SMEI Instrument Telemetry Format Specification

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1. Introduction

The SMEI instrument routinely accumulates science and housekeeping data while it is operating. This document defines the formats and protocols used when transferring this data to the spacecraft.

This document does not cover instrument commanding, which is detailed in the 'SMEI Instrument Commanding Protocol' (SMEI/BU/SPE/001), and the 'SMEI Instrument Commanding Specification' (SMEI/BU/SPE/002).

1.1 Nomenclature

The general format used for presenting data is a sequence of 16–bit words with a mask indicating which bits are valid and invalid for each parameter. The most significant bit is shown at the left, the least significant bit at the right of the mask field.

Where a parameter is shown as a field with a number of options, unspecified options are not permitted.

Examples:

Word	Mask	Parameter
0	****	All bits are valid.
1	xxxxxxxx	Bits 15 –8 are valid.
2	xxxxxxxx	Bits 7 –0 are valid.
3	x	Bit 7 is valid. Eg, 0=Disabled, 1=Enabled.
4	xxxxxxxx	8 LSBs of parameter A
5	xxx	Bits 4–2 are valid and the meaning is dependant on the sub–mask
	000	option 0
	001	option 1
	010	option 2
6	1	Bit 0 is always 1
7–31		These words are not applicable, or are described elsewhere.

2. Data Sources

Science image data and telemetry are routinely accumulated into blocks and stored in the main memory of the data handling unit (DHU). During standard operations, these blocks of data are transmitted to the spacecraft continuously over the MIL–STD–1553B bus. There is no provision onboard SMEI for long term storage of more than a few images.

2.1 State of Health Information

Instrument housekeeping data is grouped into 32-word packets as it is collected. As SMEI produces more than 32 words of housekeeping data, each packet has a type identifier, so we can de-multiplex the data during ground processing.

2.2 Camera Image Information

SMEI images are (optionally) compressed and error correction encoded by the DHU. Each image is broken into a number of 256–word units of (compressed) data, though the final unit is usually smaller than this. Eight words of error correction codes are prefixed to each unit to make an image data packet.

2.3 Spacecraft Time and Attitude Information

The spacecraft provides periodic updates of the current GPS time and the attitude data for the payload. The interface is defined in section C6.2.1 of the Interface Control Document (ICD).

3 SMEI to Spacecraft Data Streams

The SMEI DHU is designed to produce two logical streams of data for the spacecraft. The first is a State of Health (SoH) stream, of 2560 bits per second. This is simply composed of instrument housekeeping packets.

The second stream is the Science Data Stream (SDS), of 64,000 bits per second in normal operating mode, and 128,000 bits per second in engineering mode. This stream is composed of both camera image data, and instrument housekeeping. Appropriate header information is included in the data stream to separate the two.

3.1 State Of Health Stream

The generic format of the SoH packet is shown below. It uses a 3 word fixed format header, containing a housekeeping identifier, checksum and timestamp.

The type identifier uses a single bit to identify the type of housekeeping contained in the packet. This leaves four spare identifiers for later additions.

The cyclic redundancy check is generated using the same scheme as WindSat. The details can be found in Appendix C.

The timestamp field is just a copy of the least significant word of the GPS seconds data (UTC Seconds LSW) that the spacecraft supplies to SMEI periodically. This allows good knowledge of when the housekeeping was last updated.

Word	Mask	Mnemonic	Parameter
0	*****	SOH_TYPE	Multiplex Packet Type Identifier
	000000000000000000000000000000000000000		Reserved Block
	000000000000000000000000000000000000000		Reserved Block
	0000000000000100		Reserved Block
	000000000001000		Camera 1 Observation Parameters
	000000000010000		Camera 2 Observation Parameters
	000000000100000		Camera 3 Observation Parameters
	00000000100000		Analogue and Digital Monitors
	00000001000000		Flat Field Table Checksums
	000000100000000		Command Status Return
	000001000000000		Single Event Upset Information
	0000010000000000		Paged Region Memory Dump
	0000100000000000		Fixed Region Memory Dump
	0001000000000000		Software Performance Counters
	0010000000000000		Housekeeping Test Pattern
	0100000000000000		GPS Time and Attitude Parameters
	10000000000000000		Reserved Block
1	*****	SOH_CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
2 3–31	*****	SOH_TIME	Timestamp of the last update of this data packet Variable packet data dependant on the type identifier

3.1.1 Camera Observation Parameters

During normal observation modes, a number of pixels from each image are sampled, and stored in these housekeeping packets – one for each camera. This allows a quick–look facility to monitor the CCD performance without needing to fully decode the science data stream. Also in these packets are the 'critical observation parameters', which are used when decoding each image.

