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with Wi-Fi Module and LTE-, UMTS-, and CDMA-based modem

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1 Introduction

1.1 Product Overview

RTD's WLAN25203ER-GSM and WLAN35203ER-GSM modules offer dual Mini PCI Express sockets, designed to permit integration of third party Mini PCI Express modules into rugged PCIe/104 and PCI/104-Express systems and enclosures. Mini PCI Express (also referred to as PCI Express Mini Card, Mini PCIe, mPCIe, and PEM) is a form factor for devices which supports both PCI Express and USB 2.0 connectivity.

An onboard PCIe Gen 2 switch provides a x1 PCI Express connection to each of the dual sockets on the WLAN25203ER-GSM and WLAN35203ER-GSM, using only one upstream x1 PCI Express link from the bus. Similarly, an onboard USB 2.0 hub generates a USB 2.0 link for each of the dual sockets using only one USB 2.0 link from the bus. Additional links on the PCIe Gen2 switch and USB 2.0 hub are utilized to repopulate the x1 PCI Express link and USB link these devices use from the host, making these links available to the next x1 PCI Express or USB peripheral in the system.

For devices installed in the dual mini PCI Express sockets of the WLAN25203ER-GSM or WLAN35203ER-GSM -- referred to as Sockets A and B throughout this hardware manual (or designators CN6 and CN7, respectively) – a set of three U.FL antennae connectors are available per socket, permitting easy wiring and breakout to a corresponding set of MCX antennae connectors on the board edge.

The dual sockets on the WLAN25203ER-GSM and WLAN35203ER-GSM permit mounting of full and half-length Mini PCI Express modules, allowing maximum flexibility with the specification.

A full-size Wireless Mini PCI Express controller card based on the Atheros AR9280 chipset is installed in the first Mini PCI Express socket on the WLAN25203ER-GSM and WLAN35203ER-GSM. This wireless Ethernet controller module utilizes three pairs of the onboard U.FL and MCX antennae connectors.

The second socket contains the Sierra Wireless AirPrime MC7354 full-size Mini PCI Express LTE-, UMTS-, and CDMA-based modem. It utilizes the other set of three U.FL and MCX antennae connectors.

NOTE: The WLAN25203ER-GSM is a PCI/104-Express module, and includes a pass-through PCI connector. The WLAN35203ER-GSM is PCIe/104, and does not include a pass-through PCI connector. Throughout the remainder of this manual, "WLAN25203ER-GSM" refers to both boards unless otherwise noted.

1.2 Board Features

- PCI Express Universal Connector
  - Permits compatibility with PCIe/104 Type 1 and Type 2 cpuModules
  - CPU_DIR pin permits stacking above or below the CPU
  - +5V-only operation
- Pass-through PCI Connector (WLAN25203ER-GSM only)
- Onboard PCIe Gen 2 Switch and USB 2.0 hub
  - Dual sockets require only one x1 PCI Express link and/or one USB 2.0 link for operation
  - Full x1 PCI Express link and USB 2.0 link repopulation
- Dual Mini PCI Express Card Sockets
  - Each socket supports three modes of operation
    - Single x1 PCIe link **and** single USB 2.0 link
    - Single x1 PCIe link
    - Single USB 2.0 link
  - Mounting holes permit installation of Full-Mini and Half-Mini sized Mini PCI Express modules
  - I/O connector provides external access to W_DISABLE# input and LED status outputs on both Mini PCI Express sockets
  - 6 external antennae connectors for use with Wi-Fi/GPS/GSM cards (3 available)
  - WAKE# signal support for each socket
  - UIM / SIM card connections for each Mini PCI Express card slot
- Atheros AR9590 WLAN Mini PCI-Express Card
  - Compliant to IEEE Standards: 802.11a/b/g/n
  - Support for 3x3 MIMO with spatial multiplexing
  - Supports up to 450Mbps physical data rates
  - Dual-band 2.4GHz and 5GHz with 20/40MHz channel width
  - Supports 802.11x authentication, 64/128/152Bit WEP, IEEE802.11i encryption
  - Multi-Country Roaming Supported (IEEE802.11d Global Harmonization Standard)
  - Compliant with PCI-Express Mini Card 1.1 Standard
  - Drivers provided for Windows XP and Windows 7 (32-bit and 64-bit)
  - Natively supported in Linux via open source ath9k driver (kernel 3.2.0 or later)
- Sierra Wireless AirPrime MC7354 LTE-, UMTS-, and CDMA-based modem
  - Based on Qualcomm's MDM9615 baseband processor
  - Provides LTE, DC-HSPA+, HSPA+, HSDPA, HSUPA, WCDMA, GSM, GPRS, EDGE, CDMA, and GNSS connectivity for networking, and M2M applications over several radio frequency bands
  - Supports 2G/3G roaming, subject to network operator provisioning
  - Default carrier configuration: AT&T
  - Additional carriers supported through Sierra Wireless provisioning files and firmware
    - AT&T (default)
    - Bell
    - Generic
    - Rogers
    - Sprint
    - Telus
    - US Cellular
    - Verizon
  - Drivers provided for Windows 7 (32/64 bit) and Windows 10 (32/64 bit)
  - Natively supported in Linux via the QMI WWAN driver for Qualcomm MSM based 3G and LTE modems (kernel 3.17.0 or later)

NOTE: This board does not support Coexistence Pins or Tunable Antenna Pins

1.3 Ordering Information

The WLAN25203ER-GSM and WLAN35203ER-GSM are available with the following options:

Table 1: Ordering Options

Part Number	Description
WLAN25203ER-GSM	PCI/104-Express Mini PCI-E Card add-on board w/ modules installed
WLAN35203ER-GSM	PCIe/104 Mini PCI-E Card add-on board w/ modules installed
IDAN-WLAN25203ER-GSM	PCI/104-Express Mini PCI-E Card add-on board in IDAN enclosure w/ modules installed
IDAN-WLAN35203ER-GSM	PCIe/104 Mini PCI-E Card add-on board in IDAN enclosure w/ modules installed

The Intelligent Data Acquisition Node (IDAN®) building block can be used in just about any combination with other IDAN building blocks to create a simple but rugged 104™ stack. For more information, see *IDAN Connections* on page 20.

This module can also be incorporated in a custom-built RTD HiDAN® or HiDANplus® High Reliability Intelligent Data Acquisition Node. Contact RTD sales for more information on our high reliability systems.

1.3.1 Recommended Antenna and Adapter Cable

An antenna and extension cable kit is offered for the WLAN module on the WLAN25203ER-GSM and WLAN35203ER-GSM. The cable kit includes one 2.5/5 GHz antenna with 50-ohm RP-SMA connector and an extension cable to adapt from the RP-SMA connector on the antenna to the MCX cables on the WLAN25203ER-GSM and WLAN35203ER-GSM

A quantity of three cable kits is recommended for use with the WLAN25203ER-GSM and WLAN35203ER-GSM.

