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Introduction

[This introduction is not part of IEEE Std 1451.2-1997, IEEE Standard for a Smart Transducer Interface for Sensors and Actuators—Transducer to Microprocessor Communications Protocols and Transducer Electronic Data Sheet (TEDS) Formats.]

The main objectives of this standard are to:

- Enable plug and play at the transducer (sensor or actuator) level by providing a common communication interface for transducers.
- Enable and simplify the creation of networked smart transducers.
- Facilitate the support of multiple networks.

The existing fragmented sensor market is seeking ways to build low-cost, networked smart sensors. Many sensor network or fieldbus implementations are currently available, each with its own strengths and weaknesses for a specific application class. Interfacing transducers to all these control networks and supporting the wide variety of protocols represents a significant and costly effort to transducer manufacturers. A universally-accepted transducer interface standard would not only allow for the development of smart sensors and actuators, it could also lead to lower development costs. Therefore, the objective of this project is not to propose another control network, but to develop a smart transducer interface standard that will isolate the choice of transducers from the choice of networks. This would relieve the burden from the manufacturer of supporting a cross product of sensors versus networks, and would help to preserve the user's investment if it becomes necessary to migrate to a different network standard.

There is currently no defined common digital communication interface standard between transducers and network capable application processors (NCAPs). Each transducer manufacturer builds its own interface. Consequently, transducer manufacturers cannot afford to support all of the control networks for which their products may be suited. It was concluded at a series of five transducer interface workshops held between 1994 and 1995 that a common transducer communication interface standard be proposed. This common interface would allow the transducer manufacturers to more easily support multiple control networks.

This standard will simplify the development of networked transducers by defining hardware and software blocks that do not depend on specific control networks. This project has developed a standard hardware interface to connect a smart transducer interface module (STIM) to an NCAP. While the project does not include specifications for signal conditioning or data conversion, it does provide a mechanism for specifying the combination of transducer, signal conditioning, and signal conversion to the rest of the system. This mechanism is the transducer electronic data sheet (TEDS). The working group has defined a TEDS which supports a wide variety of transducers as well as a digital interface to access the TEDS, read sensors, and set actuators. This allows transducer manufacturers competitive differentiation in areas of quality, feature set and cost, and at the same time affords the opportunity to design to a common interface which can be used in a wide variety of applications.

The TEDS, which provides for self-identifying transducers, is at the core of this effort. The TEDS contains fields that fully describe the type, operation, and attributes of one or more transducers. By requiring that the TEDS be physically associated with the transducer, the resulting hardware partition encapsulates the measurement aspects in a STIM on one side of the digital interface, and the application related aspects on the NCAP on the other side. In addition to control networks, STIMs can be used with microprocessors in a variety of applications such as portable instruments and data acquisition cards.

Data output by the STIM may be in integer, single precision real, or double precision real formats. The data is passed to the NCAP and from the NCAP to the rest of the system. Further processing of this data may take place both in the NCAP and in other processors in the larger system. Throughout this standard it is assumed, but not required, that all processing will be performed on data in a single- or double-precision real format.

All fields in the TEDS are specified based on the assumption that, unless specifically stated to the contrary, all data will be converted to single- or double-precision real before any processing is performed.

This standard provides areas that are “open to industry.” It should be noted that any use of these areas compromises the “plug and play” potential of NCAPs and STIMs.

The IEEE 1451.2 transducer to microprocessor interface is compatible with the P1451.1¹ information model standard. The two parts form a standard interface for networked smart sensors and actuators.

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1. Overview

This standard introduces the concept of a Smart Transducer Interface Module (STIM). A STIM can range in complexity from a single sensor or actuator to many channels of transducers (sensors or actuators). Seven types of transducer channels are recognized by this standard and provision has been made for other types to be added. The transducer channel types are specified in 4.2.

A transducer channel is denoted “smart” in this context because of the following three features:

- It is described by a machine-readable, Transducer Electronic Data Sheet (TEDS).
- The control and data associated with the channel are digital.
- Triggering, status, and control are provided to support the proper functioning of the channel.

A STIM is controlled by a Network Capable Application Processor (NCAP) module by means of a dedicated digital interface. This interface is not a network. The NCAP mediates between the STIM and a digital network, and may provide local intelligence.

This standard is divided into six clauses. Clause 1 provides the scope, the purpose, and the conformance requirements of this standard. Clause 2 lists references to other standards and documents that are useful in applying this standard. Clause 3 provides definitions that are either not found in other standards, or have been modified for use with this standard, as well as a list of acronyms and abbreviations. Clause 4 specifies the functions required of a STIM and of each channel it comprises. Clause 5 specifies the TEDS structure. Clause 6 specifies the physical transducer interface between the STIM and the NCAP.

1.1 Scope

This standard defines a digital interface for connecting transducers to microprocessors. It describes a TEDS and its data formats. It defines an electrical interface, read and write logic functions to access the TEDS, and a wide variety of transducers. This standard does not specify signal conditioning, signal conversion, or how the TEDS data is used in applications.

1.2 Purpose

There is currently no defined independent digital communication interface standard between transducers and microprocessors. Each vendor builds its own interface. Without an independent, openly defined interface, transducer interfacing and integration are time-consuming and duplicated efforts by vendors are economically unproductive. This interface provides a minimum implementation subset that allows self-identification and configuration of sensors and actuators, and also allows extensibility by vendors to provide growth and product differentiation.

1.3 Conformance

The philosophy underlying the conformance requirements of this subclause is to provide the structure necessary to raise the level of interoperability of transducers and systems built to this standard, while leaving open opportunity for continued technical improvement and differentiation.

A STIM implementation shall be deemed in conformance with this standard provided that the following three requirements are met:

- The STIM supports the required functional performance specified in Clause 4.
- The STIM contains a TEDS that has the format specified in Clause 5.
- The STIM physical interface implements the lines, protocol and timing as defined in Clause 6.

An NCAP implementation shall be deemed in conformance with this standard provided that the following requirement is met:

- An interface that implements the lines, protocols, and timing as defined in Clause 6 is used to access a STIM.

1.3.1 Conformance levels

Several keywords are used to differentiate among various levels of requirements and optionality, as follows.

The word *shall* is used to indicate a mandatory requirement. Designers are required to implement all such mandatory requirements to ensure interoperability with other IEEE 1451.2 conformant products.

The word *recommended* is used to indicate flexibility of choice with a strong preference alternative. The word *should* has the same meaning.

The word *may* is used to indicate a course of action permissible within the limits of the standard, but with no implied preference.

2. References

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FSS-UTF, File System Safe UCS Transformation Format (FSS_UTF). X/Open CAE Specification C501 ISBN 1-85912-082.³

GB 2312-1980, China State Bureau of Standards. Coded Chinese Graphic Character Set for Information Interchange.

IEEE Std 754-1985 (Reaff 1990), IEEE Standard for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic (ANSI).⁴

IEEE Std 1003.1b-1993, IEEE Standard for Information Technology—Portable Operating System Interfaces (POSIX®).

ISO 639: 1988, Code for the Representation of Names of Languages.⁵

ISO 8859-1: 1987, Information Processing—8-Bit Single-Byte Coded Graphic Character Sets—Part 1: Latin Alphabet No. 1.

ISO 8859-2: 1987, Information Processing—8-Bit Single-Byte Coded Graphic Character Sets—Part 2: Latin Alphabet No. 2.

ISO 8859-3: 1988, Information Processing—8-Bit Single-Byte Coded Graphic Character Sets—Part 3: Latin Alphabet No. 3.

ISO 8859-4: 1988, Information Processing—8-Bit Single-Byte Coded Graphic Character Sets—Part 4: Latin Alphabet No. 4.

ISO 8859-6: 1987, Information Processing—8-Bit Single-Byte Coded Graphic Character Sets—Part 6: Latin/Arabic Alphabet.

ISO 8859-7: 1987, Information Processing—8-Bit Single-Byte Coded Graphic Character Sets—Part 7: Latin/Greek alphabet.

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ISO/IEC 2022: 1994, Information Technology—Character Code Structure and Extension Techniques.

ISO/IEC 6429: 1992, Information Technology—Control Functions For Coded Character Sets.

ISO/IEC 8859-5: 1988, Information Processing—8-Bit Single-Byte Coded Graphic Character Sets—Part 5: Latin/Cyrillic alphabet.⁶

ISO/IEC 8859-9: 1989, Information Processing—8-Bit Single-Byte Coded Graphic Character Sets—Part 9: Latin Alphabet No. 5.

ISO/IEC 8859-10: 1992, Information Technology—8-Bit Single-Byte Coded Graphic Character Sets—Part 10: Latin Alphabet No. 6.

ISO/IEC 10646-1: 1993, Information Technology—Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set (UCS)—Part 1: Architecture and Basic Multilingual Plane.

ISO/IEC DIS 10646-2, Information Technology—Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set (UCS)—Part 2: Ideographic Character Sets.

JIS X 0208-1990, Japanese Standards Association. Code of the Japanese Graphic Character Set for Information Interchange.⁷

JIS X 0212-1990, Japanese Standards Association. Code of the Supplementary Japanese Graphic Character Set for Information Interchange.

KS C 5601-1987, Korea Bureau of Standards. Korean Graphic Character Set for Information Interchange.⁸

TIS 620-2533: 1990, Thai Character Codes for Computers.⁹

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3. Definitions, acronyms, and abbreviations

This clause provides definitions that are either not found in other standards or have been modified for use with this standard. Also included in this clause are definitions of data types, string language codes, compact physical units, and a universal unique identification system. A list of acronyms and abbreviations can be found in 3.2.

3.1 Definitions

This subclause contains terms as they are used in this standard.

3.1.1 acknowledgment: A signal that is used to reply to a message or signal originator that its message or signal was received.

3.1.2 actuator: A transducer that accepts an electrical signal and converts it into a physical action.

3.1.3 address: A character or group of characters that identifies a register, a particular part of storage, or some other data source or destination. This standard uses *functional addresses* and *channel addresses* to control the flow of data and configuration information between the Network Capable Application Processor and the Smart Transducer Interface Module.

3.1.4 analog to digital converter: A circuit whose input is information in analog form and whose output is the same information in digital form.

3.1.5 buffer: An intermediate data storage location used to compensate for the difference in rate of flow of data or time of occurrence of events when transmitting information from one device to another.

3.1.6 buffered channel: A channel in which the data is placed into a buffer prior to a trigger event and then transmitted or acted upon following that trigger event. This contrasts with an unbuffered channel in which the data is not taken by, or available to, the channel until following the trigger event.

3.1.7 byte: Eight bits of data. Synonym: octet

3.1.8 calibration: The determination of the data to reside in the Calibration Transducer Electronic Data Sheet and to be used for correction.

3.1.9 channel: A single flow path for digital data or an analog signal, usually in distinction from other parallel paths. An IEEE 1451.2 channel provides a path for a single commodity or logical state, either real or virtual, using a single data model and a single set of physical units.

3.1.10 channel address: The portion of a full data transport address that specifies the channel to which the read or write is directed.

3.1.11 channel groupings: Channel groups are manufacturer specifications that define the inherent relationships between the channels of a multichannel Smart Transducer Interface Module. This grouping information is not normally used by the Smart Transducer Interface Module itself. This information will normally be used by Network Capable Application Processor applications to properly compose human readable displays or in formulating other computations. For example, channel groupings can be used to indicate which channels represent the three vector axes of a three-axis vector measurement.

3.1.12 correction: The evaluation of a multinomial function using information from the Calibration Transducer Electronic Data Sheet together with data from one or more channels.

3.1.13 data conversion: The translation of data from one numeric form into another (e.g., converting a digital-to-analog converter input bit stream into a voltage).

3.1.14 data model: The numeric format in which the Smart Transducer Interface Module will output or accept data.

3.1.15 data sequence sensor: A sensor that samples data independent of any triggers from a network capable application processor.

3.1.16 data sheet: A set of information on a device that defines the parameters of operation and conditions of usage (usually produced by the device's manufacturer).

3.1.17 data structure: A group of digital data fields organized in some logical order for some specific purpose. A two-dimensional paper version of a data structure is an empty fill-in-the-blanks form or an empty tabular chart with organized column and row headings. A data structure is the template by which data is stored in computer memory.

3.1.18 digital interface: A set of wires and a protocol for transferring information by binary means only.

3.1.19 digital to analog converter: A circuit that converts an input number sequence (digital) into a function of a continuous variable (analog).

3.1.20 electronic data sheet: A data sheet stored in some form of electronically readable memory (as opposed to a piece of paper).

3.1.21 enumeration: The listing of the meaning associated with each binary numeric value possible in a data field's storage. Binary numbers are usually expressed in decimal terms for human convenience. Not all possible numeric values need have a specific meaning. Values without meaning are declared to be unused or reserved for future use. Enumeration is the process of declaring the encoding of human interpretable information in a manner convenient for digital electronic machine storage and interchange. The subclause that defines each transducer electronic data sheet data field that is of data type *enumeration* shall contain a table that defines the meaning of the data field for each binary number possible. The meanings encoded in each data field shall be specific and unique to that data field and only that data field. The value becomes meaningless if not associated with the data field and its defining table.

3.1.22 event sequence sensor: A sensor that detects a change of state in the physical world. The instant in time of the change of state, not the state value, is the "measurement."

3.1.23 full data transport address: The combination of a *functional address* and a *channel address*, that specifies whether data is being read or written, to which function, and to which channel.

3.1.24 functional address: The portion of a full data transport address that specifies the read or write function that is to be performed.

3.1.25 hot swap: The act of connecting or disconnecting a Smart Transducer Interface Module and a Network Capable Application Processor without first turning off the power that the Network Capable Application Processor supplies to the Smart Transducer Interface Module over the Transducer Independent Interface.

3.1.26 interrupt: A signal for a processor to suspend one process and begin another. As implemented in IEEE Std 1451.2-1997, an interrupt is a signal from the Smart Transducer Interface Module that enables it to request service from the Network Capable Application Processor.

3.1.27 least significant bit: The bit in the binary notation of a number that is the coefficient of the lowest exponent possible.

3.1.28 meta-: A Greek prefix meaning that which pertains to the whole or overall entity or that which is in common or shared with all member entities comprising the whole.

3.1.29 Meta-TEDS: The collection of those Transducer Electronic Data Sheet data fields that pertain to the whole or overall entity or those that are in common or shared with all member entities (channels) comprising the whole transducer product.

3.1.30 most significant bit: The bit in the binary notation of a number that is the coefficient of the highest exponent possible.

3.1.31 multinomial: A linear sum of terms involving powers of more than one variable.

$$\sum_{i_1=0}^{N_1} \sum_{i_2=0}^{N_2} \dots \sum_{i_m=0}^{N_m} A(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m) X_1^{i_1} X_2^{i_2} \dots X_m^{i_m}$$

3.1.32 negative logic: An electronic logic system where the voltage representing one, active, or true has a more negative value than the voltage representing zero, inactive, or false. Also known as negative-true logic, it is normally used in electronic and computing data and communications switching systems for noise immunity reasons.

3.1.33 Network Capable Application Processor: A device between the Smart Transducer Interface Module and the network that performs network communications, Smart Transducer Interface Module communications, and data conversion functions.

3.1.34 not a number: As defined in IEEE Std 754-1985, a bit pattern of a single or double precision real number data type that is a result of an invalid floating point operation.

3.1.35 octet: A group of 8 bits, also known as a byte.

3.1.36 pacing: A method to regulate the flow of bytes read from or written to a Smart Transducer Interface Module.

3.1.37 positive logic: An electronic logic system where the voltage representing one, active, or true has a more positive value than the voltage representing zero, inactive, or false. It is normally used in industrial and commercial control switching systems for safety reasons.

3.1.38 read frame: The transfer of data from a Smart Transducer Interface Module to a Network Capable Application Processor.

3.1.39 sensor: A transducer that converts a physical, biological, or chemical parameter into an electrical signal.

3.1.40 setup time: The period of time during which a system or component is being prepared for a specific operation.

3.1.41 signal conditioning: Sensor signal processing involving operations such as amplification, compensation, filtering, and normalization.

3.1.42 smart actuator: An actuator version of a smart transducer.

3.1.43 smart sensor: A sensor version of a smart transducer.

3.1.44 smart transducer: A transducer that provides functions beyond those necessary for generating a correct representation of a sensed or controlled quantity. This functionality typically simplifies the integration of the transducer into applications in a networked environment.

3.1.45 Smart Transducer Interface Module: A module that contains the Transducer Electronic Data Sheet, logic to implement the transducer interface, the transducer(s) and any signal conversion or signal conditioning. This standard expressly requires that no operating mode of the Smart Transducer Interface Module ever permit these components to be physically separated. They may, however, be separated during manufacturing and repair.

3.1.46 transducer: A device converting energy from one domain into another. The device may either be a sensor or an actuator.

3.1.47 Transducer Electronic Data Sheet: A data sheet describing a transducer stored in some form of electronically readable memory.

3.1.48 Transducer Independent Interface: The digital interface used to connect a Smart Transducer Interface Module to a Network Capable Application Processor.

3.1.49 transducer interface: The physical connection by which a transducer communicates with the control or data systems that it is a member of, including the physical connector, the signal wires used and the rules by which information is passed across the connection.

3.1.50 transfer: To transmit, or copy, information from one device to another.

3.1.51 trigger: A signal to start an action. As defined in IEEE Std 1451.2-1997 a trigger is a signal from the Network Capable Application Processor serving as a command to the Smart Transducer Interface Module for an action to occur.

3.1.52 trigger cycle: A complete cycle comprising the assertion of the trigger signal by the Network Capable Application Processor followed by the acknowledgment by the Smart Transducer Interface Module.

3.1.53 virtual channel: A channel that behaves as a transducer from the point of view of the Network Capable Application Processor even though nothing outside of the Smart Transducer Interface Module is sensed or changed. Virtual channels are useful for setting or reading operating parameters of other channels.

3.1.54 write frame: The transfer of data from a Network Capable Application Processor to a Smart Transducer Interface Module.

3.2 Acronyms and abbreviations

This subclause contains acronyms and abbreviations of key terms as they are used in this standard.

ack	acknowledgment
ADC	analog-to-digital converter
ASIC	application-specific integrated circuit
DAC	digital-to-analog converter
DI/O	digital input/output
EEPROM	electrically-erasable programmable read-only memory

FPGA	field-programmable gate array
ID	identification
lsb	least significant bit
msb	most significant bit
NaN	not a number
NCAP	Network Capable Application Processor
r/w	read/write
SI	International System of Units
STIM	Smart Transducer Interface Module
TEDS	Transducer Electronic Data Sheet
TII	Transducer Independent Interface
UTC	Universal Coordinated Time
xdc	transducer

3.3 Data types

3.3.1 Unsigned byte integer

3.3.1.1 Usage for counting

Symbol: U8C

Size: 1 byte

This data type is a byte that represents the positive counting integers from zero to 255.

3.3.1.2 Usage for enumeration

Symbol: U8E

Size: 1 byte

All 1 byte enumerations are encoded as unsigned byte integers, with a one to one correspondence between the meaning for a decimal number between zero and 255 (as shown in the respective subclause's defining table) and the actual binary encoding using the unsigned byte integer format in the memory device.

3.3.1.3 Usage for field length

Symbol: U8L

Size: 1 byte

All 1 byte lengths are encoded as unsigned byte integers with the decimal value corresponding to the encoded binary number being the length in bytes of the specified field or data block. In the case of character fields, the length shall be the number of bytes and not the number of characters, since more than one byte may be needed to encode a character. The interpretation of the character strings will need the number of bytes per character to determine the length in characters of a particular string.

When used to specify the length of a data block (more than one field), the length field shall not include the length of the length field itself.

3.3.2 Unsigned 16 bit integer

3.3.2.1 Usage for counting

Symbol: U16C

Size: 2 bytes

This data type is sixteen bits (2 bytes) that represent the positive counting integers from zero to 65 535.

3.3.2.2 Usage for enumeration

Symbol: U16E

Size: 2 bytes

All 2 byte enumerations are encoded as unsigned integers, with a one to one correspondence between the meaning for a decimal number between zero and 65 535 (as shown in the respective subclause's defining table) and the actual binary encoding using integer format in the memory device.

3.3.2.3 Usage for field length

Symbol: U16L

Size: 2 bytes

All 2 byte lengths are encoded as unsigned integers with the decimal value corresponding to the encoded binary number being the length in bytes of the specified field or data block. In the case of character fields, the length shall be the number of bytes and not the number of characters, since more than one byte may be needed to encode a character. The interpretation of the character strings will need the number of bytes per character to determine the length in characters of a particular string.

When used to specify the length of a data block (more than one field) the length field shall not include the length of the length field itself.

3.3.3 Unsigned 32 bit integer

3.3.3.1 Usage for counting

Symbol: U32C

Size: 4 bytes

Thirty-two bits (4 bytes) that represent the positive counting integers from zero to 4 294 967 295.

3.3.3.2 Usage for field length

Symbol: U32L

Size: 4 bytes

All 4 byte lengths are encoded as 32 bit unsigned integers with the decimal value corresponding to the encoded binary number being the length in bytes of the specified field or data block. In the case of character fields, the length shall be the number of bytes and not the number of characters, since more than one byte may be needed to encode a character. The interpretation of the character strings will need the number of bytes per character to determine the length in characters of a particular string.

When used to specify the length of a data block (more than one field), the length field shall not include the length of the length field itself.

3.3.4 Single-precision real

Symbol: F32

Size: 4 bytes

A single-precision real number is a 32 bit (4 bytes) binary sequence that encodes real numbers as specified in IEEE Std 754-1985¹⁰.

3.3.5 Double precision real

Symbol: F64

Size: 8 bytes

A double precision real number is a 64 bit (8 bytes) binary sequence that encodes real numbers as specified in the IEEE Std 754-1985.

3.3.6 String

Symbol: STRING

Size: variable

A string is a consecutive sequence of characters. Each character shall be represented by one or more bytes depending on the encoding scheme specified in 3.3.7. In the TEDS, each string shall be preceded by a length field that declares the length in bytes and not in characters. A string is allowed to contain null bytes (00 hex) in any position or positions. These null bytes shall not be regarded as string terminators. Any null bytes shall be included in the byte count specified in the string length field. A string is data that is not usually processed by the NCAP except for local display.

The most significant byte of a string is the most significant byte of the most significant character encoded by the specified Character Code Format. The most significant character is the first character of the string as it would be written by a human using the language specified in 3.3.7.

¹⁰Information on references can be found in Clause 2.

3.3.7 String language specification

Symbol: LANG

Size: 3 bytes

A binary sequence of 3 bytes that encode the String Character Set, Character Code Format, And String Language Code as shown in Table 1.

Table 1 – String language fields

Field no.	Field name	No. of bytes
1	String Character Set	1
2	Character Code Format	1
3	String Language Code	1

3.3.7.1 String Character Set

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte).

This field gives the specific character set used to interpret the octet streams after parsing, using the method indicated by the Character Code Format. Table 2 defines values for each String Character Set.

