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Specification for Gemini

Interface Library

(‘GeminiComms’)

Notes:

Gemini Sonar MK1/MK2: Applies to **VDSL/Ethernet** connections.

Gemini Sonar 720im: Applies to **Serial/Ethernet** connections. 720im not fitted with velocimeter and all Gain functions not applicable in this version.

The ‘GeminiComms.dll’ (or Linux Equivalent) and relevant header files will be provided with this documentation.

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01	18/08/2009	SPG	Release of full interface specification.
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Overview

This document describes the library which acts as the interface between the Gemini sonar head(s) and other systems, such as the Seanet Pro and Gemini software packages. It will provide details of all the library functions allowing users to gain programmatic access to the Gemini sonar in their own software. This document will describe all the functionality exposed by the library that is relevant for users to write their own control and display programs.

Only one application (and only one instance of that application) may use the Library at any given time to avoid resource conflicts.

The library is written in C++, using Microsoft Visual Studio 2010.

This document describes version 1.10.0.1 of the Gemini Interface Library, which returns the version string "Gemini Comms V1.10.0.1 Tritech International Ltd."

Note on IP Addresses

To ensure that broadcast status messages from Gemini sonars are received, the library receives on the Gemini Rx port (52900) from any network adapter.

When transmitting to a Gemini sonar, the library transmits on the Gemini Tx port (52901) on the network adapter with an IP address that best matches that of the Gemini sonar.

It is assumed that in a multiple sonar system, all sonars will be set up on the same subnet, so that the library is only communicating with one network adapter.

Note for 720im

Switching between Ethernet to Serial interface requires power cycle to sonar

For operating Gemini Sonar devices with serial communications, please ensure FTDI driver has been installed from the following website:

<http://www.ftdichip.com/Drivers/D2XX.htm>. Choose appropriate driver from the table for the table for the operating system of the PC. If available, choose the setup executable option:

Comments
WHQL Certified. Includes VCP and D2XX. Available as a setup executable Please read the Release Notes and Installation Guides.

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Constants

The following messages are passed to the user defined data handling callback function along with the type of the data. Data types are defined later in this documents

PING_HEAD	0
PING_DATA	1
PING_TAIL	2
GEM_STATUS	3
GEM_ACKNOWLEDGE	4
** GEM_SERIAL	5
* GEM_FLASH_RESULT	6
GEM_BEARING_DATA	7
* GEM_FLASH_READBACK	8
* GEM_TEST_RESULT	9
PING_TAIL_EX	10
GEM_IP_CHANGED	11
GEM_UNKNOWN_DATA	12
* GEM_VELOCIMETER_DATA	13
* GEM_SERIAL_PORT_INPUT	14
* GEM_PROD_DATA	15
* GEM_GPI_DATA	16
* GEM_DIAG_DATA	17
* GEM_REMOTEPINGCOMMAND (obsolete)	18
* GEM_REMOTEPINGRESPONSE (obsolete)	19
* GEM_GPI_TIMING	20
* GEM_UDP_ACK	21
* GEM_DMG_DATA	22
* GEM_TS_ACK	23
** AZ_PING_HEAD	24
** AZ_PING_DATA	25
** AZ_PING_TAIL	26
** AZ_PING_TAIL_EX	27

Table 1.0 Message Type

* Not required by user / ** Details not provided in this document.

Only for MK2 platforms (See Table 4.0): Each message coming from the sonar contains a device ID. Both BF and DA send their own status messages. These device IDs are quite useful for identifying the device type sending the messages.

BEAMFORMER_FPGA	2
DATA_ACQ_FPGA_0	4
DATA_ACQ_FPGA_1	8
DATA_ACQ_FPGA_2	16

Table 2.0 Device IDs

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The following table shows the supported Gemini product IDs. These product IDs are used with the function GEMX_SetHeadType to set up the library for the Gemini product in use.

GEM_HEADTYPE_720I	0x0
GEM_HEADTYPE_720ID	0x1
GEM_HEADTYPE_NBI	0x2
GEM_HEADTYPE_MK2_720IS	0x21
GEM_HEADTYPE_MK2_720IK	0x1E
GEM_HEADTYPE_720IM	0x1F

Table 3.0 Gemini Product ID

GEM_HEADTYPE_MK2_720IS
GEM_HEADTYPE_MK2_720IK

Table 4.0 MK2 Platforms

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Structures

The following structures are used in the interface of the library. The C++ class definitions for these are contained in the file 'GeminiStructuresPublic.h'. Pointers to these structures are returned to the parent code through the callback function (see below).

CGemHdr

The CGemHdr structure is a common structure which is returned at the start of all data sent from the library to the parent software.

The fields within the CGemHdr structure are defined below

Field	Bytes	Definition
m_type	1	Identifies the type of data contained in the structure (see descriptions of individual structures for values)
m_version	1	Version number
m_deviceID	2	The unique ID of the sonar
m_packetLatency	2	Not currently implemented
m_src_sub_device_id	1	Only for MK2 platforms. 1 for downlink messages. For uplink messages, one of the device IDs from the Table 2.0.
m_dst_sub_device_id	1	Only for MK2 platforms. 1 for uplink messages. For downlink messages one or more device IDs from the Table 2.0.

CGemStatusPacket

In Gemini Mk1, the CGemStatusPacket is broadcast once per second by the Gemini Sonar head. In Gemini Mk2 platforms, 2 new structures are introduced: CGemMk2BFStatusPacket and CGemMk2DASStatusPacket. The status message is broadcast once per second from each device with its own device ID (See Table 2.0 for device IDs). The device ID informs that the message is coming from the beam former (BF) or the data acquisition (DA) board. The following table shows the difference of the status message:

Field	Bytes	Description			
		IM	Mk1	Mk2 – BF	Mk2 - DA
m_head	8	A CGemHdr structure – see definition of CGemHdr			
m_firmwareVer	2	The version of firmware in the Gemini sonar head			
m_sonarId	2	The sonar ID of the Gemini sonar head			
m_sonarFixIp	4	Fixed IP address of the sonar (192.168.0.200)			not used
m_sonarAltIp	4	Alternate IP address of the sonar (user programmed)			not used
m_surfacelp	4	IP address of surface system currently connected to sonar			not used
m_flags	2	Bit 0 Serial message time stamp enable 0 - Time stamp disabled. 1 - Time stamp enabled and added to serial message.			not used
		Bits 15..8 Product ID See Table 3.0			
m_vcclnt	2	FPGA VCC internal			not used
m_vccAux	2	FPGA VCC auxiliary			not used

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m_dcVolt	2	not used	Incoming DC voltage	not used	not used
m_dieTemp	2	FPGA Die Temperature			not used
m_unusedTemp	2	not used		Bits (3 downto 0) DIP switch state	
m_vga1aTemp	2	TE0715 PCB Temp (10-bit unsigned, Kelvin*2)	VGA 1a Temperature	FPGA PCB Temp (12-bit unsigned)	FPGA PCB Temp (12-bit signed)
m_vga1bTemp	2	PSU/TX/IMU PCB Temperature	VGA 1b Temperature	HSC PCB Temp (12-bit signed)	AFE#0 – VGA Top Temp (12-bit signed)
m_vga2aTemp	2	AFE PCB Temperature	VGA 2a Temperature	Tx & VoS PCB (12-bit signed)	AFE#0 – VGA Bottom Temp (12-bit signed)
m_vga2bTemp	2	Transducer Temperature	VGA 2b Temperature	not used	AFE#1 – VGA Top Temp (12-bit signed)
m_psu1Temp	2	not used	PSU1 Temperature Leaded temperature probe, not present on production units.	PSU & Aux PCB (12-bit signed)	AFE#1 – VGA Bottom Temp (12-bit signed)
m_psu2Temp	2	not used	PSU2 Temperature This is the temperature sensor on the PSU board.	not used	AFE#2 – VGA Top Temp (12-bit signed)
m_currentTimestampL	4	32 bit timestamp (micro time) Sampled at the time of reading.			unused
m_currentTimestampH	4	32 bit timestamp (micro time) Sampled at the time of reading.			unused
m_transducerFrequency	2	0 = 720 1 = 620	0 = 868kHz 1 = 620kHz		unused
m_subnetMask	4	Subnet mask of the sonar			unused
m_TXTemp1	2	not used	TX Temp Sensor 1	not used	AFE#2 – VGA Bottom Temp (12-bit signed)
m_TXTemp2	2	not used	TX Temp Sensor 2	not used	AFE#3 – VGA Top Temp (12-bit signed)
m_TXTemp3	2	not used	TX Temp Sensor 3	not used	AFE#3 – VGA Bottom Temp (12-bit signed)
m_BOOTSTSRegister	4		BOOTSTS register read from ICAP module. This contains the error codes for the last two boot attempts with 0 being the most recent. See Table 5.0 for each Bit details.		
m_shutdownStatus	2	Bit 0 – Over Temperature shutdown	Bit 0 – Over Temperature shutdown Bit 1 – Out of water shutdown Bit 2 – Out of Water indicator		Bit 0 – Over Temperature shutdown
m_dieOverTemp	2	Die Over Temperature threshold			not used
m_vga1aShutdownTemp	2	TE0715 PCB Temperature threshold	VGA 1a Temperature shutdown Threshold	FPGA PCB Over Temp Threshold	FPGA PCB Over Temp Threshold
m_vga1bShutdownTemp	2	PSU/TX/IMU PCB Temperature threshold	VGA 1b Temperature shutdown Threshold	HSC PCB Over Temp Threshold	AFE#0 – VGA Top Over Temp Threshold
m_vga2aShutdownTemp	2	AFE PCB Temperature threshold	VGA 2a Temperature shutdown Threshold	Tx & VoS PCB Over Temp Threshold	AFE#0 – VGA Bottom Over Temp Threshold
m_vga2bShutdownTemp	2	Transducer Temperature threshold	VGA 2b Temperature shutdown Threshold	not used	AFE#1 – VGA Top Over Temp Threshold
m_psu1ShutdownTemp	2	not used	PSU1 Temperature shutdown Threshold	PSU & Aux PCB Over Temp Threshold	AFE#1 – VGA Bottom Over Temp Threshold
m_psu2ShutdownTemp	2	not used	PSU2 Temperature shutdown Threshold	not used	AFE#2 – VGA Top Over Temp Threshold
m_TX1ShutdownTemp	2	not used	TX Temp 1 shutdown	not used	AFE#2 – VGA Bottom

