



Appendix A

Datum Systems PSM-4900 Satellite Modem

Technical Specification

PSM-4900, 4900H and 4900L VSAT / SCPC - Modem Specification

Revision History

Rev 1.0	6-10-2000	Preliminary Release.
Rev 1.1	7-20-2000	Initial Release.
Rev 1.2	12-10-2000	Added information on Reed-Solomon IBS Mux Option Release.
Rev 1.3	2-12-2001	Added information on 140 MHz version and corrections.
Rev 1.4	8-20-2001	Added information on Hybrid version and TPC option.
Rev 1.6	8-24-2002	Added information on L-Band version.
Rev 1.7	12-10-2002	Revised TPC performance for firmware version 0.76.

Introduction

This document defines the technical performance parameters and requirements for a low-cost flexible, state-of-the-art VSAT/SCPC Satellite Modem. The PSM-4900 Modem series is designed to meet the needs of general purpose applications including those as a remote station VSAT modem and as a Single Channel Per Carrier (SCPC) modem where both outgoing and incoming RF data is continuous. The PSM-4900 series includes three basic types defined by their IF frequencies: The standard 70 MHz IF, a "Hybrid" IF version with 70 MHz transmit IF and L-Band Receive IF and a full L-Band version.

The basic modem design includes separate synthesized transmit and receive interfaces, flexible clocking options and on-board Viterbi Forward Error Correction (FEC). The on-board standard data interface is programmable for either RS-449, V.35, V.36, EIA-530/A or synchronous RS-232, while a separate Serial Control Port allows external monitor and control of all variable functions and parameters from either a terminal device or control computer. Front panel control and display allows full operation of the unit without external devices.

Data rates are field selectable from 1.2 kbps BPSK or 2.4 kbps QPSK to a maximum dependent upon modulation and FEC coding. Maximum FEC rate 1/2 data rates are 1.230 Mbps BPSK, or 2.460 Mbps QPSK. Maximum FEC rate 3/4 or 7/8 data rates are 2.460 Mbps BPSK, or 4.920 Mbps QPSK.

The modem includes an internal microprocessor for controlling all transmit and receive functions and user display control. The processor also accepts commands from and responds to the Serial Control Port. The processor stores its current configuration in non-volatile EEPROM for proper power-up recovery of the last state. The incorporation of an embedded processor allows intelligent modem features such as smart reacquisition of a lost carrier, real Eb/No and BER display and full interactive monitor and control of the modem on a full screen terminal display.

A second internal Digital Signal Processor, or DSP, gives the modem acquisition capabilities significantly faster than a standard modem at lower data rates. It does this by mathematically determining the location of a carrier based upon sampled data input.

The modem design incorporates a unique combination of reliability, cost and flexibility. The design uses large scale proprietary ASIC/FPGA devices to reduce the complexity and cost to a minimum while providing full flexibility. The modulation and demodulation is accomplished directly at the IF frequency without heterodyning, eliminating all adjustments.

Settability	Any rate settable to 1 bps increments. Accurate to 2 PPT at rate 1/2, or 4 PPT, rate 3/4 or 7/8, relative to either internal (nominally 2.0 ppm) or external reference clock as selected.
Data Clock Tracking Range	External or Terminal Timing = +/-400 ppm. Reverts to internal clock outside this range.
Data Rate Clock Sources	a. Internal. b. Terminal Timing input on data connector c. External input on data connector. d. Receive Clock recovered from demodulator.
Forward Error Correction:	Convolutional encoder, k= 7. Rate 1/2. G0 code = 171 octal, G1 code = 133 octal. Rate 3/4 or 7/8 using punctured code Optional Reed-Solomon Concatenated Codec and Turbo Product Codes Available
Differential Encoding:.....	Selectable On or Off @ Front Panel and via serial control port.
Scrambler:.....	IESS-308 or 309, Intelsat and V.35 selectable with enable @ Front Panel and via serial control port. IBS and Reed-Solomon specific modes are available when these options are installed.

