

APN-031: Decoding RANGECMP and RANGECMP2

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1. Overview

The purpose of this document is to introduce the format of the two versions of the compressed range log (RANGECMP, RANGECMP2) and show how to decode the binary message by using comprehensive examples.

2. Introduction

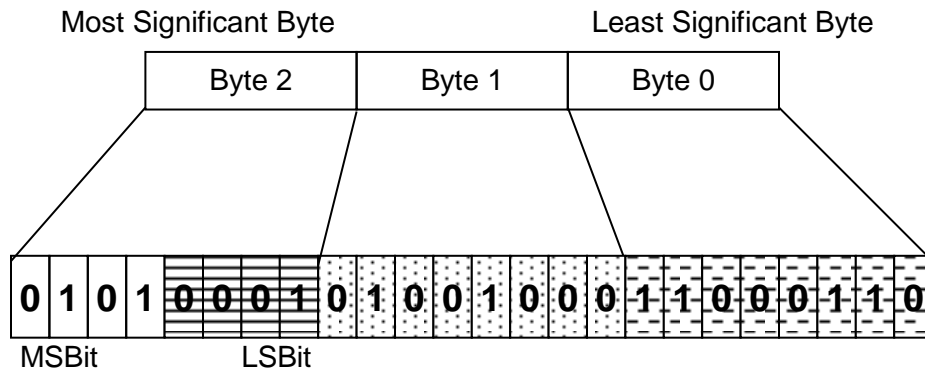
RANGECMP and RANGECMP2 are the compressed version of the RANGE log. The RANGECMP message contains a data size of 24 bytes/range whereas the uncompressed RANGE log is 44 bytes/range (excluding header and CRC). RANGECMP2 encodes all frequencies within the same line which means smaller message sizes than both RANGECMP and RANGE. The RANGECMP2 message is 10 bytes/satellite plus 12 bytes/signal. While RANGECMP2 is smaller than RANGECMP, it does not contain channel assignment information found on the latter. See Chapter 7. **Decoding RANGECMP2** for more details.

All range information is encoded into this compact size and it would be very useful in the circumstance where the efficient data transfer or storage becomes essential. Due to its compact structure, however, users will need to perform extra decoding processes to obtain the appropriate satellite range values.

Decoding the compressed range observation is complicated in some ways and may cause difficulties for some users. In this document, the structure of RANGECMP and RANGECMP2 has been explained thoroughly along with complete diagrams and the step-by-step instructions. The decoding processes are mainly divided into three stages; extracting bits, changing bit order, and scaling pre-scaled value. The first step is to extract certain bits for each data from the range record. Then the Big Endian order bits are sorted into Little Endian order. Finally, the reversed bits that correspond to an integer number (pre-scaled) will be multiplied by the scale factor specified for each data to form the final meaningful value.

3. Range Record Format

The sections encoded in the compressed range logs (RANGECMP, RANGECMP2) are assumed to be *Least Significant Byte* first. As the fields are described in order (Channel Tracking Status, Doppler Frequency, Pseudorange, ADR, and so forth), each field uses up the next Least



In order to form 20 bits, 4 bits remaining in the Byte 2 need to be removed by performing masking.

- a. Before masking: 0101 0001 0100 1000 1100 1110 (0x 51 48 CE)
- b. Mask: 0000 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 (0x 0F FF FF)
- c. **After masking: 0000 0001 0100 1000 1100 1110 (0x 01 48 CE)**

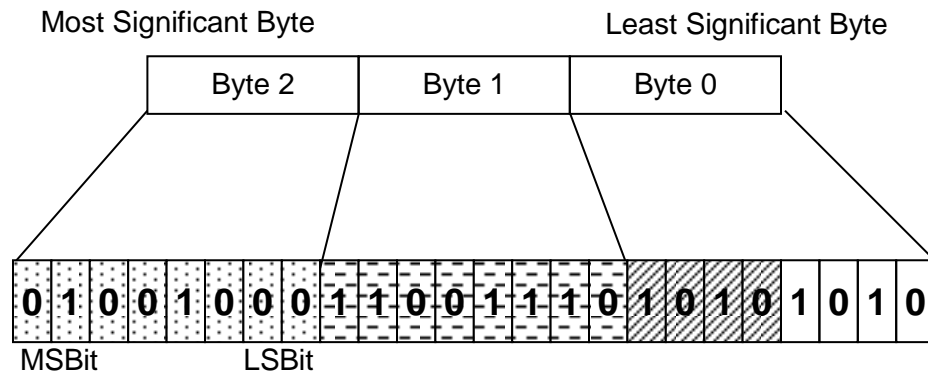
Bit Operation:

$$c = a \& b$$

$$0x 01 48 CE = 0x 51 48 CE \& 0x 0F FF FF$$

Example 2: Extract total of 20 bits starting from 4 remaining bits from the Byte 0 in Figure 2

3 bytes (Byte 0, 1 and 2) are extracted and reversed accordingly.



In order to form 20 bits, 4 bits remaining in the Byte 0 need to be removed by performing shifting.

- a. Before shifting: 0100 1000 1100 1110 1010 1010 (0x 48 CE AA)
- b. Shift 4 bits to the right
- c. **After shifting: 0000 0100 1000 1100 1110 1010 (0x 04 8C EA)**

Bit Operation:

$$b = a \gg 4$$

$$0x 04 8C EA = 0 x 48 CE AA \gg 4$$

5. Mathematical Error in RANGECMP

There are two things that might cause a mathematical error in RANGECMP:

- (1) After computing the ADR_ROLLS, and adding 0.5 or -0.5 as appropriate for rounding, the value should be truncated.