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			Threshold		Over Temp Threshold
m_TX2ShutdownTemp	2	not used	TX Temp 2 shutdown Threshold	not used	AFE#3 – VGA Top Over Temp Threshold
m_TX3ShutdownTemp	2	not used	TX temp 3 shutdown Threshold	not used	AFE#3 – VGA Bottom Over Temp Threshold
m_linkType	2	Bit 0..7 unused Bit 9..8 – link speed (Ethernet) 00 – 10 Mbps 01 – 100 Mbps 10 – 1000 Mbps Bit 11..10 00 - No Link 01 – Ethernet 10 – RS232 11 – RS485	Bit 0 – link type 0 – Ethernet 1 – VDSL Bit 9..8 – link speed (Ethernet) 00 – 10 Mbps 01 – 100 Mbps 10 – 1000 Mbps		
m_VDSLDownstreamSpeed 1	2	not used	Bit 7..0 – downstream 1 constellation Bit 15..8 – downstream 1 symbol rate		
m_VDSLDownstreamSpeed 2	2	not used	Bit 7..0 – downstream 2 constellation Bit 15..8 – downstream 2 symbol rate		
m_macAddress1	2	Least significant two bytes of Sonar head MAC address			
m_macAddress2	2	Middle two bytes of Sonar head MAC address			
m_macAddress3	2	Most significant two bytes of Sonar head MAC address			
m_VDSLUpstreamSpeed1	2	Bit 31..0 Main port serial rate	Bit 7..0 – upstream 1 constellation Bit 15..8 – upstream 1 symbol rate		
m_VDSLUpstreamSpeed2	2		Bit 7..0 – upstream 2 constellation Bit 15..8 – upstream 2 symbol rate		

The following table defines the m_BOOTSTSRegister field.

BOOTSTS register read from ICAP module. This contains the error codes for the last two boot attempts with 0 being the most recent.

m_BOOTSTSRegister			
Bits	MK1	MK2-BF	MK2-DA
0	0_Valid	0_Valid	0_Valid
1	0_Fallback	0_Fallback	0_Fallback
2	0_IPROG	0_IPROG	Reserved
3	0_WTO_ERROR	0_WTO_ERROR	0_WTO_ERROR
4	0_ID_ERROR	0_ID_ERROR	0_ID_ERROR
5	0_CRC Error	0_CRC Error	0_CRC Error
6	0_BPI Address wraparound error	0_WRAP Error	1_Valid
7	0_RBCRC error caused reconfiguration	Reserved	1_Fallback
8	1_Valid	1_Valid	Reserved
9	1_Fallback	1_Fallback	1_WTO_ERROR
10	1_IPROG	1_IPROG	1_ID_ERROR
11	1_WTO_ERROR	1_WTO_ERROR	1_CRC Error
12	1_ID_ERROR	1_ID_ERROR	STRIKE CNT 0
13	1_CRC Error	1_CRC Error	STRIKE CNT 1
14	1_BPI Address wraparound error	1_WRAP Error	STRIKE CNT 2
15	1_RBCRC error caused reconfiguration	Reserved	STRIKE CNT 3

Table 5.0 Boot Status Register

For the CGemStatusPacket structure, the value of m_head.m_type is 0x40.

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Due to the layout of the Gemini Status Packet, the C code for the structure aligns it on a two byte boundary rather than the normal four byte boundary. This will also need to be implemented in any code which maps onto the structure returned by the library.

The following conversion gives the FPGA die temperature value in °C...

```
FPGA_Die_Temp = ((m_dieTemp * 503.975) / 1024.0) - 273.15
```

The upstream and downstream data rates (measured in bits per second) are given by...

```
Current data rate downstream =
(Downstream 1 constellation *
 Downstream 1 symbol rate * 67500) +
(Downstream 2 constellation *
 Downstream 2 symbol rate * 67500)
```

```
Current data rate upstream =
(Upstream 1 constellation *
 Upstream 1 symbol rate * 67500) +
(Upstream 2 constellation *
 Upstream 2 symbol rate * 67500)
```

For the PSU temperature, the four VGA temperatures, the three transmitter temperatures and the matching shutdown temperatures, the value returned is made up as follows...

bit 15 If set, the temperature sensor is present
bit 10 If set, the temperature is negative
bits 9 to 0 The temperature value

The following code converts a temperature value to a string, taking the above into account (the function `StringCbPrintf` is like the normal C `printf` function, apart from it produces wide format output strings)...

```
void TempStr(unsigned short temperature, TCHAR *outStr)
{
    signed short tempTemp;
    double        finalTemp;

    // If sixteenth bit is set, sensor is present
    bool present = ((temperature & 0x8000) == 0x8000);

    if (present)
    {
        // If tenth bit is set, value is negative
        bool negFlag = ((temperature & 0x0200) == 0x0200);

        // Temperature is contained in 10 bits of value
        tempTemp = temperature & 0x3ff;

        // Sign extend value so that it is a C style signed number
        if (negFlag)
        {

```

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```

        tempTemp |= 0xfc00;
    }

    // Convert to floating point
    finalTemp = (double)tempTemp / 4.0;

    // And convert to a wide string
    StringCbPrintf(outStr, 20, _T("%1.2lf"), finalTemp);
}
else
{
    // Indicate sensor not present
    StringCbPrintf(outStr, 20, _T(" N/P "));
}
}

static double TempStr MK2Platforms(unsigned short temperature )
{
    signed short tempTemp;
    double        finalTemp = 0;

    // If twelfth bit is set, value is negative
    bool negFlag = ((temperature & 0x0800) == 0x0800);

    // Temperature is contained in 12 bits of value
    tempTemp = temperature & 0xfff;

    // Sign extend value so that it is a C style signed number
    if (negFlag)
    {
        tempTemp |= 0xf000;
    }

    // Convert to floating point
    finalTemp = (double)tempTemp * 0.0625;

    return finalTemp;
}

void DisplayTemperatureFunction(unsigned short vgalaTemp)
{
    TCHAR tStr[20];

    TempStr(vgalaTemp, tStr);

