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2nd cover page	New version of General Notes
2	The pre-defined baud rate is set to 4800 bps, revised Figure 2
2.3	Added new chapter: Downloading AVL software into the XT55 module

1   Introduction

This brief guide explains how to establish a GPS connection using the XT55 module.
The Global Positioning System (GPS) is a world-wide navigation system form from 24 satellites. It uses at least 4 satellites as reference points to calculate the current position.
The GPS receiver embedded in the XT55 module constantly tracks all satellites in view, thus providing accurate satellite position data.
It allows a quick and uncomplicated configuration and evaluation by the user via local
RS-232 interface (directly connected to the serial port) or via remote (e.g. installed in a vehicle) GSM (air link).
With Windows™ HyperTerminal application (utility that is pre-installed on all versions of Windows 98, 98SE, Windows ME, Windows NT, and Windows 2000) it is possible to receive GPS position data and alarm status reports, as well as to execute a range of remote configurations. If the XT55 is configured remotely, prerequisite is the connection of a suitable GSM modem.

1.1   Related documents

[1]   XT55 AT Command Set
[2]   XT55 Hardware Interface Description
[3]   XT55 GPS Command Specification
[4]   XT55 AVL Software Instructions User's Guide
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[12]   Multiplex Driver Developer's Guide for Windows 2000 and Windows XP
[13]   Multiplex Driver Installation Guide for Windows 2000 and Windows XP
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Prior to using the XT55 engines or upgrading to a new firmware release, be sure to carefully read the latest product information.

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1.2 Terms and abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
AVL	Automatic Vehicle Location
bps	Bit per Second
CRLF	Carriage Return/Line Feed
GPI	General Propose Input
GPS	Global Positioning System
GSM	Global Standard for Mobile Communications
NMEA	National Maritime Electronics Association

2 Getting started

Please ensure that the XT55 module connects properly to the application platform. In order to prevent mechanical damage, be careful not to force, bend or twist the module.

2.1 Terminal emulator setup

The example below is based on the Windows™ HyperTerminal application (terminal emulator program), but XT55 can also be configured using other terminal programs. The XT55 is used with a PC running Windows 2000.
At the first power-up you can use the terminal software, which establishes the communication with a modem via a RS-232 serial port. The following example uses the Hyper Terminal program in Windows 2000.

On Windows 2000, start the Hyper Terminal program. Assign the name for a new session on the displayed window (e.g. XT55).
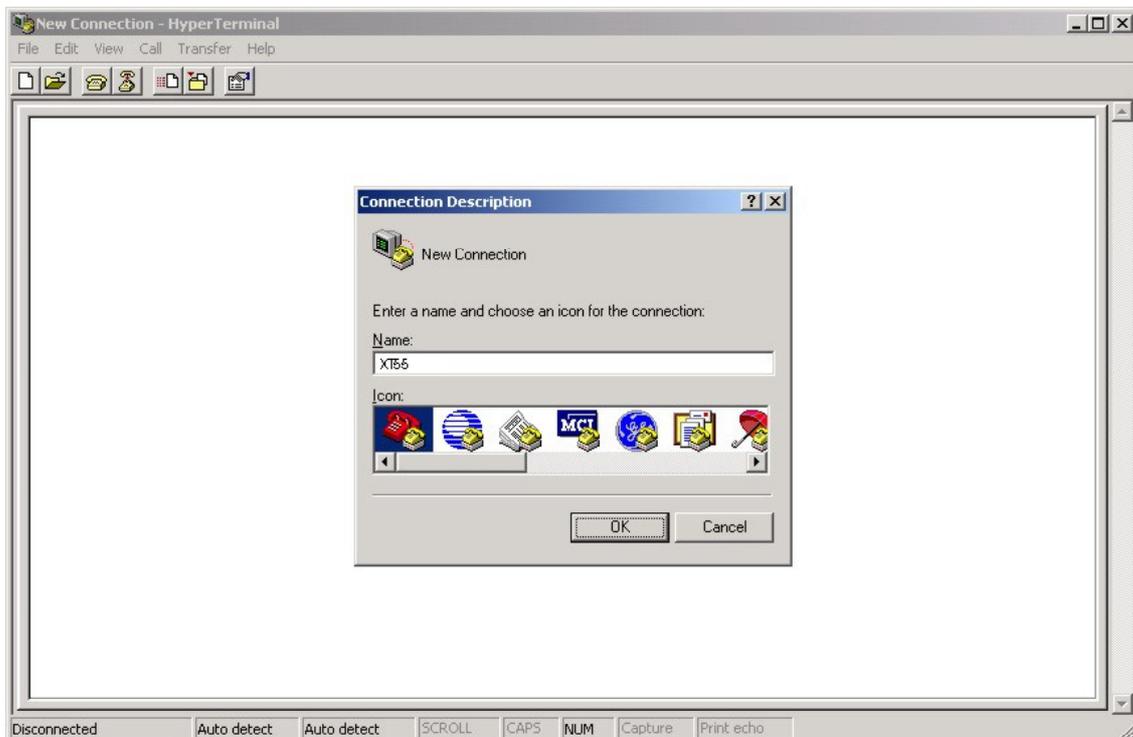
Figure 1: Assign the name for a new session