Table 2 – Enumeration of String Character Set Codes

Value	Code description standard	Meaning (informative)
0	ISO 8859-1: 1987	Latin set 1
1	ISO 8859-2: 1987	Latin set 2
2	ISO 8859-3: 1988	Latin set 3
3	ISO 8859-4: 1988	Latin set 4
4	ISO/IEC 8859-5: 1988	Cyrillic
5	ISO 8859-6: 1987	Arabic
6	ISO 8859-7: 1987	Greek
7	ISO 8859-8: 1988	Hebrew
8	ISO/IEC 8859-9: 1990	Latin set 5
9	ISO/IEC 8859-10: 1992	Latin set 6
10	ANSI X3.4-1986(Reaff. 1992)	Same as ASCII and ISO/IEC 646: 1991
11	ISO 10646-1: 1993, UCS 2	—
12	ISO 10646-2: 1993, UCS 2	—
13	ISO 10646-1: 1993, UCS 4	—
14	ISO 10646-2: 1993, UCS 4	—
15	JIS X 0208: 1990	Japanese circa 1978
16	JIS X 0212: 1990	Japanese circa 1990
17	KS C 5601-1992	Korea
18	GB 2312-1980	People’s Republic of China
19	CNS 11643: 1992	Taiwan
20	TIS 620-2533: 1990	Thailand
21–255	Reserved for future expansion	—

ISO 10646-1993 is listed four times because it has two levels of conformance and two word sizes. The levels of conformance are:

- Level 1—No combining characters are allowed
- Level 2—Combining characters are allowed

The possible ISO 10646 word sizes are:

- UCS 2—Universal code set with 2 octets per character
- UCS 4—Universal code set with 4 octets per character

NOTES

1—Combining characters in ISO 10646 are characters that embellish the previous character. For example, a “u” with an umlaut (two dots over it) can be represented two ways: as a single character code having a glyph of a “u” with two dots over it or as two adjacent character codes, the first of which is a glyph of the letter “u,” and the second is a glyph of an umlaut. The second character (the umlaut glyph) is the combining character. With level 1 conformance, string comparisons are easy: just compare the character codes. With level 2 conformance, string comparisons must be done more carefully because the same “character” can have more than one character code representation.

2—Unicode has essentially turned into enumeration 12—ISO 10646: 1993, level 2, UCS 2.

3.3.7.2 Character Code Format

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte)

The format, order, direction of display, etc., by which the Character Set Codes are interpreted. The format listed in this field also includes the number of octets making up each character in the string field. The first group of three enumerations are fixed-width formats (a fixed number of bits per character), while the remaining are either variable-width formats (a varying number of bits per character), or code switching formats (the glyph associated with a given code depends on the current mode). Table 3 defines values for each Character Code Format.

Table 3—Enumeration of Character Code Formats

Value	Character Code Formats standard	Meaning (informative)
0	1 Octet fixed-width	—
1	2 Octets fixed-width	—
2	4 Octets fixed-width	—
3	ISO/IEC 2022: 1994	—
4	Shift-JIS (SJIS)	Japan
5	ISO/IEC 6429: 1992	—
6	FSS-UTF: 1995	AT&T File System Safe Universal Transformation Format
7	JIS X 0208: 1990	Extended UNIX Code (EUC)
8–255	Reserved for future expansion	—

3.3.7.3 String Language Code

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte)

This field indicates which language the string fields in the TEDS are written in. This is used in conjunction with the String Character Set because many character sets support more than one language. For example, the ISO 8859-1: 1987 character encoding supports English, German, French, Danish, Dutch, etc.

The enumerated value corresponds to the numeric sequence of the language in the alphabetic list of two-letter language symbols in ISO 639: 1988. Table 4 lists some of the possible languages. All languages listed in ISO 639: 1988 have enumerated values. The enumerated value for languages not listed in Table 4 can be found by consulting the alphabetic list of two-letter language symbols in ISO 639: 1988. Languages and dialects not listed in ISO 639: 1988 shall not use the reserved enumeration values from 137 to 255 and shall not be used in the standard-defined TEDS string fields.

Table 4 – Enumeration of String Language Codes

Value	ISO 639 language code	Meaning (informative)
0	Reserved	—
1	aa	Afar
21	da	Danish
22	de	German
25	en	English
27	es	Spanish
29	eu	Basque
31	fi	Finnish
34	fr	French
36	ga	Irish
51	it	Italian
82	nl	Dutch
83	no	Norwegian
88	pl	Polish
90	pt	Portuguese
95	ru	Russian
112	sv	Swedish
130	vi	Vietnamese
136	zu	Zulu
137–255	Reserved	—

3.3.8 Physical units

Symbol: UNITS

Size: 10 bytes

A binary sequence of 10 bytes that encodes physical units is described in Table 5. Each of the fields shall be interpreted as an unsigned integer. A unit shall be represented as a product of the SI base units, plus radians and steradians, each raised to a rational power. This structure encodes only the exponents; the product is implicit.

Table 5—Physical units data type structure

Field no.	Description	No. of bytes
1	ENUMERATION 0: Unit is described by the product of SI base units, plus radians and steradians, raised to the powers recorded in fields 2–10. 1: Unit is U/U, where U is described by the product of SI base units, plus radians and steradians, raised to the powers recorded in fields 2–10. 2: Unit is $\log_{10}(U)$, where U is described by the product of SI base units, plus radians and steradians, raised to the powers recorded in fields 2–10. 3: Unit is $\log_{10}(U/U)$, where U is described by the product of SI base units, plus radians and steradians, raised to the powers recorded in fields 2–10. 4: The associated quantity is digital data (e.g., a bit vector) and has no unit. Fields 2–10 shall be set to 128. The “digital data” type applies to data that represents counting, such as the output of an ADC, or that represents a state, such as the current positions of a bank of switches. 5: The associated physical quantity is represented by values on an arbitrary scale (e.g., hardness). Fields 2–10 are reserved, and shall be set to 128. 6–255: Reserved	1
2	$(2 * \text{<exponent of radians>}) + 128$	1
3	$(2 * \text{<exponent of steradians>}) + 128$	1
4	$(2 * \text{<exponent of meters>}) + 128$	1
5	$(2 * \text{<exponent of kilograms>}) + 128$	1
6	$(2 * \text{<exponent of seconds>}) + 128$	1
7	$(2 * \text{<exponent of amperes>}) + 128$	1
8	$(2 * \text{<exponent of kelvins>}) + 128$	1
9	$(2 * \text{<exponent of moles>}) + 128$	1
10	$(2 * \text{<exponent of candelas>}) + 128$	1

The U/U forms (enumerations 1 and 3) are for expressing “dimensionless” units such as strain (meters per meter) and concentration (moles per mole). The numerator and denominator units are identical, each being specified by subfields 2–10.

Boolean data (values in {0, 1} or {False, True}) shall be represented as digital data (enumeration 4) with Channel Data Model Length = 1 and Channel Model Significant Bits = 1. See 5.2.3.14 through 5.2.3.16.

For further information see [B1].¹¹

¹¹The numbers in brackets correspond to those of the bibliography in Annex A.

3.3.9 Universal unique identification

Symbol: UUID

Size: 10 bytes

The UUID is an identification field associated with the STIM whose value is unique in the universe. There shall be no requirement that the interpretation of the UUID reflect the actual place or time of manufacture of the STIM. The use of time and location in the algorithm shall be used only to ensure uniqueness. Thus, a manufacturer shall be allowed to use the fields defined by the algorithm as desired, provided that when interpreted as defined in Table 6, there shall be no other possible manufacturer that could claim use of the same UUID.

The UUID field shall be 10 bytes long and consist of four subfields (from most to least significant order: location, manufacturer, year, and time) as defined in Table 6.

Table 6— Universal unique identification data type structure

Field no.	Description	No. of bits
1	<p>Location field: The value of this field shall be chosen by the STIM manufacturer to identify a particular location on the earth, the “location,” over which the manufacturer has physical control. This value may represent the actual location of STIM manufacture. A manufacturer may use different values of this field in the operation as long as all values meet the requirements of this subclause.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — The representation of the location field shall be 42 bits. — The msb shall indicate North (asserted) or South (not asserted) latitude. — The next 20 msbs of this field represent the magnitude of the “location” latitude as an integer number of arc seconds. — The next most significant bit shall indicate East (asserted) or West (not asserted) longitude. — The remaining 20 bits shall represent the magnitude of the “location” longitude as an integer number of arc seconds. <p>Latitude magnitude values greater than 90° are reserved. Longitude magnitude values of greater than 180° are reserved.</p> <p>NOTE—One arc second at the equator is about 30 m. Thus the range represented by each 20 bit field is zero to 1 048 575 arc seconds or 0–291°, which is sufficient to represent latitude and longitude on the earth’s surface.</p>	42
2	<p>Manufacturer’s field: The value of this field may be chosen by the STIM manufacturer for any purpose provided there are no interferences in the use of the location field. A location field interference shall mean that there is more than one manufacturer that could claim physical control over the location defined by the location field. If such interferences exist, all interfering manufacturers shall negotiate the use of the manufacturer’s field values to resolve any interferences, (i.e., the combination of the location field and the manufacturer’s fields shall unambiguously define a specific STIM manufacturer.) This negotiation shall be reopened every time there is a change in the interference.</p>	4
3	<p>Year field: The value of this field shall be the value of the current year.</p> <p>The representation of the year field shall be a 12 bit integer value. The range of this field shall be the years 0 to 4095 AD. The beginning of the year shall be deemed to start on January 1, 00:00:00, UTC.</p>	12
4	<p>Time field: This value shall be chosen by the STIM manufacturer such that, in combination with the location, manufacturer, and year fields, the resulting UUID is unique for all STIMs made under the manufacturer’s control. The choice of values for the time field shall be further restricted such that the values, when interpreted as the time since the beginning of the year, do not represent times prior to the manufacturer obtaining physical control over the “location” nor values in the future in which the manufacturer cannot guarantee physical control over the “location.”</p> <p>The representation of the time field shall be a 22b integer. The range shall be 0 to 4 194 303. When it is necessary to interpret this field as time since the beginning of the year, the representation shall be an integer number of 10 s intervals. In this case, time values greater than one year are reserved.</p> <p>NOTE—There are approximately 31 536 000 seconds per year.) The beginning of the year shall be deemed to start on January 1, 00:00:00, UTC.</p>	22

4. Smart transducer functional specification

This clause specifies the types of transducer channels that may be implemented in a STIM, and the functions required of the STIM to permit channels to work together. It further defines addressing, data transport, triggering, control, and status functions.

4.1 Foundation

The context for the transducer interface specification is shown in Figure 1. A STIM may be used to sense or control multiple physical phenomena. Each phenomenon sensed or controlled shall be associated with a STIM transducer channel. A channel may be a virtual transducer in the sense that it behaves as a sensor or actuator, even though nothing outside of the STIM is sensed or changed.

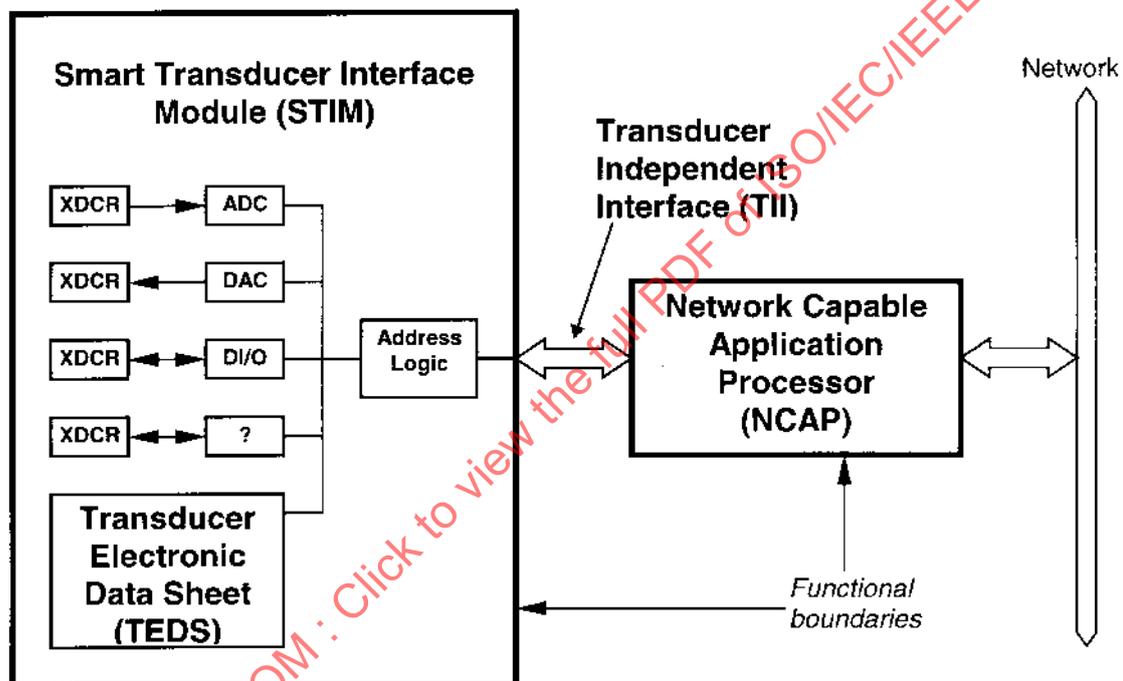


Figure 1 – Context for the transducer interface specification

4.2 Transducer channel types

This subclause specifies the general behavior of six channel types. An additional seventh channel type is identified to allow for extensions to STIM behavior beyond those specified in this subclause. The detailed timing and control of these channel types are specified in later subclauses of this standard. The seven channel types are as follows:

- Sensor
- Actuator
- Buffered sensor
- Data sequence sensor
- Buffered data sequence sensor
- Event sequence sensor
- General transducer

4.2.1 Sensor

A sensor measures some physical parameter on demand and returns digital data representing that parameter. A new data set shall be sampled once for each triggering event. The data set available to be read shall be the data set acquired as a result of the most recent trigger event. The number of data points in the data set shall be determined by the Channel Data Repetitions field (see 5.2.3.17).

4.2.2 Actuator

An actuator causes a physical or virtual action to occur that shall be related to the data set sent to the actuator. The actuator state changes to match the data set most recently sent to it when a triggering event occurs. The number of data points in the data set shall be determined by the Channel Data Repetitions field (see 5.2.3.17).

4.2.3 Buffered sensor

A buffered sensor differs from a simple sensor (4.2.1) in that it has a single level of data buffering on the output channel. A new data set shall be sampled once for each triggering event. The data set available to be read shall be the data set acquired on the second most recent trigger event. The number of data points in the data set shall be determined by the Channel Data Repetitions field (see 5.2.3.17).

4.2.4 Data sequence sensor

A data sequence sensor acquires data continuously, with sampling times under control of the STIM. Triggering selects a data set from this stream of continuous measurements and makes it available to be read by the NCAP. The data set selected shall be the one acquired immediately following the trigger. The data collection process in the STIM shall be enabled or disabled by means of a control command as defined in 4.7.

The data set acquisition timing need not be periodic. The number of data points in the data set shall be determined by the Channel Data Repetitions field (see 5.2.3.17).

4.2.5 Buffered data sequence sensor

A buffered data sequence sensor acquires data continuously, with sampling times under control of the STIM. Triggering selects a data set from this stream of continuous measurements and makes it available to be read by the NCAP. The data set selected shall be the one acquired immediately previous to the trigger. The data collection process in the STIM shall be enabled or disabled by means of a control command as defined in 4.7.

The data set acquisition timing need not be periodic. The number of data points in the data set shall be determined by the Channel Data Repetitions field (see 5.2.3.17).

4.2.6 Event sequence sensor

An event sequence sensor produces a signal whenever a specific event occurs. The signal shall be the same signal used by sensors and actuators to acknowledge triggering events. The event may be a digital signal transition or an analog signal crossing a setpoint. An event sequence sensor may be configured to signal an event on high-to-low transitions or low-to-high transitions, or both. Reading and writing to an event sequence sensor channel is used for configuration and state information only. The time of the event is conveyed by the trigger acknowledge signal. Other actuator and sensor channels may be associated with an event sequence sensor to allow changing analog setpoints or hysteresis, or reading the analog value being sensed. This association is communicated to the NCAP through the grouping information in the Meta-TEDS.

4.2.7 General transducer

This category of channel allows for the presence of channels that behave differently from the above types. These types shall implement the same functions required of all channels, but this standard does not specify behavior with respect to triggering or data written to or read from such a channel.

4.3 Functions

Each STIM shall implement the following functions:

- Addressing
- Interface data transport
- Meta-TEDS
- Global status
- Global control
- Triggering
- Hot-swap capability
- Interrupt
- Interrupt masking

Each STIM may also implement an optional Meta-identification TEDS.

Each channel of a STIM shall implement the following functions:

- Channel TEDS
- Transducer data
- Status
- Control

Each channel may also implement the following optional functions:

- Calibration TEDS
- Calibration Identification TEDS
- Channel Identification TEDS
- End-User's Application-Specific TEDS
- Generic Extension TEDS
- Self calibration
- Self-test

The interfaces to the End-User's Application-Specific TEDS, Generic Extension TEDS, self calibration, and self-test are defined, but this standard does not specify their form or behavior. Provision is made for adding additional functions not defined by this standard.

4.4 Addressing

Addressing is used in conjunction with the interface data transport. A full address specifies whether data is being read or written, to which function, and to which STIM channel.

Functional and channel addresses are logical addresses. The mapping of functional or channel addresses to physical addresses shall be accomplished within the STIM and is beyond the scope of this specification.

4.4.1 Address structure

A full address shall be 2 bytes long and structured as shown in Figure 2.

Functional address Most significant byte							Channel address Least significant byte						
r/w	Function code						Channel number						
msb						lsb	msb						lsb

Figure 2—Address layout

For convenience, the most significant byte is called the functional address and the least significant byte is called the channel address. The functional address is subordinate to the channel address, but is transmitted first to make implementation easier.

4.4.2 Channel addresses

Each transducer in a STIM shall be assigned a channel number. A STIM may have up to 255 channels. The number of implemented channels can be determined by reading the Meta-TEDS.

Implemented channels shall be numbered consecutively starting from one. Every channel number between one and the highest implemented channel number shall address an implemented channel.

Channel address zero has special meaning and is referred to throughout this standard as CHANNEL_ZERO.

When CHANNEL_ZERO is used, the function shall refer to the STIM as a whole or to all channels collectively. The word *global* or the prefix *meta-* is used to modify the functional address name.

4.4.3 Functional addresses

4.4.3.1 Read/Write bit

The msb of the functional address is used to specify the direction of data communication over the interface, according to Table 7.

Table 7—Communication direction bit values

Value	Communications direction
0	Write to the STIM
1	Read from the STIM

The remaining bits of the functional address denote the function selected.

4.4.3.2 Function selected

Tables 8 and 9 specify the most commonly used functional addresses.

Table 8—Commonly used global functional addresses

Address	Function
0	Write global transducer data
1	Write global control command
3	Write triggered channel address
5	Write global standard interrupt mask
96	Write global End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS
128	Read global transducer data
130	Read global standard status
132	Read global auxiliary status
160	Read Meta-TEDS
161	Read Meta-Identification TEDS
224	Read global End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS

Table 9—Commonly used channel functional addresses

Address	Function
0	Write channel transducer data
1	Write channel control command
5	Write channel standard interrupt mask
64	Write Calibration TEDS
65	Write Calibration Identification TEDS
96	Write End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS
128	Read channel transducer data
130	Read channel standard status
132	Read channel auxiliary status
160	Read Channel TEDS
161	Read Channel Identification TEDS
192	Read Calibration TEDS
193	Read Calibration Identification TEDS
224	Read End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS

Table 10 summarizes the functions for all functional addresses.

Table 10—Functional addresses showing read/write symmetry

Write address	CHANNEL_ZERO function	Channel 1–255 function	Read address	CHANNEL_ZERO function	Channel 1–255 function
Operational addresses					
0	Write global transducer data	Write channel transducer data	128	Read global transducer data	Read channel transducer data
1	Write global control command	Write channel control command	129	Reserved	
2	Reserved		130	Read global standard status	Read channel standard status
3	Write triggered channel address	Reserved	131	Read triggered channel address	Reserved
4	Reserved		132	Read global auxiliary status	Read channel auxiliary status
5	Write global standard interrupt mask	Write channel standard interrupt mask	133	Read global standard interrupt mask	Read channel standard interrupt mask
6	Write global auxiliary interrupt mask	Write channel auxiliary interrupt mask	134	Read global auxiliary interrupt mask	Read channel auxiliary interrupt mask
7	Reserved		135	Read STIM version	Reserved
8–15	Reserved for future write extensions		136–143	Reserved for future read extensions	
16–31	Open for industry write extensions		144–159	Open for industry read extensions	
TEDS addresses					
32	For manufacturer's use only	For manufacturer's use only	160	Read Meta-TEDS	Read Channel TEDS
33	For manufacturer's use only	For manufacturer's use only	161	Read Meta-Identification TEDS	Read Channel Identification TEDS
34–47	Reserved for writing future TEDS extensions		162–175	Reserved for reading future TEDS extensions	
48–63	For manufacturer's use only		176–191	Open for reading industry TEDS extensions	
Calibration TEDS addresses					
64	Reserved	Write Calibration TEDS	192	Reserved	Read Calibration TEDS
65	Reserved	Write Calibration Identification TEDS	193	Reserved	Read Calibration Identification TEDS
66–79	Reserved for writing future Calibration TEDS extensions		194–207	Reserved for reading future Calibration TEDS extensions	
80–95	Open for writing industry Calibration TEDS extensions		208–223	Open for reading industry Calibration TEDS extensions	
General writable storage addresses					
96	Write global End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS	Write channel End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS	224	Read global End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS	Read channel End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS
97–111	Reserved for writing future writable nonvolatile data		225–239	Reserved for reading future writable nonvolatile data	
112–127	Open for writing industry writable nonvolatile data		240–255	Open for reading industry writable nonvolatile data	

Note that the function has a global interpretation if CHANNEL_ZERO is addressed, and a channel-specific interpretation for channels 1 to 255. Table 10 includes the following four categories of functional addresses:

- a) Addresses whose functions are defined completely by this specification
- b) Addresses whose functions are defined partially or not at all
- c) Addresses that are *reserved* for future versions of the standard
- d) Addresses that are *open* for industry use

Functional addresses 0–31 and the corresponding addresses with the read bit set (128–159) are intended for operational functions.

Functional addresses 32–127 and 160–255 deal with data-sheet type information that is primarily read-only and is nonvolatile. Data structures whose addresses fall in these ranges shall have a 4 byte length field at the beginning and a 2 byte checksum at the end. The format of the length field and the checksum is specified in Clause 5.

Functional addresses 32–63 are invalid under normal use since they correspond to TEDS functions 160–191, which are read-only and shall not be modifiable by the user. Functional addresses 32, 33, and 48–63 may be used by a STIM manufacturer to create TEDS via the TII. Manufacturers shall use some mechanism to prevent unauthorized updating of those TEDS. The method of preventing unauthorized modifications is not part of this standard.

Functional addresses in the range of 64–127 allow the possibility of the user changing the data-sheet type structures found at corresponding functional addresses 192–255. For example, addresses 64 and 65 may be used for transducer recalibration.

All functional addresses that are marked as *reserved* are intended for future revisions to this standard and shall not be used by industry for any purpose.

All functional addresses that are marked as *open* may be used by industry. Functional addresses 16–31 and 144–59 may be used to implement extended operational functions. All other functional addresses that are marked as *open* may be used for extensions to the TEDS structures herein defined. In either operational or TEDS extensions, the data structures shall have a 4 byte length field at the beginning and a 2 byte checksum at the end. The format of the length field and the checksum shall be identical to those defined in Clause 5 for TEDS. Clause 5 gives additional restrictions on the data structure associated with TEDS extensions.

It is intended that functional addresses designated as *open* for industry extensions should be defined cooperatively by industry sectors.

The STIM shall respond to any attempt to read or write to any unimplemented or *reserved* functional address by setting the *STIM invalid command* bit in the standard status register. See 4.8 for a complete description of this bit.

4.5 Interface data transport

The data transport shall be supported by a group of signal lines in the physical interface. This service conveys addressing to the STIM and the data associated with the address between the STIM and the NCAP.