Word	Mask	Mnemonic	Parameter
0	0000000000000xxx	SOH_TYPE	Camera Observation Parameters
	0000000000001000		Camera 1
	0000000000010000		Camera 2
	0000000000100000		Camera 3
1	*****	SOH_CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
2	*****	SOH_TIME	Timestamp of the last update of this data packet
3	*****	PX_PRE0	Pre–image Pixel 0
4	*****	PX_PRE1	Pre–image Pixel 1
5	*****	PX_PRE2	Pre-image Pixel 2

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 12 13	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	PX_PRE3 PX_POST0 PX_POST1 PX_POST2 PX_POST3 OBS_FRAME OBS_INTV OBS_EXP OBS_MODE	Pre-image Pixel 3 Post-image Pixel 0 Post-image Pixel 1 Post-image Pixel 2 Post-image Pixel 3 Frame Number Frame Period (seconds) Frame Exposure Time (seconds) Observation mode Not currently observing Normal Observing Mode High Resolution Mode Engineering Mode
13 14	xxxxxxxx	RICE NB	Spare Rice Compression Number of Noise Bits (0–15)
14	xx	RICE_EN	Rice Compression Enabled
14	x	RICE_DT	Rice Compression Delta Coding Enabled
14	xxxxxx		Spare
15–23	*****		<tbd> Other Critical Observation Data</tbd>
24	*****	ROV0_ID	Roving bin 0 identifier
25	*****	ROV0_AMP	Roving bin 0 amplitude
26	*****	ROV1_ID	Roving bin 1 identifier
27	*****	ROV1_AMP	Roving bin 1 amplitude
28	******	ROV2_ID	Roving bin 2 identifier
29	*****	ROV2_AMP	Roving bin 2 amplitude
30	*****	ROV3_ID	Roving bin 3 identifier
31	*****	ROV3_AMP	Roving bin 3 amplitude

3.1.2 Analogue and Digital Monitors

- The analogue monitoring on SMEI is done using an 8-bit ADC
- Calibration details will not be available until the flight hardware is available. See Appendix D for analogue monitor conversion factors.

Word 0 1 2 3 4 4 5 5 6 7 8 8 9 9 10 10 11 12 12 13	Mask 000000000000000000000000000000000000	AM_C1CCD_T AM_C1EL_T AM_C1MIR_T AM_C1BAF_T AM_C1SPR_T AM_C2RAD_T AM_C2CCD_T AM_C2CCD_T AM_C2EL_T AM_C2EL_T AM_C2BAF_T AM_C2SPR_T AM_C3RAD_T AM_C3CCD_T	AMon 3 : Power supply temperature monitor AMon 4 : Spare Analogue Monitor
13			AMon 20 : Camera 3 Electronics Temperature AMon 21 : Camera 3 Mirror Temperature
13	xxxxxxxx		AMon 22 : Camera 3 Baffle Temperature
14	xxxxxxxx		
14 15	xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	AIVI_035PK_I	AMon 23 : Camera 3 Spare Temperature Monitor Digital Monitors 0