    // Do something to display the string returned by TempStr here
}

```

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CGemPingHead

The fields within the CGemPingHead structures are defined below.

Field	Bytes	Definition
m_head	8	A CGemHdr structure – see definition of CGemHdr
m_pingID	2	A 16 bit ping id which ties together the ping header, data and tail. Wraps round. Bit 7..0 – 8 bit Ping ID Bit 13 – Using flash modifiers toggle Bit 14 – Swap Double Buffers in acted toggle Bit 15 – Denotes re-sent ping header
m_extMode	2	The value of the extMode field sent in the ping configuration.
m_transmitTimestampL	4	Transmit time in microseconds – lower 32 bits
m_transmitTimestampH	4	Transmit time in microseconds – upper 32 bits
m_startRange	2	Start range (in lines) of the data being returned
m_endRange	2	End range (in lines) of the data being returned
m_lineTime	4	Not currently implemented
m_numBeams	2	Number of beams formed in the data being returned
m_numChans	2	Number of channels in the data being returned
m_sampChan	1	Value of sample channel sent in the ping configuration
m_baseGain	1	Value of base gain sent in the ping configuration. Note: Not implemented in this version for 720im. Bits 1..0 – base gain Bits 7..6 – Data Acq. Number (0=DA#0, 1=DA#1, 2=DA#2)
m_spdSndVel	2	Speed of sound being measured by the velocimeter in units of 0.1m/s. For Gemini models not fitted with a velocimeter, the fixed value being used will be returned.
m_velEchoTime	2	Time for velocimeter echo – used for calibration only
m_velEntries	2	Number of velocimeter readings used in speed of sound calculation
m_txAngle	2	Not currently implemented
m_sosUsed	2	Speed of sound used in the beamforming. Bit 15 is used to indicate the source of the speed of sound Bit 15 = 0, the speed of sound came from the velocimeter Bit 15 = 1, the speed of sound came from the ping config Bits 14 to 0 carry the speed of sound in units of 0.1m/s
m_RLEThresholdUsed	1	Threshold value applied to Run Length Encoding – zero implies no RLE applied. The library will remove any RLE applied before the data is passed to the parent application.
m_rangeCompressionUsed	1	Value indicating what range compression, if any, was applied to the data. The library may remove any range compression applied before the data is passed to the parent application. This is dependent on the mode the library is set to. Bit 3..0 – Range compression level 0000 - No compression 0001 - 2 x Compression 0010 - 4 x Compression 0011 - 8 x Compression 0100 - 16 x Compression Bit 4 – Range Compression type 0 – Average compression 1 – Peak compression
m_decimation	1	Internal value, ignore.

For the CGemPingHead structure, the value of m_head.m_type is 0x41.

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CGemPingLine

The fields within the CGemPingLine structure are defined below.

Field	Bytes	Definition
m_head	8	A CGemHdr structure – see definition of CGemHdr
m_gain	1	Not currently implemented
m_pingID	1	Lower 8 bits of the ping id which ties together the ping header, data and tail. Wraps round.
m_lineID	2	The id of the line within the ping data (value ranges from 0 to (CGemPingHead::m_endRange – CGemPingHead::m_startRange) – 1. Bit 15 is used to indicate that this is resent data (part of the retry mechanism implemented by the library)
m_scale	2	Value of software gain applied to this line
m_lineInfo	2	Bits 5..0 Ext_mode from ping config bits 5..0 Bit 6 Last Line Flag (1 indicates last line) Bits 15..7 Number of bytes in data
* m_startOfData	1	Field which gives start address of data within the structure

For the CGemPingLine structure, the value of `m_head.m_type` is 0x42.

* `m_startOfData` is the first byte of the data being returned to the parent process and therefore is the first byte of an array of `CGemPingHead::m_numBeams` of data.

The library implements a retry mechanism to re-request data lost due to dropped packets. Bit 15 (MSB) of `m_lineID` is used to indicate if a packet is carrying data as a result of a retry request. The library will strip this bit out before the data is passed to the calling program and so will always be seen as zero at the calling program.

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CGemPingTail

The fields within the CGemPingTail structure are defined below.

Field	Bytes	Definition
m_head	8	A CGemHdr structure – see definition of CGemHdr
m_pingID	1	Lower 8 bits of the ping id which ties together the ping header, data and tail. Wraps round.
m_flags	1	Bit 7 is used to indicate that this is resent data (part of the retry mechanism implemented by the library).
m_spare	2	Not used

For the CGemPingTail structure, the value of `m_head.m_type` is 0x43.

The library implements a retry mechanism to re-request data lost due to dropped packets. Bit 7 (MSB) of `m_flags` is used to indicate if a packet is carrying data as a result of a retry request. The library will strip this bit out before the data is passed to the calling program, and so will always be seen as zero at the calling program.

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CGemPingTailExtended

The CGemPingTailExtended structure is generated within the library when a ping tail message is received from the Gemini Sonar. As well as the fields received from the Sonar (which would be returned in a CGemPingTail structure), this structure also contains extra data generated by the library during the receipt of the ping data. This data typically contains the values of counters which help to evaluate the quality of the link to the Sonar and is described in more detail in the table below.

The fields within the CGemPingTailExtended structure are defined below.

Field	Bytes	Definition
m_head	8	A CGemHdr structure – see definition of CGemHdr
m_pingID	1	Lower 8 bits of the ping id which ties together the ping header, data and tail. Wraps round.
m_flags	1	Bit 7 is used to indicate that this is resent data (part of the retry mechanism implemented by the library).
m_spare	2	Not used
m_firstPassRetries	2	The number of first retries of data lines attempted
m_secondPassRetries	2	The number of second (or more) retries of data lines attempted
m_tailRetries	2	The number of retries of the ping tail attempted
m_interMessageGap	2	The value of the intermessage gap being set by the library when setting up communications with the sonar.
m_packetCount	4	The number of packets received since the library started receiving data. Excludes status packets.
m_recvErrorCount	4	The number of times the “recv” function in the library has returned an error.
m_linesLostThisPing	4	The number of lines of data which were expected but have not been received in the ping which has just occurred.
m_generalCount	4	A general count used to convey information from the library to the calling program. No specific use in this version of the library.

For the CGemPingTailExtended structure, the value of `m_head.m_type` is 0x43.

The library implements a retry mechanism to re-request data lost due to dropped packets. Bit 7 (MSB) of `m_flags` is used to indicate if a packet is carrying data as a result of a retry request. The library will strip this bit out before the data is passed to the calling program, and so will always be seen as zero at the calling program.

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CGemAcknowledge

The fields within the CGemAcknowledge structure are defined below.

Field	Bytes	Definition
m_head	8	A CGemHdr structure – see definition of CGemHdr
m_receiptTimestampL	4	The time of receipt of the stay alive packet by the Sonar – Lower 32 bits
m_receiptTimestampH	4	The time of receipt of the stay alive packet by the Sonar – Upper 32 bits
m_replyTimestampL	4	Time of transmission – Lower 32 bits
m_replyTimestampH	4	Time of transmission – Upper 32 bits

For the CGemAcknowledge structure, the value of `m_head.m_type` is 0x49.

This message is sent in response to a keep alive packet.

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CGemBearingData

The fields within the CGemBearingData structure are defined below.

Field	Bytes	Definition
m_head	8	A CGemHdr structure – see definition of CGemHdr
m_bearingLineNo	2	The bearing line number for this block of data (between 0 and number of beams)
m_noSamples	2	The number of samples in this block of data.
m_pData	variable	Address of the data – Block of separately allocated memory of size m_noSamples, which will be freed by the library.

For the CGemBearingData structure, the value of `m_head.m_type` is 0x60.

`m_data1` is a pointer to the first byte of the data being returned to the parent process and therefore is a pointer to the first byte of an array of `m_noSamples` of data.

Data is returned to the calling program via Gemini Bearing Data packets when the software is put into `SeaNet` or `SeaNetC` mode.

See the note about memory allocation and the CGemBearingStructure in the next section in the description of the main callback function.

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Callback Functions

The library requires a callback function to be defined for it, so that it can inform the calling process when data has been received from the sonar head.

Main Callback Function

The main callback function has to have the following definition

```
void CallBackFn(int eType, int len, char *dataBlock)
```

`eType` is the type of data being passed from the library to the calling program. It is one of the previously defined constants, e.g. `PING_HEAD` or `GEM_STATUS`.

`len` is the length of the data block being passed to the calling program. For any blocks defined as fixed length in the table below, the value of `len` returned by the library is -1. For the variable length blocks, length is defined as follows.

Structure type	Value of len
CGemPingHead	-1
CGemPingLine	Number of beams in the record
CGemPingTail	-1
CGemPingTailExtended	-1
CGemStatusPacket	-1
CGemAcknowledge	-1
CGemBearingData	Number of lines in the record

`dataBlock` is the actual data being passed to the calling program, and is a pointer to one of the structures defined previously.

eType	dataBlock is a	Fixed Length?
PING_HEAD	CGemPingHead	✓
PING_DATA	CGemPingLine	✗
PING_TAIL	CGemPingTail	✓
PING_TAIL_EX	CGemPingTailExtended	✓
GEM_STATUS	CGemStatusPacket	✓
GEM_ACKNOWLEDGE	CGemAcknowledge	✓
GEM_BEARING_DATA	CGemBearingData	✗
GEM_UNKNOWN_DATA	Unknown	✗
GEM_IP_CHANGED	Empty	✓
** AZ_PING_HEAD	CGemAZPingHead	✓
** AZ_PING_DATA	CGemPingLine	✗
** AZ_PING_TAIL	CGemPingTail	✓
** AZ_PING_TAIL_EX	CGemPingTailExtended	✓
** AZ_GEM_BEARING_DATA	CGemBearingData	✗

**** Details not provided in this document.**

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The callback function is set up by calling the library function `GEM_SetHandlerFunction` as follows...

```
GEM_SetHandlerFunction(CallBackFn);
```

The design of the library requires that the callback function copies the data from `dataBlock` into local storage under its own control before returning, as the buffer holding the data in the library may be overwritten by other data coming from the sonar head if the block is used by the parent process after the callback function has returned.

For all structures where the length of the structure is not known at design time, the `len` field contains the length information, allowing the parent code to allocate the correct amount of memory to copy all the data.

Where multiple Gemini sonars are in use, the callback function must examine the `CGemHdr::m_deviceID` field in incoming messages to determine which Gemini sonar originated the message. Note that Gemini sonar Status messages are always passed to the callback function, regardless of whether the sonar that originated them is currently active.

For a `GEM_BEARING_DATA` message, the actual data contained in the message is passed in a block of memory allocated by the library. For each bearing line in a ping, the same block of memory is used for the data, and this memory is freed by the library after the last line of data has been sent. The calling program will need to copy the data out of this block of memory into memory allocated by the calling process (instead of just copying and retaining the value of the pointer).

For a `GEM_IP_CHANGED` message, there is no associated data. The library has a task which is notified if the IP table of the PC changes. The expectation is if this message is received, the calling program will shutdown and restart the communications with the Gemini sonar, thus allowing the change in the IP address of the computer to be correctly actioned.

The following snippet of code shows the minimum code expected to be executed when this message is received.

```
GEM_StopGeminiNetwork();
GEM_StartGeminiNetworkWithResult(0);
GEM_SetGeminiSoftwareMode("RequiredMode");
GEM_SetHandlerFunction(&GemDatahandler);
```

For a `GEM_UNKNOWN_DATA` message, there is a message block attached whose total length is returned in the `len` field. The Gemini library is not aware of what the packet is, so has passed the packet untouched to calling program.

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Functions

The following functions are defined as the interface of the library. The C definitions for these are contained in the file 'GeminiCommsPublic.h'. The library itself is known as GeminiComms.dll for Windows platform and libGeminiComms.so for Linux platform

For each of the functions exposed by the library, the following paragraphs give the name of the function, the C definition of the function, a description of the function, its parameters and return value (if any), an example of calling the function in C, and a summary of the default values and limits for the parameters (where applicable).

Functions are split into two groups:

Global functions

These functions have global control of the library and do not relate to a specific sonar ID.

Sonar specific functions

These functions relate to a specific `sonarID`. The library places no limit on the maximum number of sonars that can be supported; this is determined by availability of resources (memory, network bandwidth etc.) on the PC in use. The sonars may be any combination of 720i, 720id, 720is, 720ik, NBI and other products.

Previous versions of the SDK

Programs written with early versions of the Gemini SDK did not have access to the GEMX_ function interface to the library, and so only one Gemini sonar could be used at a time. The GEMX_ functions replace earlier functions as shown in the example below to allow more than one Gemini sonar to be used at a time:

```
Old single sonar function    void GEM_Function(int param);
New multiple sonar function  void GEMX_Function(unsigned short sonarID, int
param);
```

For compatibility with existing application programs, the old functions are still included in the SDK. However, use of them for new application programs is strongly discouraged. By defining the following macro before including the `GeminiCommsPublic.h` header file, the old function declarations can be excluded so that an application program attempting to use them will fail to compile:

```
#define GEM_EXCLUDE_SINGLESONAR
```

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Global Functions

These functions have global control of the library and do not relate to a specific sonar ID.

GEM_StartGeminiNetworkWithResult

```
int GEM_StartGeminiNetworkWithResult(unsigned short sonarID);
```

This function initialises the library into a state ready to operate.

`sonarID` must always be set to 0 when calling this function.

The return value is defined in the following table...

Return Value	Meaning
0	A failure occurred initialising the library and communication with the sonar is not possible. The most likely cause is that another piece of software using the Gemini library is already running, and so the port could not be opened.
1	The library initialised correctly and is ready to communicate.

