

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF MODEL 9602-GSM

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## GLOSSARY

AES	Advanced Encryption Standard
BIS	Bureau of Industry and Security
CEP	Circular Error Probable
DGPS	Differential Global Positioning System
DoD EMSS	DoD Enhanced Mobile Satellite Services
DTE	Data Terminal Equipment
DSN	Defense Switch Network
EAR	Export Administration Regulations
EMI	Electromagnetic Interference
FDMA	Frequency Division Multiple Access
GND	Ground
GPS	Global Positioning System
GUI	Graphical User Interface
ID	Static Identifier
ISU	Iridium Subscriber Units
LED	Light Emitting Diode
LiIon	Lithium Ion
LNA	Low Noise Amplifier
LP	Low Power
NOC	Network Operation Center
OFAC	Office of Foreign Asset Controls
PMS	PECOS Message Structure
PSTN	Public Switch Telephone Network
PWR	Power
RHCP	Right Hand Circular Polarization
RUDICS	Router-Based Unrestricted Digital Internetworking Connectivity Solution
SBAS	Satellite Based Augmentation System
SBD	Short Burst Data
SMA	Sub-Miniature Version A
SMS	Short Message Service
TDD	Time Division Duplex
TDMA	Time Division Multiple Access
VSWR	Voltage Standing Wave Ratio

## 1.0 PURPOSE

The 9602-GSM is a pocket-sized, low-cost, Iridium/GSM tracking device designed to operate with the Iridium satellite network and any GSM cellular network. It is self-contained relying on an extremely low-power internal micro-controllers for operation. The 9602-GSM measures 3.05" x 2.64" x 0.85" and weighs less than 7 ounces. It has a hard-anodized aluminum housing to minimize EMI. This device can be attached to high value, un-tethered or non-powered assets.

The 9602-GSM comprises of an Iridium 9602 transceiver module, a u-blox Quad-Band GSM module, a built-in 50-channel u-blox GPS receiver, and low power micro-controllers. The 9602-GSM can send short-burst data (SBD) messages over the Iridium satellite network and SMS messages over the cellular GSM network. The 9602-GSM can be programmed to use a primary network, either Iridium or GSM, or to automatically switch between networks based on a predefined set of conditions. The 9602-GSM does not support voice or circuit switched data connections.

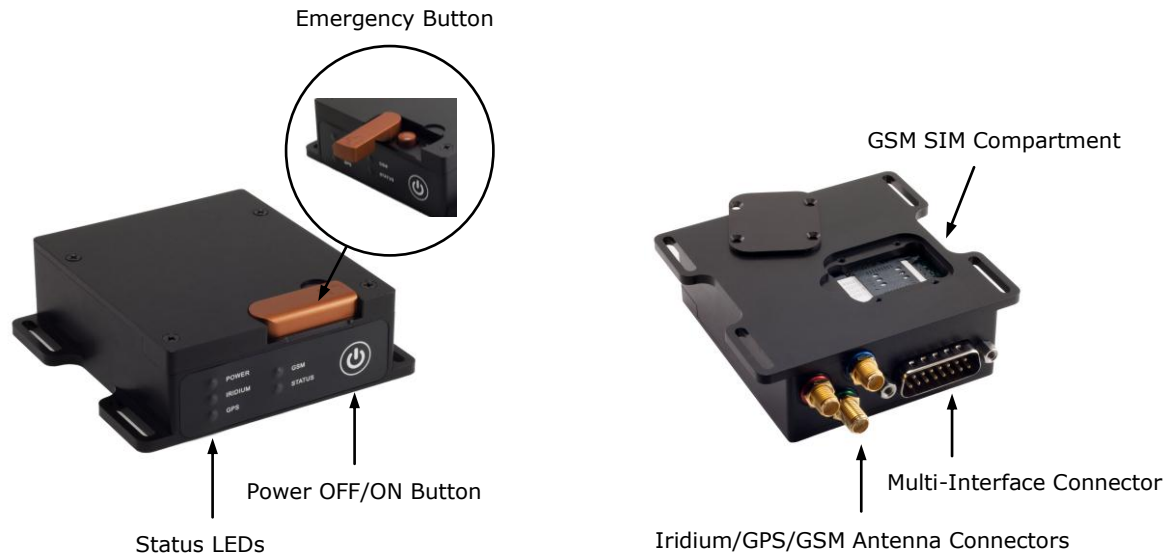
The 9602-GSM can transmit messages in NAL Research's defined report formats compatible with models 9601-DGS, 9601-DGS-LP, 9602-LP, A3LA-XGS and A3LA-RGS. The 9602-GSM can also transmit in PECOS Message Structure (PMS). The PMS complies with the Blue Force Tracking Data Format Specification as defined in the document PECOS 200907-001 Version 1.7. The 9602-GSM supports 256-bit AES encryption algorithm. When requested by an authorized user, NAL Research can enable the 9602-GSM to utilize the DoD DISA EMSS (Enhanced Mobile Satellite Services) Gateway when sending over the Iridium satellite network.

**IMPORTANT:** EMSS-enabled 9602-GSM must first be provisioned (signed up for airtime) with EMSS SBD Service before testing or field use. Accessing the DoD EMSS Gateway is not authorized until the 9602-GSM is provisioned. Unauthorized attempts to access the DoD EMSS Gateway will result in immediate disabling of the offending device, which must then be returned to NAL Research for repair. See <https://sbd.pac.disa.mil> for more information regarding EMSS service provisioning.

The 9602-GSM is designed with ultra-low power consumption electronics. In standby mode, the unit draws less than 65 $\mu$ A in the range of 3.7VDC to 5.3VDC input. With a 2A-Hr Li-battery (the same size of an AA Alkaline battery), it is capable of delivering uninterrupted service for up to two years at two reports per day. Battery life can be further extended by using a built-in motion sensor and/or geofencing algorithms to reduce reporting frequency when a platform is not in motion or is outside an area of interest. In addition to normal tracking, the 9602-GSM also has a real-time clock allowing power-up delay as well as scheduled daily call outs.

Externally, the 9602-GSM has a guarded emergency switch to alert the recipient of an emergency situation and five LEDs providing the status of power input, GPS fix, Iridium connection, GSM connection, and transmission status. The emergency signal can also be brought out to an external user-select switch located far away from the unit itself. An available serial port can be used to communicate with an external sensor or data terminal equipment (DTE) such as a laptop. There are also seven discrete I/Os for external sensor interfaces.

## 2.0 GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS



**Figure 1.** Satellite/GSM tracker model 9602-GSM.

### 2.1 Mechanical Specifications

Dimensions:	3.05" L x 2.64" W x 0.85" D (77 mm x 67 mm x 22 mm)
Weight:	6.4 oz. (181 g)
Enclosure:	Hard anodized aluminum/EMI shielding
Multi-Interface Connector:	15-Pin D-Sub
Antenna Interfaces:	Color-coded connectors
Iridium Antenna:	SMA female (Red)
GSM Antenna:	SMA female (Green)
GPS Antenna:	SMA female (Blue)
OFF/ON Switch:	Push button
Emergency Switch:	Guarded button and/or external via multi-interface connector
GSM SIM Chip Reader:	Located on bottom of the 9602-GSM
Status LED Displays:	Power, GPS, Iridium, GSM and message sent status

### 2.2 Iridium RF Specifications

Operating Frequency:	1616 to 1626.5 MHz
Duplexing Method:	TDD
Input/Output Impedance:	50 $\Omega$
Multiplexing Method:	TDMA/FDMA

### 2.3 Iridium Radio Characteristics

Average Power during a Transmit Slot (Max):	1.6W
Receiver Sensitivity at 50 $\Omega$ (Typical):	-117 dBm
Maximum Cable Loss Permitted:	2dB

Link Margin – Downlink: 13dB  
Link Margin – Uplink: 7dB

#### 2.4 GSM RF Specifications

Receiver Type: u-blox LEON-G100, Quad-Band 850/900/1800/1900 MHz  
Sensitivity: 110 dBm @850/900 MHz, 109 dBm @1800/1900 MHz

#### 2.5 GSM Radio Characteristics

Power Class: Class 4 (33 dBm) for GSM/EGSM (850/900 MHz)  
Class 1 (30 dBm) for DCS/PCS (1800/1900 MHz)  
Receive Sensitivity: -110 dBm for GSM/EGSM (850/900 MHz)  
-109 dBm for DCS/PCS (1800/1900 MHz)

#### 2.6 GPS Receiver performance data

Type of GPS Receiver: NEO-6Q from u-blox AG  
Receiver Type: L1 frequency  
C/A code  
50-Channel  
SBAS: WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, GAGAN  
Update Rate: 5Hz  
Accuracy: Position 8.2 feet (2.5 meters) CEP  
Position DGPS/SBAS 6.6 feet (2.0 meters) CEP  
Acquisition (typical): Hot starts 1 second  
Aided starts 1 second  
Warm starts 28 seconds  
Cold starts 28 seconds  
Sensitivity: Tracking -160 dBm  
Reacquisition -160 dBm  
Cold starts -147 dBm  
Operational Limits: COCOM restrictions apply  
Altitude 164,000 feet (50,000 meters)  
Velocity 1,640 feet/sec (500 m/sec)  
One of the limits may be exceeded but not both

As long as power is provided to the 9602-GSM, the GPS receiver will store ephemeris data in its memory before powering down (sleep between reports). The ephemeris data are valid up to two hours and can be used in future startup to improve time-to-first-fix.

#### 2.7 Electrical Specifications

Input Voltage Range: +4.0V to +5.3V or +6.0V to +32V  
Main Input Voltage Ripple: < 40mV peak-to-peak  
Transmit Current (Average): 200mA @ 5V  
Transmit Current (Peak): 1.5A @ 5V for Iridium; 2.5A @ 5V for GSM  
Receive Current (Average): 45mA @ 5V

Receive Current (Peak): 195mA @ 5V  
Message Transfer Power (Average): <= 1.1W @ 5V  
Current in Between Reports: Less than 65µA @ 5V  
Power Input Type: DC power or LiIon battery

**NOTE:** The DC power requirement was measured at the 9602-GSM multi-interface connector and not at the DC power supply. Users must take into account voltage drop across the power supply cable to ensure adequate current provided to the 9602-GSM during transmission. If input voltage does not stay above 4.0V during surge or high current demand, the 9602-GSM will reset itself.

**NOTE:** The average current drawn during transmission may vary depending on the field-of-view between the 9602-GSM antenna and the Iridium satellite, the type of Iridium antenna used and cable loss, and GSM signal strength.

## 2.8 Environmental Specifications

Operating Temperature Range: -22°F to +158°F (-30°C to +70°C)  
Operating Humidity Range: ≤ 75% RH  
Storage Temperature Range: -40°F to +185°F (-40°C to +85°C)  
Storage Humidity Range: ≤ 93% RH

## 2.9 Data I/O Specifications

Short-Burst Data Mobile-Originated: 340 bytes per message (Iridium)  
Short-Burst Data Mobile-Terminated: 270 bytes per message (Iridium)  
Short Message Service (SMS): 140 bytes or 160 seven-bit characters per message (GSM)  
Hardware Interface: 3-Wire RS232  
Software Interface: AT commands

## 2.10 Related Hardware

Iridium/GSM/GPS Antenna: SAF7352-IGG  
Iridium/GPS Antenna: SAF4070-IG and SAF7352-IG  
Iridium Antenna: SYN7391 series, SAF2040 series, SAF5340 series and SAF5350 series  
GPS Antenna: SAF5270-G  
AC Power Adapter: LA-3098 (100-240VAC, 47-60Hz input)  
Car Adapter: LA-7021 (12VDC car battery input)  
Power Cable: HRC-24-12, HRC-24-12A

## 3.0 USER INTERFACES

### 3.1 Power Button

The 9602-GSM has a single power ON/OFF button. With the correct internal voltage setting either at 4.0V – 5.3V or 6.0V – 32.0V (see Section 3.3), the 9602-GSM is set to power up automatically when DC power is first applied to either pin 1 or pin 9 on the multi-interface connector. It can be turned off/on again by momentarily holding down the power button and release. If the device is sleeping in between reporting cycles, pressing the power button will turn the 9602-GSM on for 10 seconds. During this time, user can



take the device out of Tracking mode into Command mode by entering a sequence three pluses, “+++”. The 9602-GSM can now operate as a standard modem ready to accept AT commands. If “+++” is not entered within 10 seconds, the 9602-GSM goes back to “sleep” (see Section 4.2). The AT command ^IPS, ‘Initial Power State’, is used to set whether the 9602-GSM will begin operation when power is first applied or if the power button must be pressed to activate the device.

### 3.2 Status LEDs

The 9602-GSM has five status LEDs as shown in Figure 2. These include power indicator, Iridium signal, GPS signal, GSM signal and transmission status signal. They offer users a quick visual check to ensure proper operations. Each LED can be enabled and disabled through a setting in the general configuration profile (^LEDS) (see Section 5.2.1.1). The table below describes the function of each LED.



**Figure 2.** Status LEDs on the 9602-GSM front face.

NAME/ STATE	LED OFF	LED ON – BLINKING	LED ON – SOLID
Power	9602-GSM is off	Slow blinking every five seconds: device is sleeping Rapid blinking: Emergency mode is active	9602-GSM is on and operating in either Command mode or Tracking mode.
Iridium	Iridium transceiver is off or signal strength is zero	Signal strength between 1 and 2 bars	Signal strength between 3 and 5 bars
GPS	GPS receiver is off or acquiring signal	2-D fix or dead reckoning	3-D fix
GSM	GSM transceiver is off or signal strength is zero	Signal strength between 1 and 2 bars	Signal strength between 3 and 5 bars
Status	No successful SBD or SMS transmission has occurred	Most recent SBD or SMS transmission has failed	Most recent SBD or SMS transmission succeeded

**Table 1.** Descriptions of various states of LEDs.

### 3.3 Multi-Interface Connector

The multi-interface connector on model 9602-GSM is a standard male 15-pin D-Sub type (DB-15). The connector comprises of four interfaces with the pin assignments shown in Table 2. These interfaces include:

- External DC power input
- 3-wire RS232 serial data interface
- TTL/CMOS I/Os

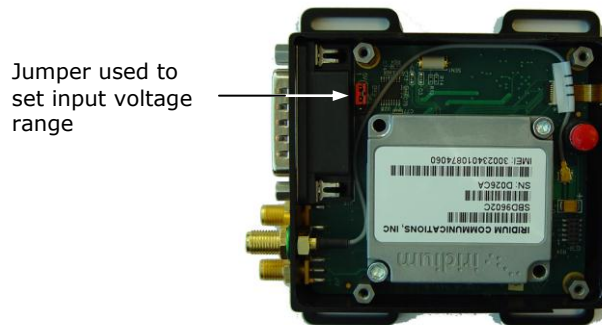
- Reserved RS232 serial data interface

PIN #	SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION	INTERFACE
1	EXT_PWR	External power input (+3.7VDC to +5.3VDC)	DC Power (+)
2	EXT_GND	External power input (GND)	DC Power (GND)
3	Tx1	RS232 Input	RS232 Data
4	Rx1	RS232 Output	RS232 Data
5	Signal_GND	Signal Ground, 0V signal reference and return	RS232 GND
6	Input/Emergency	External TTL/CMOS Input S0	0 – 5V TTL
7	Output	TTL/CMOS Output 0	0 – 5V TTL
8	Output	TTL/CMOS Output 1	0 – 5V TTL
9	EXT_PWR	External power input (+6.0VDC to +32.0VDC)	DC Power (+)
10	Rx2	Reserved	RS232 Data
11	Tx2	Reserved	RS232 Data
12	Input/Test	External TTL/CMOS Input S1	0 – 5V TTL
13	Input	External TTL/CMOS Input S3	0 – 5V TTL
14	Input	External TTL/CMOS Input S2	0 – 5V TTL
15	Output	TTL/CMOS Output 2	0 – 5V TTL

**Table 2.** Pin assignments for the 9602-GSM multi-interface connector.

External DC Power Input

DC power interface comprises of two DC power inputs and a ground input as summarized in Table 1. The 9602-GSM accepts either 4.0V – 5.3V input through pin#1 or 6.0V – 32V input through pin#9. The 9602-GSM is shipped with hardware set for 4.0V – 5.3V input. It can be changed to 6.0V – 32V input through an internal jumper—POWER MUST BE DISCONNECTED AND USER MUST BE GROUNDED BEFORE RESETING THE JUMPER. The jumper can be found by removing the device’s top plate. With the 9602-GSM held in the position shown in Figure 3 (DB15 connector to the left), the 9602-GSM is set for 4.0V – 5.3V when the red jumper is on the middle and top pins and is set for 6.0V – 32V when the jumper is on the middle and bottom pins. Each pin is also labeled with 5V and 32V. Both the power pins on the multi-interface connector and their corresponding voltage settings on the jumper must be used for the unit to power up properly.



