How to set-up communication between LabVIEW and a RS232 device connected to an Agilent Technologies E5810 LAN/GPIB Gateway

1) Make sure that no Agilent I/O Library is installed. If it is installed, remove it: Agilent I/O Library Suite needs to be installed as "secondary VISA library". (See Documentation "side-by-side installation").
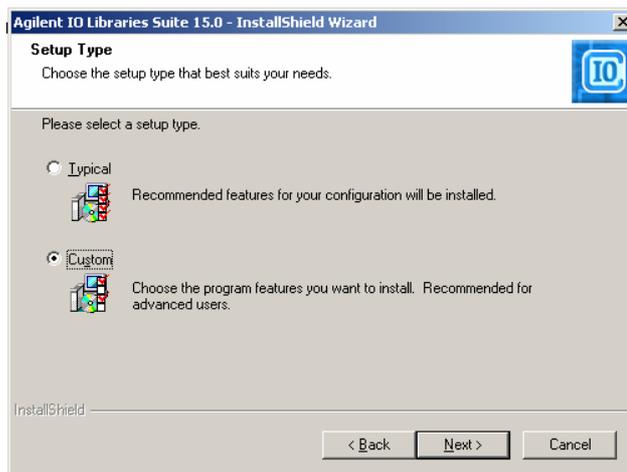
2) Install NI-VISA

Info at http://www.ni.com/visa/
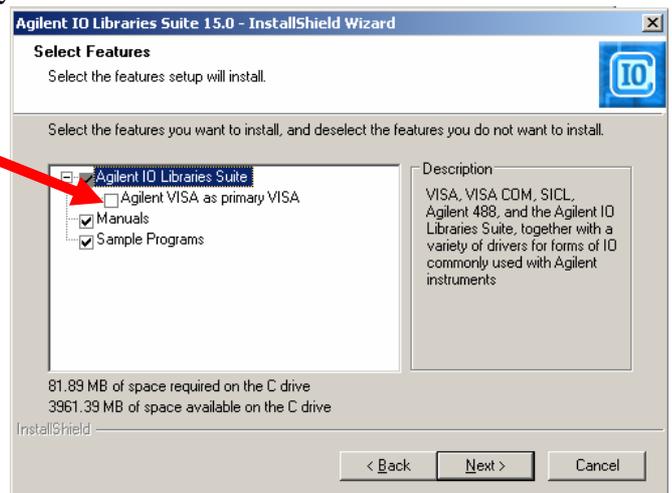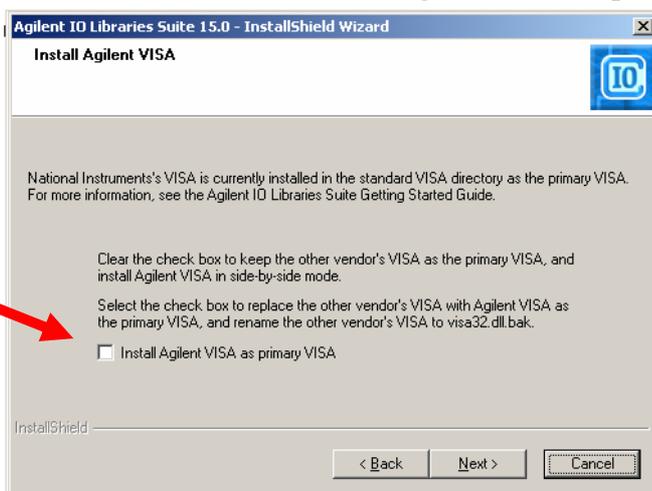Download at http://joule.ni.com/nidu/cds/fn/p/sn/n23:3.1637/lang/en

3) Install Agilent I/O Library Suite as "secondary VISA library"
(Note: I experienced troubles with Agilent I/O Library Suite 14.2 for which step 5 does not seem to work. Thus, I moved to 15.0.)
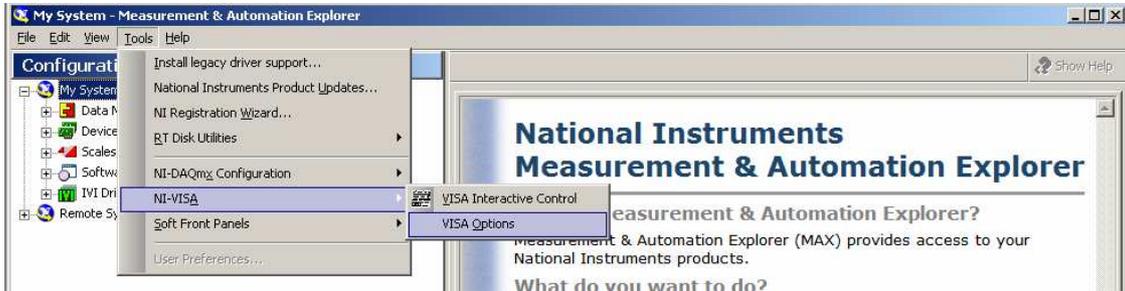
-) Use Custom installation