4.5.1 Data format

Data shall always consist of an integral number of bytes. When data transport involves multiple byte numeric representations, the most significant byte shall be sent first. For N-byte integer data representation that are not a multiple of 8 bits, pad bits shall be added above the most significant bit to bring the total to a multiple

of eight. For N-byte fractional data representations that are not a multiple of 8 bits, pad bits shall be added below the least significant bit to bring the total to a multiple of eight.

The physical interface shall transport each data byte in bit-serial form, most significant bit first.

4.5.2 Data transport function

Means shall be provided on the physical interface for the NCAP to signal when the data transport is active, and to delimit data transport frames. Means shall also be provided for the STIM to acknowledge its readiness for data transport.

The data transport function interacts with the trigger function. The data transport function shall be inactivated before the trigger is asserted.

A data transport frame shall begin by the NCAP sending an address to the STIM. The complete address specifies whether data shall be written to or read from the STIM, and which channel and function are involved.

The length of the data structure to be transported shall be determined in one of the following three ways:

- a) The lengths of status, interrupt mask, and control data and the triggered channel address are specified in this standard.
- b) The length of transducer data shall be determined from the channel data model field and related fields in the channel TEDS.
- c) All other data structures shall be preceded by a 4 byte integer indicating the length of the structure excluding the 4 byte length field.

4.5.3 Data transport rate and pacing

Data rates shall be controlled by the NCAP. All STIMs shall support the common data flow rate specified in 6.4. The rate may be changed to a higher rate based on information available in the TEDS.

Means shall be provided for both the STIM and the NCAP to regulate the flow of data bytes within a frame. This is referred to as *pacing*.

4.5.4 Transducer data

Data transport is most frequently used to read data from sensor, buffered sensor, data sequence sensor, and buffered data sequence sensors, and to write data to actuator and event sequence channels. Triggering interacts with data transport of transducer data as specified in 4.6.

Writing data to a sensor, buffered sensor, data sequence sensor, or buffered data sequence sensor shall have no effect.

Reading from a sensor, buffered sensor, data sequence sensor, or buffered data sequence sensor without triggering shall return the same data as when last read.

Reading data from any sensor after an aborted trigger cycle may produce unpredictable results.

Reading data from a buffered sensor or buffered data sequence sensor after initialization or after an aborted trigger cycle may produce unpredictable results until after the second trigger has been sent.

Reading data from an actuator shall return the latest data written to it.

Reading data from an actuator after initialization, but before writing data to it, shall return the initial state of the actuator.

The CHANNEL_ZERO functions, *write global transducer data* and *read global transducer data*, result in writing to or reading from the data structures of all implemented channels concatenated together, in order, beginning with channel one. This allows access to all transducers without the addressing overhead associated with accessing each individual channel. There are no delimiters between channel data structures. The data for each channel shall be parsed according to the data models recorded in each Channel TEDS. The behavior of each channel shall conform to the behavior specified for such reads and writes to individual channels.

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1—A read operation to *read global transducer data* is performed on a STIM that has a sensor on channels 1, 2, and 4 and an actuator on channel 3. The data shall include N_1 bytes for channel 1, N_2 bytes for channel 2, N_3 bytes for channel 3, and N_4 bytes for channel 4 (where N_1 through N_4 are the data model lengths for their respective channels).

2—With mixed sensors and actuators, a write operation to *write global transducer data* is performed on a STIM that has a sensor on channels 1 and 3, and actuators on channels 2 and 4. The data to be written shall be a concatenation of N_1 bytes of dummy data, N_2 bytes of valid data, N_3 bytes of dummy data, and N_4 bytes of valid data (where N_1 through N_4 are the data model lengths for their respective channels). Channels 1 and 3 will be unaffected while channels 2 and 4 will have the new valid data representing the next states of the respective actuators.

4.5.5 Data transport of other functions

Data transport is also used to read data sheet information such as the TEDS and to read status and write control commands to channels. The CHANNEL_ZERO status and control functions are not concatenated channel status and control commands. Instead, global status and control functions are defined.

Some data sheet information is also writable and nonvolatile (Calibration TEDS, End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS). The CHANNEL_ZERO data sheet functions, where defined or allowed, are not the concatenated channel functions. They shall apply to the STIM as a whole.

4.5.6 Data transport exceptions

Data reads and writes are intended to access complete data structures.

Partial reads of data-sheet type structures, that is, functional addresses 160–255 inclusive, are allowed, and shall not leave such functions in a corrupted state. Parsing shall take into account any data misalignment caused by such a partial read.

Partial reads of functional addresses between 128–159 inclusive may leave such functions in a corrupted state.

Partial writes to any functional address may leave the function in a corrupted state.

Reading more bytes than are specified for the data structure accessed shall not cause corruption of state or data for the addressed channel nor any other channel. Writing more bytes than are specified for the data structure accessed may leave the data corrupted for the addressed channel, but shall not cause corruption of state or data for any other channel.

Writing to an unimplemented channel address, or to an invalid functional address of an implemented channel shall not change or corrupt the state of any valid function of any implemented channel. The STIM shall respond to any attempt to address unimplemented channels by setting the *STIM invalid command bit* in the standard status register. See 4.8 for a complete description of this bit.

4.6 Triggering

Triggering shall be supported by signal lines in the physical interface. The triggering function provides means for an NCAP to send to a STIM a command for an action to take place (the trigger signal), and for the STIM to signal the time when the action occurred (trigger acknowledgment). For example, the action may be that a sensor channel samples new data. Each transducer channel type differs from another chiefly in the way it responds to triggering. The actions of each transducer channel type in response to triggering are described in 4.6.4 through 4.6.9.

Triggering shall only apply to a single channel, or to all channels at once (global triggering). The channel to which the trigger applies is selected by the triggered channel address.

The behavior of the triggering system from the point of view of the STIM is illustrated by the state diagram in Figure 3. The action initiated by normal triggering belongs to a separate, channel-type-dependent, concurrent process. The normal states of this concurrent process and their relationship to the trigger states are shown in Figures 4 through 9. Exceptions brought on by aborted triggering are detailed in the text of 4.6.4 through 4.6.9.

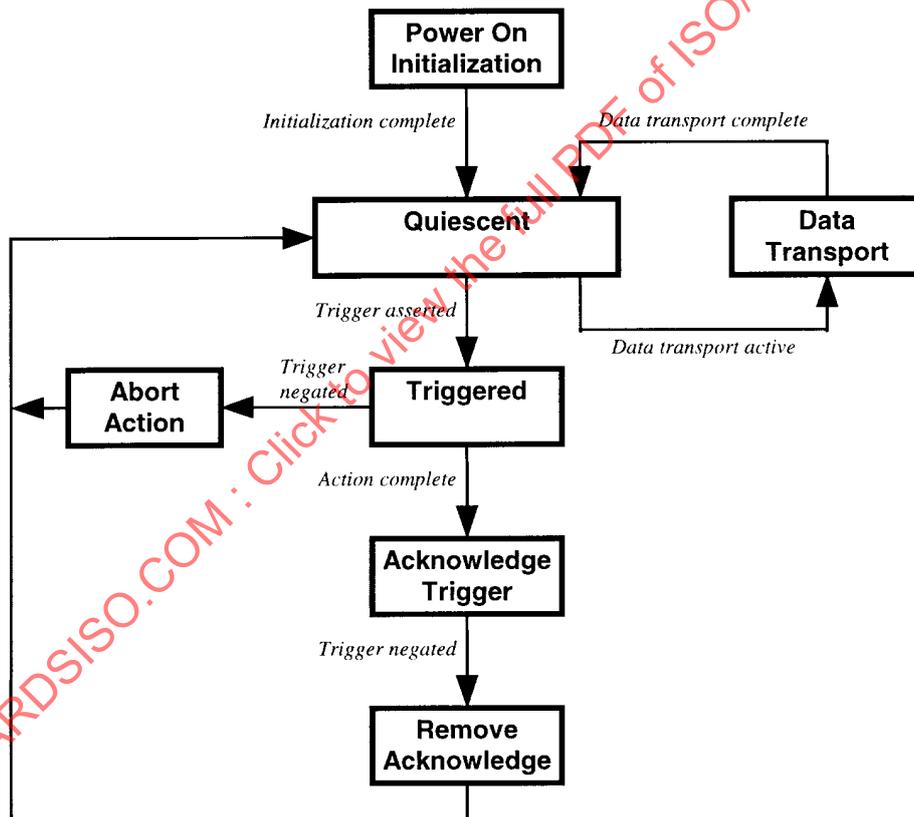


Figure 3—General response of STIM to a trigger

The timing specifications referred to in the transition from invalid to valid data are described further for individual sensor channel types in 4.6.4 through 4.6.9, and for global triggering and reading of multiple transducer types in 4.6.10.

Table 11 shows the STIM states related to triggering.

Table 11 – STIM states related to triggering

State	Definition
Power On Initialization	The STIM is performing initialization.
Quiescent	The STIM is waiting for either the trigger or the data transport to be active.
Triggered	The STIM has received a trigger and the triggered channel is performing the appropriate actions. (See Figures 4 through 9.)
Abort Action	The NCAP has removed the trigger prematurely to abort the action in the STIM. The resulting transducer data or actuator state is undefined. The state machine proceeds directly to the Quiescent state.
Acknowledge Trigger	The STIM has acknowledged the trigger and is waiting for the NCAP to negate it.
Remove Acknowledge	The NCAP has negated the trigger. The STIM removes the trigger acknowledge. The state machine proceeds directly to the Quiescent state.
Data Transport	The STIM is reading or writing data, status, control, or TEDS data fields. The trigger must remain inactive (negated) until data transport is complete.

4.6.1 The trigger signal

The trigger signal shall be driven by the NCAP. It serves as a command to a STIM for an action to occur. The physical interface shall ensure that the trigger signal is received by the STIM.

The trigger signal shall be negated when the data transport function is active, i.e., when reading from or writing to the STIM is enabled.

The trigger may produce unpredictable results if sent before the write setup time has expired, after a write to the transducer data address. The Channel Write Setup Time is in the Channel TEDS. The Global Worst-Case Write Setup Time, applicable to global triggering, is in the Meta-TEDS.

4.6.2 The trigger acknowledge signal

The trigger acknowledge signal shall be driven by the STIM. It serves as a marker denoting the time an event occurs. In the case of global triggering, trigger acknowledge serves as a reference from which individual event times can be calculated. Trigger acknowledge is also a response to the NCAP confirming that the action requested by the trigger did occur. The timing of trigger acknowledge depends on the transducer type of the triggered channel and is described for each type in 4.6.4 through 4.6.9. See 4.6.10 through 4.6.11 for additional constraints on the behavior of the trigger acknowledge signal.

Reading transducer data from the triggered channel may produce unpredictable results if the read setup time has not expired following trigger acknowledgment. The Channel Read Setup Time is in the Channel TEDS. The Global Worst-Case Read Setup Time, applicable to global triggering, is in the Meta-TEDS.

For virtual transducers or where timing is not important, trigger acknowledge may be sent immediately upon receipt of trigger.

If trigger is asserted and then negated before the trigger is acknowledged, then trigger acknowledge and any remaining action associated with trigger shall be aborted. The state and transducer data of the triggered channel after aborted triggering are undefined until the next completed trigger cycle.

If the trigger acknowledge is not received by the NCAP by the Channel Update Time listed in the channel TEDS (5.2.3.21), or in the case of global triggering by the worst-case Channel Update Time in the Meta-TEDS (5.1.3.13), the NCAP may assume that the triggered channel is not operating properly and abort the trigger by negating the trigger signal.

All STIM channels shall implement a *trigger acknowledged bit* in the channel standard status register. See 4.8 for the specific behavior of this bit.

4.6.3 The triggered channel address

The triggered channel address specifies the channel to which the trigger applies. If the triggered channel address is within the range of implemented channels, then all triggering shall be directed at that channel alone. If the triggered channel address is CHANNEL_ZERO, then triggering shall be directed at all implemented channels. This is referred to as global triggering.

To change the triggered channel address, the NCAP shall write 1 byte to functional address *write triggered channel address* at CHANNEL_ZERO. The byte value shall be the new triggered channel until changed by another such write. Reading *read triggered channel address* at CHANNEL_ZERO shall return the value of the last byte written to *write triggered channel address*.

There is no specified default triggered channel address upon power-up.

4.6.4 Triggering sensors

The trigger signal shall cause a sensor channel to acquire new data or a new data set. For the simplest sensors, this could mean a digital latch is updated or an analog-to-digital converter begins a conversion. More complex sensors may take multiple samples per trigger, spaced apart incrementally in time or some other dimension. See 4.6.11 for further details.

For a sensor channel, the STIM shall send a trigger acknowledgment coincident with the sample time. Subsequent to this trigger acknowledge and the additional duration specified by the Channel Read Setup Time, the data shall be available to the NCAP. The Channel Read Setup Time is specified in the Channel TEDS.

Irrespective of the time needed to read the transducer data, the NCAP shall wait for at least the duration of the Channel Sampling Period between successive triggers. The Channel Sampling Period is in the Channel TEDS.

The normal behavior of a sensor is illustrated by the state diagram of Figure 4. The concurrent quiescent and triggered states of Figure 3 are shown for reference.

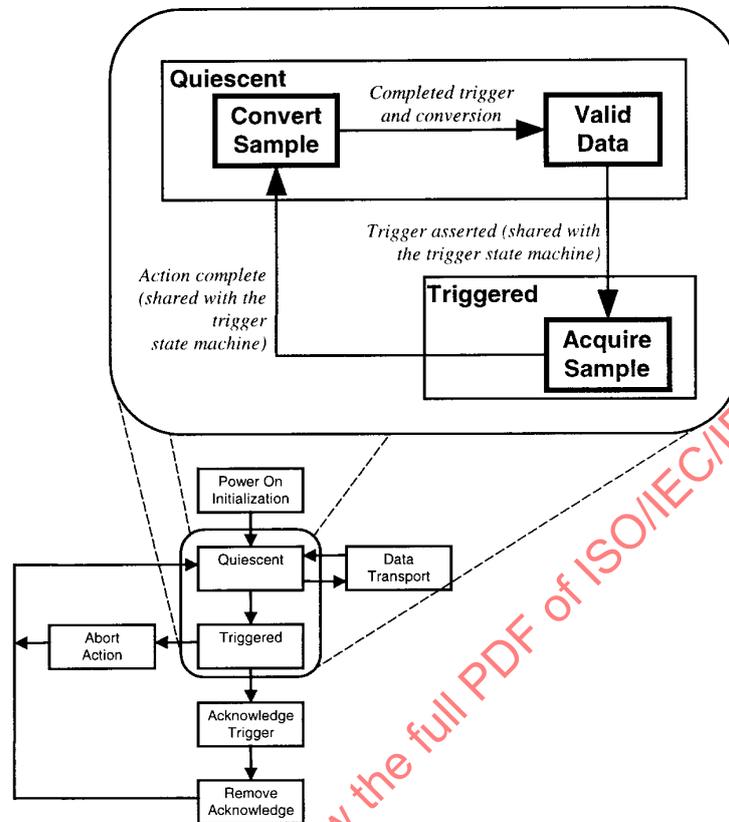


Figure 4—Sensor activity concurrent with the quiescent and triggered states

Table 12 shows the states related to sensors.

Table 12—Sensor states

State	Definition
Acquire Sample	The sample is being acquired. The action is complete when the sample acquisition is complete, irrespective of any further digitization.
Convert Sample	The STIM channel is digitizing the sample and moving it to the transducer data buffer. The STIM leaves this state when all conditions for valid data are met. The Channel Read Setup Time is the time spent in this state.
Valid Data	Valid data from the triggered channel is available to be read.

4.6.5 Triggering actuators

The trigger signal shall cause an actuator channel to assume a new state or to step through a set of states. See 4.6.11 for details on actuators with data sets greater than a single sample. The data set associated with the new state shall have been written to the actuator channel previous to the trigger. Trigger shall not occur until the Channel Write Setup Time has passed following the time the new data is written. The Channel Write Setup Time is in the Channel TEDS.

The STIM shall send a trigger acknowledgment at the time that an actuator channel begins to assume the new state or the first of the set of new states.

Irrespective of the time necessary to write new data to the actuator, the NCAP shall wait for at least the duration of the Channel Sampling Period between successive triggers. The Channel Sampling Period is in the Channel TEDS.

The normal behavior of an actuator is illustrated by the state diagram in Figure 5. The concurrent quiescent and triggered states of Figure 3 are shown for reference.

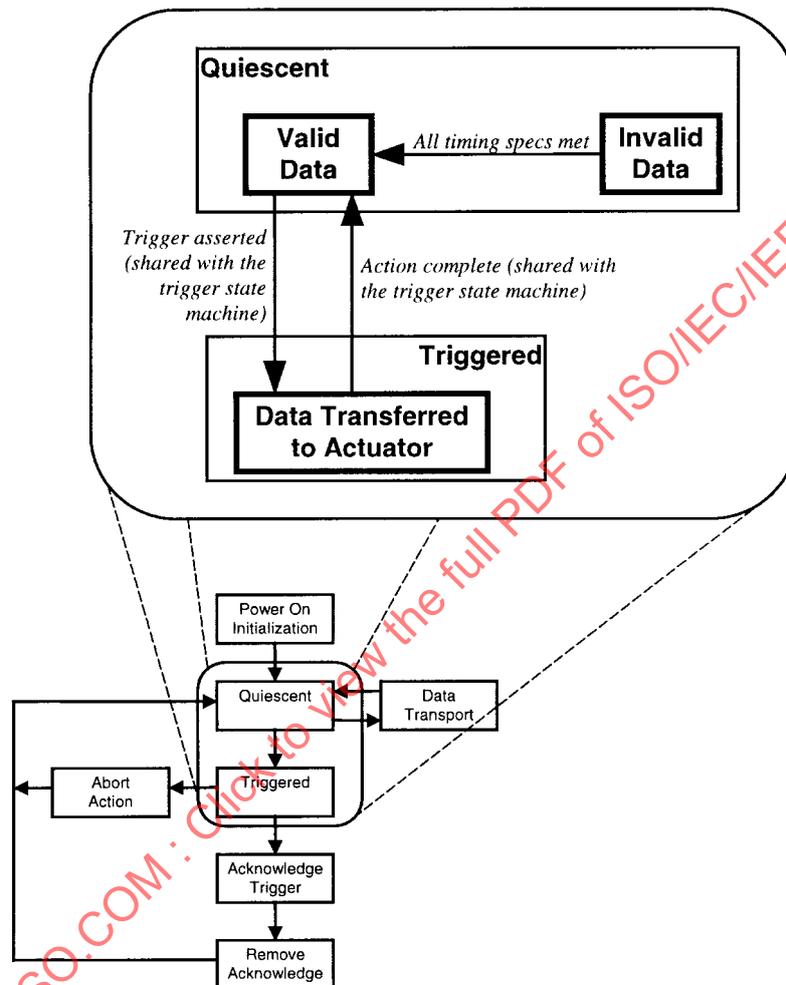


Figure 5— Actuator activity concurrent with the quiescent and triggered states

Table 13 shows the states related to actuators.

Table 13— Actuator states

State	Definition
Data Transferred To Actuator	The last data written to the actuator channel is being transferred to the actuator output buffer.
Invalid Data	The STIM is processing newly received data. The STIM leaves this state when the Channel Write Setup Time and Channel Sampling Period restrictions are met.
Valid Data	Valid data is available to the actuator channel. The channel may be triggered.

4.6.6 Triggering buffered sensors

The trigger signal shall cause a buffered sensor channel to acquire a new data set, and also to make a previously acquired data set available to be read.

The acquisition of data proceeds concurrently with all other STIM activities. When the acquisition is complete, the data is placed in a holding buffer and further data acquisition waits for the next trigger. Note that the sample time can only be known approximately.

For a buffered sensor channel, the STIM shall send a trigger acknowledgment coincident with the availability of the previously acquired data set. Subsequent to this trigger acknowledge and the additional duration specified by the Channel Read Setup Time, the data shall be available to the NCAP. The Channel Read Setup Time is specified in the Channel TEDS. These times are usually very short.

If another trigger is received before the acquisition of the new sample of data is complete, the acknowledge signal shall not be returned until the data acquisition process is complete. To obtain the fastest trigger cycle time, the NCAP should wait for at least the duration of the Channel Sampling Period between successive triggers. The Channel Sampling Period is in the Channel TEDS.

After initialization or reset, a buffered sensor must be triggered twice before reading the first data. The first trigger samples data and loads the holding buffer and the second makes the data available.

The normal behavior of a buffered sensor is illustrated by the state diagram in Figure 6. The concurrent quiescent and triggered states of Figure 3 are shown for reference. There are two state machines in addition to the trigger state machine. One samples and converts data and the other makes the data available to be read as a result of triggering.

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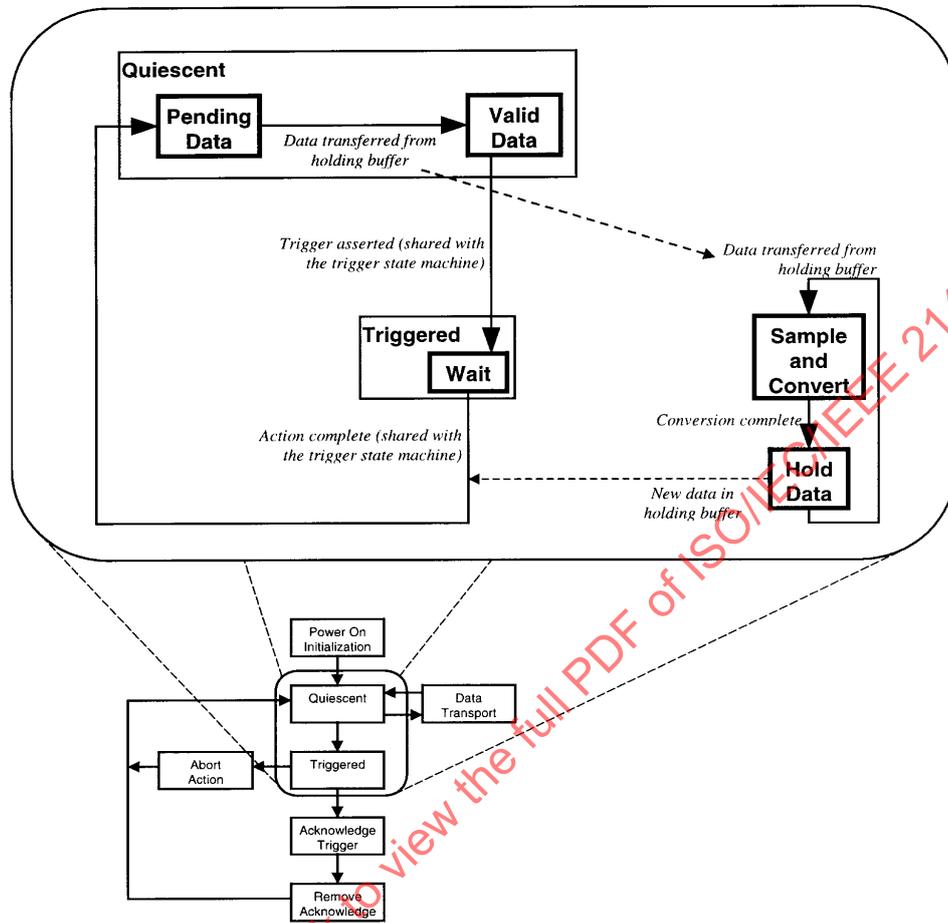


Figure 6—Buffered sensor actions concurrent with the quiescent and triggered states

Table 14 shows the states related to buffered sensors.

