

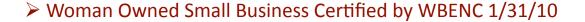


# "Where it's Been and Where it's Going."

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### **About GIT**





➤ ISO 9001:2008 Registration # 19.4311 2/9/07 — "Provider of Satellite Communication Products and Services. Design, Development and Manufacturing of Satellite Communications Equipment."



> Awarded GSA contract (GS-35F-0404U) in 2008



- > Department of Defense Mentor Protégé Program participant
  - Sponsored by General Dynamics C4S





- ➤ Facility Security Clearance Secret
- Nominated for SBA Entrepreneur of the Year 2010

### Capabilities & Experience

- Sales and Service
- Project Management
- Satellite Systems Integration
- > Specification Development
- Test & Evaluation planning
- Concept & Detailed Design Development

- ➤ Computer Modeling and Simulation using:
  - ➤ Matlab
  - Rhapsody
  - > Simulink
  - Diamond
  - > ANSI/ISO C/C++
- ➤ Mechanical, Electrical, & Control System Engineering
- ➤ Microcontroller (HDW/SW)

The GIT Business Model emphasizes Teaming Agreements with large companies, small companies, and individuals for maximum flexibility.

### **Custom Products Developed**

- > HMTC Iridium Tactical Overlay
  - >- Marine Corps Warfighting Lab
  - >- Integrated EPLRS and Iridium
  - >\$8M project -GIT Sub-contractor



- Aeronautical Transceiver Unit
  - > Iridium Backhaul interface module
  - > 2 channel voice & data
  - First application: Predator UAV
- ➤ Ruggedized 9505 Handset
  - Marine Corps Warfighting Lab









### **Iridium Background**

- Designed in the 1990's
- Satellites launched May 1997 May 1998
- First call November 1, 1998
- Iridium SSC \$5.5B bankruptcy August 1999
- Assets acquired in 2000 by Iridium Satellite LLC
- Commercial service re-introduced March 2001
- Now operated by Iridium Communications, Inc. trading on NASDAQ as "IRDM"
- Provides voice and data services
- Boeing provides satellite operations and maintenance
- General Dynamics provides product and encryption development
- Iridium Next first launch Q1 2015 fully funded

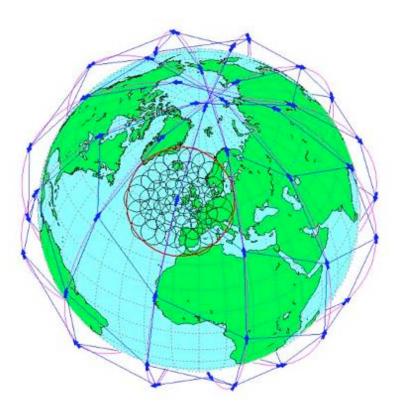




### **Iridium Constellation**

- 66 satellites in Low Earth Orbit (LEO)
  - Orbit Altitude: 485 miles (780 kilometers)
  - Orbital Period: 100 minutes, 28 seconds
  - 6 On-orbit spares
- Orbital Inclination 86.4° (near polar)
  - 6 orbital planes, 11 satellites per plane
- Cross-links between orbital planes
  - Each satellite communicates with up to 4 others
- Satellite characteristics
  - 7 Motorola PowerPC 603e processors @ 200 MHz
  - Satellite Weight: 1,500 pounds (689 kilograms)
  - 3 antenna, each with 16 spot beams (48 total)
  - Each spot beam is ~250 miles in diameter
  - Each satellite footprint is ~2800 miles in diameter
  - Each spot beam can handle a maximum of 236 simultaneous active phone calls
  - Each satellite can process approximately 1100 simultaneous active phone calls







#### **Iridium Communication**



- Mobile to satellite
- Line of sight to satellite
- L-band: 1616 1626.5 MHz
- − Transmit power: ~5 watts
- Multiplexing: TDMA/FDMA



- Satellite to Satellite
- Each satellite communicates with up to 4 neighbors
- 10 Mb/sec Ka band links
- Routes calls/data to another mobile or to a gateway

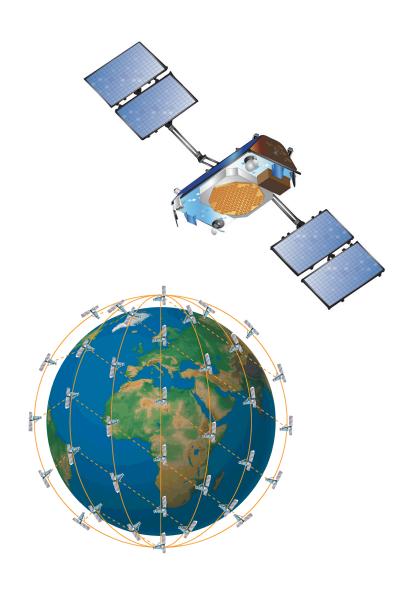


- Satellite to ground communication
- Gateways in Arizona & Hawaii
- Satellite network operations center in Virginia
- Four telemetry/tracking/control sites