	xxxxxxxx	ADC_RB	ADC Readback
	xxxxx	ADC_MUX ADC_WR	ADC Multiplexer ADC WR Line Status
	x		I E ² Prom Write Enable
	-x	WDOG_EN	Watchdog Enable
16	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		Digital Monitors 1
10	x	C1_SHT_OPN	Camera 1 Shutter (1 = Open)
	 x-	C1_DOR_CLS	Camera 1 Door (1 = Closed)
	x	C2 SHT OPN	Camera 2 Shutter (1 = Open)
	x	C2_DOR_CLS	Camera 2 Door (1 = Closed)
	x	C3_SHT_OPN	Camera 3 Shutter (1 = Open)
	x	C3_DOR_CLS	Camera 3 Door (1 = Closed)
	x	C1_BOS_SUN	Camera 1 Bright Object Sensor (1 = Sun in view)
	x	C2_BOS_SUN	Camera 2 Bright Object Sensor (1 = Sun in view)
	x	C3_BOS_SUN	Camera 3 Bright Object Sensor (1 = Sun in view)
	x	C3_1HZ	1Hz Monitor
	xxx	CODE_VER	Software Boot Code Identifier
	x	HOT_START	Hot Start
	-x	BOOT_RES IRQ4	Boot Res
17	x		Interrupt 4 Digital Monitors 2
17	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	BANK0_SEL	16K Memory Bank 0 Selector
	X	DANKO_OLL	Spare
	-xxxxxx	BANK1_SEL	16K Memory Bank 1 Selector
	x	AB_IDENT	A/B Processor Identifier
18	000000000000000000000000000000000000000		Digital Monitors 3 – Spare
19	*****		Digital Monitors 4
	x	C1_PHASE_1	Camera 1 Shutter Phase 1
	x-	C1_PHASE_2	Camera 1 Shutter Phase 2
	x	C1_PHASE_3	Camera 1 Shutter Phase 3
	x	C1_PHASE_4	Camera 1 Shutter Phase 4
	x	C1_ON	Camera 1 On (FET control)
	x	C1_SPARE1	Camera 1 Spare
	x	C1_DEI_ON	Camera 1 Deice Heater On
	x	C1_HOP_ON	Camera 1 HOP On
	X	C1_RLY_ON	Camera 1 Power Relay Coil Monitor
	x	C1_SDA_IN C1_INT	Camera 1 SDA In Monitor Camera 1 Interrupt Status Monitor
	x	C1_OVF	Camera 1 Hardware FIFO Overflow
	x	C1_HOP_EN	Camera 1 HOP Protection Readback
	x	C1 SPARE2	Camera 1 Spare
	-x	C1_SPARE3	Camera 1 Spare
	x	C1_LED_ON	Camera 1 LED On
20	*****		Digital Monitors 5
	x	C2_PHASE_1	Čamera 2 Shutter Phase 1
	x-	C2_PHASE_2	Camera 2 Shutter Phase 2
	x	C2_PHASE_3	Camera 2 Shutter Phase 3
	x	C2_PHASE_4	Camera 2 Shutter Phase 4
	x	C2_ON	Camera 2 On (FET control)
	x	C2_SPARE1	Camera 2 Spare
	x	C2_DEI_ON	Camera 2 Deice Heater On
	x	C2_HOP_ON	Camera 2 HOP On
	x	C2_RLY_ON	Camera 2 Power Relay Coil Monitor
	X	C2_SDA_IN C2_INT	Camera 2 SDA In Monitor
	x	C2_INT C2_OVF	Camera 2 Interrupt Status Monitor Camera 2 Hardware FIFO Overflow
	x	C2_OVF C2_HOP_EN	Camera 2 HOP Protection Monitor
	x	C2_NOF_LIN	Camera 2 Spare
	x	C2_SPARE3	Camera 2 Spare
	х х	C2_LED_EN	Camera 2 LED On
21	*		Digital Monitors 6
	x	C3_PHASE_1	Camera 3 Shutter Phase 1

22	xx x	C3_PHASE_2 C3_PHASE_3 C3_PHASE_4 C3_ON C3_SPARE1 C3_DEI_ON C3_HOP_ON C3_RLY_ON C3_RLY_ON C3_SDA_IN C3_INT C3_OVF C3_HOP_EN C3_SPARE2 C3_SPARE3 C3_LED_ON WDOG_MSB	Camera 3 Shutter Phase 2 Camera 3 Shutter Phase 3 Camera 3 Shutter Phase 4 Camera 3 On Camera 3 On Camera 3 Spare Camera 3 Deice Heater On Camera 3 HOP On Camera 3 HOP On Camera 3 SDA In Monitor Camera 3 Interrupt Status Monitor Camera 3 Hardware FIFO Overflow Camera 3 HOP Protection Monitor Camera 3 Spare Camera 3 Spare Camera 3 LED On Digital Monitors 7 Watchdog Timer Readback
	0000000	WD00_M0D	Spare
	x	1553_SSFLG	1553 SSFlag
	x	1553_INCMD	1553 In Command
	-x	1553_MEMEN	1553 Memory Enable
/	x	1553_RDYD	1553 ReadyD
23–31			Spare

3.1.3 Flat Field Table Checksums

The flat field tables used during camera data processing are periodically checked for single event errors using a simple xor-based checksum. The 16-bit checksums are returned in this packet.