Table 2: Recommended Cable Kit

Part Number	Description
XK-CM111	One 2.5/5 GHz antenna and one adapter cable for use with the WLAN module on the WLAN25203ER-GSM and WLAN35203ER-GSM

1.4 Contact Information

1.4.1 Sales Support

For sales inquiries, you can contact RTD Embedded Technologies sales via the following methods:

Phone: 1-814-234-8087 Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm (EST).
E-Mail: sales@rtd.com

1.4.2 Technical Support

If you are having problems with your system, please try the steps in the Troubleshooting section of this manual.

For help with this product, or any other product made by RTD, you can contact RTD Embedded Technologies technical support via the following methods:

Phone: 1-814-234-8087 Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm (EST).
E-Mail: techsupport@rtd.com

2 Specifications

2.1 Board Operating Conditions

Table 3: Operating Environment and Storage Conditions

Symbol	Parameter	Test Condition	Min	Max	Unit
T_a	Operating Temperature		-40	+85	C
T_s	Storage Temperature		-55	+125	C
RH	Relative Humidity	Non-Condensing	0	90%	%
MTBF	Mean Time Before Failure	30C	3200565		Hours

NOTE: The Operating Environment and Storage Conditions listed in Table 3 apply to the WLAN25203ER-GSM and WLAN35203ER-GSM boards only. For recommended operating conditions of other third party Mini PCI Express modules, refer to documentation from the manufacturer.

Each Mini PCI Express module has its own individual operating conditions which will vary from one manufacturer's device to another. Installing third party Mini PCI Express modules on the WLAN25203ER-GSM can affect the overall operating temperature of the system. Make sure to verify the operating conditions of third party Mini PCI Express modules before using the WLAN25203ER-GSM in extreme conditions.

Both the Atheros AR9590 WLAN mini PCIe card and Sierra Wireless AirPrime MC7354 mini PCIe card have an operating temperature of -40 to +85C.

2.2 Board Electrical Characteristics

The bus connectors on the WLAN25203ER-GSM and WLAN35203ER-GSM offer several voltage inputs. Only +5V is required for operation, and is used to generate the voltage requirements for both Mini PCI Express sockets. All other bus connector supply voltages are pass-through and unused by the WLAN25203ER-GSM and WLAN35203ER-GSM.

Table 4: Supply Voltage Requirements

Symbol	Parameter	Note	Min	Max	Unit
V_{cc5}	5 V Supply Voltage		4.75	5.25	V
$V_{cc5\text{-}STBY}$	5 V Stand-by Supply Voltage		n/a	n/a	V
V_{cc3}	3.3 V Supply Voltage		n/a	n/a	V
V_{cc12}	12 V Supply Voltage		n/a	n/a	V
$V_{cc\text{-}12}$	-12 V Supply Voltage	WLAN25203ER-GSM only	n/a	n/a	V

Supply current and power consumption for the WLAN25203ER-GSM and WLAN35203ER-GSM are listed in the table below.

Table 5: Power Ratings

Symbol	Parameter	Test Condition	Min	Max	Unit
P	Power Consumption	V_{cc5} = 5.0 V, Typical		2.65	W
I_{cc5}	5 V Input Supply Current	Active		530	mA
Mini PCI Express – Peak Current per Socket					
$I_{cc3.3\text{-}AB\text{-}PK}$	3.3 V Input Supply Current	Peak current; Socket A or B		2.750	A
$I_{cc1.5\text{-}AB\text{-}PK}$	1.5 V Input Supply Current	Peak current; Socket A or B		0.500	A
Mini PCI Express – Combined Current (Sockets A and B)					
$I_{cc3.3}$	3.3 V Input Supply Current	Combined current; Socket A + B		4.000	A
$I_{cc1.5}$	1.5 V Input Supply Current	Combined current; Socket A + B		1.000	A

2.3 Physical Characteristics

- Weight: Approximately 55 g (0.12 lbs.)
- Dimensions: 90.17 mm L x 95.89 mm W (3.550 in L x 3.775 in W)

