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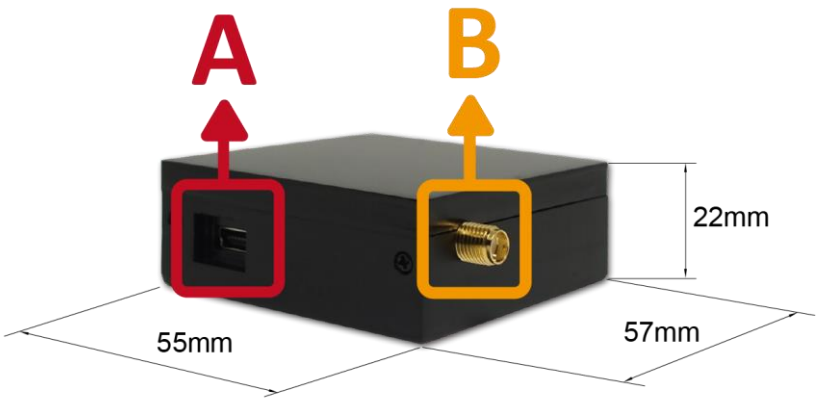
1. Introduction

This document is the user guide of the EVB (Evaluation Board) of all LOCOSYS Sub-meter products.

2. Introduction to EVK

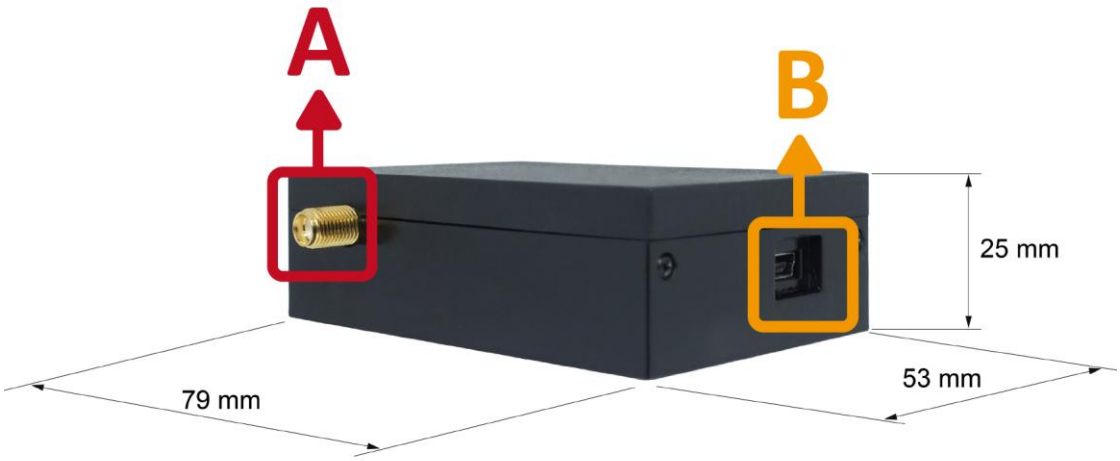
2.1 EVB of Sub-meter Module (For Module input voltage 3.3V)



A	USB Connector
B	RF Connector

Figure 1: EVB of Sub-Meter Module Top View (For Module input voltage 3.3V)

2.2 EVB of Sub-meter Module (For Module input voltage 1.8V)



A	RF Connector
B	USB Connector

Figure 2: EVB of Sub-meter Module Top View (For Module input voltage 1.8V)

2.3 Accessories

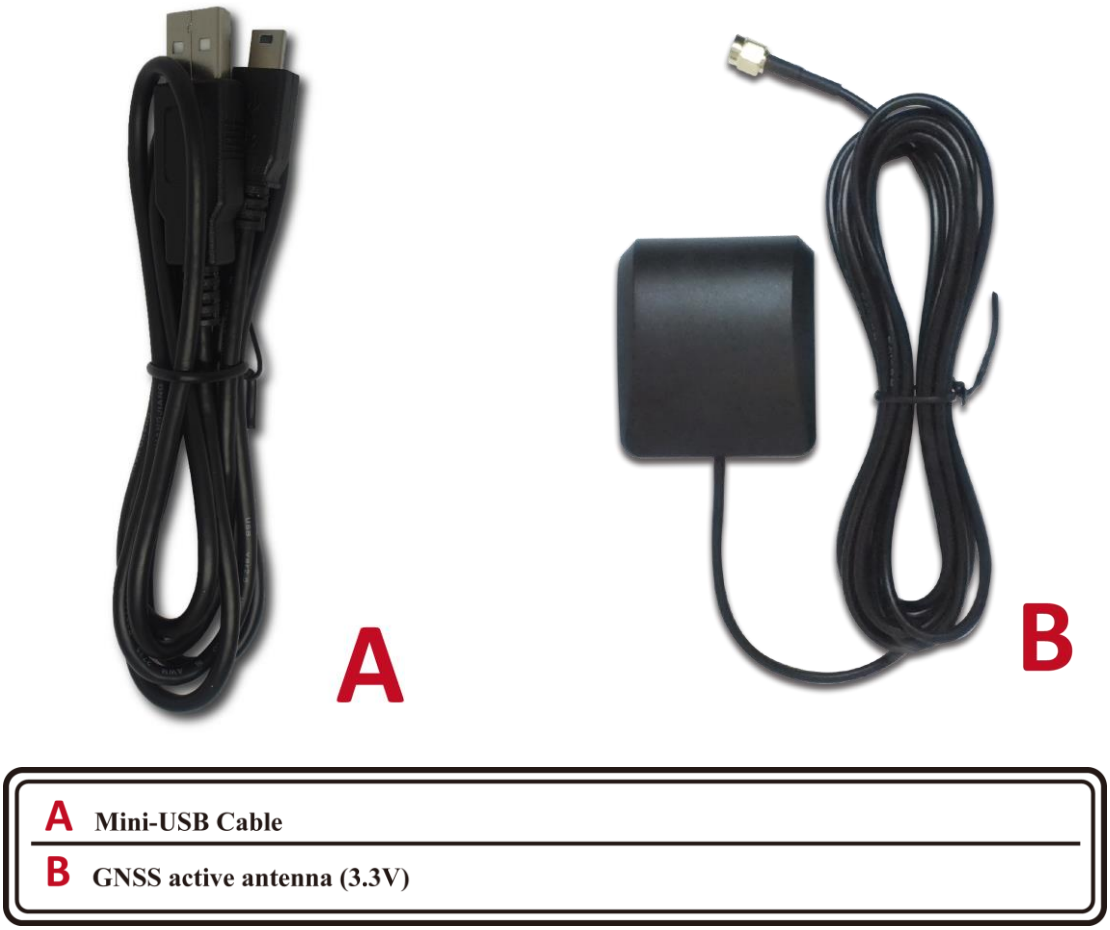


Figure 3: Accessories

3. Install Device Driver

If your Windows OS is Windows 7, please install the Device Driver.

Before you connect the EVB with your computer, please check if your computer has installed a Driver already or not. Please go to the following file path and check: “My Computer” > “Computer Management” > “System Tools” > “Device Manager” > “Ports (COM & LPT)” > “USB-Serial Controller D”.

If your screen is shown like below one, it means your computer has not installed the Driver yet.