Demodulator Specifications

IF Input

Input Frequency Range Standard:.....	50.000 to 90.000 MHz. (100 to 180 MHz Optional)
Hybrid & L-Band):	950.000 to 1900.000 MHz
Tuning Method:	Via internal synthesizer.
Input Carrier Level:	-20 to -84 dBm total. 40dB range window shifts with the data rate. Lower levels at lower rates.
Acquisition/Tracking Range:	± 100 Hz and ± 1.25 MHz in 1 Hz increments.
Smart reacquisition:	In "Search" mode the demodulator will search for return of a lost carrier within a specified range for a selected time before reverting to full acquisition range.
Reacquisition range:.....	± 100 Hz and ± 1.25 MHz in 1 Hz increments
Reacquisition sweep time:	0.1 to 6000 seconds in 0.1 second increments.
Input Impedance: Standard.....	Programmable 50 or 75 Ω .
Hybrid & L-Band	75 Ω .
Input Return Loss: Standard.....	20 dB. (17 dB with 140 MHz IF option.)
Hybrid & L-Band	10 dB minimum, 14 dB typical.
Modulation Technique:.....	Selectable BPSK or QPSK.
Type of demodulation:	Continuous Coherent.

Receive Synthesizer

Tuning Step Size:.....	1 Hz steps.
Frequency Stability: Standard & Hybrid.....	± 2.0 ppm. (176 Hz max) internal reference
L-Band	± 0.1 ppm. (175 Hz max) internal reference OR locked to external reference's stability.
L-Band Note:	The internal 10 MHz OCXO reference can be used to phase lock an external LNB.
Synthesizer Control:.....	Front Panel and via the Serial Control port.

Receive Baseband Processing

Data Rate:	Variable under program control. Rates hold for Viterbi or Turbo Product Codes FEC.
FEC Rate 1/2:	Any data rate from 1.2 kbps to 1,230 kbps BPSK.
FEC Rate 3/4 or 7/8:	Any data rate from 2.4 kbps to 2,460 kbps QPSK.
	Any data rate from 4.8 kbps to 4,920 kbps QPSK.
	<i>Note: Maximum rates are limited using Reed-Solomon and IBS Multiplexer Options.</i>
Settability	Any rate settable in 1 bit per second increments.
Data Clock Tracking Range	> +/-400 ppm.
Data Rate Change Settling Time:	< 100 mSeconds.
Baseband Filter:	Digital, n=6 Butterworth filter response.
Viterbi Forward Error Correction (FEC):	Viterbi convolutional decoder, k=7,
	Rate 1/2. G0 code = 171 octal,
	G1 code = 133 octal.
	Rate 3/4 or 7/8 using punctured code
	Rate 1/2 Coding Gain of 5.2 dB @ BER of 10 ⁻⁵
	Rate 1/2 Coding Gain of 5.6 dB @ BER of 10 ⁻⁷
Turbo Product Codes FEC:	TPC Block decoder
	Rate 1/2 Coding Gain of 8.1 dB @ BER of 10 ⁻⁵
	Rate 1/2 Coding Gain of 8.7 dB @ BER of 10 ⁻⁷
BER vs. Eb/No Performance:	0.2 dB typical over theoretical.
	0.4 dB maximum.
Differential Decoding:	Selectable On or Off.
Descrambler:	IESS 308 or 309, Intelsat and V.35 selectable with enable @ Front Panel and via serial control port.
	IBS, Reed-Solomon and TPC specific modes are available when these options are installed.
Receive Data FIFO Buffering	4 bits to 131,070 bits, programmable in 1 bit
Plesiochronous or Doppler	increments or in time increments. The buffer is a
Elastic Store	262,140 bit (maximum) self centering FIFO. Over or under-flow result in re-centering. When set to even multiples of the number of frame bits the re-centering minimizes frame disruption.
Buffer Output Clock Options	a. Receive Clock (disables buffer)
	b. Modulator Clock
	c. Internal Clock. Same rate as receive data rate clock setting, but accurate to 2 PPT at rate 1/2, or 4 PPT, rate 3/4 or 7/8, relative to either internal or external reference clock as selected.
	d. External Clock, input on data interface.