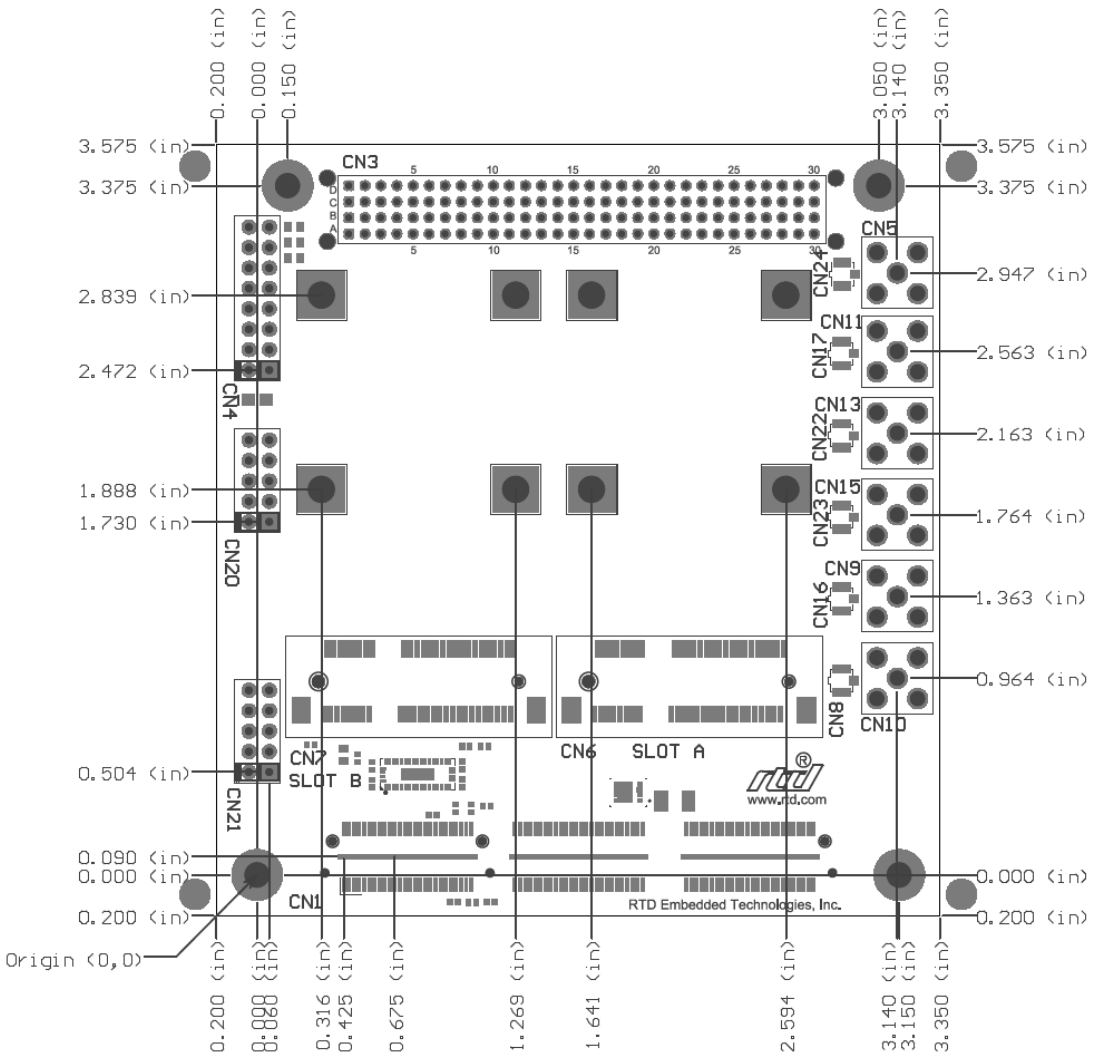

Figure 1: Board Dimensions

3 Board Connections and Functionality

3.1 Board Handling Precautions

To prevent damage due to Electrostatic Discharge (ESD), keep your board in its antistatic bag until you are ready to install it into your system. When removing it from the bag, hold the board at the edges, and do not touch the components or connectors. Handle the board in an antistatic environment, and use a grounded workbench for testing and handling of your hardware.

3.2 Steps for Installing

1. Always work at an ESD protected workstation, and wear a grounded wrist-strap.
2. Turn off power to the PC/104 system or stack.
3. Select and install stand-offs to properly position the module on the stack.
4. Remove the module from its anti-static bag.
5. Check that pins of the bus connector are properly positioned.
6. Check the stacking order; make sure all of the busses used by the peripheral cards are connected to the cpuModule.
7. Hold the module by its edges and orient it so the bus connector pins line up with the matching connector on the stack.
8. Gently and evenly press the module onto the PC/104 stack.
9. If any boards are to be stacked above this module, install them.
10. Attach any necessary cables to the PC/104 stack.
11. Re-connect the power cord and apply power to the stack.
12. Boot the system and verify that all of the hardware is working properly.

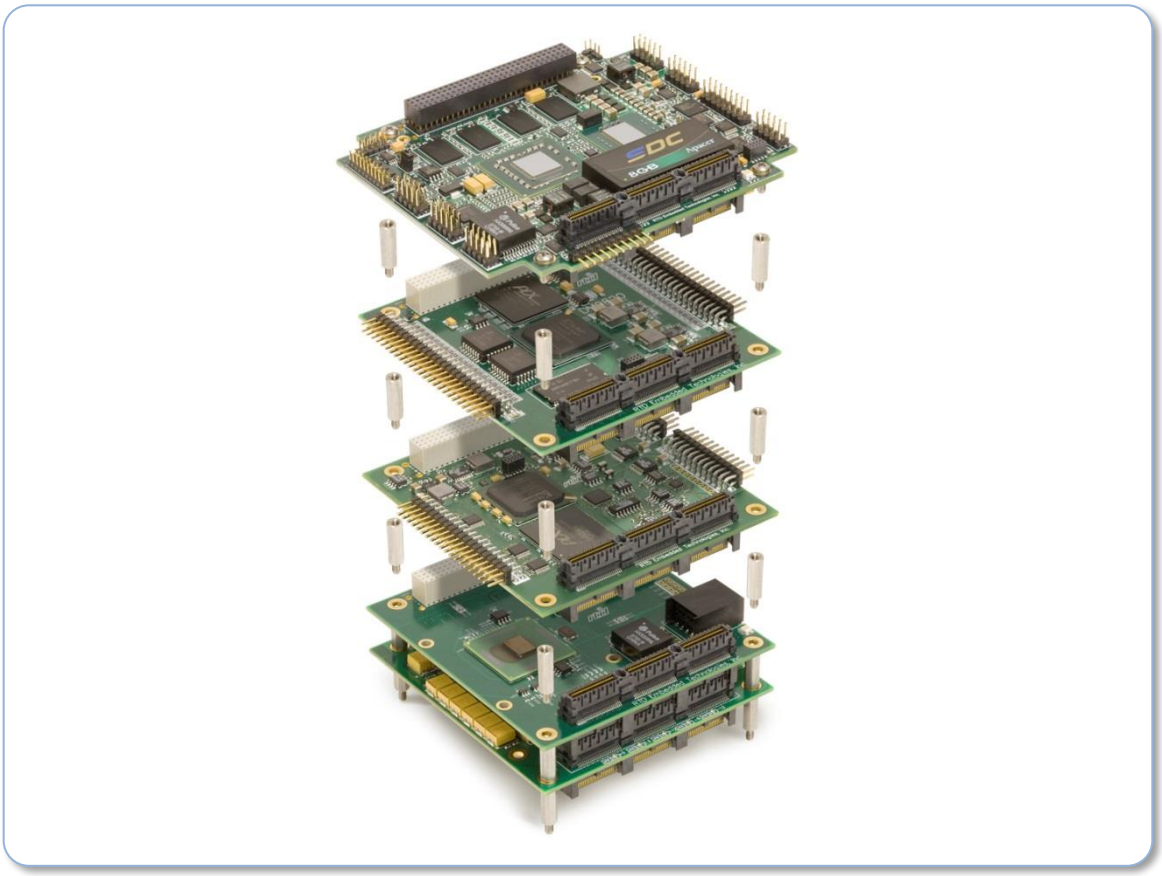

Figure 2: Example 104™ Stack

3.3 Connector and Jumper Locations

The tables in this section list designator callouts for the various functions of the bus connectors, I/O connectors, and jumpers found on the WLAN25203ER-GSM and WLAN35203ER-GSM. Also included are the size and pitch of each connector as well as mating connector information. The following top-side photo provides a reference for designators and their locations.