**Figure 3.** Power input setting for the 9602-GSM.

**NOTE:** User MUST remember not to apply voltage higher than 5.3V on pin 1 (or accidentally swap voltage between pins 1 and 9). The 9602-GSM will be damaged beyond repair with warranty voided if this were to occur.

**IMPORTANT:** User can remove the 9602-GSM's top plate to set the jumper but not for repair or services. The warranty is voided if the 9602-GSM is disassembled for any reason other than to set the jumper.

Cables used to supply power to the 9602-GSM should be kept as short as possible to prevent significant voltage drop, which can cause the 9602-GSM to malfunction during an SBD/SMS session. Power reset by the 9602-GSM during an SBD/SMS transmission is an indicative of the DC power source unable to sustain voltage above 4.0V or above 6V at peak current demand. Plots of DC power requirement for the 9602-GSM are found in Section 6.

### RS232 Serial Data Interface

The 9602-GSM supports 3-wire serial interface to a host DTE through the multi-interface connector. The serial connection comprises of a transmit (Tx) line on pin 3, a receive (Rx) line on pin 4 and a signal GND on pin 5 as described in Table 2. The 9602-GSM does not support auto-baud and the default baud rate is factory set at 19.2kbits/sec. The baud rate can be reconfigured with the +IPR command ranging from 4.8kbits/sec to 115.2kbits/sec.

The serial port allows a connected DTE to configure the 9602-GSM using NAL Research's defined AT commands and any terminal emulator software. These AT commands can be found in the manual "AT Commands for Model 9602-GSM" TN2011-042-V1.0. Instead of trying to memorize various functions of AT commands, NAL Research recommends the use of SatTerm graphical user interface (GUI) software to configure the 9602-GSM.

### TTL/CMOS Inputs/Outputs

The 9602-GSM has four TTL/CMOS inputs and three TTL/CMOS outputs. All I/Os are brought out to the multi-interface connector. The four CMOS/TTL inputs, denoted as S0 through S3, have internal pull ups which allow the inputs to float as high. The inputs can be configured as emergency, test, or general input with a trigger on a rising and/or falling edge. The trigger activates the special functionality of the input type. Emergency configured inputs enable the Emergency tracking mode when triggered. Test configured inputs enable the Test tracking mode. General configured inputs queue the transmission of an input report (see Appendix C in "AT Commands for Model 9602-GSM" TN2011-042-V1.0). Regardless of the type or trigger configuration, the value of the input will be included in any Version 5 GPS report or higher. By default, S0 is configured as an emergency input triggered by a falling edge and S1 is configured as a test input triggered by a falling edge. S0 is shared with the on board emergency button. This means both the guarded emergency button on the 9602-GSM and S0 can be used to activate Emergency tracking.

The AT command ^PR controls input value reporting. When ^PR is enabled and a pin changes state, an unsolicited response, ^PV, will be sent on the serial port indicating the values of the input pins. Setting the outputs is controlled by the AT command ^Pn. Outputs can also be set by remote update. For detailed information regarding I/Os, users are referred to the manual "AT Commands for Model 9602-GSM".

### 3.4 SIM Card Holder for GSM Network

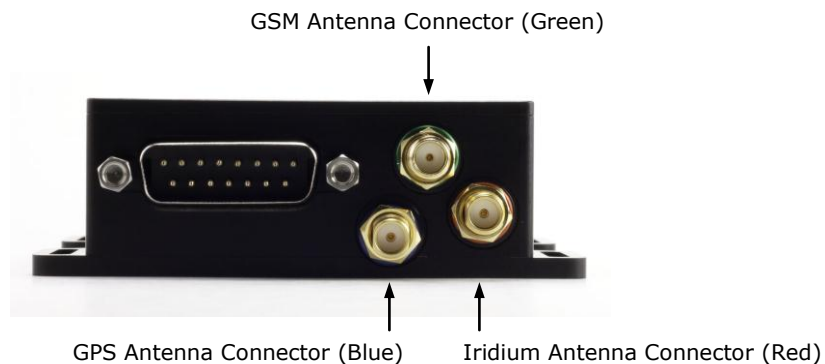
The 9602-GSM contains an integrated SIM reader. The device uses a GSM SIM chip for operation when using the cellular network including AT&T and T-Mobile. The SIM chip is inserted into the opening located on the bottom of the modem. A plastic locking mechanism is used hold the SIM in place. Slide the SIM chip reader's plastic bracket in the direction indicated by the arrow and lift up the bracket. Place the SIM chip (facing down) into the SIM bracket as shown in Figure 4. There is a small cut-off on one of the corners of the SIM chip. Make sure that the cut-off is pointing upward which should align the SIM chip with the SIM chip reader. Lower the bracket and lock the SIM bracket by sliding in the reverse direction.



**Figure 4.** Location of the GSM SIM door on the 9602-GSM.

### 3.5 GSM Antenna Connector

The 9602-GSM uses color-coded female SMA connectors for Iridium, GSM and GPS antennas. The GSM antenna connector has a green ring around the base (see Figure 5). Mating male SMA connectors are readily available from many RF hardware suppliers. The GSM antenna should have 50 $\Omega$  impedance, VSWR less than 2:1, return loss less than -10dB and minimum gain of 3dBic. For an integrated tri-band Iridium-GSM-GPS antenna, NAL Research recommends the Alpha antenna model A10AA1815A ([www.multiband.eu](http://www.multiband.eu)) or equivalent NAL Research's part number SYN7352-IGG.



**Figure 5.** Color-coded antenna connectors.

### 3.6 Iridium Antenna Connector

The Iridium antenna connector has a red ring around the base. Cable and connector losses between the 9602-GSM and the Iridium antenna are critical and must be kept to less than 2dB at the operating frequency of 1616 to 1626.5 MHz.

NAL Research offers several types of Iridium antennas for use with the 9602-GSM. These antennas include the fixed mast, mobile magnetic/permanent mount and portable auxiliary. For low-cost and applications where small form-factor and light-weight are required, NAL Research recommends model SYN7391-C. If custom-designed antenna is required, it must meet the specifications shown in Table 3.

PARAMETER	VALUE
Measurement Frequency Range	1616 to 1626.5 MHz
Return Loss (Minimum)	9.5 dB
Gain	0.0 dBic (weighted average minimum)
VSWR	1.5 : 1
Minimum 'Horizon' Gain	-2.0 dBic (82° conic average)
Nominal Impedance	50 Ohms
Polarization	Right Hand Circular (RHCP)
Basic Pattern	Omni directional and hemispherical

**Table 3.** Recommended Iridium antenna's design specifications.

### 3.7 GPS Antenna Connector

The GPS antenna connector has a blue ring around the base. Any active antenna accepting a bias voltage of 3VDC is appropriate. However, the low-noise amplifier (LNA) gain should not exceed 30dB. NAL Research offers a magnetic mount GPS antenna as well as dual Iridium/GPS antennas for use with the 9602-GSM. For low-cost and applications where small form-factor and light-weight are required, NAL Research recommends model SAF7352-IG.

**IMPORTANT:** GPS antenna should only be connected to or disconnected from the 9602-GSM when it is not powered. DO NOT CONNECT OR DISCONNECT THE GPS ANTENNA WHEN THE 9602-GSM IS POWERED. The internal GPS receiver calibrates the noise-floor on power-up, and by connecting the GPS antenna after power-up can result in prolonged acquisition time and possibly damage the GPS receiver. To test GPS signal reacquisition, physically blocking the signal to the antenna rather than disconnecting and reconnecting the antenna is recommended.

**IMPORTANT:** Never feed external supply voltage into the active GPS antenna. Always use the bias voltage supplied by the 9602-GSM via the SMA antenna connector to power an active GPS antenna. Feeding voltage to the GPS antenna other than the provided bias voltage will damage the 9602-GSM.

### 3.8 Emergency Button

The emergency 911 button locates under a red guard as shown in Figure 1. It can be activated at any time during Tracking mode. It is activated by a quick press and release of the Emergency button (momentary switch). Once enabled, holding the Emergency button longer than three seconds takes the 9602-GSM out of Emergency tracking. When Emergency tracking is active the Power LED will blink rapidly. During emergency the device will transmit periodic GPS reports with a flag indicating that the reporting

device is in active Emergency mode. The Emergency trigger can further be customized using the I/Os configuration screen (see Section 5.2.1.1).

## 4.0 IMPORTANT FEATURES

### 4.1 Networks

The 9602-GSM uses Iridium and any GSM cellular network to send its location reports. The device can be configured for either Iridium or GSM, or to automatically switch between the two networks based on network availability.

**NOTE:** To use GSM, the 9602-GSM must first be provided with an active Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) card from a GSM cellular provider. Pre-paid SIM cards are acceptable. Example of GSM cellular providers in the United States are AT&T and T-Mobile.

### 4.2 Modes of Operation

The 9602-GSM is always in one of two modes: (1) Command mode, or (2) Tracking mode. It can be configured to power up in one of these modes. The factory-set power-up mode is Command mode, which can be changed with the 'Start-Up Mode' configuration (Section 5.2.1.1).

#### 4.2.1 Command Mode

When in Command mode, the 9602-GSM accepts AT commands through a 3-wire RS-232 serial interface from a connected DTE. The command set is detailed in the document "AT Commands for Model 9602-GSM". The commands can be used to configure the 9602-GSM operating parameters, to allow the 9602-GSM be operated as a modem, and to query the GPS receiver. Command mode can be switched to Tracking mode by AT command ^TRK. To switch back, the escape sequence `+++` is used.

#### 4.2.2 Tracking Mode

When in Tracking mode, the 9602-GSM automatically transmits GPS reports using parameters contained in a tracking profile (see Section 5.2.1.2). It can be configured to send at an interval ranging from continuous (as fast as the transmitter can handle) to once every 7 days. The 9602-GSM can also be configured to operate with the GPS receiver and Iridium/GSM transmitter ON at all times or it can operate in a low-power mode whereby the device powers down and sleeps between reports. When operates in low-power mode, the device consumes less than 65 $\mu$ A of current during sleep.

There are a number of options that impact Tracking mode, but the most commonly used are "Time Between Reports" (AT^TBR), "Time to Keep Trying" (AT^TTKT), and "Callable" (AT^CALn). These settings have impact on the reporting interval and power consumption. The motion detection and geofencing features can also be implemented to further tailor Tracking mode to a specific application.

While in Tracking mode, the 9602-GSM can load tracking profiles dynamically. By default there are three tracking profiles set aside for Normal tracking, Test tracking, and Emergency tracking. Typically, when Tracking mode starts, the tracking profile for Normal tracking is loaded, specified by the "Tracking Profile Normal" (AT^TPN) setting. When the Test pin or Emergency pin is triggered, Tracking mode will switch to using the tracking profile for Test tracking, specified by the "Tracking Profile Test" (AT^TPT) setting, or the tracking profile for Emergency Tracking, specified by the "Tracking Profile Emergency" (AT^TPE) setting, respectively. This allows the user to configure the 9602-GSM to operate differently when there is an external

stimulus. Tracking mode will also load a different tracking profile if Geofences are enabled and the 9602-GSM enters or exits a geofence. Priorities are assigned to the different stimuli and the 9602-GSM will only switch to the associated tracking profile if it has a higher priority. Emergency tracking has the highest priority, Test tracking is the second highest, Geofence is the third highest, and Normal tracking is the default.

The 9602-GSM can transmit messages in NAL Research's defined report formats and can also transmit messages according to the PECOS Message Structure (PMS) compatible with the US NORTHCOM MMC server. The PMS complies with the Blue Force Tracking Data Format Specification as defined in the document PECOS 200907-001 Version 1.7.

#### 4.3 Call-Outs and Power-Up Delay

Using an onboard real-time clock, the 9602-GSM can be configured to send daily call-out reports at specified UTC times. These call-out reports are in addition to tracking reports sent at a pre-defined tracking interval and they are indistinguishable from each other. Call-outs can be used as a heartbeat to determine if the device is still operational (see Section 5.2.3).

In addition, using the onboard real-time clock, the 9602-GSM can be configured for a power-up delay. A power-up delay is set for a specific UTC time and date up to 45 days in the future. When a delay is set and tracking is started, the device will remain in its low-power sleep mode until the configured date and time upon which the device will power on automatically and begin its Tracking mode. This is useful for conserving battery power while the tracker is in transit to a destination (see Section 5.2.1.3).

#### 4.4 Geofencing

The 9602-GSM can utilize location information from its GPS receiver to determine whether it has entered or exited the bounds of preconfigured geofences. A geofence is a set of connected latitude and longitude coordinates that defines a region or zone of interest. A geofence is defined by a minimum of 3 coordinates and a maximum of 50. Multiple geofences can be configured, each with a unique set of tracking parameters that will cause the 9602-GSM to change its tracking behavior while in a specific geofence. Each geofence can also be configured to send a report upon entering and exiting the defined geofence region. In addition, geofences can be configured to turn off all transmitting radio links (Iridium and GSM) for regions that require radio silence.

#### 4.5 Motion Detection

The 9602-GSM has a built-in sensor that can reliably detect motion. It is truly an omni-directional movement sensor and will function regardless of how the 9602-GSM is mounted or aligned. It is sensitive to both tilt (static acceleration) and vibration (dynamic acceleration). The sensor produces a series of TTL level logic or pulse train. The signal level is fed directly into the 9602-GSM's micro-controller to "wake up" the 9602-GSM out of low-power mode when activity is sensed and to transmit location report. The 9602-GSM's motion sensor has a variety of settings that impact its detection sensitivity. The 9602-GSM's motion sensor can be enabled or disabled (see Section 5.2.1.1).

#### 4.6 Encryption

The 9602-GSM can be configured to encrypt/decrypt all transmitted and received data using 256-bit AES encryption. To enable encryption, the user needs to assign a cryptographic administrator for the

device who will be responsible for modifying the encryption and decryption keys and setting the device to use encryption (see Section 5.2.1.3). The 256-bit AES encryption algorithms implemented here complies with NIST FIPS140-2 (see documents *Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules, FIPS PUB 140-2, US Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2001* and *Security Requirements for Cryptographic Modules, Annex A: Approved Security Functions for FIPS PUB 140-2, US Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003*).

#### 4.7 Remote Updates

The 9602-GSM can be configured over the air through the use of remote update option. This allows for remote unattended trackers to be reconfigured without requiring direct access to the device. All of the tracking profile parameters and most of the general parameters can be configured via remote updates. NAL Research provides two software applications that can be used to compose and transmit remote updates—Server for Trackers and Remote Configure. These programs can be downloaded from the NAL Research's website ([www.nalresearch.com](http://www.nalresearch.com)). Users are referred to the software applications for the list of remotely configurable parameters.

### 5.0 CONFIGURING THE 9602-GSM

#### 5.1 Profile Descriptions

A profile is a group of user-modifiable settings saved to non-volatile memory. There are three types of profiles on the 9602-GSM: general profiles, tracking profiles, and additional setup parameters. General profiles contain settings that have a general impact on the operation of the 9602-GSM. Tracking profiles contain settings that have an impact on the 9602-GSM during Tracking mode. Additional setup parameters are global settings.