For example, a rolls value of 18.175 should become 18.

- (2) The ADR value is a two's complement 32 bit quantity, and should be interpreted as a negative number. It should be stored in a 32 bit signed integer variable (i.e. `long`) before the comparison is performed. This is the easiest way to convert the pre-scaled value to a floating point variable as the compiler will take care of the two's complement conversion. If a 32 bit unsigned variable (i.e. `unsigned long`) is used, the two's

complement operations must be performed manually to get it interpreted as a negative number.

Example:

RANGECMP_ADR = 0x F9 E7 7A 29

0xF9E77A29 \neq 4192696873 (pre-scaled)

Method 1: Store into a 32 bit signed integer variable

- `long` RANGECMP_ADR = 0x F9 E7 7A 29

RANGECMP_ADR = -102270423

Method 2: Decode ADR manually into the 32 bit two's complement

- Negate all the bits, and add one (standard two's complement)

0x F9 E7 7A 29 = 1111 1001 1110 0111 0111 1010 0010 1001
= 4192696873

0x FF FF FF FF = 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111
= 4294967295

- Negate all bits + 1

4192696873 – (4294967295 + 1) = -102270423

6. Decoding RANGECMP

Hex data from Figure 1:

24 9C 10 08 0E 63 06 20 6A BA F7 0B 29 7A E7 F9 40 1B 81 8E 01 03 00 00

(1) Channel Tracking Status (bits 0-31, length = 32 bits)

- Extract 32 bits from 0 to 31.

0x 24 9C 10 08

Please see Channel Tracking Status table on OEM6 Family Firmware Reference Manual which can be found on

<https://hexagondownloads.blob.core.windows.net/public/Novatel/assets/Documents/Manuals/om-20000129/om-20000129.pdf>

(2) Calculate Doppler Frequency (bits 32-59, length 28 bits)

- Extract 28 bits from 32 to 63.

0x 0E 63 06 20

- Reverse all bytes

0x 20 06 63 0E

- Mask off the 4 bits (don't need bits 60-63)

	0x 20 06 63 0E
AND	<u>0x 0F FF FF FF</u>
	0x 00 06 63 0E

- Convert to Decimal and apply scale factor of 1/128 m

0x 00 06 63 0E = 418574* (1/256.0)

= 1635.05469 Hz

(3) Calculate Pseudorange (PSR) (bits 60-95, length 36 bits)

- Extract 36 bits from 56 to 95

0x 20 6A BA F7 0B

- Reverse all bytes

0x 0B F7 BA 6A 20

- Shift 4 bits to the right (don't need bits 56-59)

0x 0B F7 BA 6A 20 >> 4 = 0x 00 BF 7B A6 A2

- Convert to Decimal and apply scale factor (1/128 m)
0x 00 BF 7B A6 A2 = 3212551842 * (1/128.0)
= 25098061.2656 m

(4) Calculate ADR (bits 96 – 127, length = 32 bits)

- Extract 32 bits from 96 to 127
0x 29 7A E7 F9
- Reverse all bytes
0x F9 E7 7A 29
- Convert to decimal and apply scale factor of (1/256 cycles)
0x F9 E7 7A 29 = -102270423 * (1/256.0)
= -399493.83984 cycles

(5) Calculate CORECTED_ADR using ADR from previous step

$$\text{ADR_ROLLS} = (\text{RANGECMP_PSR} / \text{WAVELENGTH} \\ + \text{RANGECMP_ADR}) / \text{MAX_VALUE}$$
$$\text{ADR_ROLLS} = (25098061.26563 / 0.1902936727984 - 399493.83984) \\ / 8388608$$
$$\text{ADR_ROLLS} = 15.67503$$

Round to the closest integer:

IF (ADR_ROLLS ≤ 0)

$$\text{ADR_ROLLS} = \text{ADR_ROLLS} - 0.5$$

ELSE

$$\text{ADR_ROLLS} = \text{ADR_ROLLS} + 0.5$$

Example:

- Add 0.5, since ADR_ROLLS is greater than 0

$$\text{ADR_ROLLS} = 15.67503 + 0.5 = 16.17503$$

- Truncate decimals

$$\text{ADR_ROLLS} = 16$$

$$\text{CORRECTED_ADR} = \text{RANGECMP_ADR}$$

$$- (\text{MAX_VALUE} * \text{ADR_ROLLS})$$

$$= -399493.83984 - (8388608 * 16)$$

$$= -134617221.83984 \text{ cycles.}$$

$$\text{CORRECTED_ADR_IN_METERS} = \mathbf{-25616805.56582 \text{ m}}$$

- ❖ **Note:** WAVELENGTH = 0.1902936727984 for L1
WAVELENGTH = 0.2442102134246 for L2

$$\text{MAX_VALUE} = 8388608$$

** ADR_ROLLS value is how many times the ADR value has rolled over. It rolls over a 2^{23} . The ADR is a 32 bit value, where 8 bits is for fractional cycles (resolution of $1/256$) and top 24 bits for signed integer portion of cycle.