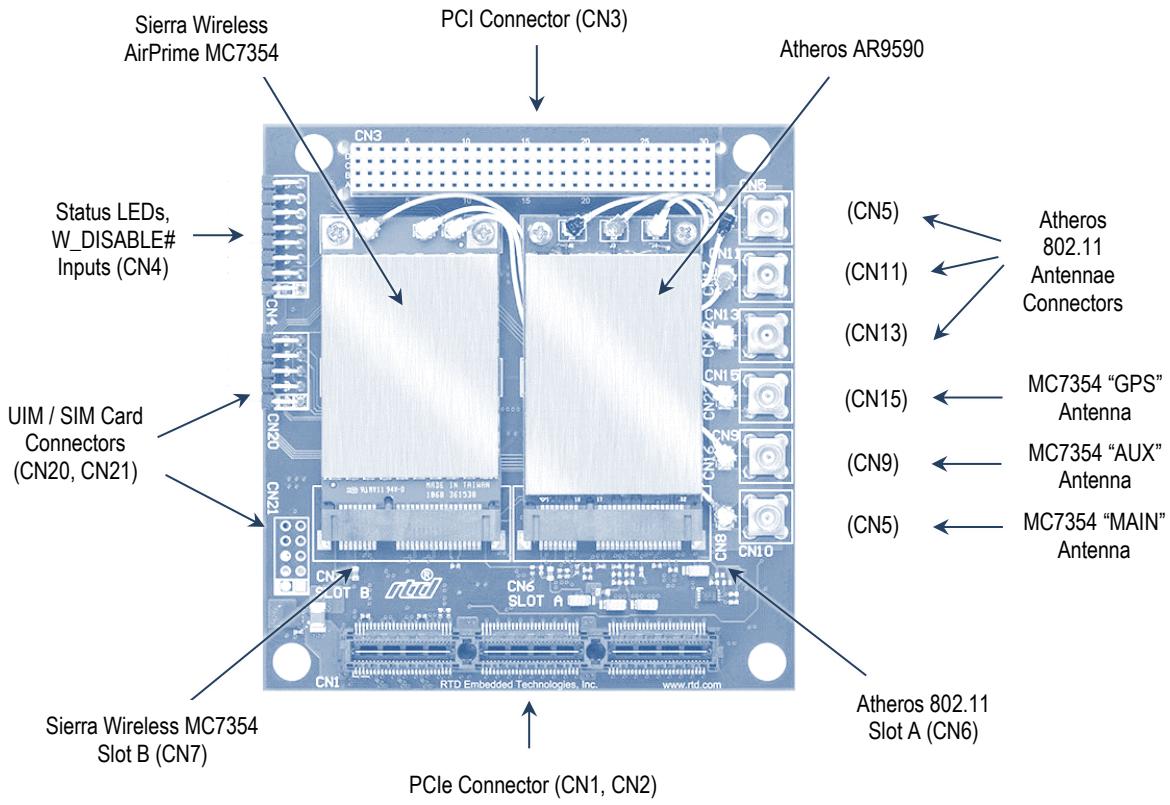

Figure 3: Board Connections

3.4 Functional Diagram

The Figure below shows the functional block diagram of the WLAN25203ER-GSM.

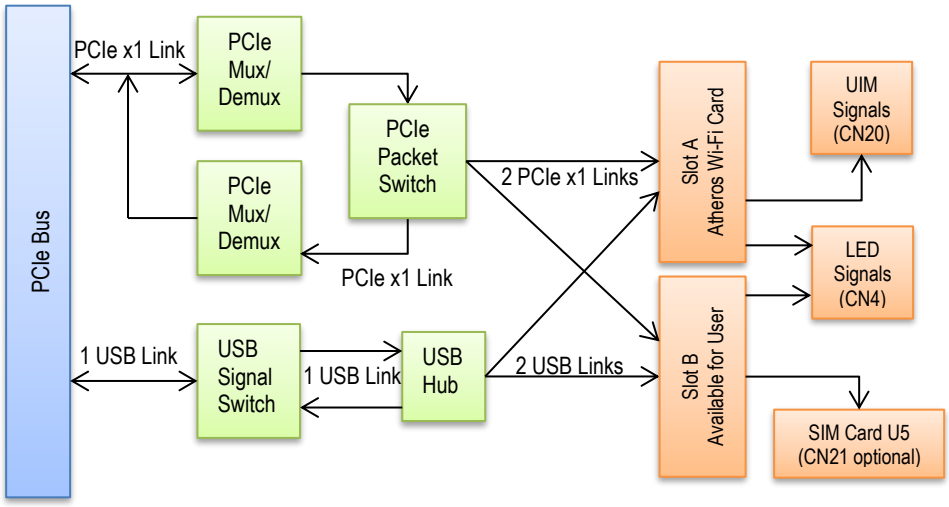

Figure 4: WLAN25203ER-GSM Block Diagram

3.5 Connector and Jumper Functionality

3.5.1 Bus Connectors

Table 6: WLAN25203ER-GSM Bus Connectors

Connector	Function	Size and Pitch	Mating Connector
CN1	PCIe/104 Universal Bus (Top)	156-pin, 0.635mm	Samtec ASP-129646-03
CN2	PCIe/104 Universal Bus (Bottom)	156-pin, 0.635mm	Samtec ASP-129637-03
CN3	PCI-104 (PCI) Bus *(WLAN25203ER-GSM only)*	120-pin, 2mm	Samtec ESQT-130-02-G-Q-368

PCIe Connectors (CN1 – Top, CN2 – Bottom)

The WLAN25203ER-GSM is a "Universal" board, and can connect to either a Type 1 or Type 2 connector of a PCIe/104 or PCI-104 Express system. The position and pin assignments are compliant with the *PCI/104-Express Specification*. (See PC/104 Specifications on page 26)

PCI Connector (CN3) - WLAN25203ER-GSM only

The PCI connector is the connection to PCI peripheral modules. This connector is used on this board as a pass through connector only.

3.5.2 INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL I/O CONNECTORS

The WIAN25203ER-GSM offers two sockets for installing a third party Mini PCI Express module, Socket A (CN6) and Socket B (CN7). For each socket, three onboard U.FL antennae connectors are offered to easily bring out any connections from the installed module to the WLAN25203ER-GSM, allowing the user to easily interface to these connections using a rugged MCX connector.

A full-size Wireless Mini PCI Express controller card based on the Atheros AR9280 chipset is installed in the first Mini PCI Express socket on the WLAN25203ER-GSM and WLAN35203ER-GSM (Socket A, or CN6). This wireless Ethernet controller module utilizes three pairs of the onboard U.FL and MCX antennae connectors.

The second Mini PCI Express socket (Socket B, or CN7) contains the Sierra Wireless AirPrime MC7354 modem, which utilizes the remaining three pairs of U.FL and MCX antennae connectors.

Several additional external I/O connectors allow external interfacing to auxiliary signaling on the Mini PCI Express sockets connectors.