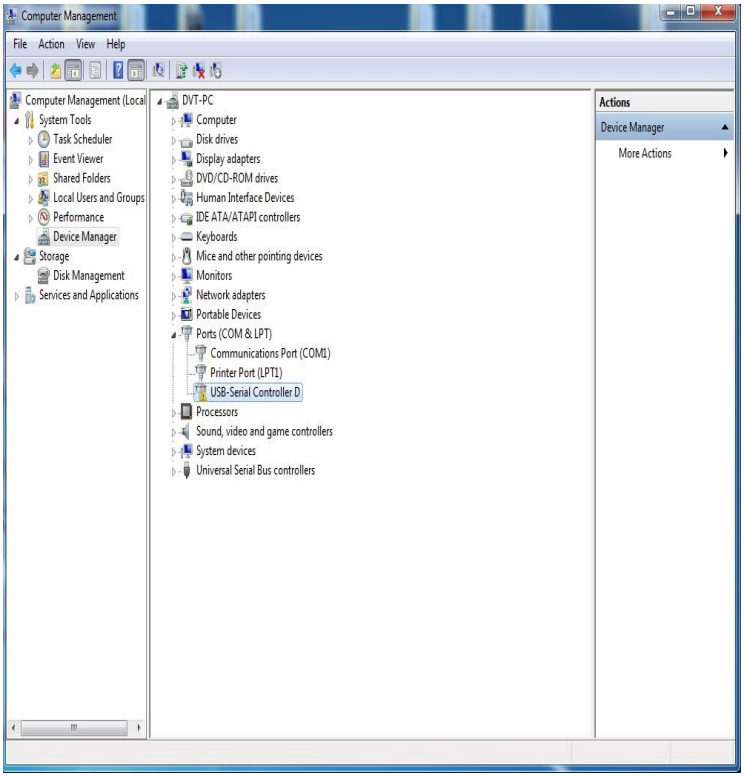


Figure 4: Computer Management

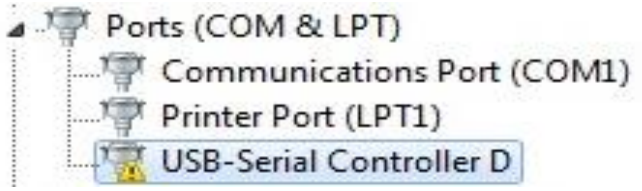


Figure 5: USB-Serial Controller D

Step 1: Power on your computer and boot to Windows. Run or double-click the PL-2303 Windows Driver Installer program.

Step 2: The InstallShield Wizard will be displayed to inform you that the PL-2303 USB-to-Serial driver will be installed on your computer. Click Next to continue.

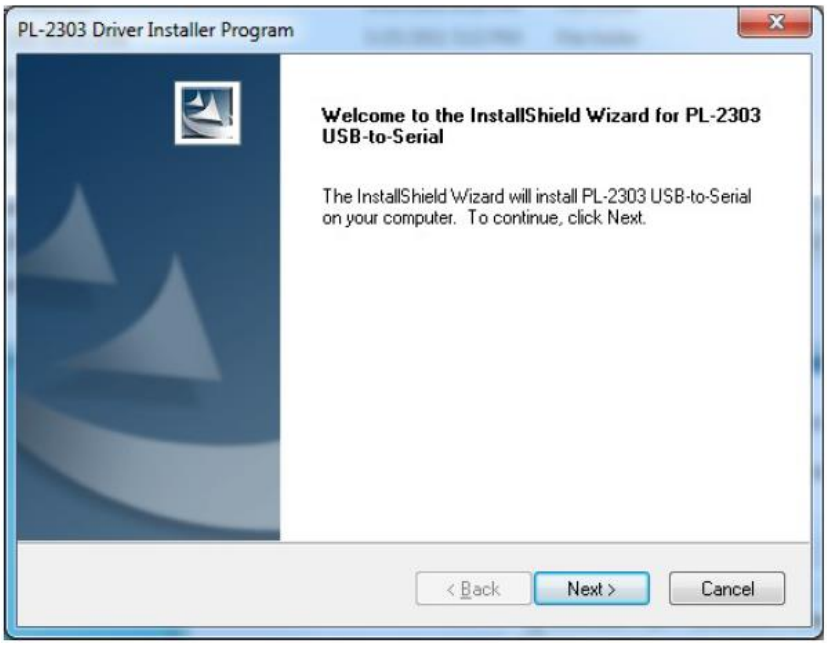


Figure 6: Install Prolific PL2303 driver

Step 3: The PL-2303 Driver Installer program will then start to install the drivers needed.

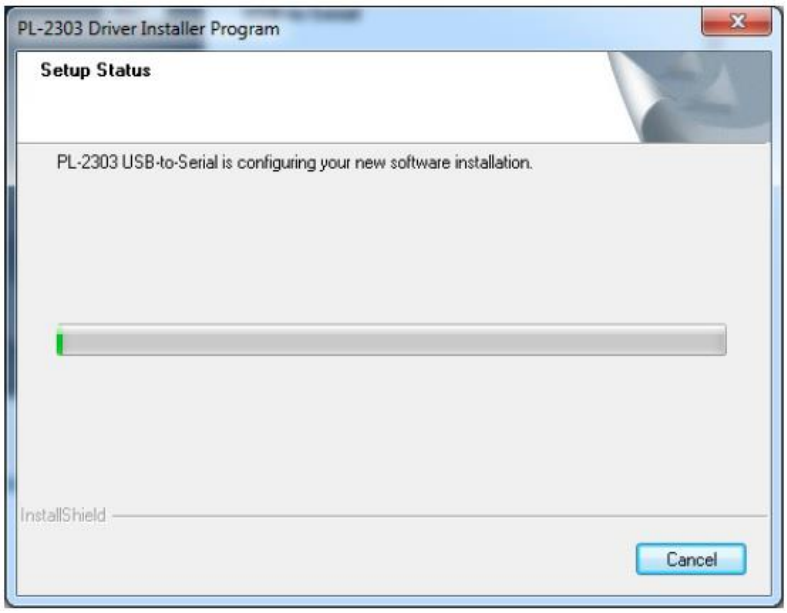


Figure 7: Prolific PL2303 driver setup status

Step 4: Click the Finish button to close the InstallShield program. If you have plugged the cable into the PC while running the setup installation, please unplug and replug the cable for the system to detect the device.

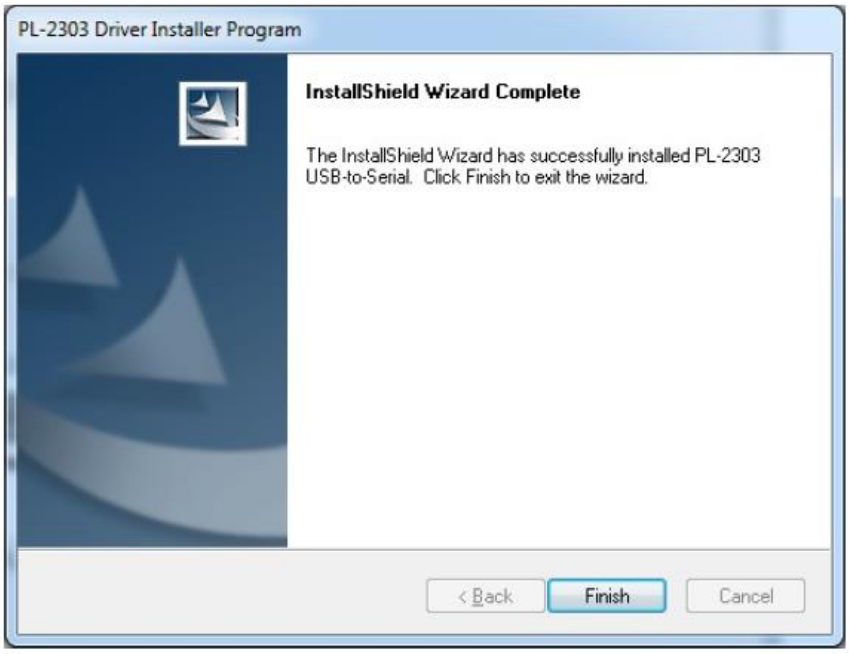


Figure 8: Prolific PL2303 driver Installshield complete

Step 5: Plug in the USB to Serial adapter to the PC USB port. Windows should detect the driver as Prolific USB-to-Serial Comm Port. Go to Device Manager and check for the "Prolific USB-to-Serial Comm Port" device and the COM port number assigned by Windows.