(6) StdDev-PSR (bits 128-131, length = 4 bits)

- Extract 4 bits from 128 to 135

0x 40

- Mask off 4 bits (don't need bits 132-135)

0x 40
 AND 0x 0F
 = 0x 00

- Convert to decimal and decode from Table 5-1

0x 00 = 0 = **0.050 m**

Table 1: Standard Deviation for RANGECMP- Pseudorange (m)

Code	StdDev_PSR(m)
0	0.050
1	0.075
2	0.113
3	0.169
4	0.253
5	0.380
6	0.570
7	0.854
8	1.281
9	2.375
10	4.750
11	9.500
12	19.000
13	38.000
14	76.000
15	152.000

(7) StdDev-ADR (bits 132-135, length = 4 bits)

- Extract 4 bits from 128 to 135
0x 40
- Shift 4 bits to the right (don't need bits 128-131)
0x 40 >> 4 = 0x 04

- Convert to decimal and apply scale factor of (n+1)/512
 $0x\ 04 = 4 \rightarrow (n + 1) / 512$
 $= (4 + 1) / 512$
= 0.00977 cycle

(8) PRN Slot (bits 136 – 143, length = 8 bits)

- Extract 8 bits from 136 to 143
 $0x\ 1B$
- Convert to decimal
 $0x\ 1B = 27$

(9) Lock Time (bits 144 – 164, length = 21 bits)

- Extract 21 bits from 144 to 167
 $0x\ 81\ 8E\ 01$
- Reverse all bytes
 $0x\ 01\ 8E\ 81$
- Mask off 3 bits (don't need bits 165-167)
 $0x\ 01\ 8E\ 81$
AND $0x\ 1F\ FF\ FF$
 $0x\ 01\ 8E\ 81$
- Convert to decimal and apply scale factor (1/32 seconds)
 $0x\ 01\ 8E\ 81 = 102017 * (1/32.0\ \text{seconds})$
= 3188.03125 seconds

❖ Note: Lock time rolls over after 2097151 seconds.

(10) C/No (bits 165 – 169, length = 5 bits)

- Extract 5 bits from 160 to 175
 $0x\ 01\ 03$
- Reverse all bytes
 $0x\ 03\ 01$

- Mask off 6 bits (don't need bits 170 -175)

 0x 03 01
AND 0x 03 FF
 0x 03 01

- Shift 5 bit to the right (don't need bits 160 – 164)

0x 03 01 >> 5 = 0x 18

- Convert to decimal and apply scale factor of (n+20)

0x 18 = 24 → (n+20)
 = 24 + 20

 = **44 dB-Hz**

- ❖ **Note:** C/No is constrained to a value between 20-51dB-Hz. Thus, if it is reported that C/No = 20 dB-Hz, the actual value could be less. Likewise, if it is reported that C/No = 51 dB-Hz, the true value could be greater.

7. Decoding RANGECP2

7.1 Difference in Sizes

As was mentioned in the introductory chapter, RANGEEMP2 is a range message that is compressed even more than RANGEEMP but does not contain any channel allocation information (which RANGEEMP does). Whereas the RANGEEMP byte size is fixed to 24 bytes per range, RANGEEMP2 encodes data per satellite ID rather than by ranges. This allows the message to be shorter than RANGEEMP.

Information for every satellite in the RANGEEMP2 log is encoded in two sections:

1. Satellite block (10 bytes)
2. Variable number of signal blocks corresponding to the same satellite (12 bytes)

The table below compares the size (in bytes) for an available satellite in single, dual, and triple frequency configurations for RANGE, RANGEEMP, and RANGEEMP2. Note that the header and CRC (which are of the same size for all messages) are excluded from the numbers shown below:

Table 2: RANGE Size Comparison per Satellite

	RANGE	RANGEEMP	RANGEEMP2
Single Frequency	44 bytes	24 bytes	22 bytes
Dual Frequency	88 bytes	48 bytes	34 bytes
Triple Frequency	132 bytes	72 bytes	46 bytes

7.2 RANGEEMP2 Parsing Example

The following is a sample RANGEEMP2A message:

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#RANGEEMP2A,SPECIAL,0,87.0,FINESTEERING,1846,504660.000,80000000,1fe3,13100;
646,000d00a86c62855d0520e1ffff6997880ab85e00dbffe4ffff430f8b9f50d781dbff0104006827c
f85a50220e1ffff29b24a033859803000e4ffff03c4b3bc68fc0131000211006c327805670620e1ffff
29964a0c809080dcffe4ffff03f4acd2789a83dff030b0004c77c05460220e1ffff69b52803d80980
dffe4ffff430fcf99a03402e0ff050900cc2cbb85bbf82fe1ffff69d18e4bf83800caff4ffff436cb357
793302c9ff060700f0c308859ffd2fe1ffff297aa60ab01b803a00e4ffff03d50694500e023a0008050
020c5f005a4fc2fe1ffff29d24e222825001100e4ffff03f0900ac9700310000913004031b605c5f92f
e1ffff69b46a1bd021803000e4ffff43f12c90e8d5812f000c01001c7fd485480420e1ffff29b28c09f
06180d9ffe4ffff0310d10961d783d9ff0d1c00a440fe04350020e1ffff697ba406602380feffe4ffff43
d6068210f681feff0e1e00c8b7e484870020e1ffff697c440e4842001600e4ffff43d786b4f0af02160
0170a10d452a385ea0420e1448329f40a1fd02f00c1ffe43c6343ccacd7c01283c1ff1a06135c9c84
856cf82fe1ffff69f44a3bc814802e00e4ffff43728ad57858822c001b1214f832030503fd2fe1ffff69
b82606501c802b00e4ffff0356c64ac840812b001c09158832e6844e0220e1ffff29f44a01c00e00c
1ffe4ffff03ab4a0f287000c1ff1d10161cf2f784e4fd2fe1ffff69d74811f83980d3ffe4ffff035428572
02201d3ff21131a7808ea849b0520e1ffff29b90607c83c003d00e4ffff0356062018d0803d002307
1cb868308566fc2fe1ffff69d7a81c1820001100e4ffff0354e849789b00110024081d48648105bb0
220e1ffff2910ef0f501000deffe4ffff43908e42a81701deff*0ebfcee1
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where the header ends at the end of the first line with the ‘;’ character. As per the RANGEEMP2 documentation, the first field in the body of the message corresponds to the number of bytes in the message. There are 646 bytes in the message.