Table 7: WLAN25203ER-GSM I/O Connectors

Socket A	Function	Size and Pitch	Mating Connector
CN6	Mini PCI Express, Socket A	*(Refer to PCI Express Mini Card Electromechanical Specification)*	
CN20	Socket A: UIM / SIM connection	2x5, 0.1", right angle	3M 89110-0001
Socket B	**Function**	**Size and Pitch**	**Mating Connector**
CN7	Mini PCI Express, Socket B	*(Refer to PCI Express Mini Card Electromechanical Specification)*	
CN21, U5	Socket B: UIM / SIM connection	2x5, 0.1", right angle	3M 89110-0001
Socket A / B	**Function**	**Size and Pitch**	**Mating Connector**
CN4	Socket A & Socket B LED signals	2x8, 0.1", right angle	AMP 1-87456-2
CN8, CN16, CN17, CN22, CN23, CN24	Socket A & Socket B U.FL connector receptacle	Hirose Connectors, U.FL-R-SMT	*(Various; refer to Hirose Connectors product datasheet)*
CN5, CN9, CN10, CN11, CN13, CN15	Socket A & Socket B MCX 50-ohm straight jack receptacle	Johnson Components, 133-3701-211	*(Various)*

Mini PCI Express Sockets A and B (CN6, CN7)

The WLAN25203ER-GSM offers two soldered-down connectors that support third party Mini PCI Express modules.

Sockets A and B on the WLAN25203ER-GSM (or designators CN3 and CN4) each offer one downstream x1 PCI Express Gen 2 link and one downstream USB 2.0 link from the host cpuModule to the Mini PCI Express device installed in the socket. For maximum flexibility, the WLAN25203ER-GSM provides mounting holes for cards designed to both the Full-Mini and Half-Mini card Mini PCI Express form factors.

The pinout for each Mini PCI Express connector is shown below.

Table 8: CN6 and CN7 Pin Assignments

Pin Name	#	#	Pin Name
(Reserved)	51	52	3.3 V
(Reserved)	49	50	GND
(Reserved)	47	48	1.5 V
(Reserved)	45	46	LED_WPAN#
GND	43	44	LED_WLAN#
3.3 V	41	42	LED_WWAN#
3.3 V	39	40	GND
GND	37	38	USB_D_P
GND	35	36	USB_D_N
PET0_P	33	34	GND
PET0_N	31	32	SMB_DATA
GND	29	30	SMB_CLK
GND	27	28	1.5 V
PER0_P	25	26	GND
PER0_N	23	24	3.3 V
GND	21	22	PERST#
(Reserved)	19	20	W_DISABLE#
(Reserved)	17	18	GND
Pin Name	**#**	**#**	**Pin Name**
GND	15	16	UIM_VPP
REFCLK_P	13	14	UIM_RESET
REFCLK_N	11	12	UIM_CLK
GND	9	10	UIM_DATA
CLKREQ#	7	8	UIM_PWR
(Not Connected)	5	6	1.5 V
(Not Connected)	3	4	GND
WAKE#	1	2	3.3 V

MCX Connectors (CN5, CN9, CN10, CN11, CN13, CN15)

The MCX connectors allow the user to connect external antennas to an installed GSM/GPS/Wi-Fi card. Mini-PCIe wireless cards typically use U.FL connectors, which must be adapted to MCX connectors to interface with common antenna cables. The onboard U.FL connectors facilitate this. The following table shows the mapping relationship between the onboard U.FL connectors and MCX connectors.

Table 9: MCX to U.FL Connector Mapping

U.FL Connector	MCX Connector	Function
CN8	CN10	Sierra Wireless MC7354, “MAIN” Antenna
CN16	CN9	Sierra Wireless MC7354, “AUX” Antenna
CN17	CN11	Sierra Wireless MC7354, “GPS” Antenna
CN22	CN13	Atheros 802.11 Antenna
CN23	CN15	Atheros 802.11 Antenna
CN24	CN5	Atheros 802.11 Antenna

LED Status Indicators and Socket W_DISABLE# Inputs (CN4)

Connector CN4 brings out the LED_WPAN#, LED_WLAN#, and LED_WWAN# signals on the Mini PCI Express sockets and also provides access to the socket W_DISABLE# inputs.

Each LED signal on the Mini PCI Express sockets CN6 and CN7 is current limited with a 110 ohm (1%) resistor. Connect the LED cathode to the odd pins, and the LED anode to the signal's corresponding even pin.

Table 10: Pinout of LED Status and W_DISABLE# Connector (CN4)

CN4 Pin #	Function	Slot A (CN6) Pin Number	Slot B (CN7) Pin Number
1	Ground	–	–
2	Slot B, W_DISABLE#	–	20
3	Ground	–	–
4	Slot A, W_DISABLE#	20	–
5	Slot B, LED_WWAN#	–	42
6	+3.3V	–	–
7	Slot B, LED_WLAN#	–	44
8	+3.3V	–	–
9	Slot B, LED_WPAN#	–	46
10	+3.3V	–	–
11	Slot A, LED_WWAN#	42	–
12	+3.3V	–	–
13	Slot A, LED_WLAN#	44	–
14	+3.3V	–	–
15	Slot A, LED_WPAN#	46	–
16	+3.3V	–	–

The LED signals and W_DISABLE# inputs are directly connected to the Mini PCI Express slots. The behavior of these signals will depend on the card installed. For more information, refer to the PCI Express Mini Card Electromechanical specification.

CN4 is a 2x8 0.1" DIL connector. Pin 1 is indicated with a square solder pad. Pins are numbered as follows.

16	15
14	13
12	11
10	9
8	7
6	5
4	3
2	1

User Identity Module connection for Slot A (CN20)

CN20 is the User Identity Module (UIM) signal connection for Mini PCI Express card Slot A (CN6). Pin functions are as follows:

Table 11: Pinout of UIM Connector (CN20)

CN20 Pin #	Slot A Function	Slot A (CN6) Pin Number
1	UIM_RESET	14
2	GND	–
3	UIM_DATA	10
4	GND	–
5	UIM_CLK	12
6	GND	–
7	UIM_VPP	16
8	GND	–
9	UIM_PWR	8
10	GND	–

The UIM signals are directly connected to the Mini PCI Express slot. The behavior of these signals will depend on the card installed. For more information, refer to the PCI Express Mini Card Electromechanical specification. (The pre-installed Atheros Wi-Fi card does not use these signals.)

CN20 is a 2x5 0.1" DIL connector. Pin 1 is indicated a square solder pad. Pins are numbered as follows.

10	9
8	7
6	5
4	3
2	1

User Identity Module connection for Slot B (CN21, U5)

The SIM Card socket (U5) on the bottom side of the board provides the UIM signal connection for Slot B (CN7). The SIM card socket accepts a standard SIM card. As an alternative to the SIM card socket, the board may be built with a 2x5 0.1" DIL connector (CN21). The standard board configuration comes with U5 installed and CN21 not populated. Contact RTD if you are interested in changing this configuration. The pinout of CN21 matches CN20.