##### 5.1.1 General Profiles

There are two general profiles numbered 0 and 1. General profiles contain settings that have a general impact on the operation of the 9602-GSM. Settings that fall under general profiles can be displayed through AT&V. Either general profile 0 or 1 can be retrieved from non-volatile memory and loaded into an "active" general profile at power-up. By default, the general profile at storage location 0 is loaded into the "active" general profile. User can reset the default power-up profile using AT&Yn to a specified general profile (0 or 1). In addition, after the 9602-GSM is powered-up and the "active" general profile is loaded, user can also replace the "active" general profile with any stored general profile using the Soft Reset command ATZn. Once loaded, any modifications made to the device settings are temporary. To save the modifications, user must write changes in the "active" general profile to any of the general profiles (0 or 1) using AT&Wn. To revert back to factory default settings, AT&F is used to retrieve and load factory default general profile into the "active" general profile. After loading the factory default profile, user can save the "active" general profile through AT&Wn to the power-up general profile.

##### 5.1.2 Tracking Profile Description

Tracking profiles contain settings that have an impact on the 9602-GSM during Tracking mode. Settings that fall under tracking profiles can be displayed through AT&VT. There are twelve stored tracking profiles numbered from 0 to 11. The tracking profile 0 is loaded into the "active" tracking profile at power-up. Unlike general profiles, the device cannot be forced to load any tracking profile other than 0 at power-up. Only after the 9602-GSM is powered up, user then can retrieve any one of twelve stored tracking profiles using



the Soft Reset command ATZTn. Once retrieved and loaded into the "active" tracking profile, modifications made to the settings associated with the "active" tracking profile are temporary. To save the modifications, user must write changes in the "active" tracking profile to any of the tracking profiles (0 to 11) using AT&WTn. To revert back to factory default settings, AT&FT is used to retrieve and load default tracking profile into the "active" tracking profile. After loading the factory default profile, user can save the "active" tracking profile through AT&WTn to power-up tracking profile 0.

### 5.1.3 Additional Setup Parameters

Additional setup parameters affect the 9602-GSM globally and immediately. Unlike general profiles and tracking profiles, there is no "active" profile associated with these parameters to be saved or retrieved. Any modifications to these settings are saved to non-volatile memory directly. Settings that fall under this category include "Remote Update Password" (AT^RUP) setting, "Change Identifier" (AT^ID) setting, "Key for Encryption" (AT^KE) setting, "Key for Decryption" (AT^KD) setting, "Change Crypto Officer Password" (AT^CCOP) setting, and "Power Up Delay" (AT^PUPD) setting.

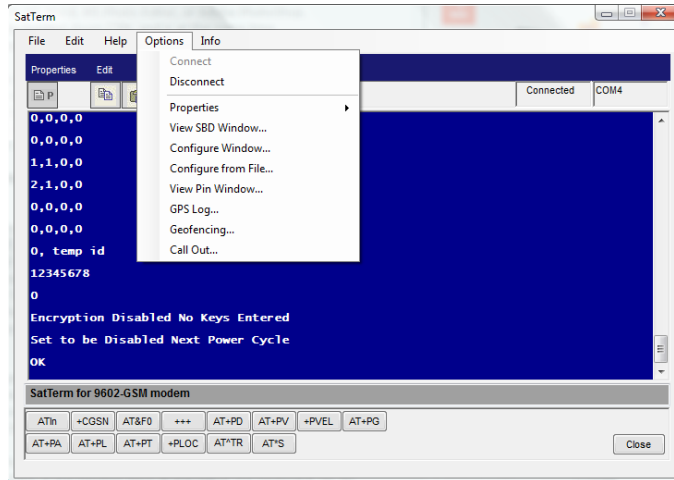
## 5.2 Using SatTerm

SatTerm is a software developed by NAL Research that runs on Windows® operating system. It is used to communicate with a family of NAL Research devices through RS232 or USB interface. The following sections cover how to use SatTerm to configure the 9602-GSM.

### 5.2.1 Configure Window Option

SatTerm *Configure Window* option allows users to setup of the profiles described in section 5.1. Follow the steps below first to synchronize communication between the 9602-GSM and a connected DTE.

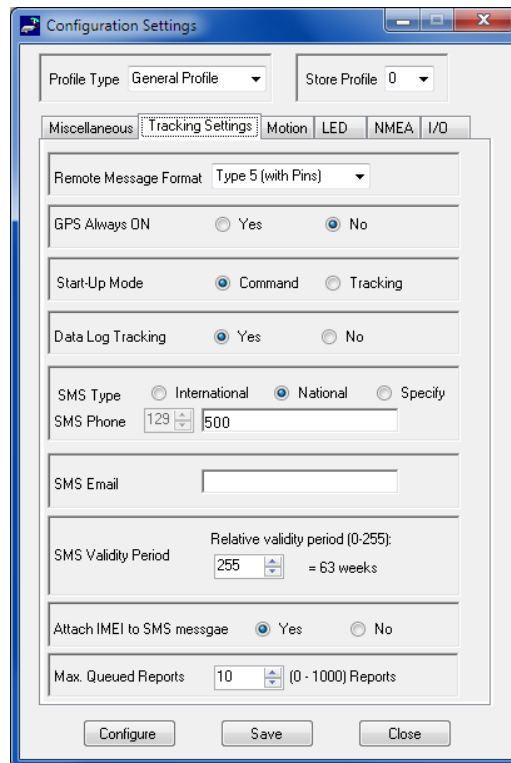
1. Attach the 9602-GSM to a computer with an available serial RS232 port. For computers without a serial port, a USB-to-serial adaptor can be purchased separately from any electronic store including Digi-Key.
2. Launch SatTerm software from the Windows® Start tab. If SatTerm is not installed, the SatTerm installer can be downloaded from NAL Research's website <http://nalresearch.com>.
3. Use the *Options* menu to configure the specific settings for the 9602-GSM (see Figure 6). Each part of the *Configure Window* is described below.
  - a. *Modem Type* — choose **Options > Properties > Modem Type > 9602-GSM**. This option selects the type of device connected to the computer. Only NAL Research's devices appear on the list.
  - b. *Set Port Properties...* — choose **Options > Properties > Set Port Properties**. This option sets the computer's RS232 parameters to communicate with a connected 9602-GSM. These parameters include COM port number, baud rate, data bits, parity, stop bits and flow control. The default baud rate is 19.2 kbits/sec; however, it may be changed to a different rate.
  - c. *Configure Window...* — choose **Options > Configure Windows....** After hardware setup is completed under steps (a) and (b), this option can be selected to configure the 9602-GSM profiles.



**Figure 6.** *Configure Window...* option for SatTerm software.

### 5.2.1.1 General Profile Settings

This section describes the general profile settings using SatTerm. After the *Configure Window...* option is chosen in step (c) above, the *Configuration Settings* window will appear as shown in Figure 7. The *Configuration Settings* window offers six menu tabs. User can go to Profile Type on the top left of the window and select General Profile from the drop-down menu along with the Store Profile number and then click on the *Tracking Settings* tab.



**Figure 7.** *Configuration Settings* window for SatTerm software.

## Tracking Settings

*Tracking Settings* offers nine settings as shown in Figure 7 — *Remote Message Format*, *GPS Always ON*, *Start-up Mode*, *Data Log Tracking*, *SMS Type/SMS Phone*, *SMS Email*, *SMS Validity Period*, *Attach IMEI to SMS message*, and *Max. Queued Reports*.

### *Remote Message Format*

This option sets the format of the messages that will be sent from the 9602-GSM to the recipient. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^RMF. Currently available message formats are:

1. GPS v3 (same format as on the A3LA trackers)
2. GPS v4 (includes HDOP and VDOP GPS values, and motion and low battery values)
3. GPS v5 (includes I/O pin states)
4. PECOS P3
5. PECOS P4
6. GPS v6 (includes short codes and free text fields)
7. 10 byte GPS version 0

### *GPS Always On*

This option forces the GPS receiver to remain ON in between reports allowing the 9602-GSM to have immediate location information (GPS hot start assuming the 9602-GSM always has full view of the sky) each time it is ready to transmit a tracking report. When low-power consumption is not critical, enabling the GPS receiver in between reports is recommended for faster GPS acquisition and more accurate location information. Setting *Callable* to "No" (see Section 5.2.1.2) over-rides an enabled *GPS Always On* and turns the GPS receiver off in between reports. The command associated with this setting is AT^GAO.

### *Start-Up Mode*

This option sets the operating mode of the unit on power-up. The default is to power-up the unit in Command mode allowing users to enter AT commands via a connected computer. Alternatively, the 9602-GSM can also be configured to power-up in Tracking mode enabling it to automatically send reports at a pre-determined interval. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^START.

### *Data Log Tracking*

This option forces the 9602-GSM to save all tracking reports, whether successfully sent or attempted to send during Tracking mode, to non-volatile memory. The device can save up to about 4,000 reports in a circular memory (oldest saved reports are over-written when memory reaches maximum capacity). SatTerm can be used to retrieve tracking reports at a later time using **Options > GPS Log...** The AT command associated with this setting is AT^DLTRK.

### *SMS Type/SMS Phone*

This option sets the destination phone number of all reports sent as SMS messages using the GSM link. If supported by the GSM carrier, a special phone number can be used to send SMS messages to an e-mail address. For example, when using T-Mobile and in order to send to an e-mail address, the destination number is set to 500. A destination e-mail address must also be specified in the *SMS Email* setting. Check with the GSM carrier for proper destination number in order to send to an e-mail address. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^TRKSMUSD.

### *SMS Email*

This option sets the destination e-mail address when a special phone number is required to send to e-mail. If the SMS destination is not a phone number, this setting should be kept blank. *SMS Email* setting is only used for SMS messages sent over the GSM link. Check with the GSM carrier for proper destination number to send to an e-mail address. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^TRKSMSE.

### *SMS Validity Period*

This option sets how long an SMS message is stored in the GSM carrier's SMS service center when an SMS message cannot be delivered. This setting is only used for SMS message sent over the GSM link. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^TRKSMSVP.

### *Attach IMEI to SMS Message*

This option sets whether or not to send SMS messages in an IMEI envelope. The purpose of the IMEI envelope is to pair a SMS message with the 9602-GSM's Iridium 9602 IMEI number. This is not required for the Iridium link since SBD messages already contain the IMEI number of the 9602. The IMEI envelope also includes a 2-byte checksum to validate the IMEI envelope's integrity. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^TRKSMSII. The format of an IMEI envelope is:

PARAMETER	VALUE
IMEI Number	8 bytes
Message	Variable
XOR Checksum	1 byte
Additive checksum	1 byte

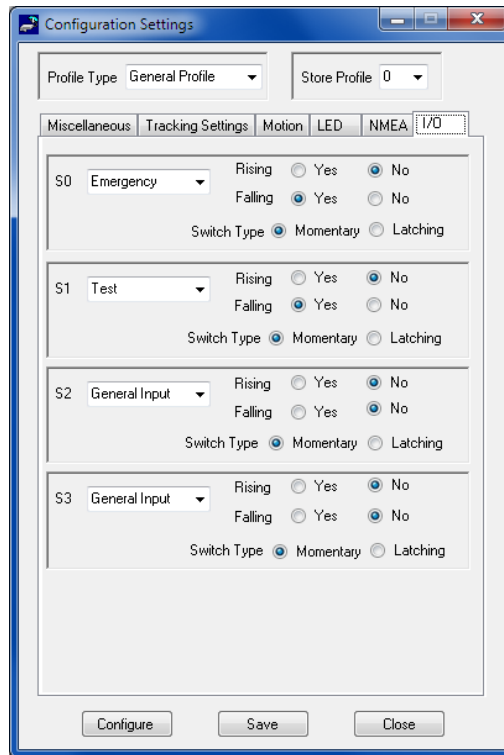
### *Max. Queued Reports*

This option sets the maximum number of reports that can be queued on the 9602-GSM for re-transmit. This setting applies only if either *Queue Failed Reports* or *Queue Restricted Reports* or both are set (see Section 5.2.1.2). A restricted report is a report that attempts to send while both the Iridium link and the GSM link have been configured to be disabled. For example, in the case where Iridium and GSM are disabled in a certain geographic area by a geofence, any reports that attempt to send while in the geofence would be considered a restricted report and, if configured for queuing, can be queued to re-transmit when outside that geographic area. Failed reports are reports that are unable to send after the specified Time to Keep Trying value (see Section 5.1.2.1). When the number of queued reports reaches its maximum number, the oldest queued reports are over-written. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^ERQM.

### I/O

*I/O* tab offers four settings for the input pins S0, S1, S2, and S3 as shown in Figure 8. Each pin can be: 1) associated to a pin mode — general input, Emergency, or Test, 2) configured to trigger on a rising edge, falling edge, both, or none, and 3) configured to be momentary or latching. A latching input activates when the trigger is active and deactivates once the trigger is inactive (latch switch type). A momentary configured input is enabled by activating the trigger momentarily and releasing and is disabled by activating the trigger for 3 seconds and releasing (momentary switch type).

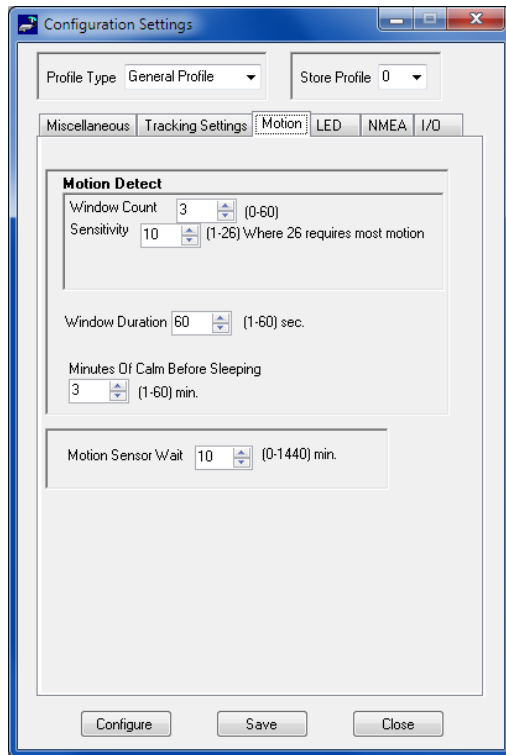
When triggered in Tracking, a general input pin will queue an input report for transmission (see Appendix C in the "AT Commands for Model 9602-GSM" manual for description of an input report), an Emergency pin will enable Emergency mode, and a Test pin will enable Test mode. While any pin can be configured as any mode, S0 is shared with the external Emergency switch and defaults to an Emergency pin with a falling edge trigger. This means pin 6 on the multi-interface connector can be connected to an external latch or momentary switch and be used in parallel with the 9602-GSM Emergency button to enable the Emergency mode. S1 defaults to a Test pin with a falling edge trigger. S2 and S3 default to general input with no triggers enabled.



**Figure 8.** I/O window for SatTerm software.

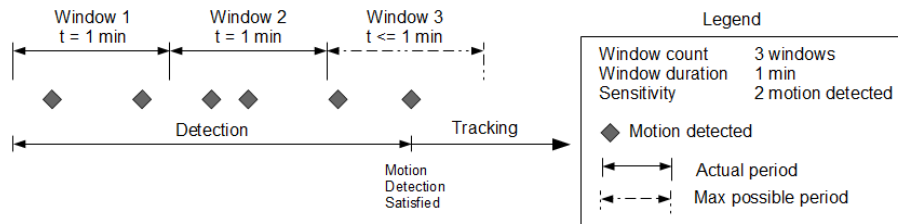
### Motion

The 9602-GSM has a built-in sensor that can reliably detect motion. The *Motion* tab offers users ways to detect different motion characteristics as shown in Figure 9. Motion detection can be enabled or disabled through the *Awake On Motion* option in the tracking profile (see Section 5.2.1.2). When *Motion* detection is enabled, it is active only when *Callable* (see Section 5.2.1.2) is set to "Disabled" or "Motion Determined". It is NOT active if *Callable* is "Enabled". Motion detection begins when the 9602-GSM goes into sleep mode in between reports. Four parameters must be provided when activating motion detection — *Window Duration*, *Window Count*, *Sensitivity* and *Motion Sensor Wait*. These four parameters are used to configure the overall sensitivity of motion instead of having to interpret the raw motion sensor signals. A fifth setting, *Minutes of Calm Before Sleeping*, is required when *Callable* is set to "Motion Determined". The AT command associated with this setting is AT^MSA.