Table 14—Buffered sensor states

State	Definition
Sample And Convert	Acquire a new sample and convert to digital form.
Hold Data	Place digitized data into the holding buffer and wait for trigger.
Wait	Wait until the data acquisition process started by the previous trigger is complete. No time is spent in this state if data is already in the holding buffer.
Pending Data	Take the data acquired after the previous trigger and transfer it from the holding buffer to the transducer data buffer to be read. The Channel Read Setup Time is the time spent in this state.
Valid Data	Valid data from the triggered channel is available to be read.

4.6.7 Triggering data sequence sensors

A data sequence sensor channel shall continuously acquire new data or data sets when enabled, with the timing determined by the STIM. The sample timing may or may not be periodic. The *channel data/event* status bit shall be set at the sample time.

After a trigger is received by a data sequence sensor channel, the STIM shall send a trigger acknowledgment coincident with the next data sample time. Subsequent to this trigger acknowledgment and the additional duration specified by the read setup time, the data associated with this sample time shall be available to the NCAP. The Channel Read Setup Time is specified in the Channel TEDS.

Sampling shall be enabled or disabled by control commands defined in 4.7. A disabled data sequence sensor shall neither respond to a trigger in any way, nor hold off global trigger acknowledgments.

When a STIM contains multiple enabled data sequence channels, it is recommended that all such channels be operated synchronously. This makes global triggering unambiguous. See 4.6.10 for more details about global triggering. The global triggering response of multiple data sequence channels operating asynchronously is beyond the scope of this standard.

In most applications of data sequence sensors, it is desirable to read a number of contiguous single data samples. The *channel missed data or event* status bit shall be set for an enabled data sequence sensor coincident with any data sample time if the trigger is not asserted. The exception is that when the status bit has been cleared, missed samples shall not be detected and the channel missed data or event status bit shall not be set until after the first trigger cycle.

The normal behavior of a data sequence sensor is illustrated by the state diagram in Figure 7. The concurrent quiescent and triggered states of Figure 3 are shown for reference. There are two state machines in addition to the trigger state machine. One continuously samples and converts data and the other makes the data available to be read as a result of triggering.

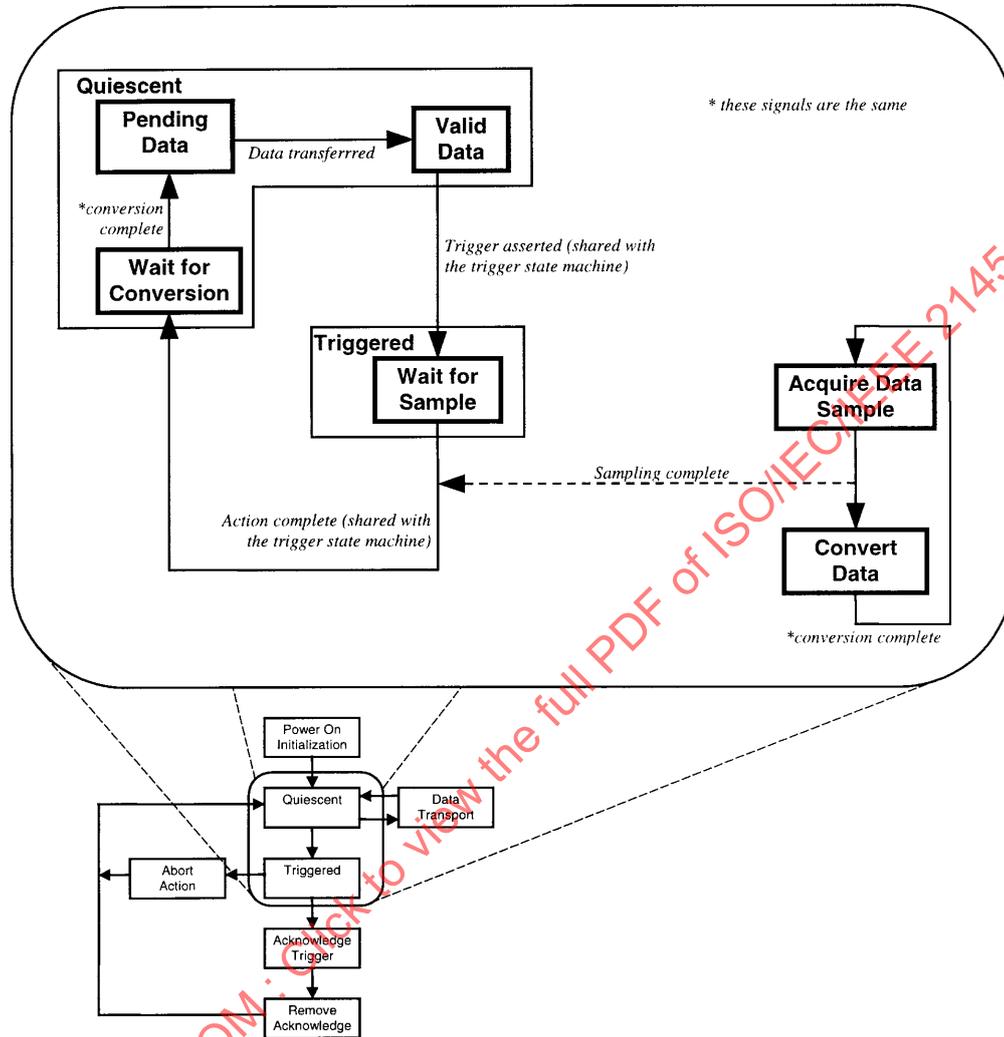


Figure 7—Data sequence sensor actions and the quiescent and triggered states

Table 15 shows the states related to data sequence sensors.

Table 15—Data sequence sensor states

State	Definition
Acquire Data Sample	The sample is being acquired.
Convert Data	The sampled data is digitized.
Wait For Sample	Wait until the next sample is acquired.
Wait For Conversion	Wait in this state until conversion is complete and data is available.
Pending Data	Transfer data to the transducer data buffer to be read. The Channel Read Setup Time is the time spent in this state and in the Wait For Conversion state.
Valid Data	Valid data from the triggered channel is available to be read.

4.6.8 Triggering buffered data sequence sensors

A buffered data sequence sensor channel shall continuously acquire new data or data sets when enabled, with the timing determined by the STIM. The sample timing may or may not be periodic. When each data acquisition is complete, the STIM shall place the data in a holding buffer, set the *channel data/event* status bit, and begin the next data acquisition. A trigger shall make the data in the holding buffer available to be read.

For a buffered data sequence sensor channel, the STIM shall send a trigger acknowledgment coincident with the availability of the previously acquired data set. Subsequent to this trigger acknowledge and the additional duration specified by the Channel Read Setup Time, the data shall be available to the NCAP. The Channel Read Setup Time is specified in the Channel TEDS. These times are usually very short.

If another trigger is received after the holding buffer is read but before the acquisition of the next sample of data is complete, the acknowledge signal shall not be returned until the data acquisition process is complete.

Sampling shall be enabled or disabled by control commands defined in 4.7. A disabled data sequence sensor shall neither respond to a trigger in any way, nor hold off global trigger acknowledgments.

When a STIM contains multiple enabled buffered data sequence channels, it is recommended that all such channels be operated synchronously. This makes global triggering unambiguous. See 4.6.10 for more details about global triggering. The global triggering response of multiple buffered data sequence channels operating asynchronously is beyond the scope of this standard.

In some applications of buffered data sequence sensors it is desirable to read a number of contiguous single data samples. The *channel missed data or event* status bit shall be set for an enabled buffered data sequence sensor if a data sample overwrites data in the holding buffer that has not been read. The exception is that when the status bit has been cleared, missed samples shall not be detected and the channel missed data or event status bit shall not be set until after the first trigger cycle.

The normal behavior of a buffered data sequence sensor is illustrated by the state diagram in Figure 8. The concurrent quiescent and triggered states of Figure 3 are shown for reference. There are two state machines in addition to the trigger state machine. One continuously samples and converts data and the other makes the data available to be read as a result of triggering

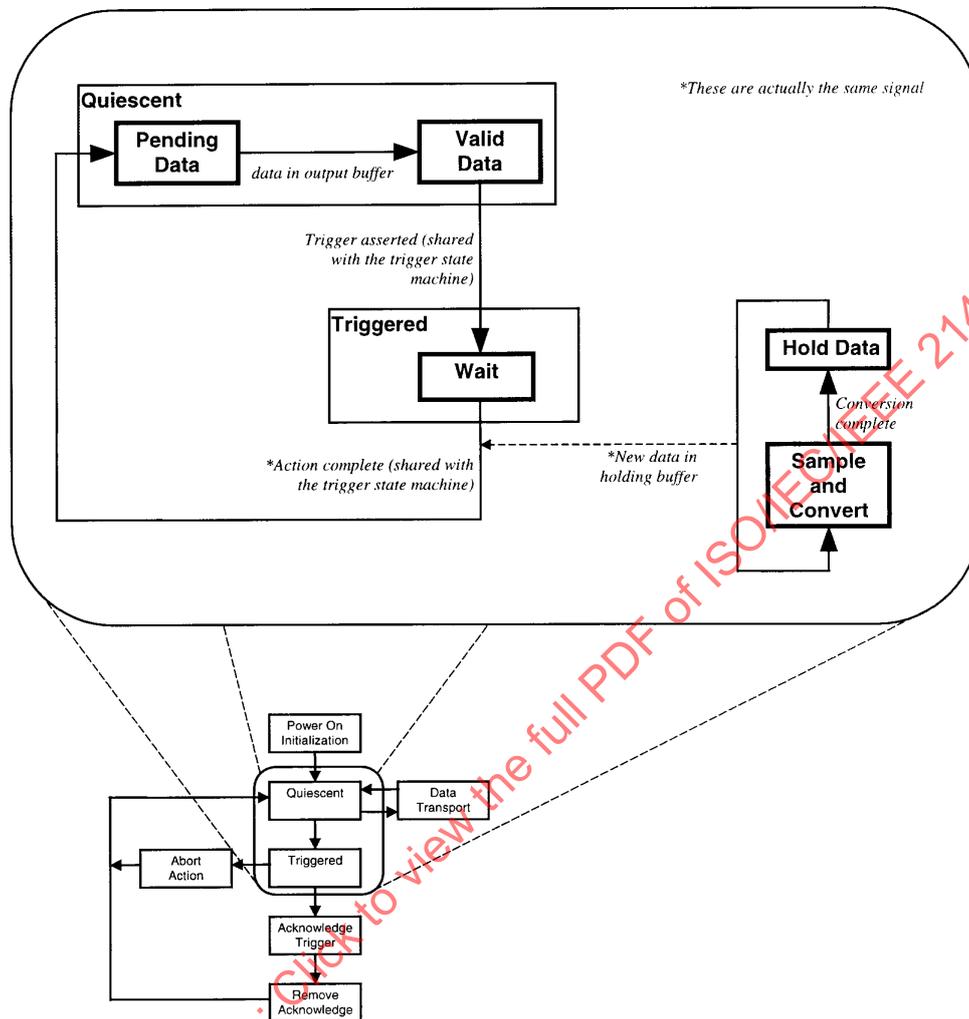


Figure 8—Buffered data sequence sensor states concurrent with the quiescent and triggered states

Table 16 shows the states related to buffered data sequence sensors.

Table 16—Buffered data sequence sensor states

State	Definition
Sample and Convert	Acquire and digitize a new set of data.
Hold Data	Save the digitized data set in the holding buffer. When done, proceed to Sample and Convert state.
Wait	Wait until the data acquisition process started by the previous trigger is complete. No time is spent in this state if data is already in the holding buffer.
Pending Data	Transfer data from the holding buffer to the transducer data output buffer to be read. The Channel Read Setup Time is the time spent in this state.
Valid Data	Valid data from the triggered channel is available to be read.

4.6.9 Triggering event sequence sensors

An enabled event sequence sensor shall respond to a trigger signal by asserting the trigger acknowledge signal at the occurrence of the next event. A trigger shall have no effect on an event sequence sensor in its *disabled* or *configuration* state, but shall be acknowledged.

An enabled event sequence sensor shall set the *channel data/event* status bit whenever an event is detected irrespective of triggering, and shall additionally set the *channel missed data or event* status bit coincident with any event if the trigger is not asserted. The exception is that the *channel missed data or event* status bit shall not be set until after the first trigger cycle after it is cleared.

An *event* is defined as a transition of state. The allowed states are one or zero. The event sequence sensor may be configured to report rising transitions (from zero to one), falling transitions (from one to zero), or both. The time of the event shall be the point of completion of a selected transition type.

An event sequence sensor may physically consist of one or more digital inputs or an analog input.

- a) For a digital event sequence sensor, a rising transition shall be when the inputs match a specific digital pattern without change for a fixed period of time determined by the manufacturer. A falling transition shall be when the inputs cease to match the pattern for the same fixed time.
- b) For an analog event sequence sensor, an upper and lower threshold are defined. The lower threshold differs from the upper by a quantity called hysteresis. A rising transition shall be when the analog input value passes successively through the lower and upper thresholds without recrossing either. A falling transition shall be when the analog input value passes successively through the upper and lower thresholds without recrossing either.

An event sequence channel shall have three operational states: *enabled*, *disabled*, and *configuration*. These states shall be set by control commands defined in 4.7. When disabled, an event sequence channel shall operate like a sensor channel and not set the *channel data/event* or *channel missed data or event* status bits. Accessing *read transducer data* from an enabled or disabled event sequence sensor channel shall return a byte with integer value one if the last transition was rising and zero if it was falling.

In the *configuration* state, the event sequence sensor channel shall behave like an actuator, and a single byte written to *write transducer data* allows the NCAP to select which transitions to report as events, according to the enumeration in Table 17. Accessing *read transducer data* shall return the previously written configuration. Triggering shall not be necessary and shall have no effect.

Table 17—Enumeration of event sequence sensor configurations

Value	Meaning
0	Reserved
1	Rising transitions reported
2	Falling transitions reported
3	Both transitions reported
4–255	Reserved

The minimum time between events that can be detected by the channel shall be specified in the Channel TEDS field, Channel Sampling Period (5.2.3.24).

The normal behavior of an event sequence channel is illustrated by the state diagram in Figure 9. The concurrent triggered state of Figure 3 is shown for reference. The “event happens” signal coincides with “action complete.”

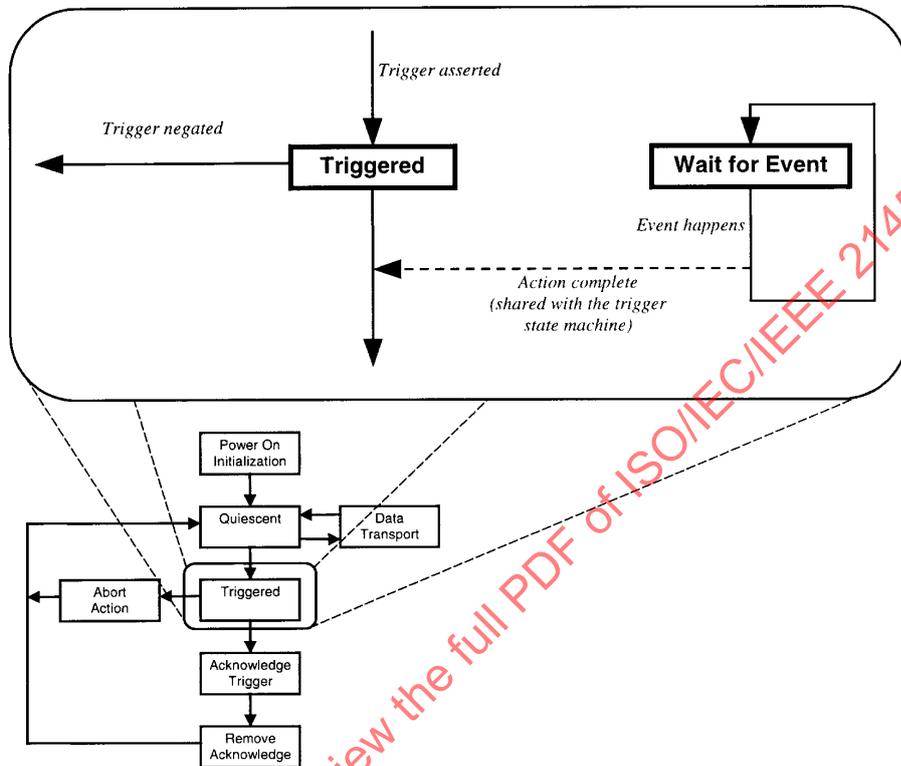


Figure 9—Event sequence sensor states concurrent with the triggered state

Table 18 shows the state associated with event detection.

Table 18—Event detection state machine

State	Definition
Wait for event	The event detection process is waiting for an event to happen.

Extended configuration of an event sequence sensor is possible by means of auxiliary channels. These channels are associated with the event sequence sensor channel by means of groupings reported in the Meta-TEDS (see 4.12 and 5.1.3). The Event Sequence Options field of the Channel TEDS (5.2.3.29) is used to denote which, if any, of these extended configuration options apply.

A digital event sequence sensor may be associated with a sensor that returns the digital input value and/or an actuator that allows a changeable pattern to match. The Channel TEDS for these auxiliary channels shall be appropriate to their function.

An analog event sequence sensor may be associated with a sensor that returns the analog input value and either one or both of two actuators, one to set the upper threshold and one to set the hysteresis. The hysteresis

is subtracted from the upper threshold to give the lower threshold. All of these auxiliary channels shall have TEDS appropriate to their function and may have Calibration TEDS associated with them.

Consistency checks may be made by the STIM if the pattern is changeable for a digital event sequence sensor channel or either the threshold or hysteresis is changeable for an analog event sequence sensor channel. Inconsistent values are signaled by the *hardware error status bit*. If inconsistent values are checked, the check shall be made immediately following a change in any of these parameters. The check shall consist of verifying the following relationships:

- For analog values:
 $\text{maximum sensed input} \geq \text{threshold} \geq (\text{threshold} - \text{hysteresis}) \geq \text{minimum sensed input value}$
- For digital patterns: the pattern is a legal input.

NOTE—Consistency checking by the STIM must perform only use data in the data model specified by the Channel TEDS of the auxiliary channels.

4.6.10 Global triggering

When the triggered channel address is CHANNEL_ZERO, then all channels shall respond to a trigger signal. Due to the many possible permutations of transducer types, it is not possible to specify the response to global triggering in the general case. Several selected cases are specified below. Behavior of any other permutation is left to the manufacturer.

4.6.10.1 Global triggering with mixed sensors, actuators, and buffered sensors

Trigger acknowledgment shall be held off until all channels have completed their appropriate action. Thus, the trigger acknowledgment is sent by the slowest channel. If global writing of transducer data precedes triggering, or global reading follows, then the worst-case setup times specified by Meta-TEDS must be honored in order to ensure predictable transducer data or actuator states.

The Timing Correction (5.2.3.27) and Trigger Accuracy (5.2.3.28) fields in the Channel TEDS can be used to calculate the timing for all but the slowest channel.

It is recommended that the Timing Correction field be used as follows:

- a) For all sensor or actuator channels, the interval between trigger and trigger acknowledgment should be fixed for each channel. The Timing Correction field for each channel should contain the difference between this time interval and that of the slowest channel. Thus, this will be a negative number, or zero (for the slowest channel). The NCAP can then add this number to the global trigger acknowledgment time to obtain the time when the channel would have acknowledged trigger.
- b) For all synchronously clocked data sequence channels, there may be some skew between sample times. It is recommended that manufacturers should designate one channel to respond to global triggers if this timing feature is used. The entry in the Timing Correction field for this reference channel should be zero, and the entry for all other channels should be their data clock times relative to the reference channel. These entries will all be negative, indicating that these channels are sampled before the reference channel for any particular trigger. Any other channel types included on such a STIM should be sensors, buffered sensors, buffered data sequence sensors, or actuators that respond virtually instantaneously to any trigger, and their Timing Correction fields should be set to NaN.

For event sequence sensors and for sensors or actuators for which time is unimportant, the Timing Correction field should be set to NaN.

4.6.10.2 Global triggering when enabled event sequence sensors are present

If more than one enabled event sequence channel is present on a STIM that is globally triggered, trigger acknowledgment shall be asserted by the enabled channel first detecting an event. The ambiguity in trigger acknowledgments shall be resolved by means of the *channel data/event* status bit.

If one or more enabled event sequence sensors are present, only the enabled event sequence sensors shall respond to a global trigger. The trigger acknowledgment produced shall also serve as a virtual global trigger to all other non-event sequence channels. No trigger acknowledgment shall be produced by this virtual trigger of other channels. This allows “other” channels to capture state at the time of event detection without requiring NCAP mediation. The actual time of sampling (as opposed to the “triggering”) of these non-event sequence channels may be calculated approximately by adding the Worst-Case Channel Update Time (5.1.3.13) to the time of the trigger acknowledgment and using this as the time when the other channels would have generated a trigger acknowledgment.

4.6.11 Triggering channels with Channel Data Repetitions greater than zero

Transducer types sensor, buffered sensor, data sequence sensor, buffered data sequence sensor, and actuator may have Channel Data Repetitions (5.2.3.17) greater than zero. This allows for vectors of data associated with equally spaced increments of some physical parameter that forms an independent variable. The increment, origin, and units associated with this independent variable are listed in the Channel TEDS fields: Series Increment, Series Origin, and Series Units, respectively. Fixed-length time series may be implemented by setting the value of the Series Units field to seconds. The number of instances of data in the complete data set equals the Channel Data Repetitions plus one. Each instance of data is indexed sequentially, beginning with zero, with the 0th datum transmitted first, the first repetition transmitted second, etc.

There shall be one trigger cycle associated with each data set. For sensor-type channels, one data set is acquired per trigger. For actuators, one complete data set shall be transmitted to the actuator channel before triggering. Triggering once shall cause the full data set to be processed by the actuator. The processing shall proceed sequentially if it is a time series.

The trigger acknowledgment shall be associated with the sampling time of the 0th member of the data set, that is, the one transmitted first during data transport. If the value of the Series Units is not seconds, then the sampling times of the other members of the data set are undefined by this standard.

For time series, the value of the Series Units field shall be seconds, the Series Origin field shall be zero, and the timing of each member of the data set shall be associated with the 0th member, as follows:

- a) For channels with Series Increment greater than zero, the 0th member of the data set shall be sampled the earliest in time. The sample time of the first repetition of the data set shall be one Series Increment later than the 0th datum. The time of the nth member of the data set shall be “n” Series Increments later than the 0th datum. This produces a time series that extends into the future from the trigger acknowledgment.
- b) For channels with Series Increment less than zero, the 0th member of the data set shall be sampled the latest in time. The sample time of the first repetition of the data set shall be one Series Increment earlier than the 0th datum. The time of the nth member of the data set shall be “n” Series Increments earlier than the 0th datum. This produces a time series that extends into the past from the trigger acknowledgment.

4.7 Control

The control function allows commands to be sent to the STIM as a whole, or to each channel thereof, which affects their state or operation. It shall be accessed by writing to the functional address *write channel control command* for a specified channel or *write global control command* for CHANNEL_ZERO. Control commands shall be 2 bytes only. CHANNEL_ZERO control commands shall be defined such that they affect all channels. CHANNEL_ZERO commands may be distinct from commands to nonzero channels.

Control commands defined by this standard are listed in Table 19. Control commands zero and one shall be implemented by all STIMs for all channels. Control commands two through four refer to optional functions that may be implemented in the STIM. Control commands five through seven shall be implemented by all STIMs that contain event sequence sensors. Control commands nine and ten shall be implemented by all STIMs that contain data sequence sensors or buffered data sequence sensors. All *reserved* commands shall not be implemented in the STIM. All *open* for industry commands may be implemented in the STIM. It is intended that control commands designated as *open* for industry should be defined cooperatively by industry sectors.