Word	Mask	Mnemonic	Parameter
0	000000001000000	SOH TYPE	Flat Field Table Checksums
1	*****	SOHCRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
2	*****	SOH_TIME	Timestamp of the last update of this data packet
3	*****	CSUM_BLK0	Block checksum 0
4	*****	CSUM_BLK1	Block checksum 1
5	*****	CSUM_BLK2	Block checksum 2
6	*****	CSUM_BLK3	Block checksum 3
7	*****	CSUM_BLK4	Block checksum 4
8	*****	CSUM_BLK5	Block checksum 5
9	*****	CSUM_BLK6	Block checksum 6
10	*****	CSUM_BLK7	Block checksum 7
11	*****	CSUM_BLK8	Block checksum 8
12	*****	CSUM_BLK9	Block checksum 9
13	*****	CSUM_BLK10	Block checksum 10
14	*****	CSUM_BLK11	Block checksum 11
15	*****	CSUM_BLK12	Block checksum 12
16	*****	CSUM_BLK13	Block checksum 13
17	*****	CSUM_BLK14	Block checksum 14
18	*****	CSUM_BLK15	Block checksum 15
19	*****	CSUM_BLK16	Block checksum 16
20	*****	CSUM_BLK17	Block checksum 17
21	*****	CSUM_BLK18	Block checksum 18
22	*****	CSUM_BLK19	Block checksum 19
23	*****		Block checksum 20
24	*****	CSUM_BLK20	Block checksum 21
25	*****	CSUM_BLK20	Block checksum 22
26	*****	CSUM_BLK20	Block checksum 23
27	*****	CSUM_BLK20	Block checksum 24
28	*****	CSUM_BLK20	Block checksum 25
29	*****	CSUM_BLK20	Block checksum 26
30	*****	_	Block checksum 27
31	*****	CSUM_BLK28	Block checksum 28

3.1.4 Command Status Return

All 1553 messages processed by SMEI have status information returned in this packet. The table is filled in a cyclic fashion, and a counter identifies the last filled entry.

Word 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Mask 000000010000000 xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Mnemonic SOH_TYPE SOH_CRC SOH_TIME CMD_TOT CMD_REJ SOH_TOT SCI_TOT CMD_LAST CMD0_ID CMD0_CS CMD0_ST	Parameter Command Status Return Cyclic Redundancy Check Timestamp of the last update of this data packet Total number of commands received Total number of commands rejected Total number of SOH requests serviced Total number of science data requests serviced Number of last entry filled (0–7) #0 Command Identifier #0 Command Checksum (CRC) #0 Command Status Command was received and executed correctly Command had a CRC error and was not executed Command was illegally formed (not recognised) The instrument mode did not permit the command The (secure) command had not been enabled Message received on invalid sub–address Message errors flagged by interface hybrid Message sequence number was not correct
29 30 31	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	CMD7_ID CMD7_CS CMD7_ST	 #7 Command Identifier #7 Command Checksum #7 Command Status Command was received and executed correctly Command had a CRC error and was not executed Command was illegally formed (not recognised) The instrument mode did not permit the command The (secure) command had not been enabled Message received on invalid sub–address Message errors flagged by 1553 interface chip Message sequence number was not correct

The command identifier uniquely identifies the command type, and the checksum is used to distinguish individual commands.

The status word provides details of the actions SMEI took in response to the command.

3.1.5 Single Event Upset Information

SMEI has regions of memory allocated for three copies of critical instrument parameters and switches. These areas are routinely monitored for single event upsets by mutual-comparison, and information about any anomalies found are reported in this housekeeping block.

Word	Mask	Mnemonic	Parameter
0	0000001000000000	SOH_TYPE	Single event upset information
1	*****	SOH_CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
2	*****	SOH_TIME	Timestamp of the last update of this data packet
3	xxxxxxx	TRM_NCERR	Total number of non-correctable upsets recorded
3	xxxxxxxx	TRM_CERR	Total number of correctable upsets recorded
4	XXXXXXXX		Spare
4	0000xxxx	TRM_LAST	Number of last entry filled (0–8)
5	-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	TRM0_ADDR	#0 Address
	x	TRM0_NC	#0 1 = non-correctable error
6	*****	TRM0_OV	#0 Incorrect Value
7	*****	TRM0_RV	#0 Replacement Value
8	-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	TRM1_ADDR	#1 Address