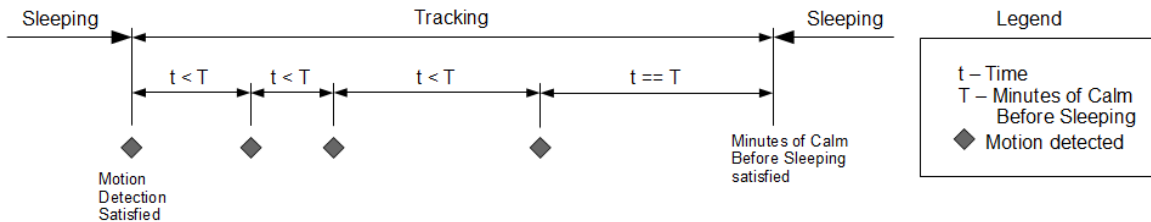
**Figure 9.** Motion window for SatTerm software.

When *Motion* detection is enabled and the 9602-GSM is sleeping in between reports, the device will attempt to monitor motion within a defined “motion detection window” whereby a given set of parameters must be satisfied. The duration of each motion detection window is set by *Window Duration*. Motion sensitivity, defined by the number of TTL pulses registered by the motion sensor, is set by the *Sensitivity* option. A motion to be considered valid within a motion detection window must register the same or higher number of pulses set in the *Sensitivity* option. The *Window Count* parameter specifies the number of contiguous valid motion detection windows. When the *Window Count* is reached, the 9602-GSM wakes up from sleep, sends a tracking report, and returns to the low-power sleeping mode. If at any time a detection window is not satisfied or the device wakes up as scheduled, the detection process starts over from the beginning. Figure 10 is an example of *Motion* detection with *Window Count* configured to 3, *Window Duration* figured for 1 minute, and *Sensitivity* configured to 2 TTL pulses per motion detection window.



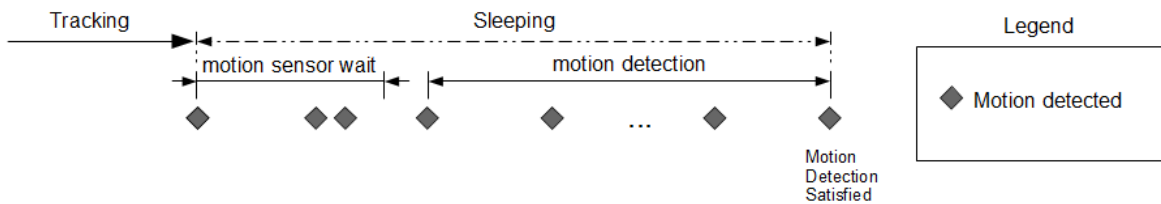
**Figure 10.** Example of motion detection window.

After the tracking report is successfully sent triggered by *Motion* detection and if *Callable* is set to "Disabled", the 9602-GSM will immediately enter low-power sleep mode. If *Callable* is set to "Motion Determined", the *Minutes of Calm Before Sleeping* parameter will keep the 9602-GSM callable and awake as long as motion persists within the *Minutes of Calm Before Sleeping* interval. The unit will only sleep if there is no motion within the specified *Minutes of Calm Before Sleeping* interval. An example of this process is shown in Figure 11.



**Figure 11.** Example of *Minutes of Calm Before Sleeping* window.

Once the 9602-GSM is in the low-power sleep mode, with either *Callable* setting, the *Motion Sensor Wait* parameter specifies the duration of time to ignore any motion sensor activity. Once the time has elapsed, the motion detection process will begin again (see Figure 12).



**Figure 12.** Example of *Motion Sensor Wait* window.

#### *Window Count*

This parameter specifies the number of contiguous valid motion detection windows in order to consider the overall motion detection process to be valid. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^MSB.

#### *Sensitivity*

This parameter sets the minimum number of motion sensor TTL pulses must be detected in a single motion detection window for the window to be considered valid. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^MSB.

#### *Window Duration*

This parameter sets the duration of each motion detection window. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^MSB.

#### *Minutes of Calm Before Sleeping*

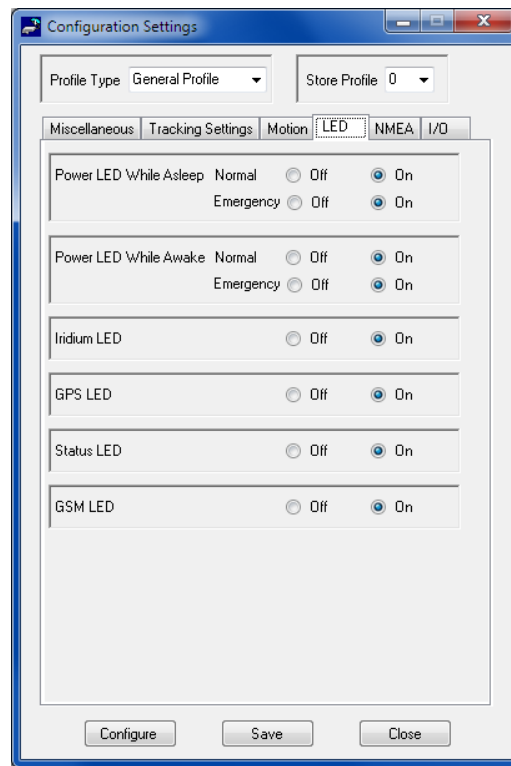
This setting keeps the 9602-GSM callable and awake as long as there is motion sensor activity. The device will only sleep if there is no motion sensor activity within a period of time specified by this setting. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^MSE.

### *Motion Sensor Wait*

This setting specifies the duration of time to ignore the motion sensor when the 9602-GSM is in sleep mode. Once that time has elapsed, motion detection will begin again. The related AT command is AT^MSW.

### LED

For applications where prolonging battery life is essential, the LEDs can be turned OFF using the ^LEDS AT command or the SatTerm's LED tab (Figure 13). The 9602-GSM is shipped with all LEDs set to ON.



**Figure 13.** LED window for SatTerm software.

### *Power LED While Asleep* (Normal and Emergency)

The power LED has two illumination modes when the device is asleep. While emergency mode is active, the LED will blink rapidly (once a second); otherwise, the LED will blink slowly (once every 5 seconds) in normal tracking mode. The emergency and normal blinking can be turned on and off independently. These parameters set whether to blink the *Power LED* while the 9602-GSM is asleep.

### *Power LED While Awake* (Normal and Emergency)

The power LED has two illumination modes when the device is awake. While emergency mode is active the LED will blink rapidly (once a second); otherwise the LED will remain solid in normal tracking mode. These parameters set whether to turn the *Power LED* ON while the 9602-GSM is awake.

### *Iridium LED*

This parameter sets whether to display the *Iridium LED*. When enabled, the *Iridium LED* stays solid when the Iridium signal strength is between 3–5 bars, blinks when the Iridium signal strength is between 1–2 bars, and stays off when the Iridium signal strength is at 0 bars. This LED will light up very briefly.



### GPS LED

This parameter sets whether to display the *GPS LED*. When enabled, the *GPS LED* stays solid when there is a valid GPS position fix, blinks when there is 2D fix or using dead reckoning, and stays off when unable to obtain a position fix. This LED might light up very briefly.

### Status LED

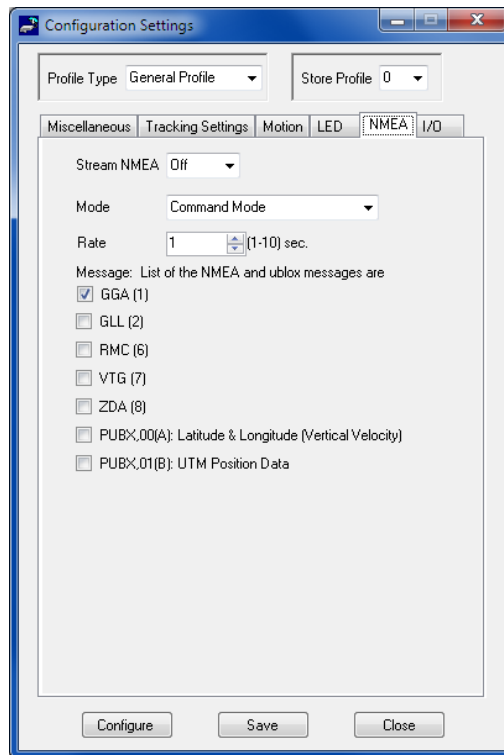
This parameter sets whether to display the *Status LED*. When enabled and during Tracking mode, this LED stays solid if the last SBD/SMS transmission was successfully, blinks if the last SBD/SMS transmission was unsuccessfully, and stays off if no SBD/SMS transmission was sent.

### GSM LED

This parameter sets whether to display the *GSM LED*. When enabled, the *GSM LED* stays solid when the GSM signal strength is between 3–5 bars, blinks when the GSM signal strength is between 1–2 bars, and stays off when the GSM signal strength is at 0 bars. This LED will light up very briefly.

### NMEA

The *NEMA* tab offers users the option to stream NMEA formatted GPS data from the 9602-GSM's serial port while in Command, Tracking or both modes. The AT command associated with this setting is AT+PG.



**Figure 14.** NMEA window for SatTerm software.

### Stream NMEA

This parameter sets NMEA streaming on or off.

### Mode

This parameter selects the mode (Tracking, Command or both modes) in which GPS data streaming is active.

### Rate

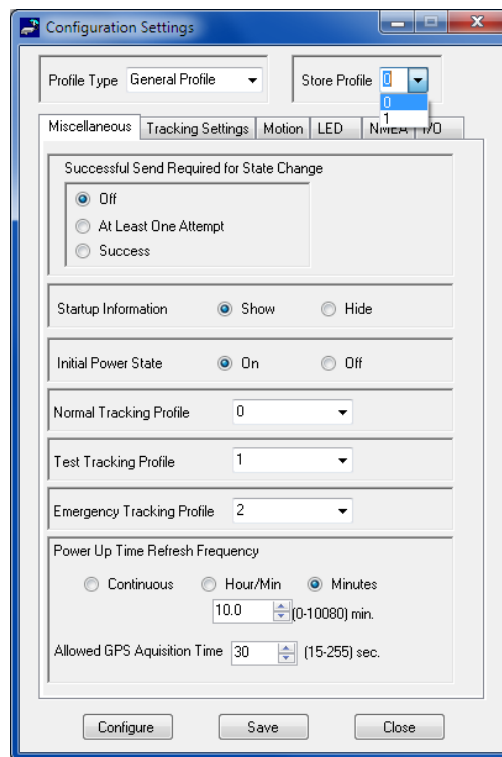
This parameter sets the NMEA streaming update rate in seconds.

### Message

The checked boxes select which NMEA packages are streamed through the 9602-GSM's serial port. Though the default serial port baud rate of 19.2 kbits/sec is sufficient to stream the entire set of NMEA messages at a 1-second rate, care should be taken to select an appropriate streaming rate when using lower serial baud rates.

### Miscellaneous

*Miscellaneous* tab offers seven settings as shown in Figure 15 — *Successful Send Required for State Change*, *Startup Information*, *Initial Power State*, *Normal Tracking Profile*, *Test Tracking Profile*, *Emergency Tracking Profile*, and *Power Up Time Refresh Frequency*.



**Figure 15.** *Miscellaneous* window for SatTerm software.

### *Successful Send Required for State Change*

This option restricts the 9602-GSM from changing modes (Normal, Test, Emergency, Geofence) based on whether or not a tracking report has been transmitted. When set to off, a change to the tracking mode takes effect immediately (i.e. Normal to Emergency). When set to "At Least One Attempt", the mode change will be delayed until at least one tracking cycle is complete. When set to "Success", the mode change will be

blocked until a tracking report is transmitted successfully. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^SSR.

#### *Startup Information*

This option hides/shows the power-up text (copyright, model number, etc.) that is echoed to the 9602-GSM's serial port. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^START.

#### *Initial Power State*

This option sets whether the device is powered up when DC power is applied (On) or if the power button must first be pressed to power up the unit (Off). The command associated with this setting is AT^IPS.

#### *Normal Tracking Profile*

This option selects the stored tracking profile to be used in Normal mode. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^TPN.

#### *Test Tracking Profile*

This option selects the stored tracking profile to be used in Test mode. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^TPT.

#### *Emergency Tracking Profile*

This option selects the stored tracking profile to be used in Emergency mode. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^TPE.

#### *Power Up Time Refresh Frequency*

Periodically, the 9602-GSM wakes up from sleep to adjust its internal clock against the GPS receiver timing signal. In the case when the GPS receiver does not yet have a time fix, the 9602-GSM will stay awake for a specified period of time (*Allowed GPS Acquisition Time*) waiting for a GPS time fix. After which, the 9602-GSM will sleep for another period of time (*Power Up Time Refresh Frequency*) before retrying to find a time fix. These values are configured through an AT command (^PUPT).

### 5.2.1.2 Tracking Profile Settings

This section covers the configuration tabs associated with the tracking profile settings. After the *Configure Window...* option is selected, users can go to Profile Type on the top left of the window and select Tracking Profile along with the Store Profile number (Figure 16).

#### Tracking Settings

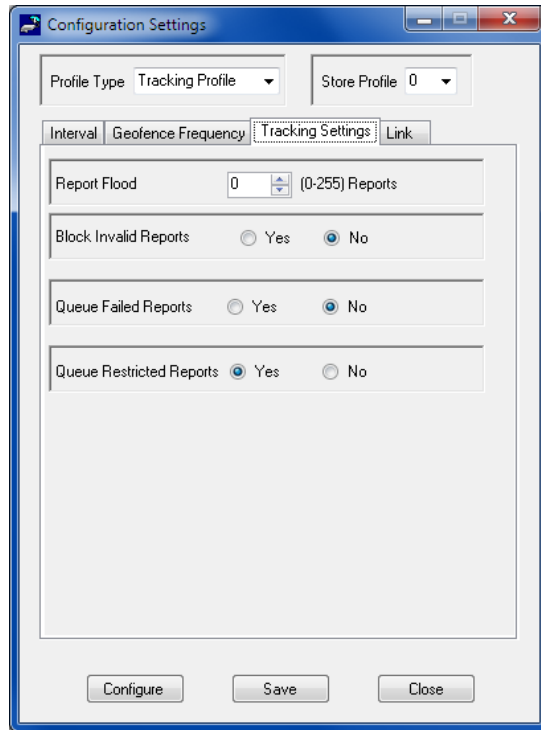
*Tracking Settings* tab has four settings — *Report Flood*, *Blocked Invalid Reports*, *Queue Failed Reports*, and *Queue Restricted Reports*.

#### *Report Flood*

This parameter sets the number of tracking reports that are to be transmitted continuously when first entering Tracking mode. After the specified tracking reports have been transmitted, the pre-programmed reporting interval will take effect. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^RF.

#### *Block Invalid Reports*

When this setting is enabled, only tracking reports with a valid GPS position fix are transmitted. This can be useful in filtering out possibly misleading GPS data points. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^BIGR.



**Figure 16.** *Configuration Settings* window for SatTerm software.

#### *Queue Failed Reports*

When this setting is enabled, tracking reports that failed to transmit will be queued for retransmission. A tracking report that cannot be sent before the specified *Time-to-Keep-Trying* value is considered a failed report. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^ERQ.

#### *Queue Restricted Reports*

When this setting is enabled, tracking reports that are restricted from transmitting will be queued for later transmission. A report considered restricted is when both the Iridium link and the GSM link have been disabled. For example, in the case where Iridium and GSM are disabled in a certain geographic area by a geofence, tracking reports collected while in the geofence would be considered restricted reports. And, if configured for queuing, the restricted reports will be later transmitted when outside that geographic area or in an area that allows transmitting. The command related to this setting is AT^ERQ.