```
int success = 0;
success = GEM_StartGeminiNetwork(0);

if (success == 0)
{
    // Tell the user that something went wrong
    // Either shutdown the program or
    // enter an offline mode
}
else
{
    // Hooray! We're good to go...
}
```

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GEM_SetGeminiSoftwareMode

```
void GEM_SetGeminiSoftwareMode(char *softwareMode);
```

This function sets the operating mode of the software. Setting a value other than those listed in the table below will result in the software mode being set to the default mode.

Notes:

“EvoC” is the Mode used by the Gemini software Package.

“SeanetC” is the Mode used by the Seanet Pro software Package.

softwareMode	Meaning
“Evo”	The Gemini library sends the data from the Gemini sonar head to the calling program unprocessed as CGemPingHead, CGemPingLine and CGemPingTailExtended messages using the callback function.
“EvoC”	The Gemini library sends the data from the Gemini sonar head to the calling program unprocessed as CGemPingHead, CGemPingLine and CGemPingTailExtended messages using the callback function. The Gemini library makes use of the range compression feature of the sonar head firmware to ensure that the head does not return more range lines than is appropriate for the size and quality of the display being used by the calling program.
“SeaNet”	The Gemini library processes the data and sends it to the calling program as CGemPingHead and CGemBearingData messages using the callback function.
“SeaNetC”	The Gemini library processes the data and sends it to the calling program as CGemPingHead and CGemBearingData messages using the callback function. The Gemini library makes use of the range compression feature of the sonar head firmware to ensure that the head does not return 1500 or more range lines to the Seanet software.

```
GEM_SetGeminiSoftwareMode(“SeaNet”);
```

Default value: “EvoC”

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GEM_SetHandlerFunction

```
void GEM_SetHandlerFunction(void (cdecl *FnPtr)(int eType, int len,
char *dataBlock));
```

This function allows the parent code to specify the callback function which will be used by the library to return data from the sonar head to the parent code.

FnPtr is the address of the callback function in the parent code which the library will use.

```
void CallBackFn(int eType, int len, char *dataBlock)
{
    CGemStatusPacket *pStat;
    CGemStatusPacket *copyStatus;
    CGemBearingData *pBearing;
    CGemBearingData *copyBearing;

    switch (eType)
    {
        case PING_HEAD :
        case PING_DATA :
        case PING_TAIL :
            ...
        case GEM_STATUS :
            // Copy the data, so that we do something with it

            pStat = (CGemStatusPacket *)dataBlock;

            copyStatus = new CGemStatusPacket;

            *copyStatus = *pStat;

            // Do something with the message, remember to delete copyStatus

            break;

        case GEM_ACKNOWLEDGE :
            ...
        case GEM_BEARING_DATA :
            // Copy the data, so that we can post a message

            pBearing = (CGemBearingData *)dataBlock;

            copyBearing = new CGemBearingData;

            *copyBearing = *pBearing;

            // The bearing data structure contains a pointer to a block of memory which is
            // allocated in the library and which is filled with the data we want to display.
            // Therefore we cannot just take a copy of the structure, as this contains the
            // pointer to the memory allocated by the library.

            // Attempt to allocate the memory for the copied data
            copyBearing->m_pData = (unsigned char *)malloc(copyBearing->m_noSamples);

            // Did we allocate the memory?
            if (copyBearing->m_pData)
            {
                // Copy the data from the original structure to the new structure
                memcpy(copyBearing->m_pData, pBearing->m_pData, copyBearing->m_noSamples);
            }
            else
            {
                // Failed to allocate memory? Indicate by setting number of samples to zero
                copyBearing->m_noSamples = 0;
            }
    }
}
```


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```

    }

    // Do something with the message, remember to free copyBearing->m_pData and copyBearing
    break;
}
}
GEM_SetHandlerFunction(CallBackFn);

Default value: null

```

GEM_ResetInternalCounters

```
void GEM_ResetInternalCounters(void);
```

This function resets some internal counters held by the GeminiComms library, which are returned in the CGemPingTailExtended structure (a PING_TAIL_EX message).

The library keeps a number of counters, such as the packet received and retry counts that only it is aware of. These counters are from the time the library started running. There are a number of reasons why these counters may need to be reset, such as changing the sonar you are talking to in a multi-sonar environment. This function allows the calling program to reset the counters when it needs to.

```
GEM_ResetInternalCounters();
```

GEM_StopGeminiNetwork

```
void GEM_StopGeminiNetwork(void);
```

This function stops the functionality of the GeminiComms library, which among other things will stop the tasks running which are handling the network data and free any allocated memory. This function will sleep for a short period to allow the tasks running in the library to finish in an orderly fashion.

```
GEM_StopGeminiNetwork();
```

GEM_GetDLLLinkVersionNumber

```
unsigned char GEM_GetDLLLinkVersionNumber(void);
```

This function returns the maximum version of the data link protocol (CGemHdr::m_version) that the library can support. Currently this is 2.

```
unsigned char linkVer = GEM_GetDLLLinkVersionNumber();
```

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GEM_GetVStringLen

```
int GEM_GetVStringLen(void);
```

This function returns the length of the version string which identifies the library.

```
int i = GEM_GetVStringLen();
```

GEM_GetVString

```
void GEM_GetVString(char *data, int len);
```

This function returns the version string which identifies the library. The function will return a maximum of `len` characters in the buffer pointed to by `data`.

```
int i = GEM_GetVStringLen();
char *p = malloc(i + 1);
GEM_GetVString(p, i);

// p points to memory containing the string
// 'Gemini Comms V1.07.71 Tritech International Ltd.'
```

GEM_GetVNumStringLen

```
int GEM_GetVNumStringLen(void);
```

This function returns the length of the version number string which identifies the library.

```
int i = GEM_GetVNumStringLen();
```

GEM_GetVNumString

```
void GEM_GetVNumString(char *data, int len);
```

This function returns the version number string which identifies the library. The function will return a maximum of `len` characters in the buffer pointed to by `data`.

```
int i = GEM_GetVNumStringLen();
char *p = malloc(i + 1);
GEM_GetVNumString(p, i);

// p points to memory containing the string
// '1.07.71'
```

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GEMX_GetSonars

```
unsigned short GEMX_GetSonars(unsigned short *pList);
```

This function returns a count of the total number of sonars that the library is managing.

`pList` is a pointer to memory (allocated by the calling function) where a table of unsigned short values will be written by `GEMX_GetSonars`. If this is not required, set `pList` to `NULL`.

If `pList` is not `NULL`, then `GEMX_GetSonars` will write a table of the sonar IDs that it is managing at this address. The calling function must allocate memory for this and pass a pointer to that memory to `GEMX_GetSonars`.

Example usage:

```
unsigned short nSonars = GEMX_GetSonars(NULL);
unsigned short* pList = (unsigned short*)malloc(nSonars *
sizeof(unsigned short));
if (pList != NULL)
{
    GEMX_GetSonars(pList);
    ... use the list of Sonar IDs ...
    free(pList);
}
```

GEMX_DeleteSonarID

```
unsigned short GEMX_DeleteSonarID(unsigned short sonarID);
```

This function instructs the library to delete all data that it holds for the given `sonarID`, and to stop managing that sonar. Except for status messages, data received from that sonar ID will no longer be passed to the callback function.

If `sonarID` is 0, then the library will delete data for all sonar IDs that it is managing.

Example usage:

```
GEMX_DeleteSonarID(sonarID);
```

Return value: Count of the number of sonars deleted by this call.

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GEMX_SetAltSonarIPAddress

```
void GEMX_SetAltSonarIPAddress(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned char
a1, unsigned char a2, unsigned char a3, unsigned char a4 unsigned
char s1, unsigned char s2, unsigned char s3, unsigned char s4);
```

This function sets the alternative IP address and the subnet mask that the Gemini sonar can have. A Gemini sonar head will always respond to the IP address 192.168.2.200, but to allow easy integration onto other networks an alternative IP address can be specified which the Gemini head will also respond to. This function programs the alternative IP address into the head.