Recall from section 7.1 *Difference in Sizes*, that every satellite in RANGEEMP2 is encoded in two sections:

1. Satellite block → 80 bits
2. Signal block → 96 bits each

As will be shown in 7.2.1 *Decoding Satellite Block*, the example above contains two signal blocks in the RANGEEMP2 message. This means:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total bits per satellite} &= 80 \text{ bits (satellite block)} + 96 * 2 \text{ bits (one signal block per frequency)} \\ &= 272 \text{ bits} \end{aligned}$$

Since RANGEEMP2A is shown in characters encoded in hex, let us find out how many characters per satellite. Note that a character in C is encoded as an *int*, therefore it is 4 bits in size.

$$\left(272 \frac{\text{bits}}{\text{satellite}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ char}}{4 \text{ bits}}\right) = 68 \frac{\text{char}}{\text{satellite}}$$

Thus each satellite block has:

$$\left(80 \frac{\text{bits}}{\text{satellite}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ char}}{4 \text{ bits}}\right) = 20 \frac{\text{chars}}{\text{satellite}} \text{ per satellite block}$$

And each signal block has:

$$\left(96 \frac{\text{bits}}{\text{satellite}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ char}}{4 \text{ bits}}\right) = 24 \frac{\text{chars}}{\text{satellite}} \text{ per signal block}$$

Since we know the message has a total of 646 bytes, and we know how many characters/satellite, how many satellites are being tracked in the RANGEEMP2 message?

$$646 \text{ bytes} \left(\frac{1 \text{ satellite}}{68 \text{ char}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ char}}{4 \text{ bits}}\right) \left(\frac{8 \text{ bits}}{1 \text{ byte}}\right) = 19 \text{ satellites}$$

Let us split up the original message into something easier to read. Note every entry in the second column is made up of 20 chars, whereas every row in columns 3-4 are made up of 24 chars each. The example that follows will focus on the satellite tracked in row 9.

Table 3: Components of Sampe RANGE2 Message

	Satellite Block	Signal Block (1st)	Signal Block (2nd)
1	000d00a86c62855d0520	e1ffff6997880ab85e00dbff	e4ffff430f8b9f50d781dbff
2	0104006827cf85a50220	e1ffff29b24a033859803000	e4ffff03c4b3bc68fc013100
3	0211006c327805670620	e1ffff29964a0c809080dcff	e4ffff03f4acd2789a83ddff
4	030b0004c77c05460220	e1ffff69b52803d80980dfff	e4ffff430fcf99a03402e0ff
5	050900cc2cbb85bbf82f	e1ffff69d18e4bf83800caff	e4ffff436cb357793302c9ff
6	060700f0c308859ffd2f	e1ffff297aa60ab01b803a00	e4ffff03d50694500e023a00
7	08050020c5f005a4fc2f	e1ffff29d24e222825001100	e4ffff03f0900ac970031000
8	0913004031b605c5f92f	e1ffff69b46a1bd021803000	e4ffff43f12c90e8d5812f00
9	0c01001c7fd485480420	e1ffff29b28c09f06180d9ff	e4ffff0310d10961d783d9ff
10	0d1c00a440fe04350020	e1ffff697ba406602380feff	e4ffff43d6068210f681feff
11	0e1e00c8b7e484870020	e1ffff697c440e4842001600	e4ffff43d786b4f0af021600
12	170a10d452a385ea0420	e1448329f40a1fd02f00c1ff	e43c6343ccacd7c01283c1ff
13	1a06135c9c84856cf82f	e1ffff69f44a3bc814802e00	e4ffff43728ad57858822c00
14	1b1214f832030503fd2f	e1ffff69b82606501c802b00	e4ffff0356c64ac840812b00
15	1c09158832e6844e0220	e1ffff29f44a01c00e00c1ff	e4ffff03ab4a0f287000c1ff
16	1d10161cf2f784e4fd2f	e1ffff69d74811f83980d3ff	e4ffff03542857202201d3ff
17	21131a7808ea849b0520	e1ffff29b90607c83c003d00	e4ffff0356062018d0803d00
18	23071cb868308566fc2f	e1ffff69d7a81c1820001100	e4ffff0354e849789b001100
19	24081d48648105bb0220	e1ffff2910ef0f501000deff	e4ffff43908e42a81701deff

7.2.1 Decoding Satellite Block

Hex data from Satellite Block of row 9 in Table 3:

0x 0C 01 00 1C 7F D4 85 48 04 20

(1) SV Channel Number (bits 0 -7, length = 8 bits)

- Extract 8 bits from 0 to 7 and convert to decimal
0x 0C = **12**

(2) Satellite Identifier (bits 8 -15, length = 8 bits)