L-Band Internal OCXO Reference Specifications – PSM-4900L only

Frequency:	10 MHz
Stability and Aging:	±1 x 10 ⁻⁷ , ±2 x 10 ⁻⁷ per year
Phase Noise:	-110 dBc @ 10 Hz
	-130 dBc @ 100 Hz
	-140 dBc @ 1 kHz
	-150 dBc @ 10 kHz
	-155 dBc @ 100 kHz

Bit Error Rate Performance

The following table show typical performance as measured against theoretical performance for a modem including the effect of using differential encoding and a V.35 scrambler. The Viterbi FEC coding gain at high Eb/No is not well specified by manufacturers and the given values at a BER of 10^{-7} are extrapolated from available curves by Qualcomm, Inc.

Viterbi FEC Typical Performance Data							
		Rate 1/2		Rate 3/4		Rate 7/8	
BER	Uncoded Eb/No	Coding Gain	Typical Eb/No	Coding Gain	Typical Eb/No	Coding Gain	Typical Eb/No
10^{-4}	8.4 dB	4.7 dB	4.3 dB				
10^{-5}	9.6 dB	5.2 dB	4.9 dB	4.1 dB	5.6 dB	2.9 dB	6.7 dB
10^{-6}	10.5 dB	5.5 dB	5.5 dB	4.2 dB	6.4 dB	3.1 dB	7.5 dB
10^{-7}	11.4 dB	5.6 dB	6.0 dB	4.2 dB	7.0 dB	3.2 dB	8.2 dB

The typical performance with the optional Reed-Solomon codec (concatenated on the Viterbi codec) is shown in the table below. The Eb/No values shown are those referenced to the customer data rate at the decoder output. Performance would appear improved if measured relative to the decoder input (i.e. at the satellite data rate). All values shown are using the standard IESS-308 Reed-Solomon codec values of $n = 126$, $k=112$, depth =4, and the synchronous IESS-308 scrambler/descrambler. Significant changes in performance, positive and negative, are achieved using different n , k and depth values.

Concatenated Viterbi FEC plus Reed-Solomon Typical Performance Data							
		Rate 1/2		Rate 3/4		Rate 7/8	
BER	Uncoded Eb/No	Coding Gain	Typical Eb/No	Coding Gain	Typical Eb/No	Coding Gain	Typical Eb/No
10^{-4}	8.4 dB	**	**	**	3.8 dB		5.1 dB
10^{-5}	9.6 dB	6.5 dB	3.1 dB	5.6 dB	4.1 dB	4.2 dB	5.4 dB
10^{-6}	10.5 dB	7.2 dB	3.3 dB	5.7 dB	4.3 dB	4.4 dB	5.7 dB
10^{-7}	11.4 dB	7.4 dB	3.4 dB	5.8 dB	4.5 dB	4.5 dB	6.0 dB
10^{-8}	**		3.6 dB		4.7 dB		6.3 dB
10^{-9}	**		3.8 dB		4.9 dB		6.6 dB

Note: ** indicates that these values are outside of measurement range or available data.

The typical performance with the optional Turbo Product Codes FEC is shown in the table below. The Eb/No values shown are those referenced to the customer data rate at the decoder output. Performance would appear improved if measured relative to the decoder input (i.e. at the satellite data rate). All values shown are using the synchronous TPC scrambler/descrambler and version 0.76 or greater modem firmware.

Turbo Product Codes FEC Typical Performance Data							
		Rate 1/2 Full		Rate 3/4 Full		Rate 7/8 Full	
BER	Uncoded Eb/No	Coding Gain	Typical Eb/No	Coding Gain	Typical Eb/No	Coding Gain	Typical Eb/No
10^{-5}	9.6 dB	7.4 dB	2.2 dB	6.6 dB	3.2 dB	4.8 dB	4.6 dB
10^{-6}	10.5 dB	8.0 dB	2.5 dB	7.2 dB	3.3 dB	5.3 dB	4.7 dB
10^{-7}	11.4 dB	8.6 dB	2.8 dB	7.9 dB	3.5 dB	5.9 dB	4.8 dB
10^{-8}	**		3.1 dB		3.6 dB		5.0 dB
10^{-9}	**		3.4 dB		3.7 dB		5.3 dB

Acquisition Performance

The following table shows typical acquisition performance for the Fast Acquisition mode using the standard Viterbi FEC and the DSP acquisition processor. The times shown are for the average and 95% of acquisition probability at a 6.0 dB Eb/No. These times are measured over 1000 acquisitions.