Press the OK button and select a COM port.

The appearing dialog box shows the default settings for the selected COM port.
NOTE: The pre-defined factory settings of the XT55 GPS port SDn1 (4800bps, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit, no flow control) cannot be changed, otherwise no connection to the XT55 GPS port will be established.
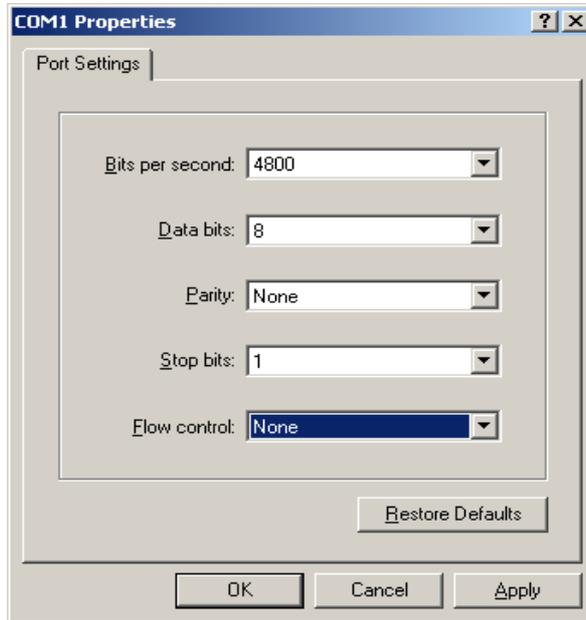
Figure 2: COM port transmission settings

If a connection to the XT55 module has been established, the transmitted protocols will be displayed.
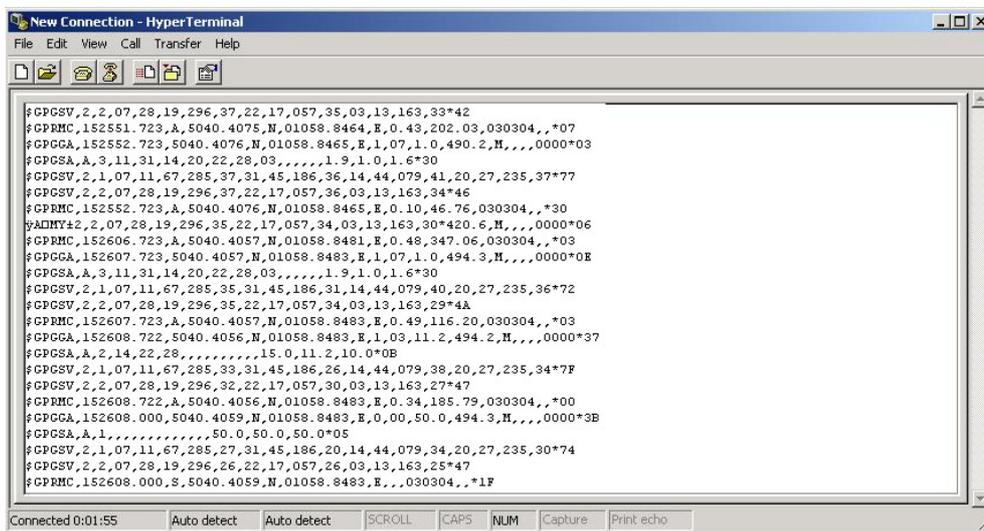
Figure 3: Displaying the transmitted NMEA protocols

2.2 Evaluating GPS data using SiRFdemo software

To evaluate GPS data it is necessary to use special GPS software like the provided SiRFDemo software. Below you can find all information you need for downloading the SiRFDemo software.