The alternate address used by the library is not changed as the Sonar head will not use the newly programmed address until it is rebooted. After issuing this command, the calling program should wait for a fixed (worst case) period of 5 seconds before issuing a command to reboot the sonar. Rebooting the sonar before this command has completed will result in corrupted flash in the Sonar head, and an unusable Sonar.

```
// Set address 192.168.1.10, subnet mask 255.255.255.0
GEMX_SetAltSonarIPAddress(sonarID,
                           192, 168, 1, 10,
                           255, 255, 255, 0);
```

Default value: 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0

GEMX_UseAltSonarIPAddress

```
void GEMX_UseAltSonarIPAddress(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned char
a1, unsigned char a2, unsigned char a3, unsigned char a4 unsigned
char s1, unsigned char s2, unsigned char s3, unsigned char s4);
```

This function informs the library of the alternative IP address and subnet mask that the Gemini sonar can have. A Gemini sonar head will always respond to the IP address 192.168.2.200, but to allow easy integration onto other networks an alternative IP address can be specified which the Gemini head will also respond to. This function informs the library of the alternative address which can be used to talk to the head.

```
// Use address 192.168.1.10, subnet mask 255.255.255.0
GEMX_UseAltSonarIPAddress(sonarID,
                           192, 168, 1, 10,
                           255, 255, 255, 0);
```

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GEMX_TxToAltIPAddress

```
void GEMX_TxToAltIPAddress(unsigned short sonarID, int
useAltIPAddress);
```

This function tells the library to use either the fixed (default) or the alternate IP address when talking to the Gemini sonar.

useAltIPAddress	Meaning
0	Use fixed IP address to communicate with head (192.168.2.200)
1	Use alternative IP address to communicate with head

```
GEMX_TxToAltIPAddress(sonarID, 0);
```

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GEMX_AutoPingConfig

```
void GEMX_AutoPingConfig(unsigned short sonarID, float range,
unsigned short gain, float sos);
```

This function tells the library to build a ping configuration packet using the range, gain and speed of sound specified in the function call, then calculating all other values for the ping from the range, the gain, and its internal defaults. The ping will be built so that the sonar head pings once in response. The ping configuration packet is sent to the Gemini sonar head when GEMX_SendGeminiPingConfig is called.

`range` is the range (in metres) which the sonar is expected to return data in this ping.

`gain` is the percentage gain which the sonar is to apply in this ping.

`sos` is the speed of sound (in m/s) to be used when calculating values for this ping. As with all speed of sound values associated with the Gemini sonar, for Mk1 sonars this value will be rounded to the nearest 3.2m/s step when it is used.

```
GEMX_AutoPingConfig(sonarID, 11, 50, 1473.6);
```

```
Default value: range      0
                gain       12
                sos      1499.2
```

```
Minimum:   range      0m
            gain      12%
            sos      1400.0
```

```
Maximum:   range     120m
            gain     100%
            sos     1588.8
```

The minimum and maximum speed of sound values given above apply to the Gemini imager only. Use the GEMX_GetSpeedOfSound function to determine the actual speed of sound limits for other Gemini products.

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GEMX_SetGeminiEvoQuality

```
void GEMX_SetGeminiEvoQuality(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned char
evoQualitySetting);
```

This function sets the compression factor applied when the library is running in `EvoC` mode. The Gemini sonar can range compress the data, so that less bandwidth is used in sending the data from the sonar head to the surface computer. This function matches the range compression applied to the quality setting of the Evo system. The Evo system quality setting defines how many lines are displayed by the Evo system. There is little point in sending up more data than the display system can cope with, as the data will be thrown away by the display system in producing its images.

The `evoQualitySetting` can have the following values

evoQualitySetting	Meaning
0	The Evo system is displaying 32 lines of data, and the sonar will compress the data so that less than this number of lines is returned.
1	The Evo system is displaying 64 lines of data, and the sonar will compress the data so that less than this number of lines is returned.
2	The Evo system is displaying 128 lines of data, and the sonar will compress the data so that less than this number of lines is returned.
3	The Evo system is displaying 256 lines of data, and the sonar will compress the data so that less than this number of lines is returned.
4	The Evo system is displaying 512 lines of data, and the sonar will compress the data so that less than this number of lines is returned.
5	The Evo system is displaying 1024 lines of data, and the sonar will compress the data so that less than this number of lines is returned.
6	The Evo system is displaying 2048 lines of data, and the sonar will compress the data so that less than this number of lines is returned.
7	The Evo system is displaying 4096 lines of data, and the sonar will compress the data so that less than this number of lines is returned.

```
GEMX_SetGeminiEvoQuality(sonarID, 5);
```


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GEMX_GetRequestedCompressionFactor

```
unsigned short GEMX_GetRequestedCompressionFactor(unsigned short sonarID);
```

This function returns the compression factor applied when a ping was requested in `EvoC` mode. When running in `EvoC` mode, the compression factor is optimised for the Evo quality setting applied and the number of range lines requested. This function returns the actual compression factor used for the particular Evo quality setting and range requested.

The value returned by this function can have the following values.

Return Value	Meaning
1	The data will not have been compressed.
2	The data will have been compressed by a factor of 2 to 1.
4	The data will have been compressed by a factor of 4 to 1.
8	The data will have been compressed by a factor of 8 to 1.
16	The data will have been compressed by a factor of 16 to 1.

```
unsigned short compressionFactor = 0;
compressionFactor = GEMX_GetRequestedCompressionFactor(sonarID);
```

GEMX_SetPingMode

```
void GEMX_SetPingMode(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned short pingMethod);
```

This function sets the `Run_mode` field in the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested.

pingMethod	Meaning
0	Ping once on receipt of ping configuration message
1	Ping repeatedly at interval fixed by <code>GEMX_SetInterPingPeriod</code>

```
GEMX_SetPingMode(sonarID, 1);
```

Default value: pingMethod 0

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GEMX_SetExtModeOutOfWaterOverride

```
void GEMX_SetExtModeOutOfWaterOverride(unsigned short sonarID,
unsigned short outOfWaterOverride);
```

This function sets the Out of Water Override sub-field of the Ext_Mode field in the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested.

outOfWaterOverride	Meaning
0	Do not ping when out of water
1	Ping regardless of out of water indicator

```
GEMX_SetExtModeOutOfWaterOverride(sonarID, 0);
```

Default value: outOfWaterOverride 0

GEMX_SetExtModeTDBFlag

```
void GEMX_SetExtModeTDBFlag(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned short
tdbFlag);
```

This function sets the TDB Flag sub-field of the Ext_Mode field in the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested. If this flag is set, then time delay beamforming in the head is disabled. The default state is for time delay beamforming in the head to be enabled.

tdbFlag	Meaning
0	Enable time delay beamforming
1	Disable time delay beamforming

```
GEMX_SetExtModeTDBFlag(sonarID, 0);
```

Default value: tdbFlag 0

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GEMX_SetEndRange

```
void GEMX_SetEndRange(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned short
rangeInLines);
```

This function sets the End_range field in the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested. This field specifies the end range (in range lines) of the data to be returned when the ping completes.

```
GEMX_SetEndRange(sonarID, 100);
```

Default value: rangeInLines 0
Minimum value: 33
Maximum value:

The Gemini Sonar head reacts badly to small values of end range, so the library ensures that a minimum value of 33 is sent to the sonar head, even if a value less than that is requested.

GEMX_SetInterPingPeriod

```
void GEMX_SetInterPingPeriod(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned int
periodInMicroSeconds);
```

This function sets the Inter_ping field in the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested. This field specifies the time delay between the start of one ping and the start of the next ping when the sonar head is pinging continuously, e.g. set using GEMX_SetPingMode.

```
GEMX_SetInterPingPeriod(sonarID, 200000);
```

Default value: periodInMicroSeconds 0
Minimum value:
Maximum value:

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GEMX_AutoTXLength

```
unsigned short GEMX_AutoTXLength(unsigned short sonarID, float
range);
```

This function sets the `m_txLength` field in the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested. It sets the optimum transmit pulse length for a given range, and is provided as an alternative to the function `GEMX_SetTXLength`.

`range` is the range (in m) which the sonar is expected to return data in this ping.

This function returns the length of the transmit pulse in cycles...

```
unsigned short txLength;
txLength = GEMX_AutoTXLength(sonarID, 25.0);
```

Default value: <code>range</code>	0.0
Minimum value:	0.0
Maximum value:	120.0

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GEMX_SetTXLength

```
void GEMX_SetTXLength(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned short txLength);
```

This function sets the `m_txLength` field in the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested. This field specifies the length of the transmit pulse in cycles.

Large values for `txLength` should be avoided as these can potentially damage the sonar at high ping rates. Use `GEMX_AutoTxLength` instead to set the optimum transmit pulse length for a given range.

A value of zero for `txLength` has a special meaning to the code when it will stop the sonar's transmitter and velocimeter transmitting so the sonar emits no sonar power but receives as normal (for use in calibration, for example).

```
GEMX_SetTXLength(sonarID, 4);
```

Default value: `txLength` 4
Minimum value: 4
Maximum value: 128

GEMX_GetTXLength

```
unsigned short GEMX_GetTXLength(unsigned short sonarID);
```

This function returns the `m_txLength` field from the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested. This field specifies the length of the transmit pulse in cycles.

```
unsigned short txLength;  
txLength = GEMX_GetTXLength(sonarID);
```

Default value: `txLength` 4
Minimum value: 4
Maximum value: 128

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GEMX_SetMainGainPerCent

```
void GEMX_SetMainGainPerCent(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned short perCentGain);
```

This function sets the Main_gain field in the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested. perCentGain expresses the gain required as a percentage.

```
GEMX_SetMainGainPerCent(sonarID, 50);
```

Default value: perCentGain 12
Minimum value: 12
Maximum value: 100

GEMX_GetMainGainPerCent

```
unsigned short GEMX_GetMainGainPerCent(unsigned short sonarID);
```

This function returns the Main_gain field from the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested, expressed as a percentage.

```
unsigned short perCentGain;  
perCentGain = GEMX_GetMainGainPerCent(sonarID);
```

Default value: perCentGain 12
Minimum value: 12
Maximum value: 100

Important:

The 'GEMX_SetMainGainPercent' function or the 'GEMX_SetMainGainUnits' function should be used along with 'GEMX_SetAbsorbGain', 'GEMX_SetSoftGain', 'GEMX_SetSpreadGain' & 'GEMX_SetSoftwareGainRamp' (all described further below) to manually set the overall Sonar Gain control.

Alternatively, if the 'GEMX_AutoPingConfig' function is used then a Gain Percentage is set and the library will apply optimised values for all the above manual parameters based on the Gain Percentage value.