- Extract 8 bits from 8 to 15 and convert to decimal
0x 01 = **01**

(3) GLONASS Frequency Identifier (bits 16 – 19, length = 4 bits)

- Extract 8 bits from 16 to 23
0x 00
- Mask off unnecessary 4-bits and convert to decimal

	0x 00
AND	<u>0x 0F</u>
	0x 00

= 0

(4) Satellite System Identifier (bits 20 -24, length = 5 bits)

- Extract 16 bits from 16 to 31
0x 00 1C
- Reverse all bytes
0x 1C 00
- Mask off unnecessary 7-bits (don't need bits 25 – 31)

	0x 1C 00
AND	<u>0x 01 FF</u>
	0x 00 00
- Shift 4 bits to the right (don't need bits 16-19)
0X 00 00 >> 4 = 0x 00 00

= 0

(5) Pseudorange Base (bits 26 – 54, length = 29 bits)

- Extract 32 bits from 24 – 55
0x 1C 7F D4 85
- Reverse all bytes
0X 85 D4 7F 1C
- Mask off unnecessary 1 bit (don't need bit 55)

	0x 85 D4 7F 1C
AND	<u>0x 7F FF FF FF</u>
	0x 05 D4 7F 1C
- Shift 2 bits to the right (don't need bits 24,25)
0x 05 D4 7F 1C >> 2 = 0x 01 75 1F C7
- Convert to decimal and apply scale factor
0x 01 75 1F C7 = 24,453,063 * 1 m =

= 24,453,063 m

(6) Doppler Base (Bits 55 -75)

- Extract 32 bits from 48 – 79
0x 85 48 04 20
- Reverse all bytes
0X 20 04 48 85
- Mask off unnecessary 4 bits (don't need bits 76- 79)

	0x 20 04 48 85
AND	<u>0x 0F FF FF FF</u>
	0x 00 04 48 85
- Shift 7 bits to the right (don't need bits 48 -54)
0x 00 04 48 85 >> 7 = 0x 00 00 08 91
- Convert to decimal and apply scale factor
0x 00 00 08 91 = 2193 * 1 Hz =

= 2193 Hz

(7) Number of signal blocks (bits 76 – 79, length = 4 bits)

- Extract 8 bits from 72 – 79
0x 20
- Shift 4 bits to the right (don't need bits 72 – 75)
0x 20 >> 4 = 0x 02
- Convert to decimal
0x 02 =

= 2

7.2.2 Decoding First Signal Block

Hex data from First Signal Block of row 9 in Table 3:

0x E1 FF F 29 B2 8C 09 F0 61 80 D9 FF

(1) Signal Type (bits 0 – 4, length = 5 bits)

- Extract 8 bits from 0 – 7
0x E1
- Mask off unnecessary 3 bits (don't need bits 5-7)

	0x E1
AND	<u>0x 1F</u>
	0x 01
- Convert to Decimal and decode as per Table 4
0x 01 = 1

= L1CA

(2) Phase Lock (bit 5, length = 1 bit)

- Extract 1 bit from 0 -7
0x E1

- Mask off 2 bits (don't need bits 6,7)

$$\begin{array}{r} 0x E1 \\ \text{AND } 0x 2F \\ \hline 0x 21 \end{array}$$
- Shift 5 bits to the right (don't need bits 0-4)
 $0x 21 \gg 5 = 0x 01$
- Convert to decimal and decode Phase Lock from Table 5
 $0x 01 = 1$

= Phase Lock: Locked

(3) Parity Known (bit 6, length = 1 bit)

- Extract 1 bit from 0 -7
 $0x E1$
- Mask off 1 bit (don't need bit 7)

$$\begin{array}{r} 0x E1 \\ \text{AND } 0x 7F \\ \hline 0x 61 \end{array}$$
- Shift 6 bits to the right (don't need bits 0 -5)
 $0x 61 \gg 6 = 0x 01$
- Convert to decimal and decode Parity Known from Table 6
 $0x 01 = 1$

= Parity Known: Known

(4) Code Lock (bit 7, length = 1 bit)

- Extract 1 bit from 0-7
 $0x E1$
- Shift 7 bits to the right (don't need bits 0-6)
 $0x E1 \gg 7 = 0x 01$
- Convert to decimal and decode Code Lock from Table 7
 $0x 01 = 1$

= Code Locked: Locked

(5) Locktime (bits 8-24, length = 17 bits)

- Extract 24 bits from 8 – 31
0x FF FF 29
- Reverse all bytes
0x 29 FF FF
- Mask off 7 bits (don't need bits 25 – 31)
0x 29 FF FF
AND 0x 01 FF FF
0x 01 FF FF
- Convert to Decimal and apply scale factor
0x 01 FF FF = 131,071 * 1 ms

= 131,071 ms

(6) Correlator Type (bits 25 -28, length = 4 bits)

- Extract 8 bits from 24 – 31
0x 29
- Mask off 3 bits (don't need bits 29 – 31)
0x 29
AND 0x 1F
0x 09
- Shift 1 bit to the right (don't need bit 24)
0x 09 >> 1 = 0x 04
- Convert to decimal and decode from Table 8
0x 04 = 4

= Pulse Aperture Correlator (PAC)

(7) Primary Signal (bit 29, length = 1 bit)

- Extract 1 bit from 24-31
0x 29
- Mask off 2 bits (don't need bits 30,31)
0x 29
AND 0x 3F
0x 29