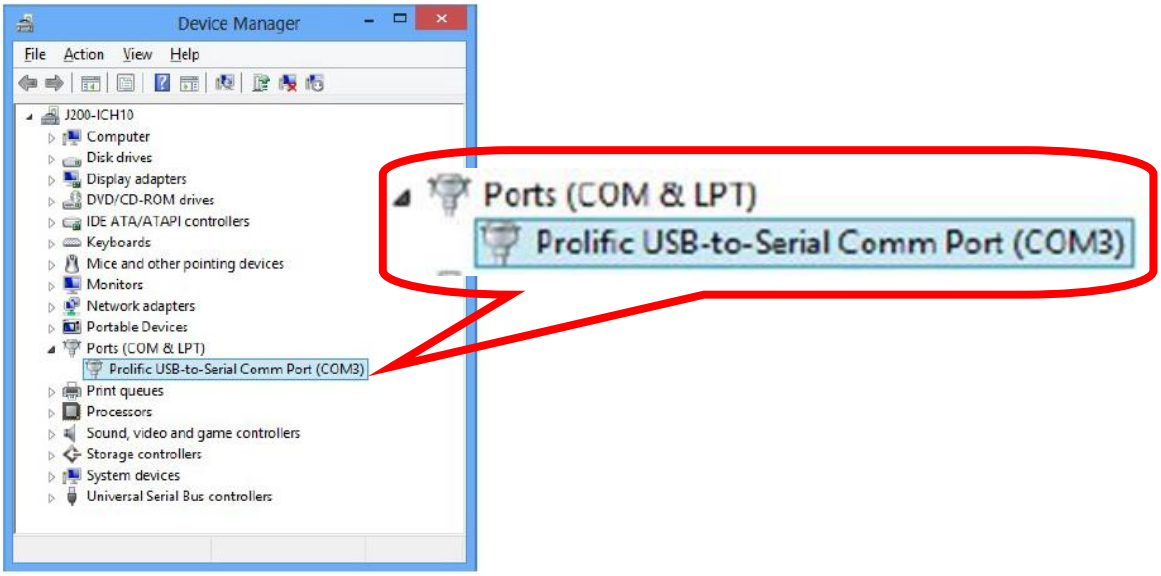


Figure 9: Prolific USB-to-Serial Comm Port (COM3)

4. Starting GPS Fox

4.1 Getting Started

4.1.1 System Requirements

To use GPSFox on a Windows PC, you must have at least the following:

- Operating System : Windows XP, Windows 7, or Windows 10
- CPU: Celeron 1.6GHz or above
- System Memory (RAM) : 2048 MB RAM and above
- Hard Disk : 50MB free space
- Screen : 800x600, "16-bit High Color" screen
- Internet: 802.11a/b/g/n/ac or Ethernet

4.1.2 Installation

Make sure the driver for USB has been successfully installed on your host PC/Notebook, and just copy GPSFox.exe to a new empty folder on your hard disk .Create a shortcut on desktop if necessary.

(The USB driver can be downloaded from our website: http://www.locosystech.com)

4.1.3 Uninstallation

This program does not add any key to system registry. If you don't want it to keep it no more, just delete the provided files and its shortcut from your hard disk.