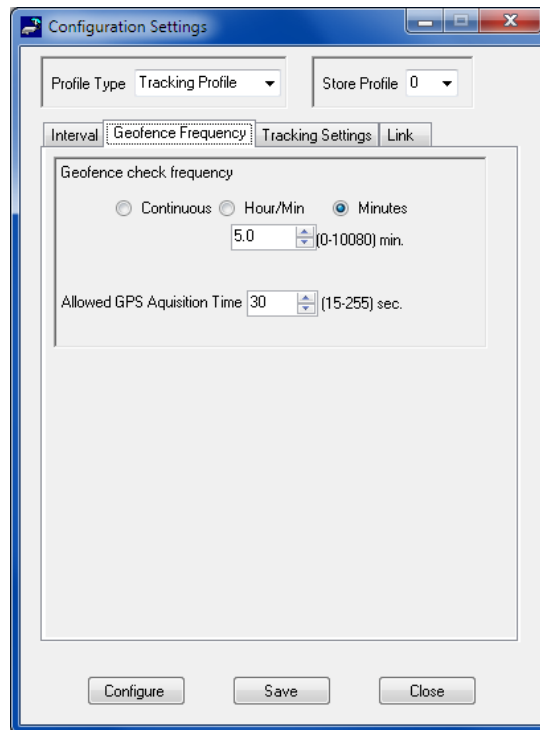
#### Geofence Frequency

The 9602-GSM can be configured to check whether it is in or out of a geofence at a specific interval. When performing this check, if the 9602-GSM is unable to acquire a valid GPS fix, there is a configurable setting to abort the check until the next interval. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^GFCF.

#### *Geofence Check Frequency*

This parameter sets the rate that the 9602-GSM checks whether it has entered or exited a geofence. It is affected by both the *Time Between Reports* and *Time to Keep Trying* settings. The *Geofence Check Frequency* is performed in between sending reports. For example, if the 9602-GSM is configured to send a tracking report at *Time Between Reports* of 1 hour, *Time to Keep Trying* of 5 minutes and *Geofence Check*

Frequency of 5 minutes, then there will be 12 geofence checks in between tracking reports assuming the tracking report takes less than 5 minutes to send. However, if sending the tracking report takes the entire *Time to Keep Trying* duration, then there will only be 11 geofence checks in between sending reports. Geofence check is delayed until sending the report is complete. The *Geofence Check Frequency* is intended to have a value that is less than the *Time Between Reports* rate. If the *Geofence Check Frequency* is greater than the *Time Between Reports* rate, the geofence check will always be delayed and will never have an effect. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^GFCF.



**Figure 17.** *Geofence Frequency* window for SatTerm software.

#### *Allowed GPS Acquisition Time*

This parameter sets the maximum allowable time to acquire a GPS position fix during a geofence check before timing out. The timeout ensures that the 9602-GSM does not spend an indefinite time searching for a valid GPS position fix. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^GFCF.

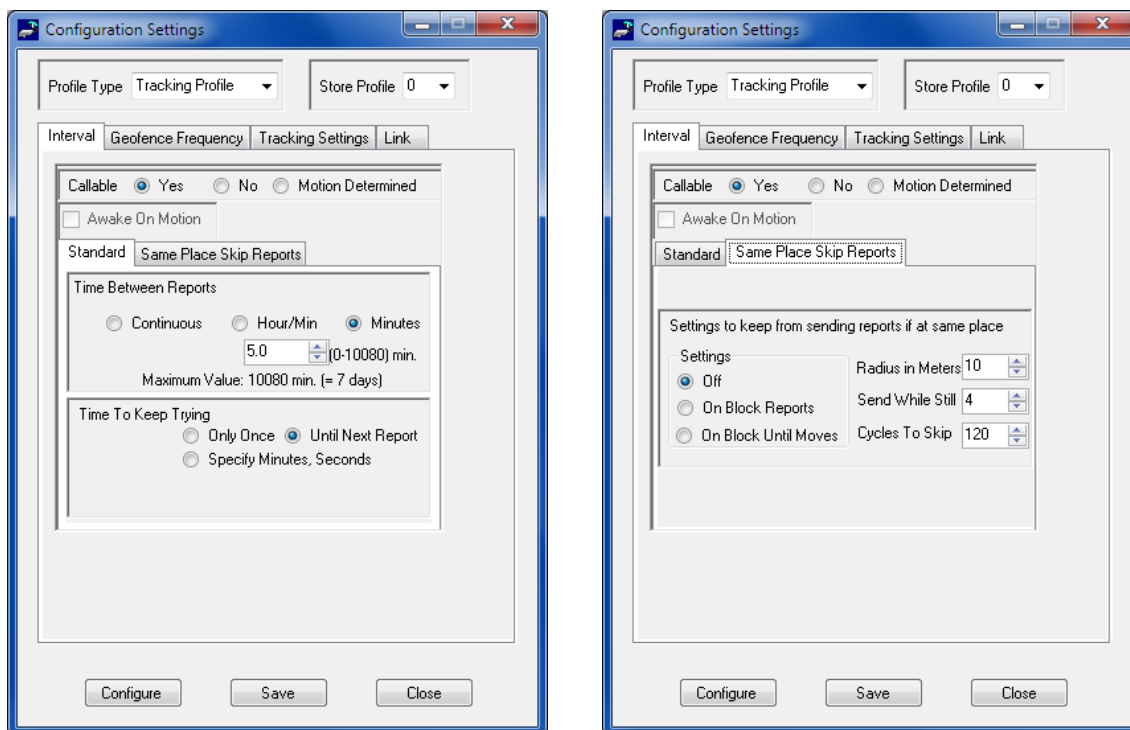
#### Interval

*Interval* tab offers five settings — *Callable*, *Awake On Motion*, *Time Between Reports*, *Time To Keep Trying*, and *Same Place Skip Reports*.

#### *Callable*

This parameter sets the callable state of the 9602-GSM in Tracking mode. When *Callable* is set to "Enabled" as shown in Figure 18, the 9602-GSM will keep the primary RF communication module on (either the Iridium modem or the GSM modem) in between reports to listen for incoming messages. Any incoming messages or updates from a control center will occur immediately. However, the 9602-GSM will consume

the most power because the device will never go into sleep mode. When *Callable* is set to "Disabled", the 9602-GSM puts all its internal circuitry in sleep mode in between reports. Any incoming messages or updates from a control center will have to wait until the next reporting cycle (when the RF module wakes up). For this configuration, the 9602-GSM will consume the least power in between reports. When *Callable* is set to "Motion Determined", the 9602-GSM is callable when the device is in motion and is in sleep mode when the device is stationary. The command associated with this setting is AT^CAL.



**Figure 18.** *Interval* window for SatTerm software.

#### *Awake On Motion*

Selecting this checkbox enables the motion sensor in Tracking mode. This setting can vary between tracking profiles. For example, the motion sensor could be enabled for normal tracking, but disabled while operating inside in a geofence. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^MSA.

#### *Time Between Reports*

This parameter sets the interval between tracking report cycles. The interval can range from 0 and 10080 minutes in increments of 0.5 minute (i.e., 30 seconds). The AT command associated with this setting is AT^TBR.

#### *Time To Keep Trying*

This parameter sets the duration in which the 9602-GSM attempts to retry sending a tracking report. During a report cycle, the 9602-GSM will attempt to acquire a valid GPS fix and an acceptable communication link signal strength. Once the GPS fix and signal strength requirements are met, the device will send a report. If the report fails to send, the 9602-GSM will retry until the specified *Time To Keep Trying*

window expires. There are two additional special values for *Time To Keep Trying – Only Once* and *Until Next Report*. *Only Once* will force the 9602-GSM to send only once per report cycle regardless of whether the tracking report was successfully transmitted or not. *Until Next Report* will force the 9602-GSM to retry sending a tracking report up to the next reporting cycle if there is no successful transmission. *Time To Keep Trying* is specified in 5-second increments. It has a minimum value of 1.5 minutes and a maximum value of 21 minutes and 10 seconds. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^TTKT.

#### Same Place Skip Reports

This parameter limits the 9602-GSM from sending tracking reports when it has not moved out of a specified radius. When enabled, *Same Place Skip Reports* causes the unit to be bounded by a sphere with a specified radius. Report sending is halted when the unit remains in the sphere for a specified *Cycles to Skip* number of report cycles. When the specified *Cycles to Skip* value is reached, the 9602-GSM will report for a specified *Send While Still* cycles. The process is repeated until the unit leaves the sphere. Upon leaving the bounding sphere, a new boundary will be created at the current location of the unit and the 9602-GSM will report for the specified *Send While Still* cycles. If *On Block Until Moves* is selected, the *Cycles To Skip* parameter is disregarded and the unit only sends the *Send While Still* cycles each time it moves out of the sphere. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^SPSR.

#### Link

The 9602-GSM can be configured to send tracking reports using Iridium only, GSM only, or both. When configured for both, the 9602-GSM uses a switching algorithm based on a specified timeout to find the best link between Iridium and GSM (Figure 19).

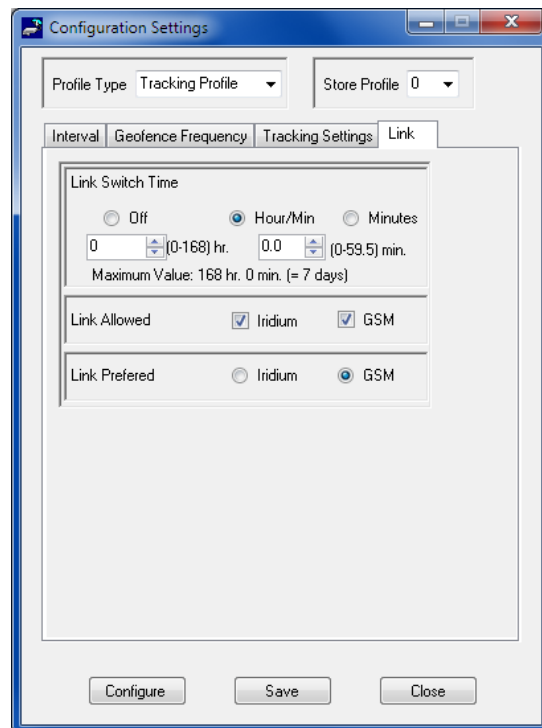


Figure 19. Link window for SatTerm software.

### Link Switch Time

This is the timeout for switching between communication links when the current link fails to successfully send a report. This parameter applies only if the *Links Allowed* setting is configured to both and *Links Preferred* is configured to either Iridium or GSM. For example, if *Links Allowed* is configured to both, *Links Preferred* is configured to *Iridium*, and *Link Switch Time* is configured to 30 seconds, the 9602-GSM will switch to GSM if unable to send a tracking report via Iridium within 30 seconds. Subsequently, the device will either toggle between Iridium and GSM until a successful tracking report is sent or stop when the *Time to Keep Trying* value is reached. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^LNKSWT.

### Links Allowed

This option sets an active communication link – *Iridium* and/or *GSM*. When set to Iridium or GSM, the 9602-GSM will only send tracking reports using the Iridium link or GSM link, respectively. And when set to both, the device will toggle between Iridium and GSM using the timeout value configured in the *Link Switch Time* setting. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^LNK.

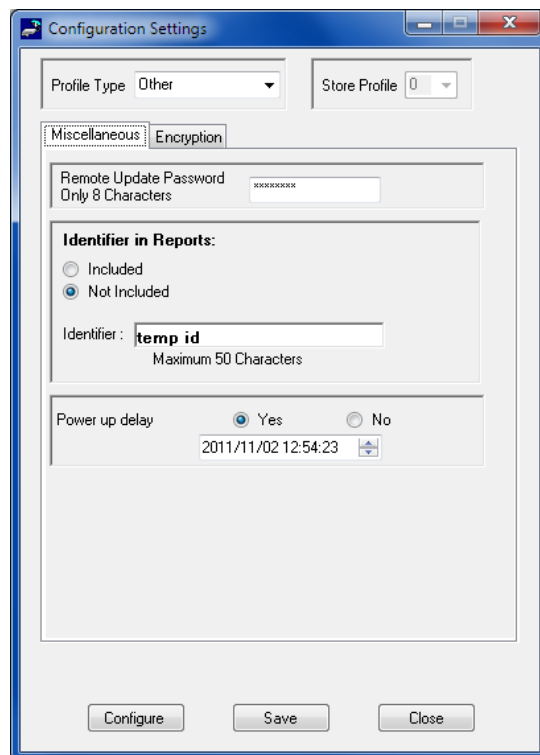
### Links Preferred

This option sets the preferred communication link – either *Iridium* or *GSM*. When the *Links Allowed* setting is configured to both, the first communication link used to send a report is the preferred link.

### 5.2.1.3 Additional Setup Parameters

#### Miscellaneous

The *Miscellaneous* tab offers *Remote Update Password*, *Identifier in Reports*, and *Power-up Delay*.



**Figure 20.** *Miscellaneous* window for SatTerm software.



### *Remote Update Password*

Unattended 9602-GSM can be reconfigured without requiring direct access to the device. All of the tracking profile parameters and most of the general parameters can be configured via remote updates. This parameter sets the required remote update password. The <password> entered must be eight characters in length. All printable characters are allowed. The factory-set default password is 12345678 and user can keep it as-is. There is no requirement for this password to be changed. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^RUP.

### *Identifier in Reports*

Tracking reports from a 9602-GSM can be identified by its Iridium 9602 IMEI number. The IMEI number is included by default when transmitted via SBD. However, *Attach IMEI to SMS Message* must be enabled when transmitted via GSM to have the IMEI number included in the reports. In addition, unique device name can be assigned to the 9602-GSM. *Identifier in Reports* parameter sets an identifier of up to 50 characters (platform identifier of the 9602-GSM) to be included in the tracking report. User should keep the identifier short to reduce airtime cost especially when on the Iridium link. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^ID.

### *Power up Delay*

This parameter enables the power-up delay to a specified date and time. The date and time format is as follow YYYY/MM/DD HH:MM:SS (i.e., 2012/11/30 12:54:23). When in Tracking mode and immediately after power is applied to the 9602-GSM, the device remains in a power-saving sleep mode until the user-specified date and time. And at which point, the device enters Tracking mode. The AT command associated with this setting is AT^PUPD.

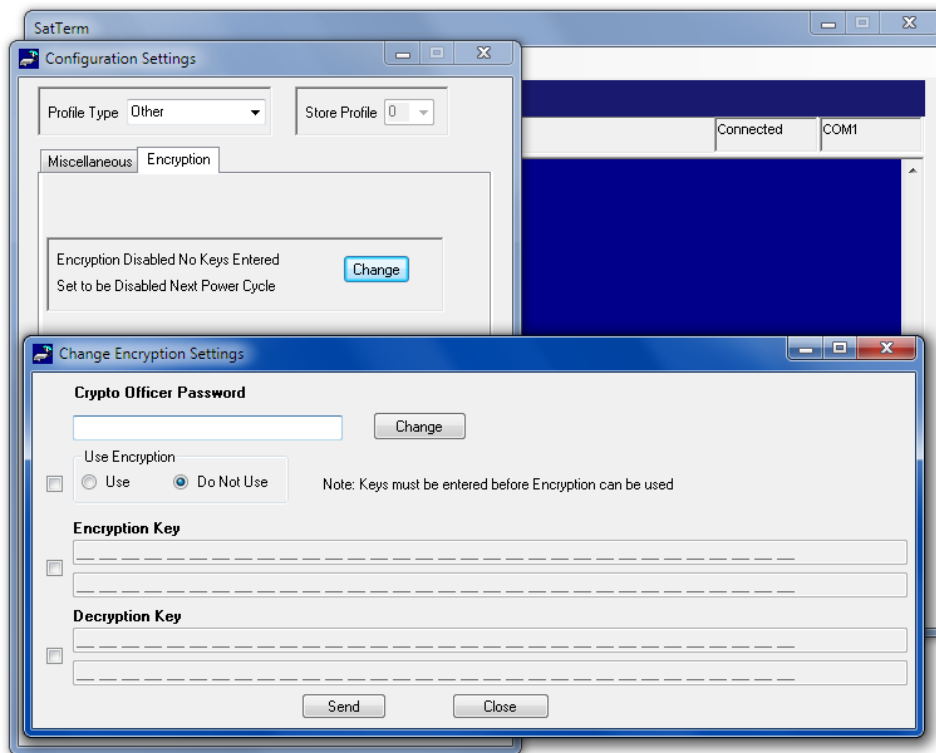
### Encryption

The 9602-GSM can send tracking reports and receive remote updates in AES 256-bit encrypted formats. Figure 21 displays SatTerm encryption setting window. The GUI window allows the *Crypto Officer Password* to be changed, the *Encryption* to be enabled or disabled, and the *Encryption Key* or *Decryption Key* to be set or changed.