Fast Acquisition Timing				
Bit Rate in kbps	Modulation	FEC Rate	Typical Average Fast Acquisition Time for ±30 KHz (seconds)	Typical 95% Probability Fast Acquisition Time for ±30 KHz (seconds)
2.4	QPSK	1/2	1.230	1.453
2.4	BPSK	1/2	0.750	0.819
9.6	QPSK	1/2	0.315	0.371
9.6	BPSK	1/2	0.174	0.183
16	QPSK	1/2	0.196	0.231
16	BPSK	1/2	0.144	0.163
32	QPSK	1/2	0.116	0.135
32	BPSK	1/2	0.097	0.110
64	QPSK	1/2	0.071	0.082
64	BPSK	1/2	0.050	0.057

Fast acquisition performance is optimized in Viterbi FEC rate 1/2. When changing to rate 3/4 or 7/8 the penalty is approximately 3.5 to 4 times the acquisition time. This is due to the decreased symbol rate and the FEC and acquisition processors having to deal with twice the number of ambiguities in determining signal type and lock. Acquisition times with the Turbo Product Codes FEC are 2 to 4 times that of the Viterbi FEC. Fast acquisition is optimized under normal noise conditions, where the absence of noise adds time for AGC operation.

Data Interface Specifications

Data Input

- Type: Synchronous, Programmable for RS-449/422,
 V.35, V.36, EIA-530, EIA-530A or Synchronous
 RS-232 with separate Clock and Data signals.
 G.703, Ethernet and others optional via
 option interface assembly.
 Flexible clock options allow the transmit timing
 to be supplied by:
- a. An internally generated ± 2 ppm reference clock or external reference, if supplied.
 - b. The demodulator RCV clock as recovered from the receive carrier.
 - c. A Terminal Timing input as supplied to the modem TT interface pins.
 - d. A Separate Send Timing input as supplied to the modem Ext. Timing interface pins.

Termination: Per applicable interface specification.
 Termination can be removed in RS-449 mode.

Data Output

Type: Synchronous, Programmable for RS-449/422,
 V.35, V.36, EIA-530, EIA-530A or Synchronous
 RS-232 with separate Clock and Data signals.
 G.703, Ethernet and others optional via an
 option interface assembly.
 Additional clock options allow the demodulator
 RCV clock to be supplied by:
 a. The actual received bit rate.
 b. The modulator transmit clock source.
 c. An internally generated timing clock source.
 d. A user supplied FIFO output clock source.
 Using b, c or d enables the receive FIFO buffer.

Modem Bit Delays

Modulator Transmit Delays

Modulation Processing 1 user rate bits.

Viterbi FEC Encoder:
 Rate $\frac{1}{2}$ 12 channel rate bits.
 Rate $\frac{3}{4}$ 15 channel rate bits.
 Rate $\frac{7}{8}$ 17 channel rate bits.

Reed-Solomon Encoder (8-k)+10 user/IBS output rate bits
 + fixed 500 us delay.

TPC FEC Full Encoder:
 Rate $\frac{1}{2}$ 1094 user rate bits.
 Rate $\frac{3}{4}$ 573 channel rate bits.
 Rate $\frac{7}{8}$ 482 channel rate bits.

TPC FEC Short Encoder:
 Rate $\frac{3}{4}$ 208 channel rate bits.
 Rate $\frac{7}{8}$ 164 channel rate bits.

IBS Multiplexer: 12 user rate bits.

Demodulator Receive Delays

Demodulation Processing 1 user rate bits.