- Shift 5 bits to the right (don't need bits 24-28)
0x 29 >> 5 = 0x 01
 - Convert to decimal and decode Primary Signal from Table 9
0x 01 = 1
- = Primary Signal: Primary**

(8) Carrier Phase Measurement (bit 30, length = 1 bit)

- Extract 1 bit from 24- 31
0x 29
 - Mask off 1 bit (don't need bit 31)
0x 29
AND 0x7F
0x 29
 - Shift 6 bits to the right (don't need bits 24 – 29)
0x 29 >> 6 = 0x 00
 - Convert to Decimal and decode half cycle from Table 10
0x 00 = 0
- = Carrier Phase Measurement: Half Cycle not added**

(9) C/No (bits 32-36, length = 5 bits)

- Extract 8 bits from 32 – 39
0x B2
 - Mask off 3 bits(don't need bits 37-39)
0x B2
AND 0x 1F
0x 12
 - Convert to decimal and apply scale factor
0x 12 = 18 + 20 dB-Hz
- = 38 dB - Hz**

(10) StdDev PSR (bits 37 – 40, length = 4 bits)

- Extract bits 16 bits from 32 – 47
0x B2 8C
 - Reverse all bytes
0x 8C B2
 - Mask off 7 bits (don't need bits 41 – 47)
0x 8C B2
AND 0x 01 FF
0x 00 B2
 - Shift 5 bits to the right (don't need bits 32 – 36)
0x 00 B2 >> 5 = 0x 05
 - Convert to decimal and decode value from Table 11
0x 05 = 5
- = 0.148 m**

(11) StdDev ADR (bits 41 - 44, length = 4 bits)

- Extract 8 bits from 40 – 47
0x 8C
 - Mask off 3 bits (don't need bits 45 -47)
0x 8C
AND 0x 1F
0x 0C
 - Shift 1 bit to the right (don't need bit 40)
0x 0C >> 1 = 0x 06
 - Convert to decimal and decode value from Table 12
0x 06 = 6
- = 0.02208 cycles**

(12) PSR Diff (bits 45 - 58, length = 14 bits)

- Extract 24 bits from 40 – 63)
0x 8C 09 F0

- Reverse all bytes
0x F0 09 8C
- Mask off 5 bits (don't need bits 59-63)

	0x F0 09 8C
AND	<u>0x 07 FF FF</u>
	0x 00 09 8C
- Shift 5 bits to the right (don't need bits 40 – 44)
0x 00 09 8C >> 5 = 0x 00 00 4C
- Convert to decimal and multiply by scale factor

0x 00 00 4C = 76
= 76 * (1/128 m)
= 0.59375 m
- Compute PSR

PSR = PSRBase + PSRDiff/128
PSR = 24,453,063 m + 0.59375 m

PSR = 24,453,063.59 m

(13) Phaserange Diff (bits 59 – 78, length = 20 bits)

- Extract 24 bits from 56 – 79)
0x F0 61 80
- Reverse all bytes
0x 80 61 F0
- Mask off 1 bit (don't need bit 79)

	0x 80 61 F0
AND	<u>0x 7F FF FF</u>
	0x 00 61 F0
- Shift 3 bits to the right (don't need bits 56 – 58)
0x 00 61 F0 >> 3 = 0x 00 0C 3E
- Convert to decimal and multiply by scale factor

0x 00 0C 3E = 3134
= 3134 * (1/2048 m)

$$= 1.5303 \text{ m}$$

- Compute ADR

$$\text{ADR} = \text{PSRBase} + \text{PhaserangeDiff}/2048$$

$$\text{ADR} = 24,453,063 \text{ m} + 1.5303 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{ADR} = 24,453,064.53 \text{ m}$$

OR

$$\text{ADR} = 24,453,064.53 \text{ m} / L1$$

$$= 24,453,064.53 \text{ m} / 0.1902936727984 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{ADR} = 128,501,721.422 \text{ cycles}$$

(14) Scaled Doppler Diff (bits 79 – 95, length = 17 bits)

- Extract 24 bits from 72 – 95

0x 80 D9 FF

- Reverse all bytes

0x FF D9 80

- Perform Two Complement Operation (because field is signed)

- Is MSB > 7? yes, thus need to apply two's complement

0x FF FF FF

- 0x FF D9 80

0x 00 26 7F + 1 = 0x 00 26 80

- Shift 7 bits to the right (don't need bits 72 – 78)

0x 00 26 80 >> 7 = 0x 00 00 4D

- Convert to decimal and apply scale factor

0x 00 00 4D = -77

$$= -77 * (1/256 \text{ Hz})$$

$$= - 0.300 \text{ Hz}$$

- Compute Doppler. L1 Scale factor found from Table 13

$$\text{Doppler} = [\text{DopplerBase} + (\text{ScaledDoppler}/256)]/\text{L1Scale Factor}$$

$$= [2193 \text{ Hz} + (-0.300 \text{ Hz})]/1.0$$

$$\text{Doppler} = \mathbf{2192.699 \text{ Hz}}$$

7.2.3 Decoding Second Signal Block

Hex data from SecondSignal Block of row 9 in Table 3:

0x E4 FF FF 03 10 D1 09 61 D7 83 D9 FF

(1) Signal Type (bits 0 – 4, length = 5 bits)

