Cassini T51: Titan Outbound Bistatic Scattering Observations

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| | ERT UTC | SCET UTC | PDT | |
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| | OWLT = | | ERT - 7 hrs | Comments |
| | 1:10:12 | | 7:00:00 | |
| Start Pre-Cal DSS 25 | 2:30:00 | 1:19:48 | 19:30:00 | Guided by Real-Time Instructions from RSS Ops-Room |
| Start Pre-Cal DSS 14 | 3:15:00 | 2:04:48 | 20:15:00 | Guided by Real-Time Instructions from RSS Ops-Room |
| S-Band ON (full warmup) | 4:08:46 | 2:58:34 | 21:08:46 | |
| Load Free-Space Predicts | 5:00:00 | 3:49:48 | 22:00:00 | |
| Begin-of-Track DSS 14 | 5:15:00 | 4:04:48 | 22:15:00 | No S/X carrier signals detectable |
| SNT Measurement (DSS-14) | 5:20:00 | | | Allow for 5 min between SNT measurement & minical 1 |
| Ka-Band ON (short warmup) | 5:27:40 | 4:17:28 | 22:27:40 | |
| Begin-of-Track DSS 25 | 5:30:00 | 4:19:48 | 22:30:00 | No Ka-carrier signal detectable |
| SNT Measurement (DSS-25) | 5:31:00 | | | Allow for 5 min between SNT measurement & minical 1 |
| Start Minical 1 | 5:40:00 | | | Guided by Real-Time Instructions from RSS Ops-Room; |
| | | | | must end by 06:09:00 |
| Titan Closest Approach | 5:53:48 | 4:43:36 | 22:53:48 | |
| TWNC ON | 6:08:48 | 4:58:36 | 23:08:48 | |
| Start Turn from Waypoint toTitan | 6:08:51 | 4:58:39 | 23:08:51 | Carrrier signals remain undetectable till 07:10:00 |
| TLM OFF | 6:08:53 | 4:58:41 | 23:08:53 | |
| Load Bistatic Egress Predicts | 6:09:00 | 4:58:48 | 23:09:00 | |
| End Targetting Turn to Titan | 6:14:25 | 5:04:13 | 23:14:25 | |
| Start turn to Titan specular point | 6:16:03 | 5:05:51 | 23:16:03 | |
| End Turn to Titan specular point | 6:16:15 | 5:06:03 | 23:16:15 | HGA boresight starts tracking the specular point (IVD file) |
| Start Bistatic Observations | 6:16:15 | 5:06:03 | 23:16:15 | Potential weak surface echoes centered within the |
| End Bistatic Observations | 7:04:19 | 5:54:07 | 0:04:19 | observations bandwidth may be detectable in real-time |
| Start turn to Earth point | 7:04:21 | 5:54:09 | 0:04:21 | |
| Load Free-space Predicts | 7:07:00 | 5:56:48 | 0:07:00 | |
| End turn to Earth point | 7:10:00 | 5:59:48 | 0:10:00 | |
| Start 5 minutes free-space baseline | 7:10:00 | 5:59:48 | 0:10:00 | PC/N0 ~ 54, 48, & 42 dB-Hz for X-, Ka-, S-Band |

| Enable Monopulse: DSS 25 | 7:14:32 | 6:04:20 | 0:14:32 | |
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| End of T51 RSS Observation | 7:15:32 | 6:05:20 | 0:15:32 | |
| Start Turn to Waypoint | 7:15:34 | 6:05:22 | 0:15:34 | Quick loss of Ka-, then X-, then S-band signals |
| End Turn to Waypoint | 7:21:19 | 6:11:07 | 0:21:19 | |
| TLM ON | 7:21:42 | 6:11:30 | 0:21:42 | |
| TWNC OFF | 7:21:46 | 6:11:34 | 0:21:46 | |
| Start Minical 2 | 7:25:00 | 6:14:48 | 0:25:00 | Guided by Real-Time Instructions from RSS Ops-Room |
| SNT Measurement (DSS-14, 25) | 7:55:00 | 6:44:48 | 0:55:00 | Allow for 5 min between minical 2 & SNT measurements |
| End-of-Track DSS 25, 14 | 8:00:00 | 6:49:48 | 1:00:00 | |
| End of Post-Cal DSS 25, 14 | 9:00:00 | 7:49:48 | 2:00:00 | Guided by Real-Time Instructions from RSS Ops-Room |

Goldstone Activities

Switching of Frequency Predicts

Mini Calibration; SNT Measurements

Times are based on the 080806 reference trajectory and may change after the Live Update Block (LUB) on 3/20/09