4.2 Launch GPSFox

1. Please open GPSFOX software and then choose a corresponding COM Port.

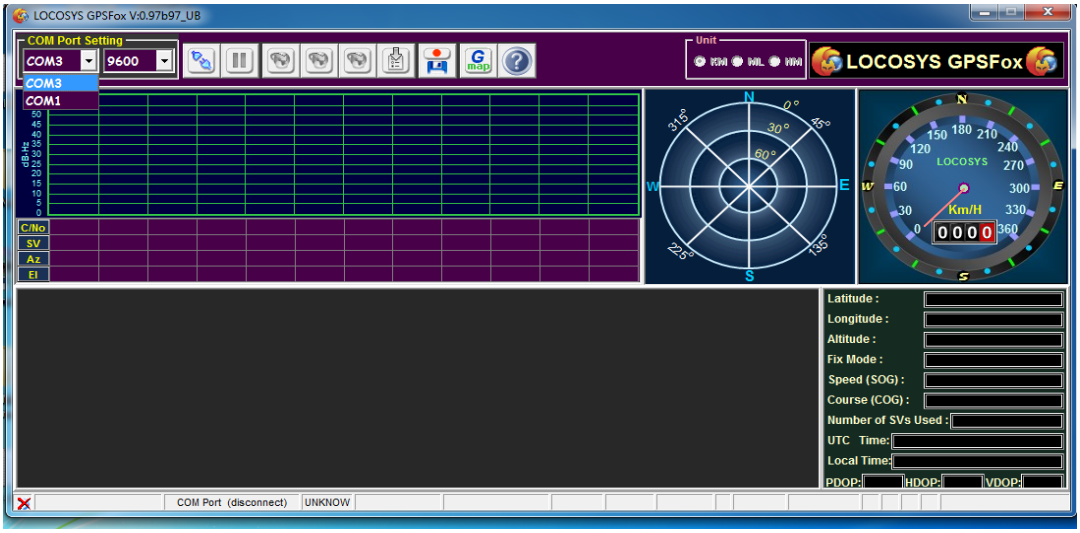


Figure 10: Choose a corresponding

2. Please choose corresponding Baudrate.

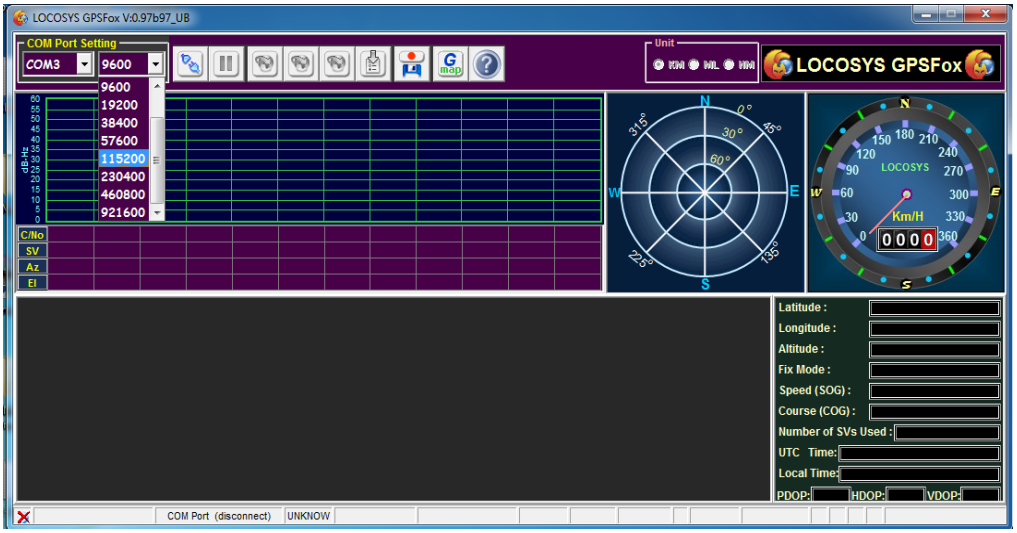


Figure 11: Choose corresponding Baudrate

3. Please press the “Connect to GNSS Receiver” button to connect your GNSS module.

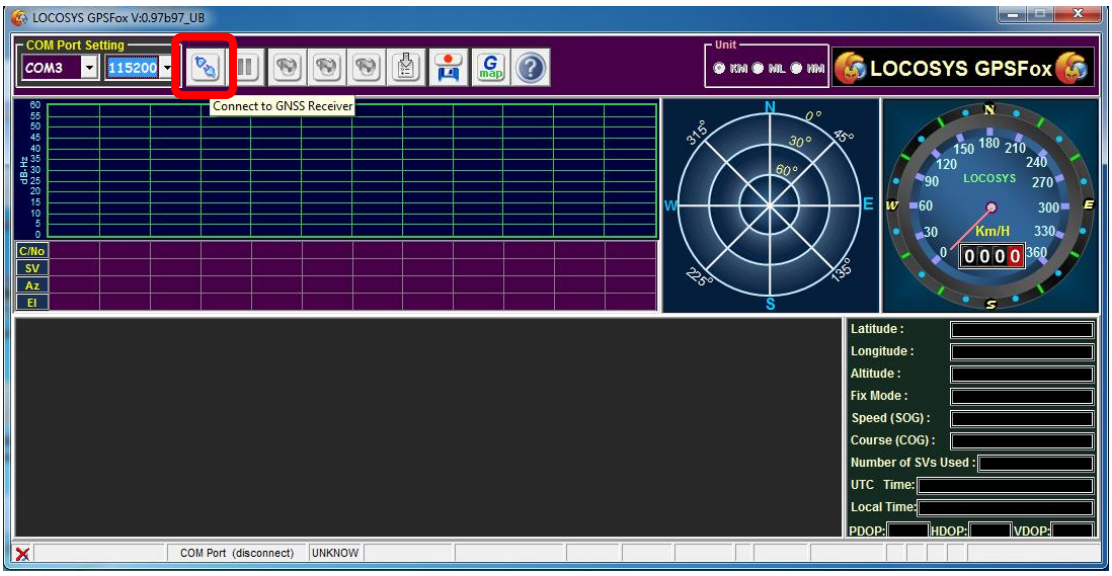


Figure 12: Connect to GNSS Receiver button

4. If you hope to disconnect your connected module, please press “Disconnect” button.

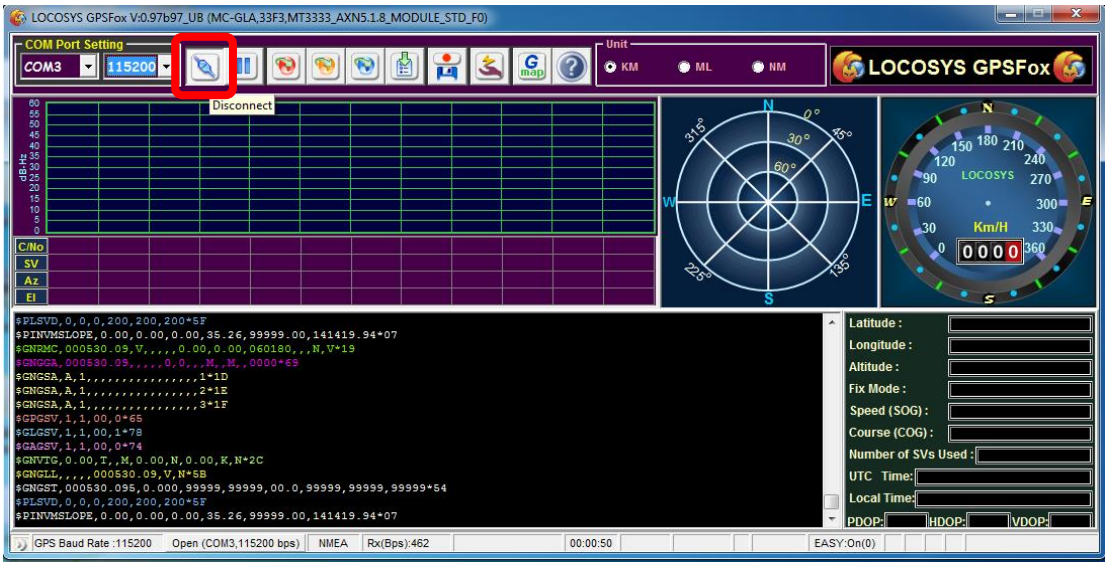


Figure 13: Disconnect button

5. If you want to view NMEA signals, please press “Click to Pause” button to temporarily pause the NMEA signals input, and then you can view its signals.

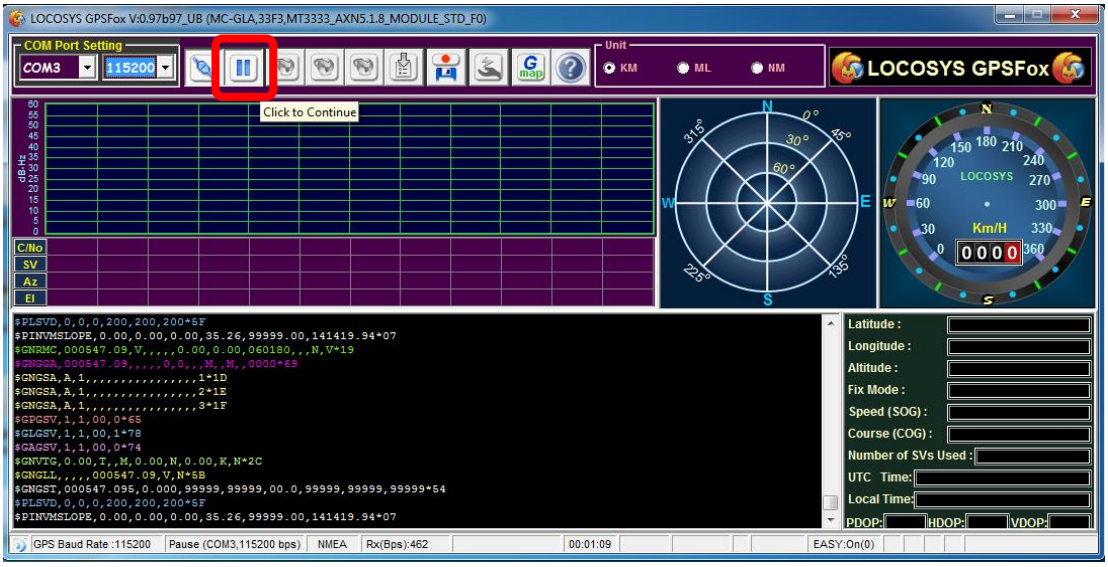


Figure 14: Click to Pause button

6. When you first connect your module, please press “Cold Start” button or “Factory Default” button to clear the original positioning data of the module. Then it can be re-located.