- Extract 8 bits from 0 – 7
 0x E4
- Mask off unnecessary 3 bits (don't need bits 5-7)

$$\begin{array}{r} 0x \text{ E4} \\ \text{AND } 0x \text{ 1F} \\ \hline 0x \text{ 04} \end{array}$$
- Convert to Decimal and decode as per Table 4

$$0x \text{ 04} = 4$$

$$= \mathbf{L2Y}$$

(2) Phase Lock (bit 5, length = 1 bit)

- Extract 1 bit from 0 -7
0x E4
- Mask off 2 bits (don't need bits 6,7)
0x E4
AND 0x 2F
0x 24
- Shift 5 bits to the right (don't need bits 0-4)
0x 24 >> 5 = 0x 01
- Convert to decimal and decode Phase Lock from Table 5
0x 01 = 1

= **Phase Lock: Locked**

(3) Parity Known (bit 6, length = 1 bit)

- Extract 1 bit from 0 -7
0x E4
- Mask off 1 bit (don't need bit 7)
0x E4
AND 0x 7F
0x 64
- Shift 6 bits to the right (don't need bits 0 -5)
0x 64 >> 6 = 0x 01
- Convert to decimal and decode Parity Known from Table 6
0x 01 = 1

= **Parity Known: Known**

(4) Code Lock (bit 7, length = 1 bit)

- Extract 1 bit from 0-7
0x E4
- Shift 7 bits to the right (don't need bits 0-6)
0x E4 >> 7 = 0x 01

- Convert to decimal and decode Code Lock from Table 7
0x 01 = 1

= **Code Locked: Locked**

(5) Locktime (bits 8-24, length = 17 bits)

- Extract 24 bits from 8 – 31
0x FF FF 03
- Reverse all bytes
0x 03 FF FF
- Mask off 7 bits (don't need bits 25 – 31)
0x 03 FF FF
AND 0x 01 FF FF
0x 01 FF FF
- Convert to Decimal and apply scale factor
0x 01 FF FF = 131,071 * 1 ms

= **131,071 ms**

(6) Correlator Type (bits 25 -28, length = 4 bits)

- Extract 8 bits from 24 – 31
0x 03
- Mask off 3 bits (don't need bits 29 – 31)
0x 03
AND 0x 1F
0x 03
- Shift 1 bit to the right (don't need bit 24)
0x 03 >> 1 = 0x 01
- Convert to decimal and decode from Table 8
0x 01 = 1

= **Standard Correlator: spacing = 1 chip**

(7) Primary Signal (bit 29, length = 1 bit)

- Extract 1 bit from 24-31
0x 03

- Mask off 2 bits (don't need bits 30,31)
0x 03
AND 0x 3F
0x 03

- Shift 5 bits to the right (don't need bits 24-28)
0x 03 >> 5 = 0x 00

- Convert to decimal and decode Primary Signal from Table 9
0x 00 = 0

= Not Primary Signal

(8) Carrier Phase Measurement (bit 30, length = 1 bit)

- Extract 1 bit from 24- 31
0x 03

- Mask off 1 bit (don't need bit 31)
0x 03
AND 0x7F
0x 03

- Shift 6 bits to the right (don't need bits 24 – 29)
0x 03 >> 6 = 0x 00

- Convert to Decimal and decode half cycle from Table 10
0x 00 = 0

= Carrier Phase Measurement: Half Cycle not added

(9) C/No (bits 32-36, length = 5 bits)

- Extract 8 bits from 32 – 39
0x 10

- Mask off 3 bits(don't need bits 37-39)
0x 10
AND 0x 1F
0x 10

- Convert to decimal and apply scale factor
 $0x 10 = 16 + 20 \text{ dB-Hz}$
 $= \mathbf{36 \text{ dB - Hz}}$

(10) StdDev PSR (bits 37 – 40, length = 4 bits)

- Extract bits 16 bits from 32 – 47
 $0x 10 \text{ D1}$
- Reverse all bytes
 $0x \text{ D1 } 10$
- Mask off 7 bits (don't need bits 41 – 47)
 $0x \text{ D1 } 10$
AND $0x \text{ 01 FF}$
 $0x \text{ 01 } 10$
- Shift 5 bits to the right (don't need bits 32 – 36)
 $0x \text{ 01 } 10 \gg 5 = 0x \text{ 08}$
- Convert to decimal and decode value from Table 11
 $0x \text{ 08} = 8$
 $= \mathbf{0.491 \text{ m}}$

(11) StdDev ADR (bits 41 - 44, lenth = 4 bits)

- Extract 8 bits from 40 – 47
 $0x \text{ D1}$
- Mask off 3 bits (don't need bits 45 -47)
 $0x \text{ D1}$
AND $0x \text{ 1F}$
 $0x \text{ 11}$
- Shift 1 bit to the right (don't need bit 40)
 $0x \text{ 11} \gg 1 = 0x \text{ 08}$
- Convert to decimal and decode value from Table 12
 $0x \text{ 08} = 8$
 $= \mathbf{0.03933 \text{ cycles}}$

(12) PSR Diff (bits 45 - 58, length = 14 bits)

- Extract 24 bits from 40 – 63)
0x D1 09 61
- Reverse all bytes
0x 61 09 D1
- Mask off 5 bits (don't need bits 59-63)
0x 61 09 D1
AND 0x 07 FF FF
0x 01 09 D1
- Shift 5 bits to the right (don't need bits 40 – 44)
0x 01 09 D1 >> 5 = 0x 00 08 4E
- Convert to decimal and multiply by scale factor
0x 00 08 4E = 2126

$$= 2126 * (1/128 \text{ m})$$

$$= \mathbf{16.609 \text{ m}}$$

- Compute PSR
PSR = PSRBase + PSRDiff/128
PSR = **24,453,063 m + 16.609 m**

PSR = 24,453,079.609 m

(13) Phaserange Diff (bits 59 – 78, length = 20 bits)

