ( 99%)	180 (100%)	168 (100%)	156 (100%)	150 (100%)	132 (100%)

THERE ARE 8 SOLVE PARAMETERS

NUMBER OF DYNAMIC SOLVE PARAMETERS = 8

A H K P Q LAM CSUBD SOLRAD

NUMBER OF STATION LOCATIONS BEING SOLVED FOR = 0

NUMBER OF BIASES BEING SOLVED FOR = 0

\*\*\* FILE GENERATION SUMMARY \*\*\*

NO FILES HAVE BEEN GENERATED

\* NUMBER OF GTDS ERRORS ENCOUNTERED TO DATE = 0 \*

COMPARE DECK FOR NEEC:

CONTROL COMPARE VANGARD2 59001A  
COMPOPT  
CMPEPHEM 1102102 940829073514.0 940901073514.0 7.5  
END  
FIN

NEEC COMPARE SUMMARY:

EPHEMERIS COMPARISON SUMMARY REPORT

Number of Points Compared 577

	MINIMUM POSITION DIFFERENCE			MAXIMUM POSITION DIFFERENCE		
	YYMMDD	HMMSS.SSS	(km)	YYMMDD	HMMSS.SSS	(km)
RADIAL	940829	155014.000	4.082393E-06	940901	43514.000	1.103580E-01
CROSS TRACK	940829	84244.000	6.979701E-05	940831	130514.000	2.553895E-01
ALONG TRACK	940829	95014.000	9.159481E-06	940831	194244.000	4.969624E-01
TOTAL	940831	164244.000	1.110800E-02	940831	194244.000	5.081243E-01

	MINIMUM VELOCITY DIFFERENCE			MAXIMUM VELOCITY DIFFERENCE		
	YYMMDD	HMMSS.SSS	(km/sec)	YYMMDD	HMMSS.SSS	(km/sec)
RADIAL	940829	115014.000	3.964064E-08	940901	42744.000	3.010421E-04
CROSS TRACK	940830	42014.000	1.722035E-07	940901	25014.000	2.334248E-04
ALONG TRACK	940830	145014.000	3.795844E-07	940831	190514.000	1.350620E-04
TOTAL	940829	150514.000	3.683908E-06	940831	195744.000	3.353047E-04

	POSITION RMS	VELOCITY RMS
	(km)	(km/sec)
RADIAL	5.1535E-02	1.2705E-04
CROSS TRACK	1.0831E-01	9.0419E-05
ALONG TRACK	1.8288E-01	5.1923E-05
TOTAL	2.1871E-01	1.6436E-04

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