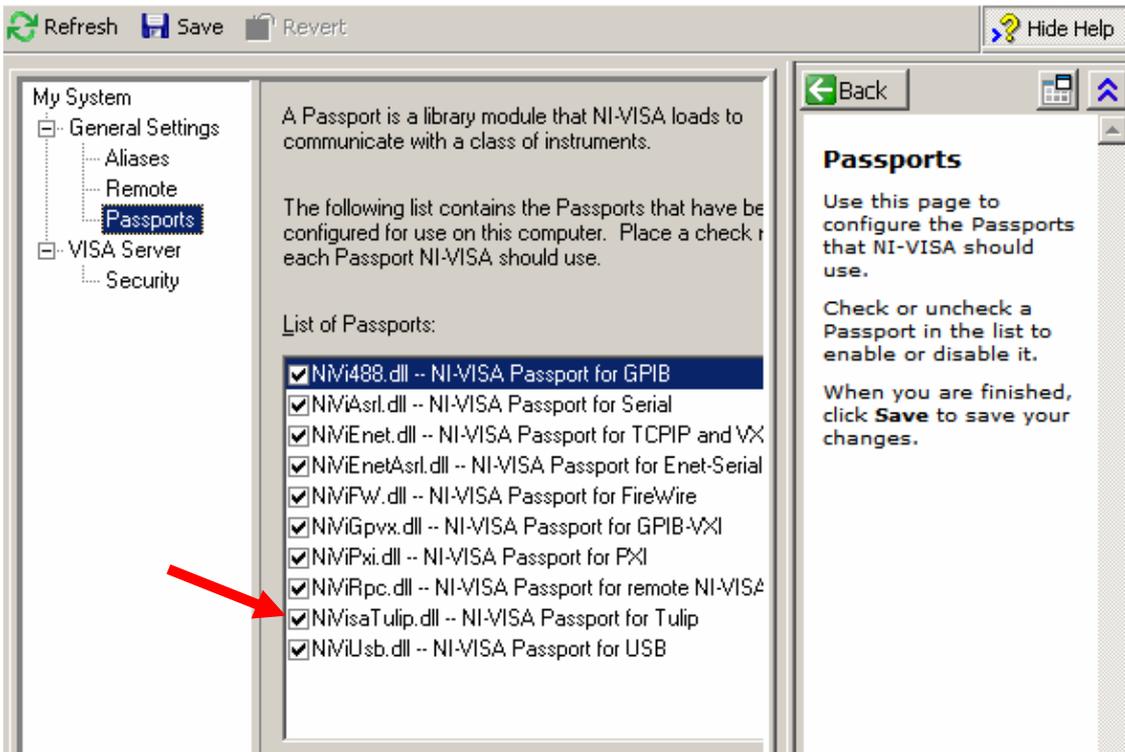-) Clear "Install Agilent VISA as primary VISA"

-) Complete installation

4) Open NI's Measurement and Automation Explorer (MAX)
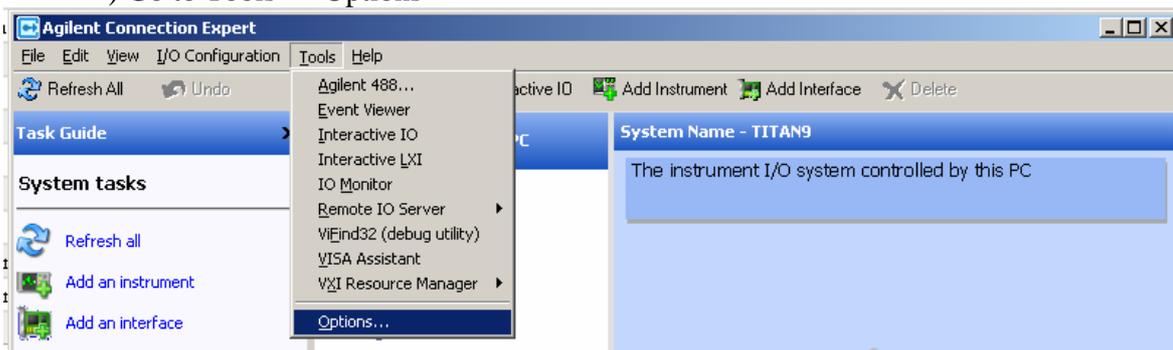   -) Go to Tools → NI-VISA → VISA Options