The SIM card socket (U5) is shown in the figure below.

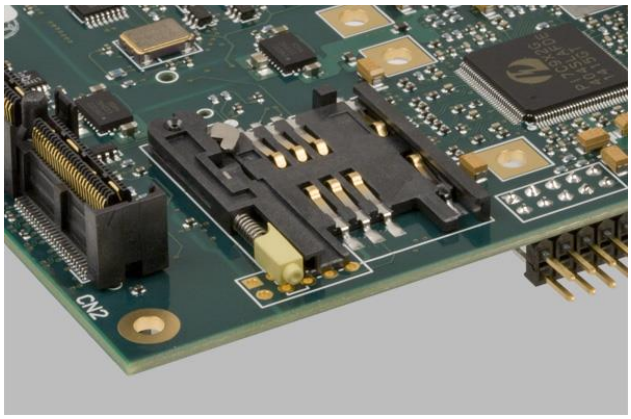

Figure 5: SIM Card Socket (U5) for Slot B

3.6 Repopulation of PCI Express and USB Links

The Mini PCI Express sockets on the WLAN25203ER-GSM each operate using a x1 PCI Express link and/or USB 2.0 link. To relieve some of the stress on the system, the WLAN25203ER-GSM has an onboard PCI-Express Gen 2 switch and a USB 2.0 hub to generate these links, reducing the number of resources needed from the host cpuModule for the WLAN25203ER-GSM to operate.

These components are also used to generate one PCI Express Gen 2 link and one USB 2.0 link on the "downstream" side of the WLAN25203ER-GSM, repopulating the used links making them available for other peripherals up or down the stack. This allows each Mini PCI Express socket on WLAN25203ER-GSM to operate without consuming any PCI Express link or USB link on the bus.

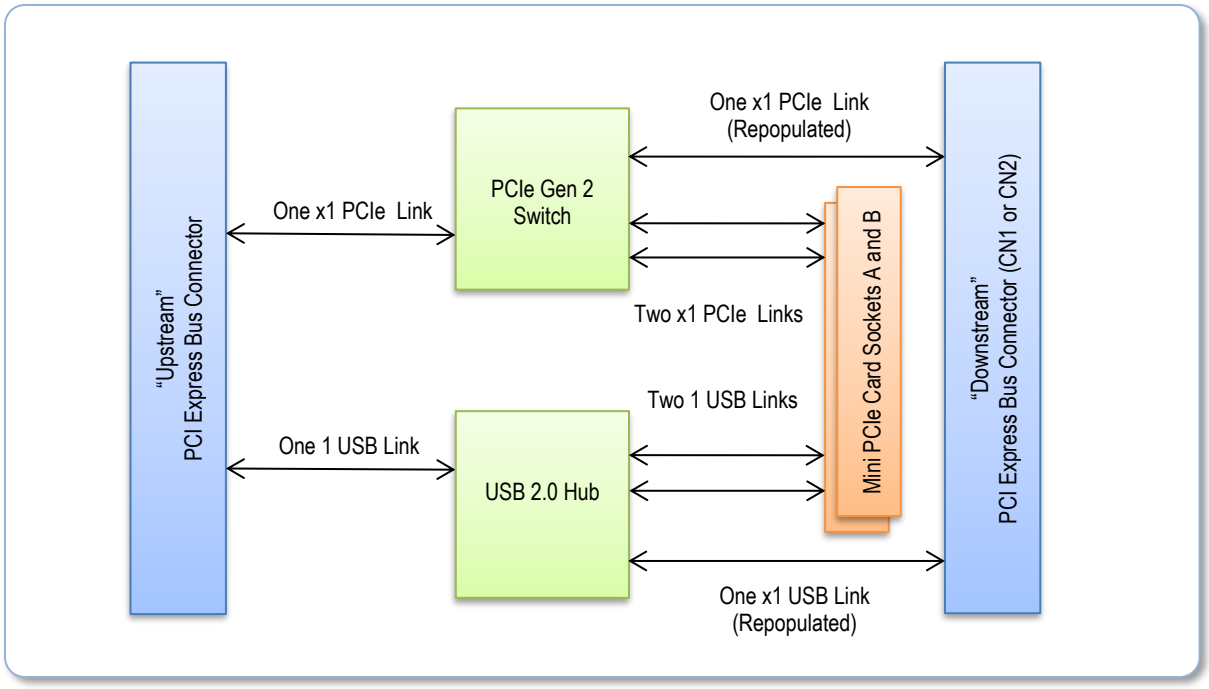

Figure 6: WLAN25203ER-GSM Link Repopulation Diagram (I/O Connectors Not Shown)

3.7 Wireless LAN Throughput

The maximum theoretical bandwidth of the AR9590 chipset is 450Mbps (56.25 MBytes/sec). To achieve this performance, the card must be connected to an access point with similar performance characteristics. Note that per the IEEE 802.11n Specification, a 450Mbps data rate requires the access point to support ***all*** of the following: 3x Spatial Streams, 40MHz Channel Width, and a 400ns Guard Interval.

3.8 Wireless LAN Antenna Considerations

Since the WLAN25203ER-GSM supports 3x3 MIMO operation, it is strongly recommended that all three antennas be connected for best performance. A dual-band (2.4GHz and 5GHz) antenna is recommended for maximum versatility. However, in an environment where it is known that only the 2.4GHz or 5GHz band will be used, a single-band antenna is acceptable.

3.9 Network Providers for the Sierra Wireless AirPrime MC7354

The Sierra Wireless AirPrime MC7354 module supports the following network carriers:

- AT&T (default)
- Bell
- Generic
- Rogers
- Sprint
- Telus
- US Cellular
- Verizon

The module is preconfigured such that AT&T is the network carrier. To utilize another carrier, download the updater utility from the Sierra Wireless website, along with the appropriate firmware and provisioning files which correspond to the desired carrier.

4 IDAN Connections

4.1 Module Handling Precautions

To prevent damage due to Electrostatic Discharge (ESD), keep your module in its antistatic bag until you are ready to install it into your system. When removing it from the bag, hold the module by the aluminum enclosure, and do not touch the components or connectors. Handle the module in an antistatic environment, and use a grounded workbench for testing and handling of your hardware.

4.2 Physical Characteristics

STEP model is available upon request; contact RTD Tech Support for more information.