A factory-default *Crypto Officer Password* is initially set and saved into the 9602-GSM. This default password must be changed before any encryption properties can be set or changed. To change the default password, click on the *Change* button to open the *Change Crypto Officer Password* window and then complete the form. The default password should be displayed as the "Old Password". When done, click on the *Send* button.

Once the default password has been changed, the *Encryption Key* and *Decryption Key* will need to be set in order to use encryption for the first time. In the *Change Encryption Settings* window, check *Use Encryption* and choose the option *Use*. Then check *Encryption Key* and enter the key two times. Next check the *Decryption Key* and, again, enter the key two times. When done, click the *Send* button. The message *Update Made* will be displayed.

After the default *Crypto Officer Password* has been changed and the *Encryption Key* and *Decryption Key* have been set, encryption properties can be modified via the *Change Encryption Settings* window using the current *Crypto Officer Password*.



**Figure 21.** Encryption window for SatTerm software.

### 5.2.2 Geofencing

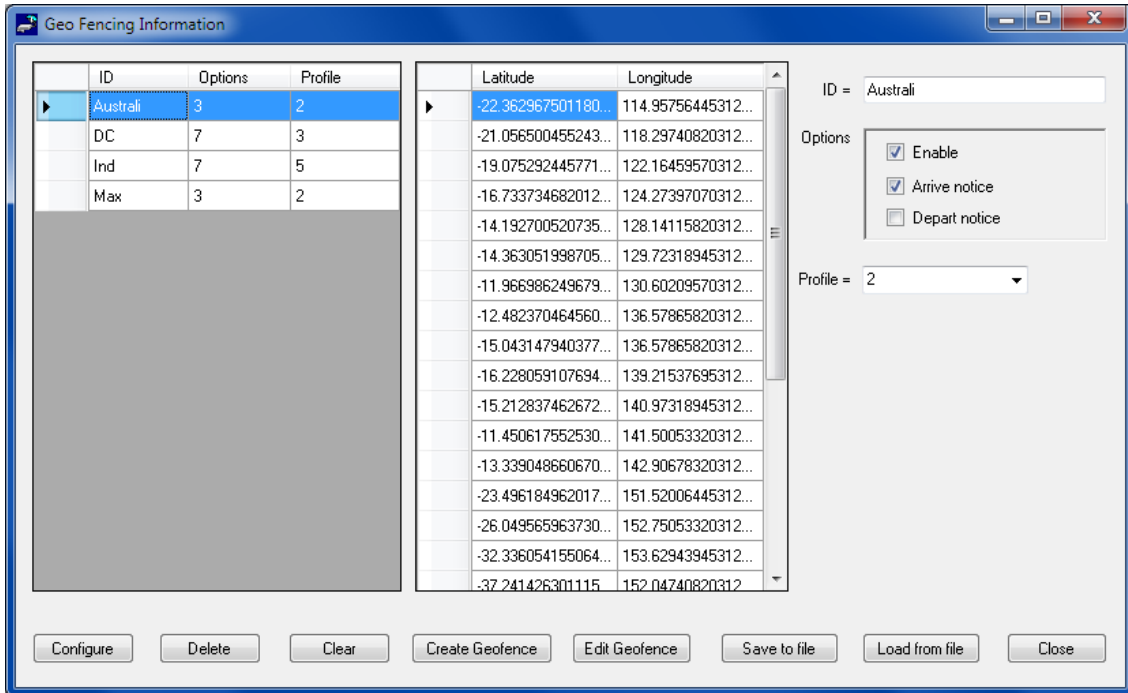
The 9602-GSM can utilize location information from its GPS receiver to determine whether it has entered or exited the bounds of pre-configured geofences. A geofence is a set of connected latitude and longitude coordinates that defines a region or zone. A 9602-GSM can be configured to send a report when entering or exiting a geofence, and to use a different tracking profile. This gives user the ability to change the behavior of the 9602-GSM based on its location. To configure geofences select **Options > Geofencing...** and the window shown in the Figure 22 will appear.

There are two lists in the main *Geo Fencing Information* window. The one on the left shows a list of existing geofences and the one on the right shows a list of coordinates corresponding to the selected geofence. To the far right are settings for the selected geofence. The list of geofences contains four columns, which reflect values set in the settings section on the right. The ID column indicates the identifier assigned to the geofence. This identifier is used to reference the geofence when the 9602-GSM sends arrive and depart notices and when updating geofence parameters via AT commands or remote updates. The options column shows a combined bit field value of the options parameters. The profile column indicates the tracking profile assigned to the geofence.

Descriptions of the geofence settings listed on the right of the window are as follows.

ID	Defaults to an incremented integer value. It can be set to any 8-character string to identify the geofence name (e.g., "USA", "BASE", "DANGERZN").
Enable	Enables this specific geofence.
Arrive notice	Sends a tracking report when entering this specific geofence.

Depart notice	Sends a tracking report when exiting this specific geofence.
Profile	Sets a tracking profile to be used while inside this specific geofence.

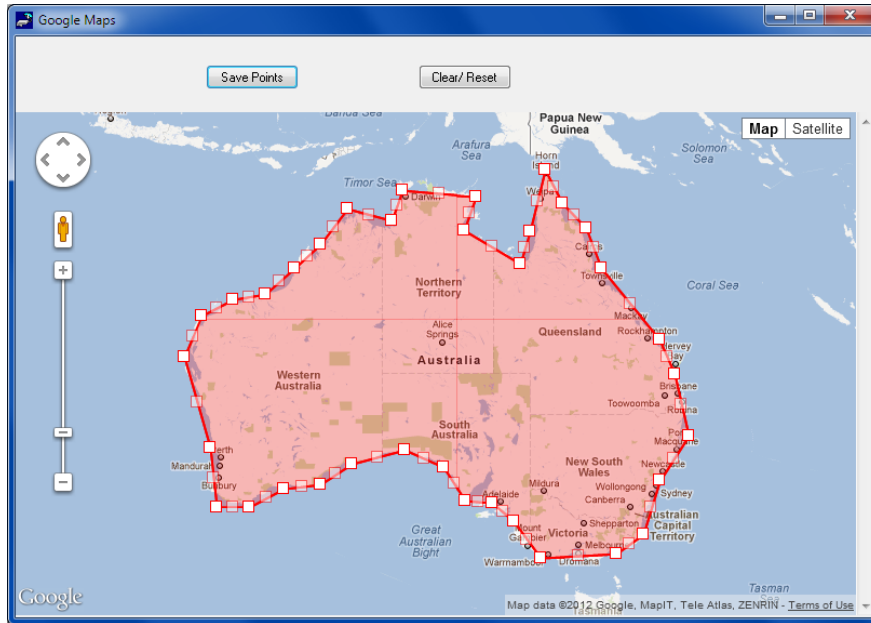


**Figure 22.** Geofence window for SatTerm software.

At the bottom of the *Geo Fencing Information* window are a set of buttons. Descriptions of the buttons are as follows.

Configure	Selecting the configure button saves the list of geofences on the 9602-GSM.
Delete	Deletes the selected geofence.
Clear	Deletes all configured geofences.
Create Geofence	Opens a window to create a geofence by adding points on a map. The window is shown in Figure 23. Clicking anywhere on the map will add a point to the geofence. Each point is connected to its previous point. Clicking an existing point will delete it from the geofence. Dragging an existing point will move that point to where it is dragged. A geofence is complete when the start point is clicked.
	<b>NOTE:</b> The <i>Create Geofence</i> option utilizes Google Maps. An Internet connection is required for the map to show up.
Edit Geofence	Opens a window to edit the coordinates of the selected geofence. The window is the same as <i>Create Geofence</i> , with the same functionality but with pre-populated coordinates as shown in Figure 23. Again, <i>Edit Geofence</i> option utilizes Google Maps. An Internet connection is required for the map to show up.

Save to Excel	Saves the list of geofences to an Excel defined Comma Separated Values (CSV) file.
Load from file	Loads geofences from a Comma Separated Values (CSV) file.
Close	Closes the <i>Geo Fencing Information</i> window.



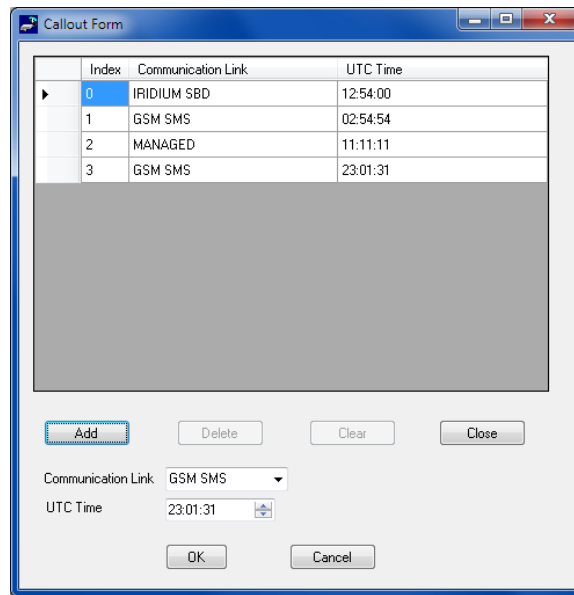
**Figure 23.** Create/Edit Geofence window.

### 5.2.3 Call Out

In addition to normal tracking reports at predefined interval, the 9602-GSM can also send daily tracking reports at specific UTC times. To configure call out with SatTerm, select **Options > Call Out....** and a *Callout Form* window shown in Figure 24 will appear. As long as there is at least one entry in the list, the call out feature will be enabled.

The main portion of the *Callout Form* window has a list of existing call outs. The list shows three columns: *Index* is the position of the call out in the list, *Communication Link* is the RF link (Iridium SBD, GSM SMS or both) used to send the call out, and *UTC Time* is the time a call out is to be made. If both links are selected as the communication link, the link settings currently active in Tracking mode will be used to send the call out message. Below the call out list is a set of buttons. Descriptions of the buttons are as follows.

Add	Adds a call out to the list.
Delete	Deletes the selected call out.
Clear	Deletes all configured call outs.
Close	Closes the <i>Callout Form</i> window.



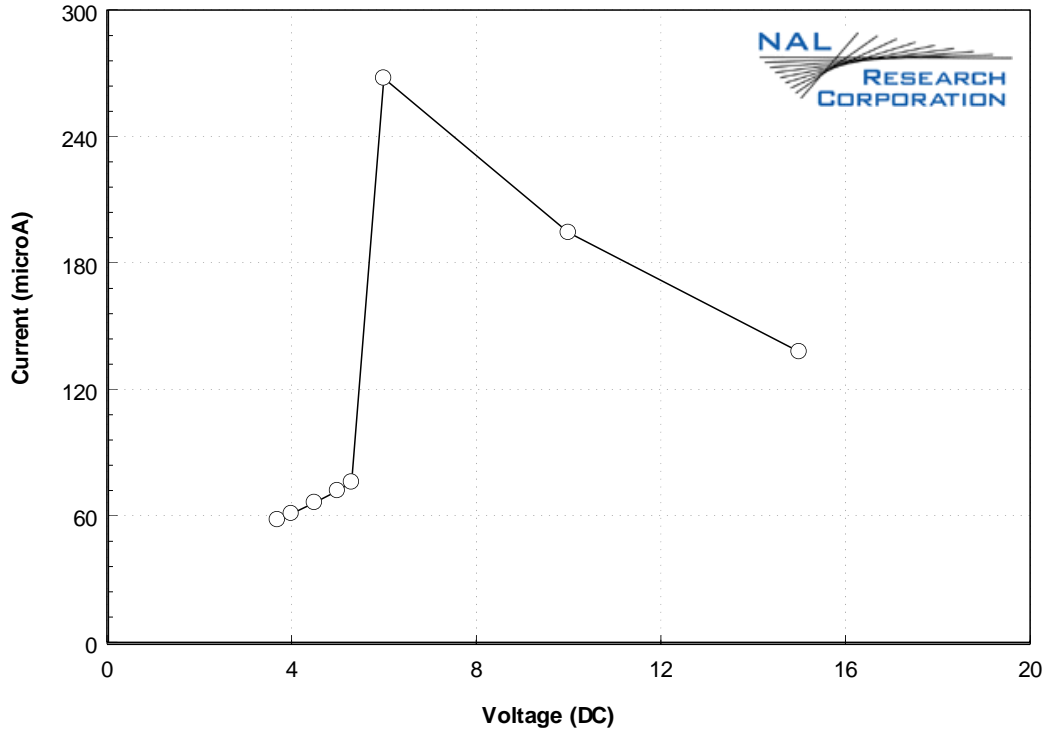
**Figure 24.** Callout Form window.

## 6.0 TYPICAL POWER USAGE PROFILE

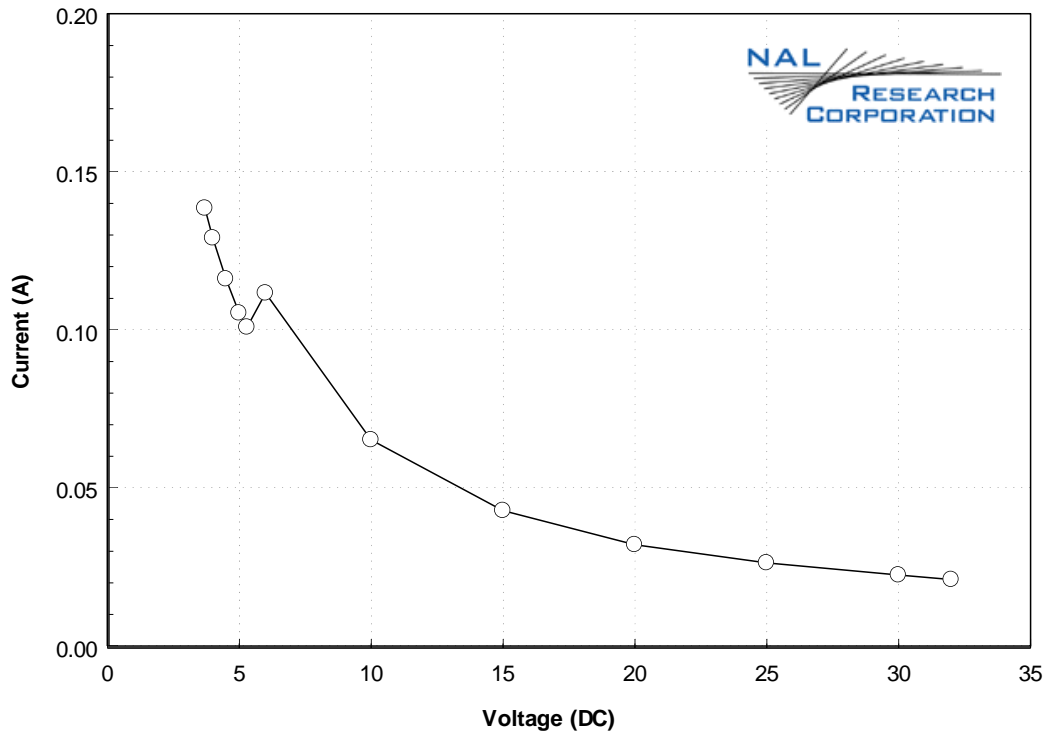
This section provides the electrical power profile of the 9602-GSM. It does not describe every situation; however, it does offer a starting point for users to continue their own development design. The actual usage profile can vary for a number of reasons. Users are reminded to optimize their setup to attain the lowest possible power consumption. Some of the setup parameters to be carefully observed include:

1. Have a clear view of the sky for the antennas especially during an Iridium SBD transmission—poor visibility of the sky is when a clear line-of-sight is not available between the 9602-GSM and the Iridium satellites.
2. Have a clear view of the sky for the GPS antenna during location acquisition.
3. Keep the antenna's VSWRs as low as possible and not to exceed the recommended value indicated in the previous sections—the higher the antenna VSWR the higher the current consumed by the 9602-GSM.
4. Keep the antenna cables' loss to less than 3dB on the Iridium—the higher the antenna cable loss the higher the current consumed by the 9602-GSM.
5. Keep the power cable between the 9602-GSM and the power source as short as possible to minimize voltage drop. High voltage drop can also cause the 9602-GSM to power cycle during a SBD or SMS transmission.