Viterbi FEC Decoder
 Rate $\frac{1}{2}$ 184 channel rate bits.
 Rate $\frac{3}{4}$ 186 to 188 channel rate bits.
 Rate $\frac{7}{8}$ 186 to 190 channel rate bits.

TPC FEC Full Decoder:
 Rate $\frac{1}{2}$ 2025 user rate bits + fixed 751 uS delay.
 Rate $\frac{3}{4}$ 2196 channel rate bits + fixed 446 uS delay.
 Rate $\frac{7}{8}$ 3593 channel rate bits + fixed 447 uS delay.

TPC FEC Short Decoder:

Rate $\frac{3}{4}$ 729 channel rate bits + fixed 218 uS delay.
 Rate $\frac{7}{8}$ 1087 channel rate bits + fixed 290 uS delay.

FIFO Buffer (enabled) 3 user rate bits plus bit setting.

Reed-Solomon Decoder depth = 4: $32 \cdot k + (24 \cdot k \cdot (4 \cdot D - n)) / (n + 11)$ User/IBS Demux
 Input Rate Bits + Fixed 500us Delay
 where D is the smallest integer $\geq (n-1)/4$
 depth = 8: $64 \cdot k + (24 \cdot k \cdot (4 \cdot D - n)) / (n + 11)$ User/IBS Demux Input
 Rate Bits + Fixed 500us Delay
 where D is the smallest integer $\geq (n-1)/8$

IBS Multiplexer 4 user rate bits.

Bit Rate definition:

"User" bit rate = "Terrestrial" interface rate.

"Channel" bit rate is the Convolutional Encoder Input Data Rate for the Modulator.

"Channel" bit rate is the Viterbi Decoder Output Data Rate for the Demodulator.

"Channel" bit rate = User bit rate X (1/Mux rate) (if mux enabled) X (1/RS rate) (if RS enabled).

Delay Examples:

Reed-Solomon Example 1, if $n=126$, $k=112$ and Depth=4 then

Total R-S Encoder Delay=906 User/IBS Mux Output Bits + Fixed 500us Delay
 $D=32$, Total R-S Decoder Delay=3,638 User/IBS Demux Input Bits + Fixed 500us Delay

Reed-Solomon Example 2, if $n=201$, $k=219$ and Depth=4 then

Total R-S Encoder Delay=1,618 User/IBS Mux Output Bits + Fixed 500us Delay
 $D=55$, The Total R-S Decoder Delay=6,465 User/IBS Demux Bits + Fixed 500us Delay

Reed-Solomon Example 3, if $n=205$, $k=225$ and Depth=4 then

Total R-S Encoder Delay=1,650 User/IBS Mux Output Bits + Fixed 500us Delay
 $D=56$, The Total R-S Decoder Delay=6,549 User/IBS Demux Bits + Fixed 500us Delay

Link Calculation Example:

A modem with R-S and IBS mux is running at a user rate of 128 kbps with rate $\frac{1}{2}$

FEC and no buffer. The Reed-Solomon is set as example 1 above: The IBS multiplexer is set to 2400 bps ESC Overhead and 300 bps MCC Overhead yielding a Mux ratio of 29/30.

The channel bit rate is then = $128 \text{ kbps} \times \frac{9}{8} \times \frac{30}{29} = 148.9655 \text{ kbps}$. (Note $\frac{9}{8}$ is n/k .)

The time/channel bit is 6.7 uS. The time/user bit is 7.8 uS.

The modulator delay is 13 channel rate bits x 6.7 uS plus 906 user rate bits x 7.8 uS plus 500 uS, for a total delay of 7,653.9 uS or 7.65 mS.

The demodulator delay is 185 channel rate bits x 6.7 uS plus 3638 user rate bits x 7.8 uS plus 500 uS, for a total delay of 30,115.9 uS or 30.116 mS.

The total end to end delay is then 37.766 mS plus the approximate 250 mS for the path delay.

Alarm, Monitor and Control Signals

All monitor and control functions are controllable via the front panel and the remote RS-232/RS-485 serial control port.