- Extract 24 bits from 56 – 79)
0x 61 D7 83
- Reverse all bytes
0x 83 D7 61
- Mask off 1 bit (don't need bit 79)
0x 83 D7 61
AND 0x 7F FF FF
0x 03 D7 61
- Shift 3 bits to the right (don't need bits 56 – 58)
0x 03 D7 61 >> 3 = 0x 00 7A EC

- Convert to decimal and multiply by scale factor

$$\begin{aligned}
 0x\ 00\ 7A\ EC &= 31468 \\
 &= 31468 * (1/2048\ m) \\
 &= \mathbf{15.365\ m}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Compute ADR

$$\begin{aligned}
 ADR &= PSRBase + PhaserangeDiff/2048 \\
 ADR &= \mathbf{24,453,063\ m} + \mathbf{15.365\ m} \\
 ADR &= 24,453,078.37\ m
 \end{aligned}$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned}
 ADR &= 24,453,078.37\ m / L2 \\
 &= 24,453,078.37\ m / 0.2442102134246\ m
 \end{aligned}$$

$ADR = \mathbf{100,131,268.149\ cycles}$
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(14) Scaled Doppler Diff (bits 79 – 95, length = 17 bits)

- Extract 24 bits from 72 – 95

$$0x\ 83\ D9\ FF$$

- Reverse all bytes

$$0x\ FF\ D9\ 83$$

- Perform Two Complement Operation (because field is signed)

- Is MSB > 7? yes, thus need to apply two's complement

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0x\ FF\ FF\ FF \\
 -\ 0x\ FF\ D9\ 83 \\
 \hline
 0x\ 00\ 26\ 7C \quad + 1 = 0x\ 00\ 26\ 7D
 \end{array}$$

- Shift 7 bits to the right (don't need bits 72 – 78)

$$0x\ 00\ 26\ 7D \gg 7 = 0x\ 00\ 00\ 4C$$

- Convert to decimal and apply scale factor

$$\begin{aligned}
 0x\ 00\ 00\ 4C &= -76 \\
 &= -76 * (1/256\ Hz) \\
 &= \mathbf{- 0.297\ Hz}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Compute Doppler. L1 Scale factor found from Table 13

$$Doppler = [DopplerBase + (ScaledDoppler/256)]/L2Scale\ Factor$$

$$= [2193 \text{ Hz} + (-0.297 \text{ Hz})]/[154/120]$$

$$\text{Doppler} = 1708.597 \text{ Hz}$$

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APPENDIX A: Tables Used during RANGEEMP2 Parsing

Table 4: Signal Type

Satellite System	Signal Type	Value
GPS	L1CA	1
	L2Y	4
	L2CM	5
	L5Q	6
GLONASS	L1CA	1
	L2CA	3
	L2P	4
SBAS	L1CA	1
	L5I	2
Galileo	E1C	1
	E5AQ	2
	E5BQ	3
	AltBOCQ	4
QZSS	L1CA	1
	L2CM	3
	L5Q	4
LBAND	LBAND	1
BDS	B1D1I	1
	B1D2I	2
	B2D1I	3
	B2D2I	4

Table 5: Phase Lock

Not Locked	Locked
0	1

Table 6: Parity Known

Unknown	Known
0	1

Table 7: Code Lock

Not Locked	Locked
0	1

Table 8: Correlator Type

State	Description
1	Standard Correlator: spacing = 1 chip
2	Narrow Correlator; spacing < 1 chip
4	Pulse aperture Correlator (PAC)

Table 9: Primary Signal

Not Primary Signal	Primary Signal
0	1

Table 10: Carrier Phase Measurement

Half Cycle Not Added	Half Cycle Added
0	1

Table 11: Std Dev PSR Scaling

PSR Dtd Dev Bit Field Value	Represented Std Dev(m)
0	0.02
1	0.03
2	0.045
3	0.066
4	0.099
5	0.148
6	0.22
7	0.329
8	0.491
9	0.732
10	1.092
11	1.629
12	2.43
13	3.625
14	5.409
15	> 5.409

Table 12: Std Dev ADR Scaling

ADR Std Dev Bit Field Value	Represented Std Dev(cycles)
0	0.00391
1	0.00521
2	0.00696
3	0.00929
4	0.01239
5	0.01654
6	0.02208
7	0.02947
8	0.03933
9	0.05249
10	0.07006
11	0.09350
12	0.12480
13	0.16656
14	0.22230
15	>0.22230

Table 13: L1/E1/B1 Scaling

Satellite System	Signal Type	Value
GPS	L1CA	1.0
	L2Y	154/120
	L2C	154/120
	L5Q	154/115

GLONASS	L1CA	1.0
	L2CA	9/7
	L2P	9/7
SBAS	L1CA	1.0
	L5I	154/115
Galileo	E1C	1.0
	E5A	154/115
	E5B	154/118
	AltBOC	4
QZSS	L1CA	1.0
	L2C	154/120
	L5Q	154/115
LBAND	LBAND	1.0
BDS	B1	1.0
	B2	1526/1180