- Weight: Approximately 0.23 Kg (0.50 lbs.)
- Dimensions: 152.0 mm L x 130.0 mm W x 17.0 mm H (5.98 in L x 5.12 in W x 0.67 in H)

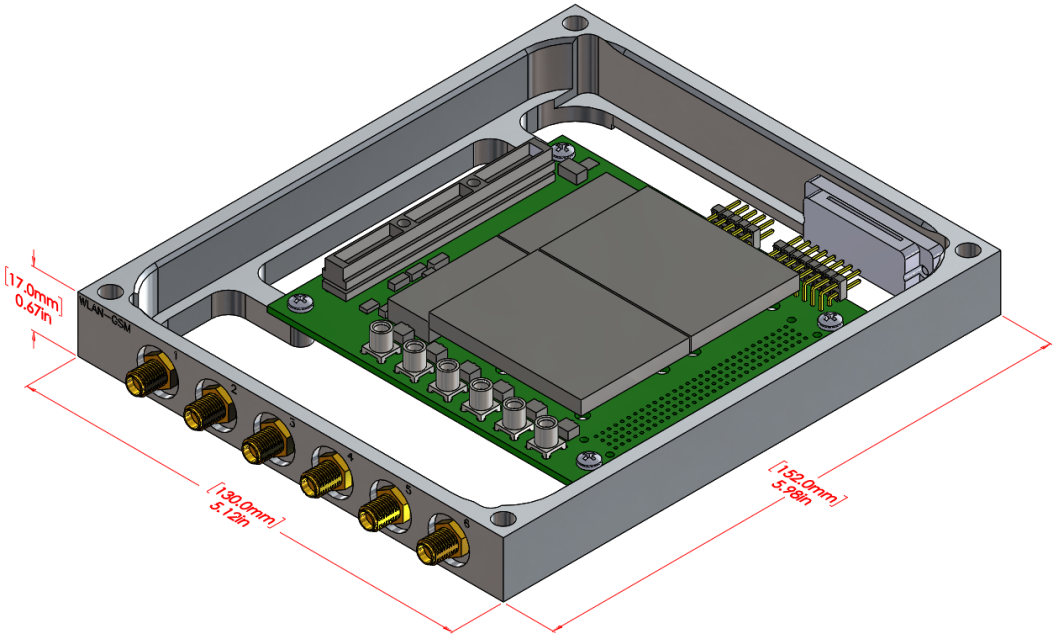

Figure 7: IDAN Dimensions

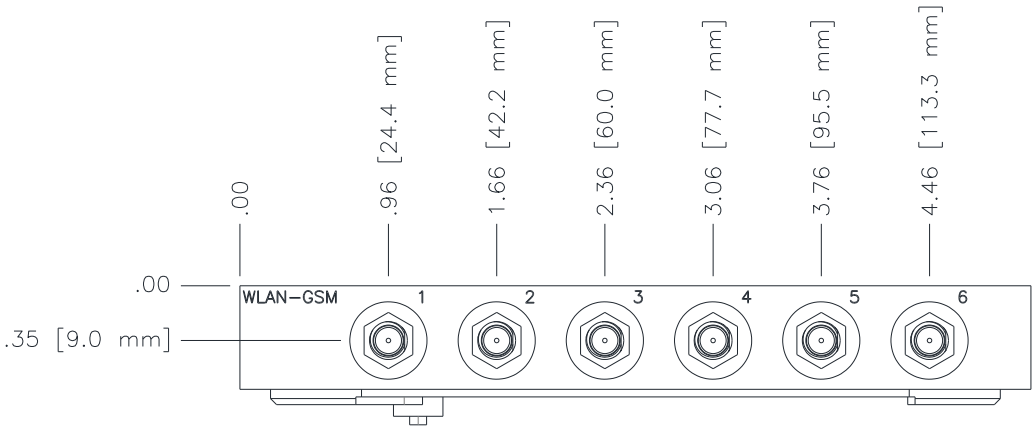

Figure 8: IDAN Front Panel Drawing

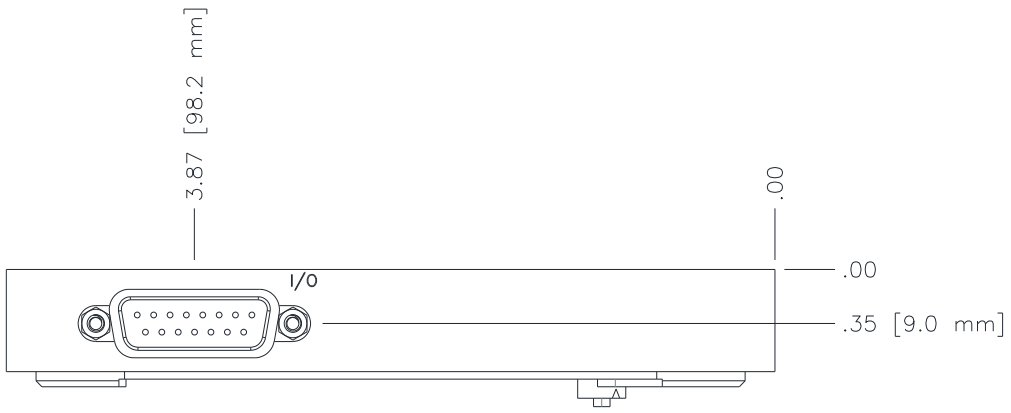

Figure 9: IDAN Back Panel Drawing

4.3 External I/O Connectors

This section describes the pinout for each connector on the IDAN-WLAN25203ER-GSM, and shows how the IDAN connector pins correspond to the pins of each I/O header on the WLAN25203ER-GSM.

4.3.1.1 ANTENNAE CONNECTORS

For improved signal transmission, three standard polarity SMA and three reverse polarity SMA (RP-SMA) connectors on the IDAN frame (labeled: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) allow the user to connect external antennae to GSM, GPS, and/or Wi-Fi Mini PCIe modules installed on the WLAN25203ER-GSM and WLAN35203ER-GSM. This connection is accomplished via the onboard MCX connectors (CN5, CN9, CN10, CN11, CN13, CN15).

For more information on the MCX connectors, see page 15.

The following table lists all connectors on the IDAN-WLAN25203ER-GSM frame as well as their mating connectors.