- Before running the software, ensure that your PC is recognizing the XT55 module properly. In order to receive satellite signals, the XT55 must be placed in such way that the receiver has a clear view of the sky.
- To start the SiFRDemo software either double click the **SiRFdemo.exe** file or, if you have created a short cut to your desktop, click on the SiRFdemo icon. The SiRFDemo program will be automatically installed onto your computer.
- On the activated **Data Source Setup** window, select the COM port (e.g. COM5) for SiRFdemo program and set the baud rate to 9600 bps.
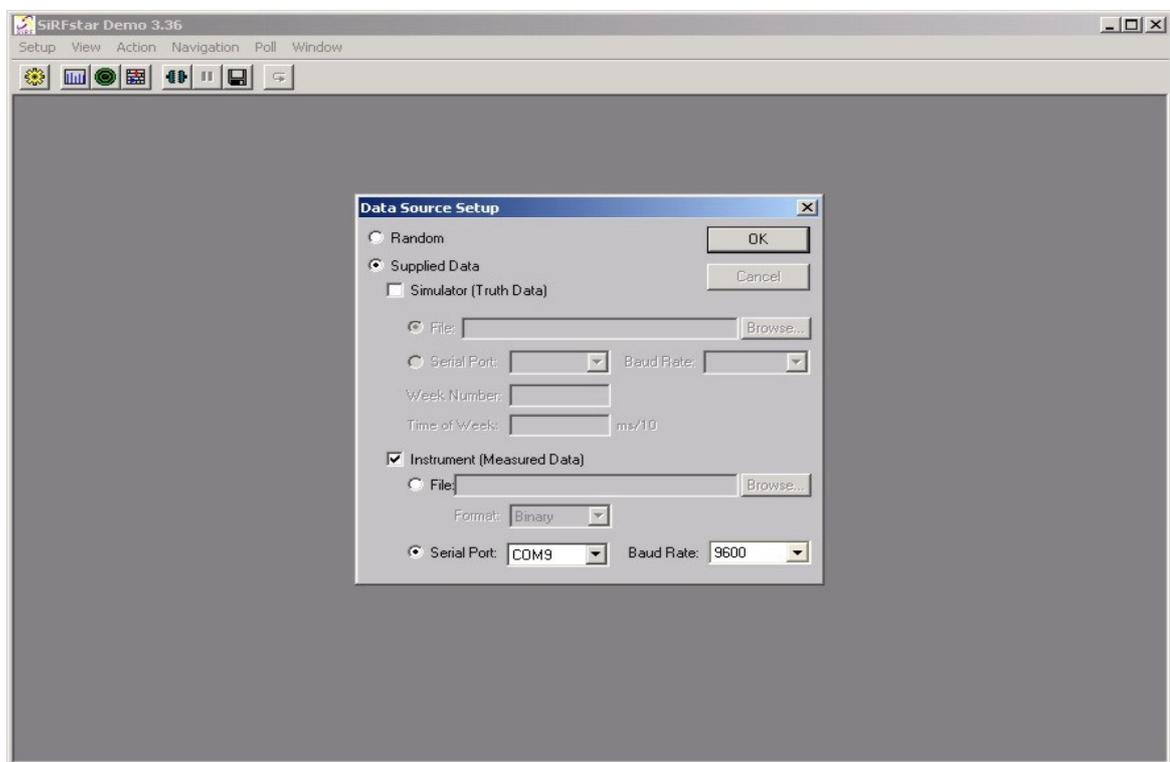
Figure 4: COM port selection