     -) in General Settings → Passports: Check "NiVisaTulip.dll", save and exit MAX
     (maybe even reboot system)

5) Open Agilent Connection Expert (which is part of the secondary VISA library)
     -) Go to Tools → Options

-) in Agilent 488 Options: Check "Enable Agilent GPIB cards for 488 programs"

-) LabVIEW is now able to connect to any device configured in the Agilent Connection Expert
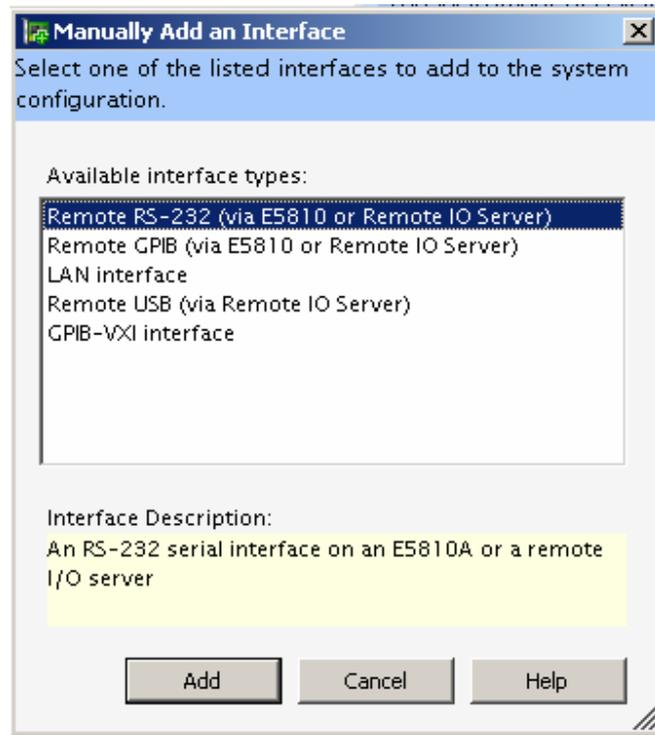
Example:
Add instrument to Agilent Connection Expert for an instrument which is connected to the RS232 port at Agilent Technologies E5810 LAN/GPIB Gateway