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GEMX_SetMainGainUnits

```
void GEMX_SetMainGainUnits(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned short
dBGain);
```

This function sets the Main_gain field in the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested. dBGain expresses the gain required in dB * 10 (e.g. 40.5dB would be sent as 405).

```
GEMX_SetMainGainUnits(sonarID, 405);
```

Default value: dBGain 80
Minimum value: 80
Maximum value: 665

GEMX_GetMainGainUnits

```
unsigned short GEMX_GetMainGainUnits(unsigned short sonarID);
```

This function returns the Main_gain field in the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested, expressed in dB * 10 (e.g. 40.5dB would be sent as 405).

```
unsigned short dBGain;
dBGain = GEMX_GetMainGainUnits(sonarID);
```

Default value: dBGain 80
Minimum value: 80
Maximum value: 665

Important:

The 'GEMX_SetMainGainPercent' function or the 'GEMX_SetMainGainUnits' function should be used along with 'GEMX_SetAbsorbGain', 'GEMX_SetSoftGain', 'GEMX_SetSpreadGain' & 'GEMX_SetSoftwareGainRamp' (all described further below) to manually set the overall Sonar Gain control.

Alternatively, if the 'GEMX_AutoPingConfig' function is used then a Gain Percentage is set and the library will apply optimised values for all the above manual parameters based on the Gain Percentage value.

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GEMX_SetAbsorbGain

```
void GEMX_SetAbsorbGain(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned short
absorbGain);
```

This function sets the Absorb_gain field in the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested. This field specifies the absorption gain.

```
GEMX_SetAbsorbGain(sonarID, 0);
```

Default value: absorbGain 0

Minimum value:

Maximum value:

GEMX_GetAbsorbGain

```
unsigned short GEMX_GetAbsorbGain(unsigned short sonarID);
```

This function returns the Absorb_gain field from the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested. This field specifies the absorption gain.

```
unsigned short absorbGain;
absorbGain = GEMX_GetAbsorbGain(sonarID);
```

Default value: absorbGain 0

Minimum value:

Maximum value:

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GEMX_SetSoftGain

```
void GEMX_SetSoftGain(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned int
softwareGain);
```

This function sets the `Soft_gain` field in the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested. This field specifies the software gain.

```
GEMX_SetSoftGain(sonarID, 0);
```

Default value: `softwareGain` `0x00001E00`

Minimum value:

Maximum value:

GEMX_GetSoftGain

```
unsigned int GEMX_GetSoftGain(unsigned short sonarID);
```

This function returns the `Soft_gain` field from the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested. This field specifies the software gain.

```
unsigned int softwareGain;
softwareGain = GEMX_GetSoftGain(sonarID);
```

Default value: `softwareGain` `0x00001E00`

Minimum value:

Maximum value:

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GEMX_SetSpreadGain

```
void GEMX_SetSpreadGain(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned short
spreadingGain);
```

This function sets the Spreading_gain field in the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested. This field specifies the spreading gain.

```
GEMX_SetSpreadGain(sonarID, 0);
```

Default value: spreadingGain 0

Minimum value:

Maximum value:

GEMX_GetSpreadGain

```
unsigned short GEMX_GetSpreadGain(unsigned short sonarID);
```

This function returns the Spreading_gain field from the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested. This field specifies the spreading gain.

```
unsigned short spreadingGain;
spreadingGain = GEMX_GetSpreadGain(sonarID);
```

Default value: spreadingGain 0

Minimum value:

Maximum value:

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GEMX_SetSoftwareGainRamp

```
void GEMX_SetSoftwareGainRamp(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned short softwareGainRamp);
```

This function sets the SW_gain_ramp field in the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested. This field specifies the how the software gain increases with range.

```
GEMX_SetSoftwareGainRamp(sonarID, 0);
```

Default value: softwareGainRamp 0

Minimum value:

Maximum value:

GEMX_GetSoftwareGainRamp

```
unsigned short GEMX_GetSoftwareGainRamp(unsigned short sonarID);
```

This function returns the SW_gain_ramp field from the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested. This field specifies the how the software gain increases with range.

```
unsigned short softwareGainRamp;
softwareGainRamp = GEMX_GetSoftwareGainRamp(sonarID);
```

Default value: softwareGainRamp 0

Minimum value:

Maximum value:

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GEMX_SetSpeedOfSound

```
void GEMX_SetSpeedOfSound(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned short
speedOfSound);
```

This function sets the Spd_snd field in the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested. This field specifies the speed of sound to be used by the sonar head if it is not using the internal velocimeter. The value sent to this function is the speed of sound measured in units of 0.1m/s. A Mk1 sonar will round the speed of sound to the nearest 3.2m/s step before using the value. Thus 1500m/s will be rounded to 1499.2m/s.

```
GEMX_SetSpeedOfSound(sonarID, 15000); // Speed of sound 1500.0 m/s
// Value used will be 1499.2
```

Default value: speedOfSound 15000
Minimum value: 14000*
Maximum value: 15888*

*The minimum and maximum speed of sound values given above apply to the Gemini imager only. Use the GEMX_GetSpeedOfSound function to determine the actual speed of sound limits for other Gemini products.

GEMX_GetSpeedOfSound

```
void GEMX_GetSpeedOfSound(unsigned short sonarID,
                           unsigned short *speedOfSound,
                           unsigned short *minSpeedOfSound,
                           unsigned short *maxSpeedOfSound)
```

Retrieves the speed of sound (in units of 0.1m/s) that has been set previously in the ping configuration using GEMX_SetSpeedOfSound. Additionally the minimum and maximum limits (in units of 0.1m/s) for the speed of sound can be retrieved.

speedOfSound is a pointer to where GEMX_GetSpeedOfSound will store the previously set speed of sound. If this is not required, set speedOfSound to NULL.

minSpeedOfSound is a pointer to where GEMX_GetSpeedOfSound will store the minimum allowable speed of sound. If this is not required, set minSpeedOfSound to NULL.

maxSpeedOfSound is a pointer to where GEMX_GetSpeedOfSound will store the maximum allowable speed of sound. If this is not required, set maxSpeedOfSound to NULL.

```
unsigned short sos;
unsigned short minSos;
unsigned short maxSos;
GEMX_GetSpeedOfSound(sonarID, &sos, &minSos, &maxSos);
```

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GEMX_SetVelocimeterMode

```
void GEMX_SetVelocimeterMode(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned short
gainMode, unsigned short outputMode);
```

For Gemini models fitted with a velocimeter, this function sets the Vel_mode field in the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested.

gainMode	Meaning
0	Use auto gain
1	Use manual gain

outputMode	Meaning
0	Use velocimeter calculated speed of sound
1	Use speed of sound specified in this ping configuration message

```
GEMX_SetVelocimeterMode(sonarID, 0, 0);
```

```
Default value: gainMode      0
               outputMode    0
```

The gain mode functionality will not be implemented in the Gemini Sonar Head, as the head automatically calculates the gain required by the velocimeter. Thus the sonar will ignore any value set in the gain mode field and behave as though it was always set to zero.

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GEMX_SetRangeCompression

```
void GEMX_SetRangeCompression(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned short
compressionLevel, unsigned short compressionType);
```

This function sets the Rng_comp field in the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested.

compressionLevel	Meaning (i.e. compressionFactor)
0	No range compression
1	2 * range compression
2	4 * range compression
3	8 * range compression
4	16 * range compression

compressionType	Meaning
0	Use average compression
1	Use peak compression

```
GEMX_SetRangeCompression(sonarID, 0, 1);
```

```
Default value: compressionLevel    0
                compressionType    1
```

The compressionFactor that the compressionLevel sets can be queried by calling 'GEMX_GetRequestedCompressionFactor' (see earlier).

For 720im and MK2 Chirp operation, it is recommended that peak compressionType (=1) be used for better results.

The range compression is used by the DLL's SeaNetC mode to reduce the amount of data being passed from the library to SeaNet. In the SeaNetC mode, the library looks at the range requested in the ping and selects a suitable value for range compression so that no more than 1500 lines are passed to SeaNet. Normally if the range compression has been set, the library will remove the compression before passing the data to the calling program, in SeaNetC mode, the compression is not removed and the compressed data is passed to SeaNet.

The range compression is used by the DLL's EvoC mode to optimise the bandwidth used to transfer the data from the sonar to the surface computer, whilst considering the performance of the Evo display being used. In the EvoC mode, the library looks at the range requested in the ping and Evo quality setting that has been set; and then selects a suitable value for range compression so an optimum number lines are passed. Normally if the range compression has been set, the library will remove the compression before passing the data to the calling program, in EvoC mode, the compression is not removed and the compressed data is passed to Evo.

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GEMX_SetRLEThreshold

```
void GEMX_SetRLEThreshold(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned short threshold);
```

This function sets the Rle_threshold field in the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested. The library removes the run length encoding from the data before it is presented to the calling program, so the calling program does not need to be aware of the run length encoding algorithm used. Using run length encoding may reduce the bandwidth required to get the data from the Gemini sonar head to the hardware running the calling software. Values of 1 and 2 are reserved for use within the software, and so will be increased to 3 if selected.

threshold	Meaning
0	No run length encoding
1	Not available for use, will be increased to 3
2	Not available for use, will be increased to 3
3	
...	
255	Maximum run length encoding

```
GEMX_SetRLEThreshold(sonarID, 0);
```

Default value: threshold 0
Minimum value: 0
Maximum value: 255

GEMX_SetPingToDefaults

```
void GEMX_SetPingToDefaults(unsigned short sonarID);
```

This function returns all the fields of the ping configuration which will be sent to the head when a ping is requested back to their default values.

```
GEMX_SetPingToDefaults(sonarID);
```

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GEMX_SetStartBeam

```
void GEMX_SetStartBeam(unsigned short startBeam);
```

This function specifies the starting beam number of the data to be returned when the ping completes. This function is only applicable when the library has been set into “Seanet” or “SeanetC” mode. The processing which removes the unwanted beams from the data being received is applied after a full ping has been received, and as the data is passed back using the CGemBearingData messages.

```
GEMX_SetStartBeam(sonarID, 0);
```

Default value: startBeam 0
Minimum value: 0
Maximum value: 255

GEMX_SetEndBeam

```
void GEMX_SetEndBeam(unsigned short endBeam);
```

This function specifies the end beam number of the data to be returned when the ping completes. This function is only applicable when the library has been set into “Seanet” or “SeanetC” mode. The processing which removes the unwanted beams from the data being received is applied after a full ping has been received and as the data is passed back using the CGemBearingData messages.