- Click the **Connection/Disconnection** icon on the toolbar by the up-down button (see Figure 5), the program will then automatically connect to **Data Source** and starts evaluating.
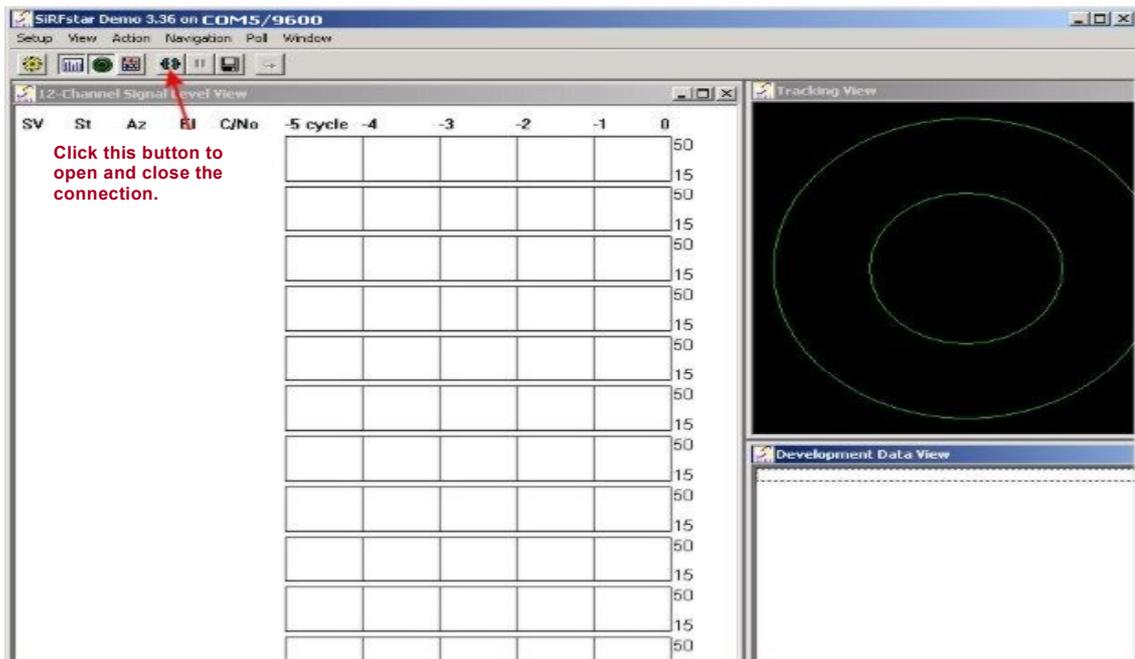
Figure 5: SiRFstar demo on selected COM port

- The output messages can be viewed in the Development Data screen. For a description of NMEA messages refer to [3]. The valid/invalid protocols can be recognized on the $GPRMC protocol as shown in figure below. The capital letter "A" means, incoming protocols are valid while the capital letter "V" means incoming protocols are invalid.
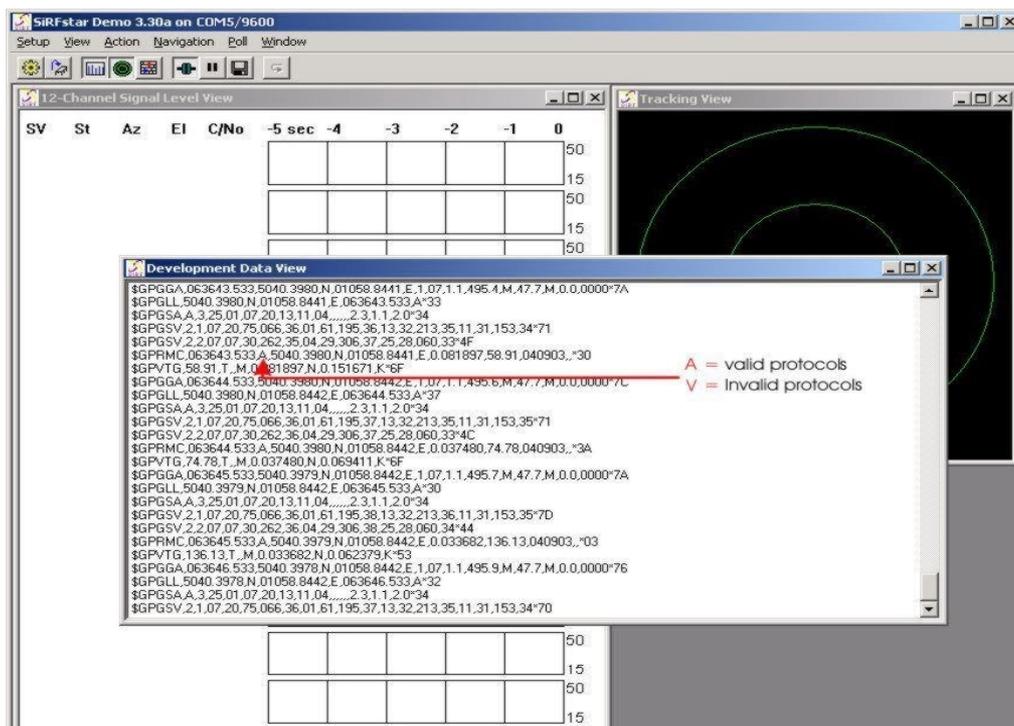
Figure 6: Development data screen