During station setup and normal operation the modem can output either the AGC, receive Eb/No or transmit power level to the rear panel via a digital to analog converter.

Alarm:

Summary:.....	Two summary form-C dry contact alarms, each represents the OR'd condition of individually programmed on-board fault sensors.
Indicator	Front panel LED indicator.
Timing	Alarm activated by any fault condition with 1/2 second hold before removal.

Monitor

AGC Level.....	Front Panel and via Remote Control port.
Carrier Lock	Green LED on internal PWB.
Demodulator Lock:.....	Front panel LED indicator.
Transmit Bit Rate Synthesizer Fault:	Internal LED indicator.
Transmit RF Synthesizer Fault:	Internal LED indicator.
Receive RF Synthesizer Fault:	Internal LED indicator.
Eb/No:.....	Front Panel and via Remote Control.

Operating LED indicators..... 12 Front Panel LED indicators:

Unit

Power	Green - Lit when power applied
Summary Alarm.....	Red - if summary fault condition
Local	Green - Unit set to accept local (front panel) commands.
Remote	Green - Unit set to accept remote commands.

Modulator

Transmit On.....	Green - Lit when transmit output is on.
.....	Green Flashing – Indicates carrier off, but internal carrier on only for loop-back test.
Major Alarm	Red - Indicates transmit traffic is lost.
Minor Alarm	Yellow - Warning - Indicates a marginal condition.
Test Mode	Yellow Flashing - Modulator currently in test mode.

Demodulator

Lock	Green - Indicates RCV lock to incoming CXR.
Major Alarm	Red - Indicates receive traffic is lost.
Minor Alarm	Yellow - Warning - Indicates a marginal condition.
Test Mode	Yellow Flashing - Demodulator currently in test mode.

Control

All parameters are controllable from either the front panel or via the remote control interface. Information and control access to the on-board processor is provided by an asynchronous serial

interface. The interface is selectable as either RS-232 three line interface (transmit, receive and ground) or RS-485 interface to a 4 wire bus with 3 state transmit operation. The modem address and operating mode is settable via the front panel or from terminal mode. The serial command mode control interface only responds to commands from its associated controller when properly addressed.

Refer to the associated "Remote Command Interface Specification" for details of the serial link command structure, protocol and available commands.

General Unit Specifications

Mechanical

IF connection type:..... 75Ω BNC female connectors, 1 XMT, 1 RCV
..... Located on Rear Panel
Reference Input: 50Ω BNC female located on Rear Panel.
Data and Digital I/O connector :..... 37 pin female D type rear panel connector.
Controller Interface: 9 pin "D" type female for RS-485 and RS-232
..... interface located on Rear Panel.
Alarm Interface:..... 9 pin "D" type male with 2 form C contacts.
..... interface located on Rear Panel.
Auxiliary Interface 37 pin male D type rear panel connector.
Power Connector: IEC 3-pin male with switch located on rear
..... panel.
Main Board Size:..... Approximately 9.5 x 11 X 1.2 inches.
Option Interface Board Size:..... Approximately 3.5 x 7 X 1.5 inches.
Packaged Modem Size:..... 1 Rack Mounting Spaces by 12 inches deep.
..... Approximately 19.0 x 12 X 1.75 inches.

Electrical Power Requirements

Prime Power:..... 90 to 260 Vac, 47-63 Hz, 50 Watts maximum
Internal Voltages: +5 Volts DC ± 5% at 1.5 Amp max.
..... +12 Volts DC ± 5% at 0.8 Amps max.
..... -12 Volts DC ± 5% at 0.3 Amp max.
Note: Options may increase internal current draw.

Environmental

Operating: -10 to +50°C, to 95% humidity, non-condensing.
Non-Operating: -20 to +70°C, to 99% humidity, non-condensing.

Burst Mode Operation

A standard modulator burst mode has not been implemented in the PSM-4900 modem yet. This is because of the lack of a standard or available burst demodulators. The circuitry is capable of performing this function based on a burst specification. Please contact Datum Systems for specifics of implementing this function and available burst protocols.