Table 19—Standard control commands

Value	CHANNEL_ZERO definition	Individual channel definition
0	No operation	No operation
1	Reset STIM	Reset channel
2	Initiate STIM self-test	Initiate channel self-test
3	Calibrate all channels	Calibrate channel
4	Zero all channels	Zero channel
5	Enable all event sequence sensors	Enable event sequence sensor
6	Disable all event sequence sensors	Disable event sequence sensor
7	Set all event sequence sensors to the configuration mode	Set event sequence sensor to the configuration mode
8	Reserved	Reserved
9	Enable all data sequence or buffered data sequence sensors	Enable data sequence or buffered data sequence sensors
10	Disable all data sequence or buffered data sequence sensors	Disable data sequence or buffered data sequence sensors
11–255	Reserved	Reserved
256–65 535	Open to industry	Open to industry

The STIM shall respond to all unimplemented commands by setting the *STIM invalid command bit* in the standard status register. See 4.8 for a complete description of this bit.

4.8 Status

The status function allows the NCAP to determine the state of the STIM as a whole or of individual channels. It is implemented by means of standard and auxiliary status registers. Each bit in a specific status register represents the presence or absence of a particular condition. The presence of a condition shall be represented by a one in the appropriate bit position.

The status function is also used in conjunction with interrupt masks (see 4.9) and interrupts (see 4.10) to indicate that the STIM is requesting service, and for what purpose.

Standard and auxiliary status registers are defined below and shall be implemented for CHANNEL_ZERO and for each implemented channel in a STIM. The returned status for CHANNEL_ZERO represents the

state of the STIM as a whole. In many cases, a bit in the returned CHANNEL_ZERO status represents the logical *OR* of corresponding bits in all implemented channels.

Status bits defined by this standard are tabulated below. Some status bits are *reserved* for future versions of this standard. Some bits are optional and the STIM manufacturer may choose not to implement them. Bits designated as *open* for industry may be used to report conditions not represented by bits that are already defined. It is intended that status bits designated as *open* for industry should be defined cooperatively by industry sectors. New bit definitions in the CHANNEL_ZERO status registers shall reflect global conditions. Status bits labeled *reserved*, and unimplemented optional status bits, shall be reported as zero when read.

Bits in any status register may be cleared in one of two ways, as follows:

- a) Bits shall be cleared immediately when the condition they report goes away. Any bit in a CHANNEL_ZERO status register that is defined as the *OR* of the corresponding bit in the channel status registers shall be cleared in this manner.
- b) Bits shall be cleared when the condition they report goes away *and* a complete status register read is performed.

The first way shall apply unless the bit definition explicitly says that it is cleared when read.

During power-on or reset initialization, data transport may be held off longer than the hold-off times specified in the TEDS. The STIM shall ensure that reads of status registers return an accurate representation of the STIM's state. The STIM shall hold off a read of any status register for which this is not the case.

4.8.1 Standard status

The standard status register shall be accessed by reading from the functional address *read channel standard status* for the channel in question or functional address *read global standard status* for CHANNEL_ZERO. The returned status shall be 2 bytes wide.

The following global standard status bits shall always be implemented:

- Global service request bit
- STIM trigger acknowledged bit
- STIM has been reset bit
- STIM invalid command bit
- STIM *OR* of all channel auxiliary status available bits
- STIM operational bit

The following standard channel status bits shall always be implemented:

- Channel service request bit
- Channel trigger acknowledged bit
- Channel has been reset bit
- Channel auxiliary status available bit
- Channel operational bit

The following global standard status bits shall be implemented for any STIM that contains a data sequence sensor, buffered data sequence sensor, or an event sequence sensor:

- STIM *OR* of all channel missed data or event bits
- STIM *OR* of all channel data/event bits

The following standard channel status bits shall be implemented for any data sequence sensor, buffered data sequence sensor, or an event sequence sensor channel:

- Channel missed data or event bit
- Channel data/event bit

The *STIM OR of channel hardware error bits* in the returned CHANNEL_ZERO standard status, and the *channel hardware error bit* shall be implemented for any STIM that contains an event sequence sensor if consistency checks are made (see 4.6.9).

Standard status bits are shown in Table 20.

Table 20—Standard status bits

Bit	CHANNEL_ZERO definition	Individual channel definition
msb	Open to industry	Open to industry
—	Open to industry	Open to industry
—	Open to industry	Open to industry
—	Open to industry	Open to industry
—	Reserved	Reserved
—	Reserved	Reserved
—	Reserved	Reserved
—	STIM operational bit	Channel operational bit
—	STIM <i>OR</i> of channel hardware error bits	Channel hardware error bit
—	STIM <i>OR</i> of all channel data/event bits	Channel data /event bit
—	STIM <i>OR</i> of all channel missed data or event bits	Channel missed data or event bit
—	STIM <i>OR</i> of all channel auxiliary status available bits	Channel auxiliary status available bit
—	STIM invalid command bit	Reserved
—	STIM has been reset bit	Channel has been reset bit
—	STIM trigger acknowledged bit	Channel trigger acknowledged bit
lsb	Global service request bit	Channel service request bit

The *channel service request bit* of any nonzero channel shall be set when that channel is requesting service and shall be cleared when read unless a condition requiring service persists. Interrupt masks are used to define conditions for which a channel requests service.

The *global service request bit* shall be set whenever the STIM is requesting service, as defined by the CHANNEL_ZERO interrupt masks. It shall be cleared when read, unless a condition requiring service persists.

The *channel trigger acknowledged bit* shall be set by the STIM when it acknowledges the trigger and shall be cleared when read. After global triggers, every *channel trigger acknowledged bit* shall be set by the STIM when it would have acknowledged each channel trigger if they were individually addressed.

The *STIM trigger acknowledged bit* in the CHANNEL_ZERO status shall be set by the STIM when it acknowledges the trigger. It shall be cleared when read.

The *STIM has been reset bit* shall be set after the STIM has been reset for any reason, including, but not limited to power up resets, watchdog timer resets, or in response to a reset STIM command. It shall be cleared when read.

The *channel has been reset bit* shall be set after that channel has been reset for any reason. It shall be cleared when read.

The *STIM invalid command bit* shall be set whenever the STIM detects an unimplemented command or a read or write to unimplemented functional addresses. It shall be cleared when read.

The *channel auxiliary status available bit* shall be set whenever a bit in that channel's auxiliary status register is set. It shall remain set as long as any bit in that channel's auxiliary status register is set and shall be cleared when all bits in that channel's auxiliary status register are clear.

The *channel hardware error bit* shall be set only when the condition it reports becomes valid. It shall be cleared when read provided the condition it reports is no longer valid. This bit shall be set by an event sequence sensor if consistency checks are made and fail. Additional criteria for hardware errors are determined by the STIM manufacturer.

The *channel missed data or event bit* shall be set coincident with a data sample time of an enabled data sequence sensor or the event time of an enabled event sequence sensor if the channel is not currently triggered. It shall be set for an enabled buffered data sequence sensor if a data sample overwrites data in the holding buffer that has not been read. The exception to the above is that this bit shall not be set before the first trigger cycle on any such channel after the bit has been cleared. This bit shall be cleared when read.

The *channel dataevent bit* shall be set at the data sample time for an enabled data sequence sensor or buffered data sequence sensor channel, or when an enabled event sequence sensor detects an event. It shall be cleared when read.

The *channel operational bit* shall be set when the channel transducer complies with the manufacturer's specifications. This bit shall be cleared during warm-up or any other condition when the transducer does not comply with specifications or is not operational.

The *STIM operational bit* shall be cleared whenever any *channel operational bit* is cleared or if the STIM is not operational due to any other condition.

4.8.2 Auxiliary status

The auxiliary status register shall be accessed by reading from the functional address *read channel auxiliary status* for the channel in question or functional address *read global auxiliary status* for CHANNEL_ZERO. The returned status shall be 2 bytes wide. All auxiliary status bits are optional. The STIM manufacturer may determine the criteria for their use, consistent with their names.

Auxiliary status bits are shown in Table 21.

Table 21 – Auxiliary status bits

Bit	Channel zero definition	Individual channel definition
msb	Open to industry	Open to industry
–	Open to industry	Open to industry
–	Open to industry	Open to industry
–	Open to industry	Open to industry
–	Open to industry	Open to industry
–	Open to industry	Open to industry
–	Reserved	Reserved
–	OR of all channel data over range or under range bits	Channel data over range or under range bit
–	OR of all channel consumables exhausted bits	Channel consumables exhausted bit
–	STIM failed self-test bit	Channel failed self-test bit
–	OR of channel failed calibration bits	Channel failed calibration bit
lsb	OR of channel busy bits	Channel busy bit

The *channel busy bit* shall be set whenever a channel cannot support read or write access of transducer data over the data transport due to the processing of commands. Such commands include channel self-test, channel calibration, channel reset, zero channel, or any other industry-defined commands that interfere with normal data transport operations. This bit shall be set only while the condition that it reports persists.

The *channel failed calibration bit*, the *channel failed self-test bit*, and the *channel consumables exhausted bit* shall be set only while the condition that they report persists.

The *STIM failed self-test bit* shall be set if the STIM fails a self-test or if any channel has failed a self-test. This bit shall be set only while the condition that it reports persists.

The *channel data over range or under range bit* shall be set if the STIM channel detects an over range or under range condition. If the channel is not capable of detecting this condition, then this bit shall be reported as zero. It shall be cleared when read.

4.9 Interrupt masks

The STIM shall contain both a standard interrupt mask register and an auxiliary mask register. Both interrupt mask registers are 2 bytes wide. Writing a one to any bit position in either interrupt mask register will allow the service request bit to be set when the corresponding bit in either status register is set. See Figure 10 for details. When any service request bit is set, an interrupt will be generated (see 4.10).

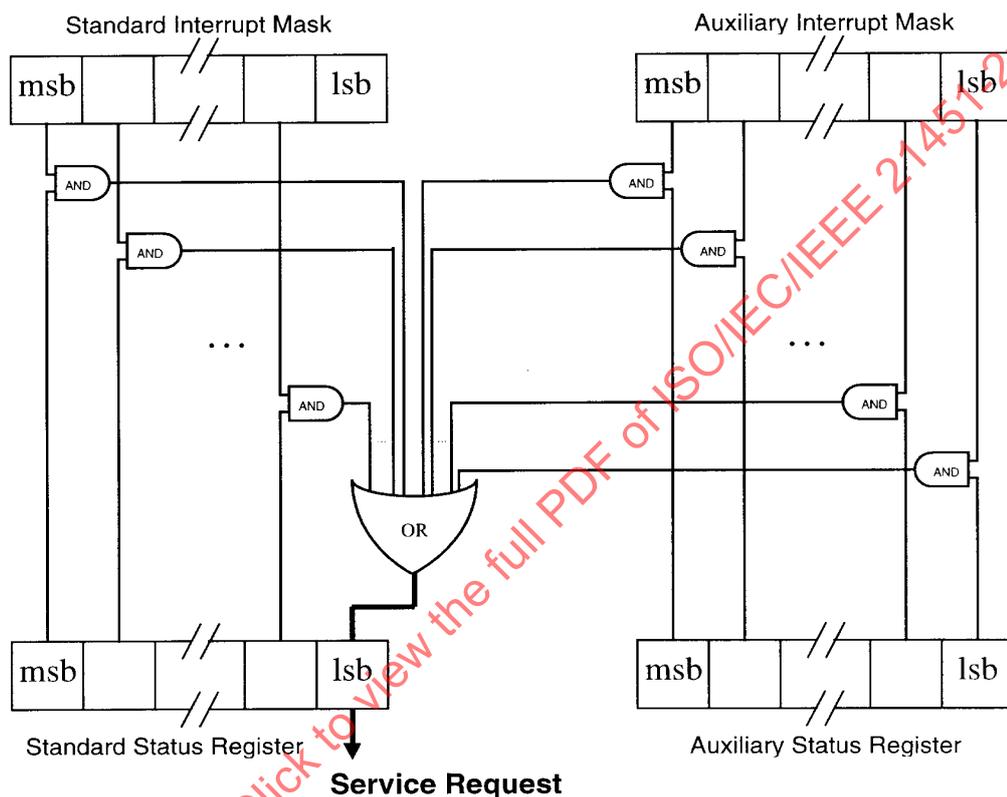


Figure 10—Global or channel interrupt masking

The standard interrupt mask register bit positions correspond one-to-one with the bit positions in the standard status register. For example, the fourth bit up from the lsb position of the channel standard interrupt mask register can mask the channel auxiliary status available bit. The value placed into the lsb position of the standard interrupt mask register is not used as this corresponds to the service request bit. Since the service request bit directly generates the interrupt, it cannot be masked. The default power-up value for the standard interrupt mask registers is all ones (i.e., all standard status bits can generate interrupts). A STIM or channel reset command shall not affect the value of this register.

The auxiliary interrupt mask register bit positions correspond one-to-one with the bit positions in the auxiliary status register. For example, the lsb position of the channel auxiliary interrupt mask register can mask the channel busy bit. The default power-up value for the auxiliary interrupt mask registers is all zeroes (i.e., no auxiliary status bits can generate interrupts). A STIM or channel reset command shall not affect the value of this register.

4.10 Interrupts

A separate digital signal in the physical interface shall be provided to allow the STIM to request service from the NCAP. See Clause 6 for physical specifications on this signal. The interrupt signal shall be asserted if the *service request bit* in either the global standard status register or any channel standard status register is set. See Figure 11 for details. The *service request bit* is set by a combination of the standard status bits, the auxiliary status bits, and the interrupt masks. See 4.9 for details.

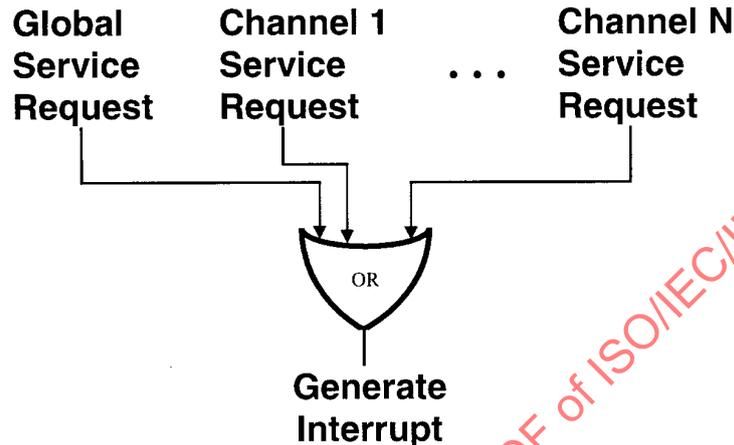


Figure 11—Interrupt generation

The interrupt signal is used in conjunction with the status registers and the interrupt mask registers to indicate exceptional conditions in the STIM. When servicing an interrupt, the NCAP should always use the last determined DCLK rate to communicate with the STIM unless a hot-swap insertion event is detected—in which case the NCAP should use the minimum data rate supported by all STIMs, specified in 6.4. The new DCLK rate can be determined by reading the Meta-TEDS during the initialization following a hot-swap insertion event. The NCAP will typically read all the other channels' standard status to determine which channel or channels are requesting service, and for what reason. The NCAP is not required to respond to an interrupt immediately.

The NCAP shall handle hot swap insertion events before servicing interrupts from the STIM.

4.11 Hot-swap capability

Hot-swap capability is necessary because the NCAP is connected to a network and may not be able to be powered-off in order to attach or remove a STIM.

It shall be possible to make or break the physical connection between the NCAP and a STIM while the NCAP is still powered, without damage to either the NCAP or the STIM. The NCAP and STIM shall exhibit robust and predictable system-level behavior during a hot-swap operation. The interface shall provide the means to detect insertion events (when a STIM is attached to a powered NCAP) and extraction events (when a STIM is removed from a powered NCAP).

4.12 Channel groupings

Transducer channels may be grouped to convey semantic relationships among the members of the group. Multiple groupings may be defined for a given multichannel transducer. A channel shall be permitted to be a member of more than one group. The specification of such groupings shall be defined by the Meta-TEDS fields of 5.1.3.24 through 5.1.3.28.

The purpose of these groupings is to allow the transducer manufacturer to aid in the proper application-specific interpretation of transducer data by conveying additional information about the channels that form the group. The semantics of the allowed groupings are enumerated in 5.1.3.26.

Strings containing a name for each defined group may be specified using the Meta-Identification TEDS fields of 5.4.3.18 through 5.4.3.21. If strings are defined, the Number Of Channel Groupings field in the Meta-Identification TEDS field shall be identical to the Number Of Channel Grouping fields in the Meta-TEDS.

Channel grouping fields may be used to convey semantic and physical relationships within a STIM.

For example, group type enumeration one conveys the semantic relationship between accelerometers making a three-axis measurement. The member channel numbers list denotes the physical relationship between the STIM channels and the X, Y, and Z axis accelerometers.

As another example, Group Type enumeration seven conveys the semantic relationship within a STIM implementing an event sequence sensor. The Member Channel Numbers List denotes the physical relationship between the sensing, threshold, and hysteresis functions denoted in the Group Type and the channel implementing each function.

When the NCAP wishes to use the semantics defined by a channel grouping, the CHANNEL_ZERO or global trigger mechanism defined in 4.6.10 should be used. Channels that are members of a group can only be triggered together by using global triggering. Global triggering affects all channels in the STIM even if they are ungrouped channels or channels in other groups.

A trigger on a single channel of a group member shall result in correct read or write behavior for that channel. A trigger on a single channel of a group member shall not cause any observable effect on the other channels in the group.

Nothing in this subclause nor in 5.1.3.24 through 5.1.3.28 shall change the semantics of the data transport as defined in this standard.

Nothing in this subclause nor in 5.1.3.24 through 5.1.3.28 shall allow modification of the groupings by the application using the transducer.

4.13 STIM version

The STIM version code function allows the NCAP to determine the current version of the interface control circuitry (typically consisting of a microprocessor, FPGA, or ASIC). It shall be stored in either the firmware or logic portion of the interface control circuitry and is primarily intended to provide configuration visibility to the manufacturer.

The STIM version shall be accessed by reading from the functional address *read STIM version* for CHANNEL_ZERO. The returned value shall consist of a code length, followed by the version code, and then the checksum as shown in Table 22.

Table 22—STIM version data block

Field no.	Description	Type
1	STIM Version Code Length	U32L
2	STIM Version Code	Defined by manufacturer
3	Checksum For STIM Version Code	U16C

The version code length shall be the total number of bytes in the Version Code data block excluding this field. If the STIM manufacturer does not implement this function, then either a 00000000_{16} or a $FFFFFFFF_{16}$ shall be returned.

The version code shall be defined by the manufacturer and contains information used to identify the version of the firmware in the STIM.

The checksum shall be the one's complement of the sum (modulo 2^{16}) of all the data structure's preceding bytes, including the initial length field and excluding the checksum field.

5. Transducer Electronic Data Sheet (TEDS) specification

This clause defines the format of the TEDS data blocks of which only the Meta-TEDS and the Channel TEDS are mandatory. All other TEDS data blocks are optional. All fields in the mandated TEDS data blocks shall be filled, unless a length field that applies to them is zero. If a field is not applicable to the implementation, its value shall be

- A null string for string data types
- A NaN for single-precision real and double-precision real data types
- A zero for integers, enumeration, and field length data types
- “Digital data,” as specified in Table 5, for physical units data types

The following TEDS data blocks may have their length field set to zero:

- Meta-Identification TEDS
- Channel-Identification TEDS
- Calibration-Identification TEDS
- Calibration TEDS
- End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS
- Industry Extensions TEDS

A TEDS length field of $FFFFFFFF_{16}$ shall be interpreted as a length of zero.

The specification of the TEDS given here places requirements only on the logical format and content of the TEDS. No restriction is placed upon the physical embodiment of the TEDS or upon the particular form of any internal physical interface between the TEDS and any other part of the STIM. It is required, however, that the TEDS shall remain physically associated with the transducer(s) it describes during normal operation of the STIM while connected to an NCAP and while disconnected from an NCAP for purposes such as storage, transportation, or calibration. It is not required that this physical association be maintained during periods in the life-cycle of the STIM outside the scope of this standard (e.g., during manufacture, repair, refurbishment, or decommissioning).

5.1 Meta-TEDS data block

5.1.1 Access

Functional address 160 applied to CHANNEL_ZERO shall access this data.

5.1.2 Function

The function of the Meta-TEDS shall be to make available at the interface all of the information needed to gain access to any channel, plus information common to all channels. Meta-TEDS bytes are constant and read only.

5.1.3 Data structure

Table 23 shows the data structure. Subsequent subclauses explain each data field in the structure. Serial transmission of data shall occur msb first. When serial data is divided into bytes, such as in the transmission of multi-byte TEDS fields, the most significant byte shall be transmitted first.

Table 23—Data structure of Meta-TEDS data block

Field no.	Description	Type	No. of bytes
TEDS version constant related data sub-block			
1	Meta-TEDS Length	U32L	4
2	IEEE 1451 Standards Family Working Group Number	U8E	1
3	TEDS Version Number	U8E	1
Identification related data sub-block			
4	Globally Unique Identifier	UUID	10
Data structure related data sub-block			
5	CHANNEL_ZERO Industry Calibration TEDS Extension Key	U8E	1
6	CHANNEL_ZERO Industry Nonvolatile Data Fields Extension Key	U8E	1
7	CHANNEL_ZERO industry TEDS extension key	U8E	1
8	CHANNEL_ZERO End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS key	U8E	1
9	Number of Implemented Channels	U8C	1
10	Worst-Case Channel Data Model Length	U8C	1
11	Worst-Case Channel Data Repetitions	U16C	2
12	CHANNEL_ZERO writable TEDS length	U32C	4
Timing related data sub-block			
13	Worst-Case Channel Update Time (t_{wu})	F32	4
14	Global Write Setup Time (t_{gws})	F32	4
15	Global Read Setup Time (t_{grs})	F32	4
16	Worst-Case Channel Sampling Period (t_{wsp})	F32	4
17	Worst-Case Channel Warm-Up Time	F32	4
18	Command Response Time	F32	4
19	STIM Handshake Timing (t_{hs})	F32	4
20	End-Of-Frame Detection Latency (t_{lat})	F32	4
21	TEDS Hold-Off Time (t_{th})	F32	4
22	Operational Hold-Off Time (t_{oh})	F32	4
23	Maximum Data Rate	U32C	4
Channel grouping related data sub-block			
24	Channel Groupings Data Sub-block Length	U16L	2
25	Number of Channel Groupings = G	U8C	1

Table 23—Data structure of Meta-TEDS data block (continued)

Field no.	Description	Type	No. of bytes
Fields 26–28 are repeated G times, once for each group			
26	Group Type	U8E	1
27	Number of Group Members = N	U8C	1
28	Member Channel Numbers List = M(N)	Array of U8E	N
Data integrity data sub-block			
29	Checksum for Meta-TEDS	U16C	2

5.1.3.1 Meta-TEDS Length

Meta-TEDS data field number 1

Data type: unsigned integer used for field length (U32L, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the total number of bytes in the Meta-TEDS data block excluding this field.

5.1.3.2 IEEE 1451 Standards Family Working Group Number

Meta-TEDS data field number 2

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte)

This field shall be set to two for devices conforming to this standard. This field shall be used by other members of the IEEE 1451 standards family to indicate to an NCAP that a different data structure follows.

5.1.3.3 TEDS Version Number

Meta-TEDS data field number 3

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte)

This field specifies the version number of the TEDS that corresponds to the particular IEEE 1451 standard of the working group that specifies the TEDS data structure as shown in Table 24.

Table 24—Enumeration of TEDS Version Numbers

TEDS version	IEEE 1451.2 standard version
0	Reserved
1	This will correspond to the first official version of the standard: IEEE Std 1451.2-1997.
2–255	Reserved

The meaning and structure of the first three fields (the first 6 bytes) of the Meta-TEDS shall never be changed in any subsequent TEDS version.