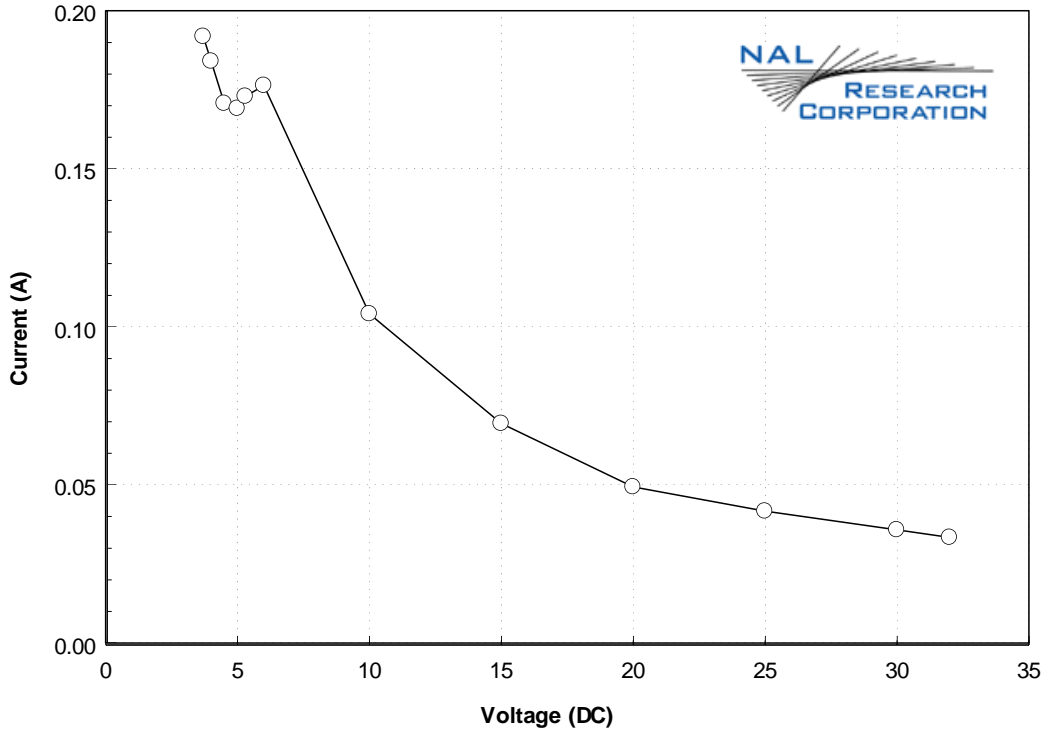
Power consumption of the 9602-GSM can be divided into four distinct operating segments: (1) low-power sleep mode in between reports, (2) cold-start GPS acquisition, (3) GSM transmission, and (4) SBD transmission. Typical average current drawn for these cases are shown in plots below. Figures below (as well as power consumption plots not included here) show that the 9602-GSM is more efficient when operated in the low input voltage range (4.0V to 5.3V) than in the wide-band input voltage (6V to 32V).



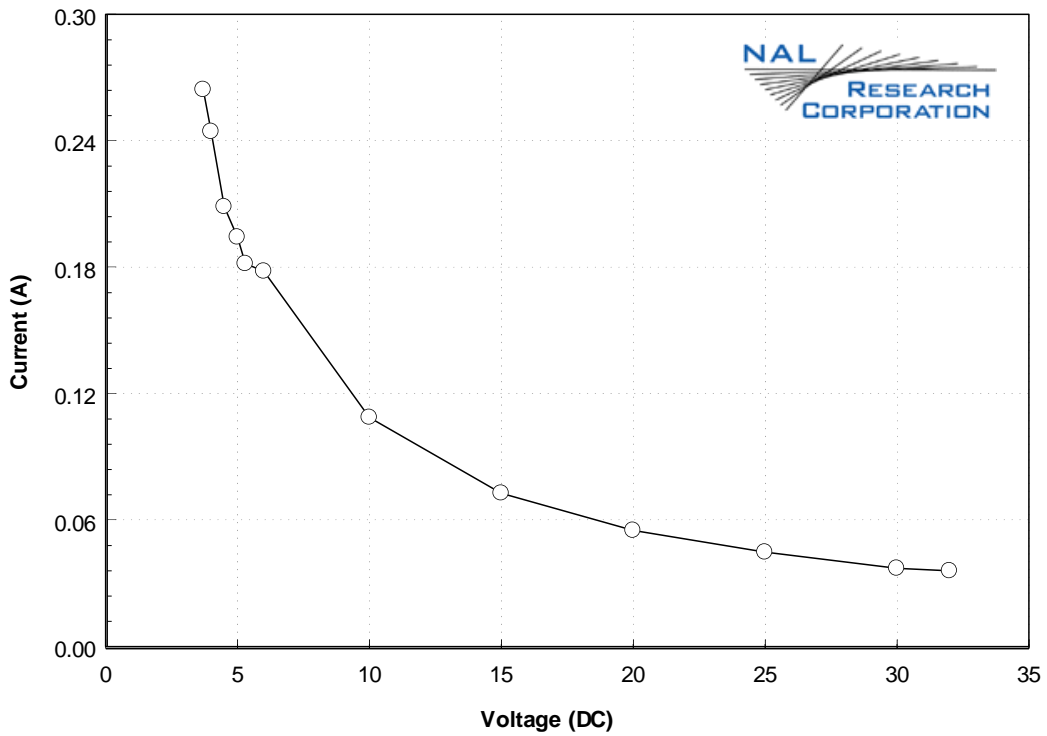
**Figure 25.** Average current drawn during sleep mode in between reports.



**Figure 26.** Average current drawn during cold start GPS acquisition.



**Figure 27.** Average current drawn during GSM transmission.



**Figure 28.** Average current drawn during SBD transmission.

7.0 TECHNICAL SUPPORT

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## APPENDIX A: STANDARDS COMPLIANCE

The 9602 transceiver is designed to meet the regulatory requirements for approval for FCC, Canada, and CE assuming an antenna with a gain of ~3 dBi and adequate shielding. The 9602 transceiver is tested to the regulatory and technical certifications shown in table below.

<b>Regulatory Approvals</b>	<b>Radio Tests</b>	<b>EMC Tests</b>	<b>Mechanical/ Electrical Tests</b>
CE	ETSI EN 301 441 V1.1.1 (2000-05)	ETSI EN 301 489-1 V1.8.1 (2008-04) ETSI EN 301 489-20 V1.2.1 (2002-11)	EN60950-1:2006 Part 1
FCC	FCC CFR47 Parts 2, 15, and 25	EN61000-4-2: 1995/A2: 2001 Part 4.2 EN61000-4-3: 2002 Part 4.3 EN61000-4-4: 2004 EN61000-4-6: 1996/A1: 2001 Part 4.6 EN55022: 2006	
Industry Canada	Industry Canada RSS170 Issue 1, Rev 1, November 6, 1999		

## APPENDIX B: EXPORT COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

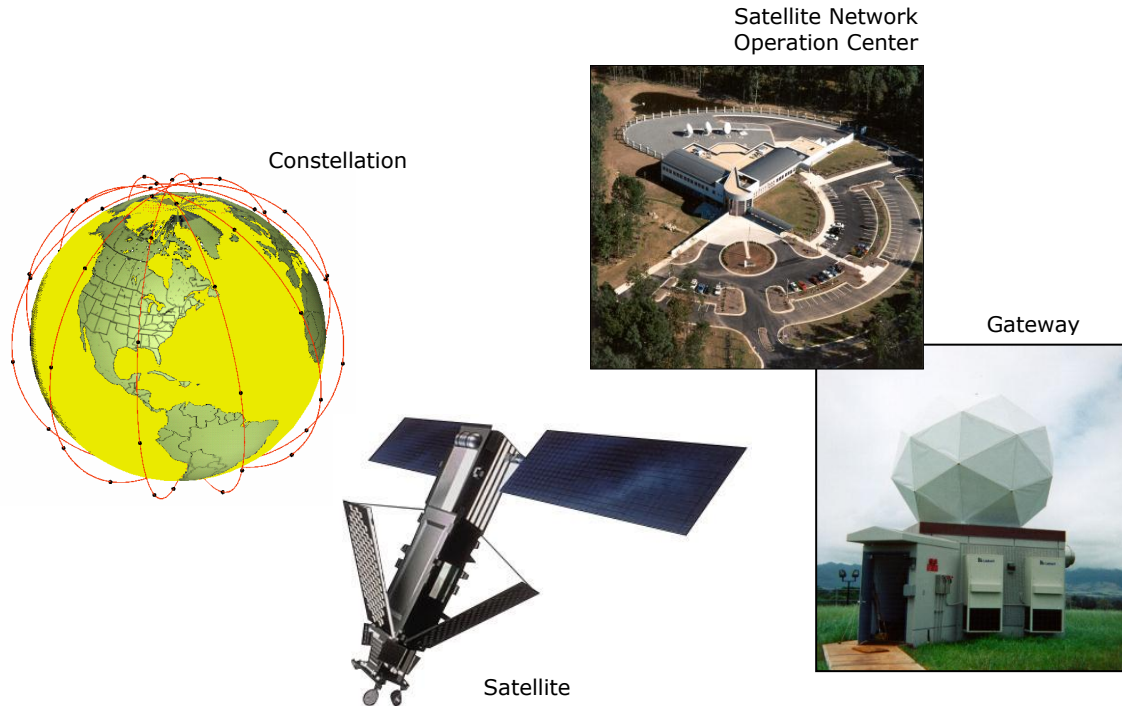
The 9602-GSM is controlled by the export laws and regulations of the United States of America (U.S.). It is the policy of NAL Research to fully comply with all U.S. export and economic sanction laws and regulations. The export of NAL Research products, services, hardware, software and technology must be made only in accordance with the laws, regulations and licensing requirements of the U.S. Government. NAL Research customers must also comply with these laws and regulations. Failure to comply can result in the imposition of fines and penalties, the loss of export privileges, and termination of your contractual agreements with NAL Research.

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## APPENDIX C: DESCRIPTION OF THE IRIDIUM NETWORK

### C.1 Description of the Iridium Network

The Iridium satellite network is owned and operated by Iridium Satellite LLC (ISLLC). It was constructed as a constellation of 66 satellites in low-earth orbit, terrestrial gateways and Iridium subscriber units (ISU). An ISU can either be an Iridium satellite phone or any of the modems. The satellites are placed in an approximate polar orbit at an altitude of 780 km. There are 6 polar planes populated with 11 satellites per orbit constituting the 66 satellite constellation. The near polar orbits of the Iridium constellation provide truly real-time and global coverage from pole-to-pole.



The Iridium is designed to operate in the band of 1616 to 1626.5 MHz although the exact frequencies used depend on the local regulating authorities and issued licenses in any particular region. Each satellite projects 48 beams on the surface of earth, which may be viewed as providing coverage cells on the ground similar to terrestrial systems. Each beam is approximately 600 km in diameter. The 66-satellite constellation has the potential to support a total of 3,168 spot beams; however, as the satellite orbits converge at the poles, overlapping beams are shut down. The satellite footprint is  $\sim 4,700$  km in diameter. Under each footprint, a satellite is power limited to  $\sim 1,100$  simultaneous circuits.

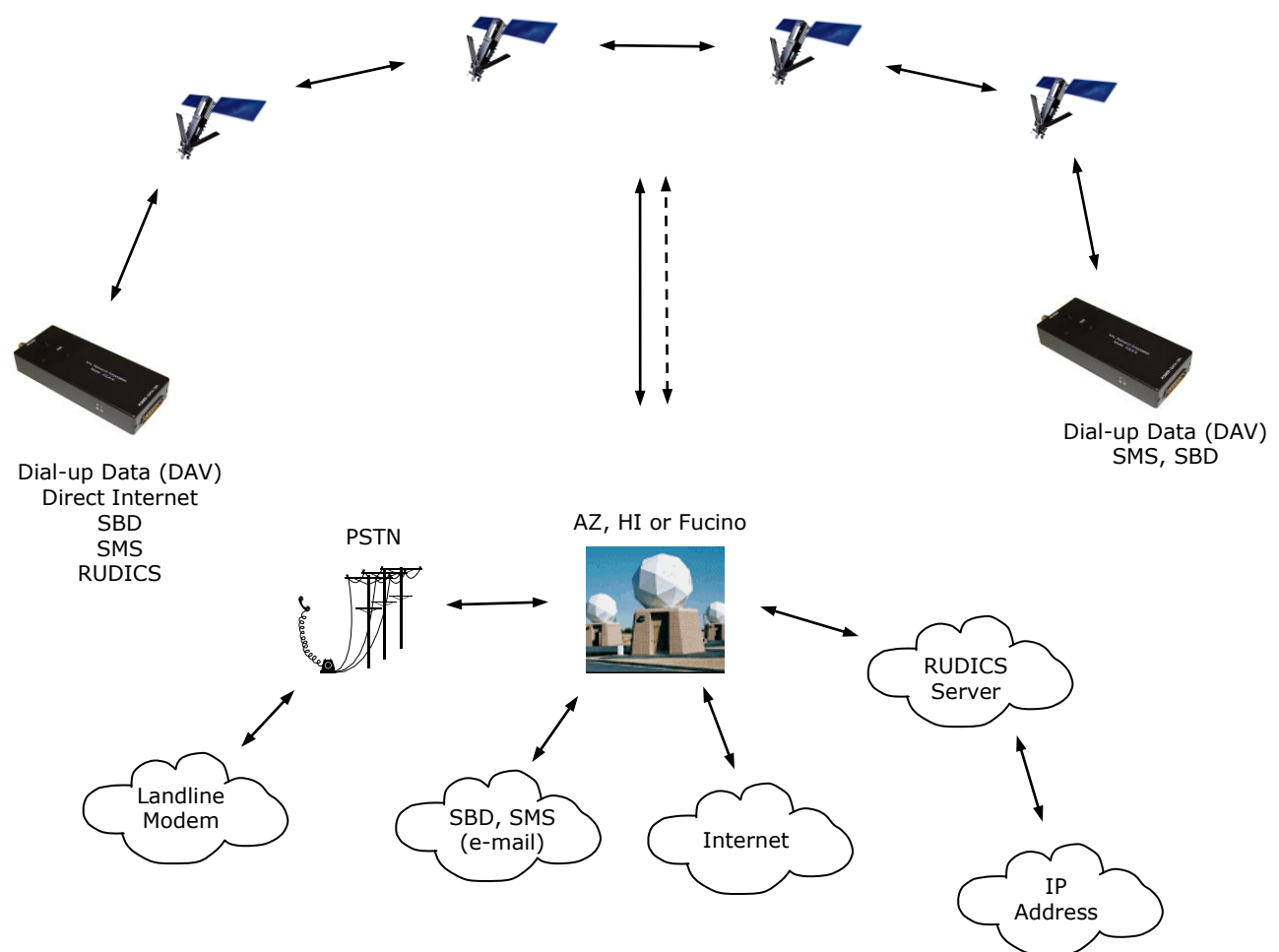
The Iridium network uses a time domain duplex (TDD) method and transmits and receives in an allotted time window within the frame structure. Since the system is TDD, the ISU transmit and receive in the same frequency band. The access technology is a FDMA/TDMA (frequency division multiple access/time division multiple access) method whereby an ISU is assigned a channel composed of a frequency and time slot in any particular beam. Channel assignments may be changed across cell/beam boundaries and is controlled by the satellite. The system will provide an average link margin of 13.1 dB.

Although there are multiple gateways, a user is registered to a single gateway. The gateways perform call connection setup and administrative duties such as billing and resource management. The satellite constellation provides connectivity between users, from a user to the Iridium system gateway, and between gateways. Within the Iridium network architecture, the satellites are cross-linked which allows ISU to ISU communication independent of gateway intervention once the call connection is established.

There are currently two commercial Iridium gateways located in Arizona, United States and Fucino, Italy. The U.S. government owns and operates an Iridium gateway located in Hawaii, United States. Each gateway generates and controls all user information pertaining to its registered users, such as user identity, geo-location and billing items. The gateway also provides connectivity from the Iridium system to the terrestrial based networks such as the PSTN.