	x	TRM1 NC	#1	1 = non-correctable error
9	*****	TRM1_OV	#1	Incorrect Value
10	****	TRM1 RV	#1	Replacement Value
11	-xxxxxxxxxxxxxx	TRM2 ADDR	#2	Address
	x	TRM2_NC	#2	1 = non-correctable error
12	*****	TRM2_OV	#2	Incorrect Value
13	*****	TRM2 RV	#2	Replacement Value
14	-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	TRM3 ADDR	#3	Address
	x	TRM3 NC	#3	1 = non-correctable error
15	*****	TRM3 OV	#3	Incorrect Value
16	*****	TRM3_RV	#3	Replacement Value
17	-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	TRM4_ADDR	#4	Address
	x	TRM4_NC	#4	1 = non-correctable error
18	*****	TRM4_OV	#4	Incorrect Value
19	*****	TRM4_RV	#4	Replacement Value
20	-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	TRM5_ADDR	#5	Address
	x	TRM5_NC	#5	1 = non-correctable error
21	*****	TRM5_OV	#5	Incorrect Value
22	*****	TRM5_RV	#5	Replacement Value
23	-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	TRM6_ADDR	#6	Address
	x	TRM6_NC	#6	1 = non-correctable error
24	*****	TRM6_OV	#6	Incorrect Value
25	*****	TRM6_RV	#6	Replacement Value
26	-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	TRM7_ADDR	#7	Address
	x	TRM7_NC	#7	1 = non-correctable error
27	*****	TRM7_OV	#7	Incorrect Value
28	*****	TRM7_RV	#7	Replacement Value
29	-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	TRM8_ADDR	#8	Address
	x	TRM8_NC	#8	1 = non-correctable error
30	*****	TRM8_OV	#8	Incorrect Value
31	*****	TRM8_RV	#8	Replacement Value

3.1.6 Paged Region Memory Dump

This is a simple sliding dump of the contents of the E²Prom and bulk storage SRAM. This allows a slow– scan picture of the current state of the entire SMEI memory to be built. Single bit errors can be located and corrected via patching as required.

Word	Mask	Mnemonic	Parameter
0	0000010000000000	SOH_TYPE	Paged Region Memory Dump
1	*****	SOH_CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
2	*****	SOH_TIME	Timestamp of the last update of this data packet
3	xxxxxxxx		Spare
3	0xxxxxxx	MEM_PAGE	Page selector
4	00xxxxxxxxxxxxxx	MEM_OFFSE	T Page start offset (0 – 3FE5h)
5–31	*****	MEM_DATA	Memory dump

3.1.7 Fixed Region Memory Dump

This is a simple sliding dump of the contents of the processor RAM. This allows a slow-scan picture of the current state of the memory to be built. Single bit errors can be located and corrected via patching as required.

Word	Mask	Mnemonic	Parameter
0	0000100000000000	SOH_TYPE	Fixed Memory Dump
1	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	SOH_CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
2	*****	SOH_TYPE	Timestamp of the last update of this data packet
3	0xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	FIX_OFFSET	Page start offset (0 – 7FE4h)
4–31	*****	FIX_DATA	Memory dump

3.1.8 Software Performance Counters

The onboard software has a number of performance counters built in, which allow bottlenecks to be detected. These include high and low watermarks for buffer usage, pixel processing counts, interrupt totals, uptime counter, mode, SEU counts, and so forth.

<TBD until software performance monitoring is finalised>

Word	Mask	Mnemonic	Parameter
0	00010000000000000	SOH_TYPE	Software Performance Counters
1	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	SOH CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
2 3–31	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	SOH_TIME	Timestamp of the last update of this data packet < TBD >

3.1.9 Housekeeping Test Pattern

To enable verification of the X- and S-band channels, a simple test pattern - incrementing ramp -is available.

Word	Mask	Mnemonic	Parameter
0	0010000000000000	SOH_TYPE	Housekeeping Test Pattern
1	*****	SOH_CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
2	*****	SOH_TIME	Timestamp of the last update of this data packet
3–31	*****	HTP_DATA	Each word is the previous HTP_DATA word + 0x10001

3.1.10 GPS Time and Attitude Parameters

This packet provides time and attitude data for ground processing. Data received by SMEI from the spacecraft containing GPS time and attitude data is made available here.