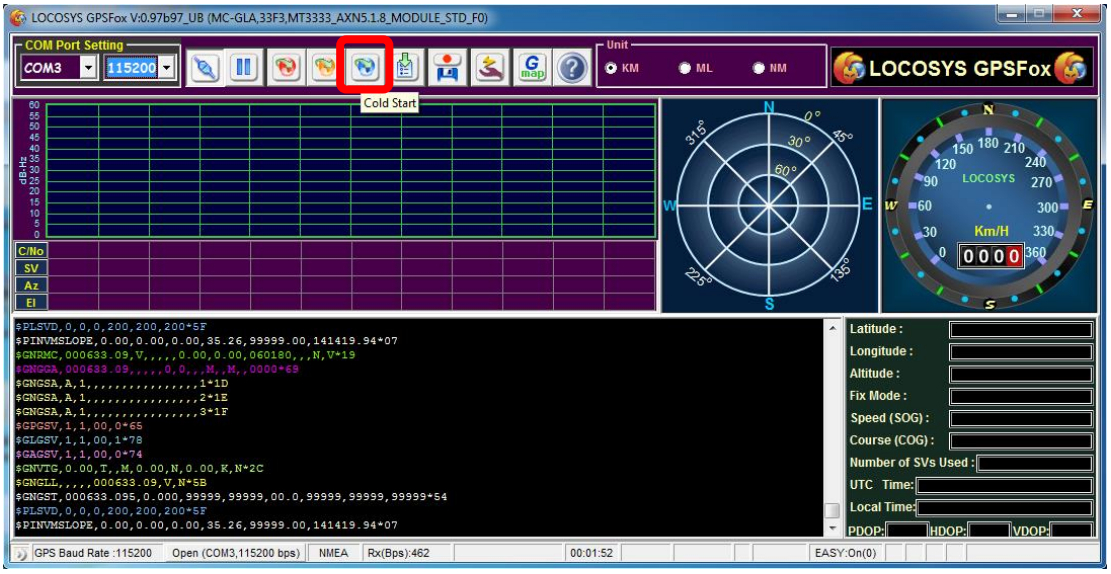


Figure 15: Cold Start button

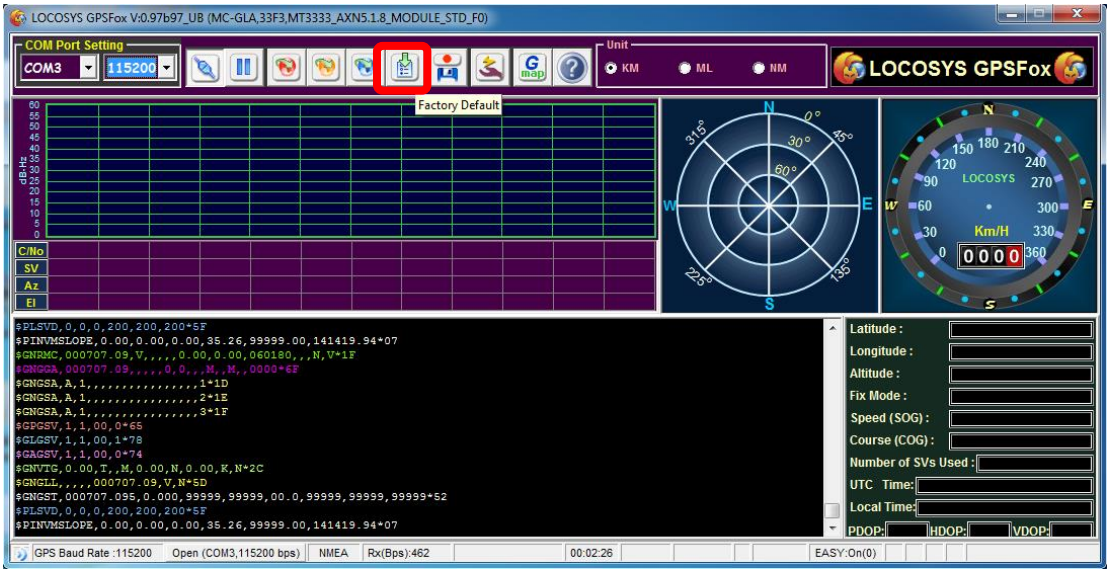


Figure 16: Factory Default button

7. If you want to save the Log file of NMEA data, please press “Start to Log data” button.

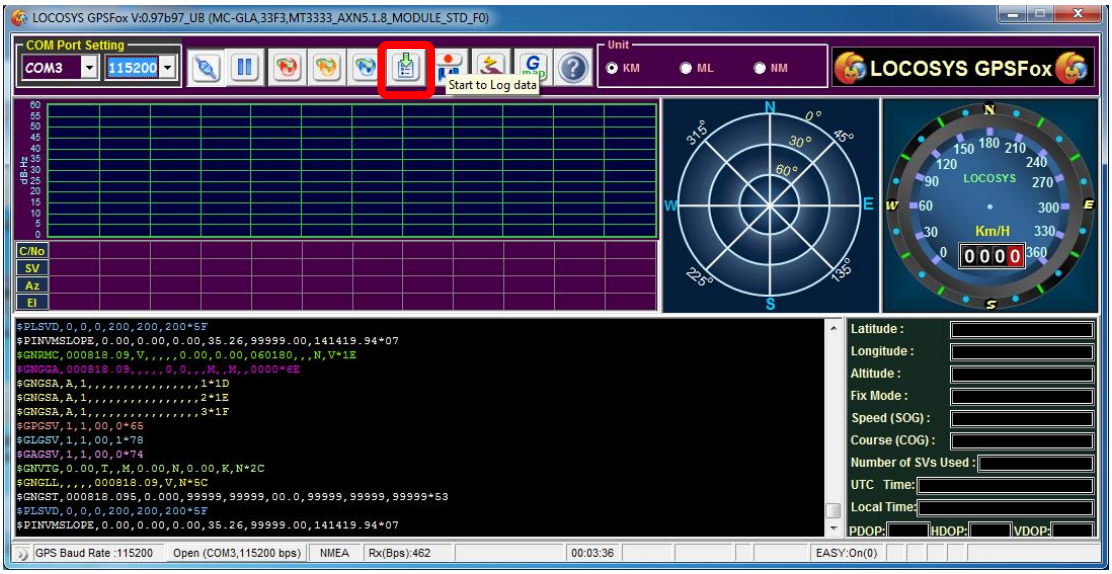


Figure 17: Start to Log data button

8. Please choose the file path where you want to save, and type a file name. Then please press “SAVE” button and it can start recording NMEA LOG Data.