5.1.3.4 Globally Unique Identifier

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 4

Data type: Universally unique identification (UUID, 10 bytes)

The UUID field is provided to allow better management of STIM components in a distributed system (e.g., tracking and traceability of STIMs for operational and maintenance purposes). The UUID must be guaranteed to be unique in the universe of all STIMs. The algorithm for computing a unique UUID without recourse to an administrative agency is defined in 3.3.9.

5.1.3.5 CHANNEL_ZERO Industry Calibration TEDS Extension Key

Meta-TEDS data field number 5

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte)

The value in this field indicates the highest functional address for writing the industry-implemented Calibration TEDS extension that is available in the STIM for CHANNEL_ZERO. Acceptable values and their meanings are defined in Table 25.

Table 25—Enumeration of CHANNEL_ZERO Industry Calibration TEDS Extension Keys

Key value (K)	Meaning
0	No extensions implemented in STIM
1–79	Invalid
80–95	Valid, TEDS extension(s) implemented for: — Functional addresses used for writing: between 80 and (K); and — Functional addresses used for reading: between 208 and (K+128)
96–255	Invalid

5.1.3.6 CHANNEL_ZERO Industry Nonvolatile Data Fields Extension Key

Meta-TEDS data field number 6

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte)

The value in this field indicates the highest functional address for writing the industry-implemented nonvolatile data field extensions that is available in the STIM for CHANNEL_ZERO. Acceptable values and their meanings are defined in Table 26.

Table 26— Enumeration of CHANNEL_ZERO Industry Nonvolatile Data Fields Extension Keys

Key value (K)	Meaning
0	No extensions implemented in STIM
1–111	Invalid
112–127	Valid, TEDS extension(s) implemented for: — Functional addresses used for writing: between 112 and (K); and — Functional addresses used for reading: between 240 and (K+128)
128–255	Invalid

5.1.3.7 CHANNEL_ZERO Industry TEDS Extension Key

Meta-TEDS data field number 7

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte)

The value in this field indicates the highest functional address for writing the industry-implemented TEDS extensions that is available in the STIM for CHANNEL_ZERO. Acceptable values and their meanings are defined in Table 27.

Table 27— Enumeration of CHANNEL_ZERO Industry TEDS Extension Keys

Key value (K)	Meaning
0	No extensions implemented in STIM
1–175	Invalid
176–191	Valid, TEDS extension(s) implemented for: — Functional addresses used for reading: between 176 and (K)
192–255	Invalid

5.1.3.8 CHANNEL_ZERO End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS Key

Meta-TEDS data field number 8

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte)

This field indicates the presence of End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS function in CHANNEL_ZERO as defined in Table 28.

Table 28— Enumeration of End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS Keys

Key value	Meaning
0	End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS is not implemented on CHANNEL_ZERO.
1	End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS is implemented on CHANNEL_ZERO.
2–255	Reserved.

5.1.3.9 Number of Implemented Channels

Meta-TEDS data field number 9

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for counting (U8C, 1 byte)

This field specifies the number of channels implemented in the STIM. If the number is one, this shall be a single variable transducer. Numbers greater than one identify multiple variable transducers, perhaps consisting of both sensor and actuator elements. There can be up to 255 channels on a STIM, thus the value of this field shall be M such that $1 \leq M \leq 255$.

A STIM can provide TEDS without having to produce data. This is specified by setting the following Channel TEDS fields:

- Channel Data Model to “N-byte”
- Channel Data Model Length to zero
- Channel Model Significant Bits to zero
- Channel Data Repetitions to zero

For details on these Channel TEDS fields, see 5.2.3.

5.1.3.10 Worst-Case Channel Data Model Length

Meta-TEDS data field number 10

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for counting (U8C, 1 byte)

This field specifies the maximum value of the Channel Data Model Length for all the implemented channels. See also the description of the Channel Data Model Length in the Channel TEDS description, 5.2.3.15.

5.1.3.11 Worst-Case Channel Data Repetitions

Meta-TEDS data field number 11

Data type: unsigned 16 bit integer used for counting (U16C, 2 bytes)

This field specifies the maximum value of the Channel Data Repetitions for all the implemented channels. See also the description of the Channel Data Repetitions in the Channel TEDS description, 5.2.3.17.

5.1.3.12 CHANNEL_ZERO Writable TEDS Length

Meta-TEDS data field number 12

Data type: unsigned 32 bit integer used for counting (U32C, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the length in bytes available for each CHANNEL_ZERO user-writable TEDS. The only structure currently defined in this standard is the CHANNEL_ZERO End-Users’ Application-Specific TEDS. An entire writable TEDS, including the length field and checksum, must fit within this maximum length.

5.1.3.13 Worst-Case Channel Update Time

Meta-TEDS data field number 13

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the maximum value of the Channel Update Time (t_{wu}) for all the implemented channels in seconds. See also the description of the Channel Update Time in the Channel TEDS description, 5.2.3.21.

For a STIM without enabled event sequence channels, this parameter is used to determine if a STIM is failing to respond to a global trigger. If such a STIM is fully functional, the time between trigger and trigger acknowledge shall never exceed this time. For a STIM with at least one enabled event sequence sensor, this parameter indicates the additional time that must pass after a global trigger acknowledgment before all other channels may be assumed to have acknowledged the virtual triggering associated with the event. See 4.6.10.2 for further explanation.

5.1.3.14 Global write setup time

Meta-TEDS data field number 14

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the minimum time (t_{gws}), in seconds, between the end of a global write frame and the application of a global trigger. This shall be at least as great as the maximum value of the Channel Write Setup Time (5.2.3.22) for all implemented channels.

5.1.3.15 Global Read Setup Time

Meta-TEDS data field number 15

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the minimum time (t_{grs}), in seconds, between the receipt of a global trigger acknowledge and the beginning of a global read frame. This shall be at least as great as the maximum value of the Channel Read Setup Time (5.2.3.23) for all implemented channels.

For STIMs with enabled event sequence sensors, the NCAP shall wait for the duration of the Worst-Case Channel Update Time plus the Global Read Setup Time before beginning a global read frame. See 5.1.3.13 and 4.6.10.2 for further explanation.

5.1.3.16 Worst-Case Channel Sampling Period

Meta-TEDS data field number 16

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the maximum value (t_{wsp}), in seconds, of the channel sampling period for all implemented channels. See also the description of the Channel Sampling Period (5.2.3.24) in the Channel TEDS description.

5.1.3.17 Worst-Case Channel Warm-Up Time

Meta-TEDS data field number 17

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the minimum time, in seconds, that is necessary between application of power to the STIM and instigation of the first transducer data transfer. This is the maximum value of all the Channel Warm-Up Times. See also the description of the Channel Warm-Up Time in the Channel TEDS description (5.2.3.25).

5.1.3.18 Command Response Time

Meta-TEDS data field number 18

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the longest time, in seconds, that the STIM takes to process any command in Table 19.

5.1.3.19 STIM Handshake Time

Meta-TEDS data field number 19

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the longest time (t_{hs}), in seconds, for the STIM to remove the trigger acknowledge signal after the trigger signal is removed by the NCAP, or for the STIM to remove the data transport acknowledge signal after the data transport is inactivated by the NCAP.

5.1.3.20 End-Of-Frame Detection Latency

Meta-TEDS data field number 20

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the longest time (t_{lat}), in seconds, that a STIM shall take to detect the removal of the data transport enable signal. If the data transport enable signal is removed for this period or longer, then the STIM shall be ready to detect another assertion of the data transport enable signal, which the STIM shall understand to be the start of a new data transport frame.

5.1.3.21 TEDS Hold-Off Time

Meta-TEDS data field number 21

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the maximum individual hold-off time, in seconds, imposed by the STIM before the first byte, or between bytes, of any data transfer addressed to TEDS functions, (i.e., functional addresses in the ranges of 32–127 or 160–255, inclusive).

5.1.3.22 Operational Hold-Off Time

Meta-TEDS data field number 22

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the maximum individual hold-off time, in seconds, imposed by the STIM before the first byte, or between bytes, of any data transfer addressed to operational functions, (i.e., functional addresses in the ranges of 1–31 or 129–159, inclusive).

5.1.3.23 Maximum Data Rate

Meta-TEDS data field number 23

Data type: unsigned 32 bit integer used for counting (U32C, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the maximum data rate, in bits per second, supported by the STIM interface.

5.1.3.24 Channel Groupings Data Sub-Block Length

Meta-TEDS data field number 24

Data type: unsigned 16 bit integer used for field length (U16L, 2 bytes)

This field specifies the total number of bytes in the Channel Grouping data sub-block. The Channel Groupings Data Sub-Block Length field shall not include the length of the length field itself. The length shall be the number of relevant bytes following the length field.

If this value is zero, there are no channel groupings defined, and there shall be no data bytes in the subsequent fields of the channel groups data sub-block.

5.1.3.25 Number of Channel Groupings

Meta-TEDS data field number 25

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for counting (U8C, 1 byte)

This field specifies the number of discrete channel groupings defined in this STIM's Meta-TEDS. The subsequent fields in the channel grouping data sub-block shall be repeated in that order for the Number of Channel Groupings.

5.1.3.26 Group Type

Meta-TEDS data field number 26

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte)

The relationship between the channels comprising the specific group shall be defined by the enumeration in Table 29.

The arbitrary relation, when the enumeration value is equal to zero, shall be used to convey grouping semantics not specifically enumerated by this subclause, but deemed necessary by the transducer manufacturer, for the correct operation or interpretation of the data related to the channels that are members of the group.

The arbitrary relation may be used to redundantly convey, in a more compact form than the Calibration TEDS fields defined in 5.3, that correct behavior of channels with coupling terms in the calibration assumes that all channels involved are triggered at the same time.

Table 29— Enumeration of Group Types

Value	Meaning
0	An arbitrary relation
1	x, y, z right-hand rectangular spatial coordinates
2	ρ, ϕ, z , right-hand cylindrical spatial coordinates
3	r, θ, ϕ right-hand spherical spatial coordinates
4	Latitude, longitude, altitude planetary coordinates
5	In-phase, quadrature temporal coordinates
6	Red, green, blue color coordinates
7	Analog event sequence sensor channel, analog input sensor channel, upper threshold virtual actuator channel, hysteresis virtual actuator channel
8	Sensor channel (any type), high-pass filter virtual actuator channel, low-pass filter virtual actuator channel, scale factor virtual actuator channel
9	Transducer (any type), sample interval virtual actuator channel
10	Digital event sequence sensor channel, digital input sensor channel, event pattern virtual actuator channel
11–127	Reserved for future expansion
128–255	Open to industry

Enumerations 7 and 10 may be used to identify the virtual actuator channels used to set up an event sequence sensor. They also identify a sensor channel that may be used to read the level of the signal in an analog event sequence sensor or the current pattern input to a digital event sequence sensor.

Enumeration 8 may be used to identify the virtual actuator channels used to set the high-pass filter, low-pass filter, and scale factor associated with a sensor of any type.

Enumeration 9 may be used to identify the virtual actuator channels used to set the channel sampling period in a data sequence sensor or buffered sequence sensor. It may also be used to set the channel sampling period in sensors, buffered sensors, and actuators with Channel Data Repetitions greater than zero and Series Increment and Series Units indicating that a time sequence of samples is to be processed on a trigger.

5.1.3.27 Number of Group Members

Meta-TEDS data field number 27

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for counting (U8C, 1 byte)

This field specifies the number of channels comprising the specific group.

5.1.3.28 Member Channel Numbers List

Meta-TEDS data field number 28

Data type: an array of unsigned byte integers used for enumeration (U8E, 0 to 255 bytes)

This field specifies a one-dimensional array (list) of 1 byte elements. Each element is the channel address for a member channel in the specific group. The values of the elements in this list shall be in the sequence specified by the group type.

An element with value zero shall indicate that the transducer does not implement this particular element of the enumerated relationship. For example, a two-axis vector measurement implemented by channels 1, x, and 2, y, may be specified by designating the Group Type (5.1.3.26) as 1 (x, y, z) with the Member Channel Numbers List (1, 2, 0). The value zero shall not appear in the Member Channel Numbers List for a group of group type “arbitrary relation.”

Note that a channel can be represented in multiple groups.

5.1.3.29 Checksum for Meta-TEDS

Meta-TEDS data field number 29

Data type: unsigned 16 bit integer used for counting (U16C, 2 bytes)

This field contains the checksum for the complete Meta-TEDS data block. The checksum shall be the one's complement of the sum (modulo 2^{16}) of all the data structure's preceding bytes, including the initial length field and excluding the checksum field.

5.2 Channel TEDS Data Block

5.2.1 Access

Functional address 160 applied to channels 1–255 shall access this data.

5.2.2 Function

The function of the Channel TEDS shall be to make available at the interface all of the information concerning the channel being addressed to enable the proper operation of the channel. Channel TEDS bytes are constant and read-only.

5.2.3 Data structure

Table 30 shows the data structure. Subsequent subclauses explain each data field in the structure. Serial transmission of data shall occur msb first. When serial data is divided into bytes, such as in the transmission of multi-byte TEDS fields, the most significant byte shall be transmitted first.

Table 30—Data structure of Channel TEDS data block

Field No.	Description	Type	No. of bytes
Data structure related data sub-block			
1	Channel TEDS Length	U32L	4
2	Calibration Key	U8E	1
3	Channel Industry Calibration TEDS Extension Key	U8E	1
4	Channel Industry Nonvolatile Data Fields Extension Key	U8E	1
5	Channel Industry TEDS Extension Key	U8E	1
6	Channel End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS Key	U8E	1
7	Channel Writable TEDS Length	U32C	4
Transducer related data sub-block			
8	Channel Type Key	U8E	1
9	Physical Units	UNITS	10
10	Lower Range Limit	F32	4
11	Upper Range Limit	F32	4
12	Worst-Case Uncertainty	F32	4
13	Self-Test Key	U8E	1
Data converter related data sub-block			
14	Channel Data Model	U8E	1
15	Channel Data Model Length	U8C	1
16	Channel Model Significant Bits	U16C	2
17	Channel Data Repetitions	U16C	2
18	Series Origin	F32	4
19	Series Increment	F32	4
20	Series Units	UNITS	10
Timing related data sub-block			
21	Channel Update Time (t_u)	F32	4
22	Channel Write Setup Time (t_{ws})	F32	4
23	Channel Read Setup Time (t_{rs})	F32	4
24	Channel Sampling Period (t_{sp})	F32	4
25	Channel Warm-Up Time	F32	4
26	Channel Aggregated Hold-Off Time (t_{ch})	F32	4
27	Timing Correction	F32	4
28	Trigger Accuracy	F32	4
Event sequence options field			
29	Event Sequence Options	U8E	1
Data integrity data sub-block			
30	Checksum for Channel TEDS	U16C	2

5.2.3.1 Channel TEDS length

Channel TEDS data field number 1

Data type: unsigned 32 bit integer used for counting (U32L, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the total number of bytes in the channel TEDS data block excluding this field.

5.2.3.2 Calibration Key

Channel TEDS data field number 2

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte)

The calibration capabilities of the STIM are defined in Table 31.

Table 31 – Enumeration of Calibration Keys

Value	Name	Function
0	CAL_NONE	No calibration information needed or provided. No correction is performed by the NCAP on transducer data associated with this channel. If the value is CAL_NONE, this implies that there is no calibration TEDS associated with this block. If the Calibration TEDS is accessed, the Calibration TEDS Length shall be zero.
1	CAL_FIXED	Fixed calibration information provided. This information cannot be modified. Correction is performed in the NCAP or elsewhere in the system.
2	CAL_MODIFIABLE	Calibration information provided. This information can be modified by writing to the Calibration TEDS. Correction is performed in the NCAP or elsewhere in the system.
3	CAL_SELF	Calibration information provided. Adjusted by a self-calibration capability. Correction is performed in the NCAP or elsewhere in the system.
4	CAL_CUSTOM	Calibration information is provided through an industry extension. Correction is performed in the NCAP or elsewhere in the system.
5	STIM_CAL_FIXED	Fixed calibration information is provided to be applied in the STIM. This information cannot be modified. See 5.2.3.2.2 for additional details.
6	STIM_CAL_MODIFIABLE	Calibration information is provided to be applied in the STIM. This information can be modified by writing to the Calibration TEDS. See 5.2.3.2.2 for additional details.
7	STIM_CAL_SELF	Calibration information is provided to be applied in the STIM. Adjusted by a self-calibration capability. See 5.2.3.2.2 for additional details.
8–255	Reserved	Reserved for future expansion.

5.2.3.2.1 NCAP corrections

Calibration key enumerations CAL_FIXED, CAL_MODIFIABLE, CAL_SELF, and CAL_CUSTOM are to be used when the correction is performed in the NCAP or elsewhere in the system.

5.2.3.2.2 STIM corrections

Calibration key enumerations STIM_CAL_FIXED, STIM_CAL_MODIFIABLE, and STIM_CAL_SELF are to be used when the correction is performed in the STIM using the correction method specified in 5.3 and information stored in the Calibration TEDS (5.3).

5.2.3.3 Channel Industry Calibration TEDS Extension Key

Channel TEDS data field number 3

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte)

The value in this field indicates the highest functional address for writing the industry-implemented Calibration TEDS extension that is available in the STIM for this channel. Acceptable values and their meanings are defined in Table 32.

Table 32—Enumerations of Channel Industry Calibration TEDS Extension Keys

Key value (K)	Meaning
0	No extensions implemented in STIM
1–79	Invalid
80–95	Valid, TEDS extension(s) implemented for: – Functional addresses used for writing: between 80 and (K); and – Functional addresses used for reading: between 208 and (K+128)
96–255	Invalid

5.2.3.4 Channel Industry Nonvolatile Data Fields Extension Key

Channel TEDS data field number 4

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte)

The value in this field indicates the highest functional address for writing the industry-implemented nonvolatile data field extensions that is available in the STIM for this channel. Acceptable values and their meanings are defined in Table 33.

Table 33—Enumerations of Channel Industry Nonvolatile Data Fields Extension Keys

Key value (K)	Meaning
0	No extensions implemented in STIM
1–111	Invalid
112–127	Valid, TEDS extension(s) implemented for: —Functional addresses used for writing: between 112 and (K); and —Functional addresses used for reading: between 240 and (K+128)
128–255	Invalid

5.2.3.5 Channel Industry TEDS Extension Key

Channel TEDS data field number 5

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte)

The value in this field indicates the highest functional address for writing the industry-implemented TEDS extensions that is available in the STIM for this channel. Acceptable values and their meanings are defined in Table 34.

Table 34—Enumerations of Channel Industry TEDS Extension Keys

Key value (K)	Meaning
0	No extensions implemented in STIM
1–175	Invalid
176–191	Valid, TEDS extension(s) implemented for: —Functional addresses used for reading: between 176 and (K)
192–255	Invalid

5.2.3.6 Channel End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS Key

Channel TEDS data field number 6

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte)

This field indicates the presence of End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS function for this channel as defined in Table 35.

Table 35—Enumeration of End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS Keys

Key value	Meaning
0	End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS Function Is Not Implemented On This Channel.
1	End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS function is implemented on this channel.
2–255	Reserved

5.2.3.7 Channel Writable TEDS Length

Channel TEDS data field number 7

Data type: unsigned 32 bit integer used for counting (U32C, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the length in bytes available for each individual user-writable TEDS associated with this channel, such as Calibration TEDS, Calibration Identification TEDS, or End-User’s Application-Specific TEDS. An entire writable TEDS, including the length field and checksum, must fit within this maximum length.

5.2.3.8 Channel Type Key

Channel TEDS data field number 8

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte)

This field specifies the channel transducer type. The values for Channel Type Key are defined in Table 36.

Table 36—Enumeration of Channel Type Keys

Key value	Meaning
0	Sensor
1	Actuator
2	Event sequence sensor
3	Data sequence sensor
4	General transducer
5	Buffered sensor
6	Buffered data sequence sensor
7–255	Reserved for future expansion

5.2.3.9 Physical Units

Channel TEDS data field number 9

Data type: Physical units (UNITS, 10 bytes)

This field defines the physical units that apply to the transducer data, however, if the Calibration Key is CAL_FIXED, CAL_MODIFIABLE, CAL_SELF, or CAL_CUSTOM the physical units apply only to the transducer data *after* correction for the case of sensors, or *before* correction for the case of actuators.

See 3.3.8 for details on the Physical Units Fields.

5.2.3.10 Lower Range Limit

Channel TEDS data field number 10

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

For sensors, this shall be the lowest valid value for transducer data after correction is applied, interpreted in the units specified by the Physical Units field of the Channel TEDS. If the corrected transducer data lies below this limit, it may not comply with STIM specifications set by the manufacturer.

For actuators, this shall be the lowest valid value for transducer data before correction is applied, interpreted in the units specified by the physical units field of the channel TEDS. Writing corrected transducer data below this limit may result in behavior outside the STIM specifications set by the manufacturer.

In cases where no correction is applied and the data is expressed in a different format than single-precision real, conversion to single-precision real is necessary before making the comparison.

An example of this is data from a channel whose Calibration Key is CAL_NONE and whose Data Model is N-byte integer. Note that this conversion may limit the practical range or precision of the converted transducer data.

When this parameter is not applicable it shall be NaN.

An example of a number for which Range Limits do not apply is N-byte data representing a bank of switches. In this case the field shall be set to NaN. On the other hand, Range Limits may apply to N-byte data that represents a 12 bit integer with no expressed units, such as raw analog-to-digital convertor (ADC) output. In either case, the physical units will be “digital data.”

If the Channel Data Repetitions field of this channel is nonzero, then the value of this field shall be interpreted to apply to all of the repetition instances.

5.2.3.11 Upper Range Limit

Channel TEDS data field number 11

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

For sensors, this shall be the highest valid value for transducer data after correction is applied, interpreted in the units specified by the Physical Units field of the Channel TEDS. If the corrected transducer data lies above this limit, it may not comply with STIM specifications set by the manufacturer.

For actuators, this shall be the highest valid value for transducer data before correction is applied, interpreted in the units specified by the Physical Units field of the Channel TEDS. Writing corrected transducer data above this limit may result in behavior outside the STIM specifications set by the manufacturer.

In cases where no correction is applied, and the data is expressed in a different format than single-precision real, conversion to single-precision real is necessary before making the comparison.

An example of this is data from a channel whose Calibration key is CAL_NONE and whose Data Model is N-byte integer. Note that this conversion may limit the practical range or precision of the converted transducer data.

When this parameter is not applicable it shall be NaN.

An example of a number for which Range Limits do not apply is N-byte data representing a bank of switches. In this case the field shall be set to NaN. On the other hand, Range Limits may apply to N-byte data that represents a 12 bit integer with no expressed units, such as raw ADC output. In either case, the physical units will be “digital data.”

If the Channel Data Repetitions field of this channel is nonzero, then the value of this field shall be interpreted to apply to all of the repetition instances.

5.2.3.12 Worst-Case Uncertainty

Channel TEDS data field number 12

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the “Combined Standard Uncertainty” defined in Appendix C, Section 2.2 of [B2]. The value of this field shall be expressed in the same units as the transducer data as specified in the Physical Units field of the Channel TEDS, 5.2.3.9.

5.2.3.13 Self-Test Key

Channel TEDS data field number 13

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte)

This field defines the self-test capabilities of the transducer as shown in Table 37.

Table 37—Enumeration of Self-Test Keys

Key value	Meaning
0	No self-test function needed or provided
1	Self-test function provided
2–255	Reserved for future expansion

5.2.3.14 Channel Data Model

Channel TEDS data field number 14

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte)

This field describes the data model used when addressing read transducer data or write transducer data for this channel as shown in Table 38.