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- If the XT55 module is receiving valid GPS positions, click the **Map View** icon on toolbar by the up-down button (see marked button in figure below), the user can see the updated data of longitude, latitude, altitude, date time etc.
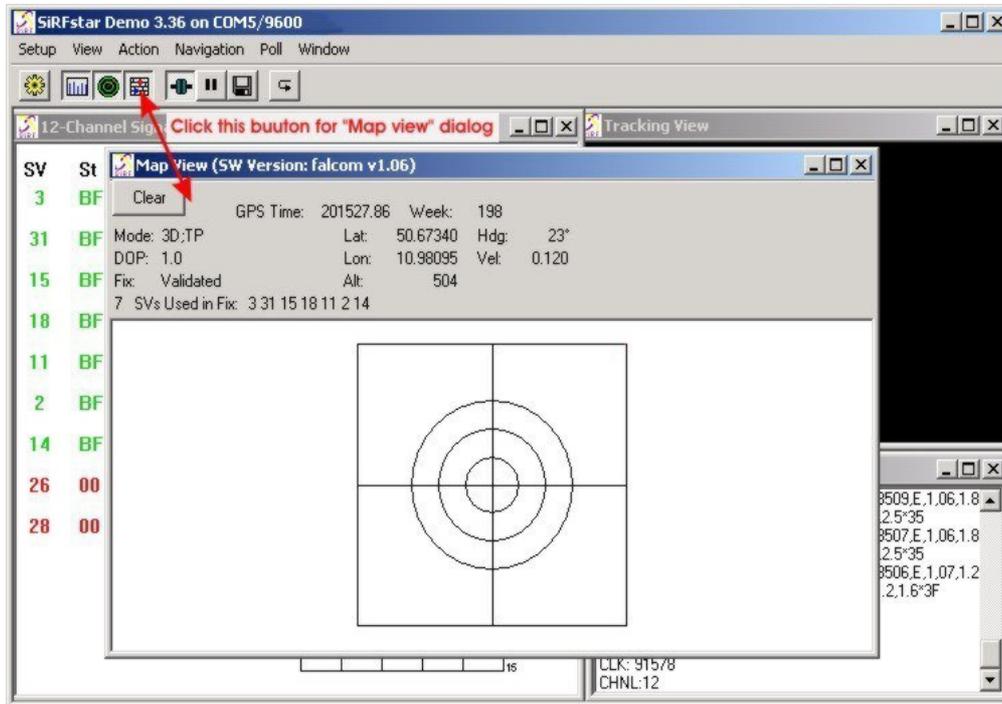
Figure 7: Updating GPS data in Map view

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2.3 Downloading AVL software into the XT55 module

For downloading the XT55 AVL software it is recommended to use the provided SiRFflash software. It is a fast in-circuit flash memory programming utility. It needs a serial line to communicate with the target system and supports a great variety of flash chips.
To download the XT55 AVL software it is recommended to follow the given instruction:

- Connect the XT55 module onto the GSM/GPS Evaluation Board (see [7] for details).
- Press button 3 to reset the XT55 module.
- Start the SiRFflash software by double-clicking on the SiRFflash.exe.
- Select the GPS COM port.
- Select the application in the "BROWSE" dialog box as shown in Figure 8.
- To start the download procedure press the "EXECUTE" button.
- Once the download has completed the confirmation message "Flash successfully programmed" appears.
- The XT55 module must be disconnected from its power supply.
- Reconnect the XT55 module to the provided power supply source.
- Choose "EXIT" to close the SiRFflash software.
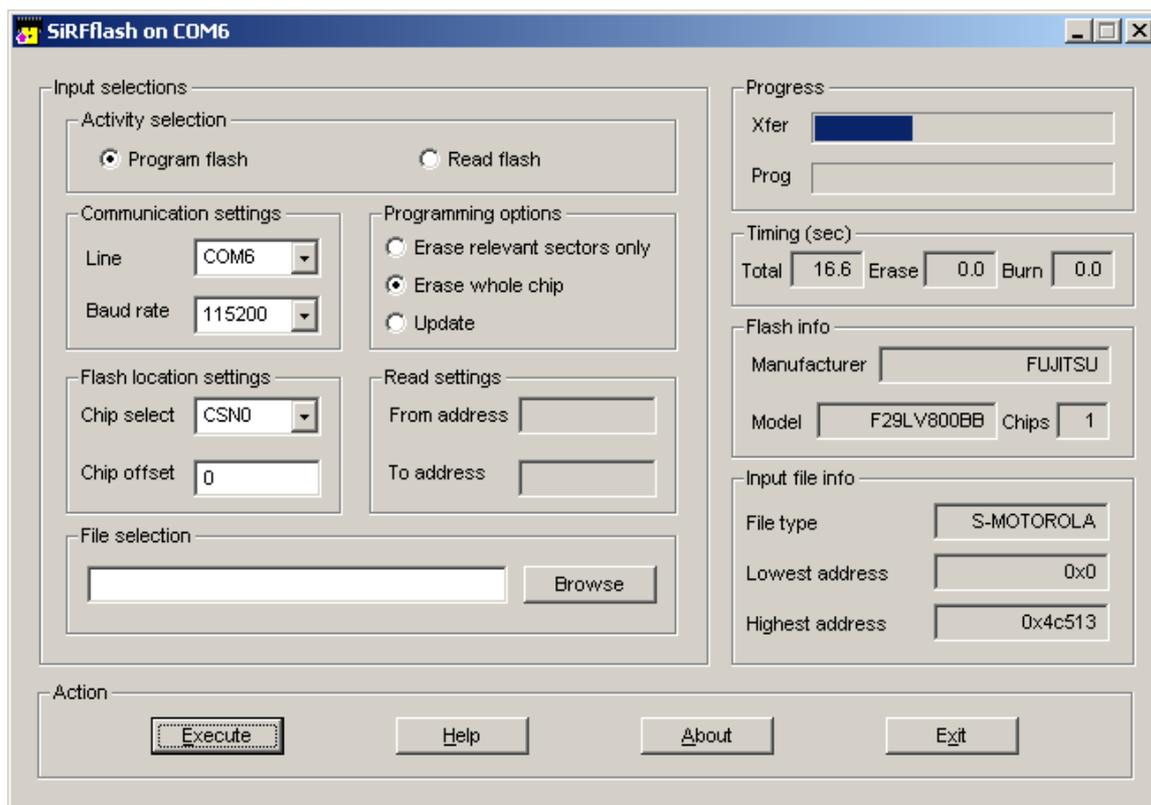
Figure 8: Downloading XT55 AVL software