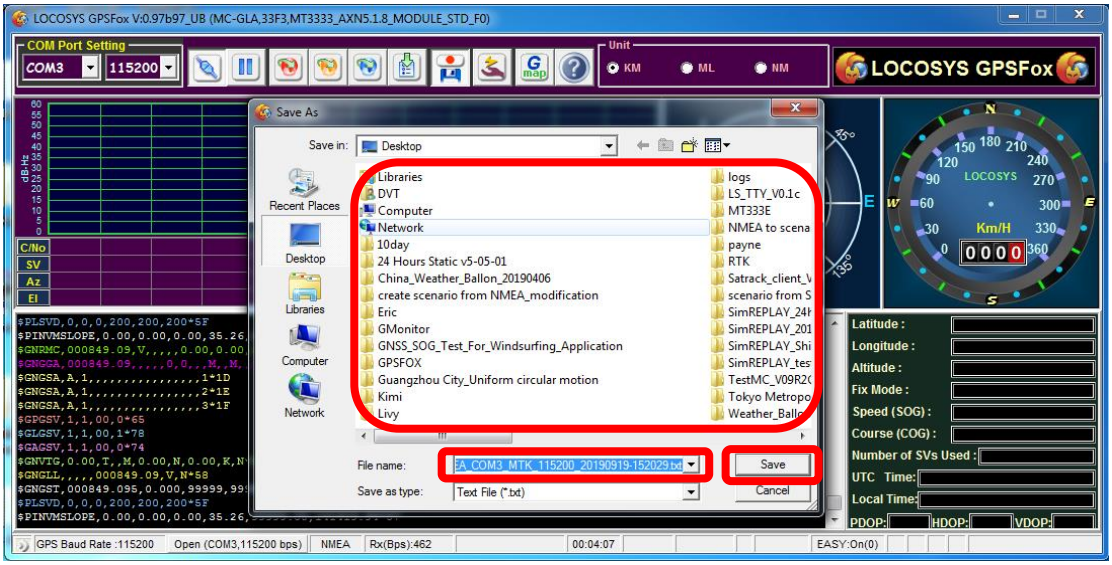


Figure 18: press SAVE button

9. When the recording is completed, please press “Stop Log” button. The Log Data will then be saved accordingly.

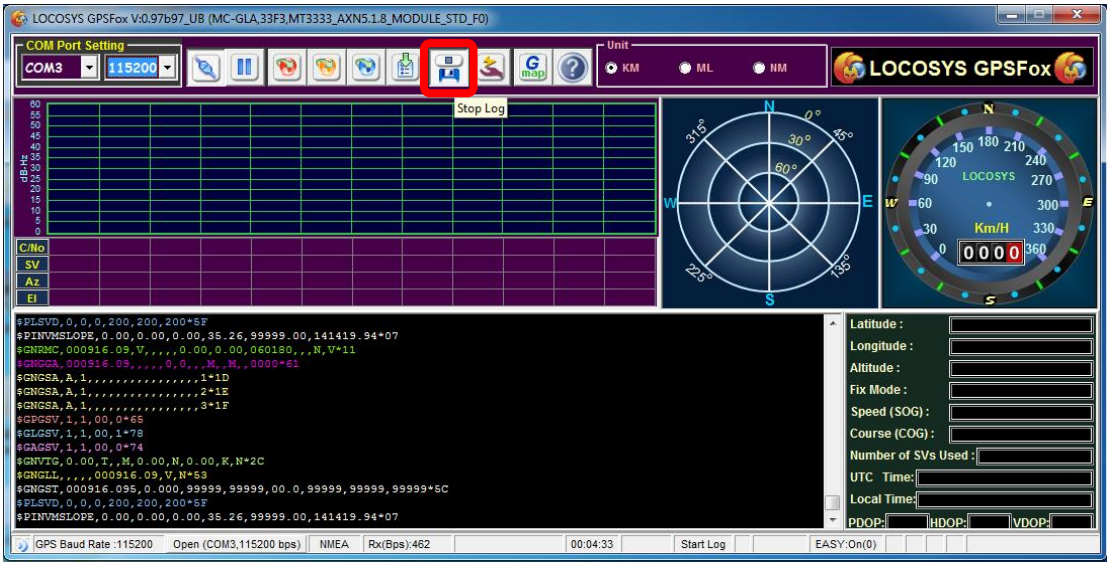


Figure 19: Stop Log button

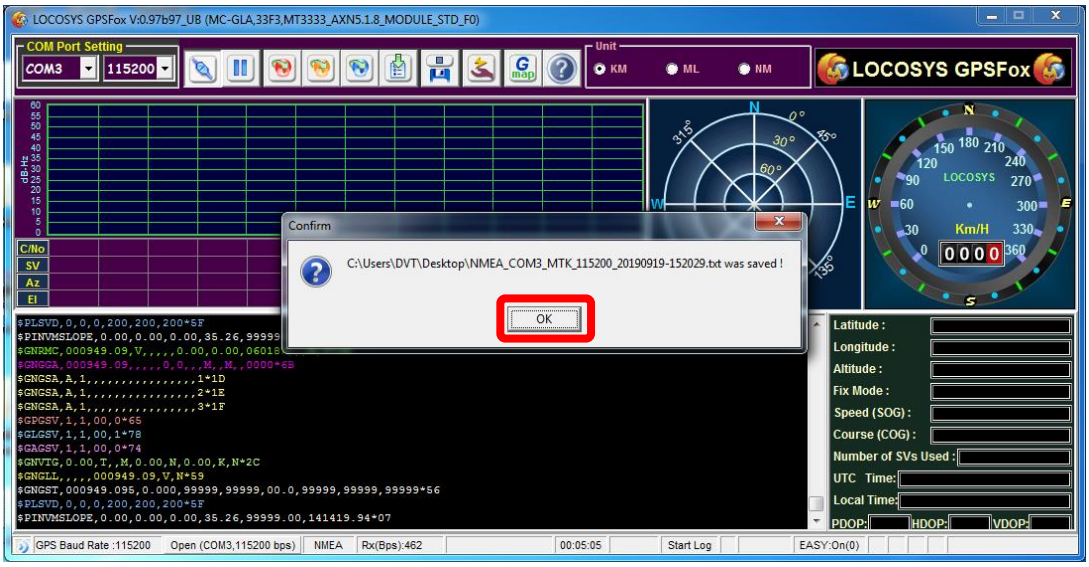


Figure 20: Log Data will then be saved accordingly

4.3 About the GPSFox

1. Double click on the GPSFox.exe or the GPSFox's shortcut  on windows desktop.

2. Select the "COM Port" and "Baud Rate" apply to the host PC.

3. Click "Connect to GNSS"  and then the NMEA output messages will display in the NMEA View.

The GPSFox is an easy-to-use utility which can display graphically specific NMEA 0183 message received from GNSS receiver. There are five information areas, one function bar and some status indicators in the main form.

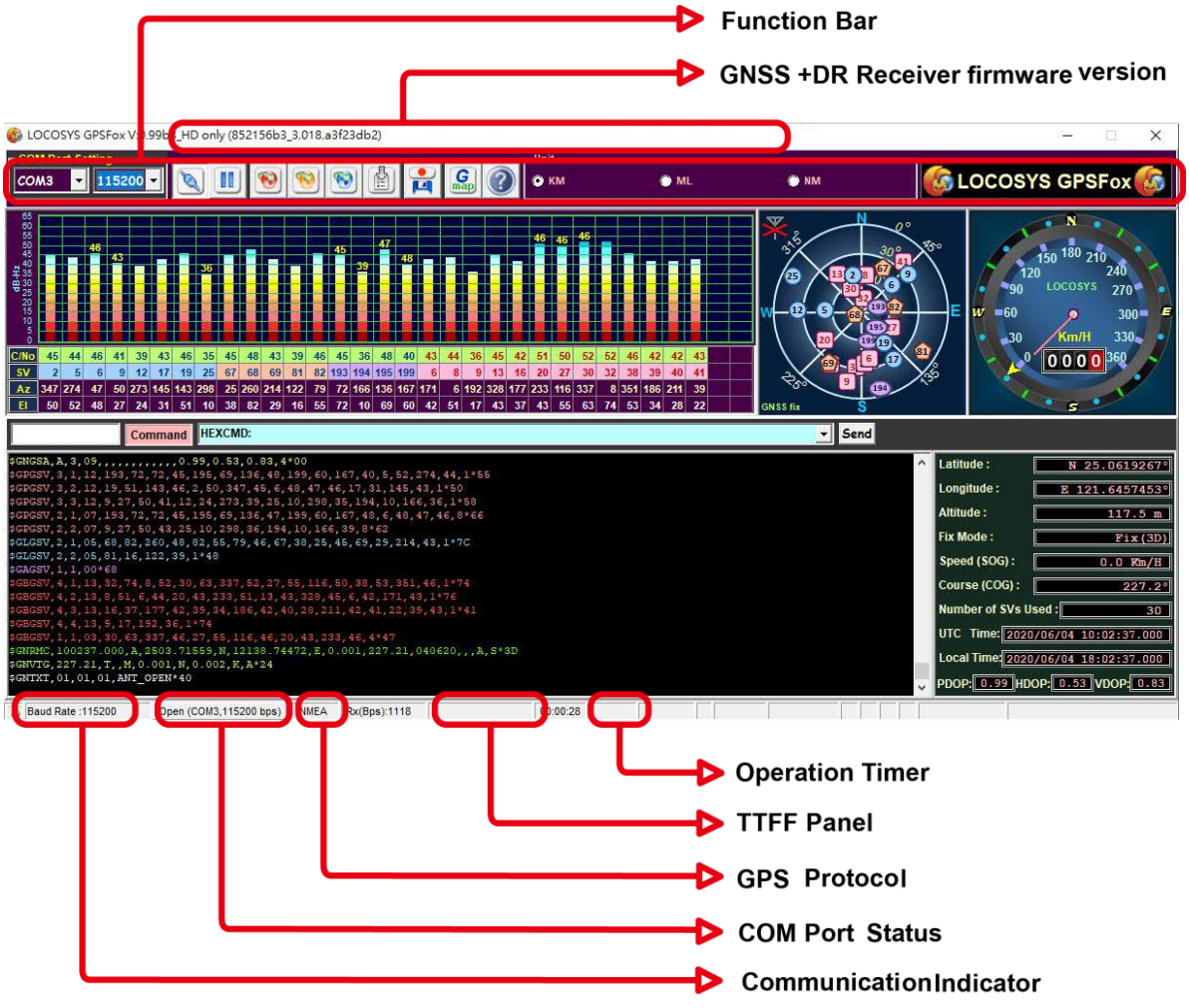


Figure 21: GPSFox

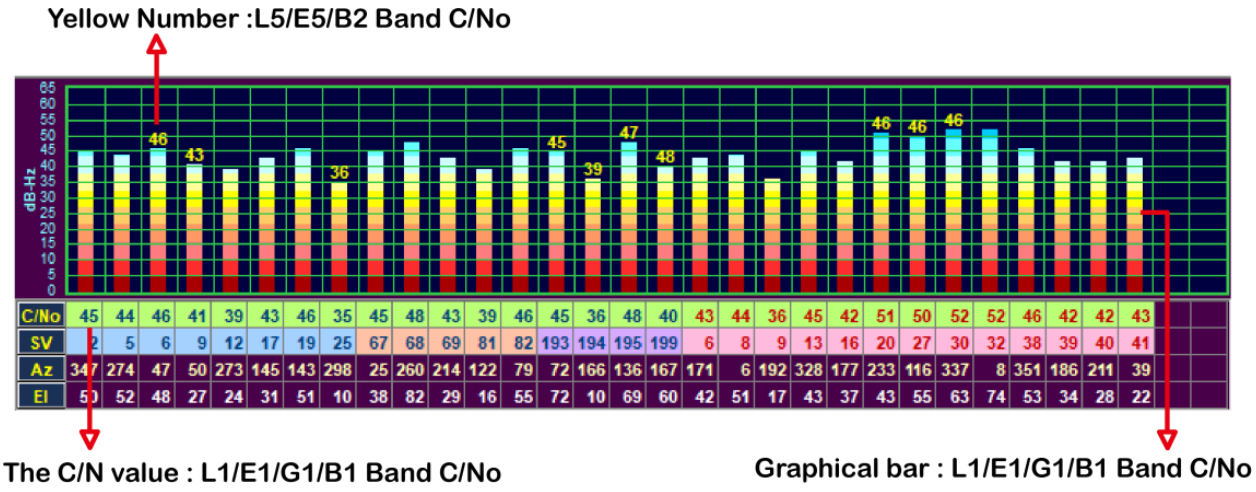
The **Multiband Constellations Signal Level View** displays the satellite number(SV), azimuth(Az), elevation(El) of tracked and available satellites in a text form. It also shows the C/No value in both text and graphical forms.