### **Iridium NEXT**

- Next generation pole-topole communication
- Same cross-linked LEO architecture
- Higher data speeds
  - L-band up to 1.5 Mbps
  - Ka-band up to 8 Mbps
- Launches begin in 2015
- Fully funded





### Added Services Since Launch

- Initially voice & paging
- Circuit switched data (RUDICS) 2001
- Short Burst Data (SBD) 2003
- Short messaging service mobile originated (SMS-MO)
- OpenPort up 128 Kbps



### **Smaller Hardware**





### Iridium 9602 Transceiver

- Small 41mm x 45mm x 13mm
- Current
  - Idle/rcv current 45mA (195mA)
  - Transmit 190mA (1.5A)
- Antenna pass through for GPS
- Serial port/AT Commands talk to it like it's a a modem





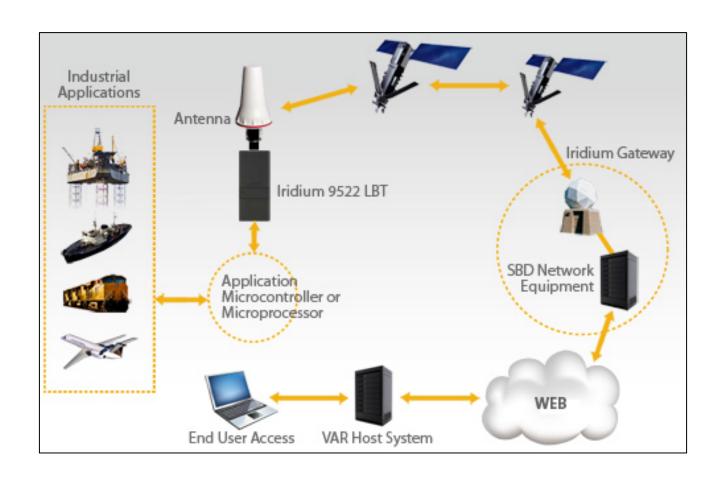
## Iridium 9603 Transceiver

- Next generation
- Size of a postage stamp
- Available 2012



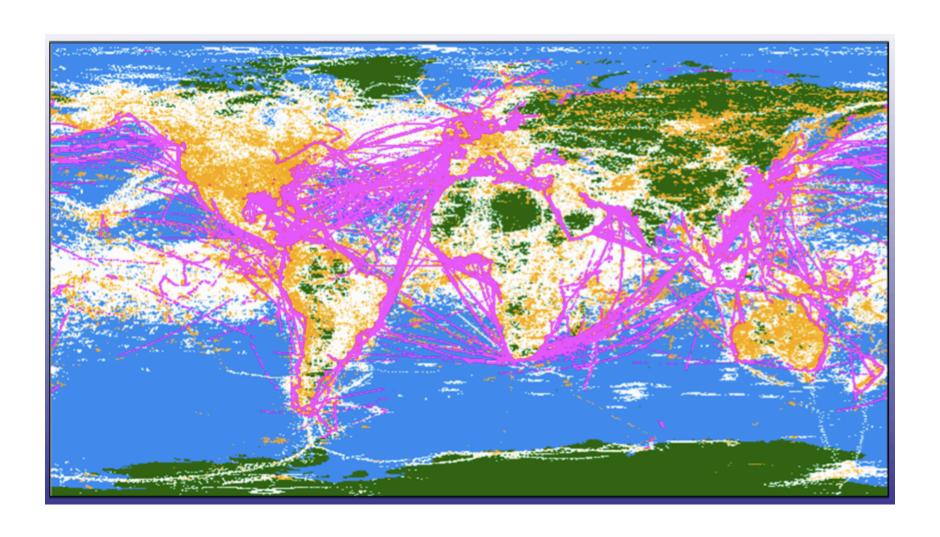


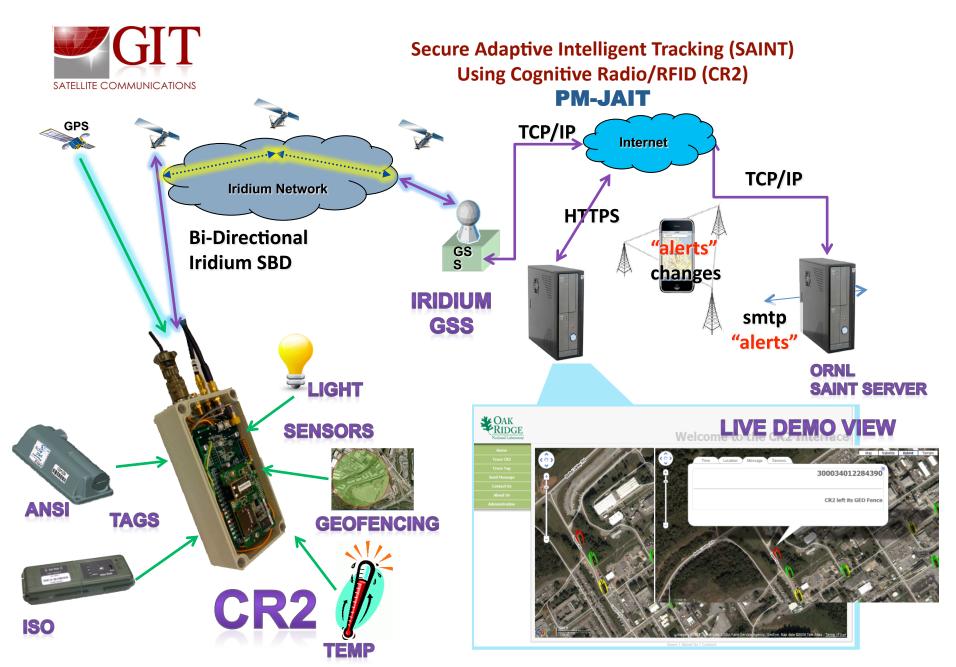