Table 12: IDAN Connectors and Mating Connectors

IDAN Designator	Board Designator	IDAN Connector Type	Function	Module Part Number	Mating Part Number
1	CN10	SMA Jack	Sierra Wireless MC7354 "MAIN" Antenna	Pomona Electronics 72956	Pomona Electronics 72943
2	CN9	SMA Jack	Sierra Wireless MC7354 "AUX" Antenna	Pomona Electronics 72956	Pomona Electronics 72943
3	CN15	SMA Jack	Sierra Wireless MC7354 "GPS" Antenna	Pomona Electronics 72956	Pomona Electronics 72943
4	CN13	RP-SMA Jack	Atheros 802.11 Antenna	Lighthorse Technologies, LTI-SASRF13RGT	Lighthorse Technologies, LTI-SASRM11GT
5	CN11	RP-SMA Jack	Atheros 802.11 Antenna	Lighthorse Technologies, LTI-SASRF13RGT	Lighthorse Technologies, LTI-SASRM11GT
6	CN5	RP-SMA Jack	Atheros 802.11 Antenna	Lighthorse Technologies, LTI-SASRF13RGT	Lighthorse Technologies, LTI-SASRM11GT

4.3.1.2 LED STATUS INDICATORS AND SOCKET W_DISABLE# INPUTS

A 15-pin female DSUB connector labeled "I/O" allows access to LED status indicators on the Mini PCI Express cards installed on the WLAN25203ER-GSM and WLAN25203ER-GSM, and also provides access to the W_DISABLE# input of each socket. For more information on the LED status indicators and socket W_DISABLE# input, see page 16.

The pin mapping of the 15-pin DSUB connector to connector CN4 on the WLAN25203ER-GSM and WLAN35203ER-GSM is shown in the following table:

Table 13: IDAN Pinout of LED Status and W_DISABLE# Connector (CN4)

15-pin female DSUB Pin #	CN4 Pin #	Function
1	1	Ground
2	3	Ground
3	5	Slot B LED_WWAN#
4	7	Slot B LED_WLAN#
5	9	Slot B LED_WPAN#
6	11	Slot A LED_WWAN#
7	13	Slot A LED_WLAN#
8	15	Slot A LED_WPAN#
9	2	Slot B W_DISABLE#
10	4	Slot A W_DISABLE#
11	6	+3.3V
12	8	+3.3V
13	10	+3.3V
14	12	+3.3V
15	14	+3.3V
--	16	+3.3V

The LED signals and W_DISABLE# inputs are directly connected to the Mini PCI Express slots. The behavior of these signals will depend on the card installed. For more information, refer to the PCI Express Mini Card Electromechanical specification.

4.4 Steps for Installing

1. Always work at an ESD protected workstation, and wear a grounded wrist-strap.
2. Turn off power to the IDAN system.
3. Remove the module from its anti-static bag.
4. Check that pins of the bus connector are properly positioned.
5. Check the stacking order; make sure all of the busses used by the peripheral cards are connected to the cpuModule.
6. Hold the module by its edges and orient it so the bus connector pins line up with the matching connector on the stack.
7. Gently and evenly press the module onto the IDAN system.
8. If any boards are to be stacked above this module, install them.
9. Finish assembling the IDAN stack by installing screws of an appropriate length.
10. Attach any necessary cables to the IDAN system.
11. Re-connect the power cord and apply power to the stack.
12. Boot the system and verify that all of the hardware is working properly.

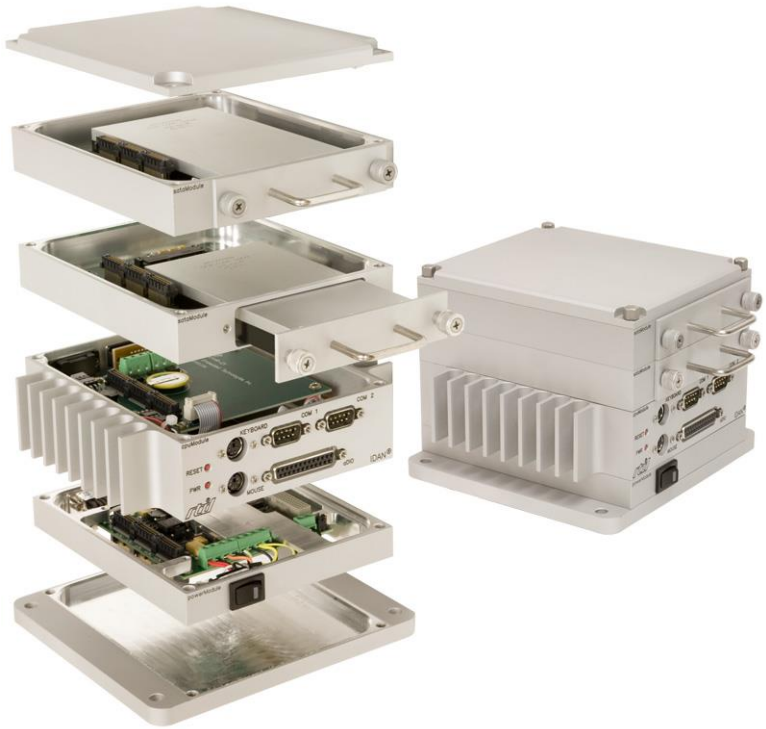

Figure 10: Example IDAN System

5 Troubleshooting

If you are having problems with your system, please try the following initial steps:

- **Simplify the System** – Remove modules one at a time from your system to see if there is a specific module that is causing a problem. Perform you troubleshooting with the least number of modules in the system possible.

- **Swap Components** – Try replacing parts in the system one at a time with similar parts to determine if a part is faulty or if a type of part is configured incorrectly.

If problems persist, or you have questions about configuring this product, contact RTD Embedded Technologies via the following methods:

Phone: +1-814-234-8087
E-Mail: techsupport@rtd.com

Be sure to check the RTD web site (http://www.rtd.com) frequently for product updates, including newer versions of the board manual and application software.

6 Additional Information

6.1 PC/104 Specifications

A copy of the latest PC/104 specifications can be found on the webpage for the PC/104 Embedded Consortium:

www.pc104.org

6.2 PCI and PCI Express Specification

A copy of the latest PCI and PCI Express specifications can be found on the webpage for the PCI Special Interest Group:

www.pcisig.com

6.3 PCI Express Mini Card Electromechanical Specification

A copy of the latest PCI Express Mini Card Electromechanical Specification can also be found on the webpage for the PCI Special Interest Group:

www.pcisig.com

6.4 Sierra Wireless

Documentation for the Sierra Wireless AirPrime MC7354 module is available on the Sierra Wireless website. Here, you can also download the Sierra Wireless drivers for Windows and Linux, as well as firmware and provisioning files to support alternate network providers.

www.sierrawireless.com

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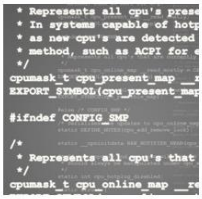

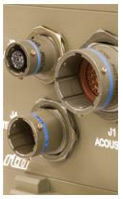
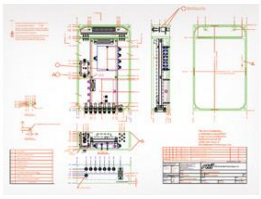

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