※The C/N value of L1/E1/G1/B1 Band: It displays as both "a number inside the C/No columns" and also "graphical bar".

※The C/N value of L5/E5/B2 Band: It displays as "Yellow Number" above the graphical bar. If there is NO "Yellow Number" above the graphical bar, it means there is no L5/E5/B2 band.

For MC-1010-V2x / MC-1612-V2x/ LS2003x-V2 / LS2303x-V2

For HD-1612-BV2 / LS2008x-BV2/ LS2308x-BV2



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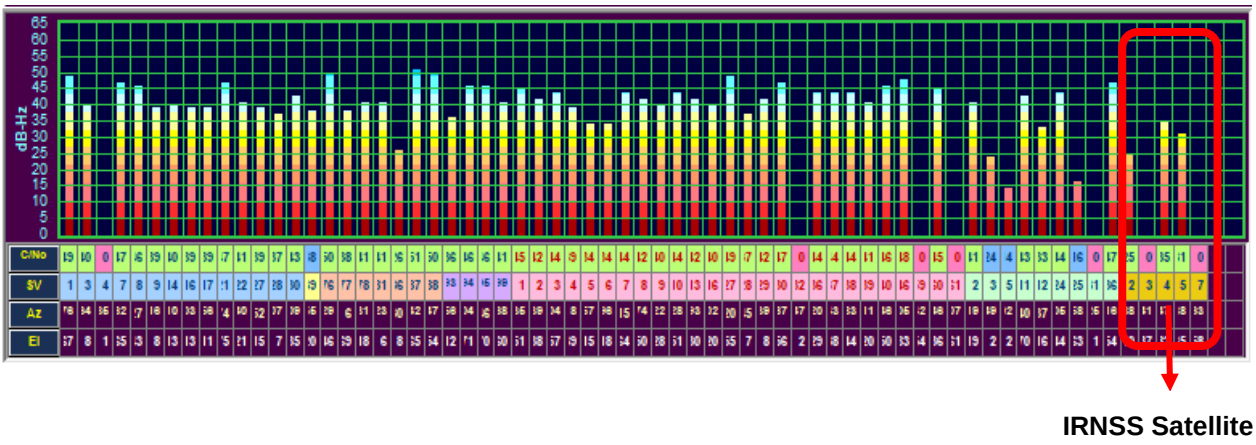


Figure 22-1: Multiband Constellations Signal Level View

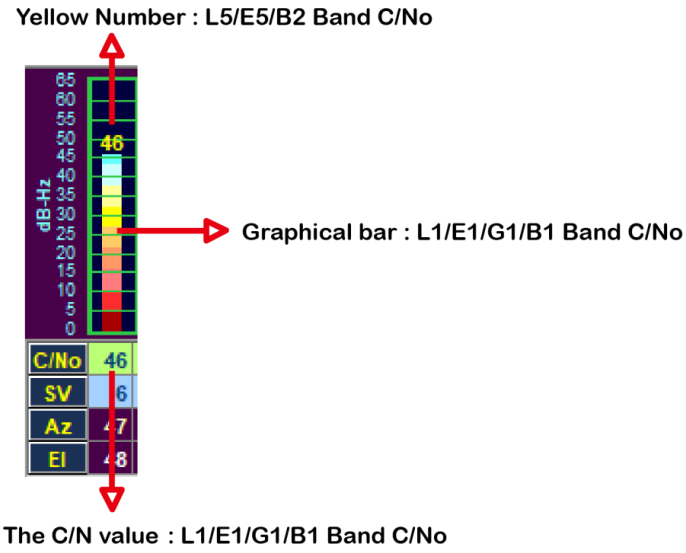
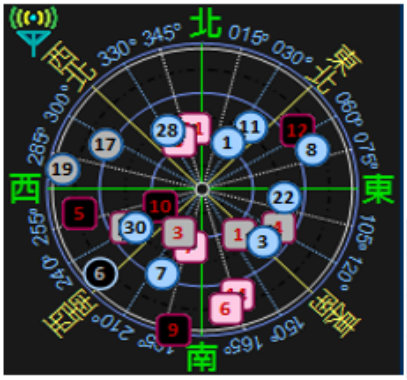


Figure 22-2: Multiband Constellations Signal Level View (Partial Enlarged View)

The **Radar View** displays the azimuth and elevation of tracked and available satellites in a graphical form. The color of the satellite status is:



Type	Description
Solid with Same Color	Satellites being used in the position solution
Solid with Gray Color	Satellites being tracked but not used
Hollow	Satellites that are not tracked and are not used in the position solution

Icon	Description
	Active antenna connected
	Antenna short
	Active antenna not connected

Figure 23: Radar View

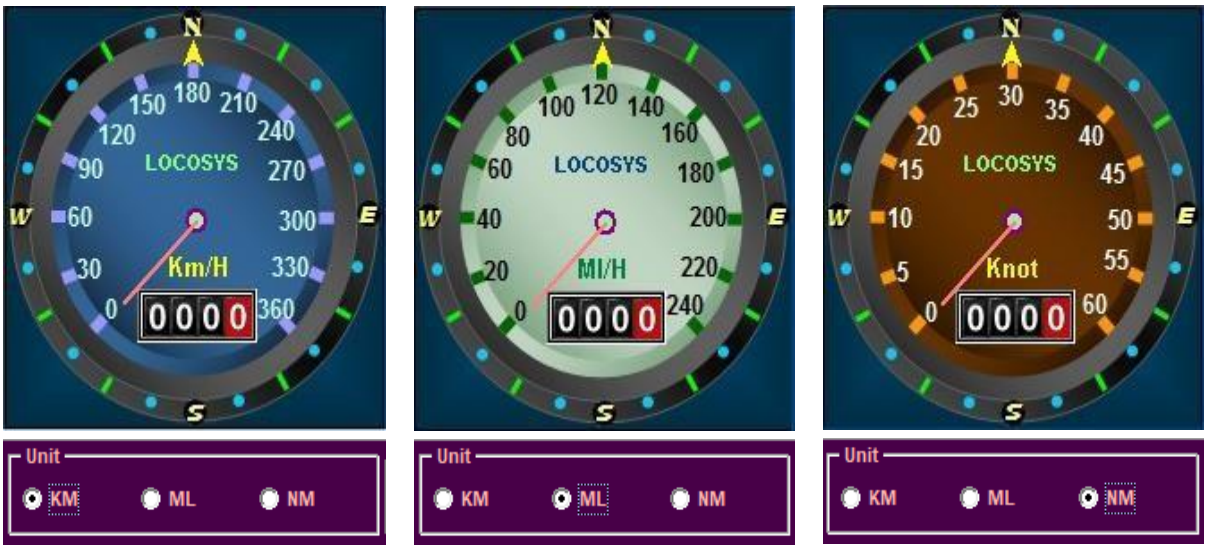


Figure 24: COG&SOG View

The **COG&SOG View** displays the GNSS speed and direction in a graphical form. There are three measurement systems can be shown: Metric (Km), Impearl (Mile) or Nautical Mile (Knot). You can select the unit of measurement in the Unit selection box on ***Function Bar*** by click the item of Km, Mile or Knot.