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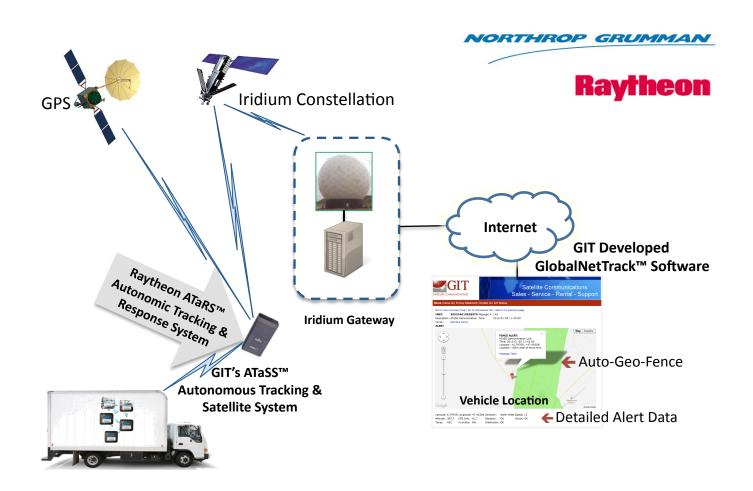
## Iridium M2M Traffic







## ATaSS™ with ATaRS™ and EMMS™





### **Short Burst Data**

- Mobile units can send and receive data
  - 9602 transceiver has 340/270 maximum bytes per transmission
- Mobile can send to gateway (Internet) or to another mobile
- Gateway can receive messages from the Internet and sent to mobile
- Message latency gateway to mobile is seconds



### **SBD** Interface

### Email

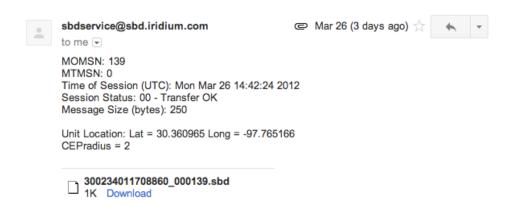
- Mobile originated messages delivered as attachment to an email message
- Send message to mobile by sending an email to the Iridium gateway server

### DirectIP

- Mobile originated messages delivered via TCP/IP to a public IP address/port number of your choice
- Open a TCP/IP connection to the Iridium gateway and write the message header plus data