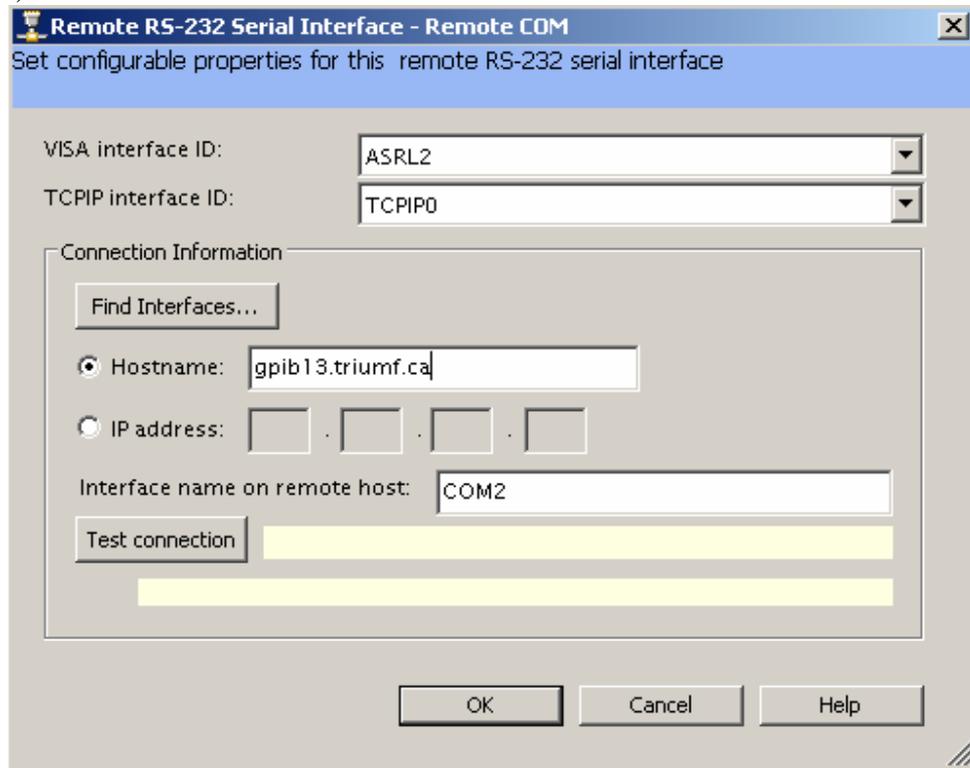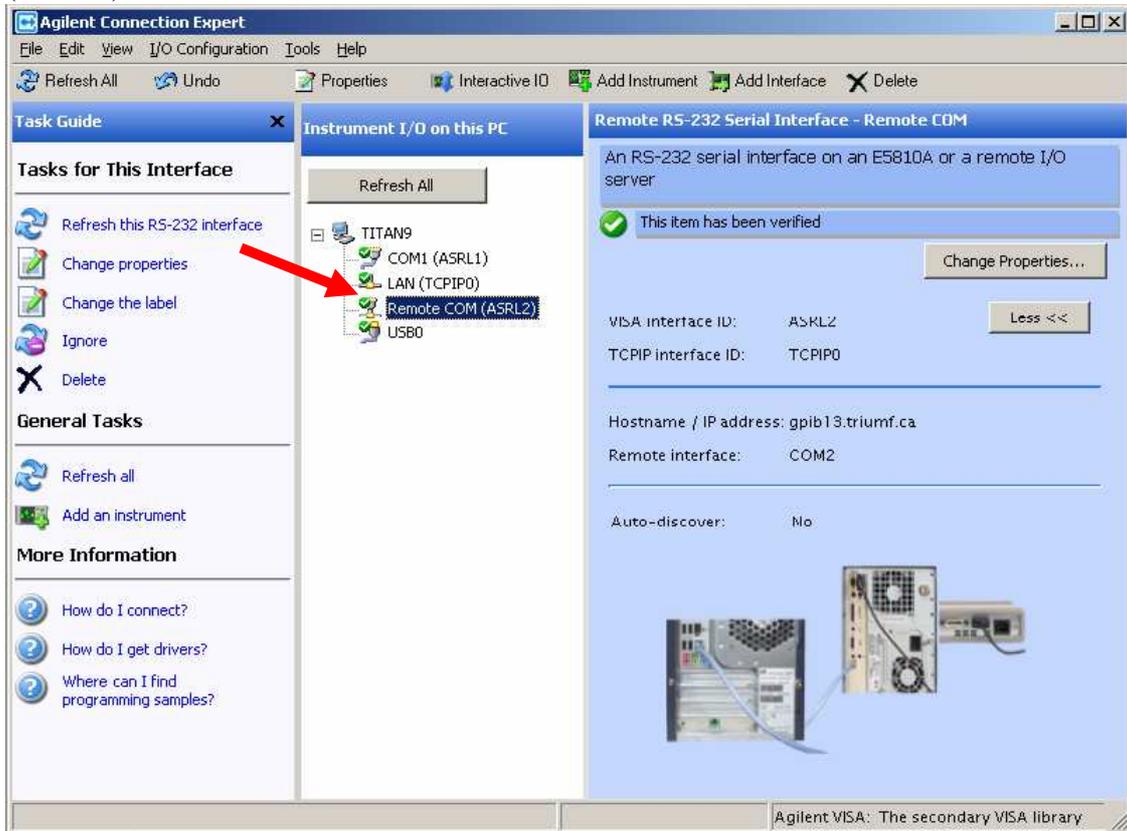
1) open Agilent Connection Expert
2) Add Interface

3) Add "Remote RS-232 (via E5810 or Remote IO Server)"

4) Set "Hostname" (here:gpib13.triumf.ca) and "Interface name on remote host"(here:
COM2)

5) The instrument is now listed in "Instrument I/O on this computer" as "Remote COM (ASRL2)"

and can be accessed directly in LabVIEW as ASRL2::INSTR

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