C.2 Description of the Iridium Network Data Capabilities

For data communications, the Iridium network supports five different modes of operation as shown in Figure D1—dial-up data service, direct Internet connection, short-burst data (SBD), short-messaging service (SMS) and router-based unrestricted digital internetworking connectivity solution (RUDICS).

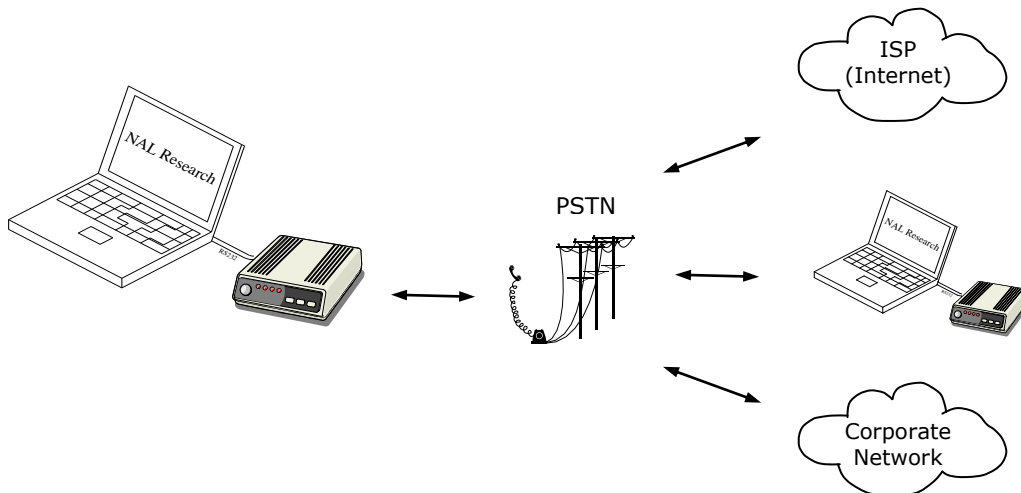


**Figure D1.** Iridium Network Data Capabilities.

### C.3 Dial-Up Data Service

Dial-up data service provides connectivity through the Iridium satellite network to another Iridium modem, to the public switch telephone network (PSTN), to the Defense Switch Network (DSN), to a remote LAN (e.g., a corporate network) or to an Internet Service Provider (ISP) at a nominal data rate of 2.4 kilobits per second (Kbps). The connection time involving user authentication and handshaking (or modem training) can range from 15 to 30 seconds. For an Iridium-to-Iridium call, dial-up data service offers an additional option known as data after voice or DAV. Similar to a voice call, a DAV call is routed directly from one Iridium modem to another Iridium modem without going through the gateway.

Many desktop and laptop computers are equipped with either an internal or external modem to perform dial-up data applications across the landline telephone network (PSTN). On these computers, terminal emulator software or a dial-up networking connection can be configured to a specific modem with a phone number to dial, user identification and password. The modem can then be used to call another computer, a remote LAN or an Internet service provider as shown in Figure D2. The handshaking and protocols are established between the modems independent of the landline.

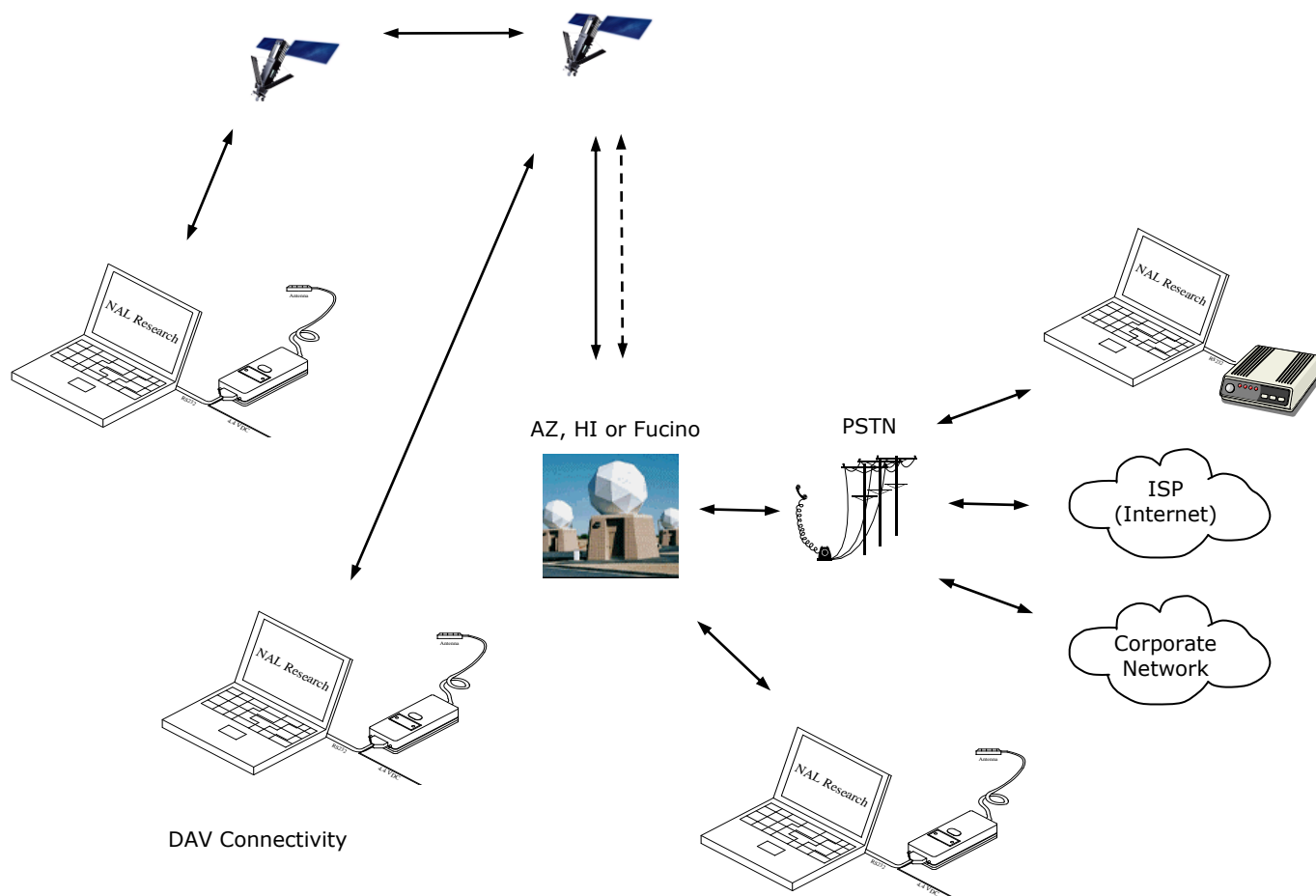


**Figure D2.** PSTN Dial-Up Connectivity.

The Iridium dial-up data service functions in much the same way as the PSTN dial-up connectivity. From the perspective of a computer, the Iridium modem is just another external modem. The only difference is that the dialed telephone number must conform to the international dialing pattern used by Iridium. When a data call is placed, the Iridium modem actually dials and initiates a connection with the Iridium gateway through the Iridium satellite constellation. Since the Iridium modem is requesting to establish a data connection, the switch at the gateway routes the call through another modem. The modem at the Iridium gateway then dials into and connects to another modem at the other end. Figure D3 illustrates how an Iridium dial-up data service call is routed. The handshaking and protocols established between the modems independent of the Iridium network.

For those ISU-to-ISU dial-up calls where data transmission delay is critical such as the application of TCP/IP protocol, DAV should be considered in the design. This option eliminates the Iridium gateway once

authentication and registration is completed allowing ISU-to-ISU communication without the gateway in the loop.



**Figure D3.** Iridium Dial-Up Data Service.

#### C.4 Direct Internet Connection

The Iridium Direct Internet service allows users to connect to the Internet via the Iridium gateway without having to sign up with an Internet service provider. This service utilizes a dedicated Apollo Server at the Iridium gateway, which provides high-speed connectivity to the Internet and optimizes server-to-Iridium modem communications. The dial-up networking setup is similar to the dial-up networking setup for landline telephone. The only difference is that the dialed telephone number is an international number provided by Iridium. Figure B3 illustrates how Iridium Internet (NIPRNet) call is routed.

Direct Internet service can be enhanced using Windows-based emulated point-to-point protocol (PPP) called the Apollo Emulator. With the use of the Apollo Emulator software instead of Microsoft Windows® dial-up networking, Direct Internet service can reduce connection time and improve data throughput. In addition, the Apollo Emulator offers a feature called Smart Connect™, which manages airtime by seamlessly connecting and disconnecting a user through the Iridium system. Airtime charges accumulate only while the call is connected. Improved effective data throughput is achieved through the use of user-transparent data

compression. The channel rate is still 2.4 Kbps. However, 10 Kbps effective throughput can be achieved depending on content (graphics and images will result in lower effective throughput).

#### C.5 Short-Burst Data (SBD)

SBD is a simple and efficient bi-directional transport capability used to transfer messages with sizes ranging from zero (a mailbox check) to 1960 bytes. SBD takes advantage of signals within the existing air interface, without using the dedicated traffic channels. As a result, small amounts of data can be transferred more efficiently than those associated with circuit-switched data calls. Messages that originate from an Iridium modem can be delivered to a variety of destinations. Commonly, data are delivered across terrestrial communications networks (NIPRnet and Internet) to servers and applications that process data from one or multiple fielded Iridium modems. SBD service also supports the transfer of messages to Iridium modems, where messages may originate from terrestrial sources. Delivery methods and options are initially configured when the Iridium modem is first purchased and may be easily modified via web pages at a later time.

#### C.6 Short Messaging Service (SMS)

SMS is a mechanism to deliver short data messages over the Iridium satellite network to the NIPRNet/Internet. Iridium SMS service incorporates a subset of the GSM SMS features. Each SMS message can be up to 160 text characters (7-bit coded) in length. The text characters are based on a 7-bit alphabet, which is encoded and transmitted as 8-bit data, hence the 140 octet (byte) maximum message size.

SMS service is a store and forward method of transmitting messages to and from an Iridium modem. The short message from the modem is stored in a central Short Message Center (SMSC) which then forwards it to the destination. In the case that the recipient is not available, the SMSC will attempt to deliver the SMS until it is delivered or the validity period expires. SMS supports a limited confirmation of message delivery. The sender of the short message can request to receive a return message notifying them whether the short message has been delivered or not. With this option, the originator gets a confirmation that the message was delivered to the SMSC. Unlike standard GSM, the Iridium SMS can only acknowledge that the message was delivered to the SMSC and not the end-destination.

SMS messages can be sent and received simultaneously while a voice call is in progress. This is possible because SMS messages travel over and above the radio channel using the signaling path, whereas the voice call uses a dedicated "traffic" radio channel for the duration of the call.

#### C.7 RUDICS

RUDICS is an enhanced gateway termination and origination capability for circuit switched data calls across the Iridium satellite network. When an Iridium modem places a call to the RUDICS Server located at the Iridium Gateway, the RUDICS Server connects the call to a pre-defined IP address allowing an end-to-end IP connection between the Host Application and the Iridium modem. There are three key benefits of using RUDICS over the conventional PSTN circuit switched data connectivity or mobile-to-mobile data solutions: (1) elimination of analog modem training time, (2) increased call connection quality, reliability, and maximized throughput and (3) protocol independence.

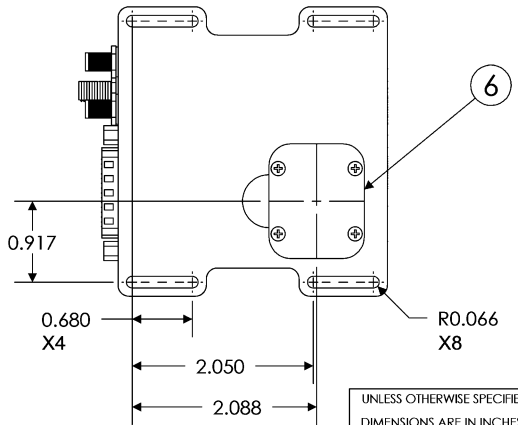
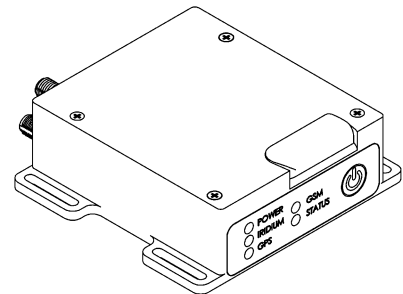
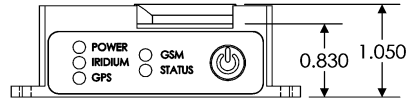
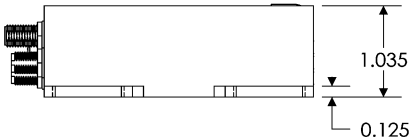
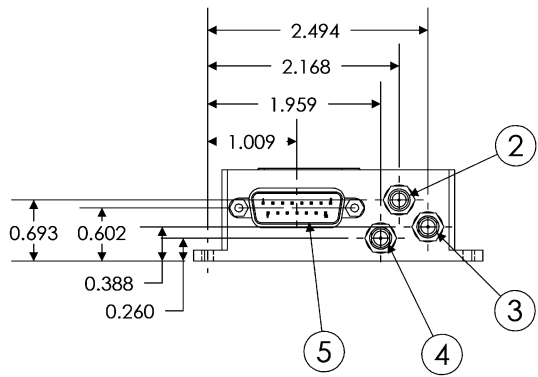
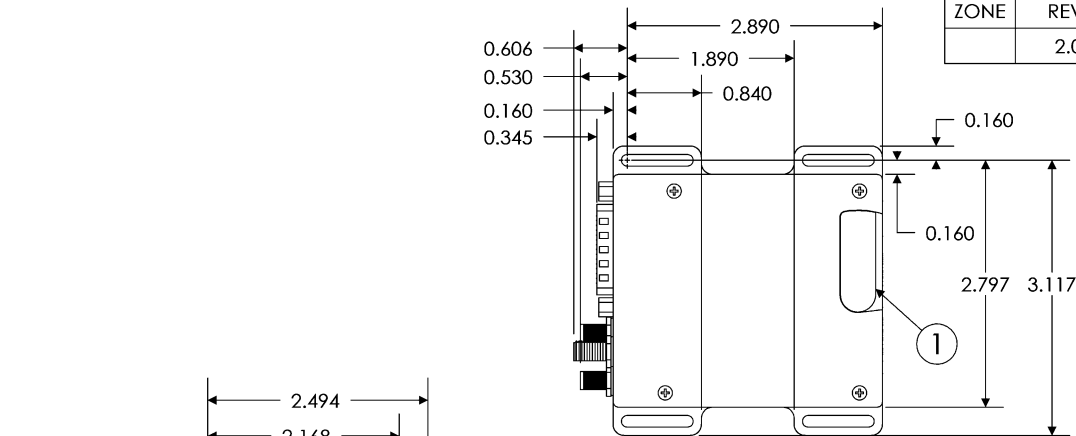
### C.8 Iridium Geo-Location

The Iridium network makes calculations of the geographical location (geo-location) of an ISU each time a call is placed. The technique employed to determine the geo-location of an ISU is based on measurements of the ISU and satellite propagation delay and Doppler frequency shift. These measurements are used to estimate cosines of spherical angles that identify the ISU's location relative to the satellite by the gateway.

The Iridium network can locate an ISU to within 10 km only about 78% of the time. The so-called error ellipse can have a large eccentricity with the major axis oriented in the azimuth dimension and the minor axis oriented in the radial dimension. The position of the ISU in the radial dimension relative to the satellite can almost always be determined to within 10 km with just one measurement. Errors in the azimuth dimension relative to the satellite are largest along the satellite's ground path and tend to increase with distance from the satellite. Geo-location errors in the east-west dimension, therefore, are sometimes more than 100 times greater than in the north-south dimension.



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  3. IRIDIUM SMA CONNECTION, COLOR: RED
  4. GPS SMA CONNECTION, COLOR: BLUE
  5. DB15 DATA CONNECTION
  6. SIM CARD ACCESS

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