## SBD Messages



Day:26/03/2012 UTC:14:42:21 Lat:30∞ 21.3592'N Lon:097∞ 47.5894 'W

Alt:179.8 m Dir:208.54 Speed:48.41 k #\_GPS\_Sat:07 Fix\_Mode:A1

Sen\_Vin: 6.47V Sen\_5V:4.99V Temp\_Sen:0.01V BandGap:1.20V

Acc\_X:1.57V Acc\_Y:1.64V Acc\_Z:2.04V DieTemp:1.37V s/w rev. G2

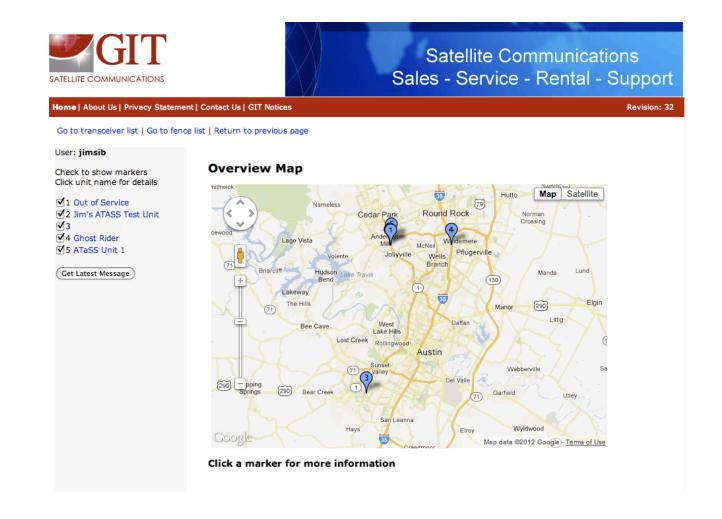


## **ATaSS Demonstration Unit**





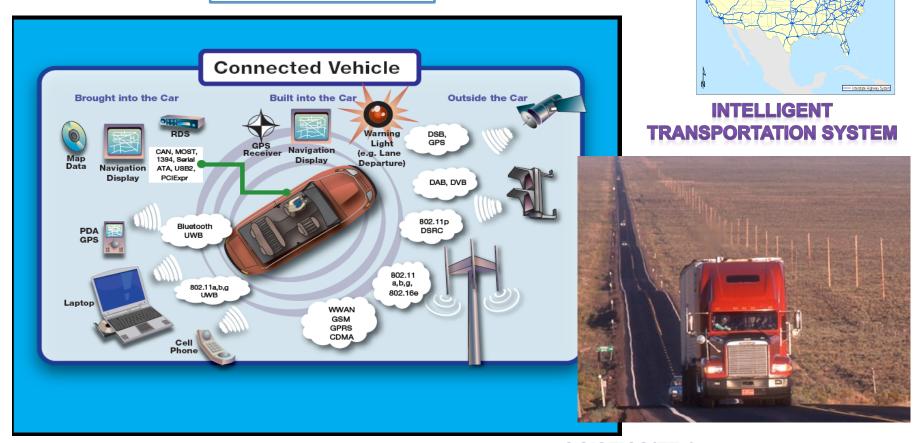
## **Commercial Applications**





**Transportation** 

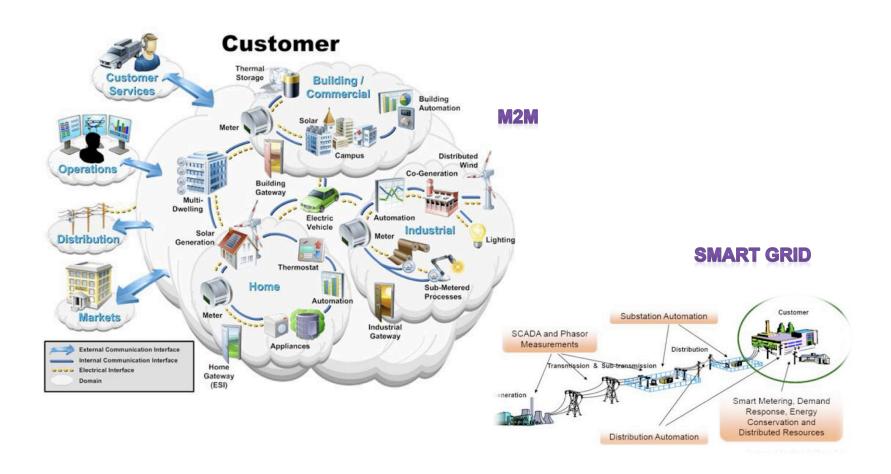
**COG VEHICLE COMMS** 



LOGISTICS(TTL): Domestic freight movement expected to increase 40% by 2020



## **Energy**



Developing future cognitive systems with applications that will converse with the user, anticipate their needs and adapt to meet them.

Iridium Brief 2/9/10



## Thank you



## Satellite System Coverage

- Iridium pole to pole
- Inmarsat up to about 70° N/S
- Globalstar N. & S. America, most of Asia,
  Australia, Europe, most of N. Atlantic
- Thuraya Europe, most of Africa, central/ south Asia, Australia
- Orbcomm complicated



### Iridium 9523

- Voice/data module
  - 70.44 x 36.04 x 14.6 mm
  - -32g