Word 0	Mask 0100000000000000000000000000000000000	Mnemonic SOH TYPE	Parameter Time and Attitude Parameters
1	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	SOH CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
2	*****	SOH TIME	Timestamp of the last update of this data packet
3	*****	UTC MSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 2 (UTC Seconds MSW)
4	*****	UTC SSEC	ICD Figure C6–3, word 4
5	*****	FQ_Q1_MSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 5
6	*****	FQ Q1 LSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 6
7	*****	FQ_Q2_MSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 7
8	*****	FQ_Q2_LSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 8
9	*****	FQ Q3 MSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 9
10	*****	FQ_Q3_LSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 10
11	*****	FQ_Q4_MSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 11
12	*****	FQ_Q4_LSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 12
13	*****	IBE_X_MSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 13
14	*****	IBE_X_LSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 14
15	*****	IBE_Y_MSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 15
16	*****	IBE_Y_LSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 16
17	*****	IBE_Z_MSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 17
18	*****	IBE_Z_LSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 18
19	*****		ICD Figure C6–3, word 19
20	*****	TWM_X_LSW	
21	*****		ICD Figure C6–3, word 21
22	*****		ICD Figure C6–3, word 22
23	*****		ICD Figure C6–3, word 23
24	*****		ICD Figure C6–3, word 24
25	*****	SL_X_MSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 25
26	*****	SL_X_LSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 26
27	*****	SL_Y_MSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 27
28	*****	SL_Y_LSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 28
29	*****	SL_Z_MSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 29
30	*****	SL_Z_LSW	ICD Figure C6–3, word 30
31	*****		ICD Figure C6–3, word 31 (spare)

3.1.11 Reserved Blocks

These blocks are reserved for further SoH parameters, should they be needed. They have the same basic header structure as other SoH packets.

Word	Mask	Mnemonic	Parameter
0	x00000000000xxx	SOH_TYPE	Reserved Blocks
	000000000000000000000000000000000000000		Spare
	000000000000000000000000000000000000000		Spare
	0000000000000100		Spare
	10000000000000000		Spare
1	*****	SOH_CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
2	*****	SOH_TIME	Timestamp of the last update of this data packet
3–31	*****		Spare

3.2 Science Data Stream

The science data stream is created by multiplexing image data and state of health data. A small header is used to delineate the different data types, and to allow the data processing software to resynchronise after a loss of telemetry. We define a synchronisation header, plus all the data upto the next synchronisation header as a 'chunk'. Each chunk has a maximum size of 8192 words.

When embedding state of health information into the science data stream, the packet formats are identical to those used in the state of health data stream. These formats are defined in sections 3.1.1 to 3.1.11. A state of health chunk may hold one or more state of health packets.

When embedding camera image data into the science data stream, a complete frame from one camera is transmitted, in one or more back-to-back chunks containing image data packets. Immediately following the image data chunk(s), a chunk containing the camera observation parameter packet (section 3.1.1), and potentially other state of health packets is transmitted.

Sync Header (Chunk 1)
Image Data
Image Data
Image Data
Image Data
Sync Header (Chunk 2)
SoH Data (Obs Params)
SoH Data
SoH Data
Sync Header (Chunk 3)

The figure to the right shows a sample data stream. In this example, a complete image (in chunk 1) is followed by a set of housekeeping data in chunk 2. The next chunk can contain either image data, or more state of health data.

3.2.1 Science Data Stream Synchronisation Header

This is the simple header used to separate the science data stream into image and state of health data. A synchronisation word provides a mechanism to locate the header, and the size field allows rapid location of the next header in the data stream (and also verification that the synchronisation word located was not a false–positive).

When the header is followed by camera image data for a new image, the SH_TYPE field contains 0, and the SH_CAM field is used to to identify which camera image data is from. If there are too many image data packets to fit into a single 8192 word chunk, a new synchronisation header is inserted into the stream, with the SH_CAM field holding the image data continuation marker (00).

When the header is followed by state of health data, the SH_TYPE field contains 1, and the SH_CAM field holds 00.