If the value of the end beam is set to be less than the start beam value (set by GEMX_SetStartBeam), no data will be returned to the calling program.

```
GEMX_SetEndBeam(sonarID, 255);
```

Default value: endBeam 255
Minimum value: 0
Maximum value: 255

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GEMX_SendGeminiStayAlive

```
void GEMX_SendGeminiStayAlive(unsigned short sonarID);
```

This function sends a stay-alive message to the Gemini sonar head. If the head does not receive any communications data from the surface PC for 3 seconds it will stop sending data back to the surface PC. The head will stop pinging if it is in continuous ping mode until further communications are received. The stay-alive message is a simple way of keeping the communications alive between surface PC and the head.

The Gemini sonar head will respond with an acknowledge message which will result in a CGemAcknowledge packet being passed to the data handler callback function (with the type identifier of GEM_ACKNOWLEDGE). This packet contains timestamp information which may or may not be useful to the calling application.

```
GEMX_SendGeminiStayAlive(sonarID);
```

GEMX_SendGeminiPingConfig

```
void GEMX_SendGeminiPingConfig(unsigned short sonarID);
```

This function sends a ping configuration message to the Gemini sonar head, which will cause the head to issue one or more pings (depending on how the ping configuration has been set).

```
GEMX_SendGeminiPingConfig(sonarID);
```

GEMX_RebootSonar

```
void GEMX_RebootSonar(unsigned short sonarID);
```

This function issues a command to the Gemini sonar head to command it to reboot into the main software image in the Sonar head.

```
GEMX_RebootSonar(sonarID);
```

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GEMX_RequestRetry

```
void GEMX_RequestRetry(unsigned short sonarID , unsigned short type,
unsigned short lineNo, unsigned short noOfLines);
```

This function requests the Gemini Sonar Head to resend part of the data from the last ping performed by the sonar.

The Gemini sonar head uses UDP as the basis for its communication with the surface system. As UDP does not guarantee the delivery of any particular packet, a retry mechanism has been built into the library. This mechanism will attempt one retry for any data that it notices is missing. This function (GEMX_RequestRetry) allows the calling software to request further retries beyond the ones attempted by the library.

`type` is the particular type of retry required, defined as follows

type	meaning
GEM_RETRY_REQUEST_HEAD	The last sent Ping Head packet is re-sent
GEM_RETRY_REQUEST_LINE	The Ping Line specified by lineNo is re-sent
GEM_RETRY_REQUEST_TAIL	The last sent Ping Tail packet is re-sent
GEM_RETRY_REQUEST_SERIAL	The last sent serial packet is re-sent

`lineNo` is the first line number that is required to be resent, when a Ping Line resend is being requested.

`noOfLines` is the number of lines that are required to be resent, when a Ping Line resend is being requested.

```
GEMX_RequestRetry(sonarID, GEM_RETRY_REQUEST_LINE, 20, 1);
```

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GEMX_SetVDSLSetting

```
void GEMX_SetVDSLSetting(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned short level);
```

This function only applies to Gemini MK1/MK2 models which are fitted with VDSL communications.

The link between the sonar head and the surface is an ethernet link. In some configurations, the link may be carried over VDSL for part of its journey. In order to optimise the speed of the VDSL connection depending on the amount of electrical noise the link was subjected to, three different settings are provided. This function allows the calling program to change the settings of the VDSL link and then retrigger a VDSL rate adaption to make use of the new settings.

`level` signifies which set of VDSL settings to use, as defined below.

level	Meaning
0	Normal electrical noise environment
1	Medium electrical noise environment
2	High electrical noise environment

```
GEMX_SetVDSLSetting(sonarID, 0);
```

Calling this function will cause a VDSL rate adaption, which will interrupt communications with the sonar head for a short period.

GEMX_GetDeviceName

```
void GEMX_GetDeviceName (unsigned short sonarID, char* pBuf,  
unsigned int len)
```

Copies a null-terminated ASCII string name for the device into `pBuf`. A maximum of `len` characters (including the `NULL` string terminator) are copied.

If `len` is less than 10, a short name is returned e.g. "720i". Otherwise a full name e.g. "Gemini Imager 720i" is returned. A minimum of 32 characters are recommended for requesting the full name.

```
char buf[32];  
GEMX_GetDeviceName(sonarID, buf, 32);
```

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GEMX_GetGeminiFrequency

```
int GEMX_GetGeminiFrequency(unsigned short sonarID)
```

Returns the operating frequency of the sonar in Hz.

```
int freq = GEMX_GetGeminiFrequency(sonarID);
```

GEMX_GetGeminiModFrequency

```
int GEMX_GetGeminiModFrequency(unsigned short sonarID)
```

Returns the modulation frequency of the sonar in Hz.

In conjunction with the speed of sound, the modulation frequency can be used to calculate the size of one range line in metres using the following formula:

[Range line in metres] = ([speed of sound] / 2) / [Modulation Frequency]

```
int modFreq = GEMX_GetGeminiModFrequency(sonarID);
```

GEMX_GetGeminiAperture

```
int GEMX_GetGeminiAperture(unsigned short sonarID)
```

Returns the aperture (scan width) of the Gemini sonar in degrees.

```
int aperture = GEMX_GetGeminiAperture(sonarID);
```

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GEMX_SetGeminiBeams

```
void GEMX_SetGeminiBeams(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned short
nBeams)
```

Only supported for the MK2 platform.

Sets the number of beams (*nBeams*) that the Gemini will form. Default is set to 256 beams.

Generate a bearing table based on *nBeams* (256 or 512) and send to the sonar.

```
GEMX_SetGeminiBeams(sonarID, 512); // 512 for MK2 else 256 beams
```

GEMX_GetGeminiBeams

```
int GEMX_GetGeminiBeams(unsigned short sonarID, float *pBrgTbl)
```

Returns the number of beams (*nBeams*) that the Gemini will form.

pBrgTbl is a pointer to memory (allocated by the calling function) where a table of *nBeams* float values will be written by *GEMX_GetGeminiBeams*. If this is not required, set *pBrgTbl* to NULL.

If *pBrgTbl* is not NULL, then *GEMX_GetGeminiBeams* will write a table of the bearings in radians for each beam at this address. The calling function must allocate memory for *nBeams* float values and pass a pointer to that memory to *GEMX_GetGeminiBeams*. A bearing of zero corresponds to the centre of the Gemini's scan range (boresight).

Example usage:

```
int nBeams = GEMX_GetGeminiBeams(sonarID, NULL);
float* pBrgTbl = (float*)malloc(nBeams * sizeof(float));
if (pBrgTbl != NULL)
{
    GEMX_GetGeminiBeams(sonarID, pBrgTbl);
    ... use the bearing data ...
    free(pBrgTbl);
}
```

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GEMX_SetFilterBank (Bit 15 sets 720im & MK2 Chirp On/Off)

```
void GEMX_SetFilterBank(unsigned short sonarID, unsigned short
channelFIRFilterBandwidth);
```

Please see table below for possible “channelFIRFilterBandwidth” values.

First 3 bits indicates Channel FIR Filter bandwidth (Only for MK1)

000	30 KHZ
001	40 KHZ
010	50 KHZ
011	60 KHZ
100	70 KHZ

This function also allows ability to switch between continuous wave or chirp mode. Default is the continuous wave. To enable chirp mode for the 720im & MK2 platform, bit 15 needs to be set.

```
GEMX_SetFilterBank(sonarID, channelFIRFilterBandwidth);
```

Example usage:

```
Unsigned short channelFIRFilterBandwidth;
// To enable Chirp mode
channelFIRFilterBandwidth = GEM_GetFilterBank(sonarID);
channelFIRFilterBandwidth |= (1 << 15);
GEMX_SetFilterBank(sonarID, channelFIRFilterBandwidth);

// To disable Chirp mode
channelFIRFilterBandwidth = GEM_GetFilterBank(sonarID);
channelFIRFilterBandwidth &= ~(1 << 15);
GEMX_SetFilterBank(sonarID, channelFIRFilterBandwidth);
```

GEMX_GetSonarLinkVersionNumber

```
unsigned char GEMX_GetSonarLinkVersionNumber(unsigned short
sonarID);
```

This function returns the version of the data link protocol (CGemHdr::m_version) received in the last status packet from the specified sonarID. Currently this is 2.

```
unsigned char linkVer = GEMX_GetSonarLinkVersionNumber(sonarID);
```

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GEMX_ConfigureMainPort

```
bool GEMX_ConfigureMainPort(unsigned short sonarID, bool negotiate,
bool rs232, unsigned int baudRate, const char* portName);
```

Only supported for 720im

This function sets the main port to either RS232 (Full duplex) or RS485 (Half duplex) mode based on the 'rs232' boolean parameter provided in the API. In Addition, further parameters set a negotiation function which on startup will adapt the rate to the quality of the line, starting at 115,200 baud and stepping up to 921,600 baud if the line quality handles that rate without dropped packets. When 'negotiate' is set false, the 'baudRate' parameter will be read to manually set the rate (otherwise baudRate value will be ignored when negotiate is true). Finally, the 'portName' parameter sets the computer COM Port to which the 720im is connected; NULL = Tritech USB to Serial adaptor being used, COM 'X' = 720im connected to another computer COM Port (where 'X' = its number). The function will return a value true meaning success else false if it failed to configure the port connection. Note, user will only be able change main port mode if running on the 720im's serial interface.