There are two differences between N-byte-integer (enumeration zero) and N-byte-fraction (enumeration three), as follows:

- a) The radix point (which divides integer from fractional bits) is to the right of the lsb for N-byte-integer. It is immediately to the right of the msb for N-byte-fraction.
- b) Justification of the significant bits differs (see 5.2.3.16).

Table 38—Enumeration of Channel Data Models

Value	Model	Length
0	N-byte integer (unsigned)	$0 \leq N \leq 255$
1	Single-precision real	4 bytes
2	Double-precision real	8 bytes
3	N-byte fraction (unsigned)	$0 \leq N \leq 255$
4–255	Reserved for future expansion	—

The N-byte fraction type may be used to keep the multinomial coefficients (see 5.3.3.11) within representable bounds.

5.2.3.15 Channel Data Model Length

Channel TEDS data field number 15

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for counting (U8C, 1 byte)

This field specifies the number of bytes in the representation of the selected Channel Data Model.

- For N-byte integer the value in this field shall be N, where $0 \leq N \leq 255$.
- For N-byte fraction the value in this field shall be N, where $0 \leq N \leq 255$.
- For single-precision real the value in this field shall be 4.
- For double precision real the value in this field shall be 8.

5.2.3.16 Channel Model Significant Bits

Channel TEDS data field number 16

Data type: unsigned 16 bit integer used for counting (U16C, 2 bytes)

When the Channel Data Model is N-byte integer (enumeration zero) or N-byte fraction (enumeration three), the value of this field is the number of bits that are significant. The value of this field shall be between zero and 2040.

For example, if data from a transducer channel comes from a 12-bit ADC, then

- Channel Data Model = N-byte integer (field enumeration value of zero)
- Channel Data Model Length = 2 (the number of bytes to hold 12 bits)
- Channel Model Significant Bits = 12

When the Channel Data Model is N-byte integer or N-byte fraction, the Channel Model Significant Bits shall not exceed eight times the Channel Model Data Length.

When the Channel Data Model is N-byte integer, the significant data bits shall be right-justified within the byte stream.

When the Channel Data Model is N-byte fraction, the significant data bits shall be left-justified within the byte stream.

When the Channel Data Model is single- or double-precision real (enumerations one or two), the value of this field is the number of bits in the STIM's signal converter.

5.2.3.17 Channel Data Repetitions

Channel TEDS data field number 17

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for counting (U16C, 2 bytes)

The number *L* of repetitions of the transducer value produced or required by a single trigger. Each repetition represents an additional measurement or actuation value produced or consumed by the transducer at each trigger, which shall be spaced apart from the initial value associated with the trigger along some axis (for example, time) by an amount defined by the Channel TEDS fields Series Increment and Series Units, respectively. When *L* is zero, the values of Series Origin, Series Increment, and Series Units may be ignored. The purpose of this structure shall be to enable the specification of transducers that produce an array of data with the application of a single trigger such as a time series or a mass spectrum.

When reading or writing data with Channel Data Repetitions greater than zero, the order of transmittal shall be with the 0th data sample transmitted first, the first repetition transmitted second, etc.

5.2.3.18 Series Origin

Channel TEDS data field number 18

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

For the case where the Channel Data Repetitions is greater than zero, the Series Origin represents the value of the independent variable associated with the first datum returned in a data set. The Series Origin is expressed in units defined by the Series Units field in the Channel TEDS, 5.2.3.20.

5.2.3.19 Series Increment

Channel TEDS data field number 19

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

For the case where the Channel Data Repetitions is greater than zero, the series increment represents the spacing between values of the independent variable associated with successive members of the data set. The series increment is expressed in units defined by the Series Units field in the Channel TEDS, 5.2.3.20.

5.2.3.20 Series Units

Channel TEDS data field number 20

Data type: Physical units (UNITS, 10 bytes)

This field specifies the physical units associated with the series origin, 5.2.3.18, and series increment, 5.2.3.19 fields in the Channel TEDS.

5.2.3.21 Channel Update Time

Channel TEDS data field number 21

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the maximum time (t_u), in seconds, between the receipt of a trigger and the issue of trigger acknowledge for this channel. This parameter allows NCAPs to determine time-out values, if appropriate.

For data sequence and buffered data sequence sensors, this parameter only applies when they are enabled.

For event sequence sensors, this parameter shall be NaN.

5.2.3.22 Channel Write Setup Time

Channel TEDS data field number 22

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the minimum time (t_{ws}), in seconds, between the end of a write frame and the application of a trigger. (For most devices this will be a setup time characteristic of the transducer electronics. For more complex transducers, particularly those with a microprocessor, there could be additional time needed that can be specified by this constant.)

5.2.3.23 Channel Read Setup Time

Channel TEDS data field number 23

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the minimum time (t_{rs}), in seconds, between the trigger acknowledge and the beginning of a read frame. (For most devices this will be a setup time characteristic of the transducer electronics. For more complex transducers, particularly those with a microprocessor, there could be additional time needed that can be specified by this constant.)

5.2.3.24 Channel Sampling Period

Channel TEDS data field number 24

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

The Channel Sampling Period (t_{sp}) shall be the minimum sampling period of the channel transducer unencumbered by read or write considerations (since there is no requirement to read or write with each trigger).

Typically, for sensor, buffered sensor, and actuator channels this time will be limited by A/D or D/A conversion times, STIM processor speed, etc., but in more complex transducers it may reflect transducer or sample handling times as well (e.g., a pH sensor that on each trigger extracts a new fluid sample using a pump). If reads or writes are involved, then the actual sampling rates will be further limited by setup and data transfer times depending on the transducer type.

In the case of data sequence and buffered data sequence transducers, this parameter shall represent the sequence sampling time determined by the STIM implementation.

In the case of event sequence transducers, this parameter shall represent the minimum event resolution time.

The Channel Sampling Period shall be expressed in seconds.

5.2.3.25 Channel Warm-Up Time

Channel TEDS data field number 25

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the period of time, in seconds, in which the device stabilizes its performance to pre-defined tolerances after the application of power to the transducer.

5.2.3.26 Channel Aggregated Hold-Off Time

Channel TEDS data field number 26

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the maximum aggregated time (t_{ch}) that the STIM will spend holding off the data transport during a complete data transfer addressed to *read transducer data* or *write transducer data* and this channel, assuming the Maximum Data Rate is used. This time shall include the time between the NCAP activating the data transport and the STIM acknowledgment.

5.2.3.27 Timing Correction

Channel TEDS data field number 27

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the time offset, in seconds, between the issue of global trigger acknowledge and when this channel actually sampled the sensor or updated the actuator. See 4.6.10 for recommendations on the use of this field.

If the channel itself is addressed, then the trigger acknowledge defines the actuation or sensing point in time, and the timing correction field does not apply.

5.2.3.28 Trigger Accuracy

Channel TEDS data field number 28

Data type: single-precision real (F32, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the accuracy, in seconds, of the Timing Correction.

5.2.3.29 Event Sequence Options

Channel TEDS data field number 29

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 1 byte)

An event sequence sensor has the option of changeable pattern, upper threshold, and/or hysteresis. It also has the option of detecting inconsistencies in settings of these parameters as described in 4.6.9. This enumeration defines, for the NCAP, the ability of the STIM to detect and report these inconsistencies. The options are defined in Table 39.

Table 39— Event sequence options

Value	Meaning
0	Not applicable
1	Pattern/threshold/hysteresis not changeable
2	Changeable and inconsistencies detected
3	Changeable and inconsistencies not detected
4–255	Reserved

5.2.3.30 Checksum for Channel TEDS

Channel TEDS data field number 30

Data type: unsigned 16 bit integer used for counting (U16C, 2 bytes)

This field contains the checksum for the complete Channel TEDS data block. The checksum shall be the one's complement of the sum (modulo 2^{16}) of all the data structure's preceding bytes, including the initial length field and excluding the checksum field.

5.3 Calibration TEDS data block

5.3.1 Access

Functional addresses 64 and 192 applied to channels 1–255 shall access this data.

5.3.2 Function

The function of the Calibration TEDS shall be to make available at the interface all of the information used by correction software in connection with the channel being addressed.

The Calibration TEDS shall be read and write capable if the value of the Calibration Key Field is CAL_MODIFIABLE or STIM_CAL_MODIFIABLE. The Calibration Identification TEDS shall be read only in all other cases of the Calibration Key field. The Calibration Identification TEDS may be modified by the STIM in response to a “calibrate channel” control command if and only if the value of the Calibration Key field is CAL_SELF or STIM_CAL_SELF.

5.3.2.1 Method

Correction is the application of a specified mathematical function upon transducer data from one or more STIM channels and/or data delivered from other software objects. This subclause gives an overview of how the correction process is modeled, in order to aid understanding of how to develop and use the entries in the Calibration TEDS for correction.

Correction is intended to reconcile two different numbers associated with a transducer channel, as follows:

- The NCAP-side number: This number represents the channel's value expressed in the Physical Units (5.2.3.9) recorded in the Channel TEDS. The Lower and Upper Range Limits (5.2.3.10, 5.2.3.11) apply to this number. This is the number used in the NCAP and elsewhere to represent the channel transducer data.
- The transducer-side number: This number is read from or written to the channel hardware.

The goal of correction depends on the transducer type of the addressed channel. The application of correction, however, is the same regardless of transducer type.

- For sensors, buffered sensors, data sequence sensors, and buffered data sequence sensors, correction takes as input the transducer-side data from the addressed channel and possibly data from other channels. It produces as output the NCAP-side number.
- For actuators, correction takes as input the NCAP-side number for the addressed channel, that is the intended next state of the actuator, and possibly data from other channels. The output is the transducer-side number.
- For general transducers, correction is applied as described, but the form and usage of the inputs and output shall be specified by the manufacturers.
- Either the NCAP-side or the transducer-side value may be used as an input to the correction function of another channel, subject to the restrictions of 5.3.3.6.

The correction function is defined as a multinomial (multivariate polynomial):

$$\sum_{i=0}^{D(1)} \sum_{j=0}^{D(2)} \dots \sum_{p=0}^{D(n)} C_{i,j,\dots,p} [X_1 - H_1]^i [X_2 - H_2]^j \dots [X_n - H_n]^p$$

where the X_k variables (inputs) represent the data from a set of channels (taken as directed from the transducer or NCAP side), and $D(k)$, $C_{i,j,\dots,p}$, and H_k are data recorded in the Calibration TEDS.

$D(k)$ is the degree of the input X_k , that is, it is the highest power to which $[X_k - H_k]$ is raised in any term of the multinomial. Note that the degree of each input may differ from another.

To limit the degrees of the inputs, each input may be segmented. For each segment of input X_k a different offset H_k may be defined. This offset is used with values of X_k that fall within the segment for which it is defined. This value of H_k is not restricted to be within the segment for which it is defined.

Segmentation of one or more channels divides the input domain into cells with orthogonal boundaries. For example, for a two-dimensional multinomial, the cells are rectangles. Each cell has its own set of coefficients $C_{i,j,\dots,p}$.

For the two-input correction process shown in Figure 12, if each input has degree 1, then the multinomial will be as follows:

$$C_{00} + C_{01}(X_1 - H_1) + C_{10}(X_2 - H_2) + C_{11}(X_1 - H_1)(X_2 - H_2)$$

There is a different H_1 for each partition of X_1 , that is, H_1 is the same in segments 1, 2, and 3 but different in segments 1 and 4. Likewise, H_2 changes from segment 1 to 2 or from segment 4 to 5. Coefficients C_{00} to C_{11} are different in each segment. The correction software must determine from the values of X_1 and X_2 which segment the measurement falls into and choose the coefficients and offsets accordingly.

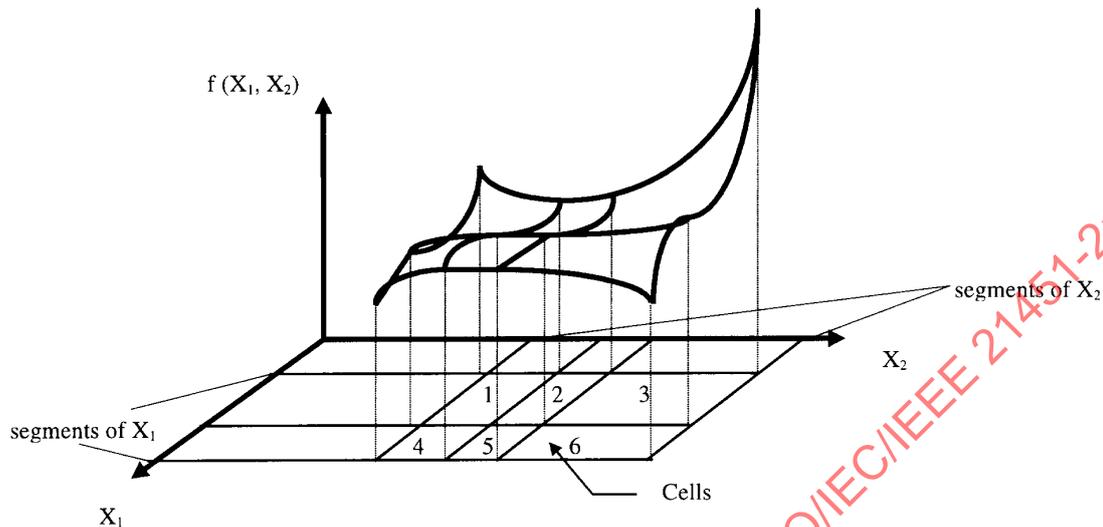


Figure 12—A two-dimensional function partitioned into 2 X 3 cells

5.3.2.2 Correction process application

If the value of the Calibration Key Field (5.2.3.2) in the channel TEDS is CAL_FIXED, CAL_MODIFIABLE, or CAL_SELF, then the correction algorithm shall be performed in the NCAP or elsewhere in the system. It is recommended that it be performed in the NCAP.

If the value of the Calibration Key Field is STIM_CAL_FIXED, STIM_CAL_MODIFIABLE, or STIM_CAL_SELF, then the correction algorithm shall be performed in the STIM.

It is expected, but not required, that correction software will use a floating-point numeric format for its computations. Conversion to and from the numeric format used by the correction software and all possible transducer data models is therefore required. (If the correction is done in the STIM, conversion to and from only the transducer data models used in the STIM is required.) Conversion of Calibration TEDS entries may also be necessary in order for the correction software to use them. The method of conversion is beyond the scope of this standard.

The application of the correction process by the NCAP shall be governed by the following rules:

- Correction shall be invoked on a sensor, buffered sensor, data sequence sensor, or buffered data sequence sensor channel after new transducer-side data is read from the STIM.
- Correction shall be invoked on an actuator channel after new NCAP-side data is provided and before the corrected transducer-side data is written to the STIM.
- The correction engine shall use the values currently available in the NCAP for any other channel data required.
- The application of the correction process by the NCAP shall not initiate triggering or reading on any channel.
- The application of the correction process by the NCAP shall not initiate writing on any non-addressed channel.
- The transducer-side number has a data type specified by the Channel Data Model (5.2.3.14), the Channel Data Model Length (5.2.3.15), and the Channel Model Significant Bits (5.2.3.16) recorded in the Channel TEDS.

The application of the correction process by the STIM shall be governed by the following rules:

- a) Correction shall be invoked on a sensor, buffered sensor, data sequence sensor or buffered data sequence sensor channel after the channel is triggered. The Channel Read Setup Time (5.2.3.23) shall include the time necessary for correction.
- b) Correction shall be invoked on an actuator channel after new data is written to the channel, before the channel is triggered. The Channel Write Setup Time (5.2.3.22) shall include the time necessary for correction.
- c) The correction engine shall use the values currently available in the STIM for any other channel data required.
- d) Correction shall not have the effect of triggering on any channel involved with the correction.
- e) The NCAP-side number has a data type specified by the Channel Data Model (5.2.3.14), the Channel Data Model Length (5.2.3.15), and the Channel Model Significant Bits (5.2.3.16) recorded in the Channel TEDS.

Irrespective of where the correction process is applied, it shall be governed by the following rules:

- a) The application of the correction process to one channel shall not change the NCAP-side data nor the transducer-side data of another channel even if the other channel is an input to the correction process of the first.
- b) Correction software shall always correct channels in increasing numerical order when a global read, write, or trigger requires correction to be performed on multiple channels.
- c) If the Channel Data Repetitions are greater than 0 for the addressed channel (i.e. vector data), then the Channel Data Repetitions of any other channel used in the correction shall be either zero (scalar) or equal to that of the addressed channel. The correction shall be applied using vector elements in sequence from each vector input to produce a vector output. Scalar data is used unchanged for the correction of each vector element.
- d) Correction may use or produce data with Physical Unit type “digital data” if it makes sense to do so (for instance if the data is simply “counts”).

5.3.3 Data structure

Table 40 shows the data structure that shall be used for Calibration TEDS. Subsequent subclauses explain each data field in the structure. Serial transmission of data shall occur msb first. When serial data is divided into bytes, such as in the transmission of multi-byte TEDS fields, the most significant byte shall be transmitted first.

Table 40— Data structure of the Calibration TEDS data block

Field no.	Description	Type	No. of bytes
Data structure related data sub-block			
1	Calibration TEDS Length	U32L	4
Calibration related data sub-block			
2	Last Calibration Date-Time	U32C	4
3	Calibration Interval	U32C	4
4	Number Of Correction Input Channels = n	U8C	1
5	Correction Input Channel List	array of U8E	n
6	Correction Input Channel-Key List	array of U8E	n
7	Channel Degree List = D(k)	array of U8C	n
8	Number Of Segments List = N _k	array of U8C	n
9	Segment Boundary Values Table	array of F32	4(N ₁ +N ₂ +...N _n +n)
10	Segment Offset Values Table	array of F32	4(N ₁ +N ₂ +...N _n)
11	Multinomial coefficient	array of F32	4N ₁ N ₂ ... N _n [D(1)+1][D(2)+1] ...[D(n)+1]
Data integrity data sub-block			
12	Checksum for Calibration TEDS	U16C	2

5.3.3.1 Calibration TEDS Length

Calibration TEDS field number 1

Data type: unsigned 32 bit integer used for field length (U32L, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the total number of bytes in the Calibration TEDS data block excluding this field.

5.3.3.2 Last Calibration Date-Time

Calibration TEDS field number 2

Data type: unsigned 32 bit integer used for counting (U32C, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the time this transducer channel was last calibrated, expressed as the number of seconds since 00:00:00 (UTC) on January 1, 1970. The value of this field shall be determined with a POSIX® time() function or its equivalent. Reference 4.5.1.1 of IEEE Std 1003.1-1988.

5.3.3.3 Calibration Interval

Calibration TEDS field number 3

Data type: unsigned 32 bit integer used for counting (U32C, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the length of time, in seconds, that this transducer channel can operate without needing another calibration.

5.3.3.4 Number of Correction Input Channels

Calibration TEDS field number 4

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for counting (U8C, 1 byte)

This field specifies the number of channels used as input to the correction function of the addressed channel (i.e., the number of entries in the Correction Input Channel List). This number appears as “*n*” in the multinomial expression.

5.3.3.5 Correction Input Channel List

Calibration TEDS field number 5

Data type: array of unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 0 to 255 bytes)

This field comprises a one-dimensional array listing the channel numbers used as inputs to the correction function for the addressed channel. The addressed channel shall appear explicitly in this list if its data value is used in the correction function. The data from the *k*th channel in this list, qualified by its Correction Input Channel Key (see below), is denoted by the symbol X_k in the multinomial.

5.3.3.6 Correction Input Channel-Key List

Calibration TEDS field number 6

Data type: array of unsigned byte integer used for enumeration (U8E, 0 to 255 bytes)

This field comprises a one-dimensional array that shall correspond element-by-element to the Correction Input Channel List. The *k*th element of this list shall be a key for determining the source of the corresponding correction input channel value X_k (see Correction Input Channel List, 5.3.3.5). The possible values for the keys and their meanings are defined in Table 41.

- a) The channel key shall be 0 for a sensor, buffered sensor, data sequence sensor, or buffered data sequence sensor channel on the Correction Channel Input List. The channel key shall be 1 for an actuator channel, except as provided below.
- b) The channel key may be 1 for a sensor, buffered sensor, data sequence sensor, or buffered data sequence sensor channel on the Correction Channel Input List, if that channel has a lower number than the addressed channel and itself has a correction specified in the Calibration TEDS.
- c) The channel key may be 0 for an actuator channel on the Correction Channel Input List, if that channel has a lower number than the addressed channel, and itself has a correction specified in the Calibration TEDS.

Table 41 – Correction Input Channel-Keys

Value	Meaning
0	The correction input value shall be taken from the transducer-side of the correction process.
1	The correction input value shall be taken from the NCAP-side of the correction process.
2–255	Invalid

Figure 13 illustrates the meaning of the keys. The correction process for channel 3 uses data from channel 1 as one of its inputs. For the channel 3 correction process, the channel 1 data may come from either side of its own (previously applied) correction process, depending on the Correction Input Channel-Key listed for channel 1 in the channel 3 Calibration TEDS.

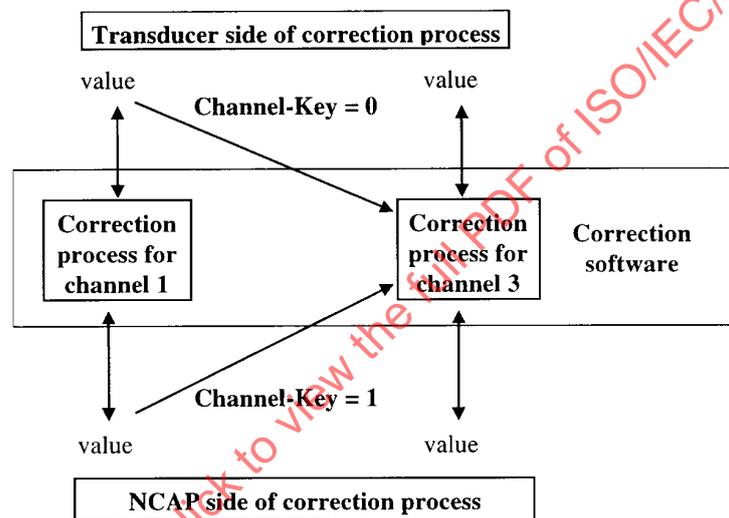


Figure 13—Meaning of Correction Input Channel-Key

5.3.3.7 Channel Degree List

Calibration TEDS field number 7

Data type: array of unsigned byte integers used for counting (U8C, 0 to 255 bytes)

This field comprises a one-dimensional array that shall correspond element-by-element to the Correction Input Channel List. Each element $D(k)$ shall be the degree of the corresponding Correction Input X_k , (i.e., it is the highest power to which $[X_k - H_k]$ is raised in any term of the multinomial).

5.3.3.8 Number of Segments List

Calibration TEDS field number 8

Data type: array of unsigned byte integers used for counting (U8C, 1 to 255 bytes)

This field comprises a one-dimensional array that shall correspond element-by-element to the Correction Input Channel List. Each element N_k shall be the number of segments into which the domain of the corresponding correction input X_k is divided. There shall be at least one segment for each correction input X_k .

5.3.3.9 Segment Boundary Values Table

Calibration TEDS field number 9

Data type: array of single-precision real (F32, see Table 40 for maximum size in bytes)

This field comprises a two-dimensional array (table), stored in row major order. There shall be one row of elements corresponding to each Correction Input Channel. The number of elements in each row shall be equal to one plus the Number Of Segments for the corresponding Correction Input Channel, thus the rows may differ in size.

For the k^{th} row, corresponding to the domain of a particular correction input X_k :

- a) The elements shall define the domain segment boundaries in ascending numerical order.