3 Hardware components overview
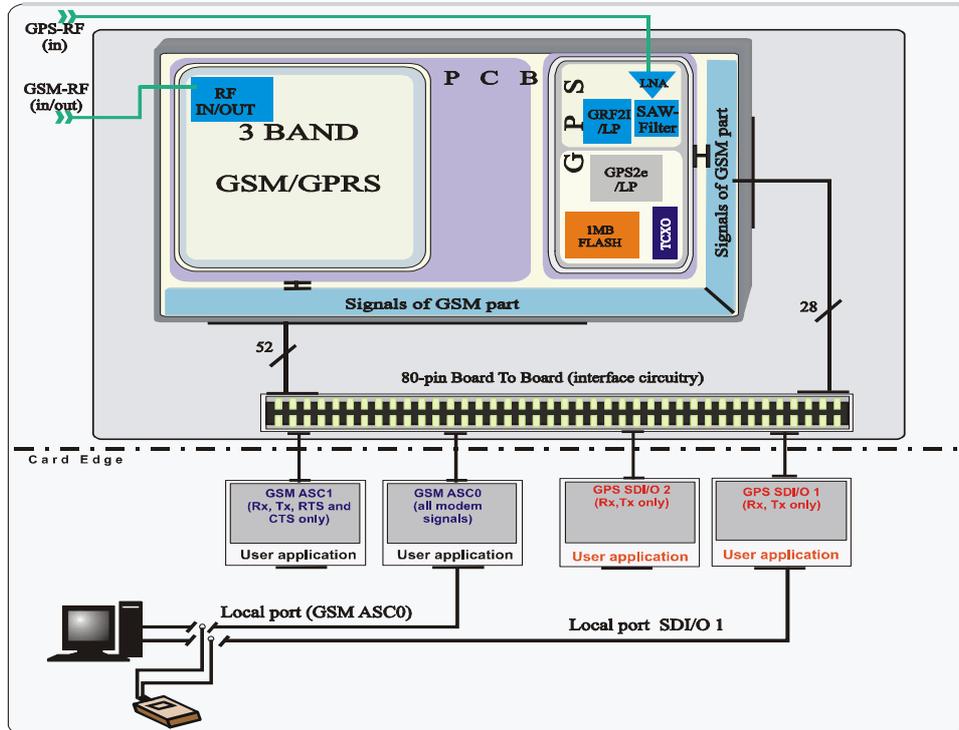
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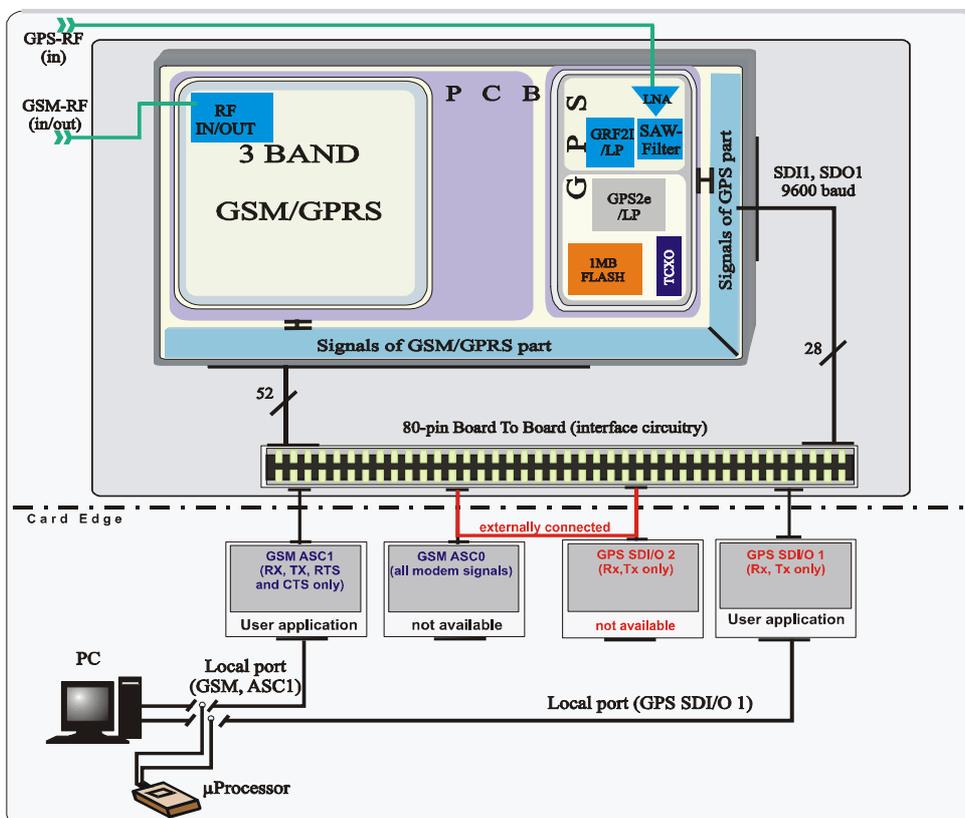
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