Word	Mask	Mnemonic	Parameter
0	*****	SH_SYNC	Synchronisation Pattern
1	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	SH_SIZE	Number of words until the next header
1	-xx	SH_CAM	Camera Identifier or Continuation indicator
	-00		Image Data Continuation Marker / State of Health
	-01		Camera 1
	-10		Camera 2
	-11		Camera 3
1	x	SH_TYPE	Image or Housekeeping indicator
	0		Image Data
	1		State of Health Data

3.2.2 Image Data Packet Format

Each frame of camera image data is buffered in memory until the entire frame has been processed. The image data is formatted into 264 word packets – 8 words of error correction code, followed by 256 words of (optionally compressed) image data.

Word 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Mask XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Mnemonic IDP_ECC0 IDP_ECC1 IDP_ECC2 IDP_ECC3 IDP_ECC4 IDP_ECC5 IDP_ECC6 IDP_ECC7	Parameter Error correction data Error correction data
7 8–263	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	IDP_ECC7 IDP_DATA	Image data.

It is usual for the image data not to fit exactly into a whole number of 256 word packets. When the final packet of an image is filled with data, the remaining words of the packet are padded out with zeros when calculating the error correction codes.

This zero padding is *not transmitted* in the science data stream. The final image data packet for a frame of camera data is truncated. The length of this packet is derived by examining the SH_SIZE field of the preceding synchronisation header. For image data, the field contains (264 * full packets) + (size of last packet). There are always 8 words of error correction code.

The error correction code used here is a rectangular coding scheme. The diagram below shows the correspondence between the compressed image data, and the error correction words. IDP_ECC0-3 are calculated by a simple xor operation down each column. IDP_ECC4-7 are calculated from the parity bit for each row of the table. Further details are in Appendix A.

				1
Word 0	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	4
		•		ECC4
•	•	•	•	
Word 60	Word 61	Word 62	Word 63	E E
Word 64	Word 65	Word 66	Word 67	
				ECC5
				- d
Word 124	Word 125	Word 126	Word 127	
Word 128	Word 129	Word 130	Word 131	9
				ECC6
•		•	•	
Word 188	Word 189	Word 190	Word 191	<u>d</u>
Word 192	Word 193	Word 194	Word 195	
•	•	•	•	ECC7
•	•	•	•	
	Word 253	Word 254	Word 255	DP
IDP_ECC0	IDP_ECC1	IDP_ECC2	IDP_ECC3	

A. Rectangular Error Correction Coding

Rectangular error correction codes work by arranging the data into an array of $m \ge n$ bits. For each row and column of the array, a parity bit is generated, and these parity bits are included in the data transmitted. For each encoded packet, rectangular encoding can detect and correct single bit errors, and also detect all dual bit errors, and a number of other bit error patterns.

Decoding single bit errors requires each row and column be parity checked. The incorrect bit is located by cross-referencing the row and column for which the parity check failed.

A.1 SMEI Conventions

For image data, we chose to use an array of 64 x *N* bits for generating the error correction codes.

The final part of an image may not completely fill a 64 x N array, and so to avoid wasting bandwidth, the final array is transmitted as a 64 x Q array, with Q varying as needed. The error correction code generation is performed as if the 64 x Q block was 64 x N, with the unused words filled with zero.

The bit error rate of 10^{-6} specified in the ICD for data received at the ground station determines the rate at which we expect to receive image data which cannot be corrected. The following table shows a range of results for rectangular encoding.

Downlink BER Frame Size	1E–06 63200 Bits Assumes 2:1 Compression		P(error per block) = [P(downlink) * Total Block Bits] ^ Errors Per Block P(error per frame) = P(error per block) * Data Blocks Per Frame Overhead = ECC bits / Data bits					
	RECT (64x16bit	RECT (64x32bit	RECT	64x64bit	RECT 6	4x128bit
Block Data Bits	10)24	20)48	4096		81	92
Block Data Bytes	1	28	2	56	512		1024	
ECC Bits	8	30	96		128		192	
Overhead	7.8	81%	4.69%		3.13%		2.34%	
Errors/block	P(error)	1/P(error)	P(error)	1/P(error)	P(error)	1/P(error)	P(error)	1/P(error)
1	1.1E-03	906	2.1E-03	466	4.2E-03	237	8.4E-03	119
2	1.2E-06	820468	4.6E-06	217546	1.8E-05	56047	7.0E-05	14226
3	1.3E-09	743177889	9.9E-09	101467196	7.5E-08	13268697	5.9E-07	1696861
Errors/frame	P(error)	1/P(error)	P(error)	1/P(error)	P(error)	1/P(error)	P(error)	1/P(error)
1	6.8E-02	15	6.6E-02	15	6.5E-02	15	6.5E-02	15
2	7.5E-05	13294	1.4E-04	7050	2.8E-04	3632	5.4E-04	1844
3	8.3E-08	12041363	3.0E-07	3288051	1.2E-06	859946	4.5E-06	219948

We select N to be 64, as this gives a good trade-off between the overhead of the correction codes (3.2%), and the mean time between dual-bit errors.