Example usage:

```
// Configure main port in RS232 mode @ 230,400 baud using Tritech USB to Serial adaptor
Int retVal = GEMX_ConfigureMainPort(sonarID, false, true, 230400,
NULL);
```

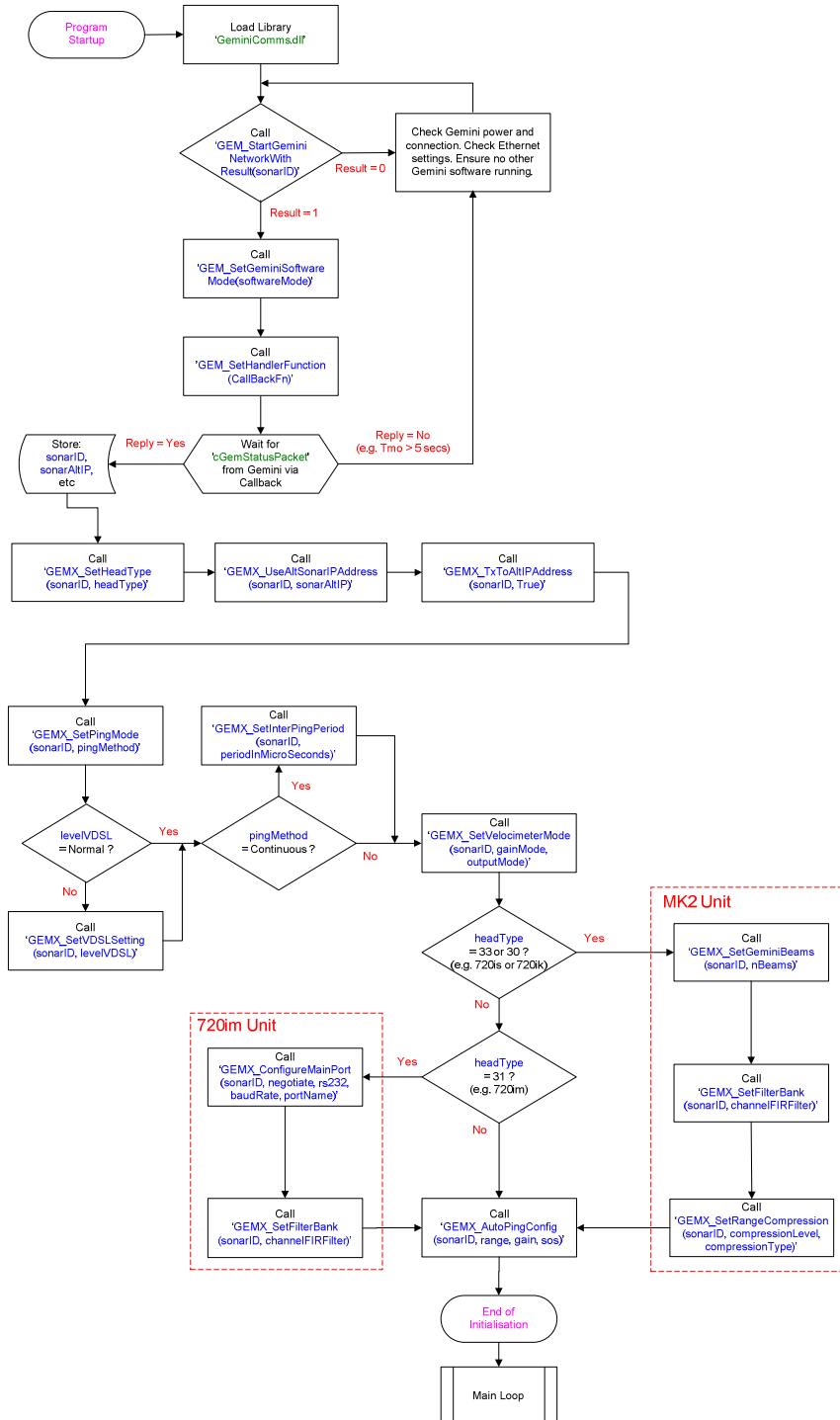
```
// Configure main port in RS485 mode with negotiation using Tritech USB to Serial adaptor
Int retVal = GEMX_ConfigureMainPort(sonarID, true, false, 921600,
NULL);
```

```
// Configure main port in RS232 mode with negotiation using computer COM Port 1
Int retVal = GEMX_ConfigureMainPort(sonarID, true, false, 115200,
"COM1");
```

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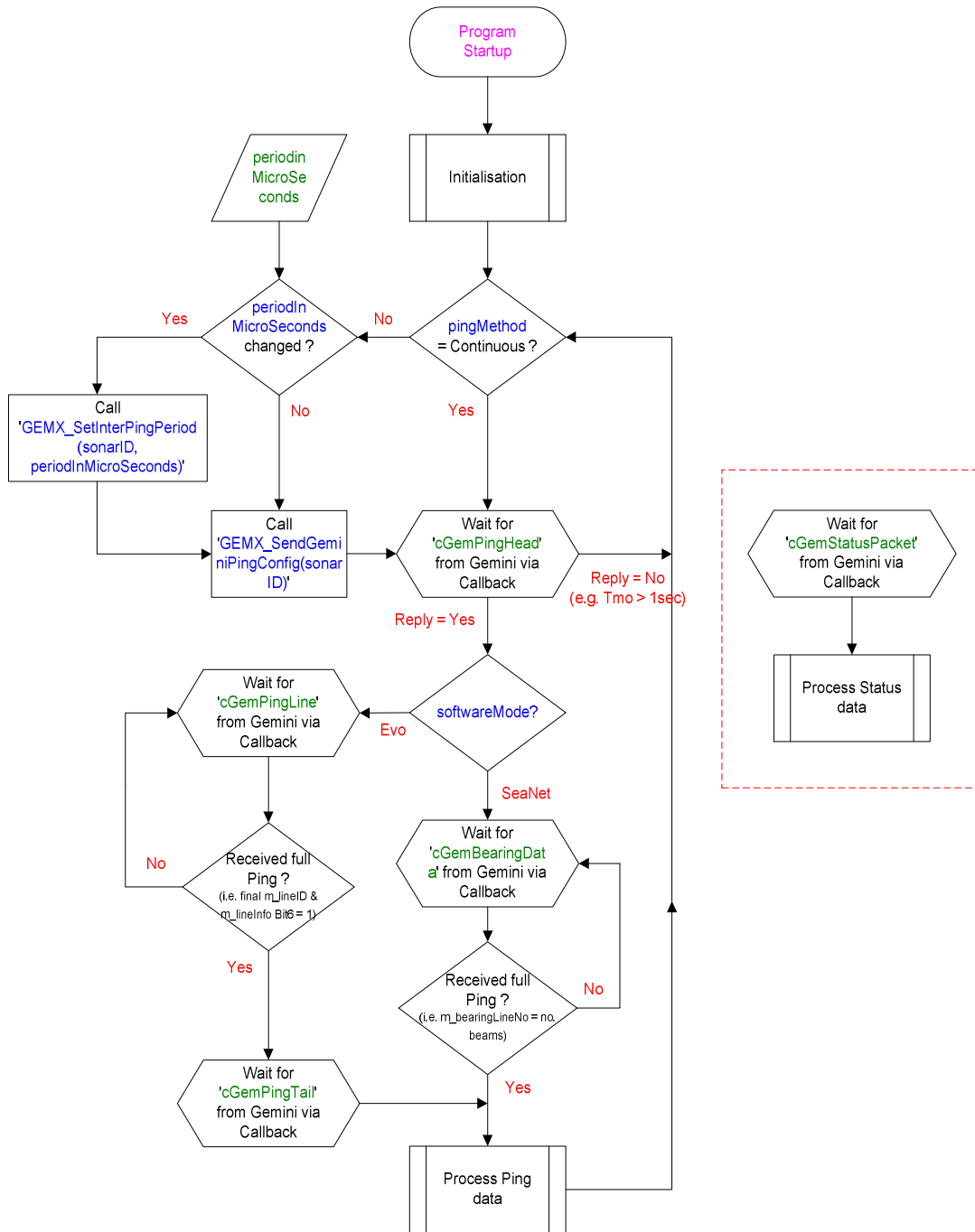
Appendix A

Flow Chart – Basic Initialisation routine



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Flow Chart – Main Loop routine



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Appendix B

Plotting the Data

The Gemini sonar field of view is described by four attributes: aperture, number of beams, beam spacing pattern, and range.

Range is set when commanding a ping. The functions GEMX_GetGeminiAperture and GEMX_GetGeminiBeams can be used to retrieve the other three attributes.

```
int aperture = GEMX_GetGeminiAperture (sonarID);
int nBeams = GEMX_GetGeminiBeams(sonarID, NULL);
float* pBrgTbl = (float*)malloc(nBeams * sizeof(float));
if (pBrgTbl != NULL)
{
    GEMX_GetGeminiBeams(sonarID, pBrgTbl);
    ... use the bearing data ...
    free(pBrgTbl);
}
```

In the Evo/EvoC modes each line of data returned consists of `nBeams` values representing the image over `aperture` degrees at a particular range. In the SeaNet/SeaNetC modes, there are `nBeams` bearing lines returned representing the image data along a particular bearing.

The importance of using the bearing table (`pBrgTbl`) information is demonstrated in the two images below. In the first image, an (incorrect) bearing table has been used, resulting in false curvature of the test tank wall. In the second image, the correct bearing table from the library is used, resulting in the correct straight wall of the test tank.