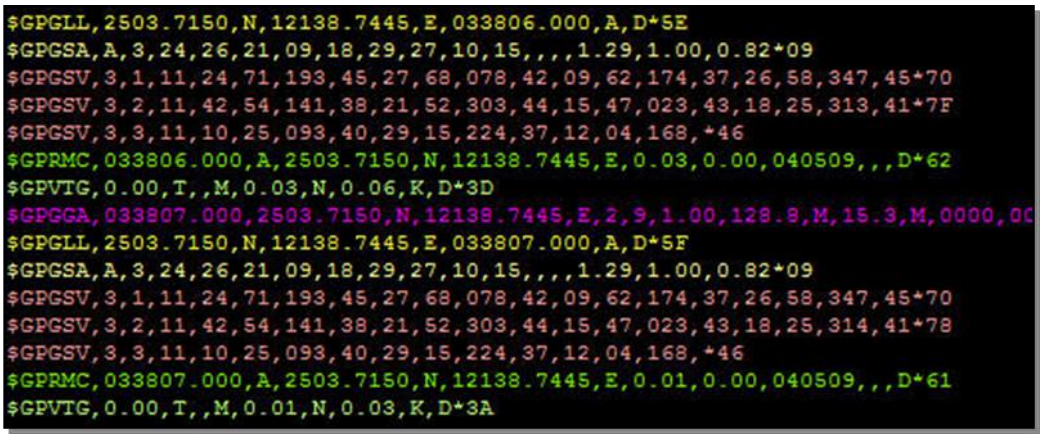
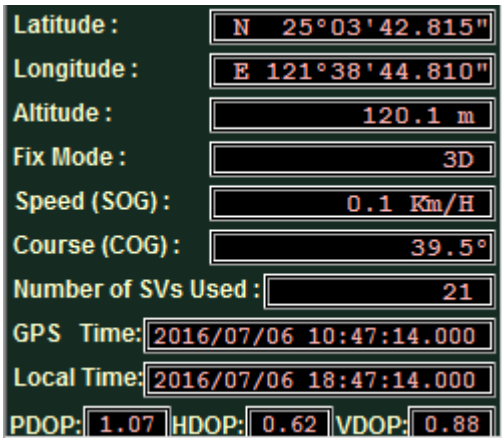


Figure 25: NMEA View

The **NMEA View** displays the original NMEA messages received from GNSS receiver. If you want to clear the content of **NMEA View**, just right-click in **NMEA View** area and click the ***Clear*** item on popup menu.



The **Navigation View** displays the primary navigation information, the units of measurements are determined in the Unit selection box.

Fix Mode	Description
not Fix	Fix not available
2D	2D (<4 SVs used)
3D	3D (>3 SVs used)

Figure 26: Navigation View

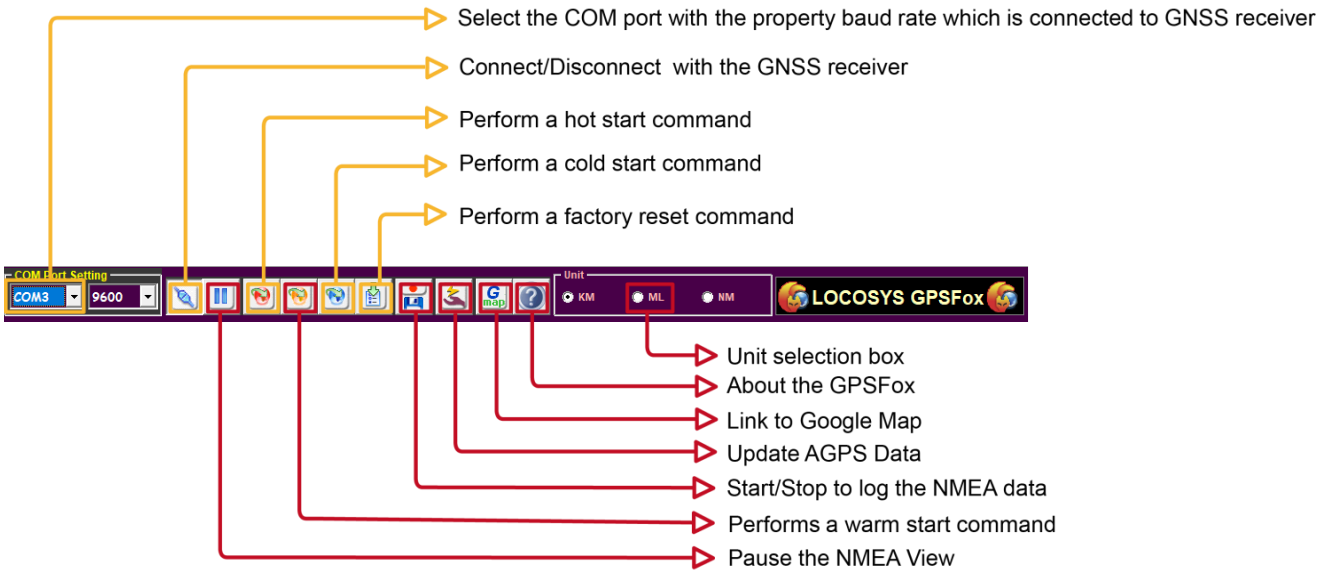


Figure 27: Function Bar

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Figure 28: About the GPSFox

: Update AGPS data

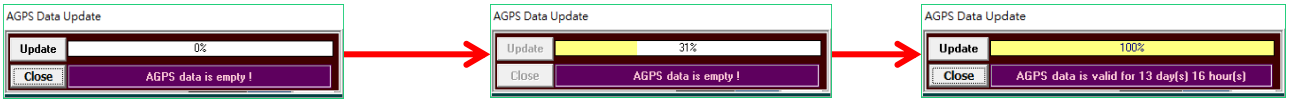

Figure 29: Update AGPS data

Clicks the AGPS button for updating EPO data.

If AGPS function is enabled, GPSFox has automatically upload AGPS data to GNSS receiver. Therefore, the TTFF of cold start or warm start with AGPS will faster than them without AGPS aiding.

Desktop or laptop PC needs to connect with Internet when you evaluate the AGPS function.

GNSS Receiver's Firmware version

The firmware version can be found after left top LOCOSYS GPSFox's logo & version.

Figure 30: GNSS Receiver's Firmware version

Command line Support:

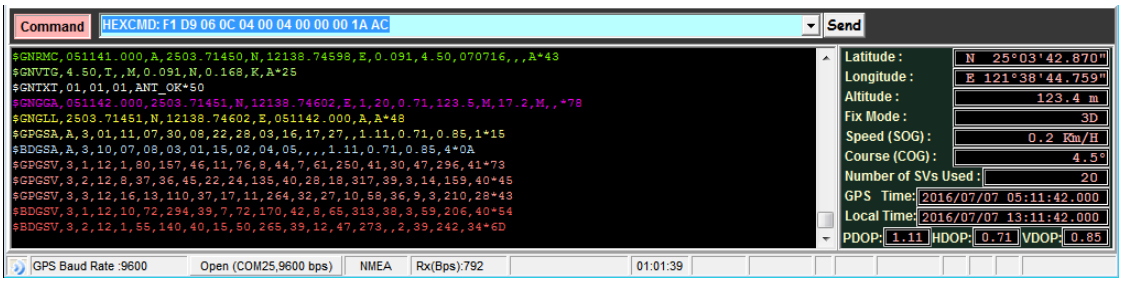

Figure 31: Command line

The version GPSFox can support manual input command. You need to call a hidden command line out. Hold Ctrl key and use mouse to click top right GPSFox logo. An input window will prompt up. Key in "**commandbox"** then clicks okay button. A hidden command line wills come out.

You can use the command line to input HED proprietary binary command. Before you input HED binary command you should key in "**HEXCMD:"** for GPSFox accepting.

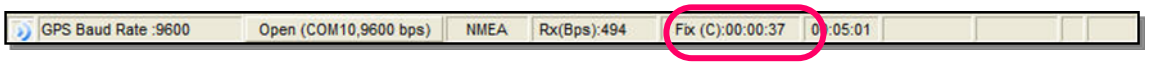

Figure 32: TTFF panel

If you perform a Hot/Warm/Cold Start command, the information of TTFF(Time To First Fix) will display on the TTFF panel.

5. FAQ (Trouble Shooting)

1. Why can't I open the google?

Ans :

(1) Please check if your computer has been connected to the internet or not.

(2) Please check if GNSS has been positioned.

2. Why does the screen only show NMEA messages without any color?

Ans :

It is because GPSFox cannot tell which firmware version of your products is.

(1) For EVK: please unplug and re-plug your USB cable to connect GPSFox.

(2) For GPS/GNSS Module: please check if "the RX pin of GPS/GNSS module" has been connected to "the TX pin of your own systems" already or not.

3. Why can the signals not be read from "the PPS pin of the EVB"?

Ans :

(1) The locations of PPS Pin in different modules are also different. Please refer to the "Pin Assignment" section of the corresponding datasheet. The PPS Pin of EVB can only support 1612-series

(2) PPS signals will not be output before you get the position..

4. Why can the position not be acquired?

Ans :

The GPS/GNSS part cannot acquire satellites signals. The reason may be due to

(1) Active antenna is problematic

(2) There is no provided voltage for active antenna

(3) The GPS/GNSS product is problematic.