NOTE—The domain may be based on either the transducer-side or the NCAP-side data, as indicated in the corresponding Channel Input Channel Key.
- b) The first element shall have a value that is less than or equal to the lowest possible value of the Correction Input Channel.
- c) The last element shall have a value that is greater than the highest possible value of the Correction Input Channel.
- d) If the Correction Input Channel has only one segment, then its row shall have only two elements. The boundaries of segment j shall be elements j and $j+1$ in the row. The segment shall be closed below and open above (i.e., the interval includes element j but excludes element $j+1$).

These values are stored in the TEDS as single-precision real numbers, notwithstanding that they may represent data that occur in a different numeric representation.

5.3.3.10 Segment Offset Values Table

Calibration TEDS field number 10

Type: array of single-precision real (F32, see Table 40 for maximum size in bytes)

This field comprises a two-dimensional array (table), stored in row major order. There shall be one row of elements corresponding to each Correction Input Channel. The number of elements in each row shall equal the number of segments for the Correction Input Channel, thus the rows may differ in size.

Each row of this table shall correspond to a row of the Segment Boundary Values Table. The j^{th} element of row k shall be the offset H_k used in the multinomial factor $[X_k - H_k]$ when the Correction Input Channel value X_k falls within the j^{th} segment.

Note —The H_k may be based on either the transducer-side or the NCAP-side data for X_k , as indicated in the corresponding Channel Input Channel Key.

These values are stored in the TEDS as single-precision real numbers, notwithstanding that they may represent data that occur in a different numeric representation.

5.3.3.11 Multinomial Coefficient Table

Calibration TEDS field number 11

Data type: array of single-precision real (F32, see Table 40 for maximum size in bytes)

This field comprises a two-dimensional array (table), stored in row major order. Each row of the table shall be the set of multinomial coefficients corresponding to a particular cell in the segmented domain of the correction function. The rows shall correspond to an ascending sequence of cells as explained below.

X_k represents the value of the k^{th} channel in the Correction Input Channel List. The set of correction inputs $X_1 \dots X_n$ forms an n -dimensional space. Segmentation divides a portion of this space into m cells, where m is the product of the number of segments of all the inputs X_k . For example, for a two-input correction function, where the first input has two segments and the second input has three, the input space is divided into 6 cells.

The cells are numbered from 1 to m . Cell 1 is the cell with the lowest-valued segments of all input channels. Numbering continues, taking the next higher segment of X_n (the last entry in the correction input channel list). Upon reaching the last segment for any X_k , the next cell takes the lowest segment of X_k again, and the next higher segment of X_{k-1} . For example, for a two-channel correction with two segments on the first correction input channel (A_1, A_2) and three segments on the second correction input channel (B_1, B_2, B_3), the cells shall be numbered in the following segment order: (A_1, B_1), (A_1, B_2), (A_1, B_3), (A_2, B_1), (A_2, B_2), (A_2, B_3).

Each entry in the row is a coefficient $C_{i,j,\dots,p}$, used in the multinomial:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{D(1)} \sum_{j=0}^{D(2)} \dots \sum_{p=0}^{D(n)} C_{i,j,\dots,p} [X_1 - H_1]^i [X_2 - H_2]^j \dots [X_n - H_n]^p$$

The coefficients shall be stored in the row beginning with $C_{0,0,\dots,0}$, and incrementing the rightmost subscript. When any subscript reaches its limit, begin again at zero and increment the subscript to its left.

$$\begin{array}{l} C_{0,0,\dots,0}; \quad C_{0,0,\dots,0,1}; \quad C_{0,0,\dots,0,2} \dots C_{0,0,\dots,0,D(n)} \\ C_{0,0,\dots,1,0}; \quad C_{0,0,\dots,1,1}; \quad C_{0,0,\dots,1,2} \dots C_{0,0,\dots,1,D(n)} \\ \dots \\ C_{D(1),D(2),\dots,D(n-1),0}; \quad C_{D(1),D(2),\dots,D(n-1),1} \dots C_{D(1),D(2),\dots,D(n)} \end{array}$$

5.3.3.12 Checksum for Calibration TEDS

Calibration TEDS field number 12

Data type: unsigned 16 bit integer used for counting (U16C, 2 bytes)

This field contains the checksum for the complete Calibration TEDS data block. The checksum shall be the one's complement of the sum (modulo 2^{16}) of all the data structure's preceding bytes, including the initial length field and excluding the checksum field.

5.4 Meta-identification TEDS data block

5.4.1 Access

Functional address 161 applied to CHANNEL_ZERO shall access this data.

5.4.2 Function

The function of the Meta-Identification TEDS shall be to make available at the interface the information needed to identify the STIM plus any information common to all channels. Meta-Identification TEDS bytes are constant and read-only.

5.4.3 Data structure

Table 42 shows the data structure. Subsequent subclauses explain each data field in the structure. Serial transmission of data shall occur msb first. When serial data is divided into bytes, such as in the transmission of multi-byte TEDS fields, the most significant byte shall be transmitted first.

Table 42—Data structure of Meta-Identification TEDS data block

Field no.	Description	Type	No. of bytes
Data structure related data sub-block			
1	Meta-Identification TEDS Length	U32L	4
2	Number of Languages = L	U8C	1
3	String Language Code List	Array of U8E	L
Fields 4–22 are repeated L times, once for each supported language.			
Identification related data sub-block			
4	Language Sub-Block Length	U16L	2
5	String Specification	LANG	3
6	Manufacturer’s Identification Length	U8L	1
7	Manufacturer’s Identification	STRING	≤255
8	Model Number Length	U8L	1
9	Model Number	STRING	≤255
10	Version Code Length	U8L	1
11	Version Code	STRING	≤255
12	Serial Number Length	U8L	1
13	Serial Number	STRING	≤255
14	Date Code Length	U8L	1
15	Date Code	STRING	≤255
16	Product Description Length	U16L	2
17	Product Description	STRING	≤65 535
Channel grouping data sub-block			
18	Channel Groupings Data Sub-Block Length	U16L	2
19	Number of Channel Groupings = G	U8C	1
Fields 20–21 are repeated G times, once for each group			
20	Group Name Length	U8L	1

Table 42—Data structure of Meta-Identification TEDS data block (continued)

Field no.	Description	Type	No. of bytes
21	Group Name	STRING	≤255
Data integrity data sub-block			
22	Checksum for Language Sub-Block	U16C	2
Data integrity data sub-block			
23	Checksum for Meta-Identification TEDS	U16C	2

5.4.3.1 Meta-Identification TEDS Length

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 1

Data type: unsigned integer used for field length (U32L, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the total number of bytes in the Meta-Identification TEDS data block excluding this field.

5.4.3.2 Number of Languages

Meta-identification TEDS field number 2

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for counting (U8C, 1 byte)

This field specifies the number of languages supported in the Meta-Identification TEDS data block.

5.4.3.3 String Language Code List

Meta-identification TEDS field number 3

Data type: an array of unsigned byte integers used for enumeration (U8E, 1 to 255 bytes)

This field comprises a one-dimensional array listing the String Language Codes in the order the languages are supported in the Meta-Identification TEDS data block. String Language Codes are defined in 3.3.7.3.

5.4.3.4 Language Sub-Block Length

Meta-identification TEDS field number 4

Data type: unsigned integer used for field length (U16L, 2 bytes)

This field specifies the total number of bytes in the language sub-block excluding this field.

5.4.3.5 String Specification

Meta-identification TEDS field number 5

Data type: LANG

This field indicates the String Character Set, Character Code Format, and String Language Code as defined in 3.3.7.

The value for String Language Code in this field shall be identical to the value of the element in the String Language Code List (5.4.3.3) that corresponds to the language sub-block where this String Specification field is located.

5.4.3.6 Manufacturer's Identification Length

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 6

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for field length (U8L, 1 byte)

This field specifies the length in bytes (not characters) of the Manufacturer's Identification field. The Manufacturer's Identification Length field shall not include the length of the length field itself. The length shall be the number of relevant bytes following the length field.

5.4.3.7 Manufacturer's Identification

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 7

Data type: string (STRING, 0 to 255 bytes)

This field comprises the text string identifying the manufacturer of the STIM.

5.4.3.8 Model Number Length

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 8

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for field length (U8L, 1 byte)

This field specifies the length in bytes (not characters) of the Model Number field. The Model Number Length field shall not include the length of the length field itself. The length shall be the number of relevant bytes following the length field.

5.4.3.9 Model Number

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 9

Data type: string (STRING, 0 to 255 bytes)

This field comprises the text string identifying the Manufacturer's Model Number for the STIM.

5.4.3.10 Version Code Length

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 10

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for field length (U8L, 1 byte)

The length is (not characters) of the version code field. The Version Code Length field shall not include the length of the length field itself. The length shall be the number of relevant bytes following the length field.

5.4.3.11 Version Code

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 11

Data type: string (STRING, 0 to 255 bytes)

This field comprises the text string identifying the manufacturer's Version Code for the STIM.

5.4.3.12 Serial Number Length

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 12

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for field length (U8L, 1 byte)

This field specifies the length in bytes (not characters) of the serial number field. The Serial Number Length field shall not include the length of the length field itself. The length shall be the number of relevant bytes following the length field.

5.4.3.13 Serial Number

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 13

Data type: string (STRING, 0 to 255 bytes)

This field comprises the text string identifying the manufacturer's Serial Number for the STIM.

5.4.3.14 Date Code Length

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 14

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for field length (U8L, 1 byte)

This field specifies the length in bytes (not characters) of the Date Code field. The Date Code Length field shall not include the length of the length field itself. The length shall be the number of relevant bytes following the length field.

5.4.3.15 Date Code

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 15

Data type: string (STRING, 0 to 255 bytes)

This field comprises the text string identifying the manufacturer's date code for the STIM. This may be used for lot identification in quality assurance efforts. This shall be a string using the manufacturer's encoding scheme, not the machine readable date and time encoding scheme used in other TEDS fields.

5.4.3.16 Product Description Length

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 16

Data type: unsigned 16 bit integer used for field length (U16L, 2 bytes)

This field specifies the length in bytes (not characters) of the Product Description field. The Product Description Length field shall not include the length of the length field itself. The length shall be the number of relevant bytes following the length field.

5.4.3.17 Product Description

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 17

Data type: string (STRING, 0 to 65 535 bytes)

This field comprises the text string identifying the manufacturer's product description for the STIM. It is recommended that the manufacturer include in this string a description of any CHANNEL_ZERO industry extensions (including any industry channel group types) implemented in the STIM.

5.4.3.18 Channel Groupings Data Sub-Block Length

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 18

Data type: unsigned 16 bit integer used for field length (U16L, 2 bytes)

This field specifies the total number of bytes in the Channel Grouping data sub-block. The Channel Groupings Data Sub-Block Length field shall not include the length of the length field itself. The length shall be the number of relevant bytes following the length field.

If this value is zero, there are no channel groupings defined, and there shall be no data bytes in the subsequent fields of the data sub-block.

5.4.3.19 Number of Channel Groupings

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 19

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for counting (U8C, 1 byte)

This field specifies the number of discrete channel groupings defined in this STIM's Meta-TEDS. The subsequent fields in the Channel Grouping data sub-block shall be repeated in that order for the Number Of Channel Groupings.

5.4.3.20 Group Name Length

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 20

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for field length (U8L, 1 byte)

This field specifies the length of the Group Name text field. The length shall be in bytes (not characters). The length shall not include the length of this field.

5.4.3.21 Group Name

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 21

Data type: string (STRING, 0 to 255 bytes)

This field specifies the text name identifying the specific organized group of channels.

5.4.3.22 Checksum for Language Sub-Block

Meta-identification TEDS field number 22

Data type: unsigned 16 bit integer used for counting (U16C, 2 bytes)

This field contains the checksum for the language sub-block. The checksum shall be the one's complement of the sum (modulo 2^{16}) of all the data structure's preceding bytes, including the initial length field and excluding the checksum field.

5.4.3.23 Checksum for Meta-Identification TEDS

Meta-identification TEDS data field number 23

Data type: unsigned 16 bit integer used for counting (U16C, 2 bytes)

This field contains the checksum for the complete Meta-Identification TEDS data block. The checksum shall be the one's complement of the sum (modulo 2^{16}) of all the data structure's preceding bytes, including the initial length field and excluding the checksum field.

5.5 Channel Identification TEDS data block**5.5.1 Access**

Functional address 161 applied to channels 1–255 shall access this data.

5.5.2 Function

The function of the Channel Identification TEDS shall be to make available at the interface all of the information to identify the channel being addressed. Channel Identification TEDS bytes are constant and read only.

5.5.3 Data structure

Table 43 shows the data structure. Subsequent subclauses explain each data field in the structure. Serial transmission of data shall occur msb first. When serial data is divided into bytes, such as in the transmission of multi-byte TEDS fields, the most significant byte shall be transmitted first.

Table 43—Data structure of Channel Identification TEDS data block

Field no.	Description	Type	No. of bytes
Data structure related data sub-block			
1	Channel Identification TEDS Length	U32L	4
2	Number Of Languages = L	U8C	1
3	String Language Code List	Array of U8E	L
Fields 4–16 are repeated L times, once for each supported language.			
Identification related data sub-block			
4	Language Sub-block Length	U16L	2
5	String Specification	LANG	3
6	Manufacturer’s Identification Length	U8L	1
7	Manufacturer’s Identification	STRING	≤255
8	Model Number Length	U8L	1
9	Model Number	STRING	≤255
10	Version Code Length	U8L	1
11	Version Code	STRING	≤255
12	Serial Number Length	U8L	1
13	Serial Number	STRING	≤255
14	Channel Description Length	U16L	2
15	Channel Description	STRING	≤65 535
Data integrity data sub-block			
16	Checksum for Language Sub-Block	U16C	2
Data integrity data sub-block			
17	Checksum for Channel Identification TEDS	U16C	2

5.5.3.1 Channel Identification TEDS Length

Channel identification TEDS data field number 1

Data type: unsigned 32 bit integer used for counting (U32L, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the total number of bytes in the Channel Identification TEDS data block excluding this field.

5.5.3.2 Number of Languages

Channel identification TEDS field number 2

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for counting (U8C, 1 byte)

This field specifies the number of languages supported in the Channel Identification TEDS data block.

5.5.3.3 String Language Code List

Channel identification TEDS field number 3

Data type: an array of unsigned byte integers used for enumeration (U8E, 1 to 255 bytes)

This field comprises a one-dimensional array listing the String Language Codes in the order the languages are supported in the Channel Identification TEDS data block. String Language Codes are defined in 3.3.7.3.

5.5.3.4 Language Sub-Block Length

Channel identification TEDS field number 4

Data type: unsigned integer used for field length (U16L, 2 bytes)

This field specifies the total number of bytes in the language sub-block excluding this field.

5.5.3.5 String Specification

Channel identification TEDS field number 5

Data type: LANG

This field indicates the String Character Set, Character Code Format, and String Language Code as defined in 3.3.7.

The value for String Language Code in this field shall be identical to the value of the element in the String Language Code List (5.5.3.3) that corresponds to the language sub-block where this String Specification field is located.

5.5.3.6 Manufacturer's Identification Length

Channel identification TEDS data field number 6

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for field length (U8L, 1 byte)

This field specifies the length in bytes (not characters) of the channel Manufacturer's Identification field. The Manufacturer's Identification Length field shall not include the length of the length field itself. The length shall be the number of relevant bytes following the length field.

5.5.3.7 Manufacturer's Identification

Channel identification TEDS data field number 7

Data type: string (STRING, 0 to 255 bytes)

This field comprises the text string identifying the manufacturer of the channel.

5.5.3.8 Model Number Length

Channel Identification TEDS data field number 8

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for field length (U8L, 1 byte)

This field specifies the length in bytes (not characters) of the channel Model Number field. The Model Number Length field shall not include the length of the length field itself. The length shall be the number of relevant bytes following the length field.

5.5.3.9 Model Number

Channel identification TEDS data field number 9

Data type: string (STRING, 0 to 255 bytes)

This field comprises the text string identifying the manufacturer's model number for the channel.

5.5.3.10 Version Code Length

Channel identification TEDS data field number 10

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for field length (U8L, 1 byte)

This field specifies the length in bytes (not characters) of the channel Version Code field. The Version Code Length field shall not include the length of the length field itself. The length shall be the number of relevant bytes following the length field.

5.5.3.11 Version Code

Channel identification TEDS data field number 11

Data type: string (STRING, 0 to 255 bytes)

This field comprises the text string identifying the manufacturer's version code for the channel.

5.5.3.12 Serial Number Length

Channel identification TEDS data field number 12

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for field length (U8L, 1 byte)

This field specifies the length in bytes (not characters) of the channel Serial Number field. The Serial Number Length field shall not include the length of the length field itself. The length shall be the number of relevant bytes following the length field.

5.5.3.13 Serial Number

Channel identification TEDS data field number 13

Data type: string (STRING, 0 to 255 bytes)

This field comprises the text string identifying the manufacturer's serial number for the channel.

5.5.3.14 Channel Description Length

Channel identification TEDS data field number 14

Data type: unsigned 16 bit integer used for field length (U16L, 2 bytes)

This field specifies the length in bytes (not characters) of the Channel Description field. The Channel Description Length field shall not include the length of the length field itself. The length shall be the number of relevant bytes following the length field.

5.5.3.15 Channel Description

Channel identification TEDS data field number 15

Data type: string (STRING, 0 to 65 535 bytes)

This field comprises the text string identifying the manufacturer's product description for the channel. It is recommended that the manufacturer include in this string a description of any channel industry extensions implemented for this channel in the STIM.

5.5.3.16 Checksum for Language Sub-Block

Channel identification TEDS field number 16

Data type: unsigned 16 bit integer used for counting (U16C, 2 bytes)

This field contains the checksum for the language sub-block. The checksum shall be the one's complement of the sum (modulo 2^{16}) of all the data structure's preceding bytes, including the initial length field and excluding the checksum field.

5.5.3.17 Checksum for Channel-identification TEDS

Channel identification TEDS data field number 17

Data type: unsigned 16 bit integer used for counting (U16C, 2 bytes)

This field contains the checksum for the complete Channel Identification TEDS data block. The checksum shall be the one's complement of the sum (modulo 2^{16}) of all the data structure's preceding bytes, including the initial length field and excluding the checksum field.

5.6 Calibration Identification TEDS data block

5.6.1 Access

Functional addresses 65 and 193 applied to channels 1–255 shall access this data.

5.6.2 Function

The function of the Calibration Identification TEDS shall be to make available at the interface the information describing the calibration of the STIM.

The Calibration Identification TEDS shall be read and write capable if the value of the Calibration Key Field is CAL_MODIFIABLE, STIM_CAL_MODIFIABLE, or CAL_CUSTOM. The Calibration Identification TEDS shall be read-only in all other cases of the Calibration Key field. The Calibration Identification TEDS may be modified by the STIM in response to "calibrate channel" control command if and only if the value of the Calibration Key field is CAL_SELF or STIM_CAL_SELF.

5.6.3 Data structure

Table 44 shows the data structure. Subsequent subclauses explain each data field in the structure. Serial transmission of data shall occur msb first. When serial data is divided into bytes, such as in the transmission of multi-byte TEDS fields, the most significant byte shall be transmitted first.

Table 44—Data structure of the Calibration Identification TEDS data block

Field no.	Description	Type	No. of bytes
Data structure related data sub-block			
1	Calibration Identification TEDS Length	U32L	4
2	Number Of Languages = L	U8C	1
3	String Language Code List	Array of U8E	L
Fields 4–8 are repeated L times, once for each supported language.			
Indentification related data sub-block			
4	Language Sub-Block Length	U16L	2
5	String Specification	LANG	3
6	Calibration Description Length	U16L	2
7	Calibration Description	STRING	≤65 528
Data integrity data sub-block			
8	Checksum for Language Sub-Block	U16C	2
Data integrity data sub-block			
9	Checksum for Calibration Identification TEDS	U16C	2

5.6.3.1 Calibration Identification TEDS Length

Calibration Identification TEDS field number 1

Data type: unsigned integer used for field length (U32L, 4 bytes)

This field specifies the total number of bytes in the Calibration Identification TEDS data block excluding this field.

5.6.3.2 Number of Languages

Calibration Identification TEDS field number 2

Data type: unsigned byte integer used for counting (U8C, 1 byte)

This field specifies the number of languages supported in the Calibration Identification TEDS data block.

5.6.3.3 String Language Code List

Calibration Identification TEDS field number 3

Data type: an array of unsigned byte integers used for enumeration (U8E, 1 through 255 bytes)

This field comprises a one-dimensional array listing the String Language Codes in the order the languages are supported in the Calibration Identification TEDS data block. String Language Codes are defined in 3.3.7.3.

5.6.3.4 Language Sub-Block Length

Calibration Identification TEDS field number 4

Data type: unsigned integer used for field length (U16L, 2 bytes)

This field specifies the total number of bytes in the language sub-block excluding this field.

5.6.3.5 String Specification

Calibration Identification TEDS field number 5

Data type: LANG

This field indicates the String Character Set, Character Code Format, and String Language Code as defined in 3.3.7.

The value for String Language Code in this field shall be identical to the value of the element in the String Language Code List (5.6.3.3) that corresponds to the language sub-block where this String Specification field is located.

5.6.3.6 Calibration Description Length

Calibration Identification TEDS field number 6

Data type: unsigned 16 bit integer used for field length (U16L, 2 bytes)

This field specifies the length in bytes (not characters) of the Calibration Description field. The Calibration Description Length field shall not include the length of the length field itself. The length shall be the number of relevant bytes following the length field.

5.6.3.7 Calibration Description

Calibration Identification TEDS field number 7

Data type: string (STRING, 0 through 65 528 bytes)

This field comprises the text string containing information relevant to the calibration of the channel.

5.6.3.8 Checksum for Language Sub-Block

Calibration Identification TEDS field number 8

Data type: unsigned 16 bit integer used for counting (U16C, 2 bytes)

This field contains the checksum for the language sub-block. The checksum shall be the one's complement of the sum (modulo 2^{16}) of all the data structure's preceding bytes, including the initial length field and excluding the checksum field.

5.6.3.9 Checksum for Calibration Identification TEDS

Calibration Identification TEDS field number 9

Data type: unsigned 16 bit integer used for counting (U16C, 2 bytes)

This field contains the checksum for the complete Calibration Identification TEDS data block. The checksum shall be the one's complement of the sum (modulo 2^{16}) of all the data structure's preceding bytes, including the initial length field and excluding the checksum field.

5.7 End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS data block

5.7.1 Access

Functional addresses 96 or 224 applied to either CHANNEL_ZERO or channels 1-255 shall access this data.

5.7.2 Function

This data block shall be used for end-users' writable application-specific data (e.g., STIM location). Data written to this data block shall be nonvolatile (available after a power cycle).

5.7.3 Data structure

Table 45 shows the data structure. Subsequent subclauses explain each data field in the structure. Serial transmission of data shall occur msb first. When serial data is divided into bytes, such as in the transmission of multi-byte TEDS fields, the most significant byte shall be transmitted first.

Table 45—Data structure of End-Users' Applications-Specific TEDS data block

Field no.	Description	Type	No. of bytes
Data structure related data sub-block			
1	End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS Length	U32L	4
2	Number Of Languages = L	U8C	1
3	String Language Code List	Array of U8E	L
Fields 4-8 are repeated L times, once for each supported language.			
Application related data sub-block			
4	Language Sub-Block Length	U16L	2
5	String Specification	LANG	3
6	End-Users' Data Length	U16L	2
7	End-Users' Data	STRING	≤ 65 528
Data integrity data sub-block			
8	Checksum for Language Sub-Block	U16C	2
Data integrity data sub-block			
9	Checksum for End-Users' Application-Specific TEDS	U16C	2