If we assume a compression ratio of 2:1 for science image data, then in normal observation mode we expect to see one image in 3,600 with an image data packet containing a dual-bit error, or approximately one frame every 80 minutes.

For N = 64, there are 8 words of error correction data for every 256 words of compressed image data. In the image data packet (section 3.2.2), we define the error correction words as IDP_ECC0 to IDP_ECC7. They are calculated as follows:

IDP_ECC0	Xor data words 0, 4, 8, (w*4 + 0), 252.
IDP_ECC1	Xor data words 1, 5, 9, (w*4 + 1), 253.
IDP_ECC2	Xor data words 2, 6, 10, (w*4 + 2), 254.
IDP_ECC3	Xor data words 3, 7, 11, (w*4 + 3), 255.
IDP_ECC4	Bit <i>b</i> generated from parity bit for data words (b*4) to (b*4 + 3).
IDP_ECC5	Bit <i>b</i> generated from parity bit for data words (b*4 + 64) to (b*4 + 67).
IDP_ECC6	Bit <i>b</i> generated from parity bit for data words (b*4 + 128) to (b*4 + 131).
IDP_ECC7	Bit <i>b</i> generated from parity bit for data words (b*4 + 192) to (b*4 + 195).

B. Housekeeping Checksum Coding

The checksum coding used for SMEI housekeeping blocks is the same as used by WindSat. The code is generated using the standard 16-bit SDLC CRC algorithm, as defined in 'Numerical Recipes in C, Second Edition'. Included here is a copy of a routine written in C to calculate CRC-16.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define bufsiz (16*1024)
static WORD crc_table[256];
void init_crc_table(void)
{
      int i, j;
      WORD k;
      for (i = 0; i < 256; i++)
            k = 0xC0C1;
            for (j = 1; j < 256; j <<= 1)</pre>
             ł
                   if (i & j)
                   crc_table[i] ^= k;
k = (k << 1) ^ 0x4003;
             }
      }
}
/* crc_calc() -- calculate cumulative crc-16 for buffer */
WORD crc_calc(WORD crc, char *buf, unsigned nbytes)
ł
      unsigned char *p, *lim;
      p = (unsigned char *)buf;
      lim = p + nbytes;
      while (p < lim)
            crc = (crc >> 8 ) ^ crc_table[(crc & 0xFF) ^ *p++];
      return crc;
}
void do_file(char *fn)
{
      static char buf[bufsiz];
      FILE *f;
      int k;
      WORD crc;
      f = fopen(fn, "rb");
      if (f == NULL)
      {
            printf("%s: can't open file\n", fn);
            return;
      crc = 0;
      while ((k = fread(buf, 1, bufsiz, f)) != 0)
            crc = crc_calc(crc, buf, k);
      fclose(f);
      printf("%-14s %04X\n", fn, crc);
}
int main(int argc, char **argv)
ł
      int i;
      if (argc < 2)
      ł
            fprintf(stderr, "Usage: crc filename [filename...]\n");
            return EXIT_FAILURE;
      init_crc_table();
      for (i = 1; i < argc; i++)</pre>
            do file(argv[i]);
      return EXIT_SUCCESS;
```

}

C. Rice Compression Coding

The compression scheme used for SMEI image data is the Rice Compression Scheme. This scheme extracts the noise bits from the data, and sends these bits 'as-is'. The remainder of the word is transmitted using difference-encoding, with special codes used for extreme jumps in value. Rice compression is a lossless algorithm.

The scheme used is documented in a paper by Michael W. Richmond and Nancy E. Ellman, titled 'Another Technique for Compressing Astronomical Imaging'. The paper and sample source code is available on the web.

- Original http://stupendous.isc.rit.edu/richmond/rice/
- Local copy http://www.sr.bham.ac.uk/~mpc/pulsar/smei/rice/

D. Analogue Monitor Calibration Tables

Once the calibration parameters are determined, they will be tabulated here.